

# **SNS COLLEGE OF PHARMACY AND HEALTH SCIENCES**

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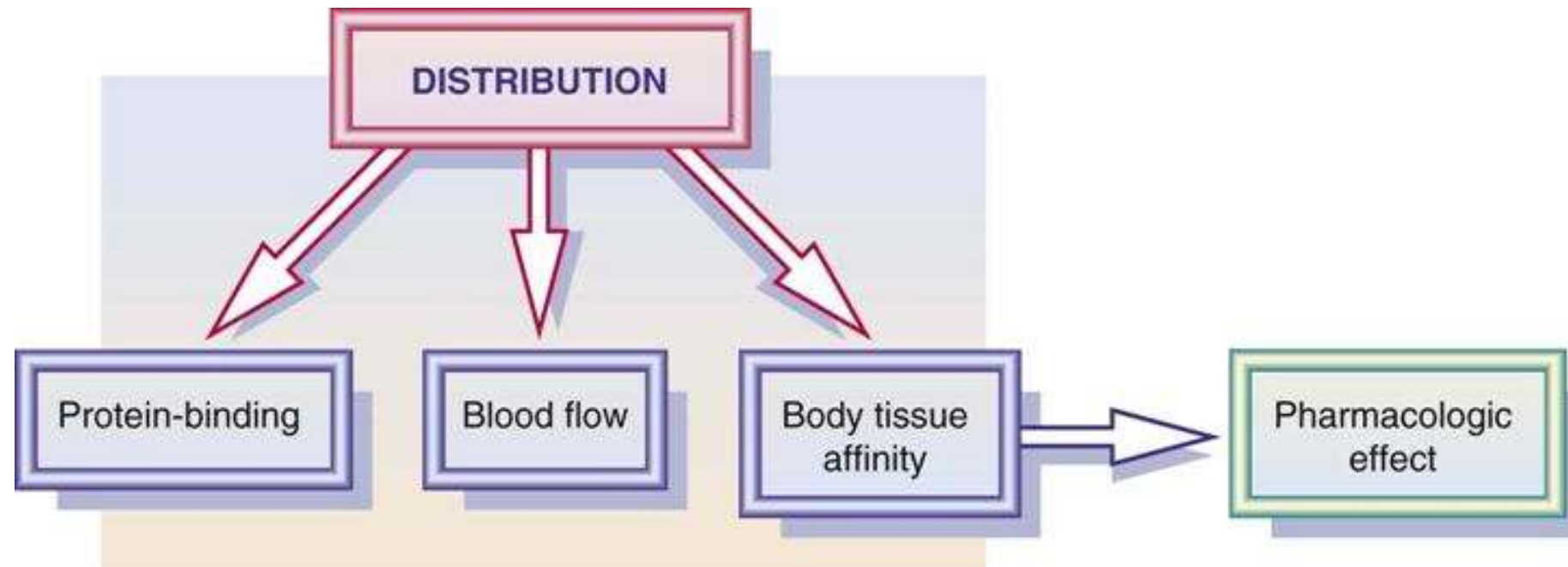
**YEAR : DPHARM-II YEAR**

