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Dose titration is also safer when clinicians associate lab values and the symptoms with PK and PD concepts (Riachi et al., 2025).. Kidney function in diabetic patients undergoing insulin therapy has a potent influence on the duration of insulin activity in the body. The reduced renal clearance enhances insulin action, contributing to the elevated risk of hypoglycemia. That is why advanced practice providers implement small dose modifications and provide sufficient time between the changes. The progressive time method helps to avoid dose stacking and time to achieve a steady state of the drug, which increases safety and accurate treatment (Riachi et al., 2025)..

Medication treatments also need to change with the change in conditions of the patients. Considering the example, when a patient under warfarin is prescribed an antibiotic, the metabolism of the drug may slow, which predisposes them to bleeding (Vega et al., 2023). More regular checking of INR and lowering of the dose might be necessary. With the combination of PK and PD concepts and patient data, advanced practice providers can fine-tune treatment, prevent harm, and facilitate the maintenance of therapeutic goals in everyday clinical practice

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