

Medications used in Substance Related Treatment and Recovery

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OVERVIEW

After attending this session, the participant will be able to:

- **DISCUSS THE THREE (3) OBJECTIVES OF MEDICATION MANAGEMENT;**
- **DESCRIBE THE THERAPEUTIC TRIAD;**
- **DESCRIBE HOW THE FOLLOWING MEDICATIONS AFFECT TREATMENT:**
 1. **ANTI-DEPRESSANTS; ANTI-ALCOHOL; ANTI-COCAINE;
ANTI-METHAMPHETAMINE AND ANTI-HEROIN MEDICATIONS.**
 2. **IDENTIFY THE BASIC PHYSIOLOGY OF OPIOID ADDICTION.**
 3. **DESCRIBE HOW ANTI-OPIOID MEDICATIONS ASSIST IN OPIOID
ADDICTION RECOVERY.**

THE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

**“ISN’T MEDICATION MANAGEMENT
JUST SWITCHING ONE DRUG FOR
ANOTHER?”**

THE THREE (3) MAIN OBJECTIVES OF MEDICATION MANAGEMENT

- FIRST (1ST) OBJECTIVE: STOP THE ILLICIT DRUG USE!
- SECOND (2ND) OBJECTIVE: TO ABSTAIN FROM THE USE OF ALL MOOD ALTERING SUBSTANCES INCLUDING ALCOHOL.
- THIRD (3RD) OBJECTIVE: TO ELIMINATE THE OBSTACLES THAT LEAD TO RELAPSE.

THE THERAPEUTIC TRIAD

MEDICATION-COUNSELING-EXERCISE THE “THERAPEUTIC TRIAD”



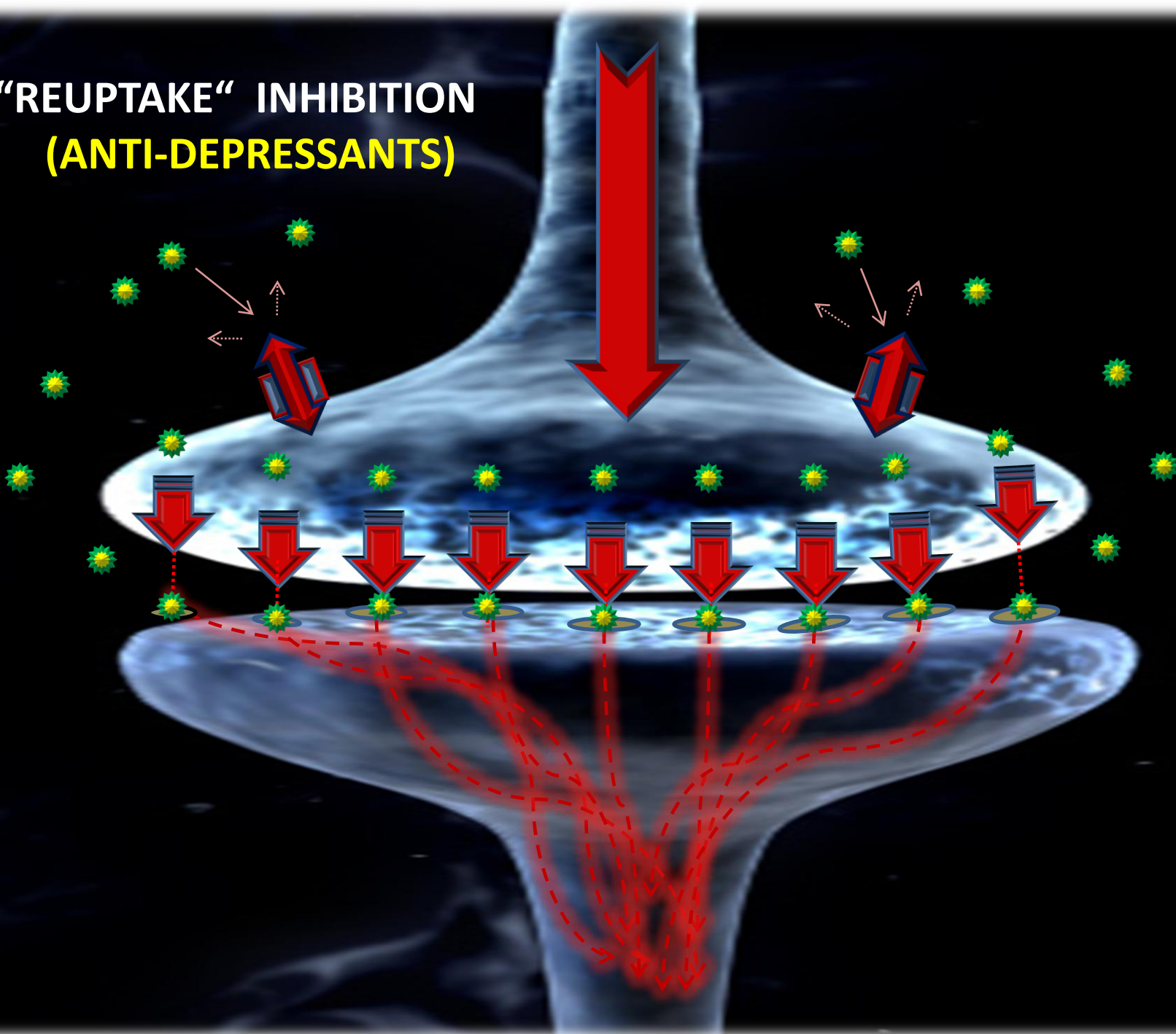
ANTI-DEPRESSANT MEDICATIONS USE IN SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

- **“DESIGNER” ANTI-DEPRESSANT MEDICATIONS:
THESE MEDICATIONS ARE SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO
EFFECT EITHER SERIOTONIN (5ht) OR NOREPINEPHRINE (NE)
AND TO A LESSER EXTENT DOPAMINE (DA) NEUROTRANSMITTERS.**

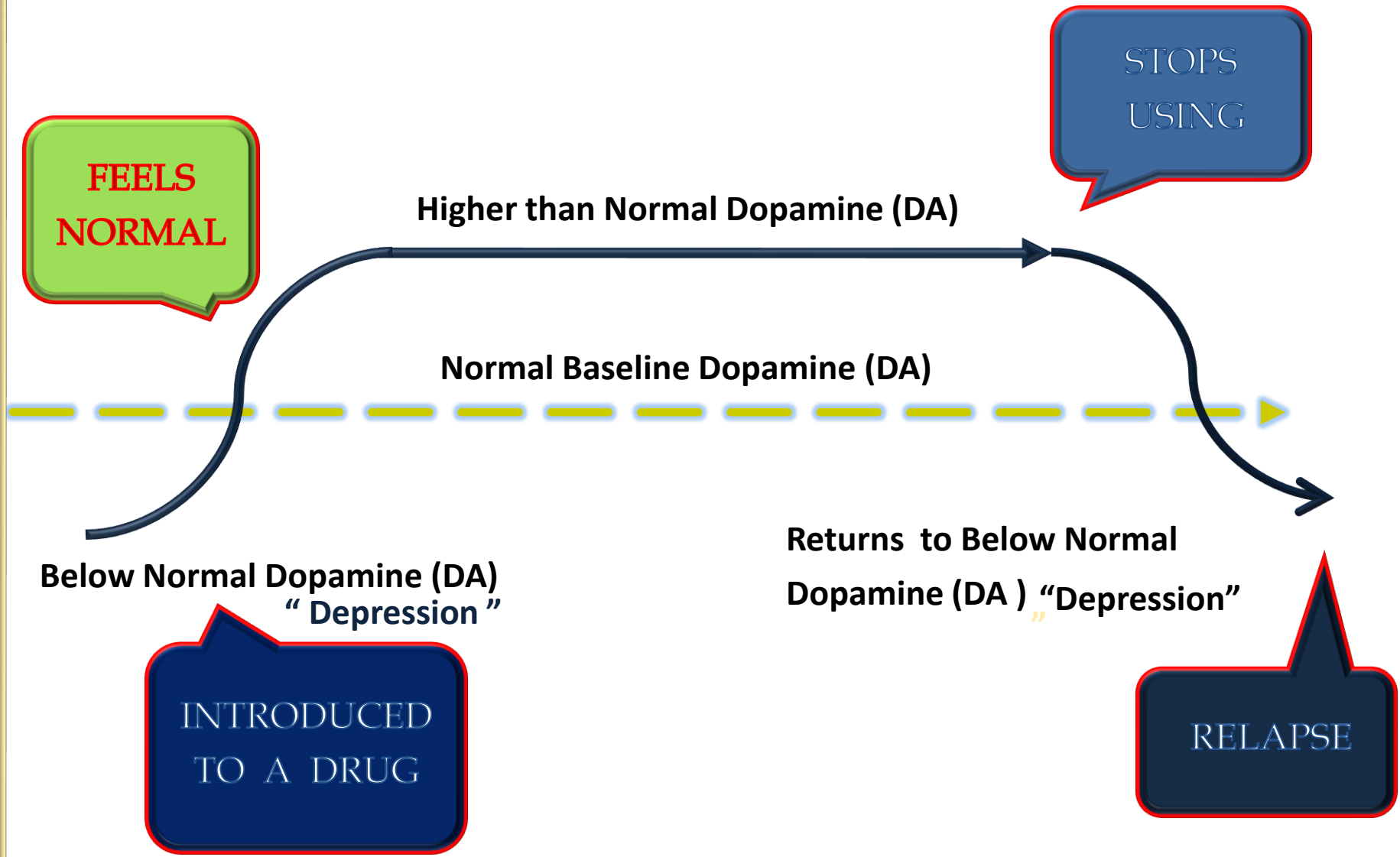
THESE MEDICATIONS INCLUDE :

- 1 . PROZAC (5ht)**
 - 2 . LEXAPRO (5ht)**
 - 3 . CELEXA (5ht)**
 - 4 . ZOLOFT (5ht)**
 - 5 . CYMBALTA (5ht & NE)**
 - 6 . WELLBUTRIN (NE & DA)**
- **THESE MEDICATIONS ARE EFFECTIVE FOR THE
TREATMENT OF “REACTIVE” AND “CLINICAL” DEPRESSION.**

**"REUPTAKE" INHIBITION
(ANTI-DEPRESSANTS)**



PSYCHIATRIC - "ALCOHOL" MOOD DISORDERS



ANTI-ALCOHOL MEDICATIONS

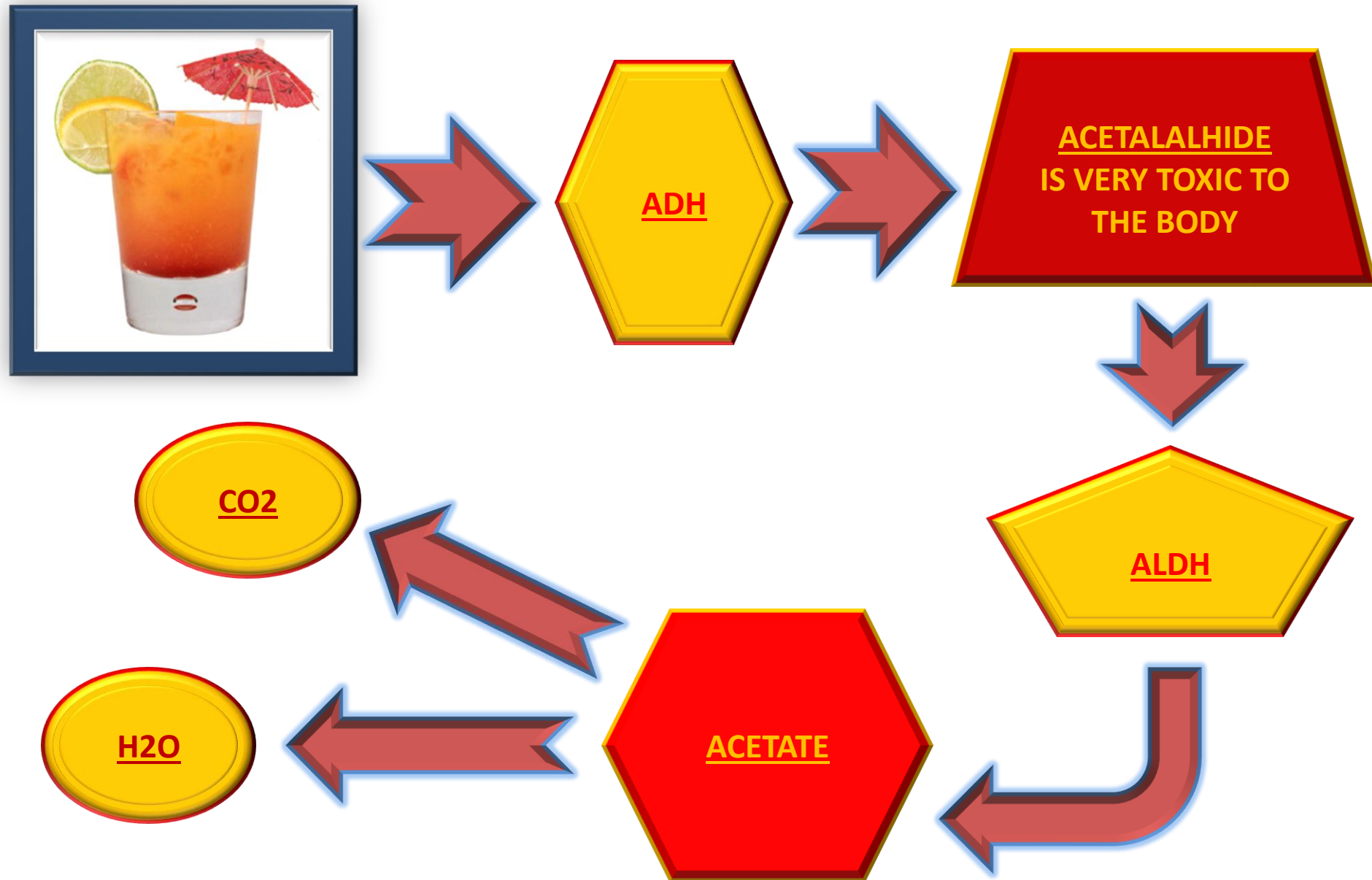
POINT OF REFERENCE . . .