**TOPIC 4 : PHARMACOKINETICS (DISTRIBUTION)**

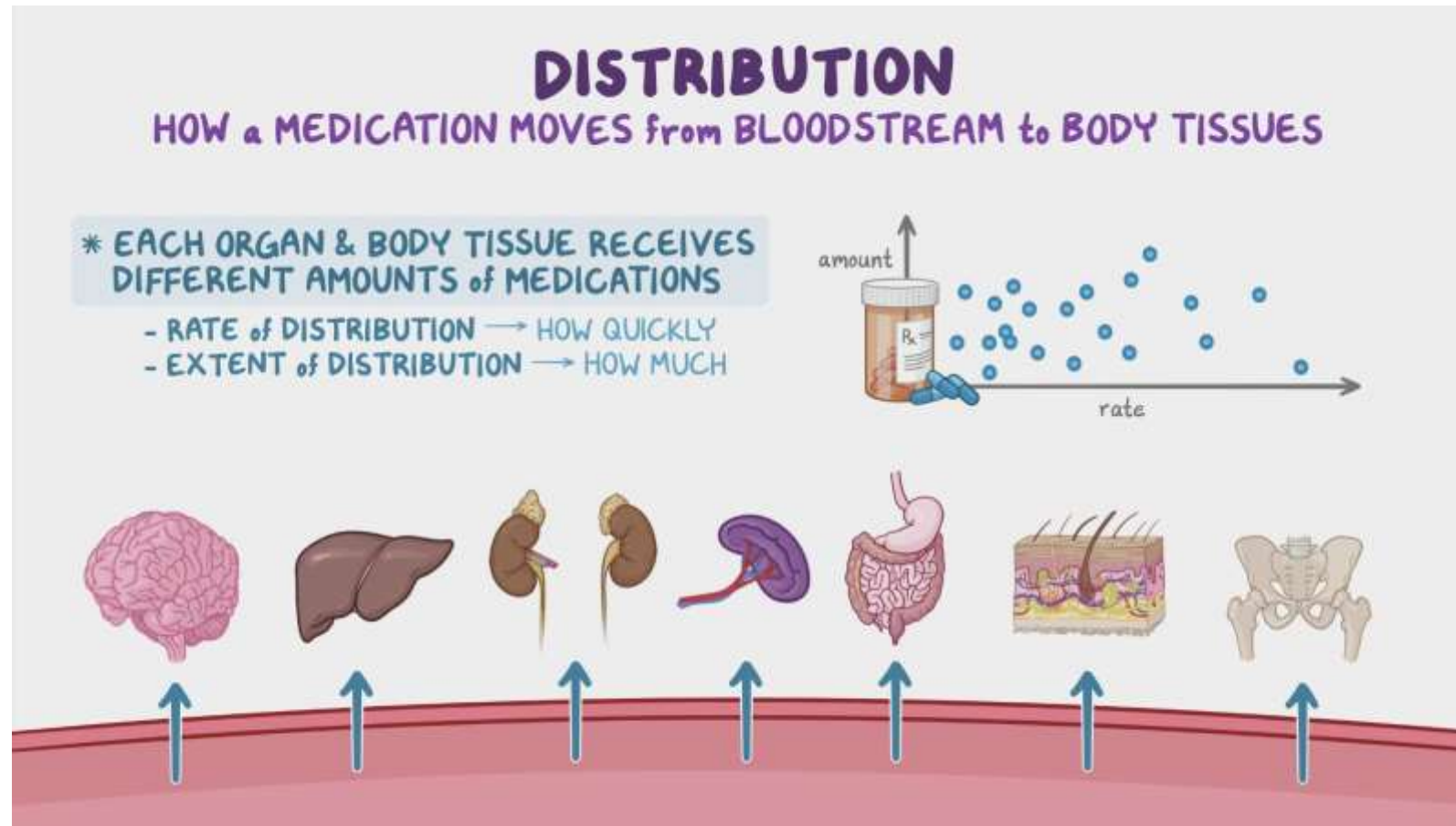
# DESIGN THINKING IN DRUG DISTRIBUTION

- **Empathize:** Deeply understand the user or patient's challenges, needs, and experiences related to drug distribution in the body.
- **Define:** Reframe the problem based on insights from the empathize phase and establish clear context.
- **Ideate:** Brainstorm and explore a wide range of ideas and potential solutions, including innovative formulations or carriers that enhance selective distribution.
- **Prototype:** Simulate and build drug delivery prototypes to improve tissue-specific distribution and patient outcomes.

