

GPAT

2027-28



PHARMACOLOGY

CLASS- 2



TIME- 8 : 30 P.M

GENERAL PHARMACOLOGY, ROUTES OF DRUG ADMINISTRATION & PHARMACOKINETICS

UPDATED QUESTIONS TILL GPAT 2026

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Introduction & Routes of Drug Administration

Q16. What are orphan drugs: [GPAT 2026]

- A. Drugs which are used to treat rare diseases
- B. Orphan drugs are essential drugs
- C. Drugs which satisfy a large population
- D. Drugs which are used for the treatment of orphan children

Pharmacokinetics

Q11. A patient with hypoalbuminemia experiences increased effects of a highly protein-bound drug because: [GPAT 2026]

- A. Hepatic metabolism is increased
- B. Drug distribution is limited to plasma
- C. Renal excretion is blocked
- D. More drug is present in its free active form

Q.16 The common name of convective transport is: [GPAT 2025]

- A. Passive transport
- B. Pore transport
- C. Active transport
- D. Endocytosis





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1.

The ultralente insulin preparation is administered by which route [GPAT-2024]

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- (c) I.M
- (d) S.C



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Ultralente Insulin

→ Route: Subcutaneous (S.C.)



Ultralente is a long-acting **insulin** preparation.



Absorbed slowly from **subcutaneous tissue** → **prolonged action (up to 24 hrs)**.



Depot formation in S.C. tissue → **slow and steady release**.



Therefore, administered by **Subcutaneous (S.C.)** route.



Onset: **4–6 hrs**



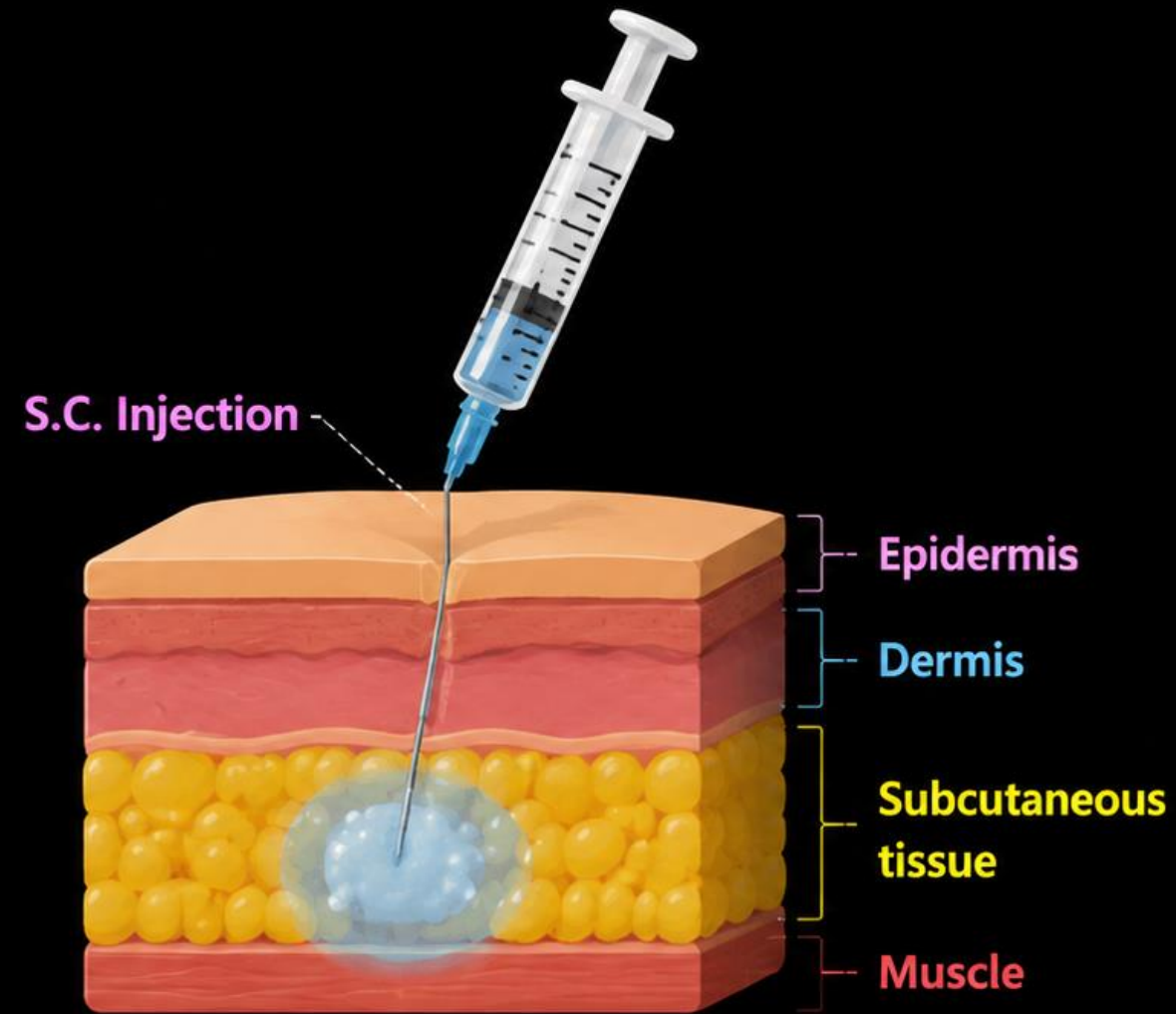
Duration: **Up to 24 hrs**



Provides **basal** insulin coverage



Not for **I.V. or I.M.**



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ORPHAN DRUG

✦ Orphan drug is a drug intended for the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of rare diseases.



RARE DISEASE
Affects a small number of people



KEY POINTS



For rare diseases



Addresses unmet medical need



Encouraged by incentives



High development cost,
low patient population





3.

**Which of the statement is TRUE in geriatrics practice
[GPAT-2022]**

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TRUE STATEMENT IN GERIATRIC PRACTICE

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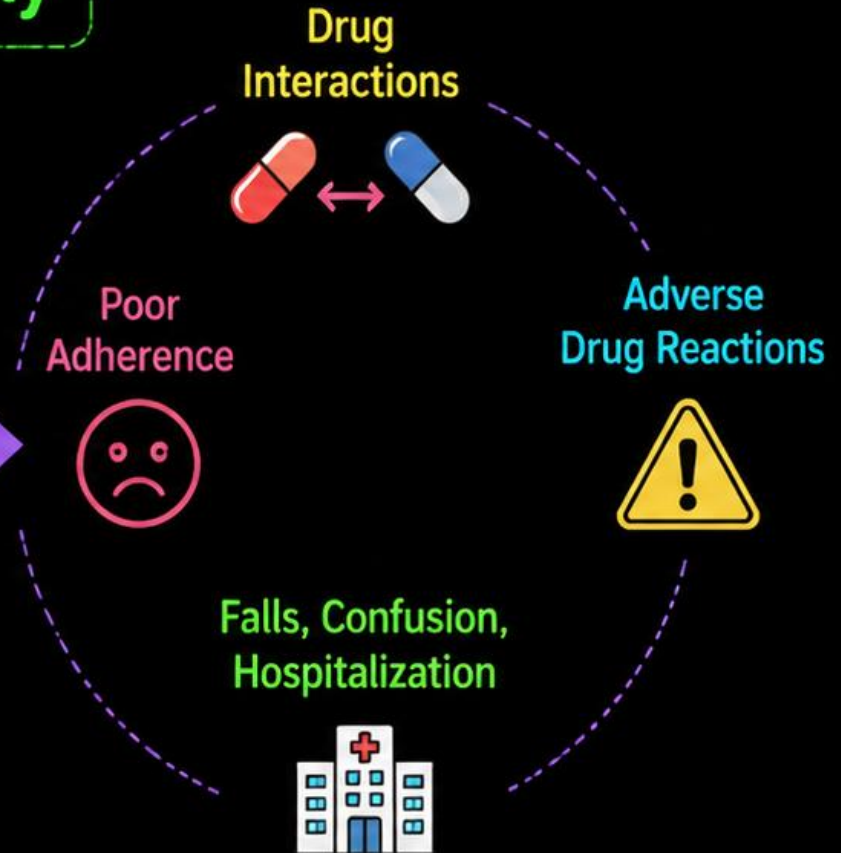
Elderly often have **multiple chronic diseases** → require **multiple drugs**



Increases risk of **ADRs**, **drug interactions** & **non-adherence**



Regular review & **deprescribing** improve outcomes



Goal: Use **RIGHT** drug, **RIGHT** dose, for **RIGHT** patient



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4.

Which of the following is considered as differentiated product [GPAT-2019]

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- (b) Zantac
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DIFFERENTIATED PRODUCT

A pharmaceutical product that is not **pharmaceutically equivalent** to a reference product due to **differences in**



Salt / Ester



Dosage Form



Strength



Release Pattern



Route of Administration



Other Factors



Not pharmaceutically equivalent
to the reference product



Ranitidine

Active ingredient
(Generic)



Zantac

Brand name with unique
formulation
(Differentiated Product)



Isoniazid

Active ingredient
(Generic)



Paracetamol

Active ingredient
(Generic)



Differentiated product has **unique formulation / characteristics** → **not equivalent** to reference product.



5.

