

\* the goal of pharmacotherapeutics is to achieve a desired beneficial effect with the minimal adverse effect possible.

\* the clinician must determine the dose (that achieve the goal)

\* fundamental hypothesis → relationship exist between beneficial or toxic effect of a drug and the concentration of it in the site of action or the blood.

\* the drug needs to reach the site of action ⇒ has to passage through membrane

By 4 methods

lipid diffusion

- most important mechanism
- passive diffusion
  - should be
    - No power required
    - No carrier required
  - So it is moving upon concentration gradient and the blood will always circulate the drug so it will never reach equilibrium and will be fully diffused to the cell.

it will be upon Fick's law because it is Diffusion

$$\text{Flux} = \frac{(C_1 - C_2) \cdot \text{Permeability Coefficient}}{\text{Thickness}}$$

Unit:  $\frac{\text{molecule}}{\text{Unit time}}$

Thickness: thickness or the length

Higher Concentration → lower conc. and usually is zero in beginning

\* more lipid soluble = more passage across membrane

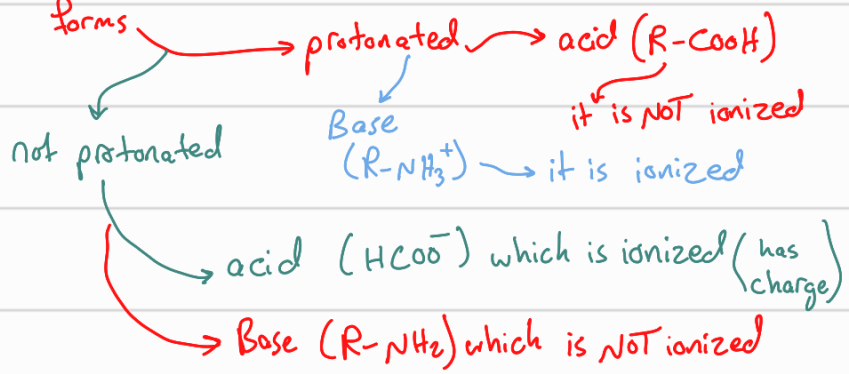
it has to be
 

- lipid soluble (to dissolve in membrane)
- water soluble (to reach membrane)

\* so most drug are → weak acid / weak base

\* pKa and pH of medium will affect lipid solubility

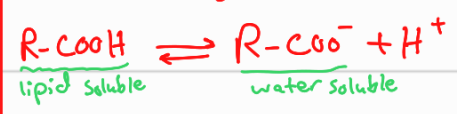
\* How? remember all acid or base is exist in two forms



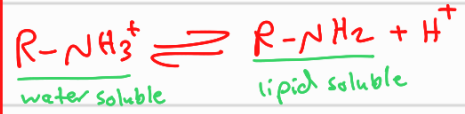
\* ionized → polar → water soluble

\* NOT ionized → not polar → lipid soluble

So By Henderson equation we can change status of acids:



and bases:



The equation is:

$$\log \frac{[\text{protonated}]}{[\text{unprotonated}]} = \text{pKa} - \text{pH}$$

Example:

weak base drug with pKa of 7  
what is the proportion of ionized and un-ionized drug in blood (7.4) and Urine (pH=6):

Ans: in Blood:

$$\log \frac{[\text{protonated}]}{[\text{unprotonated}]} = \text{pKa} - \text{pH} = 7 - 7.4 = -0.4$$

$$\frac{[\text{protonated}]}{[\text{unprotonated}]} = 10^{-0.4} = 0.4$$

so protonated =  $\frac{0.4}{1+0.4} = 0.4/1.4$

protonated / not protonated

\* in Urine:

$$\log \frac{[\text{protonated}]}{[\text{unprotonated}]} = 7 - 6 \Rightarrow \log \frac{[\text{prot}]}{[\text{unprot}]} = 1 \Rightarrow 10^1 \text{ so } \frac{[\text{prot}]}{[\text{unprot}]} = \frac{10}{1}$$

\* so the drug is protonated and because it is weak base it is ionized so it won't be absorbed unless I change the pH of the intestine.

