

\*\*\* Carbachol is a **direct-acting cholinergic** drug.

The other drugs are all classified as **anticholinergics**. They block postganglionic cholinergic fibers.

**Contraindications** to their use include:

- Glaucoma
- Cardiovascular problems
- Obstruction of the GI or GU tract
- Asthma

**Note:** Anticholinergic drugs should be **used with caution** in hyperthyroidism, CHF, cardiac arrhythmias, hypertension, Down syndrome, asthma, spastic paralysis, allergies, and chronic lung disease.

These drugs also **reduce spasms** of smooth muscle in the bladder, bronchi, and intestine; **relax** the iris sphincter; **decrease** gastric, bronchial, and salivary secretions; **decrease** perspiration; and **accelerate** impulse conduction through the myocardium by blocking vagal impulses.