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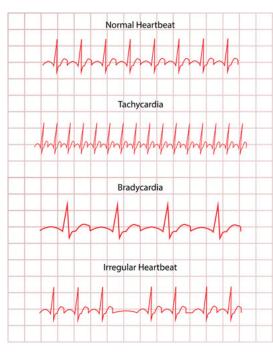
اسم الموضوع: Drugs used for Arrhythmias

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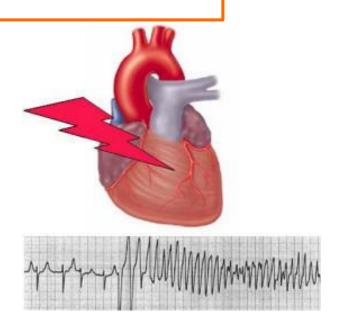








## Drugs Used in Cardiac Arrhythmias



## Normal Sinus Rhythm

 Normal electrical cardiac function (normal sinus rhythm, NSR) is dependenthe Heart's Electrical System

on generation of an impulse in the normal sinoatrial (SA) node pacemaker usually at a frequency of 60-100 bpm.

 This impulse spreads rapidly through the atria and enters the atrioventricular (AV) node, which is normally the only conduction pathway between the atria and ventricles.

 Conduction through the AV node is slow, requiring about 0.15 seconds. (This delay The SA node fires another impulse and provides time for atrial contraction to propel blood into the ventricles.) The impulse then propagates over the His-Purkinje system and invades all parts of the ventricles.

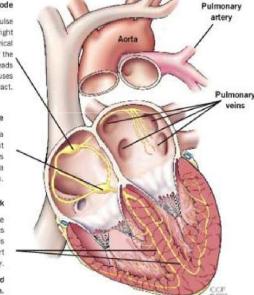
Sinoatrial (SA) Node With each heartbeat, the electrical impulse begins at the SA node, located in the right rium. The SA node produces the electrical inpulses that set the rate and rhythm of the heartbeat. The electrical activity spreads through the walls of the atria and causes

#### Atrioventricular (AV) Node

The AV node is located between the atria and ventricles and acts like a gate that slows the electrical signal before it enters the ventricles. This delay gives the atria time to contract before the ventricles do.

#### HIS-Purkinje Network

This pathway of fibers sends the impulse into the muscular walls of the ventricles and causes them to contract. This



- Arrhythmias (also called dysrhythmia) consist of cardiac depolarizations that deviate from the above description in one or more aspects; there is an abnormality in:
  - the site of origin of the impulse
  - the rate or regularity of the impulse
  - or the conduction of the impulse.

Many factors can precipitate or exacerbate arrhythmias: ischemia, hypoxia, acidosis or alkalosis, electrolyte abnormalities, excessive catecholamine exposure, drug toxicity (eg, digitalis or antiarrhythmic drugs).

Flacainide:

Brugada syndrome is a rare but potentially life-threatening heart condition. It can cause an abnormal heart rhythm, called ventricular fibrillation, which can lead to sudden cardiac death.

Here are some key things to know about Brugada syndrome:

- \*Symptoms: Many people with Brugada syndrome have no symptoms. However, some may experience fainting or seizures due to abnormal heart rhythms.
- \*Causes: Brugada syndrome is often caused by genetic mutations that affect the heart's electrical system.
- \* Diagnosis: An electrocardiogram (ECG) is the main test used to diagnose Brugada syndrome.
- \*Treatment: Treatment for Brugada syndrome may include medications, implantable cardioverter-defibrillators (ICDs), and in some cases, surgery.

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Cardiac arrhythmias are a common problem in clinical practice, occurring in up to 25% of patients treated with digitalis, 50% of anesthetized patients, and over 80% of patients with acute myocardial infarction.

Arrhythmia may decrease cardiac output and disturb perfusion of vital organs.

