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# **Pharmacology sheet**

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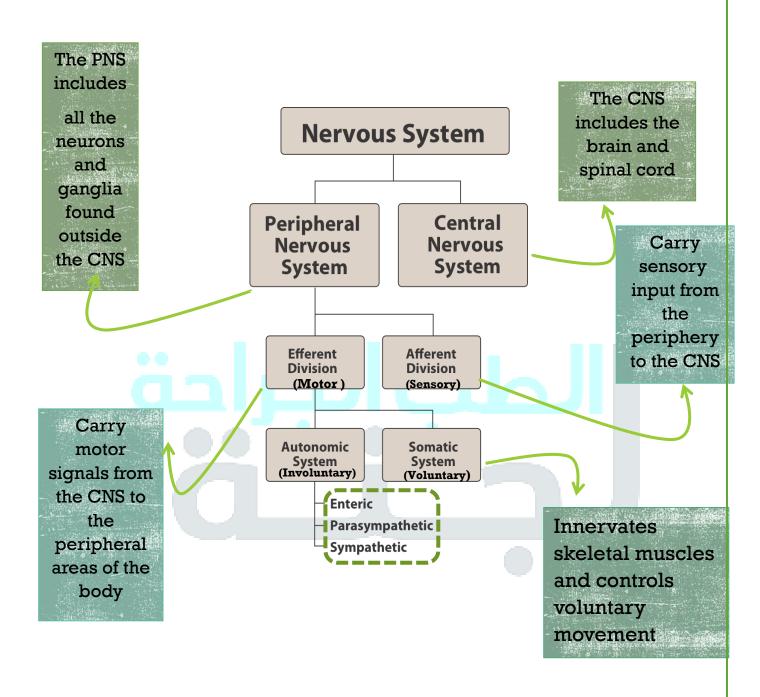
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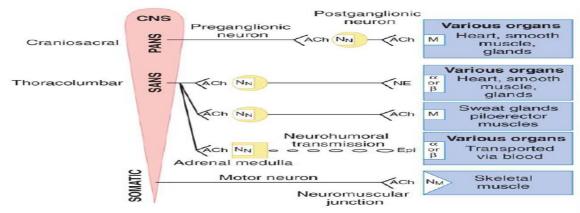
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## **Introduction to Autonomic Nervous System Pharmacology**





### **Divisions of nervous system**

- Preganglionic neuron in PANS longer than SANS one
- The opposite for the postganglionic neuron
- All autonomic ganglia on both sympathetic and parasympathetic are stimulated by Ach on Nn receptors
- Exception is sweat glands it is a sympathetic adrenergic but it has muscarinic receptors and Ach as a neurotransmitter
- Adrenal medulla is a modified autonomic ganglion (works as ganglia + endocrine gland). Normally ,it is secrete both E (more) and NE
- And with sympathatic adrenergic receptors
- When the adrenal medulla has benign tumor it starts secrete norepinephrine "NE' more than epinephrine"E" leads to VC and may lead to myocardial infarction
- **\*** Autonomic nervous system (ANS):

-The autonomic nervous system (ANS) carries the output of the central nervous system (CNS) to all peripheral organs except voluntary muscle.

-Automatically react to changes in the internal and external environments

-The ANS, without conscious thought or effort, controls involuntary activities in the visceral organs of the body (such as the heart, breathing, digestion, blood vessels), contraction and relaxation of smooth muscle, and secretory glands

-The ANS is regulated by centers in the CNS, including the hypothalamus, brain stem, and spinal cord.

-It is organised anatomically and functionally into sympathetic and parasympathetic divisions.

- N<sub>N</sub> Nicotinic receptors are located on cell bodies in ganglia of both PANS and SANS and in the adrenal medulla.
- N<sub>M</sub> Nicotinic receptors are located on the skeletal muscle motor end plate innervated by somatic motor nerves.
- M<sub>1-3</sub> Muscarinic receptors are located on all organs and tissues innervated by postganglionic nerves of the PANS and on thermoregulatory sweat glands innervated by the SANS.

