



# TOLERANCE / DESENSITIZATION & ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS

**Phocomelia**

**Thalidomide crisis**

**IATROGENIC DISEASE**

Thalidomide was marketed in 1958 in West Germany as a hypnotic & as for morning sickness during pregnancy

In 1961 a report of out break of **phocomelia** in the newborn babies(40000-100000 cases)



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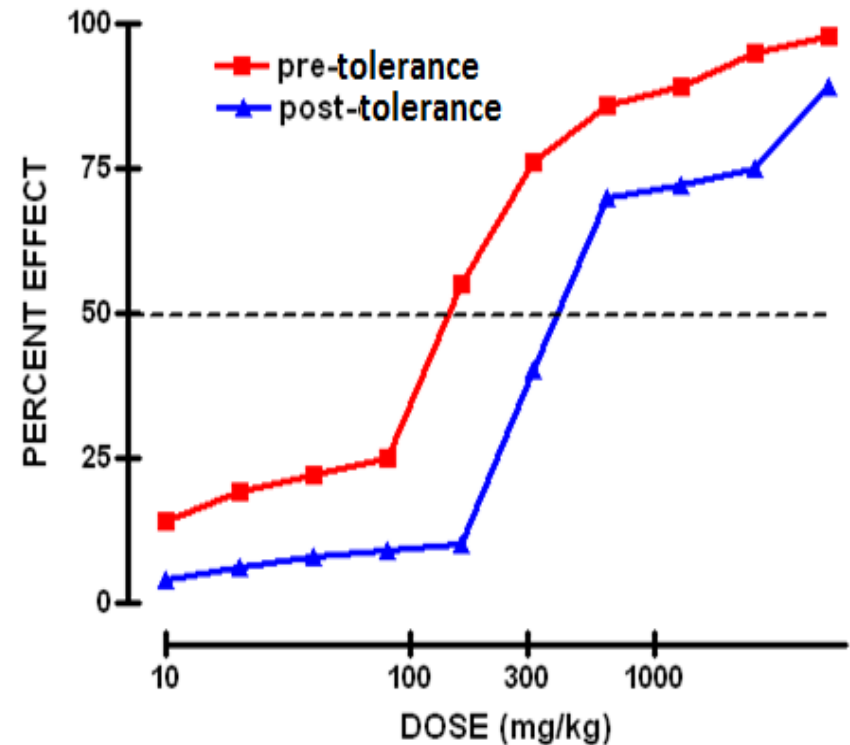


➤ **Distinguish difference between tolerance and desensitization (tachyphylaxis) and reasons for their development**

➤ **Recognize patterns of adverse drug reactions (ADRs)**

# TOLERANCE AND DESENSITIZATION

Phenomenon of variation in drug response, whereby there is a **gradual diminution** of the response to the drug when given continuously or repeatedly.



# DIMINUTION OF A RESPONSE

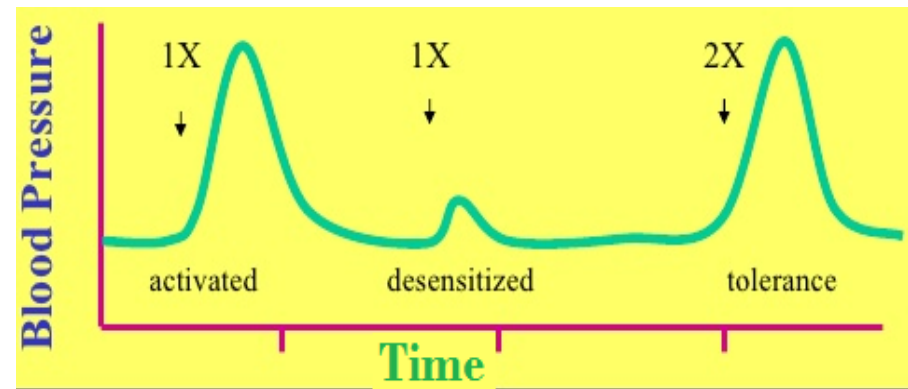
Rapid, in the course of few minutes

**TACHYPHYLAXIS /  
DESENSITIZATION**

Gradual in the course of few days to weeks

**TOLERANCE**

These SHOULD BE  
DISTINGUISHED FROM



Loss of effectiveness of  
antimicrobial agent

**Resistance**

# REASONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOLERANCE



## PRE RECEPTOR EVENTS

↓ Drug availability at the relevant receptors due to pharmacokinetic variables

Drug becomes:

> metabolized or excreted

< absorbed

altered distribution to tissues

eg. Barbiturates ↑ metabolism of  
Contraceptive pills = ↓ it  
availability

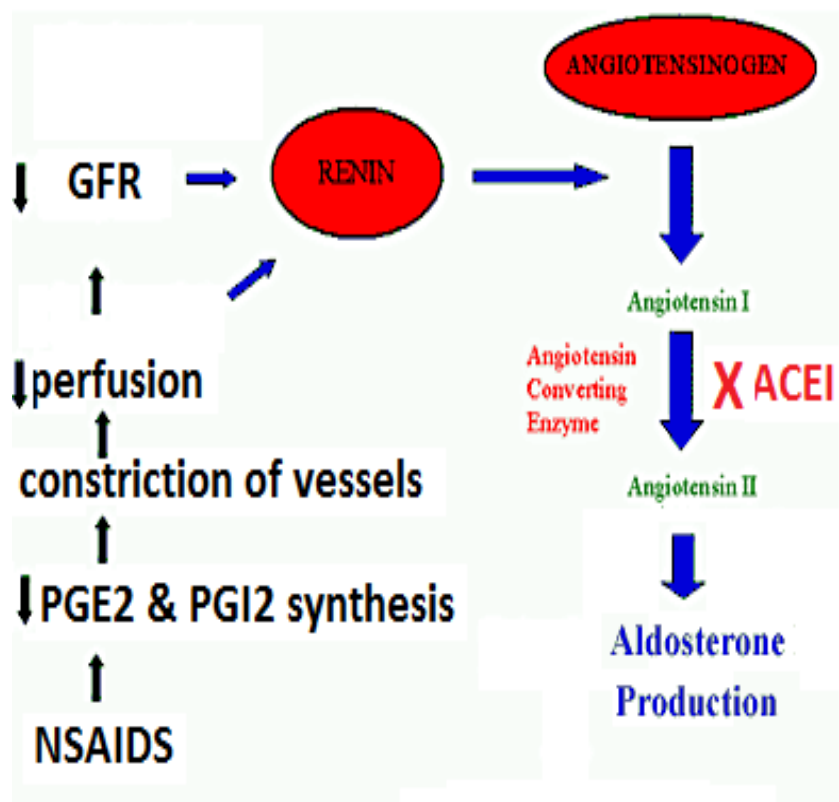
## EVENTS AT RECEPTORS

## POST RECEPTOR EVENTS

Nullification of drug response by a physiological adaptative homeostatic response  
Antihypertensive effects of ACEIs become nullified by activation of renin angiotensin system by NSAIDs

