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# *Principles of Clinical Pharmacology*

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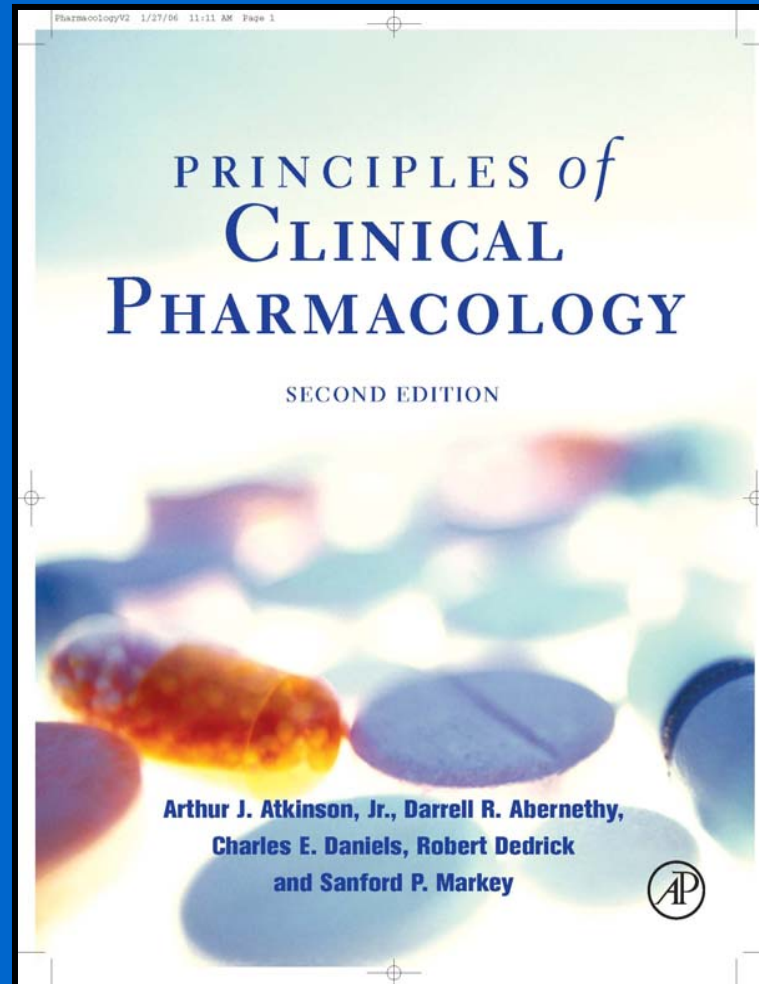
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# PHARMACOLOGY

The study of *drugs* (chemicals, “small molecules”) and *biologics* (peptides, antibodies, “large molecules”) and their actions in *living organisms* (intact animals, isolated organs, tissue cultures).



# CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY

*THE STUDY OF DRUGS IN  
HUMANS*





# COURSE FOCUS

- **Scientific basis of drug use,  
development and evaluation**
- *Not* **Therapeutics**
- **Emphasis is on *General Principles*  
for both “old” and “new” drugs**

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# CAREER GOALS OF CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGISTS

- **Optimize understanding and use of existing medicines**
- **Develop and evaluate new medicines**

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# “Introduction” Lecture Outline

- **Historical overview**
- **The problem of adverse drug reactions (ADRs)**
- **Drug discovery and development**
- **Introduction to pharmacokinetics**
- **The concept of clearance**

# Historical Overview

The establishment of *experimental pharmacology* as a discipline in Europe and the USA in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

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# JOHN JACOB ABEL

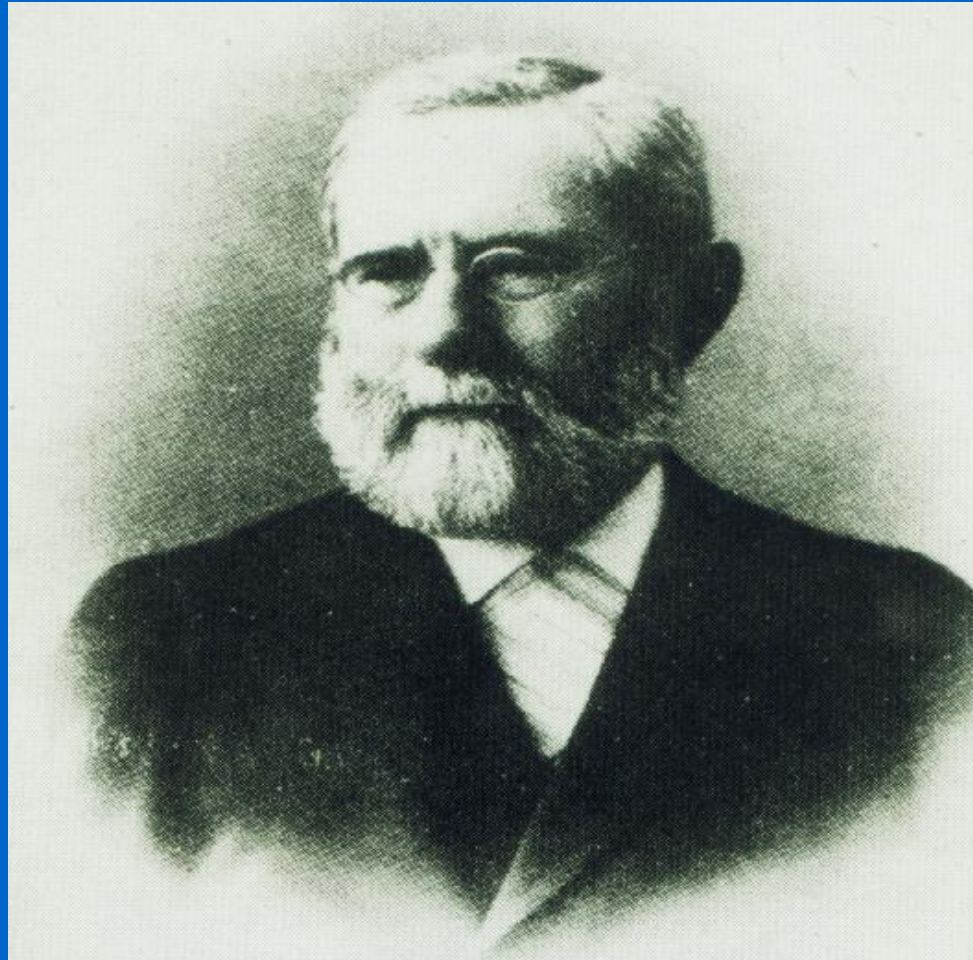
1857 - 1938



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# OSWALD SCHMIEDEBERG

1838 - 1921





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# RUDOLPH BUCHEIM

1820 - 1879



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## LACK OF IMPORTANCE ATTACHED TO DRUG THERAPY

“Fortunately a surgeon who uses the wrong side of the scalpel cuts his own fingers and not the patient; if the same applied to drugs they would have been investigated very carefully a long time ago.”

