

# **BASIC OF PHARMACOLOGY**

## **LECTURE 1**

# CONTENT OF THE LECTURES

## 1. LECTURE (17. 9.)

BASIC PHARMACOLOGICAL TERMINOLOGY.

DRUG CLASSIFICATION.

MECHANISMS OF DRUG EFFECTS.

BASICS OF PHARMACOKINETICS.



# CONTENT OF THE LECTURES

## 2. LECTURE (1. 10.)

FACTORS INFLUENCING DRUG EFFECTS.

ADVERSE DRUG EFFECTS.

DRUG INTERACTION.

DEVELOPMENT OF NEW DRUGS, DRUG LIFE-CYCLE.

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## 3. LECTURE (8. 10.)

PHARMACOLOGY OF VEGETATIVE NERVOUS SYSTEM.

ADRENERGIC AND CHOLINERGIC RECEPTORS AND THEIR AGONISTS AND ANTAGONISTS.



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## 4. LECTURE (29. 10.)

GLUCOCORTICOIDS AND  
IMMUNOSUPPRESSANT THERAPY.

PHARMACOLOGY OF ALLERGIC REACTIONS –  
ANTIHISTAMINES.

# CONTENT OF THE PRACTICALS

## 1. PRACTICAL LESSON (24. 9.)

DRUG FORMS AND ROUTES OF ADMINISTRATION.

DRUGS DATABASES AND HANDBOOKS (SÚKL/EMA DATABASES, AISLP, ETC.,

LEGISLATION OF DRUGS PRESCRIPTION,

PRESCRIPTION OF NARCOTIC AND PSYCHOTROPIC AGENTS.



# CONTENT OF THE PRACTICALS

## 2. PRACTICAL LESSON (15. 10.)

THERAPY OF PARKINSON DISEASE, MENIER DISEASE

MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

SPASMS AND DYSKINESIA.

# CONTENT OF THE PRACTICALS

## 3. PRACTICAL LESSON (22. 10.)

NON-STEROIDAL ANTI-INFLAMMATORY DRUGS

THERAPY OF RHEUMATIC DISEASES

ANTIURATICS, ANODYNES.



# CONTENT OF THE PRACTICALS

## 4. PRACTICAL LESSON (5. 11.)

MYORELAXANTS

LOCAL ANAESTHETICS

CREDITS

ORGANISATION OF COLLOQUIUM TERM.

## RECOMMENDED LITERATURE

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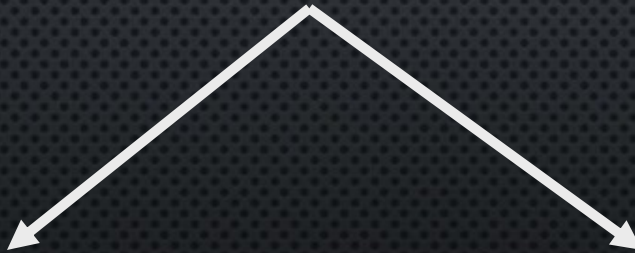


**BASIC TERMINOLOGY.  
DRUG CLASSIFICATION.  
MECHANISMS OF DRUG EFFECTS.  
BASICS OF PHARMACOKINETICS.**

# INTRODUCTION

## PHARMACOLOGY

- THE SCIENCE THAT STUDIES THE INTERACTION (I.E. MUTUAL EFFECTS) BETWEEN A DRUG AND THE BIOLOGICAL SYSTEM (FROM THE MOLECULAR LEVEL TO THE FULL ORGANISM LEVEL)



**general pharmacology**

**special pharmacology**



# MAIN SUB-DISCIPLINES OF PHARMACOLOGY

- **PHARMACOKINETICS** – WHAT THE BODY DOES WITH THE DRUG
- **PHARMACODYNAMICS** – MECHANISMS OF EFFECTS

# THERAPY

- PSYCHOTHERAPY
- PHYSIOTHERAPY
- SURGERY
  
- **PHARMACOTHERAPY**
  - CAUSAL(ATB)
  - SUBSTITUTION (INSULIN, GLUCOCORTICOIDS)
  - SYMPTOMATIC (ANALGESICS, ANTIPYRETICS)
  - PATHOGENETIC (NSAIDS, ANTIPARKINSONICS, ANTIDEPRESSANTS, ...)
- PLACEBO



# **CLASSIFICATION OF PHARMACEUTICALS**

- **PHARMACEUTICALS** (= PHARMACEUTICAL DRUGS, ACTIVE SUBSTANCES) ARE ANY SUBSTANCES THE EFFECTS (PHYSICAL OR CHEMICAL) OF WHICH CAUSE POSITIVE CHANGES IN BIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS IN THE ORGANISM
- **ORIGIN:**
  - HUMAN, ANIMAL, HERBAL, CHEMICAL
- **AUXILIARY SUBSTANCES** ARE NECESSARY FOR THE FORMULATION
- **MEDICINAL PRODUCTS** = ACTIVE AND AUXILIARY SUBSTANCES WHICH ARE MODIFIED INTO A SPECIFIC **DOSAGE FORM**

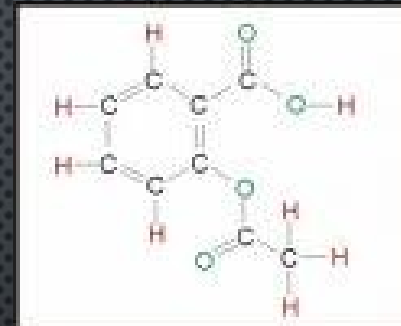


# PRODRUGS

- PHARMACOLOGICALLY INACTIVE SUBSTANCE FROM WHICH A PHARMACOLOGICALLY ACTIVE METABOLITE ARISES ONCE IN THE BODY
- *LEVODOPA -) DOPAMIN*
- *VALACIKLOVIR -) ACIKLOVIR*
- *BROMHEXIN -) AMBROXOL*

# TERMINOLOGY OF PHARMACEUTICALS

- CHEMICAL NAME
  - 2-ACETOXYBENZOIC ACID
- GENERIC NAME
  - ACETYLSALICYLIC ACID
- INTERNATIONAL NON-PROPRIETARY NAME (INN)
  - ACIDUM ACETYLSALICYLICUM
- PHARMACOPOEIAL NAME
  - ACIDUM ACETYLSALICYLICUM
- TRADE OR CORPORATE NAME
  - ACYLPYRIN<sup>®</sup>, ASPIRIN<sup>®</sup>





# **BASICS OF PHARMACODYNAMICS**

# MECHANISMS OF DRUG EFFECT

- **NON-SPECIFIC**

- **SPECIFIC**

- **RECEPTOR MEDIATED**

- ION CHANNEL

- G-PROTEIN COUPLED

- COUPLED WITH ENZYME AKTIVITY

- INTRACELULAR RECEPTORS REGULATING GENE EXPRESSION

- **NON-RECEPTOR MEDIATED** (SPECIFIC INTERACTION WITH OTHER MACROMOLECULES IN THE BODY)



# NON-SPECIFIC MECHANISMS OF ACTION

## **SUBSTANCES ACTING BY MEANS OF OSMOTIC PROPERTIES**

**THESE SUBSTANCES DO NOT CROSS CELL MEMBRANE, THIS IS HOWEVER PERMEABLE FOR WATER.**

**WATER MOVES FROM MORE DILUTED SITE TO SITE WITH HIGHER CONCENTRATION OF SOLUTION – UNTIL OSMOTIC BALANCE IS REACHED.**

**SALINE LAXATIVES (MAGNESIUM SULPHATE)**

**OSMOTIC DIURETICS (MANNITOL)**

# NON-SPECIFIC MECHANISMS OF ACTION

## **SUBSTANCES AFFECTING ACID – BASE BALANCE**

**ANTACIDS, SUBSTANCES CHANGING PH OF URINE (E.G. ACIDIFYING SALT – AMMONIUM CHLORIDE – TREATMENT OF AMPHETHAMINE INTOXICATION)**

**SUBSTANCES USED FOR REGULATION OF SYSTEMIC ACID – BASE BALANCE DISORDERS (E.G. SODIUM BICARBONATE FOR METABOLIC ACIDOSIS, SODIUM CITRATE, POTASSIUM CITRATE)**



# NON-SPECIFIC MECHANISMS OF ACTION

## **SUBSTANCES CAUSING OXIDATION OR REDUCTION**

**SOME DISINFECTANTS (E.G. 3% HYDROGEN PEROXIDE) ACT AS OXIDIZING AGENT**

**METHYLENE BLUE IS USED FOR ITS REDUCING PROPERTIES FOR METHEMOGLOBINEMIA TREATMENT**

# NON-SPECIFIC MECHANISMS OF ACTION

## **ADSORBENTS**

**SUBSTANCES WITH LARGE SURFACE BINDING (ADSORBING) OTHER SUBSTANCES, TOXINS, ETC. - CHARCOAL**



# NON-SPECIFIC MECHANISMS OF ACTION

## **SURFACTANTS, DETERGENTS**

**AFFECT SURFACE TENSION OF CELL MEMBRANES; THEY ARE USED AS DISINFECTANTS AND ANTISEPTICS (E.G. SOAPS, BENZYL DODECINIUM BROMIDE, CARBETHOPENDECINIUM BROMIDE)**

# SPECIFIC MECHANISMS OF ACTION

1. RECEPTORS
2. ION CHANNELS
3. ENZYMES
4. CARRIERS



# RECEPTOR MEDIATED MECHANISMS

- **RECEPTORS** = PROTEINS WHOSE PHYSIOLOGICAL ROLE CONSISTS IN SIGNAL TRANSFER TO THE CELL FOLLOWING THEIR ACTIVATION BY AN ENDOGENOUS MOLECULE (NEUROTRANSMITTER, HORMONE).
- **LIGANDS** = SUBSTANCES THAT CAN BIND TO A RECEPTOR.