In relation to buccal and sublingual route of administration which of the following statement is INCORRECT [GPAT-2017]

- (a) Absorption through epithelium is not affected by partition coefficient of the drug
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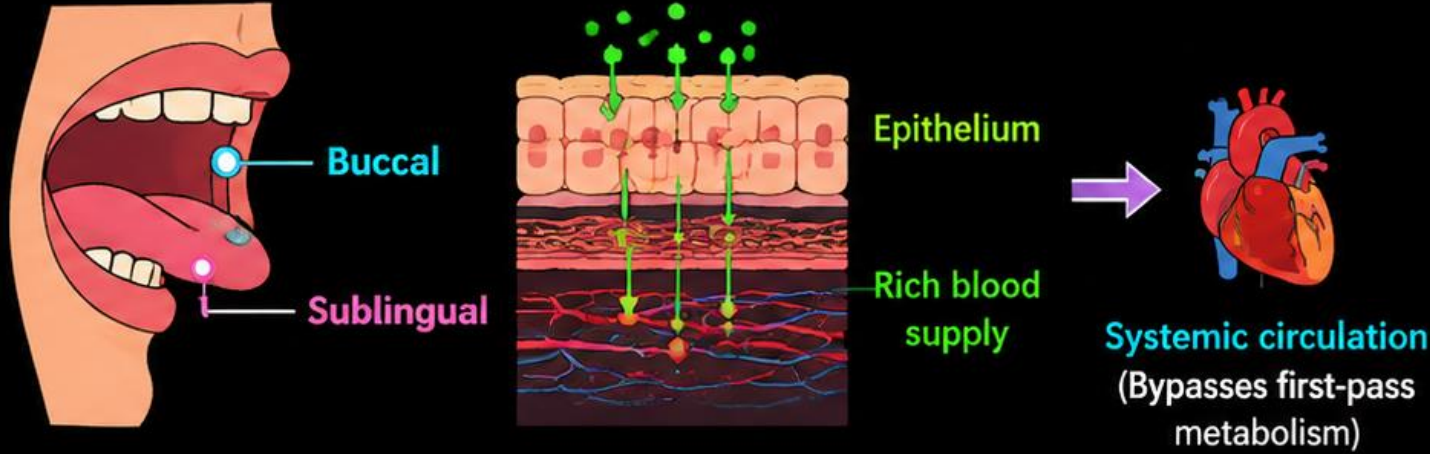
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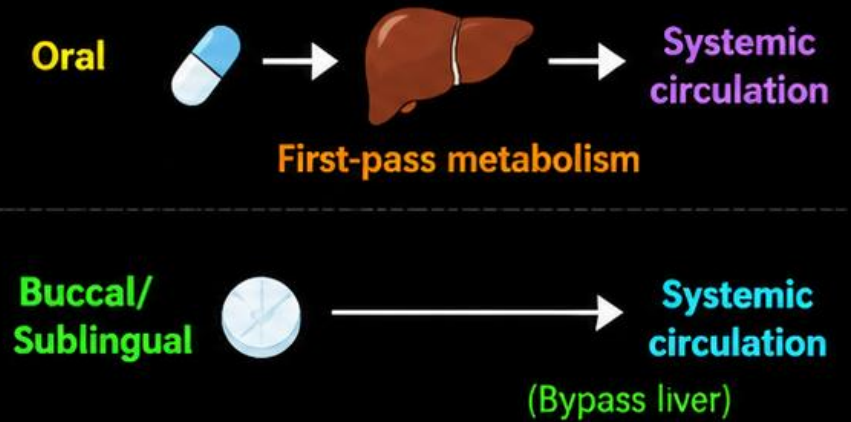
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Buccal & Sublingual Route – Key Points

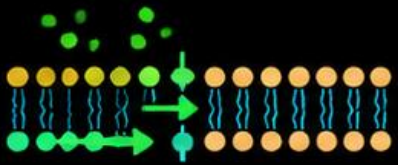
Absorption Pathway



First-Pass Metabolism



1. Partition Coefficient



Lipid **soluble** drugs (optimum log P) absorb better through lipid rich membranes.

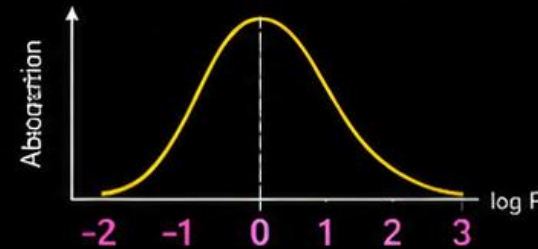
✗ Incorrect Statement

2. Bypasses First-Pass



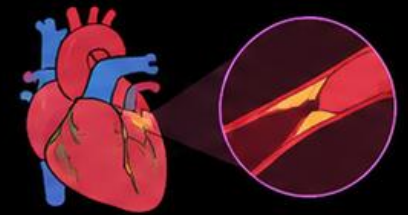
Absorbed directly into systemic circulation → **No first-pass metabolism.**

3. Optimum log P



Both very hydrophilic (low log P) and very lipophilic (high log P) show **lower absorption.**

4. Preferred for Anti-anginal



Rapid onset of action → Ideal for **anti-anginal drugs** (e.g., Glycerol trinitrate).

✗ Incorrect: Absorption through epithelium is **not affected** by partition coefficient of the drug.



6.

Which of the following routes of administration of drugs is associated with Phlebitis [GPAT-2011]

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Phlebitis → Intravenous Route

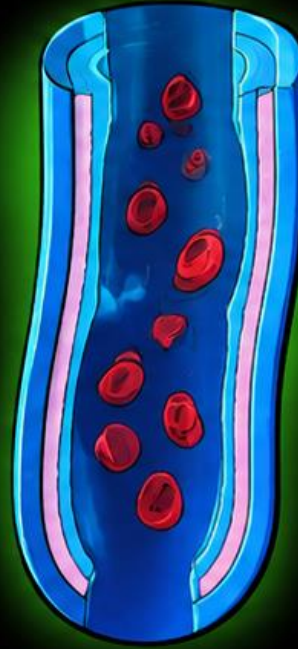
Phlebitis is **inflammation** of the vein caused by **irritation** of the venous **endothelium**.

Why in IV?

- Direct contact of **drug/irritant** with **vein wall**
- **Chemical irritation**
- **Prolonged IV cannulation**

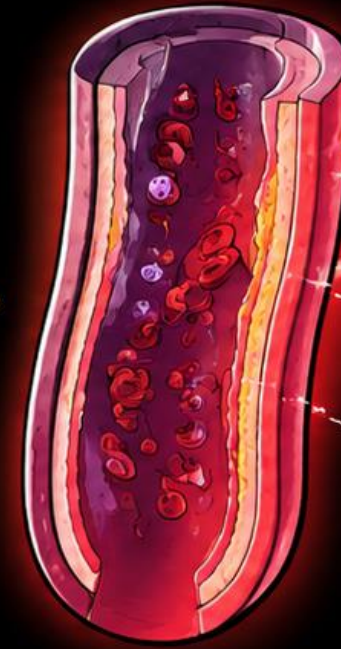
★ Thus, **phlebitis** is associated with **Intravenous route**.

Normal Vein



✓ Healthy vein

Phlebitis



✗ Inflamed vein

• Redness

• Pain

• Swelling

• Inflammation



Phlebitis → **Intravenous route**





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7.

Name of a drug accepted by a scientific body USAN (United States adopted names) council is [GATE-2011]

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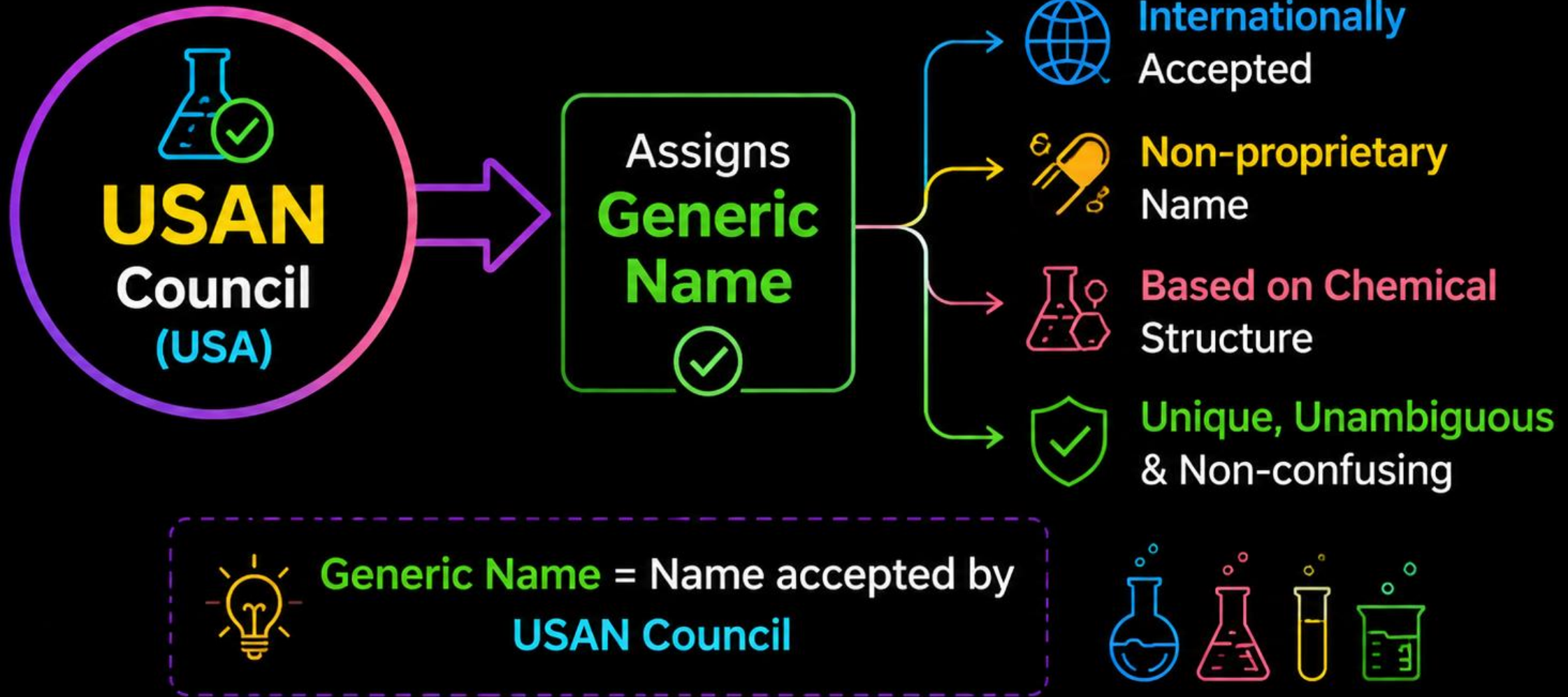
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USAN Council (USA)

Approves **Generic Names** for Drugs





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Explanation:

- Orphan drugs are used for rare diseases.
- **Liothyronine (T3) is used to treat myxedema coma, which is a rare and life-threatening complication of severe hypothyroidism.**
- **This specific, rare indication qualifies it for orphan drug status. Anti-HIV drugs are not orphan drugs as HIV/AIDS is not considered a rare disease.**



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☆ Father of ☆ Pharmacology



Oswald Schmiedeberg

(1838 – 1921)



Pioneered experimental
pharmacology.



Established the concept
of **drug action** on the body.



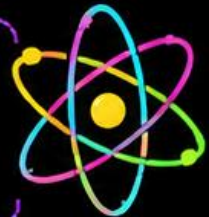
Author of “**Grundriss der
Arzneimittellehre**” (1870)



Laid the foundation for
modern pharmacology.



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10.