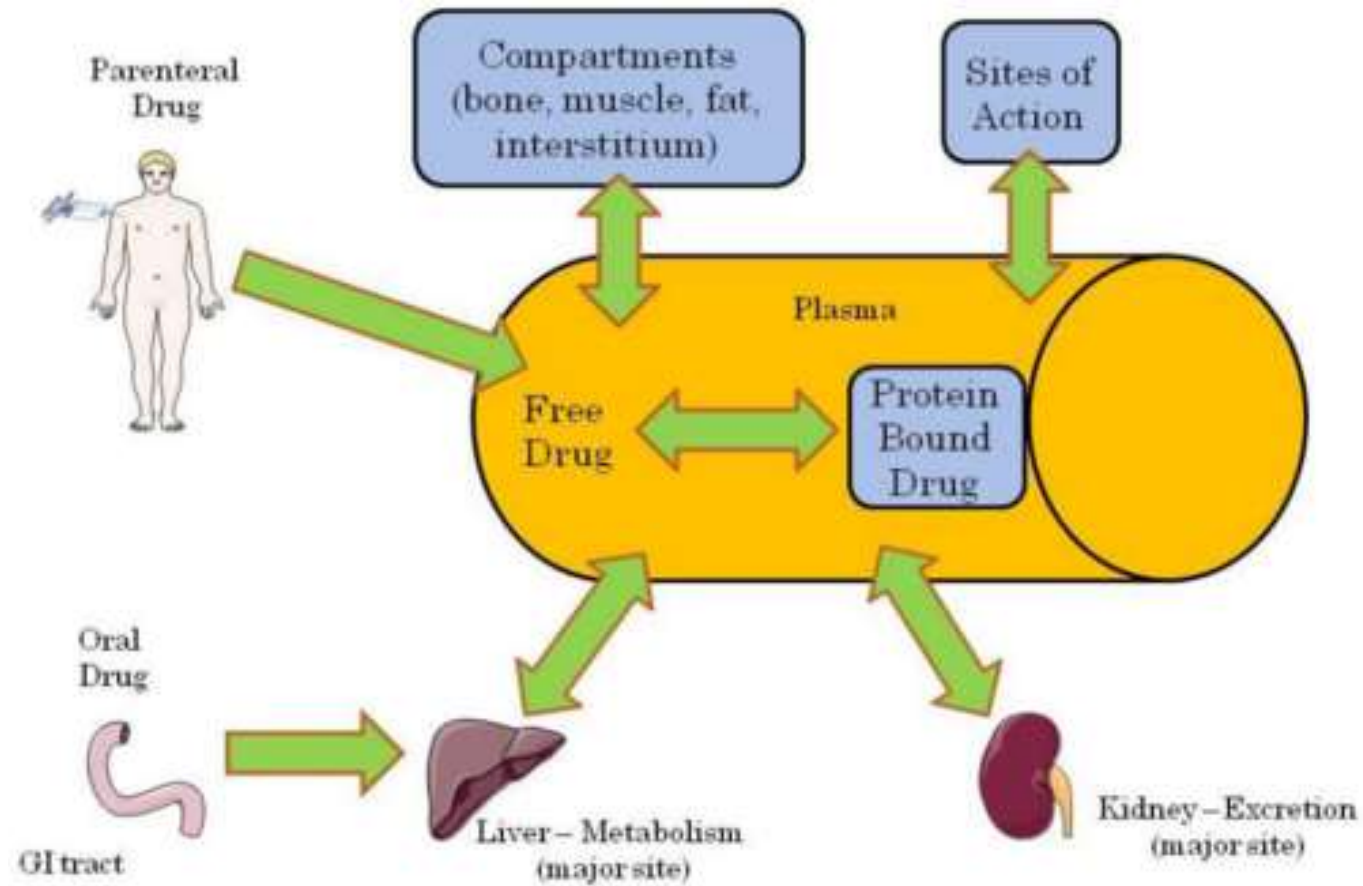
# MINDMAP



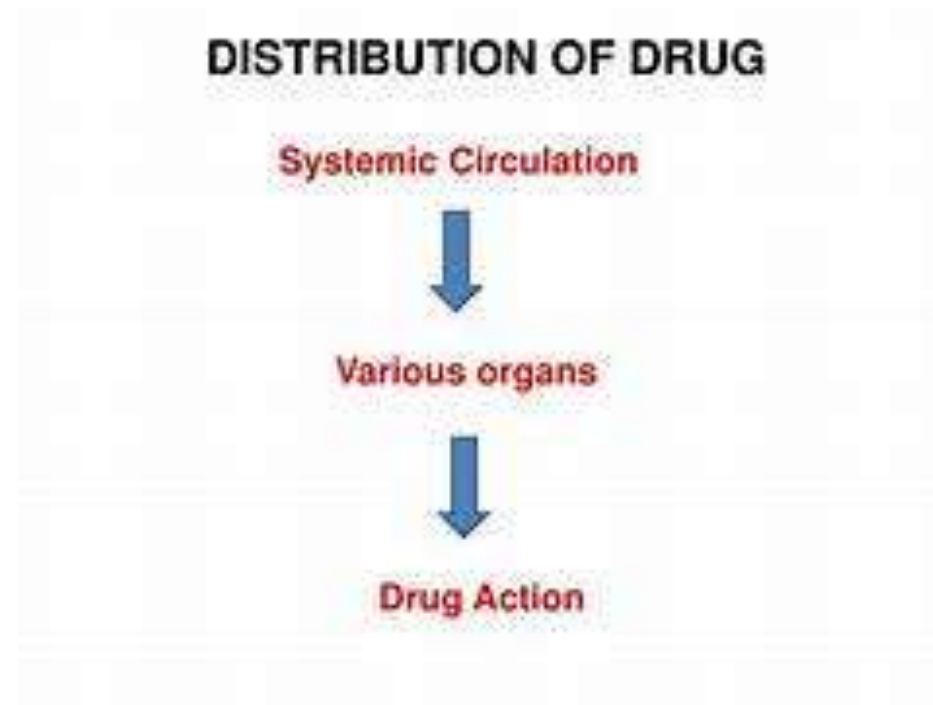
# DISTRIBUTION



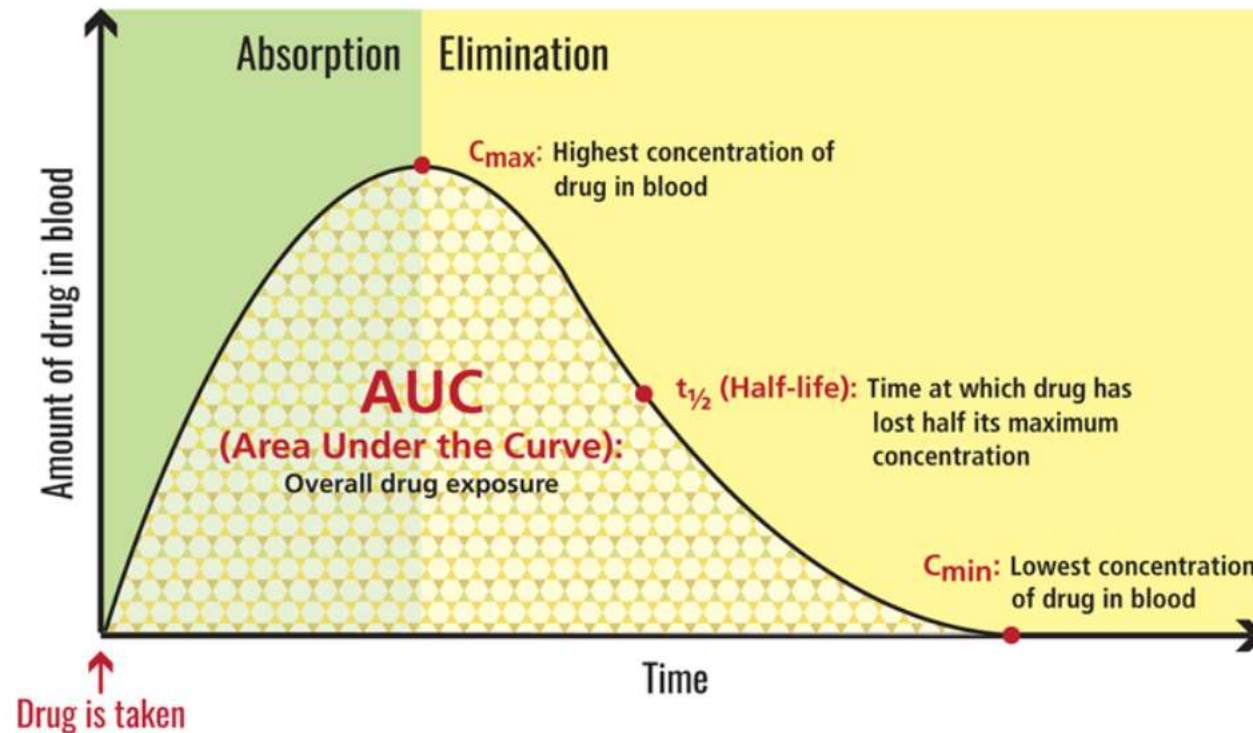
# IMPORTANCE OF DRUG DISTRIBUTION



