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QUESTION 18

Compare and contrast the pharmacology of drugs that change the pH of gastric fluid

Main classes, PPI, H2 receptor antagonists, antacids (see below)

Other

muscarinic blockers - pirenzepine
prostaglandin E2 analogues - misoprostil

	Proton pump inhibitors	H2 Receptor Antagonists	Antiacids
Pharmaceutical	Most commonly used Omeprazole is the prototype Available both IV and oral	Less commonly used than PPIs Ranitidine is the prototype Available both IV and oral	Available in a range of inorganic compounds Oral only
Pharmacodynamics mechanism			
effects	↓acidity/gastric secretions no change emptying/LOS tone	↓acidity/gastric secretions no change emptying/LOS tone	Reduce acidity water soluble - faster acting insoluble - slower but less systemic effects
side effects	inhibition of cyp450 increased risk of infection aspiration GIT osteoporosis	arrhythmias if given IV fast idiosyncratic thrombocytopenia, hepatitis, leucopaenia	can cause metabolic alkalosis diarrhoea and constipation
Pharmacokinetics			
Absorption	rapidly absorbed variable bioavailability depending on formulation	absorbed via the gut bioavailability 50%	oral, not systemic
Distribution	highly protein bound >95% small Vd 0.3 L/kg	low protein binding 15% moderate Vd 1-2L/kg	not known
Metabolism	rapidly and completely metabolised hepatically via hydroxylation	Minimal hepatic metabolism	act as a proton acceptor
Elimination	excreted in urine, inactive half life 1-2hrs	excreted in the urine mostly unchanged half life 1-3 hours	in faeces