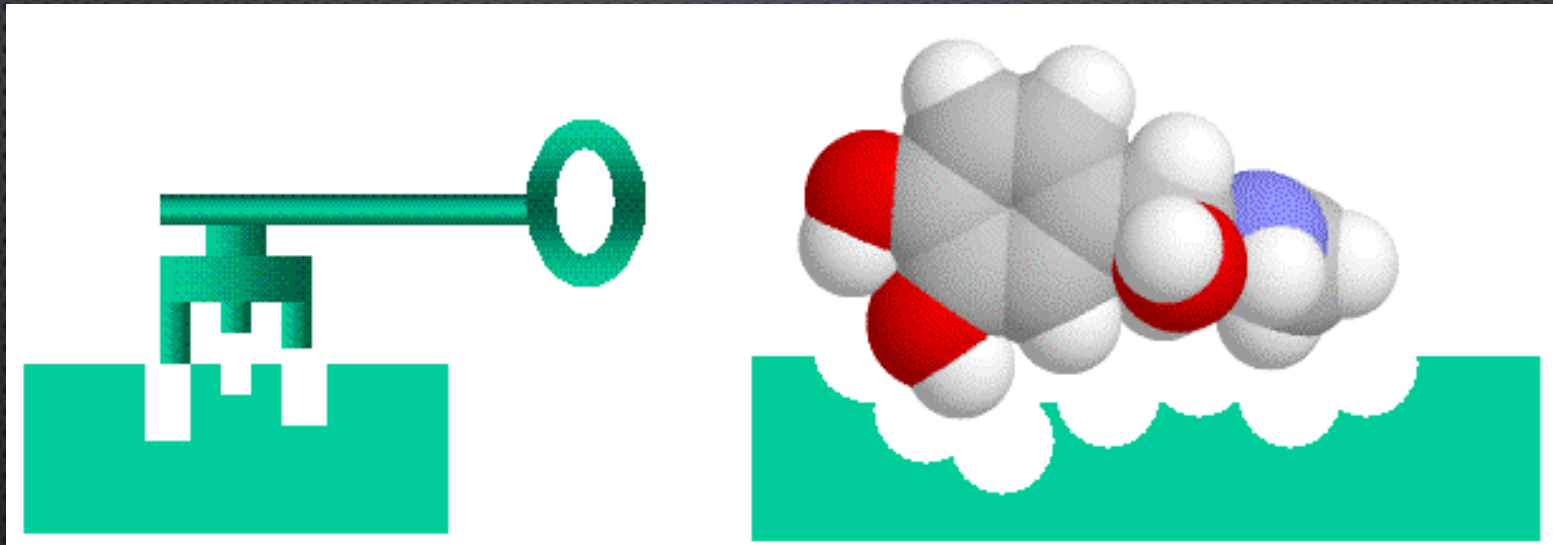
## AFFINITY

- WILLINGNESS OF THE SUBSTANCE TO BIND TO THE GIVEN RECEPTOR TYPE

## INTRINSIC ACTIVITY (EFFICACY)

- ABILITY OF THE LIGAND TO ACTIVATE THE RECEPTOR = TO CAUSE SIGNAL TRANSFER BY THE RECEPTOR
- REACHES VALUES OF 0 – 1, I.E. 1 = 100% OF EFFECT