Sublingual route of administration has the following advantages except [GATE-2011]

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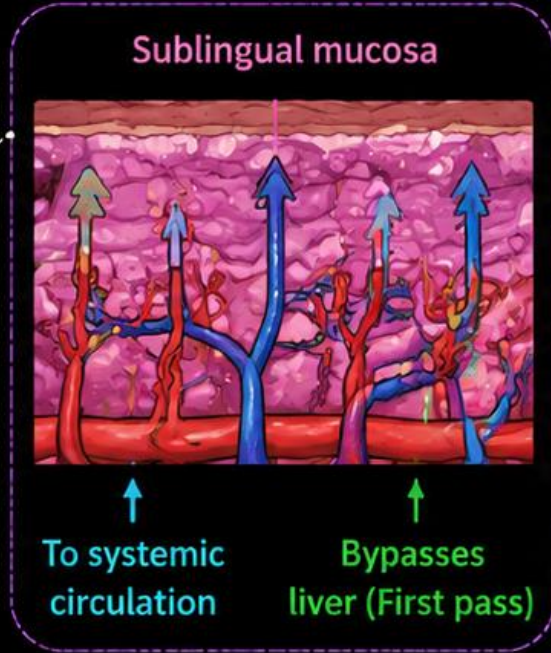
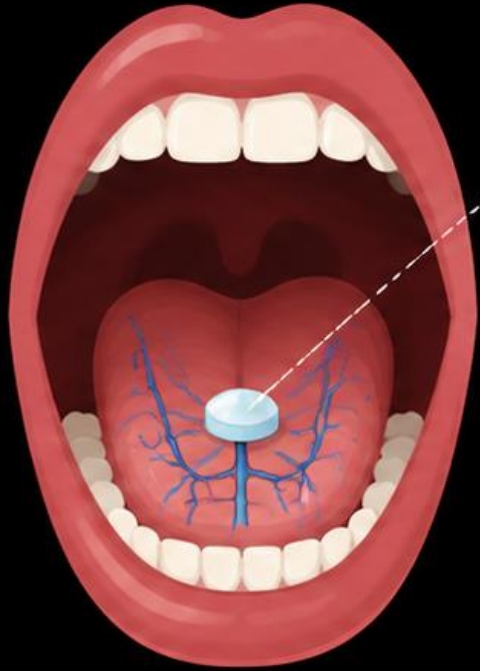
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Sublingual Route

Advantages



Quick onset
Rapid absorption



Avoids first pass effect
Goes directly to systemic circulation



Dose can be regulated
Easy to adjust & titrate



Not recommended for prolonged action
Suitable for rapid, short-term effect only



Best for quick relief,
Not for long-term therapy.



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11.

Which of the following drugs given rectally has a local action [GATE-2011]

- (a) Diazepam
- (b) 5-aminosalicylic acid
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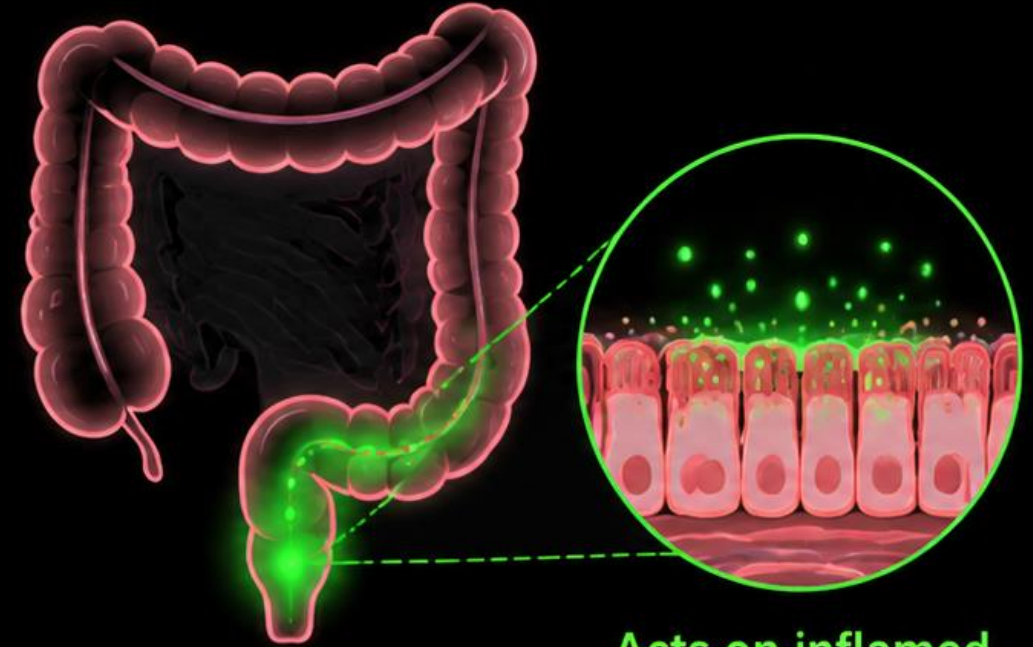
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Rectal Route – Local Action

5-Aminosalicylic acid (5-ASA) → Local action in the colon/rectum for **inflammatory bowel disease (ulcerative colitis)**.

- Acts **topically** on **colonic mucosa**
- **Minimal absorption** → **Minimal systemic effect**
- Reduces **inflammation** locally
- Formulated as **suppositories/enemas**

Local Action in Colon



Acts on inflamed colonic mucosa

Others – Systemic Action



Diazepam

→ Absorbed
→ **CNS** effect



Aminophylline

→ Absorbed
→ **Bronchodilation**



Ergotamine

→ Absorbed
→ **Vasoconstriction**



5-ASA → **Local**

Others → **Systemic**



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12.

The following agents are available as transdermal patch except [GATE-2011]

- (a) Insulin
- (b) Estradiol
- (c) Fentanyl
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Only **INSULIN** is **NOT** available as Transdermal Patch

Insulin

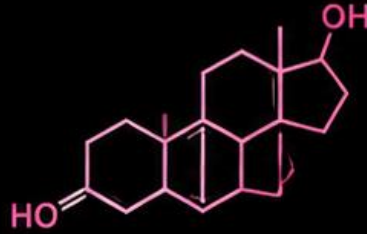


Not suitable

Large peptide
(MW ~5800 Da)

Poor skin permeation

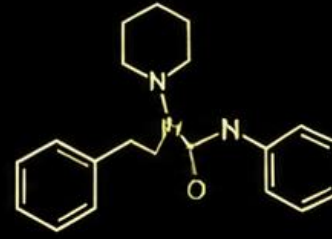
Estradiol



Available

Small, lipophilic
(Good permeation)

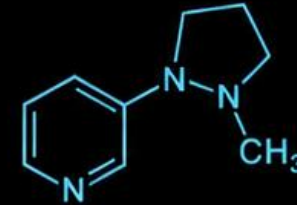
Fentanyl



Available

Highly lipophilic
(Good permeation)

Nicotine



Available

Small, lipophilic
(Good permeation)



Why Insulin not?

- Insulin is a large, hydrophilic peptide
- Cannot cross the stratum corneum
- Gets degraded in skin

→ Therefore, not used in transdermal patches.

Transdermal Patch Works By

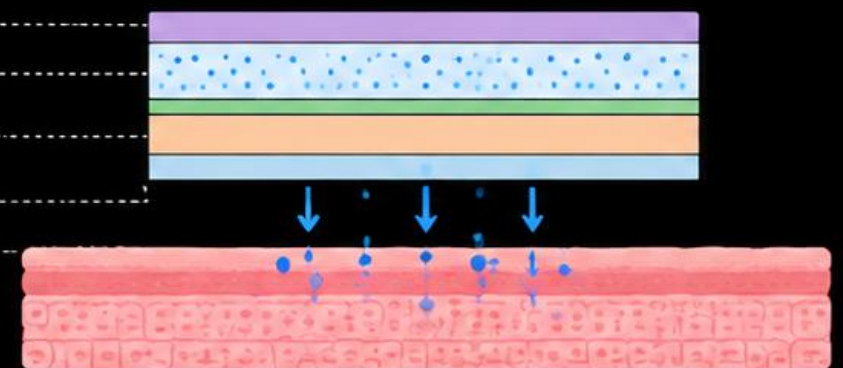
Backing layer

Drug reservoir

Rate controlling membrane

Adhesive layer

Release liner



Drug absorbed into systemic circulation



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Following are advantages of transdermal administration except

- (a) Action is fast and can be used in emergency**
- (b) Avoids first pass metabolism**
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✗ **Action is fast
& used in emergency**



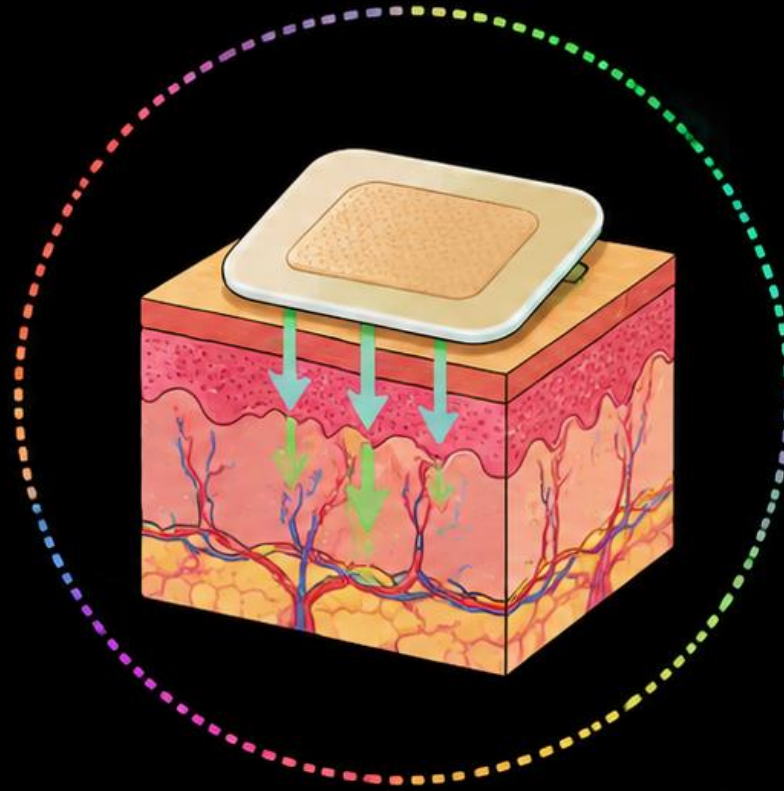
Absorption is slow
(*Not for emergencies*)

