

# Absorption and distribution of drugs

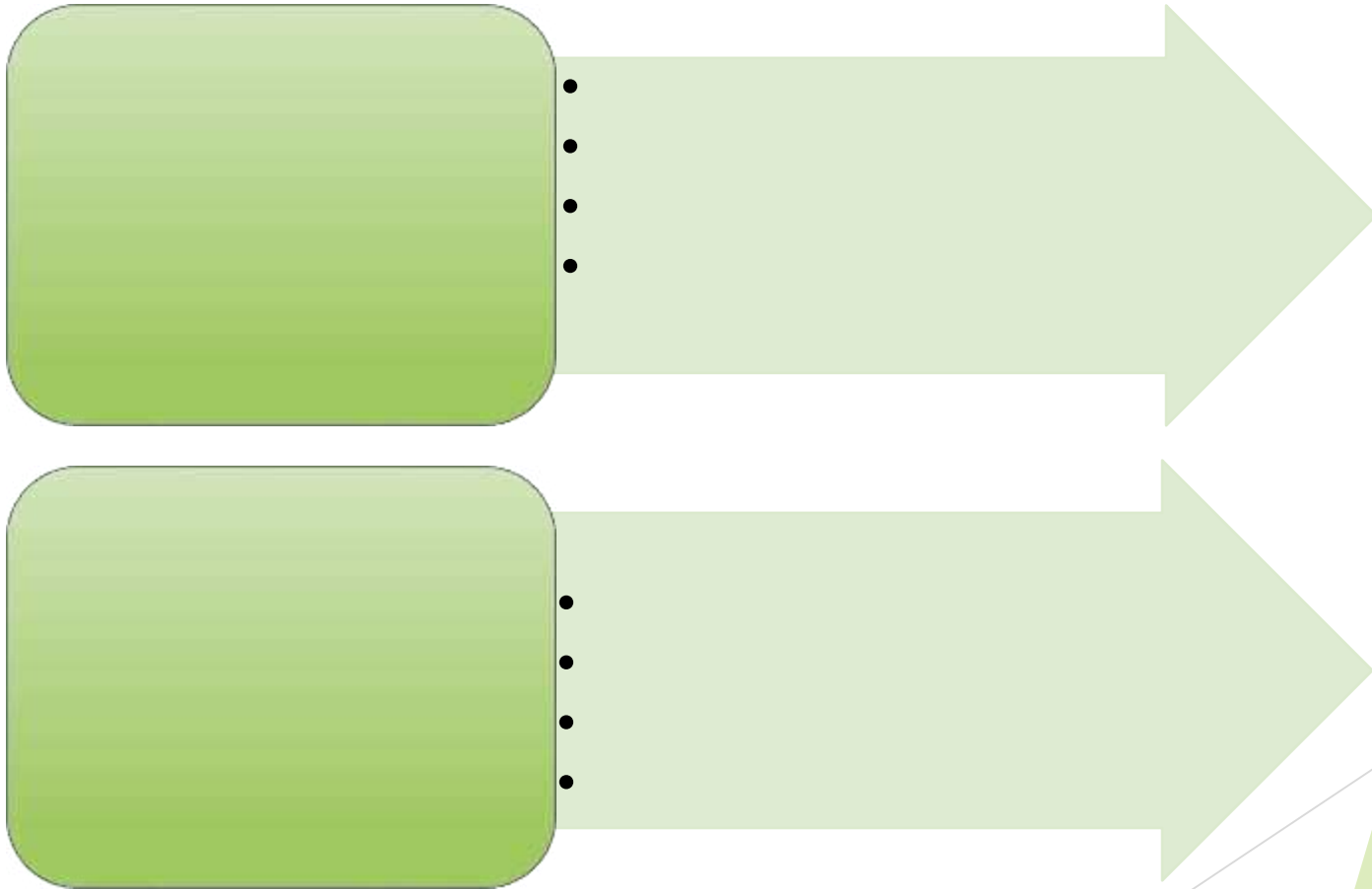
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## **Introduction to Biopharmaceutics**

