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im going to be covering the
epidemiology and various categories of
drug interactions talking about the
mechanisms affecting drug absorption

distribution metabolism and modulation
of transport proteins
as well as alteration and renal

elimination of drugs well dive a little
bit into enzyme transport or interplay
and cover some complex drug interaction

issues

well discuss a clinical interpretation and look at some examples of product labeling

i have upfront some abbreviations ill refer to throughout so this will be a good point of reference im going to be referring to the area under the concentration time curve throughout and that is a measure of drug exposure when we look at a plasma concentration versus time curve and ill look at well look at some examples of those ill also be using the terms substrate and modulator so substrate just refers to the drug being acted upon or the victim whereas a modulator is a drug that inhibits or induces for instance drug metabolism or a

particular transport protein so the

modulator generally refers to the

perpetrator of a drug interaction

so the epidemiology of drug interactions

theyre not easy to quantify

particularly the clinical relevance of

them

i have a couple references here though
one was a review of medicaid records
between the years of 00009
in which it was discovered that nearly

of patients were found to have at least one clinically significant drug

interaction

the risk of course increases in the
elderly are patients with comorbidities
or patients on multiple medications
a second publication here talks about an
fda review of ndas approved in 0 so

fairly recent

and that review found that majority of compounds percent were metabolized by a cytochrome p0 enzyme and about the same number showed possible inhib inhibition or induction

of a metabolizing enzyme

and overall nearly 0 percent or

percent had a metabolism

metabolismbased drug interaction that

resulted in a change of clinical

significant

so the various types of interactions we generally classify them or put them in two categories pharmacodynamic which related relates to a drugs effect on target be it safety or efficacy and pharmacokinetic which generally refers to an impact on drug absorption distribution metabolism basically impacting the concentration of drugs circulating in the body or acting at the

so some examples of pharmacodynamic interactions we have additive combinations and some examples there when you combine sedatives for instance with pain medications

or antiseizure medications with pain
medications that can cause over sedation
a beneficial pharmacodynamic interaction
is that of ibuprofen and acetaminophen
used together in combination to treat

a harmful example is i dont zydovidine
hiv medication used early in the
treatment of hiv with ganciclovir which
is an antiviral drug used to treat cmv
infection it was discovered early on

in the early

treatment of hiv that the two drugs in combination cause severe neutropenia a synergistic combination is when we combine two drugs and we get a beneficial effect above that of either

one

and a good example of this is

aminoglycosides with penicillin used to

treat grampositive infections

a harmful combination is obviously that

of barbiturates and alcohol or sedatives

and barbiturates or sedatives and

antiseizure medications

an antagonistic combination might be

drug counter acts or blocks a

pharmacological effect of another
a beneficial antagonistic relationship
is the use of naloxone or narcan used to

where one

treat opiate overdose

an example of a harmful one is that of

zidova

zydovidine and stabidine again two antiviral retroviral medications used to

treat hiv

they actually compete with one another for phosphorylation and its been shown both in vitro and clinically that using the tune combination actually results in a lessening of antiviral

efficacy

some pharmacokinetic interactions we generally put these in one of four categories interactions affecting drug

absorption

distribution

metabolism

or elimination

so first well start with absorption
so ultra absorption might be impacted by
ph we know that a lot of drugs are
dependent on an optimal ph for their
solubility and hence permeability or
uptake into the into the absorption
increasing the ph in the gut for

instance using an h antagonist like
ranitidine or a proton pump inhibitor
can result in an increased or decreased
solubility of a drug
some examples include adesanovir and
reltegravir again to antiretroviral
medications they actually have two
different responses to ph adexanovir
absorption is decreased
with the use of proton pump inhibitors
whereas royal tegravir exposure is

increased

so the question is how clinically relevant are these ph altering drug interactions well theres an example

with urlot nib an
anticancer medication used to treat
pancreatic and nonsmall cell lung

cancer

in a retrospective review of patient records actually found that use of acid suppressing drugs in combination was associated with a significant reduction in overall survival after counting for other factors up to nearly uh four

