

Pharmacokinetics of Vancomycin in Automated Peritoneal Dialysis
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Abbreviations

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APD	Automated Peritoneal Dialysis
AUC	Area Under Concentration-Time Curve
CAPD	Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis
ESRD	End Stage Renal Disease
MIC	Minimum Inhibitory Concentration
NCA	Non-Compartmental Analysis
PET	Peritoneal Equilibration Test
PK	Pharmacokinetics
PD	Peritoneal Dialysis

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46 **1. INTRODUCTION**

47 Peritoneal dialysis (PD) is a form of renal replacement therapy indicated for those with acute
48 kidney injury or end stage renal disease (ESRD). In 2013 PD was utilized in approximately 7% of
49 the 660,000 prevalent patients with ESRD in the United States. Within that time, the prevalence
50 of PD has seen an increase by over 30% between 2007 – 2014.¹ During PD, a hyperosmolar
51 solution is introduced into the peritoneal cavity allowing solute exchange between the dialysate-
52 contained in the cavity and blood from the perfused peritoneum. A concentration gradient is thus
53 created allowing ultrafiltration and diffusional clearance of toxic materials. PD fluids are available
54 as glucose-based or non-glucose based solutions. Commonly prescribed glucose-based PD
55 solutions have been associated with peritoneal membrane injury and negative systemic effects
56 leading to suboptimal patient and technique survival. On the other hand, newer non-glucose
57 based solution marketed in the United States have shown to improve fluid removal during long
58 dialysis exchanges and offer greater peritoneal membrane protection.²

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60 **Principles of Peritoneal Dialysis**

61 Currently, two modalities of PD exist and is individualized based on patient and life-style specific
62 factors. Continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis (CAPD) allows 4 – 5 exchanges performed
63 manually whereas automated peritoneal dialysis (APD) involves continuous, automated, cyclical
64 exchanges performed by a device at home during the night.³ APD offers advantages over CAPD
65 by allowing fluid-free or “dry” daytime dwells thereby permitting those who require PD liberty
66 for their activities of daily living. In addition, several other advantages such as lower incidences
67 of infection and hernias, enhanced solute clearances, and positive psychosocial impact have been
68 reported.³ Overall, the prevalence of APD has been increasing throughout the years as the
69 number of patients utilizing CAPD declines.⁴

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71 **Vancomycin in Peritoneal Dialysis**

72 Peritonitis is a common complication in PD and accounts for a large portion of hospital
73 readmission and mortality.^{1,5} In addition, severe or prolonged peritonitis can lead to membrane
74 failure prompting the switch from PD to hemodialysis. The International Society of Peritoneal
75 Dialysis (ISPD) recommends intraperitoneal administration as the preferred route to deliver
76 antibiotics in the absence of systemic bacteremia.⁵ Vancomycin is the most common antibiotic
77 recommended and has notable gram-positive coverage used empirically during suspected
78 peritonitis.

79 **Rationale for the Proposed Study**

80 Vancomycin is eliminated unchanged in the urine through glomerular filtration and is best
81 characterized by a distribution and elimination phase following parenteral administration.
82 Vancomycin’s bactericidal activity is considered time-dependent with the ratio of the 24-hour
83 area-under-the-concentration (AUC) versus time/minimal-inhibitory concentration (MIC) ratio
84 (AUC/MIC) being the best pharmacokinetic/pharmacodynamic predictor of effectiveness. The
85 preferred AUC/MIC ratio is ≥ 400 . Dosing in the range of 15-30 mg/kg is recommended by several

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86 professional societies including ISPD to maintain a serum concentration level of 15 mg/L in order
87 to maximize efficacy and reduce toxicity, although this trough is only loosely correlated with
88 corresponding AUC/MIC.^{5,6} Furthermore, the evidence supporting this recommended trough is
89 essentially nonexistent in PD patients on APD, where data on vancomycin bioavailability and
90 clearance with varying degrees of peritoneal function is sparse. In addition, early
91 pharmacokinetic studies were conducted only in patients on CAPD modalities, glucose-based
92 prescriptions, or those on intravenous vancomycin.⁷⁻⁹ Lastly, the relationship between serum
93 concentration and site of action at the peritoneal cavity wall is not established. In totality, the
94 goal is to close the knowledge gap in this very common use of vancomycin.

