

# ADVERSE DRUG REACTIONS

- Any noxious and unintended change
- which is suspected to be due to a drug
- occurs at *normal therapeutic doses* used in man for the prophylaxis, diagnosis or therapy of disease
- requires treatment or decrease in dose or drug withdrawal or indicates caution in future use of the same drug.

# Types of ADRs



Type-A  
Augmented  
dose  
related



**TypeB**  
**Bizzare**  
**'patient**  
**related'**



TypeC  
Chronic  
(Cumulative  
Dose  
related



Type-D  
Time  
Related  
(Delayed)



Type-E  
End of use  
or  
withdrawal  
reaction



Type-F  
Failure of  
treatment



# TYPE A : EXPECTED UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS

## 1. SIDE EFFECTS :

- common, related to pharmacological action of drug
- mild and manageable
- predictable , low mortality

# Side Effects

**Nearly unavoidable secondary drug effect produced by therapeutic doses**

- **intensity is dose dependent**
- **Occur immediately after initially taking drug or may not appear until weeks after initiation of drug use**

***E.g.,*** e.g. dicyclomine, atropine → dryness of mouth  
promethazine → *sedation with antihistamines*

# Secondary Effects

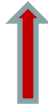
## Secondary pharmacological effect

- *E.g., development of diarrhea with antibiotic therapy due to altered GIT bacterial flora*
- *Orthostatic hypotension with a phenothiazine*

# Toxic Effects

## Toxicity of overdose (Drug overdose)

An adverse drug reaction caused by excessive dosing



e.g. *hepatic failure with high dose of paracetamol*

*Headache with antihypertensives*

*hypoglycemia with sulfonylurea;*

- **Pharmacodynamic –**

- bleeding due to high dose of heparin
- coma due to high dose of barbiturates
- hepatic necrosis from paracetamol overdose

- **Pharmacokinetic :**

- crystaluria / glomerular nephritis due to precipitation of sulfonamides in acidic urine
- nephrotoxicity due to gentamicin

# TYPE B – UNEXPECTED UNDESIRABLE EFFECTS:

[Bizarre]

- drug allergy ( hypersensitivity reactions)  
on re exposure
- pharmacogenetic
  - uncommon, unpredictable, high mortality
  - not related to pharmacological action of drug
- immunological



# TYPE – I (IMMEDIATE TYPE)

- within minutes ( last for 2-3 hrs)

DRUG → ANTIBODY FORMATION (IgE )



fix to mast cells or leucocytes



On reexposure to drug



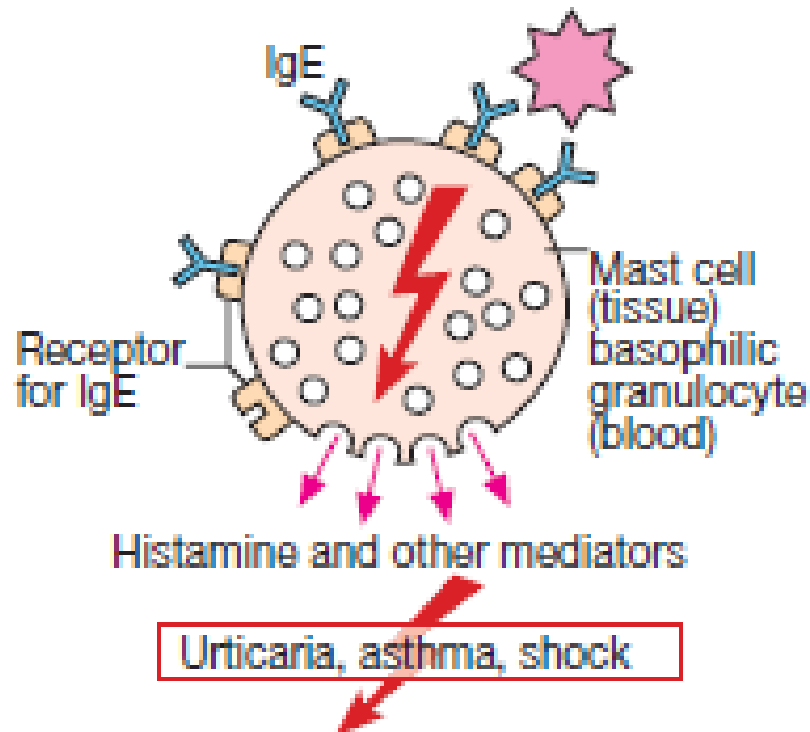
Degranulate mast cells and also  
activation of leucocytes

