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Target Concentration Intervention

Can we hit the targets?

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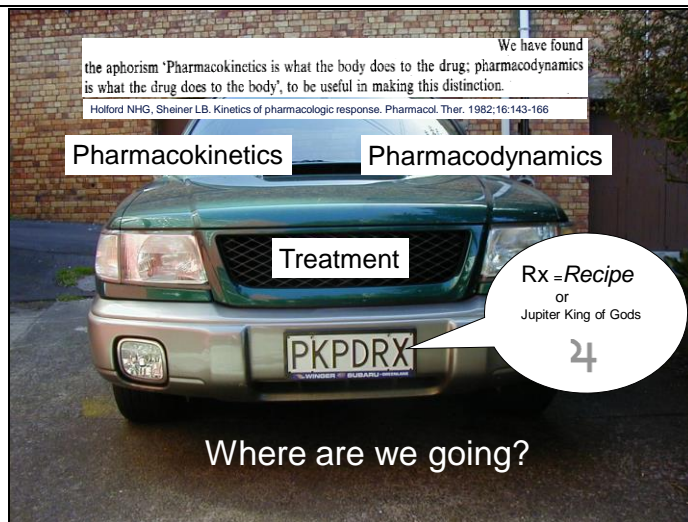
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Objectives

- 1) Appreciate how a target concentration (TC) strategy is essential for rational drug development and clinical use
- 2) Distinguish target concentration intervention (TCI) from therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM)
- 3) Understand why safe and effective variability (SEV) has to be defined in order to make rational choices for dose individualization

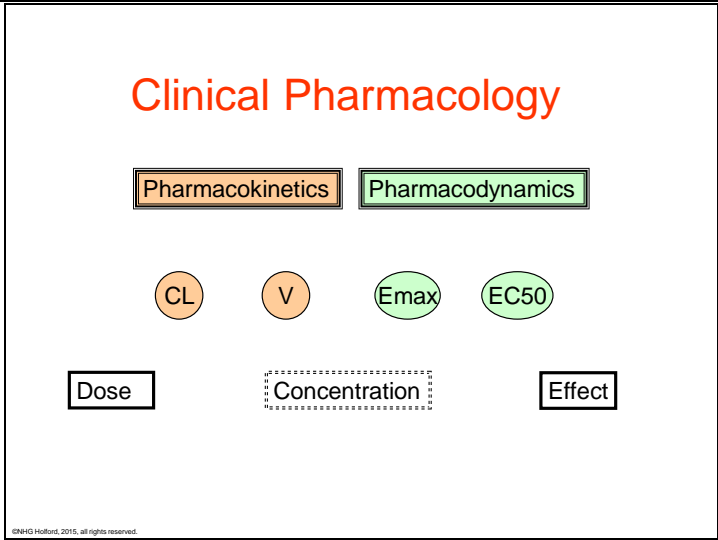
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PK = Pharmacokinetics: What the body does to the drug
PD=Pharmacodynamics: What the drug does to the body
Rx=Treatment: What the prescribed and patient need to know.

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Clinical pharmacology describes the effects of drugs in humans. One way to think about the scope of clinical pharmacology is to understand the factors linking dose to effect. Drug concentration is not as easily observable as doses and effects. It is believed to be the linking factor that explains the time course of effects after a drug dose. The science linking dose and concentration is pharmacokinetics. The two main pharmacokinetic properties of a drug are clearance (CL) and volume of distribution (V). The science linking concentration and effect is pharmacodynamics. The two main pharmacodynamic properties of a drug are the maximum effect (Emax) and the concentration producing 50% of the maximum effect (EC50).

