

Pharmacokinetics:

- The study of factors that govern the time course of drug concentration in the body.
- The study of the **rates of the transfer processes** associated with the **ADME** of a drug in the intact subject.

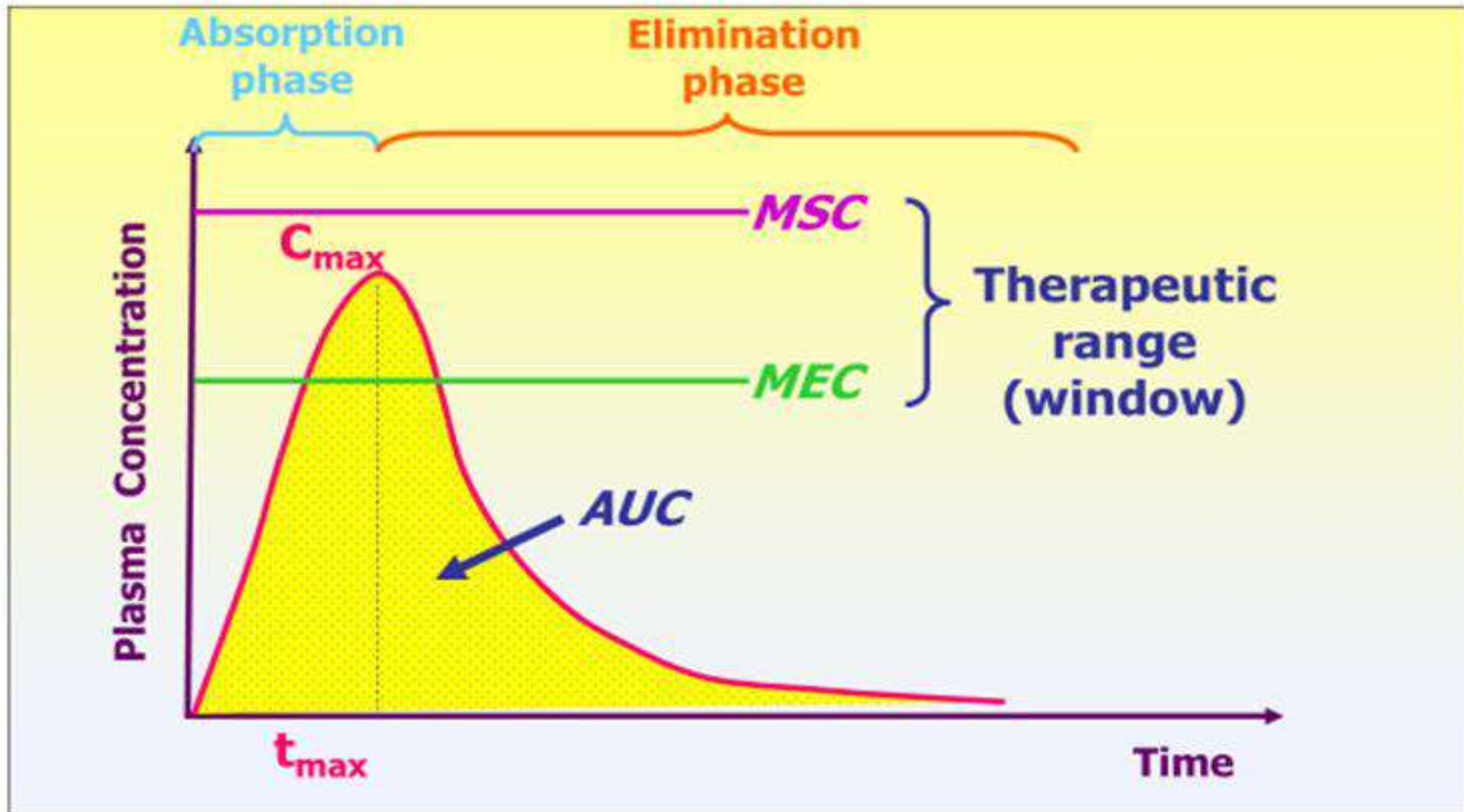


Figure: A typical blood plasma concentration-time curve obtained following the IM administration.

