

# Central Nervous System

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# Opioid analgesics

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# Alleviation of pain depends on its type;

1. Headaches or mild to moderate arthritic pain nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents (NSAIDs) are effective.
2. Neurogenic pain responds best to anticonvulsants, tricyclic antidepressants (for example, *amitriptyline*), or serotonin/norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (for example, *duloxetine*) rather than NSAIDs or opioids.
3. However, for severe or chronic malignant pain, opioids are usually the drugs of choice

1- نتيجة مرض inflammation & prostaglandin formation  
بنعالجه بNSAID مثل somatic pain على الجسم مثل آلام  
المفاصل والعضلات وآلام الأعصاب .

2\_for visceral pain the opioid now is effective to  
chronic cases more than acute.



## Natural

*Morphine*

*Codeine*

## Semisynthetic

*Hydromorphone*

*Hydrocodone*

*Oxycodone*

*Oxymorphone*

## Synthetic

*Fentanyl*

*Meperidine*

*Methadone*

*Tapentadol*

*Tramadol*

\_sleep relive pain

\_زمان كانوا يسمو هاي الأدوية narcotic analgesic  
كانوا يحكو انه المسكنات هاي بتخفف الألم لانه بتحفز النوم والنوم بشكل  
عام يسكن الألم وزمان حكو انه ال morphine  
وإخوانه بسكنو الألم وبنومو ولكن احنا الان بحاجة لتسمين الألم دون  
السبب بالنوم ومن هون صرنا نعطي ال opioid  
بجرعات ما بتأدي إلى النوم ولا بتفقد المريض وعيه ولهيك صار اسمها  
Opioid analgesic not narcotic analgesic

\_meperidine=loperamide & diphenoxylate

ويستخدم بعلاج ال diarrhea

\_potency for meperidine to morphine =1/10

وبالتالي نحتاج إلى جرعة كبيرة منه مقارنة بالموظفين

صنعو من 3 meperidine أدوية :

1\_fentanyl. 2\_loperamide. 3\_diphenoxylate

\_Potency of meperidine 1/10 But fentanyl 50\_100 potent as morphine.

\_meperidine is less constipating But loperamide and diphenoxylate are more constipating from morphine.

\_meperidine is different from morphine :

1\_المورفين يعمل miosis لل pupil

Meperidine يعمل mydriasis

2\_morphine constipating, meperidine less constipating

3\_morphine more potent, meperidine (1/10 to morphine)

4\_meperidine \_ يصنع منه ثلاث ادوية ليعوضو مشاكله

methadone مثل المورفين من ناحية analgesic

لكن الميزة الي بتميزه عن المورفين اذا المريض كانوا ياخذو وبعدين اتوقف ال

withdrawal manifestation بتكون قليلة

# Opioid receptors

Receptor subtype	Functions
<b>μ (mu)</b>	<b>Analgesia</b> <b>Sedation</b> <b>Inhibition of respiration</b> <b>Slowed gastrointestinal</b> Modulation of hormone and neurotransmitter release
<b>δ (delta)</b>	<b>Analgesia</b> Modulation of hormone and neurotransmitter release
<b>κ (kappa)</b>	<b>Analgesia</b> Psychotomimetic effect Slowed gastrointestinal transit



(mu)u=supra spinal في كل أجزاء الدمج من فوق

Kappa\_k=dorsal horn of spinal cord

المورفين يشتغل بشكل رئيسي على النوع الأول لكن يعمل شغلة بنسبها

Euphoria (false sense and happiness)

