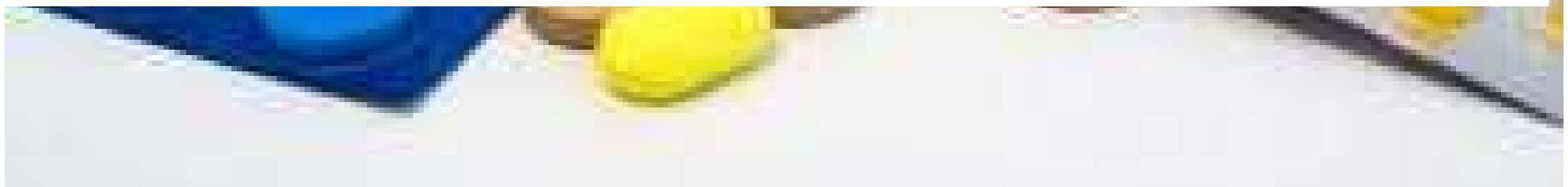


# **PRINCIPI DI FARMACOCINETICA**

**METABOLISMO**

**ESCREZIONE**

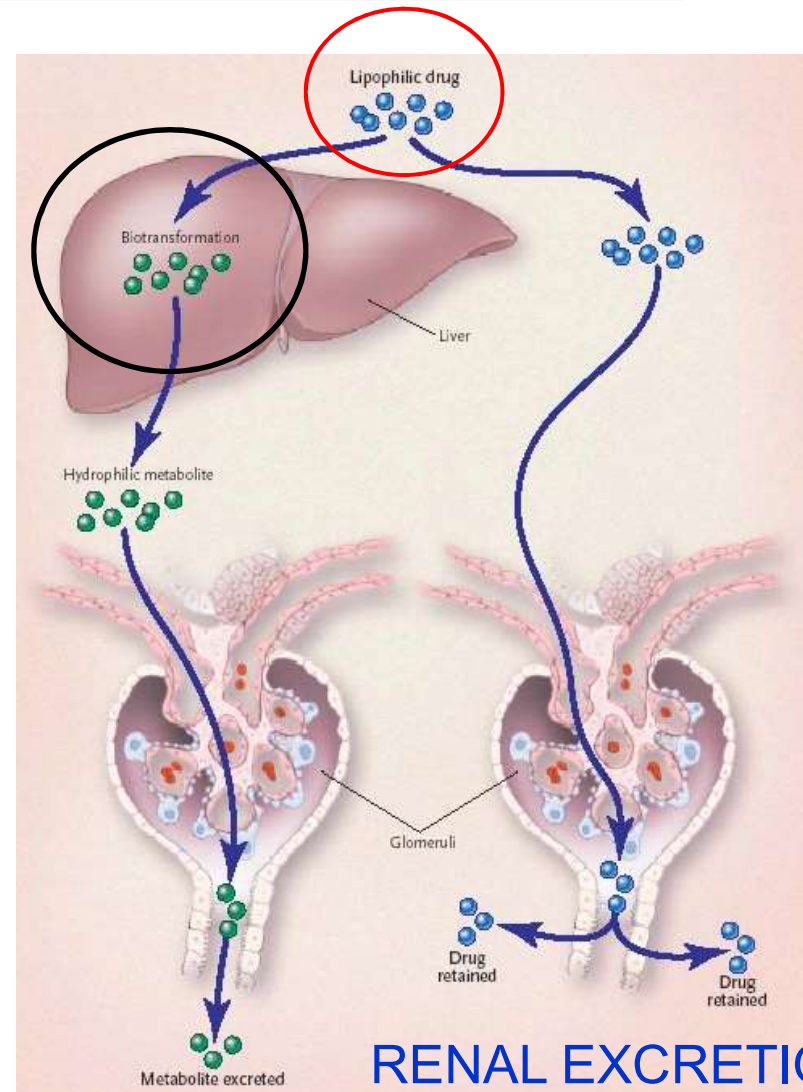


# DRUG METABOLISM

## BIOTRANSFORMATION INTO POLAR METABOLITES

**MAINLY in the LIVER**

*Gut, lungs, skin, kidneys and brain*



# Drug Metabolism: pharmacological background

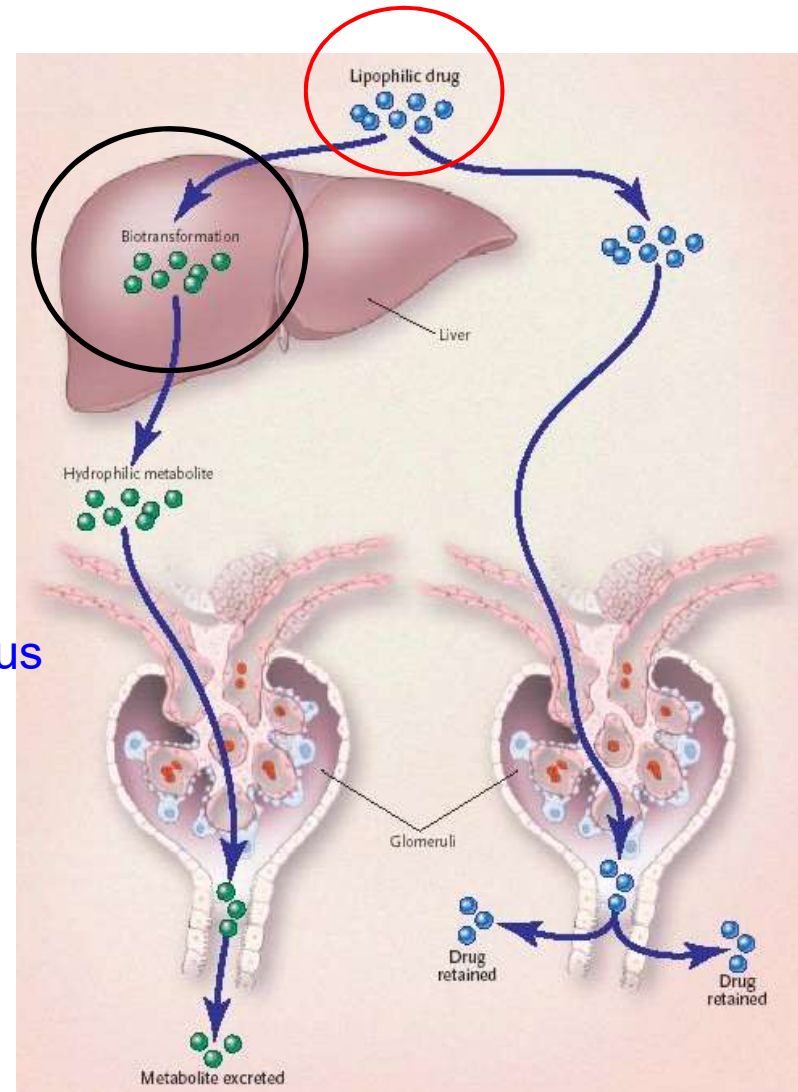
## Phase I Reactions-Functionalization

- Introduction of a polar group  
(-OH, -SH, -NH<sub>2</sub>, -COOH)
- Demasking polar group

## Phase II Reactions-Conjugation

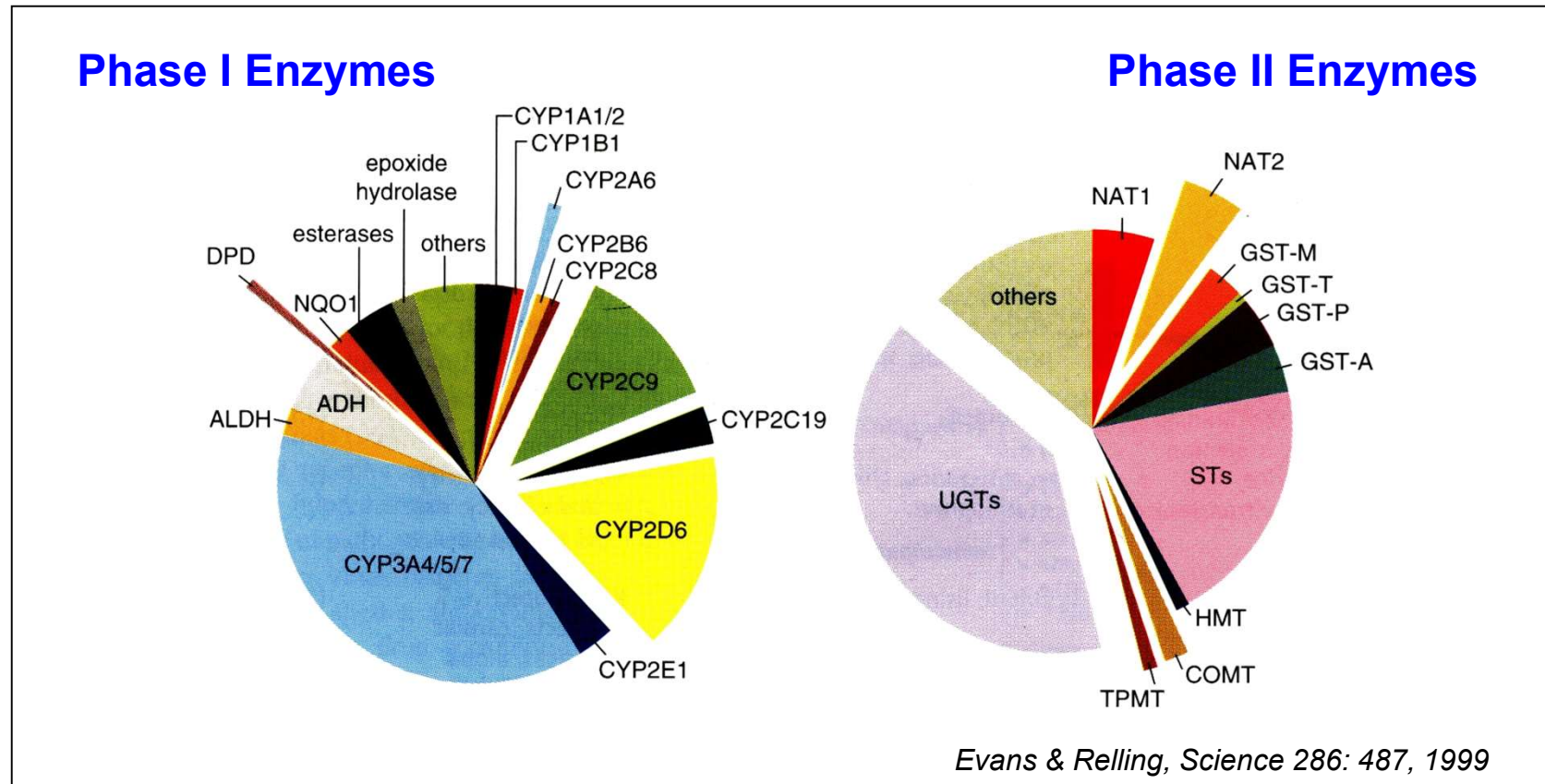
Parent drug/ Phase I metabolites/Endogenous

- Glucuronic acid
- Sulfate
- Glutathione
- Others (metilation, acetilation,...)