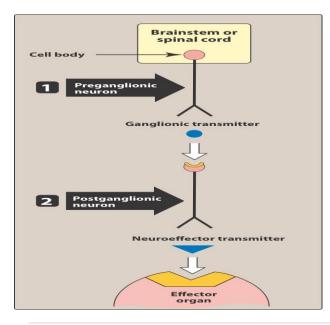
# **\*** Organization of ANS:

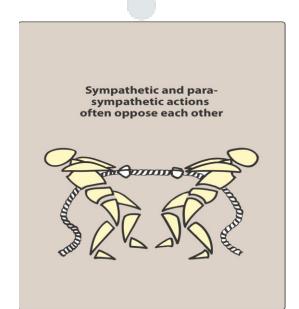
-Autonomic nerve impulses are carried through preganglionic fibers, ganglia, and postganglionic fibers

-Preganglionic impulses travel from the CNS along the preganglionic nerves to ganglia. Ganglia are composed of the terminal end of the preganglionic nerve and clusters of postganglionic cell bodies.

-A neurotransmitter is released from the terminal end of the preganglionic nerve allowing the nervous impulse to bridge the synapse between the preganglionic and postganglionic nerve.

-The postganglionic impulses travel from ganglia to effector tissues of the heart, blood vessels, glands, other visceral organs, and smooth muscle





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When the sympathetic system excites a particular organ, the parasympathetic system often inhibits it.

The two divisions of the ANS are usually antagonistic in their actions on a particular organ

- Both sympathetic and parasympathetic are antagonists to each other but some organs one of them have the power →

   heart under the effect of parasympathetic to control heart rate (so that the heart doesn't undergo arrest)
   blood vessels under the effect of sympathetic to control the pressure
- When the sympathetic system excites a particular organ, the parasympathetic system often inhibits it.
- The two divisions of the ANS are usually antagonistic in their actions on a particular organ

-Acetylcholine (ACh) is the neurotransmitter at both nicotinic and muscarinic receptors in tissues that are innervated.

-Note that all direct transmission from the CNS (preganglionic and motor) uses ACh, but postganglionic transmission in the <u>SANS system may use one</u> <u>of the organ-specific transmitters described below</u>:

**-Norepinephrine (NE)** is the neurotransmitter at most adrenoceptors in organs, as well as in cardiac and smooth muscle.

**-Dopamine (DA)** activates D1 receptors, causing vasodilation in renal and mesenteric vascular beds.

**-Epinephrine (E)**, from adrenal medulla) activates most adrenoceptors and is transported in the blood.

### \* Neurotransmitters: chemical signal

-Communication between nerve cells and between nerve cells and effector organs occurs through the release of specific chemical signals, called neurotransmitters, from the nerve terminals. -The neurotransmitters rapidly diffuse across the synaptic cleft or space (synapse) between neurons and combine with specific receptors on the postsynaptic (target) cell

-The main neurotransmitters of the ANS are acetylcholine and norepinephrine

-The nerve fibers that secrete acetylcholine are called cholinergic fibers

-Nerve fibers secreting norepinephrine are called adrenergic fibers.

Nerve fiber that releases Ach→ cholinergic mainly (parasympathetic)



### Sympathetic is the one that releases

- 1) Norepinephrine/epinephrine  $\rightarrow$  adrenergic
- 2) dopamine  $\rightarrow$  dopanergic

## **\*** Sympathetic Nervous System:

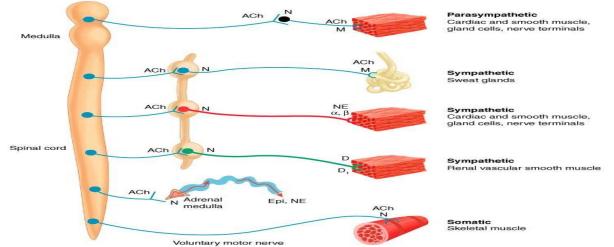
-The preganglionic neurons of the sympathetic system come from thoracic and lumbar regions of the spinal cord (Thoracolumbar)

-The preganglionic neurons are short in comparison to the postganglionic ones.