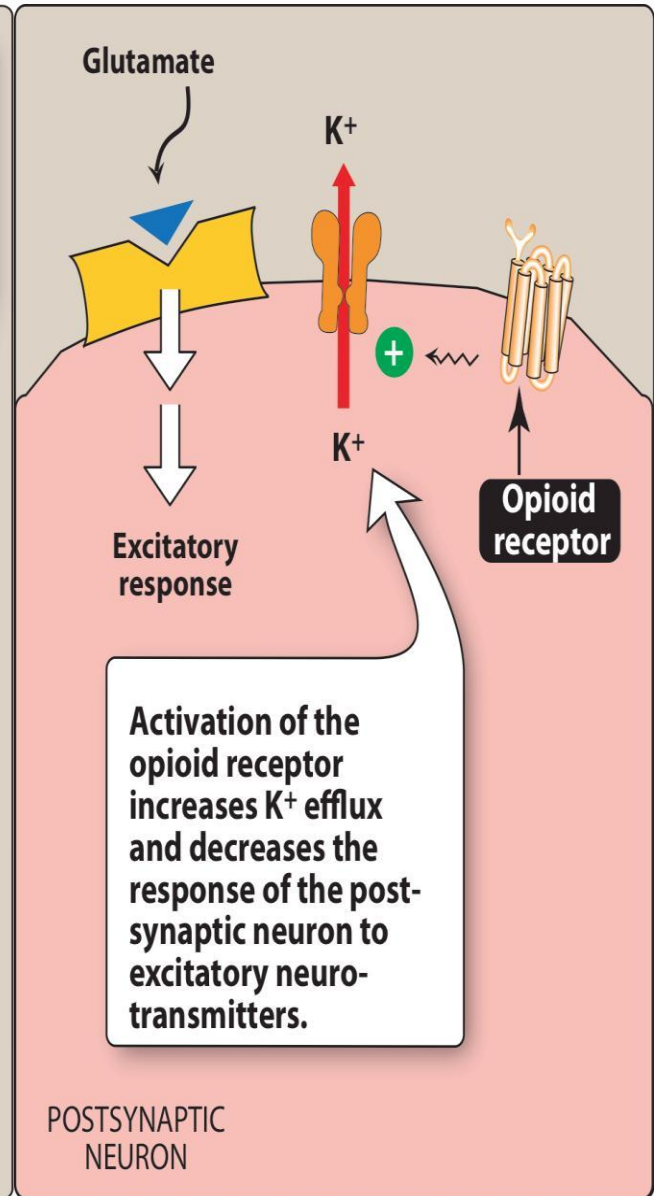
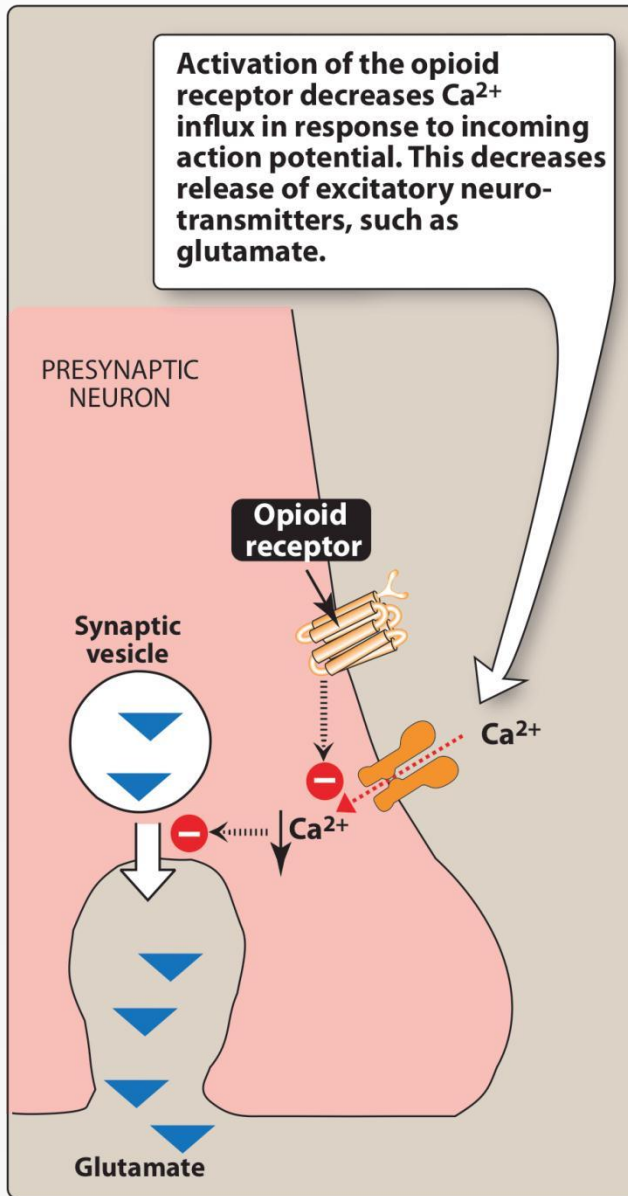
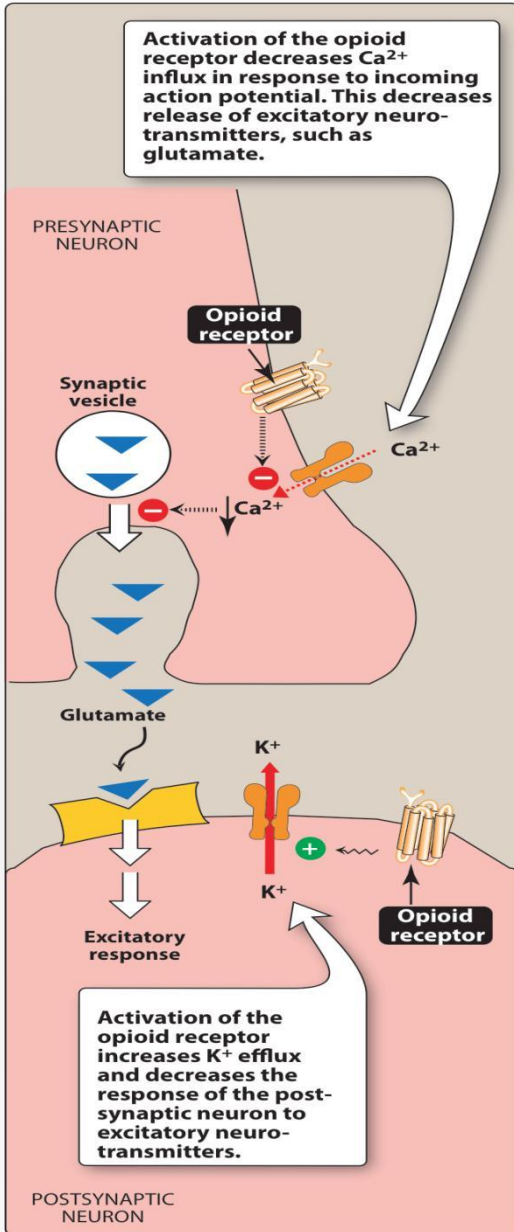
لكن kappa تعمل اشي اسمه dysphoria =abnormal mood

