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# Are We Dosing or Administering Antibiotics Accurately in Peritoneal Dialysis Patients?

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# Objectives

- Appropriate administration?
- Accurate dosing?

# Intraperitoneal Administration

- Advantages
  - Maximal concentration at the site of infection
  - Can be done by patients, outpatient setting
- “Disadvantage”
  - Absorbed systemically

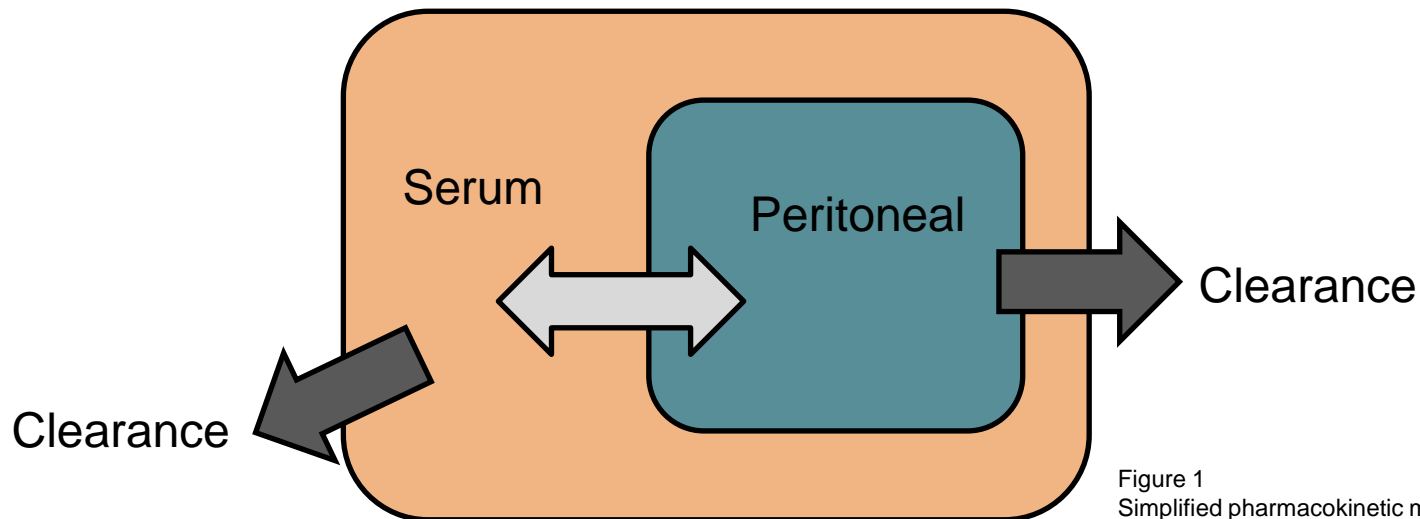


Figure 1  
Simplified pharmacokinetic model

# What to Use Empirically and How much?

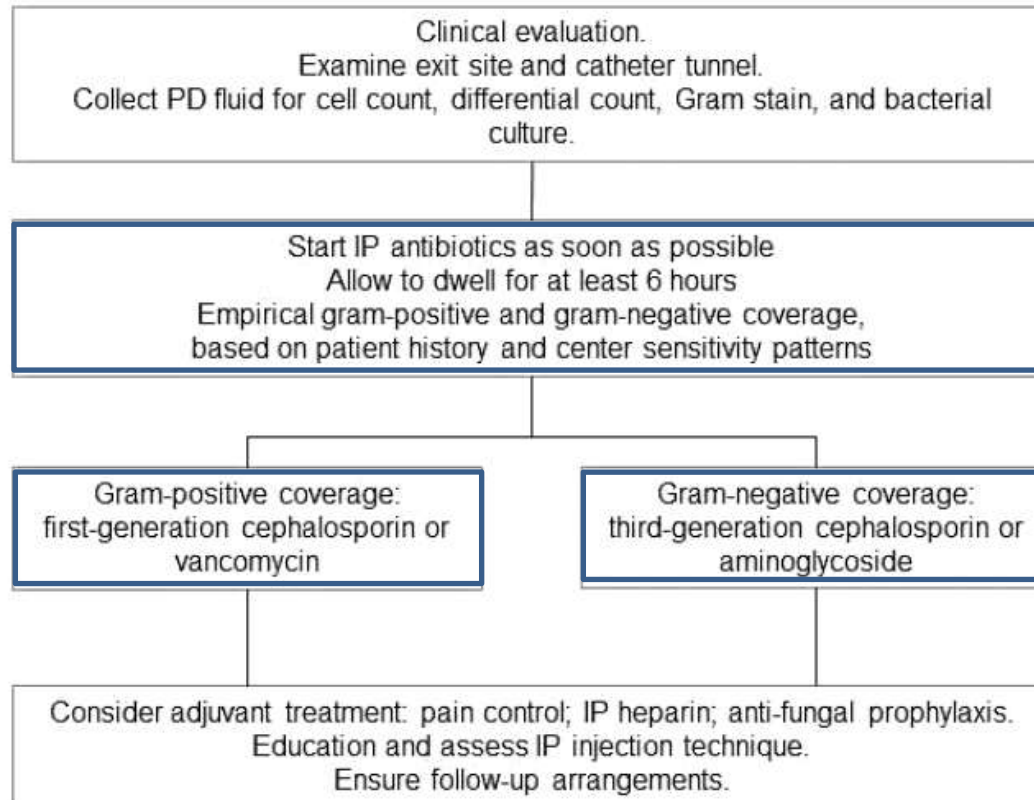


Figure 1 — Initial management of peritonitis. IP = intra-peritoneal.

# What to Use Empirically and How much?

TABLE 5  
Intraperitoneal Antibiotic Dosing Recommendations for Treatment of Peritonitis

	Intermittent (1 exchange daily)	Continuous (all exchanges)
<b>Aminoglycosides</b>		
Amikacin	2 mg/kg daily (252)	LD 25 mg/L, MD 12 mg/L (253)
Gentamicin	0.6 mg/kg daily (254)	LD 8 mg/L, MD 4 mg/L (255,256)
Netilmicin	0.6 mg/kg daily (233)	MD 10 mg/L (257)
Tobramycin	0.6 mg/kg daily (253)	LD 3 mg/kg, MD 0.3 mg/kg (258,259)
<b>Cephalosporins</b>		
Cefazolin	15–20 mg/kg daily (260,261)	LD 500 mg/L, MD 125 mg/L (254)
Cefepime	1,000 mg daily (262,263)	LD 250–500 mg/L, MD 100–125 mg/L (262,263)
Cefoperazone	no data	LD 500 mg/L, MD 62.5–125 mg/L (264,265)
Cefotaxime	500–1,000 mg daily (266)	no data
