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## Uncertainty Factors (UFs): (conditions for using of UF and MF)

- Use a 10-fold factor <u>when extrapolating from valid experimental results in studies using</u> <u>prolonged exposure to average healthy humans</u>. This factor is intended to account for the variation in sensitivity among the members of the human population and is referenced as "10H".
- Use an additional 10-fold factor when extrapolating from valid results of long-term studies on experimental animals when results of studies of human exposure are not available or are inadequate. This factor is intended to account for the uncertainty involved in extrapolating from animal data to humans and is referenced as "10A".
- Use an additional 10-fold factor <u>when extrapolating from less than chronic results on</u> <u>experimental animals when there are no useful long-term human data</u>. This factor is intended to account for the uncertainty involved in extrapolat- ing from less than chronic NOAELs to chronic NOAELs and is referenced as "10S".
- Use an additional 10-fold factor when deriving an RfD from a LOAEL, instead of a NOAEL. This factor is intended to account for the uncertainty involved in extrapolating from LOAELs to NOAELs and is referenced as "10L".

## Modifying Factor (MF):

Use professional judgment to determine the MF, which is an additional uncertainty factor that is greater than zero and less than or equal to 10. The magnitude of the MF depends upon the professional assessment of scientific uncertainties of the study and data base not explicitly treated above; e.g., the completeness of the overall data base and the number of species tested. The default value for the MF is 1.



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