



•What is a Drug?

• A chemical sub. Of known structure, other than nutrients or essential dietary ingredients, which, when administered to a living organism, produces a biologic effect

•Medicine

• A chemical preparation, which usually, contains one or more drugs, given intentionally to have a therapeutic effect

•*Pharmacology*????

• The study of the effects of drugs on the function of living systems



The Development of Pharmacology









General Concepts

Pharmaceutical

Pharmacokinetics

Pharmacodynamics

Pharmacotherapeutics

Drug Dose Administration Disintegration-Dissolution Absorption/ distribution Drug/Teeleptor Intertetion Drug Effect

or Response





Pharmaokinetics

What the body does to a drug





Routes of Drug Administration 1-Enteral I- Oral a- Enteric-coated preparations b-*Extended-release* preparations **II-** Sublingual 2- Parenteral I-Intravenous (IV) II- Intramuscular (IM) III- Subcutaneous (SC) 3- Other I- oral inhalation **II-** nasal inhalation III- *intrathecal* / *intraventricular*

IV- *topical*



Parenteral Administration:

a-Intravenous administration b-Intramuscular administration c-Subcutaneous administration





a-Intravenous administration







I- Advantages II- Disadvantages



b- Intramuscular administration



I- aqueous solutions *II*-specialized depot preparations e.g medroxyprogesterone







c-Subcutaneous administration





Α Intramuscular injection **Subcutaneous** injection Epidermis Dermis **Subcutaneous** - Muscle tissue



Other Routes

- Oral inhalation
- Nasal Inhalation
- Intrathecal / intraventricular
- Topical
- Transdermal
- Rectal







Transdermal Patch







ROUTE OF ADMINISTRATION	ABSORPTION PATTERN	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
Oral	 Variable; affected by many factors 	 Safest and most common, convenient, and economical route of administration 	 Limited absorption of some drugs Food may affect absorption Patient compliance is necessary Drugs may be metabolized before systemic absorption
Intravenous	 Absorption not required 	 Can have immediate effects Ideal if dosed in large volumes Suitable for irritating substances and complex mixtures Valuable in emergency situations Dosage titration permissible Ideal for high molecular weight proteins and peptide drugs 	 Unsuitable for oily substances Bolus injection may result in adverse effects Most substances must be slowly injected Strict aseptic techniques needed
Subcutaneous	 Depends on drug diluents: Aqueous solution: prompt Depot preparations: slow and sustained 	 Suitable for slow-release drugs Ideal for some poorly soluble suspensions 	 Pain or necrosis if drug is irritating Unsuitable for drugs administered in large volumes



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Intramuscular	 Depends on drug diluents: Aqueous solution: prompt Depot preparations: slow and sustained 	 Suitable if drug volume is moderate Suitable for oily vehicles and certain irritating substances Preferable to intravenous if patient must self-administer 	 Affects certain lab tests (creatine kinase) Can be painful Can cause intramuscular hemorrhage (precluded during anticoagulation therapy)
Transdermal (patch)	• Slow and sustained	 Bypasses the first-pass effect Convenient and painless Ideal for drugs that are lipophilic and have poor oral bioavailability Ideal for drugs that are quickly eliminated from the body 	 Some patients are allergic to patches, which can cause irritation Drug must be highly lipophilic May cause delayed delivery of drug to pharmacological site of action Limited to drugs that can be taken in small daily doses
Rectal	• Erratic and variable	 Partially bypasses first-pass effect Bypasses destruction by stomach acid Ideal if drug causes vomiting Ideal in patients who are vomiting, or comatose 	 Drugs may irritate the rectal mucosa Not a well-accepted route



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Inhalation	 Systemic absorption may occur; this is not always desirable 	 Absorption is rapid; can have immediate effects Ideal for gases Effective for patients with respiratory problems Dose can be titrated Localized effect to target lungs: lower doses used compared to that with oral or parenteral administration Fewer systemic side effects 	 Most addictive route (drug can enter the brain quickly) Patient may have difficulty regulating dose Some patients may have difficulty using inhalers
Sublingual	 Depends on the drug: Few drugs (for example, <i>nitroglycerin</i>) have rapid, direct systemic absorption Most drugs erratically or incompletely absorbed 	 Bypasses first-pass effect Bypasses destruction by stomach acid Drug stability maintained because the pH of saliva relatively neutral May cause immediate pharmacological effects 	 Limited to certain types of drugs Limited to drugs that can be taken in small doses May lose part of the drug dose if swallowed



Absorption of Drugs (mechanisms & factors controlling)

- The transfer of D from site of administration to bloodstream via several mechanisms
- ➤ Rate & Efficiency
- Mechanisms of absorption of drugs from GIT
 Passive diffusion
- Facilitated diffusion
- Active transport
- Endocytosis & exocytosis



Mechanisms of absorption of drugs from GIT





1 Passive diffusion

