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Principles of Clinical Pharmacology

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COURSE MODULES

MODULE 1: Pharmacokinetics

MODULE 2: Drug metabolism and Transport

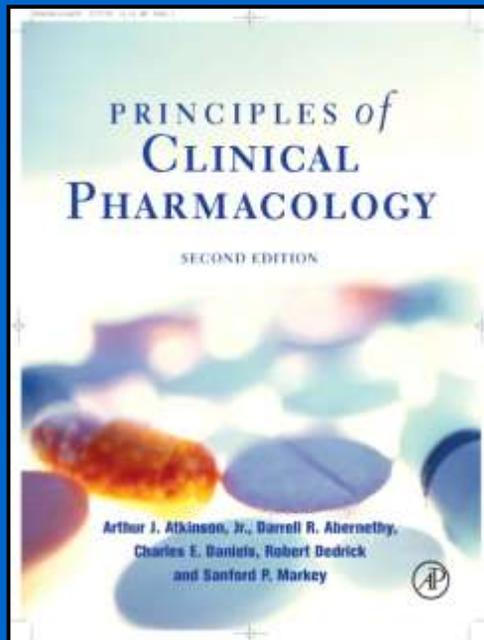
MODULE 3: Assessment of Drug Effects

MODULE 4: Optimizing and Evaluating Therapy

MODULE 5: Drug Discovery and Development



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PHARMACOLOGY

The study of *drugs* and *biologics*
and their actions in *living organisms*

Drugs: “small molecules”, chemicals

*Biologics: “large molecules”,
peptides, antibodies*

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CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

*THE STUDY OF DRUGS IN
HUMANS*



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CAREER GOALS OF CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGISTS

- **Optimize understanding and use of existing medicines**
 - **Discover, develop and evaluate new medicines**
 - **Define the basis for variability in therapeutic and toxic responses to medicines**
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Dose – Response Relationship

- **A central tenet of pharmacology**
- **The careful study of “drug exposure – response” relationships is central to finding “the right dose” for a given therapeutic indication**
- **“Exposure – response” applies to both drug efficacy and toxicity**

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COURSE FOCUS

- Scientific basis of drug use, development and evaluation
- *Not* Therapeutics
- Emphasis is on *General Principles* for both “old” and “new” drugs



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“Introduction” Lecture Outline

- **Historical overview**
- **The problem of adverse drug reactions (ADRs)**
- **Drug discovery and development**
- **Variability in drug responses**
- **Introduction to pharmacokinetics**
- **The concept of clearance**

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Historical Overview

The establishment of *experimental pharmacology* as a discipline in Europe and the USA in the 19th and 20th centuries.



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JOHN JACOB ABEL

1857 - 1938



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John Jacob Abel

“Father of American Pharmacology”

- **First full-time Professor in Materia Medica and Therapeutics at the University of Michigan (1891)**
- **Founder , “Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics” (1896)**

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John Jacob Abel

Crystallization of insulin

Research on tetanus toxin

Study of the phthaleins

Invention of the artificial kidney

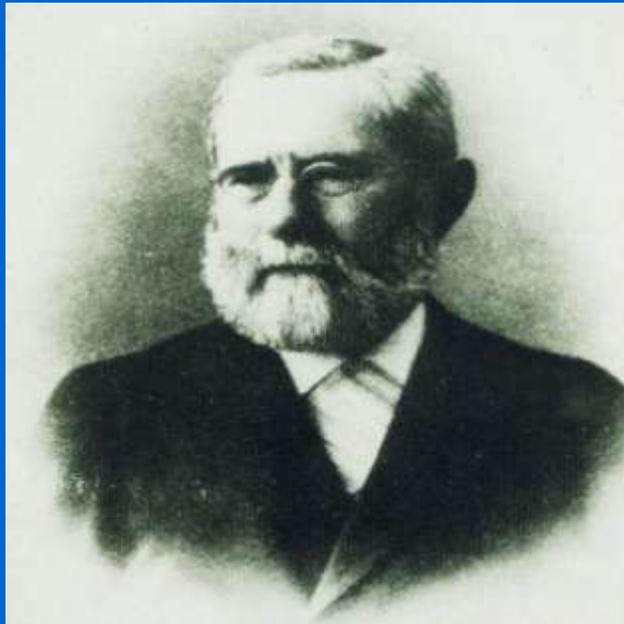
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OSWALD SCHMIEDEBERG

1838 - 1921



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Oswald Schmiedeberg

Professor of Pharmacology at
Strasbourg (1872)

Pioneer studies on autonomic
nervous system, nicotine, muscarine

Chloroform blood levels

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RUDOLPH BUCHEIM
1820 - 1879



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Rudolph Bucheim

**Professor at the University of Dorpat
(now Tartu, Estonia) (1847-1867).**

**Established the first experimental
pharmacology laboratory in search
for proof of drug actions.**

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LACK OF IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO DRUG THERAPY

“Fortunately a surgeon who uses the wrong side of the scalpel cuts his own fingers and not the patient; if the same applied to drugs they would have been investigated very carefully a long time ago.”