# TYPES OF RECEPTOR LIGANDS

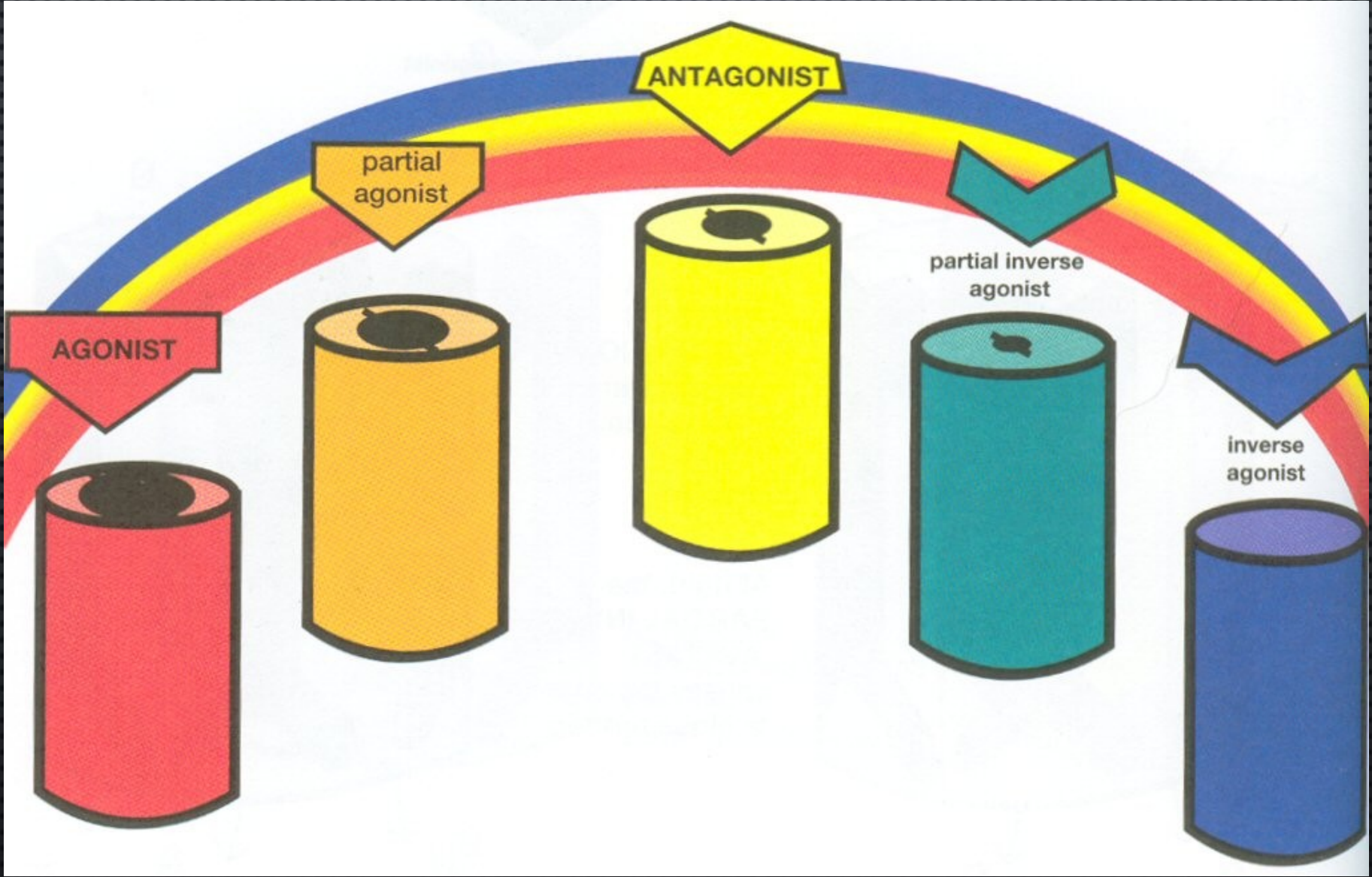
- **AGONIST**
  - ACTIVATE RECEPTOR
- **ANTAGONIST**
  - BLOCK RECEPTOR

**FULL AGONIST: INTRINSIC ACTIVITY  $\cong 1$**

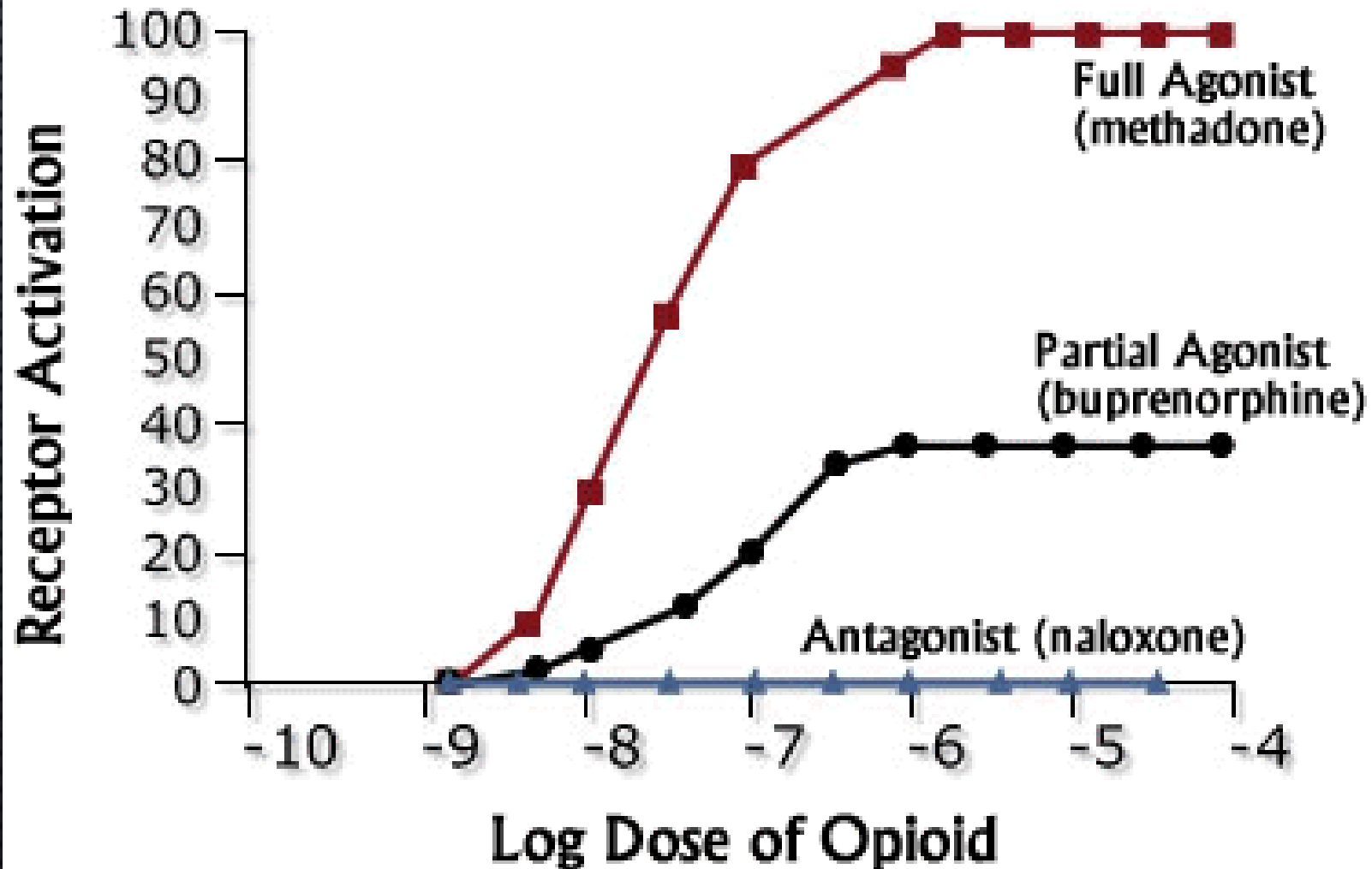
**PARCIAL AGONIST (DUALIST):  $0 < \text{INTRINSIC ACTIVITY} < 1$**

**ANTAGONIST: INTRINSIC ACTIVITY  $\cong 0$**





# Receptor Activation: Full Agonist, Partial Agonist, Antagonist





# ANTAGONISM

COMPETITIVE

NON-COMPETITIVE

REVERSIBLE

IRREVERSIBLE

AT THE RECEPTOR LEVEL

AT THE FUNCTION LEVEL

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# Antagonism

## Competitive

- ✓ ligands compete for the same binding site
- ✓  $EC_{50}$  of antagonist decreases agonist effect and inversely
- ✓ the presence of antagonist increases the amounts of agonist needed to evoke the effect

## Non-competitive

- ✓ allosteric antagonism
- ✓ irreversible bounds
- ✓  $EC_{50}$  of agonist does not interrupt the effect of antagonist



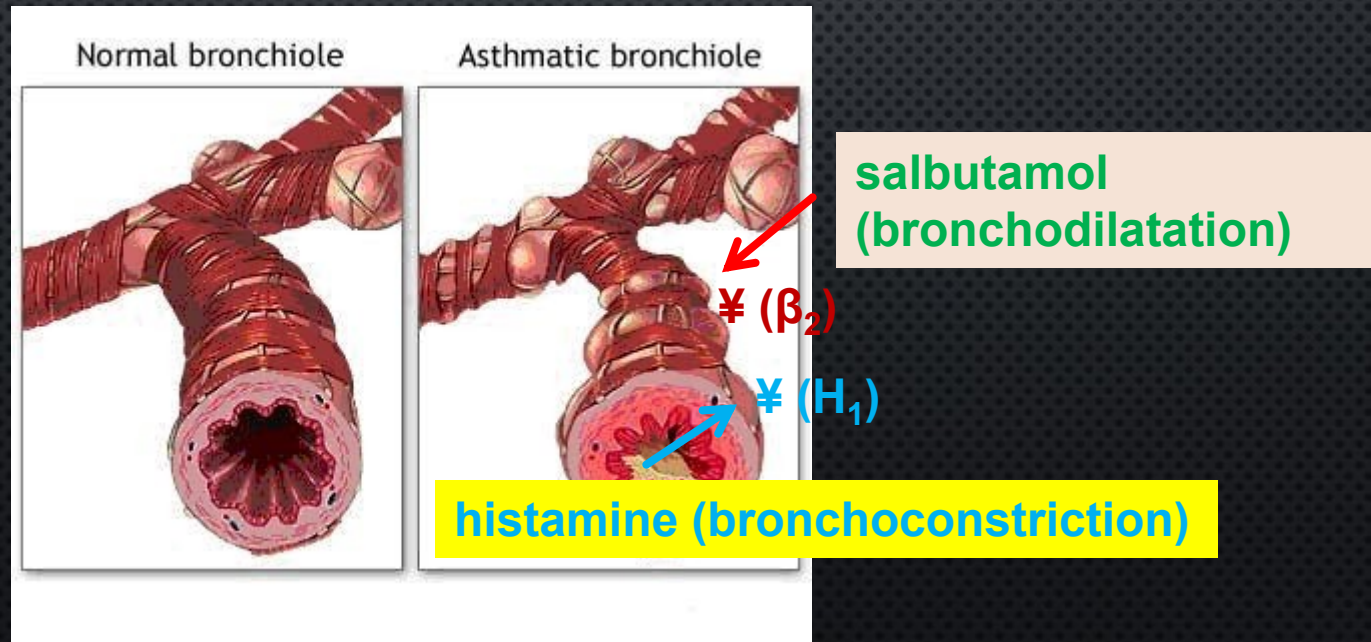
# ANTAGONISM

## Physiological antagonism

Two different ligands act on different target structures and their opposite effects occur in the same organ.

Histamine x norepinephrine (affecting of vessels).

Affecting of bronchioles.



# REGULATION OF RECEPTOR SENSITIVITY AND COUNTS

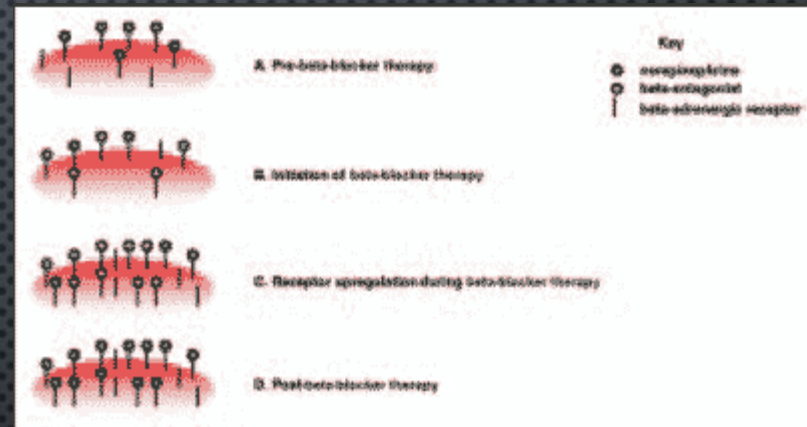
- HYPERSENSITIVITY - INCREASE OF RECEPTOR SENSITIVITY/COUNTS AFTER CHRONIC **ANTAGONIST** EXPOSURE
- REBOUND PHENOMENON
- AFTER DISCONTINUATION OF LONG-TERM ADMINISTERED DRUGS RETURN TO ITS ORIGINAL STATE OR ↑ INTENSITY OF THE ORIGINAL CONDITION (HYPERSENSITIVITY OF RECEPTORS TO ENDOGENOUS LIGANDS → UP-REGULATION)
- EXAMPLE: CHRONIC ADMINISTRATION OF B BLOCKERS



# Up regulation of $\beta$ -receptors following long-term therapy

- abrupt cessation of therapy may lead to excessive stimulation of  $\beta$ -receptors thereby exacerbating the symptoms

