

# TOXIDROMES

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Collection of signs and symptoms that associated

- ✓ THE IDENTIFICATION OF VARIOUS TOXIC SYNDROMES REQUIRES INTEGRATING OF DATA PROVIDED BY BOTH THE VITAL SIGNS AND PHYSICAL EXAMINATION TO ELICIT MANIFESTATIONS SPECIFIC TO AN INTOXICANT

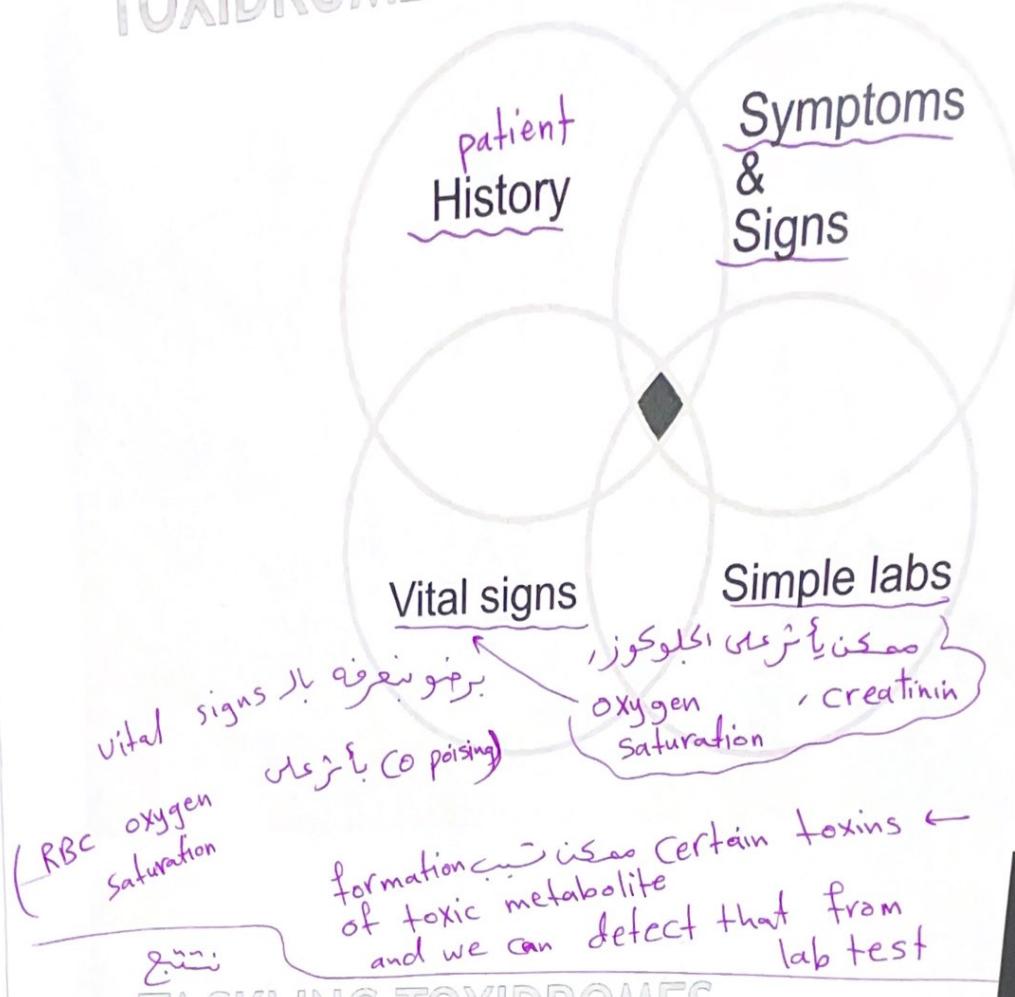
- ✓ THIS COLLECTION OF MANIFESTATION (TOXICOLOGIC SYNDROMES) MAY ASSIST IN

- ✓ 1. THE DIAGNOSIS WHEN THE AGENT IS UNKNOWN AND MAY HELP IN *pinpoint pupil* *مُؤشر عين* *opioid poison*

