carboxylic acid in vivo; rodents were unable to form the hydroxymethyl product. The metabolism of some drugs yielded multiple products. A good example is  $17\alpha$ -ethynylestradiol, which is converted to about eight different metabolites, varying markedly in relative amounts in rat and dog (beagle). One product, d-homoestrone, was formed by dog, but not by rat, liver microsomes.

Studies of drug interactions continue to yield important information. Drugs like ephedrine were shown to speed the rate of blood clearance of other drugs like dexamethasone, possibly by altering its rate of biotransformation. Other drugs have similar effects but may act, like phenobarbital, by altering hepatic blood flow. Phenobarbital was reported to increase hepatic blood flow up to 30 percent, thereby increasing hepatic drug clearance and altering body distribution and metabolism of almost any drug present in the patient's blood.

The importance of knowing all drug metabolites and their biological significance was stressed by many studies. Overdoses of glutethimide, for example, caused toxic manifestations that did not correlate well with the concentrations of glutethimide in the plasma. Upon examination, it was found that a hydroxy metabolite is formed, with a potency twice that of the parent drug. It can reach much higher concentrations than those of glutethimide when large doses are administered, thereby causing toxic manifestations. However, when normal doses are given, the concentrations of the metabolite are very low.

The objective of clinical pharmacology and toxicology is better patient care. Research efforts in this area are directed toward improving the safety of drugs by recognizing and eliminating the causes of undesirable drug effects. In addition, biochemical studies of pathways of drug metabolism have generated ingenious new treatments for previously untreatable diseases.

Immunoglobulin D antibodies to penicillin may be important mediators of nonanaphylactoid but serious reactions to penicillin, such as exfoliative dermatitis, serum sickness, and the potentially fatal Stevens-Johnson syndrome, according to J. R. Caldwell (University of Florida).

Hematologic toxicity has severely limited the use of chloramphenicol, an otherwise effective antibiotic. Adel A.

Yunis (University of Miami) and his colleagues have studied the reversible and irreversible effects of this drug on bone marrow cultures. Chloramphenicol and its sulfur-containing analog exert a dose-related but reversible suppression of bone marrow cells by inhibiting synthesis of mitochondrial proteins. An irreversible suppression of mitochondrial protein synthesis in bone marrow cells is thought to be caused by an alteration of DNA synthesis in genetically predisposed patients that is caused by the para-nitro group of chloramphenicol.

Treatment for the porphyrias in man has been lacking. T. R. Tephly (University of Iowa) and his colleagues reported results of research that may lead to the prevention of serious and painful attacks of this disease. Metabolic studies have indicated that all porphyrias are associated with a derangement of the heme biosynthetic pathway. This results in an accumulation of various intermediates instead of the end product, which should be hemoprotein. Using sodium benzoate and para-aminobenzoic acid, Tephly and his associates diverted glycine away from heme biosynthesis to hippurate synthesis. The clinical and biochemical manifestations of porphyria in animals were thus ameliorated. Both sodium benzoate and para-aminobenzoic acid have been safely used in humans for other disorders. Based on a firm biochemical foundation, this clever and apparently safe pharmacologic method of control of porphyria may soon be used to treat humans.

This was a unique symposium in that all of the research was supported by grants from the Pharmacology-Toxicology Program of the National Institute of General Medical Sciences.

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#### Forthcoming Events

#### April

22-25. American Acad. of **Pediatrics**, Bal Harbour, Fla. (R. G. Frazier, 1801 Hinman Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60204)

22-26. Conference on Anomalous Scattering, Intern. Union of Crystallography and Commission on Crystallographic Apparatus, Madrid, Spain. (S. C. Abrahams, Bell Labs., Murray Hill, N.J. 07974)

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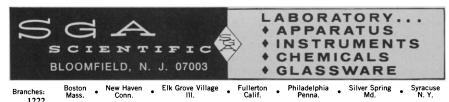


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23-27. Arizona Medical Assn., Scottsdale. (B. E. Robinson, AMA, 810 W. Bethany Home Rd., Phoenix 85013)

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24-26. North Carolina Acad. of Science, Boone. (J. A. Yarbrough, Dept. of Biology, Meredith College, Raleigh, N.C. 27602)

24-27. American Assoc. for the Advancement of Science, Southwestern and Rocky Mountain Div., Laramie, Wyo. (M. P. Dunford, P.O. Box 3AF, Las Cruces, N.M. 88003)

24-27. Biological Rhythms in the Marine Environment Symp., Georgetown, S.C. (P. J. DeCoursey, Baruch Inst., Univ. of South Carolina, Columbia 29208)

25-26. American Broncho-Esophagological Assoc., Palm Beach, Fla. (W. H. Maloney, ABEA, 2065 Adelbert Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44106)

25-27. Ohio Acad. of Science, Wooster. (J. H. Melvin, OAS, 445 King Ave., Columbus 43201)

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25-29. Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, Dallas, Tex. (R. D. Reinecke, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Albany Medical College, Albany, N.Y. 12208)