95 Although the ISPD advisory committee on peritonitis management recommends a 25% increase
96 in antibiotic dose in non-anuric patients, residual kidney function may affect the exposure,
97 clearance, distribution and serum half-life for those antibiotics administered. This however is an
98 empiric recommendation and there is no formal quantification of how residual kidney function
99 (RKF) may impact pharmacokinetics. The impact on RKF on vancomycin in PD is also lacking. RKF
100 is critical for the welfare and survival of PD patients. Indeed, 2 large multicenter studies, the
101 Netherlands Cooperative Study on the Adequacy of Dialysis (NECOSAD-2) (AJKD;41:1293-2302,
102 2003) and the Canada/USA Peritoneal Adequacy Study (CANUSA) (JASN, 12:2158-2162, 2001),
103 both have shown statistically significant (by multivariable analyses) 12% reductions in mortality
104 per ml/min/1.73 m² residual GFR increase or per 5L/week residual GFR increase, respectively.
105 Hence, it is important to assess vancomycin pharmacokinetics in PD patients with RKF for two
106 reasons. First, the enhanced vancomycin clearance of RKF may result in under-dosing and
107 secondly, overdosing may result in nephrotoxicity and loss of critically important RKF. This
108 presents a challenge when considering the bi-exponential pharmacokinetic behavior of
109 vancomycin and produces a significant source of variability allowing controversy in the role of
110 monitoring serum vancomycin in patients on APD.^{10,11}

111 Interestingly, a recent retrospective analysis examining residual renal function and peritonitis
112 outcomes show that the odds of peritonitis treatment failure for those with urinary creatinine
113 clearances of greater than 5 mL/min were greater when compared to those who were anuric.¹²
114 These associations further challenge the need for optimal vancomycin dosing strategies in
115 patients on rapid-cycling modalities to maximize the efficacy, safety, and cost.

116 Moreover, icodextrin a non-glucose based PD fluid, is an increasingly used PD dialysate solution
117 to complement conventional glucose-based PD fluids. Commonly prescribed glucose-based PD
118 solutions have been associated with peritoneal membrane injury and negative systemic effects
119 leading to suboptimal patient and technique survival. Non-glucose based solutions such as
120 icodextrin marketed in the United States have shown to improve fluid removal during long
121 dialysis exchanges and offer greater peritoneal membrane protection. In-vitro studies conducted
122 with 7.5% icodextrin demonstrate physical compatibility and chemical stability, however there is
123 a lack of information for the clearance, stability and effect on the minimum inhibitory

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124 concentration of vancomycin in-vivo.¹³ As there will be increasing use of icodextrin,
125 characterization of vancomycin pharmacokinetics will be important.

126 Therefore, this current study aims to explore the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of
127 intraperitoneal administered vancomycin in un-infected subjects on APD and explore the in-vivo
128 behavior of vancomycin in 7.5% icodextrin PD solution.

129 2. STUDY OBJECTIVES

130 2.1 Primary Objective

- 131 ▪ Characterize the pharmacokinetic profile of vancomycin in serum, urine, and dialysate
132 following a single intermittent intraperitoneal dose of vancomycin in non-infected
133 patients on automated peritoneal dialysis

134 2.2 Secondary Objectives

- 135 ▪ Examine the relationship between residual kidney function and vancomycin clearance
136 using serum, dialysate and urine
- 137 ▪ Describe the safety, tolerability, and stability of intraperitoneal vancomycin when
138 administered in a 7.5% icodextrin-containing dialysis solution

