

Opioid Intoxication



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OPIUM

& OPIOIDS



ENDOGENOUS OPIOIDS

- Endorphine
- Enkephaline
- Dynorphine

Opioid receptors

◎ **Mu**

- **mu 1** : high affinity for morphine, supraspinal analgesia, no complication
- **mu 2** : miosis, respiratory depression, uphoeia, physical dependency, bradycardia, decreased G.I Motility, urinary retention

◎ **kapa (1,2,3^{*})** : miosis , dysphoria, Resp. depression, psychomimetic effects

◎ **Delta (1,2)^{*}** : *spinal analgesia , Resp. Depression*

◎ **Sigma**

◎ **Epsilone**

- Opiates; class of drugs
- Opioids: natural & un-natural products of opium
- un-natural
 - Synthetic
 - Semi- synthetics

STRUCTURE

⦿ Phenantren

- morphine, heroin, codein, nalin, buprenorph.

⦿ Diphenyleheptan

- methadone

⦿ Phenylepyridine

- diphenoxylate, phentanyle, meperidine

⦿ Benzomorphine

- pentazocine

⦿ Morphinone

◎ Pure Agonists

- › Morphine
- › Methadone
- › Phentanyle

◎ Pure Antagonists

- › Naloxan
- › Naltrexon
- › Nalmephen

Synthetic opioids

- ◉ Morphine / Pethidine
- ◉ Methadone
- ◉ Codeine/ Codone
- ◉ Propoxyphen / Paraguric/ Meperidine
- ◉ Buprenorphine / Temjesic/ Tedigesic
- ◉ Suboxone
- ◉ **Tramadole**

Kinetics

- V/d
- P.B
- 1-10 lit/kg
- Variable
 - 7% codone
 - 90% MTD
- Metabolization
- Liver/CYP
- Half life
 - HL Prolonged in toxicity
- Variable
- Erythromycine increase opioid effects

Common opioids in Iran

- ◎ **Opium**
- ◎ **Heroin:** brown/white
 - > Crack heroin
- ◎ **Combined:** Heroin + CNS stimulant (speed ball)

Manner of poisoning

◎ Accidental

- Child: opium/ drugs
- Medication
 - Underlying disease
 - Drug interaction
 - Acid-Base imbalance

◎ Intentional

- Addict : after quit/ new substance
- First user
- Body stuffer or body packer

مواردی که بایستی ب فکر مسمومیت با مواد مخدر بود

- در هر کودک با کاهش سطح هوشیاری
- در هر فرد زندانی با LOC یا دپرسیون تنفسی
- افرادی که با کوما به اورژانس آورده می شوند
- سابقه قبلی مصرف مواد مخدر
- بیماران با LOC پیدا شده در پارک
- مردمک های میوتیک



Causes of poisoning

- ◎ First exposure
 - > Accidental
 - > Suicidal
- ◎ Recreational
- ◎ Changing in purity
- ◎ Body packer/ stuffer
- ◎ Iatrogenic

Presentation

- ⦿ Altered mental status
 - Euphoria, lethargy to coma
- ⦿ Pin point pupils
- ⦿ Respiratory depression (hypoventilation)
- ⦿ Decreased BS
- ⦿ Normal or low BP & HR

Triad of Opioids Toxicity

LOC

**Pin point
pupil**

**Respiratory
Depression**

Opioids toxidrom (triad)

Pin point pupils

+

Bradypnea

+

LOC

Others symptoms & signs

- Meperidine; Seizure/ SS/ QTc prolong.
- MTD; delayed & recurrent apnea, QTc/Tdp
- Dexeteromet.: SS
- Propoxy; IA antiarrhythmic effect/ QRS Widening/ cardiotoxicity
- Tramadol; Seizure
- Fentanyl; proserotenergic (SS)/seizure/muscle spasm

Diagnosis

- ◉ Is a clinical diagnosis
- ◉ Urine toxicology screen (**RIA**);
 - is not routine/ a lot of false positive & negative result
 - For criminal purpose
 - In children
- ◉ Positive test mean; recent use not current intoxication

DIAGNOSIS

⊙ *Opioids Toxidrom*

- *C.N.S Depression*
- *Respi. Depression (90%)*
- *Pinpoint pupil (90%)*

⊙ *Naloxan challenge test (1th user)*

⊙ *Lab. Test : R.I.A , T.L.C*

Diagnostic evaluation

- ⦿ B.S check
- ⦿ CPK (if Hx of prolonged immobilization)
- ⦿ CXR; ARDS, ALI, AP
- ⦿ EKG; IHD, MTD or propoxyphene toxicity