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28-1. Association of American Geographers, Seattle, Wash. (J. W. Nystrom, AAG, 1710 16th St., NW. Washington, D.C. 20009)

28-1. Institute of **Environmental Sciences**, 20th annual, Washington, D.C. (B. L. Peterson, IES, 940 E. Northwest Highway, Mount Prospect, Ill. 60056)

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28-2. American Ceramic Soc., 76th annual, Chicago, Ill. (F. P. Reid, ACS, Inc., 65 Ceramic Dr., Columbus, Ohio 43214)

28-2. Diesel and Gas Engine Power Conf., American Soc. of Mechanical Engineers, Houston, Tex. (M. Churchill, ASME, 345 E. 47 St., New York 10017)

28-2. American Oil Chemists' Soc., Mexico City, Mexico. (J. C. Lyon, AOCS, 508 S. 6 St., Champaign, Ill. 61820)

28-3. Society of Photographic Science and Engineering, 27th annual, Boston, Mass. (R. A. Eynard, SPSE, P.O. Box 2001, Teterboro, N.J. 07608)

29-30. Ambulatory Pediatric Assoc., Washington, D.C. (E. Hillman, Montreal Children's Hospital, 2300 Tupper St., Montreal 108, Canada)

29-1. Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers and Intern. Soc. for Hybrid Microelectronics, Orlando, Fla. (C. E. Jones, Mail Joint 47, Martin Marietta Corp., P.O. Box 5837, Orlando 32805)

29-1. American **Power** Conf., American Soc. of Mechanical Engineers, Chicago, Ill. (M. Churchill, ASME, 345 E. 47 St., New York 10017)

29-2. American College of **Obstetricians** and **Gynecologists**, Las Vegas, Nev. (M. Newton, 1 E. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill., 60601)

29-2. Physical Organic Chemistry, 2nd Conf., Intern. Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, Noordwijkerhout, Netherlands. (Th. J. de Boer, Lab. for Organic Chemistry, Nieuwe Achtergracht 129, Amsterdam, Netherlands)

29-3. Society of Manufacturing Engineers. Philadelphia, Pa. (R. W. Taylor, SME, 20501 Ford Rd., Dearborn, Mich. 48128)

29-3. American Assoc. of Workers for Children, 8th congr., Intern. Assoc. of Workers for Maladjusted Children, Fribourg, Switzerland. (S. B. Ross, Jr., AAWC, 26 E. 31 St., New York 10016)

30. American Assoc. of Scientific Workers, New York, N.Y. (I. Goodman, College of Physicians & Surgeons, Columbia Univ., 630 W. 168 St., New York 10032)

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#### May

1-3. Conference on Metal Powders and Metal Powder Products, Committee B-9, American Soc. for Testing and Materials, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (J. McFadden, Meetings Dept., ASTM, 1916 Race St., Philadelphia, Pa. 19103)

1-3. American **Surgical** Assoc., Colorado Springs, Colo. (G. T. Shires, ASA, 5323 Harry Hines Blvd., Dallas, Tex. 75235)

1-3. International Conf. on Transport of Persistent Chemicals in Aquatic Ecosystems, Natl. Research Council of Canada, Ottawa. (M. K. Ward, Natl. Research Council of Canada, Ottawa K1A OR6)

1-4. International Symp. on Flammability and Fire Retardants, Cornwall, Ont., Canada. (V. M. Bhatnagar, 209 Dover Rd.. Cornwall, Ont.)

1-6. American Psychoanalytic Assoc., Detroit, Mich. (M. A. Berezin, 90 Forest Ave., West Newton, Mass. 02165)

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3-4. American College of Clinical Pharmacology, Atlantic City, N.J. (W. D. Sharpe, ACCP, 100 Bergen St., Newark, N.J. 07103)

3-4. Drug-Induced Carcinogenesis Symp., American College of Clinical Pharmacology, Atlantic City, N.J. (ACCP, 2 E. 103 St., New York 10029)

3-4. Minnesota Acad. of Science, St. Paul. (M. I. Harrigan, MAS, 3100 38th Ave., S, Minneapolis 55406)

3-4. Southern California Acad. of Sciences, Fullerton. (S. L. Warter, Dept. of Biology, California State Univ., Long Beach 90840)

3-5. American Soc. of Internal Medicine, San Francisco, Calif. (W. R. Ramsey, ASIM, 525 Hearst Bldg., 3rd at Market, San Francisco 94103)

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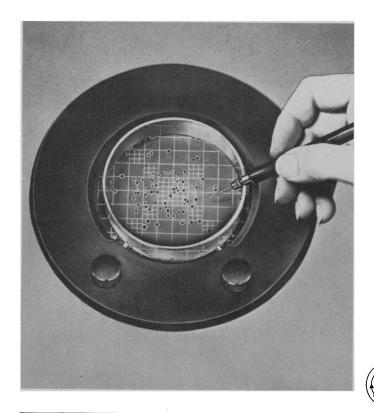
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