Excretion

# Drug Metabolism: pharmacological background



**CYP450**

**Oxidation**

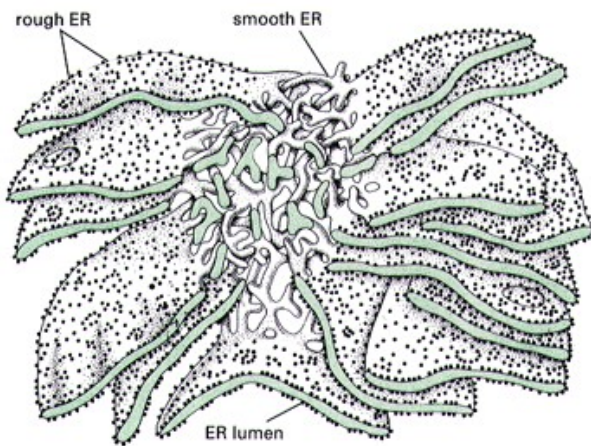
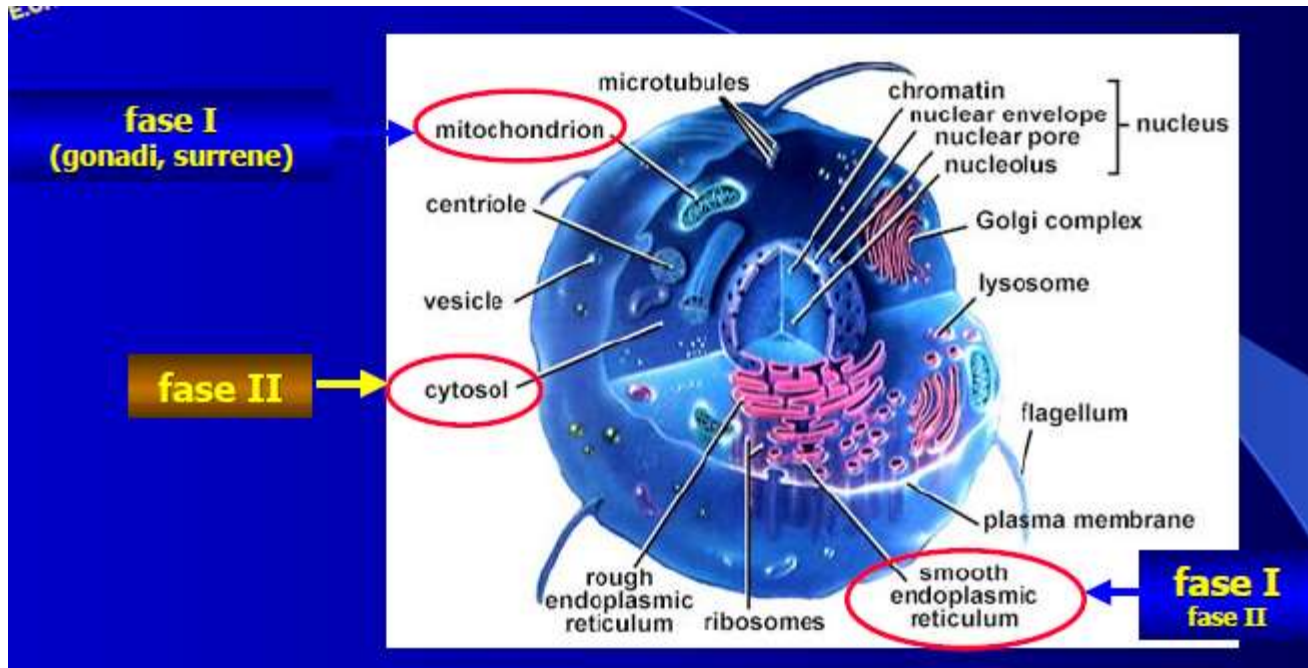
**Transferases**

**Conjugation**

Others

- Reduction
- Hydrolysis
- Others (isomerization,...)

# Drug Metabolism: pharmacological background



Membrane	Epatocita	Cellula esocrina pancreatica
Cell membrane	2 %	5 %
Rough RE	35 %	60 %
<b>Smooth RE</b>	<b>16 %</b>	<b>&lt;1 %</b>
Golgi	7 %	10 %
Mitochondria, external membrane	7 %	4 %
Mitochondria, internal membrane	32 %	17 %

# Phase I enzymes

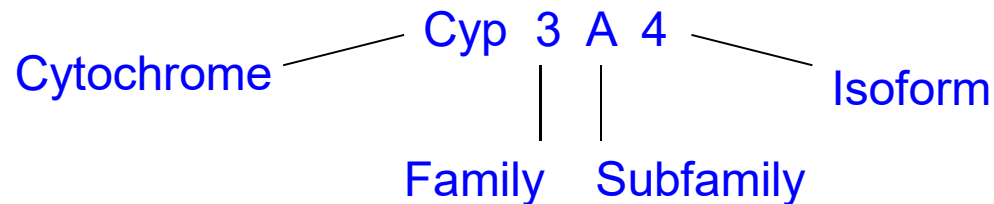
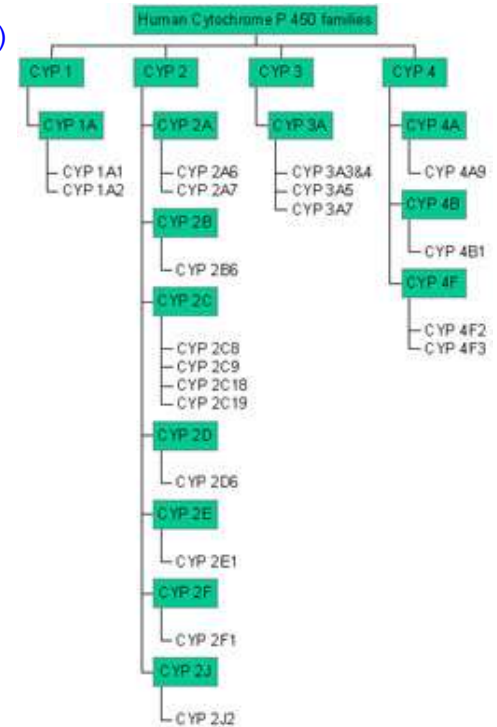
## Cytochrome P450 Superfamily

### Human genome

57 genes (~ 57 pseudogenes)  
~ 150 members

74 families (40% identity)  
subfamilies (55% identity)

- CYP1 (3 subfamilies, 3 genes, 1 pseudogene)
- CYP2 (13 subfamilies, 16 genes, 16 pseudogenes)
- CYP3 (1 subfamily, 4 genes, 2 pseudogenes)
- CYP4 (6 subfamilies, 12 genes, 10 pseudogenes)
- CYP5 (1 subfamily, 1 gene)
- CYP7A (1 subfamily member)
- CYP7B (1 subfamily member)
- CYP8A (1 subfamily member)
- CYP8B (1 subfamily member)
- CYP11 (2 subfamilies, 3 genes)
- CYP17 (1 subfamily, 1 gene)
- CYP19 (1 subfamily, 1 gene)
- CYP20 (1 subfamily, 1 gene)
- CYP21 (1 subfamily, 1 gene, 1 pseudogene)
- CYP24 (1 subfamily, 1 gene)
- CYP26A (1 subfamily member)
- CYP26B (1 subfamily member)
- CYP26C (1 subfamily member)
- CYP27A (1 subfamily member)
- CYP27B (1 subfamily member)
- CYP27C (1 subfamily member)
- CYP39 7 (1 subfamily member)
- CYP46 (1 subfamily member)
- CYP51 (1 subfamily, 1 gene, 3 pseudogenes)



# Cytochrome P450: heme-proteins

## *monooxygenases- Mixed function oxidase*

### Substrate binding

### First reduction

$\text{Fe}^{3+} \rightarrow \text{Fe}^{2+}$  by an  $e^-$  transferred from NAD(P)H via an electron transfer chain.

### Oxygen binding

An  $\text{O}_2$  molecule binds rapidly to the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$   
 Slow conversion to a more stable complex  $\text{Fe}^{3+}\text{-O}_2$ .  
 (evidence)

### Second reduction

### $\text{O}_2$ cleavage

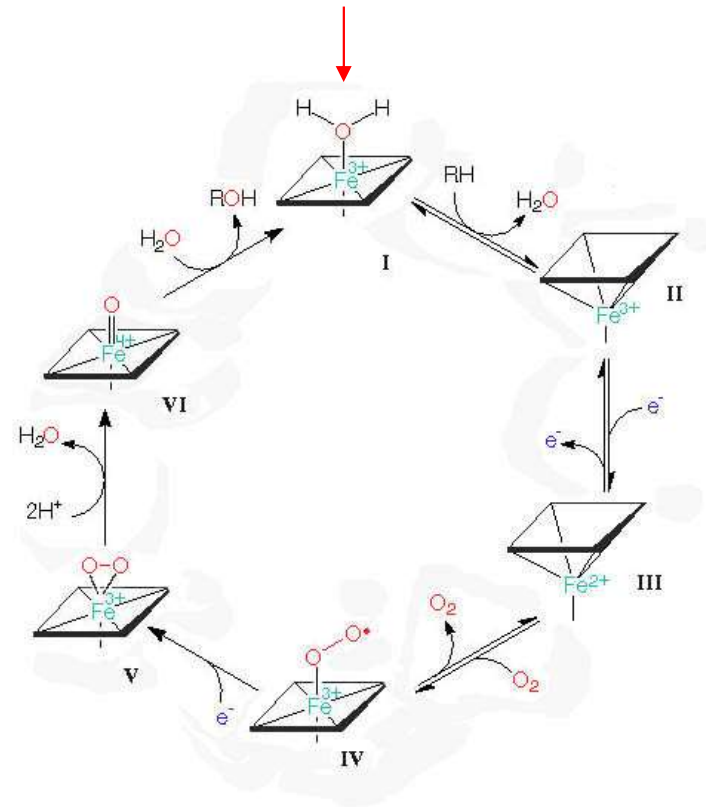
$\text{O}_2^{2-}$  reacts with  $2\text{H}^+$  from the surrounding solvent, breaking the O-O bond, forming  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and leaving an  $(\text{Fe}-\text{O})^{3+}$  complex.

### Product formation

Transfer of the Fe-ligated O atom to the substrate forming an hydroxylated form of the substrate.

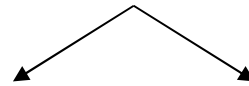
### Product release

Enzyme returns to its initial state.



# Cytochrome P450: Biological Function

## Intra-cellular Metabolism



- Endogenous compounds
  - Steroids
  - Fatty acids
  - Prostaglandins
  - Other
- Xenobiotics/drug compounds
  - Phase I biotrasformations



# Cytochrome P450 metabolism



- Endogenous compounds

CYP4 arachidonic acid or fatty acid metabolism  
CYP5 Thromboxane A2 synthase  
CYP7A bile acid biosynthesis 7-alpha hydroxylase of steroid nucleus  
CYP7B brain specific form of 7-alpha hydroxylase  
CYP8A prostacyclin synthase  
CYP8B bile acid biosynthesis  
CYP11 steroid biosynthesis  
CYP17 steroid biosynthesis, 17-alpha hydroxylase  
CYP19 steroid biosynthesis, aromatase forms estrogen  
CYP20 Unknown function  
CYP21 steroid biosynthesis  
CYP24 vitamin D degradation  
CYP26A retinoic acid hydroxylase important in development  
CYP26B retinoic acid hydroxylase  
CYP26C retinoic acid hydroxylase important in development  
CYP27A bile acid biosynthesis (1 subfamily member)  
CYP27B Vitamin D3 1-alpha hydroxylase activates vitamin D3  
CYP27C Unknown function  
CYP39 7 alpha hydroxylation of 24 hydroxy cholesterol  
CYP46 cholesterol 24-hydroxylase  
CYP51 cholesterol biosynthesis, lanosterol 14-alpha demethylase

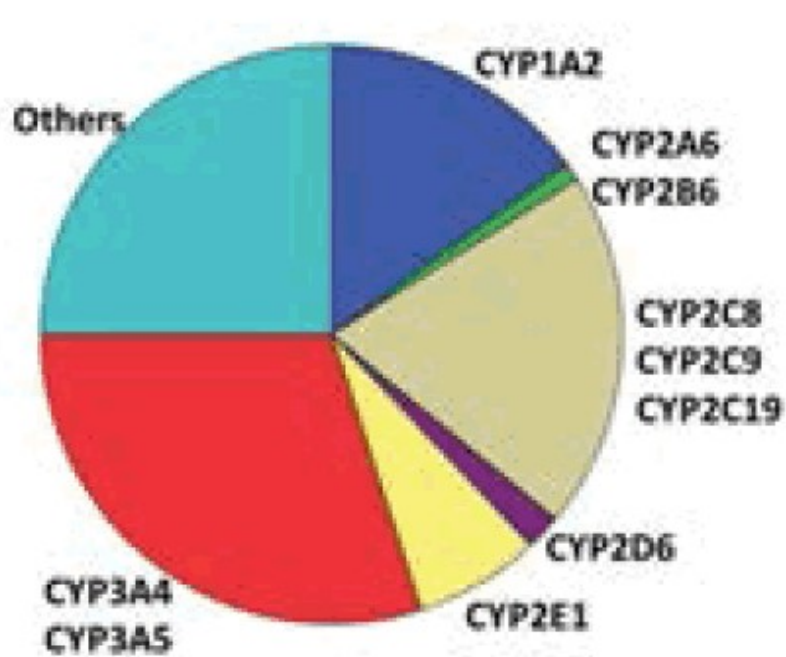
Biosynthesis/Metabolism of  
Endogenous lipophilic compounds