- **THE BODY DOES NOT HAVE SPECIFIC RECEPTORS FOR ALCOHOL, THEREFORE, ALCOHOL MUST MASQUERADE ITSELF AS EITHER A PAIN KILLER (Opioid-Codeine) OR AS AN ANTI-ANXIETY AGENT (GABA - Xanax) IN ORDER TO GAIN ADMISSION INTO THE BODY.**
- **THAT IS WHY SUBSTANCES THAT BLOCK THE UPTAKE OF OPIOID AND ANTI-ANXIETY DRUGS IN THE BODY ARE ALSO BEING USED FOR THE TREATMENT OF ALCOHOL ABUSE AND RELAPSE.**

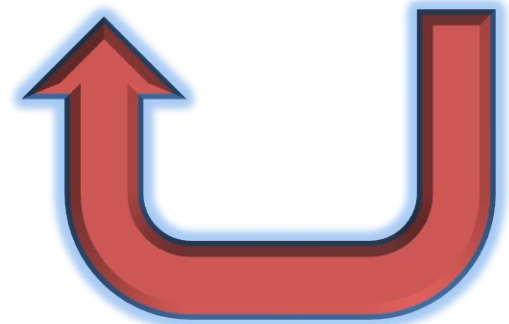
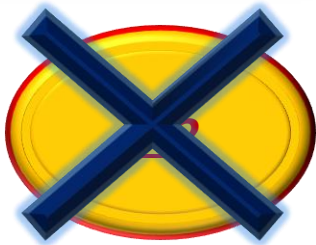
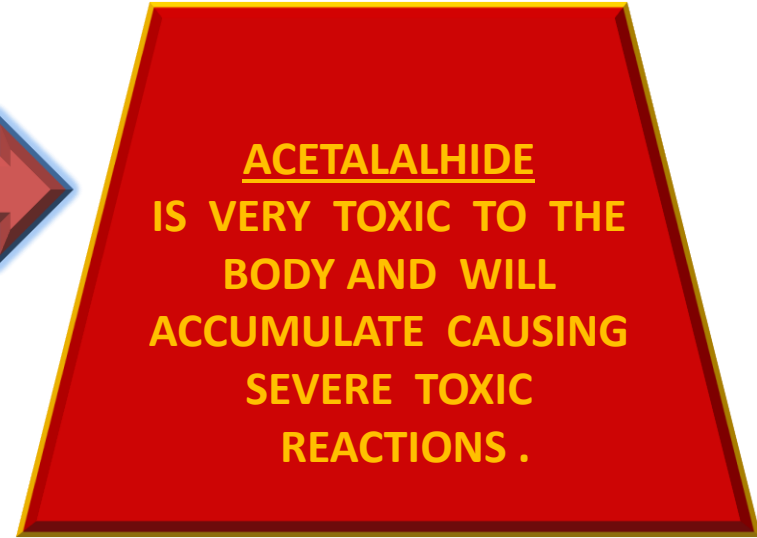
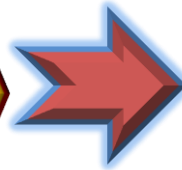
ANTABUSE

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THE NORMAL ALCOHOL BREAKDOWN SEQUENCE



THE ALCOHOL BREAKDOWN SEQUENCE WITH "ANTABUSE"



ANTI-ALCOHOL MEDICATIONS

- ANTABUSE (DISULFIRAM): IS A MEDICINE DESIGNED TO STOP THE NORMAL BREAK DOWN OF ALCOHOL IN THE BODY.
- IT IS DESPENSED AT 250mg AND 500mg DOSAGES.
- ANTABUSE: STOPS THE BREAKDOWN OF ALCOHOL AT THE ACETALDEHYDE STAGE FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE (3) to FOURTEEN (14) DAYS.

ALCOHOL AND ANTABUSE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS USUALLY OCCUR WITHIN FIVE (5) TO TEN (10) MINUTES OF COMBINING ALCOHOL WITH ANTABUSE :

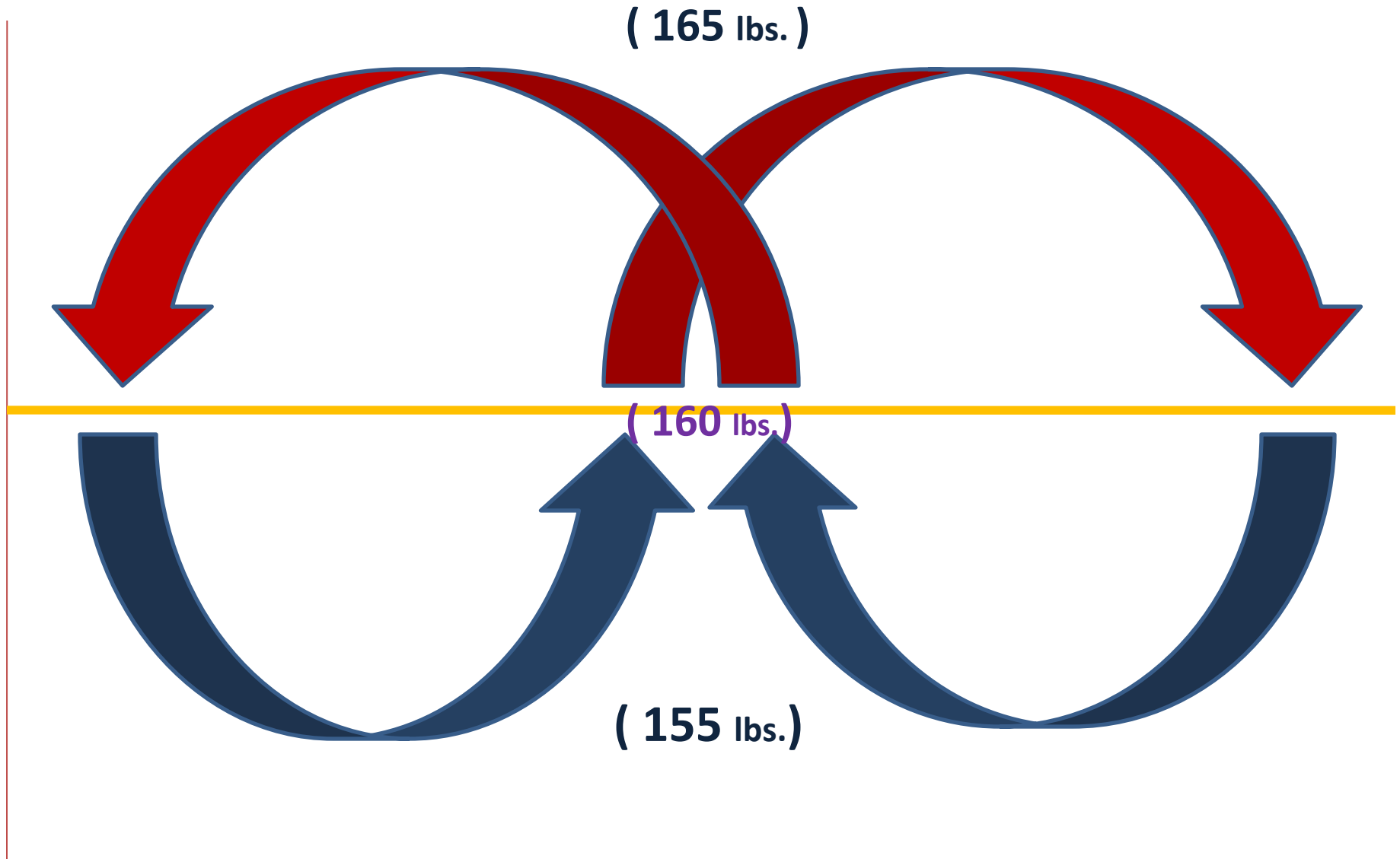
- 1. FLUSHING.**
- 2. SWEATING.**
- 3. THROBBING HEADACHE AND NECK PAIN .**
- 4. PALPITATIONS (HEART) .**
- 5. DYSPNEA (LABORED OR DIFFICULT BREATHING).**
- 6. HYPERVENTILATION (INCREASED AND RAPID BREATHING).**
- 7. TACHYCARDIA (FAST BEATING HEART).**
- 8. HYPOTENSION (DECREASED BLOOD PRESSURE).**
- 9. NAUSEA .**
- 10. VOMITING .**

ALCOHOL ANTI-CRAVING MEDICATIONS

**YOUR BRAIN IS CONSTANTLY
ATTEMPTING TO “RIGHT” ITSELF.**

**HOMEOSTASIS: IS A TERM USED TO
DESCRIBE THE BODY’S EFFORTS TO
KEEP YOUR INTERNAL WORLD
BALANCED!**

“HOMEOSTASIS” KEEPING EVERYTHING BALANCED !!!



THE BIG THREE (3) NEUROTRANSMITTERS INVOLVED IN ANTI-CRAVING MEDICATIONS

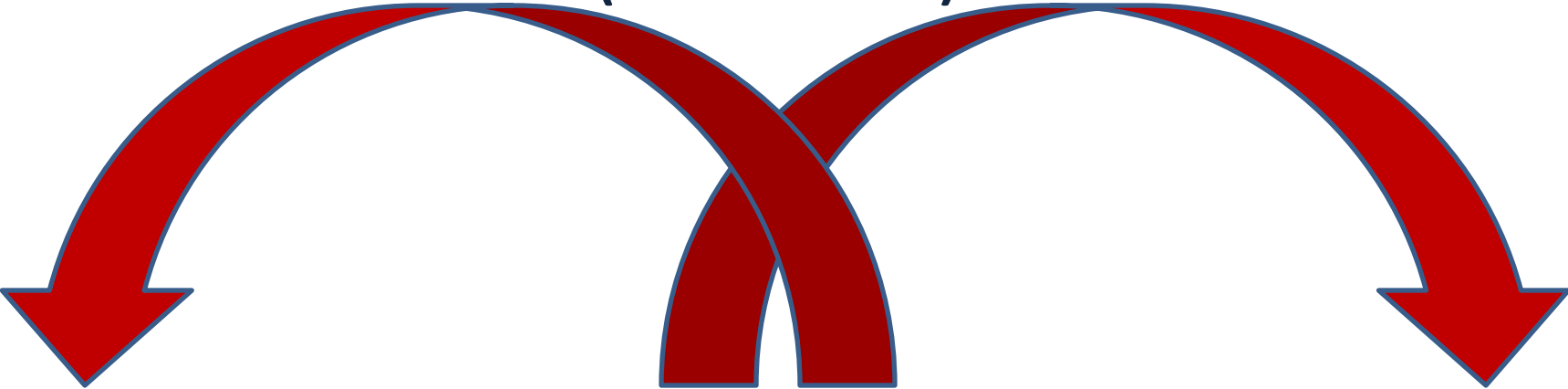
Glutamate: Activates the “under-excited “
brain, producing the symptoms of a “Hangover “.

GABA: Sedates the “over excited” brain, reduces
anxiety, acts like Xanax or Alcohol on the brain .

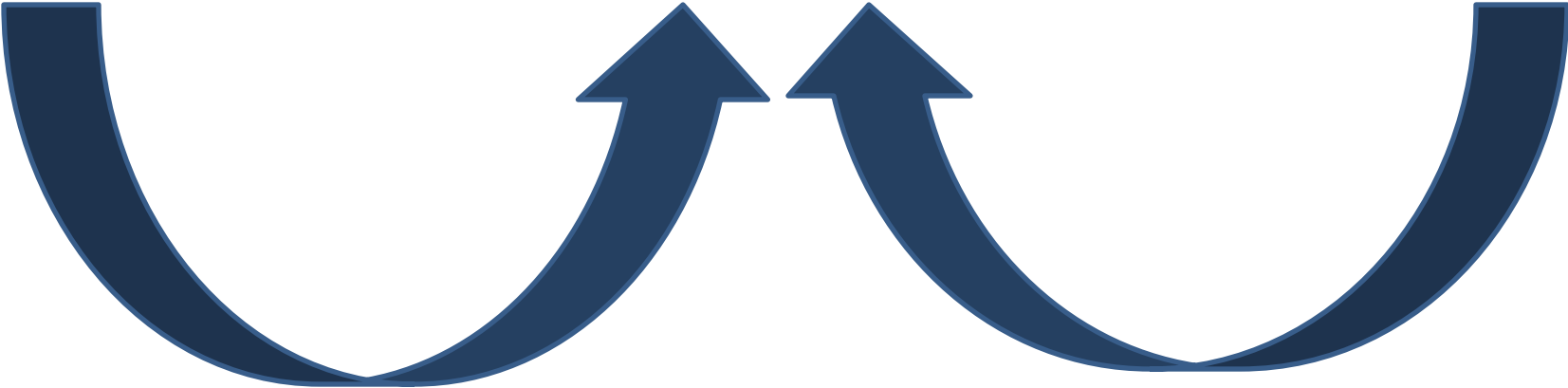
Endorphins: “body produce morphine“
Biological “Pain Killers” known as Opioids .