➤ **Drug Product Performance Parameters:**

- 1) **Minimum effective concentration (MEC):** Minimum conc. of drug needed at the receptor site to produce the desired pharmacologic effect.
- 2) **Minimum toxic concentration (MTC):** Minimum drug conc. needed to produce a toxic effect.
- 3) **Onset time:** The time required for the drug to reach the MEC.
- 4) **Duration of action:** The difference between onset time and the time for the drug to decline back to the MEC.
- 5) **T_{max}:** The time at which maximum drug conc. observed in plasma. It is proportional to the rate of drug absorption.

6) **C_{max}**: The maximum drug conc. observed in plasma at a particular time.

7) **AUC**: It is related to the amount of drug absorbed systemically.

8) **Therapeutic range or window**: A range of plasma drug concentrations over which the desired response is obtained and toxic effects are avoided.

9) **The intensity** of pharmacological effect is proportional to the number of drug receptors occupied, which is reflected in the observation that higher plasma drug concentrations produce a greater pharmacologic response.

Pharmacokinetics

Linear(First
order kinetics)

OPEN

Two compartment
model

IV Bolus

Nonlinear(Michaelis-
Menten Kinetics)

CLOSE

One compartment
model

Intravascular

Extravascular

IV Bolus

IV Infusion

Oral
IM
SC
Rectal.,etc

Compartment

- **Definition:** An entity which can be described by a definite volume and a concentration of drug contained in that volume.
- It is a group of tissues with similar blood flow and similar drug affinities.

Pharmacokinetics models:

- It is a mathematical model devised to simulate the rate processes of drug absorption, distribution, and elimination.
- These mathematical models make possible the development of equations to describe drug conc. In the body as a function of time.

Pharmacokinetic models

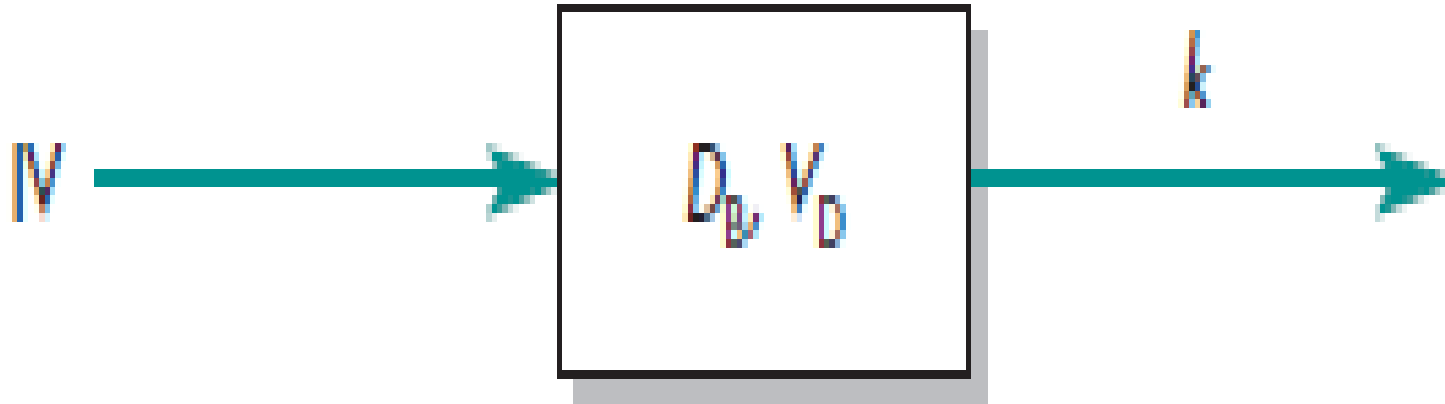
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Intravascular

