## **Useful Pharmacokinetic Equations**

## **Symbols**

D = dose

 $\tau$  = dosing interval

CL = clearance

Vd = volume of distribution

ke = elimination rate constant

k<sub>a</sub> = absorption rate constant

F = fraction absorbed (bioavailability)

 $K_0$  = infusion rate

T = duration of infusion

C = plasma concentration

## General

#### **Elimination rate constant**

$$k_e = \frac{CL}{Vd} = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{C_1}{C_2}\right)}{(t_2 - t_1)} = \frac{\ln C_1 - \ln C_2}{(t_2 - t_1)}$$

#### Half-life

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693 \cdot Vd}{CL} = \frac{\ln(2)}{k_{\circ}} = \frac{0.693}{k_{\circ}}$$

## Intravenous bolus

#### **Initial concentration**

$$C_0 = \frac{D}{Vd}$$

#### Plasma concentration (single dose)

$$C = C_0 \cdot e^{-k_e \cdot t}$$

## Plasma concentration (multiple dose)

$$C = \frac{C_0 \cdot e^{-k_e \cdot t}}{\left(1 - e^{-k_e \cdot \tau}\right)}$$

### Peak (multiple dose)

$$C_{\text{max}} = \frac{C_0}{\left(1 - e^{-k_e \cdot \tau}\right)}$$

#### Trough (multiple dose)

$$C_{min} = \frac{C_0 \cdot e^{-k_e \cdot \tau}}{\left(1 - e^{-k_e \cdot \tau}\right)}$$

#### **Average concentration (steady state)**

$$\overline{C}p_{ss} = \frac{D}{CL \cdot \tau}$$

## **Oral administration**

#### Plasma concentration (single dose)

$$C = \frac{F \cdot D \cdot k_a}{Vd(k_a - k_e)} \cdot (e^{-k_e \cdot t} - e^{-k_a \cdot t})$$

# Time of maximum concentration (single dose)

$$t_{max} = \frac{ln\left(\frac{k_a}{k_e}\right)}{\left(k_a - k_e\right)}$$

#### Plasma concentration (multiple dose)

$$C = \frac{F \cdot D \cdot k_a}{Vd(k_a - k_e)} \cdot \left( \frac{e^{-k_e \cdot t}}{\left(1 - e^{-k_e \cdot \tau}\right)} - \frac{e^{-k_a \cdot t}}{\left(1 - e^{-k_a \cdot \tau}\right)} \right)$$

# Time of maximum concentration (multiple dose)

$$t_{max} = \frac{ln\left(\frac{k_a \cdot \left(1 - e^{-k_e \cdot \tau}\right)}{k_e \cdot \left(1 - e^{-k_a \cdot \tau}\right)}\right)}{\left(k_a - k_e\right)}$$

## Average concentration (steady state)

$$\overline{C} = \frac{\overline{F \cdot D}}{CL \cdot \tau}$$

#### Clearance

$$Cl = \frac{Dose \cdot F}{AUC}$$

$$Cl = k_{e} \cdot V_{d}$$

## **Constant rate infusion**

#### Plasma concentration (during infusion)

$$C = \frac{k_0}{CL} \cdot \left(1 - e^{-k_e \cdot t}\right)$$

#### Plasma concentration (steady state)

$$C = \frac{k_0}{CL}$$

#### Calculated clearance (Chiou equation)

$$CL = \frac{2 \cdot k_0}{(C_1 + C_2)} + \frac{2 \cdot Vd \cdot (C_1 - C_2)}{(C_1 + C_2) \cdot (t_2 - t_1)}$$

## **Short-term infusion**

#### Peak (single dose)

$$C_{max(1)} = \frac{D}{CL \cdot T} \cdot \left(1 - e^{-k_e \cdot T}\right)$$

#### Trough (single dose)

$$C_{\min(1)} = C_{\max(1)} \cdot e^{-k_e \cdot (\tau - T)}$$

#### Peak (multiple dose)

$$C_{max} = \frac{D}{CL \cdot T} \cdot \frac{\left(1 - e^{-k_e \cdot T}\right)}{\left(1 - e^{-k_e \cdot \tau}\right)}$$