**rebound phenomenon !**



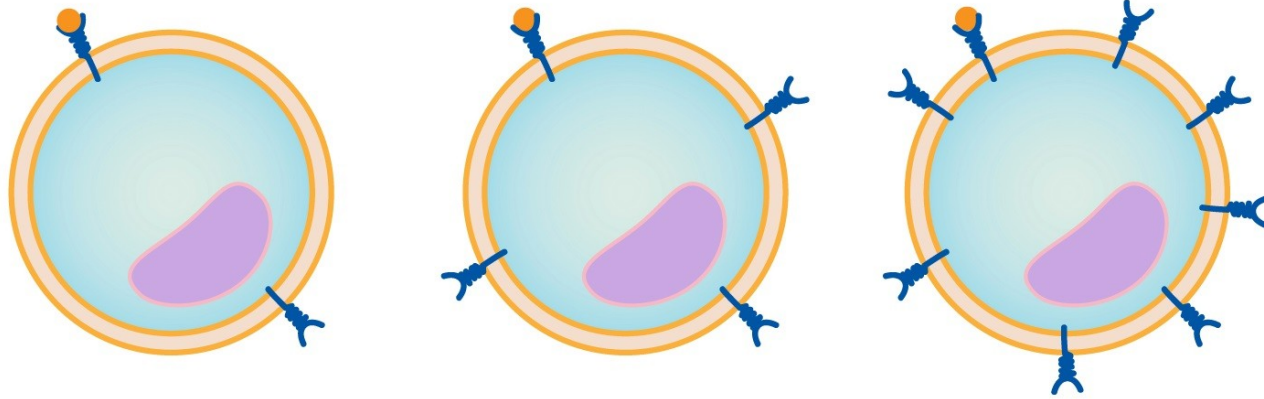
- Representation of beta-receptor density on cardiac myocyte prior to initiation of beta-antagonist therapy.
- Reduction in beta-receptor stimulation after initiation of beta antagonist.
- Receptor upregulation as a result of chronic beta-receptor blockade.
- Supersensitivity of cardiac myocyte following abrupt withdrawal of beta-antagonist therapy.

# REGULATION OF RECEPTOR SENSITIVITY AND COUNTS

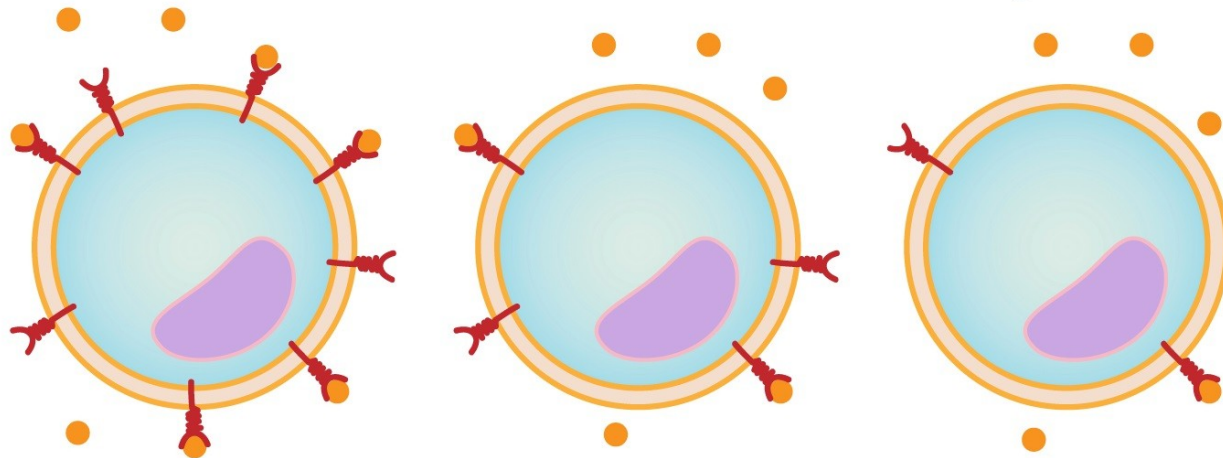
- DESENSITIZATION – REDUCED RECEPTOR SENSITIVITY/COUNTS AFTER CHRONIC **AGONIST** EXPOSURE
- **TOLERANCE** – REDUCED SENSITIVITY TO THE ACTIVE SUBSTANCE, ARISING FROM THE REPEATED ADMINISTRATION OF THE DRUG (DAYS – WEEKS) → DOWN-REGULATION
  - EFFECT REQUIRES INCREASINGLY HIGHER DOSES
  - THE ORIGINAL REACTIVITY RETURNS A CERTAIN PERIOD OF TIME AFTER DISCONTINUATION OF THE DRUG
  - EX. OF TOLERANCE – OPIOIDS ADMINISTRATION



# upregulation



time 



# downregulation

# RECEPTOR DESENSITIZATION

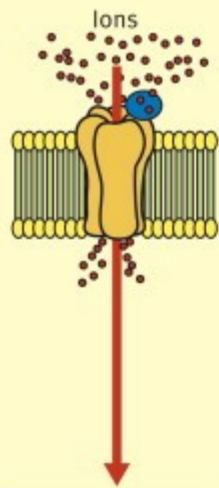
- TACHYPHYLAXIS – ACUTE DRUG „TOLERANCE“
  - REDUCED SENSITIVITY TO THE ACTIVE SUBSTANCE EVOLVING QUICKLY (MINUTES) → DISTORTION OF THE SIGNAL CASCADE
  - THE REACTIVITY OF THE ORGANISM RETURNS TO THE ORIGINAL INTENSITY AFTER THE ELIMINATION OF THE SUBSTANCE
  - EX. OF TACHYPHYLAXIS – EPINEPHRINE ADMINISTRATION



# Receptor classification

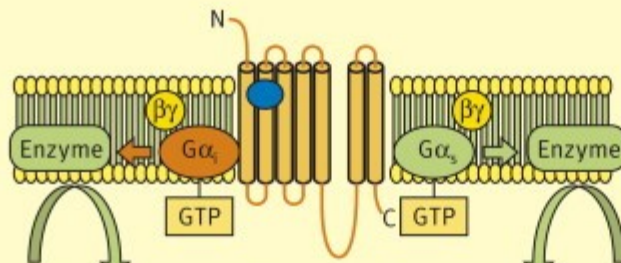
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### Ligand-gated channels



Depolarization/  
hyperpolarization

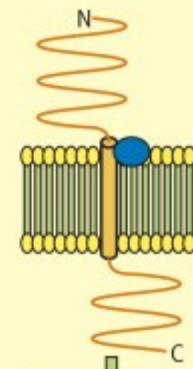
### G-protein-coupled receptors



Second  
messenger

Change in  $[Ca^{2+}]$   
Protein kinase activity

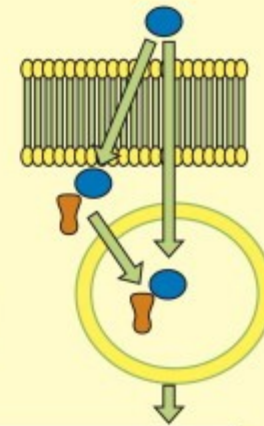
### Enzyme-linked receptors



Phosphorylation

Gene transcription/protein synthesis

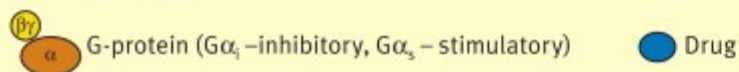
### Nuclear receptors



### Timescale

Fast (msecs)

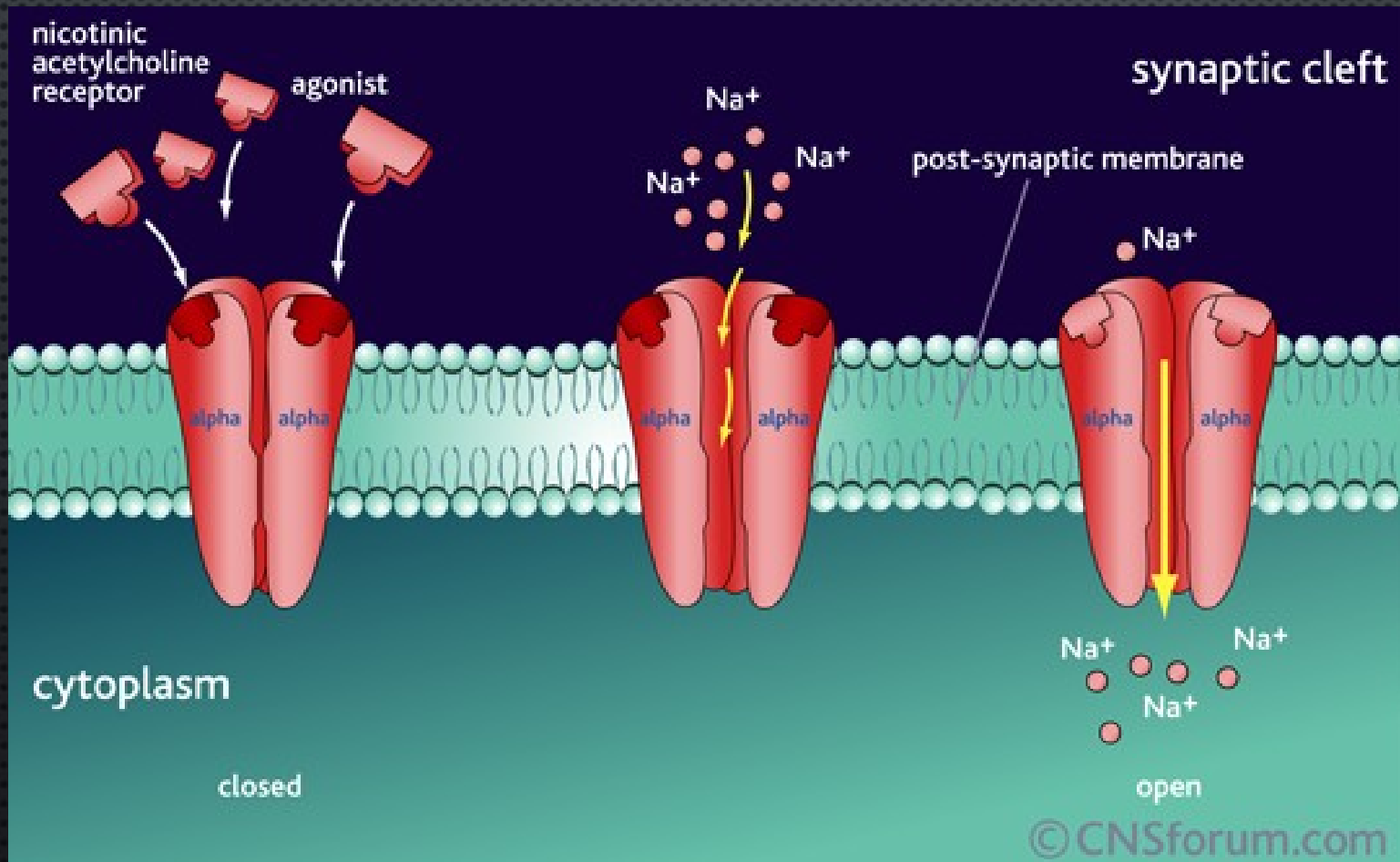
Slow (hours)