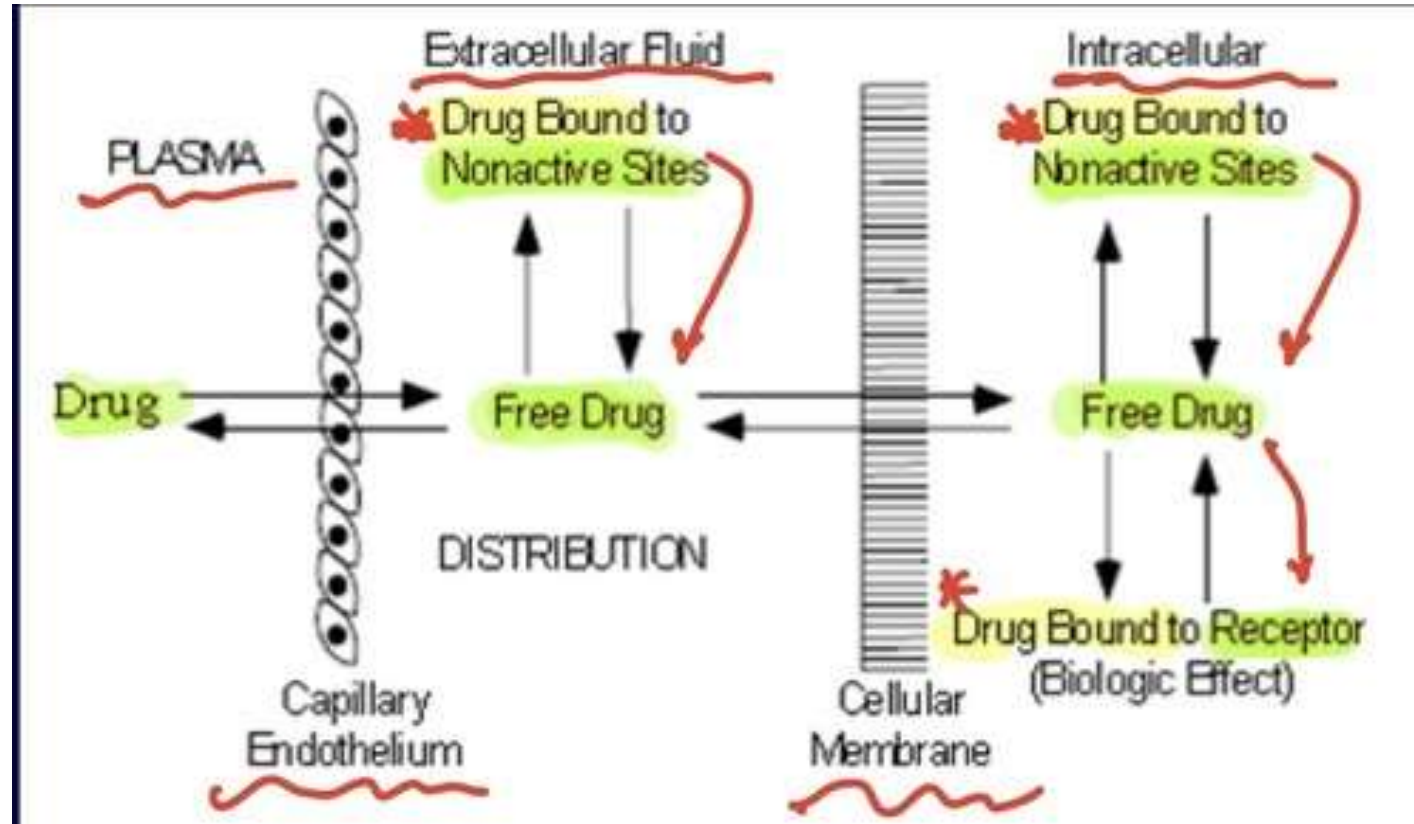
# PROCESS OF DRUG DISTRIBUTION



# TERMINOLOGY USED IN DRUG DISTRIBUTION









# VOLUME OF DISTRIBUTION

## Volume of distribution (Vd)

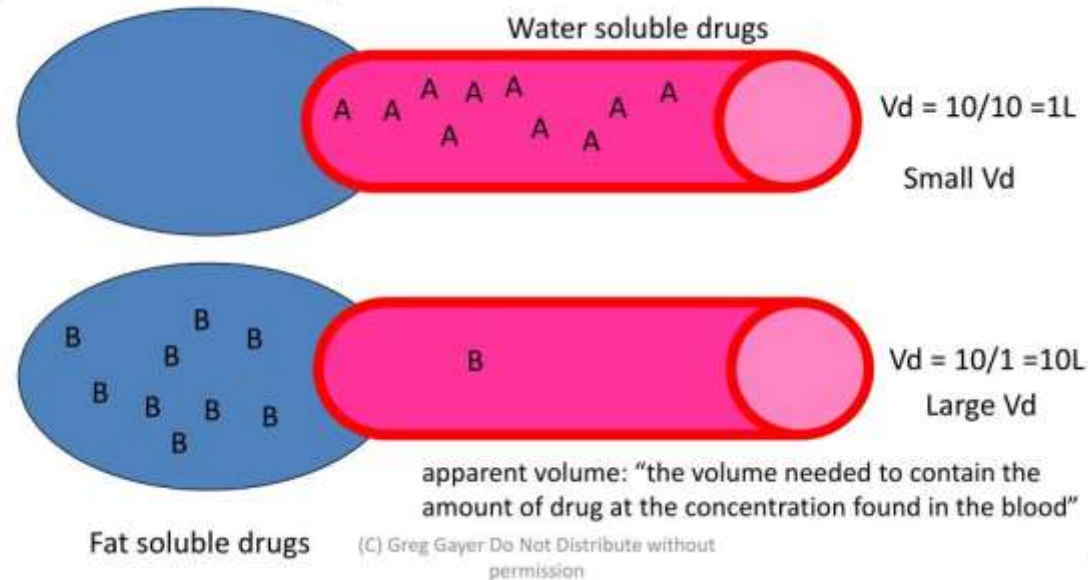