*Placing emphasis on therapeutic technique and
rational prescribing*

Rudolph Bucheim

Beitrage zur Arzneimittellehre, 1849

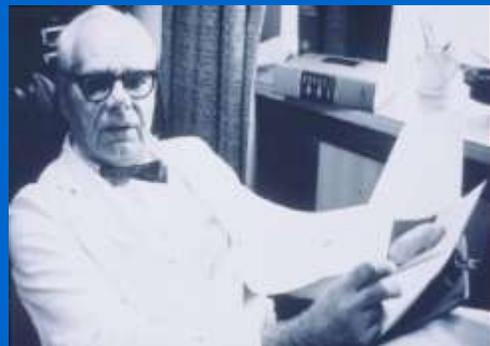
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FOUNDERS OF AMERICAN CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY



HARRY GOLD



WALTER MODELL

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Partial List of GOLD and MODELL Accomplishments

1937 – Introduced Double-Blind Clinical Trial Design *

1939 – Initiated *Cornell Conference on Therapy*

1953 – Analyzed Digoxin Effect Kinetics to Estimate Absolute Bioavailability as well as Time-Course of Chronotropic Effects †

1960 - Founded *Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics*

* Gold H, Kwit NT, Otto H. JAMA 1937;108:2173-2179.

† Gold H, Cattell McK, Greiner T, Hanlon LW, Kwit NT, Modell W, Cotlove E, Benton J, Otto HL. J Pharmacol Exp Ther 1953;109:45-57.

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LINEAGE of Modern Clinical Pharmacology

PATER FAMILIAS

RUDOLPH BUCHEIM

FOUNDING FATHERS

US

HARRY GOLD

WALTER MODELL

EUROPE

PAUL MARTINI

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Drug Toxicity

Adverse Drug Reactions

- We need to develop drugs that are both **effective** and **safe** for use in patients.
 - While some toxicities can be managed and *may* be acceptable (*risk/benefit* ratio) others are by their nature and severity *unacceptable*.
 - Covered in *Modules 2* and *4* in our course.
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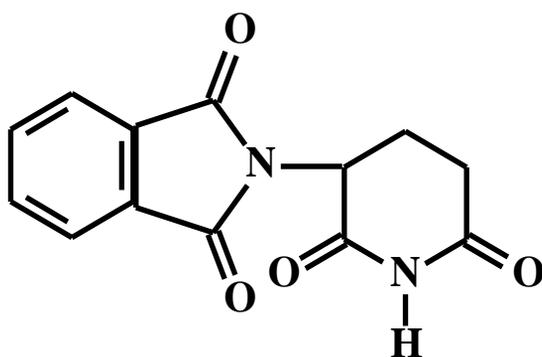


SERIOUS ADR

*A **SERIOUS ADVERSE DRUG REACTION** is an adverse drug reaction (ADR) that *requires or prolongs hospitalization, is permanently disabling or results in death.**



THALIDOMIDE



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PHOCOMELIA



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Drug Exposure “in utero”

- **The problem of
“Drug Therapy in Pregnant and
Nursing Women”
Covered in *Module 4* in our course.**

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Thalidomide: Therapeutic Uses

- *Erythema Nodosum Leprosum*
- Multiple Myeloma

These are *FDA-approved* indications
(immunomodulatory agent)

Marketing done under a special restricted
distribution program:

*System for Thalidomide Education and Prescribing
Safety (S.T.E.P.S.)*

Used with *extreme caution* in females of
childbearing potential. Contraceptive measures
are mandatory.



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A recent example - Cytokine Storm (1)

“**Six healthy young male volunteers** at a contract research organization were enrolled in the **first phase I clinical trial** of **TGN1412**, a novel superagonist anti-CD28 monoclonal antibody that directly stimulates T cells.

N Engl J Med 2006;355:1018-1028

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A recent example - Cytokine Storm (2)

*Within 90 minutes after receiving a single intravenous dose...all six volunteers had a **systemic inflammatory response**...rapid induction of proinflammatory cytokines...headache, myalgias, nausea, diarrhea, erythema, vasodilatation, and hypotension. *Within 12 to 16 hours they **became critically ill**...**

All six patients survived.”

N Engl J Med 2006;355:1018-1028

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A recent example – Cytokine storm (3)

Preclinical models did not predict the risk of this reaction!