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Target Concentration

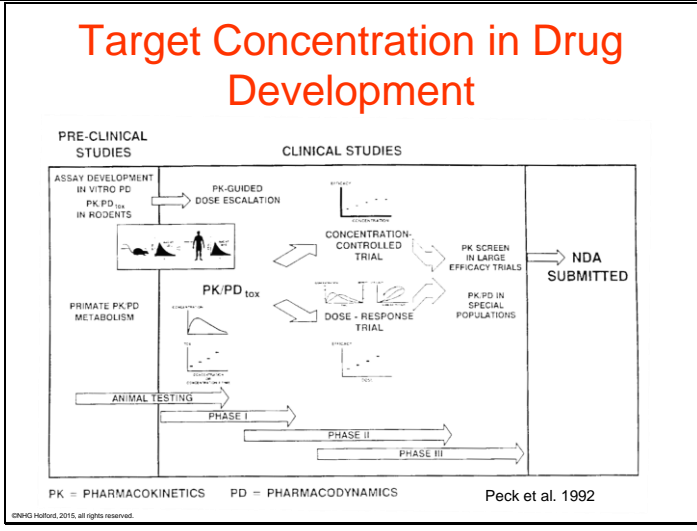
Drug Development and Clinical Use

- Effective drug development needs a plan
 - » A good plan has a clear objective
 - » TC provides a clear objective in all phases of drug development
- TC is the rational basis for dose individualization
 - » Choose the target effect to determine the TC
 - » Use TC to predict individual dose

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The 1992 view was based on using PKPD for drug development but did not explicitly include how to use medicines in patients.

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Target Concentration in Clinical Use of Medicines

$$\text{Target Conc} = \text{Target Effect} \times \text{EC50} / (\text{Emax} - \text{Target Effect})$$

Target Conc	Dose Model
Initial Peak	Loading Dose = Target Conc x Volume of Distribution
Average Steady State	Maintenance Dose Rate = Target Conc x Clearance

Ideal dose prediction requires **individual** estimates of **Emax, EC50, V and CL**

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The target concentration approach links PKPD to prediction of the right dose for a patient.

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TDM or TCI?

- Therapeutic Drug Monitoring

- » TDM Therapeutic Range



Imprecise

- » Sub-optimal at borders of the range



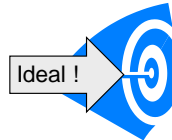
- Target Concentration Intervention

- » TCI Single Target



Accurate

- » Optimal – do the best you can



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How to Find the Target?

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Theophylline Target Concentration in Severe Airways Obstruction – 10 or 20 mg/L?

A Randomised Concentration-Controlled Trial

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- Randomized concentration controlled trials are the gold standard

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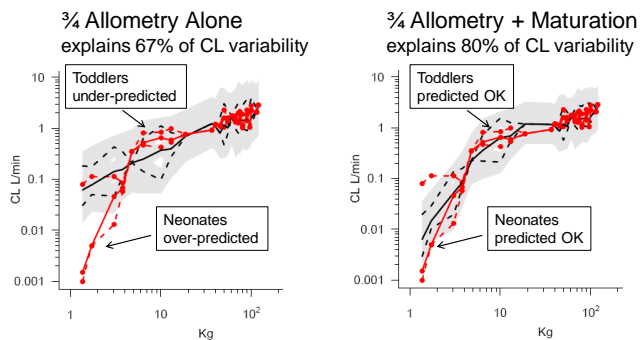
Why does PKPD vary?

- Systematic (predictable)
 - » Body size
 - » Disease state (liver, kidney)
 - » Genotype
 - » etc...
- Random (not predictable)
 - » Between Subject Variability
 - » Within Subject Variability

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Predictable Variability Size and Maturation

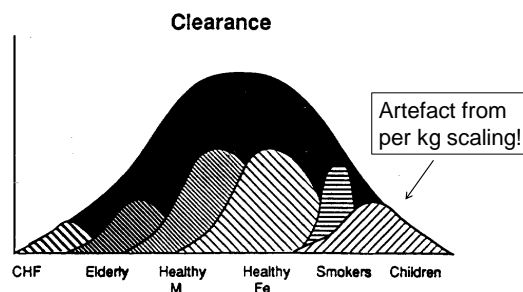


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Covariates Do Not Explain All Variability



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Unexplained Clearance Variability

Drug	BSV _U %	WSV _U %	Source
Metoprolol	53	35	Lunn (1997)
Fenoterol	12	16	Bouillon (1996)
Riluzole	51	28	Bruno (1997)
Felodipine	34	33	Wade (1995)
Drug A	57	29	Karlsson (1993)
Drug B	35	19	Karlsson (1993)
Drug B	33	19	Jonsson (1996)
Moxonidine	22	15	Karlsson (1998)
Artemisinin	48	53	Sidhu (1998)
Average	41	30	

BSV_U=Between Subject

WSV_U=Within Subject

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Safe and Effective Variability

- CLINICAL JUDGMENT

Suppose medicine use is **safe and effective** if:

1. Individual C_{ss} is on average at the Target Conc
 - Aim for the optimum target
2. 90% of the time C_{ss} is within 80%-125% of Target Conc
 - 'therapeutic range' with optimum target