Extravascular

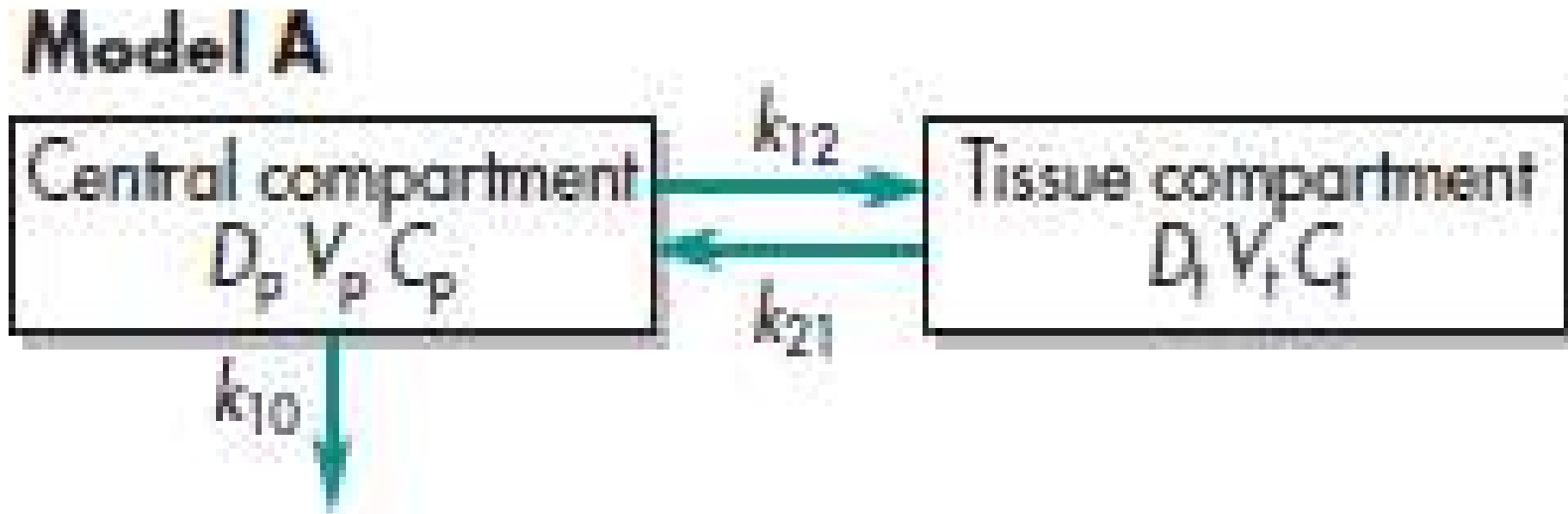
➤ Intravascular administration:

Case 1: One compartment open model



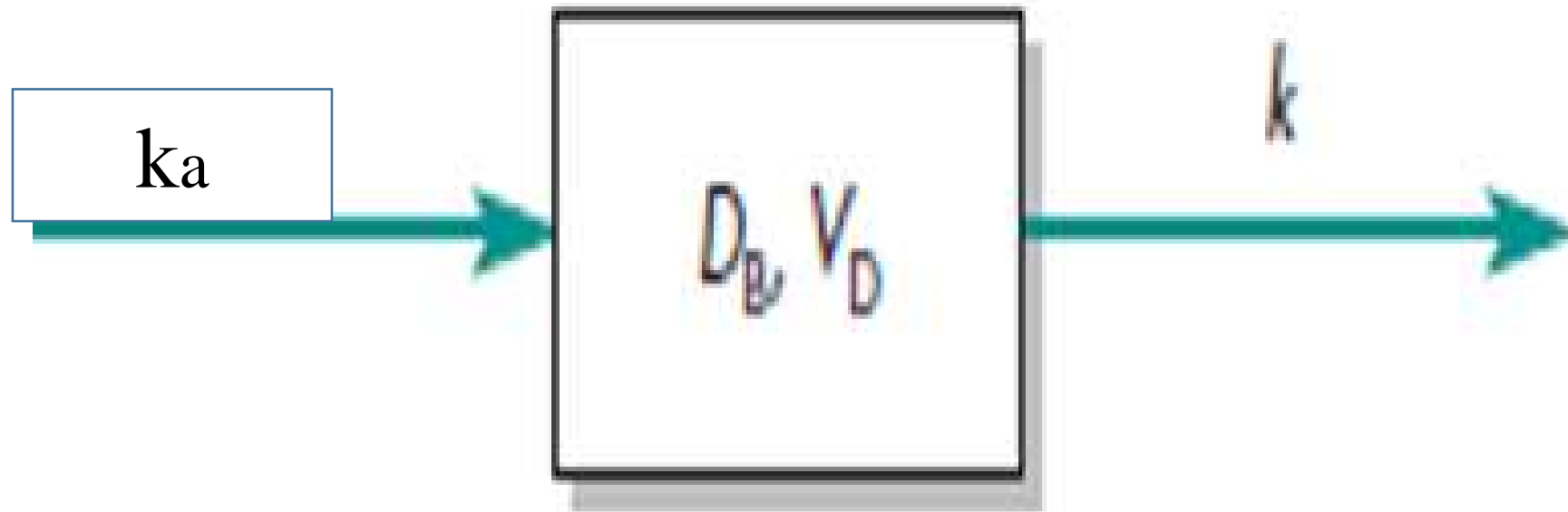
➤ Intravascular administration:

- Case 2: Two compartment open model



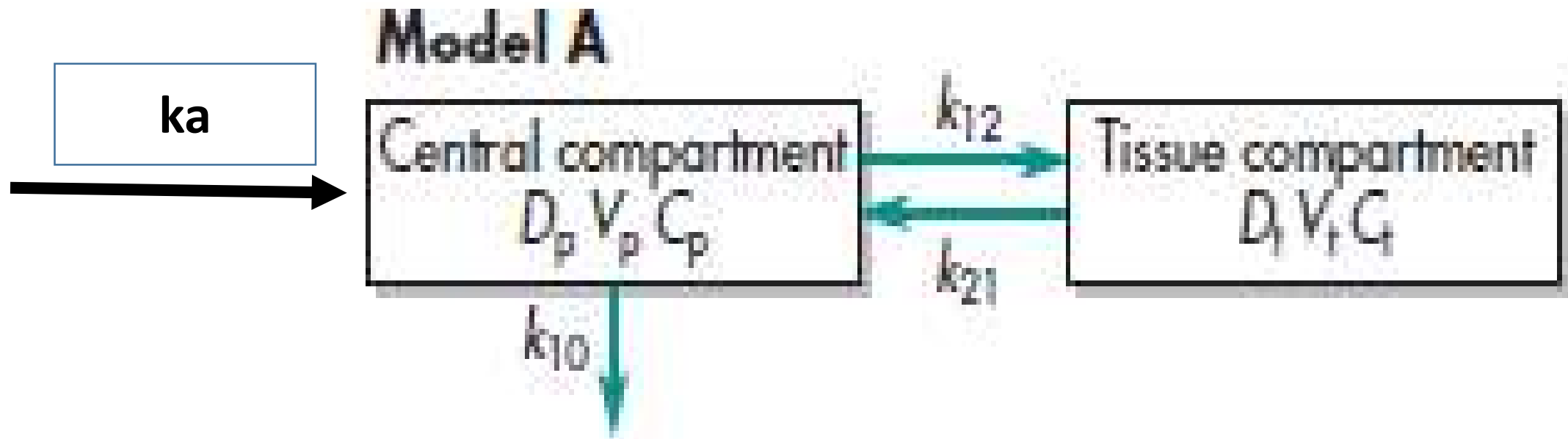
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- **Case 1:** One compartment open model with first order absorption:



➤ Extravascular administration:

- **Case 2:** Two compartment open model with first order absorption:



➤ **Uses of Pharmacokinetic models:**

1. Predict plasma, tissue, and urine drug levels with any dosage regimen.
2. Calculate the optimum dosage regimen for each patient individually.
3. Estimate the possible accumulation of drug and/ or metabolites.
4. Correlate drug conc. with pharmacological or toxicological activity.
5. Explain drug interactions.
6. Evaluate differences on the rate or extent of bioavailability between formulations.
7. Give a good picture concerning protein binding.
8. Describe how changes in physiology or disease affect the absorption, distribution, or elimination of the drug.

1. One compartment open model

A. Intravascular administration:

A drug is directly injected into a vein.

❖ Advantages:

1. The drug enters into circulation in active form.
2. Desired blood concentration can be obtained.
3. Quick and immediate effect is produced.
4. It is useful in case of emergency.
5. It is useful in an unconscious patient.