✓ **Prolonged
action**

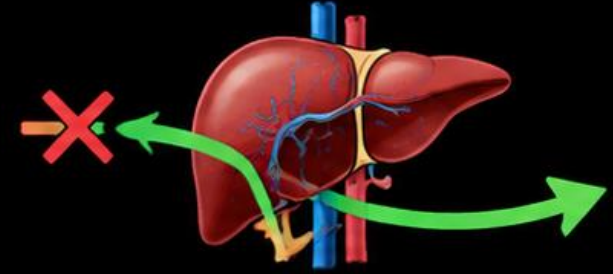


Sustained release
for long duration

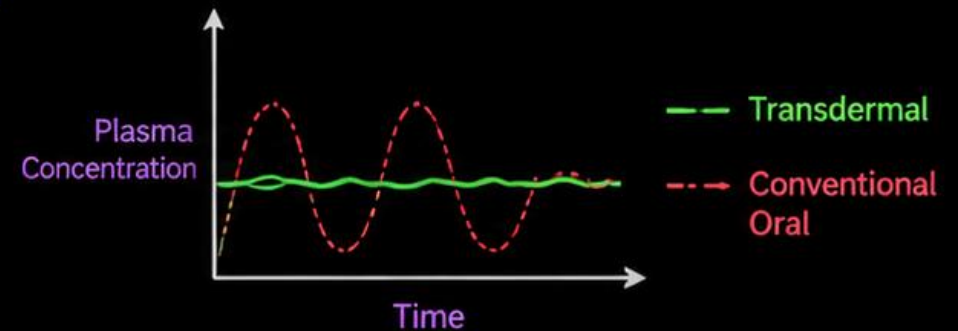
Transdermal Advantages



✓ **Avoids
first pass metabolism**



✓ **Smooth
non-fluctuating
plasma concentration**





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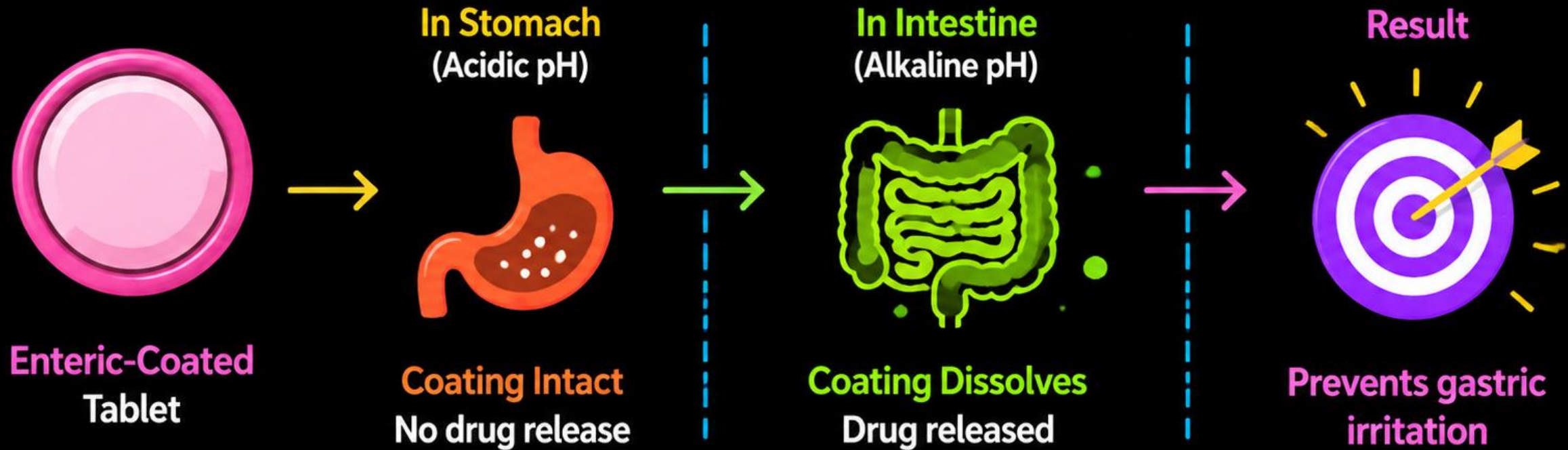
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Enteric-Coating of Tablets

Protects drug from stomach & prevents gastric irritation



Enteric coating allows the tablet to pass through stomach and release the drug in intestine → prevents gastric irritation.



15.

First pass effect for a drug is of importance in deciding plasma concentration once when the drug is administered

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- (c) Orally**
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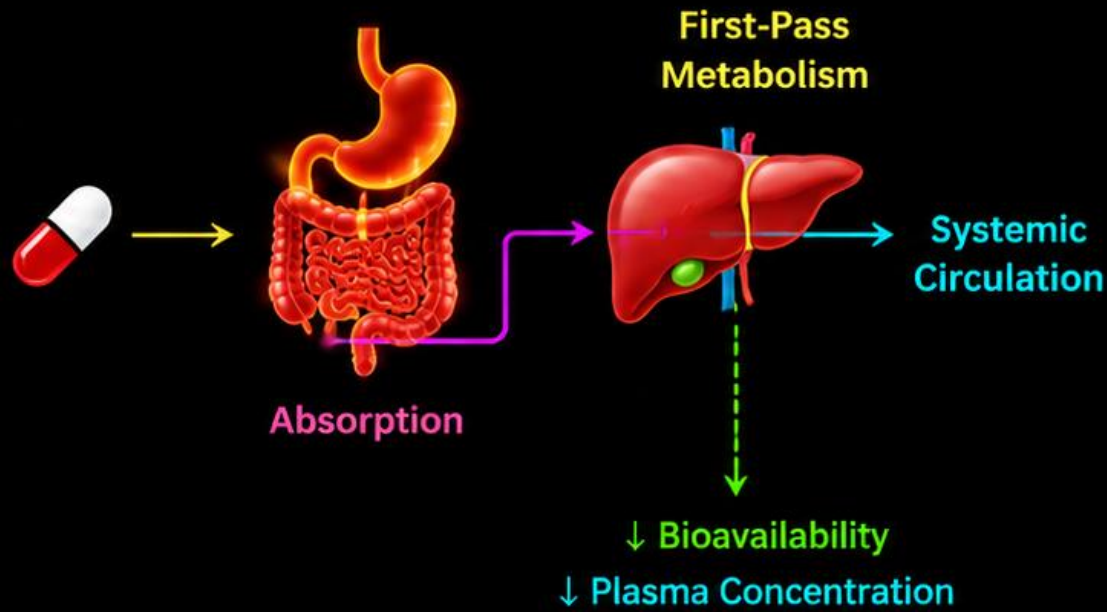
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First-Pass Effect

Metabolism of a drug in the **liver** before it reaches **systemic circulation**.



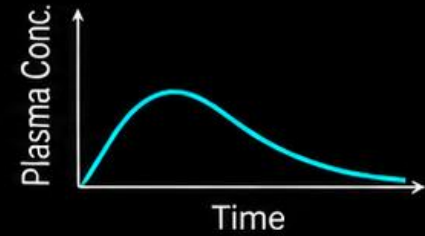
★ First-pass effect is **important** only when drug is **absorbed** through **GIT** and goes to **liver** via **portal circulation**.

Impact of **First-Pass Effect** on **Plasma Concentration**



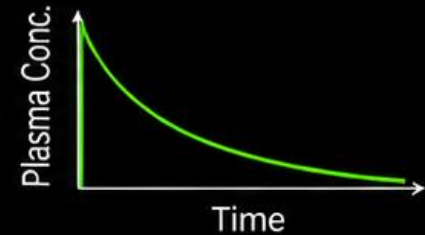
Intramuscular

Partial first-pass
(less significant)



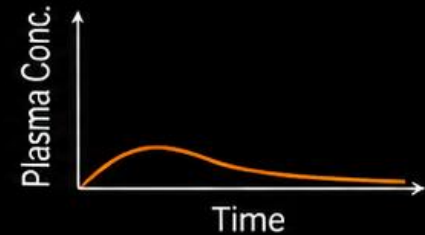
Intravenous

No first-pass



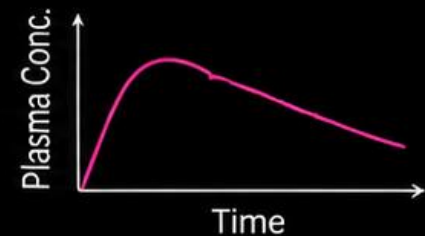
Oral

Marked first-pass



Sublingual

Minimal/No
first-pass



First-pass effect is **most relevant** for **oral** administration.





16.

Liposome drug delivery system is used for all except

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- (b) Amphotericin**
- (c) Hyoscine**
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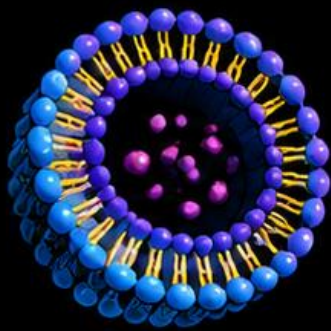
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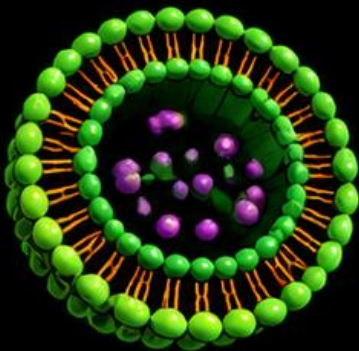
LIPOSOME DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM

* Used for **hydrophobic / toxic drugs** → improves delivery, reduces toxicity

- ✓ Improved bioavailability
- ✓ Targeted delivery
- ✓ Reduced toxicity

VINCRIStINE

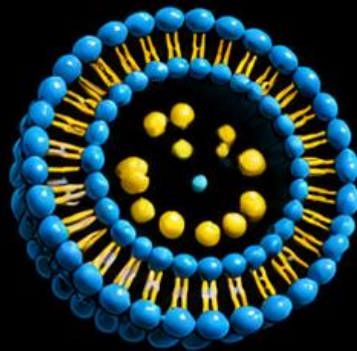
✓ Used



In liposomal form
(e.g., Marqibo®)

AMPHOTERICIN

✓ Used



Liposomal amphotericin B
(e.g., AmBisome®)

HYOSCINE

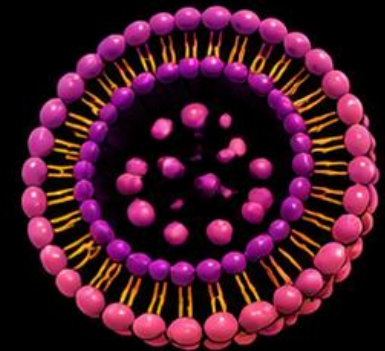
✗ Not used



Small, stable, non-toxic
→ No liposome needed

AMIKACIN

✓ Used



Liposomal amikacin
(under research/use)



KEY POINT: Liposomes are used for **Vincristine**, **Amphotericin**, **Amikacin**
Hyoscine is **not used** (not beneficial / not required)





17.