delta = دورها مش قوي ك analgesic

neurotransmitter لكن تأثيرها قوي عالهرمون و

the most important one is (Mu)

# Opioid receptors



in presynaptic :opioid close the  $ca^{+2}$  channel and prevent release of glutamate.

وبالتالي العصب الي فوق مش رح ينقل الإشارات ورح يصير عصب ضعيف وما فيه conduction

المورفين والاوبيود بفتحو للكالسيوم لل post synaptic neuron  
\_لما البوتاسيوم يخرج من الخلايا العصبية بصير فقدان للايونات الموجبة من داخل الخلية وبالتالي بتزيد السالبة داخل الخلية

hyperpolarization

- The analgesic properties of the opioids are primarily mediated by the  $\mu$  receptors; however, the  $\kappa$ (kappa) receptors in the dorsal horn also contribute.
- For example, *butorphanol* and *nalbuphine* primarily owe their analgesic effect to  $\kappa$ -receptor activation.
- The enkephalins interact more selectively with the delta receptors in the periphery.

\_لما تتعرض لضربة عالراس الدماغ بفرز مادة ال enkephalins  
لحتى يسكن الالم

# Morphine

Has diverse effects:

- Analgesia,
- Drowsiness,
- Mood changes,
- Respiratory depression,
- Reduced GI motility,
- Vomiting,
- Endocrine and ANS changes.

# Pharmacological Actions of morphine

## Analgesia:

- ***without the loss of consciousness*** (raising the pain threshold at the spinal cord level and altering the brain's perception of pain).
- Patients treated with *morphine* are still aware of the presence of pain, but the sensation is not unpleasant.
- However, when given to an individual free of pain, its effects may be unpleasant and may cause nausea and vomiting.

\_ يستخدم في الآلام المزمنة والنستمرة لفترات طويلة  
\_ بحالة اخذ المورفين من دون وجود ألم ماذا يحصل؟  
رح يصير عنا اعراض للمورفين غير ال analgesic  
سواء nausea او vomiting

\_ ممنوع إعطاء المورفين لشخص يعاني من acute abdominal pain  
as right renal colic or apendicitis

\_ ممنوع إعطائه المورفين لانه بعمل تسكين للألم وممكن تتفجر الزائدة ويموت  
المريض بدون ما يحس المريض .  
واذا بدنا نعطي لهذا المريض فبنعطيه antispasmodic



- **Euphoria:** may be caused by disinhibition of the ventral tegmentum.
- **Respiration:** respiratory depression by reduction of the sensitivity of respiratory center neurons to carbon dioxide. This occurs with ordinary doses of *morphine* and is accentuated as the dose increases until, ultimately, respiration ceases.
- **Emesis:** directly stimulates the chemoreceptor trigger zone that causes vomiting.