- ✓ 2. ANTICIPATING MANIFESTATIONS THAT WILL DEVELOP. *symptoms and signs* *توقعات وعراض*



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## TACKLING TOXIDROMES

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### ◎ Good history

### ◎ Directed physical examination

- Vital signs, pupils, skin, bowel bladder

### ◎ Simple tests

- Rapid glucose, ECG, ABG, UA, etc

### ◎ Simple interventions

ارتفاع ضغط اجهاد

ارتفاع ضغط العرقية

mydriasis

برمسيون

برمسيون اذنار

برمسيون عروق

برمسيون عروق

Sympathomimetic drugs

amphetamine

Cocaine

nicotine

# ANTIDOTE

→ block the receptor  
(antidote لـ إلـ جـوـادـ وـ دـلـ عـوـسـ)

- ✓ Antidotal therapy involves antagonism or chemical inactivation of an absorbed poison
- ✓ Antidotes can significantly reduce morbidity and mortality rates but are potentially toxic if used for inappropriate reasons....their use requires correct identification of a specific poisoning or syndrome

\* ex: naloxone antidote for opioids  
flumazenil antidote for benzodiazepine

symptomatic mask due to hypoglycemia caused by B-blocker \*

of hypoglycemia mask due to tachycardia due to sweating due to symptoms due to insulin overdose ie. it can cause hypoglycemia

## ANTIDOTE

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- ✓ The pharmacodynamics of a poison can be altered by competition at a receptor (naloxone therapy in the setting of heroin overdose)

② (reverse symptoms)

- ✓ Physiological antidote (glucagon in the setting of propranolol overdose) (or other B-blocker)

hypoglycemia: BradyCardia: due to symptoms due to ↓ blood glucose levels due to toxin effect

③ (also binds to toxin effect)

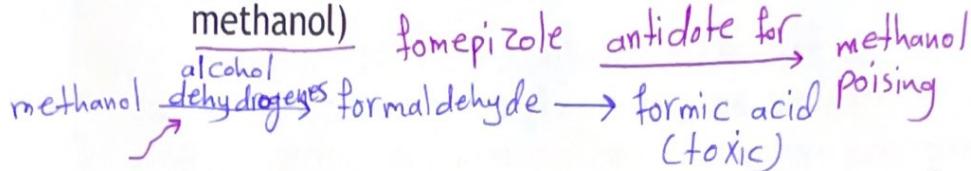
- ✓ Anti-venoms and chelating agents bind and directly inactivate poisons

(agents binds to the toxin in order to stop its action)

Iron → deferoxamine binds to the receptor (receptor blocking)

# ANTIDOTE

- ✓ The biotransformation of a drug can also be altered by an antidote (fomepizole will inhibit alcohol dehydrogenase and stop the formation of toxic acid metabolites from ethylene glycol and methanol)



- ✓ Many drugs used in the supportive care of a poisoned patient (anticonvulsants, vasoconstricting agents, etc.) may be considered nonspecific functional antidotes (for symptoms reversing)

fomepizole      بيتا ماد  
alcohol metabolite      toxic results  
                        Convulsions      (benzodiazepine) anti convulsant  
                        vasoConstrictor      shock      ارها  
                        OR anti-histamine      hypotension      ارها

## TOXIDROMES EXAMPLES

### Cholinergic receptors stimulation



\* Cholinergic = drugs that binds to  
agonist acetyl choline, muscarine receptor

## TOXIDROMES: CHOLINERGIC

symptoms and signs in اعراض راجحة (toxicoses)  
(toxicoses)

THREE WAYS TO ENHANCE CHOLINERGIC ACTIVITY:

(direct) 1. CHOLINERGIC MEDICATIONS

topically in the eye to treat glaucoma

PILOCARPINE = MIOSIS (glaucoma)

