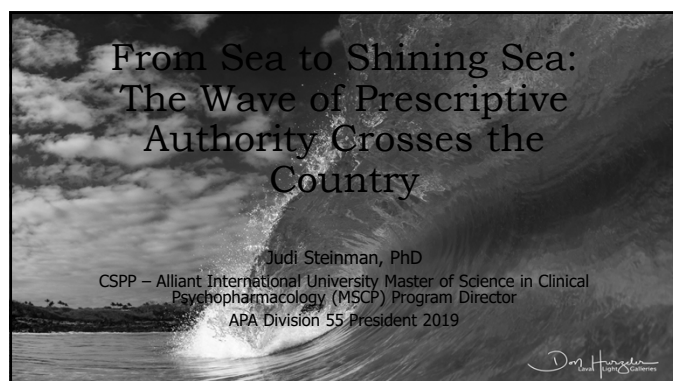




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- **Chair** – The Council of Post Doctoral Training Programs in Psychopharmacology
- **Liaison** for Division 55 to APA Committee on Deep Poverty
- **Program Director & Associate Professor** – Alliant International University MSCP Program 2018
- **Adjunct Professor** – Chicago School of Professional Psychology MSCP Program
  - Advanced Pathophysiology
  - Biochemistry
  - Pharmacology
  - Advanced Physical Assessment
- **Consultant** – UH Hilo MSCP Program (2016-2019)
- **Chair RxP Subcommittee** – Hawai'i Psychological Association

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*Our MSCP Mission*

**American Society for the Advancement of Pharmacotherapy**

The American Society for the Advancement of Pharmacotherapy (ASAP), Div. 55 of the American Psychological Association, was created to enhance psychological treatments combined with psychopharmacological medications.

- The division promotes the public interest by working for the establishment of high quality statutory and regulatory standards for psychological care.
- Div. 55 encourages the collaborative practice of psychological and pharmacological treatments with other health professions.
- The division seeks funding for training in psychopharmacology and pharmacotherapy from private and public sources such as federal Graduate Medical Education programs.
- Div. 55 facilitates increased access to improved mental health services in federal and state demonstration projects using psychologists trained in psychopharmacology.

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While each state develops its own educational requirements, the training for a licensed psychologist to prescribe is rigorous in all the proposed legislation.

- In **Louisiana**, psychologists must complete a post-doctoral master's degree in clinical psychopharmacology.
- **New Mexico** requires a minimum of 450 hours of didactic instruction along with a 400-hour supervised practicum as part of its eligibility criteria.
- In **Illinois**, psychologists seeking prescriptive authority must complete advanced, specialized training in psychopharmacology as well as full-time practicum of 14 months of supervised clinical rotations in various settings such as hospitals, community mental health clinics and correctional facilities.
- Psychologists must pass a **certified exam** in psychopharmacology.
- **After completing their formal training**, psychologists must coordinate care with a patient's primary care physician.
- Psychologists are also trained to **know when to refer patients** for the evaluation of other health problems.
- *When all the training – doctoral and post-doctoral – is completed, prescribing psychologists have more training in diagnosing, treating and prescribing for mental health disorders than primary care physicians.*

<https://www.apaservices.org/practice/advocacy/authority/prescribing-psychologists>

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 **ASPPB**  
Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards

ASPPB is pleased to announce that as of March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018, we have completed the Beta Test for the Psychopharmacology Exam for Psychologists (PEP). We are currently reviewing the data and preparing the exam for release. The current projection is that registration will open on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Please check back for updates.

In keeping with testing industry standards, the examination has been thoroughly reviewed and revised to ensure that the content reflects a valid representation of the knowledge required for the current practice of psychology with prescription privileges.

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## Prescriptive Authority for Advance Trained Psychologists - History

- The first bill seeking to authorize prescription privileges to psychologists was introduced in Hawaii in 1985 under Hawaii State Resolution 159
- In 1988, the U.S. Department of Defense approved a pilot project to train psychologists in issuing psychotropic medications "under certain circumstances".
- Guam became the first U.S. territory to approve RxP legislation in 1999.
- New Mexico became the first state to approve RxP legislation in 2002
- Louisiana followed in 2004.
- In 2014, Illinois became the third state to approve RxP legislation.
- In 2016, Iowa became the fourth state to grant prescriptive authority
- Idaho followed in 2017.
- The rules and regulations for Illinois' RxP law were approved in 2018
- Iowa and Idaho rules were approved in 2019

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prescriptive\\_authority\\_for\\_psychologists\\_movement](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prescriptive_authority_for_psychologists_movement)

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## States That Have Passed RxP Legislation

New Mexico  
Louisiana  
Illinois  
Iowa  
Idaho

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## States With Active RxP Legislative Bills or Efforts Underway

Ohio  
Florida  
Texas  
California  
Hawai'i

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## What Happened in Hawai'i?