\_euphoria: false sense of happiness

\_ممنوع إعطاء المورفين لمريض الازمة

\_ممنوع إعطاء المورفين بحالة ال close head injuries

\_المورفين يعمل على زيادة ال CO2 وبالتالي يعمل

Cerebral vasodilation ولما يزيد ال diameter

للاوعية بالدماغ رح يصير ترشيح للسوائل ويعمل edema

وبالتالي رح يزيد intracranial pressure

• فينتج عنه صداع وتشوش بالرؤية لانه لما يزيد الضغط بالمخ رح يزيد

الضغط عالعصب البصري ويعمل blurred vision.

• \_في الجرعات العادية للمورفين قد يحدث vomiting

• لكن بالجرعات العالية لا يعمل vomiting

• لأنها بتعمل depress for vomiting center.

• \_يمكن استخدام المورفين ك antithesis

- **Depression of cough reflex:** Both *morphine* and *codeine* have antitussive properties. The receptors involved in the antitussive action appear to be different from those involved in analgesia.
- **Miosis:** The pinpoint pupil, characteristic of *morphine* use, results from stimulation of  $\mu$  and kappa receptors (excites the Edinger-Westphal nucleus of the oculomotor nerve, which causes enhanced parasympathetic stimulation to the eye). There is ***little tolerance to this effect.***

Codeine = له مستقبل خاص فيه بال CNS

في ال cough center called codeine receptor

\_codeine more potent from morphine antitussive

\_codeine is methyl morphine.

\_CYP4502D6 is responsible for convert codeine to morphine.

\_لكن الانزيم مش موجود عند كل الناس بس وجوده مهم لحتى ال codeine يشتغل .

\_جرعة codeine بتكون قليلة عند استخدامه ك antitussive

مقارنة مع استخدامه ك analgesic.

كيف بقدر اعرف اذا الشخص عنده تسمم من المورفين لما يصل المستشفى

من خلال ال pinpoint pupil

بكون ضيقة جدا مثل راس الدبوس (وطبعا بالجرعات العادية بصير عنده

pinpoint pupil وحتي بعد ما يوقف الإدمان بضل تأثير المورفين و

وجود pinpoint pupil

## ■ Gastrointestinal tract:

produces **constipation** (by decreasing the motility and increasing the tone of the intestinal circular smooth muscle. Also, increases the tone of the anal sphincter).

*Little tolerance developing.*

It can also **increase biliary tract pressure** due to contraction of the gallbladder and constriction of the biliary sphincter.

Morphine and opioid produce constipation =  
نتيجة تأثيره  
على الأعصاب الواصلة للجهاز الهضمي

Mu & kappa receptors are located in central and GIT.

ولذلك ال meperidine وأولاده الثلاثة يشتغلون على ال Mu & kappa  
الموجودة على أعصاب الواصلة للجهاز الهضمي فيتعمل (spasm)

وهذا ال constipation الناتج من ال opioid ما يصير له tolerance  
ورح يستمر حتى بعد التوقف

- **Cardiovascular:** no major effects on the blood pressure or heart rate except at large doses, when hypotension and bradycardia may occur. Because of respiratory depression and carbon dioxide retention, cerebral vessels dilate and increase CSF pressure. (= contraindicated in individuals with severe brain injury).
- **Histamine release:** causing urticaria, sweating, and vasodilation (= contraindicated in asthmatics)

ما يحدث تأثير على ال cardiovascular بالجرعات الكبيرة و ينتج عنه hypotension  
لانه المورفين من أشهر أشهر أشهر (حكاها ٣ مرات للأمانة) ال histamine release  
بخلي histamine يفرز بكثرة والهستامين بعمل vasodilation



## ■ **Hormonal actions:**

1. Inhibits release of gonadotropin-releasing hormone and corticotropin-releasing hormone,
2. Decreases the concentration of luteinizing hormone, follicle-stimulating hormone, adrenocorticotrophic hormone.
3. Testosterone and cortisol levels decrease.
4. Increases growth hormone release and enhances prolactin secretion.
5. Increases antidiuretic hormone (leads to urinary retention).

■ **Labor:** may prolong the second stage of labor by transiently decreasing the strength, duration, and frequency of uterine contractions.