BETHANECHOL = URINARY STIMULANT (to treat urinary retention)

↓  
دَهْرِيَّةُ الْعَدْوَةِ وَالْأَسْوَدِ  
and signs in اعراض  
symptoms

stimulation in the cholinergic system

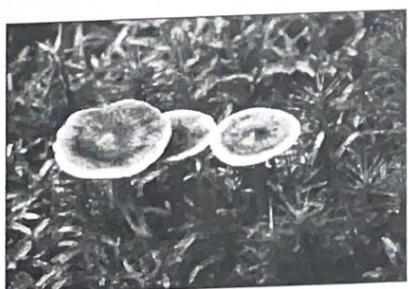
for cholinergic system

metabolism of acetyl choline block

(indirect) 2. ACETYL CHOLINESTERASE INHIBITORS:

ORGANOPHOSPHATES & CARBAMATES

(direct) 3. PLANTS: AMANITA MUSCARIA (Certain mushrooms)

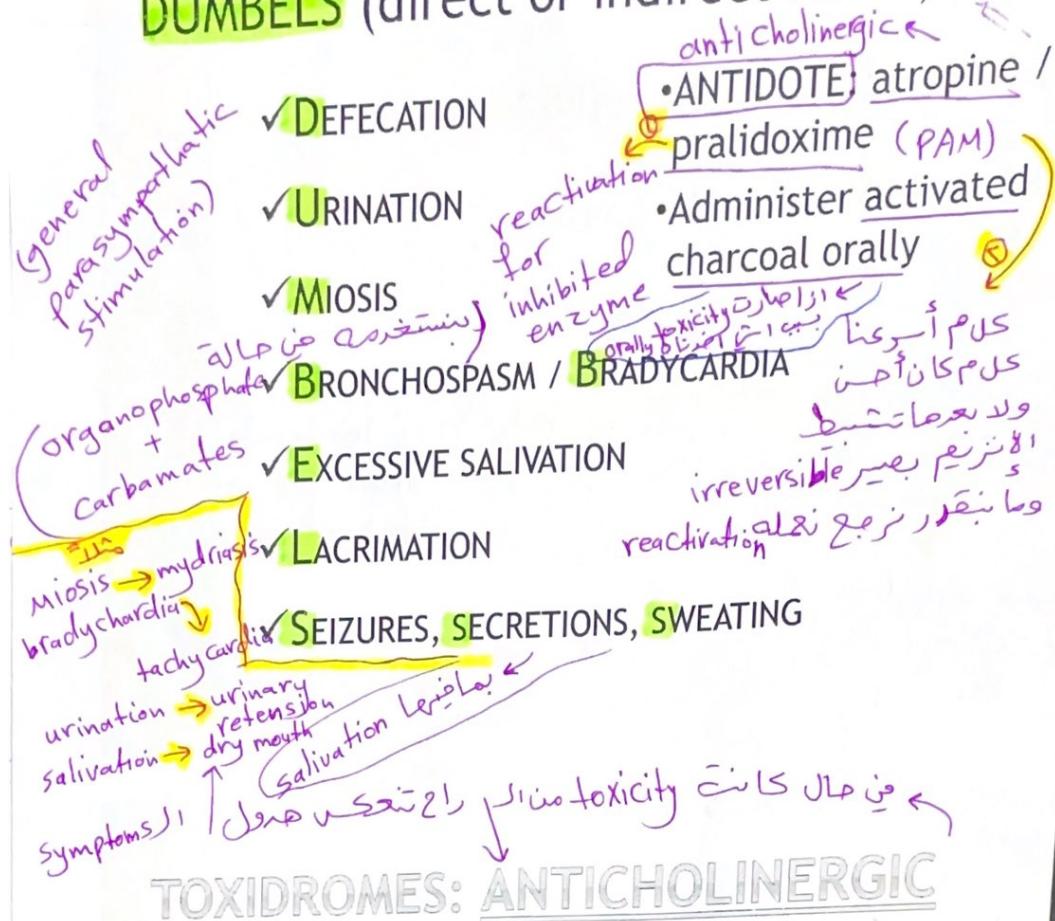


CLITOCYBE

muscarine like  
acetyl choline receptor  
agonist

# TOXIDROMES: CHOLINERGIC

## DUMBELS (direct or indirect-AchEI)



## TOXIDROMES: ANTICHOLINERGIC

THINK: ANTI AND ATROPINE

- phenothiazine *first generation*
  - ANTI/HISTAMINES
  - ANTIPSYCHOTICS
  - ANTISPASMODICS
  - ANTIEMETICS
  - ANTIPARKINSON
  - TCAs → antidepressant
  - PLANTS: Atropa belladonna, JIMSON WEED (*Datura stramonium*), HENBANE (*Hyoscyamus niger*)
- \*drug classes that have anti cholinergic effect -
- benztropine and trihexyphenidyl [balance dopamine and acetyl cholinesterase]

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TABLE 34-2. ANTICHOLINERGIC SUBSTANCES

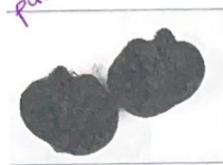
Antihistamines	Belladonna alkaloids and synthetic relatives
Ethanolamines	Atropine (Hyoscyamine)
Dimenhydrinate (Dramamine)	Belladonna alkaloid mixtures
Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)	Glycopyrrolate (Robinul)
Ethylenediamines	Homatropine (Dia-Ouel, Malcotran)
Tripeleannamine (Pyribenzamine)	Methscopolamine (Pamine)
Alkylamines	Scopolamine (Hyoscine)
Chlorpheniramine (Teldrin, Chlortrimeton)	Ophthalmic products
