

Learning unit: Antitussive and mucoactive drugs

Important terms

Antitussive drugs

- central acting antitussives
 - opioid antitussives
 - codeine
 - dextromethorphan
 - non-opioid antitussive
 - butamirate
- peripherally acting antitussives
 - dropropizine
 - levodropropizine

Mucoactive drugs

- mucolytics
 - erdosteine
 - N-acetylcysteine
- drugs with combined mechanism of action
 - bromhexine
 - ambroxol
 - guaifenesin

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.

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

Recommended study materials

Study materials in IS aVLFA0822p and aVLFA0822c.

Exam questions

Special pharmacology: 20. Antitussives, mucoactive drugs

„Essential“ drugs: codeine, acetylcysteine