-Axons of the postganglionic neuron extend from these ganglia to the tissues that they innervate and regulate

-Lacking axons, the adrenal medulla, in response to stimulation by the ganglionic neurotransmitter acetylcholine, influences other organs by secreting the hormone epinephrine (adrenaline), and lesser amounts of norepinephrine (noradrenaline) into the blood

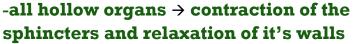
-Norepinephrine is released at most postganglionic fibers of the sympathetic nervous system.



## **\*** Function of sympathetic neurons:

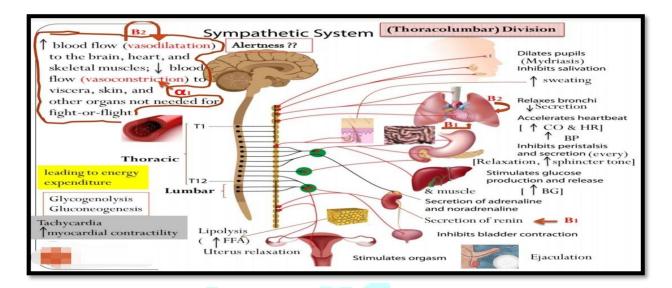
-Although continually active to some degree (for example, in maintaining the tone of vascular beds), the sympathetic division has the property of adjusting in response to stressful situations, such as trauma, fear, pain, hemorrhage, hypoglycemia, cold, or extraneous exercise or work (Fight or flight response)





- if both contraction rupture would occur
- if both relaxation this is paralysis
- digestion and secretions are paused
- renin $\rightarrow$  controls blood pressure
- ladies that have threaten abortion are given uterus inhibitor  $\rightarrow$  no contraction no abortion

• this system needs energy so we must got energy from glycogenolysis which leads to gluconeogenesis which gives us power.



-hydroxylation of the tyrosine stage is the one that controls the amount of NE in the body, so if we have enough amount of it, it stops

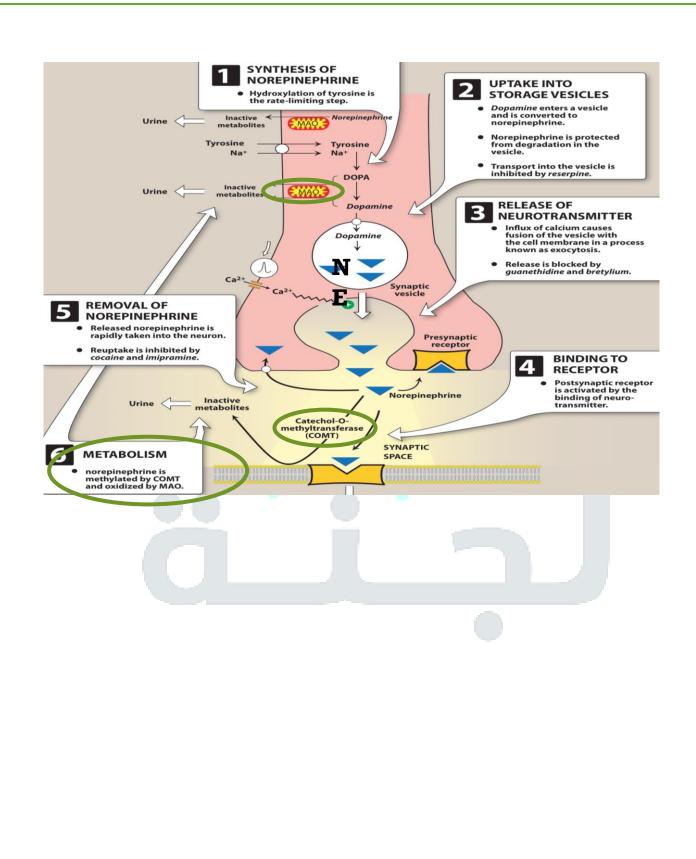
-reserpin is for hypertintion it privent moving of dopamine to a vesicle

