



PASSION ACADEMIC TEAM



Sheet# 5

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# **GASTROINTESTINAL SYSTEM**

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# Drug-induced Hepatotoxicity

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# DRUG-INDUCED LIVER INJURY / DISEASE (DILI)

Liver injury may be produced by a large variety of chemical substances

The type and degree of injury produced is extremely varied, and may mimic the entire spectrum of hepatobiliary disorders.

The central role played by the liver in the clearance and biotransformation of chemical  
→ susceptibility to drug-induced injury.

Drugs can initiate progressive chronic liver disease and are the single leading cause of acute liver failure.

. The liver is the main place to metabolize drugs, so there are certain drugs that affect the liver and known to be **HEPATOTOXIC**

. Liver injury may be produced by a large variety of chemicals and this injury is classified into →

1-) **Type** --- A- Make the bile flow slowly (cholestatic jaundice) **Ex: Steroids + oral contraceptives**

B- Acute liver necrosis **Ex: Paracetamol**

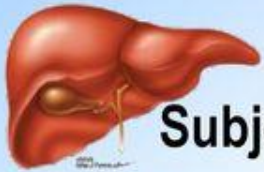
2-) **Degree** - A- Fulminant hepatic injury

B- Chronic injury withstood by the patient

. Most common causes for acute liver failure is the exposure to the drugs which makes liver more susceptible to chronic diseases followed by ACUTE liver damage because the patient takes drugs over a period of time so the damage is progressive and may enter acute phase

But the patient might take a toxic dose from the beginning so he enters acute phase directly .





## HEPATOTOXIC DRUGS

Subjects **drugs** to chemical transformation (METABOLISM) → to become inactive & easily excreted. Since most drugs are lipophilic → they are changed into hydrophilic water soluble products → suitable for elimination through the bile or urine

Such metabolic transformation usually occur in **2 PHASES**:

### Phase 1 reactions

Oxidation, Reduction,  
Hydrolysis, Hydration  
Catalyzed by CYT P-450

Yields intermediates →  
polar, transient, usually highly reactive →  
far more toxic than parent substrates →

**may** result in liver injury

### Drug Induced Liver Injury (DILI)

### Phase 2 reactions

Conjugation with a moiety  
(acetate, a.a., glutathione,  
glucuronic a., sulfate )

Yields products of increased solubility  
If of high molecular weight →  
excreted in bile  
If of low molecular weight → to blood →  
excreted in urine



The purpose of metabolism of drugs is to transfer the active Hydrophobic to *Inactive Hydrophilic*. The metabolism has two phases-Phase 1 and Phase 2-Some drugs are only metabolized by phase 1, others go to phase 1 then phase 2, and some goes directly into phase 2, and lastly some drugs are metabolized by phase 2 then phase 1 such as **Isonized**

**Phase 1** by CYT –P450 which involves chemical reactions such as: Oxidation, reduction, Hydration, hydrolysis → which leads to an intermediated drug that is polar and highly reactive than the drug itself which leads to liver injury

**Phase 2** by adding a group to the drug by conjugation such as (Sulfate, acetate, glutathione, glucuronic) which give products that are hydrophilic+inactive polar compound  
also if the product has **LOW MW** → **urine excretion**  
If it has **High MW** → **Bile excretion**

# Drug-induced Liver Disease (DILD)

- **Predictable**
  - Dose related
  - Intrinsically hepatotoxic drugs
  - Acute (hours)
  - Injury pattern is usually necrosis
  - Clinically → Fulminant (Acute Hepatitis)
  - Example: Acetaminophine
- **Unpredictable**
  - Not dose related
  - Rare 0.01-1.0 %
  - Weeks to months after ingestion of drug
  - **Idiosyncratic**
    - Immune mediated idiosyncrasy (Hypersensitivity)
      - Rash
      - Fever
      - Arthragia
      - Eosinophilia
      - Example: Phenytoin, Sulfonamides, Valproate
    - Metabolic idiosyncrasy (Production of toxic metabolites)
      - Example: INH, Ketoconazole, and Diclofenac

