	STUDY GUIDE
PROGRAM	BDS
COURSE TITLE	Pharmacology
ACADEMIC YEAR	2 nd Year, 2023
INTRODUCTION	Pharmacology is one of the essential basic science disciplines which
	dental students across Pakistan and outside study. This discipline helps
	students learn about details of various medications that practitioners
	administer in regular clinical practice. This discipline will inform the students
	of the modes of actions, side effects. Uses and contraindications of
	medications along with how they are metabolized and distributed in the
	body.
OUTCOMES	By the end of the course, students will be able to describe details of
	various classes of drugs
DEPARTMENTS	Department of Pharmacology
INVOLVED	
COURSE	By the end of the course, the students will be able to:
OBJECTIVES	GENERAL PHARMACOLOGY
	Define Pharmacology, absorption, bioavailability, plasma half-life,
	drug distribution, volume of distribution, plasma protein binding,
	biotransformation, excretion of drugs, drug kinetics, half-life, drug
	elimination, steady-state concentration, receptor, agonists,
	antagonist, efficacy, potency
	List the types of receptors
	List the disadvantages of various routes of drug administration
	Discuss the nomenclature of drugs.
	Describe various branches and divisions of pharmacology
	 Discuss the development of the drugs.
	Classify various sources of drugs with their examples.
	Discuss various active principles of drugs
	Describe various routes of drug administration.
	Discuss the advantages of various routes of drug administration

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•	Discuss various mechanisms by which drugs cross the biological
	membranes in the body
•	Discuss the factors affecting the process of drug absorption
•	Explain the factors affecting bioavailability
•	Explain the clinical importance of plasma
•	Discuss the mechanism of drug distribution and volume of
	distribution
•	Enumerate the factors affecting drug distribution
•	Discuss the clinical importance of drug distribution
•	Discuss the influence of plasma protein binding on drug distribution
•	Enumerate the phases of biotransformation
•	Discuss the principles of drug biotransformation
•	Discuss entero-hepatic circulation
•	Discuss the clinical significance of biotransformation
•	Discuss P450 enzyme induction and inhibition
•	Discuss the clinical significance of excretion of drugs
•	Explain the routes of drug excretion
•	Discuss the factors affecting drug excretion
•	Discuss the factors affecting half-life, drug elimination, and steady-
	state concentration
•	Discuss the relation of half-life with drug dosing
•	Explain drug dosing and achievement of steady-state
	concentration
•	Discuss the kinetics of drug elimination
•	Discuss the properties of receptors
•	Describe the clinical significance of receptors
•	Explain various mechanisms for obtaining the therapeutic effect of
	drugs
•	Explain types of agonists
•	Explain types of antagonists
•	Describe various types of mechanisms of drug

• Explain the modes of action of different drugs at the molecular level
 Describe dose-response relationship
 Discuss the drug dose relationship to the drug effect and their
graphic presentations
Enumerate therapeutic index
 Discuss the clinical significance of the therapeutic index
 Discuss adverse drug reactions with examples.
Discuss various types of drug interactions.
 Describe the terminologies related to drug interaction such as
summation, potentiation, synergism, additive effects and
antagonism with examples
Write prescription writing following a standard format
DRUGS ACTING ON AUTONOMIC NERVOUS SYSTEM (ANS)
List effects & contra-indications of sympathomimetic drugs
List the clinical uses & side effects of Parasympathomimetic drugs
List the side effects & contra-indications of antimuscarinic drugs
Classify sympathomimetic & Sympatholytic drugs
Classify Parasympathomimetic & parasympatholytic drugs
Classify anti-muscarinic drugs
Classify skeletal muscle relaxants
 Discuss the organization of the autonomic nervous system
• Explain sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous with innervations
Discuss the neurotransmitters of sympathetic and parasympathetic
nervous systems
 Describe adrenergic receptor types and subtypes
 Discuss the clinical uses of sympathomimetic drugs
Describe adrenoceptor antagonists.
• Explain the pharmacokinetics of adrenergic antagonists.
 Discuss pharmacodynamics of adrenergic antagonists.
• Explain modes of action of parasympathomimetic drugs.

