





## GENERAL PHARMACOLOGY

This chapter provides basic knowledge necessary for subsequent study of individual drugs. Important terms & definitions are presented, together with the two basic areas of pharmacology; pharmacodynamics & pharmacokinetics.

## **Pharmacology**

• It is the science that deals with drugs, their nature, pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, therapeutic uses, adverse effects, preparations and administration.

## Drug

• It is a chemical substance that alters body functions and can be used for treatment, prevention or diagnosis of disease.

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### **Notes**

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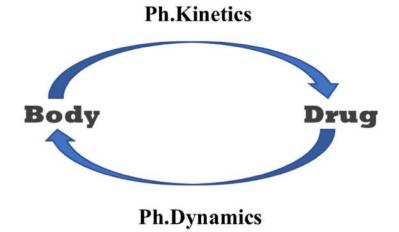
Drugs: alters or modify <u>body function</u> by stimulating or inhibiting it. Gene therapy: change or replace or add functions to the body. Both of them are used to treat, prevent and cure different diseases.

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The drug could work as the sympthatic (which stimulates heartbeats) or as the parasymphatic system (which decrease heartbeats).

#### **Pharmacokinetics**

• They are the studies of the <u>Absorption</u>, <u>Distribution</u>, <u>Metabolism and Excretion of drugs (ADME) and their mathematical relationship, i.e. what body does to drugs.</u>



### **Pharmacodynamics**

• They are the studies of the biological and therapeutic effects of drugs and their mechanism of action, i.e. what drugs do to the body.

Does it stimulate or inhibit...

## Pharmacotherapeutics: How to choose the correct and suitable drug

• Study the selection & use of the drugs for treatment, prevention or diagnosis of diseases

## Sources of drugs:

- 1. Plant: e.g. atropine from leaves of belladonna + morphine
- 2. Animal: insulin from the pancreas of pigs But it can cause allergy
- 3. Mineral: MgSO4, iodine
- 4. Microorganisms: penicillin from the fungus penicillinum
- 5. Synthetic: in laboratory e.g. aspirin -> acetylsalicylic acid
- 6. Biotechnology: human insulin by genetic engineering

## **Drug nomenclature:**

- 1. Chemical name: N-acetyl p-aminophen
- 2. Generic name: Acetaminophen (paracetamol) هاد الاسم الي بنتعامل فيه بالفارما
- المجاري 3. Trade name: Panadol- Adol

## **An Extra Slide**









<u>Atropine</u>: blocks inhibitory effects of the parasympathetic neurotransmitter acetylcholine on heart rate leading to tachycardia.

<u>lodine</u>: plays an essential role in the functioning of a healthy thyroid gland. It is used for the production of thyroid hormones. And it is used also for detection and diagnoses (fluoresence; we studied about them in Histology)

MgSO4: ORALLY -> Stimulate the GIT (الملح الإنجليزي)
IV -> helps in convulsions

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Routes of Administration	Advantages	Disadvantages	Dosage form
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1) Oral By mouth	Most <u>convenient</u> , Safe, Economical , Easy	*Not suitable for: Unconscious, Uncooperative, excessive Vomiting or Diarrhea, Emergencies, Irritant	<u>*Solid:</u> powder, effervescent granules, tablet (simple, منطى بطيقة تمثل استمامت بالدرة sugar-coated, enteric coated,
Then swallow it	#1 in safety	drugs, drugs destroyed by (gastric acidity, enzymes, 1st pass effect)	sustained release; SR), capsule (hard, soft, SR)  له عبات *Liquid: syrup, suspension,
			solution
2) Rectal By anus	Escape 1st pass effect, useful if oral is unsuitable: Severe vomitin	g ,	*Solid: suppository
3) Sublingual Under the tongue	*Escape 1st pass effect, acidity, enzymes	لاقت اللمان	
No swelling	*Rapid absorption		*(buccal route for local effect: lozenge, wash, paint, gargle)
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Explaining some terms in the table.:

Convenient: little trouble and effort

Uncooperative: such as infants and childrens

Gastric acidity: the acidity of stomach could break down the drug

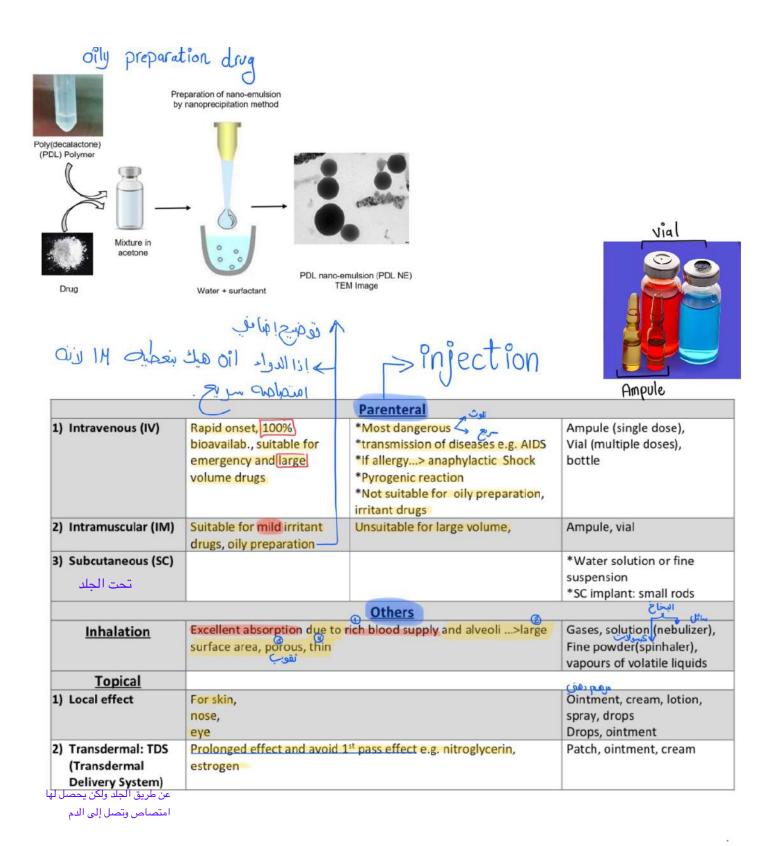
1st pass effect: a phenomenon in which a drug gets metabolized at a specific location in the body that results in a reduced concentration of the active drug upon reaching its site of action or the systemic circulation.

Buccal route: placing a drug between your gums and cheek, where it also dissolves and is absorbed

Sublingual Route

**Buccal Route** 

into your blood.



## Explaining some terms in the table:

Bioavailability: The ability of a drug or other substance to be absorbed and used by the body Anaphylactic Shock: causes the immune system to release a flood of chemicals that can cause you to go into shock

Pyrogen reaction: is a febrile phenomenon caused by infusion of solution contaminated, and commonly manifested by cold, chill and fever

irritant drugs: can cause a burning sensation in the vein

# QUIZ TIME

1) Panadol is:
A- Generic name
B- Chemical name
C- Brand name
D- None
2) Which one of the following routes of drug administration produces the most rapid
absorption:
A- Inhalation
B- Intravenous
C- Oral
D- Rectal
3) From which of the following routes, bioavailability of the drug is likely to be 100 percent
A- subcutaneous
B- Intravenous
C- Intramuscular
D- Intradermal
4) Distribution of drugs in body fluids compatments occures after:
A- Absorption
B- Metabolism
C- Excretion
D- A + B