*Placing emphasis on therapeutic technique and rational prescribing*

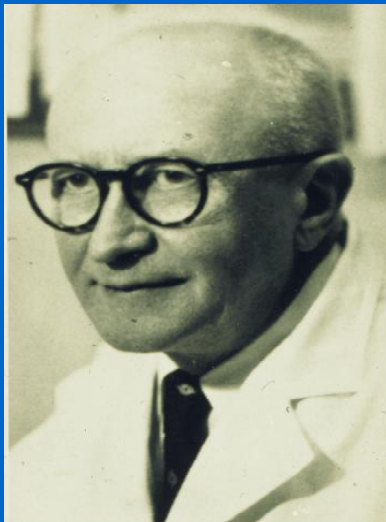
Rudolph Bucheim

*Beitrage zur Arzneimittellehre, 1849*

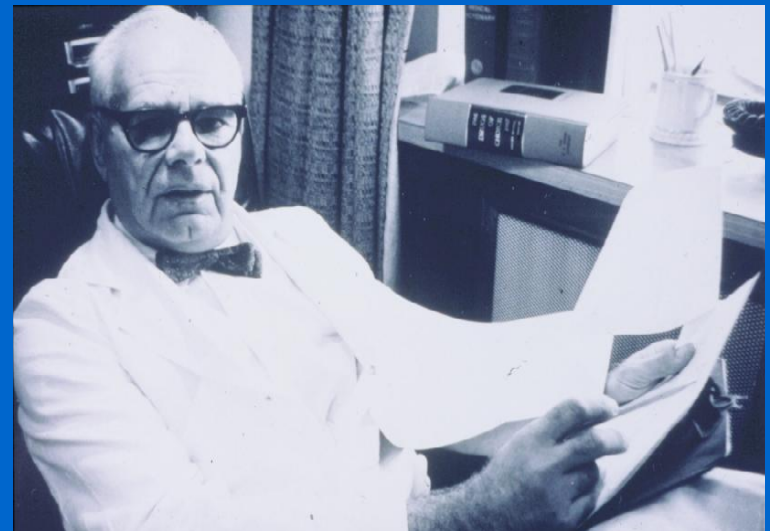


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# FOUNDERS OF AMERICAN CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY



*HARRY GOLD*



*WALTER MODELL*

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## Partial List of GOLD and MODELL Accomplishments

**1937 – Introduced Double-Blind Clinical Trial Design \***

**1939 – Initiated *Cornell Conference on Therapy***

**1953 – Analyzed Digoxin Effect Kinetics to Estimate Absolute Bioavailability as well as Time-Course of Chronotropic Effects†**

**1960 - Founded *Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics***

\* Gold H, Kwit NT, Otto H. JAMA 1937;108:2173-2179.

† Gold H, Cattell McK, Greiner T, Hanlon LW, Kwit NT, Modell W, Cotlove E, Benton J, Otto HL. J Pharmacol Exp Ther 1953;109:45-57.

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# *LINEAGE* of Modern Clinical Pharmacology

**PATER FAMILIAS**

**RUDOLPH BUCHEIM**

**FOUNDING FATHERS**

**US**

**HARRY GOLD**

**WALTER MODELL**

**EUROPE**

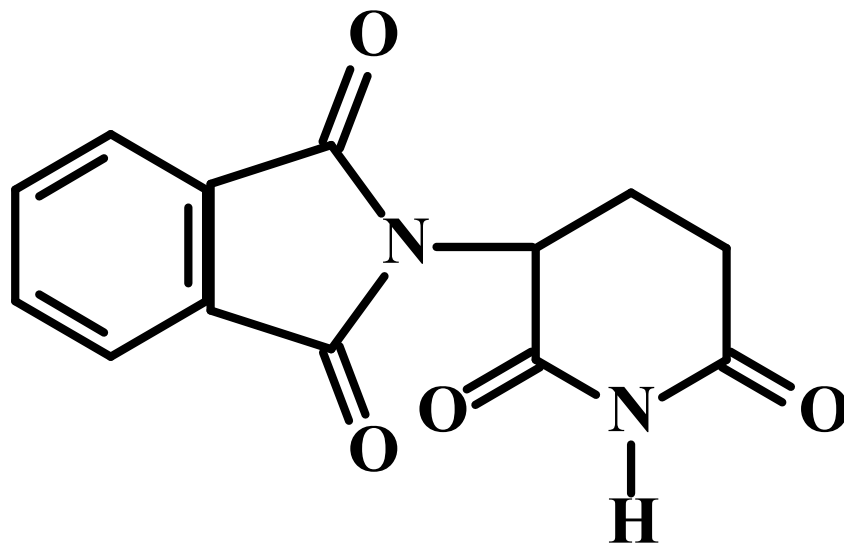
**PAUL MARTINI**

# Drug Toxicity

## Adverse Drug Reactions

- We need to develop drugs that are both **effective** and **safe** for use in patients.
- While some toxicities can be managed and *may* be acceptable (*risk/benefit* ratio) others are by their nature and severity *unacceptable*.
- Covered in *Modules 2* and *4* in our course.

# THALIDOMIDE





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# Drug Exposure “in utero”

- The problem of  
“Drug Therapy in Pregnant and  
Nursing Women”  
Covered in *Module 4* in our course.