Essential drug is

- (a) Drugs that has been developed specifically to treat a rare medical condition**
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Essential Drug



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Key Points



Meets priority
health needs



Relevant to
the population



Safe, effective
& quality assured



Available &
affordable



Focus on the **needs** of **most people**, not a few.



18.

True about Routes of drug administration [GATE-2012]

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Explanation:

STATEMENT	ANALYSIS
IV Bioavailability	False. Intravenous (IV) administration places the drug directly into the systemic circulation, so by definition, it has 100% bioavailability.
IM Sterility	True. All parenteral routes that bypass the body's natural defenses (IM, IV, SC, etc.) require aseptic (sterile) techniques to prevent introducing infection.
ID Necrosis	False. Intradermal (ID) injection involves a very small volume into the skin and is unlikely to cause necrosis. It is used for sensitivity tests.
Inhalation Onset	False. The large surface area and high blood flow of the lungs lead to very rapid, not delayed, systemic absorption and onset of action.



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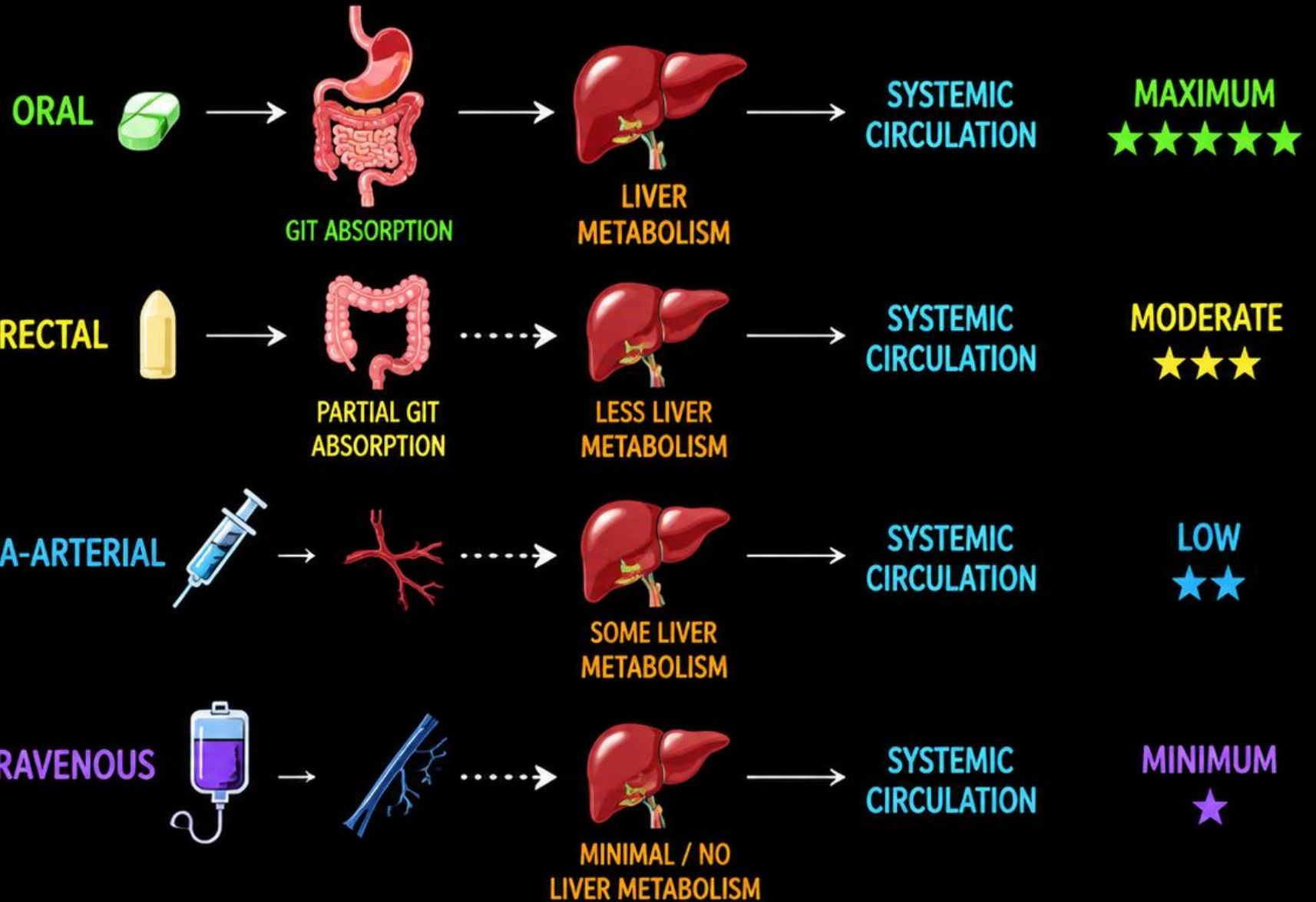
MAXIMUM FIRST PASS METABOLISM

First pass metabolism:

Metabolism of drug in **GIT wall** + **Liver** before reaching systemic circulation

★ **MAXIMUM by ORAL route**

⇒ More the contact with **GIT wall** and **Liver**, more the first pass metabolism



Oral > Rectal > Intra-arterial > Intravenous

First pass metabolism
decreasing order



20.

From which of the following routes, Bioavailability of the drug is likely to be 100 percent [GATE-2010]

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BIOAVAILABILITY

Fraction of **unchanged drug** reaching **systemic circulation**



INTRAVENOUS (IV)



100% BIOAVAILABILITY

Direct entry into systemic circulation → **No absorption barriers**, **No first-pass loss**

ROUTE

ABSORPTION PATH

BIOAVAILABILITY

IV



Direct to Bloodstream



100%
(No loss)

IM



Absorbed from
Muscle



< 100%
(Not complete)

SC



Absorbed from
Subcutaneous tissue

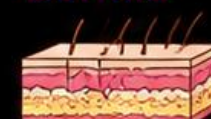


< 100%
(Not complete)

ID



Absorbed from
Dermis



< 100%
(Not complete)



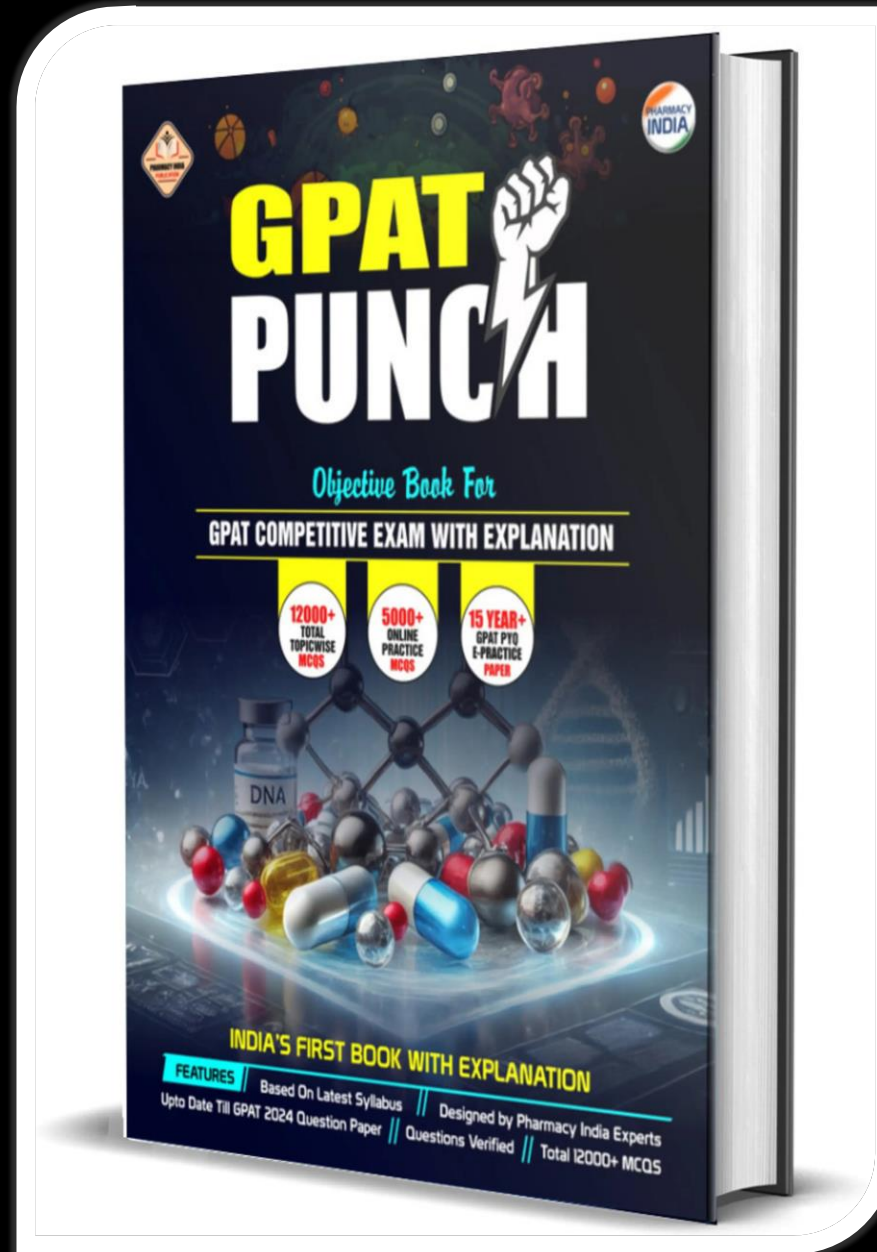
KEY TAKEAWAY

IV → Direct → 100% > IM → High > SC → Moderate > ID → Low

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Drug NOT given Sublingually

Isosorbide
dinitrate

(Sublingual)



Rapid relief in
angina (5–10 min)

Buprenorphine

(Sublingual)



For pain / opioid
dependence

Ergotamine
tartrate

(Sublingual)



For acute
migraine

Isosorbide-5-
mononitrate

(Not Sublingual)



Designed for
oral use (sustained
release)