## Trough (multiple dose)

$$C_{min} = C_{max} \cdot e^{-k_e \cdot (\tau - T)}$$

#### **Calculated elimination rate constant**

$$k_e = \frac{ln\left(\frac{C_{max}^*}{C_{min}^*}\right)}{\frac{\Delta t}{}}$$

with  $C_{\text{max}}^{\phantom{\text{*}}}$  = measured peak and  $C_{\text{min}}^{\phantom{\text{*}}}$  = measured trough,

measured over the time interval  $\Delta t$ 

#### Calculated peak

$$C_{max} = \frac{C_{max}^*}{e^{-k_e \cdot t^*}}$$

with  $C_{max}^{*}$  = measured peak, measured at time  $t^{*}$  after the end of the infusion

#### **Calculated trough**

$$C_{\text{min}} = C_{\text{min}}^* \cdot e^{-k_e \cdot t^*}$$

with  $C_{min}^*$  = measured trough, measured at time t before the start of the next infusion

#### Calculated volume of distribution

$$Vd = \frac{D}{k_e \cdot T} \cdot \frac{\left(1 - e^{-k_e \cdot T}\right)}{\left[C_{\text{max}} - \left(C_{\text{min}} \cdot e^{-k_e \cdot T}\right)\right]}$$

#### Calculated recommended dosing interval

$$\tau = \frac{ln\left(\frac{C_{\text{max(desired)}}}{C_{\text{min(desired)}}}\right)}{k_e} + T$$

#### Calculated recommended dose

$$D = C_{\text{max(desired)}} \cdot k_e \cdot V \cdot T \cdot \frac{\left(1 - e^{-k_e \cdot \tau}\right)}{\left(1 - e^{-k_e \cdot T}\right)}$$

## **Two-Compartment-Body Model**

$$C = a \bullet e^{-\alpha t} + b \bullet e^{-\beta t}$$

$$AUC_{\infty} = a / \alpha + b / \beta$$

$$Vd_{area} > Vd_{ss} > Vc$$

#### **Creatinine Clearance**

$$CL_{creat}$$
 (male) =  $\frac{(140 - age) \cdot weight}{72 \cdot Cp_{creat}}$ 

$$CL_{creat}(female) = \frac{(140 - age) \bullet weight}{85 \bullet Cp_{creat}}$$

With weight in kg, age in years, creatinine plasma conc. in mg/dl and CL<sub>creat</sub> in ml/min

## K<sub>e</sub> for aminoglycosides

$$K_e = 0.00293(CrCL) + 0.014$$

## **Metabolic and Renal Clearance**

$$\mathsf{E}_\mathsf{H} \qquad = \qquad \frac{C I_\mathsf{int} \cdot f u_b}{Q_H + C I_\mathsf{int} \cdot f u_b}$$

$$Cl_H = E_H \cdot Q_H = \frac{Q_H \cdot Cl_{int} \cdot fu_b}{Q_H + Cl_{int} \cdot fu_b}$$

$$\mathsf{F}_{\mathsf{H}} \quad = \quad \frac{Q_{\scriptscriptstyle H}}{Q_{\scriptscriptstyle H} + C l_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{int}} \cdot f u_{\scriptscriptstyle b}}$$

$$Cl_{ren} = RBF \cdot E = GFR \cdot \frac{C_{in} - C_{out}}{C_{in}}$$

$$Cl_{ren} = \frac{rate of excretion}{plasma concentration}$$

$$Cl_{ren} = fu \cdot GFR + \left[ \frac{\text{Rate of secretion - Rate of reabsorption}}{\text{Plasma concentration}} \right]$$

$$Cl_{ren} = \frac{Urine flow \cdot urine concentration}{Plasma concentration}$$

## **Ideal Body Weight**

#### Male

IBW = 50 kg + 2.3 kg for each inch over 5ft in height

#### **Female**

IBW = 45.5 kg + 2.3 kg for each inch over 5ft in height

#### **Obese**

ABW = IBW + 0.4\*(TBW-IBW)