Problem of simultaneous dosing in 6 volunteers (first-in-human dosing)

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The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

BRIEF REPORT

Cytokine Storm in a Phase 1 Trial of the Anti-CD28 Monoclonal Antibody TGN1412

Ganesh Suntharalingam, F.R.C.A., Meghan R. Perry, M.R.C.P.,
Stephen Ward, F.R.C.A., Stephen J. Brett, M.D., Andrew Castello-Cortes, F.R.C.A.,
Michael D. Brunner, F.R.C.A., and Nicki Panoskaltsis, M.D., Ph.D.

N Engl J Med 2006;355:1018-28

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CONSEQUENCES OF THALIDOMIDE CRISIS

- **New FDA Regulations**
(KEFAUVER-HARRIS 1962 AMENDMENTS)
 - **Institute of Medicine-National Academy of Sciences** *review of Therapeutic Claims*
 - **More Research on Causes of ADRs**
 - **NIGMS created Clinical Pharmacology Centers in the USA**
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RENAISSANCE LEADERS

US

KEN MELMON
LEON GOLDBERG

JOHN OATES
DAN AZARNOFF

EUROPE

FOLKE SJÖQVIST



HISTORY OF CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

Albert Sjoerdsma, M.D., Ph.D.

Experimental Therapeutics Branch

National Heart Institute (1958-1971)

**Lou Gillespie, John Oates, Leon Goldberg,
Richard Crout, Ken Melmon**

**Serotonin, carcinoid syndrome,
antidepressant drugs**

**Pheochromocytoma, antihypertensive
drugs**



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FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO ADR'S

1. Inappropriate *polypharmacy* resulting in adverse *drug interactions*
 2. *Lack of clear therapeutic goals*
 3. *Failure to attribute new symptoms or abnormal laboratory test results to drugs prescribed*
 4. *Low priority given to studying ADR's*
 5. *Insufficient knowledge of pharmacology*
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ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS

WHO:

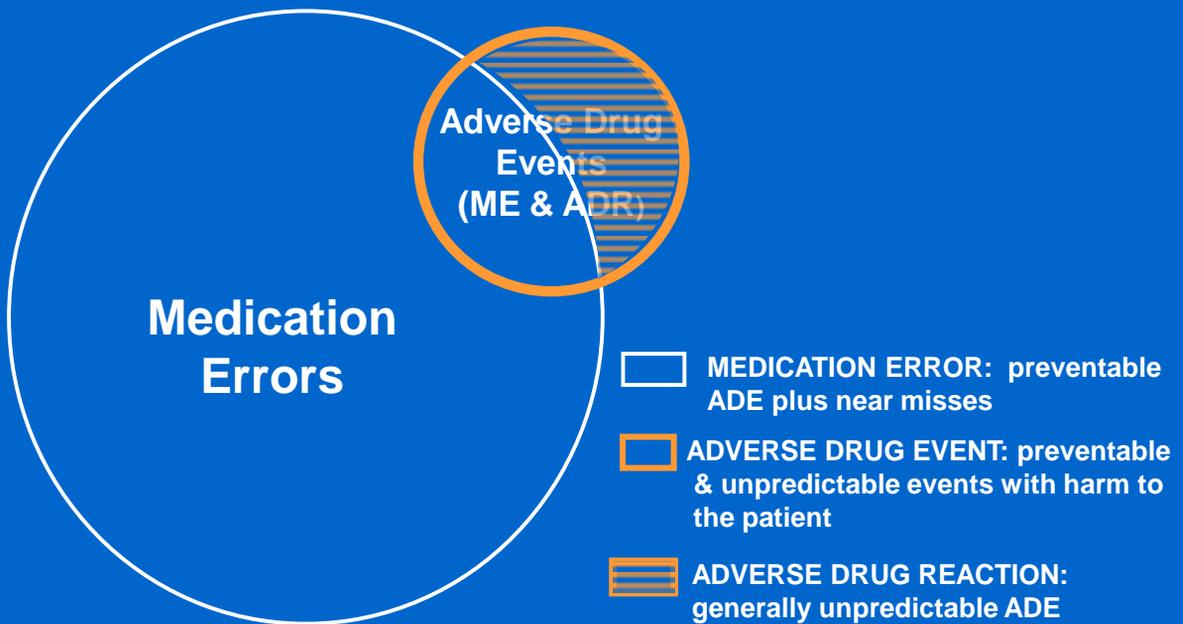
Any untoward reaction to a drug

CONTEMPORARY VIEW:

Unpredictable Adverse Drug Events

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ADVERSE DRUG EVENTS*



* From Bates DW, et al. J Gen Intern Med 1995;10:199-205.

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CHARACTERISTICS OF MOST ADRs*

- MOST NOT CAUSED BY NEW DRUGS
- MOST NOT IDIOSYNCRATIC REACTIONS
- ~ 80% ARE RELATED TO DRUG DOSE

* Melmon KL. N Engl J Med 1971;284:1361-8.