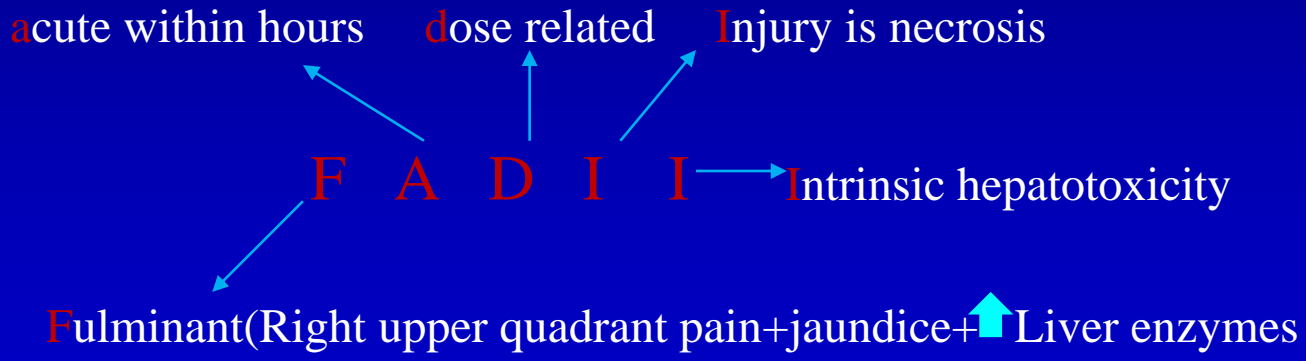
Sheet #3 **Unpredictable:** The drug is given in a normal dose but an unexpected reaction occurs

it takes weeks to months and it could be caused by 1.) **immune mediated Hypersensitivity reaction** and what happens is that the body rejects the drug and causes the hypersensitivity reactions

Ex: **Sulfonamide** (رکز عليه), valproate, phenytoin

2.) **Genetic polymorphism:** What happens is that the liver puts toxic metabolite either by slow or rapid drug metabolism which is different from person to another Ex: **isoniazid** (مهم)  
the unpredictable route has these features: 1. Not dose related 2. Idiosyncratic 3. Rare 4. Weeks to months till the reaction occur

DILD



**Predictable:** The drug is known to cause hepatotoxicity at high dose بنجمع الخواص باسم فادي

Ex: Acetaminophin (paracetamol) رکز عليه كثير



# Diagnosis of (DILD)

- **High index of suspicion**
- **Abnormalities in hepatic associated enzymes**
- **Hepatitis like symptoms**
- **Jaundice**
  
- **Drug history**
  - Dose
  - Duration of therapy
  - Time between initiating therapy and the development of hepatic injury (latency)
  
- **Exclusion of other causes of liver diseases**
  - Hepatitis B
  - Hepatitis C
  - Alcoholic liver diseases
  - Non alcoholic fatty liver diseases
  - Hemochromatosis

## Sheet #4

- 1.) we must know the patient history for example if he is alcoholic or elder then he is at high risk
- 2.) Abnormality in hepatic enzyme → alkaline phosphatase (ALP) and Alanine transaminase (ALT)
- 3.) Hepatitis like symptoms
- 4.) Jaundice

Drug history: 1.) we ask the patient how much dose he has ingested

2.) الفترة الي اخذ فيها العلاج 3.) latency is the time between starting the therapy and developing hepatic injury Ex: Paracetamol → it needs 24 hours so the toxicity symptoms kick in

# Diagnosis of (DILD)

- Most cases of acute DILD occurring within 1 week to 3 months of exposure

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- Positive response to discontinuing the agent (Dechallenge)
  - ■ In acute hepatocellular injury
    - 50% reduction in hepatic -associated enzymes after 2 weeks
    - Return to normal by 4 weeks
  - ■ In cholestatic injury
    - May have prolonged recovery time

# Risk Factors For Susceptibility to DILD

## ■ Methotrexate

- Alcohol
- Obesity
- D.M
- Chronic hepatitis

## ■ INH

- HBV,HCV,HIV
- Alcohol
- Older age
- Female

## ■ Acetaminophen

- Alcohol
- Fasting
- INH

## ■ Valproate

- Young age
- Anticonvulsants

## ■ Diclofenac

- Female
- Osteoarthritis

## Sheet #5

Methotrexate → Immunosuppressive + anticancer and an important drug in ulcerative colitis and chrons disease

INH → Is known to cause hepatocellular necrosis in persons who are rapid **acyetylators** (genetic polymorpyism)

Diclofenac → nonsteroidal drug

Anticonvulsant drugs → Ex: valproate + phenytoin + carbamazepine (commong in young)



