

Calculations Review--Extra Problems

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  - b) 11,250 mg
  - c) 13,750 mg
  - d) 17,425 mg
  - e) 22,500 mg

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$$10 \text{ capsules} / 1500 \text{ mg} = 75 \text{ capsules} / x$$

2. Your patient has MRSA pneumonia and you recommend targeting a vancomycin trough concentration of 15 mcg/mL. Express this value in terms of mg/dL.
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$$15 \text{ mcg/mL} \times 1 \text{ mg}/1000 \text{ mcg} \times 100 \text{ mL}/1 \text{ dL} = 1.5 \text{ mg/dL}$$

3. How many days will a 20 mL vial of hydromorphone (4 mg/mL) last if the hospice patient is ordered to receive 2 mg PO q4h ATC?
  - a) 3
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  - c) 5
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20 mL x 4 mg/mL = 80 mg  
Needed: 2 mg x 6 doses/day = 12 mg/day  
80 mg ÷ 12 mg/day = 6.67 days (6 days)

4. How many fluid ounces are contained in 5 quarts?

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1 quart = 2 pints  
1 pint = 473 mL  
30 mL = 1 fluid ounce

5 quarts x 946 mL/1 quart = 4730 mL  
1 fl. Oz/30 mL = x / 4730 mL = 157.7 fluid oz

5. If a prescription calls for 5 mg/kg and the patient weights 165 lbs., what is the dose to be delivered for this patient?

- a) 75 mg
- b) 185 mg
- c) 227 mg
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1 Kg = 2.2 lbs

165 lbs / x = 2.2 lbs / 1 kg  
X = 75 kg  
5 mg/kg x 75 kg = 375 mg

6. If a prescription calls for 2 tablespoons per day, how many milliliters are required for a 30-day supply?

- a) 50 mL
- b) 90 mL
- c) 500 mL
- d) 850 mL
- e) 900 mL

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$$1 \text{ tblsp} / 30 \text{ mL} = 2 \text{ tblsp} / x$$

$$X = 60 \text{ mL}$$

$$60 \text{ mL/day} \times 30 \text{ days} = 900 \text{ mL}$$

7. An IV solution contains 250 mg of levofloxacin in 50 mL D5W. How many liters of D5W would contain 5 g of levofloxacin?

- a) 0.1
- b) 0.5
- c) 1
- d) 2
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CLUE: The answer is in front of you! Set up ratios and see which ones match!

$$5 \text{ gm} \times 1000 \text{ mg} / 1 \text{ gm} \times 50 \text{ mL} / 250 \text{ mg} \times 1 \text{ L} / 1000 \text{ mg}$$

8. If a prescription calls for 5 g of sodium chloride, how many milliliters of a stock solution are needed if every 1000 mL contains 20 g?

- a) 25 mL
- b) 40 mL
- c) 250 mL
- d) 300 mL
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$$20 \text{ gm} / 1000 \text{ mL} = 5 \text{ gm} / x$$

9. What is the minimum amount of a potent drug that may be weighed on a prescription balance with a sensitivity requirement of 6 mg if at least 95% accuracy is required?

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- b) 120 mg
- c) 180 mg
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$$\text{Minimum weighable quantity} = \text{sensitivity requirement} \times \frac{100}{\% \text{error}}$$
$$6 \text{ mg} \times \frac{100}{5\%} = 120 \text{ mg}$$

10. Calculate the dose of a drug to be administered to a patient if the dosing regimen is listed as 7 mg/kg/day. The patient weighs 140 lb.

- a) 65 mg
- b) 125 mg
- c) 315 mg
- d) 420 mg
- e) 450mg**

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$$1 \text{ Kg} / 2.2 \text{ lb} = x / 140 \text{ lb}$$
$$X = 64 \text{ Kg}$$
$$7 \times 64 = 448 \text{ mg}$$

11. What is the ideal body weight for a female patient whose height is 5 ft 8 in?

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- b) 64 kg
- c) 68 kg
- d) 121 lb
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$$\text{Women} - \text{IBW} = 45.5 + (2.3 \times \text{inches over 5 ft})$$
$$\text{Men} - \text{IBW} = 50 + (2.3 \times \text{inches over 5 ft})$$
$$\text{IBW} = 45.5 + (2.3 \times 8) = 64 \text{ Kg}$$

12. A patient weighing 175 lb is to receive an initial daily IM dosage of procainamide HCl (500 mg/mL vial) of 50 mg/kg based on actual body weight to be given in divided doses every 3 hours. How many milliliters should each injection contain?

