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PK/PD

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# Agenda

- **Defining Terms**
- **PK/PD Dosing Principles**
- **Application: Obesity**



# Defining Terms: **Pharmacokinetics**

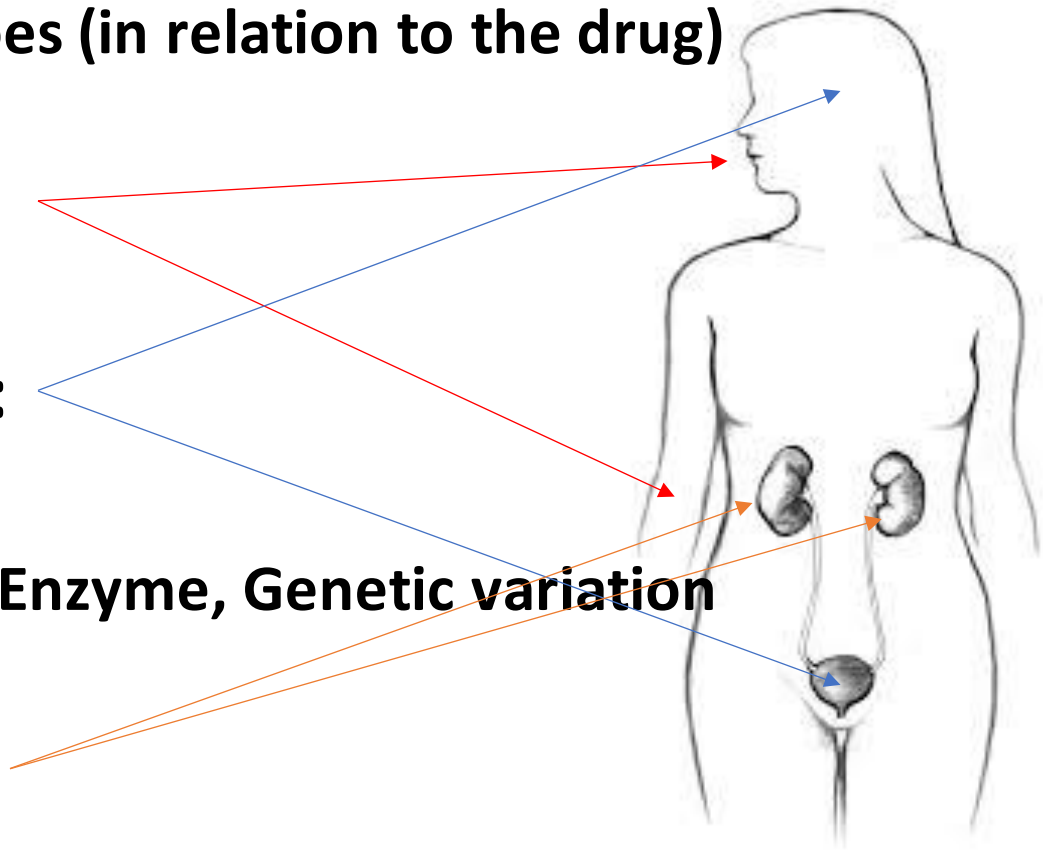
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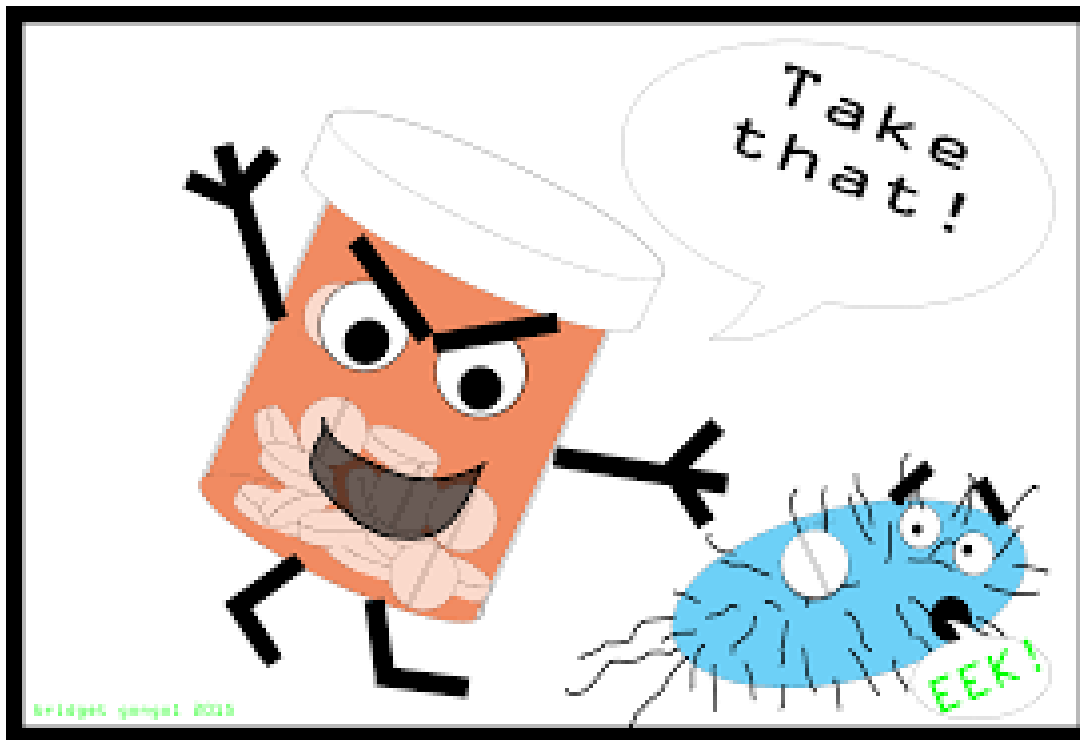
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**ELIMINATION:**