# Hypersensitivity /Allergic Reactions

## TYPE-1

- Are a result of interaction of drug or metabolite with patient and disease, and subsequent re-exposure.
- most drugs are simple chemicals (mol. wt less than 1000) and act as incomplete antigens or haptens, which become complete antigens in combination with a body protein.
- drug causes formation of tissue-sensitising IgE antibodies that are fixed to mast cells or leucocytes

## Immune reaction with repeated drug $\epsilon$



Type 1 reaction:  
acute anaphylactic reaction

- **TYPE II ( AUTO OR ACCERALATED ALLERGY )**

-within 72 hrs

drug/metabolite + host protein



Antigen formation



Antibody formation in body ( IgG, IgM )



re-exposure



Antigen- antibody reaction



activate complement



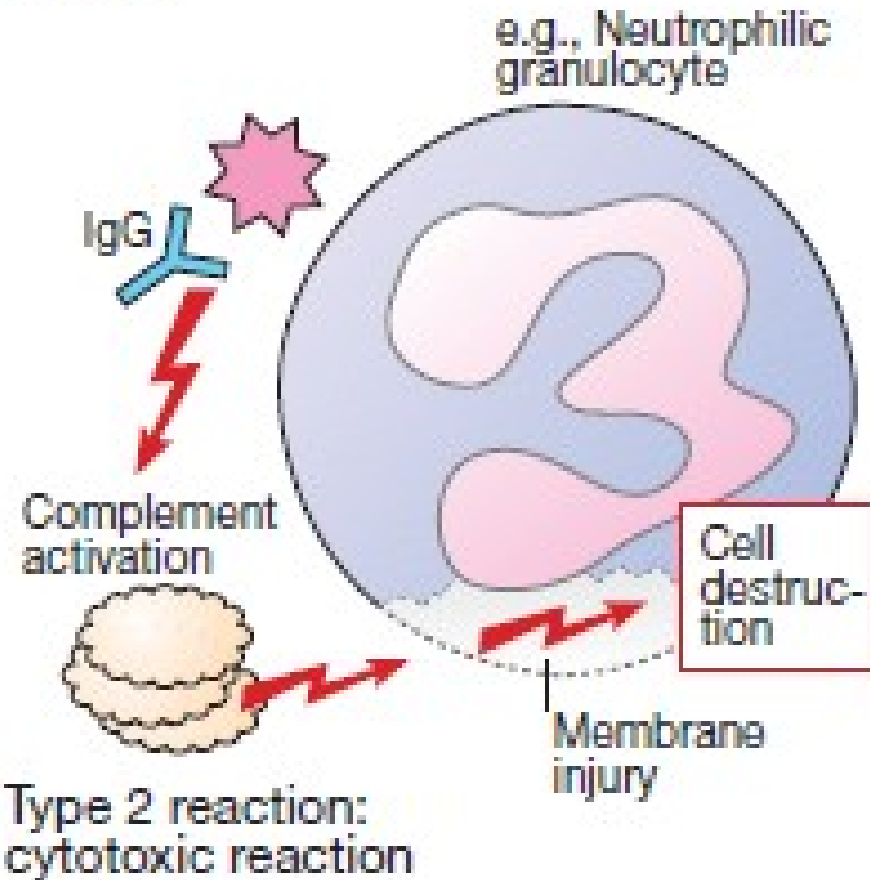
damage cells



fever, SLE, haemolysis, thrombocytopenia

# TYPE II HYPERSENSITIVITY

posure



**1. Drug antibody (IgG) complexes adhere to the surface of blood cells**

**2. These complexes mediate the Activation of complement**

**3. Activated complement” can destroy the cell membranes and thereby cause cell death;**

**Methyl dopa** induced haemolytic anaemia

**Rifampin-** thrombocytopenia

**Chloroamphenicol-**granulocytopenia

- **TYPE III ( DELAYED ALLERGY )**