G-protein ( $G\alpha_i$  – inhibitory,  $G\alpha_s$  – stimulatory)

Drug

# NICOTINIC RECEPTOR

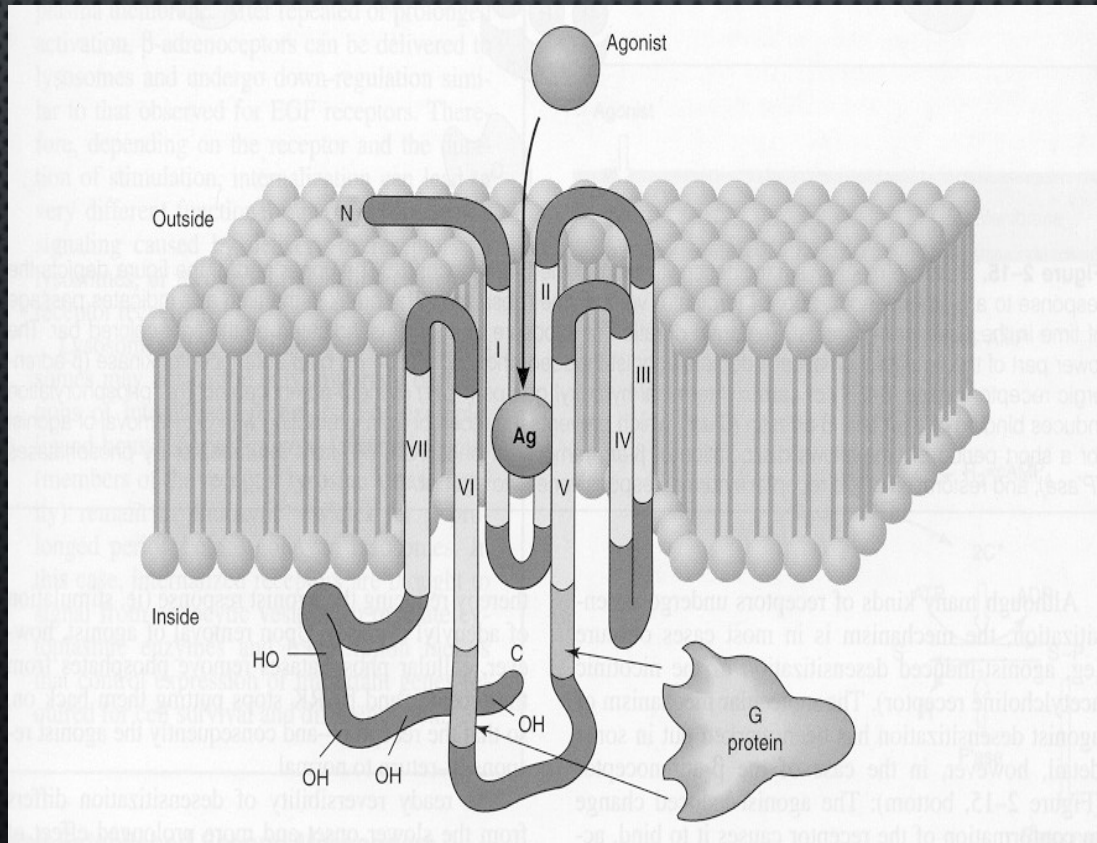




# METABOTROPIC RECEPTORS

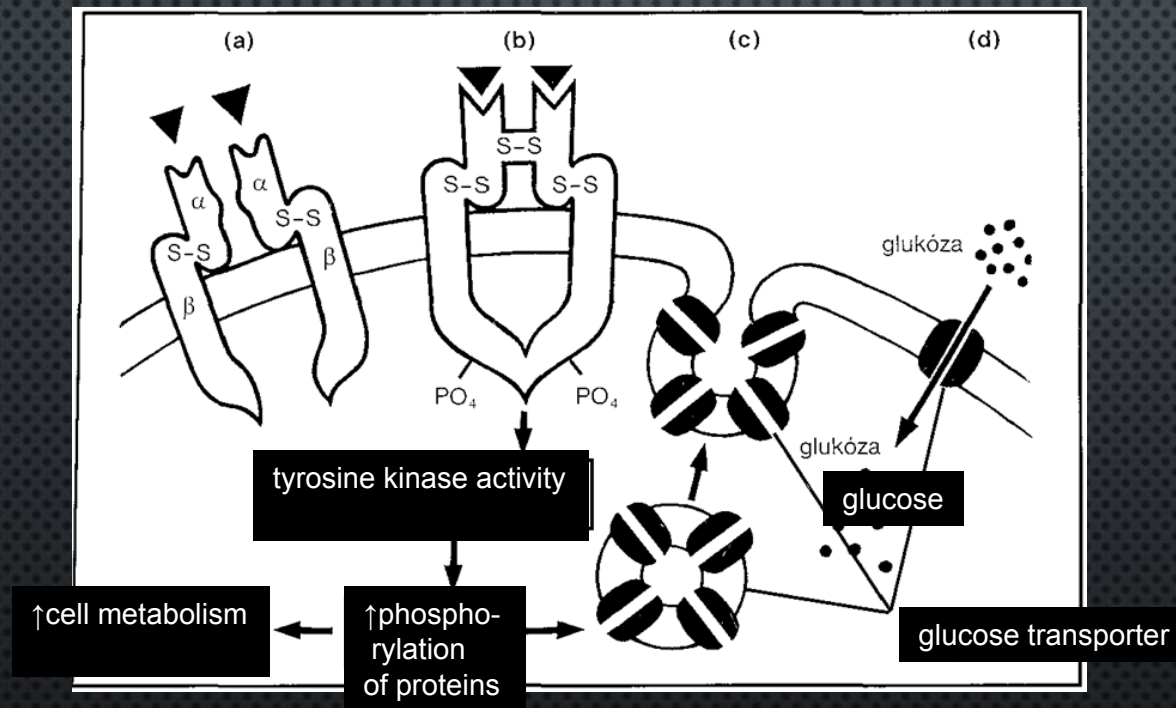
= G-PROTEIN COUPLED RECEPTORS

- MUSCARINIC, ADRENERGIC, DOPAMINERGIC, GABA-B...