-Ca+2 is very important for releasing the secretions

-Coacine inhibts the reuptake of adrenaline that's why people that use this drug feel hyper and energetic

-Withradwl symptomes antagonise the effect of the drug, as soon as we stop taking the drug and its low amount inside body , the person that was under effect of coacine goes to sleep and totally the opposite with morphine

-impramine  $\rightarrow$  anti-depressent (DANGEROUS cuz it inhibits the adrenaline uptake)

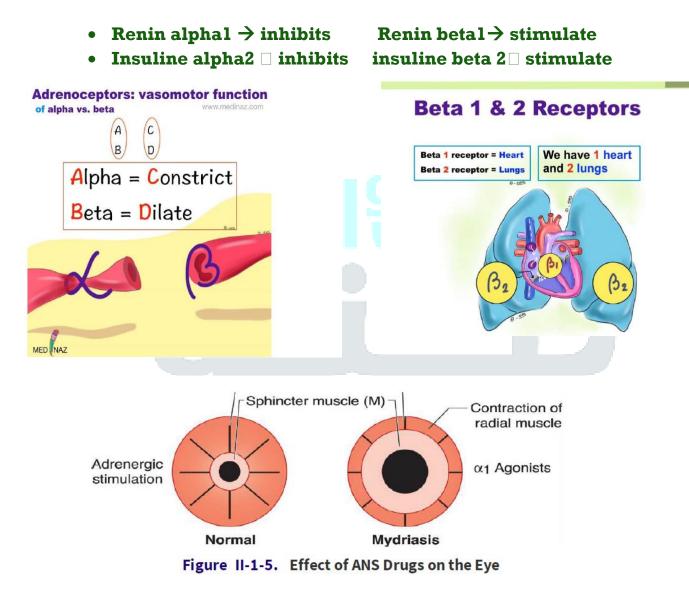


# **\*** Adrenergic receptors:

Receptor	Response			
α1				
Eye: radial (dilator) muscle Arterioles (skin, viscera)	Contraction: mydriasis Contraction: ↑ TPR, ↑ diastolic pressure, ↑ afterload			
Veins Bladder trigone and sphincter and prostatic urethra Male sex organs Liver Kidney	Contraction: ↑ venous return, ↑ preload Contraction: urinary retention Vas deferens: ejaculation ↑ glycogenolysis ↓ renin release			
α <sub>2</sub>				
Prejunctional nerve terminals Platelets Pancreas	<ul> <li>↓ transmitter release and NE synthesis</li> <li>Aggregation</li> <li>↓ insulin secretion</li> </ul>			
β <sub>1</sub>				
Heart SA node AV node Atrial and ventricular muscle His-Purkinje Kidney	<ul> <li>↑ HR (positive chronotropy)</li> <li>↑ conduction velocity (positive dromotropy)</li> <li>↑ force of contraction (positive inotropy), conduction velocity, CO and oxygen consumption</li> <li>↑ automaticity and conduction velocity</li> <li>↑ renin release</li> </ul>			
β <sub>2</sub> (mostly not innervated)				
Blood vessels (all) Uterus Bronchioles Skeletal muscle Liver Pancreas	Vasodilation: ↓ TPR: ↓ diastolic pressure, ↓ afterload Relaxation Dilation ↑ glycogenolysis: contractility (tremor) ↑ glycogenolysis ↑ insulin secretion			

D <sub>1</sub> (peripheral)	
Renal, mesenteric, coronary vasculature	Vasodilation: in kidney ↑ RBF, ↑ GFR, ↑ Na <sup>*</sup> secretion





