

# QUIZ - 22-09-25-DIURETICS

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- A. Mercurial diuretics were widely used in the 19th century for edema but had limited use due to toxicity.
- B. Furosemide was discovered before thiazides and was primarily used for chronic hypertension in the 1940s.
- C. Chlorothiazide, introduced in the 1950s, was the first orally active thiazide.
- D. Ethacrynic acid is clinically useful mainly for patients with sulfonamide allergy.

**2. WHICH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS ABOUT THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF DIURETICS IS INCORRECT?**

- 💊 Furosemide was discovered before thiazides and was primarily used for chronic hypertension in the 1940s.

ANSWER

- ❏ Mercurial diuretics were indeed widely used in the 1800s for edema treatment but fell out of favor due to significant toxicity, particularly renal and systemic mercury poisoning.
- ❏ Thiazides were discovered earlier in the 1940s, with chlorothiazide coming into clinical use in the 1950s. Furosemide, a loop diuretic, was discovered later, in the late 1950s, and was mainly used for acute fluid overload rather than chronic hypertension early on.
- ❏ Ethacrynic acid, a loop diuretic lacking a sulfonamide structure, has been predominantly used in patients allergic to sulfonamides

## EXPLANATION

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