$$V_d = \frac{\text{Amount of drug in body}}{C_{\text{plasma}}}$$

(Units=volume)

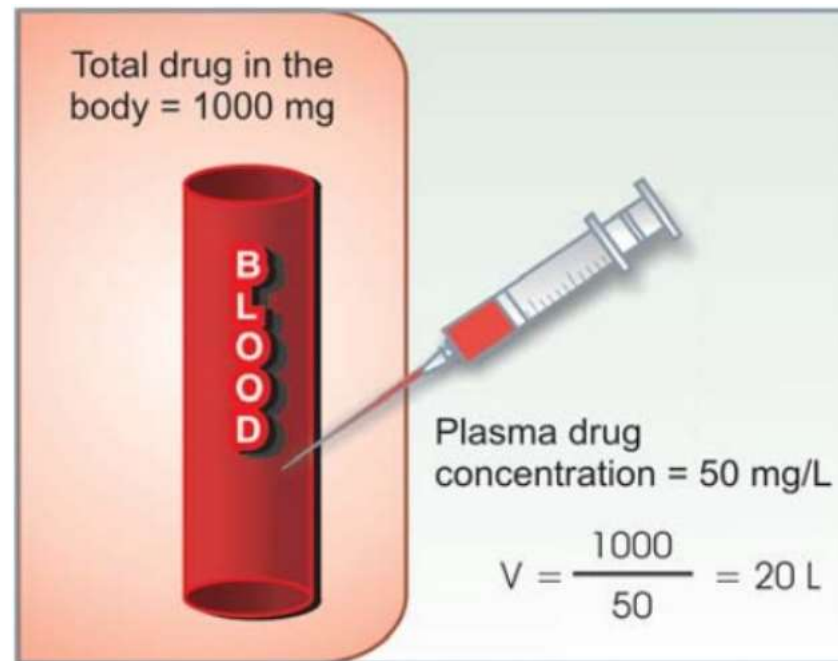
Used to  
calculate  
Loading  
dose and  
t<sub>1/2</sub>