# Hepatotoxic Drugs

## Patterns of drug-induced liver Injury

Type of injury:	Hepatocellular	Cholestatic	Mixed
<u>ALT</u>	≥ Twofold rise	Normal	≥ Twofold rise
<u>ALP</u>	Normal	≥ Twofold rise	≥ Twofold rise
ALT: ALP ratio	High, ≥5	Low, ≤2	2-5
Examples	<u>Acetaminophen</u> <u>Allopurinol</u> <u>Amiodarone</u> <u>HAART</u> <u>NSAID</u>	<u>Anabolic steroid</u> <u>Chlorpromazine</u> <u>Clopidogrel</u> <u>Erythromycin</u> <u>Hormonal</u> <u>contraception</u>	<u>Amitriptyline</u> <u>Enalapril</u> <u>Carbamazepine</u> <u>Sulfonamide</u> <u>Phenytoin</u>

Hepatocellular necrotic drugs 1.)Acetaminophin 2.)Nsaid 3.)HAART→highly active retro viral transcriptase(HIV medication) 4.)allopurinol 5.)amiodarone

Cholestatic drugs:1.)Anabolic steroid 2.)hormonal Contraceptives 3.)erythromycin 4.)chlorpromazine(anti psychotic)

Mixed:1.)phenytoin 2.)carbamazepine 3.)sulfonamide

الجدول كثير مهم يعني لو عندي ALT>ALP بانتوقع انه يكون Paracetamol toxicity

# Drug-induced hepatotoxicity

**Table 2**

## Drugs with Dose-Dependent Hepatotoxicity

Drugs	Hepatotoxicity
Acetaminophen	Hepatocellular necrosis due to single toxic dose or total dose over time
Amiodarone	Chronic steatosis due to total dose over time
Bromfenac	Toxicity after extended administration
Cyclosporine	Cholestasis with toxic blood levels
Methotrexate	Elevated aminotransferase and fibrosis after single or large total dose
Niacin	Vascular injury after large doses
Oral contraceptives	Hepatic tumor after prolonged administration
Tetracycline	Steatosis after large total dose and renal dysfunction

**Table 4**

## Drugs Known to Cause Hepatocellular Necrosis

Drug Class	Drugs
Antimicrobials	Sulfonamides, dapsone, ketoconazole, isoniazid, rifampin, pyrazinamide
Anticonvulsants	Phenytoin, valproic acid, carbamazepine, felbamate
NSAIDs and analgesics	Acetaminophen, piroxicam, diclofenac, sulindac, etodolac, bromfenac
Miscellaneous	Labetalol, flutamide, disulfiram, propylthiouracil, pemoline, nefazodone

**Table 5**

## Drugs Known to Cause Cholestasis

Drug Class	Drugs
Antimicrobials	Ampicillin, amoxicillin/clavulanate, clindamycin, erythromycin, tetracycline, trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole
Psychotropics	Chlorpromazine, amitriptyline, barbiturates, carbamazepine, haloperidol, imipramine
Miscellaneous	Azathioprine, ibuprofen, cimetidine, prochlorperazine, ticlopidine, estradiol

Jiwon Kim. *An Overview of Drug-Induced Liver Disease*  
*US Pharm.* 2005;11:HS-10-HS-21.

[http://www.uspharmacist.com/index.asp?show=article&page=8\\_1634.htm](http://www.uspharmacist.com/index.asp?show=article&page=8_1634.htm)

## Sheet #7

What is included in **TABLE 2** are..

- 1.) Acetaminophen → it induced hepatocellular necrosis either by → A) one single high dose  
B) Total dose over time (على مدار اليوم كانت الجرعة كبيرة (تراكمية))
- 2.) Methotrexate → Increases liver enzymes and causes FIBROSIS in the liver after single toxic dose or total dose over time
- 3.) Niacin causes blood vessels injury in the liver when administered at large doses
- 4.) oral contraceptives → hepatic tumor after long administration and also causes cholestasis
- 5.) tetracycline → steatosis + renal dysfunction

## Sheet #8

What is included in **TABLE 4** are..

Drug induced hepatocellular necrosis

1.)antimicrobials ( الادوية حفظ ) #dont forget that sulfonamide is MIXED

2.)anti convulsants→also mixed (necrosis وهمو اكثر اشى بعملو)

3.)NSAID(Diclofinac)+analgesics(don't forget that acetaminophen is an analgesic NOT Nsaid)

What is included in **TABLE 5** are..

