



# Pharmacokinetics 1

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- Recognize the clinical importance of factors affecting drug absorption
- Define bioavailability and First pass effect
- Rationalize importance of bioavailability

# 1- Introduction

## Pharmacokinetics

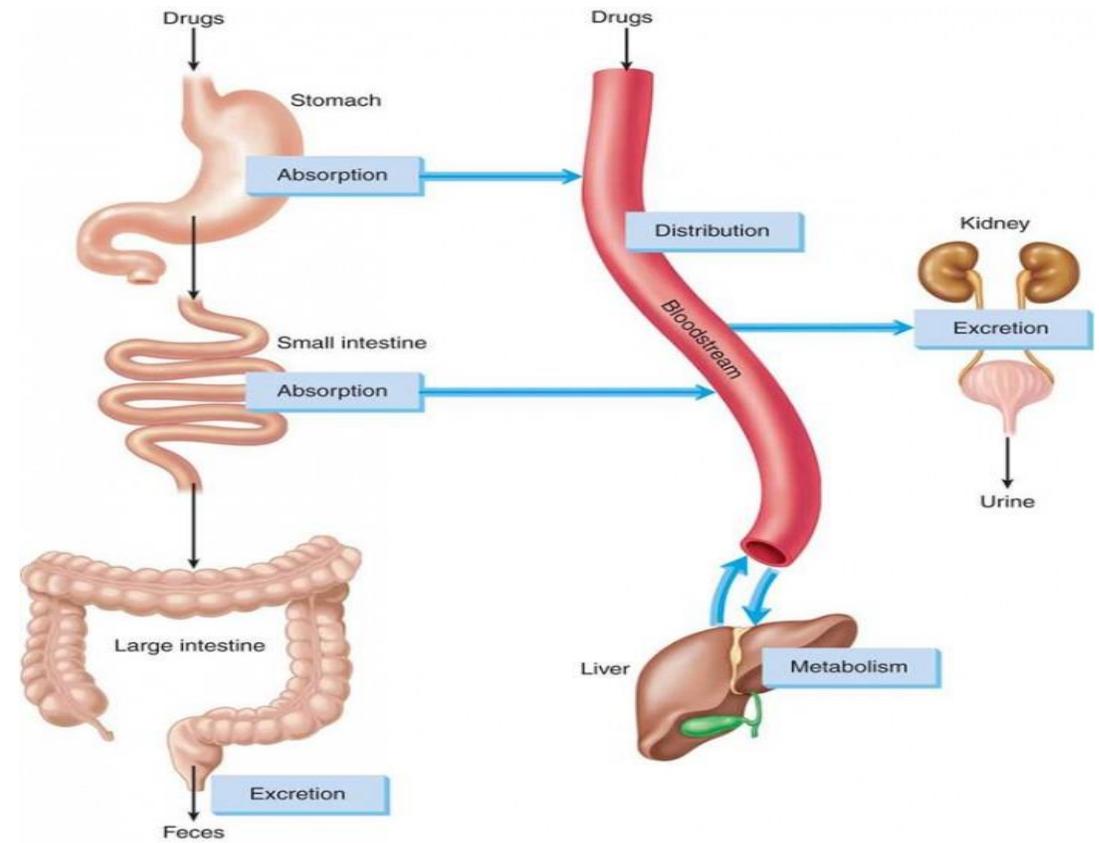
What the body does to the drug

1. Absorption
2. Distribution
3. Metabolism
4. Excretion

## Pharmacodynamics

What the drug does to the body

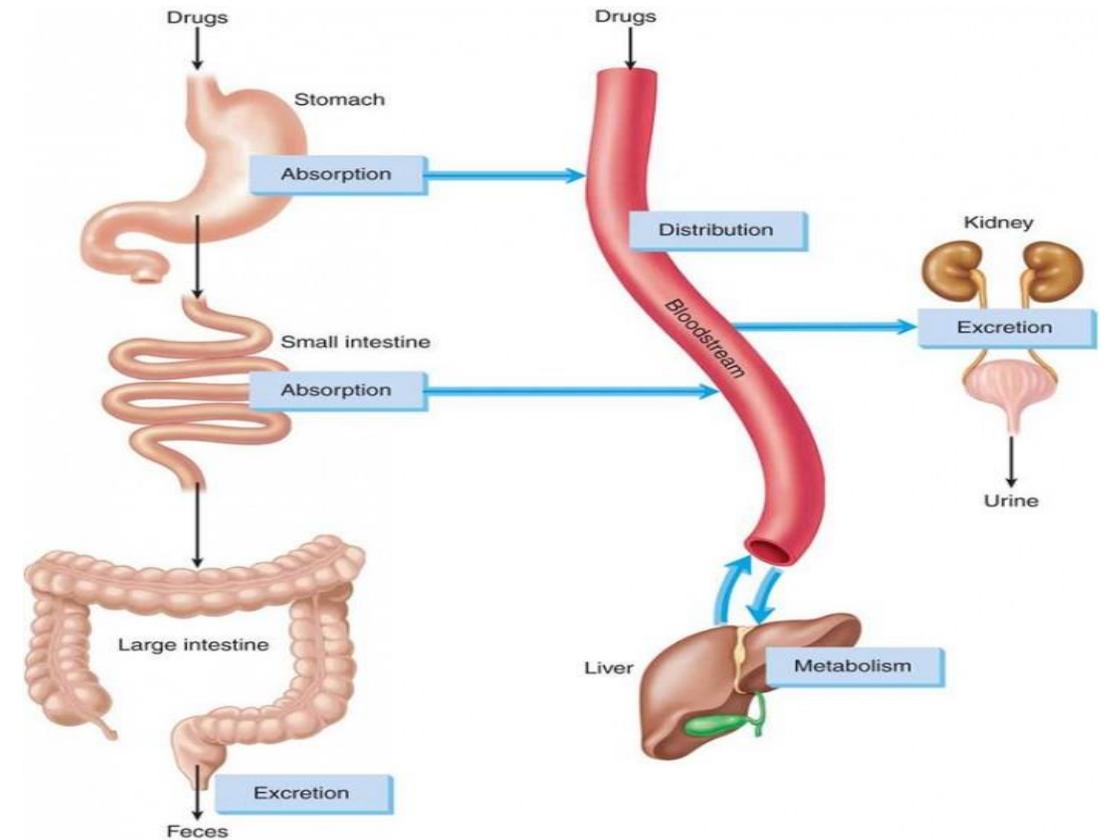
1. Mechanism of action
2. Pharmacological actions



# Pharmacokinetics

## 1- Absorption

It is the process of *entry of drug* from *site of administration* into *systemic circulation*.



# Factors influencing absorption

**A- Factors related to drug**



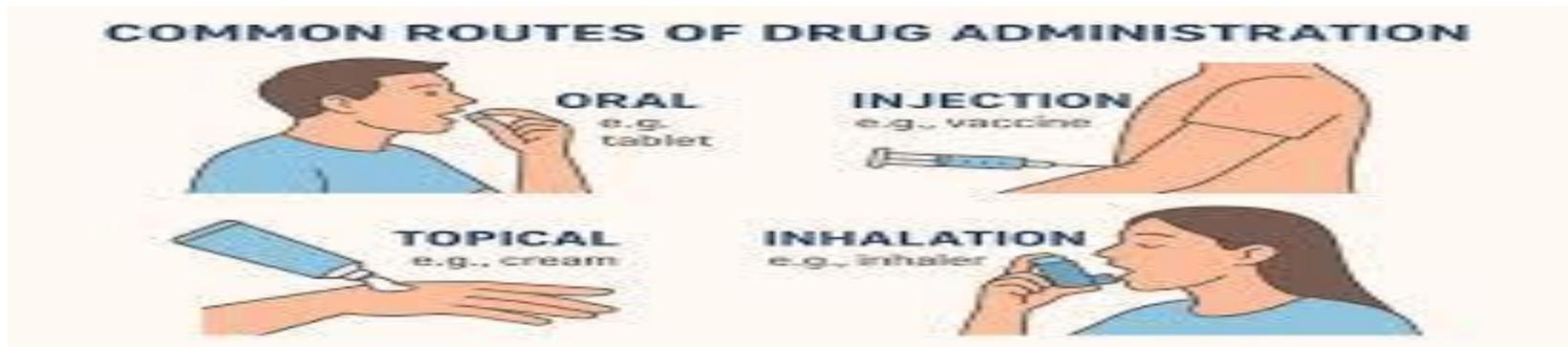
**B- Factors related to patient**



# Factors affecting absorption

## B) Factors Related to the Patient:

**1-Route of Administration:** I.V. and inhalation  
> I.M. > S.C. > Oral > Skin.



# Factors affecting absorption

## B) Factors related to the patient:

### 2- Surface area of absorbing surface:

- The intestine has surface area 1000 times that of stomach (due to microvilli) and rich blood flow. **Thus, absorption from intestine > stomach.**

**\*Alveoli > Intestine > Stomach**

**3- State of absorbing surface:** Gastritis, Diarrhea & malabsorption syndrome ↓ oral absorption



# Factors affecting absorption

## B) Factors Related to the Patient:

**4-Systemic circulation:** Shock & Heart failure → ↓ Absorption.

**5-Specific factors:** Intrinsic factor for Vit B-12.

### **6-Presence of other drugs:**

- **Adrenaline S.C.** → V.C. → ↓ Absorption of Local anesthetics → Longer duration of action of local anesthetics.