Ceftazidime	1,000–1,500 mg daily (267,268)	LD 500 mg/L, MD 125 mg/L (236)
Ceftriaxone	1,000 mg daily (269)	no data
<b>Penicillins</b>		
Penicillin G	no data	LD 50,000 unit/L, MD 25,000 unit/L (270)
Amoxicillin	no data	MD 150 mg/L (271)
Ampicillin	no data	MD 125 mg/L (272,273)
Ampicillin/Sulbactam	2 gm/1 gm every 12 hours (274)	LD 750–100 mg/L, MD 100 mg/L (253)
Piperacillin/Tazobactam	no data	LD 4 gm/0.5 gm, MD 1 gm/0.125 gm (275)
<b>Others</b>		
Aztreonam	2 gm daily (242)	LD 1,000 mg/L, MD 250 mg/L (243,244)
Ciprofloxacin	no data	MD 50 mg/L (276)
Clindamycin	no data	MD 600 mg/bag (277)
Daptomycin	no data	LD 100 mg/L, MD 20 mg/L (278)
Imipenem/Cilastatin	500 mg in alternate exchange (244)	LD 250 mg/L, MD 50 mg/L (236)
Ofloxacin	no data	LD 200 mg, MD 25 mg/L (279)
Polymyxin B	no data	MD 300,000 unit (30 mg)/bag (280)
Quinupristin/Dalfopristin	25 mg/L in alternate exchange <sup>3</sup> (281)	no data
Meropenem	1 gm daily (282)	no data
Teicoplanin	15 mg/kg every 5 days (283)	LD 400 mg/bag, MD 20 mg/bag (229)
Vancomycin	15–30 mg/kg every 5–7 days <sup>3</sup> (284)	LD 30 mg/kg, MD 1.5 mg/kg/bag (285)
<b>Antifungals</b>		
Fluconazole	IP 200 mg every 24 to 48 hours (286)	no data
Voriconazole	IP 2.5 mg/kg daily (287)	no data

Dwell ≥ 6 hours to allow adequate absorption

Reference

Li PK, et al. Perit Dial Int. 2016; 36(5):481-508

LD = loading dose in mg; MD = maintenance dose in mg; IP = intraperitoneal; APD = automated peritoneal dialysis.