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- b) 0.99 mL
- c) 1.87 mL
- d) 3.98 mL
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$$175 \text{ lb} / x = 2.2 \text{ lb} / 1 \text{ kg}$$

$$X = 79.5 \text{ kg}$$

$$50 \text{ mg/kg} \times 79.5 \text{ kg} = 3977 \text{ mg}$$

$$3977 \text{ mg} / 8 \text{ doses per day} = 497 \text{ mg} / \text{dose}$$

$$497 \text{ mg} / x = 500 \text{ mg} / 1 \text{ mL}$$

$$X = 0.99 \text{ mL}$$

13. What is the creatinine clearance for a 65 year old female patient who weighs 110 lb and has a serum creatinine of 1.3 mg/dL?

a) 26 mL/min

b) 34 mL/min

c) 40 mL/min

d) 82 mL/min

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$$\text{CrCl} = \{[(140-65) \times 50 \text{kg}] / (72 \times 1.3)\} \times 0.85$$

14. What volume of a 5% dextrose solution should be mixed with 200 mL of a 20% dextrose solution to prepare 300 mL of a 15% dextrose solution?

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c) 150 mL

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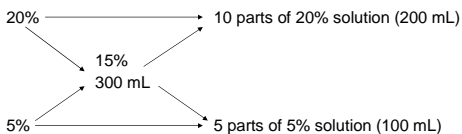
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15. What is the final concentration obtained by mixing 200 mL of 20% dextrose with 100 mL of 5% dextrose?

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c) 12.5%

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Two parts: solute and solvent – keep both totals in mind!  
Solvent = 200 mL + 100 mL = 300 mL  
Solute =  $x / 200 \text{ mL} = 20 \text{ gm} / 100 \text{ mL}$ ;  $x = 40 \text{ gm}$   
 $X / 100 \text{ mL} = 5 \text{ gm} / 100 \text{ mL}$ ;  $x = 5 \text{ gm}$   
Solute = 45 gm  
Therefore  $45 \text{ gm} / 300 \text{ mL} = x / 100 \text{ mL}$   
 $X = 15\%$

16. You receive a prescription for prednisone 10 mg tablets with the instructions "Take 20 mg po once daily x 3 days, 10 mg po once daily x 3 days, 5 mg po once daily x 3 days". Calculate the number of tablets to dispense to fulfill this prescription.

- a) 9
- b) 10
- c) 11**
- d) 12
- e) 13

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Step 1 = 2 tablets x 3 days = 6 tablets  
Step 2 = 1 tablet x 3 days = 3 tablets  
Step 3 =  $\frac{1}{2}$  tablet x 3 days = 2 tablets  
Total = 11 tablets

17. How many mL of a 3% solution can be made from 27 g of drug?

- a) 600 mL
- b) 700 mL
- c) 800 mL
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$27 \text{ gm} / x = 3 \text{ gm} / 100 \text{ mL}$

18. A nurse calls the pharmacy and asks for help determining how much heparin a patient is receiving. The patient weighs 78 kg and the heparin solution (25,000 units/500 mL D5W) is running at a rate of 22.4 mL/hr. How many units/kg/hr is the patient currently receiving?

- a) 13.2
- b) 14.3
- c) 15.4
- d) 16.7
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$25,000 \text{ units} / 500 \text{ mL} = 50 \text{ units} / \text{mL}$   
 $50 \text{ units} / \text{mL} \times 22.4 \text{ mL} / \text{hr} = 1120 \text{ units} / \text{hr}$   
 $1120 \text{ units} / 78 \text{ kg} = 14.3 \text{ units/kg/hr}$

19. An ICU medical order reads "KCl 40 mEq in 1 L NS. Infuse at 0.5 mEq/min." How many minutes will this bottle last on the patient?