# Thalidomide: Therapeutic Uses

- *Erythema Nodosum Leprosum*
- Multiple Myeloma

These are *FDA-approved* indications  
(immunomodulatory agent)

Marketing done under a special restricted  
distribution program:

*System for Thalidomide Education and Prescribing  
Safety (S.T.E.P.S.)*

Used with *extreme caution* in females of  
childbearing potential. Contraceptive measures  
are mandatory.



# SERIOUS ADR

*A **SERIOUS ADVERSE DRUG REACTION** is an adverse drug reaction (ADR) that *requires or prolongs hospitalization, is permanently disabling or results in death.**

# CONSEQUENCES OF THALIDOMIDE CRISIS

- **New FDA Regulations**  
*(KEFAUVER-HARRIS 1962 AMENDMENTS)*
- **Institute of Medicine-National Academy of Sciences** *review of Therapeutic Claims*
- **More Research on Causes of ADRs**
- **NIGMS created Clinical Pharmacology Centers in the USA**

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COLLIN DOLLERY**

# FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO ADR'S

1. Inappropriate *polypharmacy* resulting in adverse *drug interactions*
2. *Lack of clear therapeutic goals*
3. *Failure to attribute* new symptoms or abnormal laboratory test results *to drugs prescribed*
4. *Low priority* given to studying ADR's
5. *Insufficient knowledge* of pharmacology

# ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS

## WHO:

*Any untoward reaction to a drug*

## CONTEMPORARY VIEW:

*Unpredictable Adverse Drug Events*

# A recent example – Cytokine Storm

“**Six healthy young male volunteers** at a contract research organization were enrolled in the *first phase I clinical trial* of **TGN1412**, a novel superagonist anti-CD28 monoclonal antibody that directly stimulates T cells.

*Within 90 minutes after receiving a single intravenous dose...all six volunteers had a **systemic inflammatory response**...rapid induction of proinflammatory cytokines...headache, myalgias, nausea, diarrhea, erythema, vasodilatation, and hypotension. Within 12 to 16 hours they **became critically ill**...*

All six patients survived.”

*N Engl J Med* 2006;355:1018-1028

**Preclinical models did not predict the risk of this reaction!**

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

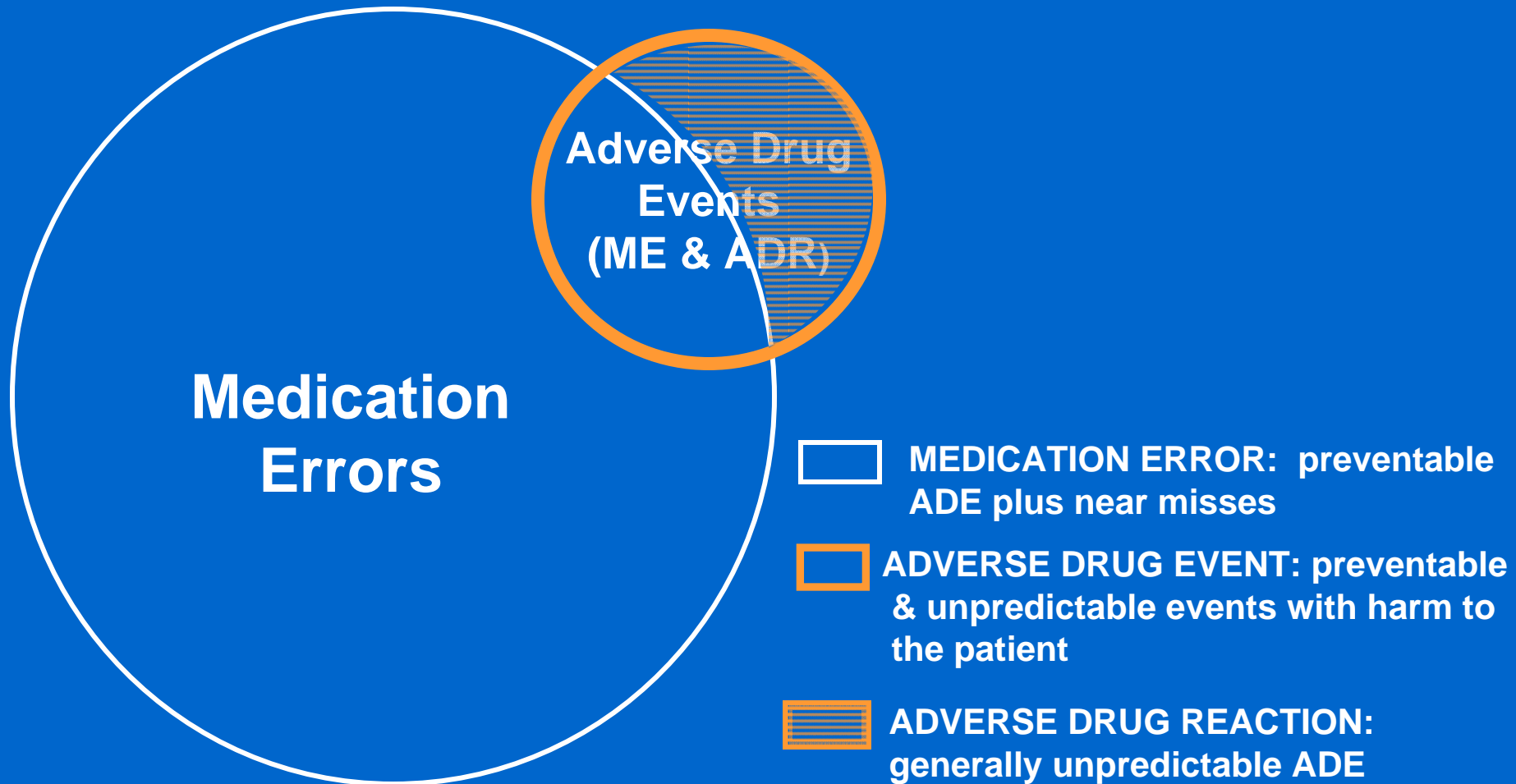
BRIEF REPORT

# Cytokine Storm in a Phase 1 Trial of the Anti-CD28 Monoclonal Antibody TGN1412

Ganesh Suntharalingam, F.R.C.A., Meghan R. Perry, M.R.C.P.,  
Stephen Ward, F.R.C.A., Stephen J. Brett, M.D., Andrew Castello-Cortes, F.R.C.A.,  
Michael D. Brunner, F.R.C.A., and Nicki Panoskaltsis, M.D., Ph.D.

