

Unit 1: General Pharmacology

Development and Scope, branches of pharmacology, Terminology, Sources and nature of drugs. Pharmacopoeia and drug compendia. Drug Schedules. Factor modifying drug activity. Concepts of pharmacogenetics, pharmacogenomics Gene based therapy, overview of indigenous medicinal plants its active principles in therapeutic use. Pharmacodynamics: Drug structure activity relationship. Drug receptor interaction. Role of secondary messengers. Drug modulation via different types of channels. Characterisation of agonist, antagonists. Pharmacokinetics: Principles, Drug absorption, distribution, metabolism and excretion. Factors modifying drug kinetics. Kinetic constants. Different models, determination of kinetic parameters and application in rational dosage regimen. Pharmacometrics: Drug discovery and development process. Multidimensional screening methods, bioassays. Determination of median doses – LD₅₀, ED₅₀, therapeutic indices. Types of dose response relationship.

Unit 2: Drugs Acting on Central Nervous System

Role of neurotransmitters in CNS. Sedatives, Hypnotics, General anaesthetics, Hypotheses and clinical stages of anaesthesia. Pre- and post-anesthetics, Molecular mechanism of action of inhalant and parenteral anesthetics. Anticonvulsants. Tranquilizers. Narcotic and non-narcotic analgesics and antipyretics. Drugs affecting behaviour. Drug dependence and addiction and abuses. CNS stimulants. Muscle relaxants. Local anaesthetics.

Unit 3: Drugs Acting on Humoral and Autonomic Nervous Systems

Neurohumoral transmission. Adrenergic and antiadrenergic drugs including adrenergic neuron blockers. Cholinergic and anticholinergic drugs. Purinergic and Adenosine receptors. Dopaminergic and antidopaminergic agents. Nitric oxide mediators. Neuromuscular and ganglion stimulants and ganglion blockers.

Unit 4: Drugs Acting on Cardio-vascular and Respiratory Systems

Drugs acting on heart and blood vessels. Antihypertensive and anti-arrhythmic agents. Blood coagulants and anticoagulants. Haematinics. Haemorrhagic shock and its treatment. Expectorants, antitussives. Cough sedatives. Bronchodilators. Mucolytic agents. Analeptics.

Unit 5: Drugs Acting on Digestive System

Stomachics. Antacids. Carminatives and antizymotics. Emetics and antemetics. Cathartics. Antidiarrhoeal agents. Antispasmodics. Pharmacology of rumen and rumenotonic drugs. Drugs acting on hepatobiliary system.

Unit 6: Drug acting on Urogenital System

General principles of electrolyte therapy. Drugs altering fluid balance. Diuretics and antidiuretics. Drugs acting on uterus (oxytocics and tocolytics). Therapy of infertility and improving conception and synchronization of oestrus.

Unit 7: Endocrine Pharmacology

Mode of action and synthesis of pituitary hormones. Therapeutics of non-pituitary gonadotropin, adrenocorticoids, sex hormones, insulin, thyroid hormones, antithyroid agents, calcitonin, parathormone.

Unit 8: Autacoids

Pharmacological effects and therapeutics of histamine, antihistaminic agents, 5-HT its antagonists, prostaglandins and leukotrienes, peptides and kinins, rennin and angiotensins. Platelet activators. Anti-inflammatory drugs.

Unit 9: Chemotherapy

General principles. Classification of antibiotics based on chemistry, mechanism of action, etc., Drug allergy, hypersensitivity, mechanism of resistance development. Veterinary drug residues and its impacts. Extra label usage of antibiotics. Withdrawal period for antibiotics. Antiseptics and Disinfectants. Antibiotics: beta lactams (Penicillin, cephalosporins, etc.) protein synthesis inhibitors (aminoglycosides, tetracyclines, chloramphenicol and macrolide/lincosamides, Quinolones, nitrofurans, polypeptide and other miscellaneous and emerging antibiotics. Sulphonamides, thrimethoprim and derivatives. Antifungal, antitubercular, antiviral and antineoplastic drugs. Anthelminthic: Antinematodal, anticestodal, antitreumatodal drugs. Antiprotozoans, Anticoccidials. Drugs used for ectoparasite control.

