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TREATMENT FOR INTERNAL CONTAMINATION WITH RADIONUCLIDES



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OBJECTIVES

- Understand Principles of Incorporation
- Know Action Levels for Treatment
- Know Five Most Common Types of Internal Contamination



4 GOLDEN RULES OF TOXICOLOGY

(Adapted from Kent Olson, MD FACEP)

- **Treat the Patient before the Poison**
- **Prevent or Reduce Exposure**
- **Enhance the Elimination of the Agent**
- **Consider Specific Adjuncts**

ANNUAL LIMIT OF INTAKE

The derived limit for the amount of radioactive material taken into the body of an adult worker by inhalation or ingestion in a year. ALI is the smaller value of intake of a given radionuclide in a year by the reference man that would result in a committed effective dose equivalent of 5 rems (0.05 sievert) or a committed dose equivalent of 50 rems (0.5 sievert) to any individual organ or tissue. (see [10 CFR 20.1003.](#))

POSE TOXICOLOGY PROBLEMS

- The Dose makes the Poison
- Acute (Threshold Effects)
- Long-Term Toxicity
- ALI / MPBB

< 1 ALI	- No Treatment Necessary
1 - 10 ALI	- Consider Short-Term Tx
> 10 ALI	- Treatment

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SAMPLE ALIS

Radioisotope	ALI-Ingestion (mCi)	ALI-Inhalation (mCi)
^3H	80	80
^{14}C	2	2
^{32}P	0.6	0.6
^{33}P	6	8
^{35}S	10	20
^{125}I	0.04	0.06

Source – Princeton University, Environmental Health & Safety

PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF INTERNAL CONTAMINATION

- Radiation Exposure Sometimes Continues Long after Accident
- Estimates of Dose and Effects are distressingly Variable even among Experts



RADIONUCLIDES VS. OTHER HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

- **Easily Detectable**
- **Use Health Physicist Instead of Industrial Hygienist**
- **Does not Require Special Clothing for Health Care Providers**
- **Not an Immediate Life-Threatening Hazard**
- **Can Wait until Patient is Stable before Decontamination**

USE YOUR MEDICAL OR HEALTH PHYSICIST

- **Document Presence of Radionuclides, Activity, Accident Details**
- **Collect Samples Documenting Contamination**
- **Assist in Decontamination Procedures**
- **Calculate/Document Dose Calculations**
- **Dispose of Radioactive Waste**

BIOASSAY IS OF LIMITED VALUE

- Slow (Days)
- Must Have Total Collection of Both Urine and Feces
- Can Overestimate Uptake by Factor of 3 -5
- Specimen May Get Contaminated

WHOLE BODY COUNTING DIFFICULT WITH ACTINIDES

- Residual Skin Contamination
- Calibration of Phantoms Deficient
- Lung Distribution Varies with Time
- Variable Thickness of Sternum / Chest Wall

TOXICOLOGIC PROBLEM: (GATHER DATA)

- **Details**

- Radionuclides Involved
- Laboratory License
- Maximum Credible Exposure
- Geometry, Distances, Times

- **Potential for Exposure**

- Poison Control Analogy

HOSPITAL RESOURCES

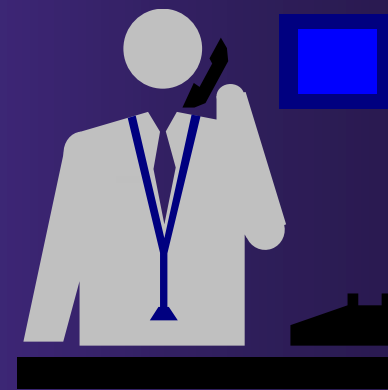
- Radiologist or Nuclear Medicine Physician
- Medical or Health Physicist
- Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)
- Nuclear Medicine Decontamination Area
- Nuclear Medicine Gamma Camera