$$\text{Loading dose} = \frac{C_p \times V_d}{F}$$

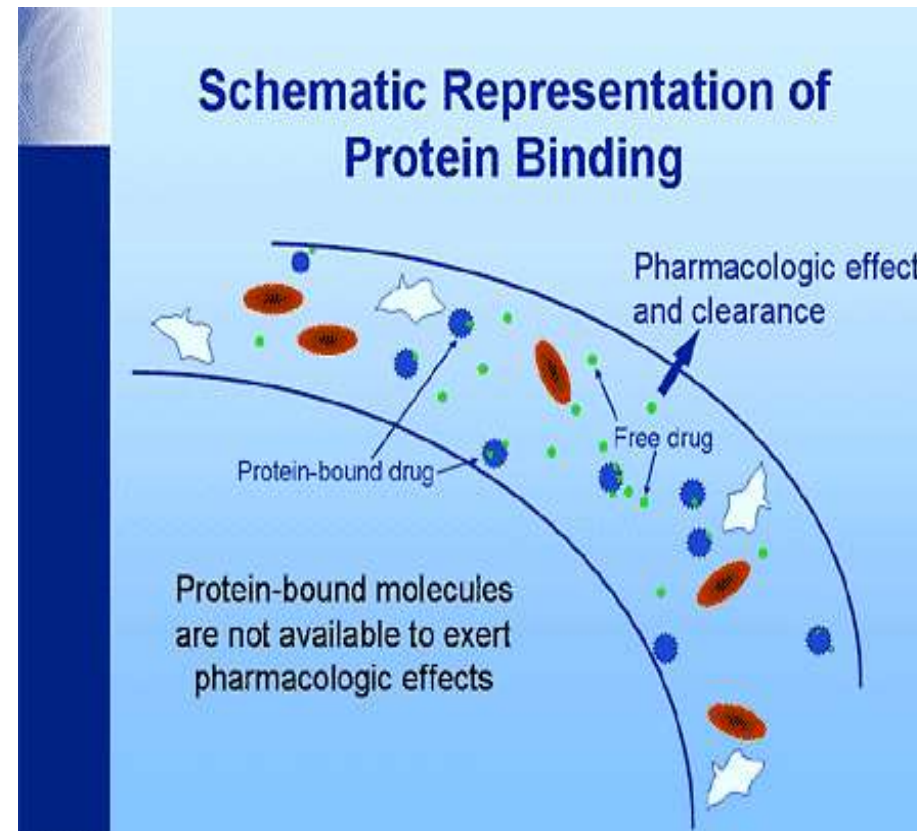
$$t_{1/2} = \frac{C_p \times V_d}{F}$$



## APPARENT VOLUME OF DISTRIBUTION



# PLASMA PROTEIN BINDING



# REDISTRIBUTION

## Redistribution of drug

Highly Lipid soluble drugs: Thiopentone sodium



