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**History of pharmacology.  
Modern state of pharmacology.  
The Law of Ukraine On  
Medicines. General  
Pharmacology**

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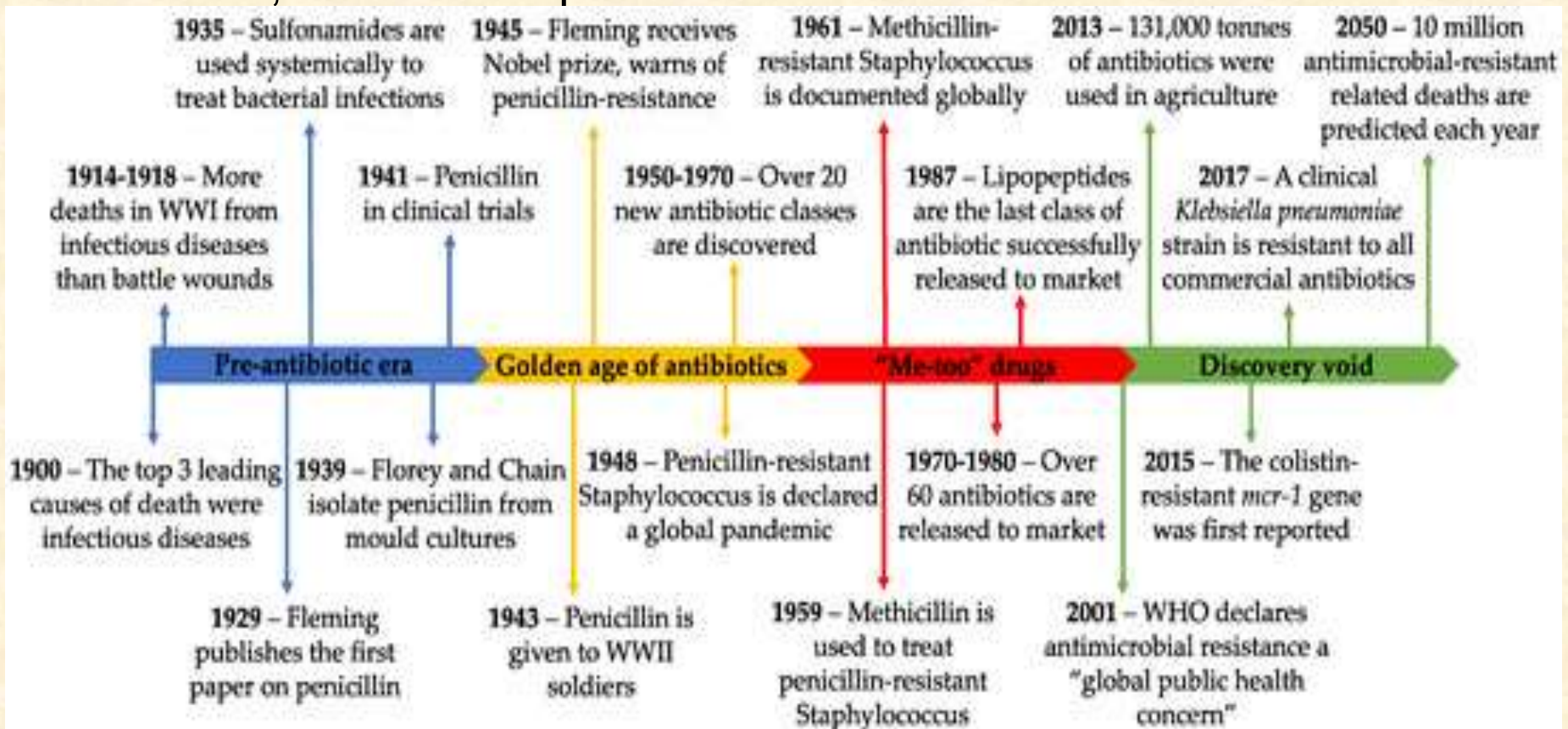
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# HISTORY OF PHARMACOLOGY (cont'd)

XX century was a period of rapid progressing of Pharmacology.

The example is a discovery and development of antibiotics which was accompanied by a great success in the treatment of bacterial infections, but create a problem of microbial resistance



# HISTORY OF PHARMACOLOGY

Born as a science – at mid of XIX century. Long before that  
– use of natural products, especially medicinal plants

1. **Francois Magendie** (1783-1855), a French physiologist , Experimental procedures with animals for determination of drug action.
2. **Fredrick Surtturner** (1783-1841) isolated the chief alkaloid of opium, Morphine – pure chemicals and repeated quantitatively
3. **Claude Bernard** (1813-1878) , investigated the plant extract curare and proposed a site of action for this agent.
4. **Rudolph Buchheim** (1820-1879). In 1847 established the first laboratory in the basement of his home in Dorpat which is the cradle of experimental pharmacology.
5. **Oswald Schmiedeberg** (1838-1921). In 1872 set up an institute of pharmacology in Strasbourg, which became a mecca for training in pharmacology





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Sulfonamides discovered (1932)  
Gramicidin discovered (1939)  
Oxytetracycline discovered (1950)  
Erythromycin discovered (1952)  
vancomycin discovered (1956)  
Kanamycin discovered (1957)

Before 1930	1930-1939	1940-1949	1950-1959	1960-1969	
Penicillin discovered (1928)		Penicillin introduced (1942) Streptomycin discovered (1943) Bacitracin discovered (1943) Cephalosporins discovered (1945) Chloramphenicol discovered (1947) Chlortetracycline discovered (1947) Neomycin discovered (1949)		Methicillin introduced (1960) Ampicillin introduced (1961) Spectinomycin reported (1961) Gentamicin discovered (1963) Cephalosporins introduced (1964) Vancomycin introduced (1964) Doxycycline introduced (1966) Clindamycin reported (1967)	

# LAW OF UKRAINE “ABOUT MEDICINAL DRUGS”

This Law contains main rules of the drugs development, registration, and production in Ukraine as well as rules of prescribing, deposition, and delivery of medicinal drugs.



# PHARMACOLOGY: DEFINITION AND MAIN TASKS

- **Pharmacology** is a science about drugs. It studies their properties and use.
- Main task of Pharmacology is to create new more effective medicinal drugs for the treatment and prophylaxis of diseases.
- **Medicinal drug** is a medicinal remedy in the shape of medicinal form.
- **Medicinal remedy** is a medicinal substance approved for use in a clinic by the special committee of the country.
- **Medicinal substance** is a chemical substance or biological active substance which can prevent or lessen pathological processes and to do a medical action.
- **Medicinal form** is a distinctive size, shape and external appearance of medicinal substance convenient for use.

# DRUG DEVELOPMENT

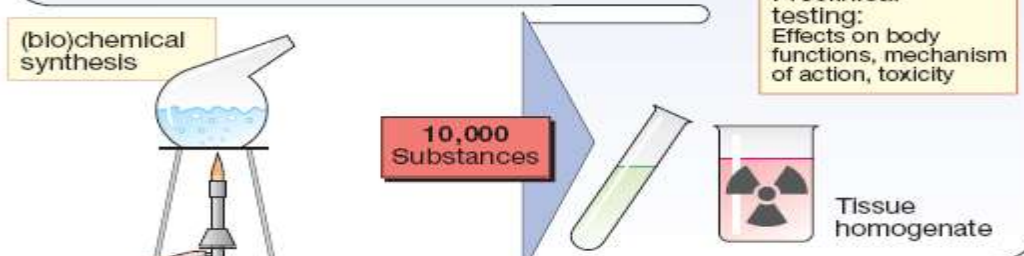
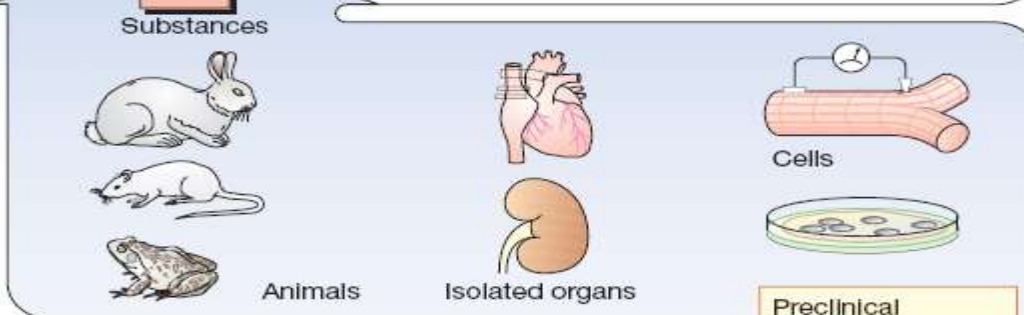
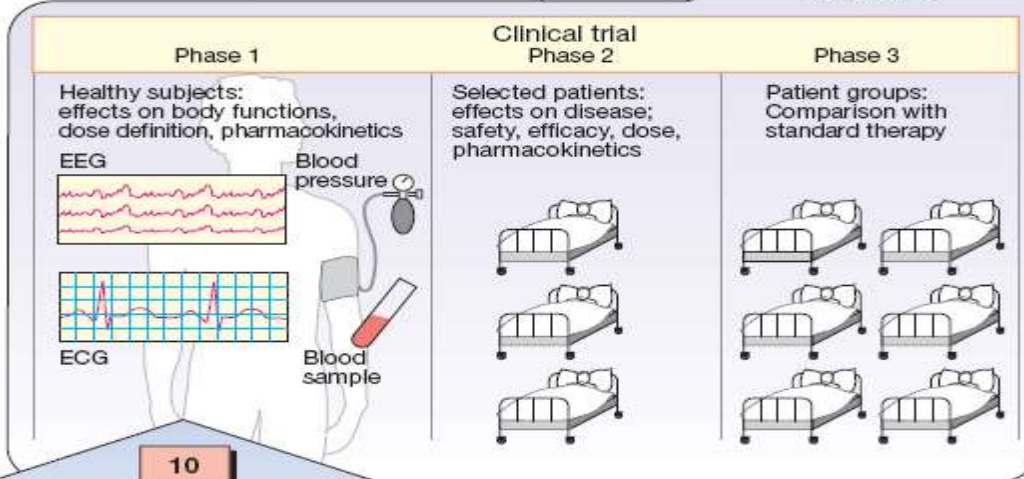
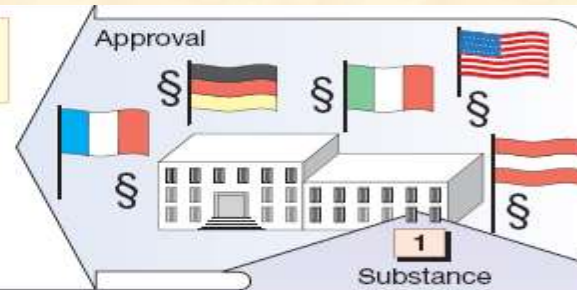
- ***Drug development*** includes many stages. It is very difficult and expansive.
- The process starts with a **synthesis of novel chemical compounds or obtaining of medicinal substances from various sources** (plants, animal tissues, microbial cultures, or human cells).
- Next stage of drug development is **preclinical testing** with biochemical-pharmacological investigations, toxicological investigations, study of pharmacokinetics and pharmaceutical technology (methods of drug formulation).
- **Clinical testing** starts with a **Phase I**. During this Phase the future drug is studied on healthy subjects and seeks to determine whether effects observed in animal experiments also occur in humans. In the **Phase II** the potential drug is studied on large groups of patients to determine its clinical efficacy. In the **Phase III** a drug is compared with a standard therapy.