- after 72 hrs but within 1-2 weeks

- Antigen – antibody (IgG) reaction



form complexes which are



Deposited on vascular endothelium and  
activate complement



characterized by allergic inflammatory reactions in  
tissue, glomerulonephritis , serum sickness



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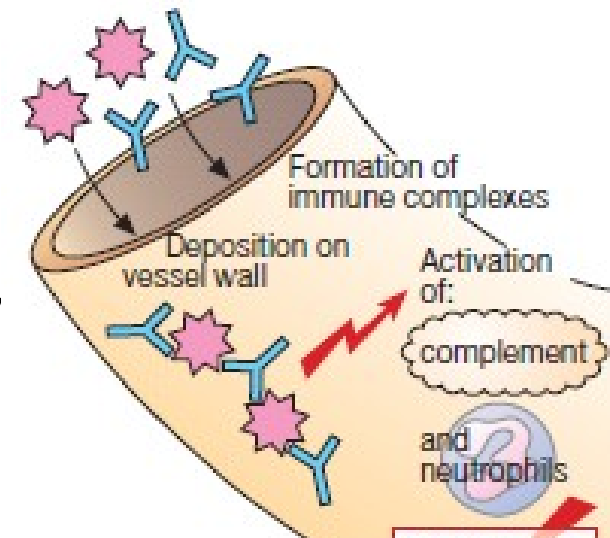
(serum sickness, Arthus reaction).

Drug-antibody complexes precipitate on vascular walls, complement is activated, inflammatory reaction triggered.

Attracted *neutrophils*, in a futile attempt to phagocytose the complexes, liberate lysosomal enzymes that damage the vascular walls (inflammation, vasculitis).

Symptoms may include fever

- swelling of lymph nodes
- arthritis, nephritis, and neuropathy



## TYPE IV ( CELL MEDIATED ALLERGY )

Antigen specific receptor develop on T -  
lymphocytes

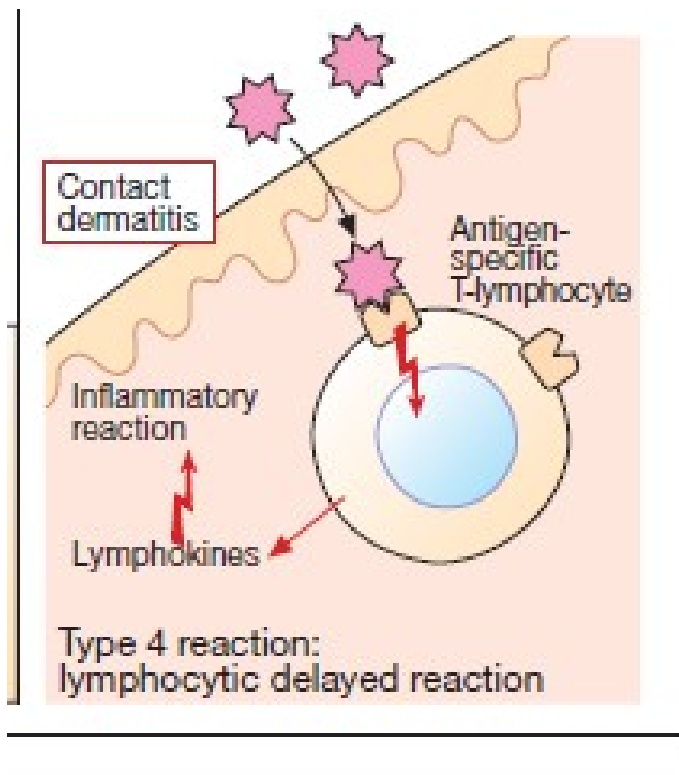


Which when activated after subsequent exposure  
with drug



- lead to local / tissue allergic reaction  
( photo sensitization and contact dermatitis )

# TYPE IV HYPERSENSITIVITY



- ✓ Antigen-specific receptors develop on T-lymphocytes.
- ✓ Subsequent administration leads to a local or tissue allergic reaction, e.g. contact dermatitis.