<sup>3</sup> Given in conjunction with 500 mg intravenous twice daily (281).

<sup>3</sup> Supplemental doses may be needed for APD patients.

# What to Use and How much?

- Substantial knowledge gap for dosing in patients on automated peritoneal dialysis (APD)
- Extrapolation of intermittent IP dosing in continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD) to day dwell of APD
  - May lead to under-dosing
  - Rapid exchanges lead to inadequate time to achieve therapeutic levels
  - Higher peritoneal clearance of antibiotics than CAPD

# What Affects the Dose?

- Patient-related factors
  - Residual renal function
  - Membrane transport characteristics
  - Blood flow rate
- Dialysis-related factors
  - Type of dialysis
  - Dwell time
  - Number of exchanges
- Drug-related factors
  - Molecular size
  - Volume of distribution
  - Type of clearance
  - Protein binding

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# What We Know from Studies

- Higher systemic absorption in peritonitis

Study	Sample Size	Design	Results
Peritoneal Absorption of Vancomycin During and After Resolution of Peritonitis in Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis Patients <sup>1</sup>	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Absorption of loading dose of IP vancomycin 30mg/kg at peritonitis and after resolution (7 days after free of S/Sx)</li> <li>• 6 hour dwell</li> </ul>	Absorption of 74% in peritonitis vs 51% after resolution
Pharmacokinetics of Intraperitoneal Gentamicin in Peritoneal Dialysis Patients with Peritonitis <sup>2</sup>	24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IP gentamicin 0.6mg/kg</li> <li>• Serial blood samples at 1, 3, 6, 7, 24 hours</li> <li>• Serial dialysate samples at 3, 6 hours and end of 3 subsequent dialysis exchanges</li> <li>• 6 hour dwell</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Median percentage of absorption=76% (interquartile range=69-82%)</li> <li>• Significant difference between low average, high average and high peritoneal membrane transporter status (P=0.03)</li> </ul>

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2. Varghese JM, et al. Clin J Am Soc Nephrol. 2012; 7:1249-56



# The Unknowns in Reality...

- How permeable is the membrane?
- How to quantify the clearance by peritoneal dialysis?
- How to quantify renal clearance?

# Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (TDM)

- Not all drugs have established TDM
- Blood drug levels  $\neq$  peritoneal drug levels
- Vancomycin and aminoglycosides do not follow one-compartment model
- Timing of the levels matter!
  - Peak and trough levels inform us differently
- Taking multiple levels in a day is impractical and costly

# Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (TDM)

- 2016 ISPD guidelines
  - Vancomycin: role is ‘controversial’ though substantial inter-individual variability in dosing interval
  - Aminoglycosides: ‘small role’ as relationship between level and risk of ototoxicity is ‘conflicting’ and often ‘negative result’; ‘no firm evidence that monitoring aminoglycoside levels mitigates toxicity risk or enhances efficacy’

# Do Studies Suggest we do Vancomycin TDM?

Study	Sample Size	Design	Results		
The role of monitoring vancomycin levels in patients with peritoneal dialysis-associated peritonitis <sup>1</sup>	150 patients, 256 episodes (gram-positive or culture-negative)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Single centre, observational, cohort</li> <li>• Unit protocol: D2 level, every 2-3 days for 1st week</li> <li>• Load and re-dose IP vancomycin 30mg/kg (max 2g) when level &lt;15mg/L</li> </ul>		Cure	Not Cured
			D2 level	18.0±5.9	16.6±3.2
			1 <sup>st</sup> week average	18.6±5.1	18.6±4.3
			Nadir	14.5±4.1	13.6±4.2
Single UK centre experience on the treatment of PD peritonitis– antibiotic levels and outcomes <sup>2</sup>	613 patients, 283 episodes of gram-positive, 166 episodes culture-negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Retrospective</li> <li>• IP 25mg/kg, ↑25% if not anuric</li> <li>• D5 dose titrated according to serum vancomycin levels                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• &lt;12mg/L: ↑500mg</li> <li>• 12-25mg/L: same dose</li> <li>• &gt;25mg/L: ↓500mg</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		D5 <12mg/L	D10 <12mg/L
			Anuric CAPD	9.2%	0%
			Non-anuric CAPD	16.0%	21%
			Anuric APD	16.1%	13%
			Non-anuric APD	21%	25%