Treatment

TREATMENT

- ◎ *Effective oxygenation & ventilatoin*
 - O₂ 100% + peep for pul. edema
- ◎ *Hemodynamic support*
- ◎ *Opium Antagonist*
 - Naloxan
 - Nalmefen
 - Naltrexon

Assessment of ventilation Indexes

- ⦿ Respiratory rate
- ⦿ End tidal Co₂ (Capnography)
- ⦿ PaCo₂ (ABG)
- ⦿ O₂ saturation (pulse oxymetry)
- ⦿ Pao₂ (ABG)

The goal of therapy is

Adequate
ventilation

Not normal mental status

Management

- Should be focused on support of the pt;s airway & breathing
- Attention should be paid to the dept & rate of ventilation
- G.I. Decontamination?
- Activated Charcoal?
- WBI ?
- Hemodialysis ?

G.I. Decontamination?

only for

- co-ingestion
- Suicidal large amount oral ingestion
- Body packer/Stuffer

Activated Charcoal?

- ⦿ In children
- ⦿ Co-ingestion
- ⦿ Ingestion of large amount
- ⦿ SDAC

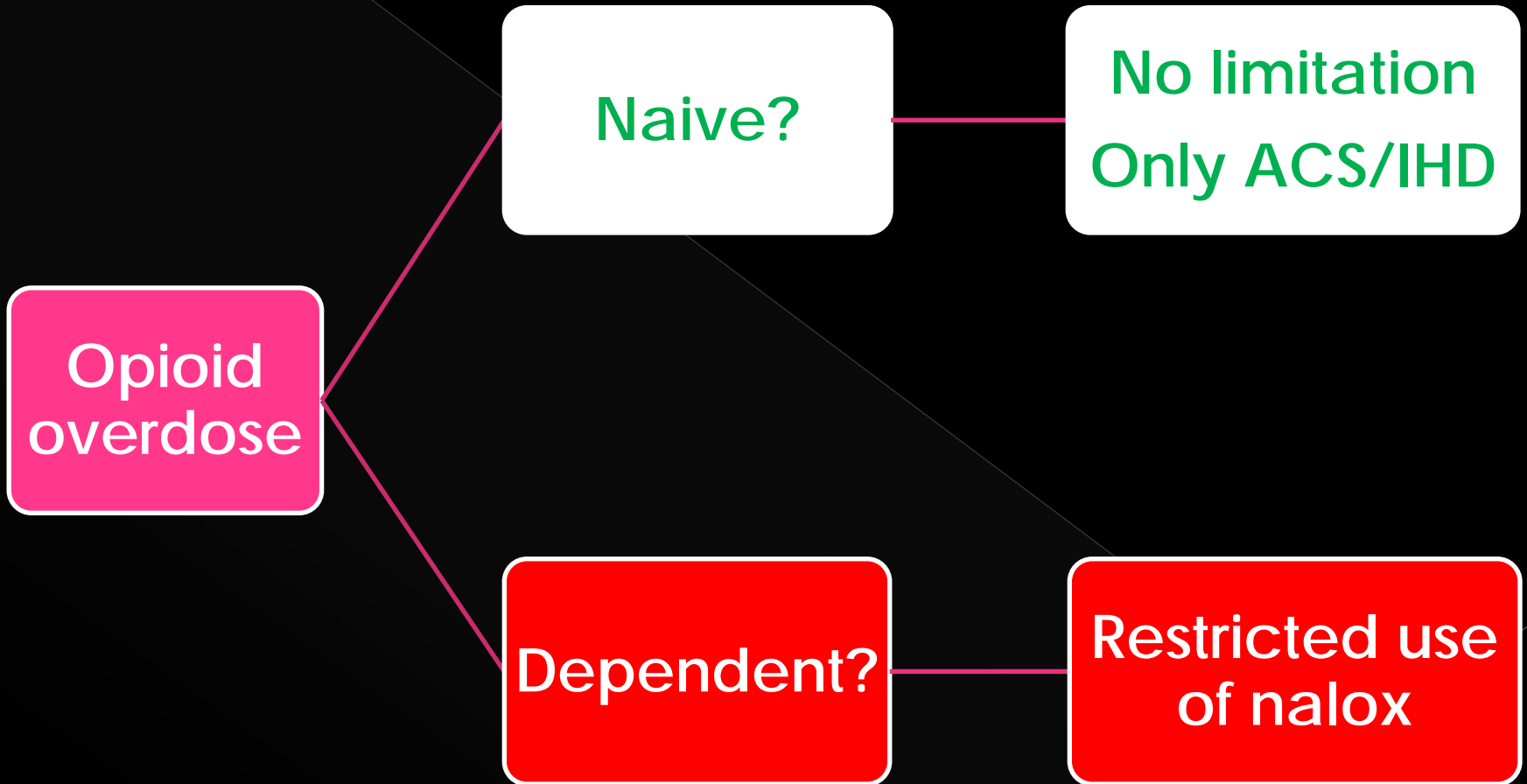
WBI ?