# Kinase-linked receptors

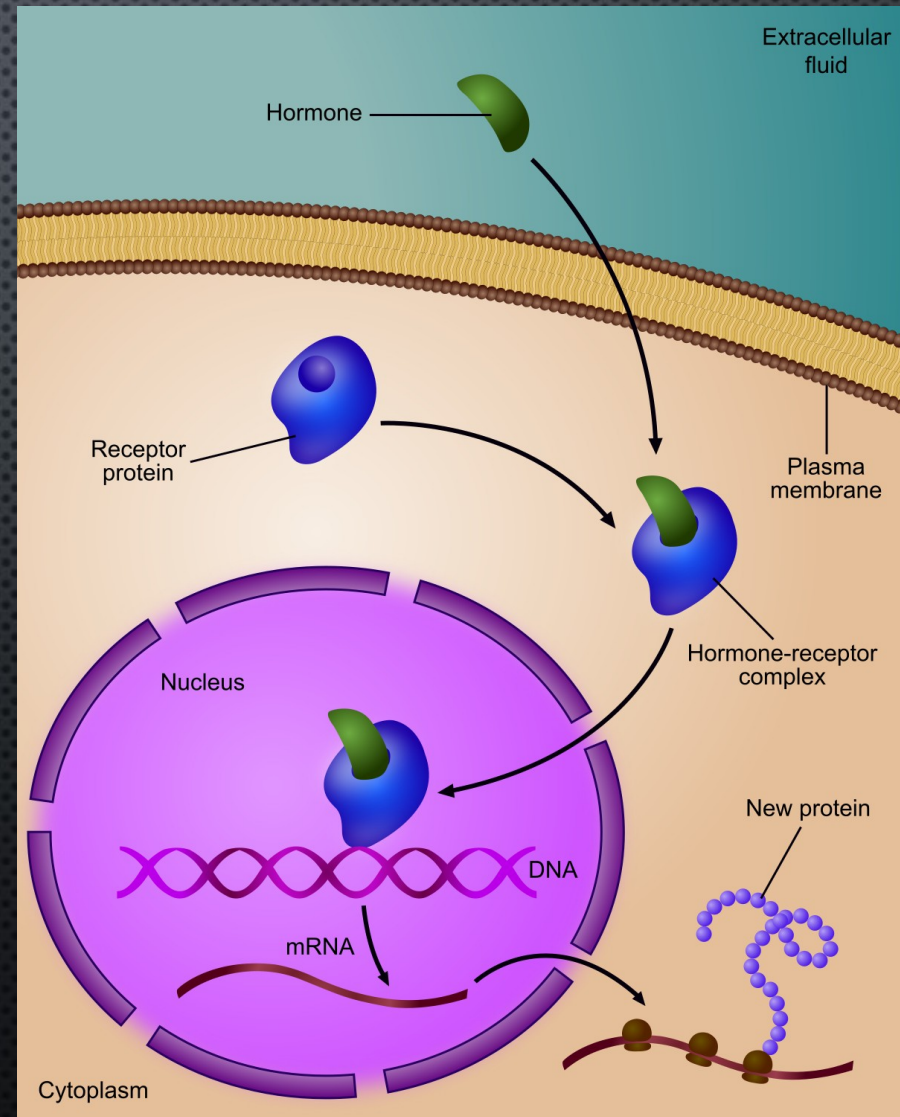
## Insulin receptor

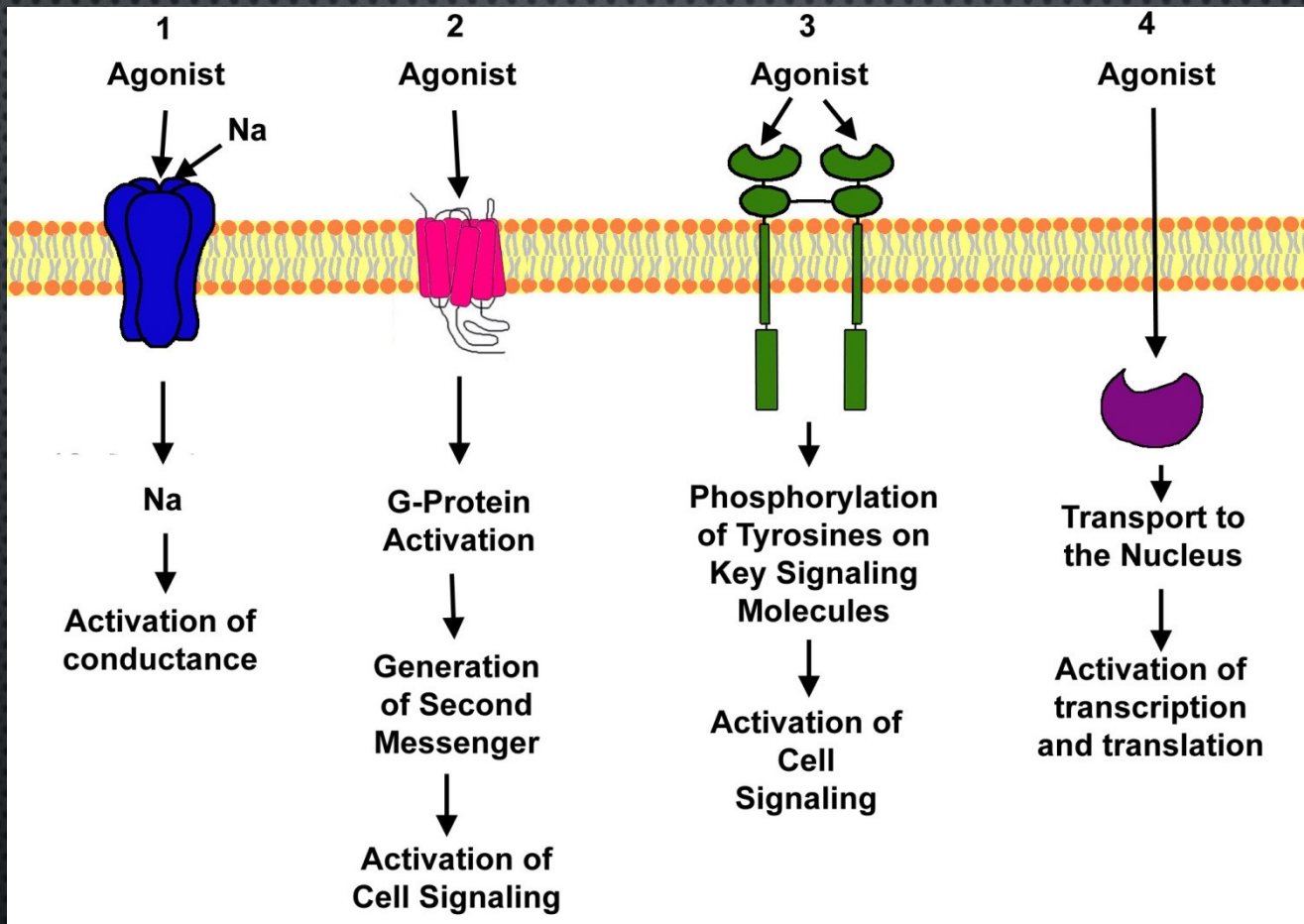




# RECEPTORS REGULATING PROTEOSYNTHESIS

- LIPOPHILIC STEROID HORMONES
- GLUCOCORTICIDS,  $T_3$ ,  $T_4$ , VIT. D, RETINOIDY
- EFFECT REQUIRES HOURS-DAYS







# **BASICS OF PHARMACOKINETICS**

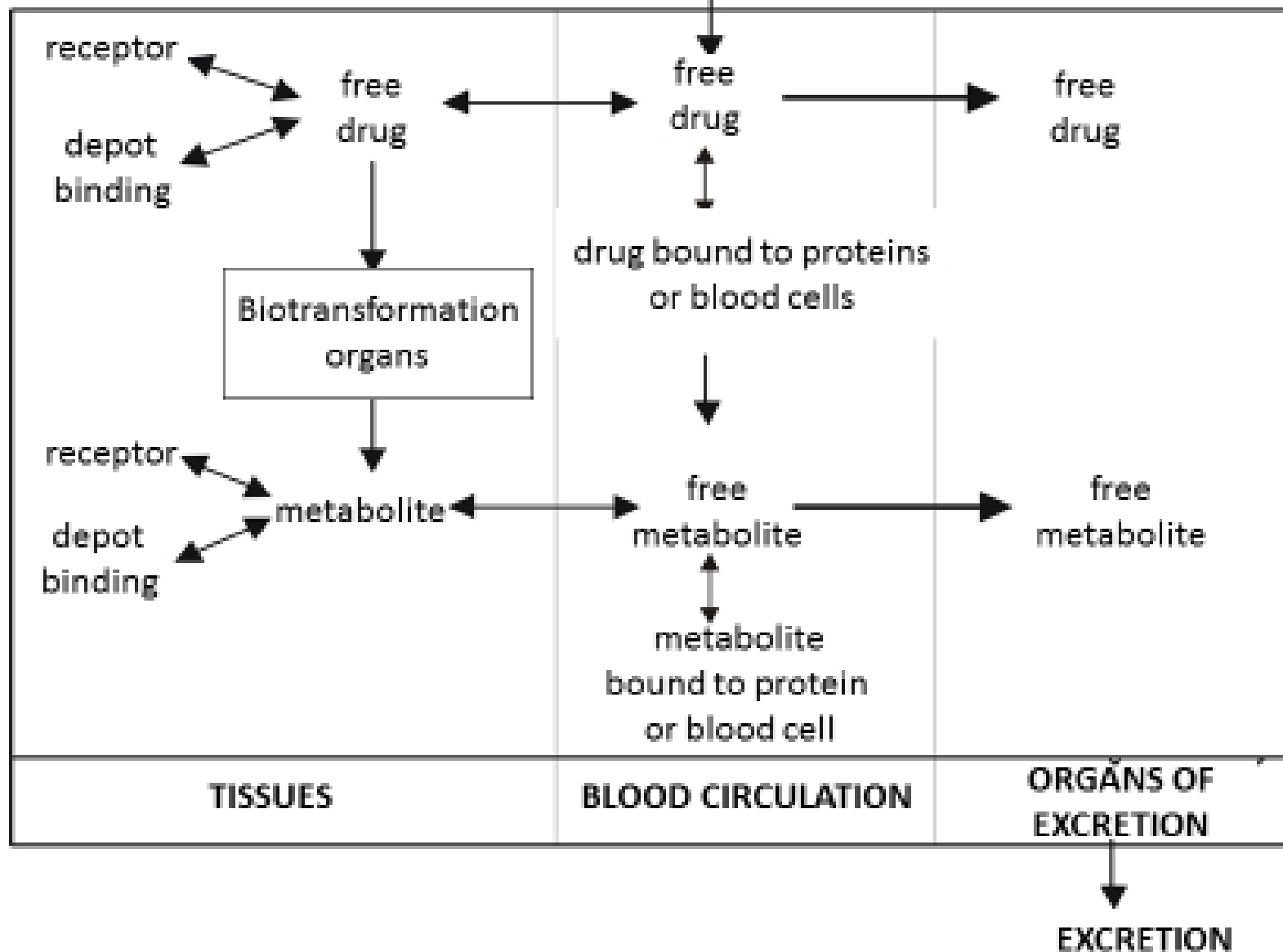
# PHARMACOKINETICS = ADME

= ABSORPTION, DISTRIBUTION, METABOLISM, EXCRETION

- PRIMARY PHARMACOKINETIC PARAMETERS
  - BIOAVAILABILITY
  - VOLUME OF DISTRIBUTION
  - CLEARANCE
  - ELIMINATION HALFLIFE