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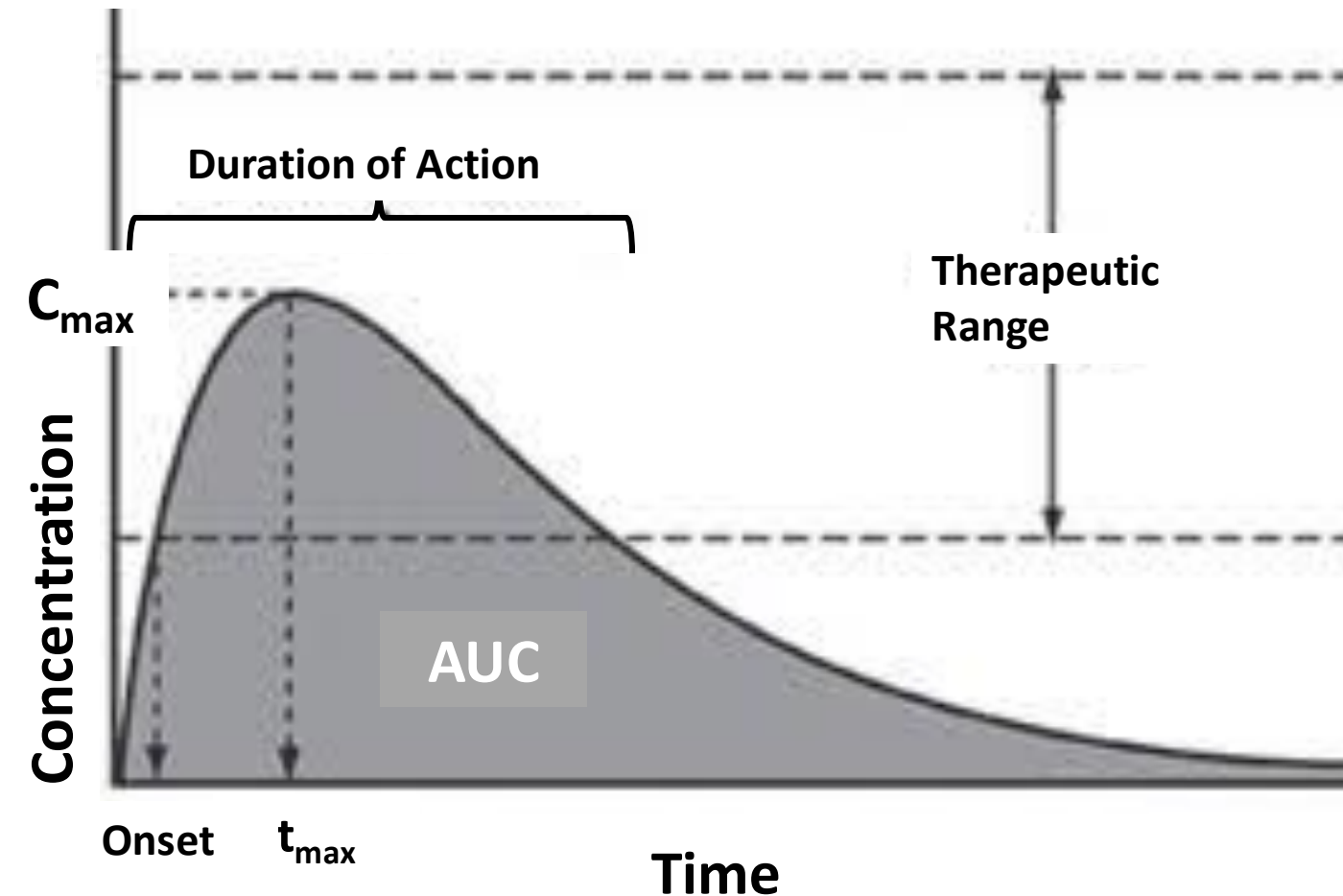


Efficacy of Antibiotics  
is directly related to  
how we dose them



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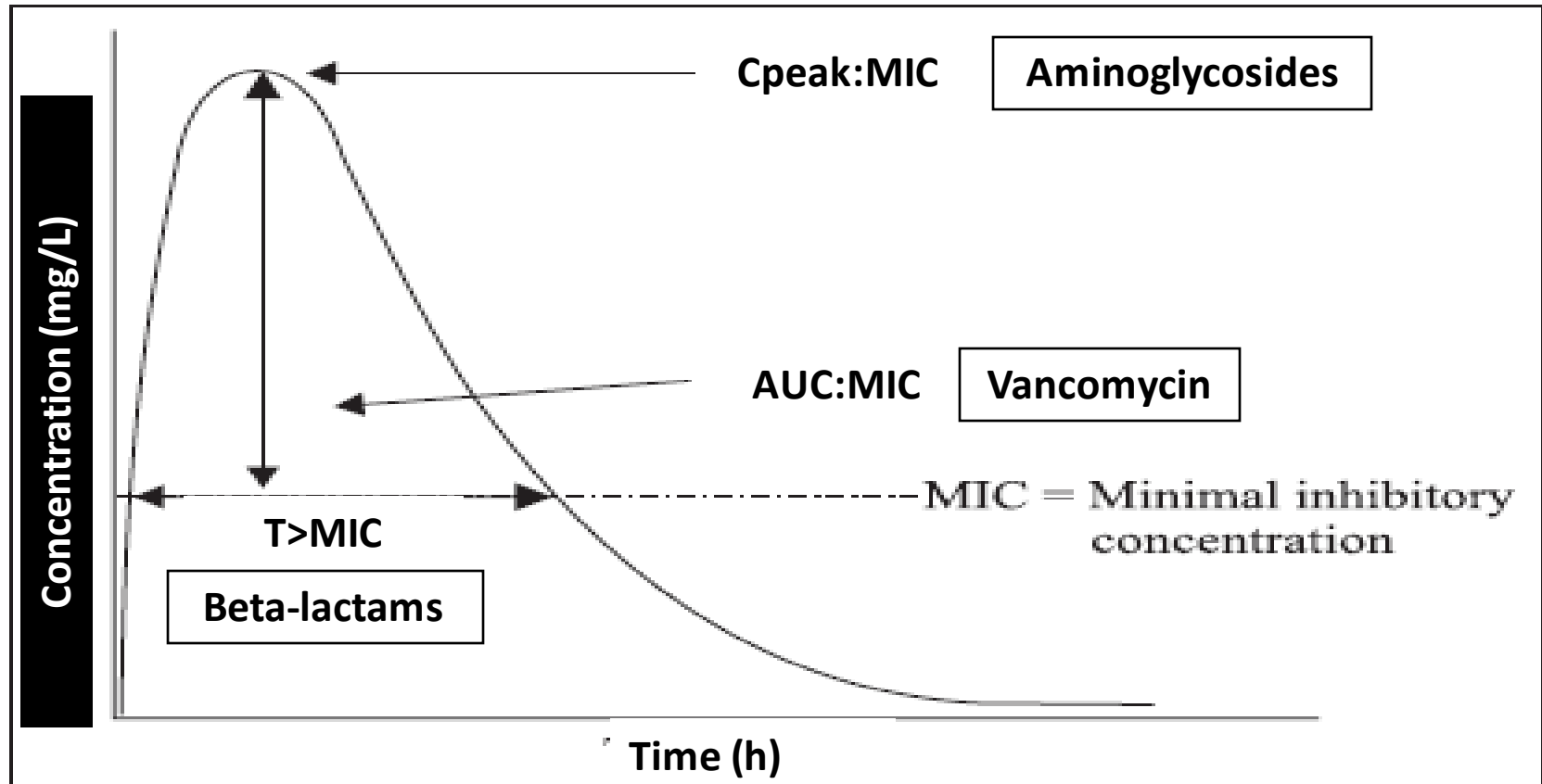
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# PK/PD Dosing Principles:

## Managing antibiotic dose in relation to bacteria

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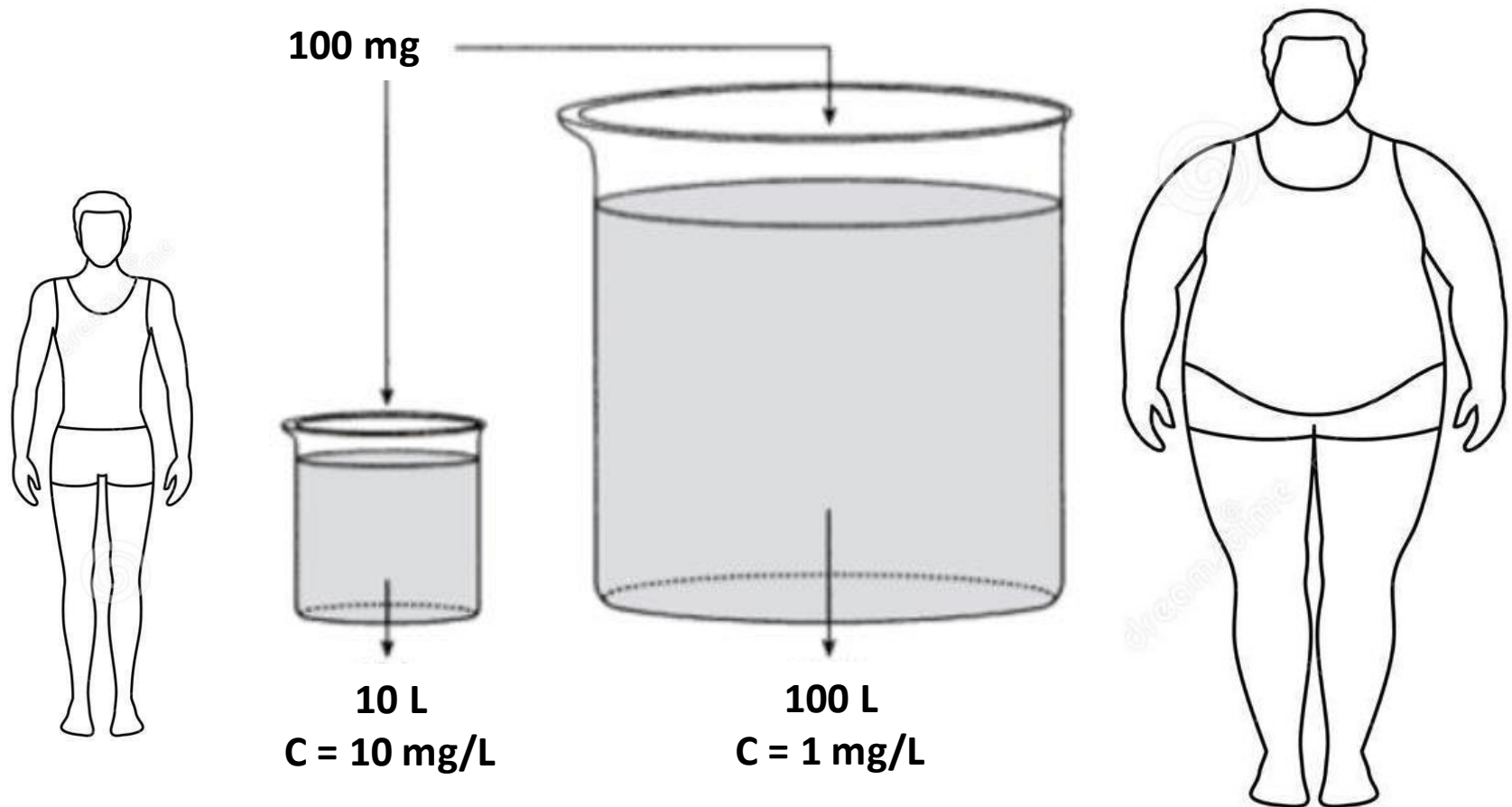


AUC = Area under the curve, MIC = Minimal inhibitory concentration, T = Time



# PK Practical Applications:

## Dosing in Obese Patients – Bigger Volume



# ADME & Obesity: Pharmacokinetics

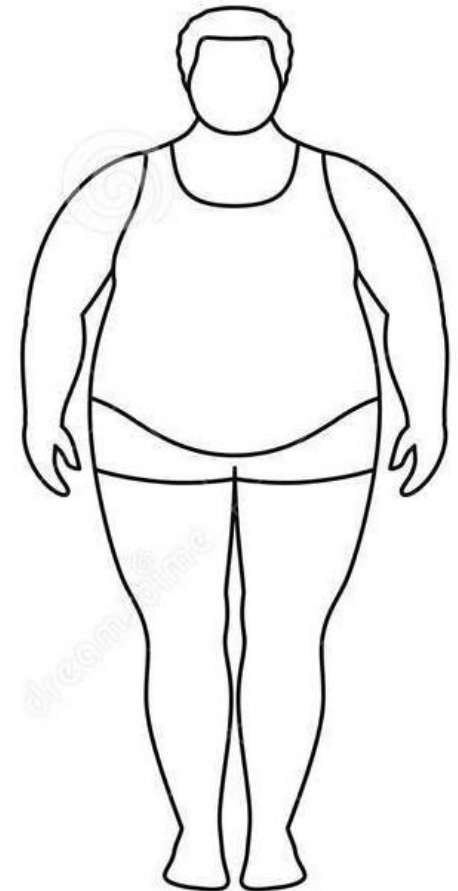
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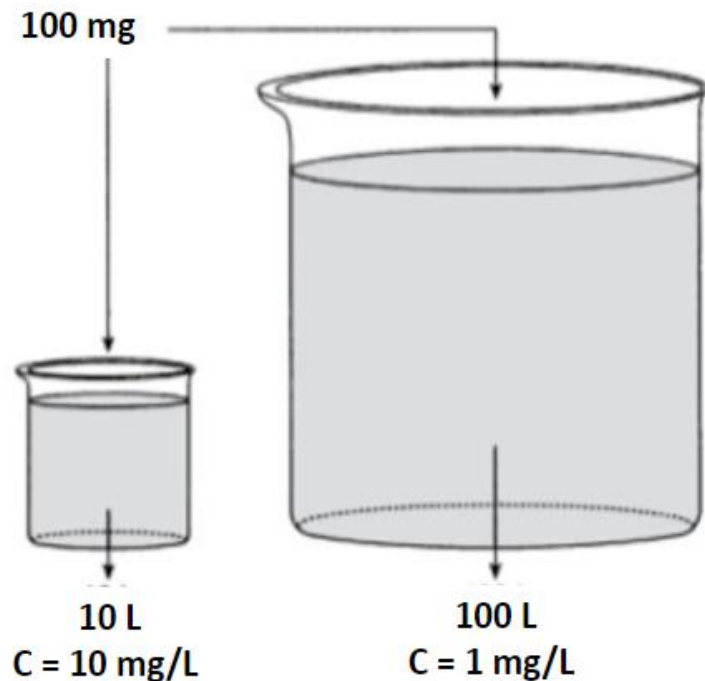
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# PK Practical Applications:

## Dosing in Obese Patients – Bigger Volume of Distribution

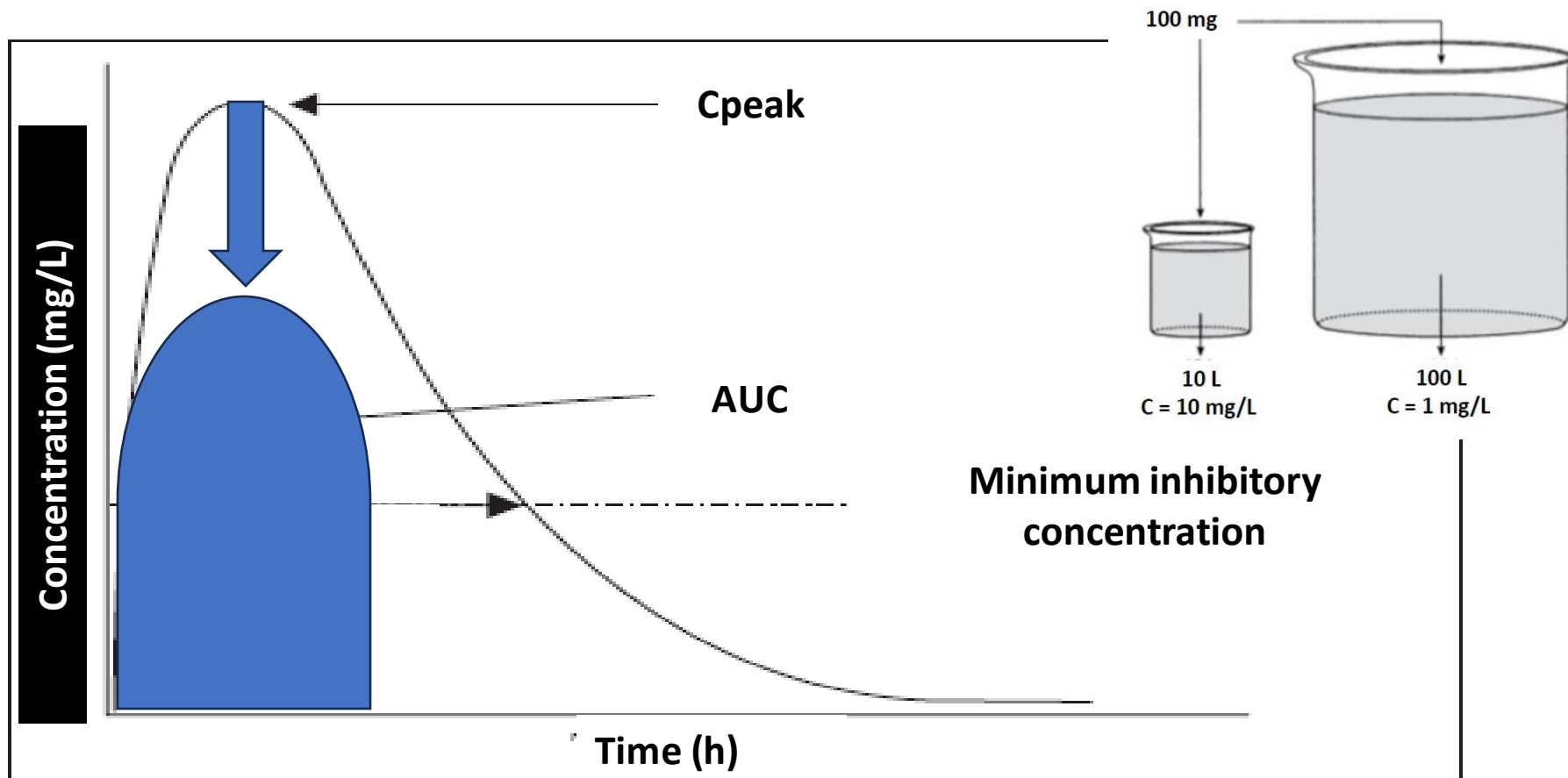


- ✓ Hydrophilic/ Hydrophobic
- ✓ Drug delivery system
- ✓ Mechanism of action



# What does Bigger volume of distribution mean?

## Give the first dose based on total body weight



# ADME and Obesity: Pharmacokinetics

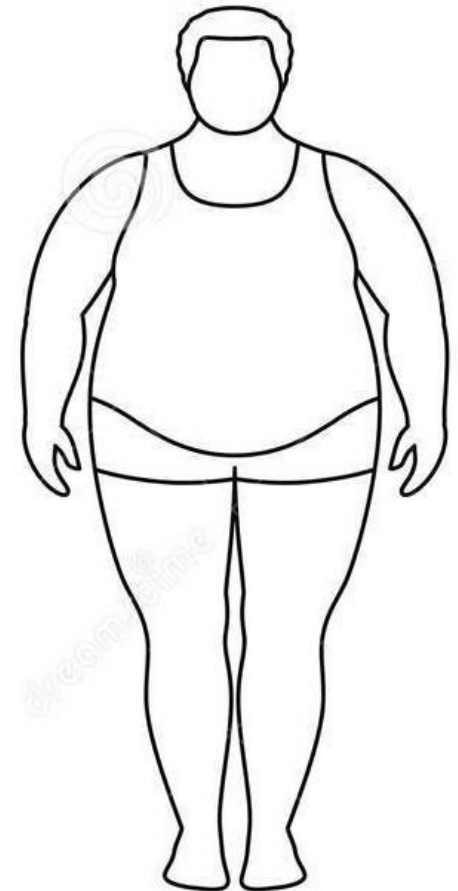
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ELIMINATION:



# Metabolism and Obesity:

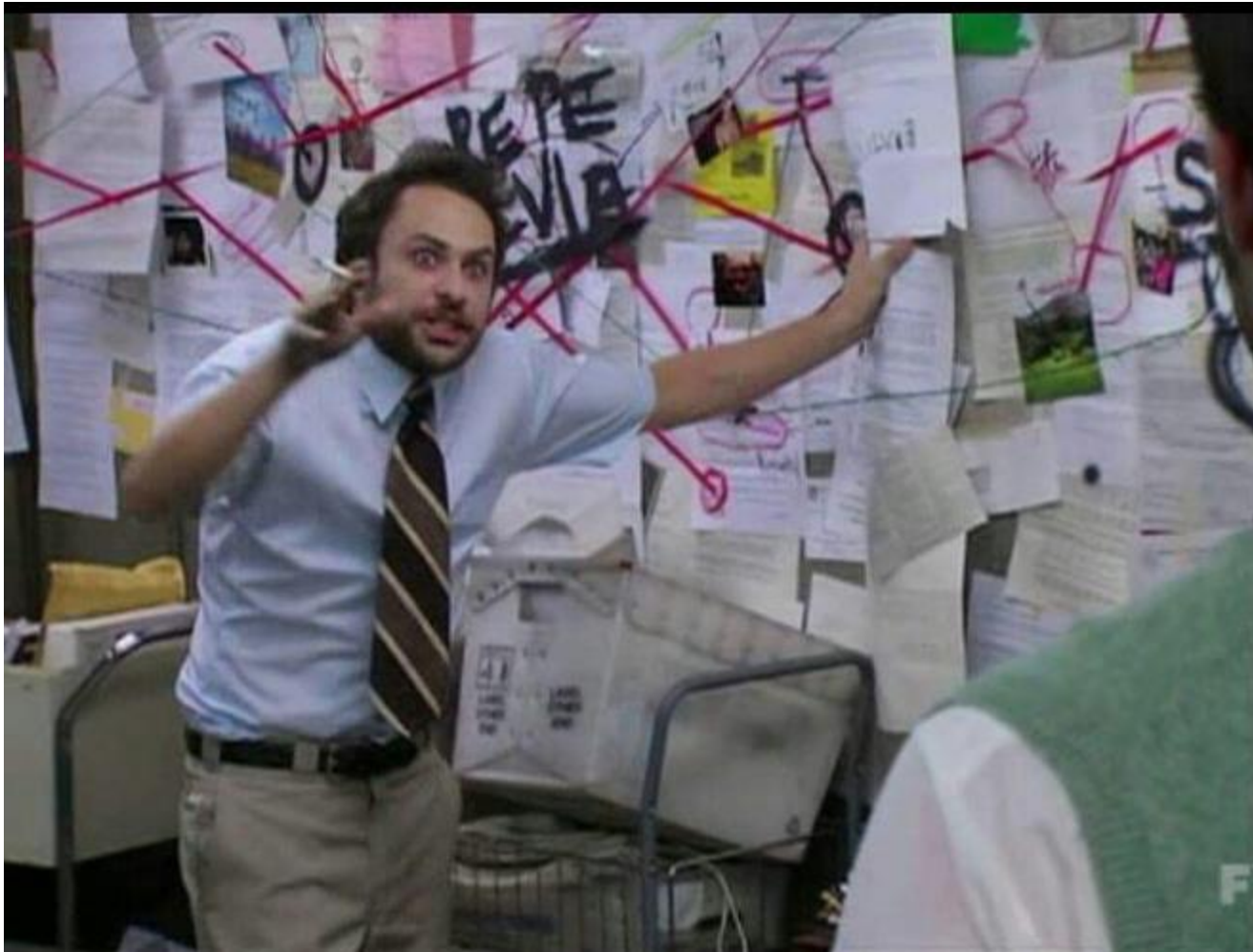
## Impact of Obesity on Drug Metabolism and Elimination in Adults and Children