Clinical trial  
Phase 4

General use  
Long-term benefit-risk evaluation



# GENERAL PHARMACOLOGY

(general concepts of Pharmacology)

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**PHARMACOKINETICS**  
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**PHARMACODYNAMICS**

# PHARMACOKINETICS

***Pharmacokinetics*** is a section of Pharmacology that studies how the body acts on a drug.

## ***Pharmacokinetics studies:***

- Routes of administration
- Absorption
- Distribution
- Biotransformation
- Elimination
- Excretion.

# **ROUTES OF DRUG ADMINISTRATION**

## **Enteral (through the gut)**

- 1.** Sublingual (under the tongue)
- 2.** Oral (by mouth, per os)
- 3.** Rectal (in rectum)

## **Parenteral (not through the gut)**

- 1.** Injections
- 2.** Inhalations (through the respiratory pathways)
- 3.** Intranasal
- 4.** Transcutaneous

## **Topical application (for local action)**

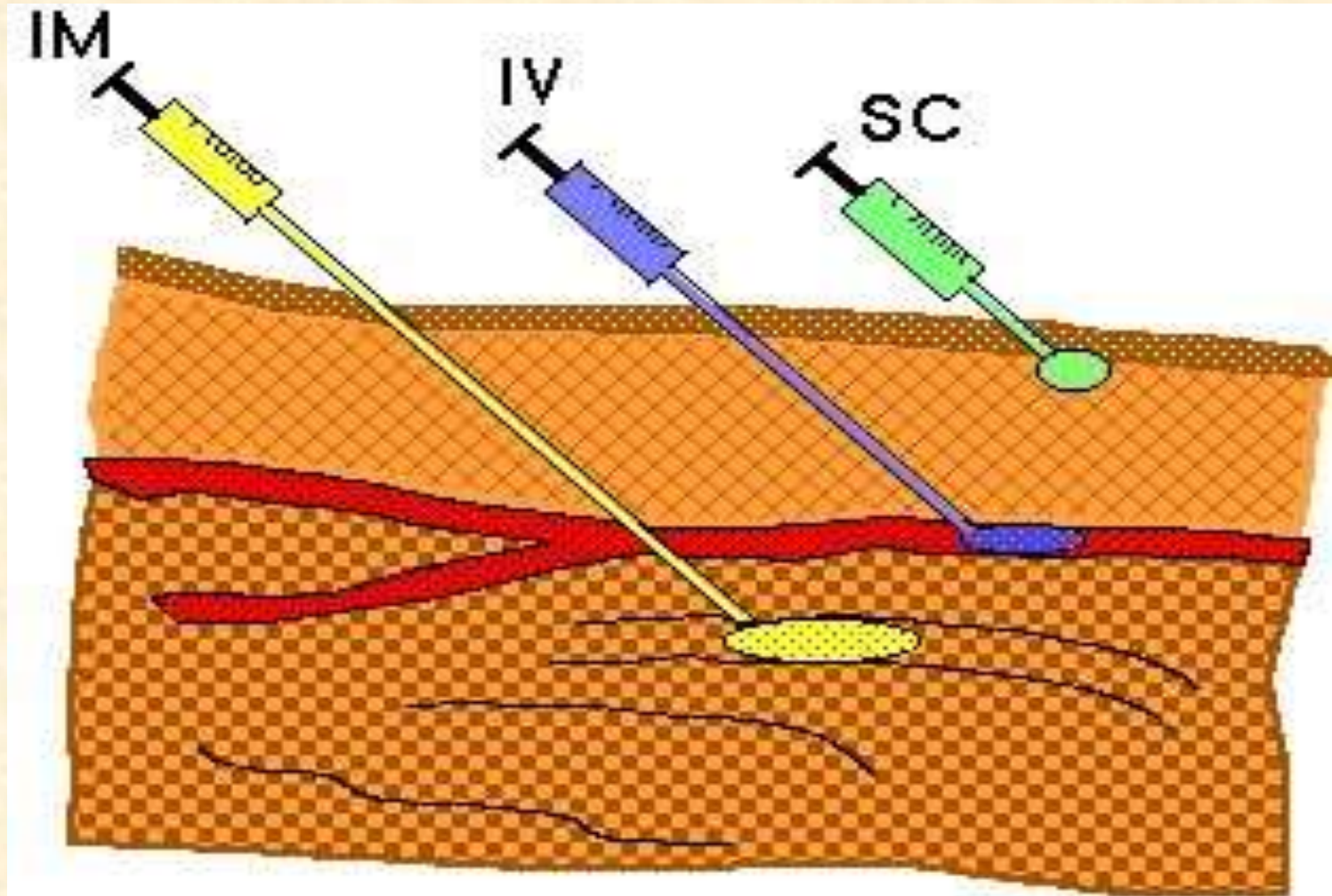
- 1.** On the surface of skin
- 2.** On the surface of mucous membrane



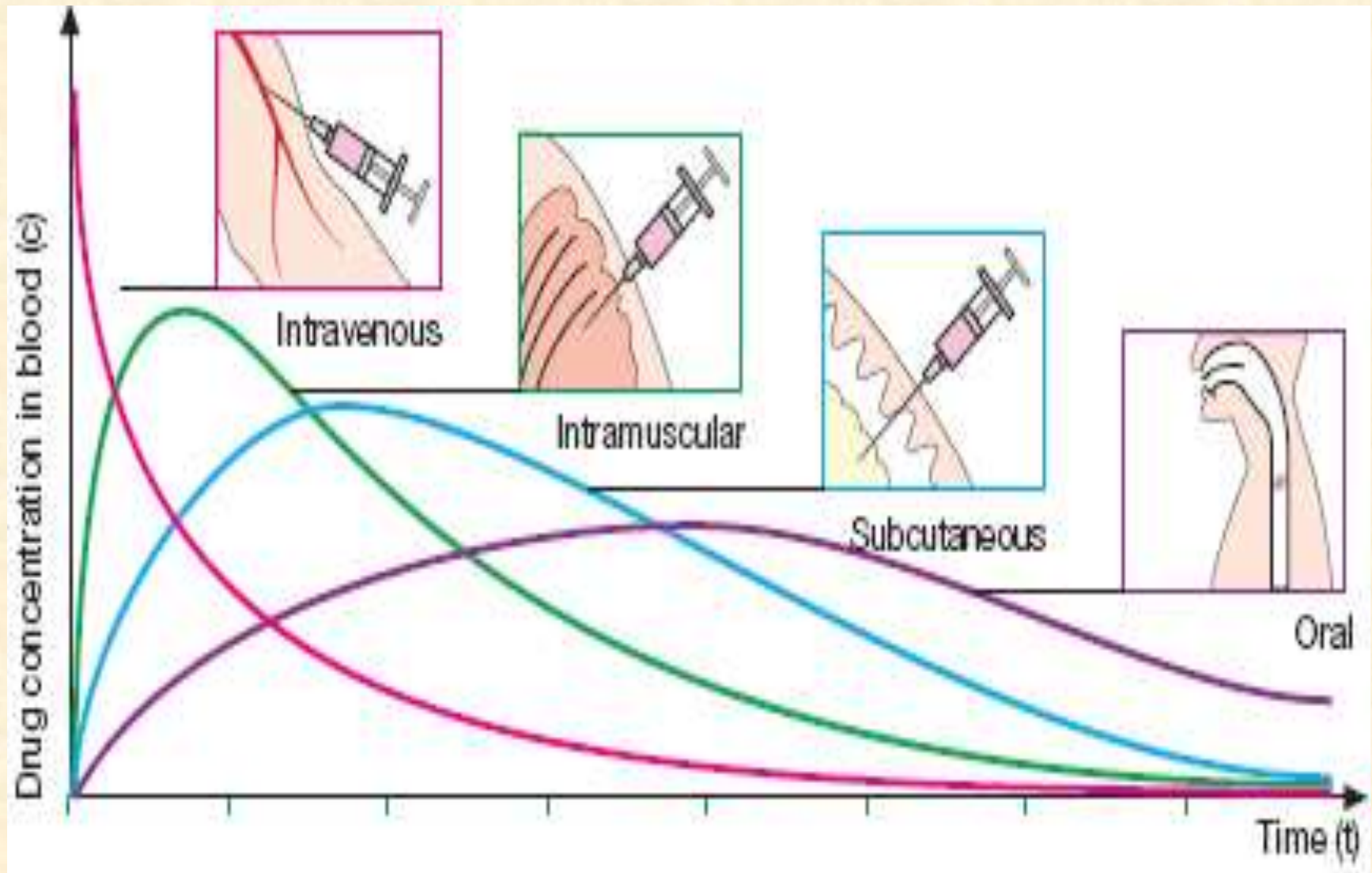
# INJECTIONS:

IV (intravenous),

IM (intramuscular), SC (subcutaneous)



# COMPARISON OF DRUG CONCENTRATION IN THE BLOOD IN DIFFERENT ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION

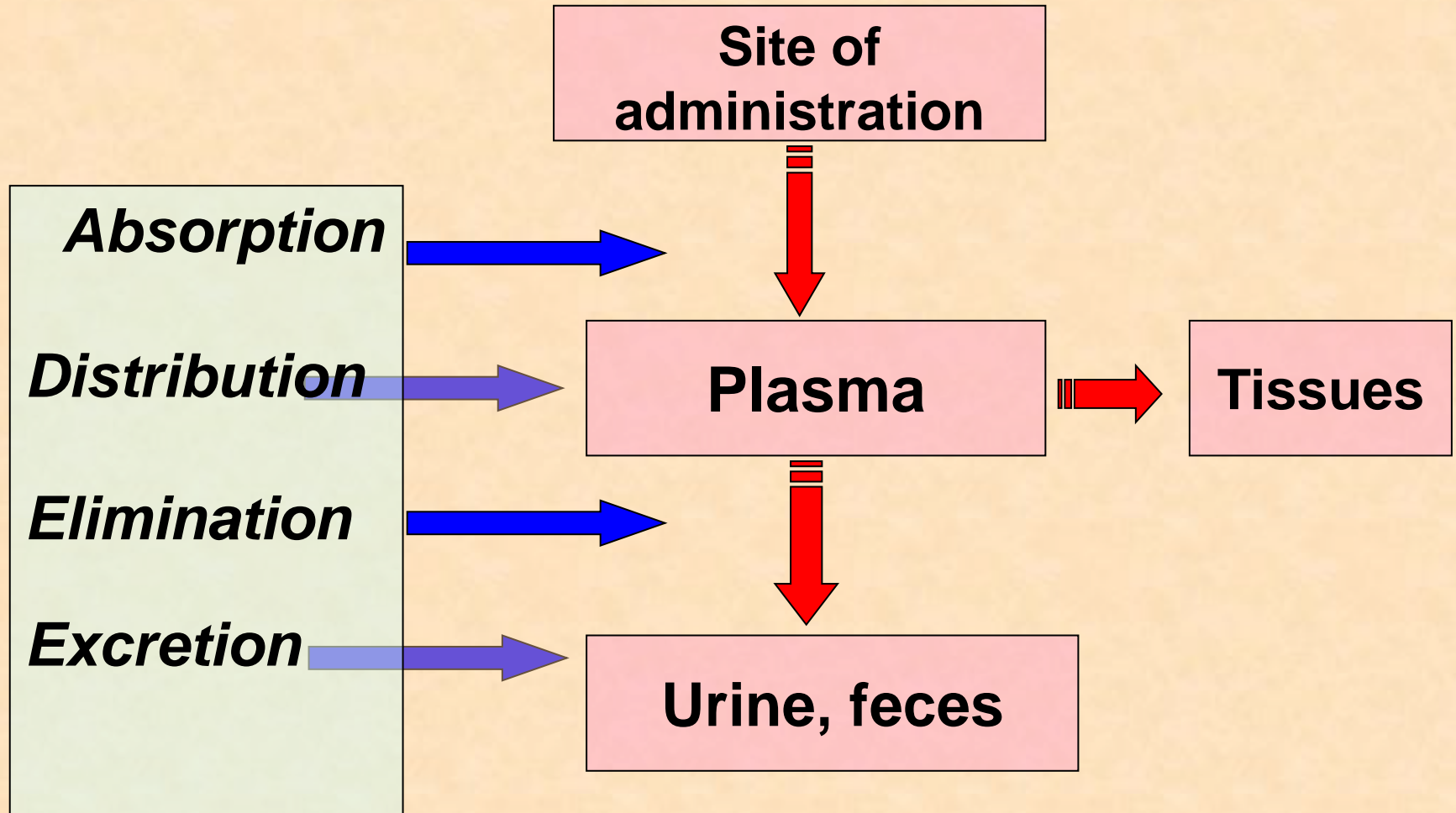


# TOPICAL USE OF DRUGS IN DENTISTRY

- Topical use is the main route of drugs application in dentistry.
- It is used to treat diseases of dental bone and oral mucous membrane
- In such a way we use antiseptics, antibiotics, anti-allergic agents, anti-inflammatory drugs, calcium salts etc.



# SCHEMATIC REPRESENTATION OF DRUG ABSORPTION, DISTRIBUTION AND ELIMINATION

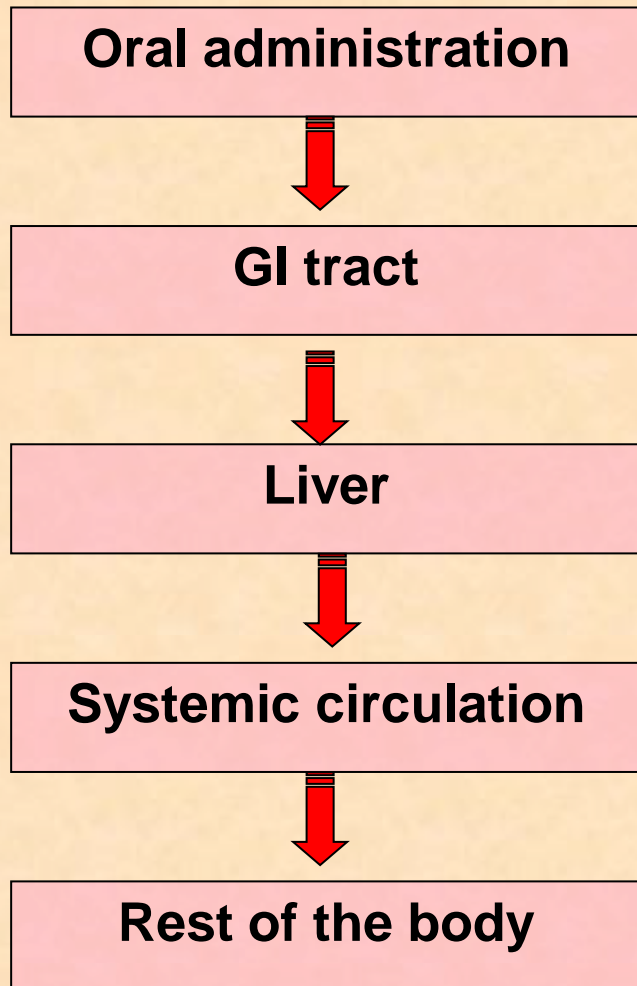




# ABSORPTION

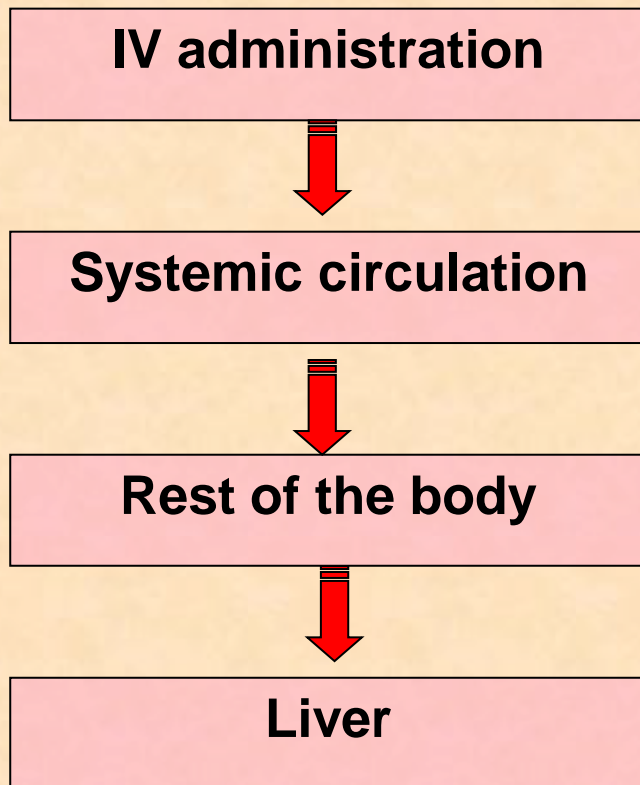
- ***Absorption*** is the enter of a drug into blood from the site of administration.
- ***First-pass metabolism*** is the metabolism of a drug in the liver before its action. First-pass metabolism can occur with orally administered drugs.