1.)antimicrobial لانها mixed,the most important antimicrobial that cause stasis is **Erythromycin**

2.)psychotropic→only cholestasis+الامتلة مطلوبة



# Paracetamol-induced hepatotoxicity

## Therapeutic and Toxic Dose

- Therapeutic dose: 10-15 mg/kg
- Toxic dose:
  - More than 7.5 gm(around 15 tablets)- minimal toxicity
  - If >15 gm (30 tablets)- severe toxicity
  - In adult- toxic dose is 150 mg/kg
  - In children, toxic dose is 200 mg/kg
  - In presence of chronic disease or malnutrition, even 2gm of paracetamol can be a toxic dose

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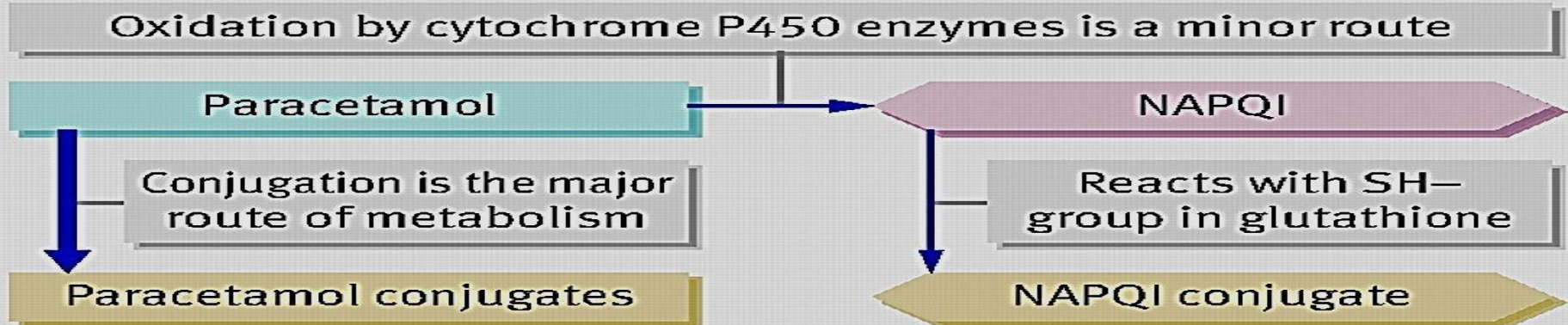
15 tablets(7.5g)→minimal toxicity ما حكا اشي برا السلايد بس اذا باليوم الواحد اخذ المريض

30 tablets(15g)→Severe toxicity

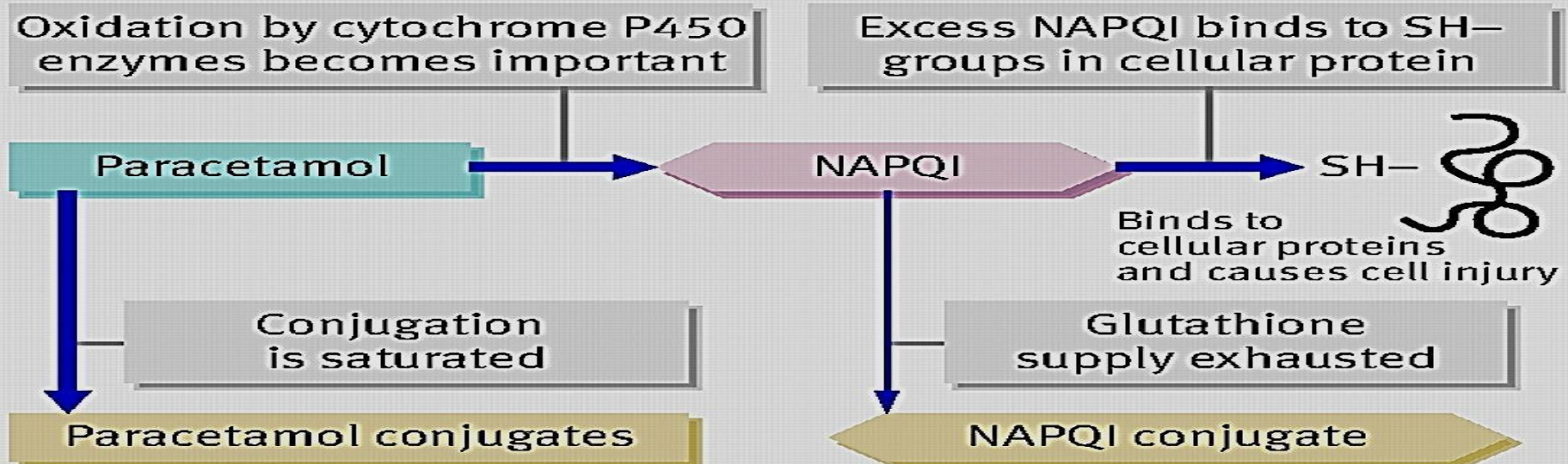
#لو المريض عندو الكبد تعبان او عنده امراض اخرى ال Toxic dose changes to 2gm