Margreke J.E. Brill,<sup>1,2</sup> Jeroen Diepstraten,<sup>1</sup> Anne van Rongen,<sup>1</sup> Simone van Kralingen,<sup>3</sup> John N. van den Anker<sup>4,5</sup> and Catherijne A.J. Knibbe<sup>1,2</sup>

**Clearance of cytochrome P450 (CYP) 3A4 substrates is lower in obese as compared with non-obese patients. In contrast, clearance of drugs primarily metabolized by uridine diphosphate glucuronosyltransferase (UGT), glomerular filtration and/or tubular-mediated mechanisms, xanthine oxidase, N-acetyltransferase or CYP2E1 appears higher in obese versus non-obese patients. Additionally, in obese patients, trends indicating higher clearance values were seen for drugs metabolized via CYP1A2, CYP2C9, CYP2C19 and CYP2D6, while studies on high-extraction-ratio drugs showed somewhat inconclusive results.**



# Metabolism and Obesity:



# ADME and Obesity: Pharmacokinetics

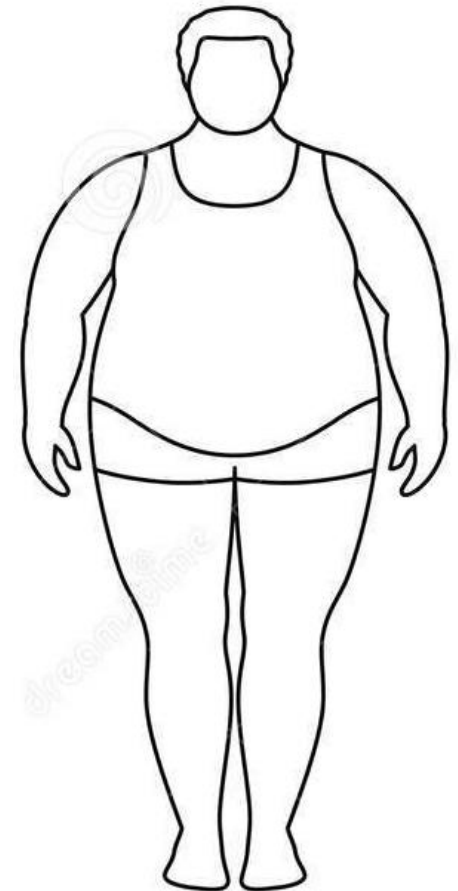
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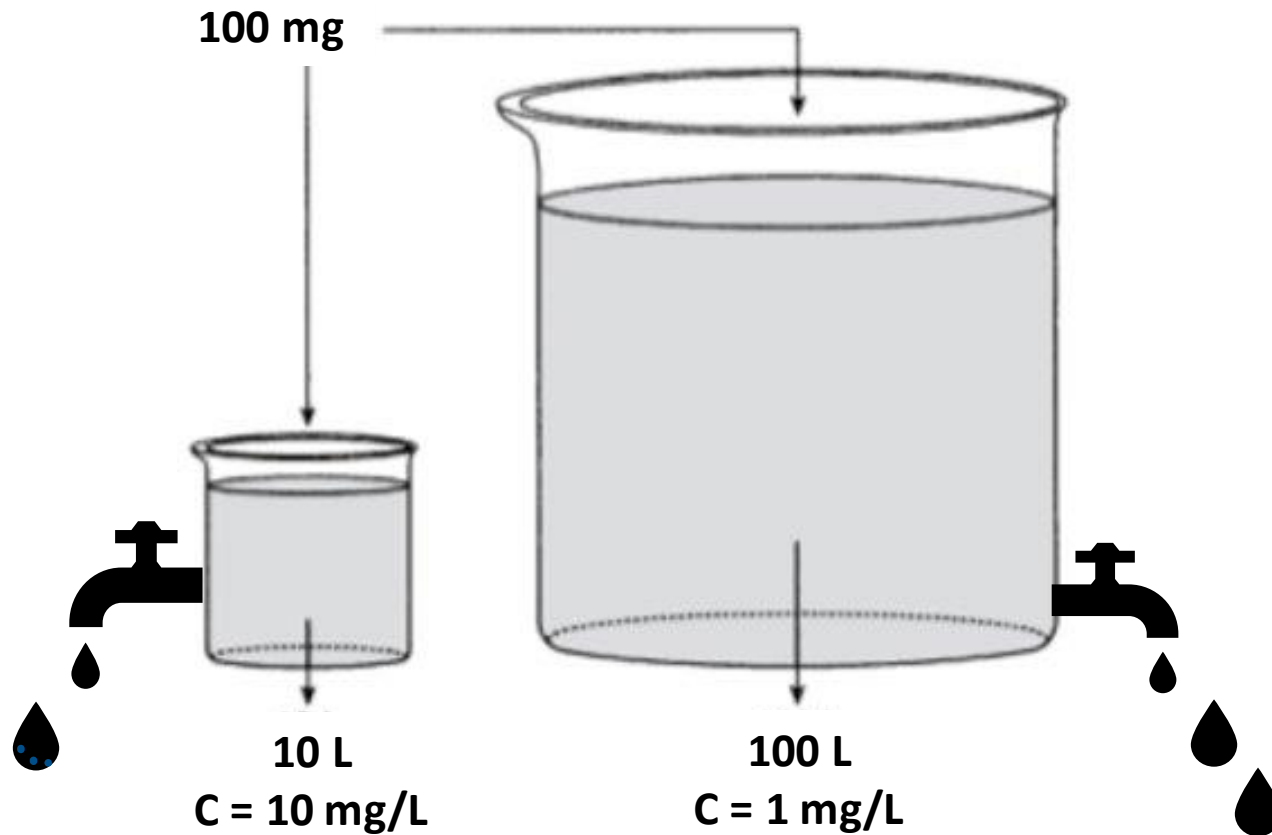
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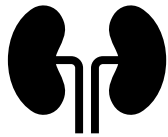