1. One compartment open model

❖ Disadvantages:

1. Drugs which precipitate blood constituents can not be administered.
2. Unwanted reaction , if occur, are immediate.
3. Withdrawal of the drug is not possible.
4. High risk of toxicity.
5. Special person.
6. Slow administration rate. example: **Pentothal.**

- **Example : Pentothal**

Duration of administration	LD 50%
1 sec	76
15 sec	98
30 sec	100
2 min	171
10 min	200

1. One compartment open model

Intravascular administration:

- Manners of administration:

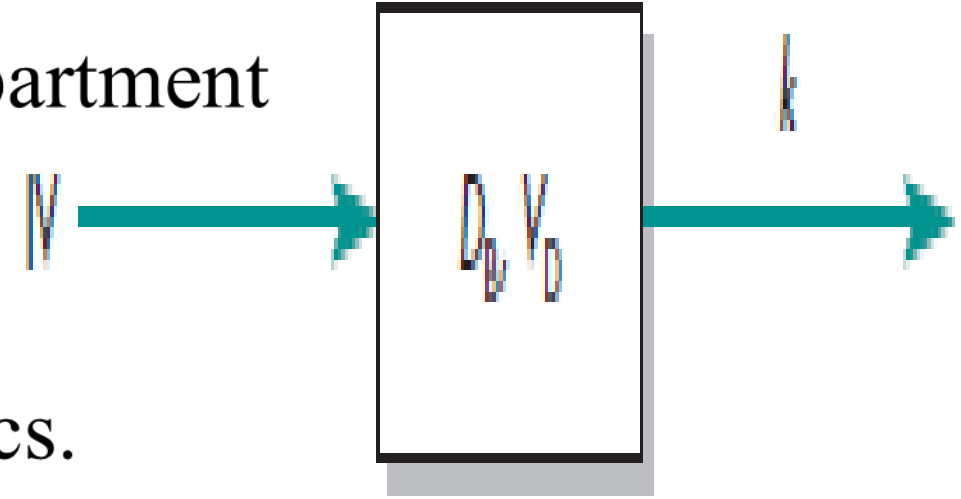
1.IV Bolus.

2.IV Infusion.