Signs and symptoms that typically accompany arrhythmia:

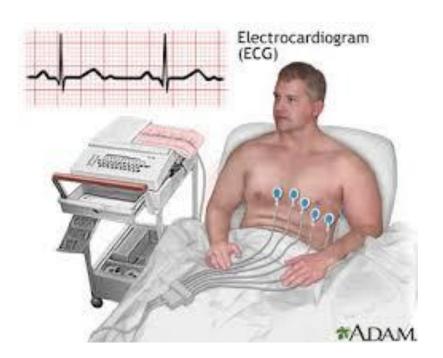
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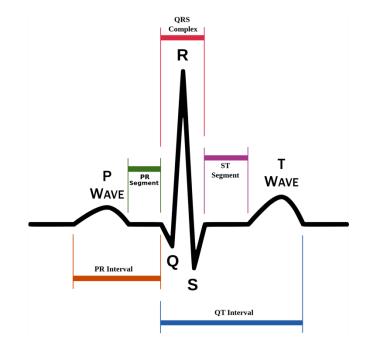
  Anxiety and confusion (from reduced brain perfusion)

  Abnormal pulse rate or all of the state of the stat Chest pain
- Abnormal pulse rate or rhythm 3.
- Reduced blood pressure

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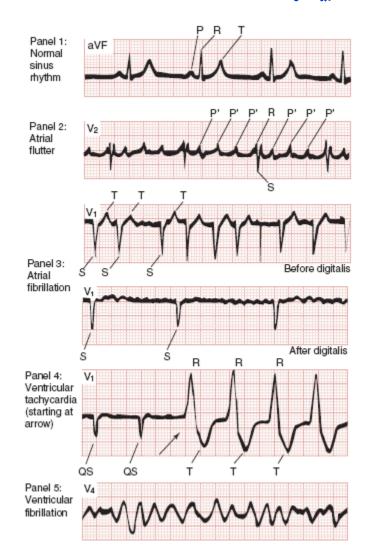
- Although some arrhythmias are silent, most produce signs and symptoms.
- Only ECG can definitively identify an <u>arrhythmia</u>.
- Electrocardiogram (ECG) is a test that show the electrical activity of the heart.





- Types of arrhythmias:
- Atrial arrhythmias:
- Atrial fibrillation ubnormal FCG already!
- Atrial flutter تَعَرِّبًا مِن العلم كَنُو الد علم فَلَن و Atrial flutter
- Supraventricular tachycardias:
- AV nodal reentry SA node \$15
- Acute Supraventricular tachycardia
- Ventricular tachycaria:
- Acute ventricular tachycardia
- -Ventricular fibrillation مسر ا





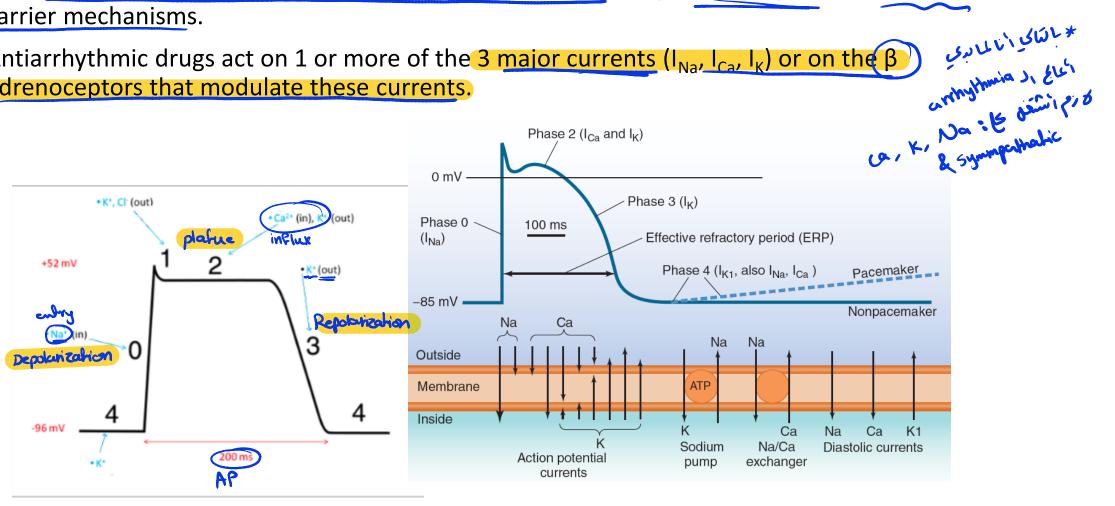
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Wolff-Parkinson-White (WPW) syndrome is a heart condition that causes a rapid heart rate. It is present at birth and is caused by an extra electrical pathway in the heart. This extra pathway allows electrical signals to travel through the heart too quickly, causing it to beat rapidly.

