

NSAIDs

Block both COX-1 and COX-2 by interacting with Arg120 (reversible)

Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug

Carboxylic Acid

Enolic Acid

Salicylic Acids and Esters

Acetic Acids

Propionic Acids

Pyrazolones

Oxicams

Acetylsalicylic Acid/ ASA (Aspirin®)

> Acetylates a serine (COX-1 S530 and COX-2 S516) blocking access to arachidonic acid

i) Phenylacetic Acids

ii) Carbo- and Hetero-Cyclic Acetic Acids

Indomethacin (Indocin®)

Ibuprofen (generic/ Motrin®)

> For RA and dysmenorrhea, accumulates in synovial fluid
Naproxen (Alleve®)
> RA and gout, 20X more potent than ASA

Piroxicam (Feldene®)

> Prolonged half-life (30-85h) due to entero-hepatic circulation

COXibs

Celecoxib Refecoxib/Vioxx (Off the market)

Blocks COX-2 (irreversible)
Binds Val523, has a big bulky group

↑Risk Heart Attack, Strokes (reduces anti-thrombotic PGI₂)

Acetaminophen

Tylenol/Para-aminophenol

More central effects
NOT an anti-inflammatory drug

Mechanism by --| COX-3? (unknown)

High dose liver toxicity (if liver ENZ sat. form reactive intermediates)

NSAIDs:

Intestinal (Block COX-1 in stomach, PGE₂ receptor stops H⁺ pumps, So NSAIDs increase acid secretion, to prevent give synthetic prosecretoid (mesoprostol), or have pill with enteric coating, or eat food to buffer)
Aspirin-induced asthma + skin rxn (leukotriene made more)

Aspirin:

ASA Reye's Syndrome in children, brain and liver problems, can be deadly (ASA never given to children)
Urate accumulation (Low dose ASA blocks urate secretion in glomerulus)
Bleeding
Not for pregnancy (PGE₂ causes smooth muscle contraction)

Both NSAIDs and COXibs → Renal Failure: Vasoconstriction (shunts to leukotriene arm) , ↑BP (Na²⁺ retention/perf edema, and ↓GFR)

Legend

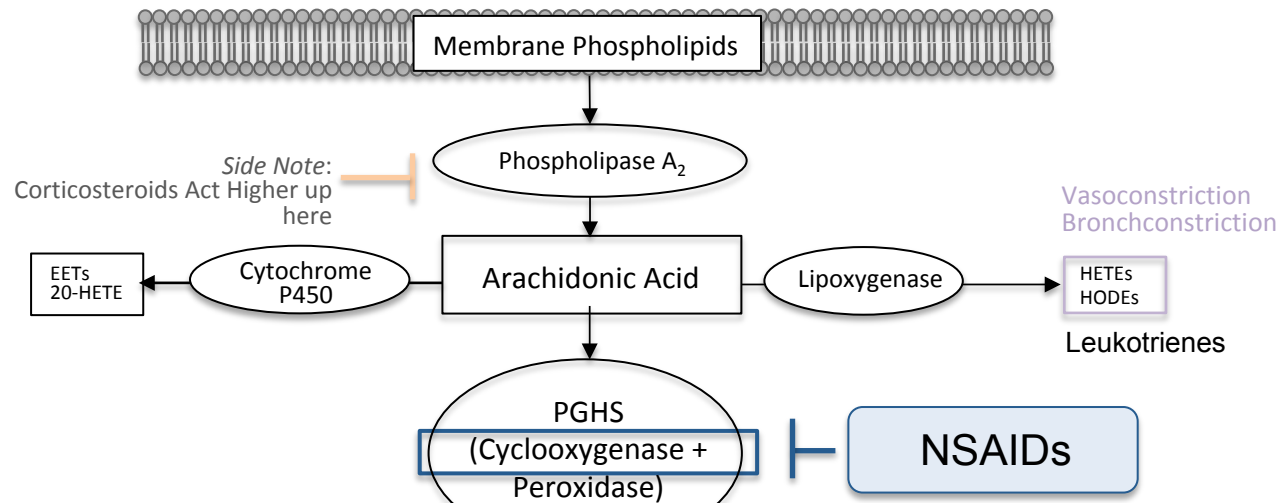
- Side Effects
- Benefits

NSAIDs and COXibs Stop Inflammation by stopping PGs

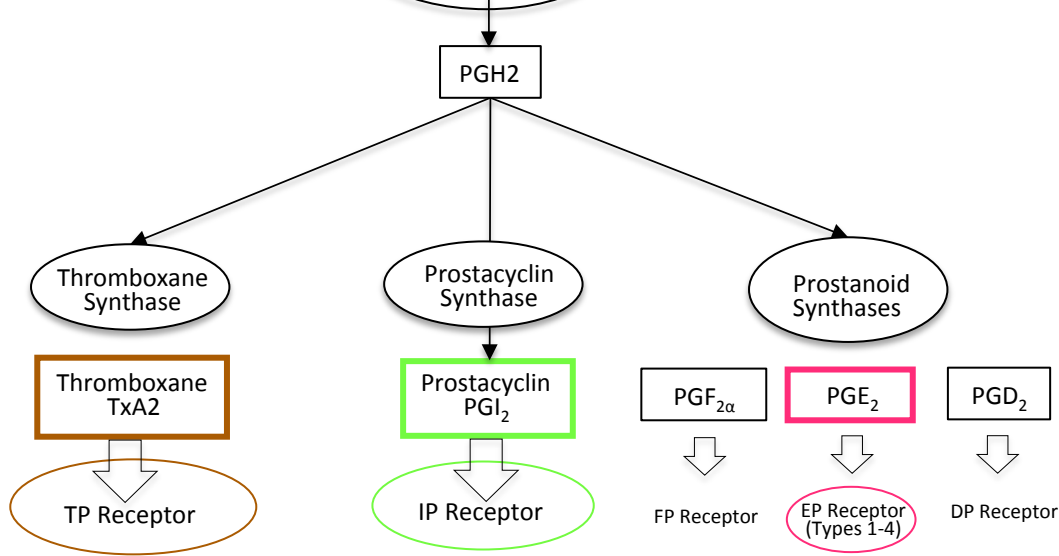
PGs involved in late stage of inflammation and increase vasopermeability, platelet aggregation at site of injury

All Stop **Fever** and **Pain** by preventing the formation of prostaglandins responsible for causing this

Fever (PGE₂ increases body temperature set point = heat)
Pain (PGs reduce stimulus threshold for Nociceptor Pain receptors = more sensitive)



If PG arm is blocked by NSAIDs/COXibs, Arachidonic Acid can be shunted to form more Leukotrienes



Pro-thrombotic
Increased platelet aggregation



Anti-thrombotic
Reduced platelet aggregation

Prostaglandins

Renal effects
Sensitize Pain Receptors
Relaxes Smooth Muscles