Organs with High blood flow: Brain, Kidney, Liver

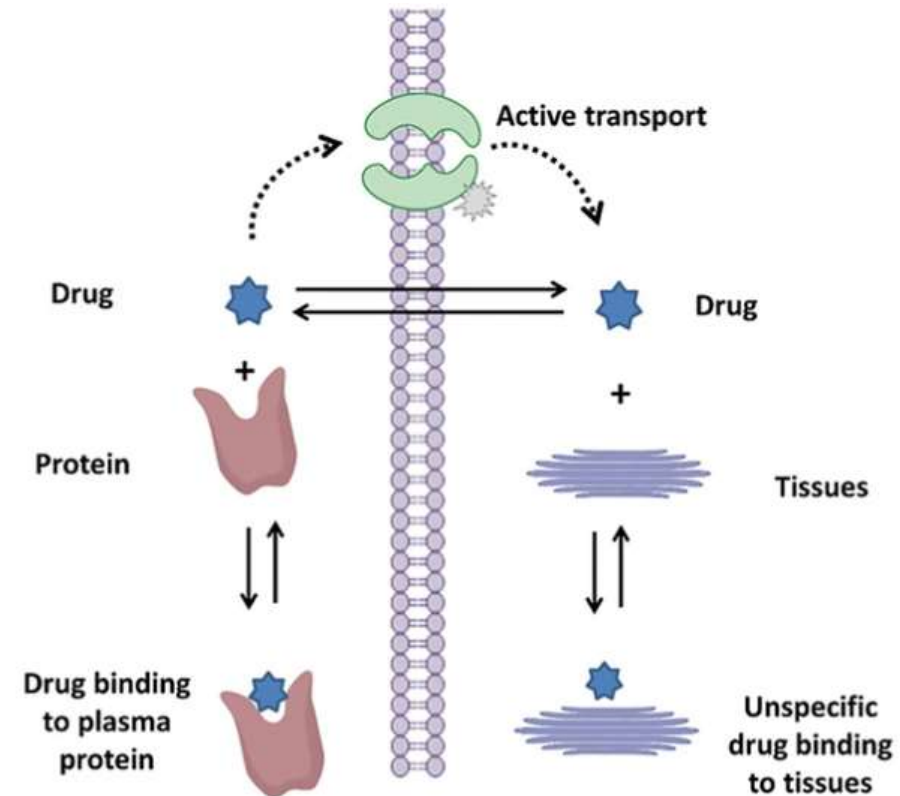


Less vascular & Bulky Tissue: Fat, Muscle

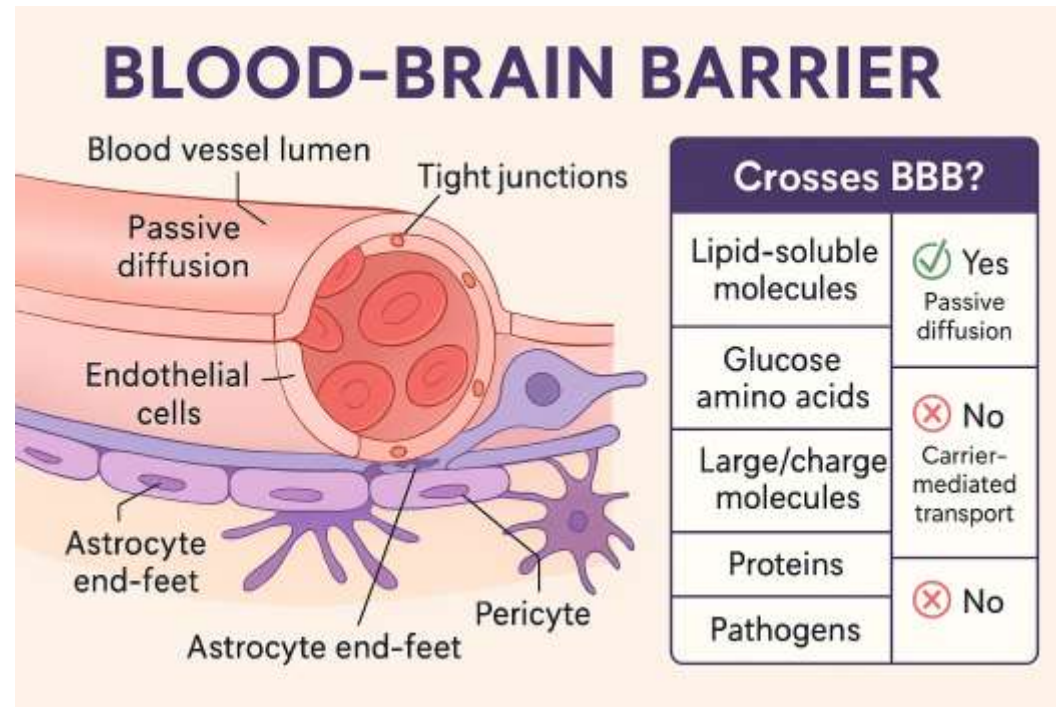


**Termination of Drug Action**

# TISSUE BINDING

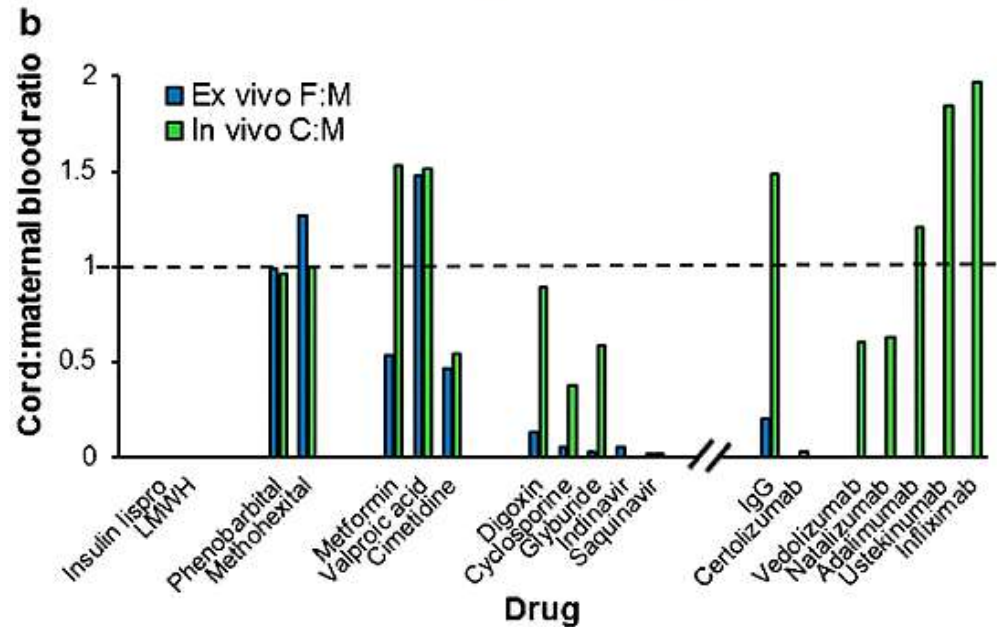
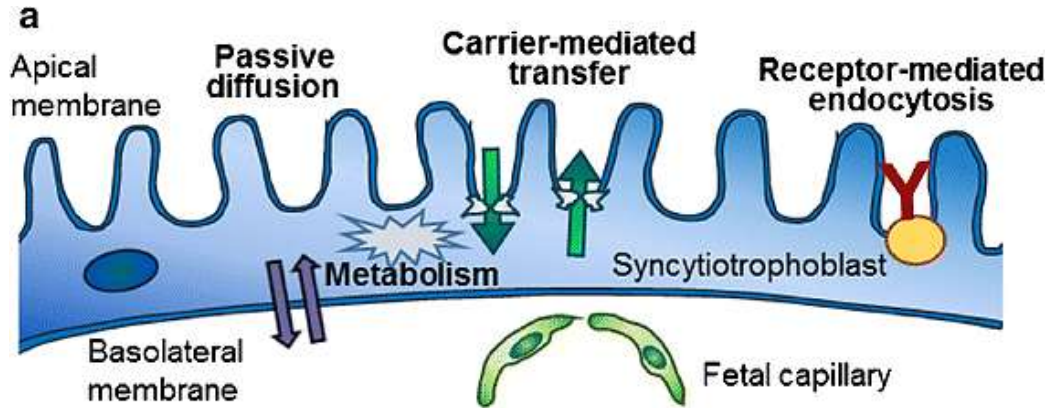