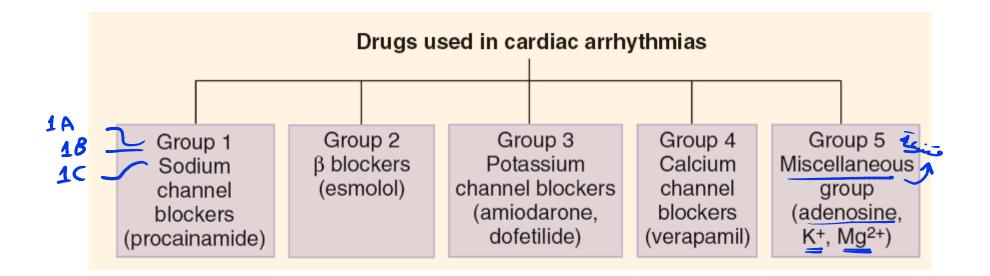
### Action Potential of Cardiac Cell

• The cellular action potentials are the result of ion fluxes through voltage-gated channels and carrier mechanisms.

 Antiarrhythmic drugs act on 1 or more of the 3 major currents (I<sub>Na</sub>, I<sub>Ca</sub>, I<sub>K</sub>) or on the β adrenoceptors that modulate these currents.



## Antiarrhythmic Drugs



## Group 1 Antiarrhythmics (Sodium-Channel Blockers)

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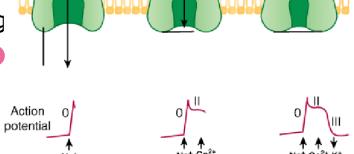
All antidysrhythmics in class 1 (A, B, and C) alter
Na+ conductance through cardiac voltage-gated Na+ channels.
These drugs bind to the Na+ channels and slow their recovery
from the open or inactivated state to the resting, or closed,
state.

 This conversion must occur before the channel can reopen and participate in another depolarization. Consequently, as the

ECG

proportion of drug-bound Na<sup>+</sup> channels increases, fewer of these channels are capable of reactivation on the arrival of the next depolarizing impulse. As a result, by reducing the excitability of the myocardium,

abnormal rhythms are prevented.



Inactivated

Na<sup>+</sup> Closed/Resting Na<sup>+</sup>

## Group 1 Antiarrhythmics (Sodium Channel Blockers)

#### **Use-dependence:**

- Group 1 drugs bind more rapidly to open or inactivated sodium channels than to channels that are fully repolarized following recovery from the previous depolarization cycle.
- Therefore, these drugs show a greater degree of blockade in tissues that are frequently depolarizing (for example, during tachycardia, when the sodium channels open often).
- This property is called use-dependence (or statedependence) and it enables these drugs to block cells that are discharging at an abnormally high frequency, without interfering with the normal, low-frequency beating of the heart.



