

Pijnmedicatie & Farmacologie

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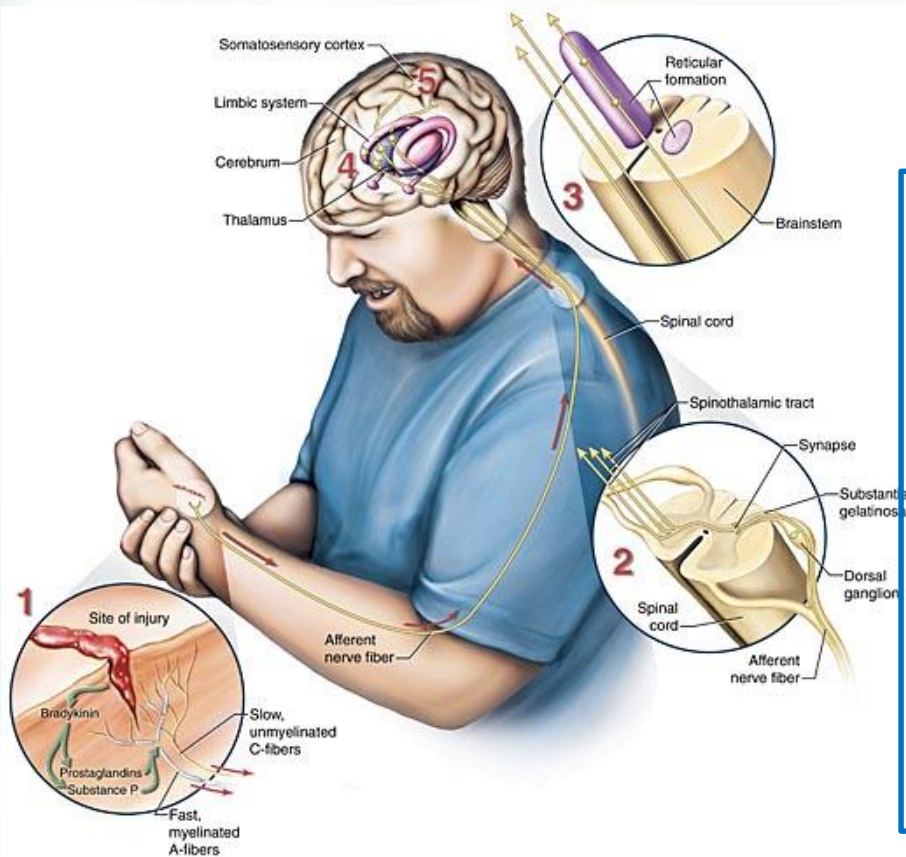
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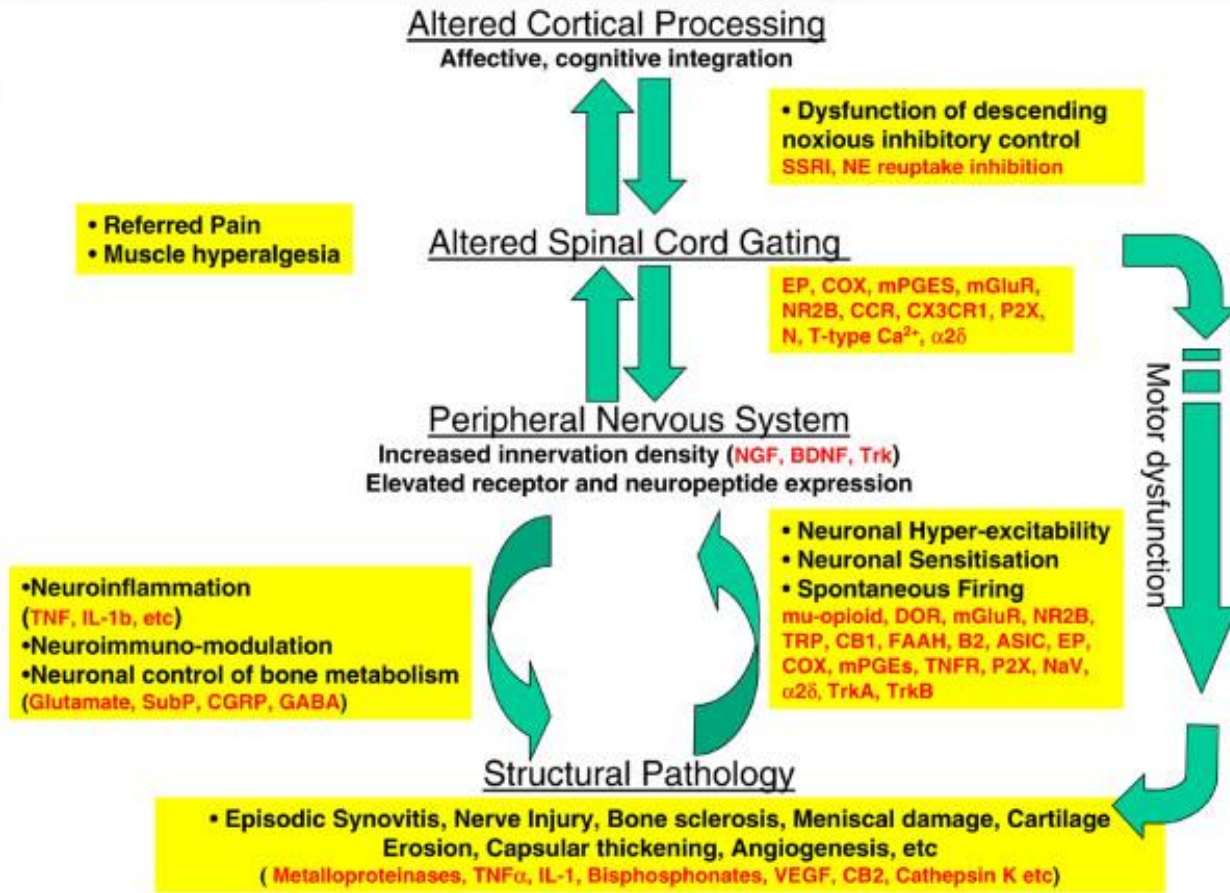
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Fysiologische pijn

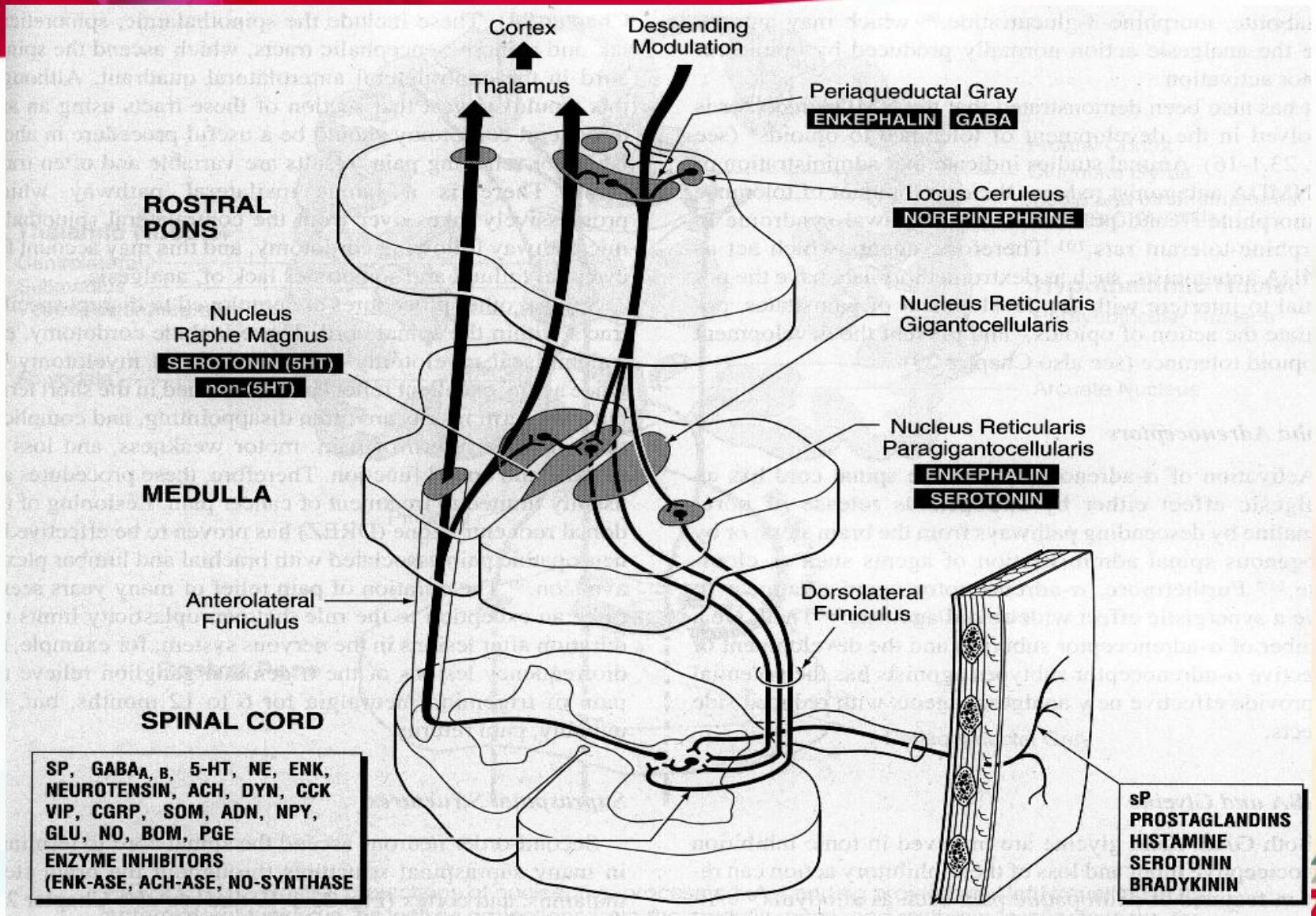


- **Transductie**
 - Activatie Nociceptoren
 - Nociceptieve stimuli
- **Transmissie**
 - Voortgeleiding impulsen
 - Dorsale hoorn
 - Hersenen
- **Modulatie**
 - ↓↓ of ↑↑↑ nociceptieve impulsen (dorsale hoorn)
- **Perceptie**

Therapeutische aanpak



Afferent and Descending Pathways



Treatment 'Step by Step'