Piperazines	Atropine and scopolamine solutions
Cyclizine (Marezine)	Cyclopentolate (Cyclogyl)
Meclizine (Antivert)	Tropicamide (Mydriacyl)
Phenothiazines	OTC medications (including antihistamines and belladonna alkaloids)
Promethazine (Phenergan)	Analgesics: Excedrin PM, Percogesic
Antiparkinsonian drugs	Cold remedies: Actifed, Allerest, Coricidin, Dristan, Flavilhist, Romex, Sine-Off
Benztropine mesylate (Cogentin)	Hypnotics: Compoz, Sleep-Eze, Sominex, Unisom
Biperiden (Akineton)	Menstrual products: Pamprin, Premesyn PMS
Ethopropazine (Parasidol)	Plants (see Chapter 58)
Trihexyphenidyl (Artane)	Skeletal muscle relaxants
Procyclidine (Kemadrin)	Orphenadrine (Norflex)
Antipsychotics	Tricyclic antidepressants
Phenothiazines, particularly	Amitriptyline (Elavil, Amitril, Endep, Emtrip)
Chlorpromazine (Thorazine)	Desipramine (Norpramin, Pertofrane)
Thioridazine (Mellaril)	Doxepin (Sinequan, Adapin)
Perphenazine (Trilafon)	Imipramine (Tofranil, Pramine, Janimine, Tipropramine)
Nonphenothiazines	Nortriptyline (Aventyl, Pamelor)
Molindone (Moban)	Protriptyline (Vivactil)
Loxapine (Loxitane)	Trimipramine (Surmontil)
Antispasmodics	
Clidinium bromide (Quarzan, Librax)	
Dicyclomine (Bentyl)	
Methantheline bromide (Banthine)	
Propantheline bromide (Pro-Banthine)	
Tridihexethyl (Pathilon)	

(collages)

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## ANTICHOLINERGIC (ATROpine, ANTIHISTAMINES, TCA's)

- (overdose) اورا ایجی
  - HOT AS A HARE
  - RED AS A BEET
  - DRY AS A BONE
  - BLIND AS A BAT
  - MAD AS A HATTER
  - The bowel and bladder lose their tone
  - ....and the heart runs alone