“HOMEOSTASIS” KEEPING EVERYTHING BALANCED !

(GLUTAMATE)



(GABA - ENDORPHINS)



84 enterotabletes (12 x 2)

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Campral[®] 333 mg
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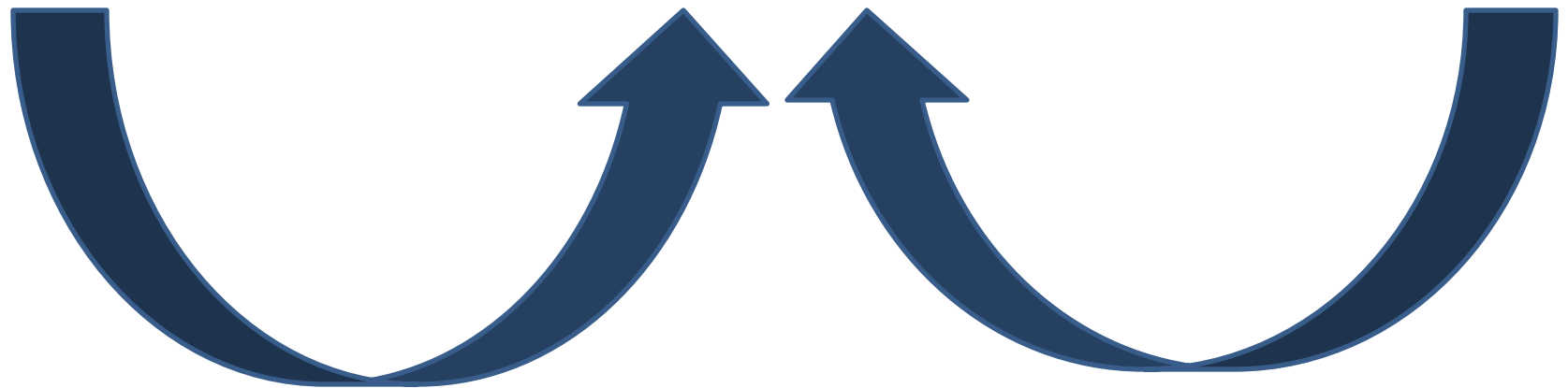
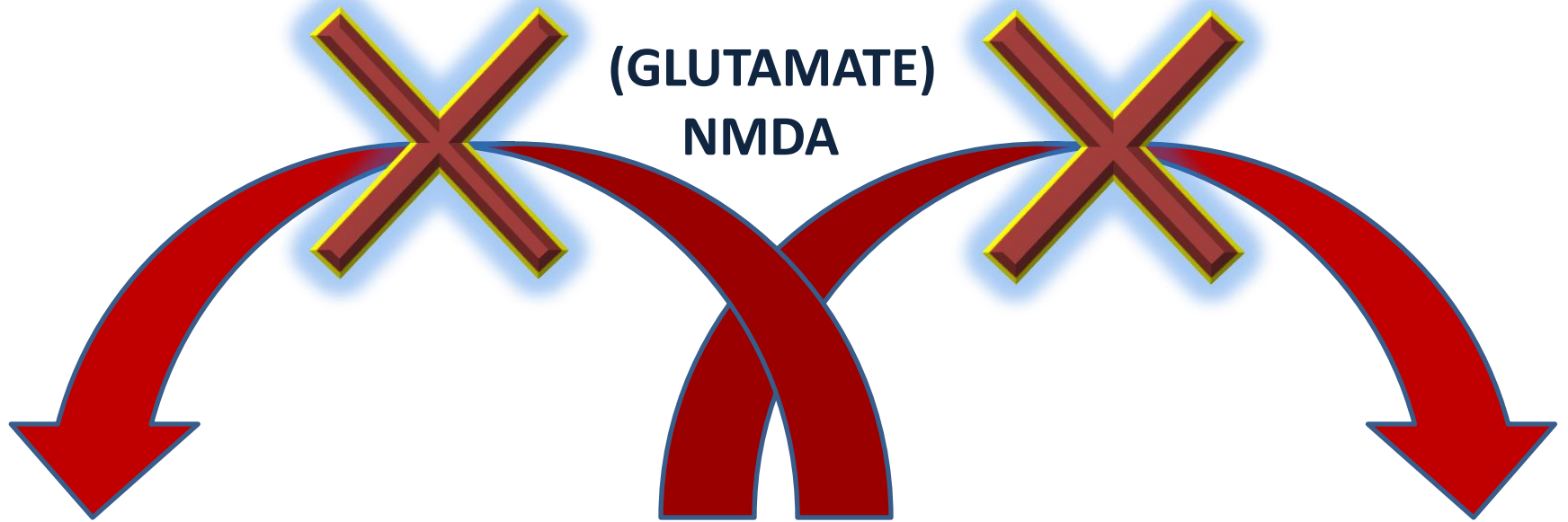
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- **ALCOHOL WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME: GLUTAMATE IS THOUGHT TO BE THE CAUSE OF THE UNPLEASANT (AGITATION) SYMPTOMS EXPERIENCED DURING ALCOHOL WITHDRAWAL.**
- **CAMPRAL (ACAMPROSATE): IS DESIGNED TO QUICKLY RESTORE THE GLUTAMATE SYSTEM AFTER DRINKING. THUS, REDUCING THE NEED TO CONTINUE DRINKING IN ORDER TO AVOID THE UNPLEASANT WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS.**
- **CAMPRAL WORKS BEST WITH THE “BINGE” DRINKER.**

"CAMPARAL" EFFECTS THE GLUTAMATE CYCLE



(GABA - ENDORPHINS)

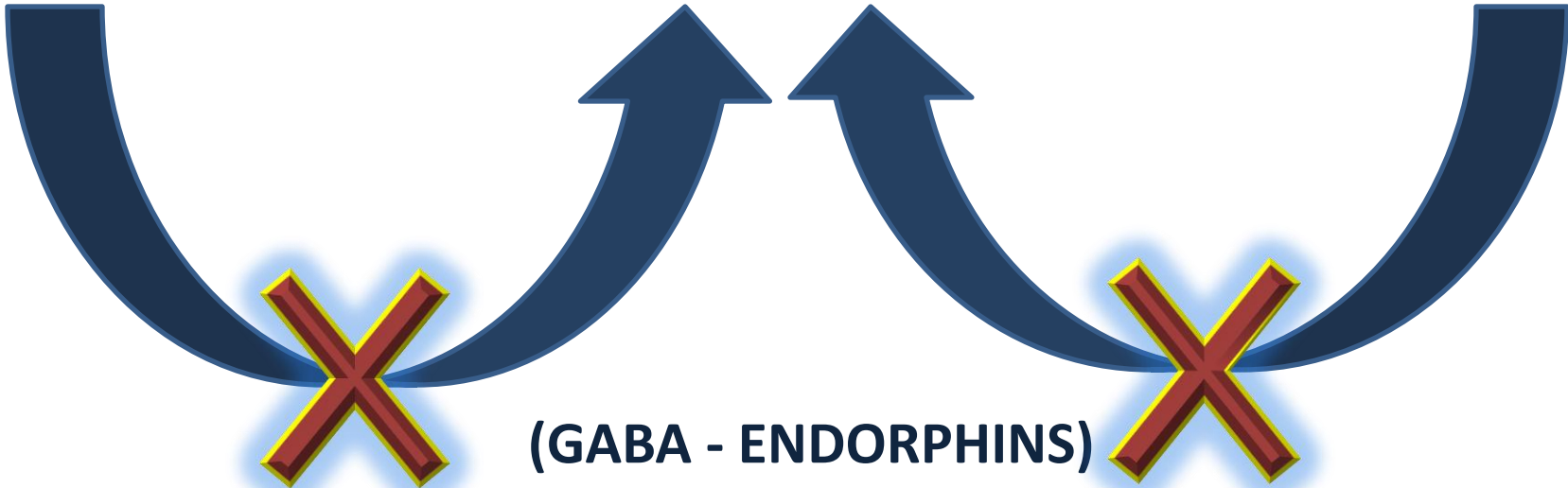
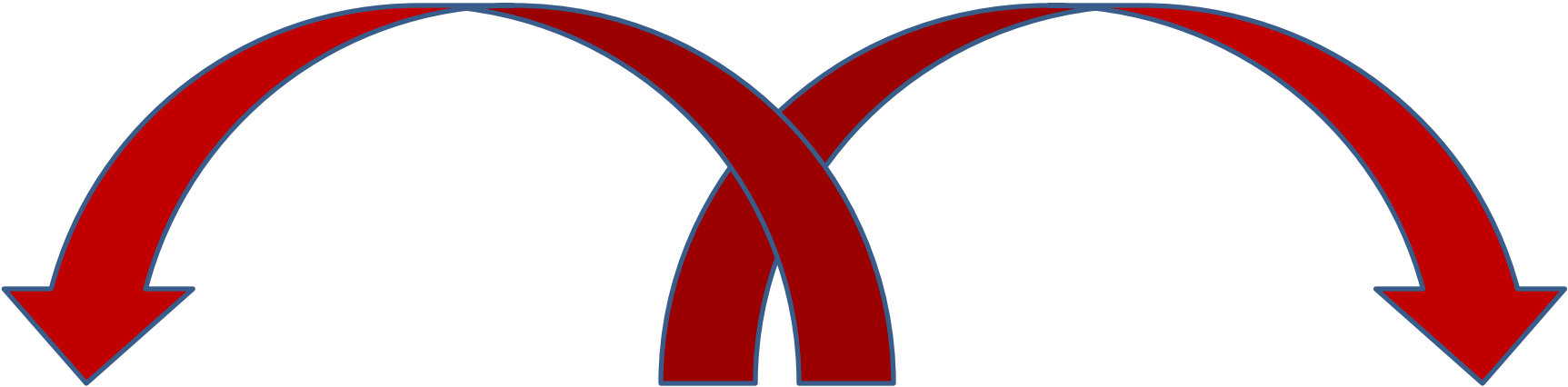
NALTREXONE (Vivitrol; Trexan; ReVia)



- **NALTREXONE** (DON'T CONFUSE THIS WITH NALOXONE) IS A FULL OPIATE ANTAGONISTS (BLOCKER).
- **NALTREXONE** IS DESIGNED TO BLOCK THE RAPID RELEASE OF ENDORPHINS THAT SOME INDIVIDUALS REPORT EXPERIENCING WHEN CONSUMING ALCOHOL.
- **NALTREXONE** IS APPROVED AS A OPIOID BLOCKER WITH OPIOID DEPENDENCE TREATMENT .
- INJECTED NALTREXONE (VIVITROL "time released") IS DESIGNED TO BLOCK THE ENDORPHIN "RUSH" AND REDUCES THE DESIRED AFFECTS OF ALCOHOL FOR APPROXIMATELY (30) DAYS.
- **NALTREXONE** WORKS BEST WITH THE "CHRONIC" DRINKER.

“NALTREXONE” EFFECTS THE ENDORPHIN RELEASING CYCLES

(GLUTAMATE)



**BENZODIAZEPINE ANTAGONIST
(FLUMAZENIL)**

FLUMAZENIL

- FLUMAZENIL IS A GABA RECEPTOR ANTAGONIST.
- FLUMAZENIL WILL BLOCK THE UPTAKE OF BENZODIAZEPINES.
- FLUMAZENIL IS VERY EFFECTIVE WITH BENZODIAZEPINE OVERDOSE.