- a) 20
- b) 80
- c) 500
- d) 1000
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$1000 \text{ mL} / 40 \text{ mEq} \times 0.5 \text{ mEq} / \text{min} = 12.5 \text{ mL/min}$   
 $1000 \text{ mL} / 12.5 \text{ mL} = 80 \text{ minutes}$

20. Using the formula below, how much zinc oxide would be required to make 750 g of the mixture?

- > Zinc oxide 150 g
- > Starch 250 g
- > Petrolatum 550 g
- > Coal tar 50 g
- a) 38 g
- b) 113 g**
- c) 188 g
- d) 200 g
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Total weight =  $150 + 250 + 550 + 50 = 1000 \text{ gm}$   
 $150 \text{ gm zinc} / 1000 \text{ gm total} = x / 750 \text{ gm total}$

21. What is the weight of 500 mL of a liquid whose specific gravity is 1.13?

- a) 442 mg
- b) 885 mg**
- c) 221 g
- d) 442 g
- e) 565 g

## Specific Gravity

➤ Ratio

- Weight of substance : Weight of standard substance
- Weight of 10 mL of sulfuric acid  
Weight of 10 mL of water
  - $18 \text{ gm} / 10 \text{ gm} = 1.8$

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$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Weight of 500 mL of liquid} \\ &\text{Weight of 500 mL of water} \\ &= X / 500 \text{ g} = 1.13 \\ &X = 565 \text{ g} \end{aligned}$$

22. What weight of hydrocortisone should be used to prepare 20 g of an ointment containing hydrocortisone at a concentration of 1:400?

- a) 5 mg
- b) 25 mg
- c) 50 mg
- d) 75 mg
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$$\begin{aligned} 1 / 400 &= x / 20 \text{ g} \\ X &= 0.05 \text{ g} = 50 \text{ mg} \end{aligned}$$

23. Convert 104°F to centigrade.

- a) 22°C
- b) 34°C
- c) 40°C
- d) 46°C
- e) 50°C

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$$C = [(104-32)/9] \times 5$$



24. A patient is to receive an infusion of 2 g of lidocaine in 500 mL D5W at a rate of 2 mg/min. What is the flow rate in milliliters per hour?

- a) 2
- b) 6.5
- c) 15
- d) 30
- e) 150

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$$\frac{500 \text{ mL}}{2 \text{ gm}} \times \frac{1 \text{ gm}}{1000 \text{ mg}} \times \frac{2 \text{ mg}}{1 \text{ min}} \times \frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hr}}$$

25. A prescription calls for tobramycin 0.3% with the directions "1 gtt OU TID". How many mg of tobramycin will be used per day? Assume that the dropper is calibrated to deliver 20 drops per mL.

- a) 9 mg
- b) 0.9 mg
- c) 0.009 mg
- d) 0.0009 mg
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$$\begin{aligned} 1 \text{ gtt OU TID} &= 6 \text{ gtt's per day} \\ 20 \text{ gtt} / 1 \text{ mL} &= 6 \text{ gtt} / x; x = 0.3 \text{ mL used per day} \\ 0.3 \text{ gm} / 100 \text{ mL} &= x / 0.3 \text{ mL} \\ X &= 0.0009 \text{ gm} = 0.9 \text{ mg} \end{aligned}$$

26. The infusion rate of theophylline established for an infant is 0.08 mg/kg/h. How many mg of theophylline are needed for a 12-hour infusion bottle if the infant weighs 16 lbs?

- a) 0.58 mg
- b) 7 mg
- c) 14 mg
- d) 30 mg
- e) 150 mg

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$$\begin{aligned} 16 \text{ lb} &= 7.3 \text{ kg} \\ 0.08 \times 7.3 &= 0.584 \text{ mg/hr} \\ 0.584 \text{ mg} \times 12 \text{ hours} &= 7 \text{ mg} \end{aligned}$$

27. There are 5.86 g of potassium chloride (KCl) in a 250 mL infusion bag. How many milliequivalents (mEq) of KCl are present (molecular weight KCl = 74.6)?