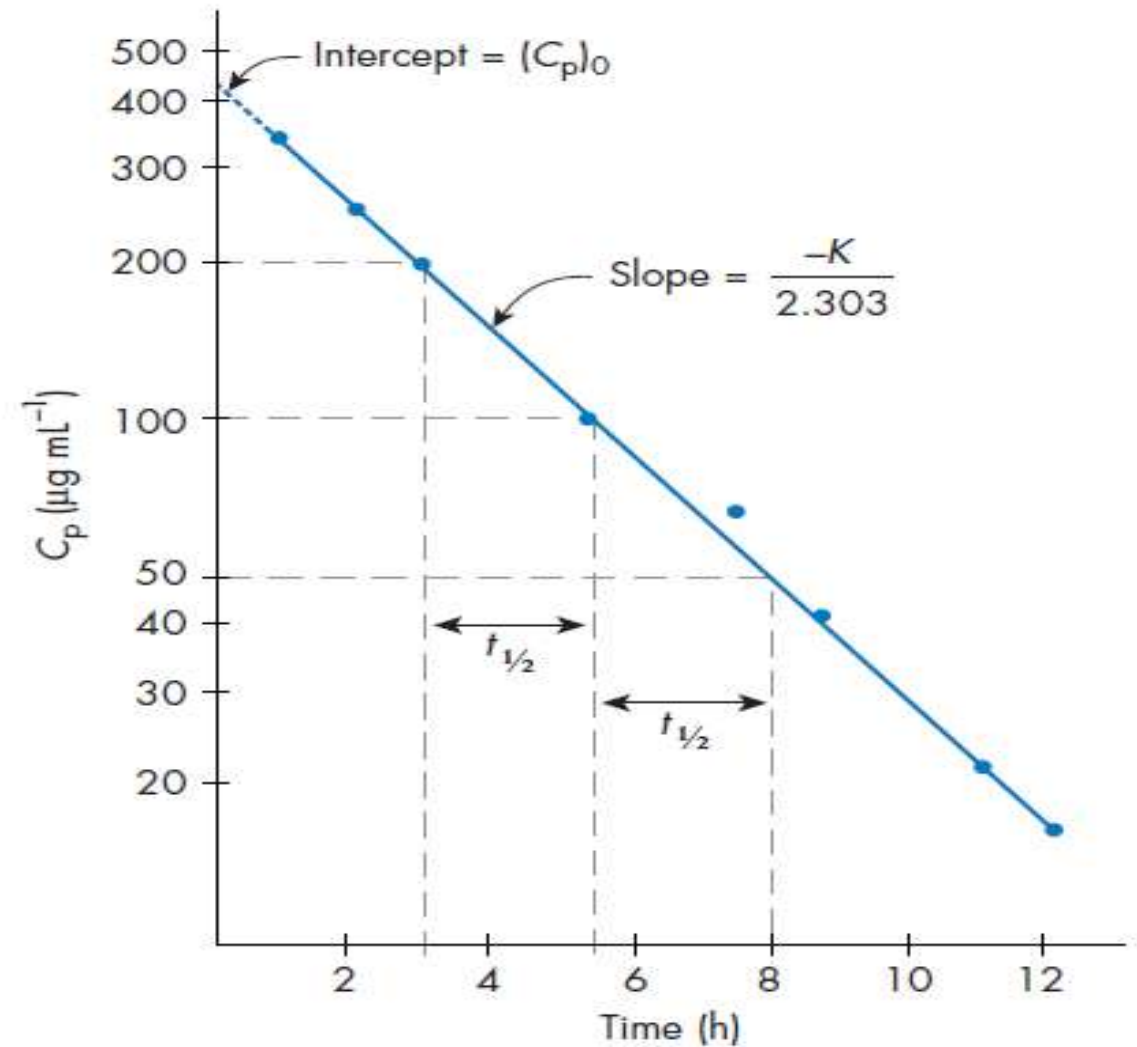
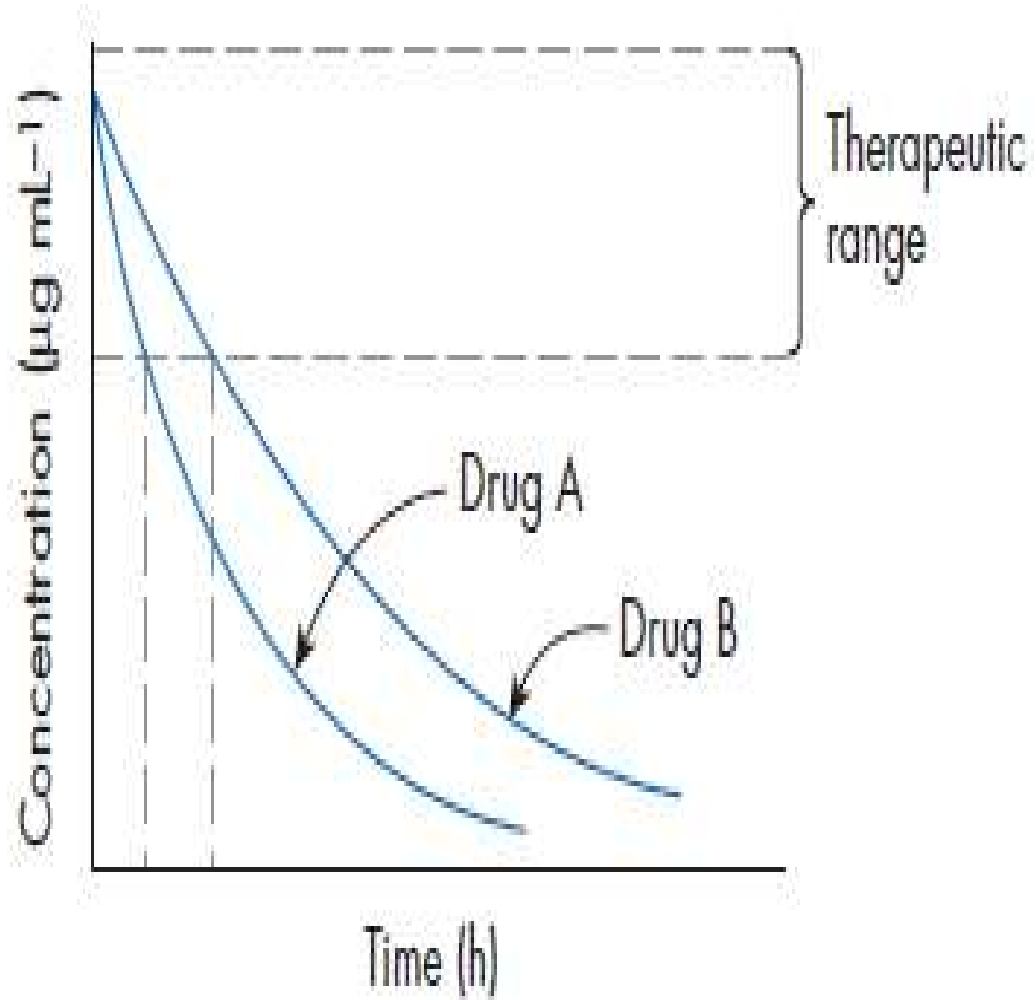
1- IV Bolus