- ⦿ For body packing
- ⦿ Suicidal large amount of opium or drugs

Antidotal therapy

- ◉ Indications
- ◉ Depend on cases
 - Non-addict person
 - Addicted
 - Underlying disease
 - Complicated
- ◉ Narrow half life
- ◉ Few contraindication: IHD/CAD

Dose of Narcan



Dose of Narcan

دوز نالوکسان در
مسمومیت با
مخدرها

بیمار غیروابسته
(Naïve)

بجز در موارد
ACS/IHD
محدودیت در دوز تجویز
آنتی دوت وجود ندارد

بیمار وابسته به
اوپیوئیدها و یامعتاد

محدودیت جدی در
مصرف نالوکسان (تجویز
دوز حداقل) به جهت
جلوگیری از بروز سندرم
ترک

Doses of Narcan

- ◎ Low dose
- ◎ Full dose / Response dose/ Bolus
- ◎ Maint. Dose; Continues infusion
- ◎ Rout of administration ?

Response to Narcan ?

- ◎ Dramatic Response
- ◎ Partial response
 - Sepsis
 - Head injury
 - Sedative-Hypnotics toxicity

Pt. condition

- Is apneic (respiratory arrest)?

- Is in respiratory failure?

(spont. respiration but hypoventilated)

Respiration?

Yes

NO

(Apnea/ arrest)

Adequate

Failure

Respiration?

Yes

Adequate

Failure

NO
(Apnea)

Ventil. With
O2 by bag-valve mask
+
Nalox

Intubation

آیا بیمار
تنفس دارد؟

Yes

NO
(آپنه)

تنفس نرمال دارد
(Adequate)

اختلال تنفسي
دارد

تجویز اکسیژن با
bag-valve mask
تجویز فوري آنتي
دوت نالوکسان

مانیتورینگ تنفسي
تجویز نالوکسان در
صورت بروز نارسايي
یا آپنه

تجویز نالوکسان
Low dose
پایش تنفسي

Intubation
در صورت عدم پاسخ
به نالوکسان

Respiration?

Yes

NO
(Apnea/ arrest)

Adequate

Failure

Nalox for Apnea

0.2-2 mg, iv/iM

Repeated q 30s-2min

Max.; 25 Amp

Respiration?