### The Hawaiian Roller Coaster of RxP Legislation

#### **HB1072 – 2016**

- Introduced by House Speaker Joe Souki
- Made it through triple referral in House
- Passed out of Senate back to House
- Moved to last item on House floor
- Never called for final floor vote



#### **SB819 – 2019**

- Introduced by House Leadership
- Passed out of Senate
- House gave it QUADRUPLE referral
- Passed first of 4 committees (Health)
- Never called by other committees (House Speaker Scott Saiki)

## LESSONS LEARNED

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- Spend a lot of time at Fund Raisers
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- Personal Stories
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  - Ruth
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### Training Requirements for New HI Bill:

- Completion of a doctoral program in psychology
- Completion of a masters program in clinical psychopharmacology, practicum and PEP.
- 80 Hours of Supervised "Physical Assessment" Practicum in Primary Care Setting
- 400 Hours of Supervised "Medication" Practicum
- 100 Hours of Supervised "Community Service" Practicum treating Homeless, Low Income and Other Special Needs Populations

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## COSTS – STATES SURVEYED

- Hawai'i
- Florida
- Illinois
- Iowa
- Idaho
- Ohio
- Texas
- COST RANGE \$6,000 TO \$650,000

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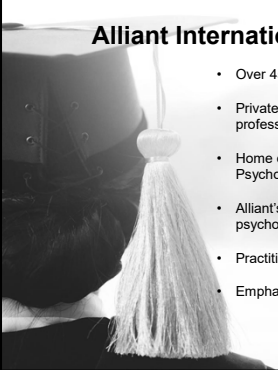
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## TRAINING TRAINING TRAINING

- CSPP – Alliant International University
  - Oldest program with APA Designation
  - Most graduates of all MSCP programs
  - Most graduates to take the PEP exam
  - Most graduates to pass the PEP exam
  - Improvements in Technology
  - Practicum training

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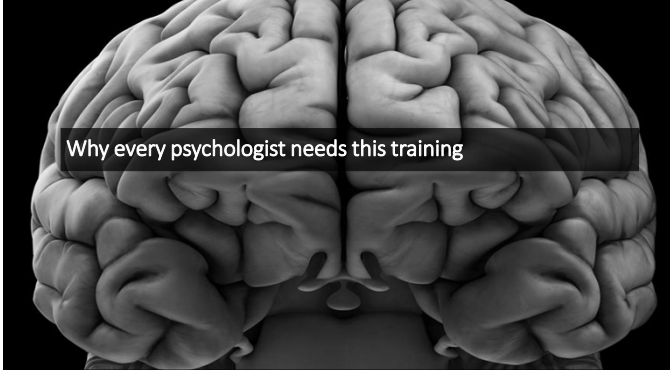


### Alliant International University

- Over 45,000 alumni world wide
- Private, regionally accredited institution preparing students for professional careers
- Home of world-renowned California School of Professional Psychology (CSPP)
- Alliant's CSPP has trained nearly half of all practicing psychologists in California
- Practitioner-based approach to education
- Emphasis on multiculturalism and diversity in education

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California School of Professional Psychology

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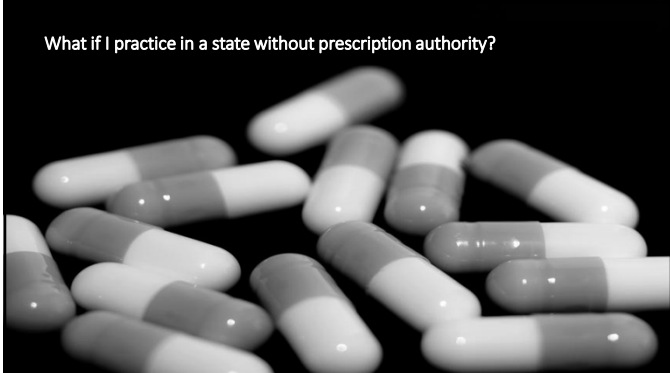
### Why every psychologist needs this training

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- Because you know your patients best
- Because you need to understand how medication plays a role in treatment
- Because you need relationships with each of your patient's providers
- Because you want to fight for your right to treat your patient

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### What if I practice in a state without prescription authority?