# FIRST-PASS METABOLISM CAN OCCUR WITH ORALLY ADMINISTERED DRUGS



***Drugs administered orally are first exposed to the liver and may be extensively metabolized before reaching the rest of body***

# IV AND SUBLINGUAL ADMINISTRATIONS ARE WITHOUT FIRST-PASS METABOLISM



***Drugs administered IV enter directly into the systemic circulation and have direct access to the rest of body***

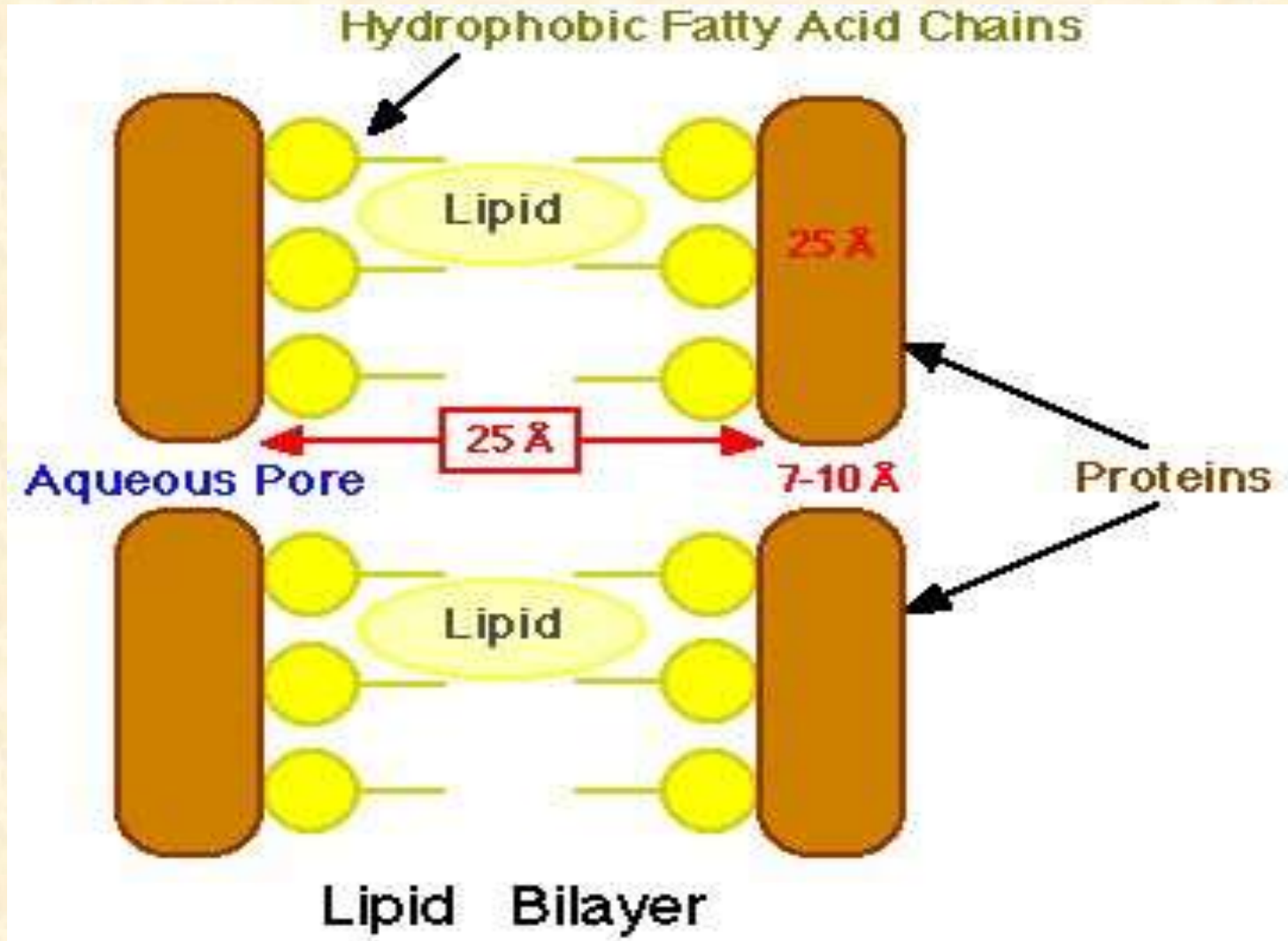
# DRUG CROSSING THROUGH CELL MEMBRANES

During the absorption, a drug crosses cell membranes. There are such kinds of this crossing:

- ***passive diffusion***
- ***facilitated diffusion (filtration)***
- ***active transport***
- ***endocytosis.***



# STRUCTURE OF CELL MEMBRANE



# MEMBRANE PERMEATION FOR THE DRUGS

## Drug's transport through cell membrane

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graph TD; A[Drug's transport through cell membrane] --- B[Passive diffusion of low weight lipid soluble and non-ionized molecules]; A --- C[Facilitated diffusion (Filtration) of low-weight water-soluble drugs through an aqueous pores]; A --- D[Carrier-mediated active transport of polar molecules, non-organic ions, amino acids]; A --- E[Endocytosis of big molecules and macromolecular complexes];
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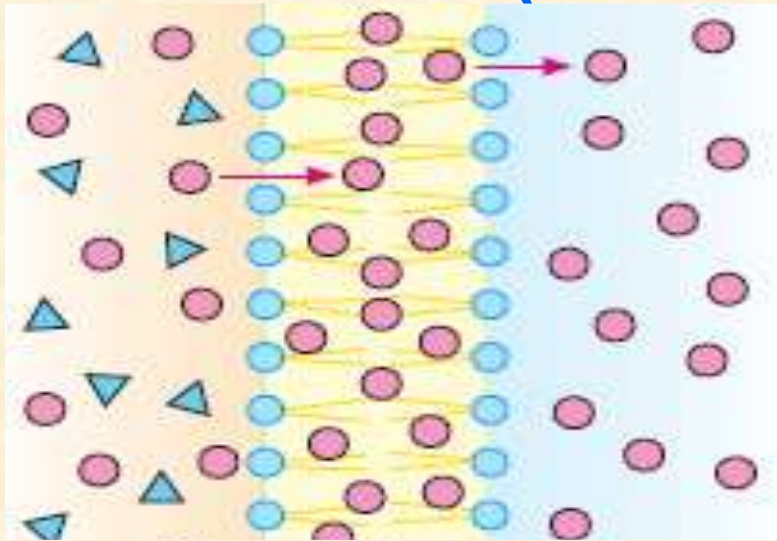
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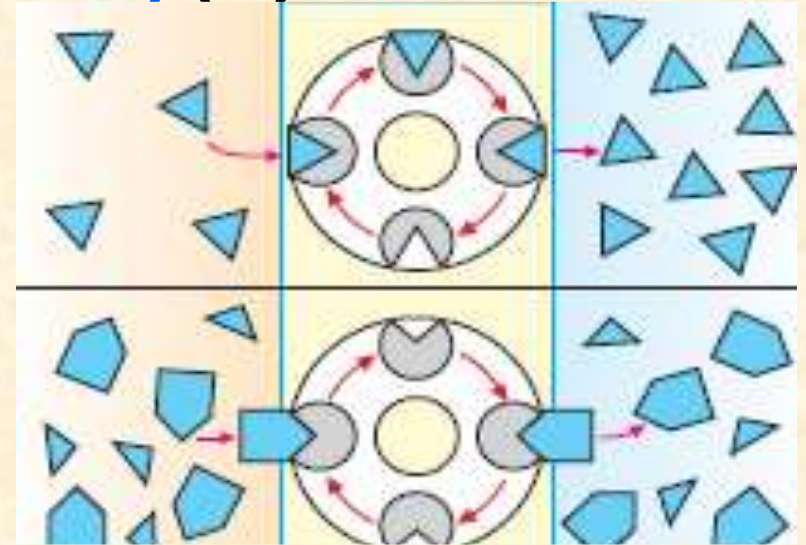
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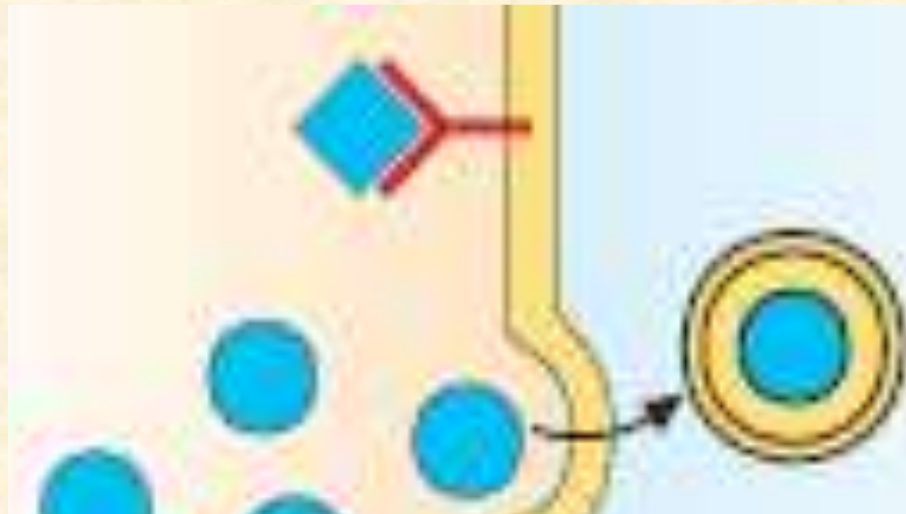
# PASSIVE DIFFUSION (A), ACTIVE TRANSPORT (B), AND VESICULAR TRANSPORT (ENDOCYTOSIS) (C)