months

and thats in light of only a 0 percent reduction in auc

another ddi affecting altered absorption
is the effect on gi motility
so use of narcotics such as methadone we
know decreased gi motility slow

transit of

medications through the gut and can affect absorption

whereas other drugs like metaclopramide
otherwise known as reglan which is used
to treat nausea and other gi

issues

and

increases increases motility in the gut
can also affect absorption
so the example on the left here we are
using didenosine in combination alone in
combination with methadone or alone and
as you can see methadone again
decreasing gi motility had a significant
effect on didenosine absorption and
overall plasma exposure
whereas example on the right weve given
posaconazole a

antifungal agent in combination with
reglan or metoclopramide and we see
reduction in posaconazole absorption as
we increase uh motility
another example of altered absorption is
the effect of chelation and this is
basically irreversible binding of drug
in the gi tract which can happen to
certain phosphate medications certain

pro drugs

classic examples of these are the
tetracycline and quinolone antibiotics
are sensitive to combination with things
like antacids and dairy products calcium
containing products and in this example
we have a fluoroquinolone trobophloxacin
given with either malox which contains
magnesium and aluminum either separated

by two hours

or with malox given just 0 minutes
before and you can see a profound effect
on the absorption of trophofloxacin when
you give maalox just 0 minutes before

its not the

effect on

gastric secretion of

acid however because when you give
trophofloxacin with a proton pump
inhibitor theres no effect on
absorption so its really the chelation
with the magnesium and the
aluminum in this case
so were going to move on now to
mechanisms of interactions affected by
drug transport

so just to orientate everybody real
quickly in the gut we have passive
diffusion of drug and every drug
perfuses a little bit different with
different levels of permeability
some drugs are efluxed out more than

others by eflux proteins such as peak

glycoprotein

others rely on uptake by uptake transporters most commonly in the gut we

and when we block either the efflux

think of oatp

transport

we can see less efflux of drug back into

the gut

and hence increased drug levels in the

blood

same two we could block up

uptake transporters such as oetp here

which would result in

increased drug back into the gut and

lower levels of drug in the blood

so again uptake and efflux transporters

in the gut can be inhibited or induced

that is increased

by

modulating drugs and these in turn can increase or decrease the bioavailability of drugs that rely on those transporters and again it depends largely on the compounds permeability the lower the permeability of a compound the more its absorption is affected by membrane transporters in general and of the money gut transporters we looked at on the previous slide and there are many the two most common associated with clinically relevant drug interactions include pglycoprotein or

pgp

and bcrp or breast cancer resistance protein

a couple of examples of this is a

welldocumented interaction between quinidine which is a pgp inhibitor in digoxin

did jackson we described as a sensitive
substrate of pgp that is small
perturbations in pgp whether it be
induction or inhibition can result in
big changes in digestion exposure
so we often use digoxin as our substrate
of interest when we want to evaluate the
effect of another drug on p like
pglycoprotein

some clinically relevant

wellcharacterized pgp inhibitors

include cyclosporine erythromycin

verapamil etraconazole and

others now well move on to drug

interactions affecting drug distribution

specifically well talk first about

protein binding this is largely a

theoretical ddi and

generally its focused on restrictively
clear drugs so those are drugs in which
only a small fraction of drug is
extracted as it passes through the liver
or other eliminating organ

would expect an increase in the fraction
unbound to lead to an increase in total
drug clearance and hence a decrease in
plasma concentrations
at the same time we know only unbound or
free drug is available to act upon the
pharmacologic target

but because in general unbound plasma concentrations return very quickly to predisplacement levels after a transient increase these are rarely clinically relevant and i have a quote here from a publication that states the general clinical importance of plasma protein binding interactions has been largely overstated and ill show this an example so this is looking at warfarin morphine is often cited as something potentially sensitive to protein binding distribution or protein binding rather interactions because it is a restrictively eliminated drug and its got a narrow therapeutic window

so in the top plot we have the
pharmacodynamic response which is
bleeding or thrombin thyme on the bottom
we have warfarin concentrations in
plasma both free and total
and you can see when we add a displacing
drug so that is a drug that competes for
binding the plasma proteins with
warfarin we displace warfarin from
proteins and you get a spike in free
circulating warfarin
as a result you also see a small
increase in the prothrombin or bleeding
time