Analgetische Ladder of Lift

1. Non-Opioid Analgesics
Plus Adjuvant Drugs

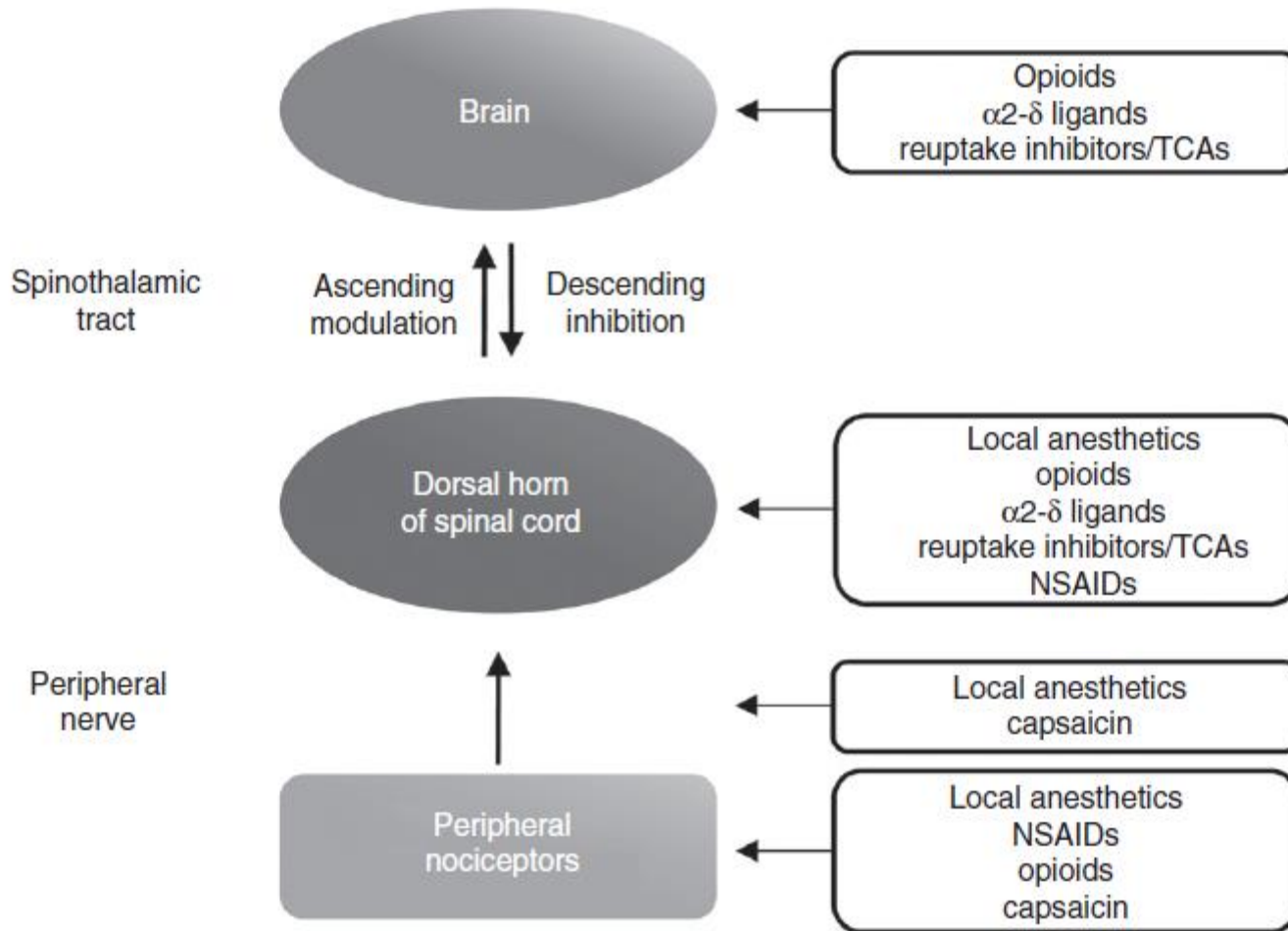
Aspirin
Paracetamol
NSAIDs

2. 'Weak' Opioid Analgesics
Plus Non-Opioid Analgesics
Plus Adjuvant Drugs

Codeine
~~D~~-propoxyfeen
Hydrocodeine
Tramadol
Nefopam
Buprenorfine ?

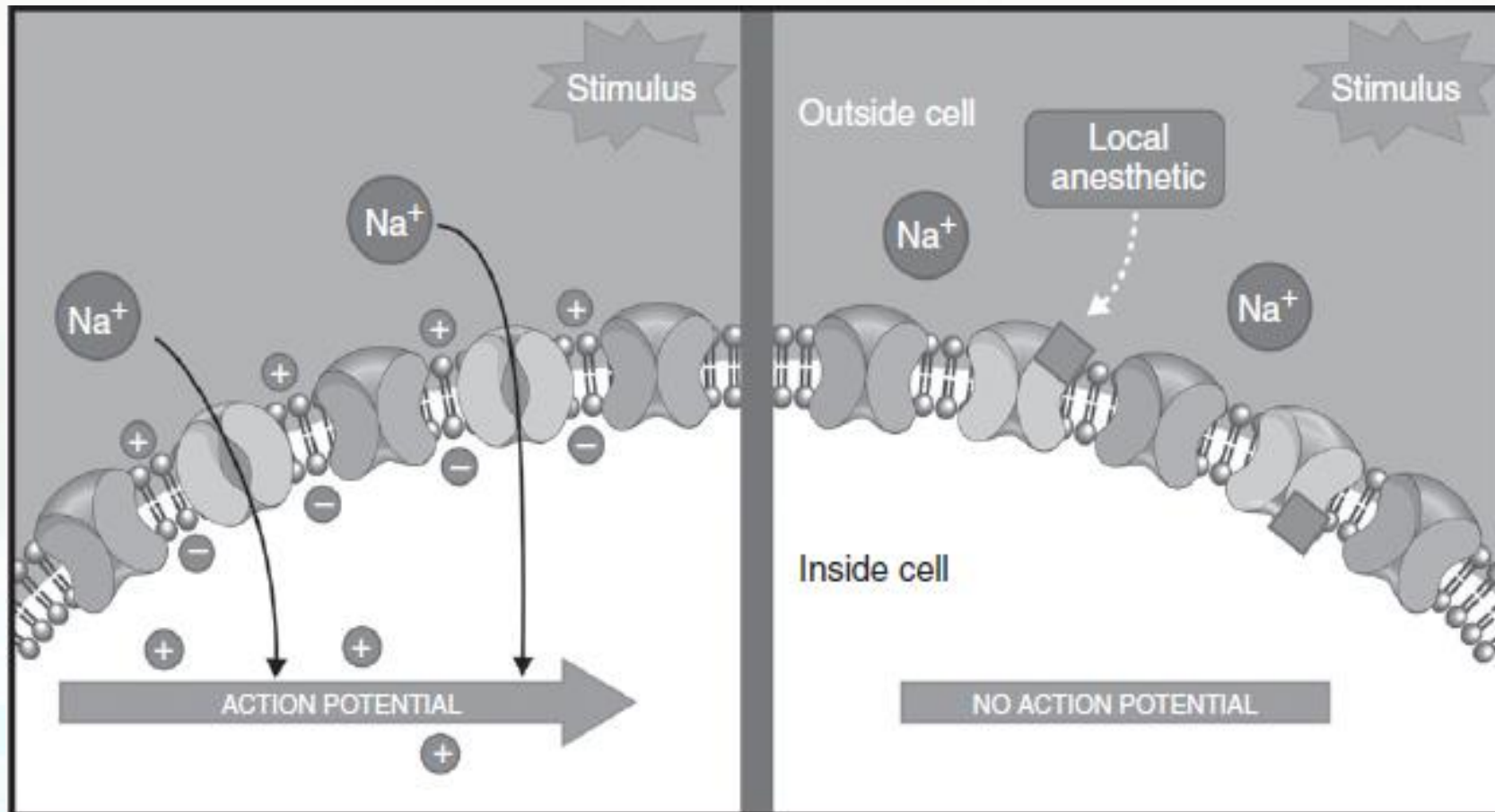
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Plus Adjuvant Drugs

Morphine
Oxycodone
Methadone
Piritramide
(TTS-)Fentanyl
Tapentadol



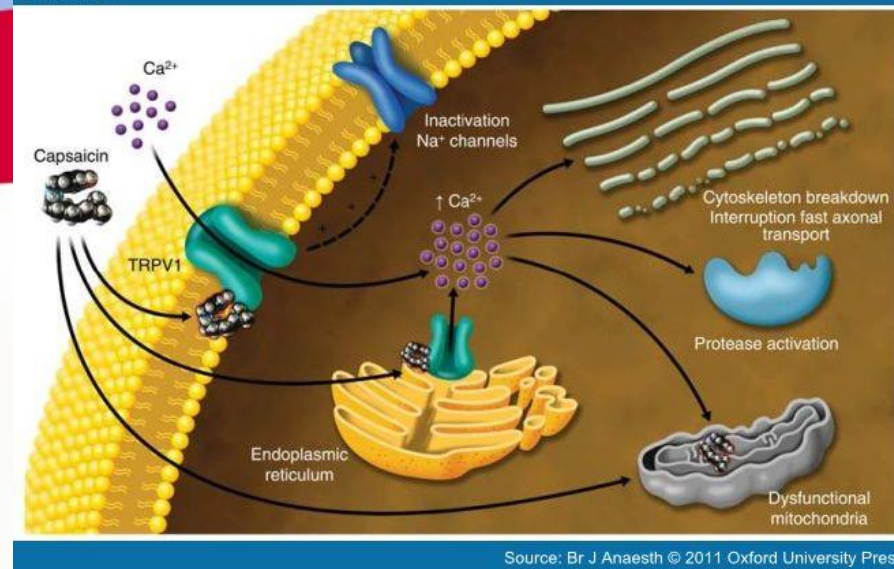
Perifeer Zenuwstelsel (1)

- Locale anesthetica
 - Blokkade Na^+ -kanalen in neuronale membranen



Perifeer Zenuwstelsel (2)

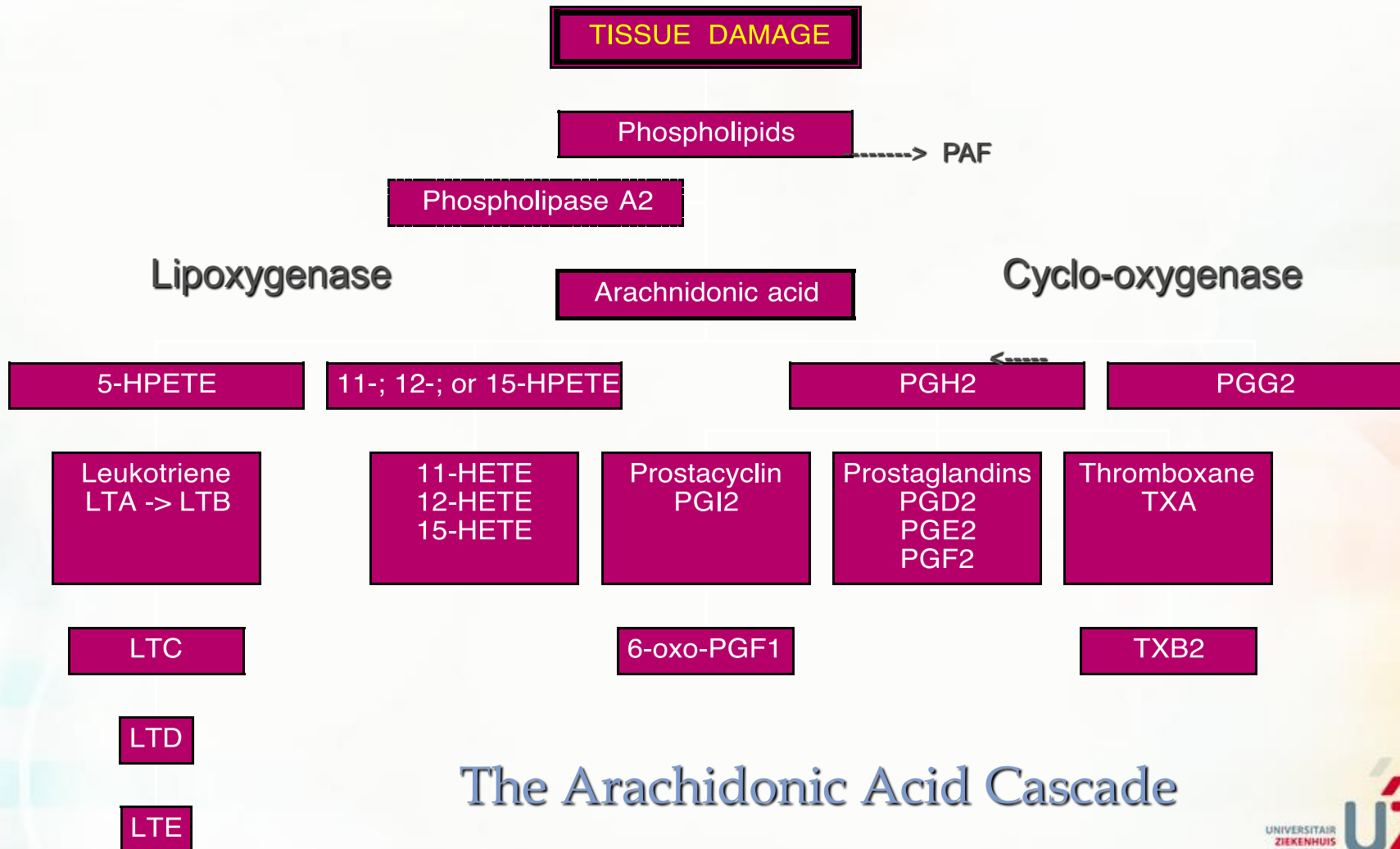
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- Capsaicine (Qutenza[®])
 - Perifere neuropathie
 - Applicatie 30 – 60 min
 - 3 maanden analgesie
 - **Geen lange-termijn effecten**
 - Neurodegeneratieve veranderingen (perifeer + centraal)
 - ↓ efficaciteit synaptische transmissie dorsale hoorn
- NSAID
 - **Inhibitie van cyclooxygenase enzyme**
 - ↓↓ vrijzetting inflammatoire mediators (PG)
 - **Neveneffecten !!**
 - **Topicale applicatie ... ?**

TCA's ?

