

Therapy of cancer disease

This study material is recommended specifically for practical courses from Pharmacology II for students of general medicine and stomatology. These brief notes could be used to prepare for the lesson and as a base for own notes during courses.

Additional explanations and information are given in single lessons.

Cytostatics

Definition

chemiotherapeutics =

chemoprotectives –

Cytostatics

Cancer disease

Classification:

1. Benign

2. Malign

Cytostatics

Carcinogenesis

- process of change of somatic cell to cancer cell
- 3 phases: initiation
promotion
progression

Cytostatics

Exogenous factors involved in cancerogenesis

1.

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Cytostatics

Endogenous factors involved in
cancerogenesis

2.

Cytostatics

Modes of action

Target sites:

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Adverse effects

1. Early

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Nežádoucí účinky cytostatik

2.Delayed

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Adverse effects

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Analgesics

- basic analgesics are NSAIDs
- in strong pain opioids
- bone pain – calcitonin, bisphosphonates
- combination with corticoids and psychoactive agents (antidepressants, neuroleptics, anxiolytics)

Adverse effects

Bisphosphonates

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ibandronate

clodronate

pamidronate

zoledronate

Cytostatics

Particularity of cancer pharmacotherapy

- DDF
- „nonspecificity“ of target site
- combination with othrt types of therapy
- dosing, administration routes and combinations

Cytostatics

Classification

with regard to cell cycle

- cycle specific/nonspecific
- phase specific/nonspecific

Cytostatics

Classification

- monoclonal antibodies and other drugs of „biological“ (targeted) therapy
- alkylating
- platin cytostatics
- cytotoxic antibiotics
- antimetabolites
- herbal alkaloids
- hormones
- others

Alkylating cytostatics

Mode of action

- **alkylation** of cellular structures, namely DNA → loss of function and cellular death

Alkylating cytostatics

- **β -chloroethylamines (N-yperte derivatives):**
chlorambucil, melphalan
- **oxazaphosphorines:** cyclophosphamide,
ifosfamide
- **methanesulphonic acid derivatives:**
busulphan

Alkylating cytostatics

nitrosourea derivatives: lomustine,
carmustine, fotemustine, streptozocine

triazenes: procarbazine, dacarbazine

platin compounds: cisplatin, carboplatin,
oxaliplatin

mitomycin

Intercalating agents

MofA

- bounds between DNA strands with **non-covalent** binding (Van der Waals forces, hydrogen bonds)

doxorubicine

daunorubicine

mitoxantrone

Antimetabolites

Folic acid antagonists

MofA: dihydrofolate reductase inhibition

methotrexate

Antimetabolites

Purine antagonists

6-merkaptopurine

6-thioguanine

azathioprine

cladribine

fludarabine

Antimetabolites

Pyrimidine antagonists

cytarabine

5-fluorouracil

gemcitabine

Herbal alkaloids

irinotecan, topotecan

MofA: topoisomerase I inhibition

Herbal alkaloids

etoposid, teniposid

MofA: topoisomerase II inhibition

Herbal alkaloids

Vinca alkaloids

MofA: destruction of mitotic spindle

vincristine

vinblastine

vindesine

vinorelbine

Herbal alkaloids

Taxans

MofA: inhibition of tubulin
depolymerization = block of mitotic
spindle

paclitaxel

docetaxel

Hormones and their antagonists

Androgens

Antiandrogens

Oestrogens

Antioestrogens

Gestagens

Gonadoliberin inhibitors

Aromatase inhibitors

Glucocorticoids

Octreotide

Estramustine,
prednimustine

Others

bleomycine, (peplomycine)

MofA: ROS production → DNA
fragmentation

AE: pyretic reactions, pulmonary fibrosis

- low myelosuppression

hydroxycarbamid

arsenic trioxide

celecoxib

anagrelide

asparaginase