Poor & inconsistent
absorption sublingually



Isosorbide dinitrate, Buprenorphine & Ergotamine → Sublingual

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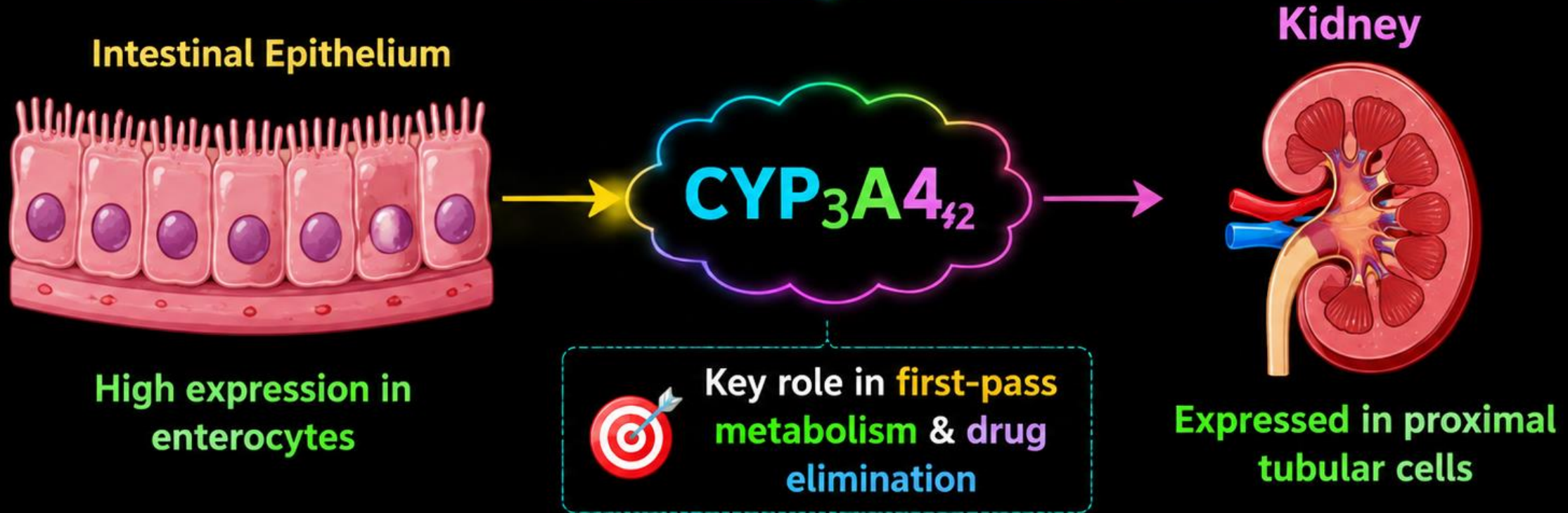
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CYP₃A₄₂ is expressed in both **Intestinal Epithelium** and **Kidney**



Why not others?

CYP₁D₆
Mainly liver

CYP₁A₂
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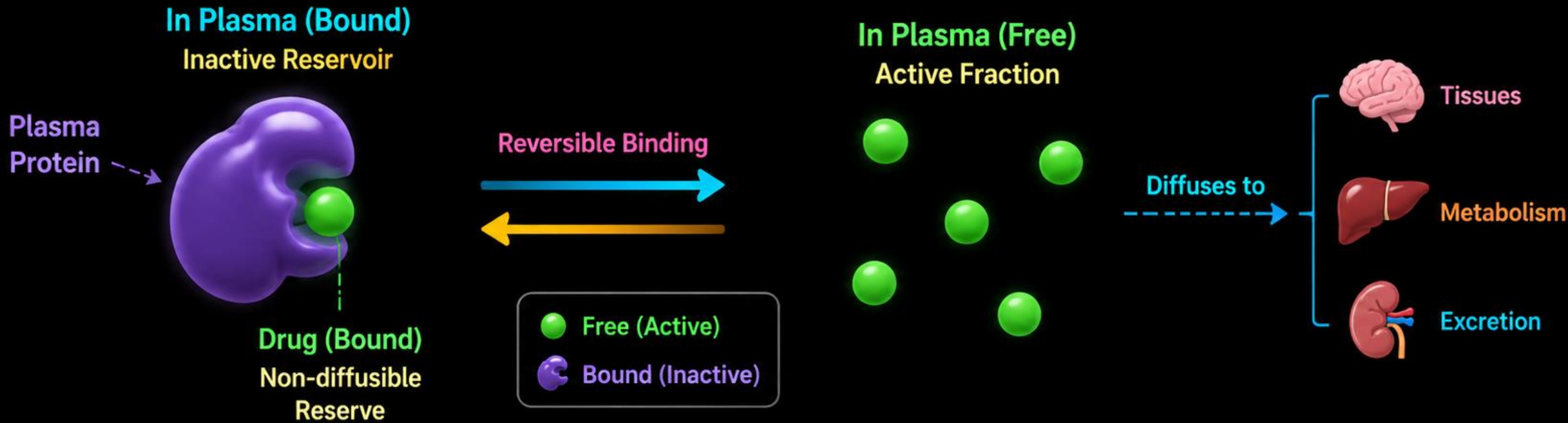
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Reversible Drug Binding to Plasma Proteins – Effect



Acts as a reservoir
Prolongs duration
of action



Maintains equilibrium
Only free drug is
pharmacologically active



Slows elimination
↓ Filtration & metabolism
of bound drug



Limits tissue accumulation
Less free drug available
to distribute

Key Effect: Sequesters drug in a **non-diffusible** form → **Prolonged action, limited distribution**



24.

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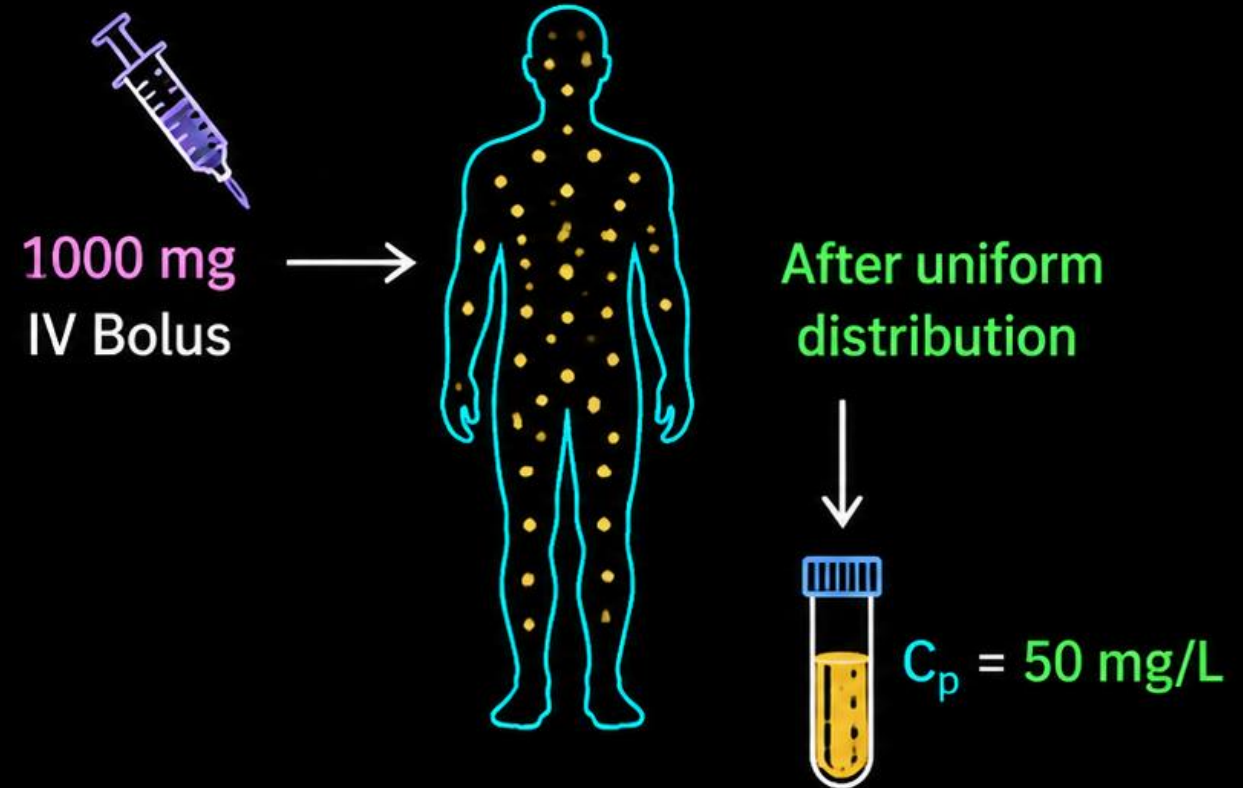


V_d (Volume of Distribution)

$$V_d = \frac{\text{Dose}}{C_p}$$

- Dose (iv, bolus) = 1000 mg
- C_p (after distribution) = 50 mg/L
- V_d = ?

$$\begin{aligned} V_d &= \frac{1000 \text{ mg}}{50 \text{ mg/L}} \\ &= 20 \text{ L} \end{aligned}$$



★ **V_d = 20 L**
(Apparent volume in which
drug is distributed)



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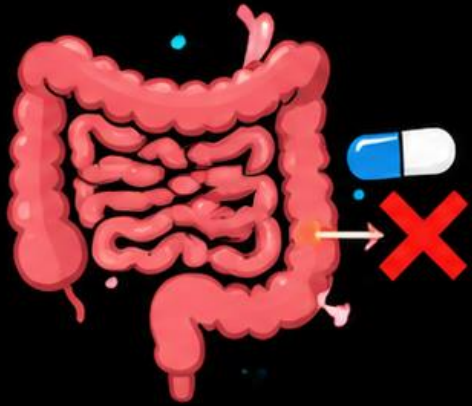
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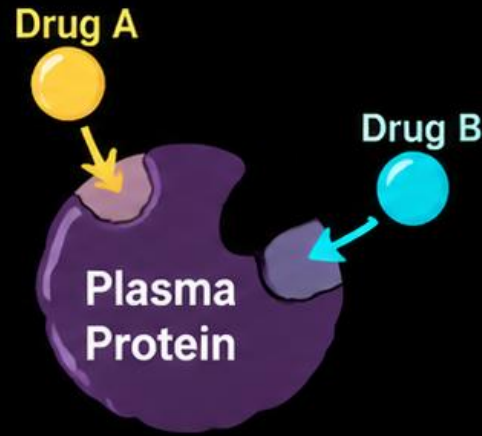
Pharmacokinetic Drug Interactions

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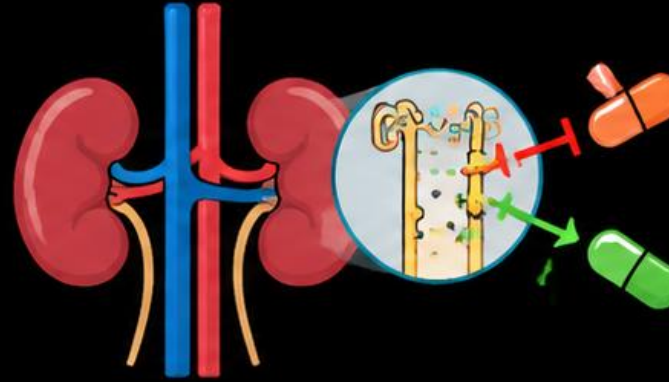
↓ Absorption
↓ Bioavailability