its quick and quite acute however
because we have more free drug
we also have more drug available to be
eliminated to the by the body so our
total drug concentration decreases and
overall those free levels of warfarin
also return to predisplacement levels
and all this is resolved in just a

transport proteins as we talked about in
the god can also play a role in the
distribution of guts to other organ

matter of days

systems most notably we think of organ systems that are highly protected like the bloodbrain barrier or the placenta or kidneys

but also

organs of elimination like the liver inhibiting or inducing these transport proteins in these organs can affect the distribution of drug so in the first example we have here loperamide and antidiarrhoeal antidiarrheal medication can cause cns side effects its generally protected from getting into the cns space by transport proteins such as again p glycoprotein or pgp but when you add an inhibitor like quinidine that increases the cns penetration of loperamide and puts patients at risk for cns associated side effects

same to our examples with digoxin again
this time with paroxetine as the
inhibitor which can increase the cns
penetration of digoxin
now lets move on to metabolism

youve probably learned a bit already
about drug metabolizing enzymes in the
system most notably cytochrome p0
enzymes

sip three four and five are probably the
by largely the most abundant and
promiscuous of the enzymes metaboli
metabolizing a large proportion of our
our medications

inhibition and induction of these
metabolizing enzymes most notably cepa
is also the primary source of most
adverse drug interactions
we can talk briefly about phase
enzymes but for the most part phase
metabolizing enzymes that cause
conjugation

are rarely associated with clinically
significant drug interactions
part of it is because the
prevalence of these enzymes theyre
available in such large quantities an
inhibition of a phase two enzyme rarely
translates into a very clinically
relevant drug interaction
so well focus for the most part

inhibition and induction of phase one enzymes

so cytochrome p0 enzymes again as youve probably learned already are most prevalent in the liver but also in the

gi tract

and when we inhibit the inhibition we can get a increase in substrate or

victim

concentrations which can result in toxicity

usually the inhibition occurs by
competition to the enzyme site and its
generally a quick onset and offset of
effect when you add an inhibitor
but the time to the maximum effect
really depends on how long it takes for
the substrate drug to reach steady state
so if you consider a drug at steady
state these are the plasma
concentrations that peak in wayne from
peak to trough over the course of a day
when you add a sip inhibitor you slowly
start to gain a gain in concentrations

and the concentrations will increase

again until a new steady state is reached

its important of course if youre going to decrease the dose of a drug to bring it back down to the preinhibitor levels that you consider the withdrawal of the inhibitor and the appropriate dose increase back to be able to maintain original substrate concentrations so its not just the onset but also the offset of inhibition the effect of inhibition on a substrate is of course greatest if that substrate relies on only a single route of metabolism so great example is midazzlam which is a classic sensitive cip substrate it relies only on ca and its very extensively metabolized so it doesnt take much inhibition of ca to get a very profound increase in medazlam

exposure

drugs with more than one route of metallic metabolism however like voriconazole which relies on c9 c9

and a

are less sensitive

so if you inhibit ca voraconezval still has sepc9 and 9 as pathways for elimination

we talked about the most common method
is typically via competition to enzyme
binding site but theres another
mechanism and thats called
mechanismbased enzyme inactivation
and that results when reactive
metabolites form and they make a
inhibitory complex
we sometimes refer to this as

quasiirreversible inactivation of sip
it generally results in a more profound
and prolonged inhibition effect so even
after you withdraw the inhibitor the
inhibition can persist for some time do
the this metabolic inhibitory complex
some examples include the macrolide
antibiotics like clarithromycin and

irreversible or

as well as grapefruit juice

heres an example of strong syph
inhibition by retinovir norvir again an
antiretroviral drug used to treat hiv

erythromycin

on the left we have triazolam again a
very sensitive cepa substrate its
metabolized 00 by this enzyme and its
extensively metabolized and when you add
retonavir you see the profound increase
in the area under the concentration time

