

Pharmaceutical Calculations

PHT 210

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Syllabus

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Reference:

- Pharmaceutical Calculations 13th and 14th editions. Howard C. Ansel

Electrolytes

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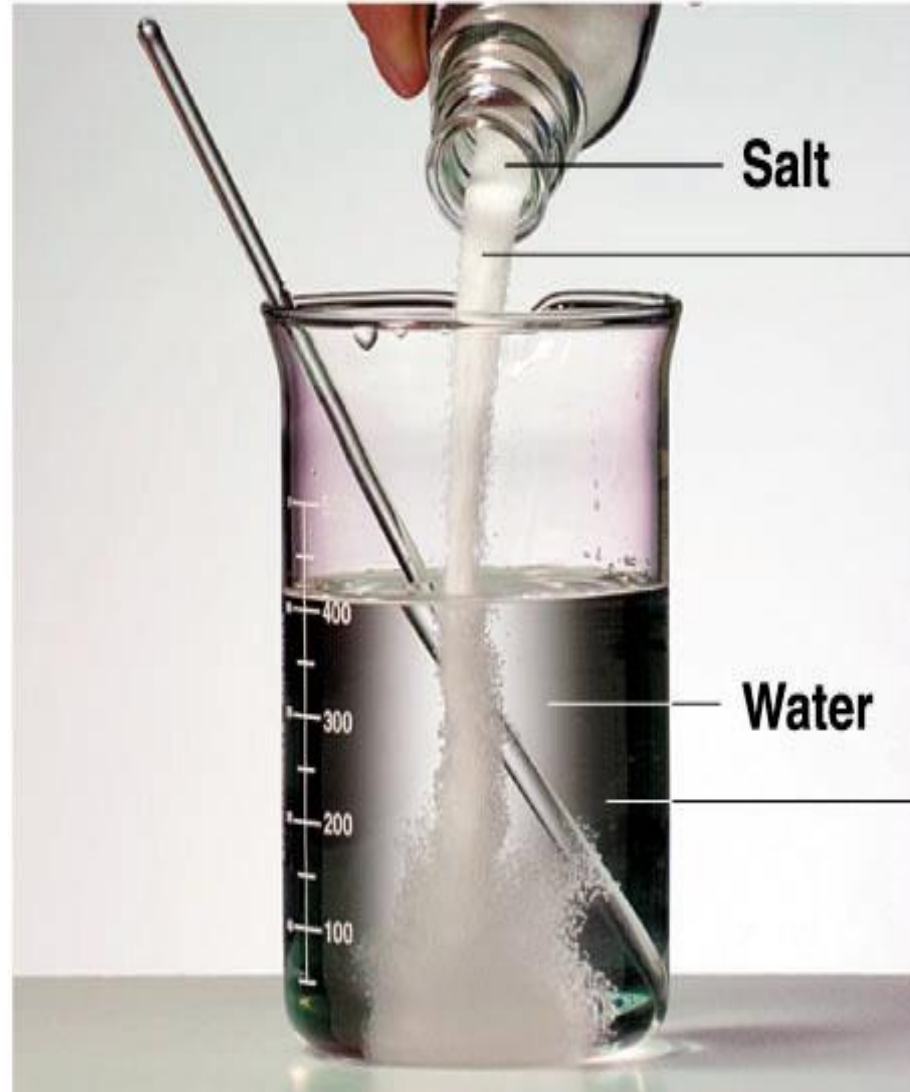
Introduction

- Mixtures:
 - Two or more different substances that are mixed with each other.
 - Can be either heterogeneous or homogenous.



Solutions:

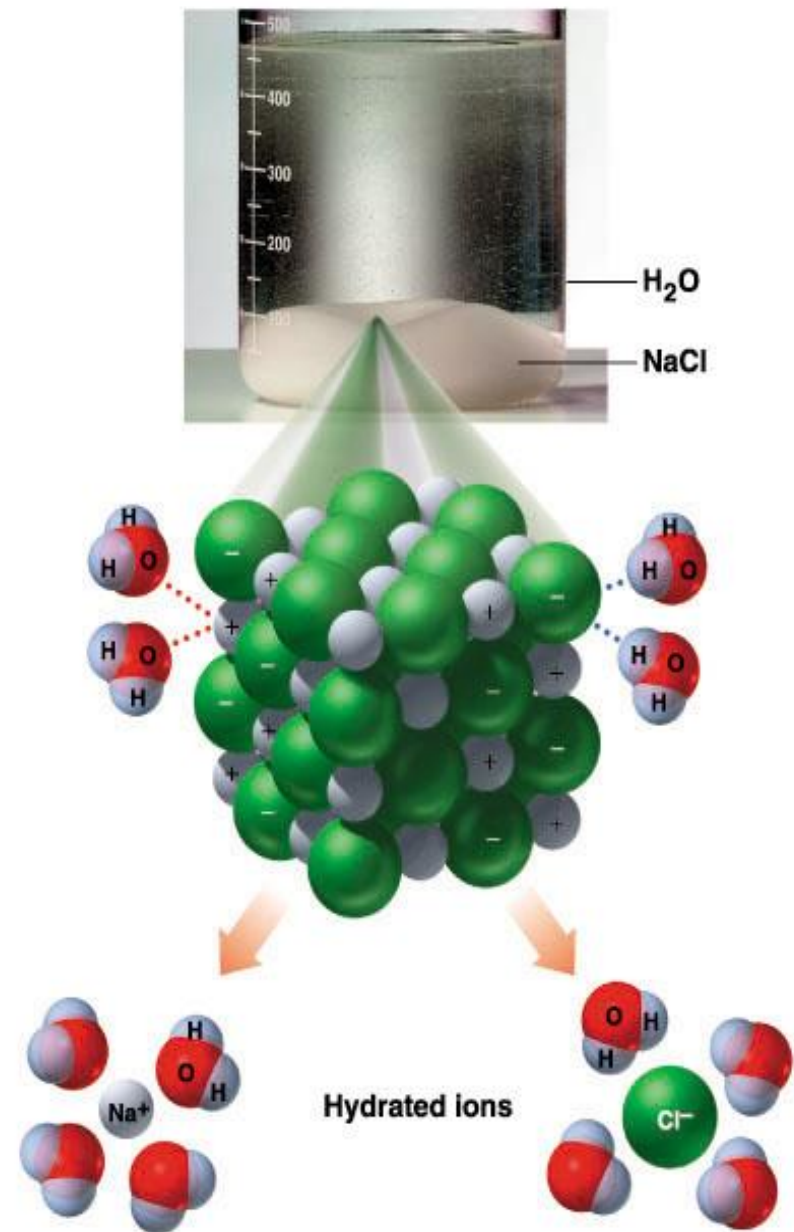
- Homogenous mixtures composed of **solute** and **solvent**.
- Solute: a substance that gets dissolved.
- Solvent: a substance that do the dissolving.
- Water is the most common solvent in nature