**A**



**B**

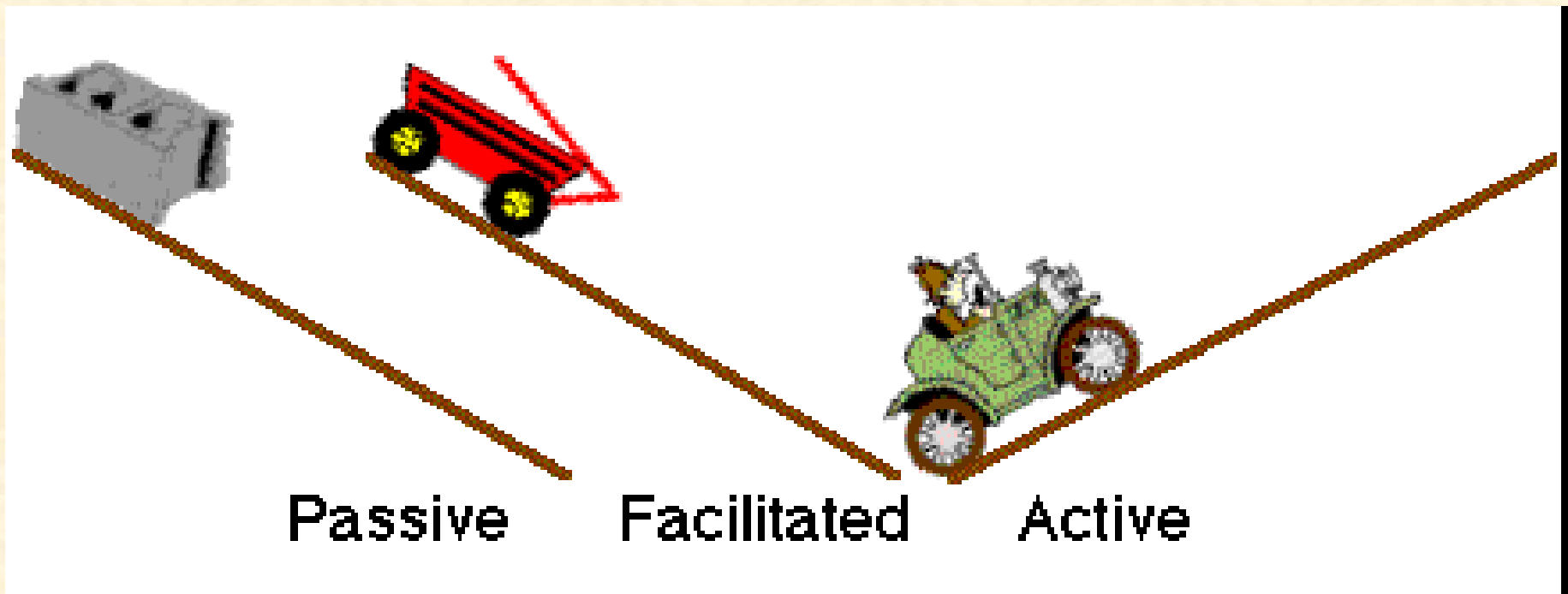


**C**

# ENERGY-DEPENDENCE IN MEMBRANE PERMEATION FOR THE DRUGS:

passive diffusion, facilitated diffusion (filtration) are energy-independent;

**active transport is energy-dependent**





# **MODES OF DRUG TRANSPORT ACROSS MEMBRANE: the summary**

<b>Mechanism</b>	<b>Direction</b>	<b>Energy Required</b>	<b>Carrier</b>	<b>Saturable</b>
Passive diffusion	Down gradient	No	No	No
Facilitated diffusion	Down gradient	No	Yes	Yes
Active transport	Against gradient (concentration/ electrical)	Yes	Yes	Yes

# FACTORS INFLUENCING ABSORPTION

***Factors influencing absorption are:***

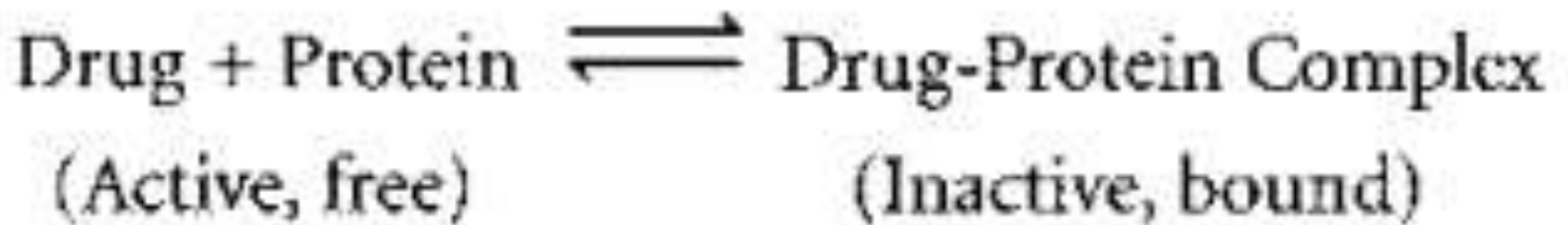
- chemical structure
- water- or lipid-solubility
- ionization
- medicinal form
- route of administration
- state of tissues in the site of administration.

# TRANSPORT IN THE ORGANISM

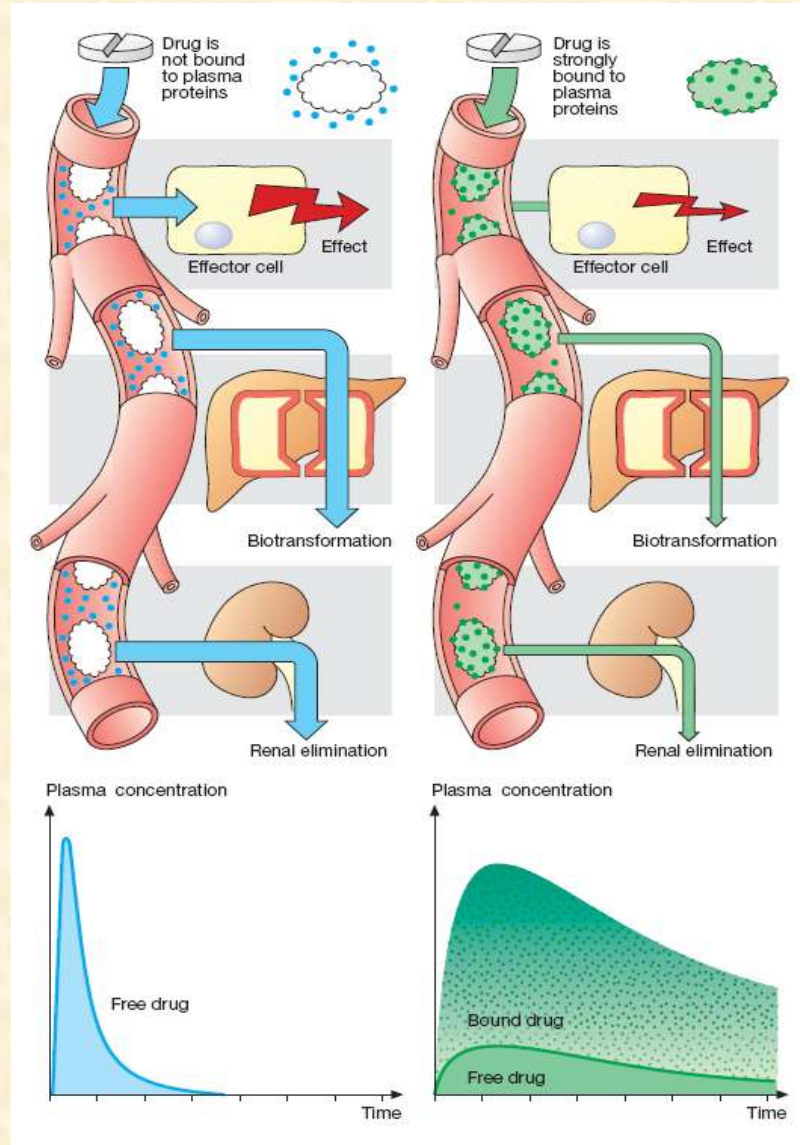
***Drugs transport in the body is realized:***

- by proteins of blood plasma (e.g. aspirin, sulfa drugs, hormonal preparations, iron)
- by lipoproteins of the plasma (e.g. vitamin A, vitamin D)
- by blood cells (e.g. some antibiotics)
- by water fraction of the plasma (e.g. ions of sodium and potassium, glucose)

# FREE DRUG AS ACTIVE FRACTION



# IMPORTANCE OF PROTEIN BINDING FOR INTENSITY AND DURATION OF DRUG'S ACTION





# DRUG DISTRIBUTION

***Distribution*** is a process by which a drug leaves the blood stream and enters the interstitium (extracellular fluid or the cells of tissues)

***Distribution depends on:***

- drug structure
- binding of drugs to plasma proteins
- blood flow
- capillary permeability (blood-tissue barriers).

# BARRIERS TO DISTRIBUTION

Placental—most small molecular weight drugs cross the placental barrier, although fetal blood levels are usually lower than maternal. Example: propylthiouracil (PTU) versus methimazole

Blood-brain—permeable only to lipid-soluble drugs or those of very low molecular weight. Example: levodopa versus dopamine

# BIOTRANSFORMATION OF DRUGS

***Biotransformation*** is the metabolism of drugs in the body.

Drug → Inactive metabolite(s)

Drug → Active metabolite(s)

