

ANTI-BACTERIAL AGENTS



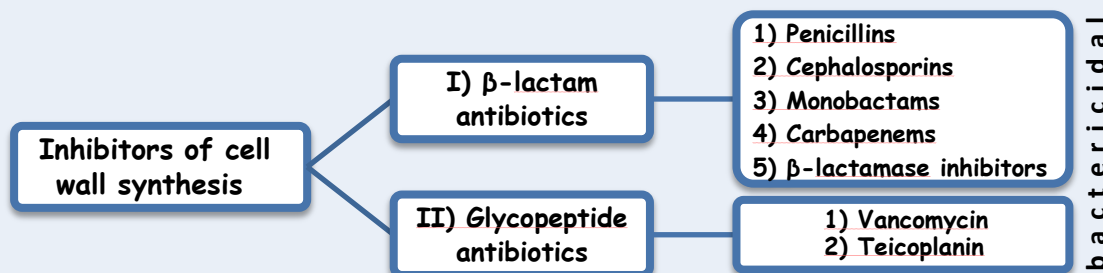
Content :

- Summarization of examples of anti-bacterial agent & their spectrum.

Classification of Anti-bacterial Agents : Inhibitor of :

1) Cell wall synthesis, 2) Protein synthesis, 3) Nucleic acid synthesis & function, & 4) Metabolism.

A) Inhibitors of cell wall synthesis :



I) β-lactam antibiotics :

1) Penicillins :

CLASSIFICATION	***	EXAMPELS	SPECTEUM & EXAMPLES
Narrow spectrum	Yes	1) Benzylpenicillin (G). 2) Phenoxymethylpenicillin (V).	1) Gram +ve cocci: <i>streptococci</i> , <i>staphylococci</i> (non-penicillinase) & <i>pneumococci</i> . 2) Gram -ve cocci: <i>N.meningitidis</i> (meningococcal meningitis, septicemia) & <i>N. gonorrhoeae</i> . 3) Gram +ve bacilli: <i>B.anthraxis</i> , <i>C.tetani</i> & <i>C.perfringens</i> . 4) <i>Treponema pallidum</i> (syphilis), <i>Leptospira</i> (leptospirosis).
Antistaphylococcal	No	1) Methicillin. 2) Flucloxacillin. 3) Cloxacillin. 4) Nafcillin.	1) Staphylococci . 2) Streptococci. 3) Pneumococci.
Broad spectrum	Yes	1) Ampicillin. 2) Amoxicillin. 3) Co-amoxiclav.	1) Gram +ve. 2) Gram -ve cocci. 3) Gram -ve bacilli : <i>E.coli</i> , <i>H.influenzae</i> , & <i>Proteus mirabilis</i> .
Antipseudomonal	Yes	1) Ticarcillin. 2) Piperacillin. 3) Azlocillin. 4) Mezlocillin.	1) <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> . (Mainly) 2) Enterobacter species.
β-lactamase inhibitors*	No	1) clavulanic acid. 2) tazobactam.	β-lactamase producing bacteria.

NOTES

- The **most** widely effective antibiotics & the **least** toxic drugs known.

- **Administration:**

Parenterally : As Benzylpenicillin (penicillin G) & anti-pseudomonal penicillins.

Orally : As Phenoxymethylpenicillin (penicillin V) (**resists gastric acid**).

Both parenterally & orally : As ampicillin, amoxicillin & cloxacillin.

Depot forms: Procaine penicillin G & benzathine penicillin G are given IM.

- Their plasma $t_{1/2}$ = 1hr.

- Eliminated by **renal excretion** (90 % by active tubular secretion that can be blocked by **probenecid**).

*** : β-lactamase susceptibility.

* : **Co-amoxiclav** (Augmentin) = amoxicillin + clavulanic acid (**Broad spectrum**) & **Tazosin**= tazobactam + piperacillin (**Antipseudomonal**).