*N Engl J Med 2006;355:1018-28*

# ADVERSE DRUG EVENTS\*



\* From Bates DW, et al. J Gen Intern Med 1995;10:199-205.



## CHARACTERISTICS OF MOST ADRs\*

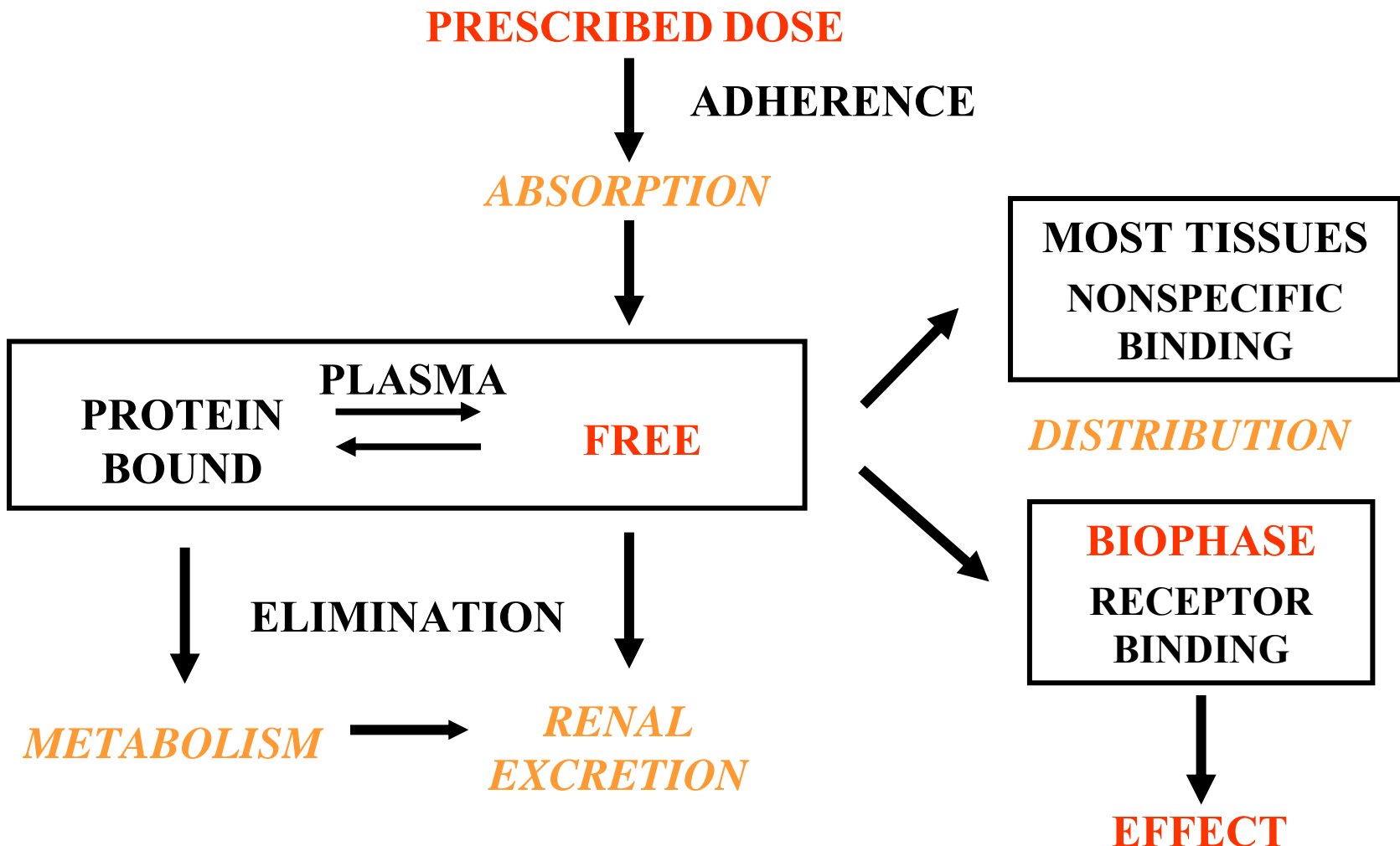
- MOST NOT CAUSED BY NEW DRUGS
- MOST NOT IDIOSYNCRATIC REACTIONS
- ~ 80% ARE RELATED TO DRUG DOSE

\* Melmon KL. N Engl J Med 1971;284:1361-8.

# “Target concentration” strategy

- Based on observed *individual variation in drug exposure (AUC)* when “standard” doses are prescribed.
- Attempts to “*individualize*” therapy when therapeutic and toxic ranges of drug concentrations in plasma have been established.

# RATIONALE FOR PLASMA LEVEL MONITORING



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## *NONCANCER DRUGS CAUSING ADR'S\**

**PHENYTOIN\*\***

**PREDNISON**

**DIGOXIN\*\***

**AMIODARONE**

**ASPIRIN\*\***

**CO-TRIMOXAZOLE**

**PENTAMIDINE**

**CARBAMAZEPINE\*\***

**CODEINE**

**LITHIUM\*\***

**THEOPHYLLINE\*\***

**DESIPRAMINE\*\***

**DEXAMETHASONE**

**GENTAMICIN\*\***

\* 1988 NMH Data (*Clin Pharmacol Ther* 1996;60:363-7)

\*\* **DRUGS FOR WHICH PLASMA LEVELS ARE AVAILABLE**

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# Interindividual Variation in Drug Exposure (AUC)

