

Learning unit: Antitussive drugs

Impact of the learning unit

Antitussive drugs are a basic group of drugs used for treatment of dry and irritating cough. Their knowledge is required for doctors of all specializations.

Important terms

antitussive drugs

- central acting antitussives

 - opioid antitussives

 - codeine

 - dextromethorphan

 - non-opioid antitussive

 - butamirate

- peripherally acting antitussives

 - dropropizine

 - levodropropizine

Learning outcomes

Student knows the classification of antitussive drugs.

Student knows basic pharmacological profile (mode of action, unwanted effects, indications and contraindications) of antitussives.

Student knows the basic indications and contraindications of antitussives.

Recommended study materials

Study materials in IS aVLFA0822p and aVLFA0822c.

Exam questions

Special pharmacology: Antitussives, mucoactive drugs

Essential drugs: codeine, butamirate