Peripheral Antinociceptive Modulation by NSAIDs (1)



The Arachidonic Acid Cascade

Peripheral Antinociceptive Modulation by NSAIDs (2)



- Inhibition of *Cyclo-Oxygenase*
 - (at least) 3 distinct categories of inhibitors
 - Reversible competitive inhibition
 - Ibuprofen; piroxicam
 - Reversible non-competitive inhibition
 - Paracetamol
 - Irreversible inactivation
 - Aspirin, indomethacin

Peripheral Antinociceptive Modulation by NSAIDs (3)

- Inhibition of *Lipoxygenase*
 - **LTB and 12-HETE present in inflammation**
 - Chemotactic action on leucocytes
 - Lower firing threshold of pain fibers
 - Stimulate nociceptors
 - Diclofenac; Indomethacin
- *Non-prostaglandin Inhibitory Actions*
 - **Interference with cell membrane processes**
 - Piroxicam; Indomethacin

Central Antinociceptive Modulation by NSAIDs (1)

- *Central Prostaglandin Synthesis*
 - **Reduction of Prostaglandins E and F in CNS**
 - Diclofenac; indomethacin; naproxen, PCT
- *Opioid Mechanisms*
 - **Central opioid mechanism of action**
 - Diclofenac; ketorolac; lysine acetylsalicylate
 - Reversal by naloxone
 - Reduce heroin withdrawal syndrome

Central Antinociceptive Modulation by NSAIDs (2)

- *Serotonergic Mechanisms*
 - **Brain stem and spinal cord**
 - Serotonin and 5-hydroxyindoleacetic acid
 - Diclofenac
 - **Activation of descending serotonin pathways**
 - Probably through 5-HT₂ receptor system
- *NMDA Mechanisms*
 - **Reduction of hyperalgesia induced by**
 - Spinal glutamate or substance P receptors
 - Aspirin; ibuprofen; ketorolac

High Potency - Fast Elimination

- Arylpropionic : Ketoprofen

- Rofenid[®]; Rofenid Enteric[®]; Rofenid Long Acting[®]; Rofenid Retard[®]
- 0.5-2h *T_{max}*, 1.1-4h *T_{1/2}*
- 200mg (-300mg) daily dose

- Arylacetic acids

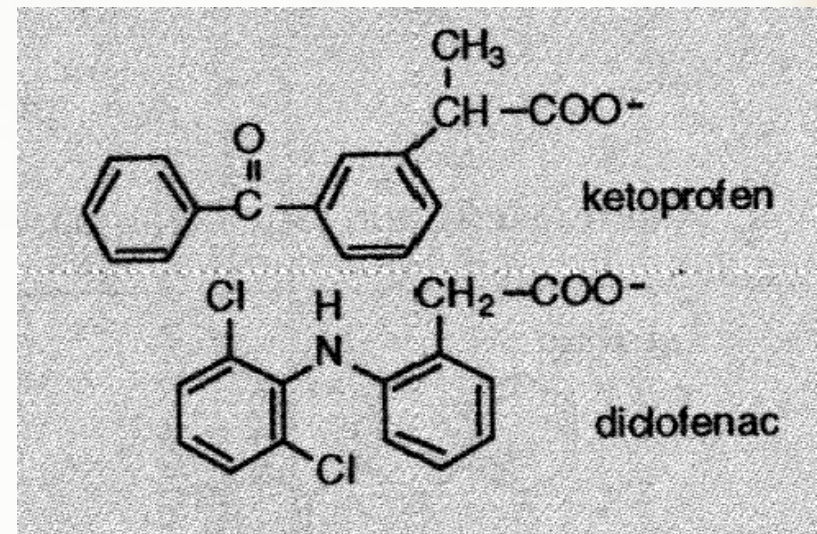
- 0.5-2h *T_{max}*, 4-10h *T_{1/2}*

- Diclofenac (Voltaren, Cataflam[®])

- Dissolve in stomach
- Short half-life of 1 - 2 h
- Daily dose: 100 - 150 mg

- Ketorolac (Taradayl[®])

- 100% bio-availability IM/PO
- 10 - 30mg every 6-8 hours
- 60 (elderly) to 90 mg daily dose
- IM/IV max 2 days

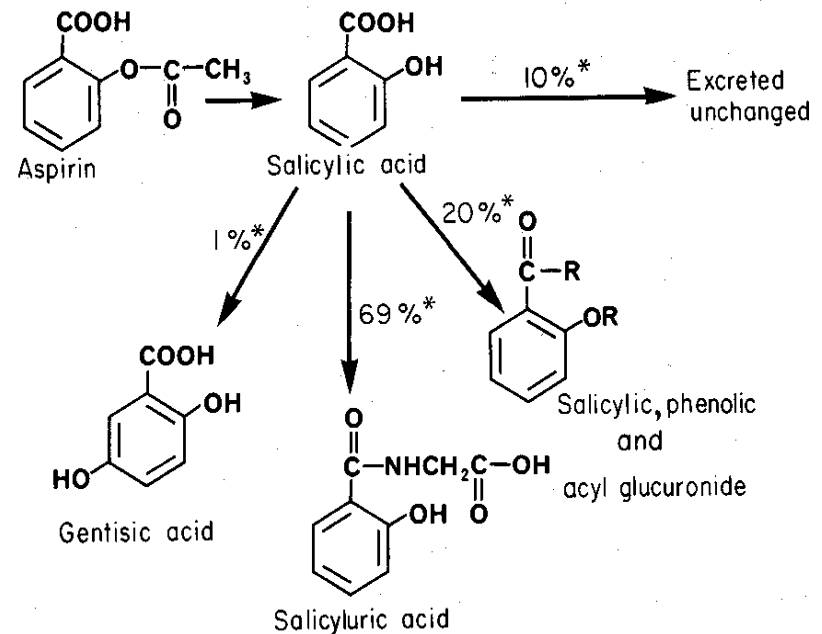


No combination with other NSAIDs
Not during labor and delivery

Low Potency - Fast Elimination

- **Salicylates**

- +/- 0.25h T_{max}
- +/- 20min $T_{1/2}$
- **Low dose (500mg, 2x/d)**
 - Analgesic & antipyretic effect
- **High dose (1000mg, 3x/d)**
 - Anti-inflammatory effect
- **Individual variation in absorption**
 - Dosage not predictable



- **Lysin - acetylsalicylic acid (Aspegic®)**

- water soluble salt, sodium free
- 1.8g aspegic = 1.0g aspirin
- fast absorption
- 500 - 1000mg, 2 to 3 x/day

High Potency - Slow Elimination

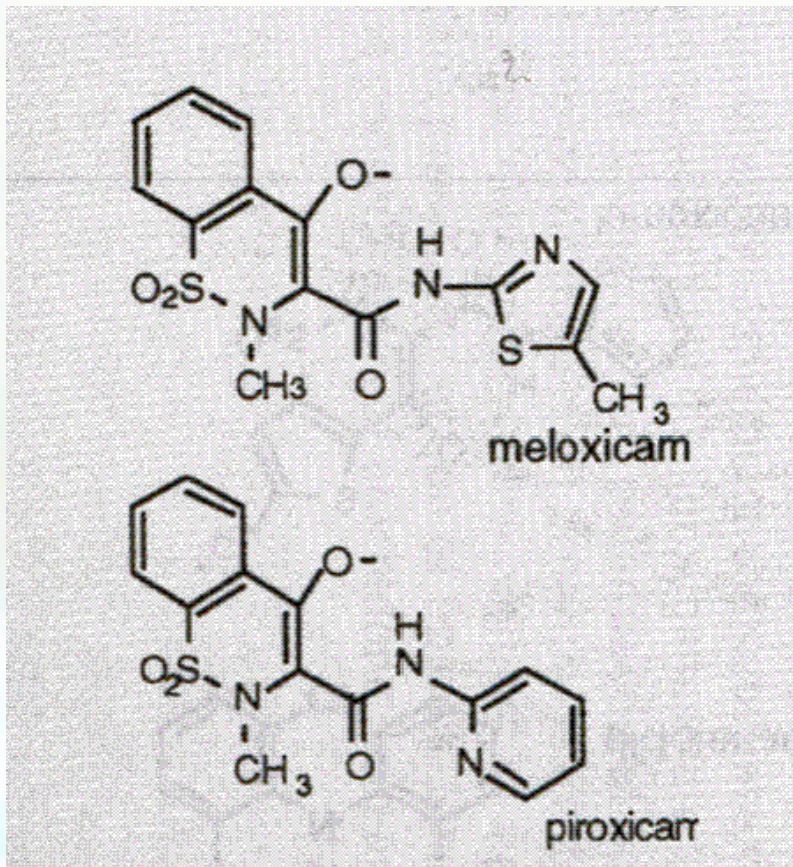
- Oxicams

- **Piroxicam (Feldene®)**

- 3-5h T_{max} , 35-70h $T_{1/2}$
- 20mg-40mg, daily dose
- Lyotabs equal T_{max} , $T_{1/2}$
- Elevated aminotransferase levels in 15%
 - Monitor liver enzymes first 8 wk

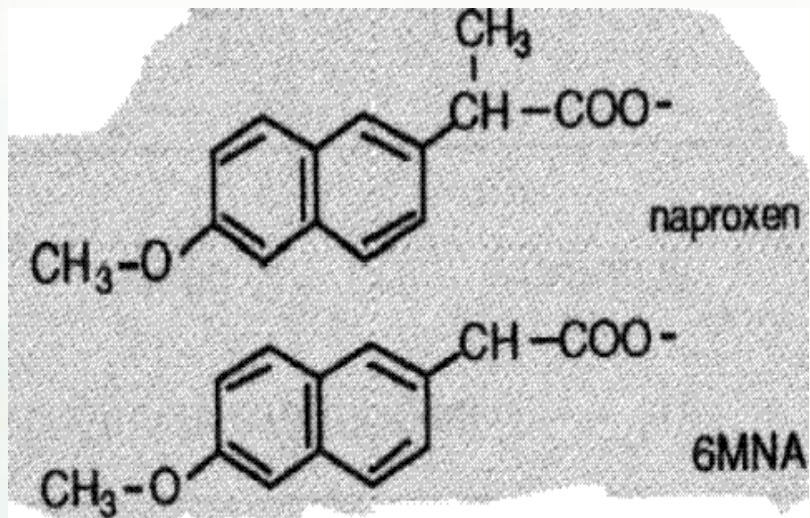
- **Tenoxicam (Tilcotil®)**

- 100% bio-availability PO
- 3-5h T_{max} , 42-98h $T_{1/2}$
- 20mg-40mg daily dose
- Inhibitor of metalloproteinase
 - Degenerative bone diseases!