Yes

Adequate

Adequate Ventilation

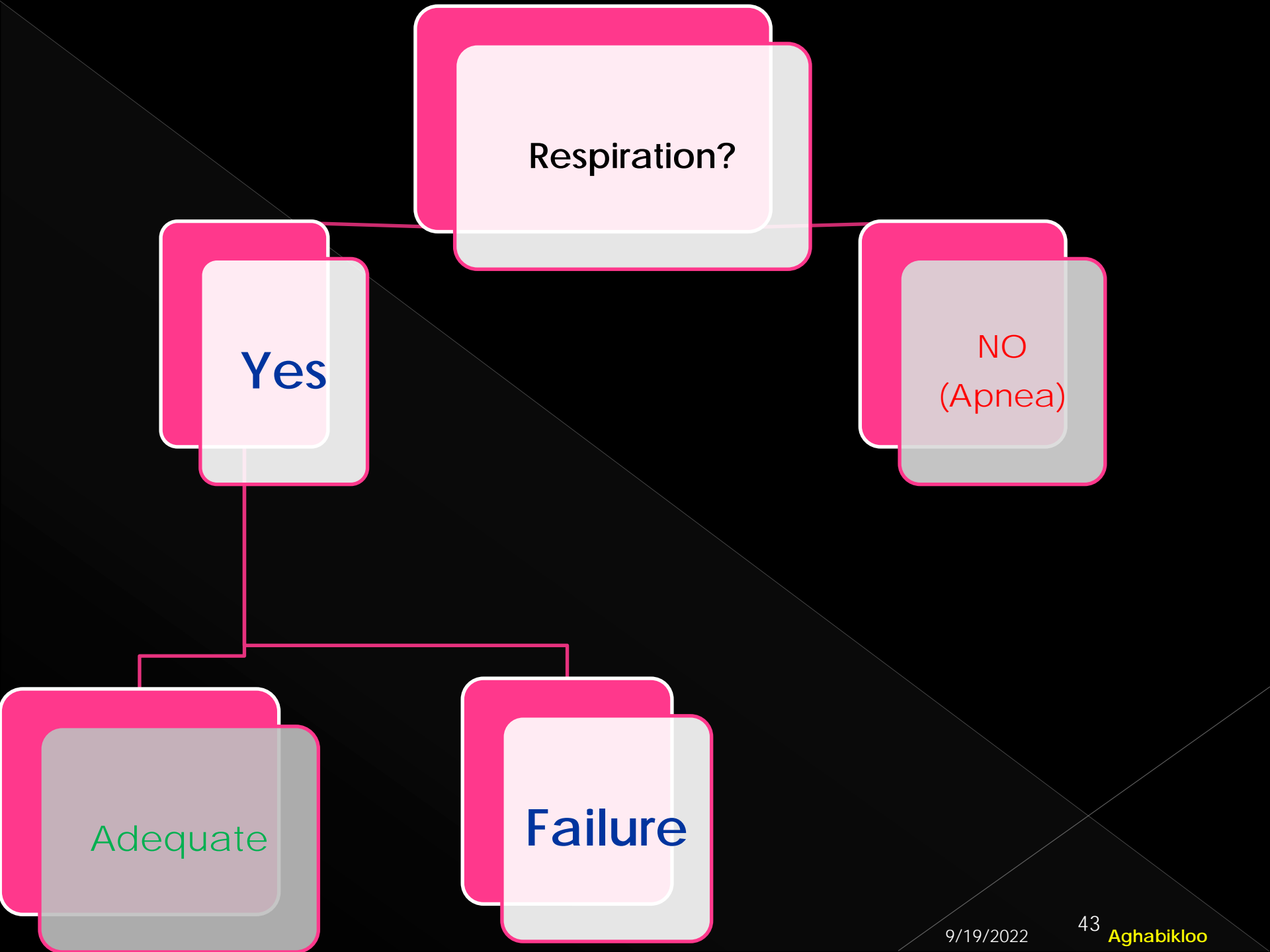
clinic

- RR > 12/min + PCO₂ < 5,
- O₂ Sat. > 90% + GCS > 8

Therapy

• No intervention

- Just monitoring ventilation
- RR/Capnography/ABG/Pulse oxymetry



Respiration?

Yes

NO
(Apnea)

Adequate

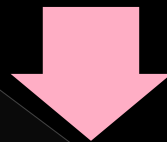
Failure

Respiratory failure

Spont. Breath

but

O₂ Sat.<90% or/and RR<12 or/and pCO₂>50

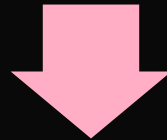


O₂ therapy

+

Nalox

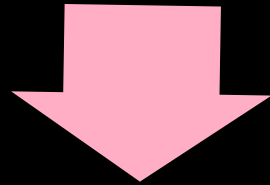
0.05 mg iv or im, repeat until adequate vent.



Max. dose 10mg

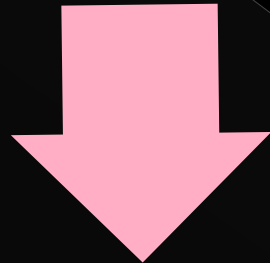
Nalox

0.5-2 mg iv/sc/im



Repeated doses of Nalox

if needed depending on amount & Duration of action



Nalox infusion

2/3 of total response dose/8-10 h

Nalox infusion

Develop WS

Stop
infusion

If toxicity
return

Restart infusion
%50 initial rate

Respiratory
depression

Readminister %50 initial
bolus q few min until
improvement

Increase infusion rate
by %50 initial rate

Discharge criteria

1. When V/S are stable
2. Normal ventilation more than **1 h** after stopping Naloxone



DD;

⦿ Toxicologic

- > Co & Cyanide
- > BNZP
- > Barbiturate
- > Sedative Hypnotics
- > Phenothiazines
- > Mushrooms
- > Nut meg
- > Alcohol
- > Clonidine
- > Tramadol