Karim A et al, 2007

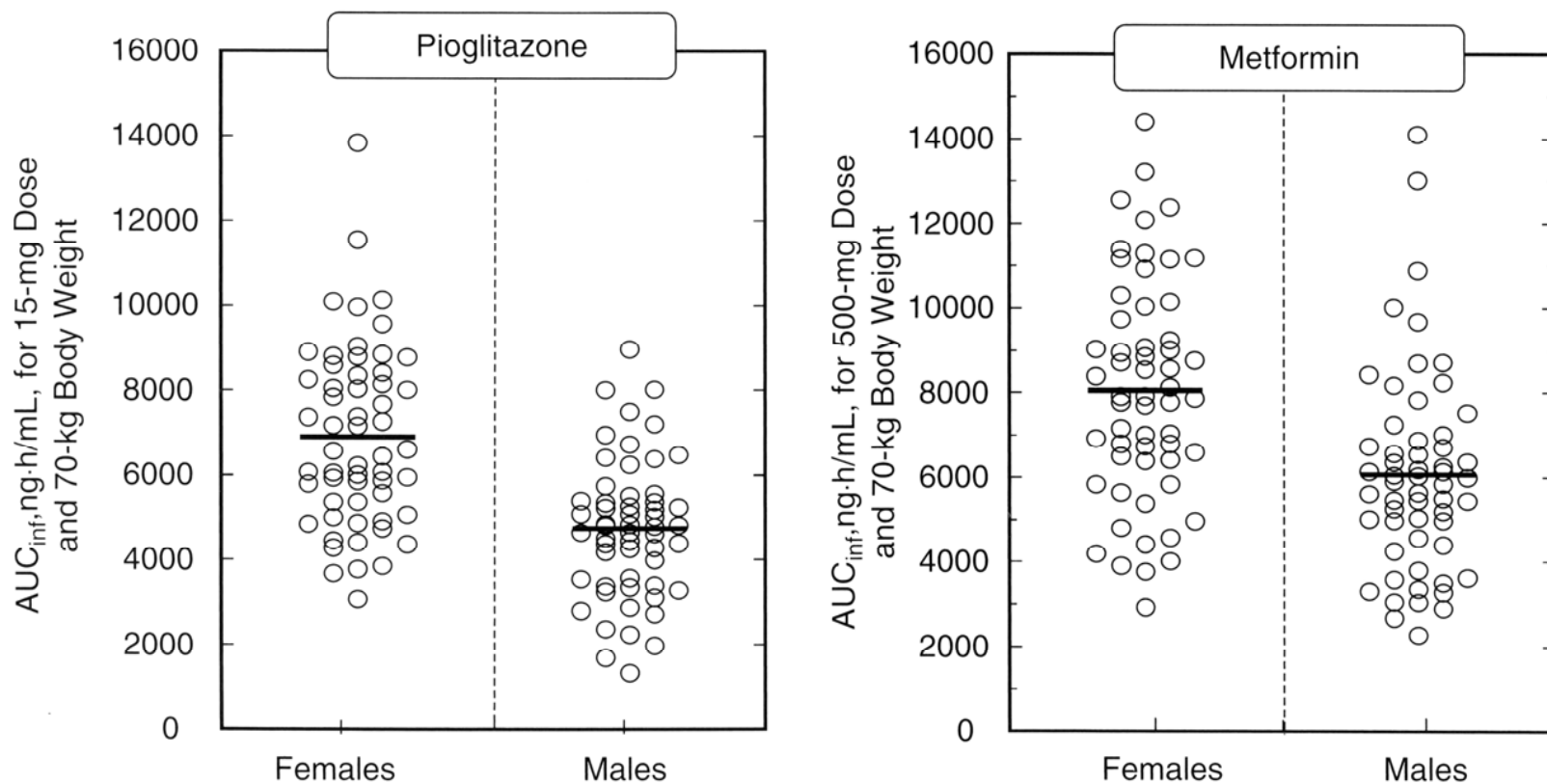


Figure 3. Body weight- and dose-adjusted arithmetic mean (—) and individual values for pioglitazone (left panel) and metformin (right panel)  $AUC_{\infty}$  in females and males following single oral doses of commercial pioglitazone (15 mg) and metformin (500 mg or 850 mg) tablets given together to young healthy subjects.

# INCIDENCE OF ADRs\*

## IN HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS

All severities 10.9 %

Serious 2.1 %

Fatal 0.2 %

## AS CAUSE OF HOSPITAL ADMISSION

Serious 4.7 %

Fatal 0.13 %

\* Lazarou J, et al. JAMA 1998;279:1200-05.

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# ATTENTION FOCUSED ON MEDICAL ERRORS

*“TO ERR IS HUMAN:  
BUILDING A SAFER HEALTH SYSTEM”*

Committee on Quality of Health Care in America  
Institute of Medicine

[www.nap.edu/reading room](http://www.nap.edu/reading room) (2000).

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# Development and Evaluation of New Drugs

- Drug discovery
- Pre-clinical and clinical evaluation
- Subjects of *Module 5* in our course



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# MEDICINES “DISCOVERED” BY CLINICAL INVESTIGATORS

## NEW INDICATION:

ALLOPURINOL (Gout) - *RW Rundles*

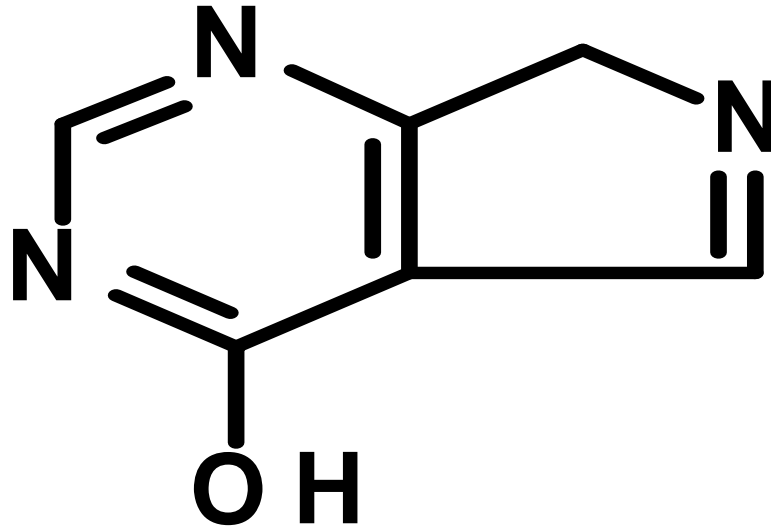
## ENDOGENOUS COMPOUND:

DOPAMINE (Shock) - *LI Goldberg*

## DRUG METABOLITE:

FEXOFENADINE (Antihistamine) -  
*RL Woosley at al.*

# ALLOPURINOL\*



\* Rundles RW, Metz EN, Silberman HR. Ann Intern Med 1966;64:229-57.