α1	G <sub>q</sub> coupled	↑ phospholipase C →↑ IP <sub>3</sub> , DAG, Ca <sup>2+</sup>
α2	G <sub>i</sub> coupled	↓ adenylyl cyclase → ↓ cAMP
$\beta_1\beta_2D_1$	G <sub>s</sub> coupled	↑ adenylyl cyclase → ↑ cAMP

Table II-3-2. Mechanisms Used by Adrenergic Receptors

- Gi is inhibitory
- Gs is stimulatory
- When you stimulate adrenergic receptors? / what sequence of events that happen in the cell for the alpha and beta to be stimulated

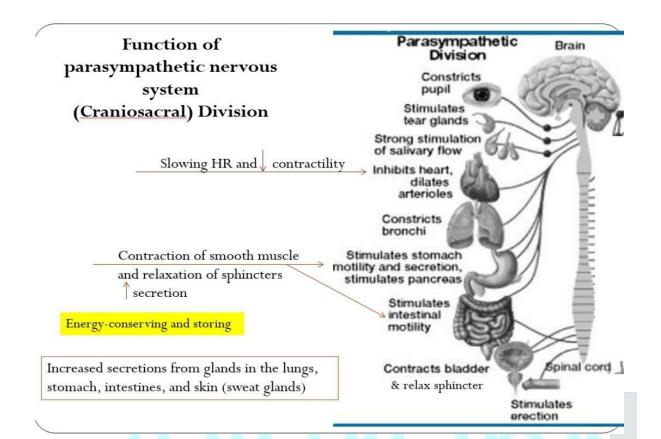
### **\*** Parasympathetic Nervous System:

-The parasympathetic pre-ganglionic motor fibers originate in cranial nerve and in sacral segments of the spinal cord

-Parasympathetic ganglia usually lie close to or within the target organ (preganglionic fibers are longer and postganglionic fibers are short)

-The parasympathetic division maintains essential bodily functions, and dominant over the sympathetic system in "rest and digest" situations (digestive processes and elimination of wastes ) ... [Rest ... Relax .... Repair ...Renew]

-Acetylcholine (ACh) is the primary transmitter in the synapses between parasympathetic postganglionic neurons and their effector cells (also in brain and neuromuscular jun.)



- Erection done by nitric oxide mediator lead to VD

-All smooth muscle fibers  $\rightarrow$  m3

-Parasympathetic stimulates secretions without any exception

-Atropine inhibit the parasympathetic so inhibit secretion and rise dryness especially in eye

-Stimulatory of the salivary glands and also tears

-Drugs that are muscarinic agonist  $\rightarrow$  we can't give them to patients that suffer from asthma, because they already have bronchoconstriction and it's going to double their agony if we give them drugs that stimulates further bronchoconstriction

-Ventricle and contractile system  $\rightarrow$  no muscarinic receptors, so that no arrest happens

-M2  $\rightarrow$  found SA node and responsible for rest and digest, lowers contractility

-Blood vessels has muscarinic receptors but they r not innervated, and works through exogenous such drugs

### -In this system the sphincters relax and the walls contract

### **\*** Synthesis of acetylcholine:

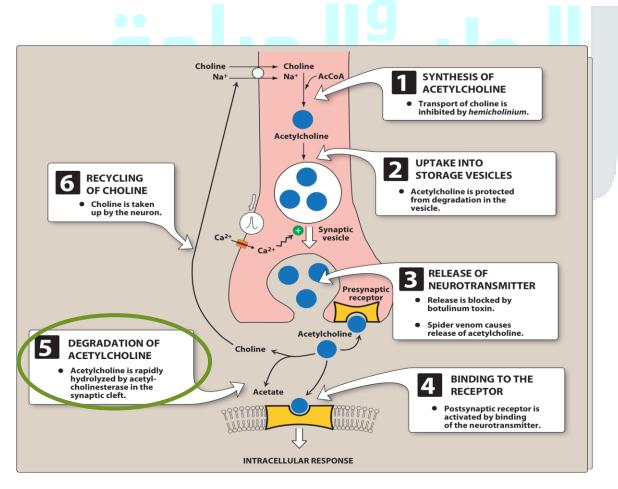
-In mitochondria:
-CO A + ATP + Acetate Acetyl thiokinase Acetyl CO A+H2O+ADP
-In plasma:
-Acetyl COA+ Choline Choline transferase Acetyl choline +COA Choline + acetate → happens in the cholinergic nerve fibers