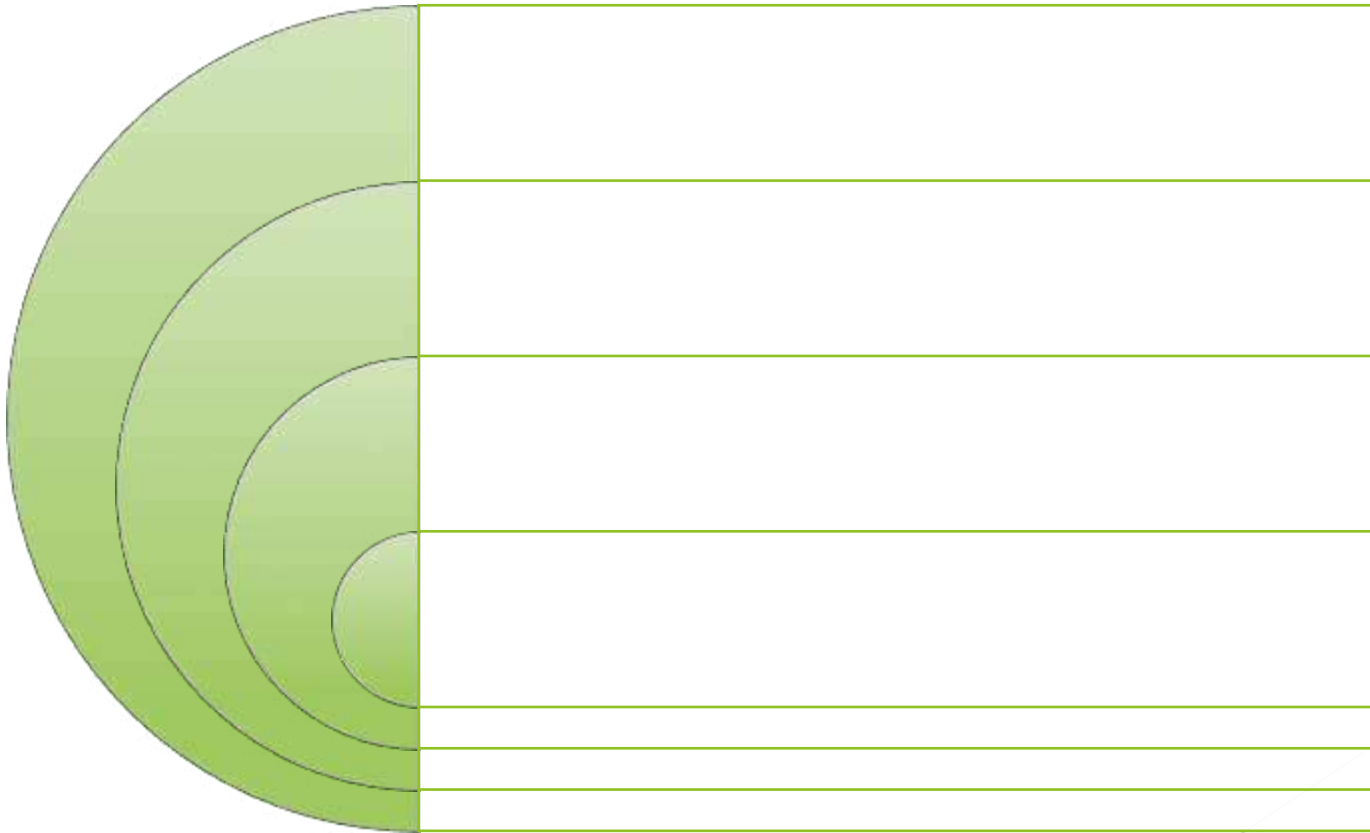
**Absorption:** Mechanisms of drug absorption through GIT, factors influencing drug absorption through GIT, absorption of drug from Non per oral extra-vascular routes.

**Distribution:** Tissue permeability of drugs, binding of drugs, apparent, volume of drug distribution, plasma and tissue protein binding of drugs, factors affecting protein-drug binding. Kinetics of protein binding, Clinical significance of protein binding of drugs.

# Overview



# Pharmacokinetics



# *Absorption*

Movement of drug from its site of administration to central compartment & extent to which it occurs

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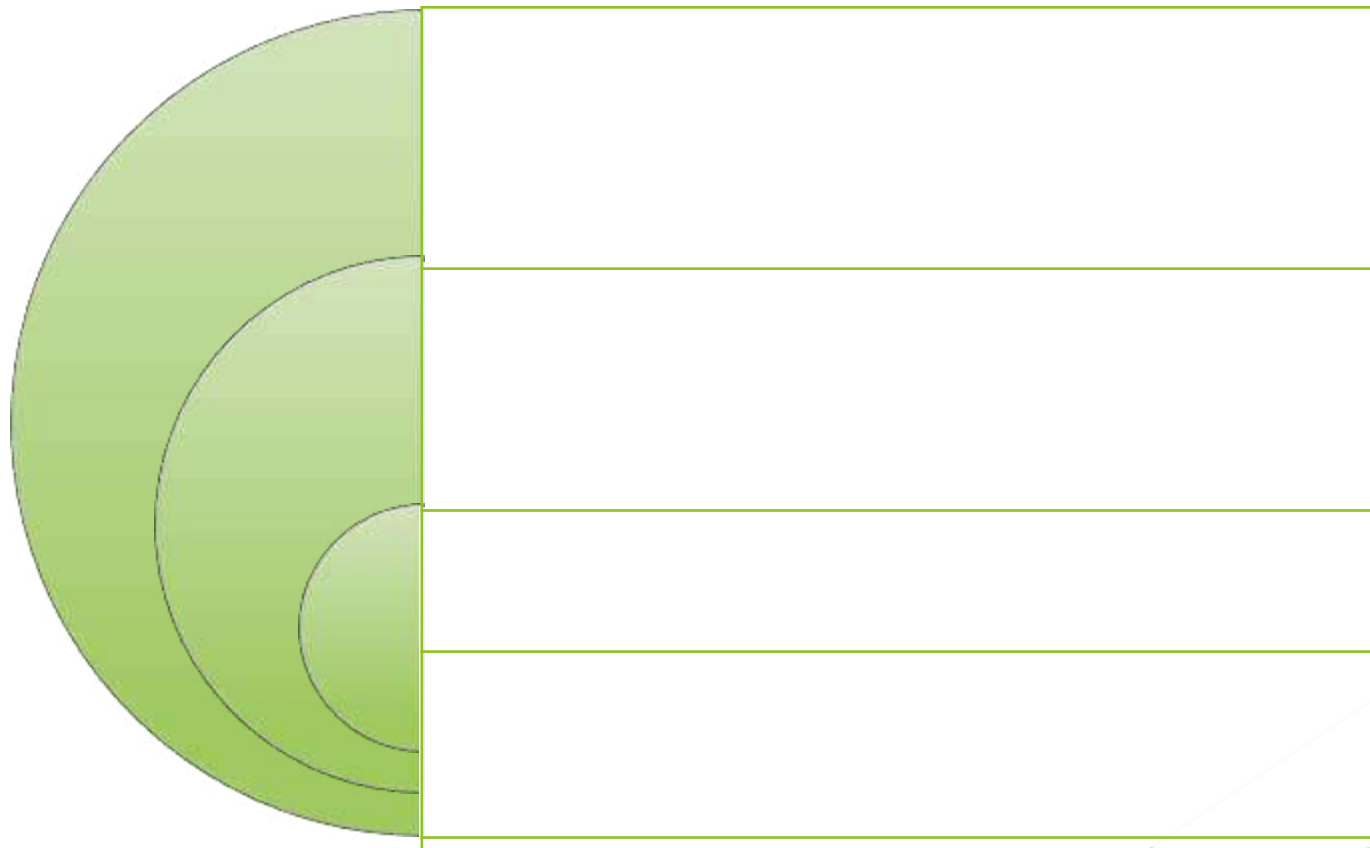
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# *Absorption via gastrointestinal tract*



