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Question-1

Answer

Enumerate various routes of drug :

Each route has specific purposes, advantages and disadvantages.

Oral route. Many drugs can be administered orally as liquids, capsules, tablets or chewable tablets.

- Injection routes
- sublingual and buccal routes
- Rectal route.
- vaginal route.
- ocular route.
- otic route.

• Nasal route.

Routes of drug administration:

a) External route

Osal route.

Sublingual route.

b) Parenteral:

The par- Intravenous

2 - Intramuscular

3 - Subcutaneous.

c) other

1. Inhalation.

2. Intranasal

3. Intrathecal

4. Topical

5. Transdermal

6. Rectal

Parenteral Routes

The parenteral route introduces drugs directly across the body's barrier defenses into

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the systemic circulation or other vascular tissue.

Used for: poorly absorbed drug from the GI tract, agents that are unstable in GI tract. Also used for treatment of unconscious patients require a rapid onset of action. In addition these routes have the highest bioavailability and are not subject to first-pass metabolism or harsh GI environments.

Limitation: These routes are irreversible and may cause pain, fear and infections.

1. Intravenous:

Administering drug directly into veins most common route drugs not absorbed orally.

Advantage: Avoid GIT tract and so the first pass metabolism, rapid effect and maximum control over circulating drugs.

2 Intramuscular:

Administering drug into deep muscles aq. solⁿ of drug is suspended in non-aqueous vehicle release drug slowly over time providing sustained effect.

e.g: haloperidol decanoate.

3: Subcutaneous:

Administering drug under the skin.

It is like IM injection and slower than IV.
lowers the risks associated with IV.



Question - 2

Answer

Water compartment:

The two main fluid compartments are the intracellular and extracellular compartment.

About two thirds of the total body water of humans is held in the cells, mostly in the cytosol and the remainder is found in the extracellular compartment.

Types of water compartment:

Plasma Compartment:

If a drug has a very large molecular weight or binds extensively to plasma proteins. It is too large to move out through the endothelial slit junctions of the capillaries and thus is effectively trapped within the plasma compartment.

Extracellular fluid:

If a drug has a low molecular weight but is hydrophilic, it can move through the endothelial slit junctions of the capillaries into the interstitial fluid. However

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hydrophilic drugs cannot move across the lipid membranes of cells to enter the water phase inside the cell. Therefore these drugs distribute into a volume that is the sum of plasma water and the interstitial fluid which together constitute the extracellular fluid. This is about twenty percent of the body weight or about 14L in 70-kg individual.

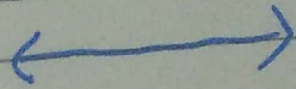
Total body water:

If a drug has a low molecular weight and is hydrophobic not only can it move into the interstitium through the slit junctions, but it can also move through the cell membranes into the intracellular fluid. The drug therefore distributes into a volume of about sixty percent of body weight or about

42L in a 70kg individual.

Other sites :

The fetus may take up drugs and thus increase the volume of distribution. Drugs that are extremely lipid-soluble such as thiopental may also have unusually high volumes of distributions.



Question - 3

Answer:

Drug Stages :

The clinical trials stage consist of three main phases and all new medicines have to go through these parts before they can be prescribed to patients. The clinical phase is there to establish the dose and best form of the drug, its safety

how it is absorbed by the body and furthermore whether the treatment works.

Phase 1

Trials are often the first time a drug is administered to humans and usually involve a small number of volunteers who are given compensation for their participation.

Phase 1 is mainly about understanding whether the drug is safe to use in humans rather than how effective it may be at treating a specific disease.

Phase 2

Trials involve patients and the number of participants is higher than in the previous stage. This stage aims to assess how well the drug works.

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at treating a particular
disease and the more
about the best method
for delivery.

Phase 3

Trials require much larger
groups of patients, from
hundreds to thousands:
and they aim to compare
the effects of the new
drug to either a placebo
or a standard treatment.

Total body clearance:

The total body clearance
 CL_{Total} or CL_T , is the
sum of the clearances
from the various drug-
metabolizing and drug-
eliminating organs.

Major kidney organ.

Sometimes liver also contributes
to drug loss through
metabolism and/or excretion
into the bile.

A patient in renal failure may sometimes benefit from a drug that is excreted by this pathway into the intestine and feces, rather than through the kidney. Some drugs may also be reabsorbed through the enterohepatic circulation, thus prolonging their half-life.

Total clearance can be calculated by using the following equation -

$$Cl_{total} = Cl_{hepatic} + Cl_{renal} + Cl_{pulmonary} + Cl_{other}$$

$$Cl_{total} = k_e V_d$$