Another example:

phenobarbital is weak acid drug with pKa of 7.4.

what is the proportion of ionized and unionized drug in Blood

and Urine? Ans:  $\log \frac{[\text{prot}]}{[\text{unprot}]} = \text{pKa} - \text{pH}$  so in the Blood

$$\log \frac{[\text{prot}]}{[\text{unprot}]} = 7.4 - 7.4 \Rightarrow \log \frac{[\text{prot}]}{[\text{unprot}]} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{[\text{prot}]}{[\text{unprot}]} = 1 \text{ so } 1:1$$

in Urine  $\log \frac{[\text{prot}]}{[\text{unprot}]} = 7.4 - 6 \Rightarrow 10^{1.4} = \frac{25}{1} \Rightarrow 25:1$   
[prot]:[unprot]

so it will be protonated and because it is acid

it will be not ionized so will be reabsorbed to intestine.

if  $\text{pH} < \text{pKa}$

protonated  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{acid} \rightarrow \text{not ionized} \rightarrow \text{lipid soluble} \\ \text{base} \rightarrow \text{ionized} \rightarrow \text{water soluble} \end{array} \right.$

$\text{pH} > \text{pKa} \rightarrow \text{not protonated}$  " " " "

\* acid in acidic environment is not ionized and base in Basic environment is also unionized. and vice versa  $\Rightarrow$  acid in Basic environment is ionized

\* Applications: Manipulation of Drug excretion by the kidney

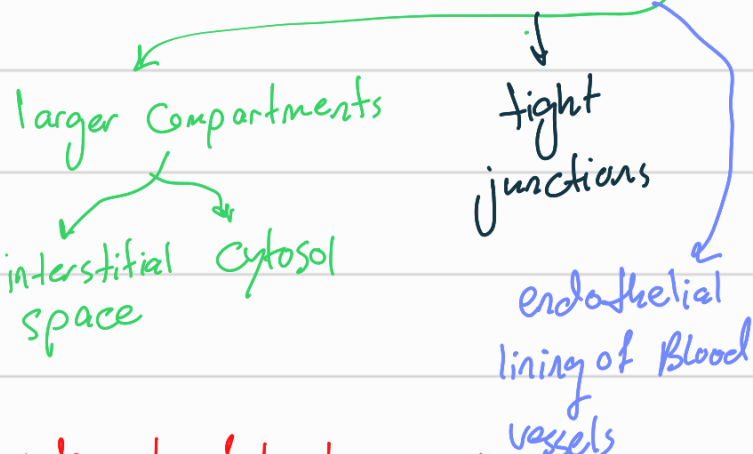
So we can transform drug from unionized form to ionized to stop absorption

by changing pH  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{for Alkaline Urine} \rightarrow \text{Sodium Bicarbonate (NaHCO}_3\text{)} \\ \text{for acidic Urine} \rightarrow \text{Vitamin C or NH}_4\text{Cl} \\ \text{ascorbic acid} \end{array} \right.$

will go back to 4 ways the drug can enter the cell.

## 2. Aqueous diffusion (By conc. gradient)

through aqueous pores and exist in



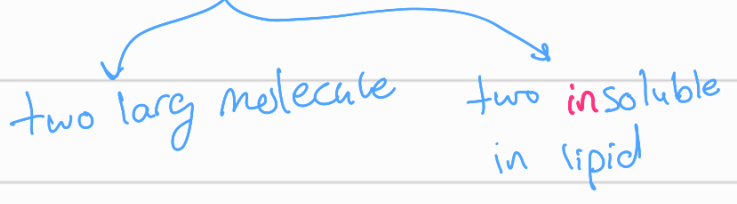
\* drugs bound to plasma protein

can NOT use this method because it will be large

\* if the drug was charged it will move also upon

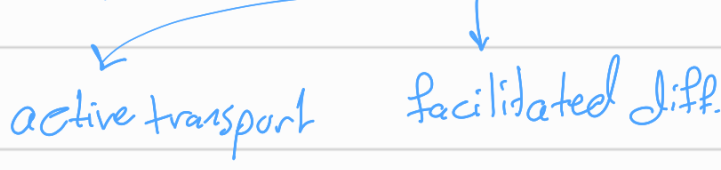
electrical fields (membrane potential)

## 3. Special carriers



as peptides, amino acids, glucose

\* they bring drug movement by



\* so they selective, saturable and

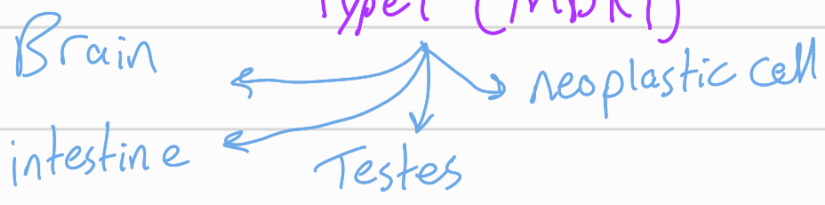
inhibitable

## ATP Binding cassette (ABC family)

## Transporters that expelling molecule (prevent it from entrance)

P-Glycoprotein or (the same thing but different names)

