

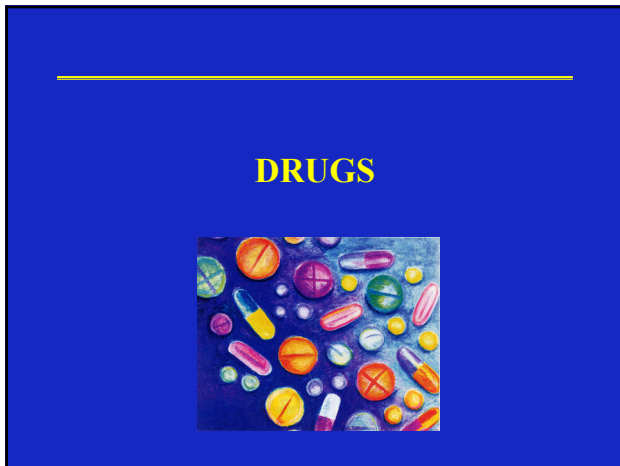
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The great debate

Chemotherapy versus Vaccination

Which is best?

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DRUG USE

Huge range of chemicals used for parasite:

chemotherapy (curative)

- static drugs (arrest development, reversible)
- cidal drugs (irreversible damage - lethal)

chemoprophylaxis (preventive)

- stop infection
- limit infection

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Parasite targets

Huge diversity of parasites in terms of:

- organismal biodiversity (multiple phyla)
- developmental cycles (eggs/larvae/adults)
- food requirements (energy sources)
- metabolic pathways (aerobic/anaerobic)
- types of hosts (vertebrate/invertebrate)
- location within host (tissue/organ specificity)

All present challenges to chemical treatment

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PARASITE METABOLISM

Parasites may utilize/usurp host metabolism

They exhibit many specialized adaptations

- absence of circulatory system in helminths
- absence of digestive tract in cestodes
- absence of mitochondria in some protozoa
- alternation of metabolism between parasitic and free-living stages
- metabolic diapause

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Pharmaceuticals

Pharmacodynamics - action of drug on body
 Pharmacokinetics - action of body on drug

Action based on selective toxicity (parasite first)

Contra-indicated use - side-effects
 - synergism/antagonism

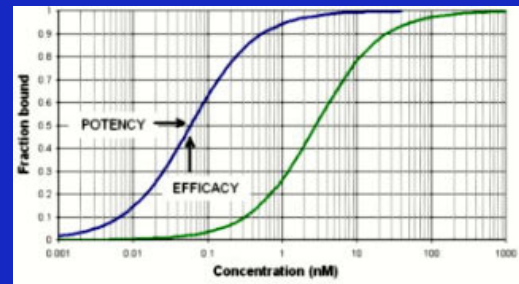
With-holding period - 100-1000x ADI
 (acceptable daily intake)

Maximum residue limits

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Pharmacodynamics (PD)

DOSE – RESPONSE CURVE

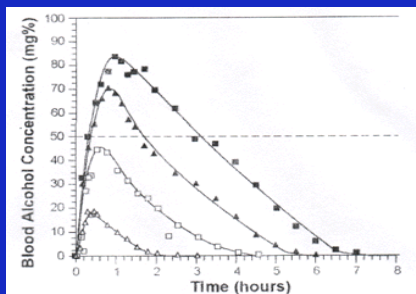


stimulants, depressants, toxins, substitutes

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Pharmacokinetics (PK)

CONCENTRATION-TIME CURVE



ADME (Absorption, Distribution, Metabolism, Excretion)

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Products

Names - one international non-proprietary name
 - regional nonproprietary names (country)
 - several proprietary names (brands)

Oral

- tablets, pills, capsules, bolus
 liquids, emulsions

Parenteral

- ampoules, vials, implants
 (s.c., i.m., i.v., i.p., i.t.)

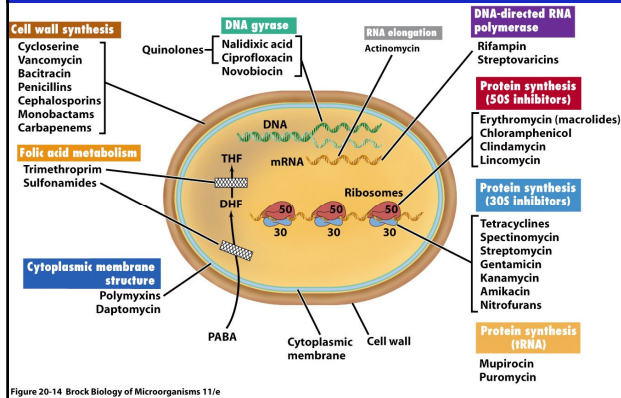
Topical

- liniments, lotions, ointments,
 dips, shampoos, washes, pour-ons,
 spot-ons, collars, creams, sprays,
 powders, aerosols



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Targets for antibiotics



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CHEMOTHERAPY

Anti-parasitic drugs exhibit selective activity on:

- DNA synthesis (alkylation, purine, cofactor)
- protein synthesis (inhibition, translation)
- energy metabolism (electron transport, reduction)
- neurotransmission (blockers, inhibition)
- membrane function (vacuoles, permeability)
- microtubule function (paralysis)
- hem(oglobin) interaction (disruption)

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Drug Resistance

Parasites subject to sub-lethal drug concentrations

- wrong dose (poor weight estimation)
- interrupted time course (poor compliance)
- antagonistic drug interactions

Selective pressure for survival advantage

- phenome-genome (mutation, lateral gene transfer)
- inheritance (resistant progeny)

Mechanisms of resistance

- alter target (lower affinity)
- alter uptake (decrease influx, increase efflux)
- inactivate drug (enzymatic modification)

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VACCINES



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How do hosts survive it all?