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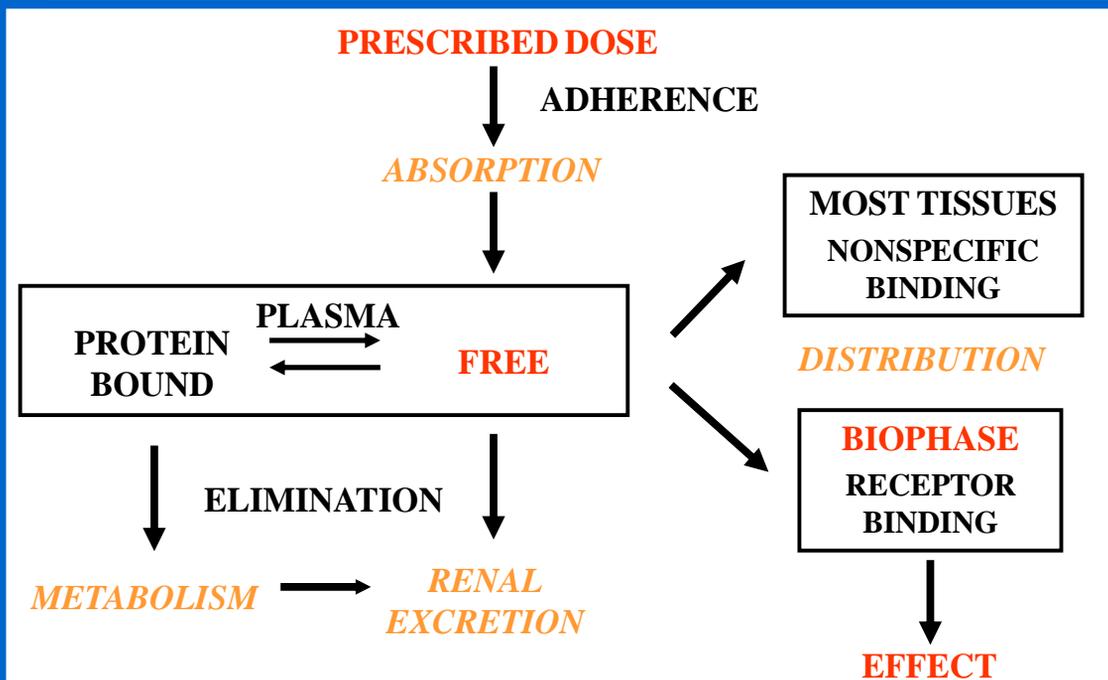
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“Target concentration” strategy

- Based on observed *individual variation in drug exposure (AUC)* when “standard” doses are prescribed.
- Attempts to “*individualize*” therapy when therapeutic and toxic ranges of drug concentrations in plasma have been established.

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RATIONALE FOR PLASMA LEVEL MONITORING



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NONCANCER DRUGS CAUSING ADR'S*

PHENYTOIN**

PREDNISONE

DIGOXIN**

AMIODARONE

ASPIRIN**

CO-TRIMOXAZOLE

PENTAMIDINE

CARBAMAZEPINE**

CODEINE

LITHIUM**

THEOPHYLLINE**

DESIPRAMINE**

DEXAMETHASONE

GENTAMICIN**

* 1988 NMH Data (*Clin Pharmacol Ther* 1996;60:363-7)

** **DRUGS FOR WHICH *PLASMA LEVELS ARE AVAILABLE***

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INCIDENCE OF ADRs*

IN HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS

All severities	10.9 %
Serious	2.1 %
Fatal	0.2 %

AS CAUSE OF HOSPITAL ADMISSION

Serious	4.7 %
Fatal	0.13 %

* Lazarou J, et al. JAMA 1998;279:1200-05.

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**ATTENTION FOCUSED ON
MEDICAL ERRORS**

*“TO ERR IS HUMAN:
BUILDING A SAFER HEALTH SYSTEM”*

**Committee on Quality of Health Care in America
Institute of Medicine**

www.nap.edu/reading room (2000).