- Xenobiotics/drug compounds

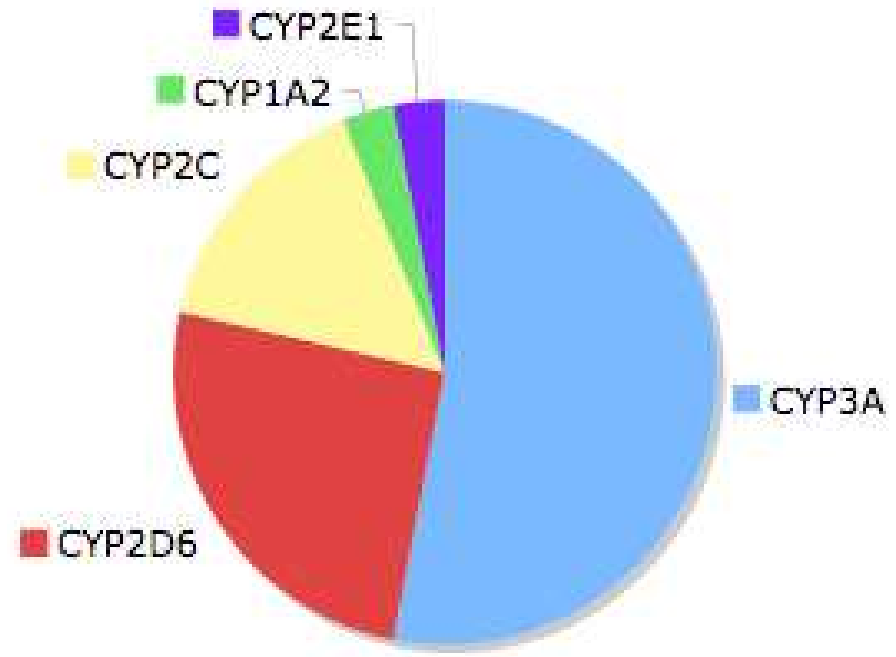
CYP1 drug metabolism  
CYP2 drug and steroid metabolism  
CYP3 drug metabolism

Broad overlapping  
substrate specificities

# Cytochrome P450 drug metabolism



Distribution of the main CYP isoforms in the liver



Relative importance of CYP isoforms in drug metabolism

# Phase I reactions

Xenobiotics → Phase I metabolite

*Inactive*

*Equally active* →

*More active* →

*Toxic*

*Activation of "prodrug"*

Farmaco	Metabolita	Reazione di biotrasformazione
Allopurinolo	Ossipurinolo	Idrossilazione
Cloralio idrato	Tricloroetano	Riduzione aldeide
Clorazepato	Nordiazepam	Conversione spontanea
Codeina	Morfina	O-demetilazione
Digitossina	Digossina	Idrossilazione
Fenilbutazone	Ossifenilbutazone (antiinfiammatorio) γ-idrossifenilbutazone (uricosurico)	Idrossilazione aromatica Idrossilazione alifatica
Imipramina	Desipramina	n-demetilazione
Propranololo	3-idrossipropranololo	Idrossilazione

# Phase I reactions

Xenobiotics → Phase I metabolite

*Inactive*  
*Equally active*  
*More active*  
*Toxic* →  
*Activation of "prodrug"*

Farmaco	Metabolita	Reazione di biotrasformazione
Amine aromatiche	Idrossilamine (cancerogene)	N-idrossilazione
Amobarbitale	Idrossiamobarbitale	Idrossilazione
Anilina	N-idrossianilina (induce metaemoglobinemia)	N-idrossilazione
Fenitoina	Derivato epossidico (teratogeno)	Eossidazione
Idrocarburi aromatici policiclici	Derivati epossidici (teratogeni)	Eossidazione
Isoniazide	Acetilidrazina (epatotossica)	Acetilazione e idrolisi amidica
Metanolo	Formaldeide (retinopatia)	Ossidazione alcolica
Metossiflurano	Ione fluoruro (nefrotossico)	Ossidazione
Paracetamolo	N-idrossiacetaminofene	N-idrossilazione

# Phase I reactions

Xenobiotics → Phase I metabolite

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*Equally active*

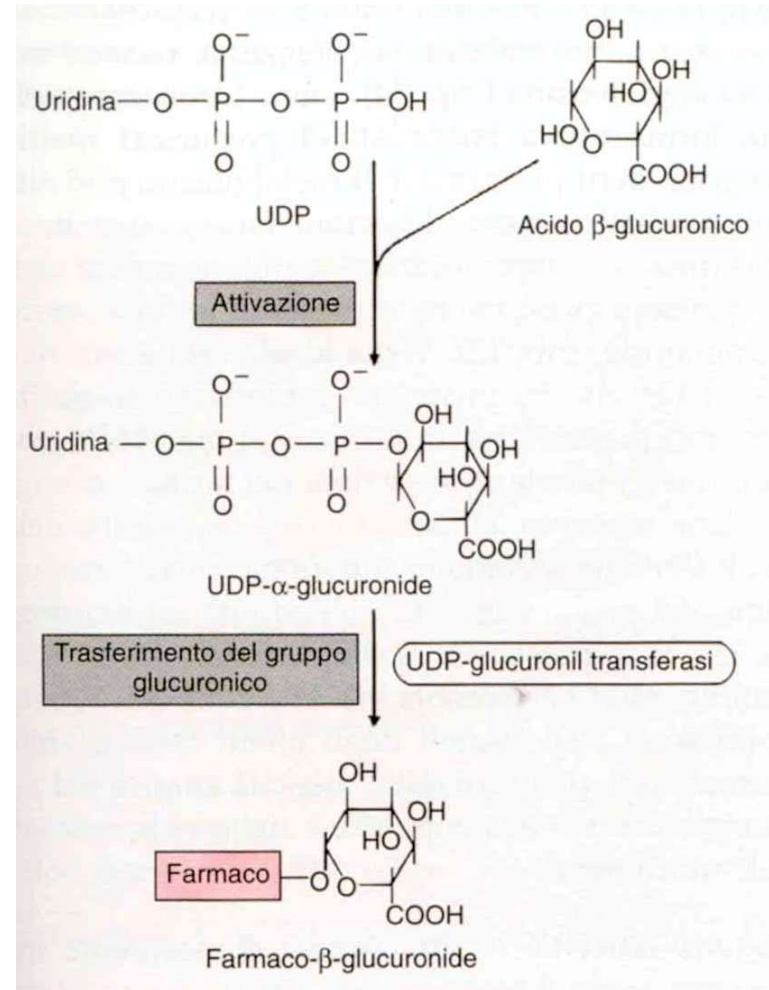
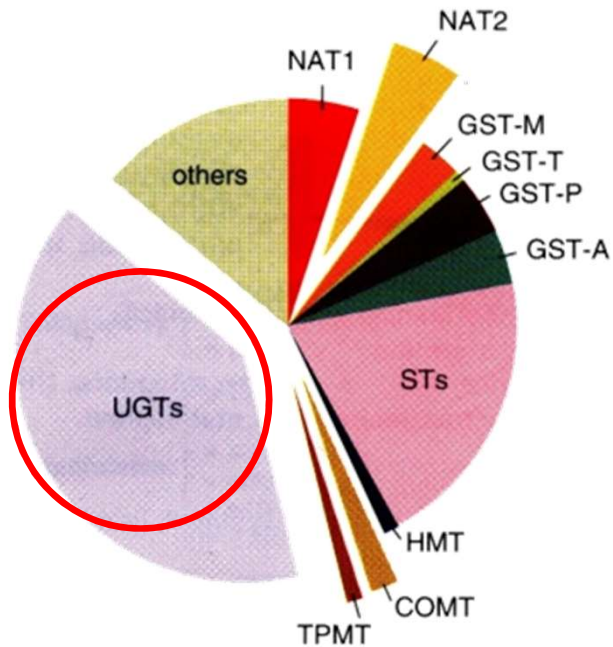
*More active*

*Toxic*

*Activation of "prodrug" →*

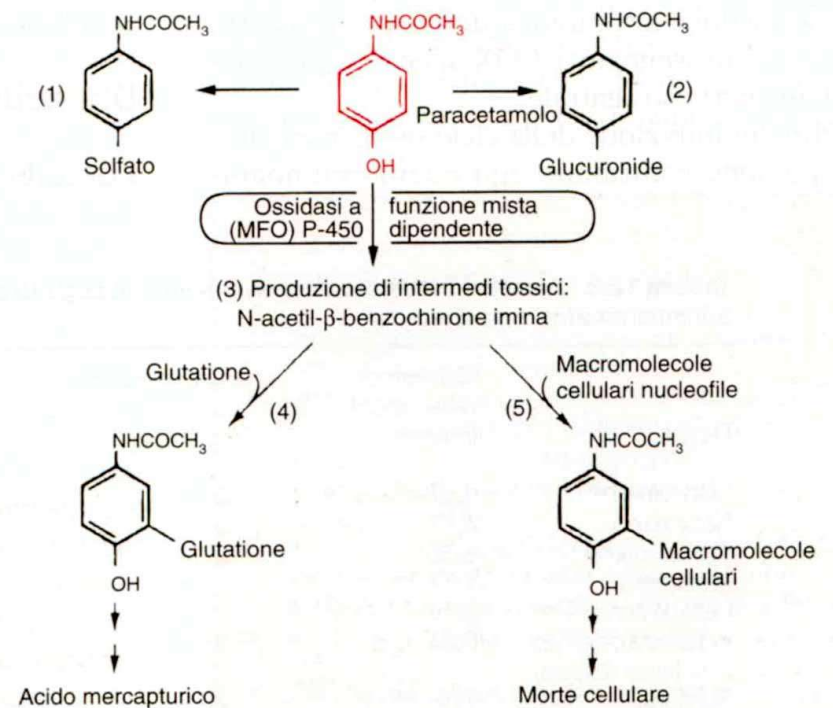
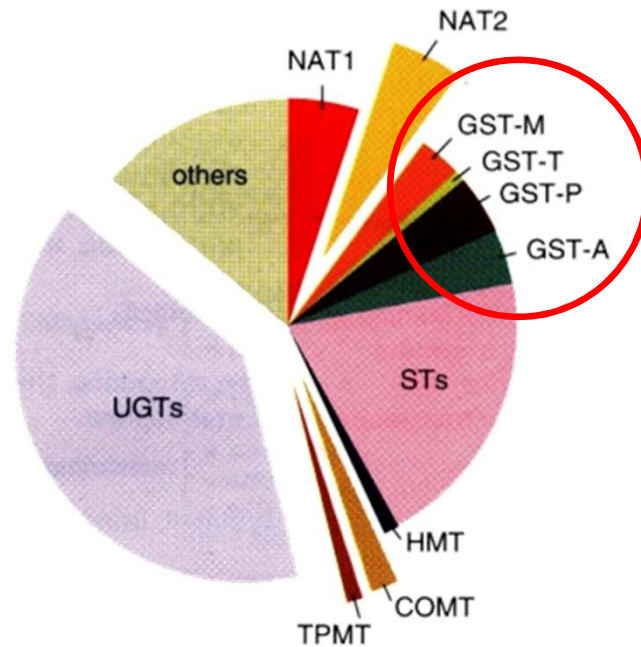
Profarmaco	Farmaco attivo	Reazione di biotrasformazione
Prednisone	Prednisolone	Riduzione gruppo chetonico
Cortisone	Cortisolo	Riduzione gruppo chetonico
Cloramfenicolo esteri	Cloramfenicolo	Idrolisi esterea
Levodopa	Dopamina	Decarbossilazione
Mercaptopurina	Mercaptopurina-ribosio-5'-fosfato	Pirofosforilazione
Metildopa	$\alpha$ -metilnoradrenalina	Decarbossilazione e $\beta$ -idrossilazione
Parathion	Paraoxon	Desulfurazione
Enalapril	Composto attivo	
Vitamina D <sub>3</sub>	1,25-diidrossi-colecalciferolo	idrossilazione

# Phase II reactions



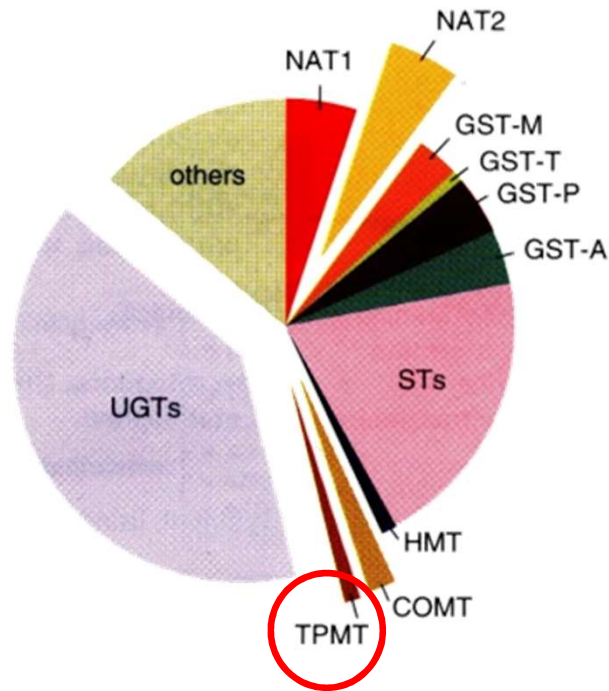
Reazione	Esempi di substrato
Glucuronidazione	Morfina, paracetamolo, nitrofenolo, diazepam, meprobamato, bilirubina, acido benzoico