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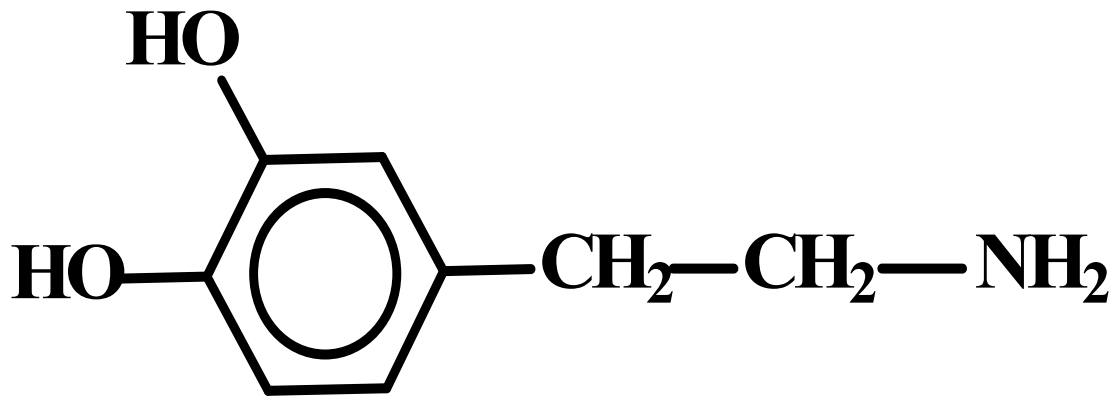
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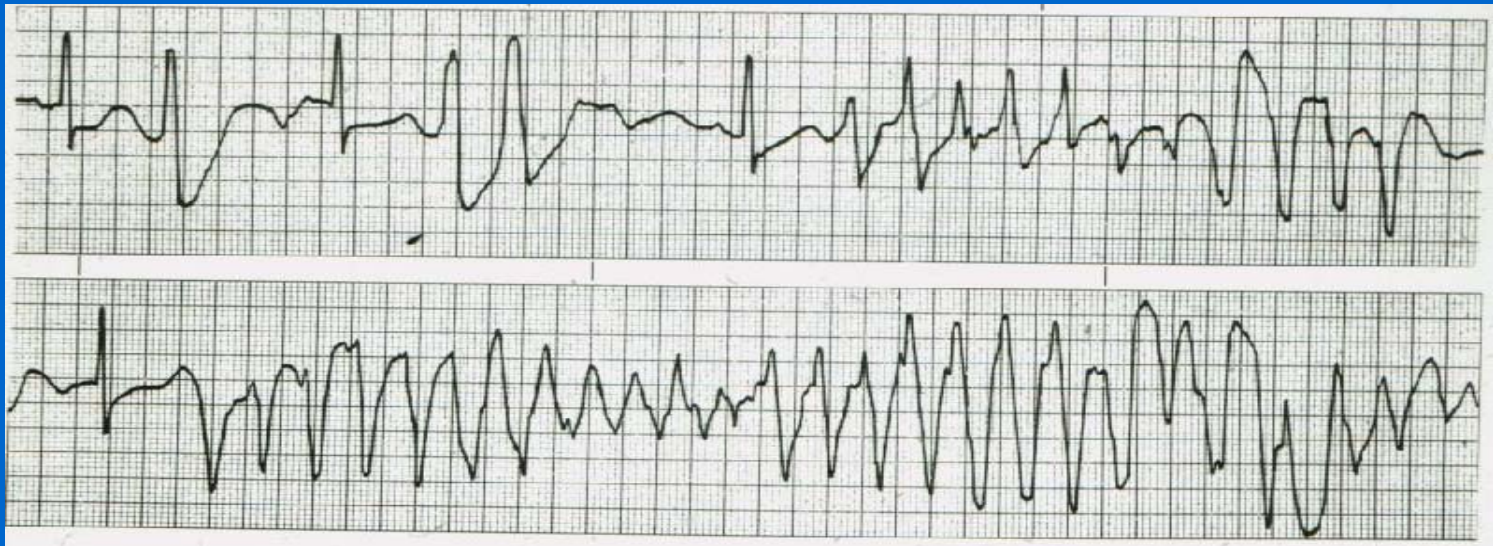
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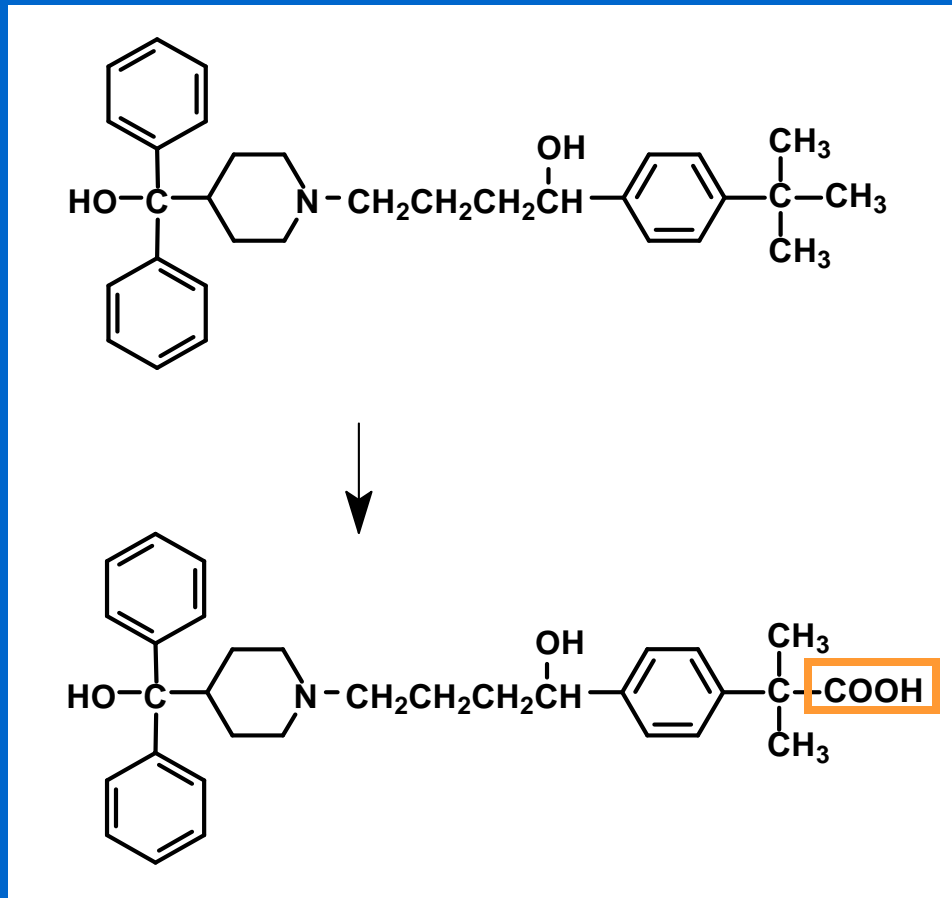
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# TORSADES DE POINTES