# PK Practical Applications:

## Dosing in Obese Patients – Is there greater clearance?

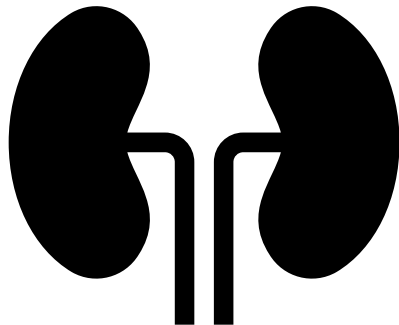


# Big Human = Big Beans



✓ Increased renal blood flow

✓ Increased GFR



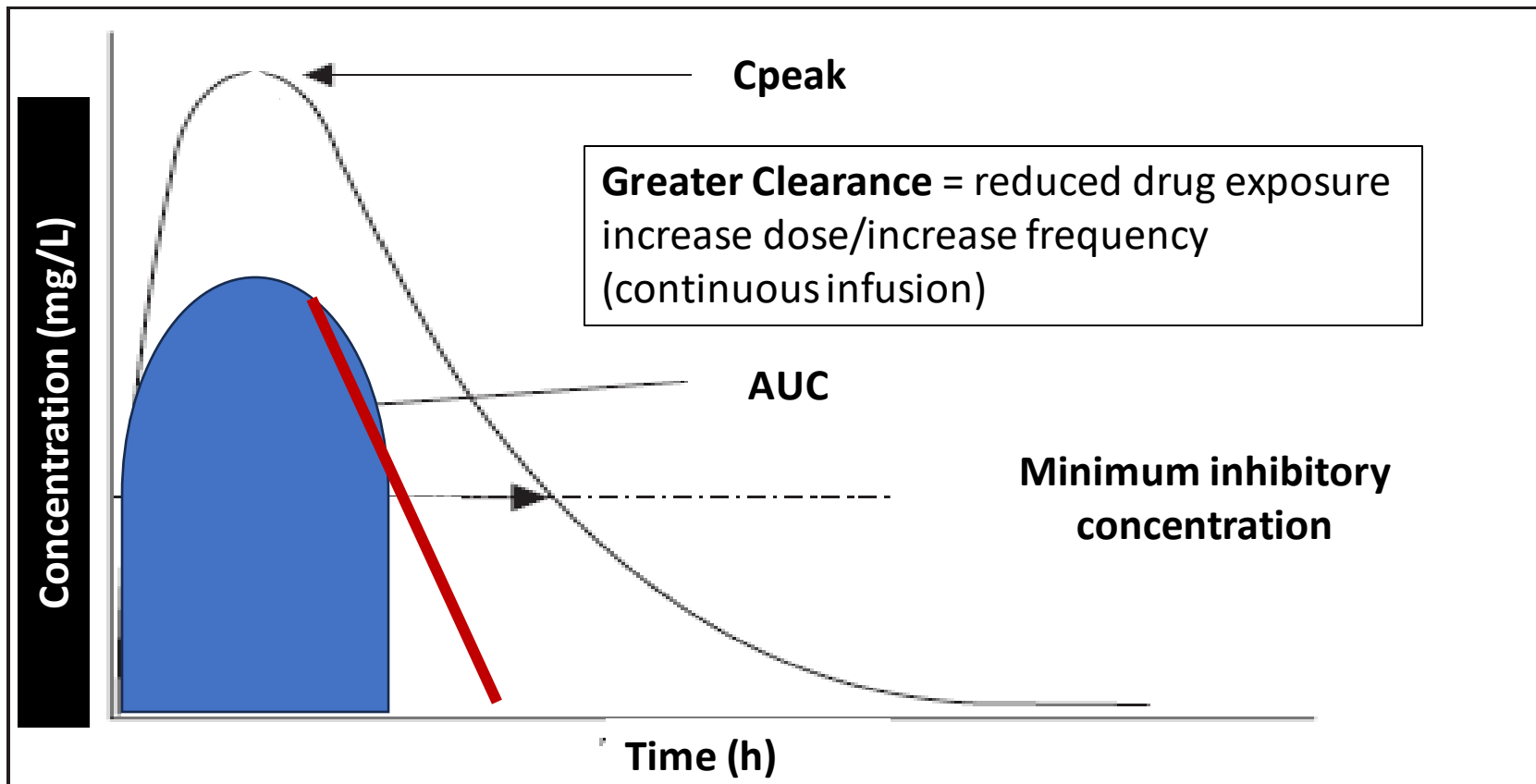
✓ Increased kidney mass





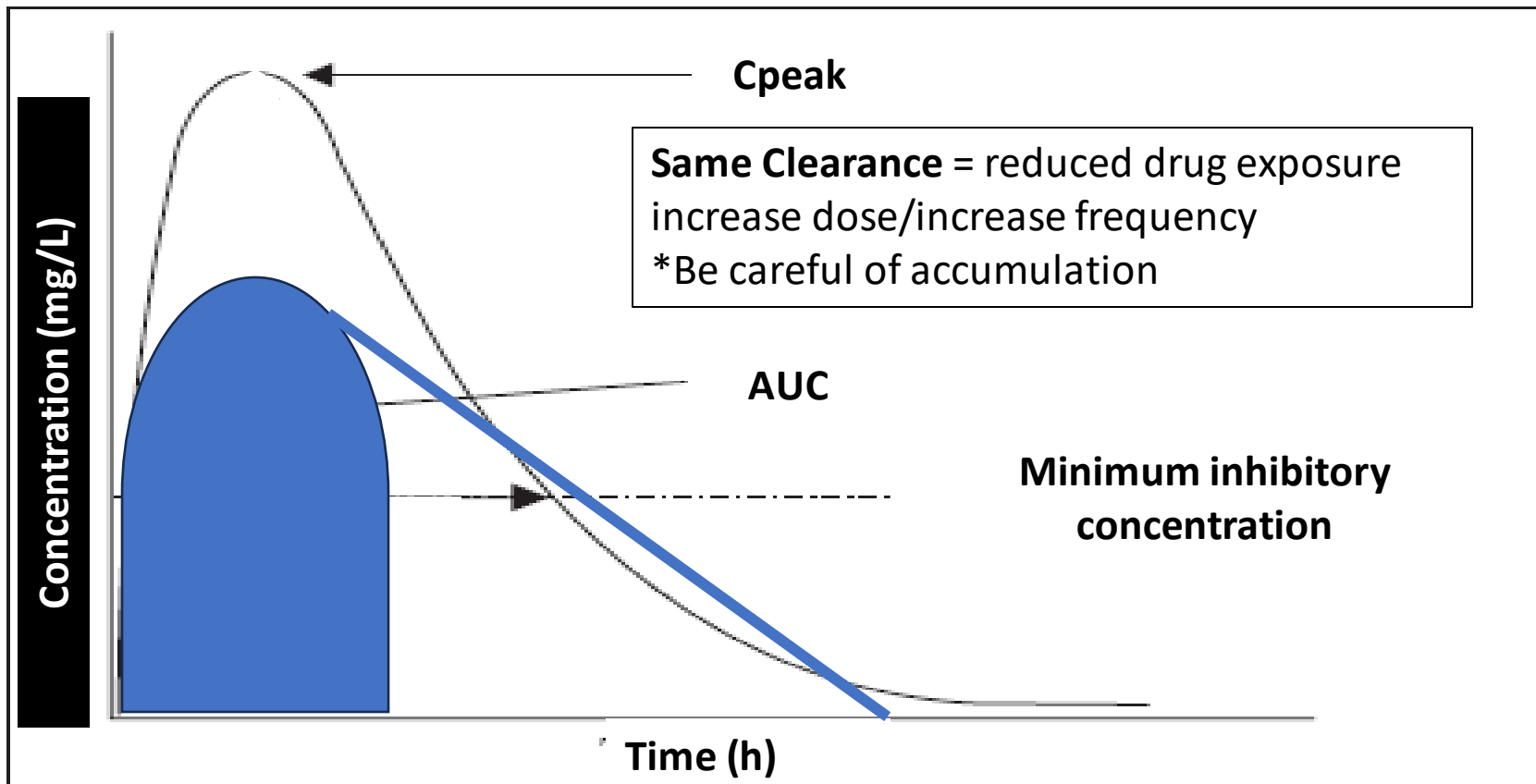
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## Scenario 1 – the athlete