Intermediate Potency

Intermediate Elimination



- Arylpropionic acids
 - **Naproxen EG[®]; Naprosyne[®]**
 - 2-4h *T_{max}*
 - 12-15u *T_{1/2}*
 - 500 - 1000mg daily dose
 - Extremely good penetration
 - Synovia
 - Inflammatory tissues
 - **Apranax[®]** (*natriumnaproxen*)
 - < 1h *T_{max}*
 - 12 - 15u *T_{1/2}*
 - 550 mg, 2 x day

Cyclo-oxygenase

- ❑ Physiological stimulus
 - Constitutive expressed enzyme

COX-1

Platelets, stomach,
intestine, kidney

- Normal cell functions
“house keeping”

- ❑ Tissue damage
 - Inducible enzyme
 - Not constitutive ??

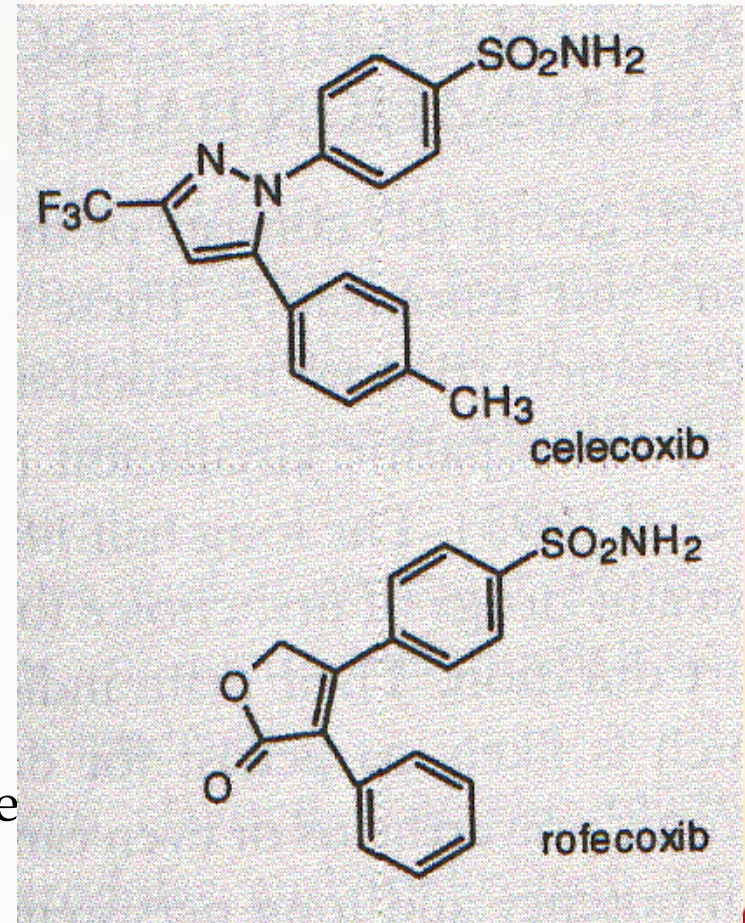
COX-2

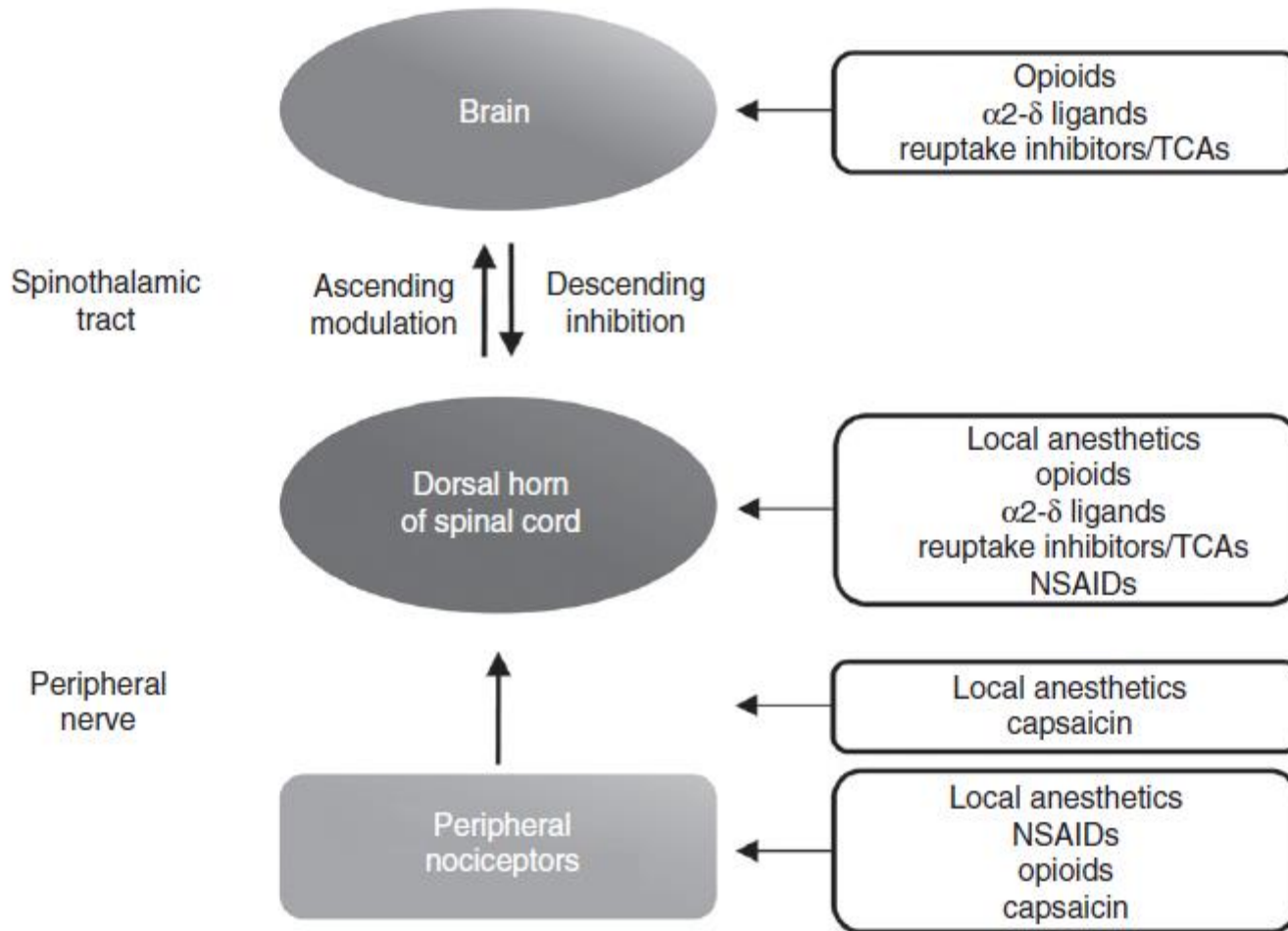
Macrophages,
synoviocytes

- Inflammation,
regulation electrolyte
balance

Selective COX-2 Inhibitors

- **Celecoxib (Celebrex[®])**
 - 2-4 h T_{max} , 9-15 h $T_{1/2}$
 - 400mg max daily dose
- **Valdecoxib (Bextra[®])**
 - 20mg max daily dose
 - no dose adjustments in elderly
- **Etoricoxib (Arcoxia[®])**
 - faster effect
 - long-term effect (once daily)
 - no information on side effects yet





Paracetamol (1)

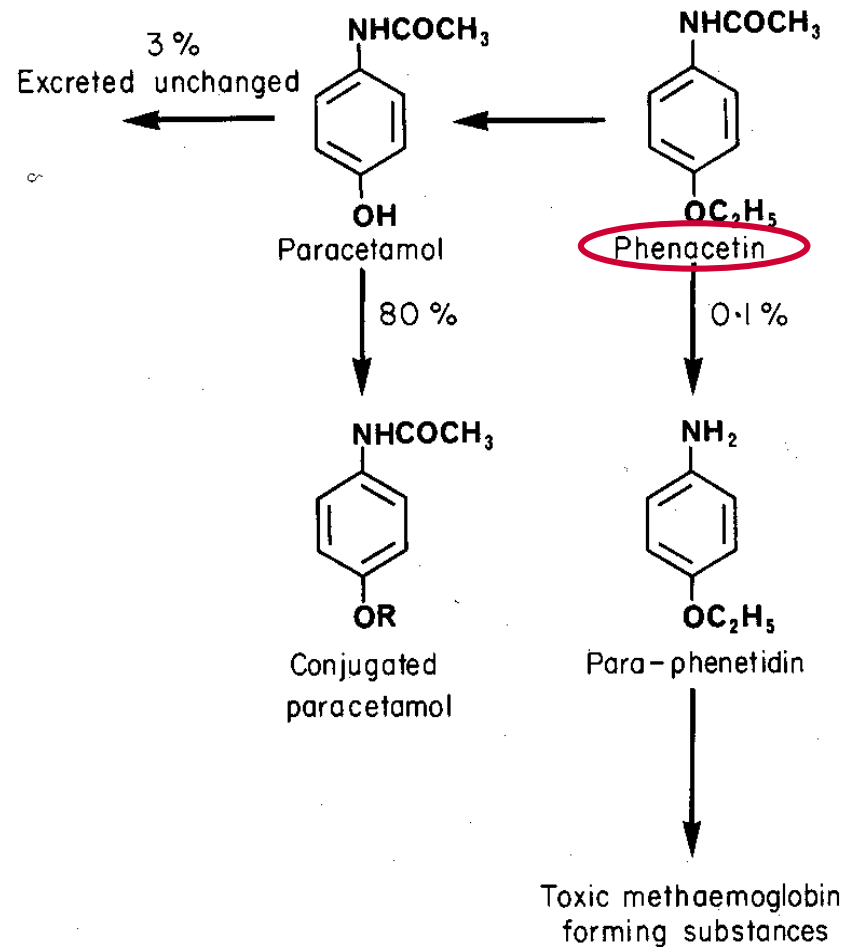
- **Non-acidic antipyretic analgesic**

(Dafalgan[®], Perdolan Mono[®]; Efferalgan, Dolprone...)

- **Very weak inhibitor cyclooxygenase (central, indirect ?)**
- **Strong *antipyretic* effect**
- **Lacks significant anti-inflammatory property**
- **Maximum analgesic effect at 1000 mg**
 - Central action (synthesis of prostaglandins)
 - Importance of high and quick peak plasma concentration
 - Dose-effect correlation in CNS
 - Ceiling of analgesic effect at 1g PO, and this 3 x day
 - Better than 60 mg Codeine and Tramadol 100 mg
 - Combinations remain possible !