2. Changes in Protein Binding



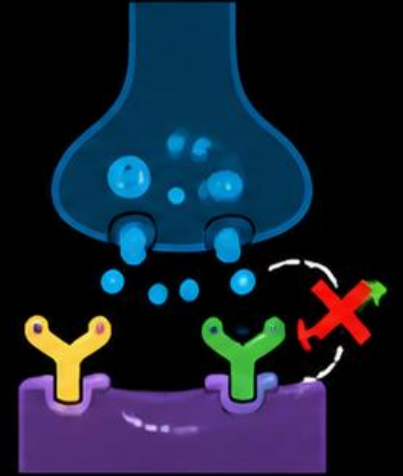
Displacement
↑ Free drug
↑ Effect / Toxicity

3. Interference with Renal Excretion



↓ Excretion
↑ Plasma level
↑ Toxicity

4. Competition at Receptor Sites



Pharmacodynamic Interaction



PK Interactions alter **ADME** → change drug concentration in body



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Explanation:

Drug Type	Behavior	Consequence
Acidic Drug	Crosses a membrane from an acidic environment (non-ionized form) to a basic one. In the basic environment, it becomes ionized (charged).	The ionized form cannot cross back easily, so the acidic drug gets trapped on the more basic side.
Basic Drug	Crosses a membrane from a basic environment (non-ionized form) to an acidic one. In the acidic environment, it becomes ionized (charged).	The ionized form cannot cross back easily, so the basic drug gets trapped on the more acidic side.



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Explanation:

- **Abundance:** CYP3A4 is the most abundant and clinically significant drug-metabolizing enzyme in humans.
- **Substrate Range:** It has a very broad range of substrates and is responsible for the metabolism of approximately 50% of all marketed drugs.
- **Location:** Its high expression in both the liver and the small intestine makes it a critical factor in both hepatic clearance and oral bioavailability.



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Explanation:

- **Reaction Type:** Cytochrome P450 enzymes are the primary catalysts for Phase I (functionalization) reactions.
- **Primary Function:** Their main role is oxidation, which includes key reactions like aromatic and aliphatic hydroxylation. This introduces a polar group onto the drug molecule.
- **Other Reactions:** Methylation and conjugation are primarily Phase II reactions, catalyzed by different enzyme families (e.g., UGTs for conjugation). CYP450s are located in the smooth endoplasmic reticulum, not mitochondria.



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Explanation:

- **The statement is FALSE.**
- **Passive Lipid Diffusion:** This process relies on the concentration gradient and is not carrier-mediated. Therefore, it does not have a finite number of "slots" that can become saturated.
- **Saturability:** Saturability is a hallmark of carrier-mediated processes like active transport or facilitated diffusion, where the rate of transport levels off once all carrier proteins are occupied.



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30.

Therapeutic Index is [GPAT-2015]

(a) ED_{50} / LD_{50}

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Explanation:

Term	Definition	Formula Component
LD₅₀	Median Lethal Dose: The dose lethal to 50% of a test population.	Numerator (measure of toxicity)
ED₅₀	Median Effective Dose: The dose that produces a therapeutic effect in 50% of the population.	Denominator (measure of efficacy)
Therapeutic Index (TI)	A measure of a drug's safety. A higher TI indicates a safer drug because a much larger dose is needed to produce a lethal effect than a therapeutic one.	$TI = LD_{50} / ED_{50}$



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Explanation:

- **Inverse Relationship:** Half-life ($t_{1/2}$) and Clearance (CL) are inversely related.
- **Conceptual Link:** Clearance is a measure of how efficiently the body removes a drug. If the body removes the drug more efficiently (increased clearance), the time it takes for the drug's concentration to fall by half (half-life) will be shorter.
- **Formula:** The relationship is shown by the formula: $t_{1/2} \approx (0.693 \times V_d) / CL$. As CL (the denominator) increases, $t_{1/2}$ decreases.



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Monitoring of plasma drug concentration is required while using [GPAT-2014]

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Explanation:

- **Narrow Therapeutic Index:** Lithium has a very narrow therapeutic range where it is effective but not toxic (approx. 0.6-1.2 mEq/L).
- **Risk of Toxicity:** Concentrations slightly above this range can cause serious toxicity (tremors, confusion, seizures), while concentrations below it are ineffective.
- **TDM Requirement:** Therefore, Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (TDM), the measurement of plasma drug concentrations, is essential to maintain the patient within the safe and effective range.



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Explanation:

- **Definition:** Hofmann elimination is a non-enzymatic, spontaneous degradation of a drug that occurs at physiological pH and temperature.
- **Clinical Significance:** This pathway is independent of liver or kidney function, making drugs like Atracurium and its isomer Cisatracurium useful in patients with organ failure.
- **Mechanism:** It is a chemical process that breaks down the quaternary ammonium structure of the drug molecule.



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Explanation:

Biotransformation Phase	Most Common Reaction	Key Enzymes Involved
Phase I (Functionalization)	Oxidation	Cytochrome P450 (CYP) superfamily
Phase II (Conjugation)	Glucuronidation	UDP-glucuronosyltransferases (UGTs)



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Explanation:

- **Prodrug:** The drug Sulfasalazine consists of sulfapyridine linked to 5-aminosalicylic acid by an azo bond ($-N=N-$).
- **Activation Site:** It travels to the colon intact, where resident gut bacteria produce azoreductase enzymes.
- **Reaction:** These enzymes cleave the azo bond via azoreduction, releasing the active anti-inflammatory agent (5-ASA) to act locally on the colonic mucosa.



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36.

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Explanation:

- **Metabolic Workhorse:** CYP3A4 metabolizes the largest proportion (~50%) of clinically used drugs.
- **High Interaction Potential:** Because so many drugs are substrates, inducers, or inhibitors of CYP3A4, the potential for clinically significant drug-drug interactions involving this enzyme is the highest.
- **Example:** Grapefruit juice (an inhibitor) can dangerously increase levels of statins (substrates), while St. John's Wort (an inducer) can decrease the effectiveness of oral contraceptives (substrates).



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Explanation:

Parameter	What It Represents	Relation to Absorption
t_{max}	The time taken to reach the maximum plasma concentration.	Direct indicator of the rate of absorption. A shorter t _{max} means faster absorption.
C_{max}	The maximum plasma concentration achieved.	Reflects both the rate and extent of absorption.
AUC	The Area Under the Curve; total drug exposure over time.	Indicator of the extent of absorption (bioavailability).
t_{1/2}	The half-life of the drug.	Indicator of the rate of elimination.



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P-Glycoprotein pump is responsible for which one of the followings [GPAT-2011]

- (a) Transporting the drugs from the enterocytes into the gut lumen
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Explanation:

- **Function: P-glycoprotein (P-gp) is an efflux transporter. Its function is to actively pump substances out of cells.**
- **Location in Gut: In intestinal epithelial cells (enterocytes), it is located on the apical (lumen-facing) side.**
- **Effect on Bioavailability: When a drug is absorbed into an enterocyte, P-gp can pump it back into the gut lumen, thereby reducing the net amount of drug that reaches the bloodstream and lowering its oral bioavailability.**



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Explanation:

Pharmacokinetics Type	Dose Proportionality	Half-life ($t_{1/2}$)	Example Enzymes
Linear (First-Order)	A change in dose gives a proportional change in AUC. (e.g., doubling dose doubles AUC).	Constant	Most drugs at therapeutic doses.
Non-Linear (Zero-Order)	A change in dose gives a disproportionate change in AUC. (e.g., doubling dose > doubles AUC).	Changes with dose	Phenytoin, Ethanol (at high concentrations).



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(c) 1.0 L

(d) 0.10 L



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Explanation:

- **Step 1: Unify Units:** The dose is in milligrams (mg) and the concentration is in micrograms/milliliter (mcg/ml). Convert the concentration to mg/L (since $1 \text{ mcg/ml} = 1 \text{ mg/L}$). So, $30 \text{ mcg/ml} = 30 \text{ mg/L}$.
- **Step 2: Apply Formula:** The formula for Volume of Distribution (Vd) is Dose / C_0 .
- **Step 3: Calculate:** $V_d = 300 \text{ mg} / 30 \text{ mg/L} = 10 \text{ L}$.





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Explanation:

Dose Type	Purpose	Determining Factors	Formula
Loading Dose	To rapidly achieve the target therapeutic concentration.	Volume of Distribution (V_d) and the desired Target Concentration (C_{ss}).	$LD = V_d \times C_{ss}$
Maintenance Dose	To maintain the target concentration by replacing the amount of drug eliminated.	Clearance (CL) and the desired Target Concentration (C_{ss}).	$MD = CL \times C_{ss}$



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Explanation:

- **Initial Distribution Phase:** Immediately after entering the bloodstream, a drug is distributed first and fastest to organs with high blood flow (perfusion).
- **High-Perfusion Organs:** These include the brain, heart, liver, and kidneys, which receive a large portion of the cardiac output.
- **Later Phases:** Factors like tissue affinity and plasma protein binding determine the later stages of distribution and the final extent to which a drug accumulates in different tissues.



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Explanation:

- **Definition:** Bioavailability is a pharmacokinetic term that quantifies drug absorption.
- **Key Components:** It has two main components:
- **Rate of absorption:** How quickly the drug reaches the circulation (measured by t_{max}).
- **Extent of absorption:** The total fraction of the dose that reaches the circulation (measured by AUC).



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Explanation:

Drug Type	Mechanism	Examples
Prodrug ACE Inhibitors	Are inactive and must be hydrolyzed (activated) in the liver to their active form (e.g., enalaprilat).	Enalapril, Ramipril, Benazepril, Quinapril
Active ACE Inhibitors	Are administered in their pharmacologically active form and do not require metabolic conversion.	Captopril, Lisinopril



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Explanation:

- **Definition:** The Area Under the Curve (AUC) is the integral of the plasma concentration-time curve.
- **Representation:** It represents the total systemic exposure to a drug over a given period.
- **Application:** For a given dose, the AUC is directly proportional to the total amount of unchanged drug that successfully reaches the systemic circulation, making it the primary measure for the extent of absorption or bioavailability.



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- (a) An expression of total body volume
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Explanation:

- **Theoretical Volume:** V_d is not a real physiological volume but a theoretical (or apparent) volume.
- **Definition:** It represents the volume that would be required to contain the total amount of drug in the body at the same concentration as it is in the blood or plasma.
- **Interpretation:** A large V_d suggests the drug is extensively distributed into tissues outside of the plasma, while a small V_d suggests it remains primarily in the plasma.