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Development and Evaluation of New Drugs

- Drug discovery
 - Pre-clinical and clinical evaluation
 - Subjects of *Module 5* in our course
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MEDICINES “DISCOVERED” BY CLINICAL INVESTIGATORS

NEW INDICATION:

ALLOPURINOL (Gout) - *RW Rundles*

ENDOGENOUS COMPOUND:

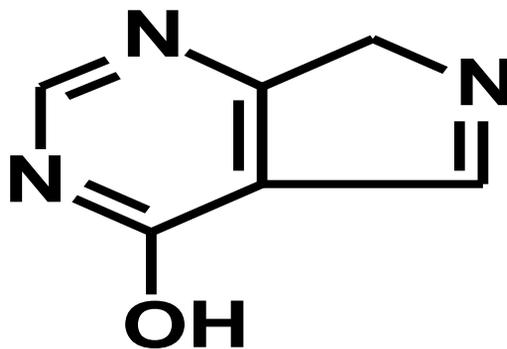
DOPAMINE (Shock) - *LI Goldberg*

DRUG METABOLITE:

**FEXOFENADINE (Antihistamine) -
*RL Woosley at al.***

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ALLOPURINOL*



* Rundles RW, Metz EN, Silberman HR. Ann Intern Med 1966;64:229-57.

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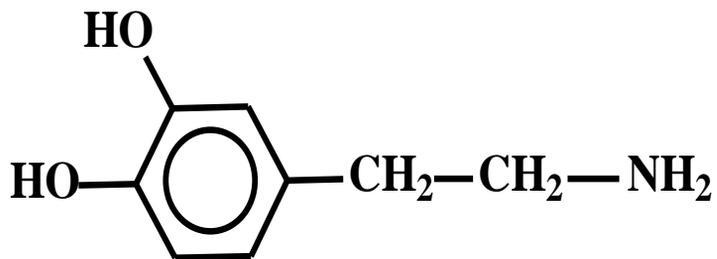
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*Goldberg LI. Pharmacol Rev 1972;24:1-29.

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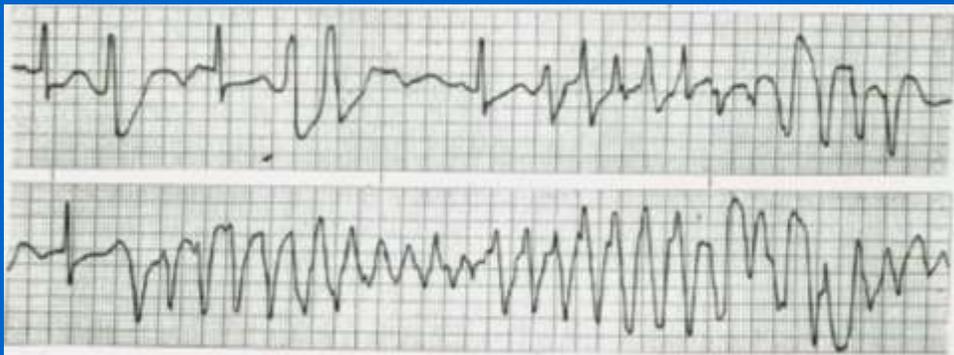
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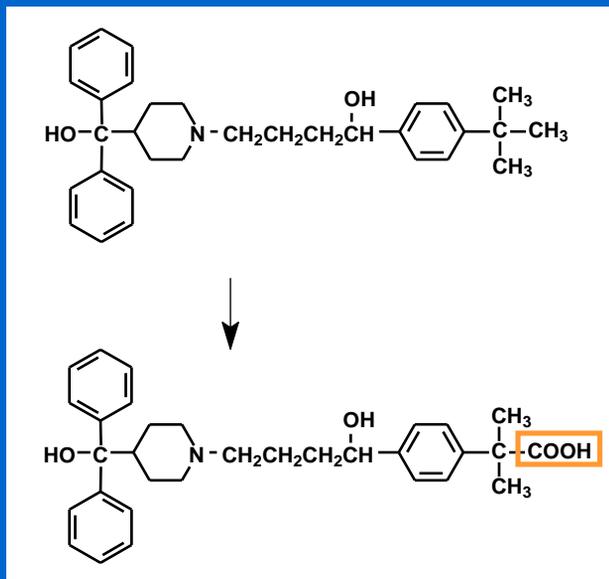
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TERFENADINE METABOLISM*



TERFENADINE
(SELDANE)

TERFENADINE
CARBOXYLATE
(ALLEGRA)

* From Woosley RL, et al. JAMA 1993;269:1532-6.