- Choline + acetate → happens in the cholinergic nerve fi
- Choline + CoA + acetylcholine → kept in the vesicle

### -Acetyl choline hydrolysis:

-In tissues by cholinesterase enzyme which has 2 types

-True cholineesterase, Pseudo-cholineesterase



-Botulinum toxin causes flaccid paralysis by blocking ACH the respiratory muscle is gonna get paralyzed and cause death, anyways to remove its effect we get botulinum antidote

-When the release of ACH is high causes convulsions by the persistent stimulation

-So to wrap everything up, the blocking of ACH and the over release of it may cause death due to respiratory failuer

-Ps: remember parasympathetic don't affect the cardiac contractile system so will not lead to heart failure

**\*** Drugs affecting acetylcholine:

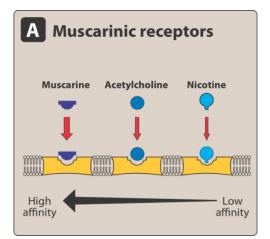
1 Hemicholinium 2 Botulinum toxin 3 Acetylcholinesterase (AChE) inhibitors 4 Receptor agonists and antagonists

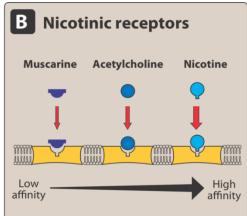
**\*** Cholinergic receptors:

-The receptors for acetylcholine and related drugs is (*cholinoreceptors*). *They are 2 types:* 

-Muscarinic acetylchline receptors (M1-M5) and -Nicotinic cholinoreceptors (or nicotinic receptor of acetylcholine)

- Nicotinic n= located on autonomic ganglia and the adrenal medulla
- Nicotinic m = located at neuromuscular junctions in skeletal muscle.

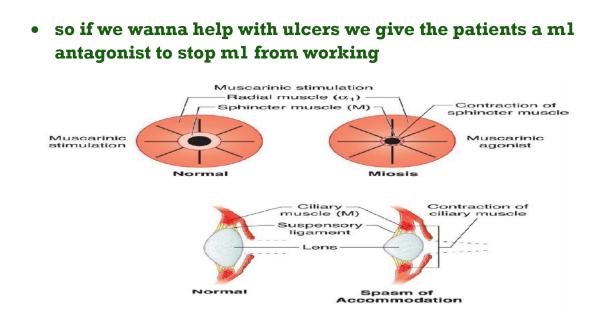




Target		Receptor	Response
Eye	Sphincter Ciliary muscle	М <sub>3</sub> М <sub>3</sub>	Contraction—miosis Contraction—accommodation for near vision
Heart	SA node AV node	M <sub>2</sub> M <sub>2</sub>	<ul> <li>↓Heart rate (HR)—negative chronotropy</li> <li>↓ Conduction velocity—negative dromotropy</li> <li>No effects on ventricles, Purkinje system</li> </ul>
Lungs	Bronchioles Glands	M <sub>3</sub> M <sub>3</sub>	Contraction—bronchospasm ↑ Secretion
GI tract	Stomach Glands Intestine	M <sub>3</sub> M <sub>1</sub> M <sub>3</sub>	↑ Motility—cramps ↑ Secretion Contraction—diarrhea, involuntary defecation
Bladder		M <sub>3</sub>	Contraction (detrusor), relaxation (trigone/sphincter), voiding, urinary incontinence
Sphincters		M <sub>3</sub>	Relaxation, except lower esophageal, which contracts
Glands		M <sub>3</sub>	↑ Secretion—sweat (thermoregulatory), salivation, and lacrimation
Blood vessels (endothelium)		M <sub>3</sub>	Dilation (via NO/endothelium-derived relaxing factor)—no innervation, no effects of indirect agonists