# transporters

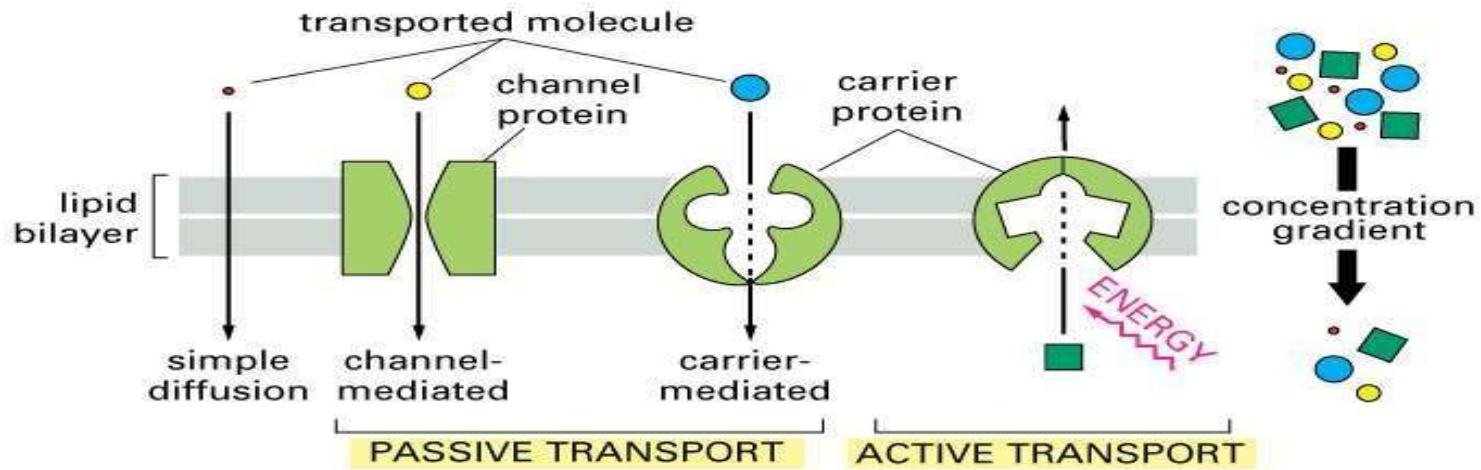


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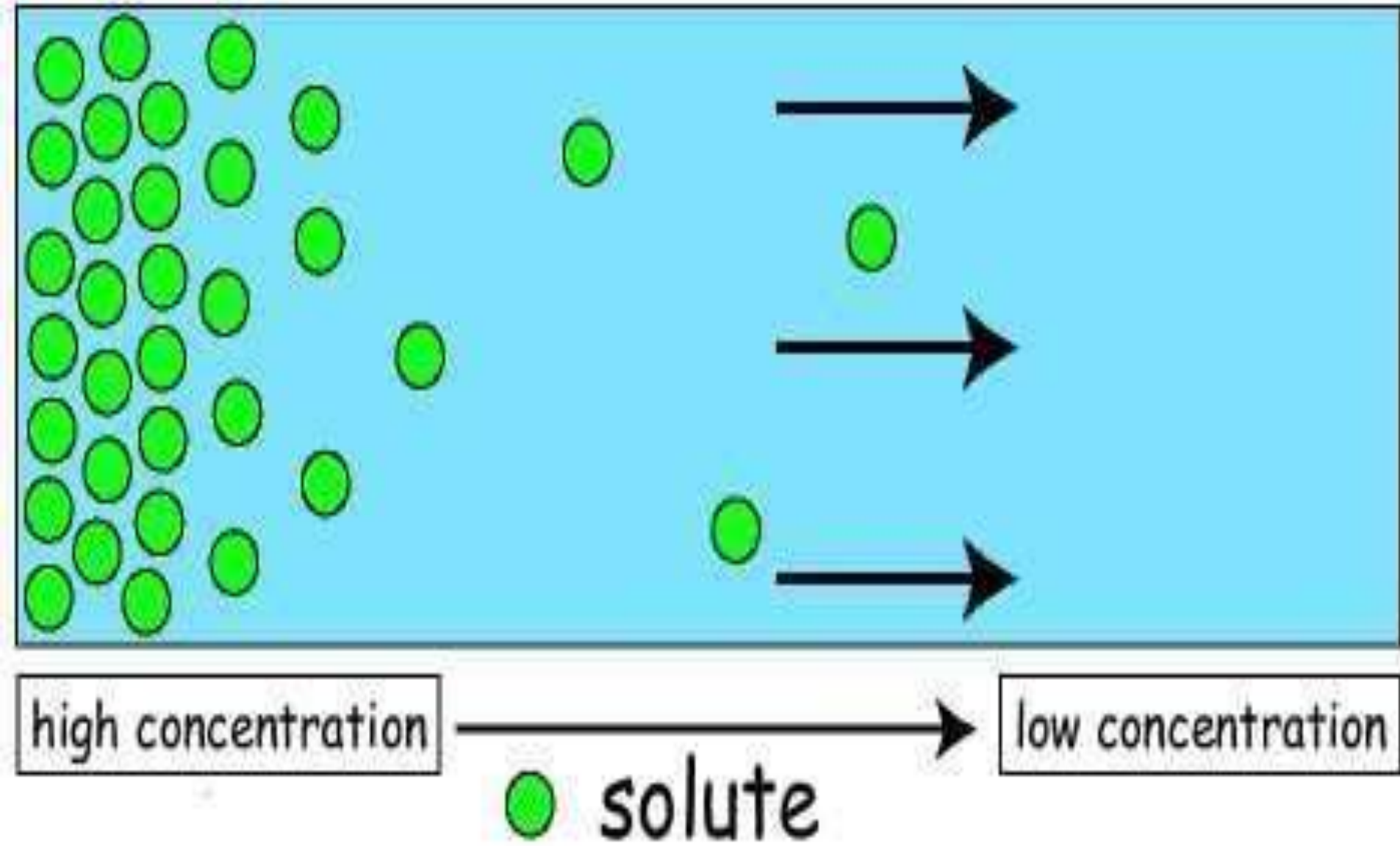
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# Diffusion