**ANTI-COCAINE AND
ANTI-COCAINE CRAVING
MEDICATIONS**

BLOOD BRAIN BARRIER (BBB)

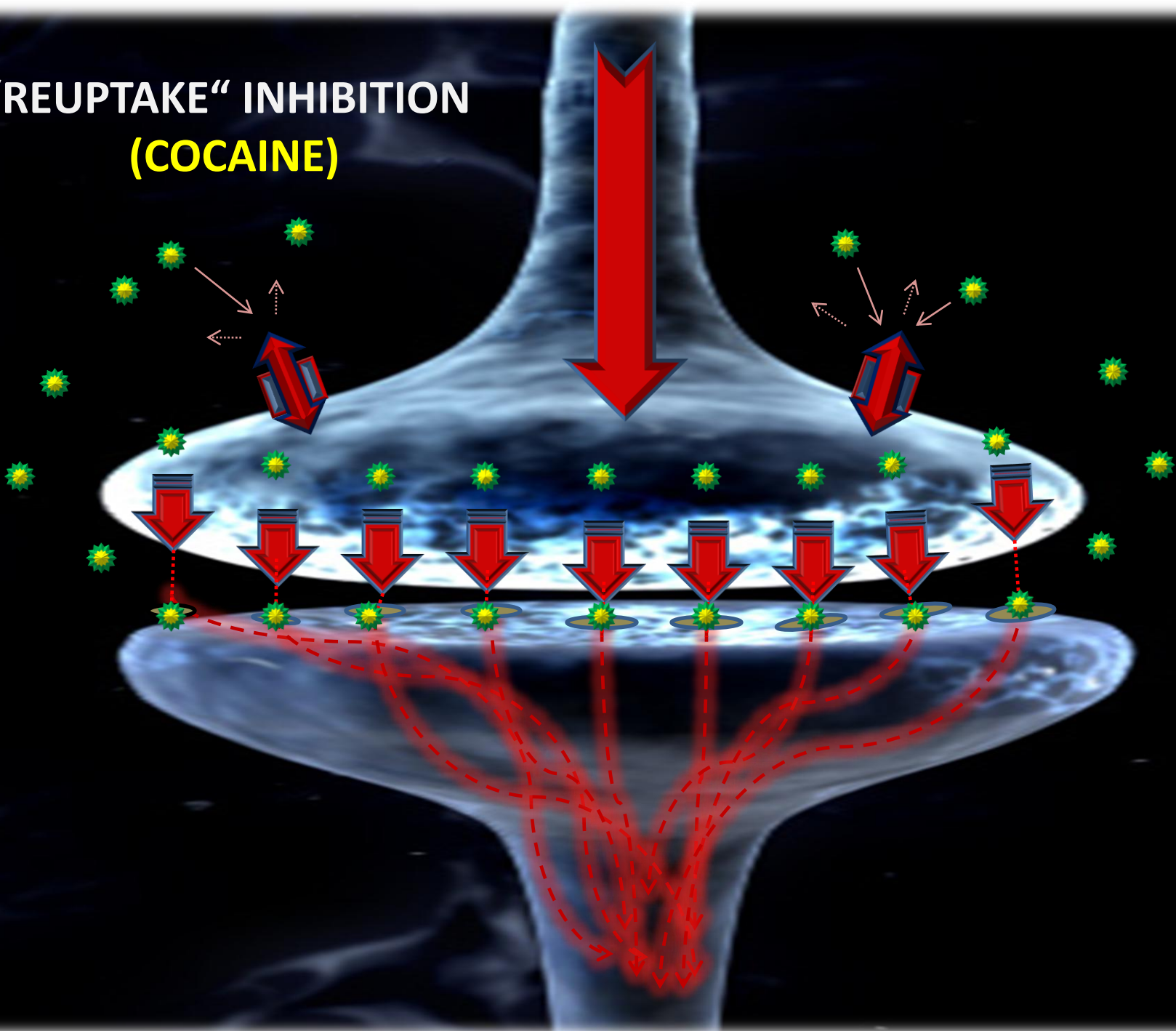
MENINGEAL LAYERS MAKE UP THE BBB

**A REGION OF THE
BRAIN THAT RESTRICTS
ELEMENTS OF THE
BLOOD AND
CEREBROSPINAL
FLUID FROM ENTERING
INTO THE BRAIN.**

**THE BBB PROVIDES
THE BRAIN PHYSICAL
AND CHEMICAL
PROTECTION FROM
PHYSICAL INJURY AND
HARMFUL SUBSTANCES .**



**“REUPTAKE” INHIBITION
(COCAINE)**



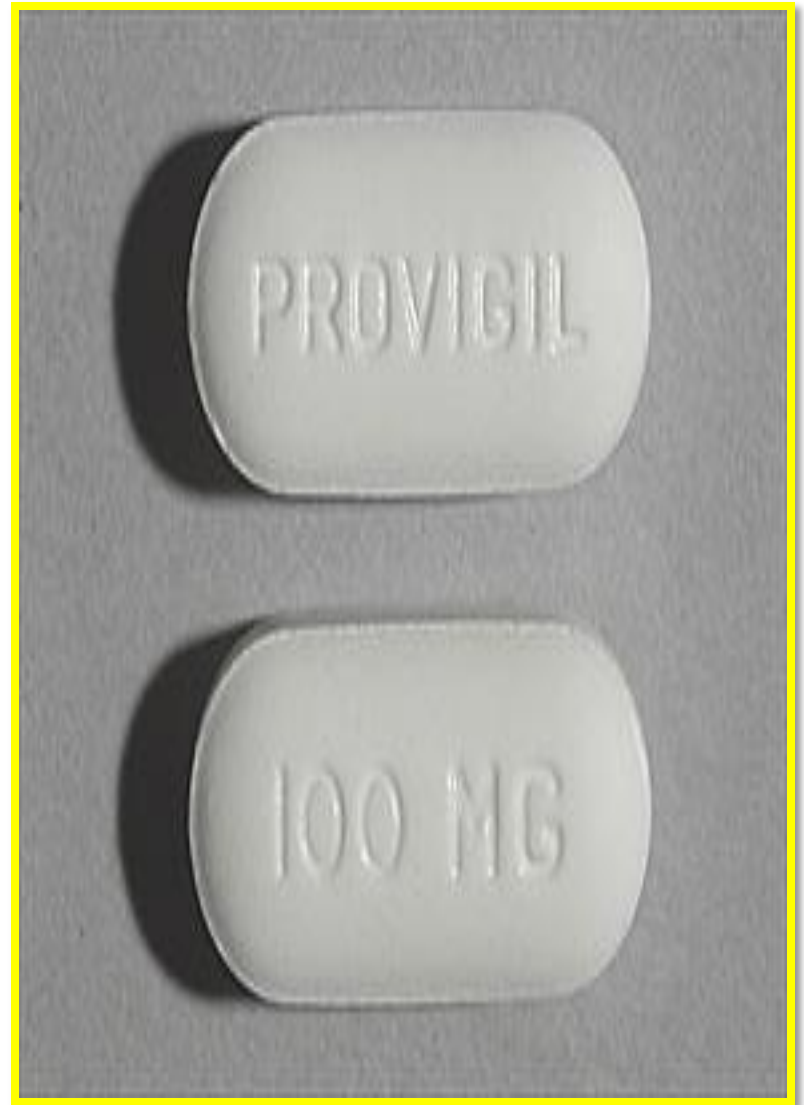
Cocaine “Anti-craving” Medications

- **GABAPENTIN (Neurontin):** An anti-epileptic medication.
- **VIGABATRIN (Sabril):** An anti-epileptic medication.
- **BACLOFEN (Gablofen, Lioresal):** A muscle relaxant medication.
- **N-ACETYLCYSTEINE (NAC):** An amino acid that curbs cocaine cravings and helps repair the damage caused by cocaine in animals.
- **NOCAINE:** A weaker version of cocaine that blocks the stimulant effects of cocaine.
- **DISULFIRAM (Antabuse):** makes alcohol-cocaine use unpleasant.

(www.Nim.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginfo/druginfo/meds/a602016.html)

PROVIGIL (MODAFINIL) AND NUVIGIL (ARMODAFINIL)

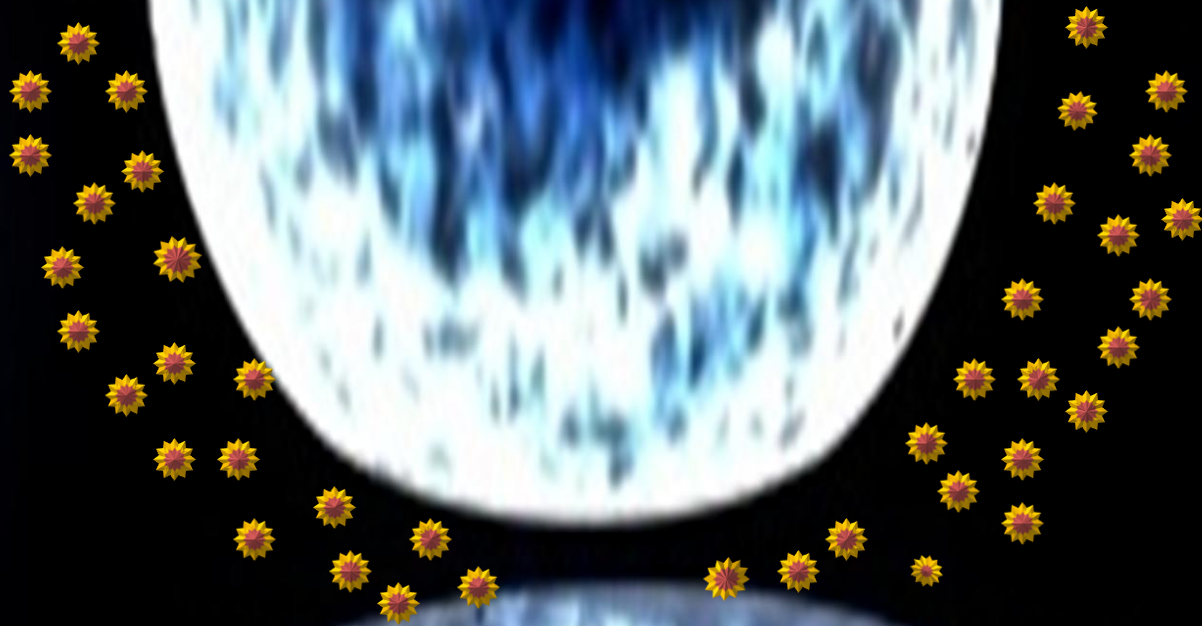
- ARE SCHEDULED IV DRUGS .
- ACTS ON THE NE AND DA SYSTEMS.
- EFFECTIVE IN ESTABLISHING A STEADY SLEEP PATTERN IN COCAINE AND METH DEPENDENT INDIVIDUALS .
- REDUCES THE INDIVIDUALS DRUG CRAVINGS.
- DOES NOT ACTIVATE THE VTA CENTERS OF THE BRAIN.
- INCREASES HISTAMINE RELEASE.



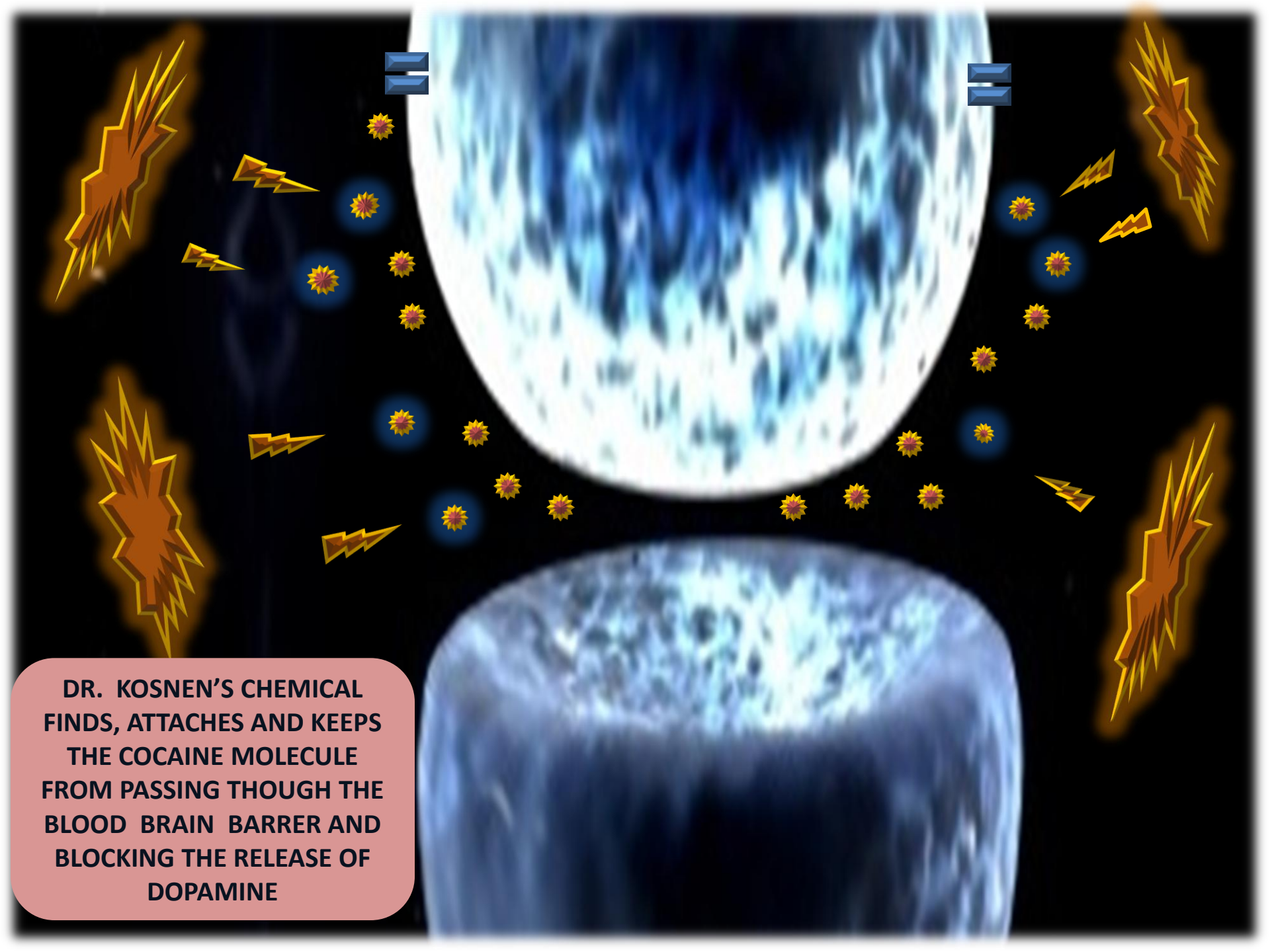
ANTI-COCAINE VACCINE (TA-CD)