# Group 1 Antiarrhythmics (Sodium Channel Blockers)

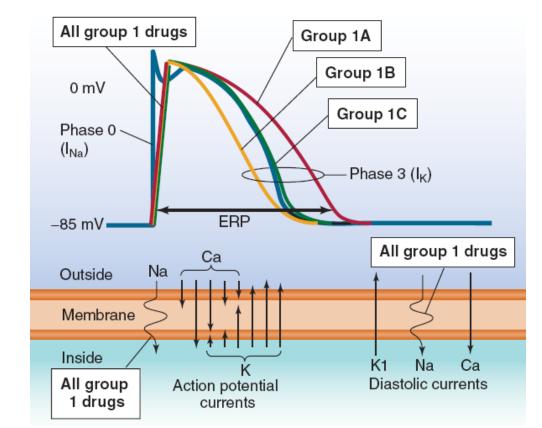
• Group 1 antiarrhythmics decreased rate of entry of sodium which slows the rate of rise of Phase 0 of the action potential.

• The group 1 drugs are further subdivided on the basis of their effects on the action potential (AP) duration:

1) Group 1A agents (prototype procainamide) prolong the AP.2) Group 1B drugs (prototype lidocaine) shorten the AP in some

3) Group 1C drugs (prototype flecainide) have no effect on AP duration.

cardiac tissues.



## Group 1A Antiarrhythmics

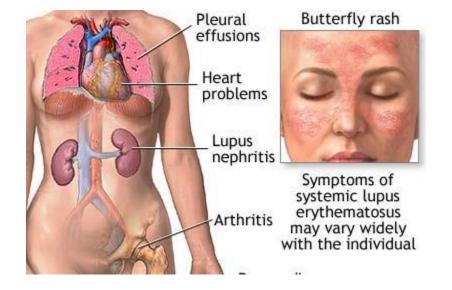


- Procainamide is effective against most atrial and ventricular arrhythmias.
- Procainamide may cause hypotension and with long-term use a syndrome similar to lupus erythematosus.

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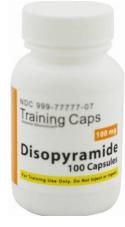
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## Group 1A Antiarrhythmics

- Quinidine and disopyramide have similar effects to procainamide but are used much less frequently.
- Quinidine causes cinchonism (fushed skin, headache, vertigo, tinnitus) and GI upset.
- Quinidine reduces the clearance of digoxin and may increase the serum concentration significantly. (Asyxin toxicity)
- Disopyramide has marked antimuscarinic effects and may precipitate heart failure. It is contraindicated in HF and have <u>atropine-like side effects</u>.



• <u>Cinchonism</u> or **quinism** is a pathological condition caused by an overdose of quinidine or its natural source, cinchona bark.





### Group 1B Antiarrhythmics

- Lidocaine is useful in acute ischemic ventricular arrhythmias. Atrial arrhythmias are not responsive unless caused by digitalis.
- Lidocaine is one of the least cardiotoxic of the currently used sodium channel blockers.
- **Lidocaine** is usually given intravenously, but intramuscular administration is also possible. It is never given orally because it has a very high first-pass effect and its metabolites are potentially cardiotoxic.
- Mexiletine has similar actions and is given orally for chronic arrhythmias.
- Phenytoin, an anticonvulsant, is sometimes classified with the group 1B antiarrhythmic agents. It can be used to reverse digitalis-induced arrhythmias.







### Group 1C Antiarrhythmics



- Flecainide is approved only for refractory ventricular and supraventricular tachycardias.
- **Flecainide** is more likely than other antiarrhythmic drugs to exacerbate or precipitate arrhythmias (proarrhythmic effect).
- Propatenone has some structural similarities to propranolol and possesses weak  $\beta$ -blocking activity.
- The most common adverse effects are a metallic taste and constipation.