LOSS OF THERAPEUTIC EFFICACY

Refractoriness



# REASONS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF TOLERANCE



**PRE  
RECEPTOR  
EVENTS**

**EVENTS AT  
RECEPTORS**

**POST  
RECEPTOR  
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**EXHUSTION  
OF MEDIATORS**

Depletion of mediator stores by  
**amphetamine**

**BINDING  
ALTERATION**

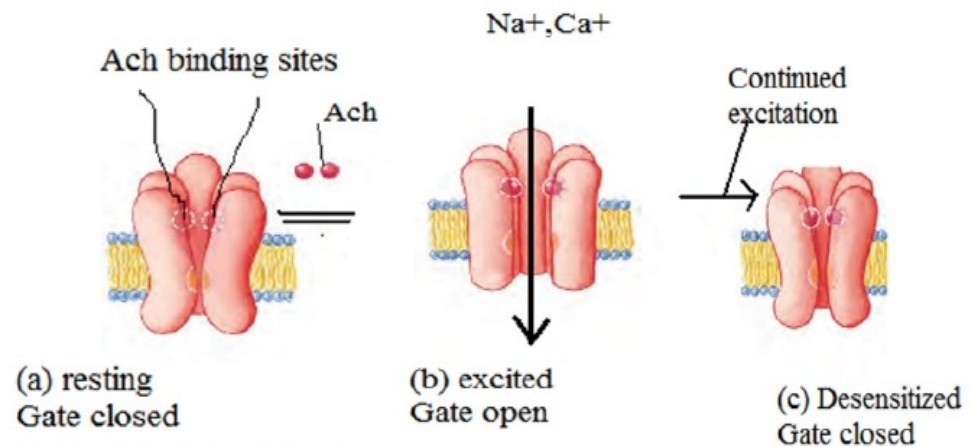
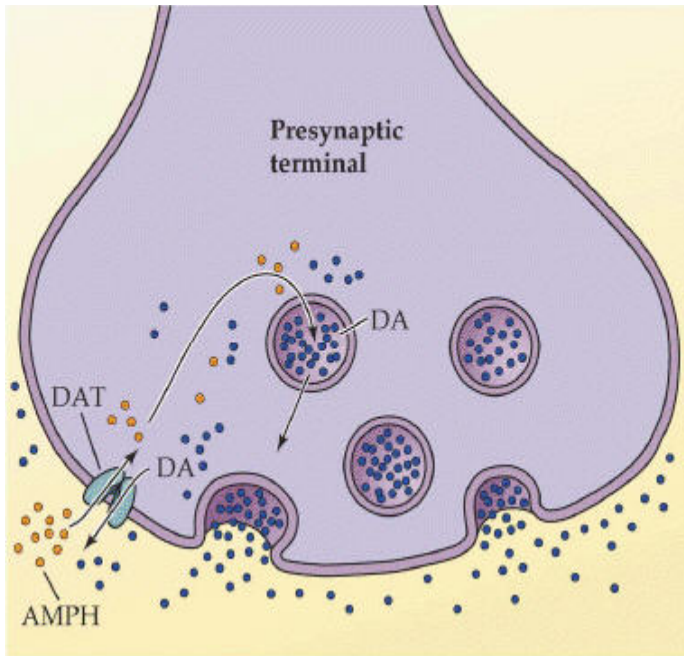
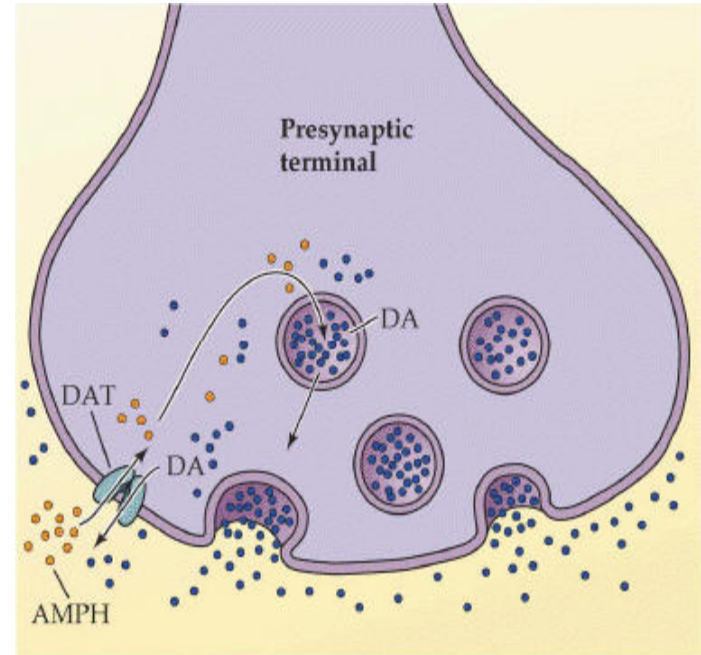
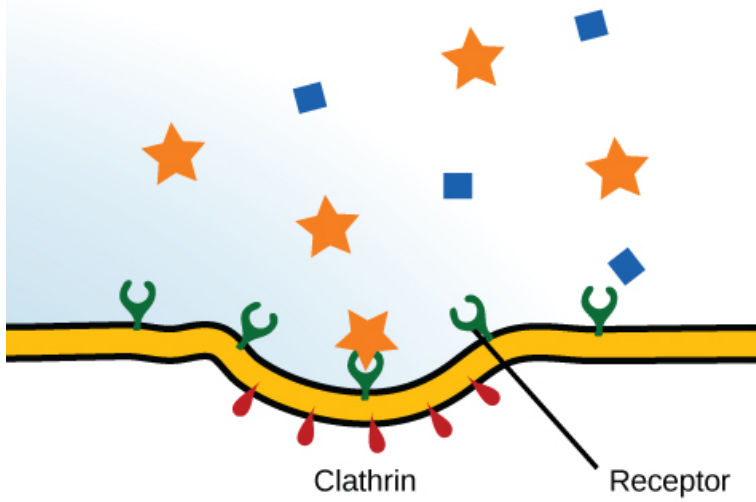
1-Phosphorylation of receptors i.e. Tight binding of  $\beta$ -adrenoceptors agonists  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  activation of AC  
2-Desenzitiation of Ach-receptors  
**[Functional defect]**