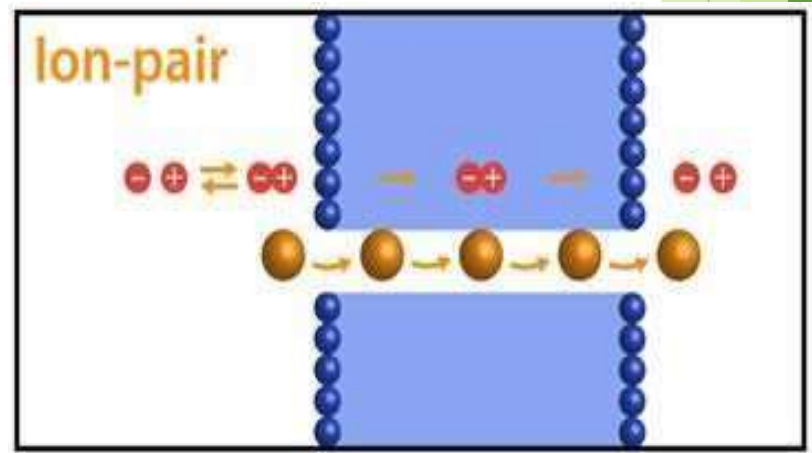
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# Carrier mediated transport

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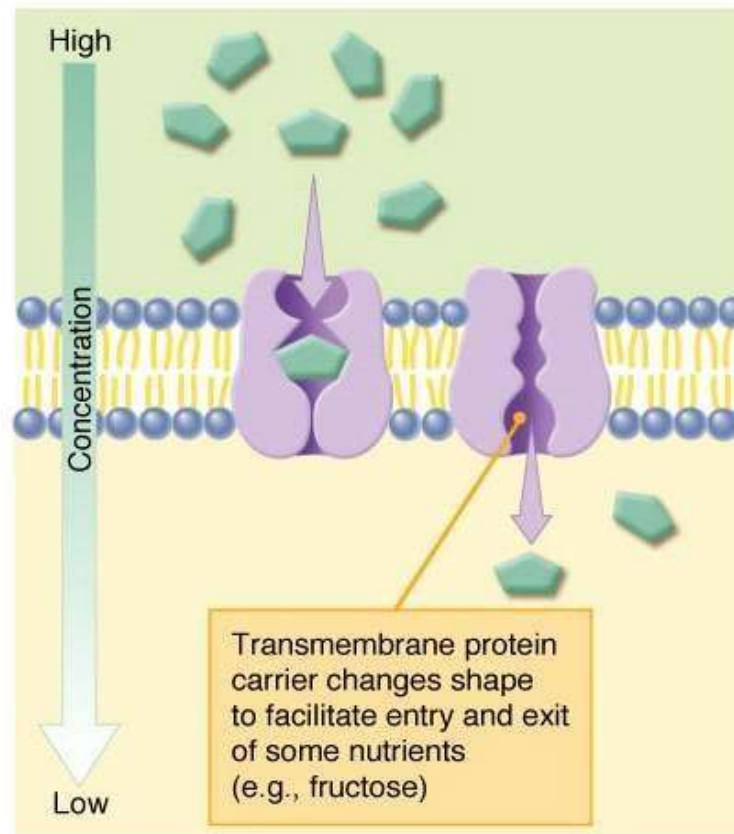
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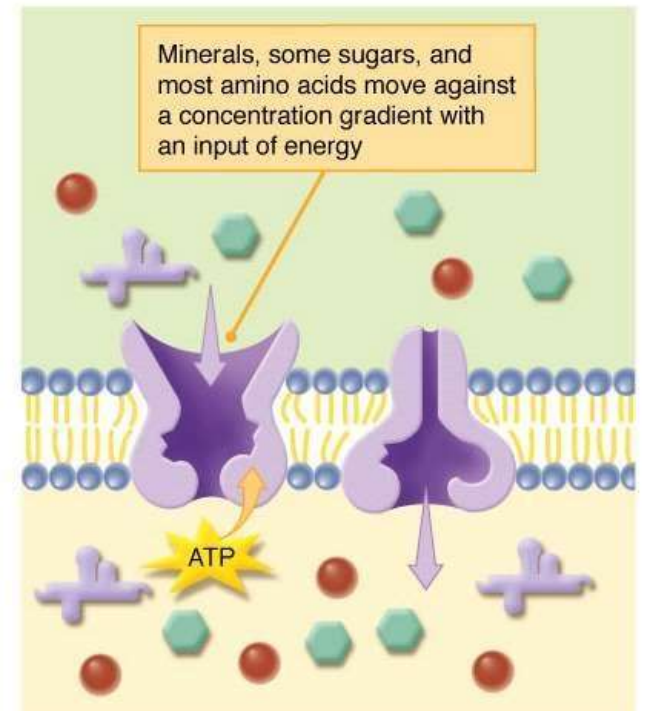
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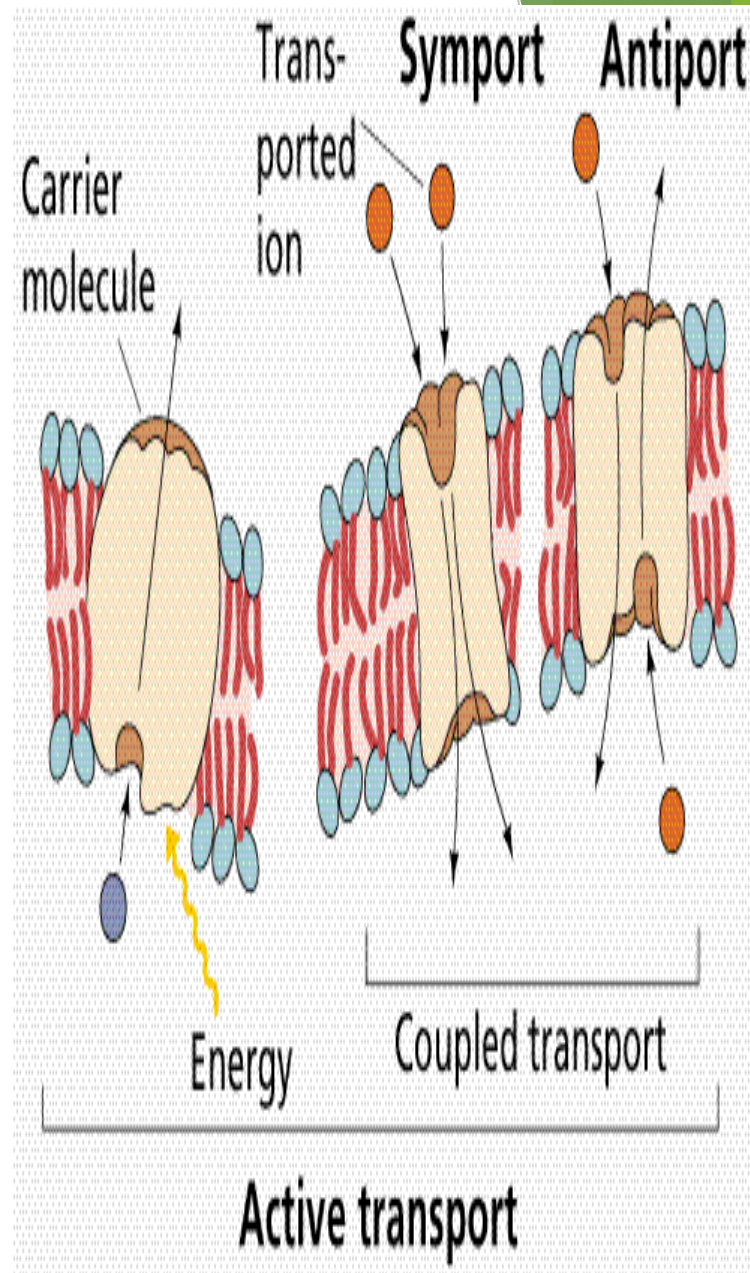
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## ACTIVE TRANSPORT



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# Bioavailability of drugs

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Bioavailability - immaterial in drugs with higher safety margin  
example water soluble vitamins , antacids

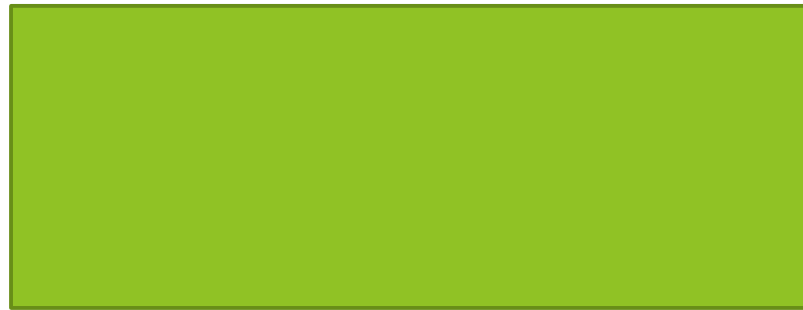
Difference in bioavailability – Concern in drugs with steep dose  
response curve

Example - Drugs with zero order kinetics or mixed order kinetics and  
drugs with narrow safety margin

# Factors influencing absorption and bioavailability

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ors



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ors



# Pharmaceutical factors

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    o  
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## Particle size

r      s s o      s r      s r      r      s ↑  
         ↓      r      s

Poorly soluble and slowly  
dissolving drugs marketed in  
microfine or fine particles

## Salt form

SSO    on r    o    r    r s  
r n    ro    h    o    r n    o    o n

**Salts of weakly acidic drugs  
are highly water soluble**

## Water of hydration

o sso on n o  
n son or o h r on h r  
or nh ro s

Anhydrous forms of caffeine  
, theophylline, Ampicillin -  
faster dissolution and better  
bioavailability



r o n s on

on on s so r s

**Better absorbed**

ron or s r s or h h  
on s r s

- 1] ↓ Bioavailability from GIT
- 2] Examples - Streptomycin, neostigmine, acetylcholine and its analogue, d-tubocurarine

# Pharmacological factors

h o s r r s n o r s n n o r s n ↑

**Gastric emptying promoted by**

- 1) Fasting
- 2) Anxiety
- 3) Lying on right side
- 4) Hyperthyroidism
- 5) Gastro kinetic drugs