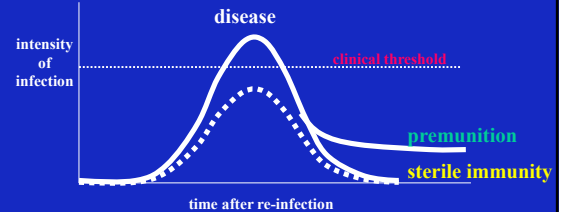
- Become resistant or tolerant
(survival of fittest - Red Queen hypothesis)
- Ameliorate disease
(minimize acute-chronic damage)
- Develop protective immunity
(memory, premunition)

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Three types of immunity

Previous exposure confers:

- **clinical immunity** (disease prevented)
- **sterile immunity** (parasites eradicated)
- **concomitant immunity** (some parasites persist)



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Immunity to Parasites

PROTOZOA

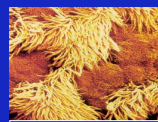
- acute disease
- parasite multiplication
- intracellular location
- cell-mediated immunity
- cytotoxic T cells
- helper T cells (Th1/Th2)
- strong protection

HELMINTHS

- chronic disease
- no multiplication
- extracellular location
- humoral immunity
- Ab opsonization
- then mφ, NK, eo
- weak protection

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THREE LINES OF DEFENSE



first line
BARRIER

external
coverings
& secretions

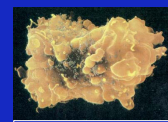
nonspecific



second line
INNATE

phagocytes &
inflammation

nonspecific

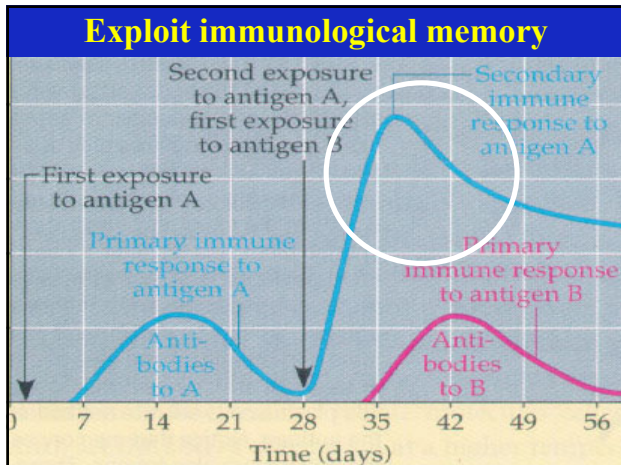


third line
ADAPTIVE
(ACQUIRED)

cell-mediated
& humoral
responses

specific

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Vaccination rationale

Three vaccination strategies

- anti-infection (prevent establishment)
- anti-disease (prevent symptoms)
- anti-transmission (prevent dissemination)

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Vaccination

Vaccine type:	Problems:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • live attenuated organisms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reversion
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • killed organisms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allergy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • subcellular vaccines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • contamination

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Vaccine production

Direct from parasites (poor quantity, good quality)

- culture parasites
- harvest antigens
- purify immunogens

Via molecular biology (good quantity, poor quality)

- recombinant vaccines
- DNA vaccines

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Targets

Elements considered as candidate vaccines

- internal proteins
- cytoskeletal proteins
- parasite enzymes
- molecules similar to host proteins

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Vaccine optimization

Small antigens cleared rapidly from host
Need to prolong exposure to achieve response

- use carrier molecules
- use adjuvants
- use delivery systems
- use slow release depots

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The great debate

Chemotherapy versus Vaccination

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|---|--|
| • broad spectrum
(targets whole groups) | • narrow activity
(species specific) |
| • short-acting | • long-lasting |
| • re-infection possible | • re-infection prevented |
| • drug resistance | • reversion of virulence |
| • drug residues | • hypersensitivity |
| • environmental toxins | • contamination |

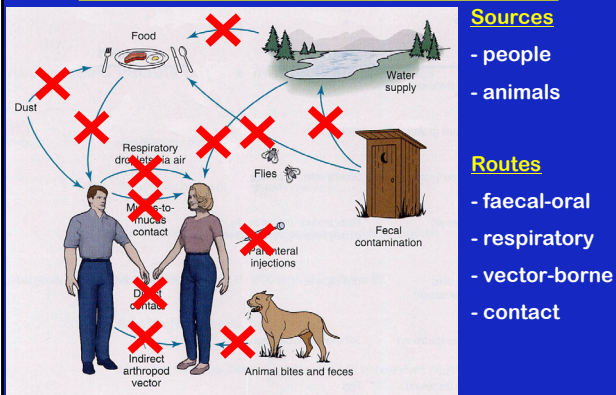
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ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT



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Biological interventions (break cycle)



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Biological interventions

Target:

- hygiene
- sanitation
- vectors
- reservoir hosts
- environments
- behaviours



It is all about **education!**

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Strategies

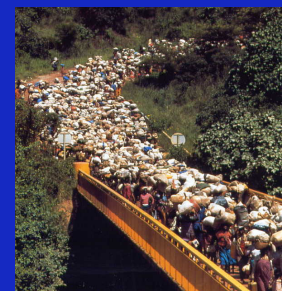
Change:

- **Physical conditions**
 - Sanitation, water treatment, sewage treatment, food hygiene...
- **Biological entities**
 - Vector control, animal reservoirs, breeding sites...
- **Sociological behaviour**
 - Hygiene, healthcare, nutrition, housing, agricultural practices...

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Greatest Challenge

How to change human behaviour?



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