## GENETICALLY DETERMINED ABNORMAL RESPONSES OF A DRUG

1. Presence of atypical pseudocholeline esterase
2. Hydroxylation polymorphism
3. Acetylator status
4. G-6-PD deficiency in RBC
5. Acute intermittant porphyria

# IDIOSYNCRATIC DRUG REACTION

1. Malignant hyperpyrexia:
2. Aplastic anaemia : (chloramphenicol)
3. Aspirin induced late onset asthma or chronic renal failure

- **TYPE C (CONTINUOUS DRUG USE)**

--development of tolerance & physical dependence to narcotic analgesics on their continuous use

--tardive dyskinesia in patient receiving antipsychotics

- **TYPE D – DELAYED**

delayed occurrence of ADR even after  
stoppage of treatment after long term  
administration

- retinopathy by Chloroquine

- peritoneal fibrosis by methysergide



- vaginal adenocarcinoma due to stilbesterol
- Renal pelvic carcinoma due to phenacetin abuse
- corticosteroids + azathioprine
  - Immune responses are suppressed
  - develops to lymphomas

## TYPE E – END OF DOSE

- Withdrawal reactions occur when drugs are stopped suddenly.
- HT and restlessness on opiate withdrawal
- Seizure with alcohol or BZD withdrawal

- Acute adrenal insufficiency due to corticosteroid withdrawal
- Hypertensive urgency due to clonidine withdrawal
- Worsening of angina pectoris due to stoppage of beta-blockers

- Increase seizure frequency → due to sudden withdrawal of antiepileptic

## **TYPE F – FAILURE OF THERAPY**

-- results from ineffective treatment

-- accelerated Hypertension because of insufficient control

# OTHER IMPORTANT ADR

## 1. INFERTILITY

male → cytotoxic drugs, sulfasalazine,  
MAO inhibitors

female → cytotoxic drugs

## 2. TERATOGENESIS

- when drug taken in early stage of pregnancy  
→ causes developmental anomalies in fetus  
thalidomide → phocomelia ( seal limb )

Drug can affect the fetus at 3 stages:

**1) fertilization and implantation-**

-- conception to 17 days- failure of pregnancy which often unnoticed

**2) Organogenesis**

– 18 to 55 days of gestation- deformities are produced

(3) *Growth and development* –

-- 56 days onwards – developmental and functional abnormality

e.g. --ACE inhibitors can cause hypoplasia of organs

--NSAIDS may produce premature closure of ductus arteriosus

- risk category of drugs during pregnancy  
-- category A, B , C, D and X

### Category X –

studies in animals or humans have demonstrated fetal abnormalities , and potential risk clearly outweighs possible benefit e.g. estrogens, isotretinoin, ergometrine



<b>DRUG</b>	<b>ABNORAMLITY</b>
Phenytoin	Hypoplastic phalanges, cleft lip/palate, microcephaly
Carbamazepine	Neural tube defects
Sodium valproate	Spina bifida & other neural tube defects
Warfarin	Nose, eye & hand defects, growth retardation

- LATER STAGES OF PREGNANCY

- sulfonamide → kernicterus

- DURING LACTATION

- penicillin → hypersensitivity reaction

- sulfonamide → cause kernicterus and hemolysis in G6PD deficient babies.