**Gastric emptying retarded by**

- 1) Fatty diet
- 2) Endogenous depression
- 3) Lying on left side
- 4) Pyloric stenosis
- 5) Hypothyroidism
- 6) Drugs - Atropine

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□ " The loss of drug as it passes through GIT membrane, liver for the first time during the absorption process "

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          n    s

□ **Luminal enzymes:** h s r n s r s n n  
s n n n s r o n s n n  
n r s r o n s h r o s s

□ **Gut wall enzymes:** s o o s n s h  
r r s n n n n s n o o n o h o  
h r o n s

□ **Bacterial enzymes:** r o o r s n r s n n  
s o h n s n s n n s r h n o o n  
s h s n → s h r n 5

□ **Hepatic enzyme:** s r r n r o r s s s  
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s o r n n n r o r n o r h n



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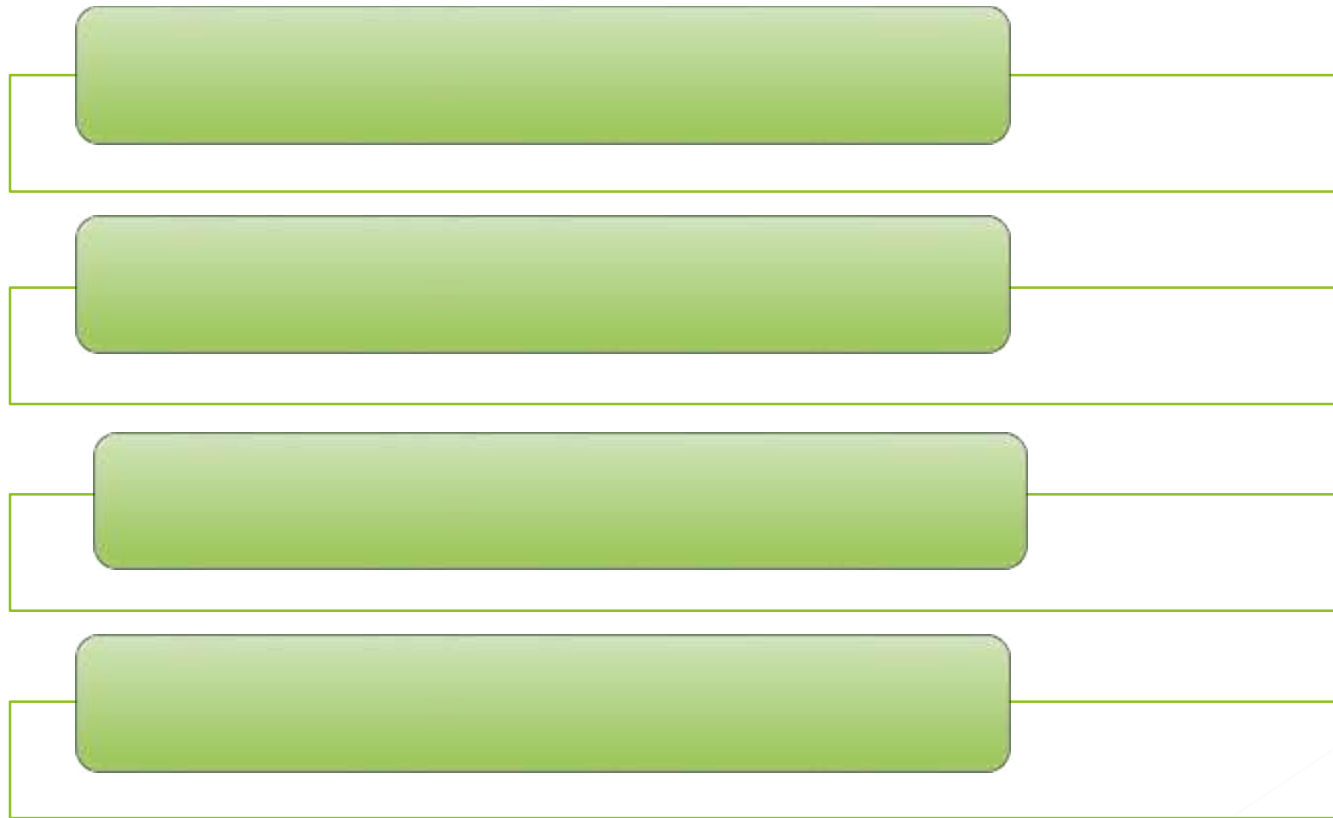
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- 1] Morphine
- 2] Nitroglycerine
- 3] Isosorbide nitrate
- 4] Propranalol

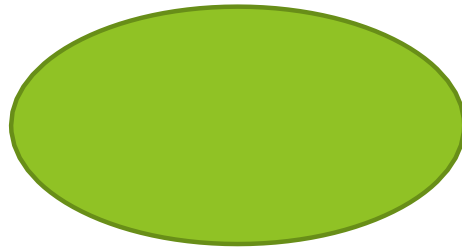
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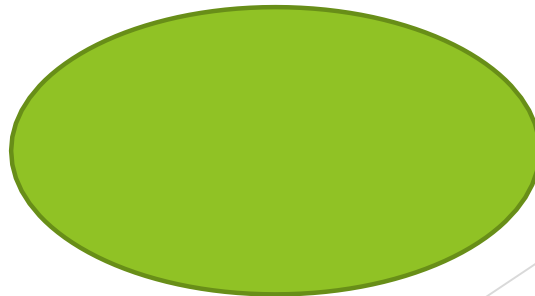
# *Distribution of drugs*