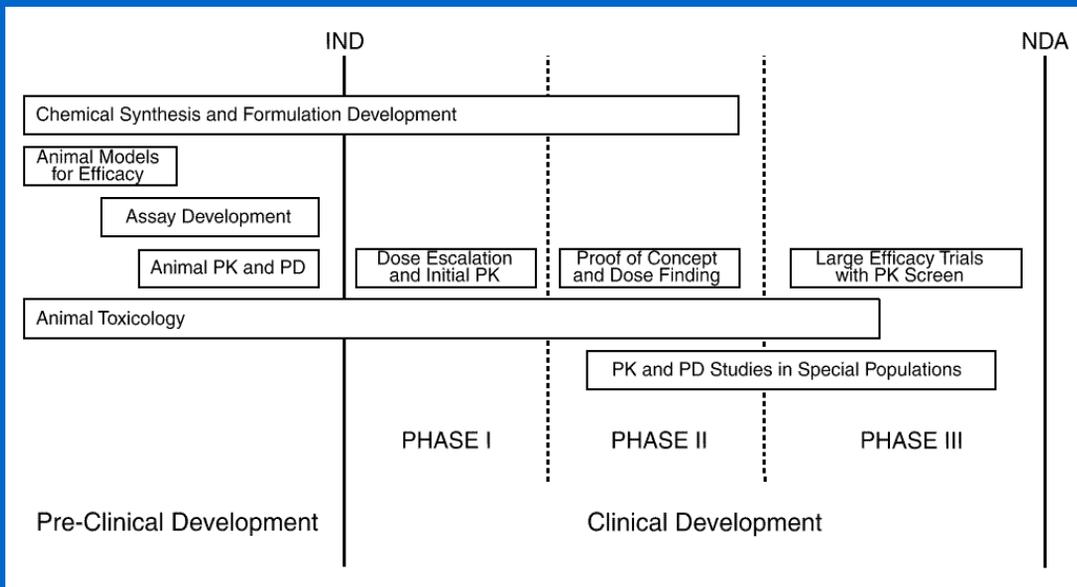
DRUG DEVELOPMENT COST PER APPROVED DRUG*

	COST (\$ x 10 ⁶) [†]	
	OUT-OF-POCKET	CAPITALIZED
TOTAL COSTS	403	802
CLINICAL COSTS (% TOTAL)	274 (68%)	453 (56%)

[†] BASED ON 21.5% SUCCESS RATE

* DiMasi JA, et al. J Health Econ 2003;22:151-85.

PHASES OF PRE-MARKETING DRUG DEVELOPMENT



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Phases of Drug Development

“Learn and Confirm” Paradigm

Phase I and II: The learning phases.

Phase III: The confirmatory phase.

Phase IV: Postmarketing - learning continues with focus on ADRs and special populations if required.

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Variability in Drug Response

- Pharmacokinetic (PK) basis
- Pharmacodynamic (PD) basis

Both PK and PD variability may be due to *genetic* and/or *environmental* factors

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Interindividual Variation in Drug Exposure (AUC)