- **TA-CD is an anti-body based medication that identifies the cocaine molecule and degrades it's effects before it can enter the brains blood barrier and hyper-stimulating the dopamine centers of the brain.**
- **Developed by Dr. Thomas Kosten, Baylor School of Medicine, Houston, Texas.**
- **His research has had mixed results indicating that the medication works as designed, but individuals can override the inoculation effect by taking greater doses of cocaine.**

(Kosten et al, 2014 Drug and Alcohol Dependence 140,42-417)



**COCAINE'S
MOLECULES ARE SO
TINY THAT THEY
PASS UNDETECTED
THOUGH THE
BLOOD BRAIN
BARRER (BBB)**



**DR. KOSNEN'S CHEMICAL
FINDS, ATTACHES AND KEEPS
THE COCAINE MOLECULE
FROM PASSING THROUGH THE
BLOOD BRAIN BARRIER AND
BLOCKING THE RELEASE OF
DOPAMINE**

Anti-methamphetamine Vaccine (MH6)

- **Researchers at the Univ. of Arkansas developed a non-addicting, long-acting anti-methamphetamine antibody-gene-based medication that is designed to block methamphetamine from accessing the dopamine releasing centers in the brain.**

(Bio. Psychiatry, 2013 Apr 15; 73(8):721-8.doi:10.1016/j.biopsych.2012.09.010)

AN INTRODUCTION TO OPIOID SUBSTANCES

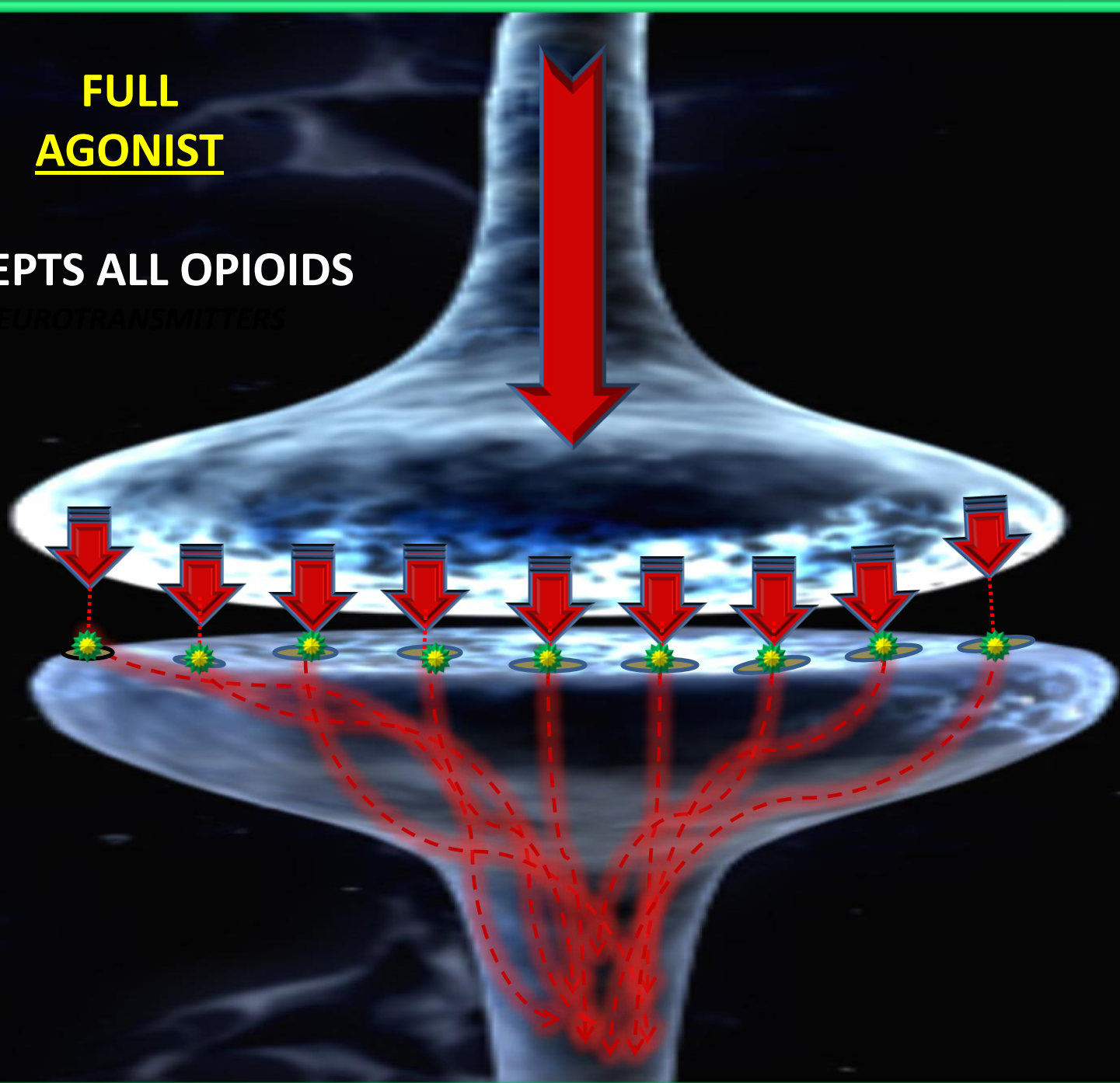
- **Let's Review "Agonistic" and "Antagonistic" substances.**
- **An introduction to opioid substances and how they impact the nervous system.**
- **Three (3) Therapeutic Objectives when treating opioid abuse and dependence.**
- **The Therapeutic Dilemma when treating opioid abuse and dependence.**
- **The use of medications in the treatment of opioid abuse, dependency and recovery. Methadone, Subutex, Suboxone.**