# Volume of Distribution $V = V_p + V_T \cdot K_p$

$$V = V_{P} + V_{T} \cdot K_{P}$$

$$V = V_{P} + V_{T} \cdot \frac{fu}{fu_{T}}$$

## Clearance

$$Cl = \frac{Dose}{AUC}$$

$$Cl = k_e \cdot V_d$$

## For One Compartment Body Model

	For a single I.V. bolus administration:	For multiple I.V. bolus administration:
If the dosing involves the use of I.V. bolus administration:	$C_0 = \frac{D}{V}$	$Cn(t) = \frac{D}{V} \cdot \frac{\left(1 - e^{-nk_e \tau}\right)}{\left(1 - e^{-k_e \tau}\right)} \cdot e^{-k_e t}$
	$C = C_0 \cdot e^{-k_e t}$	at peak: $t = 0$ ; at steady state $n \rightarrow \infty$
		at trough: $t = \tau$
		$C_{\text{max ss}} = \frac{D}{V} \cdot \frac{1}{(1 - e^{-k_e \tau})}$
		$V (1-e^{-k_e\tau})$
		$C_{\min ss} = C_{\max ss} \cdot e^{-k_e \tau}$
	For a single short-term I.V. infusion:	For multiple short-term I.V. infusion at steady state:
If the dosing involves the use of I.V. infusion:	Since $\tau = t$ for $C_{\text{max}}$ $C_{\text{max}} = \frac{D}{Vk_eT} \cdot \left(1 - e^{-k_eT}\right)$	$C_{\text{max}} = \frac{D}{Vk_eT} \cdot \frac{\left(1 - e^{-k_eT}\right)}{\left(1 - e^{-k_eT}\right)}$
	$C_{\min} = C_{\max} \cdot e^{-k_e(\tau - T)}$	$C_{\min} = C_{\max} \cdot e^{-k_e(\tau - T)}$

If the dosing involves a I.V. infusion (more equations):	$C_t = \frac{D}{V k_e T} \cdot \left( e^{k_e T} - 1 \right) \cdot e^{-k_e t}  \text{(most general eq.)} \qquad \text{during infusion t = T so,}$
	$C_t = \frac{D}{V k_e T} \cdot \left(1 - e^{-k_e t}\right) \text{ (during infusion)} \qquad \text{at steady state } \mathbf{t} \to \infty, \ \mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{-k_e t}}, \ \mathbf{t} \to 0 \ \text{so},$
	$Cpss = rac{D}{Vk_eT} = rac{k_0}{Vk_e} = rac{k_0}{CL}$ (steady state) remembering $k_0 = rac{D}{T}$ and
	$CL = V \cdot k_{\rho}$
	For a single oral dose: For multiple oral doses:
If the dosing involves oral administration:	For a single oral dose: $C = \frac{F \cdot D \cdot k_a}{V(k_a - k_e)} \cdot \left(e^{-k_e t} - e^{-k_a t}\right)  C = \frac{F \cdot D \cdot k_a}{V(k_a - k_e)} \cdot \left[\frac{e^{-k_e t}}{1 - e^{-k_e \tau}} - \frac{e^{-k_a t}}{1 - e^{-k_e \tau}}\right]$
	$t_{\text{max}} = \ln \left[ \frac{k_a}{k_e} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{(k_a - k_e)}$ $t_{\text{max}} = \ln \left[ \frac{k_a \cdot (1 - e^{-k_e \tau})}{k_e \cdot (1 - e^{-k_a \tau})} \right] \cdot \frac{1}{(k_a - k_e)}$