



# Pharmacokinetics 1

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- Recognize the clinical importance of factors affecting drug absorption
- Rationalize importance of pKa
- Identify factors affecting drug absorption

# 1- Introduction

## Pharmacokinetics

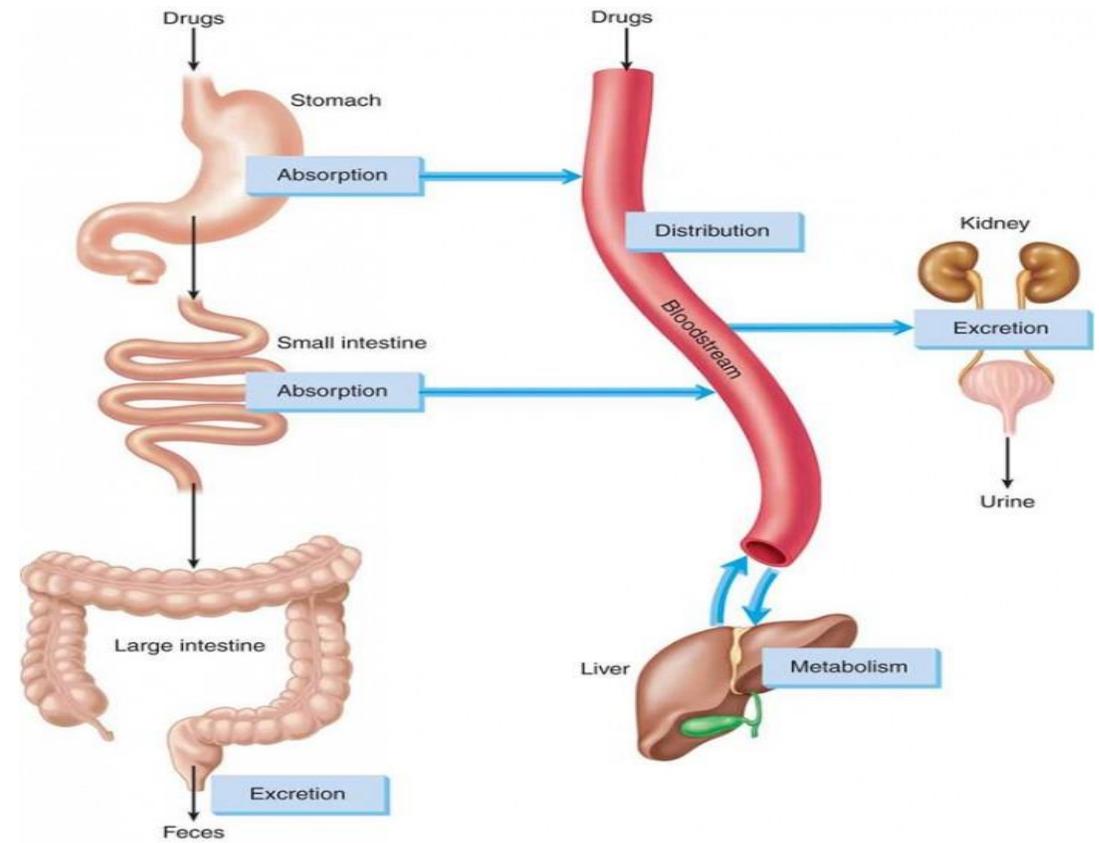
What the body does to the drug

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

## Pharmacodynamics

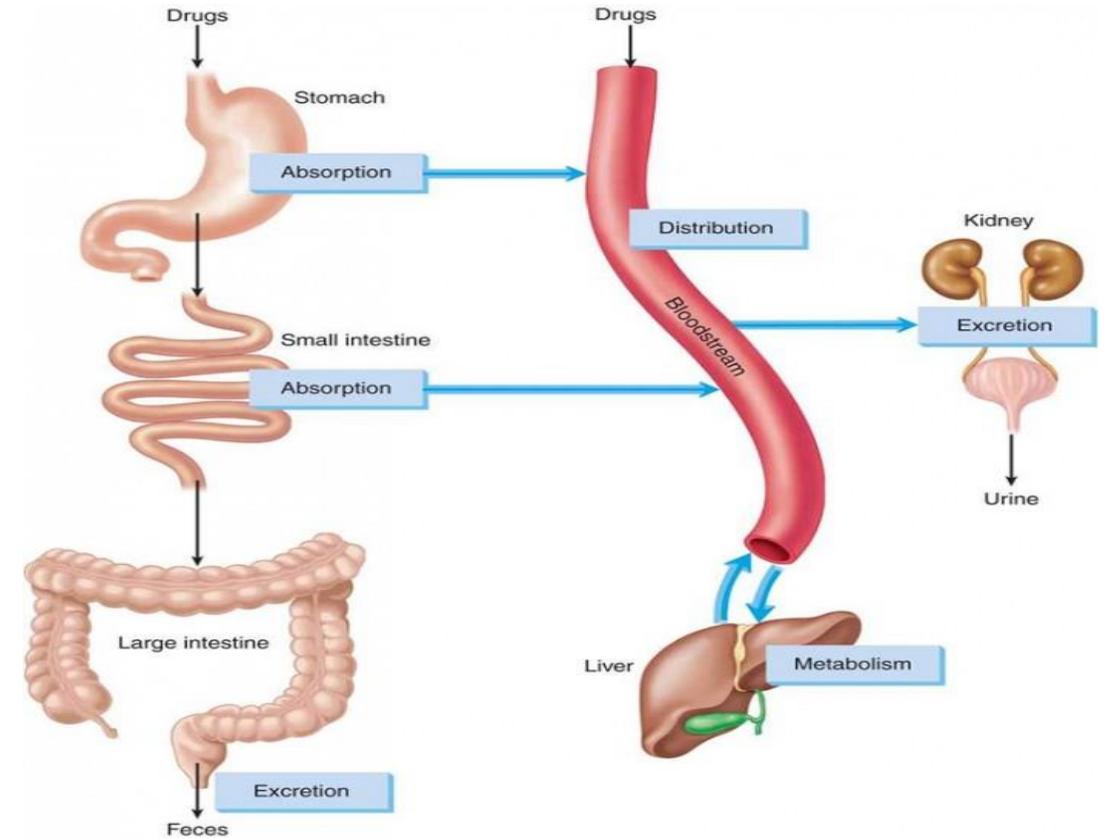
What the drug does to the body

1. Mechanism of action
2. Pharmacological actions



# 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 oral absorption

## A) Factors Related to the Drug:

### 1- *Water and lipid solubility:*

a- Drugs must be **completely dissolved in water** to be absorbed.

(Drugs insoluble in water e.g. **Barium chloride** ( $\text{BaCl}_2$ ) are **NOT absorbed**).

b- **More lipid solubility** → high Lipid/Water partition coefficient → better absorption.



$\text{BaCl}_2$  ← يتم امتصاصه لم يعد الدواء للتخزين وليس للعلاج  
وذلك لأنه لا يتم امتصاصه إذ يبقى في الـ (GIT)  
التي هي الحالة للمريض كغراب ثم تنتج البولاعة  
 $\text{BaSO}_4$   
أقوى ويستعمل  
أكثر للتخزين

# Factors affecting oral absorption

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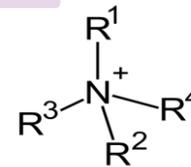
### 2- Ionization:

a- Non-ionized → More lipid soluble → Better absorption

b- Depends on pKa of the drug & pH of the medium.

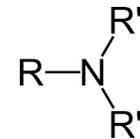
c- Quaternary ammonium compounds "Neostigmine" → Ionized → Poor absorption

← لا يستطيع اختراق الـ (BBB)



d- Tertiary amines "Physostigmine" → Non-ionized → Better absorption.

← يخترق الـ (BBB) ويصل لمستهدف



### PKa of the drug

(Dissociation or ionization constant):

pH at which half of the substance is ionized & half is unionized.

### pH of the medium

Affects ionization of drugs.

- Weak acids → best absorbed in stomach.
- Weak bases → best absorbed in intestine.

non-ionized

best absorption in same media



↓ pKa ↑ strong (acid / alkaline) ↑ ionized

## Ionization: -

- Most drugs are weak bases or weak acids

So, in acidic medium, an acidic drug is less ionized, so more lipid soluble and the easier to pass

In alkaline urine, acidic drug is more ionized, less lipid soluble, difficult to be reabsorbed, so **excreted** “ion trapping”