“AGONIST”
“ANTAGONIST”
PARTIAL “AGONIST”/“ANTAGONIST”
RECEPTORS

**FULL
AGONIST**

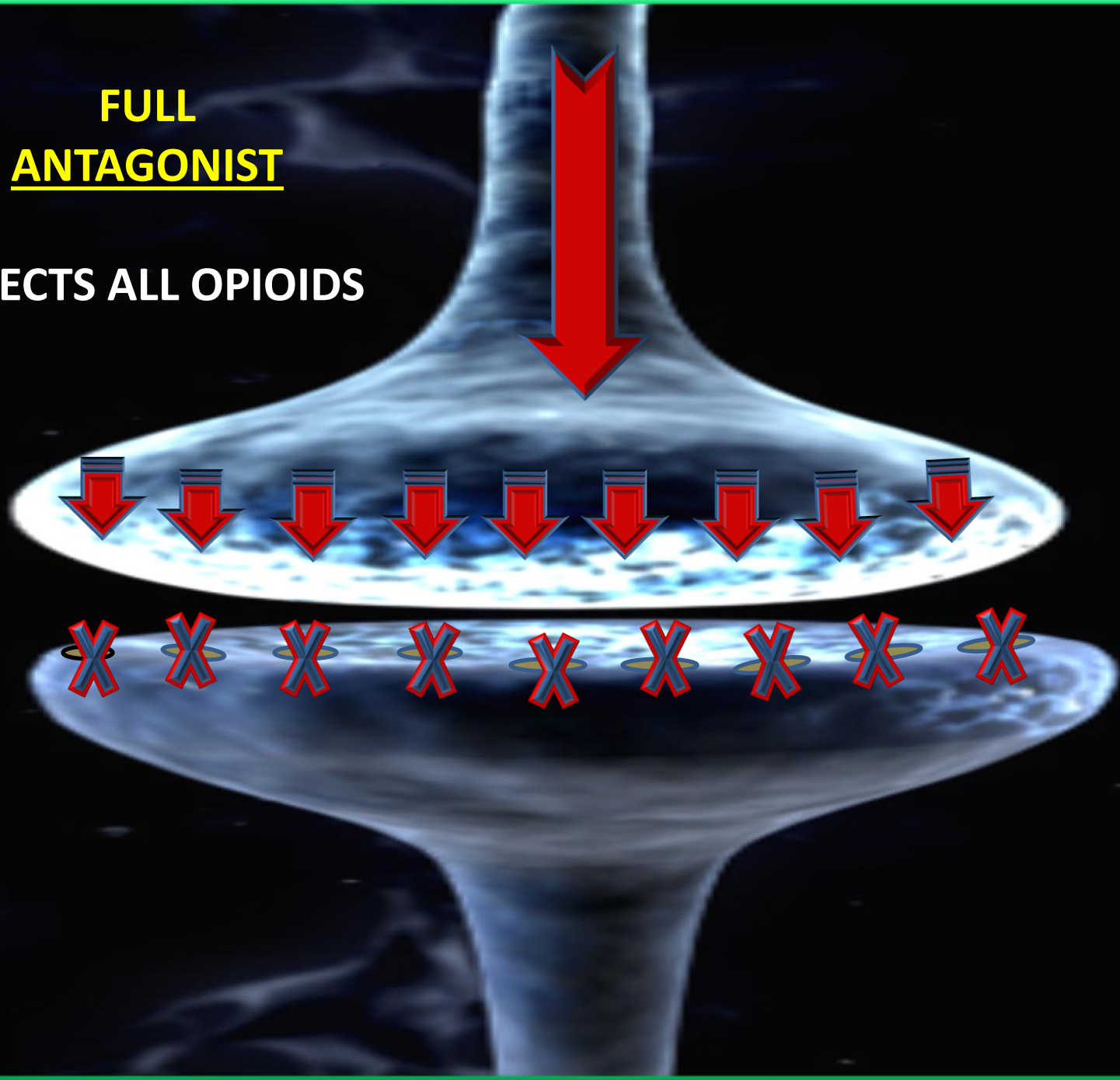
ACCEPTS ALL OPIOIDS

NEUROTRANSMITTERS



**FULL
ANTAGONIST**

REJECTS ALL OPIOIDS



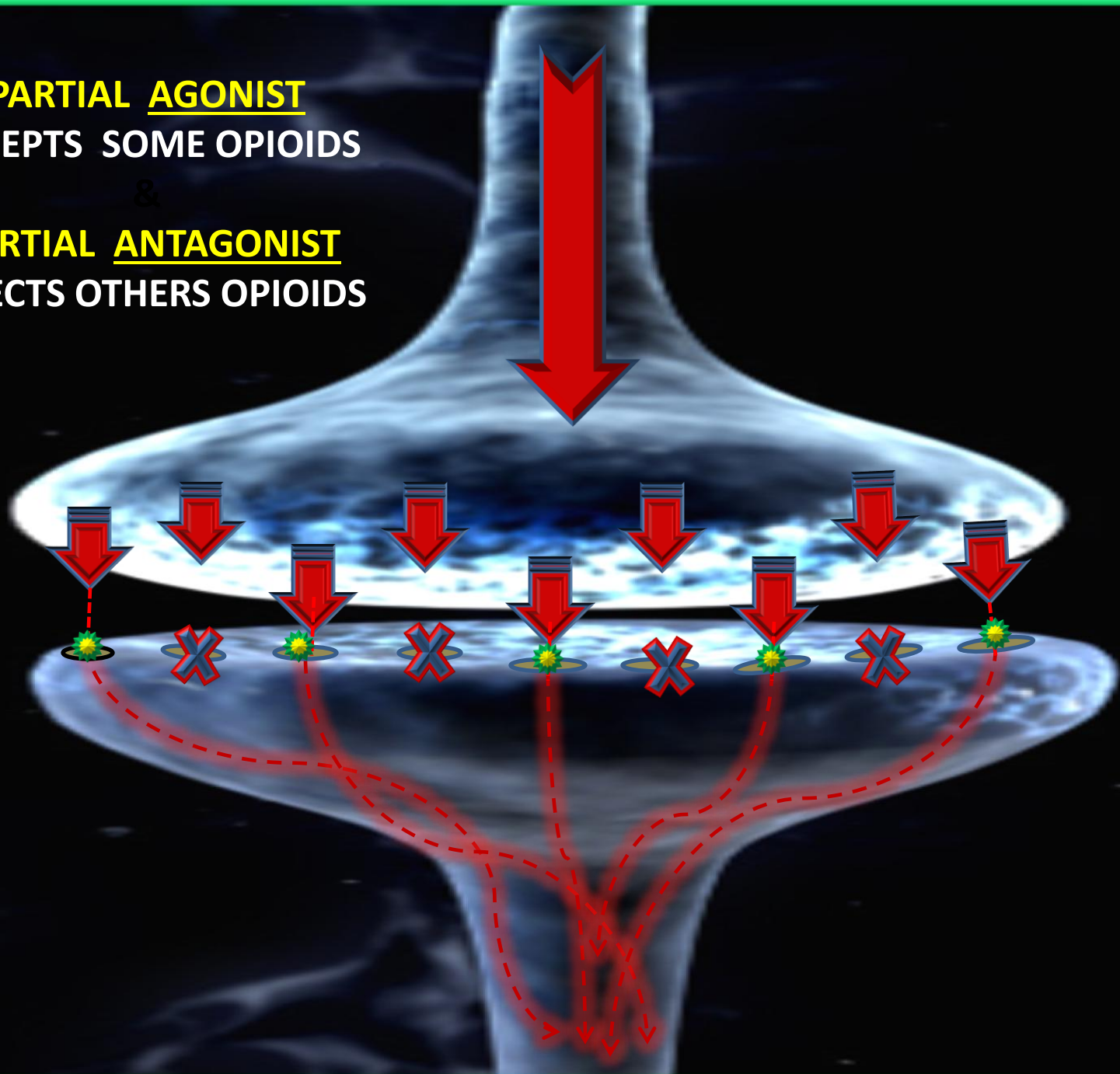
PARTIAL AGONIST

ACCEPTS SOME OPIOIDS

&

PARTIAL ANTAGONIST

REJECTS OTHERS OPIOIDS



OPIATE DRUGS ARE “LOOK ALIKE” NEUROTRANSMITTERS

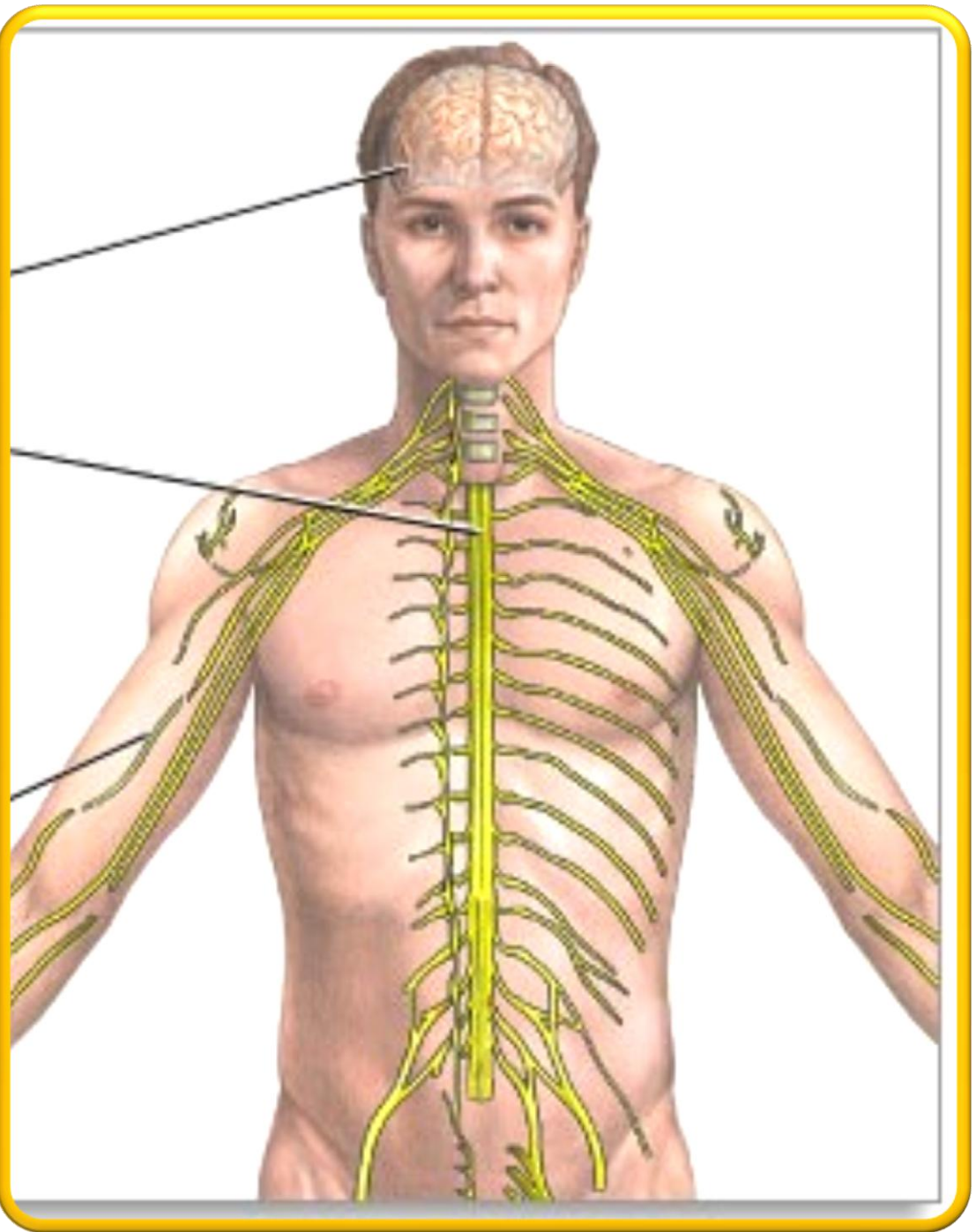
- THE HUMAN BODY PRODUCES IT'S OWN NATURAL PAIN FIGHTING SUBSTANCES CALLED ENDOGENOUS (MORPHINE CREATED BY THE BODY) OPIOIDS .
- “SYNTHETIC” OPIATES ARE MANUFACTURED SUBSTANCES CREATED IN A LABORATORY AND TAILORED TO MIMIC THE BODY'S OWN ENDOGENOUS OPIOIDS.

THE THREE (3) PRIMARY OPIOID RECEPTORS

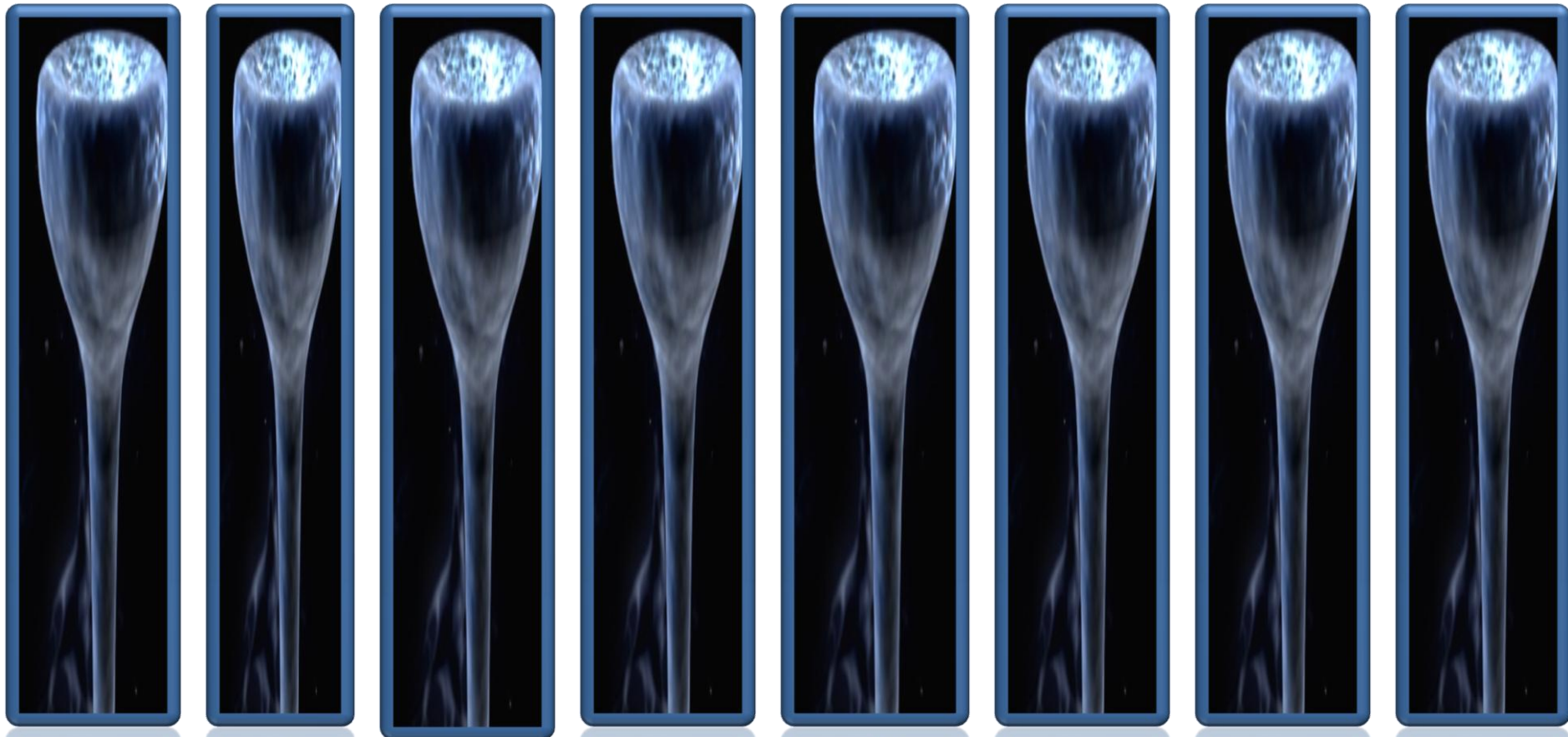
- Mu RECEPTORS :
THE PRIMARY OPIOID RECEPTORS THAT HAVE THE STRONGEST ATTRACTION TO OPIATE SUBSTANCES . . . AND TRIGGER THE RELEASE OF PAIN AND PLEASURE PRODUCING CHEMICALS IN THE BRAIN.
- DELTA AND KAPPA OPIOID RECEPTORS ARE LESS ATTRACTED TO OPIATE SUBSTANCES IN THE BRAIN.

**THE CENTRAL
NERVOUS SYSTEM
(CNS) CONSISTS
OF THE BRAIN
AND THE SPINAL CORD.**

**THE GREATEST
AMOUNT OF THE
BODY'S OPIATE
(Mu) RECEPTORS
ARE LOCATED
THROUGHOUT THE
BRAIN . . . LESS IN
THE SPINAL CORD.**



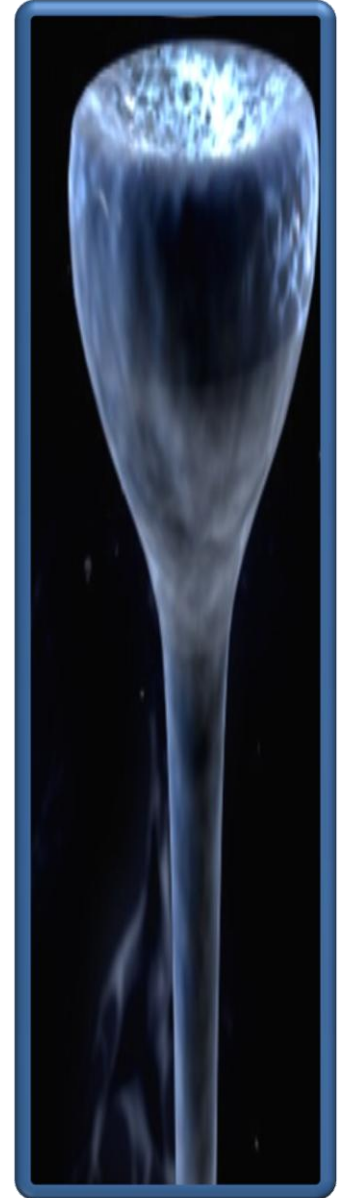
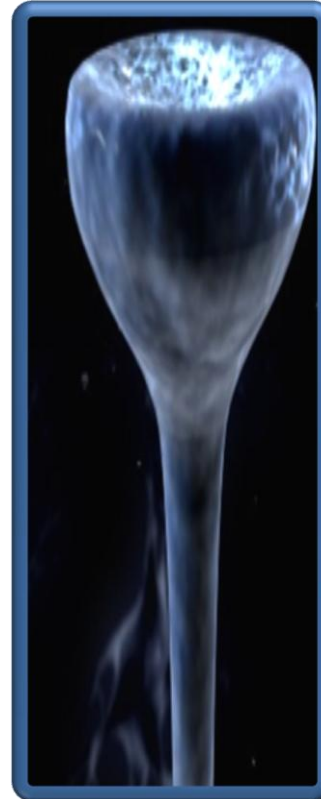
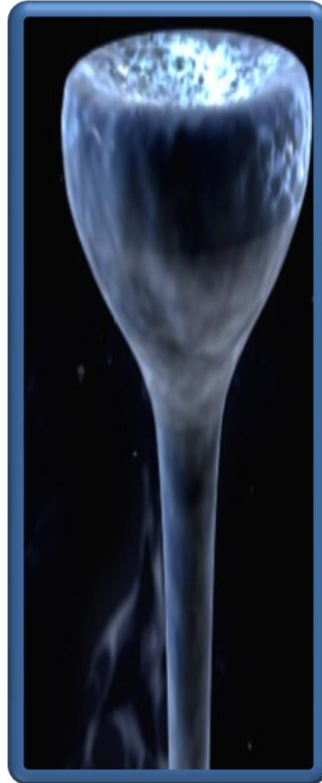
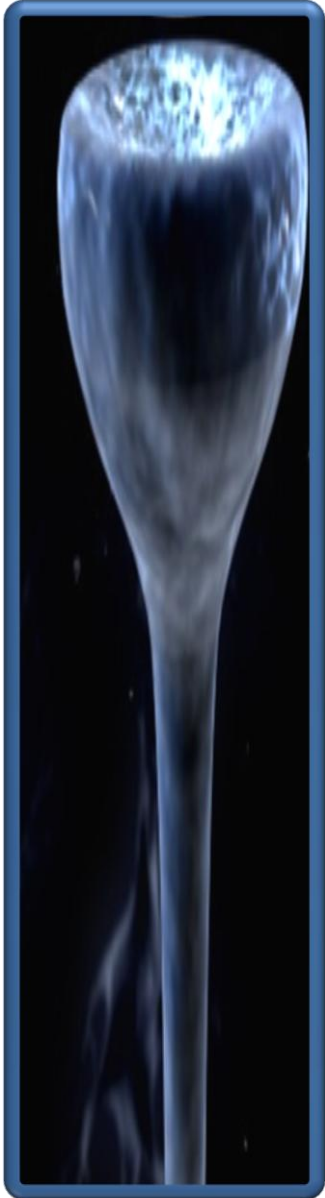
**OUR NERVOUS SYSTEM (N.S.) HAS
A DETERMINED NUMBER OF RECEPTORS
DESIGNED TO REGISTER PAIN**