# Factors affecting absorption

## B) Factors related to the patient:

### 7- Motility of the gut and rate of dissolution:

- Prokinetic drugs increase the gut motility  
e.g. **Metoclopramide**  $\uparrow$  gut motility  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  gastric emptying  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  absorption of rapidly disintegrated drugs (paracetamol) and  $\downarrow$  absorption of slowly disintegrated drugs (digoxin).



# Factors affecting absorption

## B) Factors related to the patient:

### 8- pH within the gut:

- **Weak acids (aspirin)** are better absorbed in an acidic media. So better absorbed in stomach.
- **Weak bases (amphetamine)** are better absorbed in an alkaline media of intestine.



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# Factors affecting absorption

## B) Factors related to the patient:

### 9- Gut contents: presence of food & other drugs:

- Presence of food:

**Bad** → Food dilutes Drugs & may compete with them for absorption

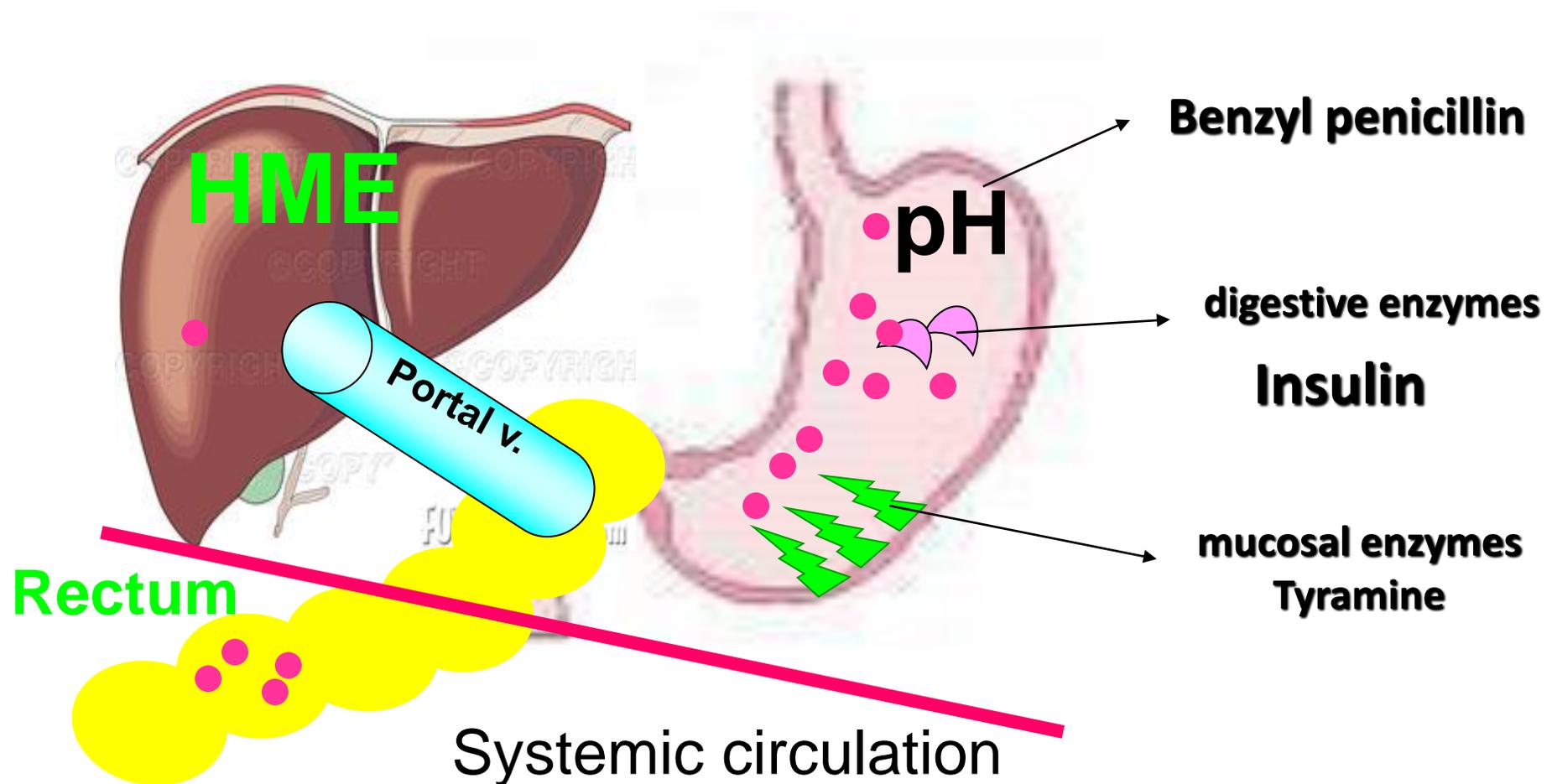
**Good** → with IRRITANT drugs e.g. aspirin.