# Paracetamol-induced hepatotoxicity

## At therapeutic doses



## In overdose



## Sheet #10

The major route of metabolism of paracetamol is conjugation and thus the product after metabolization is soluble → in case of normal therapeutic dose

In case of high dose what happens is that not all of the drug is conjugated and some parts of it will be oxidized in phase 1 and gives rise to An intermediate which is **NAPQI** and this intermediate starts searching for **Glutathion** in liver because it has **SH group**,so if NAPQI doesn't find glutathione then it becomes toxic and causes **LIVER DAMAGE**

# Paracetamol-induced hepatotoxicity

Stages of acetaminophen toxicity			
Stage	Time	Liver effects	Signs & Symptoms
1	0-24 hrs	Preclinical	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General malaise</li><li>• Nausea and vomiting</li><li>• Diffuse abdominal pain</li><li>• Possibly asymptomatic</li><li>• Minimal signs and symptoms</li><li>• Normal liver function tests, possibly</li></ul>
2	24-72 hrs	Hepatotoxicity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• RUQ pain, possibly</li><li>• Clinically asymptomatic, possibly</li><li>• AST and ALT begin to rise, and possibly bilirubin</li><li>• Coagulopathy studies (PT, PTT, INR) may increase, if severe injury</li></ul>
3	72-96 hrs	Hepatic failure with encephalopathy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Liver function tests peak</li><li>• Clinical signs and symptoms of liver failure are evident, including:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jaundice</li><li>• Vomiting</li><li>• GI upset</li><li>• Coagulopathy</li><li>• Encephalopathy</li><li>• Metabolic acidosis</li><li>• Pancreatitis, possibly</li><li>• Acute renal failure, possibly</li></ul></li></ul>
4	> 96 hrs	Survival or death	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Full resolution of hepatotoxicity, <u>or</u></li><li>• Multi-organ failure and death</li></ul>

Source: Farcy DA, Chiu WC, Flaxman A, Marshall JP: *Critical Care Emergency Medicine*: [www.accessemergencymedicine.com](http://www.accessemergencymedicine.com)



## Sheet #11

Stage 1 → 0-24h hours, Normal liver enzymes (مهم), Often asymptomatic

Stage 2 → 24-72h liver enzymes starts to increase **AST+ALT** also Partial **thromboplastin time (PPT)** is increased and **CPT**

Stage 3 → 72-96h liver function test shows a peak of liver enzymes and CNS Symptoms occur and the most important one is **Encephalopathy** → it happens because the liver can't change **ammonia** to **urea** so **ammonia** accumulates and interferes with ATP production in the brain

Also it may affect kidney and causes **Acute renal failure**

Stage 4 → Either the patient **Survives** if he was administered fast and did Gastric lavage and took antidotes 😊 OR the **DIE** in case of multi organ failure ☹️

# Paracetamol-induced hepatotoxicity

## Treatment

### Initial treatment :

- Basic life support (ABCs)
- Decontamination with **activated charcoal** (within 1-2 hr of ingestion)
- The antidote for acetaminophen poisoning is **N-acetylcysteine (NAC)** ( which works primarily via replenishing hepatic glutathione stores )



<http://www.drclarkstore.eu/images/P/45171-Activated-Charcoal.jpg>

[www.iherb.com](http://www.iherb.com)

## Sheet #12

1.) We give the patient basic life support such as checking **The airways and respiration+Heart checking**

2.) Activated charcoal → only effective after **1-2 hours** of ingestion

3.) We give **N-acetylcysteine(NAC)** as an antidote for paracetamol because it reacts with it and forms an inactive product (its main job is to replenish the glutathione stores)



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