**OUR NERVOUS SYSTEM (N.S.) ALSO
HAS A DETERMINED NUMBER OF
OPIOID RECEPTORS, DESIGNED TO
PROTECT US FROM EXPERENCING PAIN**

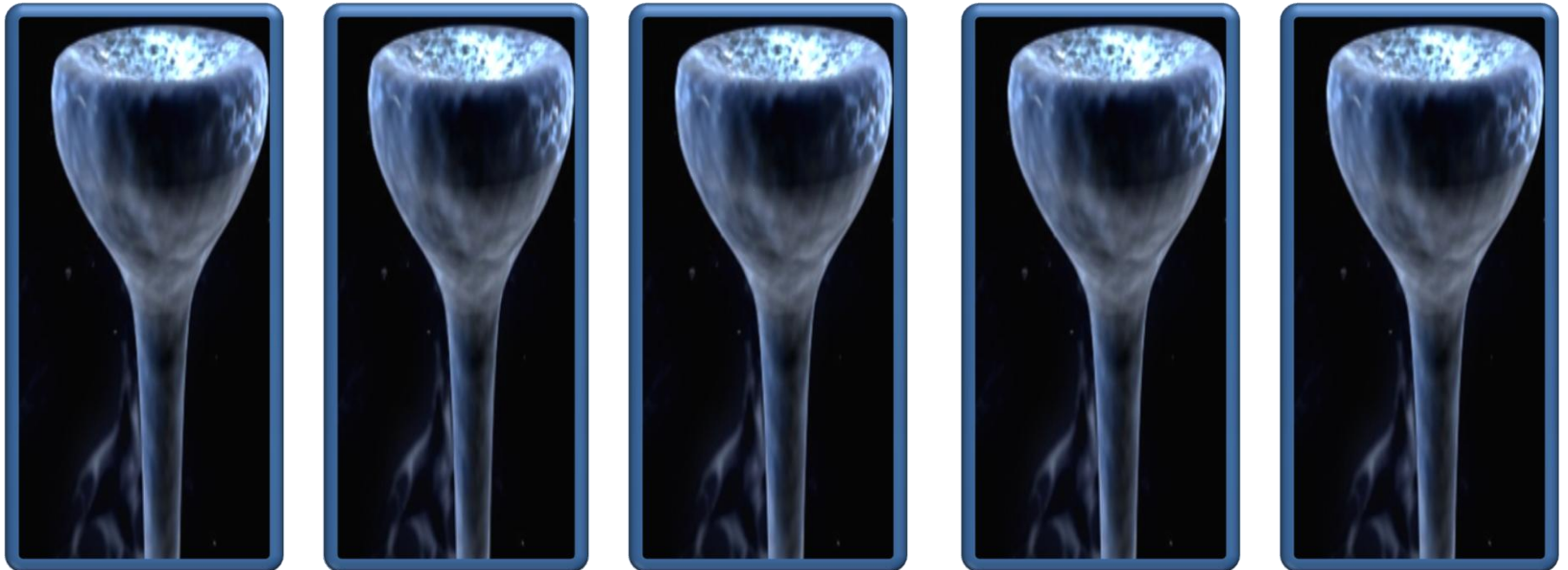


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HYPER-STIMULATION
OR
“UP REGULATION”

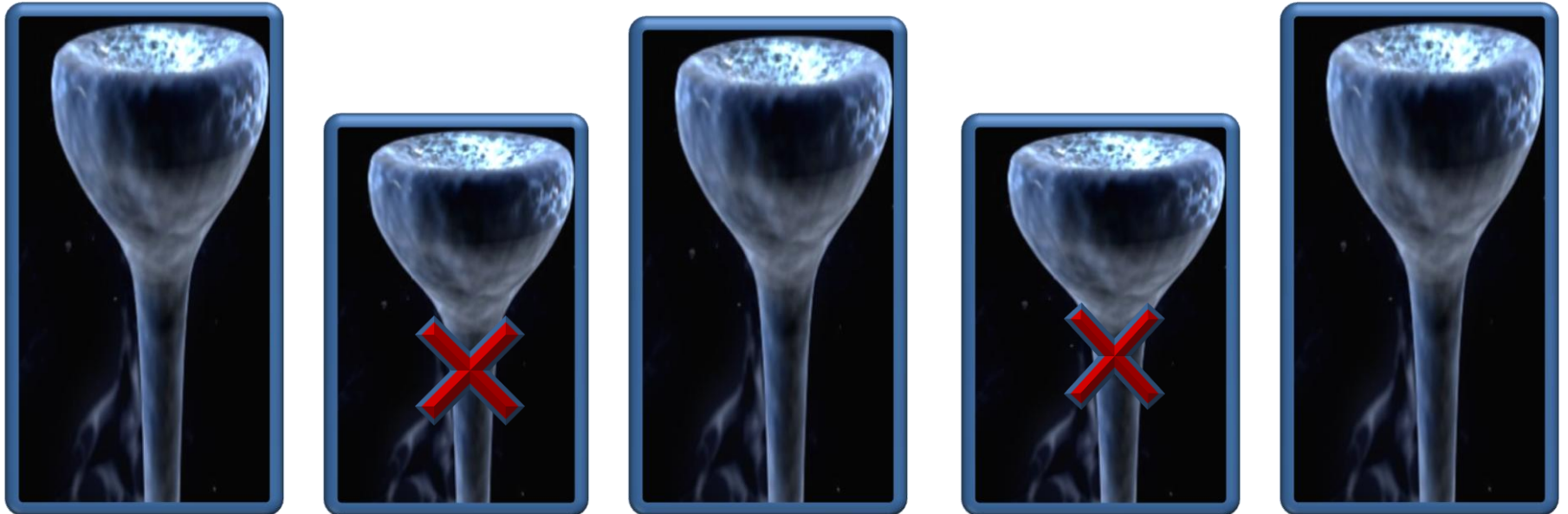


THIS IS REFERRED TO AS
OPIOID RECEPTION

“DOWN REGULATION”



**THE PROCESS OF THE BRAIN
HYPER-STIMULATING THE PAIN RECEPTORS
AND ALSO “DOWN REGULATING” THE OPIOID
RECEPTORS CAN RESULT IN . . . LONG-TERM
(CHRONIC) AND IRREVERSIBLE NEURONAL CHANGES**



**THREE (3) THERAPEUTIC
OBJECTIVES TO REMEMBER
WHEN TREATING THE OPIOID
DEPENDENT INDIVIDUAL**

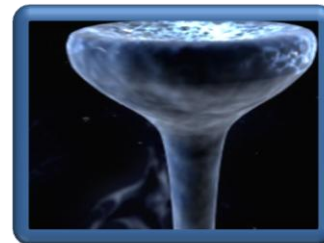
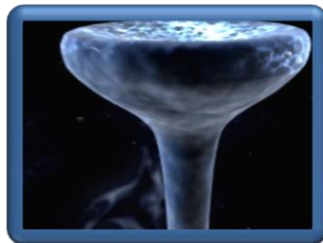
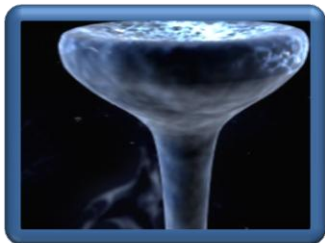
THE THERAPEUTIC DILEMMA

**SINCE OPIOID DEPENDENCE IS
A MEDICAL / PHYSICAL DISORDER
IMPACTING THE BRAIN . . .**

YOUR THERAPEUTIC DILEMMA IS . .

... WILL THE INDIVIDUAL'S N.S. REBOUND ONCE THE OPIOID DRUGS ARE DISCONTINUED ... OR HAS THE LONG-TERM USE OF OPIOID DRUGS CREATED A PERMINATE (CHRONIC) CHANGE IN THE BRAIN, REQUIRING THE USE OF OPIOID REPLACEMENT MEDICATIONS IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO FUNCTION WITHOUT PAIN OR PHYSICAL CRAVINGS ?

YOU MUST CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING:

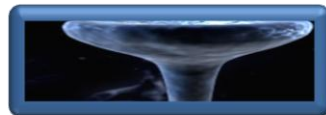
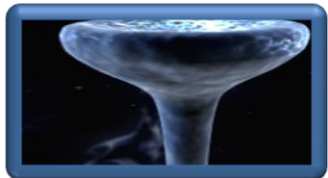


**... ASSUMING THAT THE BODY WILL NATURALLY
REBOUND AND RETURN TO NORMAL ...**

**THE USE OF OPIOID REPLACEMENT MEDICATIONS
MAY BE COMPLETELY UNNECESSARY ...**

**HOWEVER, IN LIMITED CIRCUMSTANCES OPIOID
REPLACEMENT MEDICATIONS MAY BE AN IMPORTANT
SHORT-TERM THERAPEUTIC OPTION, IN CONJUNCTION
WITH CONVENTIONAL TREATMENT.**

**IN THIS EVENT, OUR THERAPEUTIC MOTIVE WILL BE TO
EVENTUALLY TAPER-DOWN AND DISCONTINUE THE USE OF
OPIOID REPLACEMENT MEDICATIONS SAFELY OVER TIME.**



- **HOWEVER . . . IF AN INDIVIDUALS CHRONIC USE OF OPIOID SUBSTANCES HAS PRODUCED NEUROLOGICAL CHANGES THAT HAS RESULTED IN OPIOID RECEPTOR “DOWN REGULATION“, THEN THE USE OF OPIOID REPLACEMENT “MAINTANENCE“ MEDICATIONS MAY NEEDED IN ORDER TO AVOID RELAPSE AND THE EVENTUAL RETURN TO ILLICIT DRUG USING BEHAVIORS.**
- **THE FOLLOWING MEDICATIONS ARE CURRENTLY BEING USED IN LONG-TERM OPIOID DEPENDENCE TREATMENT:**
 1. **METHADONE (FULL OPIOID AGONIST).**
 2. **BUPRENORPHINE (PARTIAL OPIOID AGONIST).**
 - a . **SUBUTEX (STRAIGHT BUPRENORPHINE).**
 - b . **SUBOXONE (BUPRENORPHINE WITH NALOXONE).**

METHADONE MAINTENANCE (Harm Reduction Therapy)

Dispensed in 5mg, 20mg, 40mg dosages



- **METHADONE TREATMENT IS FREQUENTLY REFERRED TO AS “MAINTENANCE“ OR “HARM REDUCTION“ THERAPY.**
- **METHADONE IS A LESS POWERFUL OPIOID THAN (MORPHINE OR HEROIN).**
- **METHADONE IS A ”LONG-ACTING“ OPIOID.**
- **METHADONE USE WILL TYPICALLY BLOCK OPIOID WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS FOR TWENTY FOUR (24) TO SEVENTY TWO (72) HOURS .**
- **ALTHOUGH LESS POWERFUL THAN MORPHINE . . . METHADONE DOES CREATE A PHYSICAL DEPENDENCY AND CAN BE ABUSED AND DIVERTED .**

BUPRENOPHINE

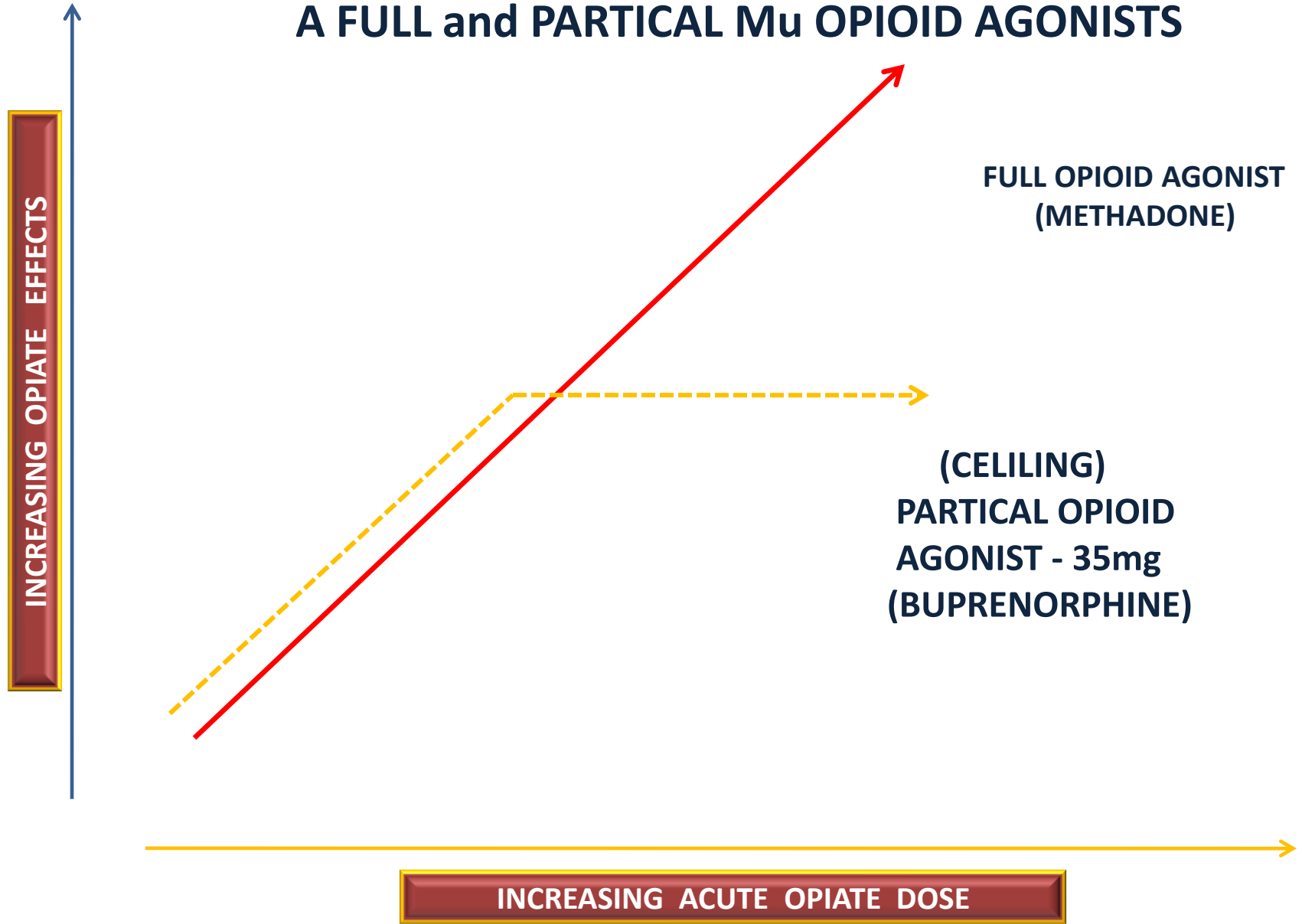
**ANTI-OPIOID,
ANTI-CRAVING MEDICATIONS**