HOSPITAL NM GAMMA CAMERA FOR SELECTED INTERNAL CONTAMINATION

Radionuclide	WBC (MDA in air)	Gamma Camera (MDA in air)	G-M Survey Counter Scatter Media (MDA in air)	
¹²⁵ I		0.30-2.62	3.68-29.90	90
²⁰¹ Tl	0.20	0.51-0.69	2.40-3.48	188
^{99m} Tc	0.09	0.37-0.39	1.15-1.53	144
¹¹¹ In	0.12	0.40-0.56	1.36-1.64	165
¹³³ Ba	0.11	0.71-0.89	1.88-2.50	20
¹³¹ I	0.12	0.56-1.09	1.51-2.71	59
⁸⁵ Sr	0.11	0.68-0.99	1.85-3.22	90
¹³⁷ Cs	0.13	1.04-2.26	2.47-4.03	59
⁵⁴ Mn	0.10	1.06-1.84	2.70-4.24	38
⁶⁰ Co	0.10	1.27i-1.48	2.11-3.15	14

EXTERNAL RESOURCES

- **State Radiological Health Department**
- **Radiation Emergency Assistance Center / Training Site (REAC / TS) - 865 / 576-1005**
- **CHEMTREC (for HazMat components only)
800 / 424-9300**



OTHER EXTERNAL RESOURCES

- Agency for Toxic Substances Disease Registry (ATSDR) 24 Hour Line
404 / 639-0615 (No Answer)
- Dept Of Energy (DOE) Emergency Operations Center
24 Hour Line 202 / 586-8100
- Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
24 Hour Line 301 / 816-5100
301 / 951-0550



INTERNAL CONTAMINATION RAMIFICATIONS

- Isolation During Therapy?
- Follow-up for Possibly Long Periods
- Counseling for Carcinogenic Implications of Exposure



INTERNAL CONTAMINATION - INVOLVES 4 STAGES

- **Deposition** Along Route of Entry
- **Translocation**
- **Incorporation** (Deposition in the Target Organ)
- **Clearance**

PREVENTING INCORPORATION

- **Interception Before Radionuclide Reaches Target Organs**
- **Decrease Body Uptake**
 - **Vomit / Lavage**
 - **Charcoal / Catharsis**
 - **Other Methods**

CONSIDERATIONS IN TREATMENT FOR INTERNAL CONTAMINATION

- Chemical Toxicity of Substance
- Solubility (D,W,Y)
- Particle Size
- Quantity
- Half-life of Radionuclide:

Physical

Biological

Effective

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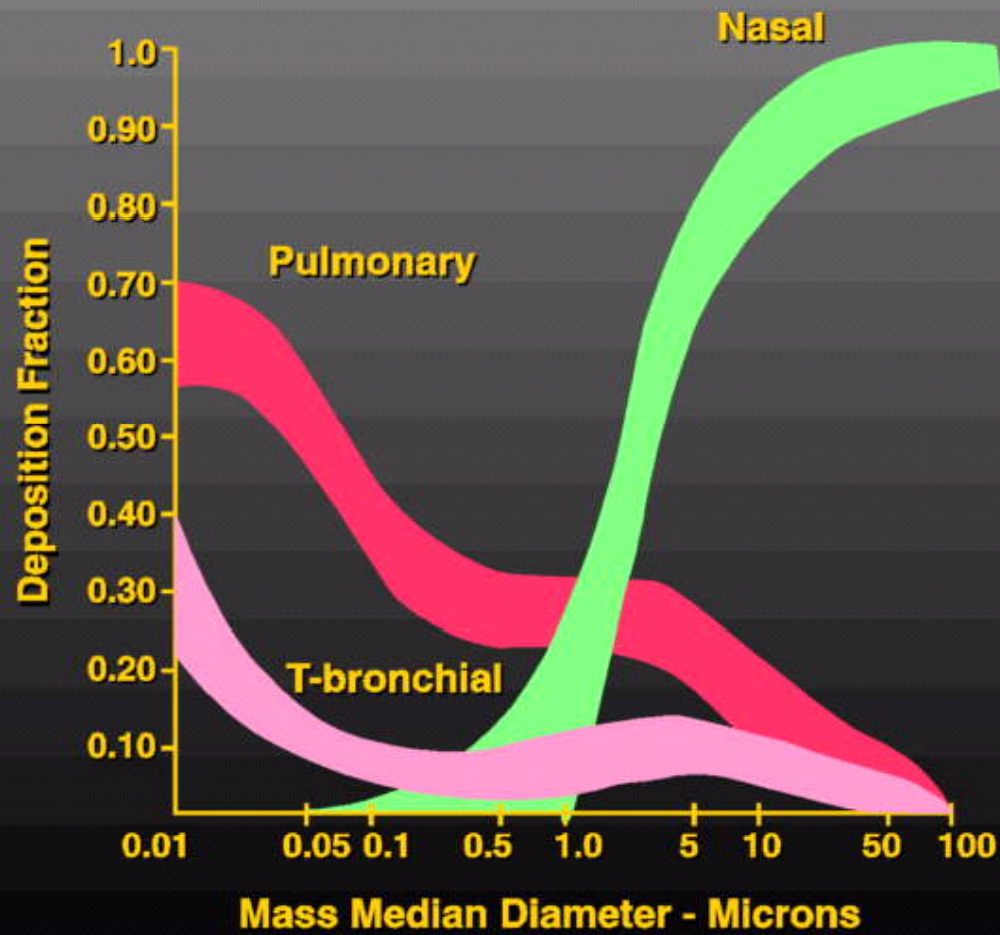
RESPIRATORY TRACT CLEARANCE TIME

