### **CONCEPT: EQUIVALENTS**

- Equivalents are used to measure individual \_\_\_\_\_ amount present in body fluids and intravenous solutions.
  - □ **Equivalent (Eq):** number of moles of \_\_\_\_\_ that one ion contributes to a solution.
    - Eq equals to 1 mol of positive or negative \_\_\_\_\_ -Eq can only be a \_\_\_\_\_ value

- •To calculate number of equivalents of an ion, we simply multiply ion charge by number of \_\_\_\_\_ of ion present.
  - $\Box$  *mEq* is a common unit used to express equivalents: **1 Eq = 1000 mEq**.

# Equivalent (Eq)

**Eq =** ion charge x moles of ion

**EXAMPLE:** Calculate number of Equivalents in each of the following:

a) 1 mole of Ca<sup>2+</sup>

b) 2 moles of PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3</sup>-

### **Normality**

- Concentration of ions in aqueous solutions is represented by *Normality*.
  - □ **Normality (N):** represents number of \_\_\_\_\_\_ per L of solution.

# Normality (N) Normality = Equivalent L solution

**EXAMPLE:** Calculate the Normality of 0.35 mole of Mg<sup>2+</sup> ions present in a 300 mL of blood.

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PRACTICE: Calculate mass (grams) needed for the following ion equivalent: 1.5 mEq of Na<sup>+</sup> ions.

- a. 3.4 g
- b. 15.0 g
- c. 0.065 g
- d. 0.034 g

**PRACTICE:** The concentration of Cl<sup>-</sup> ion in blood is approximately 105 mEq/L. How many milliliters of blood would be needed to obtain 1.4 g of Cl<sup>-</sup> ions?

- a. 110 mL
- b. 380 mL
- c. 75 mL
- d. 240 mL

**PRACTICE:** An intravenous saline solution contains 140 mEq/L of Na<sup>+</sup>. How many mEq of Na<sup>+</sup> are present in 750 mL of the solution?

a. 525 mEq

- b. 5.36 mEq
- c. 105 mEq
- d. 187 mEq

**PRACTICE:** Calculate the normality (mEq/L) of potassium ions in a 500 mL Ringer's solution that is  $2.0 \times 10^{-3} \,\mathrm{M}$  in potassium ions.

a. 2.0 mEq/L

- b. 0.200 mEq/L
- c. 2.5 mEq/L
- d. 0.250 mEq/L