Unit 10: Toxicology

Terminology. Classification of poisons. Toxicity rating. Principles of selective toxicity. Toxicodynamics. Toxicokinetics. Diagnosis and treatment of poisoning (anti-dotal and non-antidotal). Mechanism of detoxification. Poisons causing respiratory insufficiency. Toxicology of common inorganic compounds. Toxicity of metals, nonmetals and metalloids. Poisonous plant-cyanogenic, nitrate and oxalate producers. Mycotoxins : aflatoxin, rubratoxin, ergot. Toxic ferns. Venoms from snakes, scorpions, toads, etc. and treatment.

Unit 11: Ecotoxicology

Toxicity of pesticides, fungicides, weedicides, fertilizers on biosphere. Chemical warfare agents and radiation hazards. Toxicity from food additives, preservatives. Statutory regulation on agrochemical formulation and their uses. Recent advances in evaluation of cytotoxicity, immunotoxicity, teratogenicity, mutagenicity, embryotoxicity.

Unit 12: Miscellaneous Topics

Drugs promoting growth and production. Agents used for doping and restraining of wild animals. Euthanising agents. Drug control and regulation.

28. ANIMAL REPRODUCTION, GYNAECOLOGY & OBSTETRICS

Unit 1: Veterinary Gynaecology

Biology of sex. Development of female genitalia. Functional anatomy of female reproductive system of farm animals. Growth, puberty and sexual maturity. Reproductive cycles (oestrous cycle) in female farm animals. Oogenesis and folliculogenesis. Follicular dynamics and ovulation. Transport and survival of gametes, fertilization, cleavage, implantation and maternal recognition of pregnancy. Sex determination and differentiation, Development of foetus and foetal membranes. Period of embryo and period of fetus, Teratology of fetus, Placenta classification and functions. Gestation and pregnancy diagnosis in farm animals.

Unit 2 : Reproductive Endocrinology

Reproductive hormones, classification, synthesis, chemical composition and mechanism of action. Hypothalamus, pituitary, thyroid, gonadotropic, gonadal, placental and pineal gland hormones. Prostaglandins, pheromones, growth factors and hormone antagonists and their significance in animal reproduction. Hormonal assays. Hormonal regulation of male and female reproduction. Clinical uses of hormones.

Unit 3 : Accidents during Gestation

Pregnancy, Pseudocyesis, Ectopic pregnancy, Abnormalities of fertilization and foetal development, Superfecundation and superfetation. Abortion – bacterial, viral, mycotic, protozoal, physical, toxic and miscellaneous causes, diagnosis and prevention, Dropsy of foetal membrane and foetus, Maceration, mummification, Pyometra, Antepartum vagino-cervical prolapse, Uterine torsion and displacement of uterus. Retained fetal membranes.

Unit 4 : Veterinary Obstetrics

Pelvis and pelvimetry. Parturition – Signs approaching parturition, initiation and stages of parturition, induction of parturition and postpartum period. Presentation, position and posture. Causes and forms of dystocia and its treatment. Epidural anaesthesia. Obstetrical maneuvers including fetotomy and Caesarean section. Post-partum complications in domestic animals, retention of placenta, uterine prolapse, endometritis, metritis, septic metritis. Post parturient metabolic disorders.

Unit 5 : Andrology

Comparative anatomy of male reproductive system. Thermoregulation of testis and blood testis barrier, Growth, puberty and sexual maturity. Spermatogenesis including cycle of seminiferous epithelium and spermatogenic wave. Sperm morphology and ultra-structure of spermatozoa, sperm transport, maturation and storage in male genital tract, Secretions of male reproductive tract including accessory glands and their role in reproduction, Sexual/mating behaviour. Training of young bulls for semen collection, Semen and its composition, biochemistry of semen and

sperm metabolism, sperm abnormalities and its classification, sperm separation and spermatozoa karyotyping. Breeding soundness evaluation of bulls, testicular cytogram, routine semen analysis, advances in semen analysis techniques including fluorescent dyes.

