

## Digoxin Lab.

### Pharmacokinetic dosing method: 4 steps

1. *Estimate creatinine clearance.*

2. *Estimate clearance.*  $Cl = 1.303 (CrCl) + Cl_{NR}$

3. *Use average steady-state concentration equation to compute digoxin maintenance dose.*

$$D/\tau = (C_{ss} \cdot Cl) / F$$

4. *Use loading dose equation to compute digoxin loading dose (if needed).*

$$LD = (C_{ss} \cdot V) / F$$

$$V = 7 \text{ L/kg} \quad \text{or} \quad V = \left( 226 + \frac{298 \cdot CrCl}{29.1 + CrCl} \right) (W_t / 70)$$

1. *Estimate creatinine clearance.* **Jelliffe method: 3 steps**

2. *Estimate total body store (TBS) and maintenance dose(D).*

TBS =

CrCl >30 mL/min    13–15 µg/kg for chronotropic effects  
                                 8–12 µg/kg for inotropic effects

CrCl <30 mL/min    6–10 µg/kg

$$D = \{ TBS \cdot [14\% + 0.20(CrCl)] \} / (F \cdot 100)$$

3. *Use loading dose equation to compute digoxin loading dose*

$$LD = TBS / F$$

## Pharmacokinetics Parameter Method:

### 3 steps:

**1- Make sure that are within Steady state**

**2- Calculate the CL:**

$$Cl = [F(D/\tau)] / C_{ss}$$

**3- Calculate the dose**  $D/\tau = (C_{ss} \cdot Cl) / F$

Salazar and Corcoran:

$$CrCl \text{ male} = \frac{(137 - age)[(0.285 * Wt) + (12.1 * Ht^2)]}{(51 * Sc)}$$

$$CrCl \text{ female} = \frac{(146 - age)\{(0.287 * Wt) + (9.74 * Ht^2)\}}{(60 * Sc)}$$

Cockcroft and Gault

$$CrCl \text{ male} = \frac{(140 - Age) * wt}{72 * Sc}$$

$$CrCl \text{ female} = 0.85 \frac{(140 - Age) * wt}{72 * Sc}$$

## Digoxin Immune Fab in Digoxin Overdoses

-If a digoxin serum concentration available:

Digibind dose (in vials) =

$$(\text{digoxin concentration in ng/mL})(\text{body weight in kg})/100$$

-If the no. of tablet is known or can be estimated:

$$\text{Digibind dose} = \text{TBS} / (0.5 \text{ mg/vial})$$

$$\text{TBS} = F(\# \text{ dosage units})(\text{dosage form strength})$$

### Booster Dose (BD)

$$\text{BD} = [(C_{\text{desired}} - C_{\text{actual}})V] / F$$

### Conversions between different dosage form

$$D_{\text{IV}} = D_{\text{PO}} \cdot F$$

$$C_{\text{SS}_{\text{new}}} = C_{\text{SS}_{\text{old}}} (D_{\text{rounded}} / D_{\text{computed}})$$

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