\_Morphine lead to asphyxia neonatorum

And relaxation of uterus  
بأخر الولادة

\_meperidine بنقدر نعطيه أثناء الولادة لانه ما باثر عال uterus

contraction  عليها كثير

## ممنوع إعطاء المورفين أثناء الولادة  

# Therapeutic uses

- Analgesia
- Treatment of diarrhea
- Relief of cough (*Codeine* has greater antitussive action than *morphine*)
- Treatment of acute pulmonary edema: Intravenous *morphine* dramatically relieves dyspnea caused by pulmonary edema associated with left ventricular failure possibly by its vasodilatory effect.

Pyramid & diphenoxylate in treatment of traveler diarrhea.

Heart failure :left side Heart failure\_ يؤدي لتراكم الدم في ال pulmonary vein وبالتالي ارتاح السوائل منه وتحول الرئة إلى اسفنجة ملائمة ماء.

المورفين يعمل على توسيع ال pulmonary veins وبالتالي يقلل من pulmonary edema ويزيد من ال Cerebral edema

\_Morphine indicate in cardiac asthma

\_Morphine contraindicate in bronchial asthma.

# Pharmacokinetics

- Absorption of *morphine* from the gastrointestinal tract is ***slow and erratic*** (*Codeine* is well absorbed when given by mouth)
- Significant hepatic first-pass metabolism (therefore, intramuscular, subcutaneous, or IV injections produce the most reliable responses).
- **Distribution:** *Morphine* rapidly enters all body tissues, including the fetuses of pregnant women (should not be used for analgesia during labor)
- Only a small percentage of *morphine* crosses the blood-brain barrier (despite *fentanyl*, *methadone*, and *heroin*, which readily penetrate into the brain).

Morphine with methyl group or acetyl group  
lipid soluble امتصاصه افضل لانه رح يصير بصير

# Adverse effects

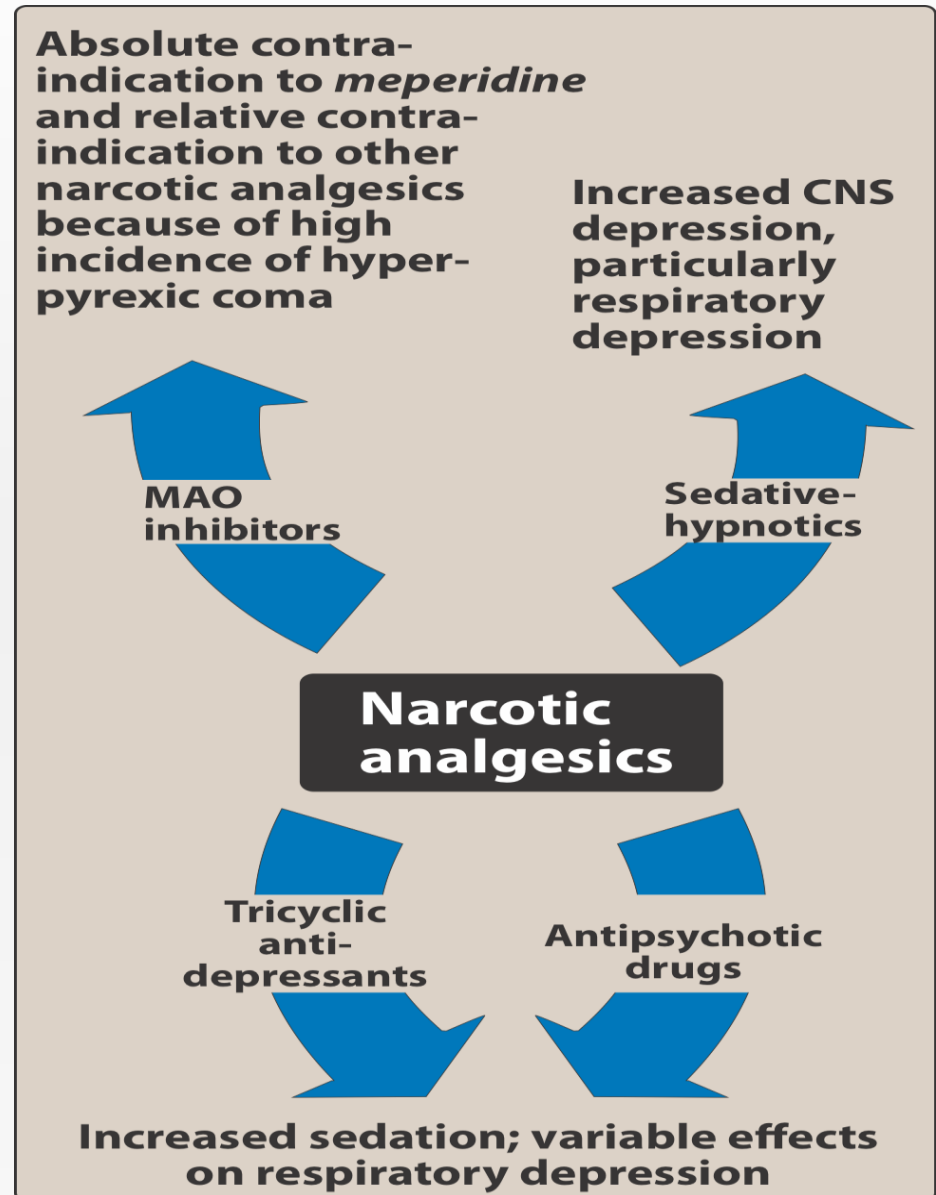
- Severe respiratory depression occurs and can result in death
- Vomiting
- Dysphoria
- Allergy-enhanced hypotensive effects.
- The elevation of intracranial pressure, particularly in head injury, can be serious.