❖ Assumptions:

1. The body represented by a single compartment with Volume V_d . $V_d = \frac{X_t}{C_t}$
2. There is no distribution phase.
3. Drug is eliminated by first order kinetics.
4. Any changes that occur in plasma level of a drug reflect proportional changes in tissue drug level.
5. Biological fluids (Blood, Urine, Saliva) are used to determine drug conc.



1- IV Bolus



Semilogarithmic plot of plasma concentration (C_p) versus time following administration of the drug by intravenous bolus

1- IV Bolus

➤ **The elimination half life ($t_{1/2}$) or “biological half-life”:**

- the time (h, min, day, etc.) at which the mass (or amount) of unchanged drug becomes half (or 50%) of the initial mass of drug.
- **Determination of the elimination half life:**
- Equation below expresses the concentration of drug remaining in the plasma at a given time:

$$C_p = (C_p)_0 e^{-kt}$$

Rearranging this equation gives $\frac{C_p}{(C_p)_0} = e^{-kt}$

By definition, when $C_p = 0.5 (C_p)_0$, time $(t) = t_{1/2}$,

$$\text{hence} \quad 0.5 \frac{C_p}{(C_p)_0} = e^{-kt} \rightarrow 0.5 = e^{-kt} \quad \text{or} \quad \text{Ln. } 0.5 = -k t_{1/2}$$