**DOWN  
REGULATION**


$\downarrow$  Number of receptors.  
**Isoprenaline** activation to  $\beta$  receptors  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  receptor recycling by endocytosis  
**[Structural defect]**



Receptor-mediated endocytosis



# **ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS [ADRS]**

 **Harmful or seriously unpleasant effects occurring at doses intended for therapeutic effects.**

# TYPES OF ADRS

A

Augmented

B

Bizarre

C

Chronic

D

Delayed

E

End of Use

# TYPE A

# AUGMENTED

Is it dose dependent?

80% of ADRs

Is it predictable?

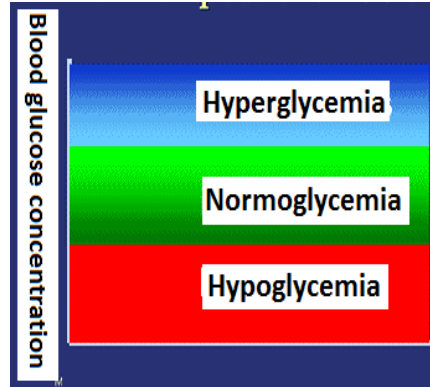
Is the incidence high or low?

A consequence of the primary effect of the drug

Is the ADR quantitatively or qualitatively different from the primary effect?

e.g. Hypoglycemia from hypoglycemic drugs

Bleeding from warfarin



How mortal is it ?

How is it treated?



# TYPE B

# BIZARRE

Is it predictable?

Occurs different to known drug pharmacological effect  
[idiosyncratic]

Idiosyncratic reactions are drug reactions that occur rarely and unpredictably amongst the population

Usually due to  
[1] immunological response or [2]  
patient's genetic defect

Is the incidence high or low?

How mortal is it ?

How is it treated?

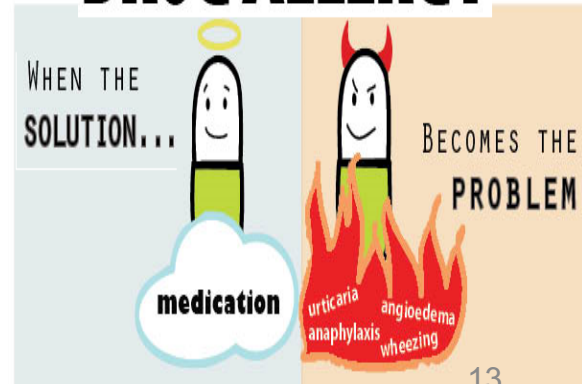
Is the ADR quantitatively or qualitatively different from the primary effect?

Is it dose dependent?