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- Improve your practice
- Answer patient questions
- Collaborate with primary care physician
- Support prescription authority movement
- Federal government authorizes psychologists to prescribe in an increasing number of settings

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### 11 Courses in your 8-week term Psychopharmacology curriculum

**Year 1: Jan, March, August, October**

- Clinical Biochemistry
- Neuroscientific Basis of Psychopharmacology I: Neurophysiology, Neuroimaging & Neuroanatomy
- Neuroscientific Basis of Psychopharmacology II: Neurochemistry, Neuropathology
- Clinical Medicine I: Pathophysiology I

**Year 2: Jan, March, August, October**

- Clinical Medicine II Pathophysiology and Physical Assessment
- Clinical Pharmacology
- Advanced RxP
- Pharmacotherapy

**Year 3: Jan, March**

- Special Populations I
- Special Populations II
- Capstone: Practicum

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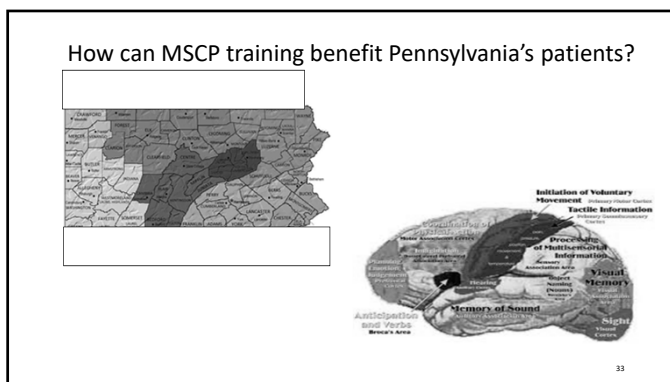
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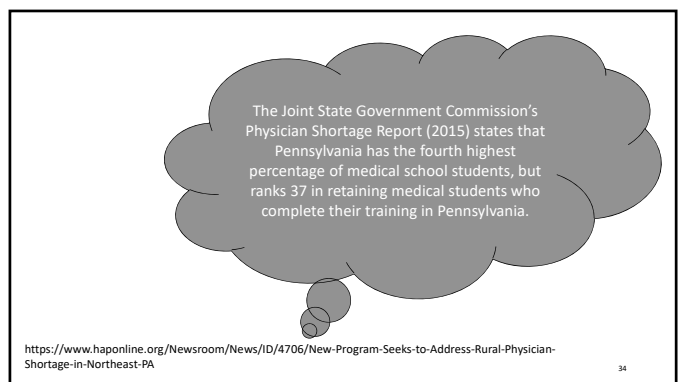
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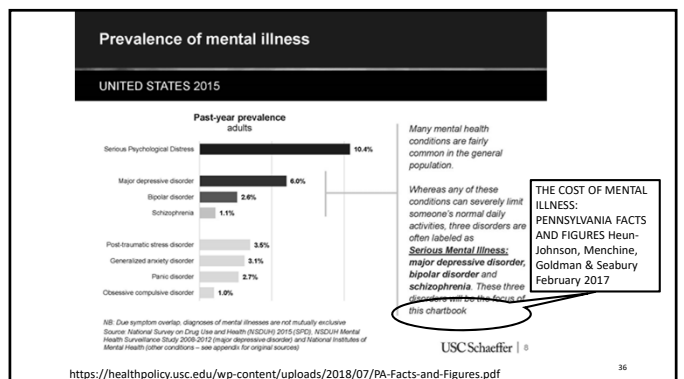
**Is Pa. likely to have a shortage of doctors? Study aims to predict what states will be hit hardest**

8 (tie). **Pennsylvania**  
 National rank: 50  
 Physicians per 100,000 people: 311.8  
 Percentage of doctors nearing retirement age: 32.2%  
 Residents/fellows in accredited programs per 100,000 people: 63.7

8 (tie). **New York**  
 National rank: 50  
 Physicians per 100,000 people: 365.1

<https://www.pennlive.com/news/2019/05/is-pa-likely-to-have-a-shortage-of-doctors-study-aims-to-predict-what-states-will-be-hit-hardest.html>

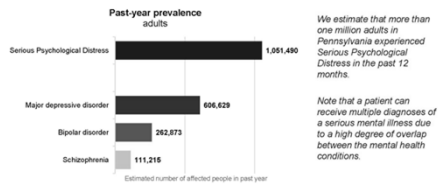
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### Estimated number of people living with mental illness

PENNSYLVANIA 2015



Source: National Institute of Mental Health, National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) 2015, and NSDUH-MIDAS 2008-2012.  
 Estimate of # of people affected using total state population of 10,110,483 adults (18 years and over).  
 Census Bureau data (2010).