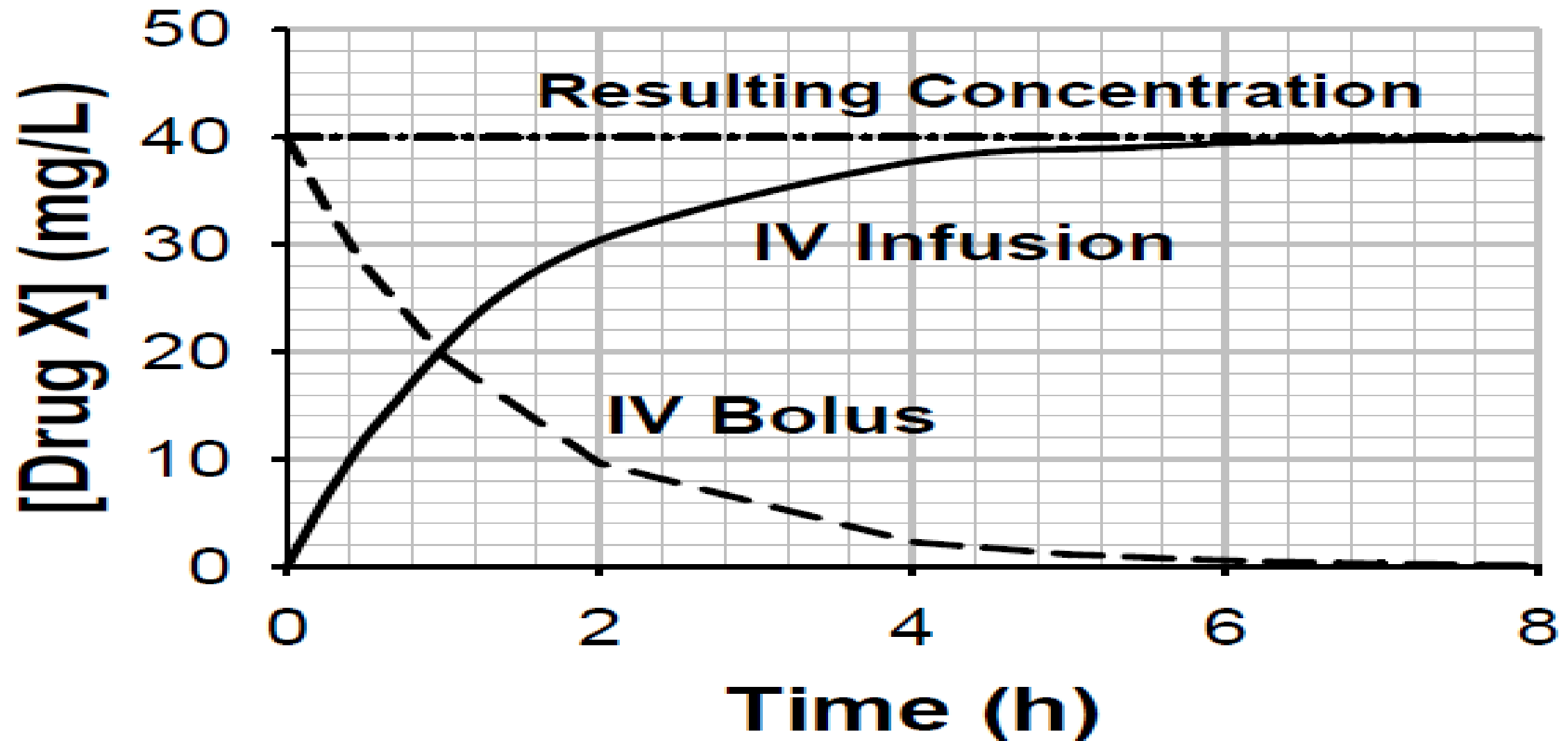
Converting from natural to common logarithms, $\text{Ln. } 0.5 = 2.303 \times \log 0.5$

$$\text{Since } \text{Ln. } 0.5 = 0.693 \rightarrow 0.693 = -k t_{1/2} \rightarrow t_{1/2} = 0.693/k$$

1- IV Bolus

- **The elimination rate constant (k or k_{el})**
- $t_{1/2} = 0.693 / k \rightarrow k = 0.693 / t_{1/2}$
- Slope
- $k = \frac{\ln (C_p)_0 - \ln (C_p)}{(t - t_0)}$

1- IV Infusion



2- IV Infusion

➤ **Ct1: $k_o > k_e$**

- V (infusion) = $dx/dt = k_o - k_e \cdot X_t$
- X_t : total amount of drug in the body at time t .
- (At $t=0$, $X_o = 0$ so $k_e \cdot X_t = 0$)
- By integration:

$$C_{t1} = \frac{k_o}{k_e \cdot V_d} (1 - e^{-k_e \cdot t1})$$

2- IV Infusion

➤ **Ct_{ss}**: the conc. Of the steady state, $k_o = k_e$, $C_t = C_{max} = C_{ss}$

$$C_{t_{ss}} = \frac{1}{V_d} (1 - e^{-k_e \cdot t_{ss}})$$

➤ **Ct₃** : $k_e > k_o$, $C_{t_3} = C_{t_{ss}} \cdot e^{-k_e \cdot t_3}$

$$C_{t_3} = \frac{1}{V_d} (1 - e^{-k_e \cdot t_{ss}}) \cdot e^{-k_e \cdot t_3}$$

➤ **Ct₄** : $k_e \gg C_o$, $C_{o4} = C_{t1}$

$$C_{t4} = C_{o4} \cdot e^{-k_e \cdot t_4}$$

- $C_{t_4} = \frac{k_o}{k_e \cdot V_d} (1 - e^{-k_e \cdot t_1}) \cdot e^{-k_e \cdot t_4}$