

Pharmacology Study Guide

Heart Failure

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Patho

HF-HEART FAILURE (failure to PUMP forward)
HF-HEAVY FLUID (lungs & body)

Memory Trick:

S-Sodium Swells
W-Weight Gain = **Water Gain Crisis!**

Signs & Symptoms

R-RIGHT sided HF R-ROCKS the BODY with fluid Peripheral Edema Weight Gain = Water Gain Edema (pitting) JVD (big neck veins) Abdominal Growth Ascites Hepatomegaly (big liver) Splenomegaly (big spleen)	L-LEFT sided HF L-LUNG fluid "Pulmonary Edema" Crackles "rales" that don't clear with cough (NOT rhonchi or wheeze) Frothy Pink "blood tinged" sputum orthopnea-dyspnea while lying flat
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Causes

R-RIGHT sided HF Left sided HF can cause Right HF Pulmonary HTN Fibrotic Lungs "stiff lungs"	L-LEFT sided HF (weak heart = weak pump) MI (heart attack) Ischemic Heart Disease (CAD, ACS)
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Treatment Priority

KEY WORDS: new, sudden, worsening, rapid = Pulmonary Edema **CRISIS** (Lung Fluid!)

#1 Furosemide "Body Dried" (drain fluid)
H-HOB 45 degrees + (semi fowlers, high fowlers, orthopneic position)
O-Oxygen
P-Push Furosemide + Morphine, Positive inotropes
E-End sodium & fluids (**Sodium Swells**)
NO drinking fluids + STOP IV fluids

Diagnostic tests

Labs: BNP-"Broken Ventricles"
300+ Mild • 600+ Moderate • 900+ SEVERE HF

Echo
Ejection Fraction 40% or LESS is HFI (normal 55-70%)
LVH-Left Ventricular Hypertrophy

Hemodynamic Monitor "Swan Ganz" (Pulmonary artery catheter)
CVP (norm: 2-8) Over 8 = NOT GREAT

Risk Factors

#1 risk factor is HTN
ECG Dysrhythmias (Atrial Fibrillation)
Valvular Malfunction (mitral valve regurgitation)
Cardiomyopathy

Nursing Care

DR. BEDS

D-Diet: Low SCC (Sodium, Calories, Cholesterol)
Low Sodium & Fluid (2L + 2g or LESS/day)
NO OTC meds (Cough or Flu, Antacids or NSAIDS) **NO** Canned or packaged foods (chips, sauces, meats, cheeses, wine)

R-Risk for Falls! (Change positions slowly!)

B-Blood Pressure & BNP (should NOT be increasing)

E-Elevate HOB & Legs (with pillows) high fowlers

D-Daily Weights and Is and Os (Over 3 lbs/day or 5 lbs in 7 days) = Worsening! **NO**

S-Stairs (No sex until able to climb 2 flights of stairs without dyspnea)

S-Stocking (TED hose) (decreases blood pooling, remove daily)

NEVER massage calves (CHF patients) **NO**

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A-ACTS on BP only (not HR)

A-ACE (-pril) Lisinopril "chill pril" 1st choice

A-ARBS (-sartan) Losartan "relax man" 2nd choice

A-Avoid Pregnancy
A-Angioedema (Airway Risk) *only Ace
C-Cough *only Ace
E-Elevated K+ (normal 3.5-5.0)

B-BETA BLOCKERS (-lol) Ateno**LOL** "LOL = LOW"
Blocks both BP & HR (**AVOID** Low HR & BP)
Caution: **HOLD IF:**
B-Bradycardia (LESS than 60) & BP low (90/60)
only hold if the patient is in an acute exacerbation of CHF
B-Breathing problems "wheezing" (Asthma, COPD)
B-Bad for Heart Failure patients
B-Blood sugar masking "hides S/S" (Diabetics)

C-CALCIUM CHANNEL BLOCKERS
Calms BP & HR (**AVOID** Low HR & BP)
(Nifedipine)
-dipine "declined BP & HR"
-amilipine "chill heart"

D-DIURETICS Drain Fluid
D-Drains Fluid "Diurese" "Dried"
K+ Wasting-Furosemide & Hydrochlorothiazide (caution: Low K+, Eat melons, banana & green leafy)
K+ Sparing-Spironolactone "Spare potassium" (**AVOID** Salt Substitutes, melons & green leafy)

D-DILATORS (Vasodilators)
Nitroglycerin, Isosorbide
Nitroglycerin "Nitro = Pillow for heart"
Caution: NO Viagra "afil" Sildenafil = **DEATH!**
Nitro drip: **STOP** = Systolic BP below 90 or 30 mmHg Drop
Adverse effect:
HA= side effect
Low BP= adverse effect (SLOW position changes)

D-DIGOXIN (Inotropic)
Digs for a DEEP contraction
Increased contractility
Apical Pulse x 1 minute
Toxicity (over 2.0) Vision changes, N/V **TEST TIP**
Potassium 3.5 or less (higher r/t toxicity)

Notes

Pharmacology Study Guide: Ace Your Exams with This Comprehensive Resource

Conquering pharmacology can feel like climbing a steep mountain. The sheer volume of information – drug mechanisms, interactions, adverse effects, and clinical applications – can be overwhelming. But fear not, aspiring pharmacists and healthcare professionals! This comprehensive pharmacology study guide is your roadmap to success, offering strategies, resources, and a structured approach to

mastering this crucial subject. We'll delve into effective study techniques, essential resources, and tips for tackling challenging concepts, ensuring you're well-prepared to ace your exams and confidently apply your knowledge in practice.