### Group 2 Antiarrhythmics (Beta Blockers)

- Their mechanism in arrhythmias is primarily cardiac beta adrenoceptor blockade.
- **Esmolol,** a very short-acting beta blocker for intravenous administration, is used exclusively in acute arrhythmias.
- **Propranolol, metoprolol,** and **timolol** are commonly used as prophylactic drugs in patients who have had a myocardial infarction.
- The toxicities of beta blockers are the same in patients with arrhythmias as in patients with other conditions.
- Sotalol and amiodarone, generally classified as group 3 drugs, also have group 2 beta-blocking effects.

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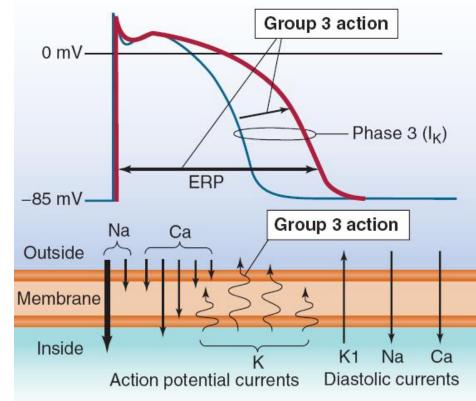
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# Group 3 Antiarrhythmics (Potassium Channel Blockers)

- **Dofetilide** and **ibutilide** are typical group 3 drugs.
- The hallmark of group 3 drugs is prolongation of the AP duration. This AP prolongation is caused by blockade of potassium channels, chiefly the ones are responsible for the repolarization of the AP.







# Group 3 Antiarrhythmics (Potassium Channel Blockers)

- **Sotalol** is a <u>chiral compound</u> (ie, it has 2 optical isomers). One isomer is an effective beta blocker, and both isomers contribute to the group 3 antiarrhythmic action. The clinical preparation contains both isomers.
- Amiodarone is usually classified as a group 3 drug because it blocks the same potassium channels and markedly prolongs AP duration. However, it <u>also blocks sodium and calcium channels and</u> <u>beta receptors.</u>

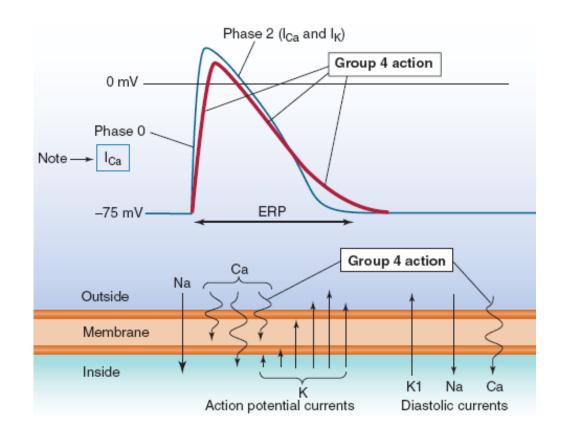




# Group 4 Antiarrhythmics (Calcium Channel Blockers)

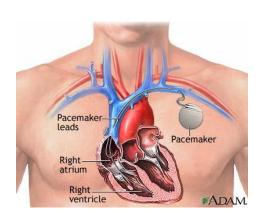
- Verapamil is the prototype. Diltiazem is also an effective antiarrhythmic drug.
- Nifedipine and the other dihydropyridines are <u>not</u> useful as antiarrhythmics.

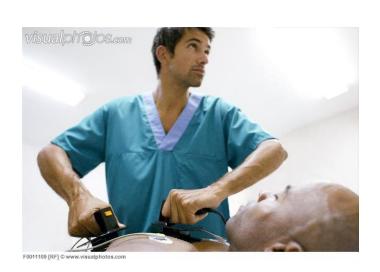




## Nonpharmacologic Treatment of Arrhythmia

- It should be noted that electrical methods of treatment of arrhythmias have become very important. These methods include:
- (1) External defibrillation
- (2) Implanted defibrillators
- (3) Implanted pacemaker
- (4) Radiofrequency ablation of arrhythmogenic foci via a catheter.







## Questions??

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