Karim A et al, 2007

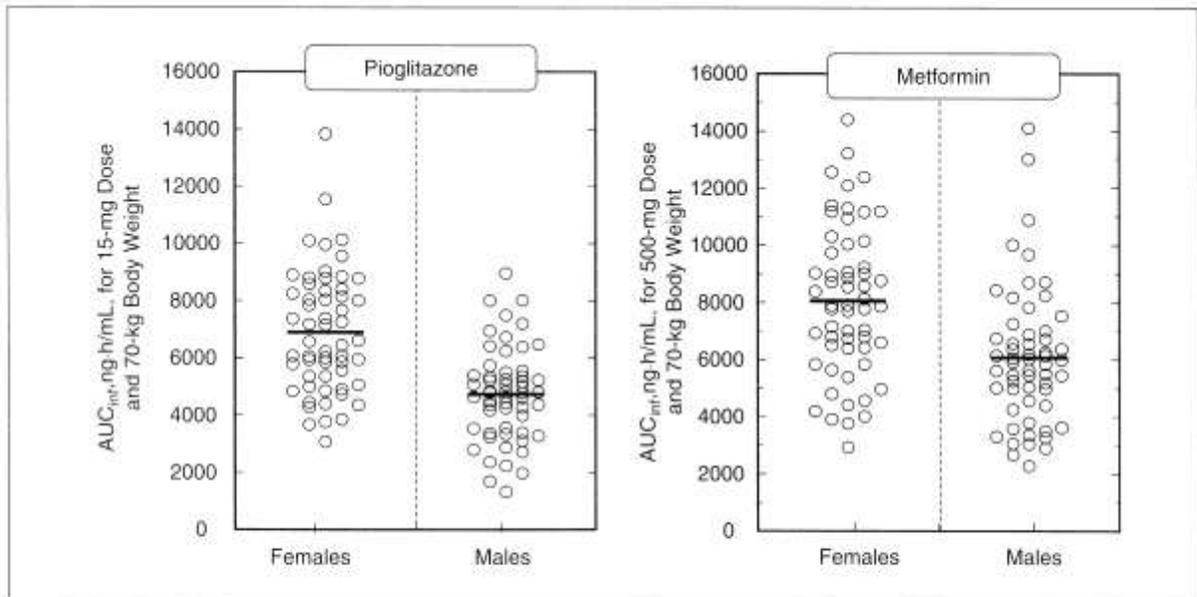


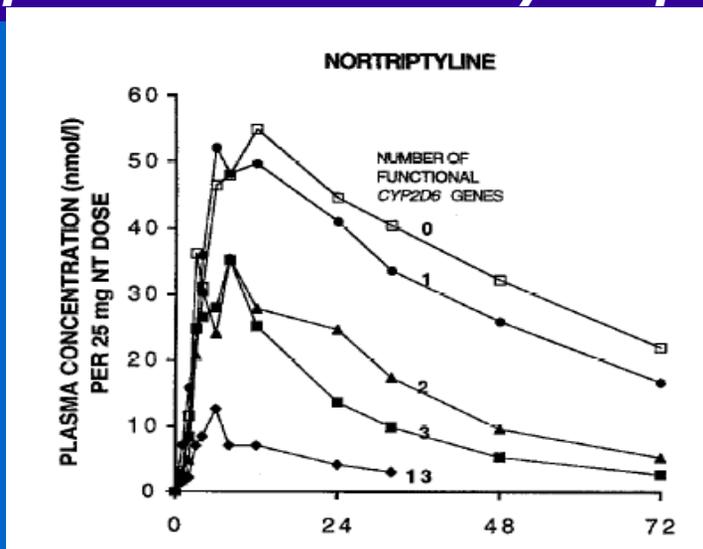
Figure 3. Body weight- and dose-adjusted arithmetic mean (—) and individual values for pioglitazone (left panel) and metformin (right panel) AUC_{inf} in females and males following single oral doses of commercial pioglitazone (15 mg) and metformin (500 mg or 850 mg) tablets given together to young healthy subjects.

Cytochrome P450 2D6

- Absent in 7% of Caucasians
- Hyperactive in up to 30% of East Africans
- Catalyzes primary metabolism of:
 - propafenone
 - codeine
 - β -blockers
 - tricyclic antidepressants
 - tamoxifen
 - **Inhibited** by: quinidine, paroxetine, sertraline, venlafaxine

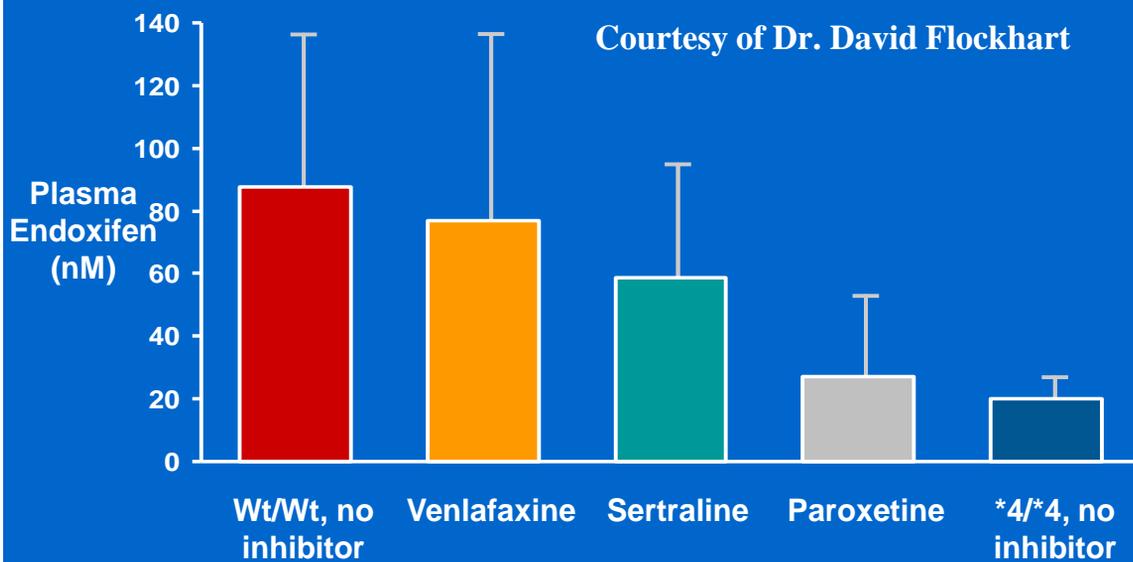
Nortriptyline Drug Exposure

Impact of CYP2D6 Polymorphism



Dalen P *et al.* *Clin Pharmacol Ther* 1998;63:444-452

CYP2D6 and Endoxifen Concentrations



Jin Y et al: J Natl Cancer Inst 97:30, 2005

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Genetics and Severe Drug Toxicity

HLA-B*5701

Abacavir hypersensitivity

Flucoxacillin liver injury (DILI)

HLA-B*1502

Carbamazepine-induced

Stevens-Johnson syndrome

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Introduction to Pharmacokinetics

- This will be the subject of *Module 1* in our course.
- *Essential* for integration of material in subsequent course modules.

