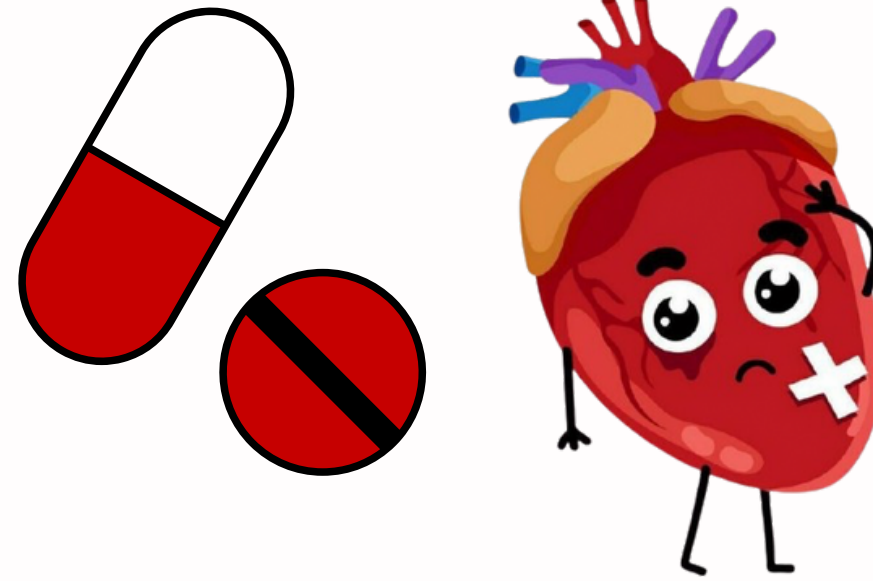
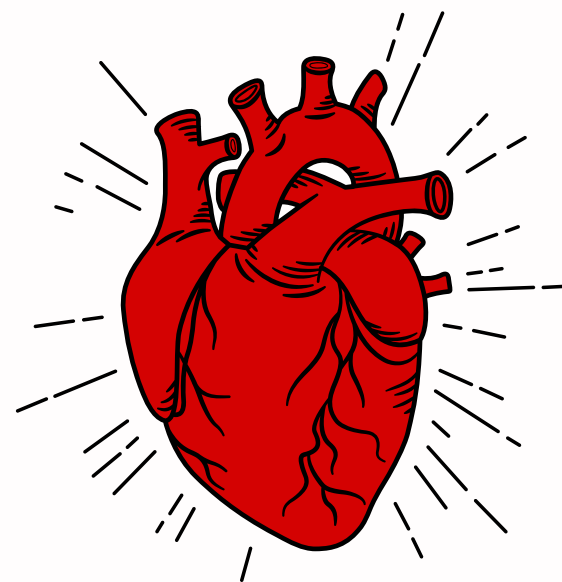




HEART FAILURE DRUGS

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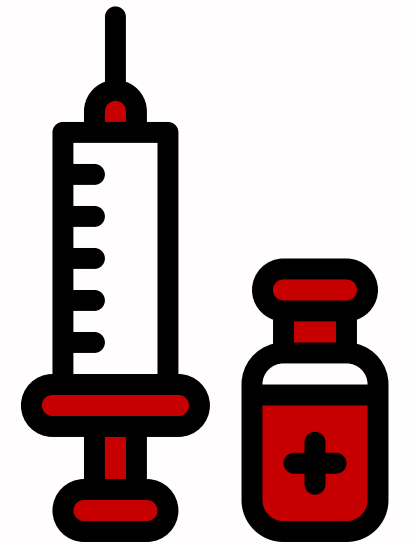
Before we start:

This file **doesn't** include all the study material !
It's just a simple summary with the drug names, their main mechanisms, side effects, and a few important notes. It's meant to make the information easier to memorize or review, and to help you organize the topic more clearly.

Good luck! 

Drug Treatment of Ischemic Heart Disease:

- ACE inhibitors
- β -adrenergic blocking agents
- diuretics
- inotropic agents
- direct vasodilators
- aldosterone antagonist



ACE INHIBITORS

Effects	Side effects	Notes	Contraindications
-Decreases vascular resistance and blood pressure, increase in the cardiac output. -Decreases adrenaline and aldesterone - Decrease in the mortality and morbidity. - May be considered as a single-agent therapy in patients who have mild dyspnea on exertion. - Early use of these ACE Inhibitors Indicated in patient with all stages of <u>left</u> ventricular failure, with or without symptoms. -Prevent cardiac and vascular hypertrophy or the remodeling	-Dry irritating persistent cough –Hyperkalemia –Angioedema	Patients with heart failure due to left ventricular systolic dysfunction who are still symptomatic despite therapy with an angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor and a beta blocker may benefit from the addition of candesartan (ARB) following specialist advice.	–Fetal toxicity(contraindicated in pregnancy) .