# Phase II reactions



Reazione	Esempi di substrato
Coniugazione con glutazione	Acido etacrinico, bifenili policlorurati, naftalene, caffeina, paracetamolo

# Phase II reactions

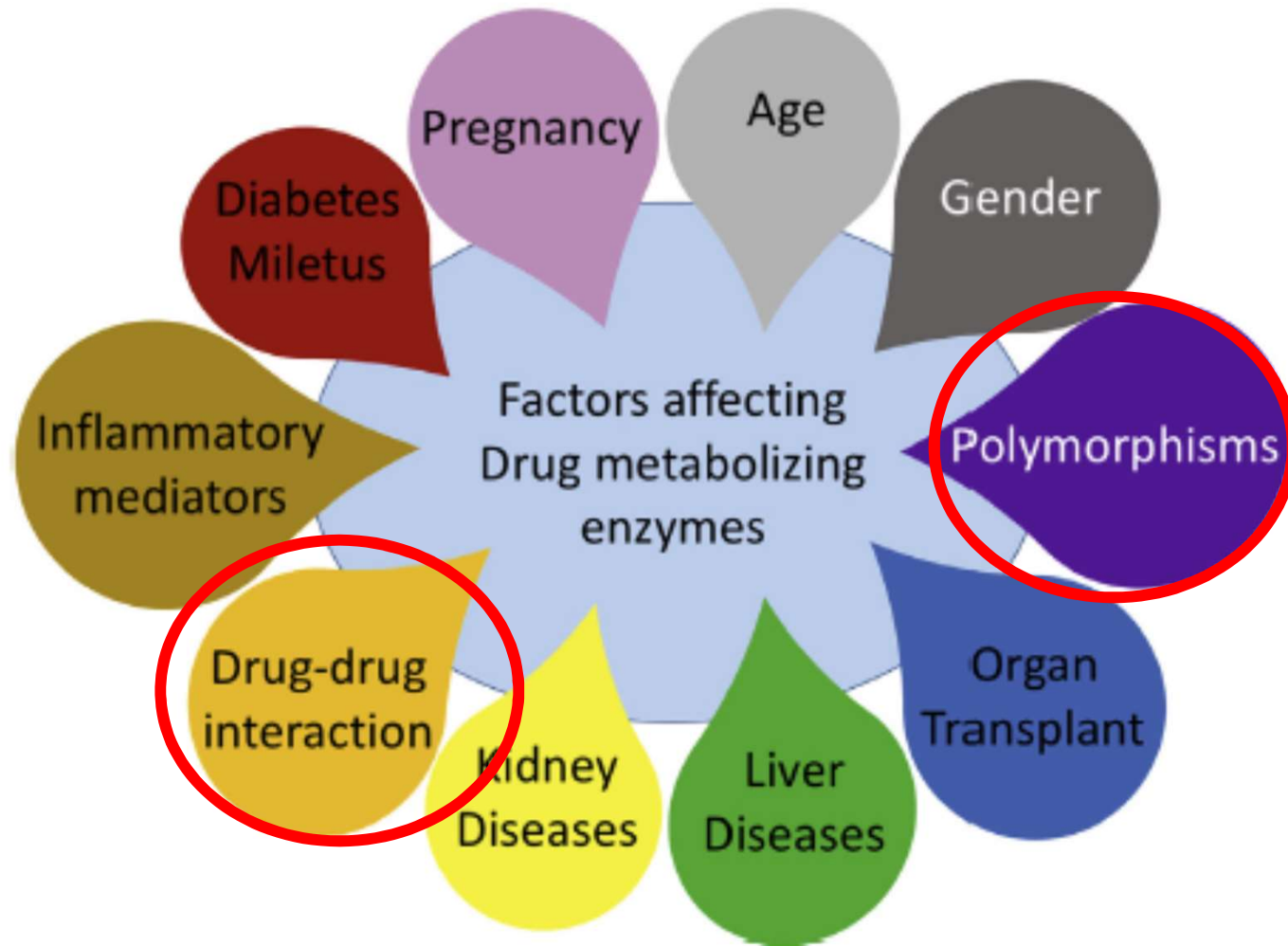


Reazione	Esempi di substrato
N-acetilazioni	Sulfamidici, idralazina, isoniazide, clorazepam, acido para-amino-salicilico, dapsone
N-metilazioni	Istamina, noradrenalina, normorfina, chinolina, triptamina, nicotina, nicotinamide
O-metilazioni	Catecolamine
S-metilazione	Tiouracile, mercaptoetanolo
Coniugazione con solfato	Estrone, anilina, fenolo, paracetamolo, metil-dopa, salicilamide
Coniugazione con aminoacidi	Acido benzoico, acido salicilico, acido nicotinic
Ribonucleosidazione	Mercaptopurina



# METABOLISM

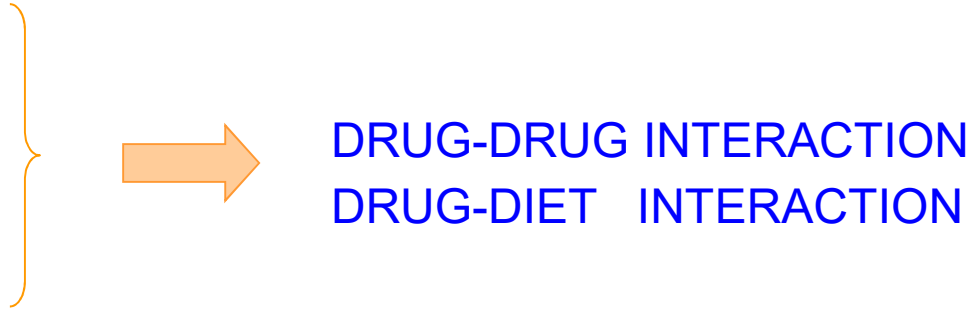
**FATTORI CHE INFLUENZANO  
L'ESPRESSIONE E LA FUNZIONE DEGLI ENZIMI EPATICI**



*Almazroo et al., Clin Liver Dis. 2017 Feb;21(1):1-20.*

# METABOLISM and DRUG-DRUG INTERACTION

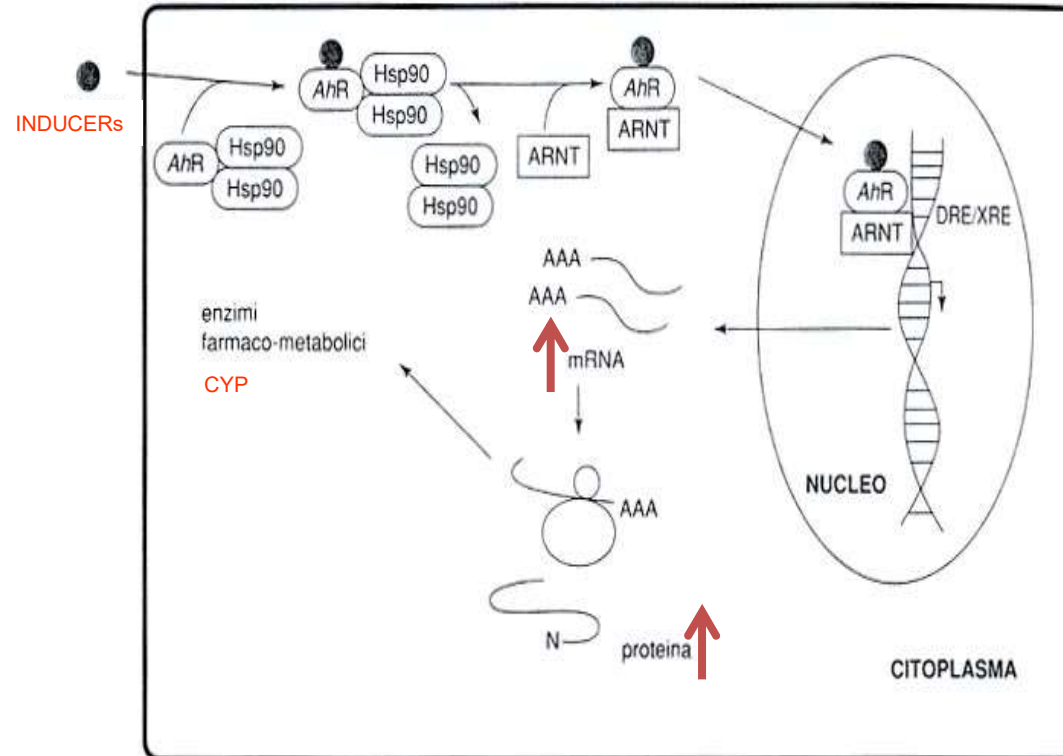
## CLINICAL IMPORTANT ASPECTS (mainly of cytochrome P450)

- INDUCTION
  - INHIBITION
  - GENETIC POLYMORPHISMS
- 
- DRUG-DRUG INTERACTION  
DRUG-DIET INTERACTION

# Cytochrome P450 induction

- Reversible increase in CYP enzymes concentration
- Induction by chemicals (inducers)
  - Endocrine controls (ACTH induction of steroid biosynthetic P450s)
  - Xenobiotics
- Time dependent effect
- Possible alteration in the metabolism of substrates taken concurrently or later on
  - ↓ ↑ therapeutic effect
  - ↓ ↑ drug toxicity

# Cytochrome P450 induction mechanisms



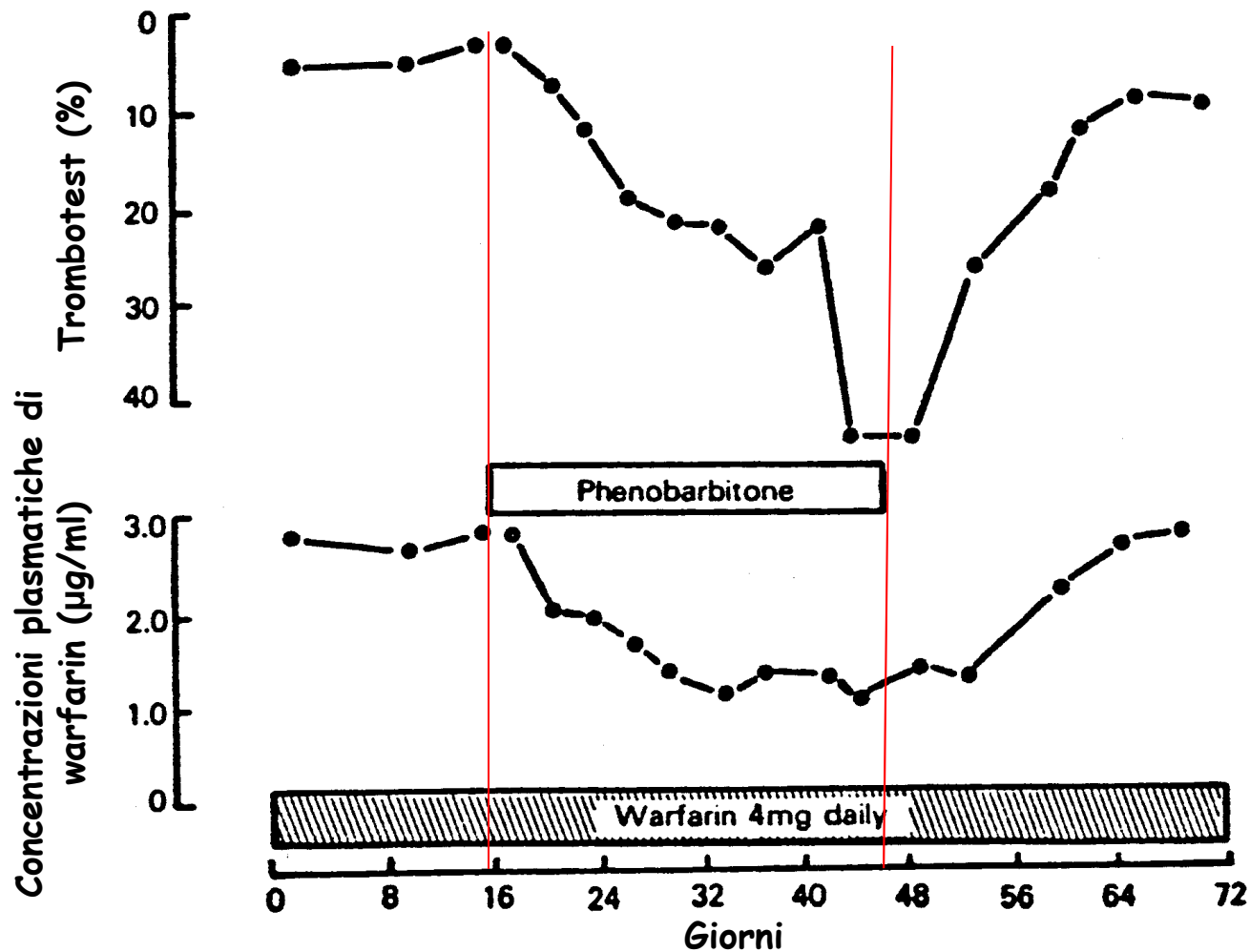
CYP	Inducers	Mechanism
1A2	3-metilcolantrene	mRNA stabilization
3A1	Desametasone	Transcription control
2B1/2B2	Fenobarbital	Transcription control
2E1	Etanolo, acetone, isoniazide	Protein stabilization