# BLOOD BRAIN BARRIER



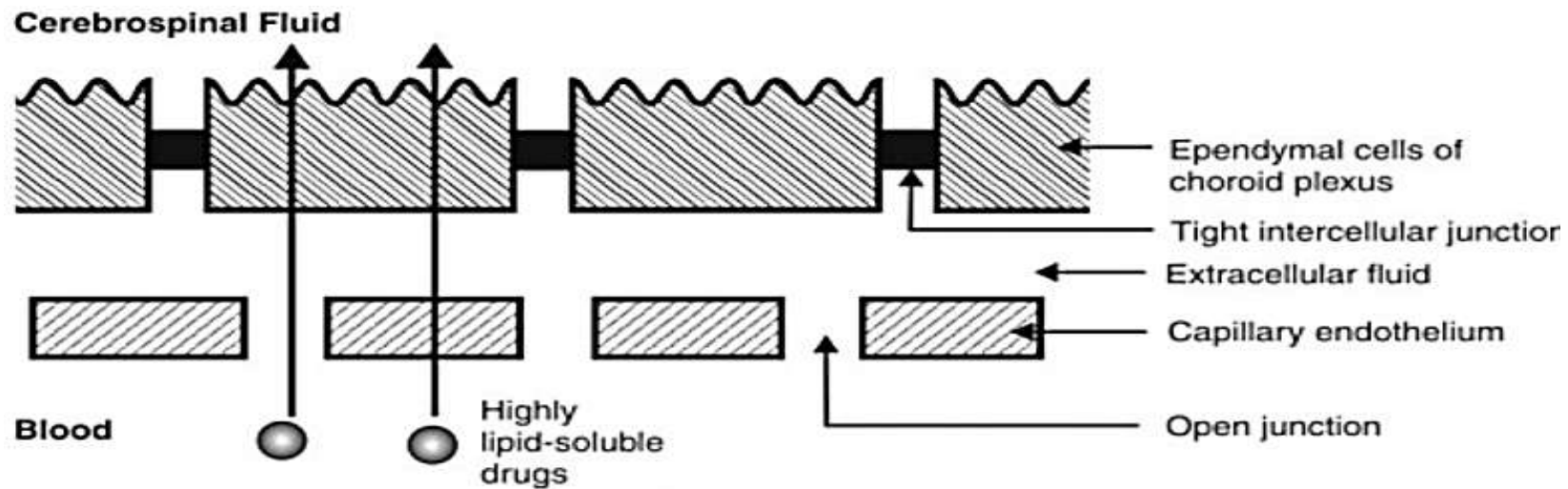


# PLACENTAL BARRIER



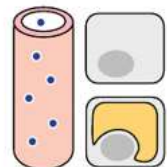
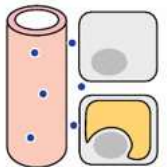
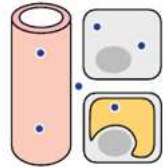


# CSF BARRIER



# CLASS ASSESSMENTS

How drugs distribute in the body?



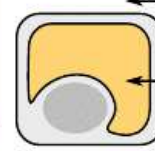
Intravascular volume (5%)



Intracellular volume (40%)



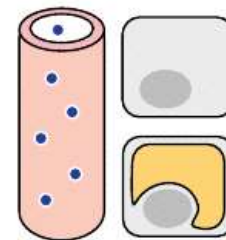
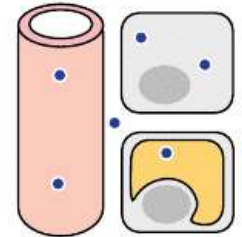
Interstitial volume (15%)



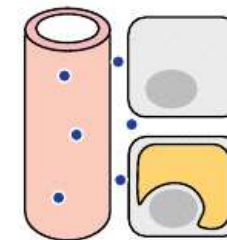
Fat (several %)



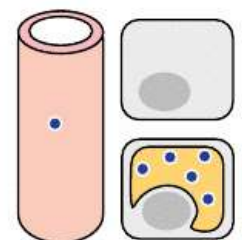
Drug evenly distributed (uncommon)



Drug confined to circulation (very large drug molecules)



Drug excluded by cell membranes (very polar drug molecules)



Drug enriched in fat (lipophilic drugs)

## SUMMARY

- Drug distribution is key to pharmacokinetics, influenced by solubility, binding, and barriers.
- Understanding it optimizes therapy, minimizes risks. Key concepts:  
Vd, protein binding, redistribution, special barriers.

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