- Acute urinary retention in benign prostatic hyperplasia.
- Patients with adrenal insufficiency or myxedema may experience extended and increased effects from the opioids.
- *Morphine* should be used with cautiously in patients with bronchial asthma or liver failure.
- **Drug interactions:** The depressant actions of *morphine* are enhanced by phenothiazines, monoamine oxidase inhibitors, and tricyclic antidepressants



# Morphine – Drug interactions

- Rare
- Mostly about the depressant actions with:
  - MAO inhibitors
  - Tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs)
  - Sedative hypnotics
  - Antipsychotic drugs



\_ ممنوع إعطاء المورفين مع الأدوية التي تعمل sedation  
\_ ال meperidine يعطي metabolite called  
normeperidine يعمل تشنجات .  
\_ المورفين يقلل درجة الحرارة اما meperidine يزيد درجة  
الحرارة

# Tolerance and physical dependence

## ■ Tolerance to:

1. The respiratory depressant,
2. Analgesic,
3. Euphoric, and
4. Sedative effects.

## ■ However, tolerance usually does not develop to the

1. Pupil-constricting and
2. Constipating effects of the drug.

■ Physical and psychological dependence readily occur with *morphine* and with some of the other agonists.

■ Withdrawal produces a series of autonomic, motor, and psychological responses (begins 6-10 h. after the last dose)

Tolerance to all effect except (constipation and  
miosis) رح يستمر حدوثهن

## Stage I: Up to 8 hours

# Opiate withdrawal syndrome



Anxiety



Drug craving

## Stage II: 8–24 hours



Anxiety



Insomnia



GI disturbance



Rhinorrhea

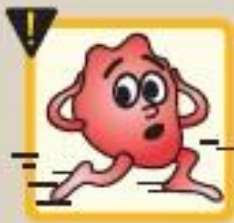


Mydriasis



Diaphoresis

## Stage III: Up to 3 days



Tachycardia



Nausea, vomiting



Hypertension



Diarrhea



Fever



Chills



Tremors



Seizure



Muscle spasms

\_withdrawal manifestation:

Increase sedation, anxiety, craving to it

\_عند علاج الإدمان :

1\_تقليل جرعات المورفين

2\_تعويض المورفين بشيء يكون opioid بس تكون withdrawal manifestation  
methadone or buprenorphine مثل

# Fentanyl

- Very potent analgesic (100-fold of morphine) → used in anaesthesia.
- Very lipophilic
- Rapid onset and short duration of action (15 – 30 min), less than morphine
- Uses:
  - **Anaesthesia** (pre-aesthetic and induction and maintenance of anaesthesia) for its analgesic and sedative effects
  - **Analgesia**, postoperative pain and during cardiac surgery because it has no effect on myocardial contraction

\_إذا استخدمنا ال fentanyl as transdermal patch  
رح تتأخر ال onset of action وال duration رح تطول .

\_بنقدر نعطيه بعد العملية اذا كان oral ولكن ال transdermal  
patch is contraindication بعد العمليات



# Fentanyl

- Sublingual tablet
- Oral buccal tablets: mainly used for a breakthrough pain in cancer patients tolerant to opioids:
- Epidurally—combined with local anesthetics for labor and postoperative pain
- Intrathecally – analgesia
- Injection (IV): anaesthesia and analgesia
- Transdermal film (patch): Should not be used used for acute and postoperative pain
  - Onset of action is delayed at least 12 hours and the offset is prolonged.

