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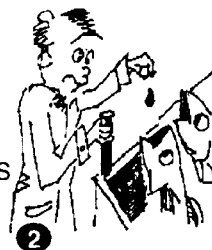
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# HOW DRUGS FROM MARINE SOURCES ARE ISOLATED AND PRODUCED



**PRELIMINARY ISOLATION**  
Drug suggested by analogy or general screening program



**SCREENING AND DISCOVERIES**  
Unique or potentially useful biological activity is found



**SOURCE MATERIALS**  
Obtain enough material to isolate and characterize active compound(s)



**CHARACTERIZATION AND SYNTHESIS**



**EFFECTIVE CHEMOTHERAPY**  
Test for efficiency in treatment of animals



**MASS SCALE SYNTHESIS**



**PHARMACOLOGICAL STUDIES**  
Testing for drug activity and safety



**GOVERNMENTAL APPROVAL**

- Disclosure of complete drug source and manufacturing information
- Preclinical results disclosed
- Future research plans and other supporting data



**CLINICAL EVALUATION**

- Testing with human volunteers to determine metabolism, absorption and elimination, side effects, safe dose range, preferred method of administration. Obtain therapeutic index (value versus hazards).
- Initial diagnosis test
- Outside controlled tests

**MASS PRODUCTION**  
Economic, governmental, technical limitations apply



**MARKETING PROCEDURES**  
Economic, governmental, technical limitations apply

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