(urinary retention and constipation)

higher doses can affect - dose dependent \*  
CNS and cause hallucination, agitation, tachycardia ---)  
(atropine overdose considered as CNS excitatory agent) ⑤

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## ANTICHOLINERGIC

- Mydriasis
- Blurred vision → because of mydriasis and cycloplegia and dryness of the eye (serious complication)
- Fever
- Dry skin
- Flushing
- Ileus
- Urinary retention
- Tachycardia
- Hypertension
- Psychosis
- Myoclonus
- Seizures

### ANTIDOTE:

physostigmine / treat symptoms

cholinesterase inhibitor

endogenous acetyl choline metabolism  
acetyl choline ↑ leads to atropine binding site  
atropine action → reverse

## MANAGEMENT

✓ Maintain an open airway and assist ventilation if needed

✓ Treat (if they occur):

▪ Hyperthermia....external rapid cooling

▪ Seizures.....benzodiazepine

(atropine induced hyperthermia)

paracetamol اكتالوفيل بول ايزبريفايل ايزبريفايل  
(إيزبريفايل جنرال) general cooling بول ايزبريفايل

at least neostigmine )↓ physostigmine and ↓ atropine  
more lipid ← physostigmine and ↓ overdose  
soluble to reverse CNS side effect

# MANAGEMENT

- ✓ A small dose of physostigmine (0.5-1 mg IV in an adult), given to patients with severe toxicity
- ✓ **Precaution:** can cause AV block, asystole, and seizures, especially in patients with tricyclic antidepressant overdose
- ✓ **Decontamination:** administer activated charcoal orally (gastric lavage is not needed)

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## TOXIDROMES: SYMPATHOMIMETIC

SYMPATHOMIMETIC (COCAINE,  
AMPHETAMINES), nicotine

[indirect acting  
sympathomimetic  
agent]

- MYDRIASIS (no blurred vision)
- TACHYCARDIA
- HYPERTENSION
- FEVER
- SWEATING
- SEIZURES

ANTIDOTE:  
benzodiazepines

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## NARCOTIC

Papaver somniferum  
“poppy plant”



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*opium poppy plant*)

NARCOTIC (HEROIN, METHADONE) morphin

(in case of overdose)

❖ MIOSIS

❖ CNS DEPRESSION

❖ BRADYCARDIA

❖ HYPOTENSION

❖ HYPOVENTILATION (respiratory depression  
can lead to death)

❖ HYPOTHERMIA

❖ COMA

❖ DEATH

ANTIDOTE:

naloxone

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## WITHDRAWAL



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WITHDRAWAL: (ALCOHOL, NARCOTICS, SEDATIVE

- HYPNOTICS, antiHTN DRUGS

(overdose جرعة زائدة)

- DIARRHEA
- MYDRIASIS
- TACHYCARDIA
- HYPERTENSION
- CRAMPS
- LACRIMATION
- SEIZURES
- HALLUCINATIONS

جرعات زائدة ←  
أعراض مرضية  
جهاز عصبي مركب  
نوعي توعي  
ـ naloxone  
ـ will worse the condition

ANTIDOTE:

benzodiazepines → and other drugs  
to control seizures  
and CNS excitation

**Table 7. Common Toxidromes.**

<b>Cholinergic (organophosphates) (DUMBELS)</b>	Hyperthermia (HOT as a hare, RED as a beet) Dry skin (DRY as a bone) Dilated pupils (BLIND as a bat) Delirium, hallucinations (MAD as a hatter) Tachycardia Urgency retention	Tachycardia Hypertension Hyperthermia Seizures	<b>barbiturates, antihypertensives)</b> Diarrhea Mydriasis Goose flesh Tachycardia Lacration Hypertension Yawning Cramps Hallucinations Seizures (with ETOH and benzodiazepine withdrawal)
Diarrhea, diaphoresis Urination Miosis Bradycardia, bronchosecretions Emesis Lacration Salivation	Sympathomimetic (cocaine, amphetamines) Diaphoresis Mydriasis	Miosis Hypoventilation Coma Bradycardia Hypotension	Withdrawal (from alcohol, opioids, benzodiazepines,