# TERFENADINE METABOLISM\*



**TERFENADINE  
(SELDANE)**

**TERFENADINE  
CARBOXYLATE  
(ALLEGRA)**

\* From Woosley RL, et al. JAMA 1993;269:1532-6.

# DRUG DEVELOPMENT COST PER APPROVED DRUG\*

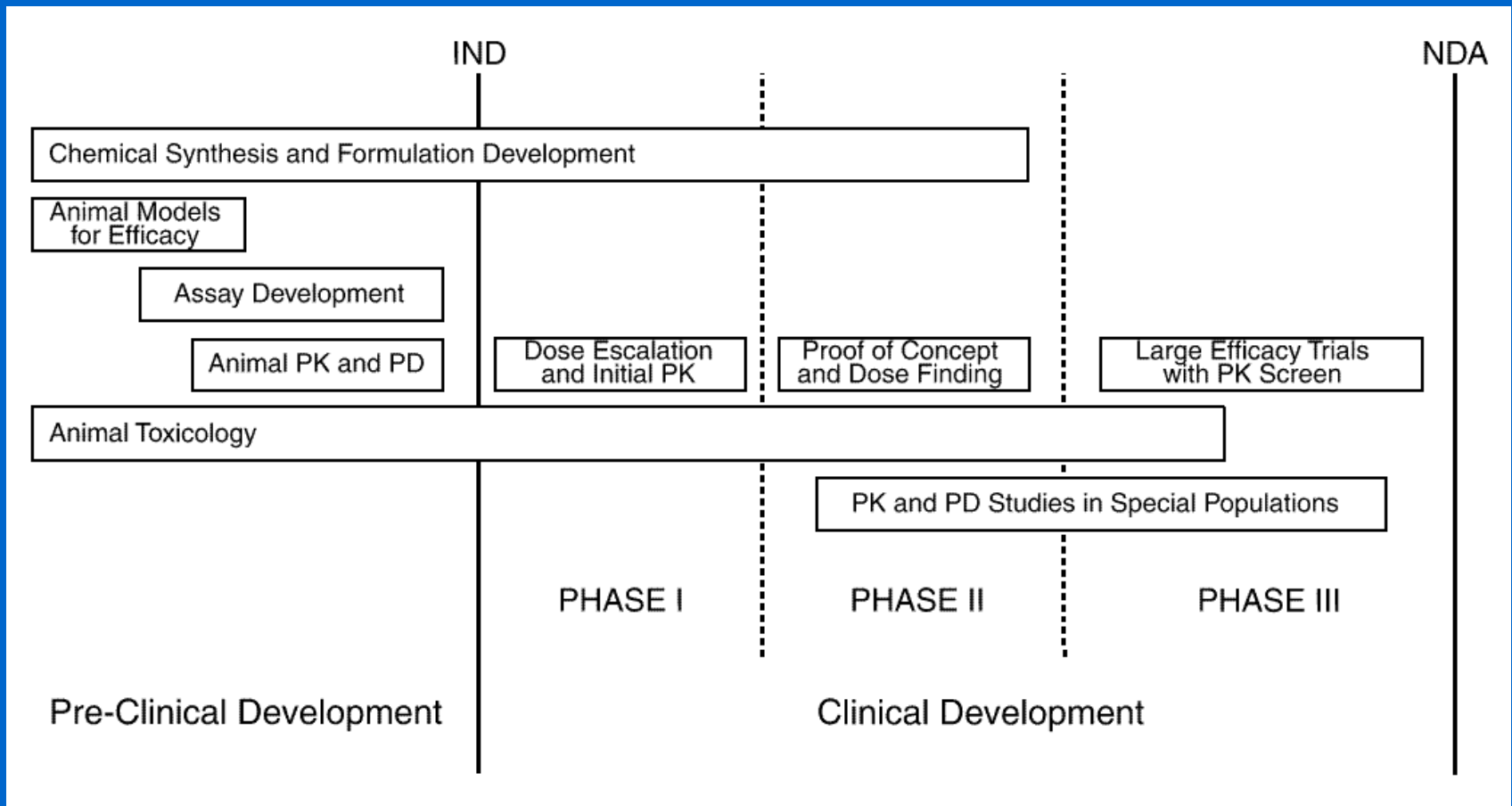
	COST (\$ x 10 <sup>6</sup> ) <sup>†</sup>	
	OUT-OF-POCKET	CAPITALIZED
TOTAL COSTS	403	802
CLINICAL COSTS (% TOTAL)	274 (68%)	453 (56%)

<sup>†</sup> BASED ON 21.5% SUCCESS RATE

\* DiMasi JA, et al. J Health Econ 2003;22:151-85.



# PHASES OF PRE-MARKETING DRUG DEVELOPMENT



# Introduction to Pharmacokinetics

- This will be the subject of *Module 1* in our course.
- *Essential* for integration of material in subsequent course modules.