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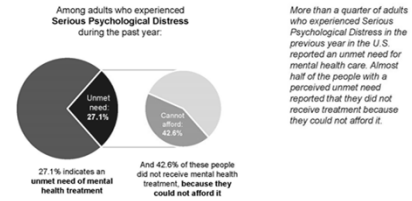
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### There is significant unmet need for mental health care in the U.S.

UNITED STATES 2015



Source: National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) 2015

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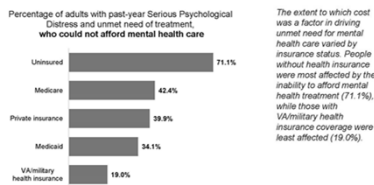
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### Unmet need of mental health treatment due to costs

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### How Does MSCP Training Affect Patient Care?

#### • A unique body of knowledge is gained with MSCP training

- Biochemistry
- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Pharmacology
- Needs of Special Populations



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### Examples of Areas of Learning

The following questions give you an idea of the types of content areas

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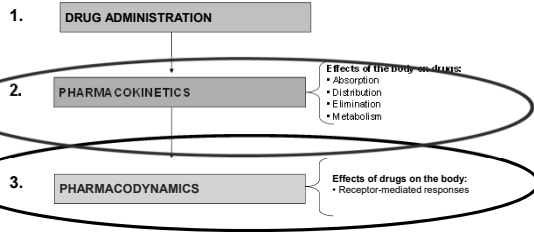
## Basic and Applied Science

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## Basics of Pharmacology



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## Drug Absorption

### Drug absorption

- Factors influencing drug absorption (Drug factors) or Physiochemical factors:
  - Lipid solubility of drug
  - Nature of the drug
  - pH of the media (Stomach & Intestine)
  - pK<sub>a</sub> of the drug
- Molecular size of drug
- Disintegration & dissolution of drug

<https://www.slideshare.net/jahidmc/drug-absorption-27588186>

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Tabel 3.1: pH values of various human body fluids and tissues.

|               |           |                           |           |
|---------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Blood         | 7.35-7.45 | Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) | 7.35-7.45 |
| Gastric juice | 1.0-2.0   | Saliva                    | 6.7-7.4   |
| Bile          | 7.4-8.5   | Tears                     | 7.4       |
| Human milk    | 6.9-7.0   | Lysosomes                 | 4.0-5.0   |
| Mitochondria  | 6.6       | Osteoblasts               | 9.0-10.0  |
| Kupffer cells | 6.4-6.5   | Prostate                  | 3.0-5.0   |
| Urine         | 5.0-7.5   | Stool                     | 7.0-7.5   |

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## The pH Range of Some Solutions & Body Fluids

|                               |           |
|-------------------------------|-----------|
| hydrochloric acid (HCl)       | 0         |
| stomach acid                  | 1         |
| lemon juice                   | 2         |
| Coca-Cola, beer, vinegar      | 3         |
| tomatoes                      | 4         |
| black coffee                  | 5         |
| normal rainwater              | 5.5       |
| urine                         | 6         |
| saliva                        | 6.5       |
| pure water, tears             | 7         |
| human blood                   | 7.35-7.45 |
| seawater                      | 8         |
| baking soda, stomach antacids | 9         |
| Great Salt Lake               | 10        |
| milk of magnesia              | 10.5      |
| household ammonia             | 11        |
| bicarbonate of soda           | 12        |
| oven cleaner                  | 13        |
| sodium hydroxide (NaOH)       | 14        |

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## Factors affecting absorption - ionization

### Drug absorption

Non-ionized Molecule  
(lipid soluble)

Ionized Molecule  
(water soluble)

CELL MEMBRANE

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## Moral of the story...