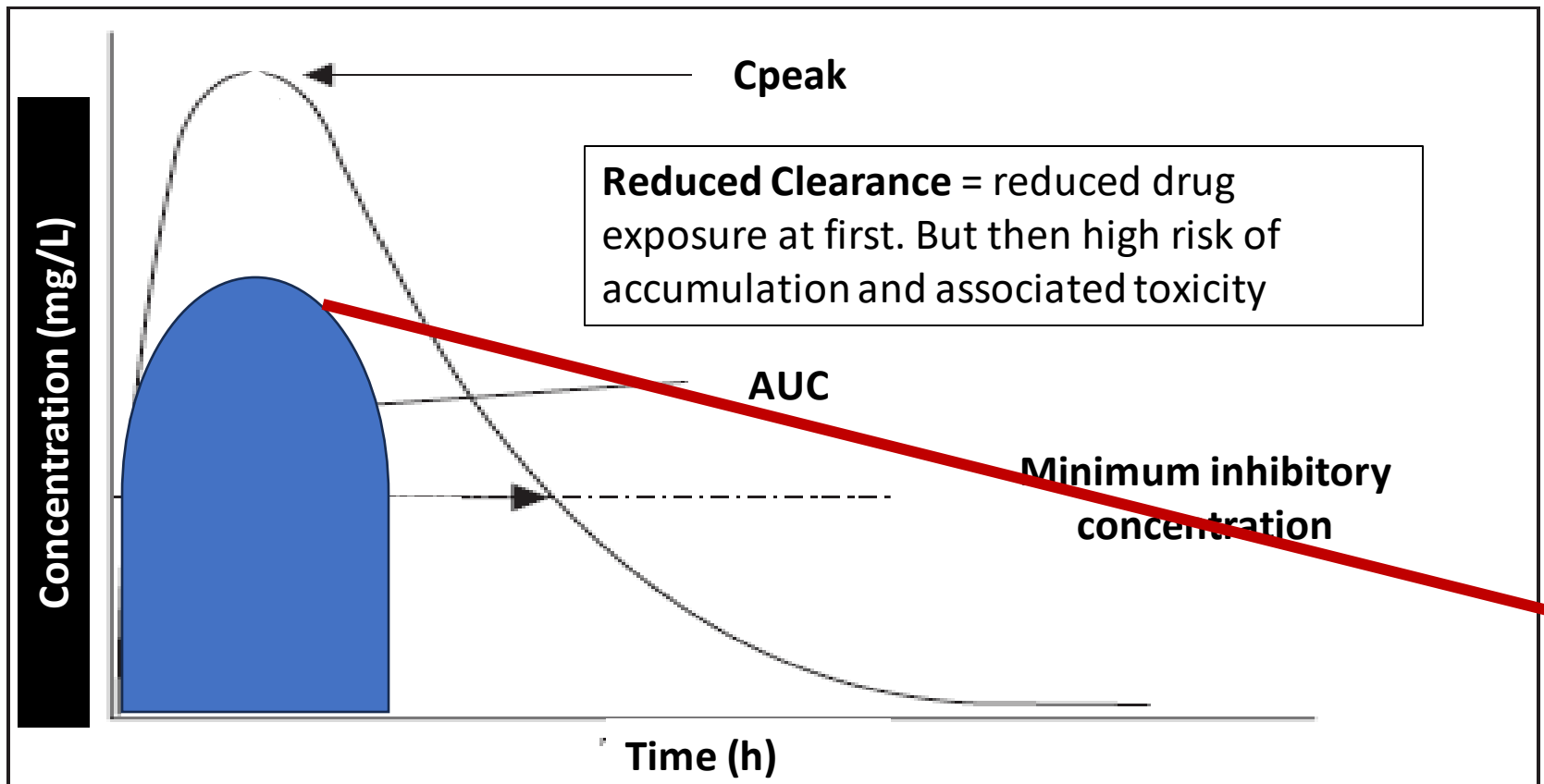
# Predicting Clearance

## Scenario 2



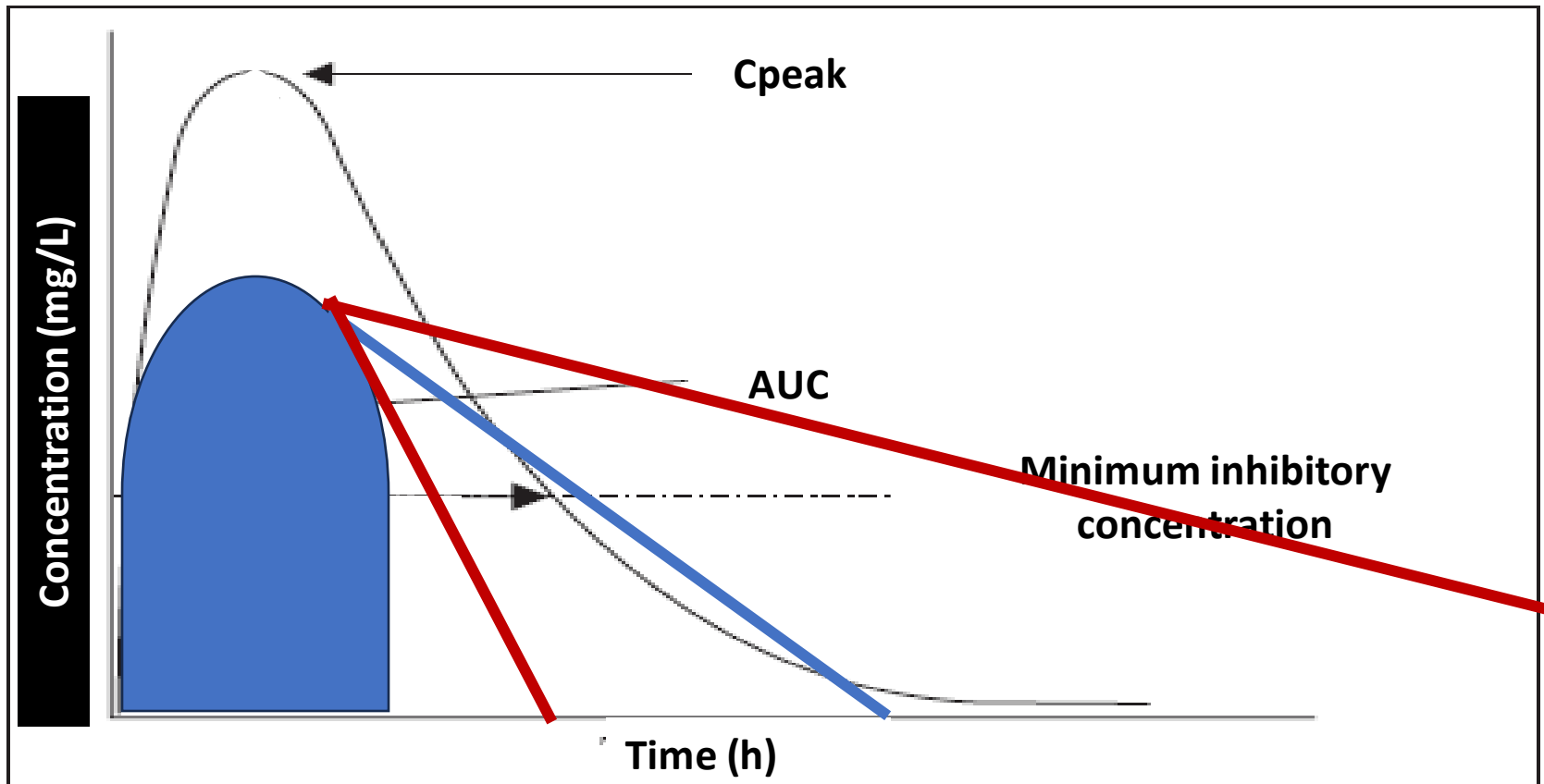
# Predicting Clearance

## Scenario 3- Obese and Comorbid



# How do I predict Clearance?

## The same way you always have, carefully & clinically



# How to adjust clinical practice?

| Drug/Class                       | PK Change           | Dosing Suggestions                   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Piperacillin/tazobactam          | ↑ Vd<br>↑ Clearance | Prolonged infusion strategies        |
| Cefazolin (surgical prophylaxis) | ↑ Vd                | Higher doses (3g) in patients ≥120kg |
| Levofloxacin                     | ↔                   | No change                            |
| Vancomycin                       | ↑ Vd<br>↑ Clearance | Therapeutic drug monitoring          |

Other Drugs? See this paper:

PHARMACOTHERAPY



## Comprehensive Guidance for Antibiotic Dosing in Obese Adults

Lina Meng,<sup>1,2\*</sup> Emily Mui,<sup>1,2</sup> Marisa K. Holubar,<sup>2,3</sup> and Stan C. Deresinski<sup>2,3</sup>



# Resource: Stanford obesity dosing guide

<https://med.stanford.edu/content/dam/sm/bugsanddrugs/documents/antimicrobial-dosing-protocols/SHC-ABX-Obesity-Dosing-Guide.pdf>

Table 1.<sup>1,163</sup> Recommended Antibiotic Dosing in Obesity (BMI  $\geq 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>)

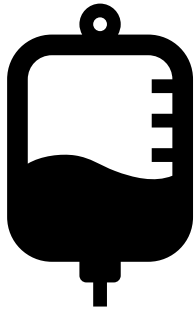
| Drug                                            | Dose <sup>a</sup>                                                                                                         | Study Type <sup>b</sup> |               |                   | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                 |                                                                                                                           | Case studies            | PK/PD studies | Clinical outcomes |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Acyclovir</b> <sup>146-148, 162</sup>        | Use ideal or adjusted body weight                                                                                         |                         | •             | •                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- PK study: 