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<u>Segment</u>	<u>Time (hours)</u>
Anterior nare	1.0
Nasopharynx	0.1 (10 mm/min)
Trachea	0.1
Bronchi	1.0
Bronchioles	4.0
Terminal Bronchioles	10.0
Alveoli	100+ days

¹ICRP #30 Model (1979)

PARTICLE SIZE AND DEPOSITION FRACTION



NASOPHARYNX CLEARANCE TIME

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<u>Anatomy</u>	<u>Clearance Time (min)</u>
Anterior nare	60
Nasopharynx	10 (10 mm/min)

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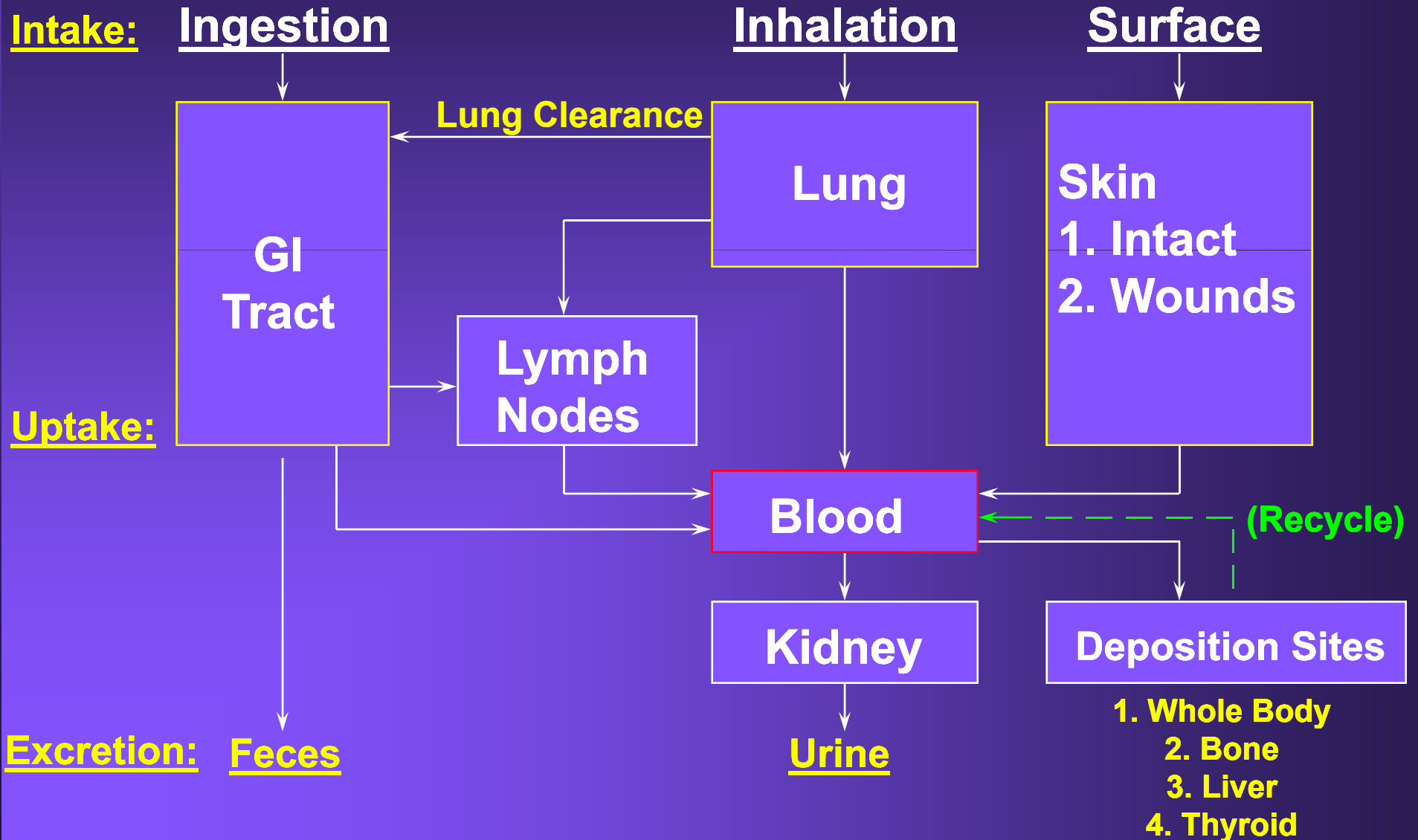
GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT RESIDENCE TIMES