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Explanation:

- **Fick's Law of Diffusion.**
- **The rate of diffusion is directly proportional to the concentration gradient (the difference in concentration across the membrane) and the surface area of the membrane.**
- **It is inversely proportional to the thickness of the membrane. It is also directly proportional to the lipid solubility (partition coefficient).**



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Explanation:

Characteristic	Ability to Cross BBB	Reason
Highly Lipid Soluble	Can cross	The Blood-Brain Barrier (BBB) is composed of tightly packed endothelial cells with lipid membranes. Lipid-soluble (lipophilic) drugs can readily diffuse across these membranes.
Water Soluble / Ionized	Cannot cross easily	These molecules are repelled by the lipid membranes and cannot pass through the tight junctions of the BBB.
Quaternary Compounds	Cannot cross	These molecules have a permanent positive charge, making them highly polar and unable to cross the lipid barrier.



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Explanation:

- **Definition:** Biotransformation is another term for drug metabolism.
- **Process:** It involves the chemical alteration of a drug by the body, primarily by enzymes in the liver.
- **Purpose:** The main goal is to convert lipid-soluble (lipophilic) drugs into more water-soluble (hydrophilic) compounds that are more easily excreted by the kidneys.



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Explanation:

Kinetics Type	Elimination Pattern	Rate of Elimination	Half-life
First-Order	A constant fraction (or percentage) of the drug is eliminated per unit of time.	Proportional to the drug concentration.	Constant.
Zero-Order	A constant amount (e.g., mg/hr) of the drug is eliminated per unit of time.	Independent of drug concentration (it's saturated).	Not constant.



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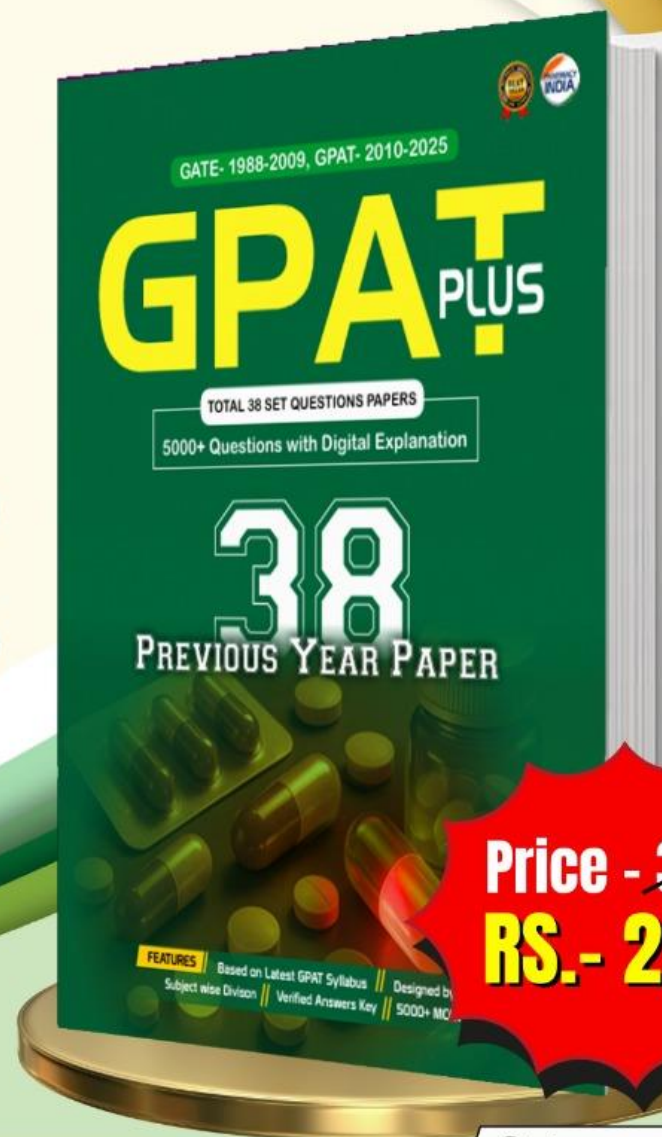
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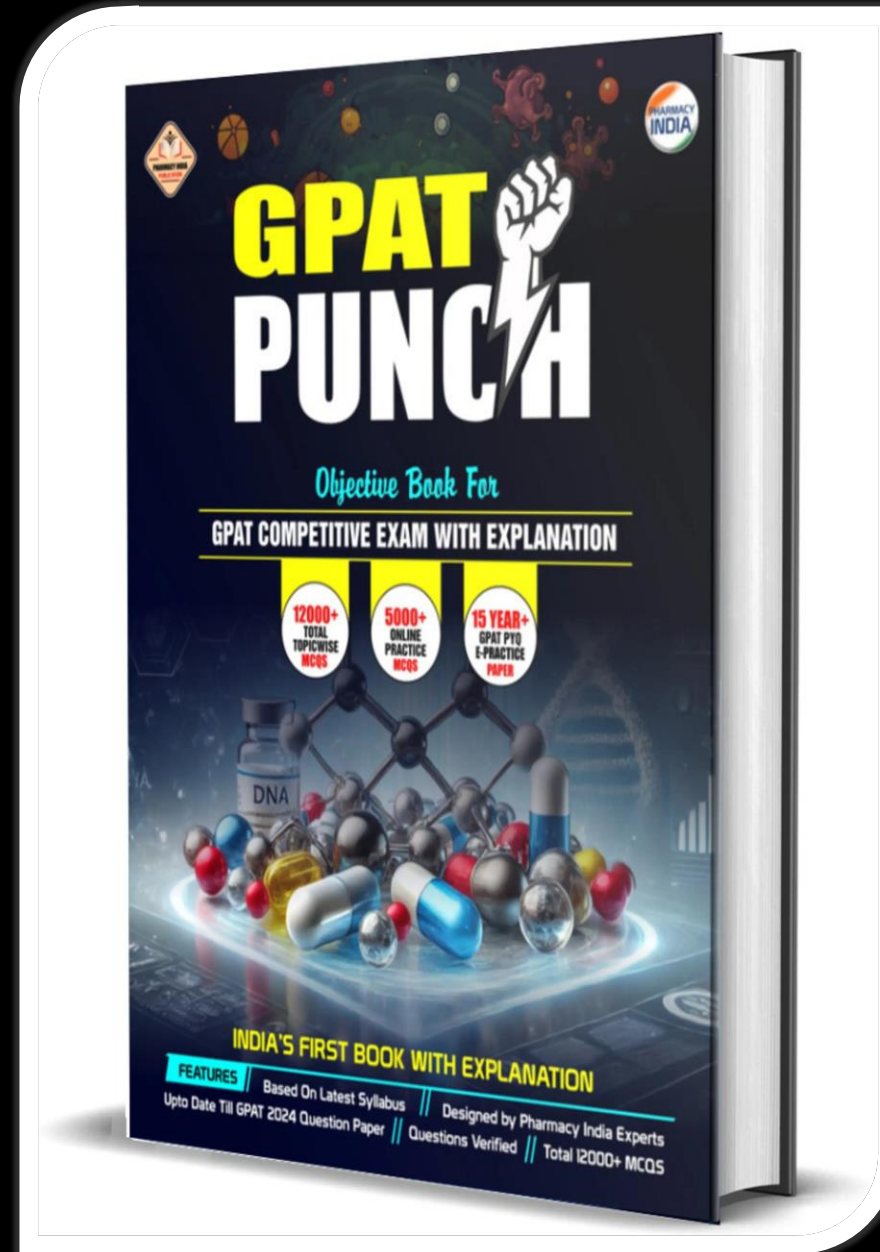


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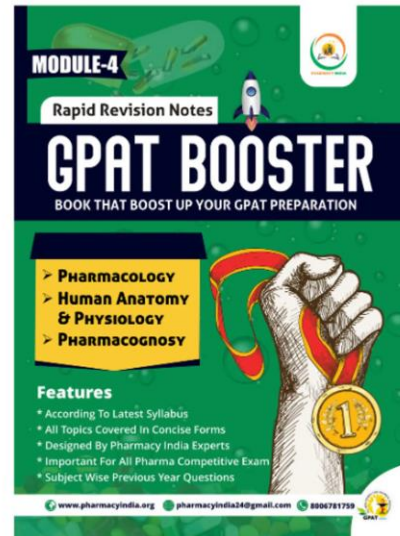
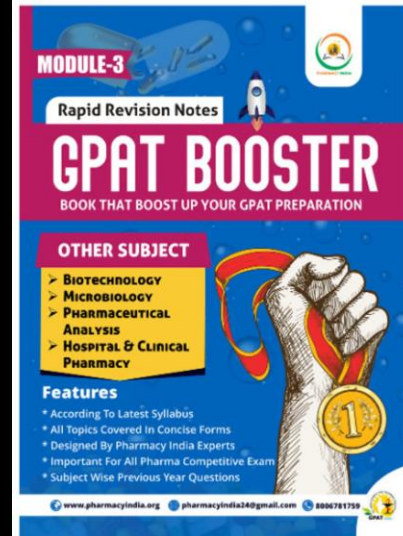
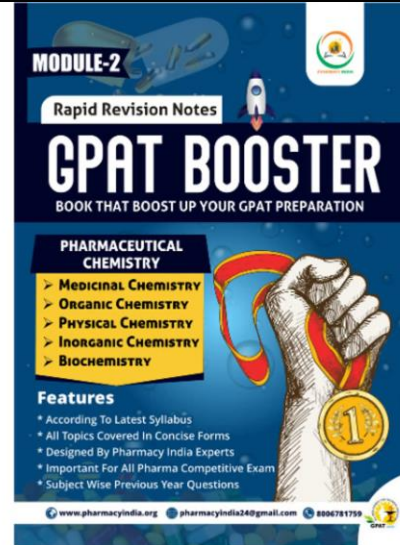
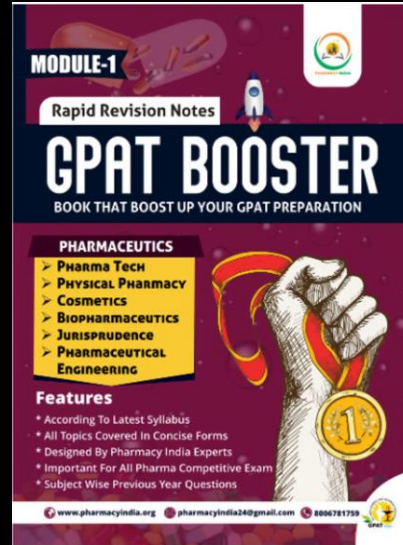
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