Prodrug → Drug

# BIOTRANSFORMATION OF DRUGS

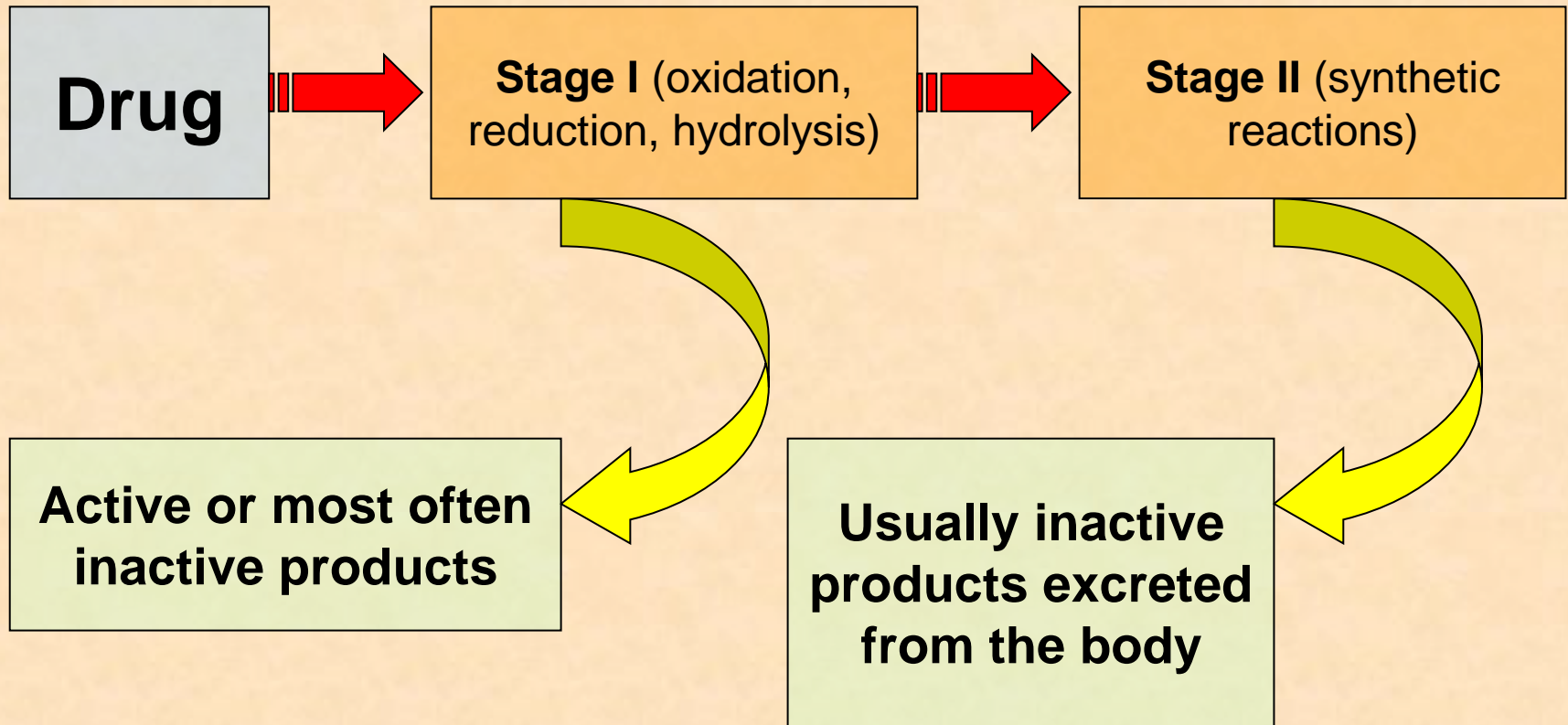
The liver is the main organ for drugs metabolism.

***Biotransformation in the liver is realized in two stages:***

- ***stage I*** (non-synthetic reactions with formation of active and inactive metabolites)
- ***stage II*** (synthetic reactions with formation of non-active metabolites)



# STAGES OF BIOTRANSFORMATION



# INDUCTORS AND INHIBITORS OF MICROSOMAL OXIDATION

- Drugs which increase the activity of microsomal enzymes in the liver, are named the ***inductors of microsomal oxidation*** (e.g. *phenobarbital, chlorpromazine*).
- Drugs which decrease the activity of microsomal enzymes in the liver, are named the ***inhibitors of microsomal oxidation*** (e.g. *metronidazole*).

# INDUCTION OF MICROSOMAL OXIDATION

**Drug**



**Enzyme induction:**

P-450

P-450

P-450



The intensification of drugs metabolism,  
a decrease in efficacy of co-administered drugs

# INHIBITION OF MICROSOMAL OXIDATION

**Drug**



**Enzyme inhibition:**

P-450

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The inhibition of drugs metabolism,  
an increase in toxicity of co-administered drugs



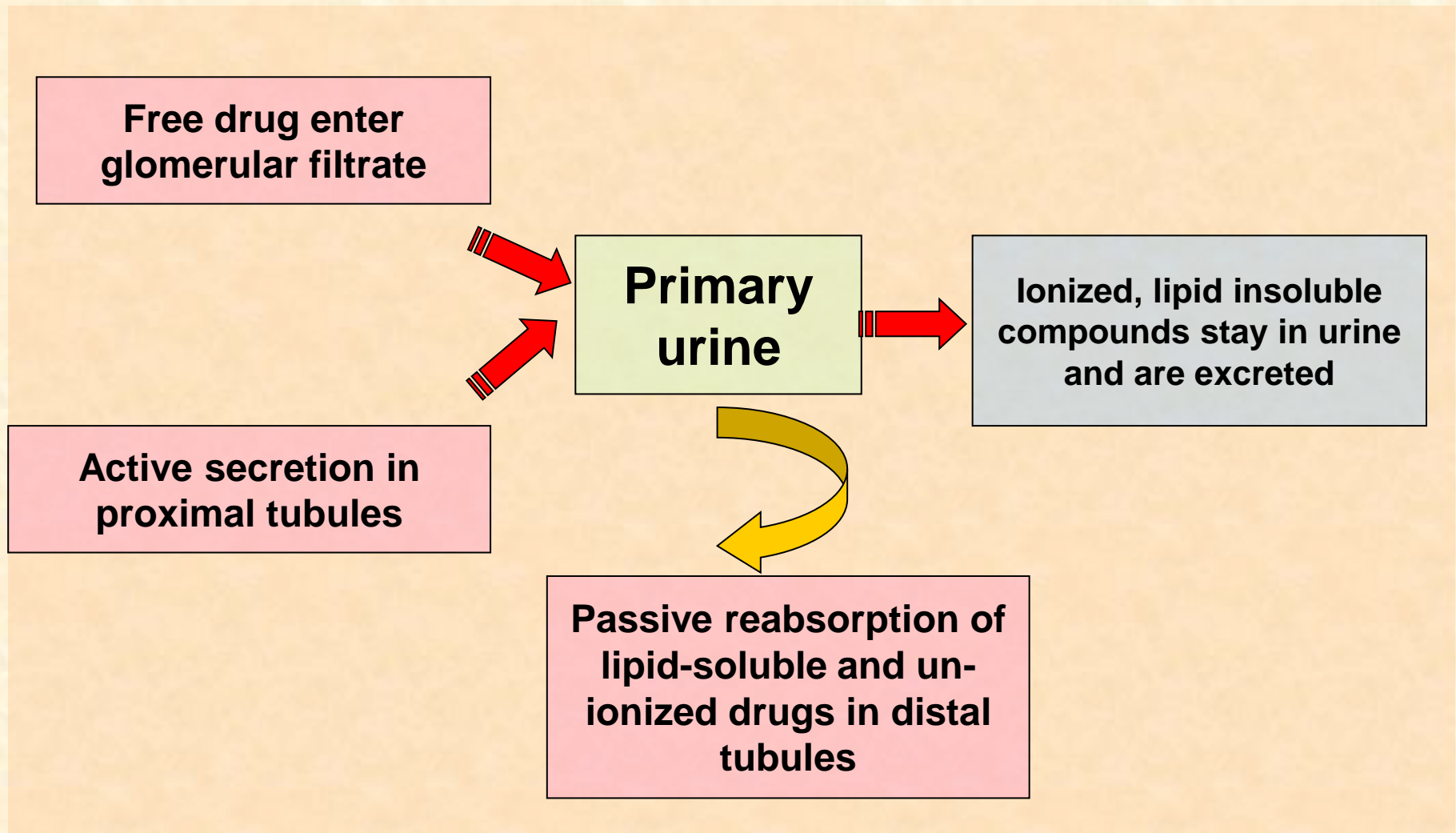
# DRUGS EXCRETION

**Excretion** is a process by which a drug leaves the body.

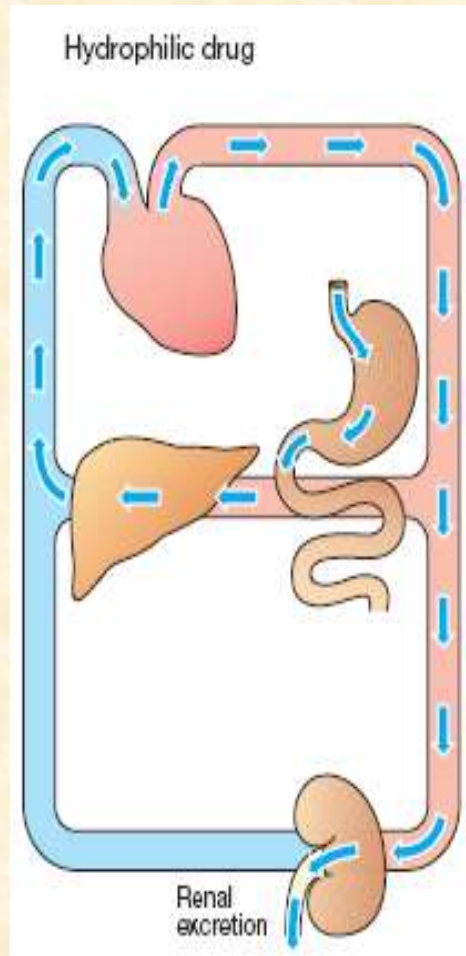
**Drugs are excreted:**

- with urine (*e.g. sulfa drugs, hypnotics and majority of other drugs*)
- with bile (*e.g. antibiotic erythromycin*)
- with mother's milk (*e.g. hypnotics, antibiotics, antihistamines*)
- with saliva (*e.g. bismuth preparations*)
- with sweat (*e.g. bromides, chlorides*)
- with air (*ether for narcosis*).

