

# Proximal tubule diuretics

This group of diuretics includes carbonic anhydrase inhibitors , which inhibit bicarbonate reabsorption in the proximal tubule with subsequent bicarbonate diuresis. Significant bicarbonate losses can lead to metabolic acidosis . However, the effect gradually decreases over several days. The cause is increased NaCl reabsorption, which leads to acidosis.

## Representatives

Acetazolamide  
Dorzolamide

The two main representatives are:

- acetazolamide ,
- dorzolamide .

## Indication

The main indication is glaucoma therapy . The ciliary body secretes bicarbonate into the intraocular fluid by a mechanism similar to tubular reabsorption, but in the opposite direction. It can also be blocked by carbonic anhydrase inhibitors, leading to a decrease in the amount of intraocular fluid. Dorzolamide is given as eye drops . Another indication is the correction of metabolic alkalosis and prophylaxis and treatment of altitude sickness.

## Side effects and toxicity

- Metabolic acidosis .
- Kidney stones - Phosphaturia and hypercalciuria develop during bicarbonate diuresis. Under these conditions, calcium salts become potentially insoluble at alkaline pH , thus meeting the conditions for stone formation .
- Hypokalaemia .
- CNS disorders - confusion, drowsiness.

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