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<u>Portion</u>	<u>Residence Time (hours)</u>
Stomach	6 / 24
Small Intestine	14 / 24
Upper Colon	18 / 24
Lower Colon	24 / 24

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(Assumes Stable Substances)

GENERAL MODEL OF RADIONUCLIDE UPTAKE (AFTER VOELZ)



TREATMENT OF INTERNAL EMITTERS

- **TIME:** Within 3 hrs, if Possible
- **BENEFIT:** 2 to 10 Reduction of Organ Dose
- **RISKS:** Minimal, except for Lung Lavage / Some Drugs
- **DECISION:** Go to Potential Exposure History, Not Dose

PHYSIOLOGIC PRINCIPLES USED IN RADIONUCLIDE DECORPORATION

- GI Tract Removal / Enhanced Elimination
- Dilution of Isotope
- Displacement
- Blocking
- Alkalinization
- Chelation

FROM GASTROINTESTINAL TRACT

- Antacid
- Precipitation into Soluble Salt
- Catharsis



IODINE / TECHNETIUM - BLOCK

- ^{131}I - Eff Half Life = 7.6 days
- $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ - Eff Half Life = 1 day*
- Treat within 4 Hours
(Best 1 Hour Before Exposure!)
- KI or NaI 300 mg tablet
- SSKI (1 g / ml) - 5 - 6 drops in water
- Povidone Iodine Theoretically Useful

TRITIUM - DILUTE

- Beta Emitter
- 2% Binds to Cellular Components
- Essentially Occupies TBW Space
- Force Fluids 3 - 4 L / day
 - Reduces Half-Time by 1/3 - 1/2

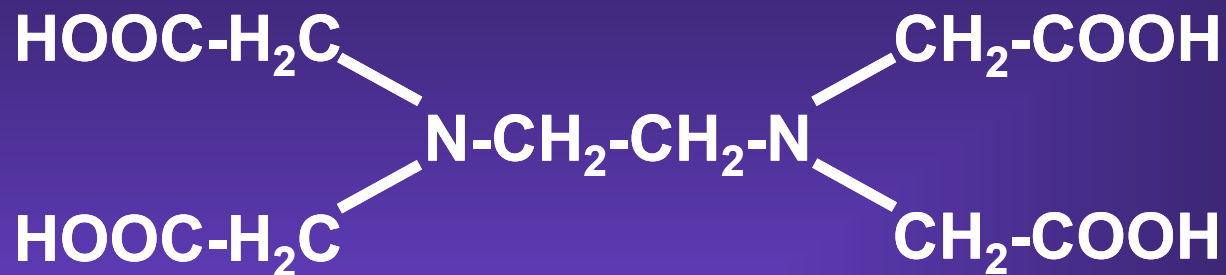
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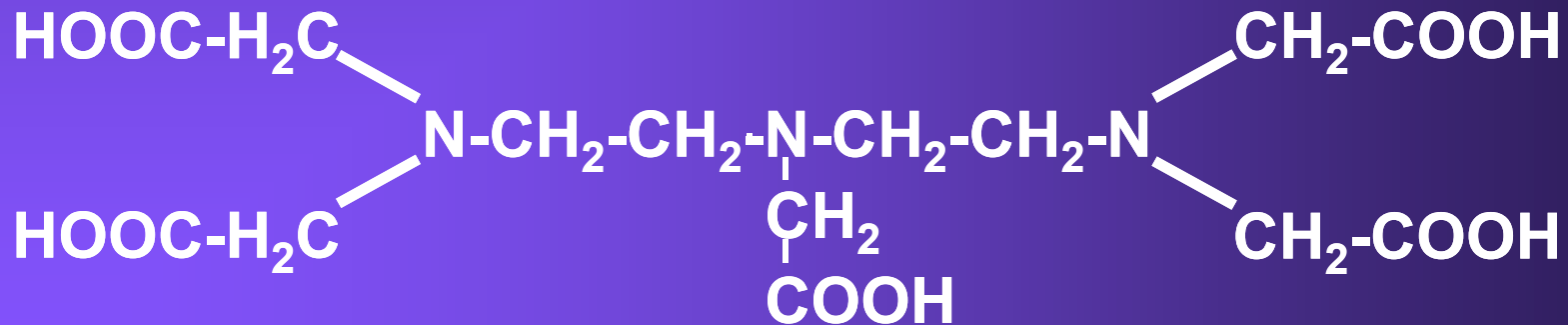
CHELATION AGENTS