### (3) ABNORMALITIES OF TASTE AND SMELL –

- D penicillamine, pyrazinamide,  
captopril, metronidazole

### (4) HEPATOTOXICITY

- hepatic cell injury → paracetamol, phenytoin
- cholestatic jaundice → Chlorpromazine,  
rifampicin, erythromycin
- cirrhosis of liver → alcohol, methotrexate

## 5. NEPHROTOXICITY –

- tubular necrosis – aminoglycoside
- interstitial nephritis – cephalosporin,  
NSAIDs
- glomerular nephritis – sulfonamides
- nephrotic syndrome – ACE inhibitors

## 6. PHOTOTOXICITY

- UV – B ( 290 – 320 nm)
- Erythema, edema, blistering f/b hyperpigmentation & desquamation
- Acute → Demeclocycline and tar products
- Chronic toxicity  
fluroquinolones, sulfonamides, thiazides, amiodarone

## 7. PHOTOALLERGIC

-- drug/metabolite → cell mediated immune response

- Papular eczematous contact dermatitis like picture.
- UV –A ( 320- 400 nm)
- griseofulvin , CHQ , sulfonamides, chlorpromazine

## 8. OCULAR TOXICITY :

- cataract –glucocorticoids
- glaucoma – topical mydriatics
- pigmented retinopathy → CHQ, CPZ
- optic neuritis – ethambutol

## 9. OTOTOXICITY

- deafness -- aminoglycoside, CHQ
- vestibular disorder – aminoglycoside

## 10. BEHAVIORAL TOXICITY

- suicidal tendency – reserpine
- disorientation, confusion --  
amphetamine
- restlessness , psychosis →  
glucocorticoids



## 11. IATROGENIC DISEASE :

- parkinsonism – CPZ, reserpine
- CCF, HTN -- glucocorticoids
- peptic ulcer – aspirin , indomethacin

## 12. ELECTROLYTE DISTURANCES

- Decrease  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{K}^+$  → thiazide,  
furosemide
- $\text{Na}^+$  retention → corticosteroids

## 13. ENDOCRINE DISTURANCE

- menstrual irregularities, galactorrhoea –  
→ chlorpromazine
- decrease lactation → OC Pills
- hyperglycaemia → thiazide diuretics

## 14. SKIN TOXICITY

- acne -- steroids , iodides
- eczema – captopril, topical antihistaminics
- SJ syndrome – allopurinol,  
aminopenicillin, imidazoles
- urticaria – aspirin, enalapril, penicillins

## 15. CVS TOXICITY :

- torsade de pointes – terfenadine, astemizole, cisapride
- AV block – clonidine, methyl dopa
- thromboembolism – ocpills
- arrhythmias – digitalis ( high dose ), astemizole, terfenadine

## **(16) NEUROTOXICITY:**

-- peripheral neuropathy → isoniazid

## **(17) HAEMOPOIETIC TOXICITY**

-- haemolytic anaemia → sulfonamide,  
methyldopa

-- agranulocytosis → clozapine

-- megaloblastic anaemia → chloramphenicol,  
phenytoin, methotrexate

## (18). DRUG DEPENDENCE

- **PSYCHOLOGICAL DEPENDENCE :**

-- individual believes that optimal state of wellbeing is achieved only through actions of drug

--opioids, cocaine

- **PHYSICAL DEPENDENCE :**

- altered physiological state produced by repeated administration of a drug which necessitates continued presence of drug to maintain physiological equilibrium.

- Discontinuation of drug result in a characteristic withdrawal syndrome.

- benzodiazepines, alcohol, opioids ,  
barbiturates

# DRUG ADDICTION:

it is a pattern of compulsive drug use characterized by overwhelming involvement with use of a drug

Amphetamine, cocaine, cannabis , LSD

- **DRUG HABIT :**

- denotes less intensive involvement with the drug, so that its withdrawal produce only mild discomfort.

- no physical dependence

tea , coffee, tobacco, social drinking



## **(19) CARCINOGENICITY :**

tobacco, oestrogens, progestogens,  
radio-isotopes