Acidic drugs are best absorbed from acidic environments

Basic drugs are best absorbed from basic environments

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## Urine pH and Elimination

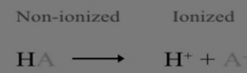
A patient has overdosed on phenobarbital. Phenobarbital is an acid. If we 'alkalinize' the urine by giving bicarbonate what will happen to the phenobarbital molecules as they are filtered through the renal tubules?

They will ionize...

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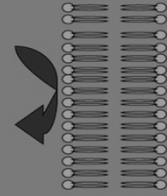
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## How will this affect phenobarbital reabsorption by the kidney?



Decreased reabsorption

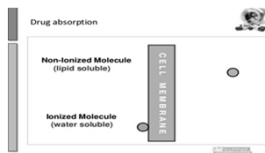
Increased elimination



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## Factors affecting absorption - ionization

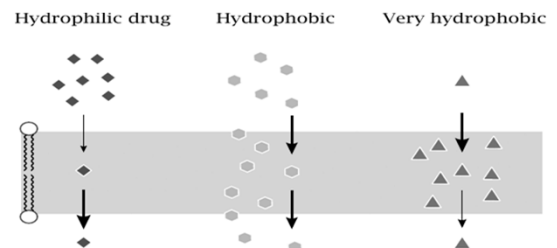


Non-ionized = Non-polar = Lipophilic

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## Factors affecting absorption - hydrophilicity



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## Factors affecting absorption - ionization

- Non-ionized = Non-polar = Lipophilic
- Lipophilic = Lipid Soluble = Crosses membranes

- Ionized = Polar = Hydrophilic
- Hydrophilic = Less Lipid Soluble

The rate at which a drug is transported by controlling pH of the solution &/or the pKa of the ligand

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## Acidic Drug

Acidic drugs – more NON ionized in acidic pH

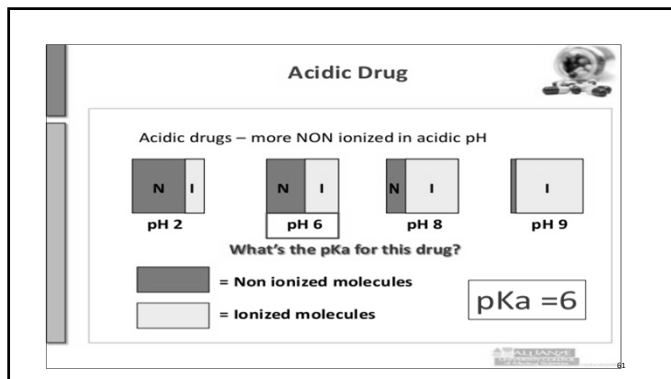


What's the pKa for this drug?

■ = Non ionized molecules  
□ = Ionized molecules

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### Examples of Drugs with Different pKas

#### Weak acid (pKa)

- Levodopa (2.3)
- Amoxicillin (2.4)
- Aspirin (3.5)
- Cephalexin (3.6)
- Frusemide (3.9)
- Warfarin (5.0)

#### Weak base (pKa)

- Lignocaine (7.9)
- Codeine (8.2)
- Cocaine (8.5)
- Adrenaline (8.7)
- Atropine (9.7)
- Amphetamine (9.8)
- Metoprolol (9.8)
- Methyldopa (10.6)