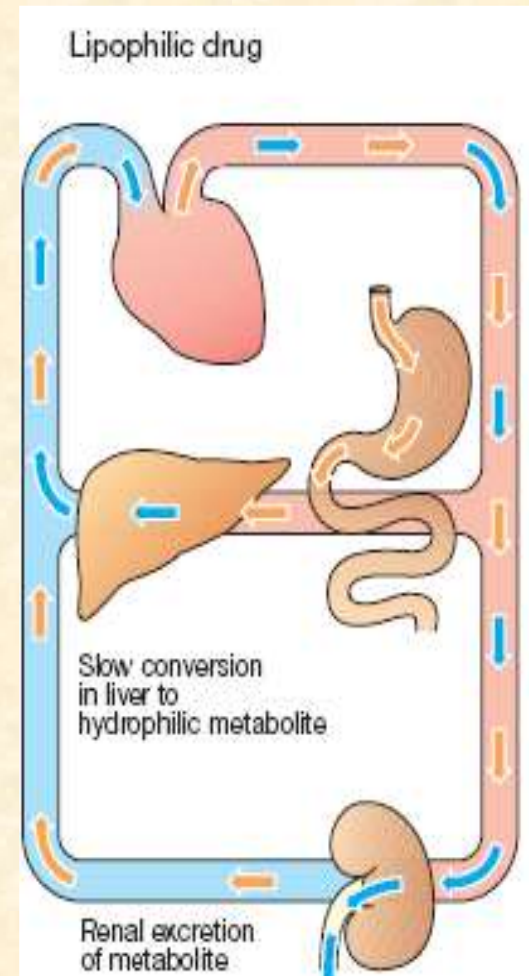
# DRUGS ELIMINATION IN THE KIDNEY



# RENAL EXCRETION OF HYDROPHILIC (A) AND LIPOPHILIC DRUGS (B)

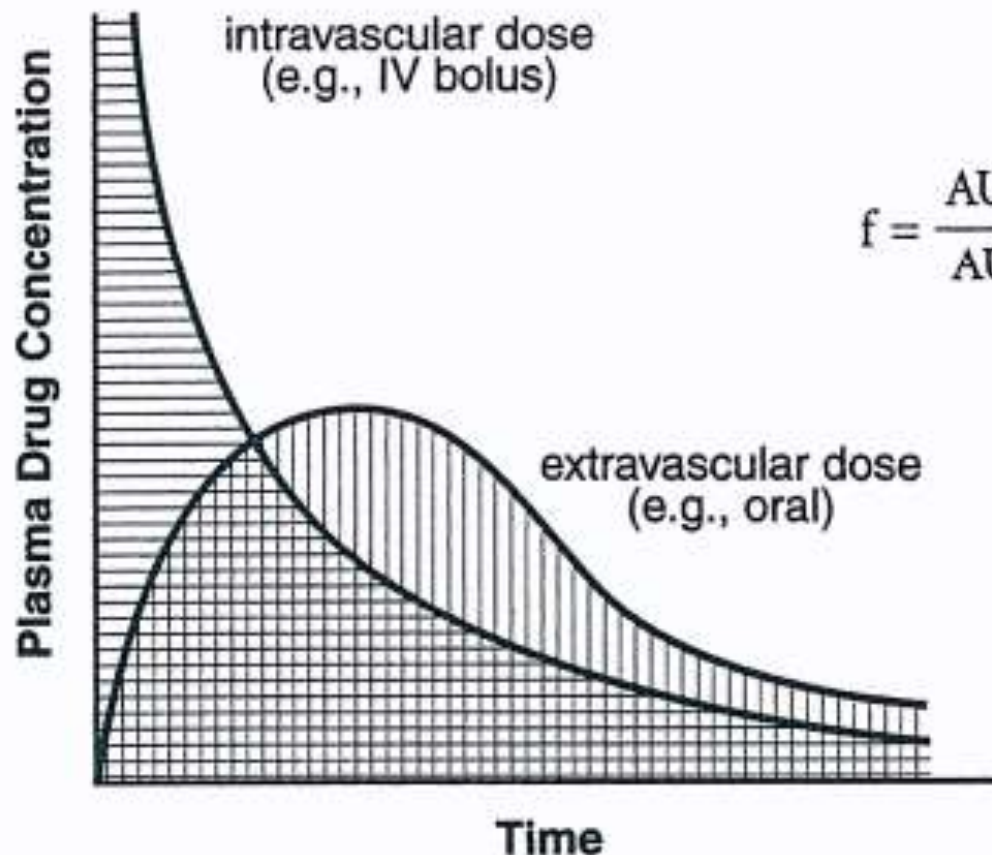


**A**



**B**

# PHARMACOKINETIC FACTORS: bioavailability





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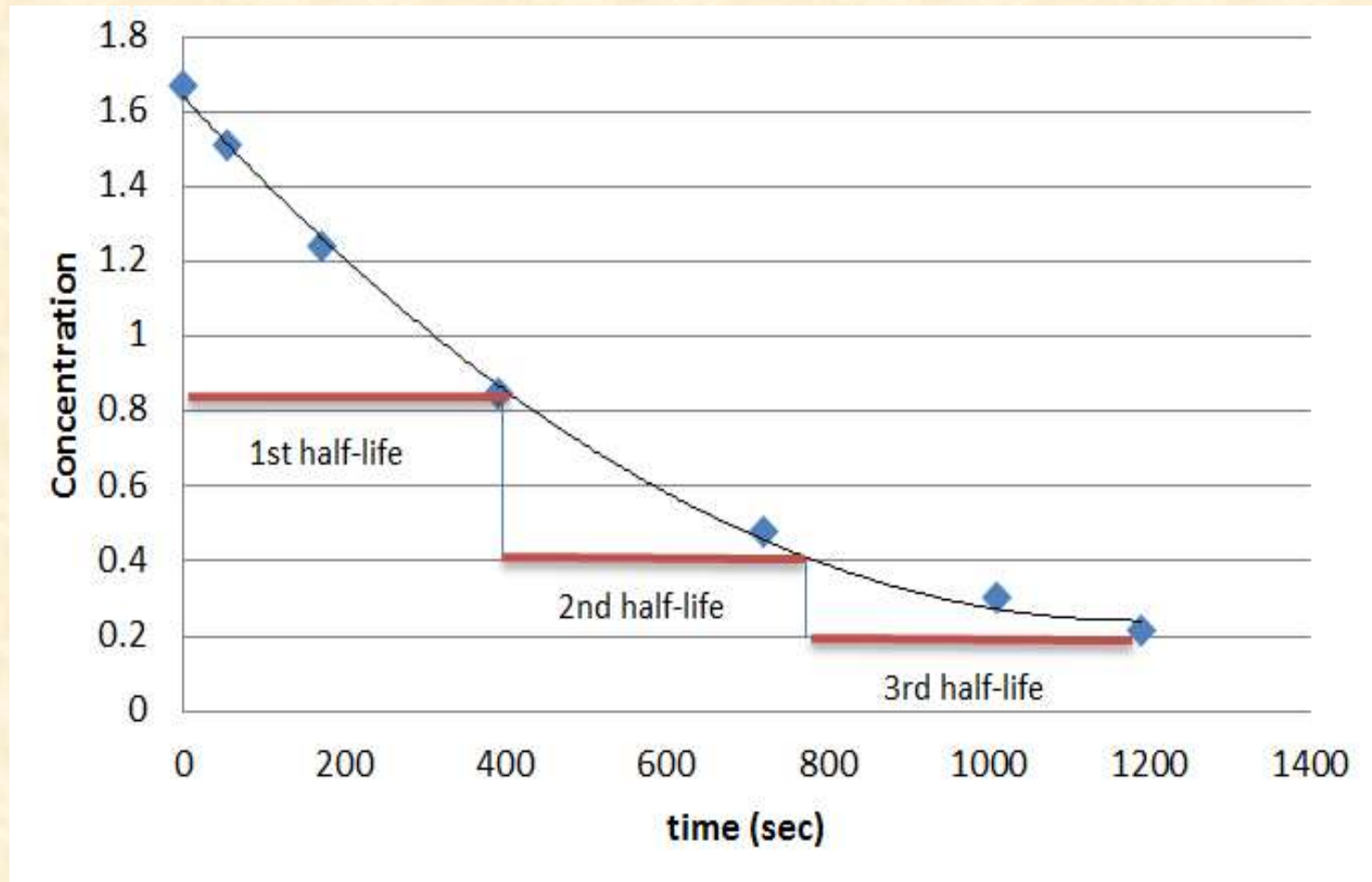
## volume of distribution

A kinetic parameter of a drug that correlates dose with plasma level at zero time.

$$V_d = \frac{\text{Dose}}{C^0} \quad \text{where } C^0 = [\text{plasma}] \text{ at zero time}$$

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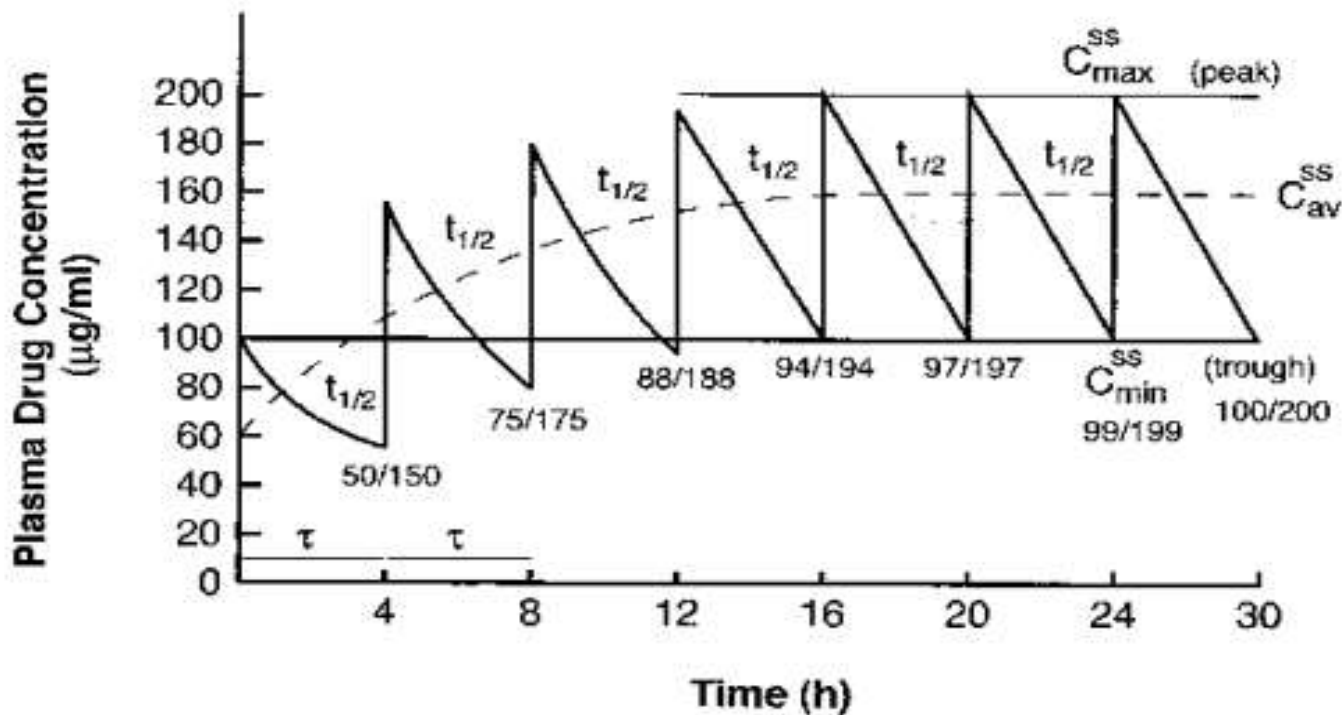
## half-life



# PHARMACOKINETIC FACTORS:

## steady state

Steady state is reached either when **rate in = rate out** or when values associated with a dosing interval are the same as those in the succeeding interval.