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## SPECIFIC ANTIDOTES

Table 8 Specific Antidotes and Their Indications\*

Antidote	Indication	Comments
Bicarbonate, sodium	TCA; For urine alkalinization in salicylate overdose, for severe metabolic acidosis from ASA, ethylene glycol, or methanol.	Use for TCA cardiotoxicity, not neurotoxicity. Urinary alkalinization may benefit rhabdomyolysis as well. Difficulty alkalinizing urine may be due to hypokalemia. Watch for complications from hypernatremia, volume overload, and serum pH above 7.5
Dantrolene Muscle relaxant	Malignant hyperthermia (muscle rigidity due to overactivation or release of $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ )	Give in patients who do not respond to neuromuscular paralysis, may aggravate respiratory depression. <sup>43</sup>
Diazoxide (prevent insulin release) K <sup>+</sup> channel activator/vasodilator $\uparrow$ heat rate	Sulfonylureas hypoglycemia	Diazoxide inhibits insulin secretion. Use when serum glucose concentrations cannot be adequately maintained by IV 5% dextrose infusion
Digibind (digoxin antibodies)	Digoxin/ Digitalis/ Cardiac glycosides	Use for cases involving life-threatening arrhythmias or hyperkalemia ( $>5 \text{ meq/L}$ )
Flumazenil	Benzodiazepines toxicity (esp. barbiturate, benzodiazepine)	Half-life = 40-80 min but duration of action 90 min. <sup>44</sup> Do not administer in any patient at risk for seizures or withdrawal.
N-acetylcysteine toxicity from 7-10 g	Acetaminophen Jalé (de) - Benzodiazepine Le -> toxicity (also to lesser extent barbiturates) (also antidiabetics)	Most effective administered within 8-10 h of ingestion. Controversy as to best route (IV vs oral) and duration of therapy. 36 h likely adequate in uncomplicated cases. <sup>45</sup>
gastric lavage	@ manipulation of urine pH to enhance barbiturates excretion	

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Nalmefene	Narcotics	Half-life=8-10 h, but duration of effect approximately 4 h. Disadvantage is cost (\$6.50/0.25 mg vs \$0.30/0.4 mg of naloxone)
Naloxone	Narcotics	Half-life=1 hour; duration of effect 45 min. Beware of exposing the dangerous effects of coingestion such as cocaine or PCP <sup>46</sup>
Octreotide Somatostatin analogue / inhibit insulin	Sulfonylureas	A somatostatin analog suppresses insulin and C-peptide levels, permitting the plasma glucose to rise without additional glucose support.
Pyridoxine (vitamin B6)	Isoniazid Peripheral neuropathy due to pyridoxine depletion	Give in gram-to-gram ratio or 5 g empiric dose; consider as empiric therapy in unknown seizure overdose not responding to benzodiazepines.
Thiosulfate/nitrites  Thiosulfate nitrites	Cyanide electron transport chain in mitochondria ATP $\overset{[C_i]}{\longrightarrow}$ $\overset{[O_2]}{\longrightarrow}$ $\overset{[H^+]}{\longrightarrow}$ $\overset{[L_i]}{\longrightarrow}$ cyanide blockage (leads to cyanide)	Do not give nitrates in the setting of smoke inhalation since the resulting methemoglobinemia may exacerbate carbon monoxide poisoning. <sup>47-49</sup>
Vitamin K	Coumarin and indandione derivatives (warfarin)	Must use Vitamin K1, not Vitamin K3. Even after IV dose, there is a 6-8 h delay before coagulation factors begin to achieve significant levels. Use fresh frozen plasma for immediate control of hemorrhage.

bind to cyanide  
increase its solubility

\*TCA = tricyclic antidepressants.

to enhance its excretion (cyanide toxicity  $\rightarrow$  charcoal giemswinkel)

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