Paracetamol (2)

- Short term use
 - < 4 gm / day
- Long term use
 - < 3.2 gm / day
 - < 2.4 gm / day
 - Elderly
 - Debilitated persons
 - Alcohol intake
 - Malnutrition

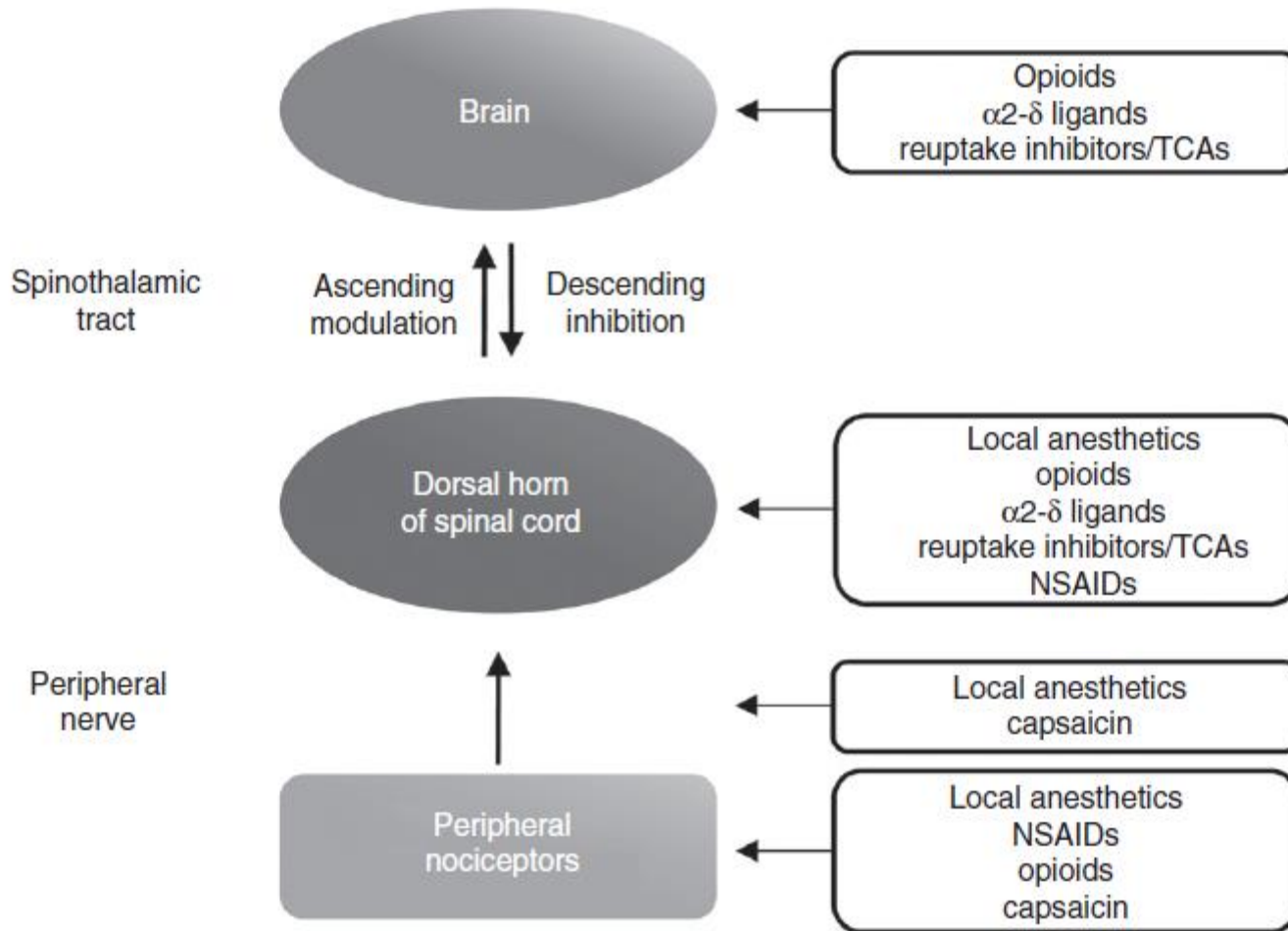


Paracetamol (3)



- **Perfusalgan (IV)**
 - **Different from previous Pro-Dafalgan !!**
 - Pro-drug: 2:1 conversion , Mannitol
 - **Concentration of 10 mg/ml**
 - **Water soluble form of paracetamol**
 - **1:1 ratio**
 - **Faster onset of action**
 - **More efficacious**
 - **First day : 6g ?, 2g better than 1g ?**
 - **Longer duration of action**
 - **Slow administration (!) otherwise possible hypotension**
 - **Good local tolerance**
 - Osmolarity and pH close to human plasma

**opioid-sparing
effect!**



Tramadol Hydrochloride (1)

- Synthetic, *centrally* acting analgesic

(Contramal[®], Dolzam[®], Tradonal[®]; Tramium[®]; ...)

- Dual mechanism of action:

- Specific selectivity and low affinity for μ -opioid receptor
 - » 6000 times less than morphine
- Interaction with neurotransmitter transmission
 - » Stimulation neuronal serotonin release
 - » Inhibition pre-synaptic reuptake NA and serotonin

- Analgesic effect of each component is modest
 - Low incidence of certain opioid-like adverse effects
 - Low tolerance and dependence potential
- **RESPONDERS and NON-RESPONDERS ?**

Tramadol Hydrochloride (2)

- No respiratory depression in therapeutic range
- Almost no risk of constipation
- Nausea/vomiting; somnolence; transpiration
- No euphoria
- Low plasma protein binding (20%)
 - **No interference other drugs (except MAO-I, 5-HT antagonisten)**
 - **Combination with NSAIDs allowed**
- Not a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
 - **No anti-inflammatory activity**
 - **No prostaglandines side effects**

Tramadol Hydrochloride (3)

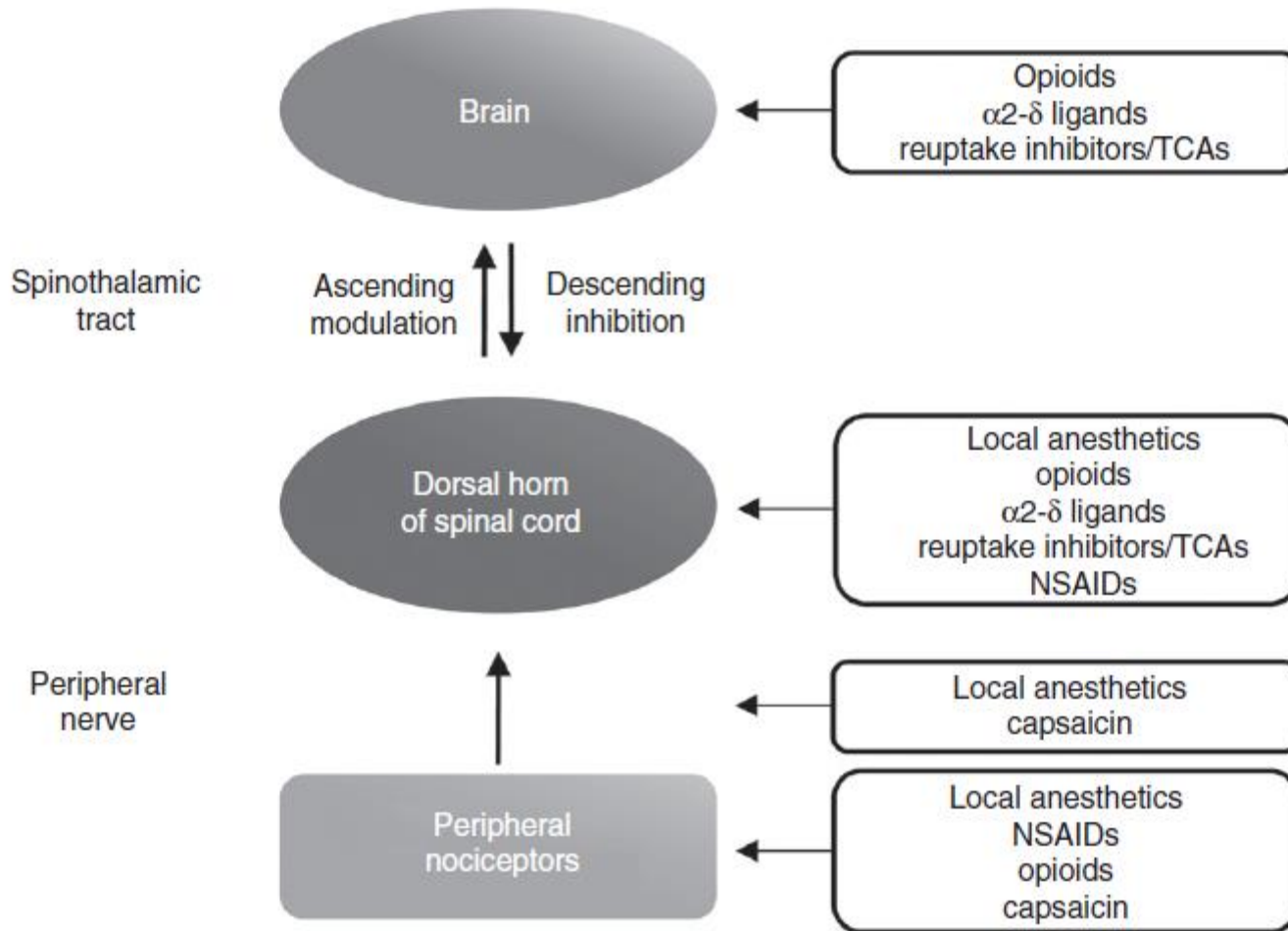
- Conversion in liver to active M₁ metabolite
 - Excretion as unaltered drug and metabolites in urine
 - Low-affinity of parent compound + high-affinity binding of M1 metabolite to μ -opioid receptor
- Risk of seizures
 - Doses above recommended range
 - Decreasing seizure threshold
 - Tricyclic antidepressants
 - SSRI's
 - MAO-inhibitors

Tramadol Hydrochloride (4)

- Potency:
 - IV: 100mg tramadol = 10mg morphine
 - PO: 50mg tramadol = 10mg morphine
 - Bio-availability: tramadol 70% vs. morphine 20-25%
- Duration of 3 - 6 h , T_{max} PO 1 - 2 h; Parenteral 45 min
- Max daily dose **400mg**
 - **No changes in elderly (<75 years)**
 - **Increase interval**
 - Liver failure
 - Higher levels tramadol
 - Decreased levels of M1
 - Renal failure
 - Creatinine clearance < 30mL/min
 - » 50-100mg every 12h

Tramadol + ... : fixed combinations

- **Combination analgesic (Zaldiar[®], ...)**
 - Paracetamol (325mg) + Tramadol hydrochl. (37.5mg)
 - **The rationale for combining complementary analgesics acting by different pathways is an improved benefit/risk ratio through enhancement of analgesia (synergim or addition) and/or reduction of side effects**
- No undesirable interactions when the two analgesics are given in combination as either single or repeated doses
- The time to achieve maximal plasma concentrations is about 30-60 minutes for paracetamol and 2 hours for tramadol
- Both drugs are metabolised via the liver, but each compound is broken down along separate metabolic pathways
- **Cave: long-acting combinations !?**