- **Grape fruit juice** ↑ absorption of drugs by inhibiting **P. glycoprotein** (which cause reversed transport of drug from gut wall to lumen).
- **Tea** → ↓ iron absorption by its content of tannic acid.
- **Milk (Calcium)** → ↓ Oral absorption of Tetracyclines (Antibiotic).



# *First pass effect (pre-systemic metabolism):*

**Buccal mucosa**



# Factors affecting absorption

## B) Factors related to the patient:

### 10- First pass effect:

- Means metabolism of drug in gut wall or liver before reaching systemic circulation.

### Gut first pass effect:

1. **Gastric acidity:** destroys benzyl penicillin.
2. **Digestive enzymes:** destroy insulin
3. **Mucosal enzymes**

### Hepatic first pass effect:

1. **Drugs extensively metabolized:** e.g. Nitroglycerine.

To avoid: change the route of administration: Nitroglycerine SL (sublingual)

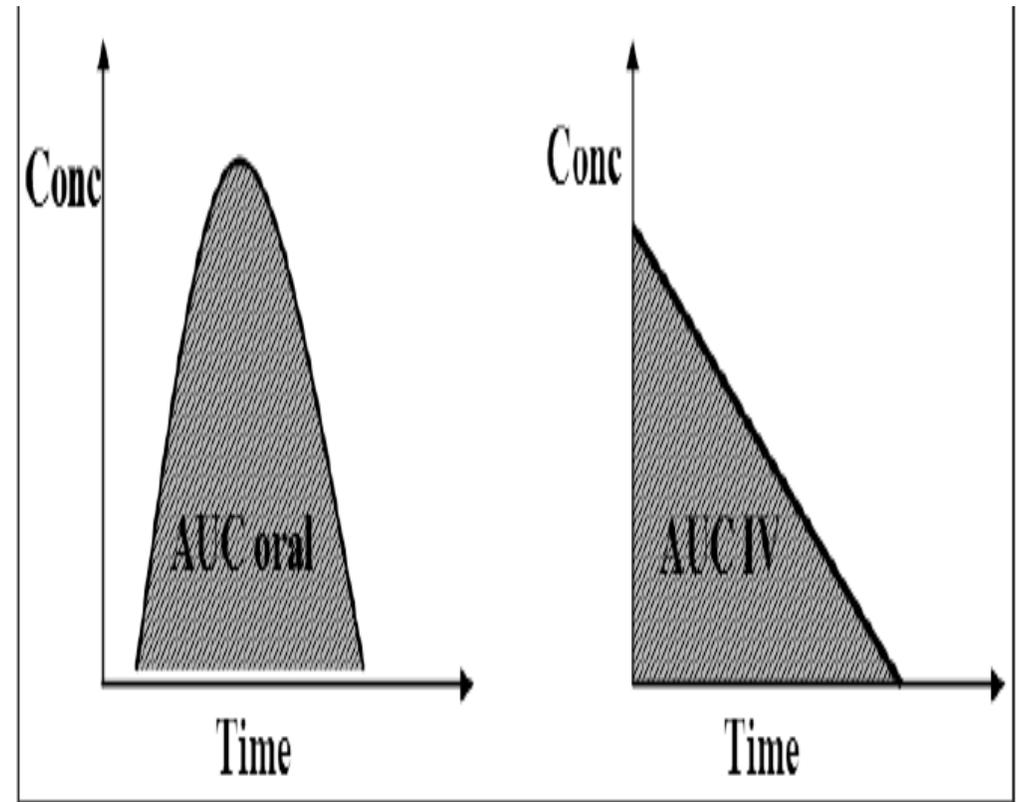
2. **Drugs metabolized to a large extent:** e.g. propranolol.

To avoid: ↑ the oral dose.



# Bioavailability

- Bioavailability is the fraction of unchanged drugs reaching systemic circulation after any route of administration.
- Bioavailability is **100 % after IV administration** and **Variable after oral administration**.
- Oral bioavailability =  $(AUC_{oral} \times 100) / AUC_{iv}$



# Bioavailability

- Factors affecting oral bioavailability:
  1. Amount of drug absorbed = Factors affecting GIT absorption.
  2. First pass metabolism.

# Questions



1. *Mention factors affecting oral bioavailability.*
2. *Rationalize :*
  - a. *Tetracyclines shouldn't be taken with food.*
  - b. *Nitroglycerine is preferred to be taken sublingually.*



**Thank You**