⦿ Non-toxicologic

- > CVA
- > Metabolic dis.
- > H.T
- > CNS infection
- > Sepsis
- > Electrol. Imbalance
- > Pontine hemorrhage

Complicated Opioid Overdose

- Head trauma
- Co-ingestion
- Underlying diseases; **IHD/COPD/Asthma**
- concurrent dis.
- Aspiration Pneumonia
- ALI/ARDS
- Rhabdomyolysis
- ARF
- Hypoglycemia
- Hypothermia
- Ischemic-hypoxic encephalopathy
- **Iv drug Abusers & its complications**

complications

Long-term effects of Heroin

- Central**
- Addiction
 - Tolerance
 - Dependence

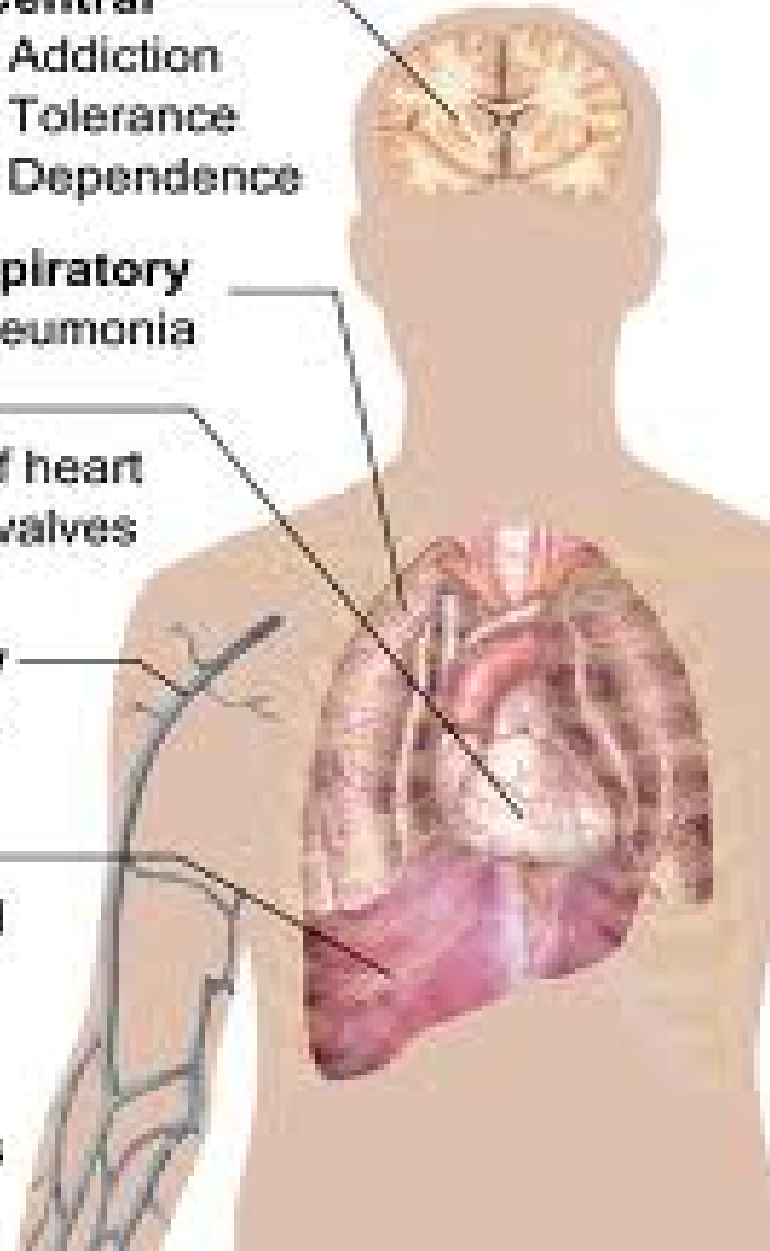
- Respiratory**
- Pneumonia

- Heart**
- Infection of heart lining and valves

- Circulatory**
- Collapsed veins

- Liver**
- Decreased function

- Systemic**
- Abscesses





Admission Criteria

- ◉ *Use of large amount*
- ◉ *Complicated form*
- ◉ *Toxicity in non-addict person*
- ◉ *Suicidal cases*
- ◉ *Hemodynamic & Respiratory disorder*
- ◉ *Coincident injury*
- ◉ *poisoning with prolong half-life substance*



Thanks