

Therapeutic Modalities

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Research Takes Place at Multiple Levels



Organ & Tissue Level – what is not working leading to pathology? *For a drug to work, you have to get it to the target*



Cellular Level – Cell Types Have Specialized Functions





Cellular to Molecular Level – Gene

A defective Gene can lead to cellular dysfunction



Gene – A basic genetic unit encoding instructions to make a specific protein or RNA molecule

- Human genome has roughly 20,000 protein-coding genes, but only ~ 1% of DNA codes for proteins
- Remaining ~99% non-coding DNA is important to regulating gene activity contains promoters, enhancers, and silencers

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Molecular Level – Central Dogma

Therapeutics are being made to Modulate Every Step of this Process





DNA and RNA base-pairing

Replication and Transcription



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Modalities – what kind of medicines can we make? Use the best medicine for the disease & drug target



Questions to consider during modality presentations



1. What has been clinically and/or preclinically demonstrated for a given modality?

- 2. What are the limitations of the modality (gene size, tissue target, etc.)?
- 3. What is the cost of development? Approximate time to a therapeutic?
- 4. What are the risks associated with the approach?



Thank You