Table II-2-1. Muscarinic Receptor Activation

• M1 found in gastric mucosa, rise the secretion ex: HCl so when peptic ulcer cases we don't give the patient m1 agonist



- Glaucoma →high intracellular pressure because of blocking of some lacriminal tubes → more pressure on retina could cause blindness
- Contraction of ciliary muscle rise the drainage of aqueous humer so decrease the pressure
- The ciliary muscle controls the convexity of the eye → high convexity allows seeing anything near in sight

#### **Muscarinic stimulation**

1. Miosis

- 2. Accommodation (near vision)
- Muscarinic antagonism
- 1. Mydriasis
- 2. Accommodation to far vision, leading to cycloplegia (paralysis of accommodation)

### α1-agonists

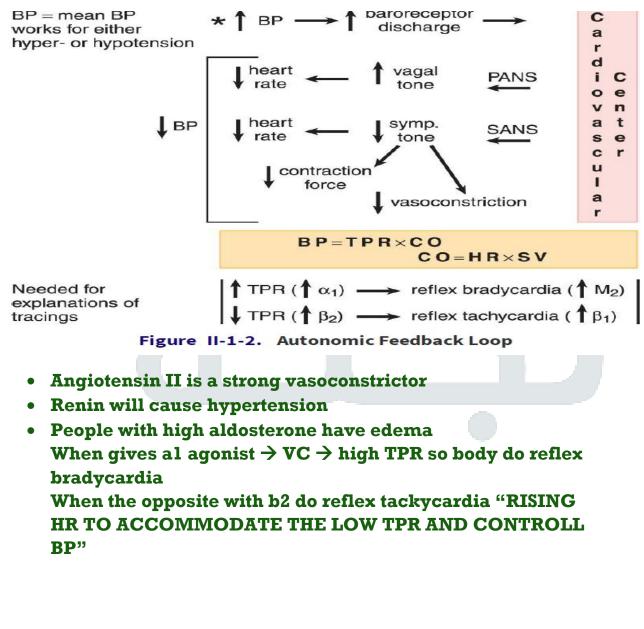
- 1. Mydriasis
- 2. No cycloplegia

### **\*** Autonomic effects on eye:

-Dilation of pupil has two types → active mydriasis -- sympathetic "contraction of dilator pupile"

→passive mydriasis ------ parasympathetic "relaxation of ciliary muscle"

-When muscarinic antagonist , paralesis of ciliary muscle occurs called cycloplegia so we cannot accommodate near vision



### 📥 Activity:

• Baroreceptor reflexes can be blocked at the ganglionic synapse with .....?

- Alternatively, a reflex bradycardia can be blocked with.....?
- a reflex tachycardia can be blocked with .....?
- ✓ Answer:
- Baroreceptor reflexes can be blocked at the ganglionic synapse with <u>NN receptor Antagonists</u>
- a reflex bradycardia can be blocked with <u>muscarinic</u> <u>antagonists</u>
- a reflex tachycardia can be blocked with  $\beta 1$  antagonists.

Works only in \* BP -> Renal blood flow -> A Renin - Sympathetic hypotension ↑ Aldosterone ← ↑ Angiotensin II TPR ↑ Blood volume → ↑CO → ↑BP ^ Figure II-1-3. Hormonal Feedback Loop و لطالما غلب القليل المستمر ذاك الكثير المنقطع، لذا لا تقللوا من شأن خطواتكم مهما كانت صغيرة أو بطيئة، ما دامت موجّهة نحو الطريق الصحيح، ومهما تعثَّرتم انهضوا وأكملوا مسيركم، فإن الأيام تمضى، والزمن يطوى نفسه؛ ويومًا ما ستفرحون بإنجازكم باسمًا بين أيديكم

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