- a) 12.7
- b) 20
- c) 78.5
- d) 150
- e) 157

## Millequivalents

- The “combining power” of a substance relative to 1mg of hydrogen
- 1 mEq =
  - 1mg hydrogen
  - 20 mg calcium
  - 23 mg sodium
- mEq =  $\frac{\text{mg} \times \text{valence}}{\text{atomic, molecular, or formula weight}}$

Stoklosa MJ, Ansel HC. *Pharmaceutical Calculations*. 10<sup>th</sup> Ed. Media, PA: Williams & Wilkins; 1996.

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Molecular weight of KCl = 74.5  
 Equivalent weight of KCl = 74.5  
 1 mEq of KCl =  $\frac{1}{1000} \times 74.5 \text{ gm} = 0.0745 \text{ gm} = 74.5 \text{ mg}$   
 $5860 \text{ mg} / 74.5 \text{ mg} = 78.5 \text{ mEq}$

28. Propylene glycol was purchased at a cost of \$24.00 per pound. What is the cost of 100 mL of the liquid (specific gravity = 1.04)?

- a) \$2.60
- b) \$2.64
- c) \$2.75
- d) \$5.50
- e) \$13.00

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- d) \$5.50**
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$\frac{\text{Weight of 100 mL liquid}}{\text{Weight of 100 mL water (100 gm)}} = 1.04$   
 Weight of 100 mL liquid = 104 gm

$$104 \text{ gm} \times \frac{2.2 \text{ lb}}{1 \text{ kg}} \times \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{1000 \text{ gm}} \times \frac{\$24.00}{1 \text{ lb}} = \$5.50$$

29. A prescription calls for 1 lb. bacitracin ointment containing 200 Units of bacitracin per gram. How many grams of bacitracin ointment (500 Units/g) must be used to make this ointment?

- a) 182 g
- b) 200 g
- c) 227 g
- d) 362 g
- e) 400 g

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$$1 \text{ lb} \times \frac{1 \text{ kg}}{2.2 \text{ lb}} \times \frac{1000 \text{ gm}}{1 \text{ kg}} \times \frac{200 \text{ units}}{1 \text{ gm}} = 90,909 \text{ units}$$

$$90,909 \text{ units} / x = 500 \text{ units} / 1 \text{ gm}$$

$$X = 182 \text{ gm}$$

30. A total parenteral nutrition order requires 500 mL of D30W. How many mL of D50W should be used if D30W is not available?

- a) 125 mL
- b) 200 mL
- c) 300 mL
- d) 375 mL
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Need:

$$X / 500 \text{ mL} = 30 \text{ gm} / 100 \text{ mL}; x = 150 \text{ gm}$$

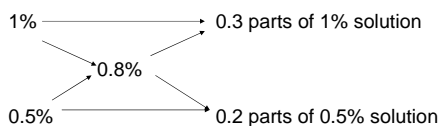
$$150 \text{ gm} / x = 50 \text{ gm} / 100 \text{ mL}; x = 300 \text{ mL}$$

31. How many grams of 1% hydrocortisone cream must be mixed with 0.5% hydrocortisone cream if the pharmacist wishes to prepare 60 g of a 0.8% w/w preparation?

- a) 6 g
- b) 12 g
- c) 24 g
- d) 36 g
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$$0.3 \text{ parts} / 0.5 \text{ parts total} = x / 60 \text{ gm}$$

$$X = 36 \text{ gm of } 1\% \text{ cream}$$

32. A solution is to be administered by IV infusion at a rate of 55 mL/hr. How many drops/minute should be infused if 1 mL = 20 drops?

- a) 15.4
- b) 16.5
- c) 17.8
- d) 18.3
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$$\frac{55 \text{ mL}}{1 \text{ hr}} \times \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}} \times \frac{20 \text{ drops}}{1 \text{ mL}} = 18.3 \text{ drops/min}$$

33. How many milligrams of sodium chloride are needed to adjust 30 mL of a 4% cocaine HCl solution to isotonicity. The freezing point depression of a 1% solution of cocaine HCl is 0.09°C.