curve of 0 fold

on the other hand zolpiden or ambien is metabolized by sip a and other sips so when you add retanovir all you see is a increase in exposure relative to the 0 fold we saw with triazolam so flip into the other side lets talk about induction of metabolizing enzymes these occur by increased dna transcription so drugs interact with nuclear receptors most notably pxr car

nuclear receptors most notably pxr car
pxr being responsible for the synthesis
of sip a a as well as pglycoprotein
interaction with this dna transcription
factor results in synthesis of new

because it takes a couple weeks for enzyme to be fully synthesized its a slower onset and offset relative to inhibition

enzyme

we generally say that induction takes about a week to two weeks for its full effect

it also depends on the halflife of the inducer and the time to make the new proteins

this results in a decrease in substrate
as weve got greater metabolic turnover
due to increase in sip enzymes and of
course reduction in activity of the drug
we might also see the formation of toxic

metabolites

when you remove the inducer without a dose adjusting the substrate you can get toxic concentrations of the substrate of

course

so just as we talked about with the inhibitor you have to be mindful of both the onset and offset of inhibition and how you might be dose adjusting the

substrate

same two with the inducer though of course a time course might be slightly

different

unlike inhibition where if a substrate had multiple enzymes to

metabolize it inhibition of one was not so impactful

induction can be significant even when a drug relies on multiple sip enzymes if one of the pathways is induced so this shows a time course of induction again were at steady state with a particular substrate when we add an inducer its going to take between one to two weeks to get to a full effect until a new steady state is achieved and this might require again a dose increase and so we have to be thoughtful about where youre going to introduce a dose increase to maintain concentrations during the course and onset of induction heres an example of a strong inducer like we talked about retinovir for inhibition rifampin is a very strong enzyme inducer of ca as well as some other sip 0 enzymes in this example it was paired with a investigational agent being developed for the treatment of tuberculosis

this agent was metabolized only

partially bicepa only 0 percent

yet when we add rifampin we saw a

profound decrease in exposure of

percent up for the auc and for the

trough with a half life shortened from

9 to hours

this of course is potentially very
clinically significant since rifampin is
another tb drug

and might be something that would be paired with this investigational agent this table shows a number of classic and common inducers and inhibitors of sip 0 enzymes just to point out in the strong ciphering inhibitor list again we have some macrolide antibiotics the azole antifungals such as itraconazole posaconazole voriconazole are classic

strong ca

inhibitors

in the deuce inducer side again we talked about rifampin as a classic

strong enzyme inducer

carbamazepine and phenobarb are also

strong inducers that are often used in

drug interaction studies

and the herbal st johns wort is also
strong enzyme inducer
we also have moderate enzyme inducers
and inhibitors which can or cannot be
clinically relevant depending on the
drug in question

and we generally think of weak inhibitors and weak inducers as not being so clinically relevant drug

interactions

so now lets talk about altered hepatic
or biliary elimination via transport
proteins

so again we know of course that the metabolizing enzymes are inside of hepatocytes

certain drugs pass

uh permeably passively into the

paddocine dont rely on uptake transport

yet other drugs dont pass well by

themselves and rely on transport

proteins most notably oatpb

b and b is some common ones for

uptake into parasites

if these are blocked of course less drug

is going to get into the liver to be

metabolized and were going to get
higher systemic concentrations
a classic example of this are the
statins which rely on oatpb and b to
be taken up into the liver and well
look at a couple examples of the statins
theres also efflux proteins that push
drug from the parasite out into bile
these include again pglycoprotein

and bcrp

and if you inhibit these youre going to have decreased biliary excretion you may get higher systemic exposure or you may might just get greater hepatic metabolism if the drug is metabolized extensively in the liver so this is an example of gemfibrizil and resuvastatin again rosuvastatin is a substrate for oatp uptake transporters in the liver and brazil is an inhibitor in this example weve seen percent increase in exposure over suvastent with gempibrazil so as you might imagine after looking at that diagram of the patocite we can get some complex transporter sip enzyme

interplay

in this example were going to talk
about atorvastatin its a substrate for
cypa metabolism