e.g. **Aspirin** is better absorbed in stomach, trapped in intestine and better excreted in alkaline urine



- ⊕ Aspirin
- weak acid
- absorbed in stomach
- Ionized / trapped in alkaline media (in intestine)
- overdose treatment is urine alkalization ( $\text{NaHCO}_3$ )

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e.g. Amphetamine is better absorbed in intestine and excreted "trapped" in acidic urine



⚡ Amphetamine  
→ weak alkaline  
→ absorbed in intestine  
→ ionized / trapped in acidic media (in stomach)  
→ overdose treatment is urine acidification

# Factors affecting oral absorption

## A) Factors Related to the Drug:

3- Valency: Ferrous iron ( $Fe^{2+}$ ) > Ferric Iron ( $Fe^{3+}$ ).

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نك نؤ هذا الدواء



4- Nature: Inorganic (small molecules) > Organic (Big molecules).

# Factors affecting oral absorption

## A) Factors Related to the Drug:

### 5- Pharmaceutical Preparation:

a- Dosage form: **Solution > Suspension > Tablet.**

لأنه يسهل ذوبه لأنه معلق  
(غير مخلوط جيداً)



b- Shape & size of particles and rates of disintegration & dissolution of tables:

سرعة ذوبانك  
والتحلل  
السرعة

**Rapid with paracetamol BUT slow with digoxin.**

c- Excipient (Filler): **CaCO3 & Ca Phosphate**



→ **↓ Absorption of Tetracyclines.** ☆

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المنتج لكي ليس للعلاج و  
الما لتكوين شكل العرس



# Questions

1. The rate of absorption of a drug is affected by all of the following EXCEPT:

- (a) Route of drug administration
- (b) Solubility of the drug
- (c) Site of administration (oral / topical / injection)
- (d) Distribution of drug

هل دول نفس المعنى  
اذ انه الامتصاص  
يتأثر بطريقة أحد الدواء  
injection > tablet

هذه في المرحلة التي فيها كل شيء عليها؛ اذ انها تبدأ هنا  
نتيجة عملية الامتصاص

2. What is pKa and its significance? It is affect the ionization of the drug ( $\downarrow pKa$ )  $\rightarrow$  (strong / ionized)

It is the pH that which 50% of drug ionized and 50% of it non ionized

3. Which of the following acids has the highest degree of ionization in an aqueous solution?

- (a) Aspirin pKa = 3.5
- (b) Indomethacin pKa = 4.5
- (c) Warfarin pKa = 5.1
- (d) Ibuprofen pKa = 5.2
- (e) Phenobarbital pKa = 7.4

$\downarrow pKa$   $\uparrow$  strong (acid / alkaline)  $\uparrow$  ionized





**Thank You**