- a) 62
- b) 83
- c) 108
- d) 120
- e) 270

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$$1\% / 0.09 = 4\% / x; x = 0.36^\circ\text{C}$$

Isotonic solutions have a reduction in freezing points to 0.52°C

$$0.52^\circ\text{C} - 0.36^\circ\text{C} = 0.16^\circ\text{C}$$

$$0.9\% \text{ NaCl} / 0.52^\circ\text{C} = x / 0.16^\circ\text{C}$$

$$X = 0.277\% \text{ NaCl}$$

$$X / 30 \text{ mL} = 0.277 \text{ gm} / 100 \text{ mL}$$

$$X = 0.083 \text{ gm} = 83 \text{ mg}$$

34. Estimate the milliosmolarity (mOsm/L) for normal saline (Na = 23, Cl = 35.5).

- a) 150 mOsm/L
- b) 300 mOsm/L
- c) 350 mOsm/L
- d) 400 mOsm/L
- e) 600 mOsm/L

## Osmolarity

- Measures osmotic concentration
- Nonelectrolytes (ex: dextrose)
  - 1 mmol = 1 mOsmol
- Electrolytes (ex: NaCl)
  - 1 mmol = 2 mOsmol (Na & Cl)

$$\frac{\text{Wt. of substance (g/L)}}{\text{m.w. (gm)}} \times \# \text{ of species} \times 1000 = \text{mOsmol/L}$$

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$$\frac{9 \text{ gm}}{(23 + 35.5)} \times 2 \times 1000 = \text{mOsmol/L}$$

35. How many mL of isopropyl rubbing alcohol (70% v/v) will be needed to prepare one pint of 50% isopropyl alcohol?

- a) 70
- b) 170
- c) 338
- d) 400
- e) 480

35. How many mL of isopropyl rubbing alcohol (70% v/v) will be needed to prepare one pint of 50% isopropyl alcohol?

- a) 70
- b) 170

**c) 338**

- d) 400
- e) 480

$$X / 473 \text{ mL} = 50 \text{ gm} / 100 \text{ mL}; X = 236.5 \text{ gm}$$
$$236.5 \text{ gm} / x = 70 \text{ gm} / 100 \text{ mL}; X = 338 \text{ mL}$$

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$$0.05 \text{ gm} / 500 \text{ mL} = x / 100 \text{ mL}$$
$$X = 0.01\%$$

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38. What is the percentage strength of the final solution if 250 mL of 1% lidocaine is diluted in 500 mL?

- a) 0.5%
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$$2.5 \text{ gm} / 500 \text{ mL} = x / 100 \text{ mL}; x = 0.5 \text{ gm}$$

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$$450 \text{ gm} / x \text{ mL} = 50 \text{ gm} / 100 \text{ mL}; X = 900 \text{ mL}$$
$$900 \text{ mL} - 500 \text{ mL} = 400 \text{ mL}$$

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$$5 \text{ gm} / 100 \text{ mL} = X / 200 \text{ mL}; X = 10 \text{ gm}$$
$$\text{mEq} = (10,000 \text{ mg} \times 1) / 74.6 \text{ mg} = 134 \text{ mEq}$$

41. How many mOsm/L of KCl are present in 1000 mL of a 5% solution?
- a) 13.42 mOsm/L
  - b) 134.2 mOsm/L
  - c) 342 mOsm/L
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$$5 \text{ gm} / 100 \text{ mL} = X / 1000 \text{ mL}; X = 50 \text{ gm}$$

$$\frac{50 \text{ gm}}{100 \text{ mL}} \times 2 \times 1000 = \text{mOsmol/L}$$

74.6

42. How many milligrams of sodium chloride are required to make the following prescription?
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  - Purified water qs 100 mL
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Sodium Chloride equivalent of cocaine = 0.16  
 900 mg of sodium chloride makes 100 mL isotonic  
 Need to account for sodium equivalents of cocaine  
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$$X = 571 \text{ mL}$$