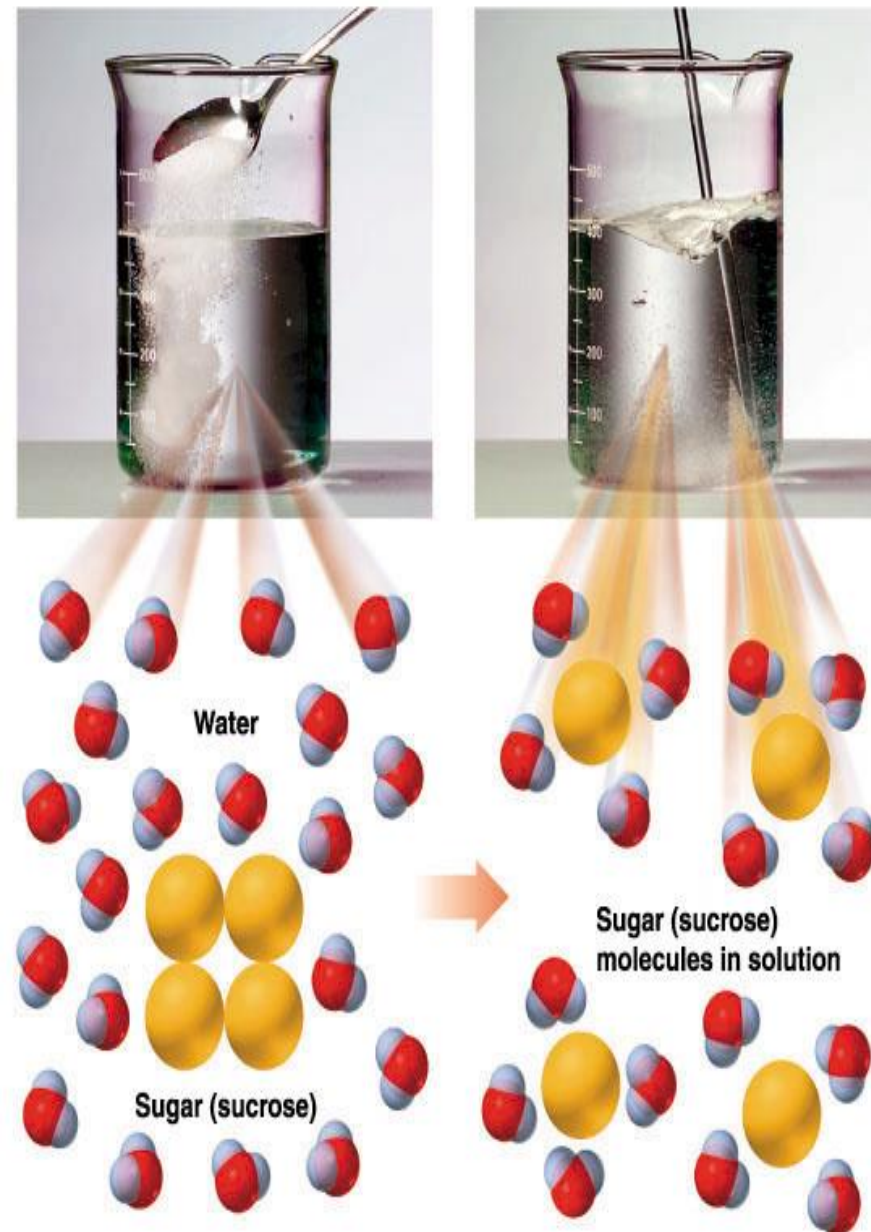
Solute: The substance present in lesser amount

Solvent: The substance present in greater amount

- Depending on the **chemistry** of the solute, substances can dissolve in water forming either electrolytes and non electrolytes.
- Electrolytes:
 - Substances that dissociate partly or completely in water yielding ions.
 - A solution that has ions can conduct electricity.
- Non Electrolytes:
 - Substances that dissolve in water without dissociating, rather they remain as molecules. (no ions, no conductivity)



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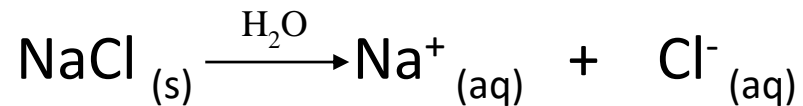
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Electrolytes:

- Dissociate into ions, either +ve (cathode) or –ve (anode).
- Depending on the degree of dissociation, they can be either:

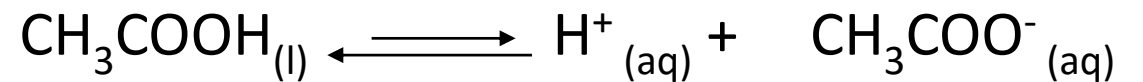
1- Strong electrolytes:

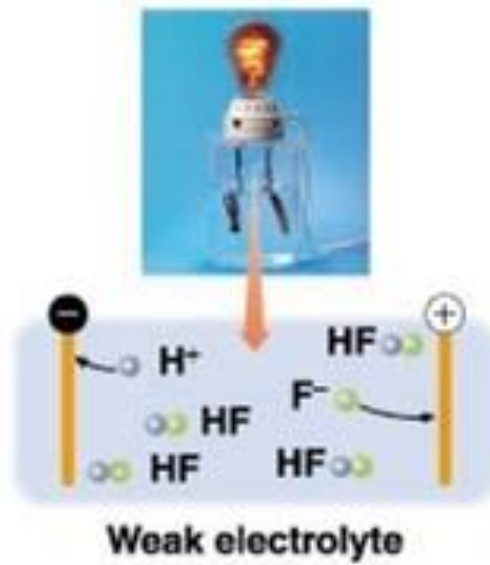
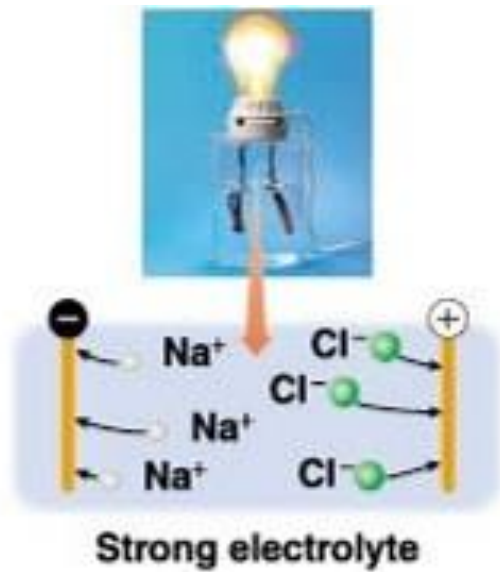
- Completely ionized in water.
- Strong conductor.
- Example:



2- weak electrolytes:

- Partly ionized in water
- Weak conductor.
- Example:





In our bodies..

- Cations present include: Na^+ , K^+ , Ca^{++} and Mg^{++} and the anions Cl^- , HCO_3^- , HPO_4^{--} and SO_4^{--} .
- These electrolytes play important role in maintaining acid-base balance in the body.
- In addition, they control body water volume and regulate body metabolism.

As a dosage forms:

- Pharmaceutical dosage forms containing electrolytes are used to treat electrolyte disturbance of body fluids in the form of I.V infusion, tablets, capsules, oral rehydrating solution (ORS) .



Electrolyte concentration can be expressed as:

- Percent solutions (w%) (w/v)
- Millimoles (mmol) and Micromoles (μmol)
- Milliequivalents (mEq)
- Milliosmoles (mOsmol)

1- Percent solutions

- Ratio of solute to solvent expressed as percentage (w%)
= weight in **GRAMS**/ 100 ml volume of a solution (w/v)
- Commonly seen in IV bags and medical solutions.
- Example
 - 5% Dextrose → 5 g dextrose in 100 ml solution



2- Millimoles and Micromoles

- Mole = $\frac{\text{weight (g)}}{MW}$
- Millimoles = 10^{-3} of a mole
- Micromoles = 10^{-6} of a mole

Table 1 SUMMARY OF MAIN LABORATORY STUDIES UPON ADMISSION			
Laboratory parameters	Results	Unit	Reference range
Admission serum urea	47	mg/dL	10 – 50
Admission serum creatinine	2.64	mg/dL	0.9 – 1.3
Total serum calcium	13.6	mg/dL	8.4 – 11.0
Ionized calcium	1.99	mmol/L	1.10 – 1.30
PTH	< 3	pg/mL	12.0 – 72.0
Serum alkaline phosphatase	78	u/L	27 – 100
25 (OH) vitamin D	150	ng/mL	30 – 60
1,25 (OH) ₂ vitamin D	26.8	pg/mL	18.0 – 78.0
24-hour urinary calcium	429.7	mg/24 h	< 200 mg/24 h
Serum pH	7.38	NA	7.35 – 7.45
Serum bicarbonate	28.7	mmol/L	22.0 – 26.0
Spot urinary sodium	19	mmol/L	NA
Serum phosphorus	4.52	mg/dL	2.50 – 4.50
Serum sodium	136	mmol/L	135 – 148
Serum potassium	4.4	mmol/L	3.6 – 5.0
Serum uric acid	10.5	mg/dL	2.5 – 7.0
Serum CPK	90	u/L	24 – 195
AST	77	u/L	11 – 39
ALT	47	u/L	11 – 41
Serum albumin	3.6	g/dL	3.5 – 5.0
White blood cell count	13350	cells/mm ³	4000 – 10000
Hemoglobin	15.2	g/dL	13.0 – 16.5
Platelet count	230,000	cells/mm ³	130,000 – 370,000

Note: Conversion factors for units: urea in mg/dL to blood urea nitrogen in mg/dL, ÷ 2.2; vitamin D in ng/mL to nmol/L, x 2.5; NA: not applicable.