Classification of strong Opioids

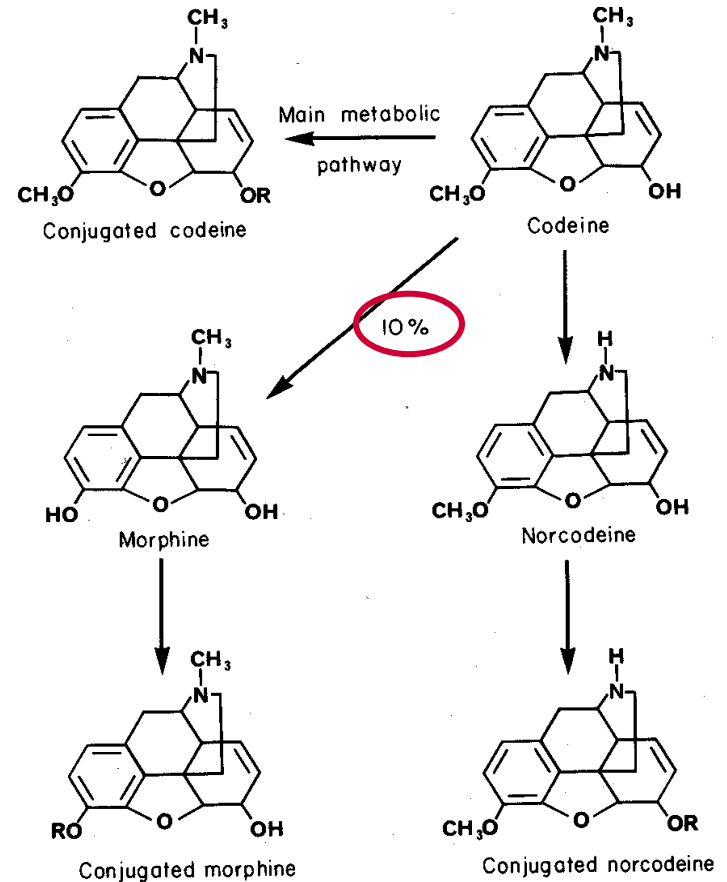
Full Agonists	Partial Agonists	Mixed Agonist-Antagonists
Codeine <u>Fentanyl</u> <u>Sufentanil</u> Hydrocodon Meperidine Methadone <u>Morphine</u> Oxycodone Propoxyphene	<u>Buprenorphine</u>	<i>Nalbuphine</i> <i>Butorphanol</i> <i>Dezocine</i> <i>Pentazocine</i> <u>Tilidine</u>

Neveneffecten van opioïden

- Dysforie, euforie
- Sedatie
- AH depressie
- Nausea, braken
- Miosis
- Sfinter contractie
- Onderdrukken van maag-darm en blaasfunctie
- Jeuk
- Convulsies
- Tolerantie, afhankelijkheid

Full agonist : Codeine

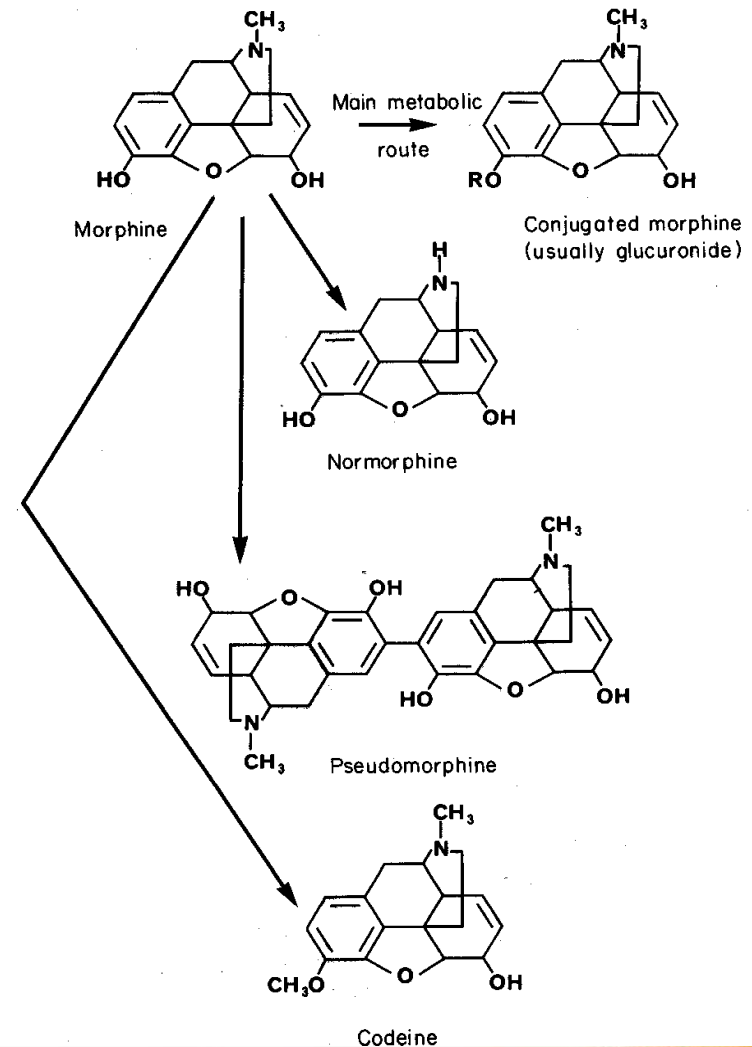
- Alkaloid of opium
 - Analgesic effect 5-10x \leq M+
 - Duration of action: 5 hrs
 - Also anti-tussivum, -diaretic
 - Weak resp. depression
- Associations !
 - With paracetamol
 - Dafalgan codeine, Perdolan
 - Panadol codeine, Lonarid N
 - With aspirin
 - Dolviran
 - Codeine derivatives
 - Dihydrocodeine (Codicontin), with longer duration (up to 12 h)



Full Agonist : Morphine

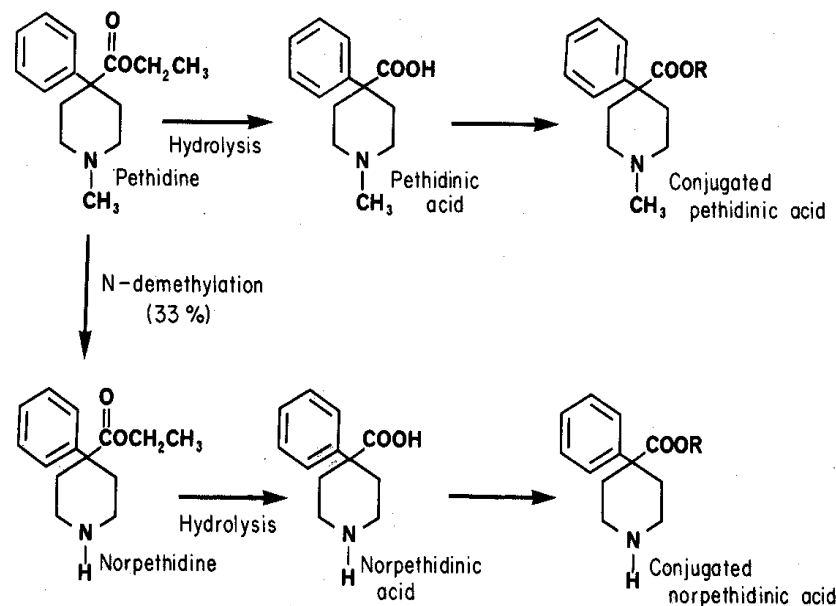
- Principal and.... most *active* alkaloid of opium
- Many routes (versatile)
- Immediate-release
- Sustained-release
- 25-35% first-pass
- SC / IM: 10 mg / 70 kg
- IV: 2 - 10 mg / 70 kg
- Oral : bioavailability 20%

Parenteral Dose: 5 - 10 mg every 3-6 h



Full Agonist : pethidine

- Pethidine / meperidine (Dolantine[®] - nu Pethisom[®])
 - **Weaker analgesic effect than morphine**
 - 100mg Dolantine = 10mg Morphine
 - Least potent of synthetic opioids
 - **Shorter duration of action than morphine (2 - 4 h)**
 - **Onset (IM) : 20-30 min**
 - *Spasmolytique* activity
 - **Side effects:**
 - Less respiratory depression
 - CV-depressive action
 - Never during labor



Labor : max fetal concentr after 140 min.
T1/2 : mother 3h, fetus 23h

Full Agonists : Piritramide

IM: 0.2 - 0.3 mg/kg (20mg) every 6 h
(max daily of 80 mg)

- Piritramide (Dipidolor[®])
 - Derived from 3,3-difenylpropylamine
 - Less potent than morphine (15-20mg=10mg M+)
 - Special clinical profile
 - Less nausea; constipation; resp. depression
 - More sedation
 - Few cardiovascular effects
 - Onset after IM injection: 15 to 20 min
 - Duration: 4 to 6 hours
 - IV ? : 2-4mg/bolus (no official indication)

Full Agonists : Methadone

- 100% synthetic substance (L-isomer)
- High protein binding in tissue
- Low plasma concentration
 - Low tolerance
 - Longlasting suppression of heroine withdrawal
 - N-demethylation
 - Anti-tussive but
 - actually better substances with
 - Less dependency

Full (synthetic) Agonists

- Fentanyl and Sufentanil
 - More potent than morphine (F50 μ g = 10mg M+)
 - Sufentanil = Fentanyl \times 4-6
 - Special clinical profile
 - More sedation
 - Few cardiovascular effects
 - Onset after IV injection: <5min.
 - Duration: 2 to 6 hours
 - Transdermal (Durogesic) as main chronic therapy
 - Effective as breakthrough pain
 - Transmucosal, intranasal, transbucal,

Partial Agonist Opioid

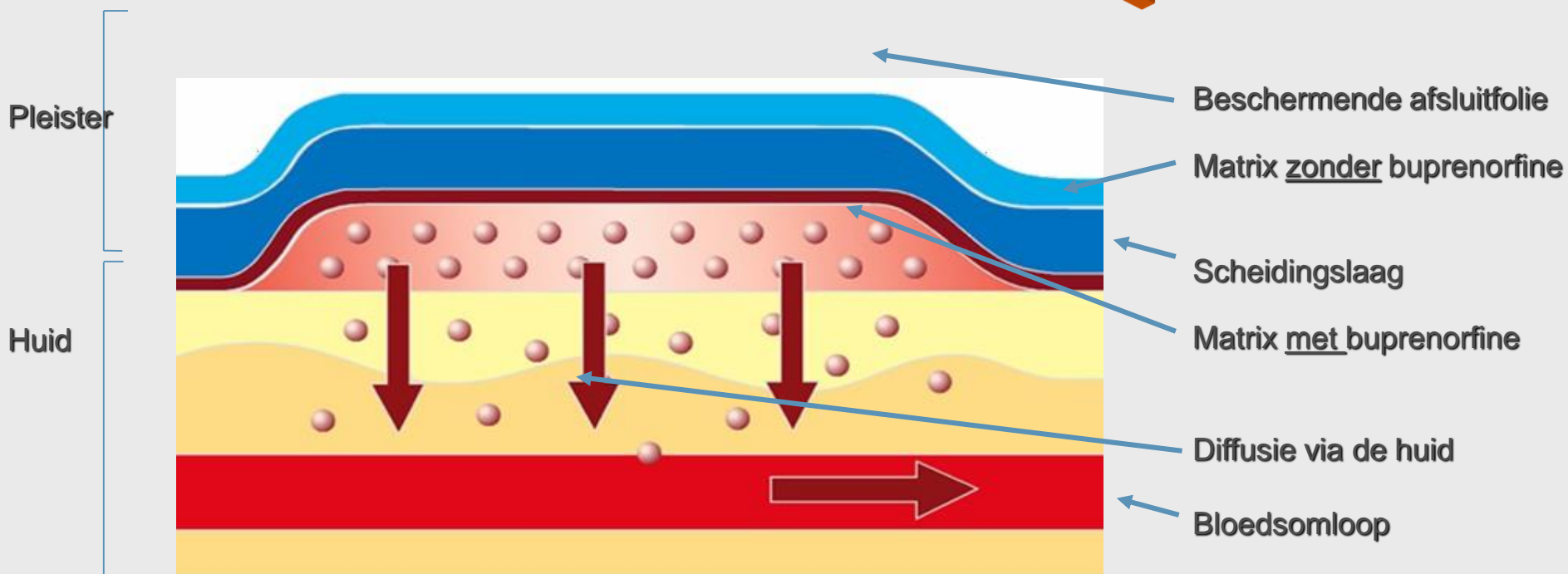
- **Buprenorphine** (Temgesic[®]; Transtec[®],)
 - **Semisynthetic derivate of morphine alkaloid thebaine**
 - **Partial agonist effect at μ -opioid receptor in CNS**
 - High affinity at μ -opioid receptors
 - Low intrinsic activity at μ -opioid receptors
 - Relaxation of Oddi Sphinter
 - **Sublingual administration:**
 - 50% biological availability
 - Peak clinical effect within 1 to 4 hours
 - Elimination half-life between 24 to 37 hours
 - Metabolism in liver (glucuronide conjugation + N-dealkylation)
 - Principally excreted in faeces and urine
 - **High lipid solubilty, very high protein binding**
 - Remaining in tissues for several days

- *Transdermal*
- 3 different doses
 - 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{h}$ (total dose of 20 mg buprenorphine)
 - 52.5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{h}$ (total dose of 30 mg)
 - 70 $\mu\text{g}/\text{h}$ (total dose of 40 mg)
- Weekly doses no longer available in Belgium (1/2020)
- Active during 72 hours
- *Matrix* technology
 - No leakage ! (1/2 patch possible)
 - No substance abuse possible !