# PHARMACOKINETIC FACTORS:

## clearance

**Clearance** is the volume of plasma which is cleaned from the drug during 1 minute. Total body clearance is the sum of the clearances from the drug metabolizing and drug-eliminated organs.

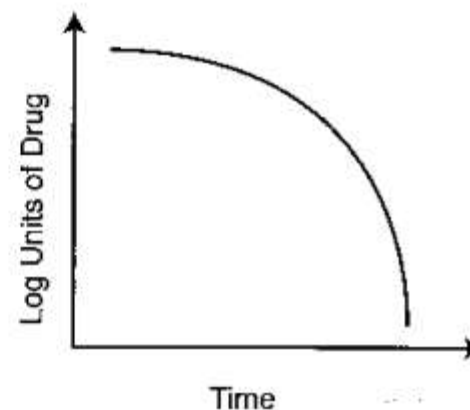
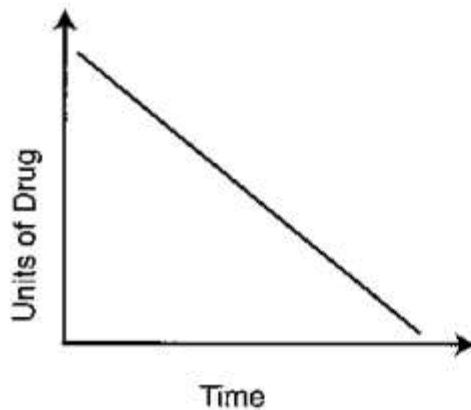
# RATE OF ELIMINATION

## Zero-Order Elimination Rate

- A constant amount of drug is eliminated per unit time; for example, if 80 mg is administered and 10 mg is eliminated every 4 h, the time course of drug elimination is:

80 mg    4 h    70 mg    4 h    60 mg    4 h    50 mg    4 h    40 mg

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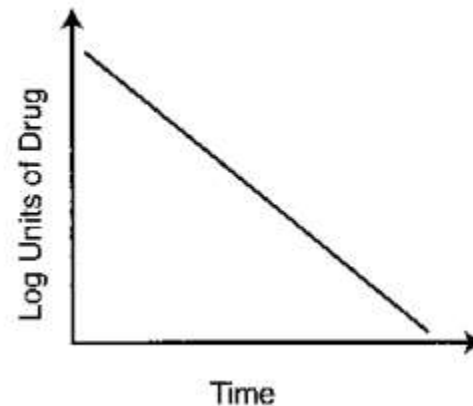
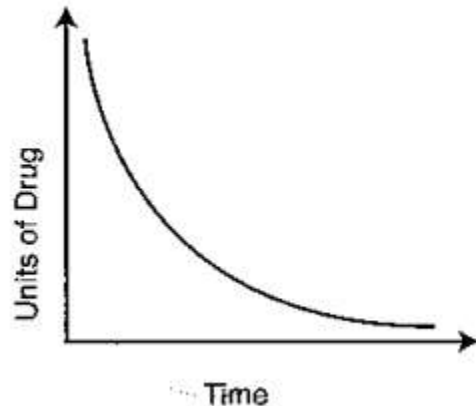


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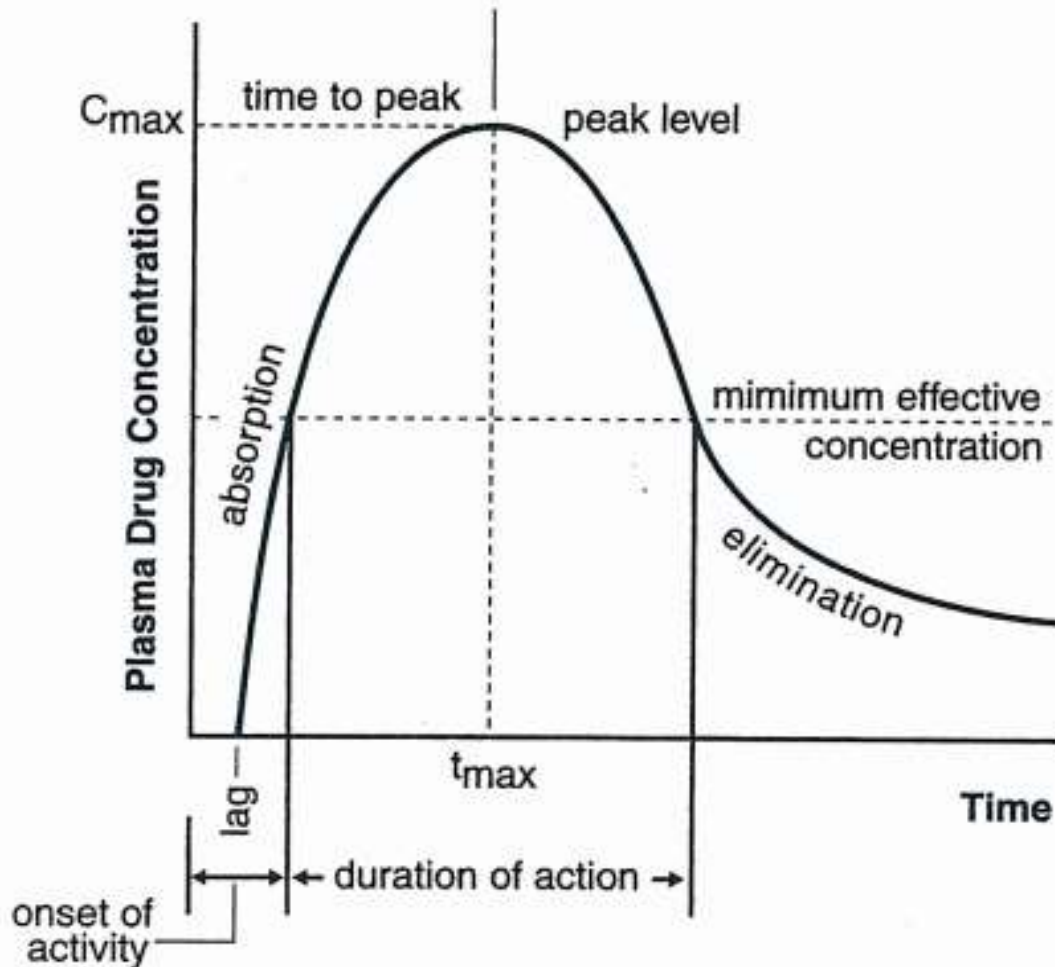
## First-Order Elimination Rate

- A constant fraction of the drug is eliminated per unit time ( $t_{1/2}$  is a constant). Graphically, first-order elimination follows an exponential decay versus time.
- For example, if 80 mg of a drug is administered and its elimination half-life = 4 h, the time course of its elimination is:

80 mg     $\xrightarrow{4\text{ h}}$     40 mg     $\xrightarrow{4\text{ h}}$     20 mg     $\xrightarrow{4\text{ h}}$     10 mg     $\xrightarrow{4\text{ h}}$     5 mg



# PLOT OF PLASMA CONCENTRATION VERSUS TIME



$C_{max}$  = maximal drug level obtained with the dose.

$t_{max}$  = time at which  $C_{max}$  occurs.

Lag time = time from administration to appearance in blood.

Onset of activity = time from administration to blood level reaching minimal effective concentration (MEC).

Duration of action = time plasma concentration remains greater than MEC.

Time to peak = time from administration to  $C_{max}$ .

# CONTROL TASKS

- A young man with a craniocerebral trauma is in a comatous state. What route of the administration of cerebroactive preparation piracetam is the most suitable in this case?
  - A. Intravenous
  - B. Rectal
  - C. Subcutaneous
  - D. Oral
  - E. Inhalation.

(A)

# CONTROL TASKS

- A patient has chronic kidney disease. His renal clearance is decreased by 30%. What should be a dose of antibiotic for this patient, if the drug is excreted through kidneys?
  - A. Overage therapeutic dose
  - B. Maximal therapeutic dose
  - C. Therapeutic dose decreased according to renal clearance
  - D. Therapeutic dose increased according to renal clearance
  - E. Renal clearance is not taking into account.

(C)

# CONTROL TASKS

- Antimalarial drug pyrimethamine was given orally to nursing mother to prevent the contamination of her baby. Which way of drugs' excretion is used in this case?
  - A. With urine
  - B. With bile
  - C. With saliva
  - D. With mother's milk
  - E. With perspired air.

(D)





**The end**  
**Thank you for attention!**