# Cytochrome P450 induction

## CLINICAL Examples

Inducers can decrease the therapeutic levels of drugs

## Phenobarbital effect on warfarin plasma concentration



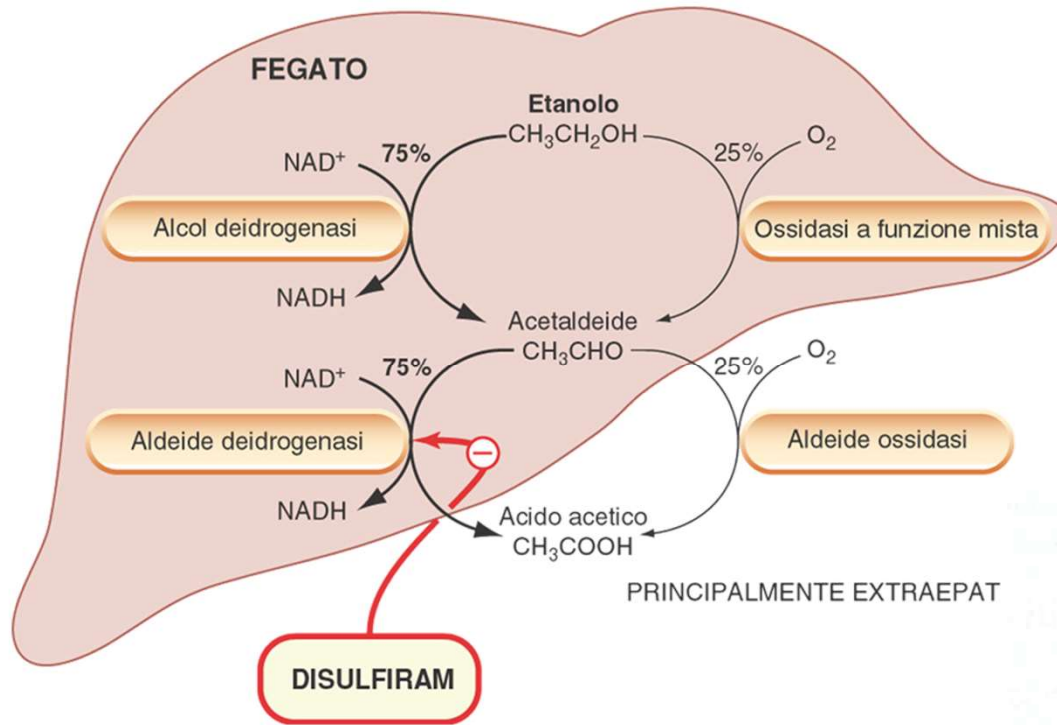
# Cytochrome P450 induction

## CLINICAL Examples

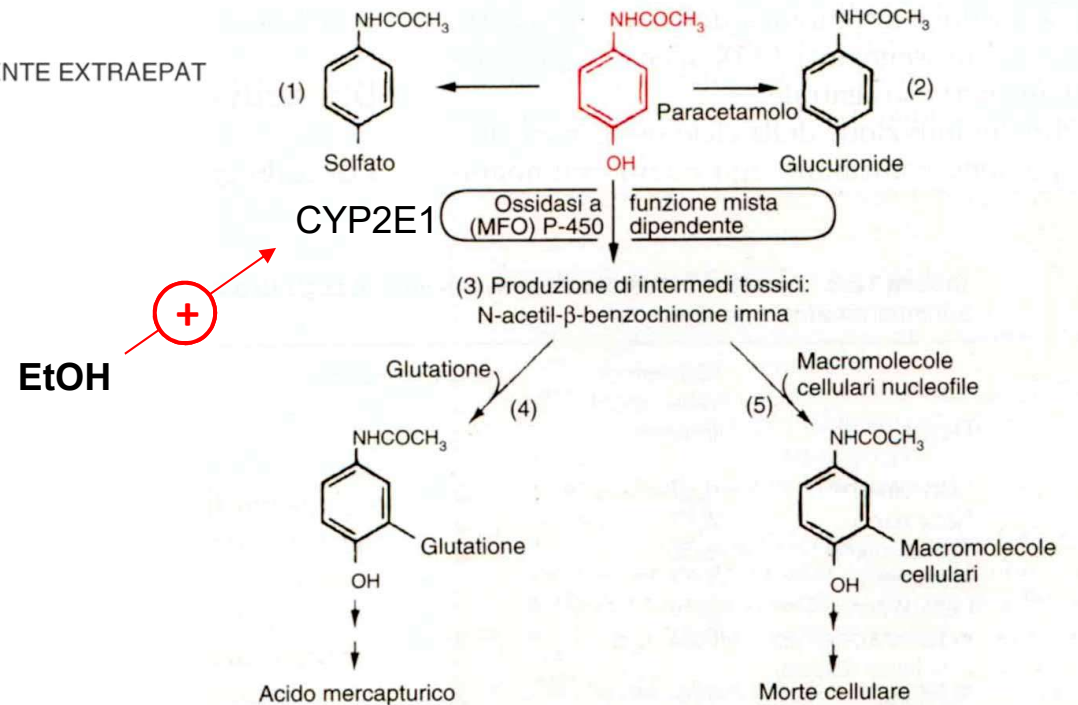
Inducers can decrease the therapeutic levels of drugs

Inducing agents	CYP affected	Substrates (Drug)		Potential outcome
Carbamazepine	CYP3A4	Cyclosporin	↑ inactivation	↑ risk of transplant reject
Rifampicin	CYP2C9	Warfarin	↑ inactivation ↓INR	↑ risk of Thrombosis
Hypericum	CYP3A4 (↑)	Protease inhibitors	↑ inactivation ↓HIV cocktail effectiveness	↑ HIV viral load
Cigarette Smoking	CYP1A2	Theophylline	↑ inactivation	↑ risk of Asthma attack
Ethanol	CYP2E1	Acetaminophen		Epatotoxicity
		Ethanol		

# Cytochrome P450 induction



**EtOH**  $\rightarrow$  **CYP2E1**  $\rightarrow$  **TOLERANCE (Pharmacokinetic)**



# Cytochrome P450 inhibition

- CYP enzymes inhibition by competitive or non competitive mechanisms
- Reversible binding
- First-dose effect
- Possible increase in the serum concentration of a drug taken concurrently
- Possible toxicity

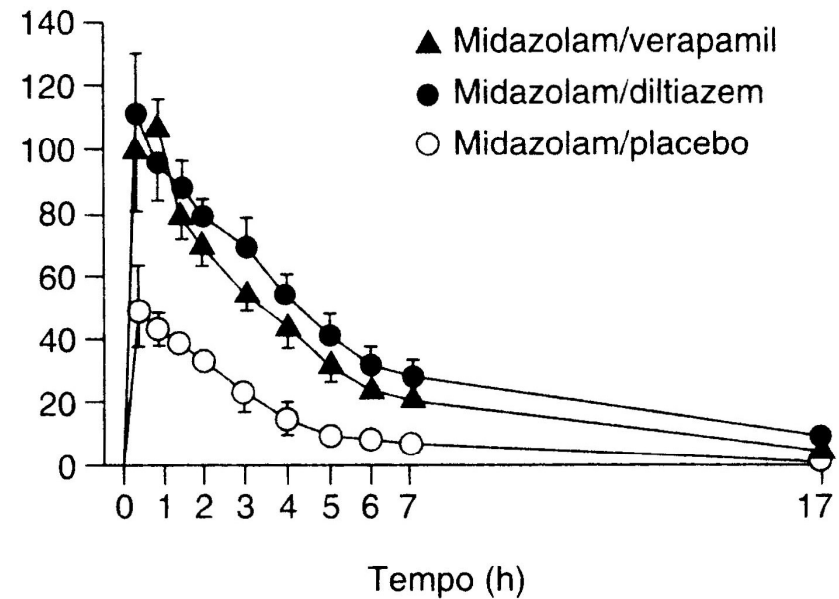
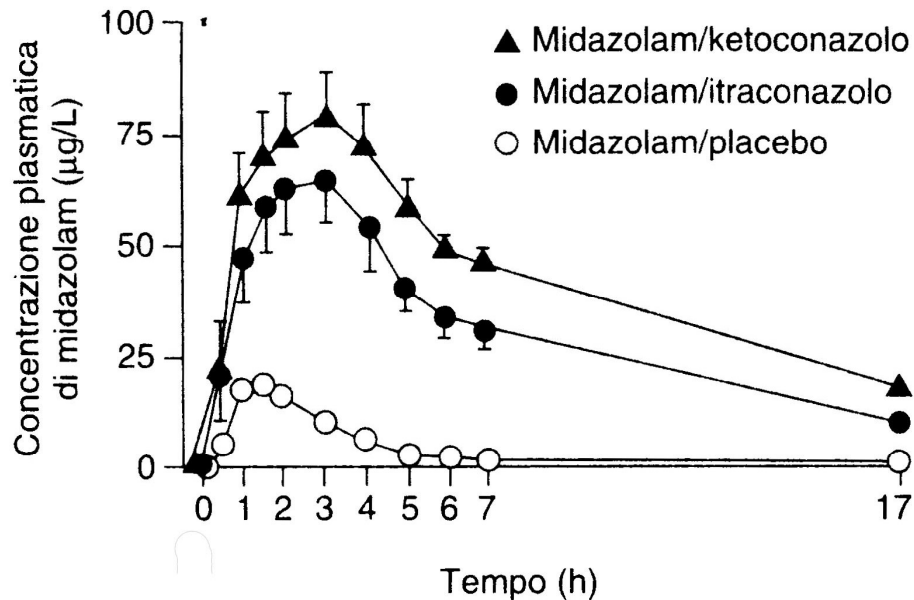
## CLINICAL Examples

Inhibitors can increase the serum levels of substrates → Toxicity

Inhibitors	CYP affected	Substrates (Drug)	Potential outcome
Metronidazole	CYP2C9	Warfarin	Hemorrhage
Ketoconazole	CYP3A4	Cyclosporin	↑ immunosuppression
Fluoxetine	CYP2D6	Dextromethorphan	CNS depression
Grapefruit Juice (6'-7'-dihydroxybergamottin)	CYP3A4	Cyclosporin	



# Cytochrome P450 inhibition



Bacman et al., Pharmacol Toxicol 85:157, 1999



Transplantation Proceedings, 35, 215-218 (2003)

## Efficacy and Safety of Low-Dose Ketoconazole (50 mg) to Reduce the Cost of Cyclosporine in Renal Allograft Recipients

M.A. Abraham, P.P. Thomas, G.T. John, V. Job, V. Shankar, and C.K. Jacob

# POLYMORPHISMS

A **polymorphism** is a genetic variant that appears in at least 1% of a population

Single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP)

Transition (pur→pur, pir→pir)

Transversion (pur↔ pir)