(SUBUTEX vs. SUBOXONE)

BUPRENOPHINE

- **BUPRENOPHINE IS AN OPIOID AND WILL PRODUCE PHYSICAL DEPENDENCY AND EUPHORIA LIKE ALL OPIOID SUBSTANCES.**
- **BUPRENOPHINE IS LESS POWERFUL THAN METHADONE . . . BUT . . . MORE POSSESSIVE “STUBBORN” OF THE μ RECEPTORS THAN OTHER OPIOID SUBSTANCES.**
- **BUPRENOPHINE CAN BE USED AS EITHER A “HARM REDUCTION” MAINTENANCE MEDICATION . . . OR . . . AS AN OPIOID WITHDRAWAL MEDICATION.**
- **BUPRENOPHINE WILL PRODUCE A “CEILING EFFECT”.**
- **16mg OF BUPRENOPHINE IS EQUAL TO 60mg OF MEHTADONE. .**

HYPOTHETICAL DOSE RESPONSE CURVE FOR A FULL and PARTIAL μ OPIOID AGONISTS

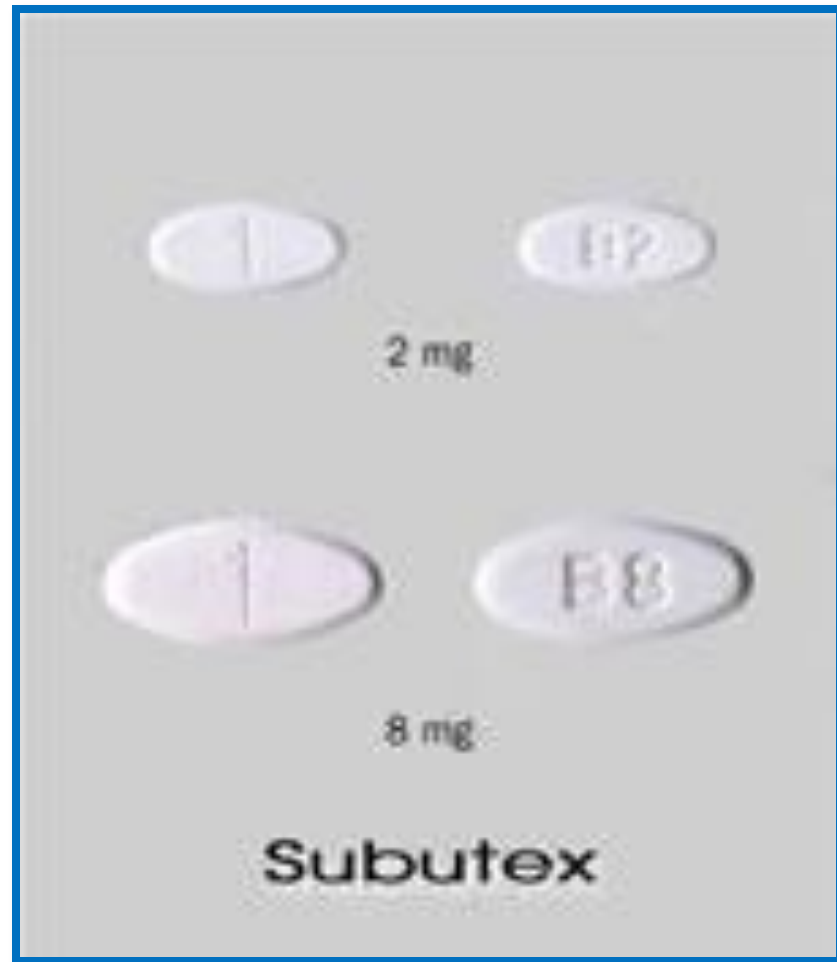


SUBUTEX (BUPRENOPHRINE ONLY)

**SUBUTEX CAN BE PRESCRIBED
IN 2mg and 8mg DOSES.**

**INTRODUCED INTO THE BODY VIA
SUBLINGUAL ADMINISTRATION (Under the Tongue)
OR SUBCUTANEOUS (Under the Skin)**

SUBUTEX (Buprenorphine)



**Probuphine (Subcutaneous “time-release” buprenorphine)
Lasts approx. six months**



**THE MEDICATION SUBUTEX
IS STRAIGHT BUPRENOPHINE
... AND ...**

**CAN BE ABUSED BY SIMPLY TAKING
MORE THAN RECOMMENDED OR ...
BY COMBINING SUBTEX WITH OTHER
CENTRALLY ACTIVATING DEPRESSING DRUGS.**

(BUPRENORPHIN WITH NALOXONE)



SUBOXONE
(BUPRENORPHINE WITH NALOXONE)

**SUBOXONE CAN BE PRESCRIBED IN
TWO DOSES (Pill or Film):**

- (1). 2mg of buprenorphine and 0.5mg of naloxone.**
- (2). 8mg of buprenorphine and 2mg of naloxone.**

**INTRODUCED INTO THE BODY VIA
SUBLINGUAL ADMINISTRATION
(Under the Tongue)**

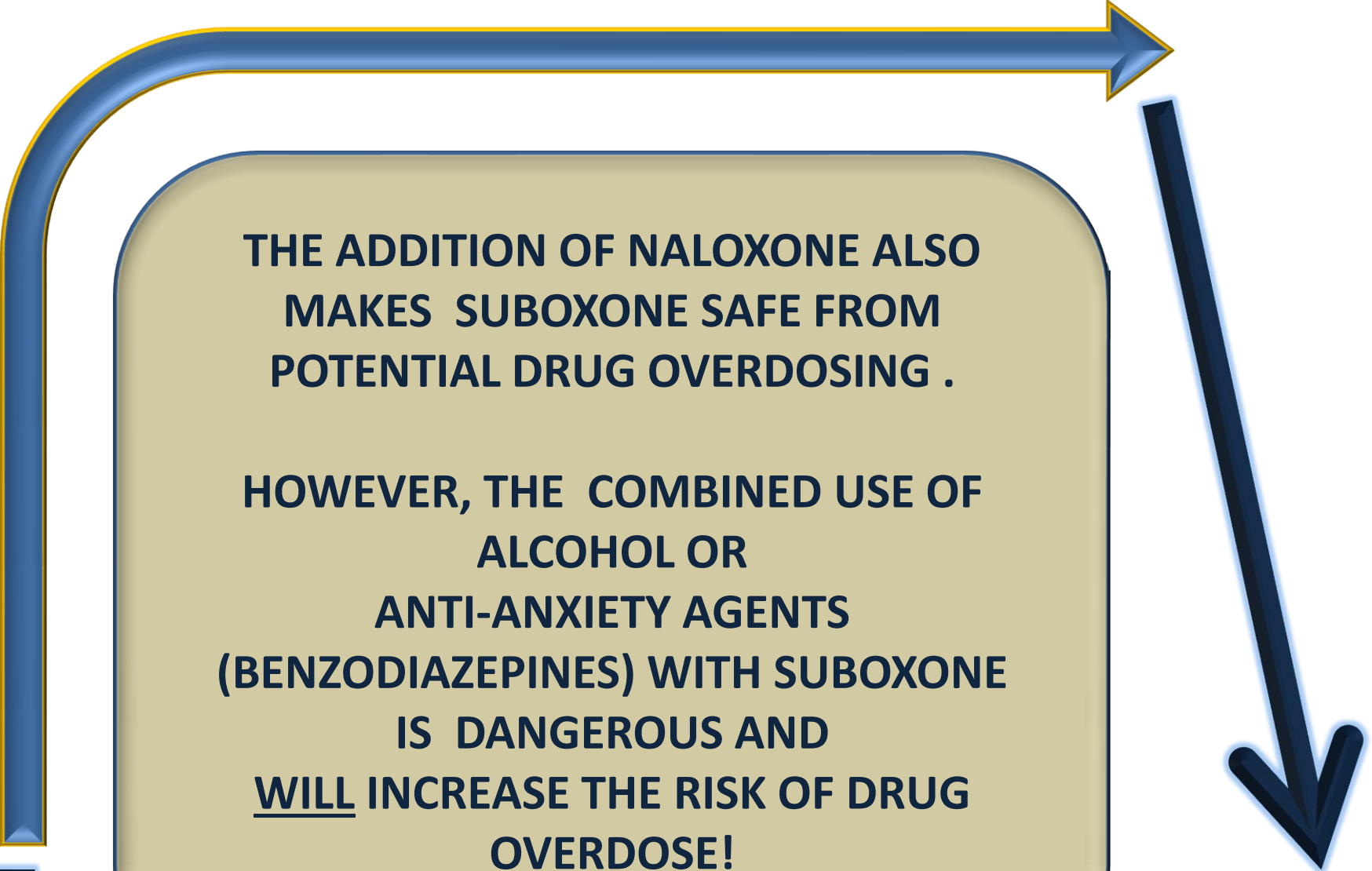
- THE MEDICATION CALLED SUBOXONE COMBINES BUPRENORPHINE WITH NALOXONE.
- ADDING NALOXONE TO BUPRENORPHINE REDUCES THE ABUSE OF OTHER OPIATE DRUGS, BY BLOCKING THEIR CHEMICAL ADMISSION INTO THE Mu AND Kappa OPIOID RECEPTORS.
- COMBINING NALOXONE WITH BUPRENOPRPHINE PREVENTS INTENTIONAL ABUSE,
 1. EITHER BY OVER USE,
 2. DIVERSIONARY TACTICS OR . . .
 3. THROUGH (I.V.) INJECTIONS.

**HOWEVER,
WHEN SUBOXONE IS BEING ABUSED,
DIVERTED,
OR
COMBINED WITH OTHER OPIATE DRUGS
...
THE ANTAGONIST
“BLOCKING” AGENT
“NALOXONE”
BECOMES ACTIVATED, REPLACING
BUPRENOPHINE ...
RESULTING IN AN
“SPONTANEOUS” OPIOID WITHDRAWAL**

WITHDRAWAL

**THEREFORE,
SUBOXONE CAN NOT BE ABUSED . . .
OR DIVERTED
WITHOUT CREATING AN IMMEDIATE
PHYSICAL WITHDRAWAL.**

WITHDRAWAL



**THE ADDITION OF NALOXONE ALSO
MAKES SUBOXONE SAFE FROM
POTENTIAL DRUG OVERDOSING .**

**HOWEVER, THE COMBINED USE OF
ALCOHOL OR
ANTI-ANXIETY AGENTS
(BENZODIAZEPINES) WITH SUBOXONE
IS DANGEROUS AND
WILL INCREASE THE RISK OF DRUG
OVERDOSE!**



OVERDOSE

ANTI-HEROIN VACCINE (60XY-KLH)

- **60XY-KLH was developed by Dr. Kim Janda and Dr. George Koob of the Scripps Research Institute in 2012.**
- **60XY-KLH acts like a “molecular sponge”, literally blocking the drugs access to the brain while still in the blood.**
- **60XY-KLH has been found to be effective with substances like heroin and oxycodone, but does not appear to interfere with other pain medications like fentanyl.**
- **Current studies have only been conducted with rats, not humans.** ([Journal of Medicinal Chemistry: Issue 14: Pages. 5195-5204, June 21, 2011](#))

A possible new non-opioid compound

Researchers at the Univ. of Utah, have found a sophisticated chemical “RgIA4” in tiny sea snails that blocks the activity of an entirely new pain pathway-receptor, known as “ $\alpha 9\beta 10$ nAChR”.

The presence of RgIA4 has proven to provide long-term pain relief in animal studies more effectively than conventional opioid compounds.



In today's presentation we reviewed the following:

- **The three (3) objectives of medication management.**
- **Medications used in the treatment of substance related disorders.**
- **Anti-Opioid medications and how they work on the body.**
- **Anti-Opioid medications and how they are recommended.**

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