# *Methadone*

- Synthetic, orally effective opioid
- Approximately equal in potency to *morphine*
- Induces less euphoria
- Has a somewhat longer duration of action
- **Mechanism of action:** are mediated by  $\mu$  receptors.
- Increases biliary pressure and is also constipating

Methadone \_long duration \_  
تفيد في الإدمان مشان  
withdrawal of methadone less severity  
وبضل لوقت  
طويل الأعراض تاعته

- **Therapeutic uses:** analgesic, in the controlled withdrawal of dependent abusers from *heroin* and *morphine*.
- *Methadone* causes a withdrawal syndrome that is milder but more protracted (days to weeks) than that of other opioids.
- **Adverse effects:** can produce physical dependence like that of *morphine*.

# *Heroin*

- Does not occur naturally.
- It is produced by diacetylation of *morphine*, which leads to a three-fold increase in its potency.
- Its greater lipid solubility allows it to cross the blood-brain barrier more rapidly than *morphine*, causing a more ***exaggerated euphoria*** when the drug is taken by injection.
- It has no accepted medical use in the United States

The heroin is morphine +2 acetyl group  
وهي الشغلة بتخليه high lipid soluble

# Codeine

- The analgesic actions of *codeine* are due to its conversion to morphine
- Whereas the drug's antitussive effects are due to *codeine* itself.
- Has a higher oral effectiveness.
- *Codeine* shows good antitussive activity at doses that do not cause analgesia
- At commonly used doses, the drug has a lower potential for abuse than *morphine*, and it rarely produces dependence.
- *Codeine* produces less euphoria than *morphine*.

Codeine \_methyl morphine \_oral  
لهيك امتصاص عالي بحالة ال

وبسبب الاختلافات بين الناس لما تاخذ ال codeine ممكن يصير  
استجابة وممكن لا



# Other agonists

- **Oxycodone**: For moderate to severe pain  
Twofold more effective than morphine  
Orally, could be used in combination with aspirin and paracetamol
- **Oxymorphone**:  
More potent than morphine (parentrally; orally)
- **Hydromorphone**:
  - 8-10 more potent than morphine
  - Hydromorphone in patients with renal dysfunction: less accumulation of active metabolites however some metabolites can cause CNS side effects (preferable over morphine for those patients).

# Mixed Agonist-Antagonists and Partial Agonists

- Drugs that stimulate one receptor but block another are termed mixed agonist-antagonists.
- The effects of these drugs depend on previous exposure to opioids.
  1. In individuals who have not recently received opioids; mixed agonist-antagonists show agonist activity and are used to relieve pain.
  2. In the patient with opioid dependence, the agonist-antagonist drugs may show primarily blocking effects that is, produce withdrawal symptoms.
- ***Examples; Pentazocine, Buprenorphine, Nalbuphine***

\_فيه ادوية تعمل عال Mu antagonist وفي ادوية عال kappa agonist as : pentazocine & nalbuphine & “Buprenorphine” 😊

\_كيف بقدر احدها:

1\_على حسب المريض اذا كان مدمن عال opioid as morphine وهذا Mu agonist واعطيته هاي الأدوية بصير يعمل withdrawal لانه رح يسكر ال receptor بوجه المورفين .