Penicillin → Anaphylactic shock

Quinine → Thrombocytopenia

## DRUG ALLERGY



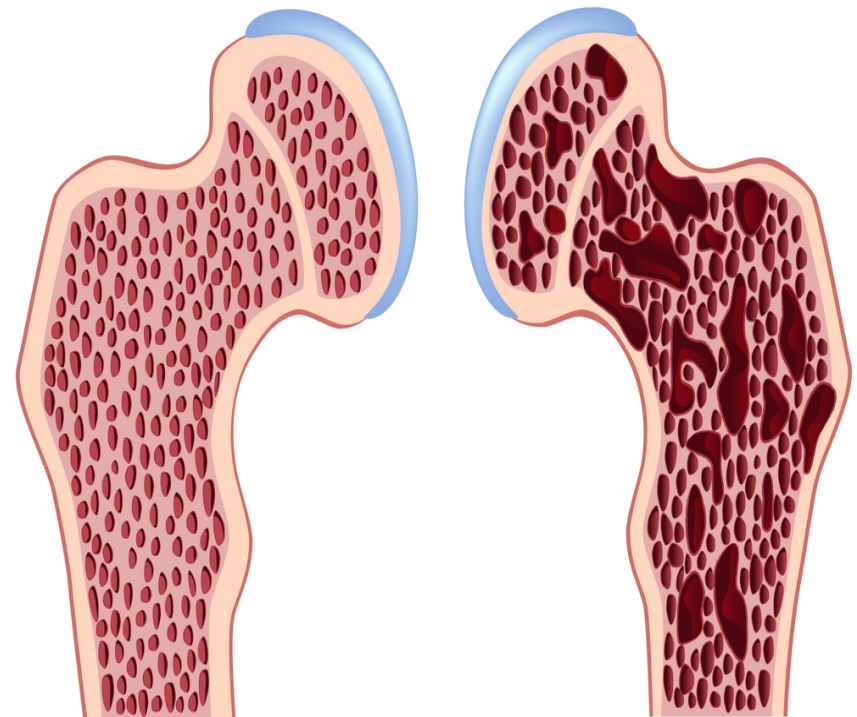
**TYPE C**

**CONTINUED**

Occurs during chronic drug administration

**Osteoporosis** → chronic corticosteroid intake

Osteoporosis



Healthy bone

Osteoporosis  
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## TYPE D

## DELAYED

Occurs after long period of time even after drug stoppage (delayed in onset)

Refers to carcinogenic and teratogenic effects

Teratogenicity → Retinoids  
Carcinogenicity → Tobacco smoking



**Retinoic acid  
malformations**

## **TYPE E**

## **END OF USE**

Occurs after sudden stoppage of chronic drug use due to existing adaptive changes

**Withdrawal syndrome → Morphine**

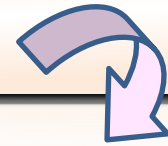
**↑ Body ache, insomnia,  
diarrhea, goose flesh,  
lacrimation**

**Withdrawal of diazepam → anxiety, insomnia**

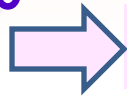


# TYPE B

[1] If due to immunological response

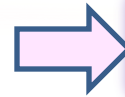


1<sup>st</sup> exposure to a drug



**Sensitization**

Repeated exposures



**HYPERSENSITIVITY REACTION**



**TYPE I**  
**Anaphylaxis**

Release of mediators from mast cells or blood basophils

Urticaria rhinitis, bronchial asthma by **Penicillin**,

**TYPE II**  
**Cytotoxic**

Antibody-directed cell-mediated lysis

Haemolytic anaemia thrombocytopenia by **Quinine**

**TYPE III**  
**Immune complex**

Deposition of soluble antigen-antibody-complement complexes in small blood vessels

Serum sickness (*fever arthritis enlarged lymph nodes, urticaria*) by **Sulphonamides, Streptomycin**

**TYPE IV**  
**Cell mediated**

Interaction release cytokines that attracts inflammatory cell infiltrate

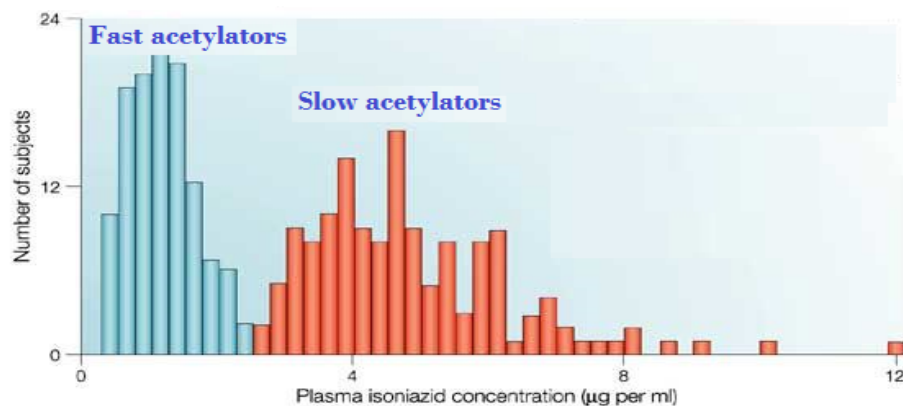
Contact dermatitis by **local anaesthetics creams**

## TYPE B

# [2] IF DUE TO GENETIC DEFECT



When **isoniazid** is given in identical doses /kg, two distinct groups can be identified, a group with low blood level acetylate the drug more rapidly '**fast acetylators**' & 'a group with high blood level acetylate the drug slowly "**slow acetylators**'



**Relapse of infection & hepatitis** occur in fast acetylators

Isoniazid causes **peripheral neuropathy** in slow acetylators