Discuss the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of these
drugs
Explain the clinical uses of antimuscarinics
Describe the basic and clinical pharmacology of skeletal muscle
relaxants.
CARDIOVASCULAR DRUGS
Define diuresis
Classify diuretics, anti- angina drugs, drugs used in cardiac failure, anti-
arrhythmic drugs, anti-hypertensive drugs
List the side effects of anti-anginal drugs.
Define hypertension and its types, arrhythmia and its types, cardiac failure
Describe the clinical role of diuretics
Discuss clinical pharmacology of diuretics
Describe the basic and clinical pharmacology of the drug from different
groups
Discuss angina and its types.
Discuss the mode of action of anti-anginal drugs
Describe the clinical approach in the treatment of Ischemic Heart Disease
Discuss the basic and clinical pharmacology of drugs used to treat
cardiac failure
Discuss side effects of anti-arrhythmic drugs
BLOOD
Classify hematopoietic agents, anticoagulant drugs, thrombolytic
drugs, anti-hyperlipidemic drugs
Discuss various types of anemia
Describe drugs used to treat anemia
Explain the clinical pharmacology of different anemic drugs
Describe coagulation process
Discuss the clinical pharmacology of anticoagulants
Describe thrombolysis
• Explain the pharmacokinetics of thrombolytics.

	 Discuss pharmacodynamics of drugs from different groups
	Describe hyperlipidemia.
	 Explain the pharmacokinetics of anti-hyperlipidemic drugs.
	 Explain the mode of action of anti-hyperlipidemics.
	Discuss the importance of various types of vitamins used for iron
	deficiency anemia
	Explain the clinical pharmacology of main vitamin preparations
	used for iron deficiency anemia
	 Discuss clinical pharmacology of various drugs used for
	megaloblastic anemia
AN	ALGESICS
	 Classify NSAIDs, opioids and drugs used for arthritis
	List the side effects of DMARDS
	 List the side effect of drugs used for the treatment of gout
	 Discuss the general properties of NSAIDs
	 Describe the clinical pharmacology of NSAIDs
	 Discuss the mechanism of action and
	 Describe the clinical significance of Opioids
	 Discuss the adverse effects of opioids
	 Discuss the pharmacokinetics of opioids
	 Explain the mode of action of DMARDs
	 Discuss the treatment of acute and chronic gout the mode of
	action of drugs Describe the used for the treatment of gout
DRU	JGS ACTING ON GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT
	 Define Peptic ulcer disease, emesis,
	 Classify various drugs used to treat PUDs
	 Discuss the clinical significance of drugs used to treat PUDs
	Enumerate the mode of action of PUDs
	List the side effects of peptic ulcer disease.
	 Discuss the effects of given drugs on the intestine of rabbit
	(Acetylcholine, epinephrine, histamine)

Define
Describe the anti-emetic agents
 Discuss the clinical significance of anti-emetics
Explain clinical pharmacology of antiemetics
Discuss the use of prokinetic drugs
Classify laxatives/purgatives
Explain the kinetics of laxatives
Discuss the dynamics of laxative drugs
Classify anti-diarrheal drugs
Discuss the mode of action of the anti-diarrheal drugs
List the side effects of anti-diarrheal drugs
Discuss the clinical significance of anti-diarrheal drugs
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM
Classify the drugs used for the management of asthma and COPD,
anti-tuberculosis drugs
List the side effects of anti-tuberculosis drugs.
• Discuss the pharmacokinetics of the drugs used for the treatment of
asthma
• Enumerate the dynamic properties of drugs used for the treatment
of asthma and COPD
Discuss the pathophysiology of Asthma.
Discuss the approach used in the treatment of bronchial asthma
Explain the clinical importance of nebulizers and inhalers
• Demonstrate the procedure of the use of nebulizers and inhalers
Explain the mode of action of important drugs used in the
treatment of tuberculosis
• Explain the clinical significance of anti-tuberculosis drugs.
AUTACOIDS
Define autacoids
Classify Anti-Histamines, Serotonin Agonists, Serotonin Antagonists

 Explain the Pharmacodynamics of anti-histamines
 Discuss the clinical pharmacology of anti-histamines
 Describe the mode of action of serotonin agonist and antagonist
 Discuss the clinical pharmacology of serotonin agonists and
antagonists
 Explain the Pharmacodynamics of prostaglandins
 Discuss the clinical pharmacology of prostaglandins
Explain the Pharmacodynamics of leukotrienes
 Discuss the clinical pharmacology of leukotrienes
DRUGS ACTING ON CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM
 Define epilepsy and its types, anesthesia with its types, psychosis
Classify anti-epileptic drugs, anti-Parkinson drugs, general
anesthetics, sedative-hypnotic drugs, local anesthetics, alcohols,
CNS stimulants, anti-psychotic drugs, antidepressant drugs, anti-
migraine drugs
List the side effects of sedative and hypnotics drugs, side effects of
anti-epileptic drug, contraindications of antiepileptic drugs, side
effects of anti-Parkinson drugs, side effects of general anesthetics
Discuss the mode of action & clinical pharmacology of sedative
and hypnotics
Describe the mode of action & clinical significance of antiepileptic
drugs
 Discuss the pathophysiology of Parkinson's disease
 Describe the mode of action of Anti-Parkinson drugs
 Describe the properties of general anesthesia.
Discuss the clinical pharmacology of inhalational and I/V anesthetic
drugs
 Discuss the pharmacokinetics & pharmacodynamics of local
anesthetics.
 Discuss the pharmacodynamics of alcohols
Discuss the pathophysiology of migraine