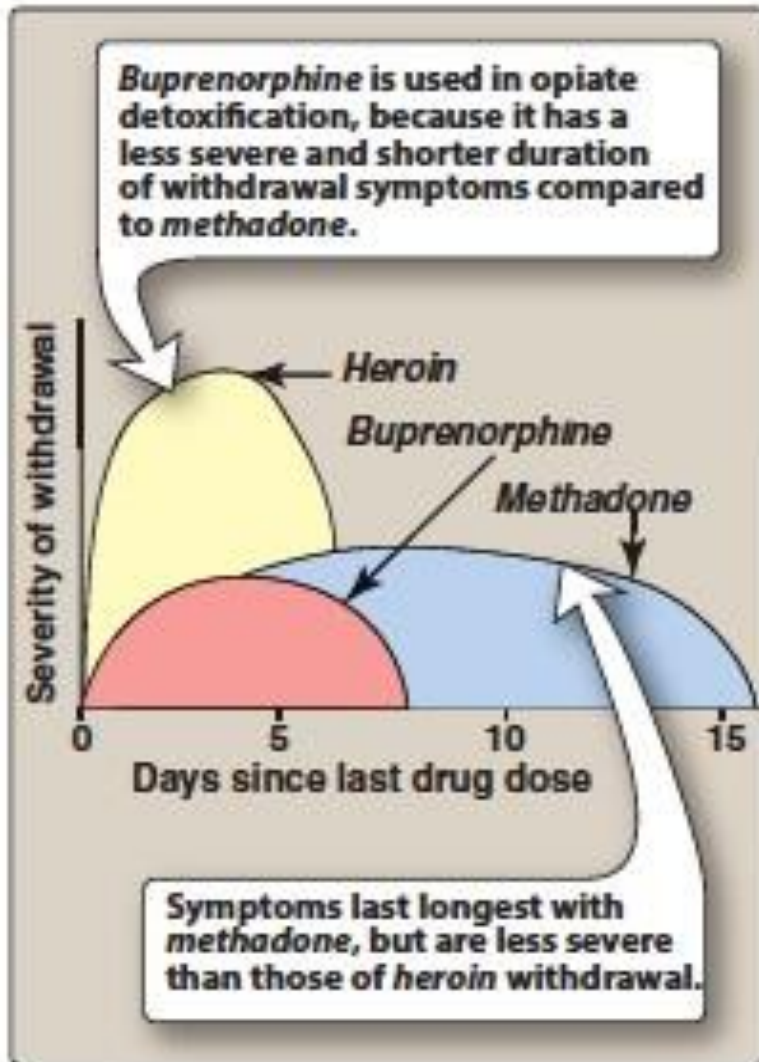
2\_اذا كان المريض مش مدمن هون هاي الأدوية بتشتغل ك kappa agonist وبعمل analgesic effect.

. Buprenorphine is a partial Mu agonist \_ركز عليها 🕒 .

# Buprenorphine

- MOA: **partial agonist at  $\mu$  receptors**, forming strong bonds  $\rightarrow$  long duration of action
- Incompletely reversible by naloxone
- Precipitate withdrawal in users of morphine or other full opioid agonists
- Side effects: **little** sedation, respiratory depression, hypotension, nausea and dizziness.
- Main use:
  1. opioid detoxification: For opioid withdrawal: sublingual tablet or film, buprenorphine alone or with naloxone
  2. analgesia for moderate to severe pain
    - Dosage forms for analgesia: I.V injection, sublingually and transdermal film

اذا زودنا الجرعة بصير antagonist فتستخدم لعلاج الإدمان



- Buprenorphine widely used opiate detoxification than methadone (has shorter and less severe withdrawal symptoms compared to methadone)
- Naloxone can be added to prevent the abuse of buprenorphine via IV administration

الميزة انه اعراض ال withdrawal ما رح تظل كثير مقارنة مع ال methadone

ليش less severe?

Because it is partial agonist

ليش short duration?

لانه مرتبط ب receptor بشكل قوي

\_buprenorphine افضل من ال methadone في علاج الإدمان

# Other analgesics - Tramadol

- $\mu$ -Opioid receptor weak agonist, centrally
- Weak inhibitor of norepinephrine and serotonin reuptake
- Analgesic for moderate to severe pain
- Only partially antagonised by naloxone
- Respiratory depression less than morphine
- Drug-drug interactions: antidepressants  $\rightarrow$  selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs) and MAO inhibitors
- Anaphylactic reactions
- Associated with misuse and abuse



\_tramadol May Increase level of serotonin and lead to serotonin syndrome.

\_الترامادول اخف من المورفين ك analgesic

الفرق بين addiction & poisoning:

poising of opioid May lead to death  
مشان هيك بعطيه

I. V naloxone or oral naltrexone. antagonist على طول مثل

علامات تدل على ال poisoning : comatose \_ respiratory

depression \_ miosis.

\_addiction

بنعمل withdrawal للمادة الي ادمن عليها بالتدرج

طبعاً ممكن يعمل hypertension & tachycardia مشان هيك بنستخدم

lafutidine or clonidine

بنستخدم substitute as buprenorphine or methadone لأنهم بقللو

من الأعراض

وبعد ما اخلص ال withdrawal تماماً ممكن استخدم antagonist as

naloxone

# Antagonists

- Administration of opioid antagonists produces no profound effects in normal individuals.
- However, in patients dependent on opioids, antagonists rapidly reverse the effect of agonists, such as *heroin*, and precipitate the symptoms of opiate withdrawal.
- ***Naloxone, Naltrexone***