Brand Name	Daily Dose of Buprenorphine	Duration of Use per Patch
TRANSTEC 35 $\mu\text{g}/\text{h}$ 	0.8 mg	3 days
TRANSTEC 52,5 $\mu\text{g}/\text{h}$ 	1.2 mg	3 days
TRANSTEC 70 $\mu\text{g}/\text{h}$ 	1.6 mg	3 days

Matrixsysteem

**Grote reserve
72u werking!**



Partial Agonist or Ag-Antag ?

- **Pentazocine (Fortal[®])**, derivate from Phenazocine
 - **Synthetic opioid, too weak antagonistic effect**
 - **Related to kappa-opioid receptor stimulation**
 - **Weak antagonist μ -opioid activity**
 - Deliberately produced to decrease drug abuse
 - **30 mg (60mg better ?) pentazocine = 10 mg M+**
 - **Duration of action : 3-6h**
 - **Metabolised in liver, excreted by the kidneys**
 - **IV administration increases systemic vascular resistance, and systemic, pulmonary arterial pressure**
 - **No repeated injections into the skin (fibrosis!)**
 - **Psychotomimetic reactions**
 - **Antagonised by naloxone only.**

Agonist + Antagonist (2)

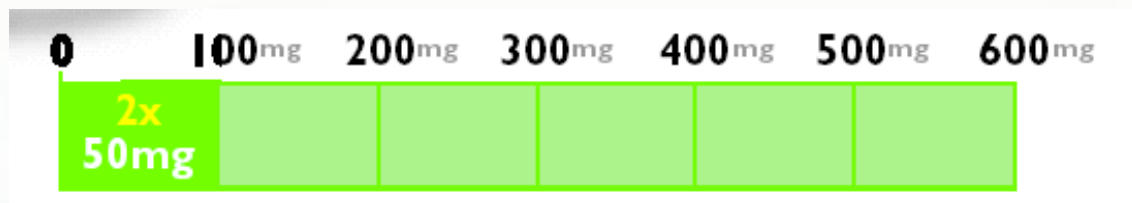
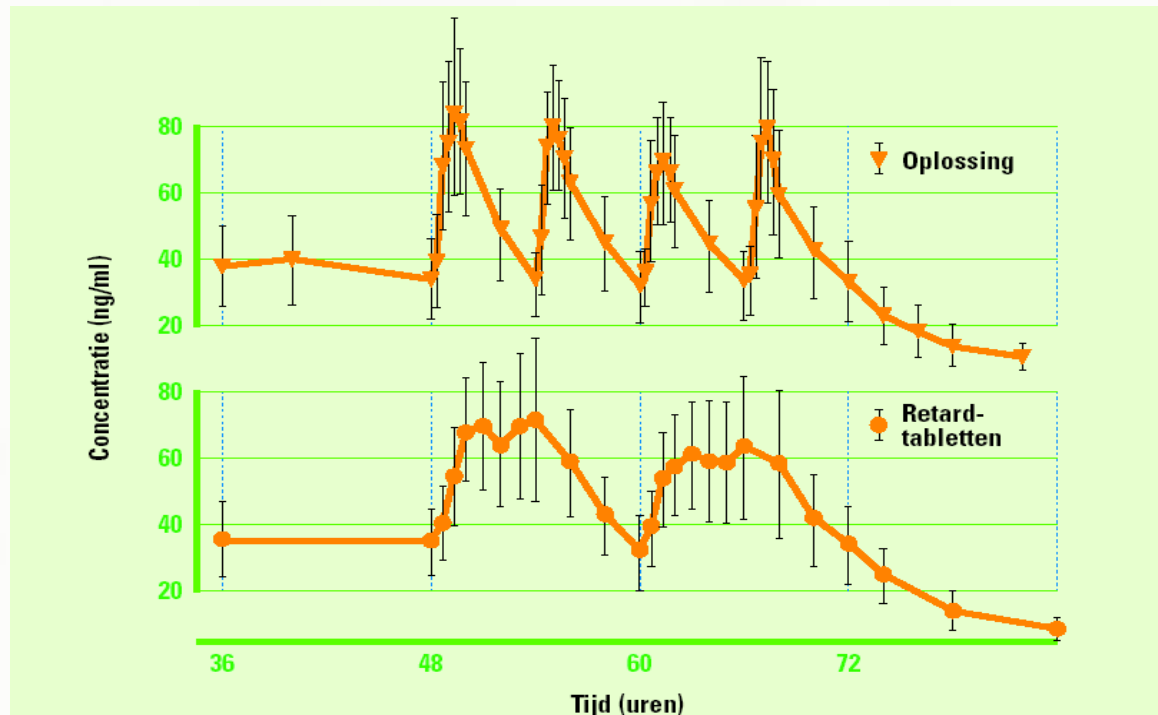
- Tilidine (Valoron) + Naloxone (Valtran[®])
 - 100mg = 10mg morphine
 - Analgesic effect 10 - 20 minutes after PO
 - Duration: 4 to 6 hours
 - No cough depression, no cardiovasc. Effects
 - Naloxone < 8mg no clinical effect (analgesia!)
 - First-pass effect of naloxone
 - Overdosage : fear for resp. depression
 - Antagonistic effect proportional to dose

PO Dose: 10 - 20 drops every 6-8 h
Max dose of 4 x 40 drops

Agonist + Antagonist

- Long-acting form (Valtran Retard[®])

Verlengde werking : 12 uren \Rightarrow 2 x per dag



Agonist + Antagonist (3)



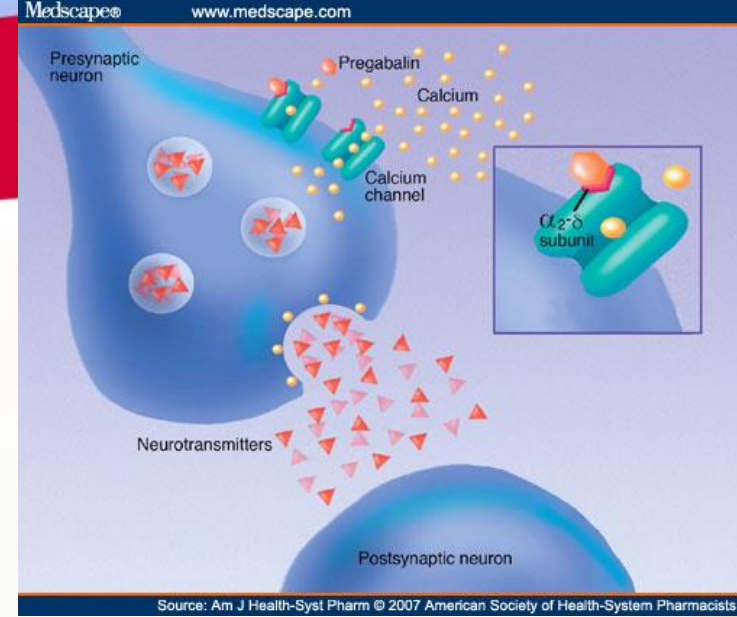
- Oxycodone + Naloxone (Targinact)
 - **Identical analgesic effect compared to oxycodone**
 - **Less gastro-intestinal side effects (obstipation)**
 - Scientific evidence very weak
- Many more such combinations to expect in the (near) future, focusing on the obstipation induced by opioids...

Adjuvantia



- Farmaca die strictu sensu geen analgetica zijn, kunnen in bepaalde omstandigheden toch een (belangrijk) analgetisch effect induceren
 - **Vb. Neuropathische pijn**
- Werkzaam op specifieke plaatsen in de pijngeleidingsbanen
 - **Vaak werkzaam via mechanismen die niet geactiveerd worden door “klassieke” analgetica**

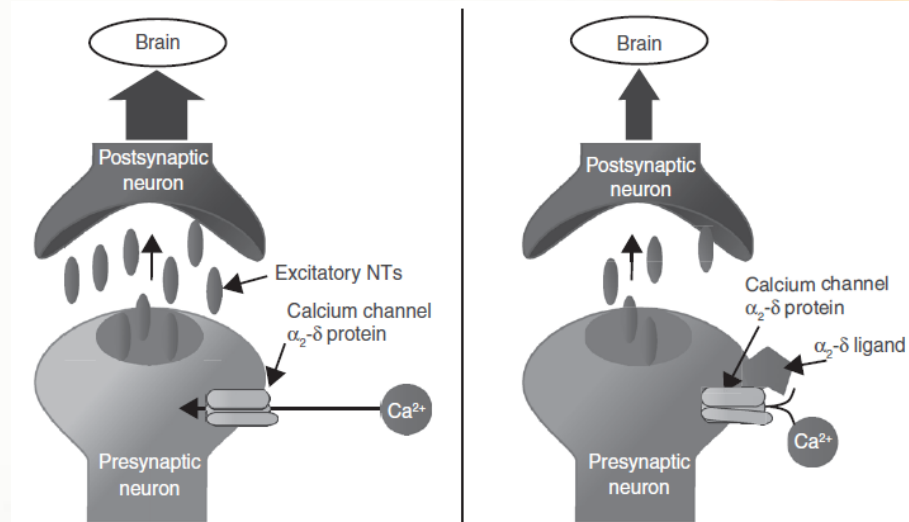
$\alpha_2\delta$ ligands (Ca^{2+})



- Binding subeenheid van voltageafhankelijke Ca^{2+} kanalen op neuronale membranen
 - $\downarrow\downarrow$ **excitatoire neurotransmitters**

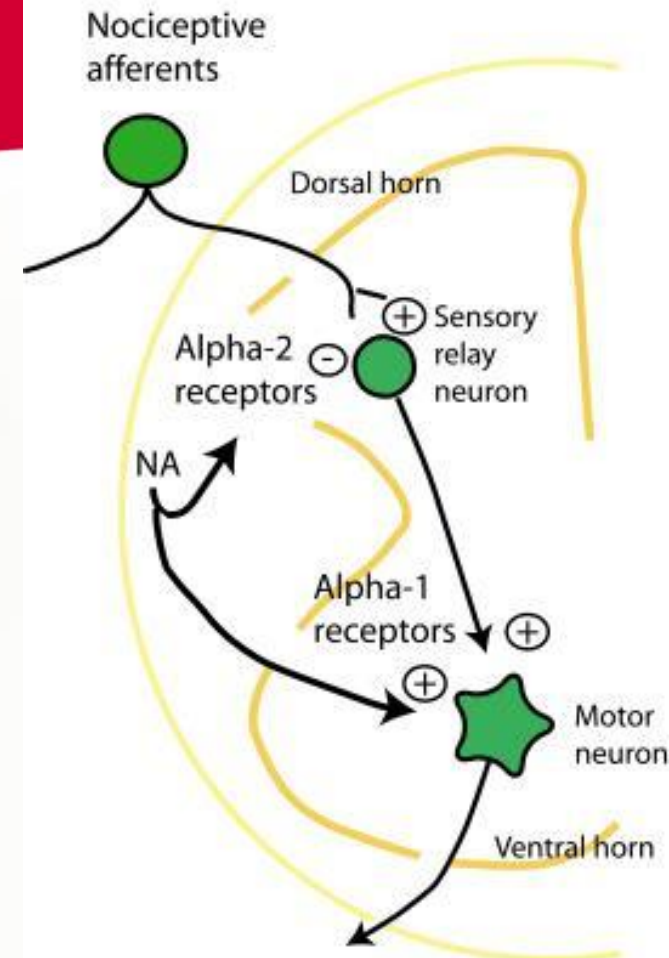
- Activatie descenderende inhiberende banen
 - \uparrow **NA concentratie spinaal**