139 2.3 Exploratory Objectives

- 140 ▪ Investigate dosing recommendations and adjustments based on population
141 pharmacokinetic parameters generated from serum and dialysate concentrations in adult
142 patients on APD
- 143 ▪ Correlate the peritoneal transport function, measured using the peritoneal equilibration
144 test (PET), to vancomycin pharmacokinetics
- 145 ▪ Correlate dialysis adequacy, measured as a function of peritoneum urea clearance, time,
146 and volume of dialyzer fluid (Kt/V), to vancomycin pharmacokinetics

147 3. STUDY DESIGN

148 3.1 Overview and Design

149 This is a prospective, single-site, open-label, pharmacokinetic study of vancomycin in infection-
150 negative healthy adult patients on peritoneal dialysis. Prospective patients will be identified
151 through Thomas Jefferson University Hospital nephrology practice. Subjects will be asked to
152 consent prior to participation in the study. The majority of research activities will take place at
153 the Thomas Jefferson University Clinical Research Unit (CRU).

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155 Subjects will be on an APD regimen consisting of a 12-hour overnight dwell followed by a 9-hour
156 on-cycler exchange (**figure 1**). Vancomycin will be administered via intraperitoneal injection in 1
157 liter of icodextrin solution. There will be 4 exchanges during the 9-hour exchange period. A sparse
158 sampling approach will be used in collecting blood samples. A total of 16 blood samples will be
159 collected.

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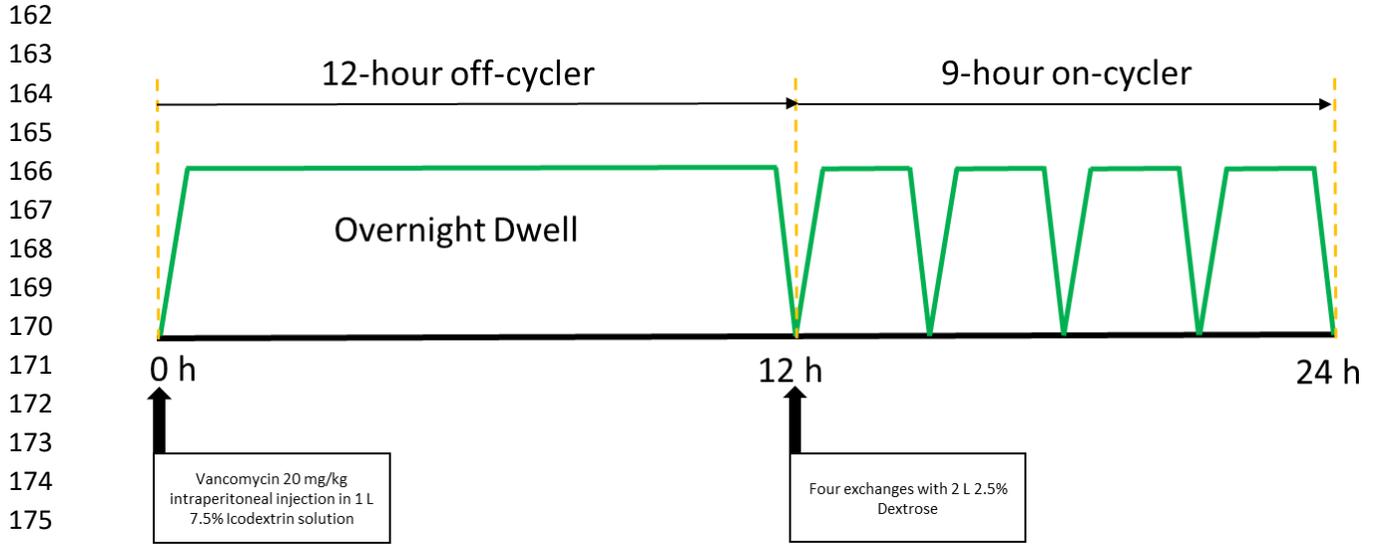


Figure 1. Schematic depiction of APD regimen.