I) β -lactam antibiotics :

2) Cephalosporins :

GEN.	EX(*):	Cross BBB?	***	SPECTRUM
1 st	Cefalexin (Oral) Cefazolin (Inj.)	No	Yes	Gram +ve mainly: pneumococci, streptococci & staphylococci (Include <i>S.aureus</i>). Few Gram -ve: <i>Klebsiella pneumoniae</i> , <i>E. coli</i> , <i>Proteus mirabilis</i> .
2 nd	Cefaclor (Oral) Cefoxitin (Inj.) Cefuroxime (Both)	No (except Cefuroxime)	Yes	More Gram -ve than CS1: <i>H.influenzae</i> , <i>Neisseria gonorrhoea</i> , <i>Enterobacter</i> . Gram +ve (Less active).
3 rd	Cefixime (Oral) Ceftriaxone (Inj.) Cefotaxime (Inj.)	Yes (except Ceftriaxone)	No	Wide range of Gram -ve: <i>Gonorrhoea</i> Meningitis, <i>Septicaemia</i> & <i>Pseudomonas</i> infections (ceftazidime).
4 th	Cefepime (IV)	Yes	No	Good for: <i>pseudomonas</i> , <i>haemophilus</i> & <i>Neisseria</i> .

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For mnemonic :

*Drug that have '**FA** (or **PHA**)' in their name are 1st generation **except Cefaclor** which is 2nd generation.

*Drug that have '**IME & ONE**' are 3rd generation **except Cefuroxime** which is 2nd generation.

*Drug that have '**PI**' in their name are 4th generation.

- They are eliminated through **kidneys** (**Except Ceftriaxone** is excreted through **bile**).

- Their $t_{1/2}$ = 1-4 hrs. - CSs are **safe** during pregnancy.

2nd generation : Oral CS2 are used to treat upper & lower respiratory TI (*Klebsiella*, *H. influenzae*).

- **Cefuroxime** (injectable) is effective against *H. influenzae meningitis*.

- **Cefoxitin** is effective against **anaerobic** organism as *Bacteroides fragilis*, so it is useful in mixed anaerobic infections like **peritonitis** & **diverticulitis**.

I) β -lactam antibiotics :

3) Monobactams & 4) Carbapenems :

NAME	***	SPECTRUM
Aztreonam (IM & IV)	No	Only Gram -ve: <i>Enterobacteriaceae</i> , <i>Pseudomonas aeruginosa</i> and <i>H. influenzae</i> . (Narrow spectrum)
Carbapenems (IV) - Imipenem. - Meropenem. - Ertapenem.	No	Broadest-spectrum B-lactam antibiotics: penicillinase- producing Gram +ve, Gram -ve bacilli & anaerobic B.

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Carbapenems :

- **Imipenem** is inactivated by dehydropeptidase in renal tubules given as **cilastatin** (**Imipenem + cilastatin = Tienam**).

II) Glycopeptide antibiotics : 1) Vancomycin 2) Teicoplanin :

NAME	***	SPECTRUM
Vancomycin (Orally & IV)	No	Aerobic & anaerobic Gram +ve bacteria including (MRSA), enterococci.
Teicoplanin (IV & IM)	-	Is very similar to vancomycin (but longer duration =50hrs).

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Vancomycin: - **Serious** infections caused by **Gram +ve cocci**.

- Prophylaxis & treatment of **endocarditis**.

- Eliminating *Clostridium difficile* of antibiotic-associated colitis (Given orally).

** **For systemic effect** → IV infusion 12 hourly.

** **For local effect** → orally.

- Half-life ($t_{1/2}$) 6-10 hrs.

(*)= Route of administration. ***= β -lactamase susceptibility.

S.Es & therapeutic uses for all above → from slides.