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$$0.035 \text{ gm} = 35 \text{ mg} = 35,000 \text{ mcg}$$
$$35,000 \text{ mcg} / 50 \text{ mcg} = 700 \text{ doses}$$

45. How many milliliters of a liquid medicine would provide a patient with 2 tablespoonfuls twice a day for 5 days?

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$$60 \times 5 = 300 \text{ mL}$$

46. Calculate the rate for a child (Wt = 22 kg) receiving fentanyl (100mcg/2mL) 3mcg/kg/hr?

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$$22 \text{ kg} \times 3 \text{ mcg/kg/hr} = 66 \text{ mcg/hr}$$
$$66 \text{ mcg/hr} / 50 \text{ mcg/mL} = 1.3 \text{ mL / hr}$$



47. How many milligrams of mercury bichloride are needed to make 200 mL of a 1:500 w/v solution?

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$$X = 0.4 \text{ gm} = 400 \text{ mg}$$

48. How many grams of dextrose (molecular weight 180) would be needed to provide 120 mOsm?

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$$\frac{X \text{ gm}}{180} \times 1 \times 1000 = 120 \text{ mOsm/L}$$

49. How many liters of a 2.5% w/v solution can be prepared using 42.5 g of solute?

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$$2.5 \text{ gm} / 100 \text{ mL} = 42.5 \text{ gm} / X$$
$$X = 1.7 \text{ L}$$

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$$34'' = 86.36 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{BSA} = \sqrt{[(86.36 \times 12)/3600]} = 0.54 \text{ m}^2$$

$$0.54 \text{ m}^2 \times 150 = 81 \text{ mg / day} = 40 \text{ mg BID}$$

51. A patient is to receive 2000 mL of a solution by intravenous infusion over a period of 24 hours. What rate or infusion (drops/minute) should be utilized if 1 mL = 20 drops?

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$$\frac{2000 \text{ mL}}{24 \text{ hrs}} \times \frac{1 \text{ hr}}{60 \text{ min}} \times \frac{20 \text{ drops}}{1 \text{ mL}} = \frac{28 \text{ drops}}{\text{min}}$$

52. A prescription calls for 24 mmol of potassium chloride. How many grams of KCl are required (molecular weight KCl = 74.6)?

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$$1 \text{ mole} = 74.6 \text{ gm}$$

$$1 \text{ mmol} = 0.0746 \text{ gm}$$

$$0.0746 \text{ gm} / 1 \text{ mmol} = X / 24 \text{ mmol}$$

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$$500 \text{ gm} / x \text{ mL} = 70 \text{ gm} / 100 \text{ mL}; X = 714 \text{ mL}$$

54. A pharmacist combines 140 mL of a 0.9% sodium chloride solution with 250 mL of a 3.4% sodium chloride solution. Calculate the percentage strength of the final mixture.

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$$3.4 \text{ gm} / 100 \text{ mL} = X / 250 \text{ mL}; X = 8.75 \text{ gm}$$
$$8.75 \text{ gm} + 1.26 \text{ gm} = 10.01 \text{ gm}$$
$$140 \text{ mL} + 250 \text{ mL} = 390 \text{ mL}$$
$$10.01 \text{ gm} / 390 \text{ mL} = X / 100 \text{ mL}$$
$$X = 2.5\%$$

55. If city water contains 2.5 ppm of NaF, calculate the number of milliequivalents of fluoride ingested by a person who drinks 1.5 L of water (molecular weight of NaF = 42).

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$$2.5 \text{ parts} / 1,000,000 = X / 100; X = 0.00025\%$$
$$0.00025 \text{ gm} / 100 \text{ mL} = X / 1500 \text{ mL}; X = 0.00375 \text{ gm}$$
$$1 \text{ mEq} = 42 \text{ mg}$$
$$1 \text{ mEq} / 42 \text{ mg} = X / 3.75 \text{ mg}; X = 0.089 \text{ mEq}$$

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