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207 **3.2 Schedule & Procedures**

208 A schematic is illustrated in figure 2 and study procedure detailed in table 1.

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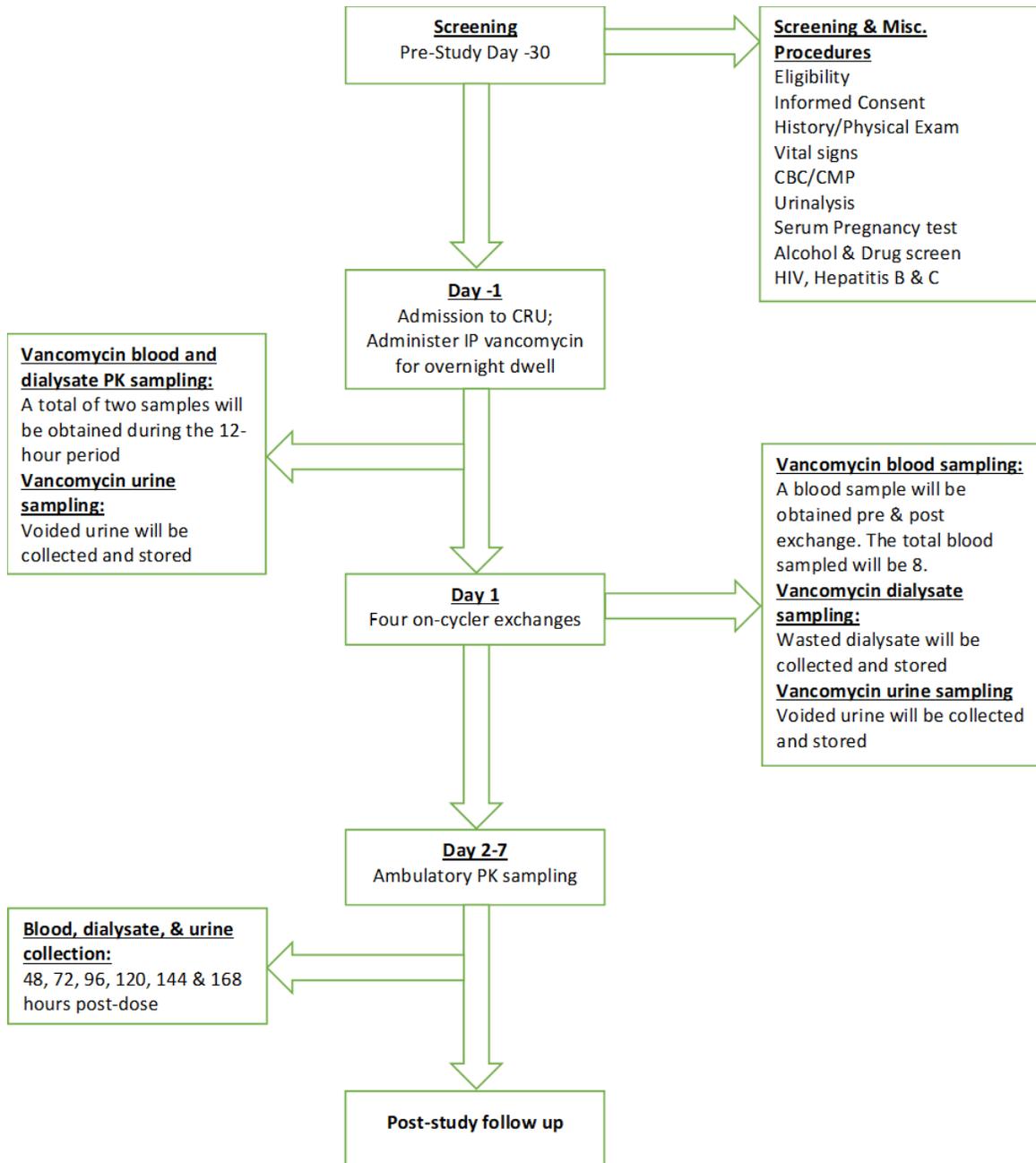


