Harvard-MIT Division of Health Sciences and Technology HST.151: Principles of Pharmacology

# NONSTEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS

- MRS. M.M. HAS A 3 YR. HX OF PROGRESSIVE RIGHT HIP PAIN.
- THE PAIN INCREASES WITH WEIGHT BEARING ACTIVITY.
- PT. HAS BEEN ON ACETAMINOPHEN WITHOUT RELIEF.
- PERTINENT LABS INCLUDE CREATININE OF 1.4,
- X-RAY OSTEOARTHRITIS HIP.
- YOU PRESCRIBE A NONSTEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUG.

- WHAT ARE THE PRIMARY MECHANISM OF ACTION OF NSAIDS.
- WHAT EFFECT DO THEY HAVE ON COX-2 PRODUCTION.
- WHAT SIDE EFFECTS ARE SEEN WITH NSAIDS.
- WHAT GROUP OF PATIENTS ARE AT RISK FOR TOXICITY FROM NSAIDS?
- HOW DO YOU MONITOR PTS. ON NSAIDS?
- WHAT ARE THE POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF COX-2 INHIBITORS

#### ROLE OF PROSTAGLANDINS

#### **PATHOLOGIC**

#### **PHYSIOLOGIC**

FEVER TEMPERATURE CONTROL

ASTHMA BRONCHIAL TONE

ULCERS CYTOPROTECTION

DIARRHEA INTESTINAL MOBILITY

DYSMENORRHEA MYOMETRIAL TONE

SEMEN VIABILITY

INFLAMMATION BONE EROSION

**PAIN** 

# FUNCTION OF PROSTAGLANDINS IN INFLAMMATION

• PGE<sub>2</sub>, PGI<sub>2</sub>
VASODILATION,
ACT SYNERGISTICALLY WITH OTHER MEDIATORS HISTAMINE, COMPLEMENT, LTB<sub>4</sub>
BRONCHODILATATION
INHIBITION OF PLATELET AGGREGATION

• TXA<sub>2</sub>
PROMOTION OF PLATLET AGGREGATION

## FUNCTIONS OF COX

COX-1

CONSITUTIVELY EXPRESSED

HOUSEKEEPING FUNCTIONS

PRESENT IN EVERY ORGAN

STOMACH, INTESTINE, KIDNEY

PLATLETS,

VASCULAR ENDOTHELIUM

COX-2

**INDUCIBLE** 

**INFLAMMATORY AND** 

NEOPLATIC SITES ALSO

PRESENT IN KIDNEY,

UTERUS. OVARY

BRAIN, SMALL

**INTESTINE** 

# **NSAIDS-THERAPEUTIC EFFECTS**

- ANALGESIA
- ANTI-INFLAMMATORY
- ANTI-PYRETIC
- ANTI-NEOPLASTIC

#### EFFECTS OF NSAIDS

- INHIBITION OF
  - CYCLOOXYGENASE ENZYMES
  - LIPOXYGENASE ENZYMES
  - SUPEROXIDE GENERATION
  - LYSOSOMAL ENZYME RELEASE
  - NEUTROPHIL ACTIVITY
  - LYMPHOCYTE FUNCTION
  - CYTOKINE RELEASE
  - CARTILAGE METABOLISM

# COX-1: Constitutive

- Homeostatic
  - Protection of gastric mucosa
  - Platelet activation
  - Renal functions
  - Macrophage differentiation

# COX-2: Regulated

- Pathologic
  - Inflammation
  - Pain
  - Fever
  - Dysregulated proliferation
- Tissue Repair
- Physiologic
  - Reproduction
  - Renal functions
  - Other (see text)
- Development
  - Kidney

- Similar to non-specific COX inhibitors
  - Anti-inflammatory
  - Analgesic
  - Anti-pyretic
  - Some renal effects, e.g. sodium excretion, blood pressure

- <u>Different</u> from nonspecific COX-inhibitors
  - No anti-platelet effects
  - Reduced endoscopic GI erosion and ulceration
  - Some renal effects, e.g.
     possibly less alteration
     of RBF and GFR

# **NSAIDS: PHARMACOLOGY**

- GOOD ABSORPTION
- HEPATIC METABOLISM
- HIGHLY PROTEIN BOUND
- BOTH ENTEROHEPATIC AND RENAL EXCRETION
- VARIABLE HALF LIFES

#### HALF-LIFE NSAID

# SHORT HALF LIFE- MORE RAPID EFFECT AND CLEARANCE

- IBUPROFEN, DICLOFENAC, INDOMETHACIN,

# LONGER HALF LIFE- SLOWER ONSET AND SLOWER CLEARANCE

- NAPROSYN, CELOCOXIB, ROFECOXIB
- NABUMETONE, PIROXICAM

#### DRUG INTERACTIONS

- ANTI-HYPERTENSIVE RX
- PHENYTOIN
- ANTI-COAGULANTS
- METHOTREXATE

# **NSAIDs TOXICITY**

- GASTROINTESTINAL
- RENAL
- HEMATOLOGIC
- CNS
- HEPATIC
- SKIN
- ALLERGIC

## **NSAIDS- GI TOXICITY**

- SYMPTOMS: FREQUENT
- POOR CORRELATION WITH ENDOSCOPY
- EROSIONS, ULCERATIONS, BLEEDING
- COLITIS
- RX:PROTON PUMP INHIBITORS