3- Milliequivalents

- It is concerned with the total number of ions in a solution (related to valency).
- It is a measurement of the chemical activity of an electrolyte.

$$\text{mEq} = \frac{mg}{\text{equivalent weight}}$$

- Equivalent weight:
 - The amount of a substance that will either:
 - supply or react with one mole of hydrogen ions (H⁺) in an acid-base reaction; or
 - supply or react with one mole of electrons in a redox reaction.

$$\text{Equivalent weight} = \frac{\text{atomic, molecular, or formula weight}}{\text{valence}}$$

Therefore,

$$\text{mEq} = \frac{\text{mg} \times \text{valence}}{\text{atomic, molecular, or formula weight}}$$

And

$$\text{mg} = \frac{\text{mEq} \times \text{atomic, molecular, or formula weight}}{\text{valence}}$$

- You can always represent mEq and mg as mEq/ml and mg/ml

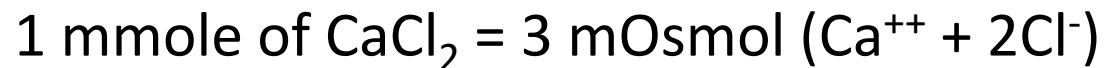
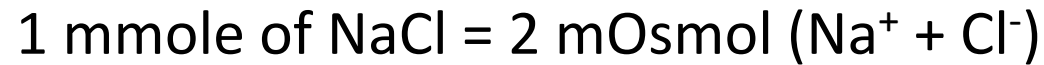
TABLE 12.3 VALUES FOR SOME IMPORTANT IONS

ION	FORMULA	VALENCE	ATOMIC OR FORMULA WEIGHT	EQUIVALENT WEIGHT ^a
Aluminum	Al ⁺⁺⁺	3	27	9
Ammonium	NH ₄ ⁺	1	18	18
Calcium	Ca ⁺⁺	2	40	20
Ferric	Fe ⁺⁺⁺	3	56	18.7
Ferrous	Fe ⁺⁺	2	56	28
Lithium	Li ⁺	1	7	7
Magnesium	Mg ⁺⁺	2	24	12
Potassium	K ⁺	1	39	39
Sodium	Na ⁺	1	23	23
Acetate	C ₂ H ₃ O ₂ ⁻	1	59	59
Bicarbonate	HCO ₃ ⁻	1	61	61
Carbonate	CO ₃ ⁻⁻	2	60	30
Chloride	Cl ⁻	1	35.5	35.5
Citrate	C ₆ H ₅ O ₇ ⁻⁻	3	189	63
Gluconate	C ₆ H ₁₁ O ₇ ⁻	1	195	195
Lactate	C ₃ H ₅ O ₃ ⁻	1	89	89
Phosphate	H ₂ PO ₄ ⁻	1	97	97
	HPO ₄ ⁻⁻	2	96	48
Sulfate	SO ₄ ⁻⁻	2	96	48

^a Equivalent weight = $\frac{\text{Atomic or formula weight}}{\text{Valence}}$

4- Osmolarity

- Takes into account the number of particles of solute in the solution.
- The unit of osmotic concentration is the milliosmole (mOsmol).
- For electrolytes (as NaCl) in which dissociation occurs:



- N.B.: For any atom in solution, No. of species= 1

$$mOsmol = \frac{\text{weight (g)}}{MW} \times \text{number of species} \times 1000$$

$$= \text{moles} \times \text{number of species} \times 1000$$

Can be represented as mOsmol/L and gram/L

$$mOsmol/L = \frac{\text{weight } (\frac{g}{L})}{MW} \times \text{number of species} \times 1000$$

- For non-electrolytes (as dextrose) in which no dissociation occurs, *mmole = mOsmol*.

Percent solutions:

$$= \frac{\text{weight (g)}}{100 \text{ mL of a solution}}$$

Millimole:

$$\text{Mole} = \frac{\text{weight (g)}}{MW}$$

$$\text{millimole} = \text{mole} / 1000$$

$$\text{micromole} = \text{mole} / 1000000$$

Milliequivalent:

$$\text{mEq} = \frac{\text{mg} \times \text{valence}}{\text{atomic, molecular, or formula weight}}$$

$$\text{mg} = \frac{\text{mEq} \times \text{atomic, molecular, or formula weight}}{\text{valence}}$$

Milliosmole:

$$\text{mOsmol} = \frac{\text{weight (g)}}{MW} \times \text{number of species} \times 1000$$

1- What is the concentration in (mg/ml) of a solution containing 2 mEq of potassium chloride per milliliter?