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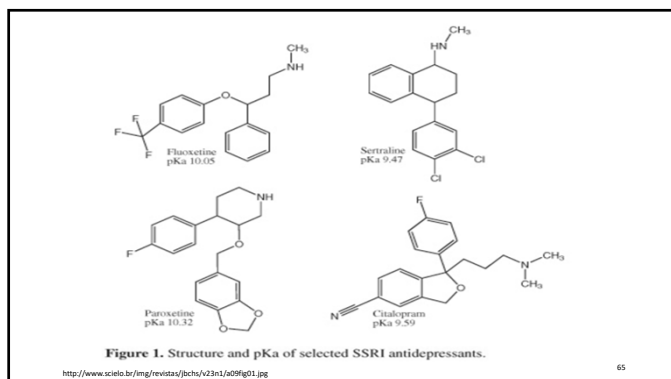
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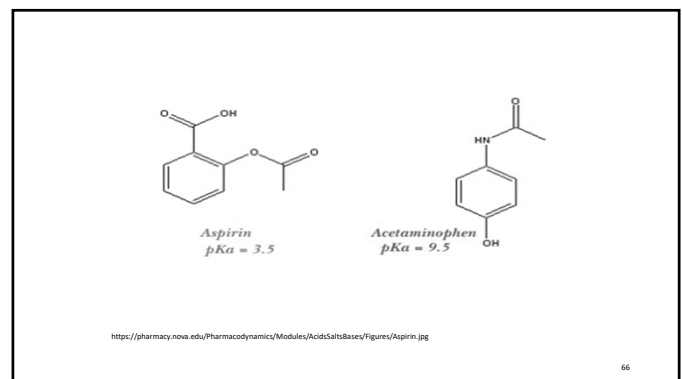
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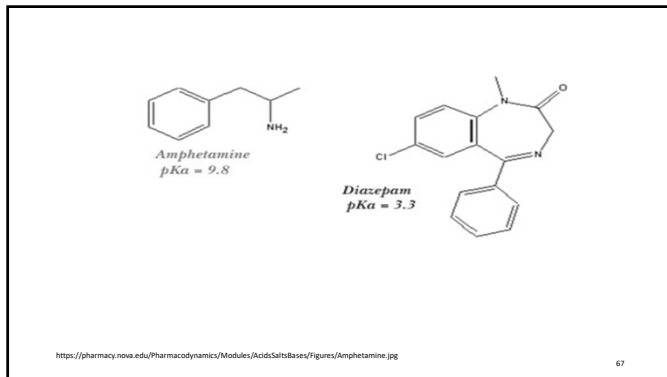
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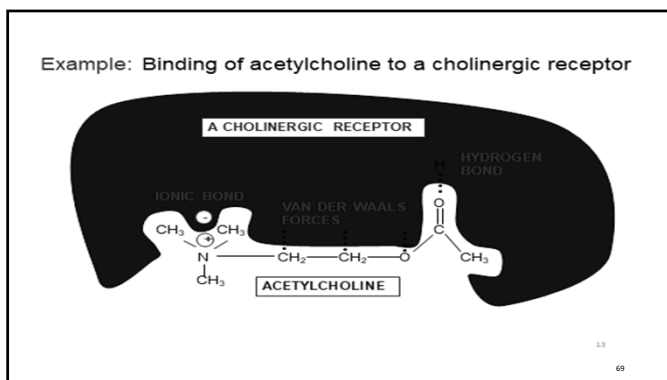
### Types Of Drug-Receptor Interactions

- **Covalent bonds:** irreversible; drug removal/receptor re-activation requires re-synthesis of the receptor or enzymatic removal of the drug.
- **Non-covalent bonds:** reversible; most drugs bind to receptors via non-covalent bonds

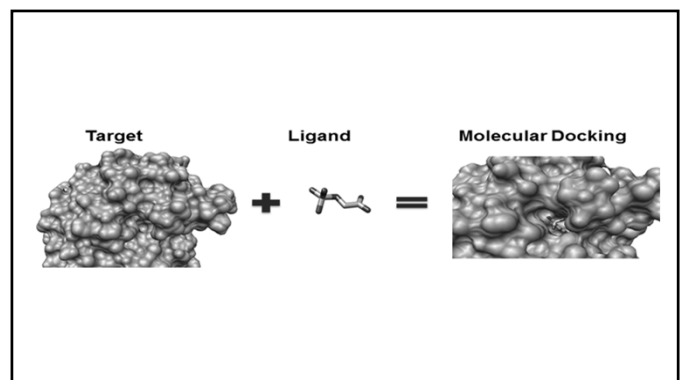
Listed below from strongest to weakest:

- **Ionic Bonds:** electrostatic interaction between positively and negatively charged ions
- **Hydrogen bonds:** electrostatic bond between the net positive charge of hydrogen atoms in many functional groups and the net negative charge of many nuclei.
- **Hydrophobic interactions:** between hydrophobic regions of the drug and the receptor
- **Van der Waals forces:** weak electrostatic interactions involving dipole moments within functional groups