**HIGH DOSE H2 BLOCKERS** 

**SUCRAFATE** 

**MISOPROSTOL** 

**COX-2 INHIBITORS** 

DISCONTINUTATION

## **NSAID GI TOXICITY**

**ENDOSCOPIC ULCERS** 

**GASTRIC 15-30%** 

**DUODENAL 10%** 

**COMPLICATIONS** 

PERFORATIONS, BLEEDING

COST ESTIMATES- \$4 BILLION

MORTALITY 7500 PER YEAR

OVERALL RISK 1/1000

# RISK FACTORS FOR NSAID GI TOXICITY

- OLDER AGE
- STEROIDS
- RA
- HX OF PUD
- HIGHER DOSE NSAID

### NSAIDs GI TOXICITY

- AVOIDANCE OF NSAIDs
- TREATMENT WITH
  - H2 BLOCKERS AT HIGH DOSES
  - PROTON PUMP INHIBITORS
  - MISOPROSTOL
  - SUCRAFATE
- COX-2 SPECIFIC NSAIDs

## COX-2 TOXICITY:GI

- SYMPTOMS SIMILAR TO NONSELECTIVE NSAIDS
- ULCERATIONS MUCH LESS THAN NONSELECTIVE
- RISK OF BLEEDING AND PERFORATIONS LESS
- EFFECTS ON COLONIC POLYPS AND CANCER

#### NSAIDS- HEMOSTASIS

- IMPAIRED PLATELET AGGREGATION
- PROLONGED BLEEDING TIME
- ANTI-COAGULATION RX
- COX-2 INHIBITORS

# **NSAIDS: CNS TOXICITY**

- HEADACHE
- CONFUSION
- DIZZINESS
- MOOD ALTERATION, DEPRESSION
- ASEPTIC MENINGITIS

## COX-2: CNS

- COX-2 PREDOMINANT ISOFORM IN NEOCORTEX, HIPPOCAMPUS
- STUDIES IN ALZHEIMER'S IN PROGRESS

# **NSAIDS-LIVER**

- TRANSAMINITIS
- HEPATITIS

# **NSAIDS: RENAL**

- DECREASED RBF: DECREASED RENAL PG
- RISK FACTORS: VOLUME DEPLETION
  RENAL, LIVER DISEASE
  VASCULAR DISEASE
- EDEMA, HBP, INCREASED CREATININE
- NEPHROTIC SYNDROME: INTERSTITIAL NEPHRITIS
- ELECTROLYTE IMBALANCE: K+
- ATTENUATION OF BP MEDS
- PAPILLARY NECROSIS
- STONES

#### COX-2: RENAL

- KNOCK OUT MODELS- RENAL DISEASE
  - PATHOLOGY-FIBROSIS,INFLAMMATION,PAPILLARYCHANGES
- CLINICAL STUDIES
   EDEMA- RESOLVES WITH DRUG
   WITHDRAWAL.

# NSAIDS: HYPERSENSITIVITY

- URTICARIA
- ANAPHALAXIS
- BRONCHOSPASM
- NASAL POLYPS, ASTHMA

# COX-2: Reproductive

- KNOCK OUT MODELS- INFERTILITY
- COX-2 INDUCED BY LH PRIOR TO OVULATION
- COX-2 INDUCED AT DELIVERY
  - INHIBITORS MIGHT BE OF VALUE IN PREVENTING PRETERM DELIVERY

# COX-2: Hematology

- NO EFFECT ON WBC OR HB
- NO EFFECT ON PLATELET AGGREGATION
  - PLATELETS EXPRESS ONLY COX-1
  - NEED TO USE LOW DOSE ASA FOR CARDIAC
  - CAN BE USED WITH COUMADIN BUT COUMADIN DOSE MAY NEED ADJUSTMENT

#### NSAIDS: CANCER

DECREASE IN COLON CANCER
DECREASE NUMBER AND SIZE OF
ADENOMAS IN PTS WITH HX OF
FAMILIAL ADENOMAS
COX-2 INHIBITORS APPROVED IN
FAMILIAL POLYPOSIS

#### **NSAIDS:CANCER PREVENTION**

- INDUCTION OF COX-2 IN RODENT AND HUMAN COLORECTAL ADENOMAS AND CARCINOMAS
- COX-2 INHBITION- REGRESSION OF NEOPLASTIC POLYPS AND PREVENTION OF THEIR DEVELOPMENT
- ROLE OF COX-2 INHIBITORS IN CANCER PREVENTION IN PROGRESS

# COX – 2 INHBITIORS

- CELECOXIB AND ROFECOXIB
- SIMILAR IN EFFICACY TO NON SELECTIVE NSAIDS
- APPROVED IN OA, RA, PAIN, FAMILIAL POLYPOSIS
- LESS GASTRIC ULCERATIONS, GI SYMPTOMS STILL OCCUR BUT LESS
- LESS SERIOUS GI EVENTS- PERFORATIONS, BLEEDS THAN NONSELECTIVE THERAPIES
- OTHER TOXICITIES SIMILAR
- NO EFFECT ON PLATELET FUNCTION- MUST USE ASA IN CARDIAC PTS

# NSAIDS: WHAT PATIENTS WANT TO KNOW

- GI INTOLERANCE
- GI ULCERATION, BLEEDING
- EDEMA, HBP
- CNS
- RASH
- LIVER