•	Discuss the clinical pharmacology of anti-migraine drugs
•	Describe the modes of action & clinical aspects of CNS stimulants
•	Describe the mode of action & clinical pharmacology of Anti-
	Psychotics.
•	Describe depression and its types of depression
•	Explain the clinical aspects of the use of main Anti-Depressant drugs
DRUG	S ACTING ON ENDOCRINE SYSTEM
•	List the types of different adrenocorticoids
•	Define hypoglycemia
•	Classify glucocorticoids, anti-thyroid drugs, drugs used for the
	treatment of hypothyroidism, insulin preparations, Oral
	hypoglycemic agents, Gonadal hormones agonists and antagonist
	drugs
•	Describe pituitary hormones
•	Discuss the release of pituitary hormones under the influence of the
	hypothalamus
•	Discuss the importance of hormone supplementation related to the
	pituitary gland
•	Discuss the drug therapy of hormonal disorders related to pituitary
	gland
•	Describe adrenocorticoids
•	Enumerate the mode of action of steroids in the body at the cellular
	level
•	Discuss the uses of corticosteroids
•	Enumerate the uses of mineralocorticoids Discuss the
	pharmacodynamics of agonists of adrenocortical hormones
•	Discuss the pharmacodynamics of antagonists of adrenocortical
	hormones
•	Describe thyroid disorders
•	Enumerate the mode of action of anti-thyroid drugs
•	Explain the clinical pharmacology of different anti-thyroid drugs

• De	escribe hypothyroidism
• Ex	plain the kinetics and dynamics of the main drugs used for the
tre	eatment of hypothyroidism
• Di	scuss the pharmacology of drugs used for the treatment of
po	arathyroid disorders
• Di	scuss the mode of action & clinical aspects of insulin
• Di	scuss the clinical significance of oral hypoglycemic agents
• De	escribe the physiology of the gonadal hormones
• Ex	plain the basic and clinical pharmacology of gonadal agonists
ar	nd antagonists
CHEMOT	HERAPEUTIC DRUGS
• Lis	t the uses, side effects and drug interaction of all classes of
ar	ntimicrobial agents
• CI	assify the following classes of Antimicrobial drugs
i.	Cell wall synthesis inhibitors: Penicillin, β-lactam antibiotics,
	Cephalosporins and others
ii.	Protein Synthesis Inhibitors, Aminoglycosides, Macrolides,
	Tetracyclines and others
iii.	Antimetabolites: Sulfonamides, Fluoroquinolones and others
iv.	Anti-Protozoal drugs including Anti-amoebic and Antimalarial
	Drugs
v.	Anti-viral drugs based on the type of infecting viruses
vi.	Anti-Fungal drugs on the basis of the types of infection
• CI	assify different anticancer drugs according to function and cell
Cy	cle specificity.
• Ex	plain the life cycle of malarial parasites and its importance
• Ex	plain the general principles of antimicrobial therapy
• Di	scuss the various types of fungal infections
• De	escribe various types of viral infections according to the different
pr	nases of infection
• Di	scuss Chemotherapeutic spectra of different drug classes,

COURSE	This course will be evaluated as per JSMU & HEC policies
ANNUAL EXAMINATION	90% (MCQS, OSPE)
ASSESSMENT	Class Presentations)
INTERNAL	10% (Pre-professional Examination, Midterm Examination, Assignments and
	Demonstrate the preparation of Tyrode Solution
PRACTICALS	Demonstrate a brief introduction to Power Lab
	clinical uses of antiseptic sand disinfectants.
	 Explain various types of antiseptics and disinfectants Describe the
	drugs
	Describe the basic and clinical pharmacology of locally acting
	 Discuss various types of topical drug preparations with examples
	antiseptics, disinfectants
	 Define demulcents, emollients, irritants, counter-irritants, astringents,
	LOCALLY ACTING DRUGS
	Discuss basic and clinical pharmacology of anticancer drugs
	chemotherapy.
	• Describe causes of cancer and discuss rationale of cancer
	importance
	Discuss various types of Anti-Microbial drugs along with their
	Discuss the rationale of Anti-Microbial therapy
	antimicrobial agents
	Explain the basic and clinical pharmacology of above all
	resistance, combination therapy and complication of these agents
	Discuss selection of anti-microbial agents, incidence of drugs
	Discuss rational of antimicrobial drug dosing.