# Administration of drug → Absorption



# ABSORPTION

- PENETRATION OF **DISSOLVED** DRUG FROM THE SITE OF ADMINISTRATION TO BLOOD (SYSTEMIC CIRCULATION) – NECESSARY FOR **GENERAL EFFECT—  
SYSTEMIC EFFECT**
- **LOCAL EFFECT:**
  - ON SKIN, MUCOSAS OR VENTRICLES
  - ABSORPTION IS UNDESIRABLE – POSSIBLE AE
  - IE. LOCAL CORTICOIDS, LOCAL ANESTHETICS



# ABSORPTION

## SPEED AND EXTENT OF ABSORPTION

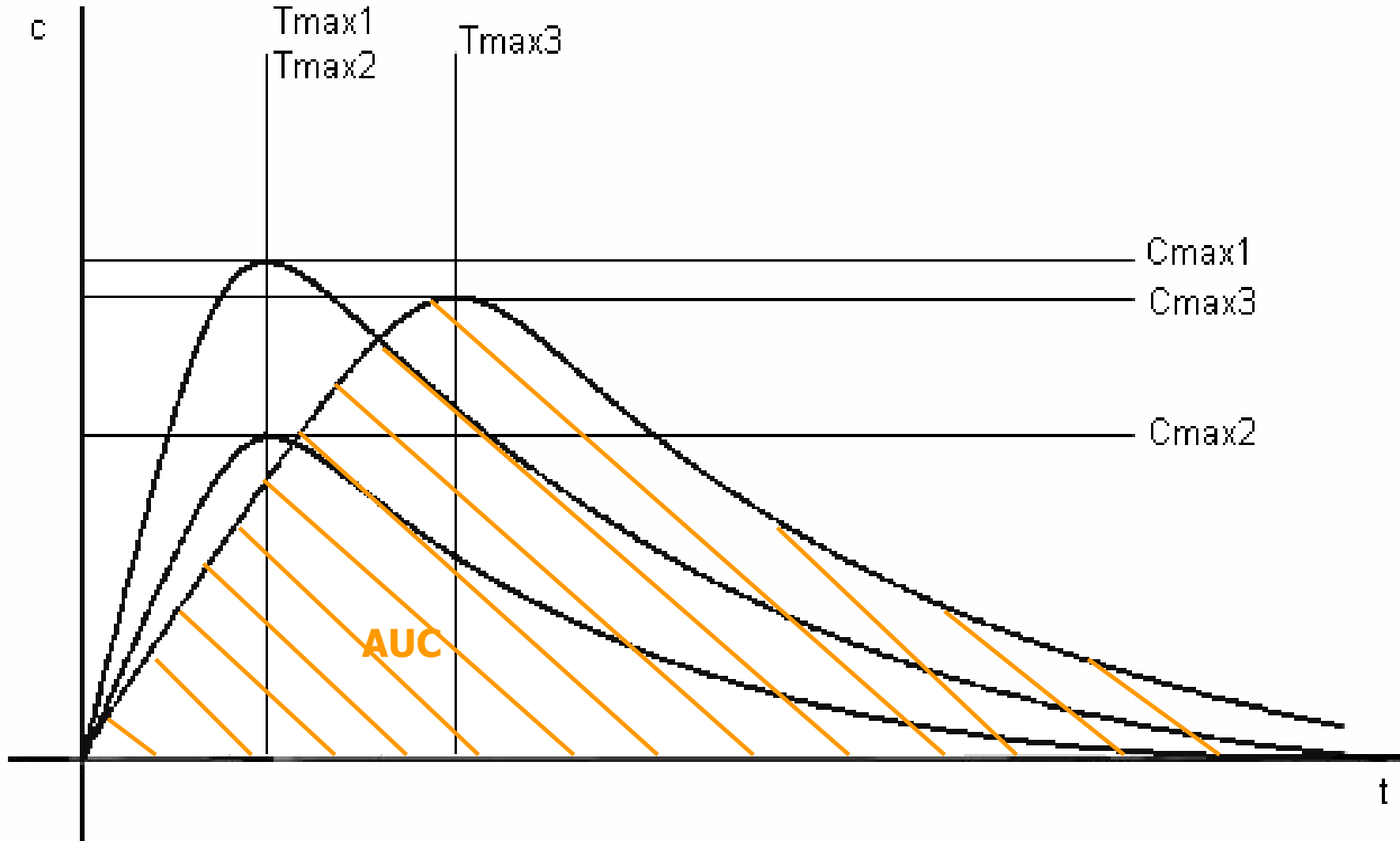
- **C<sub>MAX</sub>** - MAX. CONCENTRATION OF DRUG IN PLASMA AFTER SINGLE DOSE
- **T<sub>MAX</sub>** - TIME, WHEN DRUG REACH C<sub>MAX</sub> (SPEED)
- **F** - BIOAVAILABILITY (EXTENT)
  - FRACTION WHICH GETS TO THE BLOODSTREAM
  - EXTRAVASCULAR ADMINISTRATION: 0-100% (RESP. 0-1)
  - INTRAVENOUS: 100% = 1

$$F = \frac{AUC_{po}}{AUC_{iv}}$$

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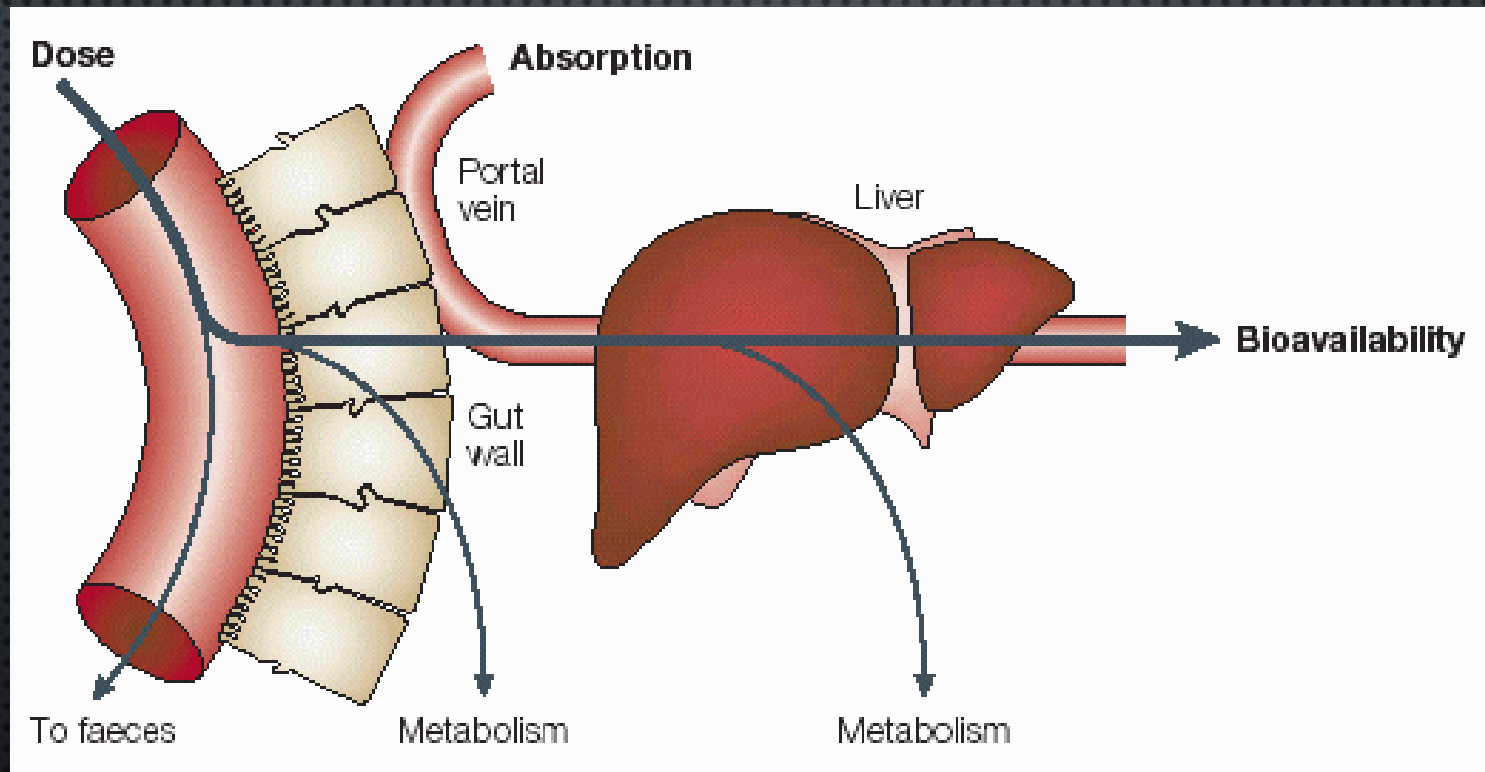