## References

1. Stevenson S, et al. Perit Dial Int. 2015; 35(2):222-8
2. Blunden M, et al. Nephrol Dial Transplant. 2007; 22:1714-9

# Do Studies Suggest we do Vancomycin TDM?

Study	Sample Size	Design	Results
Trough serum vancomycin levels predict the relapse of gram-positive peritonitis in peritoneal dialysis patients <sup>1</sup>	31 episodes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retrospective</li> <li>4 weekly IP vancomycin               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dose 1 &amp; 2: 15mg/kg, <math>\geq 1g</math></li> <li>Dose 3 &amp; 4: adjusted to maintain level <math>&gt;12mg/L</math></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relapse vs non-relapse: <math>7.8 \pm 0.6mg/L</math> vs <math>13.7 \pm 0.9mg/L</math> (<math>P=0.0004</math>)</li> <li>9/14 with 4-week mean trough level <math>&lt;12mg/L</math> relapsed vs 0/17 with level <math>&gt;12mg/L</math> (<math>P&lt;0.05</math>)</li> <li>9/13 with initial 7-day trough <math>&lt;9mg/L</math>: relapse</li> </ul>
Intraperitoneal vancomycin concentrations during peritoneal dialysis-associated peritonitis: correlation with serum levels <sup>2</sup>	48	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single dose IP vancomycin 30mg/kg</li> <li>Peritoneal dialysate effluent (PDE) concentration measured on D5, 4 hour dwell</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>98% had serum vancomycin level <math>&gt;12mg/L</math> but 11 patients (23%) had PDE <math>&lt;4mg/L</math></li> <li>Poor correlation between concentration of vancomycin in serum and dialysate (<math>R^2=0.18</math>)</li> </ul>

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- Fish R, et al. Perit Dial Int. 2012; 32(3):332-8

# Do Studies Suggest we do Aminoglycoside TDM?

Study	Sample Size	Design	Results	
The role of monitoring gentamicin levels in patients with gram-negative peritoneal dialysis-associated peritonitis <sup>1</sup>	66 episodes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single centre, observation, retrospective, cohort</li> <li>D2 serum gentamicin trough levels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Levels taken in 51 (77%) episodes</li> <li>Average level was 1.83±0.84mg/L</li> <li>22 (43%) cases had levels &gt;2mg/L</li> <li>D2 levels significantly higher for polymicrobial episodes that were cured (2.06±0.41 vs 1.29±0.71, P=0.01)</li> <li>No ototoxicity</li> </ul>	
Single UK centre experience on the treatment of PD peritonitis—antibiotic levels and outcomes <sup>2</sup>	613 patients, 137 gram-negative episodes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Retrospective</li> <li>IP 0.6mg/kg gentamicin, ↑25% if not anuric</li> <li>Dwell for ≥ 6-8 hours</li> <li>Serum trough level on D5</li> <li>Dose titration to ↓toxicity:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&lt;2mg/L: same dose</li> <li>&gt;2mg/L: ↓10mg</li> <li>&gt;3mg/L: omit D5 dose, ↓10mg</li> </ul> </li> <li>Not designed to detect toxicity</li> </ul>	D5 level>2mg/L	
			Anuric CAPD	52.6%
			Non-anuric CAPD	55.7%
			Anuric APD	31.4%
Non-anuric APD	54.5%			

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1. Tang W, et al. Perit Dial Int. 2014; 34(2):219-26
2. Blunden M, et al. Nephrol Dial Transplant. 2007; 22:1714-9

# Singapore General Hospital's Experience

- Vancomycin
  - Re-dose to ensure therapeutic level of 15-20mg/L
- Amikacin
  - Ensure trough <5mg/L
  - Accumulation with repeated dosing
- Medical cure rates
  - 2015-2018: ~62-80%

# Conclusion

- IP route is preferred
- Accurate dose?
  - We don't know...
- It looks like we are on the right track?
- Much work needed





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