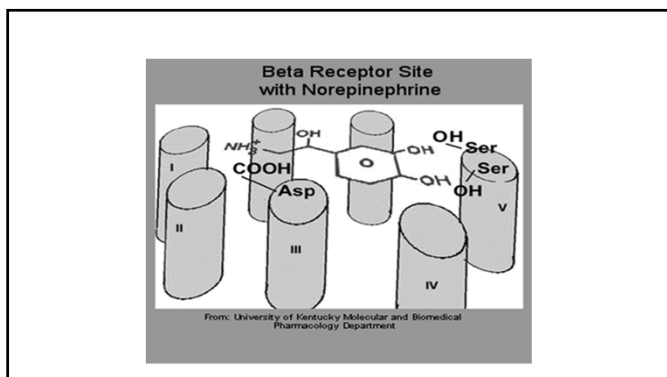
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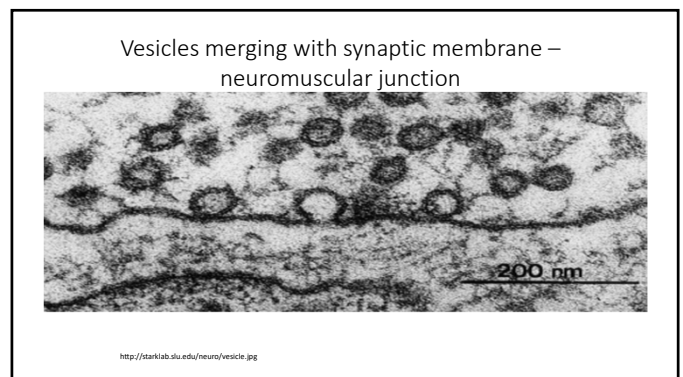
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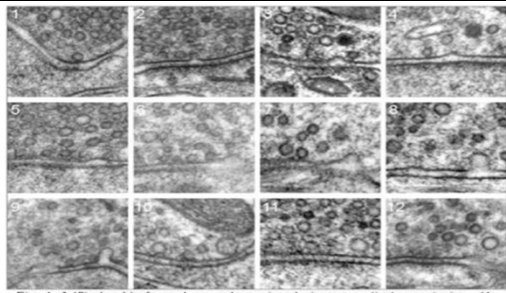
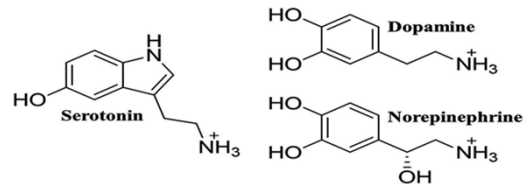


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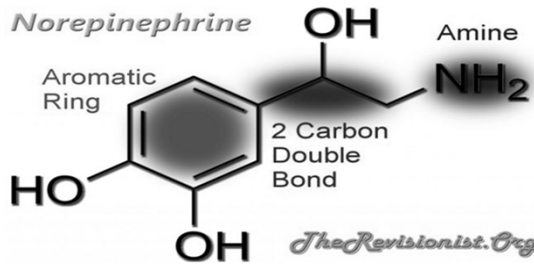
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#### Understanding medications prescribed to patients

##### SSRIs: Half-Lives

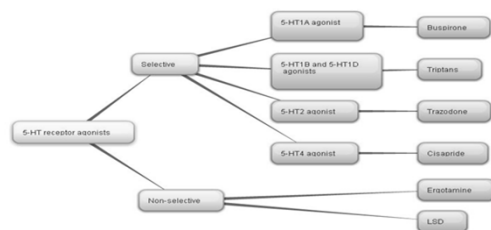
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| ■ Fluoxetine           | 1-4 days |
| ■ <i>Norfluoxetine</i> | 7-9 days |
| ■ Sertraline           | 26 hours |
| ■ Paroxetine           | 21 hours |
| ■ Fluvoxamine          | 16 hours |
| ■ Citalopram           | 35 hours |

Michelle Fitzgerald, B.Sc. (Pharm), B.Sc. (Pharm), *Adverse Psychopharmacology Review* (Spring 2001) (Vol 4 Issue 2)  
[http://www.thurberies.ni.ni.ac.uk/neuro/2001/Patients/SSRI\\_discontinuation.htm](http://www.thurberies.ni.ni.ac.uk/neuro/2001/Patients/SSRI_discontinuation.htm)  
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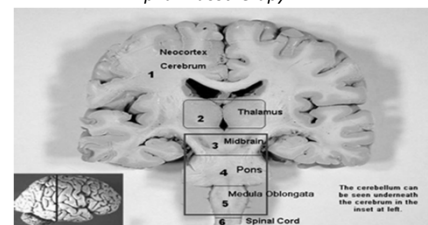
#### Understanding mechanisms of medications prescribed to patients



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#### Understanding brain function underlying behavioral and pharmacotherapy



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