I. Mastering the Fundamentals: Laying a Strong Foundation

Before diving into complex drug interactions and intricate pathways, establishing a solid foundation is paramount. This involves understanding the basic principles of pharmacology.

A. Pharmacokinetics vs. Pharmacodynamics: The Key Difference

One of the most fundamental distinctions you need to grasp is the difference between pharmacokinetics (what the body does to the drug) and pharmacodynamics (what the drug does to the body). Understanding these two processes is crucial for predicting drug efficacy and safety. Focus on the ADME process (Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, Excretion) within pharmacokinetics, and consider the drug's mechanism of action and receptor interactions within pharmacodynamics.

B. Drug Classifications and Mechanisms of Action

Organize your study around drug classes. Instead of memorizing each drug individually, learn the common mechanisms of action within a class (e.g., beta-blockers, ACE inhibitors, opioids). This allows you to extrapolate knowledge and predict the effects of similar drugs. Utilize flashcards or mind maps to visualize these relationships.

C. Essential Terminology and Abbreviations

Pharmacology is rife with specialized terminology and abbreviations. Create a glossary of terms and regularly review it. Understanding terms like bioavailability, half-life, therapeutic index, and potency will significantly enhance your understanding of drug behavior.

II. Effective Study Strategies: Optimizing Your Learning

Efficient studying is not about cramming; it's about strategic learning and retention.

A. Active Recall and Spaced Repetition:

Instead of passively rereading notes, employ active recall techniques like the Feynman Technique (explain the concept as if teaching it to someone else) and spaced repetition (reviewing material at increasing intervals). Utilize flashcards apps like Anki for optimized spaced repetition.

B. Practice Questions and Case Studies:

Solving practice questions and working through case studies is crucial for applying your theoretical

knowledge. This will help you identify your weak areas and reinforce your understanding. Look for practice questions in your textbook or utilize online question banks.

C. Utilizing Visual Aids and Mnemonics:

Visual learners should utilize diagrams, flowcharts, and mind maps to illustrate complex pathways and interactions. Mnemonics can also be invaluable for memorizing long lists of drugs and their uses.

III. Leveraging Resources: Unlocking Your Potential

Numerous resources can significantly aid your pharmacology studies.

A. Textbooks and Online Resources:

Your prescribed textbook should be your primary resource. Supplement this with reputable online resources such as medical websites, pharmacology databases, and reputable educational platforms. Always critically evaluate the information you find online.

B. Study Groups and Peer Learning:

Collaborating with peers can be incredibly beneficial. Explaining concepts to others solidifies your understanding, and you can learn from each other's strengths and perspectives.

C. Seeking Help When Needed:

Don't hesitate to seek help from your professors, TAs, or tutors if you encounter challenges. Early intervention can prevent difficulties from escalating.

IV. Tackling Challenging Concepts: Strategies for Success

Some pharmacology concepts are inherently more complex. Here are some strategies to overcome these hurdles.

A. Breaking Down Complex Pathways:

Break down complex metabolic pathways or signaling cascades into smaller, manageable parts. Focus on understanding each step individually before integrating the overall picture.

B. Understanding Drug Interactions:

Drug interactions can be challenging. Focus on understanding the mechanisms behind these

interactions - whether it's competition for receptors, enzyme inhibition, or altered metabolism.

C. Mastering Adverse Effects and Contraindications:

Adverse effects and contraindications are crucial for patient safety. Use mnemonics or visual aids to remember common side effects associated with different drug classes.

Conclusion:

Mastering pharmacology requires dedication, strategic study habits, and the utilization of available resources. By employing the techniques and resources outlined in this pharmacology study guide, you can build a strong foundation, effectively learn and retain information, and confidently apply your knowledge. Remember that consistent effort and a structured approach are key to success.

FAQs:

1. What are the best pharmacology textbooks for students? The best textbook depends on your specific course requirements, but popular choices often include Katzung & Trevor's Pharmacology Examination and Review and Goodman & Gilman's The Pharmacological Basis of Therapeutics. Consult your professor or syllabus for recommendations.
2. How can I manage the stress of studying pharmacology? Implement stress-management techniques such as regular exercise, mindfulness, sufficient sleep, and breaks during study sessions. Don't hesitate to seek support from friends, family, or counselors if needed.
3. Are there any free online pharmacology resources? Yes, many universities and organizations offer free educational resources, including lecture notes, videos, and quizzes. Search for "free pharmacology resources" online to find suitable options. However, always critically evaluate the source's credibility.
4. How can I improve my understanding of drug interactions? Utilize resources like online databases that list potential drug interactions. Create charts or diagrams illustrating the mechanisms of these interactions to aid memorization and understanding.
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