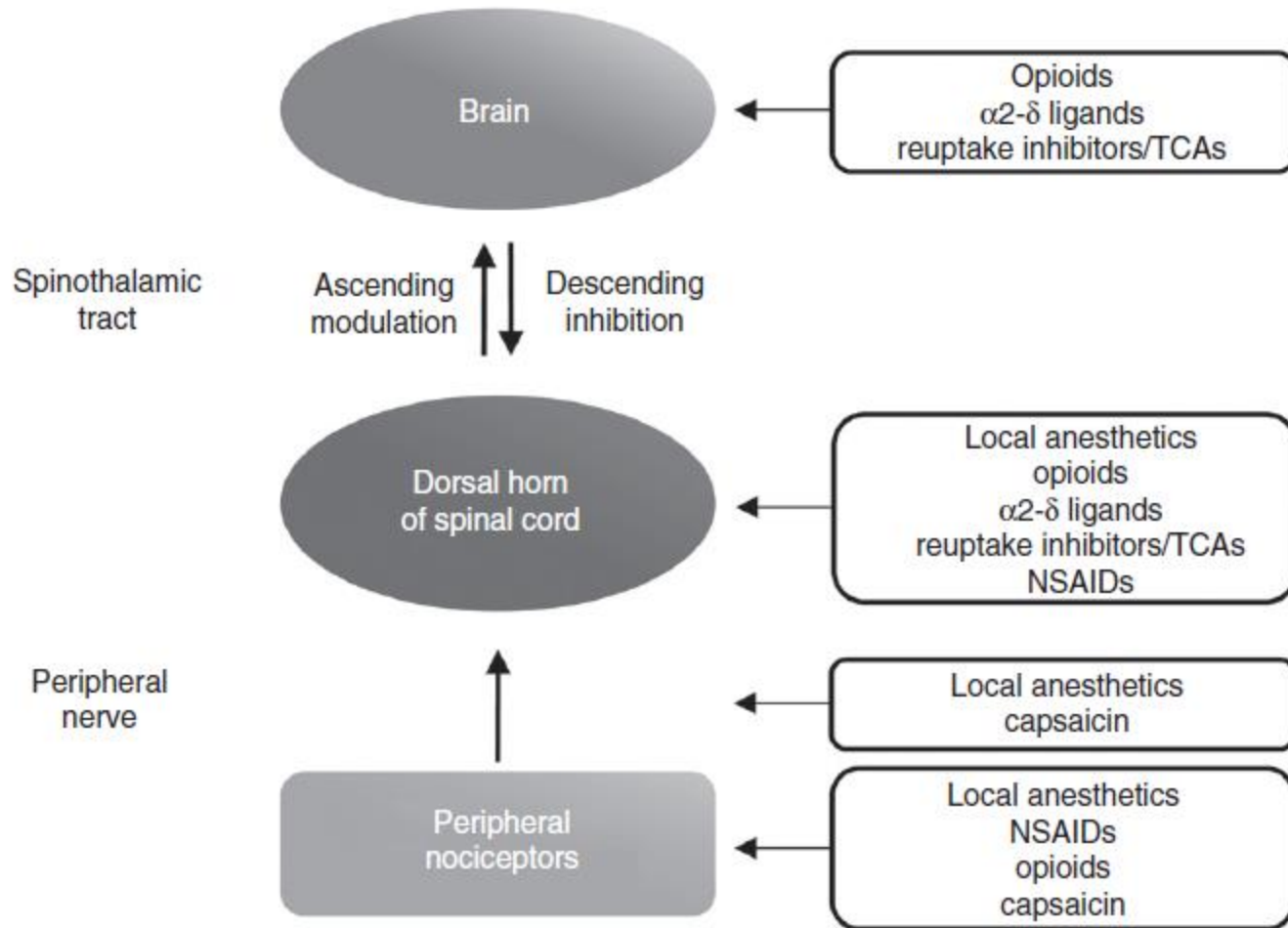
- Gabapentine, Pregabaline



Descenderende inhibitie

- **$\alpha 2(A)$ -adrenoreceptor agonisten**
 - Clonidine
 - Dexmedetomidine
 - Grotere selectiviteit 1620:1 (vs. 300:1)
 - $T_{1/2}$: 2 à 3 uur
- Essentiële rol in **descenderende pijnmodulatie**
 - Stimulatie \Rightarrow **veralgemeende analgesie**
 - Locus coeruleus
 - Parabrachiale nucleus in medulla
 - G-proteïne gemedieerde K^+ kanalen





“Corticale” Sensitizatie

- TCA's

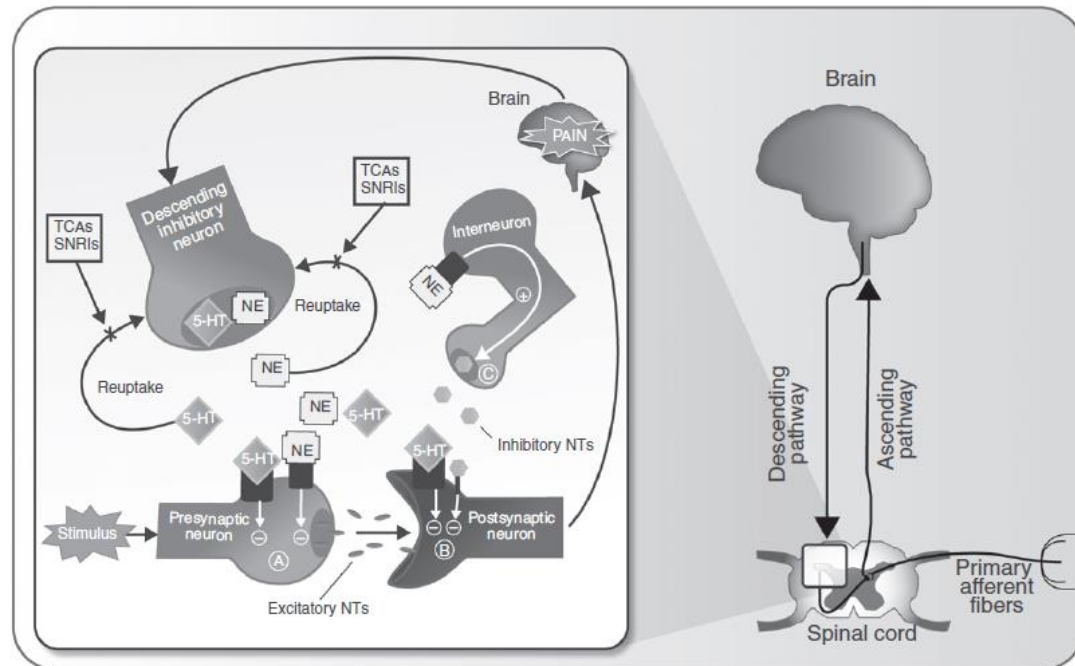
- “7 farmaca in één”

- Serotonin reuptake inhibitoren
- Norepinephrine reuptake inhibitoren
- Anticholinerge-antimuscarine farmaca
- Alpha-1 adrenerge antagonisten
- Antihistaminica
- Opioid-achtige effecten
- Locale anesthetica

- (SSRI's)

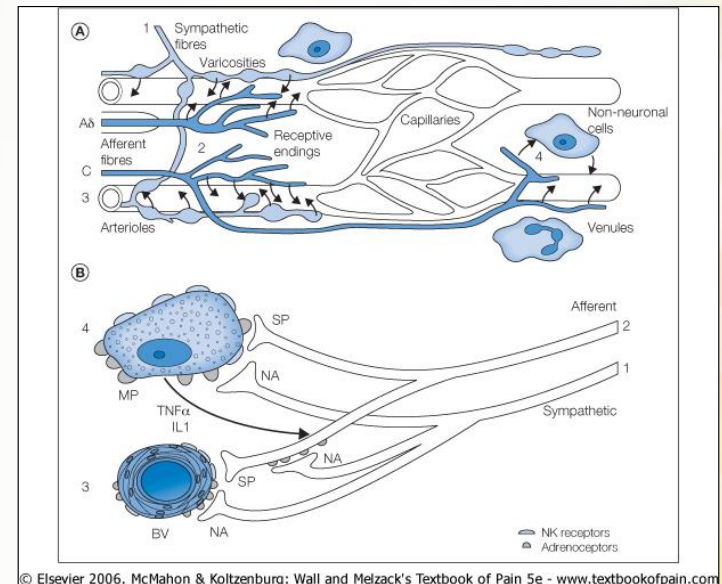
- SNRI's

- Venlafaxine (Efexor®)
- Duloxetine (Cymbalta®)



Autonome Dysregulatie

- Complex Regionaal Pijnsyndroom (CRPS)
 - Farmacologische behandelingsmogelijkheden
 - Interventionele R/ thv. sympathische ganglia
 - Locale anaesthetica thv. sympathische paravertebrale ganglia
 - Regionale intraveneuze behandeling (sympathicolysis)
 - Guanethidine (beschikbaarheid!?)
 - Locale anaesthetica
 - Heelkundige sympathectomie
 - Zeer beperkte evidentie !
 - Risico op uitgesproken oedeem
 - » Blijvende overgevoeligheid
 - Fysiotherapie (beweging)
 - Uitermate belangrijk !
 - Aangevaard effect op lange-termijn
 - ↓ pijn en ↑ actieve mobilisatie
 - » Lymfe-drainage: géén voordeel
 - Psychologische behandeling (± fysiotherapie)
 - Langdurige ↓↓ symptomatologie



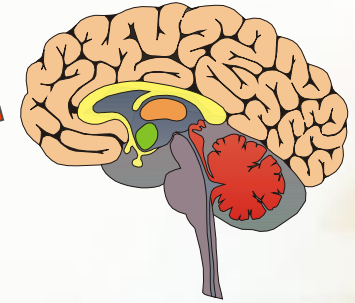
Multimodal Analgesia

5. Perception

Opioids, Paracetamol,
Clonidine, Ketamine,
Gabapentin, Tricyclics

6. CNS Responses

Muscle Relaxants,
Beta Blockers



1. Transduction

NSAIDS, COX-2 Inhibitors,
Anti-Histamines, Topical
Local Anesthetics



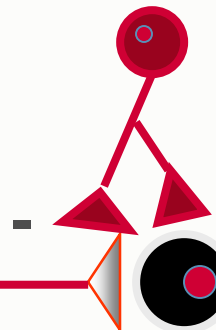
2. Conduction

Peripheral Nerve Block
Local Anesthetics



4. Modulation

Opioids,
Clonidine,
COX-2 Inhibitors



3. Transmission

Epidural Block
Local Anesthetics