# PHARMACOKINETICS

The *QUANTITATIVE ANALYSIS* of the  
*TIME COURSE* of DRUG

**A**BSORPTION,  
**D**ISTRIBUTION,  
**M**METABOLISM, and  
**E**XCRETION

# PHARMACOKINETICS

Because it is *quantitative*,  
pharmacokinetics is of necessity  
*mathematical*

# DRUG DOSE SELECTION

## TRADITIONAL:

Look up “usual” dose in PDR

Memorize “usual” dose

## IMPROVED:

*Individualize dosing*

Apply pharmacokinetics and the “*target concentration strategy*”

# Introduction to Clearance

- ***Clearance*** is a “primary” parameter in the pharmacokinetic analysis of drug distribution and elimination.
- Understanding the concept of clearance is ***essential*** for drug evaluation and use in clinical medicine.

# CREATININE CLEARANCE EQUATION

$$CL_{Cr} = \frac{U \times V}{P}$$

**U = URINE CONCENTRATION**

**V = URINE VOLUME / TIME**

**P = PLASMA CONCENTRATION**

# CREATININE CLEARANCE REVISITED

**RATE OF APPEARANCE OF Cr IN URINE (dE/dt):**

$$dE/dt = CL_{Cr} \times P$$

**RATE OF CHANGE OF Cr IN BODY (dX/dt) :**

$$dX/dt = I - CL_{Cr} \times P$$

**AT STEADY STATE :**

$$P = I / CL_{Cr}$$

**I = RATE OF CREATININE SYNTHESIS**



# STEADY STATE CONCENTRATION

## CONTINUOUS CREATININE SYNTHESIS:

$$C_{ss} = \frac{I}{CL_{cr}}$$

## CONTINUOUS DRUG INFUSION:

$$C_{ss} = \frac{I}{CL_E}$$

# COCKCROFT & GAULT EQUATION\*

$$CL_{Cr} = \frac{(140 - \text{age}) (\text{weight in kg})}{72 (\text{serum Cr in mg/dL})}$$

[reduce estimate by 15% for women]

\* Cockcroft DW, Gault MH: Nephron 1976;16:31-41.

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Terms in red estimate creatinine synthesis rate.

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## *RENAL FUNCTION* IN PATIENTS *TOXIC FROM DIGOXIN\**

SERUM Cr (mg %)	Cl <sub>Cr</sub> (mL/min)		
	≥ 50	< 50	
≤ 1.7	4	19	52%
> 1.7	0	21	48%

\* From Piergies AA, et al. Clin Pharmacol Ther 1994;55:353-8.

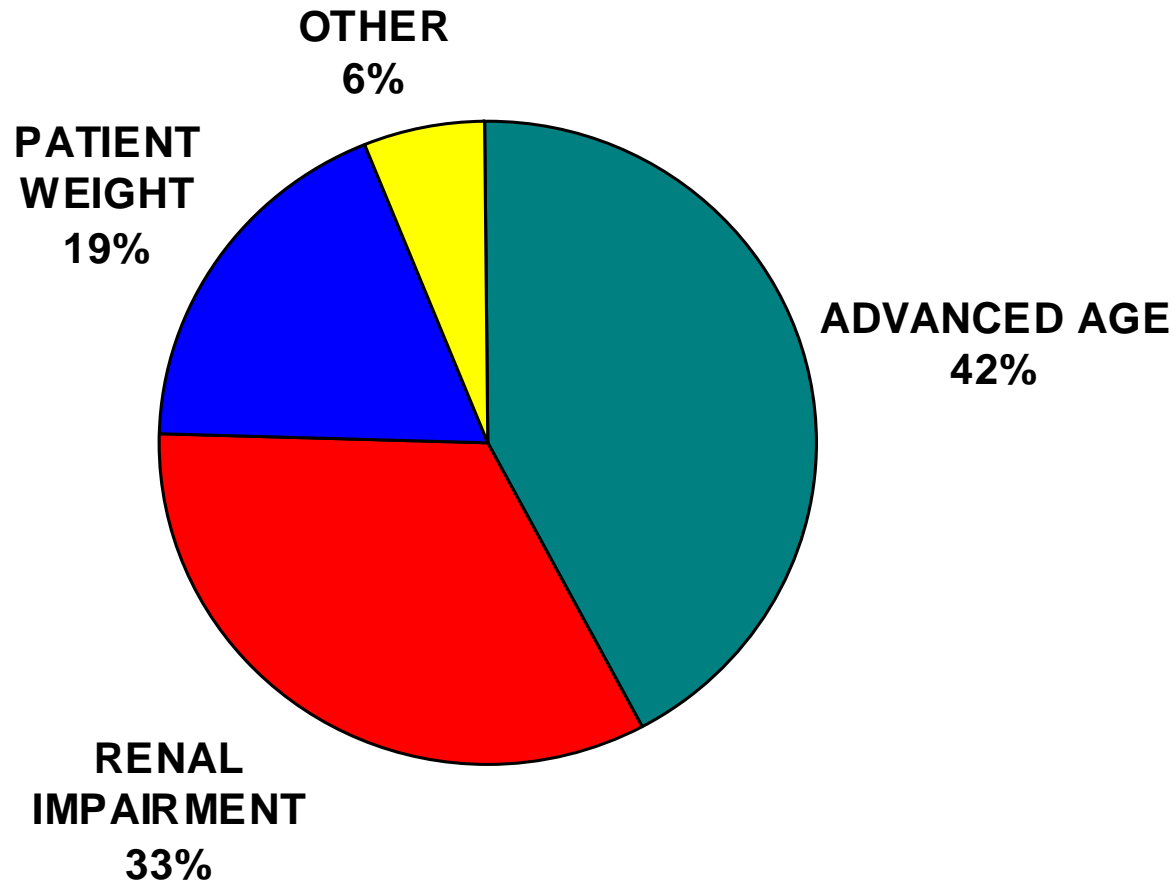
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## ESTIMATED $Cl_{Cr}$

- *ESSENTIAL* for safe and effective use of *renally* eliminated drugs
- Important *PREREQUISITE* for application of pharmacokinetic principles
- Need to automate - *BUT*:
  - Laboratory system often does not “talk” with patient database
  - Patients often not weighed

# PATHOPHYSIOLOGIC FACTORS *NOT* ACCOUNTED FOR IN DRUG DOSING\*



\* Lesar TS, Briceland L, Stein DS. JAMA 1997;277:312-7.