M.W. of KCl = 74.5

$$\text{mg/ml} = \frac{\text{mEq/ml} \times \text{atomic, molecular, or formula weight}}{\text{valence}}$$

$$= \frac{2 * 74.5}{1} = 149 \text{ mg/ml}$$

2- A solution containing 10 mg/100mL of K⁺¹. Express the solution in terms of milliequivalents per liter (mEq/L).

Atomic weight of K⁺¹ = 39

$$\text{mEq/ml} = \frac{\text{mg/ml} \times \text{valence}}{\text{atomic, molecular, or formula weight}}$$

$$= \frac{10 \text{ mg/100ml} \times 1}{39}$$

$$= 0.2564 \text{ mEq/100 ml}$$

$$= 2.56 \text{ mEq/L}$$

3- What is the percent (w/v) of a solution containing 100 mEq of Ammonium chloride per Liter?

M.W. of NH₄Cl = 53.5

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mg/L} &= \frac{\text{mEq/L} \times \text{atomic, molecular, or formula weight}}{\text{valence}} \\ &= \frac{100 \text{ mEq/L} \times 53.5}{1} \\ &= 5350 \text{ mg/L} \\ &= 5.35 \text{ g/L} \\ &= 0.535 \text{ g/100 ml or } 0.535 \text{ g\%} \end{aligned}$$

4- A solution containing 10 mg/100mL of Ca⁺⁺. Express the solution in terms of milliequivalents per liter (mEq/L).

Atomic weight of Ca⁺⁺ = 40

$$\text{mEq/ml} = \frac{\text{mg/ml} \times \text{valence}}{\text{atomic, molecular, or formula weight}}$$

$$= \frac{10 \frac{\text{mg}}{100\text{ml}} * 2}{40}$$

$$= 0.5 \text{ mEq}/100 \text{ ml}$$

$$= 5 \text{ mEq}/\text{L}$$

5- Magnesium ions level in the blood plasma is 2.5mEq/L. Express the concentration in terms of milligrams.

Atomic weight of $Mg^{++} = 24$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mg/L} &= \frac{\text{mEq/L} \times \text{atomic, molecular, or formula weight}}{\text{valence}} \\ &= \frac{2.5 \text{ mEq/L} \times 24}{2} \\ &= 30 \text{ mg/L} \end{aligned}$$

6- A person is to receive 2mEq of sodium chloride per kilogram of body weight. If the person weighs 60 kg, how many milliliters of 0.9 % sodium chloride sterile solution should be administered?

Molecular weight of NaCl = 58.5

$$\text{mg} = \frac{\text{mEq} \times \text{atomic, molecular, or formula weight}}{\text{valence}}$$

$$\text{Total mEq required} = 2 \times 60 = 120 \text{ mEq}$$

$$\text{mg} = \frac{120 \text{ mEq} \times 58.5}{1} = 7020 \text{ mg}$$

$$0.9 \text{ g} \text{ -----} \rightarrow 100 \text{ ml}$$

$$7.020 \text{ g} \text{ -----} \rightarrow x \text{ ml}$$

$$\text{NaCl needed} = 780 \text{ ml}$$

7- A patient is given 125 mg of phenytoin sodium (m.w. 274) three times a day. How many milliequivalents of sodium are represented in daily dose?

$$\text{mEq} = \frac{\text{mg} \times \text{valence}}{\text{atomic, molecular, or formula weight}}$$

$$125 \text{ mg three times a day} = 375 \text{ mg}$$

$$= \frac{375 \times 1}{274}$$

$$= 1.37 \text{ mEq}$$

**8- Ringer's solution contains 0.86% of NaCl, 0.035 % of KCl and 0.033% CaCl₂.
How many mEq of each chloride are contained in 1 L of the injection.**

m.w.: of NaCl= 58.5, KCl= 74.5 and CaCl₂ = 111

A- **NaCl**: 0.86%= 0.86 g/100 mL= 8.6 g/ L= 8600 mg/L
mEq of NaCl = (wt x valence)/ m.w.
= (8600 x 1)/ 58.5 = 147 mEq

B- **KCl**: 0.03%= 0.03 g/100 mL= 0.3 g/ L= 300 mg/L
mEq of KCl = (wt x valence)/ m.w.
= (300 x 1)/ 74.5 = 4.03 mEq

C- **CaCl₂**: 0.033%= 0.033 g/100 mL= 0.33 g/ L= 330 mg/L
mEq of CaCl₂ = (wt x valence)/ m.w.
= (330 x 2)/ 111 = 5.95 mEq

9- How many Millimoles of dibasic sodium phosphate in 100 g of substance?