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PHARMACOKINETICS

The *QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS* of the
TIME COURSE of DRUG

ABSORPTION,
DISTRIBUTION,
MMETABOLISM, and
EXCRETION



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PHARMACOKINETICS

Because it is *quantitative*,
pharmacokinetics is of necessity
mathematical

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DRUG DOSE SELECTION

TRADITIONAL:

Look up “usual” dose in PDR
Memorize “usual” dose

IMPROVED:

Individualize dosing

Apply pharmacokinetics and the “*target concentration strategy*”

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Introduction to Clearance

- *Clearance* is a “primary” parameter in the pharmacokinetic analysis of drug distribution and elimination.
- Understanding the concept of clearance is *essential* for drug evaluation and use in clinical medicine.

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CREATININE CLEARANCE EQUATION

$$CL_{Cr} = \frac{U \times V}{P}$$

U = URINE CONCENTRATION

V = URINE VOLUME / TIME

P = PLASMA CONCENTRATION

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CREATININE CLEARANCE REVISITED

RATE OF APPEARANCE OF Cr IN URINE (dE/dt) :

$$dE/dt = CL_{Cr} \times P$$

RATE OF CHANGE OF Cr IN BODY (dX/dt) :

$$dX/dt = I - CL_{Cr} \times P$$

AT STEADY STATE :

$$P = I / CL_{Cr}$$

I = RATE OF CREATININE SYNTHESIS

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STEADY STATE CONCENTRATION

CONTINUOUS CREATININE SYNTHESIS:

$$C_{SS} = \frac{I}{CL_{Cr}}$$

CONTINUOUS DRUG INFUSION:

$$C_{SS} = \frac{I}{CL_E}$$

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COCKCROFT & GAULT EQUATION*

$$CL_{Cr} = \frac{(140 - \text{age}) (\text{weight in kg})}{72 (\text{serum Cr in mg/dL})}$$

[reduce estimate by 15% for women]

* Cockcroft DW, Gault MH: Nephron 1976;16:31-41.

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COCKCROFT & GAULT EQUATION

$$CL_{Cr} = \frac{I}{P}$$

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[reduce estimate by 15% for women]

Terms in red estimate creatinine synthesis rate.

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MDRD Study Equation

- **Modification of Diet in Renal Disease (MDRD)**
- **This equation (many versions) provides an estimate of glomerular filtration rate (eGFR)**
- **To be discussed in lecture on PK alterations in renal disease**

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**RENAL FUNCTION IN PATIENTS
TOXIC FROM DIGOXIN***

SERUM Cr (mg %)	Cl _{Cr} (mL/min)		
	≥ 50	< 50	
≤ 1.7	4	19	52%
> 1.7	0	21	48%

* From Piergies AA, et al. Clin Pharmacol Ther 1994;55:353-8.

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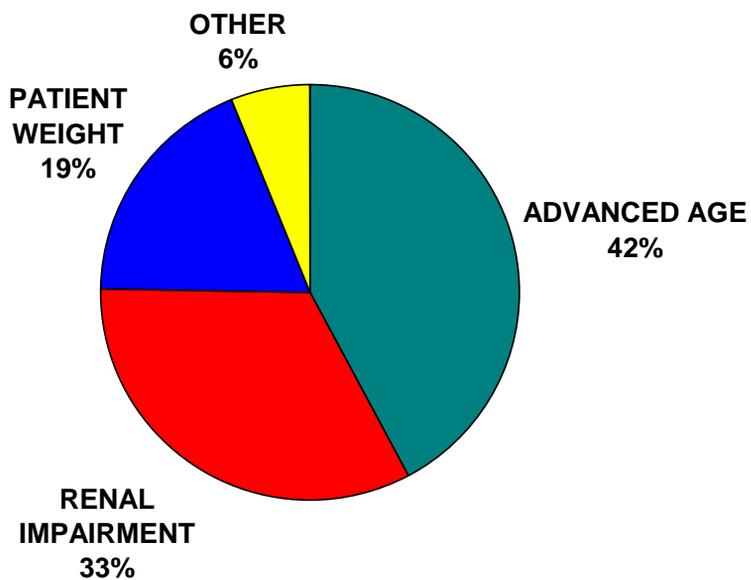
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ESTIMATED Cl_{Cr}

- *ESSENTIAL* for safe and effective use of *renally* eliminated drugs
- Important *PREREQUISITE* for application of pharmacokinetic principles
- Need to automate - *BUT*:
 - Laboratory system often does not “talk” with patient database
 - Patients often not weighed

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PATHOPHYSIOLOGIC FACTORS NOT ACCOUNTED FOR IN DRUG DOSING*



* Lesar TS, Briceland L, Stein DS. JAMA 1997;277:312-7.