# Distribution of drugs

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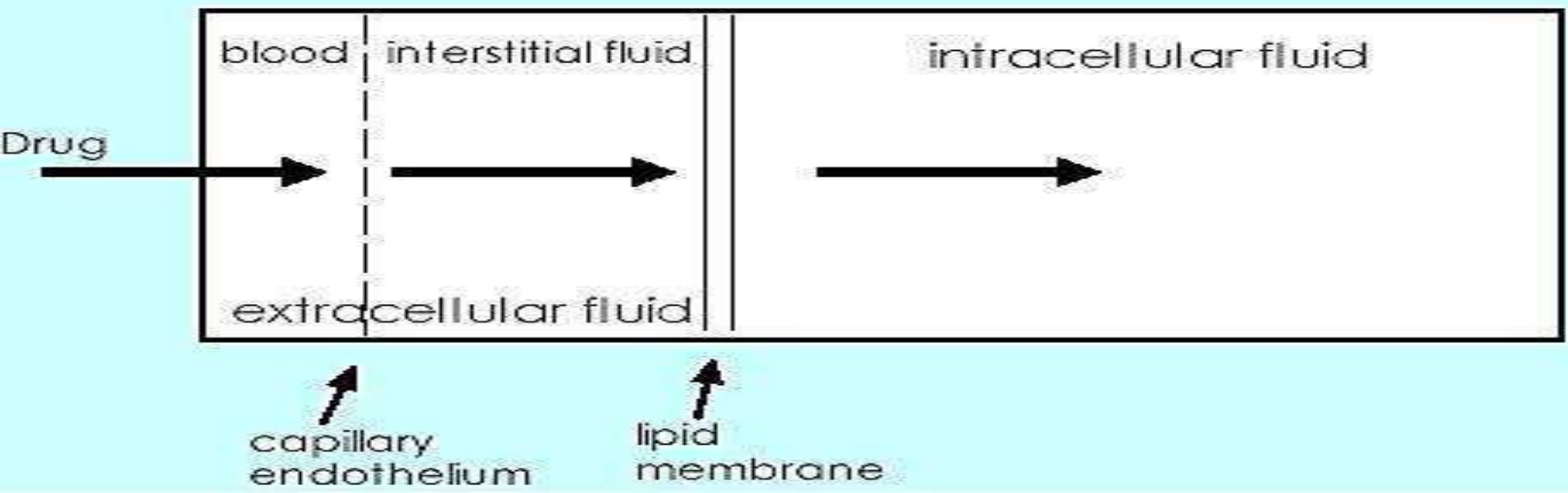


n    s r    on h s    n o  
hrs



# Distribution

- rs      r ns      ro      r s      n  
on    o      r      n      n      no h r      n  
oo      r      s      r      s      ss      s



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(A)

Intercellular pores

Basement membrane

Lipid-insoluble polar drug

Lipid-soluble nonpolar drug

Endothelial cells

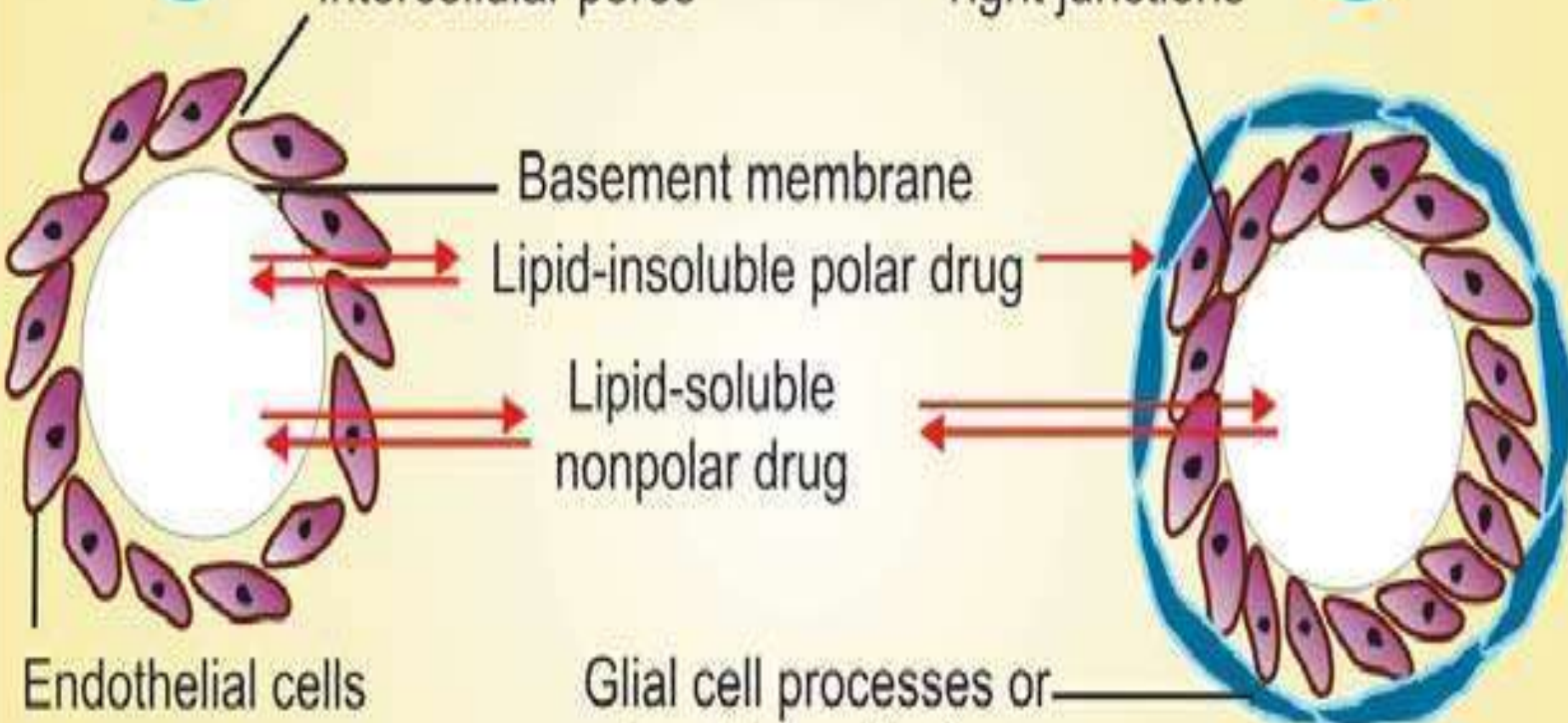
Usual capillary

(B)