Deletion

insertion

Sequence repeat

Microsatellite

Mini satellite

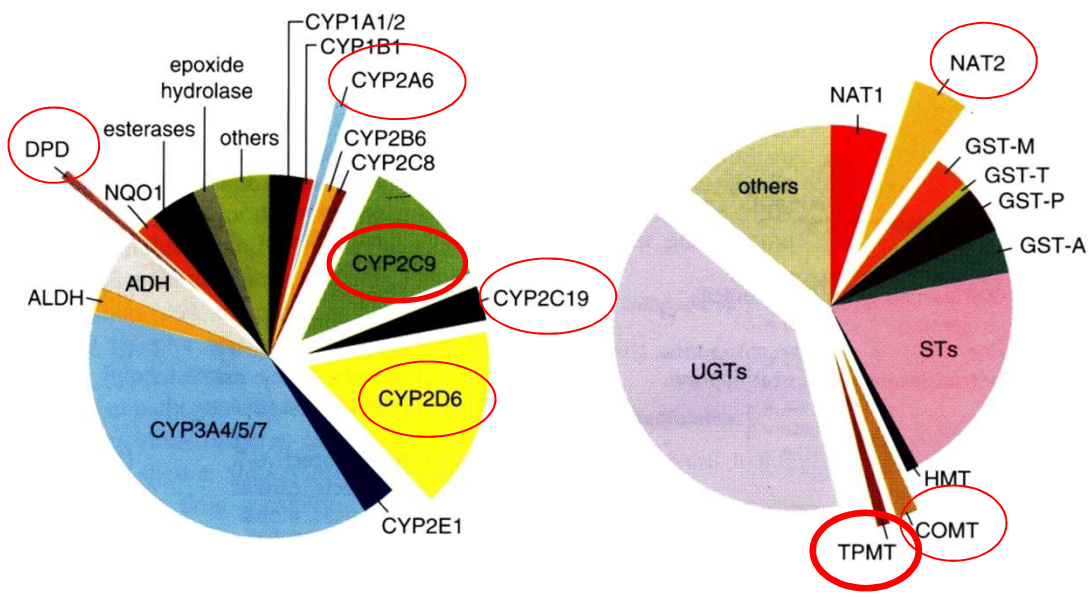
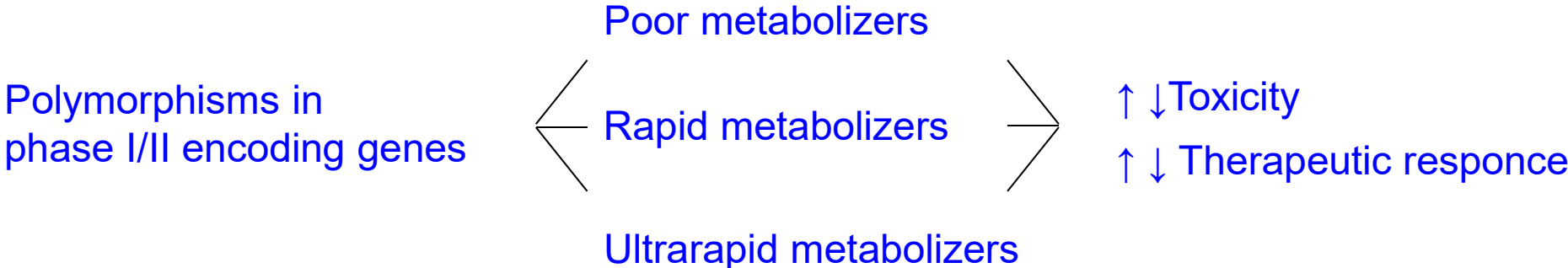
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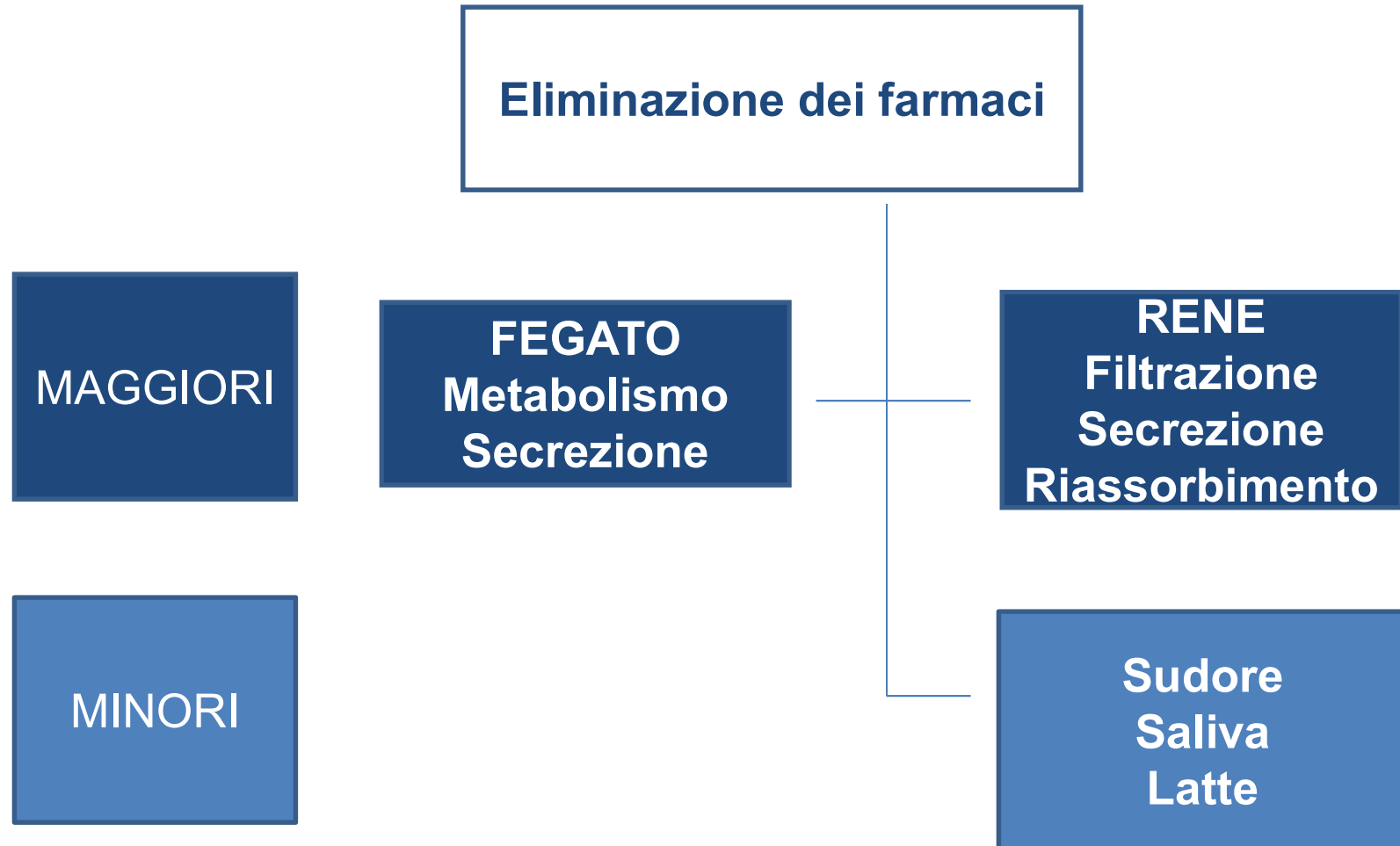
Inversion