- DTPA - Transuranics (not Uranium)
- EDTA - Lead (and others)
- BAL - Lead, Polonium, Gold, Indium
- DFOA - Iron, Manganese
- PCA - Copper, Lead, Mercury , Zinc, Cobalt, Gold
- DMPS - Mercury (not in US)
- DMSA - Lead (and Others)

COMPARISON OF EDTA AND DTPA



EDTA - Ethylenediaminetetraacetic Acid



DTPA - Diethylenetriaminepentaacetic Acid

DTPA Administered for Soluble ^{239}Pu Within One Hour

<u>Organ</u>	<u>Retention</u>	
	<u>Control</u>	<u>DTPA Treated</u>
Liver	14%	0.47%
Skeleton	57.0%	5.9%

Insoluble Prussian Blue

Effective for Cs-137

- **Binds Ions in the Gut**
- **Biological Half-Life Reduced to 1/3**
- **Not Systemically Absorbed**
- **Side Effects - Constipation,
GI Upset at Higher Doses (20 g / day)**

Lung Lavage

- Does Not Need to be Done Emergently¹
(3-5 days after Exposure)
- Lavage Technique for Pulmonary Alveolar Proteinosis
- For larger depositions 50² -100¹ ALIs
- Common Bronchoscopic Lavage
(has not been evaluated for effectiveness)

¹Radiation Protection Dosimetry, Vol 41, No 1, 1992, pp. 32-33.

²Safety Series No. 47, Vienna: IAEA, 1978, p 23.

Uranium Compounds and Solubility Classes

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<u>Compound</u>	<u>Solubility Class</u>
UF ₆ (Uranium Hexafluoride)	D
UO ₂ (NO ₃) ₂ (Uranyl Nitrate)	D
UO ₃ (Uranium Trioxide)	D
UO ₂ Cl ₂ (Uranyl Chloride)	D
UO ₄ (Uranium Peroxide)	W
UO ₂ (Uranium Dioxide)	W,Y
UC ₂ (Uranium Dicarbide)	Y
UO ₂ (High-Fired Uranium Dioxide)	Y

¹Adapted From *Biokinetics and Analysis of Uranium in Man*, Hanford Environmental Health Foundation for the US Dept of Energy, 1984

Uranium in Biological Fluids

- pH 6.5 - 8 Principal / Most Easily Transported Form of Serum U is Biscarbonato Complex, $\text{UO}_2(\text{CO}_3)^{2+}$
 - Uranyl Citrate Complex also formed
 - Weak Complex of UO_2^{2+} and Iron-Transport Protein, Transferrin also Forms in Plasma