B) Inhibition of bacterial proteins synthesis:

I) Drug that affect the 30S ribosomal subunit:

NAME	FEATURES (PK)	CLINICAL USES & SPECTRUM	RESISTANCE?
Aminoglycosides - Gentamicin - Neomycin - Streptomycin - Spectinomycin	- Highly polar. - Given: IM & IV. - Limited tissue penetration. - Can't cross BBB & eyes. - Excreted by renal.	- Aerobic gram -ve bacteria (serious infections). - Streptomycin → tuberculosis. - Spectinomycin → gonorrhea (IM).	Plasmid-mediated formation of inactivating enzymes.
Tetracyclines - Doxycycline - Minocycline - Tetracycline	- Oral absorption is impaired by (calcium, iron, aluminum). - Wide distribution. - Can cross placental barrier. - GO entero-hepatic cycling. - Eliminated by kidneys except doxycycline (feces).	1^{ry} use: <i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i> , <i>Chlamydia</i> , <i>Rickettsia</i> , <i>Vibrio</i> . 2^{ry} use: alternative to syphilis , prophylaxis against infections in bronchitis & treatment of acne. Selective uses: Tetracycline → H.pylori infection in the ulcer. Doxycycline → inhibits the renal action of ADH.	Plasmid-mediated formation of inactivating enzymes. Development of efflux pump.

II) Drug that affect the 50S ribosomal subunit:

NAME	FEATURES (PK)	CLINICAL USES & SPECTRUM	RESIS.
Chloramphenicol - Clindamycin (cleocin) - Quinupristin-dalfopristin (synercid)	- Very lipophilic (well absorbed). - Highly accumulated in the CNS (treatment of meningitis). Metabolized partly glucuronate conjugation. - Kidney excretion, has a short half life.	- Meningococcal and pneumococcal infections (<i>H. Influenzae</i>). - Treatment of serious infections caused by <i>Rickettsia</i> . - Topical use for eye infection	X
Linezolid	- Binds to the 23S ribosomal RNA of the 50S subunit.	- Effective against gram +ve & <i>M. Tuberculosis</i> .	X
Macrolides (Prevent translocation step)	- Wide distribution (clarithro and azithro → extensive penetration). Minimal CSF penetration. - Eliminated by liver (Clarithro is partially eliminated by the kidney) . - Typically bacteriostatic. (Bactericidal at high conc.)	1) Gram +ve aerobes : (Cla > Ery > Azi) Methicillin-susceptible <i>S.aureus</i> , <i>S.pneumoniae</i> (only PSSP), Group and viridans streptococci, <i>Bacillus sp</i> & <i>Corynebacterium sp</i> . 2) Gram -ve aerobes : (Azi > Cla > Ery) H. influenzae (not erythro), M. catarrhalis & Neisseria sp. 3) Atypical Bacteria. 4) Anaerobes. 5) Other Bacteria - Mycobacterium avium complex (MAC - only A and C), Treponema pallidum, Campylobacter, Borrelia, Bordetella, Brucella & Pasteurella. (therapeutic uses/ drug interactions - from slides)	Active efflux. Altered target site. Cross - resistance occurs between all macrolides.
- Erythromycin	- $t_{1/2}$ = 1.4 hrs. - Variable absorption.	"Drug of Choice" for : <i>Mycoplasma pneumoniae</i> , <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> , <i>C.pneumoniae</i> , <i>C. trachomatis</i> , <i>B.pertussis</i> (whooping cough) & <i>C. diphtheriae</i> .	
- Clarithromycin	- $t_{1/2}$ = 3 to 7 hrs. - Low toxicity. - Well-absorbed (regardless of presence of food).	- Strongest activity on Gram +ve, <i>Legionella pneumophila</i> , <i>Chlamydia pneumoniae</i> & <i>H.pylori</i> . USES: Atypical mycobacterial infections (MAC), Resistant leprosy, Toxoplasmosis & <i>H.Pylori</i> induced peptic ulcers.	
- Azithromycin	- $t_{1/2}$ = 68 hrs. - Excellent tissue concentration. - Food decreases absorption.	- Strongest activity against <i>mycoplasma pneumoniae</i> . - More effective on Gram-ve, <i>H.influenzae</i> , <i>Legionella</i> . - Mainly used in respiratory tract infection.	
- Roxithromycin	- Reaches highest blood conc. - Bioavailability up to 72~85%.	Respiratory tract and soft tissue infection.	