5mg/kg IV x1 showed that dosing based on IBW in obese patients led to low AUC than dosing by TBW in normal-weight patients. Authors suggest using AdjBW</li> <li>- Renal function may be a more important consideration than weight-based dosing in obese patients</li> <li>- No difference in AKI rates with AdjBW compared to IBW dosing<sup>162</sup></li> </ul> |
| <b>Amoxicillin <math>\pm</math> clavulanate</b> | Amoxicillin: 1g PO every 8 hours<br>Amoxicillin/clavulanate:<br>875mg/125mg PO every 8 hours or<br>2000mg/125mg XR PO BID |                         | •             |                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Cefazolin</b> <sup>15-21</sup>               | Insufficient data                                                                                                         | •                       | •             | •                 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consider upper limit of normal dosing in severe infections, e.g. up to 2 g q8h (option for continuous infusion)<sup>22</sup>, or 1.5-2 g q6h intermittent dosing</li> <li>- In post-trauma critically ill patients, data suggests 2g q6h if CrCl &gt; 215 ml/min.<sup>23</sup></li> </ul>                                                                                     |



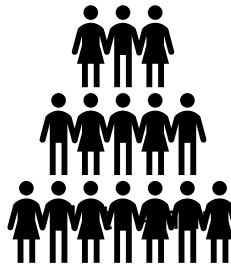
# Does it matter? Sometimes

## STUDY

Cefepime  $\geq 24$ h

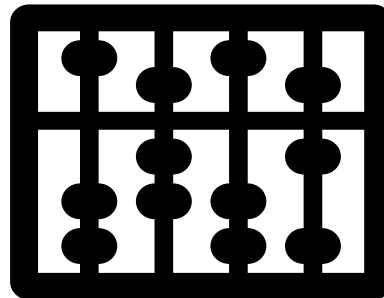


N = 180 patients with  
GNR bacteremia



## ANALYSIS

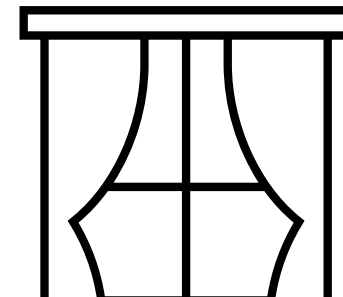
PK Model  
 $T_{>MIC} = 74\%$



## OUTCOMES

Too Healthy  
APACHE II score  $< 9$

JUST RIGHT  
APACHE II (9-22)



*Goldilocks Window*

Too Sick  
APACHE II score  $> 22$

Probability of Survival

Microb Agents. 2017 Sep;50(3):487-490. doi: 10.1016/j.ijantimicag.2017.04.023.



# Summary

## **PK/PD Dosing Principles**

To optimize antibiotic activity (i.e. pick a dose) consider

- How the body acts on the drug (PK)
- How the drug acts on the body/bacteria (PD).

## **Application: Obesity**

Bigger volume = lower  $C_{max}$  = ?potentially delayed onset of action or shorter duration of activity

Bigger kidneys = higher CL if no comorbidities = shorter duration of activity

## **Dose Dosing Matter?**

Sometimes in some people.