# Oral administration



# Presystemic elimination

## First pass effect



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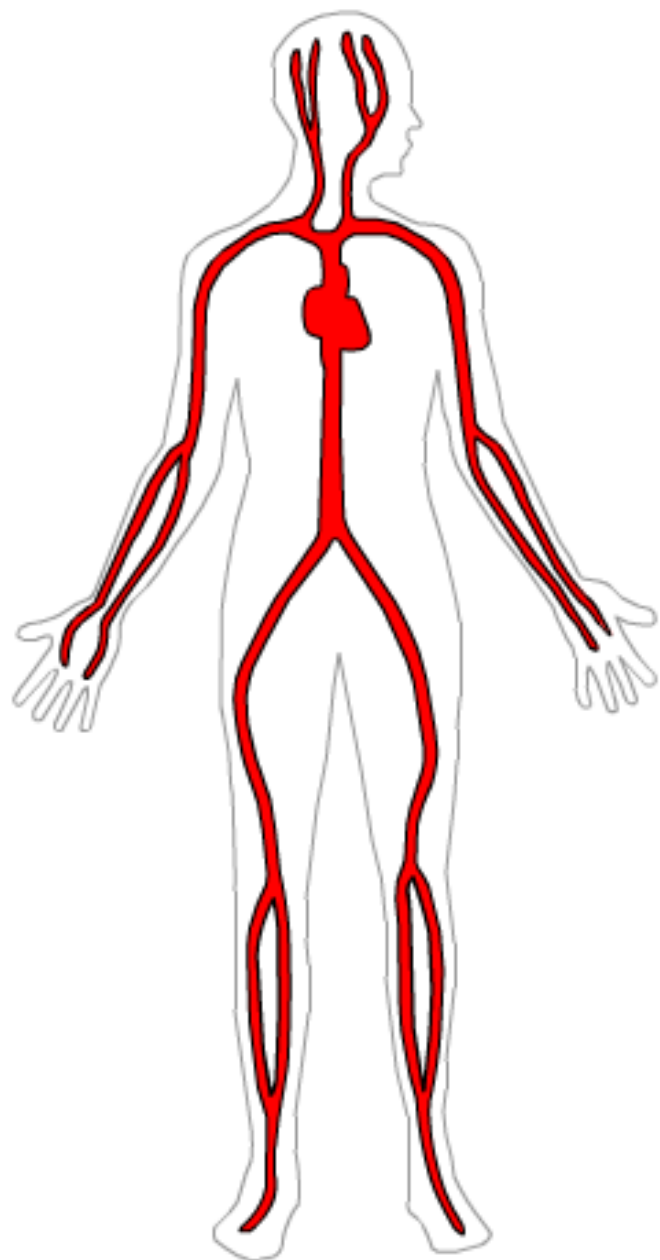
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- PENETRATION OF DRUG FROM BLOOD TO TISSUES, DYNAMIC PROCESSES WHERE WE ARE INTERESTED IN:
- SPEED OF DISTRIBUTION- DEPENDS ON:
  - BINDINGS
  - MEMBRANE PENETRATION
  - ORGAN PERFUSION
- VOLUME OF DISTRIBUTION -  $V_D$ 
  - HYPOTHETIC, THEORETICAL VOLUME
  - RATE BETWEEN AMOUNT OF DRUG IN ORGANISM AND PLASMA CONCENTRATION

**The apparent volume of distribution,  $V_d$ , is defined as the volume that would contain the total body content of the drug at a concentration equal to that present in the plasma**

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Drug concentrated  
in blood stream

Drug in blood and  
extracellular space

Drug equally distributed  
in blood and tissues

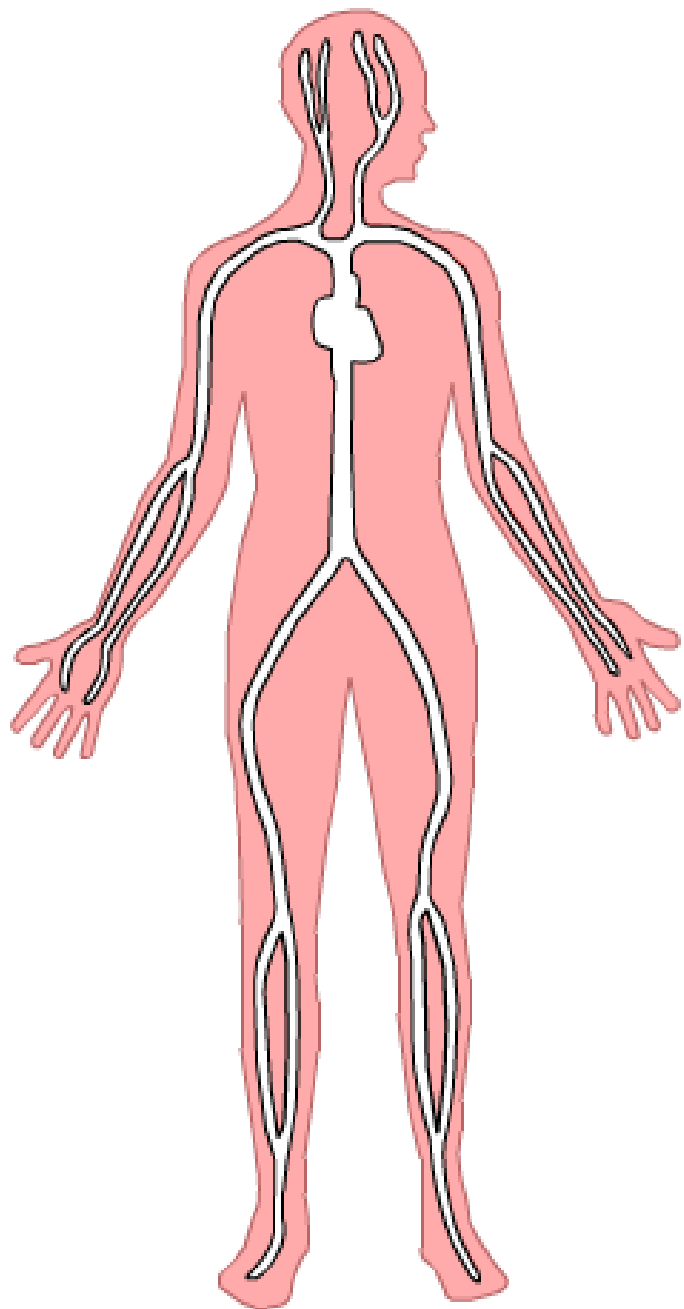
Drug moderately  
concentrated in tissues

Drug highly concentrated  
in tissues  
(usually adipose)

Amount in body =  $V_d \times \text{plasma concentration}$

$$A_b = V_d \times C_p$$

$$V_d = \frac{A_b}{C_p}$$



Vd

5 L

Drug concentrated  
in blood stream

Drug in blood and  
extracellular space

Drug equally distributed  
in blood and tissues

Drug moderately  
concentrated in tissues

Drug highly concentrated  
in tissues  
(usually adipose)



10,000 L

Amount in body = Vd x plasma concentration

$$Ab = Vd \times Cp$$

$$Vd = \frac{Ab}{Cp}$$



# ELIMINATION

- **BIOTRANSFORMATION - METABOLISM**
  - BIODEGRADATION
  - BIOACTIVATION (PRODRUG: BROMHEXIN - AMBROXOL)
- **EXCRETION**
  - KIDNEY, LIVER, LUNGS, SKIN, BREASTMILK...

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# BIOTRANSFORMATION

- **PHASE I** OXIDATION  
REDUCTION  
HYDROLYSIS
  - **PHASE II** CONJUGATION — INACTIVATION (GLUCURONIC ACID)
- More hydrophilic compounds, sometimes active metabolites



# EXCRETION - CLEARANCE (CL)

**CL** = ABILITY OF THE ORGANISM TO EXCRETE THE DRUG

= THE VOLUME OF PLASMA FROM WHICH A SUBSTANCE IS COMPLETELY REMOVED PER UNIT TIME

- TOTAL = RENAL + HEPATAL + LUNG...

# ELIMINATION HALF-LIFE ( $T_{1/2}$ )

= TIME TO ELIMINATE HALF OF THE DRUG FROM THE BLOOD

- DRUG IS CONSIDERED TO BE ELIMINATED AFTER 4-5 HALF-LIVES