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Aminoglycosides : Antibacterial synergy may occur with the combination of wall synthesis inhibitors.

Erythromycin	vs	Clarithromycin & Azithromycin
Narrow spectrum, Acid labile, Poor GI tolerance & Short elimination half-life.		Broader spectrum, Acid stable, Better bioavailability, Better tissue penetration, Prolonged half-lives & Improved tolerability.

C) Antifolate drugs:

DRUGS	FEATURES (PK)	CLINICAL USES	SPECTEUM (Activity)
Sulfonamides - Inhibition of dihydropetroate synthase.	1) Oral absorbable. 2) Oral, nonabsorbable. 3) Topical. 4) Serum protein bind. (20 ~ 90%) 5) Excreted into urine.	Oral absorbable agents: Sulfisoxazole, sulfamethoxazole :To treat urinary tract infection. Sulfadiazine : Toxoplasmosis. Sulfadoxine : <u>long acting</u> (7-9 Days), in a combination for treatment of malaria. Oral nonabsorbable agents: Ulcerative colitis, enteritis, other inflammatory bowel disease. Topical agents: Sulfacetamide : Ophthalemic. Mafenide & silver sulfadiazine : Topically.	1) Gram +ve & Gram -ve. 2) Nocardia, chlamydia trachomatis. 3) Some protozoa. 4) Some enteric bacteria. 5) Rickettsiae.
Trimethoprim	1) given orally (Combine w/ sulfamethoxazole). 2) Excreted into urine. 3) More antibacterial activity in prostatic & vaginal fluids.	Oral Trimethoprim: - Acute urinary infection. Oral trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole: - P jiroveci pneumonia, shigellosis, systemic salmonella infection, complicated urinary tract infection. - Active against many respiratory pathogen. Intravenous trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole: - Gram -ve sepsis, pneumocystis pneumonia. - Shigllosis, typhoid fever. Oral prymethamine with sulfanamide - With sulfadiazine in Leishmaniasis, toxoplasmosis. - With sulfadoxine in malaria.	

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Sulfonamides :

Resistance :1) Overproduction of PABA, 2) Low affinity dihydropetroate synthase, & Loss of permeability to sulfonamides.

Trimethoprim :

Resistance : 1) Reduced cell permeability, 2)Overproduction of DHF reductase, & 3) Altered affinity of reductase.

CO-trimoxazole : Combination of **sulfamethoxazole** & **Trimethoprim**.

D) DNA gyrase inhibitors:

NAME	FEATURES (PK)	CLINICAL USES	SPECTRUM (Activity)
Fluoroquinolones - Block of bacterial DNA synthesis by inhibiting topoisomerase II, IV.	1) Well absorbed orally. 2) Good distribution. 3) Divalent cations impair absorption.	1) Urinary tract infection. Even with multi-drug resistant organisms. 2) Bacterial diarrhea. Shigella, salmonella, toxigenic E. coli. 3) Infections of soft tissues, bones and joints. 4) Intra-abdominal and respiratory tract infections. 5) Gonococcal infection, 6) Chlamydial urethritis and cervicitis. 7) Legionellosis. 8) TB & atypical mycobacterial infections.	1) Gram +ve & Gram -ve. 2) Mycoplasma & clamydia, legionella. 3) Some mycobacteria. 4) Anaerobic bacteria.
Nalidixic acid & cinoxacin	Excreted too rapidly.	Useful for urinary tract infections.	X

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Fluoroquinolones: Resistance : 1) Change in permeability & 2) Loss of affinity.

(PK)= Pharmacokinetics.



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