Figure 2. Study day and sampling schematic

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Procedures		Screening (Day -30)	Pre-study Day (Day -1)	Study Day 1	Study Day 2	Study Day 3	Study Day 4	Study Day 5	Study Day 6	Study Day 7	Post-study Follow-up (+7 to 10 days)
Assessment of Eligibility		X									
Signed Consent Form		X									
Medical History		X									
Concomitant Medication Review		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Clinical Laboratory	Pregnancy Test	X									X ⁵
	Complete Blood Count	X									X ⁵
	Comprehensive Metabolic Panel	X		X ⁴	X ⁵						
	HIV, Hepatitis B & C	X ¹									
	Alcohol & Drug Screen ⁶	X			7						
	Urinary Creatinine & Urea			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Clinical Procedures	Physical Exam	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Vital Signs	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
	Electrocardiogram	X									
Research Laboratory	PK Blood Sample			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	PK Urine Sample			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
	PK Dialysate Sample			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Treatment	Vancomycin 20 mg/kg			X ²							
Assessment of Adverse Events				X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CRU Evening Admission			X								
CRU Discharge				X ³							

¹ HIV/HBV/HCV information will be obtained from previous medical history. If the information is not available or a test was performed for ≥ 2 months, then a test will be performed during pre-screening.

² Vancomycin is dosed intraperitoneally in 1-liter of 7.5% icodextrin solution.

³ Subjects are ambulatory after study day 1.

⁴ Subjects will have serum creatinine analyzed within the PK sample.

⁵ Laboratory assessments will be ordered at the discretion of the physician-investigator.

⁶ If patient cannot produce urine, a urine drug screen will not be performed.

⁷ If patient cannot produce urine, urinary creatinine and urea will not be performed.

Table 1. Summary of study procedures from pre-study to post-study follow-up.

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297 **Screening Visit for All Subjects (Day -30)**

298 Subjects will be screened up to approximately 30 days prior to beginning the study. The screening
299 visit will consist of:

- 300 ▪ Previous medical history
 - 301 • HIV
 - 302 • Hepatitis B
 - 303 • Hepatitis C
 - 304 • Alcohol and drug screen
 - 305 ○ If the patient cannot produce urine, then a urine drug screen will not be
 - 306 performed and should not be considered a protocol deviation or exclusionary
 - 307 of participation in study
- 308 ▪ Physical examination
- 309 ▪ Patient consent
- 310 ▪ Vital signs
- 311 ▪ Electrocardiogram (ECG)
- 312 ▪ Complete blood count
- 313 ▪ Comprehensive metabolic panel

314 **Study Days -1 - 1**

- 315 ▪ Physical exam and vital signs
- 316 ▪ Urine will be immediately voided prior to dosing
- 317 ▪ Administer vancomycin 20 mg/kg in 1 liter of 7.5% icodextrin intraperitoneally over
318 approximately 10 to 15 minutes
- 319 ▪ **Off-Cycler Schedule (12 hours)**
 - 320 ○ Blood samples will be obtained during the first 12-hour overnight dwell. A total of two
 - 321 samples will be taken between the time interval following dosing up until hour 12
 - 322 ○ Vancomycin and serum creatinine will be evaluated from blood samples collected
 - 323 ○ Dialysate samples will be obtained during the first 12-hour overnight dwell. A total of
 - 324 two samples will be taken between the time interval following dosing up until hour
 - 325 12
 - 326 ○ Any urine voided will be collected between the time following dosing up until hour 12
 - 327 ▪ If the patient cannot produce urine, then a urine sample will not be possible
 - 328 and should not be considered a protocol deviation
- 329 ▪ **On-Cycler Schedule (9 hours)**
 - 330 ○ Blood will be sampled prior to and after each exchange. Since there are four
 - 331 exchanges, it is anticipated that a total of 8 samples will be obtained during the 9-
 - 332 hour on-cycler exchange period
 - 333 ○ Vancomycin and serum creatinine will be evaluated from blood samples collected
 - 334 ○ Wasted dialysate from each exchange will be collected and stored
 - 335 ○ Urine will be collected and pooled
 - 336 ▪ If the patient cannot produce urine, then a urine sample will not be possible
 - 337 and should not be considered a protocol deviation
- 338 ▪ Discharge from CRU