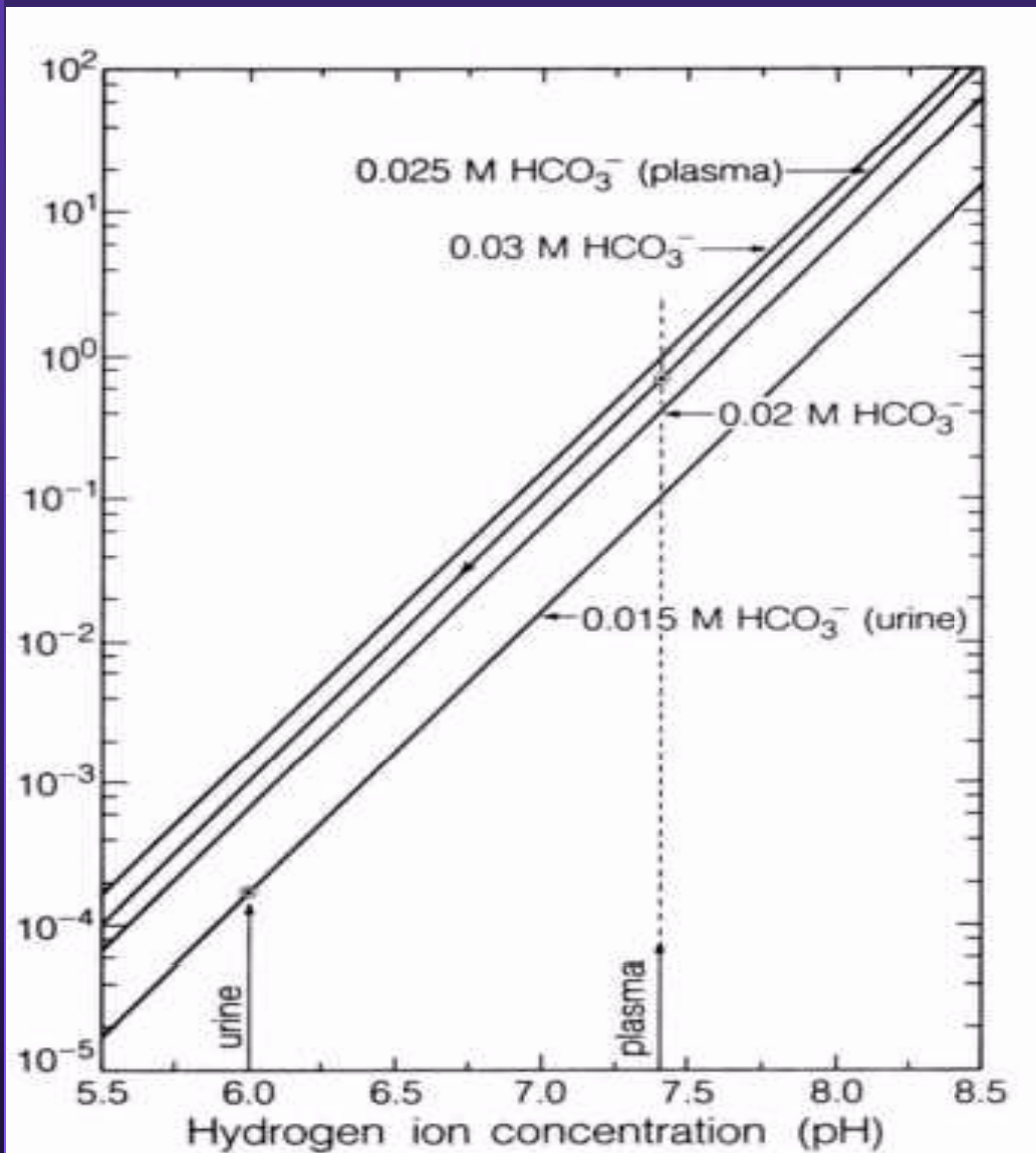
Uranium Deposition in Kidney

- Some of Bound UO_2^{2+} is Retained in Kidney
Renal Retention Enhanced by:
 - Large Amounts of U
 - Acidic Urine
- U Kidney Release Half-time is 15 d
Enhanced by Alkaline Urine

Uranium - Alkalinize Urine

- ^{235}U - Gamma
- Eff Half Time Depends on Solubility
- At Normal Enrichment Levels, Primary Renal Toxicity
- Maintain Urine pH 7.5 to 8
- Use Bicarbonate tablets
(Do not use Alka Seltzer from old texts!)
- Use Supplemental KCl tablets to maintain alkaline diuresis

Uranium Solubility and Urine pH



- Alkalinization recently called Questionable

References

NCRP 65 –
Safety Series #47 –
Radiation Protection Dosimetry, 1992
Radiation Protection Dosimetry, 2000



**“I'm so happy doin' the neutron
dance”**

Pointer Sisters, 1990



Thank you!