## multi drug resistance Type 1 (MDR1)



## Multi drug-resistance associated protein (MRP)

- \* also from ABC family
- \* play role in excretion of drug and their metabolites into urine and bile
- \* mediate the resistance of some tumors to chemo-therapeutic agent

## The Solute Carrier Families (SLC)

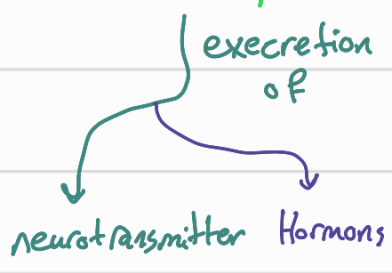
\* they do not use ATP but use ion gradient for transport energy.

\* important in transport or uptake the neurotransmitters across nerve ending membranes.

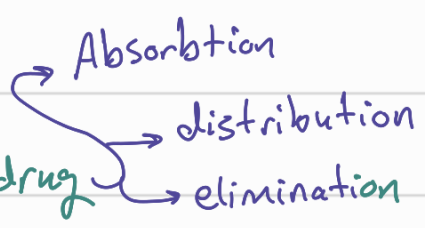
# The last way of the 4 ways is Endocytosis and Exocytosis

\* it is very specific way. and it is active transport  
such as

transport of vitamins B12 complexes with intrinsic factor across the wall of the gut to the blood  
and iron associated with transferrin into RBCs



\* these principles of permeation of drug apply to drug and determine how rapidly and how long these drugs will appear in the site of action and organs of elimination.

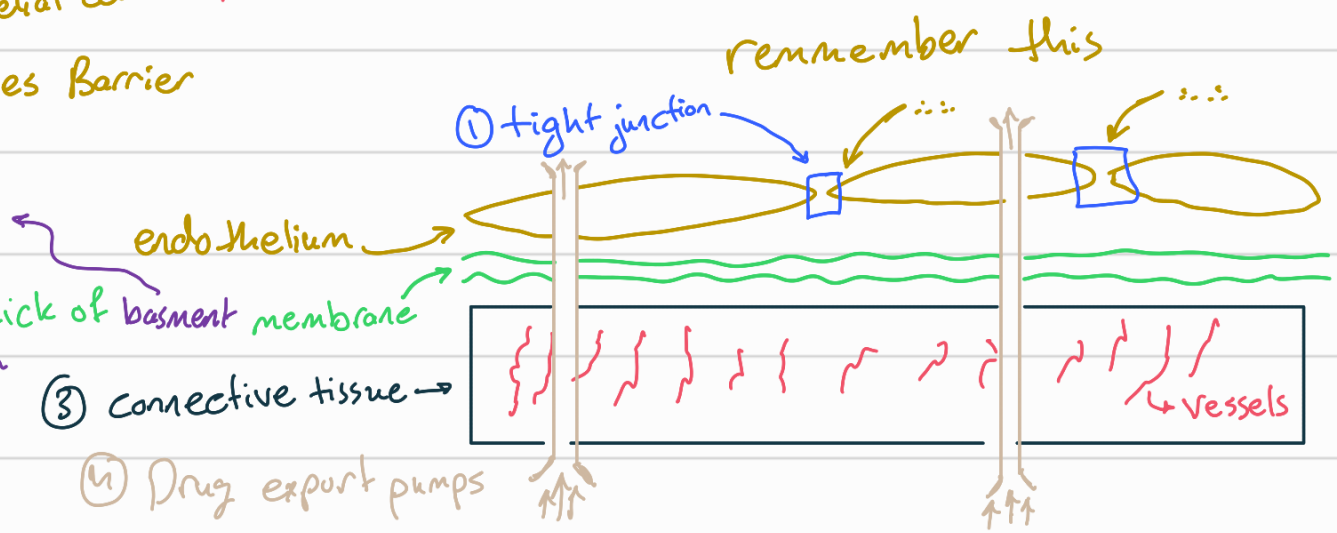


## \* Barriers Against Drug permeation & transport

- tight junction between endothelial cells and absence of pores
- presence of thick Basement membrane
- presence of Connective tissue such as astrocytes in Brain
- presence of Drug export pumps.
- presence of intra cellular and extra cellular enzymes which metabolise drug

as in  
→ endothelial cell of Blood Brain Barrier  
→ in testes Barrier

From its name it is the base of endothelium (under it)



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