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339 **Study Days 2 – 7**

- 340 ▪ An additional 6 blood samples will be taken following study day 1, totaling 1 sample per
341 day for the days the patient can come in. A minimum of 4 samples must be collected. If a
342 patient cannot come in for at least 4 of the six days or blood cannot be obtained, it will
343 be considered a protocol deviation. This will be done ideally in the morning, but at a time
344 that takes into consideration subject availability and scheduling
345 ▪ Vancomycin and serum creatinine will be evaluated from blood samples collected
346 ▪ Vital signs will be taken
347 ▪ Ambulatory dialysate and 24-hour urine will be collected from the subjects
348 ○ If the patient cannot produce urine, then a urine sample will not be possible and
349 should not be considered a protocol deviation
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351 **Post-study follow up**

352 The post study visit will include post-study labs (at the investigator or co-investigator's
353 discretion)*, physical exam, vital signs, and adverse event assessment obtained from the end of
354 study. * As peritoneal dialysis patients come in to clinic regularly and have routine standard of
355 care labs drawn, these may be used to evaluate follow- up safety as long as they are scheduled
356 to be drawn no later than 17 days post dose.

357 **4. STUDY POPULATION**

358 **4.1 Inclusion Criteria**

- 359 ▪ Adult male or females between 18 – 85 years old
360 ▪ On a PD regimen for ≥ 3 months prior to study initiation

361 **4.2 Exclusion Criteria**

- 362 ▪ Clinically significant disease unrelated to renal impairment or deemed unfit by the
363 investigator
364 ▪ Allergy or hypersensitivity to vancomycin or icodextrin-containing dialysis solution
365 ▪ Active peritonitis infection
366 ▪ Hospitalization within ≤ 3 months
367 ▪ Previous intraperitoneal antibiotic treatment within 2 months
368 ▪ Previous intravenous vancomycin treatment within 2 months
369 ▪ Hemoglobin < 9 g/dL
370 ▪ Pregnant or breast-feeding women

371 **5. STUDY ENDPOINTS**

372 **5.1 Primary Pharmacokinetic Endpoint**

373 Pharmacokinetic parameters such as the maximum serum concentration (C_{max}), time to
374 maximum concentration (T_{max}), area under the concentration-time curve (AUC), half-life ($t_{1/2}$),
375 volume of distribution (V_D), dialysate and systemic clearance, and inter-subject variability of
376 vancomycin in subjects on APD will be estimated following a non-compartmental analysis (NCA).

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377 Dialysate parameters will be estimated following an NCA analysis. Systemic bioavailability from
378 the peritoneal cavity and absorption constant will be estimated.
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380 **5.2 Secondary Pharmacokinetic Endpoints**

381 Residual kidney function as it relates to vancomycin will be assessed based on vancomycin total
382 urinary clearance and cumulative drug excretion. The total dialysate clearance of vancomycin will
383 be explored based on the biological fluids obtained. The safety, tolerability, and stability of
384 vancomycin in 7.5% icodextrin solution will also be described.
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386 **5.3 Exploratory Pharmacokinetic-Pharmacodynamic Endpoints**

387 Parameters generated from the non-compartmental analysis will be used to parameterize the
388 population pharmacokinetic model to explore various dosing profiles. The AUC/MIC ratio will be
389 explored to correlate exposures to the effect of vancomycin in patients on APD.
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391 **6. MEASUREMENTS AND EVALUATIONS**

392 **6.1 Study Data**

393 Patient data will be recorded in a secured study database. Elements of interest to the study
394 include:

- 395 ■ Patient demographics
 - 396 ○ Age
 - 397 ○ Sex
 - 398 ○ Height
 - 399 ○ Weight
 - 400 ○ Race
 - 401 ○ Cause of ESRD
- 402 ■ Laboratory parameters
 - 403 ○ Serum creatinine (SCr)
 - 404 ○ Urinary creatinine
 - 405 ○ Blood Urea Nitrogen (BUN)
 - 406 ○ Urine urea
 - 407 ○ Liver function

408 **6.2 Plasma Samples**

409 Samples will be processed per laboratory protocol in the laboratory manual.

410 **6.3 Dialysate Samples**

411 Samples will be processed per laboratory protocol.

412 **6.4 Urine Samples**

413 Samples will be processed per laboratory protocol.

414 7. SAMPLE SIZE AND ANALYSIS PLAN

415 8.1 Sample Size

416 Due to the exploratory nature of this pharmacokinetic study, no formal sample size calculation
417 was performed. A total of 4 subjects will be enrolled.