BETA-BLOCKERS

Drug Name	Effect	Notes	Contraindications
Bisoprolol, metoprolol carvedilol nebivolol	- Negative inotropic activity, several clinical studies have clearly demonstrated <u>improve systolic functioning and reverse cardiac remodeling</u> .	- first choice for the treatment of patients with chronic heart failure due to left ventricular systolic dysfunction. -produce benefit in the medium to long term . -In the short term they can produce decompensation with worsening of heart failure and hypotension . - They should be initiated at low dose and only gradually increased with monitoring up to the target dose .	-Asthma - Second or third degree atrioventricular heart block -Symptomatic hypotension -Should be used with caution in those with low initial blood pressure (ie systolic BP <90 mm Hg.)

DIURETICS

Drug Name	MOA	Side effects	Notes
Thiazide diuretics	---	-Loop diuretics and thiazides cause hypokalemia. - If a patient develops significant hypokalemia switching to a potassium-sparing diuretic .	-mild cases only and are not recommended in patients with a creatinine clearance below 50 mL/min
Loop diuretics	---		-Like furosemide and bumetanide are the most effective and commonly used.
potassium-sparing spironolactone	-Direct antagonist of aldosterone - prevents sodium retention, myocardial hypertrophy, and hypokalemia	-CNS effects, such as lethargy, confusion -endocrine abnormalities: gynecomastia, decreased libido, menstrual irregularities, and impotenc --gastric disturbances like peptic ulcer, gastritis .	-moderate to severe heart failure due to LVSD. -Eplerenone can be substituted for spironolactone in patients who develop gynecomastia

INOTROPIC DRUGS(DIGITALIS)

Drug name	Action	Side effects	Notes
Digoxin	-Positive Inotropic Effect. - Vascular Muscle Contraction. - Vagal Stimulation. - Effects on Electrical Properties of Cardiac Tissues.	-G.I.T.(Anorexia, nausea, intestinal cramping, diarrhea) - Visual (Xanthopsia, abnormalities in color vision) -Neurologic(Malaise, confusion, depression, vertigo) -Cardiac(bradycardia, Palpitations, syncope, arrhythmias, AV node block, ventricular tachycardia)	- CHF with supraventricular arrhythmia - indicated with severe left-ventricular systolic failure after initiation of ACE inhibitors, diuretics, and β Blockers. -Patient with mild to moderate HF will usually respond to ACE inhibitors and diuretics, and do not need digoxin. -No good oral inotropic agents exist other than digoxin. -Dobutamine (another inotropic agent) can be given intravenously in hospitals -rapid onset of action -Quinidine, verapamil, Macrolide, tetracycline and amiodarone can cause digoxin intoxication. -itraconazole (antifungal drug) ,Ibuprofen , Indomethacin , Diazepam may increase digoxin level

B-ADRENERGIC AGONISTS:

Drug Name	MOA	Notes
NE	activate adenylyl cyclase → ↑ intracellular cAMP → activates Protein Kinase A (PKA) → PKA phosphorylates L-type Ca^{2+} channels → ↑ intracellular calcium → stronger cardiac contraction (positive inotropy)	Was used in cardiogenic shock, but caused severe vasospasm and gangrene
Ep		Still used in cardiac arrest, by intracardiac injection
Dopamine		- Widely used in cardiogenic shock. - Low doses: stimulate DA1 receptors leading to renal vasodilation and improved renal function. - Intermediate doses: work on β_1 receptors leading to positive inotropic actions. - High doses: stimulate α receptors leading to vasoconstriction and elevation of blood pressure. - Can cause arrhythmias and ischemic changes.
Dobutamine		- The drug of choice for the treatment of cardiogenic shock - Selective β_1 agonist, used intermittently (IV) in CCHF. - Produces mild vasodilation. - Has more inotropic than chronotropic actions.

PHOSPHODIESTERASE INHIBITORS

Drug Name	MOA	Side effects	Notes
Inamrinone (PDE-3) Milrinone (PDE-3) Vesanirone (PDE-3) Sildenafil (PDE-5)	PDE inhibition leads to accumulation of cAMP and cGMP leading to positive inotropic activity and peripheral vasodilation	-Arrhythmias - Thrombocytopenia	-Short acting, so reserved for parenteral therapy of acute heart failure.

VASODILATORS

Drug Name	MOA	Notes
BNP-Niseritide	-BNP binds to receptors in the vasculature, kidney, and other organs, producing potent vasodilation with rapid onset and offset of action by increasing levels of cGMP.	-secreted constitutively by ventricular myocytes in response to stretch. -Niseritide is a recombinant human BNP approved for treatment of acute decompensated CHF . -educes systemic and pulmonary vascular resistances, causing an indirect increase in cardiac output and diuresis . -Effective in HF because of reduction in preload and afterload. - Hypotension is the main side effect.
Hydralazine-Isosorbide dinitrate combination	---	-decrease mortality, maybe by reducing remodeling of the heart.

ENTRESTO

IT IS A COMBINATION OF:

Drug Name	MOA	USES	Notes
Entresto	Neprilysin inhibitor	reduce the risk of cardiovascular events in patients with chronic heart failure.	-breaks down angiotensin I and II, endothelin-1 and peptide amyloid betaprotein.
valsartan	ARB		----

May your heart always find comfort, balance,
and beautiful outcomes <3

If you found this helpful, we'd be grateful for
your prayers.

With our warmest regards and best wishes! 