its also efflux by pglycoprotein and taken up by oatpb and b into the

liver

if you look at at the very bottom first a drug like gemfibrisal which only

inhibits

oetpv you see about a percent increase

in atorvastatin exposure

however going to the very top when you

consider a drug that inhibits pgp

oatpb and is a weak hip inhibitor you

get a profound effect on a torvid statin

exposure of nearly nine fold

and somewhere in the middle such as

clarithromycin thats a strong sipa

inhibitor but it doesnt inhibit oatpb

so this is where it gets really complicated to predict and anticipate what a drug interaction might cause

and you only see about a fold

increase in exposure

if you know that transport and and metabolizing enzymes are involved now well move on to renal elimination much like in hepatocytes in the gut we have active transporters taking up drug from the blood putting it into the kidney proximal tubules as well as excreting drug into urine most notably the oat and oct as well as p glycoprotein transport proteins are often cited in clinically relevant drug interactions affecting renal elimination so again if you inhibit uptake transport you would decrease elimination of course systemic exposure of the drug would increase

editing over the overthecounter h
antagonists its an oct inhibitor and
its been shown to increase exposure of
drugs such as metformin
probenicid is another classic example
its an oat and oat inhibitor and has
been shown to increase exposure of a
number of drugs that are renally
eliminated including saddafivir

ferocimide and acyclovir

lets talk about some more complex drug

interactions

there are certain compounds that
actually inhibit and induce enzymes at
the same time and a classic example of
this is return of iron step a
can result in really unpredictable and
potentially time defendant dependent
effect on substrates
whereas in the short term after two or
three dose days of dosing
you might see a huge spike in the
dazzling exposure however a week or two

starts to kick in

later you may see a more nuanced effect

on midazolam exposure as induction

we also talked about concurrent
inhibition reduction of both enzymes and
transporters at the same time
this can have a potentially additive or
antagonist effect on a substrate
elimination and these are very difficult
to predict as we looked at
you might have a combination of two
inhibitors acting on different enzymatic

pathways used by substrate
so we talked about the example of
voriconazole relying on multiple
enzymes for elimination if you inhibit
one theres not such a big effect but
imagine adding a cipc9 inhibitor on top
of sipa you can have an increased
effect on exposure of oriconazole or

other drugs

in addition

we have to consider

the

genetic polymorphisms of certain enzymes

we know that certain enzymes such as

sipc9 can be expressed differently in

different patient populations

a particular patient that has is a poor

metabolizer that is they carry a

genotype

conferring

lower enzymatic

potential of for instance sypc9 is going to rely on other alternative

enzymes

and effect of for instance a cyph inhibitor might be more profound

on voriconazole and somebody thats a

poor cipc9 and hip inhibitor or im

sorry septuccino metabolizer

in addition we have to think about

patients with altered baseline renal or
hepatic elimination due to kidney or

liver disease

so how do we predict these when we have
a new compound in development
well very early in drug development we
characterize the compound extensively in

vitro so first

we analyze that we look at preclinical
or animal studies and in vitro
experiments to characterize how the
drugs eliminated
is it renally is it through biliary
excretion is it through hepatic
metabolism if it is through metabolism
which enzyme is responsible is it one of
the sep0 enzymes one of the phase

if its regionally eliminated is there
an active transport protein involved in
its elimination
after weve characterized clearly how

enzymes

the drug is

eliminated that is characterize its potential to be a victim of drug

interactions

we also evaluate whether the drug might

be a perpetrator

that is does it have the potential to inhibit or induce enzymes or transport proteins

if we do observe some inhibition or induction in our in vitro systems we characterize a probability of the clinical significance of it so we look at the in vitro ic0 value for example if we look considering inhibition reduction and compared to our clinical exposures most notably we look at peak or cmax concentrations

if our peak exposure i over ic0 exceeds

point one is a general rule we might

consider a clinical drug interaction to

characterize how extensively our drug in

development might inhibit or induce a

particular enzyme

or maybe we consider doing some mechanistic modeling to evaluate the

potential for the clinical relevant drug interaction

when we do conduct clinical drug
interactions we often conduct them with
wellcharacterized drugs
so for instance if our drug is
eliminated by ca and we want to know
how inducers and inhibit inhibitors
might impact it