418 8.2 Statistical and Pharmacokinetic Analysis

419 A non-compartmental analysis (NCA) will be utilized to estimate vancomycin pharmacokinetic
420 parameters in patients on APD. The values generated from the NCA will be used to parameterize
421 the population pharmacokinetic model.

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423 Data from all patients will be analyzed simultaneously using nonlinear mixed-effects modelling
424 software (NONMEM). A base model will be developed to characterize the data. Covariate analysis
425 will also be evaluated in the model to explain for any intra- and inter-patient PK variability. Model
426 qualification will be validated by using appropriate internal validation procedures based on the
427 data and model development process.

428 8. DATA COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT PLAN

429 8.1 Database System Overview

430 Data will be recorded and accessed using Research Electronic Data Capture, known as REDCap.
431 REDCap is a secure web application designed for building and managing database information
432 and meets compliance standards mandated by the Health Insurance Portability and
433 Accountability Act (HIPAA) and FDA 21 CFR Part 11. Data files can be conveniently exported into
434 various data formats (e.g. Microsoft Excel, SAS Statistical Software, R, SPSS, or STATA) for further
435 analysis.

436 8.2 Case Report Forms and Data Entry

437 Clinical and demographic data will be collected from paper source documents. Information will
438 be entered into an electronic case report form (eCRF). Each enrolled subject's eCRF will then be
439 transcribed into REDCap and will serve as a central repository of all enrolled subjects in the study.
440 A data monitor will monitor the accuracy of the study charts and data entry.

441 8.3 Case Report Form Storage and Backup

442 The eCRF will be stored in the Department of Pharmacology & Experimental Therapeutics
443 secured server. Access will only be granted by the principal investigator or co-investigators.

444 9. SAFETY

445 Vancomycin has been previously studied in non-infected patients on peritoneal dialysis. In
446 addition, the dose selected in this study is not devoid of the doses used in previous studies
447 administered intravenously or through the intraperitoneal route.^{7,9} The safety and tolerability of
448 vancomycin administered through the intraperitoneal route will be assessed in this study by
449 clinical evaluation of vital signs, physical examinations, and laboratory safety evaluations. In
450 addition, continual serum concentration monitoring through blood sampling will be performed

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451 as part of this research study. In addition, the likelihood for rare adverse events to vancomycin
452 such as ototoxicity will be unlikely to occur based on the minimal dose used compared to
453 literature.¹⁴ Nephrotoxicity from a single IP 20 mg/kg dose of vancomycin would be extremely
454 unlikely in stable, non-septic patients receiving no other potentially nephrotoxic medications or
455 intravenous contrast. Major risk factors for nephrotoxicity related to vancomycin dosing include
456 large daily doses (> 4grams/day), prolonged duration, and concurrent potentially toxic antibiotics
457 (aminoglycosides or piperacillin-tazobactam), none of which apply to this study protocol. Other
458 associated adverse events relating to vancomycin such as anaphylaxis and development of
459 *Clostridium difficile* infections are considered unlikely.¹⁵ In the event that greater than two
460 unexpected and treatment related serious adverse events occur, the study will be halted until
461 review from an independent study monitor is conducted. Cumulative blood draws will be
462 restricted to less than 3 mL per sampling procedure and will be kept in strict accordance with 45
463 CFR 46.402(a) OHRP expedited review categories. Subjects who enrolled in the study will already
464 have hemoglobin levels greater than 9 g/dL eliminating the concern for anemia requiring blood
465 transfusion.

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