**Inter-individual and inter-ethnic differences in drug metabolism**

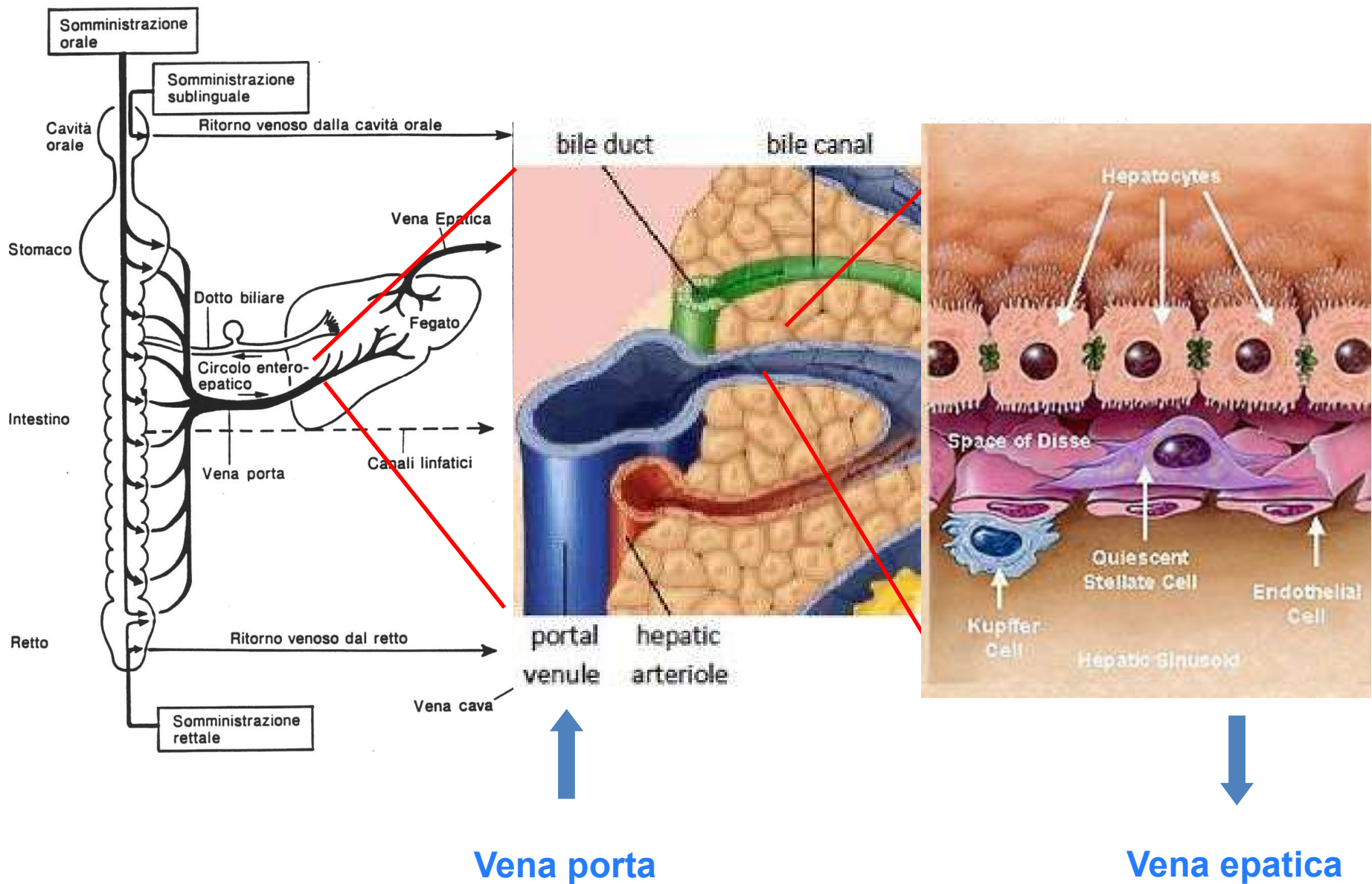
# METABOLISM and POLYMORPHISMS



# ELIMINAZIONE



# ESCREZIONE BILIARE

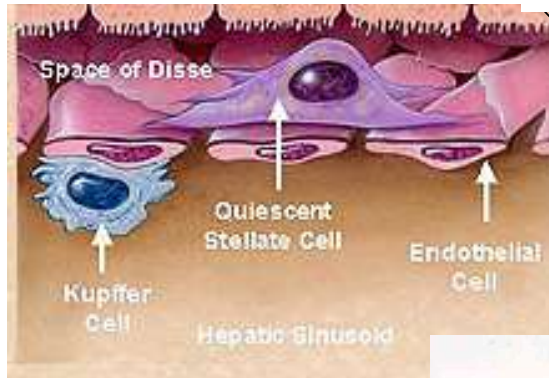


# ENTEROHEPATIC RECIRCULATION and GLUCORONIDED DRUGS

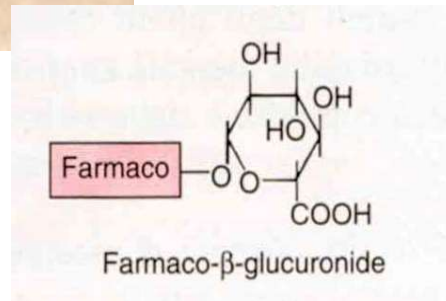
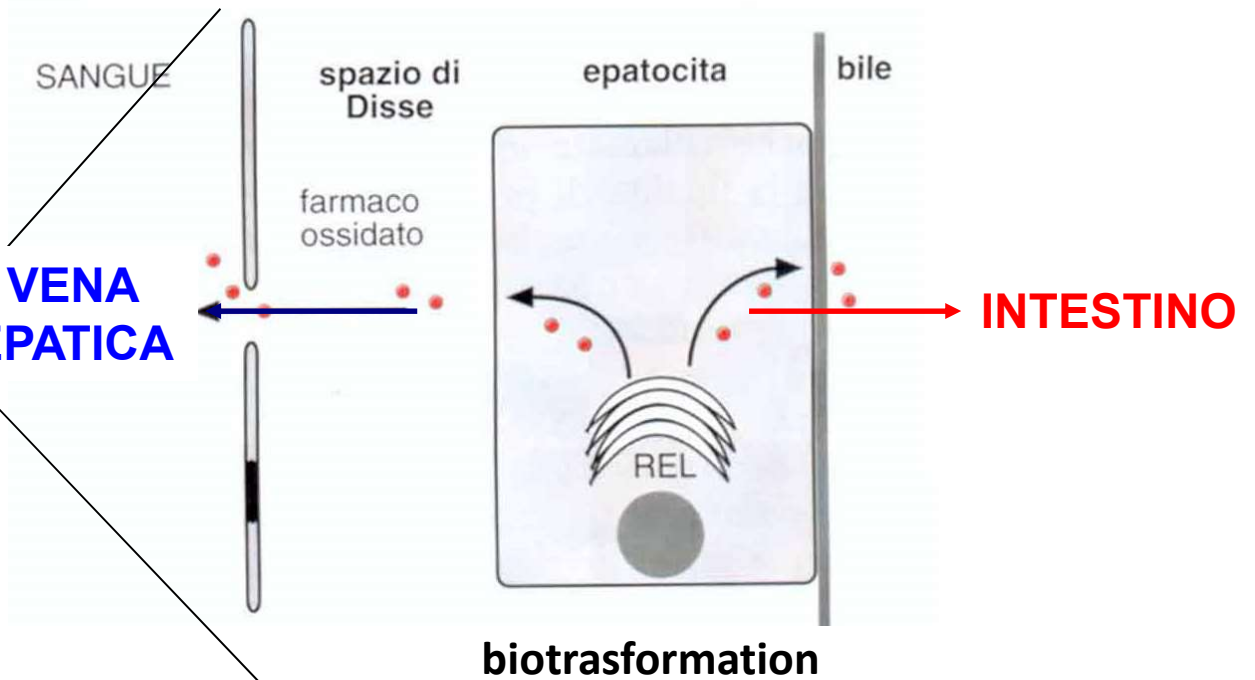


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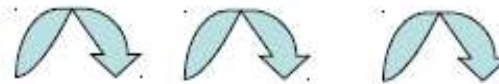
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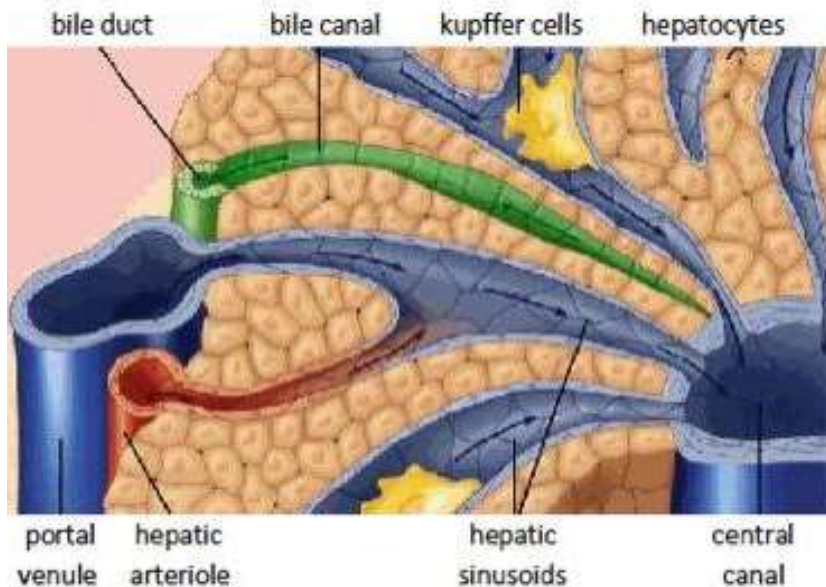
**VENA  
EPATICA**



→ substrato per le  $\beta$ -glucuronidasi nella flora intestinale



# ESCREZIONE BILIARE



- *Epatociti → Bile → Intestino*
- *Farmaci e metaboliti coniugati*
- *Effetto di primo passaggio o eliminazione presistemica epatica*
- *Circolo enteroepatico (20% del farmaco)*

## Secrezione: 4 sistemi di trasporto attivo

- *Contro gradiente di concentrazione*
  - *Distinti*
  - *Inibizione per competizione*
  - *Saturabili (velocità massima)*

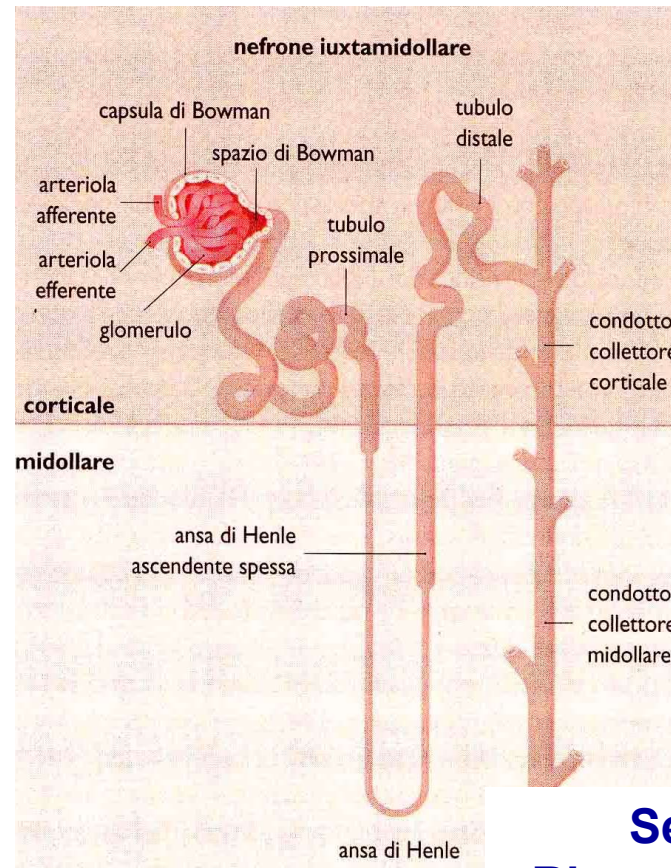
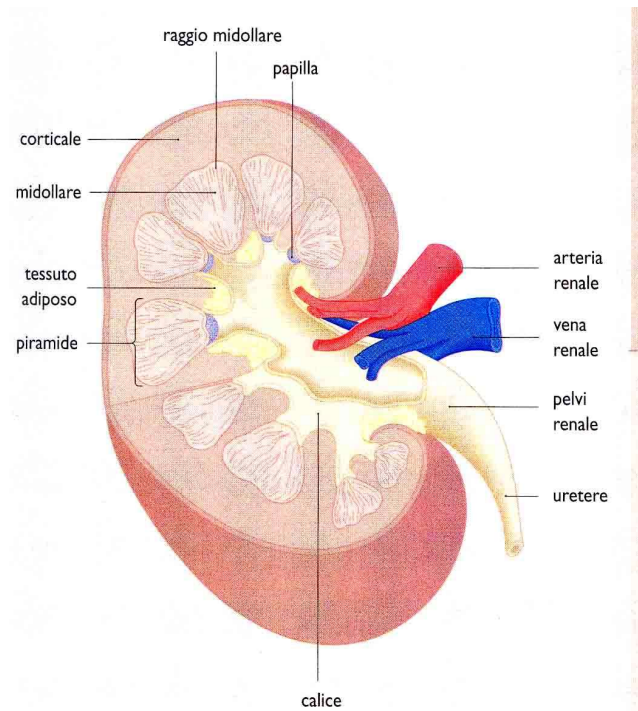
Acidi  
Basi  
Composti organici neutri  
Acidi bilari

## Composti polari

P.M. < 250 → eliminazione renale  
P.M. > 500 → eliminazione biliare

# ESCREZIONE RENALE

- Meccanismo principale con cui i farmaci vengono allontanati dall'organismo.
- Richiede che i farmaci o i loro metaboliti abbiano delle caratteristiche idrofiliche.



**Filtrazione glomerulare**

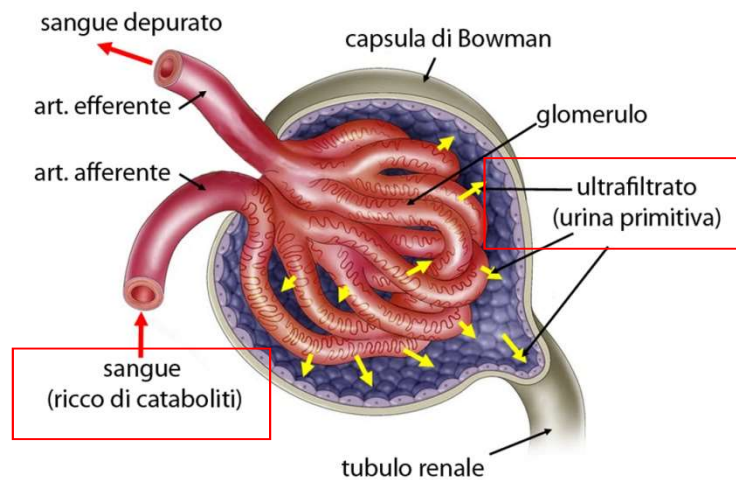
**Secrezione tubulare  
Riassorbimento passivo**



# ESCREZIONE RENALE: FILTRAZIONE

in 24 ore

~850 l di sangue ultrafiltrato (50x i liquidi extracellulari, 15 l)



Passano attraverso il filtro glomerulare

-farmaci <20000 Da

-farmaci non legati alle proteine plasmatiche

~170 l di preurina (~20% del sangue ultrafiltrato)

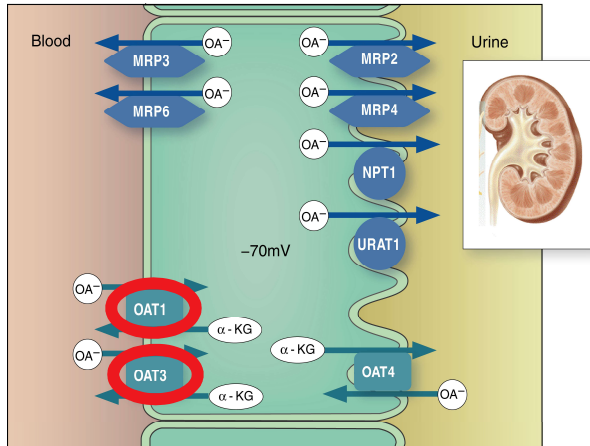
~65% nel tubulo contorto prossimale, 15% nella branca discendente dell'ansa di Henle, 19% nel tubulo contorto distale e nel dotto collettore

~ 1% dell'ultrafiltrato viene escreto nelle urine (1.7 l)

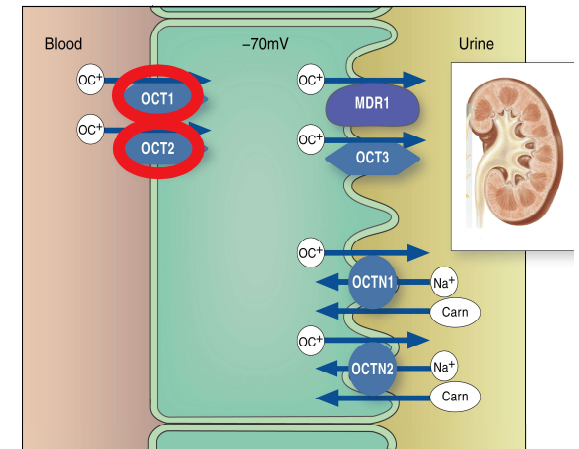
# ESCREZIONE RENALE: SECREZIONE

**OAT: trasportore degli anioni organici  
(farmaci acidi)**

**OCT: trasportore dei cationi organici  
(farmaci basici)**



*Contro gradiente di concentrazione  
Sistema specifico  
Alta velocità  
Saturabile  
Capacità massima*



## Composti endogeni

Sali biliari, bilirubina, cAMP, cGMP, acidi grassi, ossalati, urati, prostaglandine

## Farmaci e metaboliti

Aciclovir, cefalosporine, penicilline, sulfamidici, probenecid, captopril, chinolonici, tiazidici, furosemide, acido etacrinico, ibuprofene, indometacina, salicilati Glucuroconiugati, coniugati con glutatione, coniugati con glicina, sulfoconiugati, sulfamidici acetilati

## Composti endogeni

Acetilcolina, creatinina, catecolamine

## Farmaci

Amiloride, atropina, cimetidina, ranitidina, β-bloccanti, procainamide, chinidina, chinina, triamterene, trimetoprim

# ESCREZIONE RENALE: RIASSORBIMENTO

• *Tubulo contorto prossimale* • *Tubulo distale/ dotto collettore*

• *Molecole endogene*

• *glucosio, vitamine, aa*

• *Carriers*

• *Farmaci*

• *passivo, secondo gradiente*

• *Lipofilia*

Farmaci liposolubili (alta permeabilità tubulare) → eliminazione lenta.