Unit 6 : Male Infertility

Fertility, infertility and sterility in male domestic animals. Causes and forms of male infertility. Testicular hypoplasia, cryptorchid, testicular degeneration, orchitis, affections of epididymis, vas deference, penis, prepuce and accessory glands & their management, tumors of the male reproductive tract, nutritional infertility, Vices in the males. Libido problem and its management, fertility markers. Evaluation of male for breeding soundness, reproductive health status. Effect of parental drugs and vaccines on semen quality.

Unit 7 : Frozen Semen Technology and Artificial Insemination

History and development of artificial insemination. Advantages and disadvantages of AI and frozen semen, selection of bulls for AI purpose. Management of breeding bulls, methods of semen collection in different domestic animals, semen evaluation including latest techniques for evaluation of motility and fertilization. Ideal extenders, extenders for liquid semen. Preservation of semen at various temperatures. Processing and preservation of liquid semen. Extenders for frozen semen, principles and techniques of semen freezing. Cold shock and ultra-low temperature shock. Cryoprotectants. Semen additives. Evaluation of frozen semen. Transport and storage semen. Handling of frozen semen, Liquid nitrogen and its containers. Insemination techniques. Estrus and estrus detection tools, Planning and organization of semen bank.

Unit 8 : Reproductive Technology

Synchronization of oestrous cycle in domestic animals, control of ovulation. Embryo transfer technology – History, advantages and disadvantages, superovulation, collection, evaluation, preservation and transfer of oocytes / embryos. History of in vitro maturation and fertilization. Recovery of oocytes in vitro and in vivo, maturation, fertilization, culture, evaluation, preservation and transfer of oocytes / embryos. Micromanipulation of embryos. Embryo splitting and cloning. Stem cells and production of transgenic animals. Sex determination and gene insertion. Establishment of laboratory for ETT, IVM, IVF and IVC. Use of Ultrasonography, laparoscopy and ovum-pick technology in farm animals.

Unit 9 : Infertility in Cows and Buffaloes

Fertility, infertility and sterility. Fertility indices, Evaluation of herd fertility. Incidence and economic role of infertility, forms of infertility, congenital and hereditary defects, infectious diseases. Pathological conditions of ovary, oviduct, uterus, cervix and vulva. Management causes of infertility. Hormonal causes of infertility, anestrus, repeat breeding, cystic ovarian degeneration, sexual health control and reproductive health programmes. Breeding soundness examination of cows and buffaloes.

Unit 10 : Reproduction and Infertility in Ovine/Caprine

Puberty, sexual maturity, breeding season, oestrous cycle, Breeding and conception, gestation, parturition, periparturient and obstetrical complications. Synchronization of oestrous cycle. Embryo transfer. Causes of infertility and their management.

Unit 11 : Reproduction and Infertility in Swine

Oestrous cycle, synchronization of oestrous cycle, Hormonal control of reproduction. Various forms of infertility in swine and their management. Various obstetrical problems and their management.

Unit 12 : Equine Reproduction

Physiology and pathology of equine reproduction. Research techniques and methodology for the study of equine reproduction. Equine andrology. Reproductive behaviour and management of stallion. Semen collection, examination and artificial insemination. Pregnant mare behaviour. Application of modern reproductive techniques in equine reproduction. Equine infertility.

Unit 13 : Canine and Feline Reproduction

Functional anatomy of dog and cat reproductive system, oestrous cycle and endocrinology of oestrous cycle and detection of optimum breeding time. Exfoliative vaginal cytology. Methods of pregnancy diagnosis, contraception. Medical termination of pregnancy. Infertility in bitches, disorders of oestrous cycle, pseudopregnancy, pyometra, cystic endometrial hyperplasia, tumors of reproductive tract. Difficult whelping – types and methods of handling dystocia. Caesarean section. Ovarian hysterectomy. Peri-parturient complications. Semen collection, evaluation, techniques of artificial insemination, infertility in male including testicular tumors – cryptorchid, affections of prostate.