M.W. of dibasic sodium phosphate is 138.

$$\text{Number of moles} = \frac{\text{weight (g)}}{MW} = \frac{100 \text{ g}}{138} = 0.725 \text{ moles} = 725 \text{ mmoles}$$

10- How many milligrams would 3 mmoles of dibasic sodium phosphate weigh?

M.W. of dibasic sodium phosphate is 138.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Number of moles} &= \frac{\text{weight (g)}}{MW} \rightarrow \text{weight (g)} = \text{moles} * MW \\ &= 0.003 * 138 = 0.414 \text{ g} = 414 \text{ mg} \end{aligned}$$

11- Convert *Tobramycin* blood plasma levels of 0.5 µg/mL and 2 µg/mL into µmoles.

M.W. of *Tobramycin* is 467.5.

$$\text{Mole} = \frac{\text{weight (g)}}{MW}$$

$$\text{Millimole} = \frac{\text{weight (mg)}}{MW}$$

$$\text{Micromole} = \frac{\text{weight (}\mu\text{g)}}{MW}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{0.5}{467.5} = 1.07 \times 10^{-3} \mu\text{mole} \\ \text{And, } &\frac{2}{467.5} = 4.27 \times 10^{-3} \mu\text{mole} \end{aligned}$$

12- What is the osmolarity of 0.9%w/v NaCl injection?

$$\text{mOsmol} = \frac{\text{weight (g)}}{\text{MW}} \times \text{number of species} \times 1000$$

$$0.9\% \text{ w/v} = 0.9 \text{ g} / 100 \text{ mL} = 9 \text{ g/L}$$

$$\text{mOsmol} = \frac{9}{58.5} \times 2 \times 1000$$

$$= 308 \text{ mOsmol}$$

$$= 0.308 \text{ Osmol}$$

13- A solution contains 156 mg of K⁺ ions per 100 mL. How many mOsmoles are represented in a liter of the solution? Atomic weight of K⁺ =39

$$\text{mOsmol/L} = \text{No. of moles} \times \text{No. of species} \times 1000$$

$$156 \text{ mg}/100 \text{ mL} = 0.156 \text{ g}/100 \text{ mL} = 1.56 \text{ g/L}$$

$$\text{Number of moles} = \text{weight}/\text{atomic Wt} = 1.56/39 = 0.04$$

$$\text{mOsmol/L} = 0.04 \times 1 \times 1000 = 40 \text{ mOsmol/L}$$

14- A solution contains 10 mg% of Ca⁺⁺ ions. How many milliosmoles are represented in one liter of the solution?

Atomic weigh of Ca⁺⁺ = 40

$$\text{mOsmol/L} = \text{No. of moles} \times \text{No. of species} \times 1000$$

$$10 \text{ mg\%} = 10 \text{ mg}/100\text{mL} = 100 \text{ mg/L} = 0.1 \text{ g/L}$$

$$\text{Number of moles} = \text{weight}/ \text{atomic wt} = 0.1/40 = 0.0025$$

$$\text{mOsmol/L} = 0.0025 \times 1 \times 1000 = 2.5 \text{ mOsmol/L}$$

15- A parenteral solution contains 5% dextrose. How many mOsmoles per liter are represented by this concentration?

M.W. of dextrose = 180

$$\text{mOsmol/L} = \frac{\text{weight (g/L)}}{\text{MW}} \times \text{number of species} \times 1000$$

$$5\% = 5 \text{ g}/100 \text{ mL} = 50 \text{ g/L}$$

Dextrose is non-electrolyte, so, number of species = 1

$$\text{mOsmol/L} = \frac{50}{180} \times 1 \times 1000$$

$$= 278 \text{ mOsmol/L}$$