Farmaci (o metaboliti) idrosolubili (bassa permeabilità tubulare) → eliminazione veloce

• *pKa*

Farmaci acidi → escreti più facilmente in ambiente alcalino

Farmaci basici → più facilmente escreti in ambiente acido

• *Flusso urinario*

Volume maggiore

diluizione → diminuisce il gradiente di concentrazione e il tempo di contatto

# CLEARANCE

*Parametro farmacocinetico,  
misura quantitativamente l'eliminazione*

*CLEARANCE è il volume VIRTUALE di sangue depurato dal farmaco dopo passaggio attraverso un organo per unità di tempo (ml/min/kg).*

*E' determinata prevalentemente da una componente renale ( $Cl_R$ ) ed una epatica ( $Cl_H$ )*

$$CL = Q \frac{(C_1 - C_2)}{C_1}$$

*Q= flusso ematico*

*$C_1$ = concentrazione plasmatica del farmaco nel sangue arterioso in entrata all'organo*

*$C_2$ = concentrazione plasmatica del farmaco nel sangue venoso in uscita dall'organo*

# CLEARANCE RENALE

**CLEARANCE RENALE** è il volume di sangue (ml) depurato dal farmaco dal rene in 1 minuto

$$C_R = \frac{U \times V}{P}$$

**U** = concentrazione nell'urina (mg/ml)

**V** = volume di urina (ml) in un minuto

**P** = concentrazione plasmatica

$C_R = 0$  → Viene completamente riassorbito (glucosio)

$C_R = Cl_{INULINA}$  = volume di plasma ultrafiltrato (110-142 ml/min uomini; 100-130 ml/min donne)  
= velocità di filtrazione glomerulare

Non si lega alle proteine, non subisce riassorbimento né secrezione

$C_R < Cl_{INULINA}$  → Viene in parte riassorbito

$C_R > Cl_{INULINA}$  → Viene in parte secreto

$C_R = Cl_{PAI}$  = flusso plasmatico renale totale (700 ml/min)

Filtrazione glomerulare e secrezione, non riassorbito

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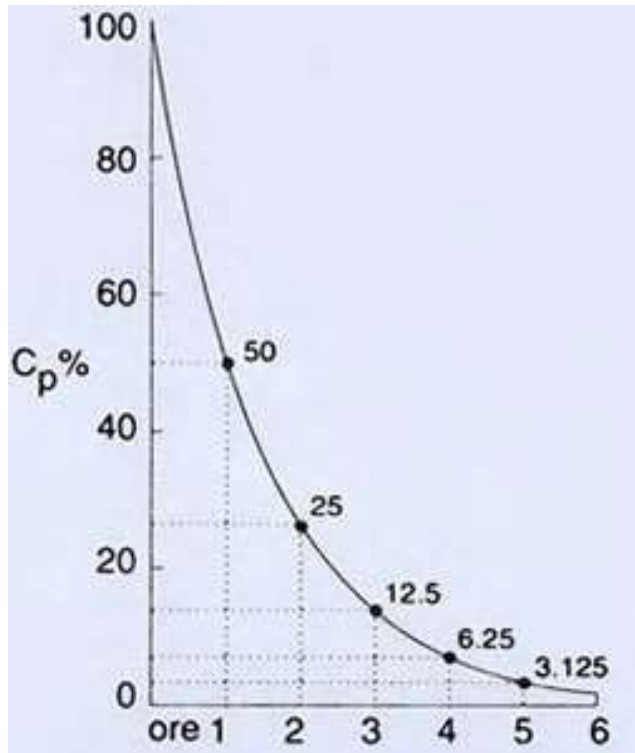
- Eliminazione completa di un farmaco indipendentemente dalla via di somministrazione
- $Cl$  = volume di liquido depurato dal farmaco nell'unità di tempo (ml/min/kg)
- Dipende dal  $t_{1/2}$  e dal  $V_d$

$$Cl = K \times V_d$$

# TEMPO di EMIVITA

*Parametro farmacocinetico*  
**TEMPO NECESSARIO A RIDURRE del 50% il FARMACO  
PRESENTE NELL'ORGANISMO**

*Cinetica di 1° ordine*

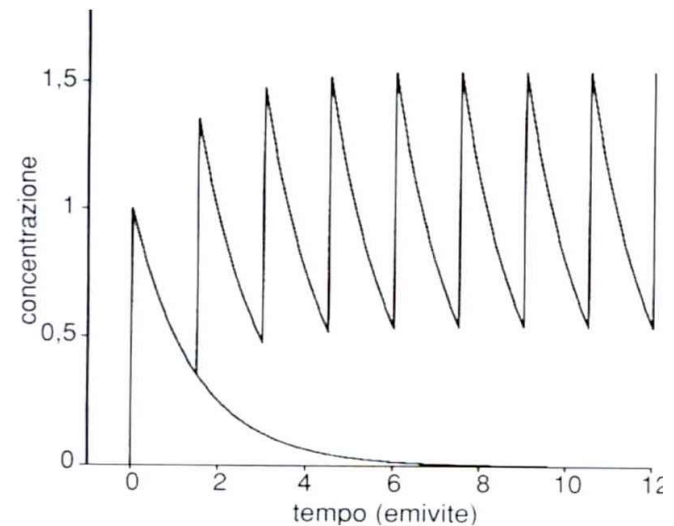
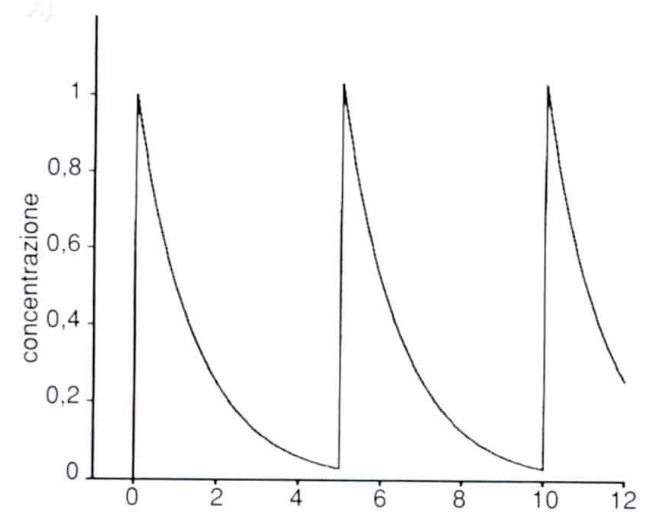


N° di $t_{\frac{1}{2}}$	Frazione di farmaco rimanente
0	100%
1	50%
2	25%
3	12.5%
4	6.25% → >94% eliminato
5	3.125
6	1.56%
7	0.78%
8	0.39%
9	0.195%
10	0.0975% → 99.9% eliminato

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**TEMPO NECESSARIO A RIDURRE del 50% il FARMACO PRESENTE NELL'ORGANISMO**

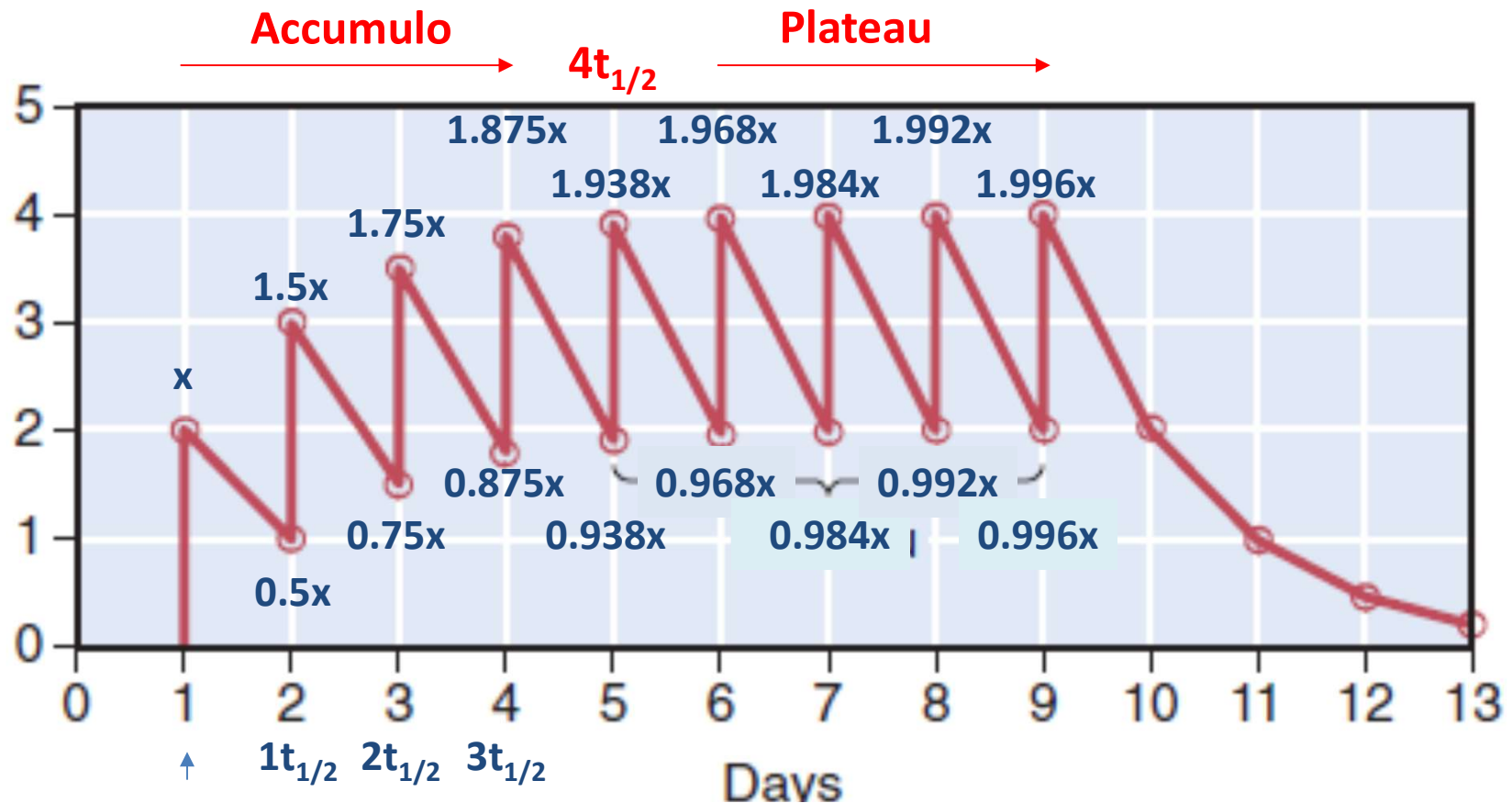
- Necessario per determinare:
  - Durata dell'effetto benefico o tossico
  - SOMMINISTRAZIONI RIPETUTE
    - Intervalli tra le dosi
    - Tempi di sospensione





# TEMPO di EMIVITA

**ESEMPIO:**  $t_{1/2} = 1$  giorno  
Stessa dose  $x$   
 $T_{\text{somministrazione}} = t_{1/2}$



Accumulo di un **farmaco** ( $t_{1/2}$ : **4h**) nell'organismo  
dopo somministrazioni ripetute

<b>Intervallo tra le dosi: 4h</b>			<b>Intervallo tra le dosi: 8h</b>		
ore	Quantità di farmaco nell'organismo		ore	Quantità di farmaco nell'organismo	
	Prima della dose	Dopo la dose		Prima della dose	Dopo la dose
0	0	10	0	0	10
4	5	15		5	
8	7.5	17.5	8	2.5	12.5
12	8.75	18.75		6.25	
16	<b>9.375</b>	<b>19.37</b>	16	<b>3.125</b>	13.125
20	9.69	19.69		6.56	
24	9.84	19.84	24	3.281	13.281
28	9.92	19.92		6.640	
32	9.96	19.96	32	3.320	13.320
$\infty$	10.00	20.00	$\infty$	3.330	13.333

## Somministrazioni ripetute

Stessa dose  $x$ ,  $T_{\text{somministrazione}} = t_{1/2}$