Tight junctions

Glial cell processes or choroidal epithelium

Brain capillary





# Blood brain barrier

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C

r r ns or rs  
o r rr r

C n or n ro s r n  
ss

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r h r n ro r ns rs



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n or on ons nn s r  
n on o r n h s r ss  
r r o

**Penicillin**  
**Chloramphenicol**  
**Ampicillin**

C r n rr r s r o  
r o s ro C o r n

C n n  
r n o r n s ss nn s

# Placental barrier

· L n n r

o r ns r o non o r so  
s s n s ss s on

· h r h ns s

1 r ns or no n  
os

no os s rn no o n

o r o o os r o o r  
r n r s

**Drug administration  
should be severely  
restricted**

r o n r rs r s r

**Thalidomide  
Phenytoin  
Trimethadione streptomycin  
Methotrexate**

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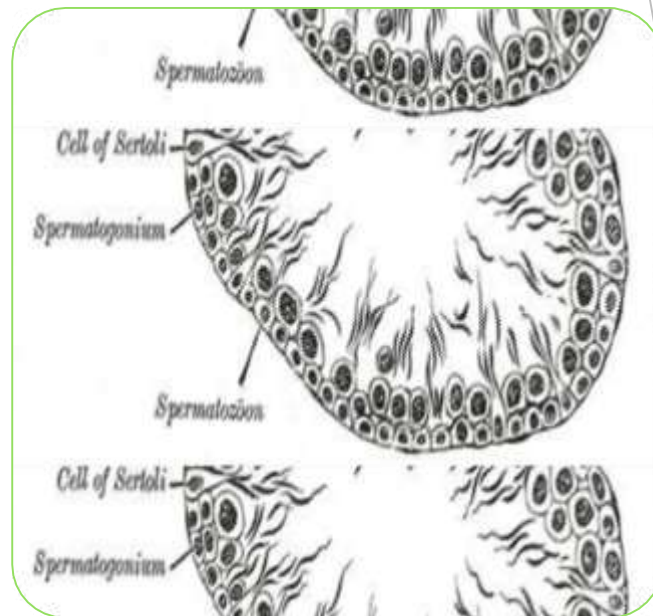
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or   r   s

# Blood testis barrier

- Lo h  
s r o s r o  
n on
- h n on  
nn h or n  
s r o s h  
s rr r
- s r h ss  
o r s o  
s r o n  
s r s



# Plasma protein binding as drug reservoir

r s n o s ro ns or r  
ro ns nr rs n n  
r

ro n o n r no ss

**Capillary diffusion  
Metabolism  
Excretion**





**Drugs bound to  
tissue proteins and  
nucleoproteins  
(High  $\alpha$ Vd)  
Example**

**1. Digoxin**

**2. Emetine**

**3. Chloroquine**

**Miscellaneous protein  
binding**

**1. Corticosteroid -  
Transcortin  
globulin**

**2. Thyroxine -  
Alpha globulin**

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s    ro   n   n   n

1    h    s            ro   n   o   n    r  
o   r  
h   ro    n   o   n

**Difficult to remove  
by dialysis**

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                  n   s    r

S S S

Disease	Influence on plasma protein	Influence on protein drug binding
<p>n r</p> <p>r</p>	<p>↓</p> <p>n on n</p>	<p>r s n n o</p> <p>r n r</p> <p>or s r r</p> <p>n</p>
<p>r</p>	<p>↓</p> <p>s n h s s</p>	<p>r s n n o</p> <p>r n n o</p> <p>s r s n o r</p> <p>or r n n</p> <p>on</p>
<p>n or s</p> <p>r rn</p> <p>n on</p>	<p>↑</p> <p>s</p>	<p>n r s n n o</p> <p>s r n r</p> <p>n r</p> <p>n</p>

or h n on r n n o s s o  
n r s o s n r on

C n or n s n

Salicylates, Indomethacin,  
Phenytoin, Tolbutamide  
displace warfarin

Phenylbutazone, Salicylates,  
Sulfonamides  
displace tolbutamide

Sulfonamides,  
Vitamin k displace  
billirubin

Salicylates displace  
methotrexate

# Apparent volume of distribution

o s h h sho n  
o o on n no n o n o r

o o n o r

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Con n r on o r n s

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o o s r on

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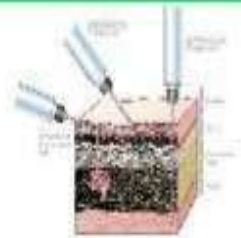
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# Routes of Drug Delivery



**intravenous**

**intramuscular**



**subcutaneous**

**local effect**



**topical**

**rapid**

**targeted**

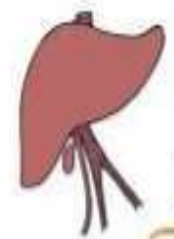


**inhalation**



**oral**

**portal circulation**



**liver**

**first pass metabolism**



**rectal**

**50% first-pass**



**sublingual**

**rapid**  
**no first-pass**



**intrathecal**

**CSF**



**transdermal**

**sustained effect**

**Thanks**