in

patients well evaluate a well characterized strong inhibitor like itraconazole or wellcharacterized inducers such as rifampin and well do a drug interaction to see the impact of those two sort of token inhibitors and inducers on our substrate if our were considering our drug to be a potential perpetrator were going to evaluate the effect on a sensitive wellcharacterized substrate for instance midazolam for sip a or digoxin for pglycoprotein or maybe resuvastan for oatpb depending on the results of these initial studies using probe inhibitors

inducers or probe substrates well

consider if we need to do any more ddi

studies

are there any common cominister drugs
in this patient population we should
consider

if the effect of the strong inducer
inhibitor is profound perhaps we need to
look at a more moderate inhibitor
inducer and characterize the effect
there

enzyme and transporter effects

does our drug rely on a particular ph

for solubility in that case we may want

to do a drug interaction study with a

proton pump inhibitor

when we evaluate the risk in the

clinical setting for drugs that are

hopefully have been well characterized

we consider the therapeutic index of the

victim drug so for example atorvastatin

its a relatively wide therapeutic

window if we see a 0 percent increase
in atorvastatin exposure that may not be

clinically significant

however

tacrolimus or prograph which is used in following organ transplant as an immunosuppressant has a much more narrow therapeutic window and a 0 increase in exposure can be clinically profound so wed probably consider dose reduction or therapeutic drug monitoring in that case in looking at a clinical profile of of drugs we also have to consider if theres other potential perpetrators involved or is it just a single drug

drug interaction

we have to think about the time course of the interaction as we discuss whats the onset of the inhibition or induction when should we think about altering if we need to the dose of our substrate

drug

and again as we talked about we have to
consider both addition and the
withdrawal of the potential perpetrator
also think about is this ddi class
effect or are there other options for
example rusuvistan and simpastan have
very different susceptibility to ddis

theyre both taken up by oatp but simvasten is also extensively metabolized by sipea whereas restuva satin is not extensively metabolized it also has a wider therapeutic index relative to simvastatin so that might be a good alternative for somebody on a sipa inhibitor and then we have to consider other confounders that may magnify such as organ impairment or older age so looking at the us product label ive highlighted here in the the index those sections where we find drug interaction information in section 00 dosage administration youll often see a dosage recommendation in the setting of drug interactions particularly if theres a very clinically relevant or commonly used drug thats used in combination with the product drug interactions might be described in

drug interactions might be described in warning precautions
theyre certainly described in the drug interaction section

and then the clinical pharmacology
section section tends to have the
details of any ddi studies that were
conducted by a company during

development

so this is an example of a product that
i worked on this is colitico or iva
cafter used for the treatment of cystic

fibrosis

so if we look look in section seven
we describe here that ivacafter is a
sensitive septuary substrate its very
extensively metabolized and relies only

on ca for elimination

so we did a study with ketos conazal a

strong septuary inhibitor

and found an eight and a half fold

increase in auc or exposure
based on this we recommend a dose
reduction from 0 milligrams twice a
day to 0 milligrams twice a week when
we combine the drug with other strong
inhibitors and weve listed some here as

examples

in addition we did a study with a moderate inhibitor fluconazole and also

saw a profound increase of threefold
so we have a dosage recommendation in
place to reduce from 0 twice a day to
once daily with moderate inhibitors
and we also have language in here about
trying to avoid grapefruit or seville
oranges that might be sipa inhibitors
and theres also warning about the
effect of strong inducers on the base of
a basis of a study we conducted with
rifampin in which we saw a ninefold
decrease in exposure

in section of the label weve
characterized the result of all the drug
interaction studies that weve conducted
here on a forest plot so you can
actually see the magnitude of effect of

drugs on

um

on kolitiko

we also studied the effect of cletuco on
an oral contraceptive so this in that
case the oral contraceptive is a
substrate you can see here there was no
effect on the exposure of the progestin

estrogen component of the oral contraceptive

lastly i have a slide which outlines
some resources and tools and references
that might be useful
thank you for your time i hope you found
that interesting and instructive and if
you have any questions please follow up
with the course coordinator