- STATISTICS

Assume log-normal distribution for C_{ss}
90% of C_{ss} must lie within $\pm 1.64 \times SD$
– Therefore SD must be 0.136

The **Safe and Effective Variability (SEV)** is 13.6%

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Three Ways to Dose

- Population
 - » Same dose for everyone
 - The dream dosing method!
- Group (Covariate guided)
 - » Same dose for similar group
 - e.g. same weight, CL_{cr}, genotype
- Individual
 - » Dose determined by individual response
 - e.g. BP, INR, blood conc

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Dosing Individualization Method Depends on Safe and Effective Variability (SEV)

Suppose $PPV_{total}=0.7$, $BSV_U=0.4$, $WSV_U=0.3$

$$PPV_U = \sqrt{BSV_U^2 + WSV_U^2} = 0.5 \quad BSV_P = \sqrt{PPV_{total}^2 - BSV_U^2} = 0.57$$

SEV	Method Criteria	Example	Dosing Strategy
0.9	$SEV > PPV_{total}$	0.9 > 0.7	Population dosing
0.55	$PPV_{total} > SEV$ $SEV > PPV_U$	$0.7 > 0.55$ 0.55 > 0.5	Group dosing (WT, CLcr, etc) ($BSV_P \hookrightarrow 0$)
0.35	$PPV_U > SEV$ $SEV > WSV_U$	$0.5 > 0.35$ 0.35 > 0.3	Individual response dosing (TCI) ($BSV_U \hookrightarrow 0$)

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Safe and Effective Variability (SEV) Aminoglycosides

PPV_U	BSV_U	WSV_U
0.33	0.30	0.13

- Suggested Therapeutic Success Criterion
90% of Concs Within 80%-125% of Target C_{ss}
∴ SEV is 0.136 (log normal SD)
- Unpredictable PPV_U is 0.33 and is > SEV
∴ Covariate (WT, CLcr) prediction alone will be inadequate
- Unpredictable WSV_U is 0.13 and is < SEV (just!)
∴ TCI can achieve safe and effective target

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Know Your Target Be Courageous

- Target for drug development is to learn
 - » the concentration effect relationship
 - » safe and effective variability
- Target for clinical practice is to confirm
 - » Target effect and target concentration
 - » Best method for achieving the target effect for the patient
- PKPD provides the tools to achieve the targets
 - » time to move away from traditional empirical approaches.
 - » drug developers and clinicians must have courage to change
- **Take Aim and Hit the Target!**

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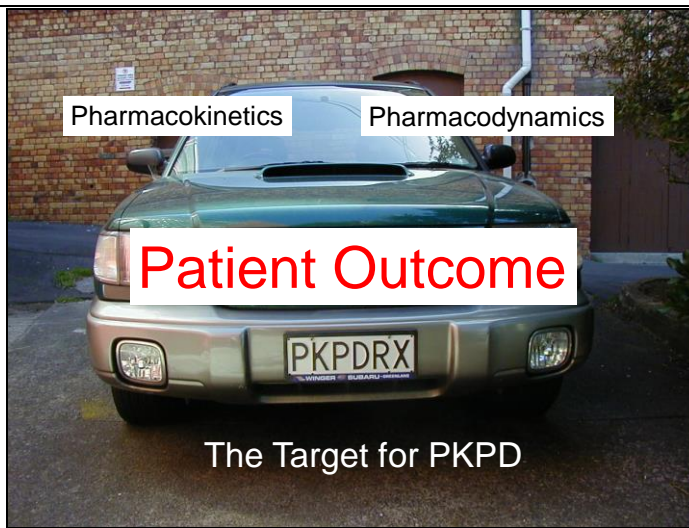
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Which Way to Aim?

- Phase 2 Drug Development
 - » PK and PKPD relationships (Target Effect \rightarrow Target Conc)
 - » Predictable and Unpredictable variability (PPV_T)
 - » Between (BSV_U) and within subject (WSV_U)
- Phase 3 Drug Development
 - » Safe and effective variability (SEV)
 - » The BIG difficulty is deciding on SEV !
- Clinical Use of Medicines
 - » Use quantitative criteria to decide on dosing method
 - » Covariate Dosing if $PPV_T > SEV > PPV_U$
 - » TCI Dosing if $PPV_U > SEV > WSV_U$

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The target for PKPD is improving patient outcome by developing medicines which can achieve the target effect

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