

**YOUR HORMONES**

**ENDOCRINE SYSTEM**

# Endocrinology: study of **ductless glands**

- Release **secretions** (hormones): **directly** into blood
- **Hormone**: chemical messenger
- Secreted → blood → "effect" on other (**target**) cells ←
- Hormone: attaches to cell receptor → brings about "effect"

**Nervous**  
**Impulses**

- 1. Fast**
2. Rapid effect

**Hormone**  
**Action**

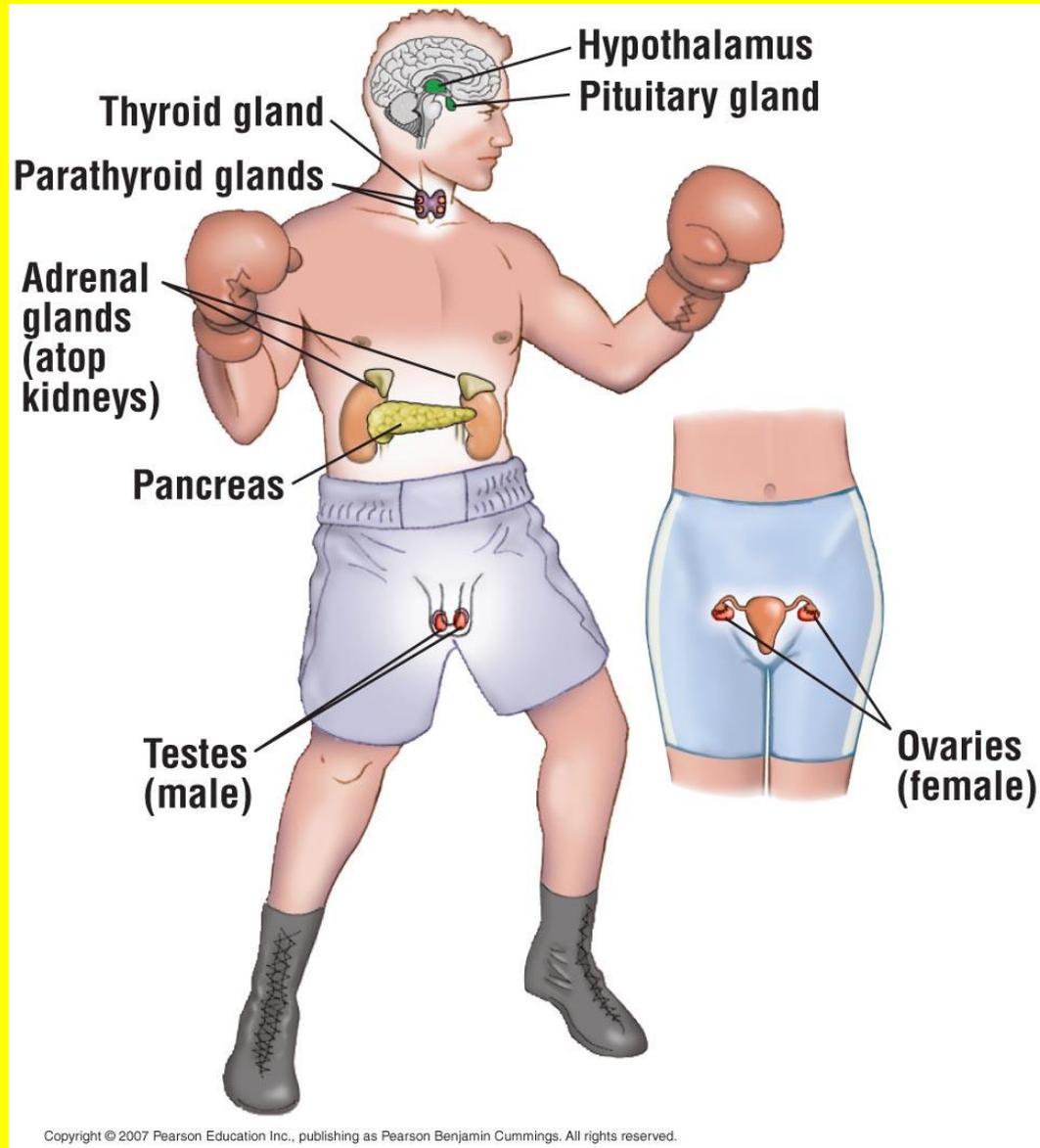
- 1. Slower**
2. Longer effect

**Nervous**  **Endocrine Systems**

Closely linked

**Mind**  **Body (Bad/Good effects)**

# Major Endocrine Glands



# Types of Hormones

1. **Amino-acid** based: made from an amino acid

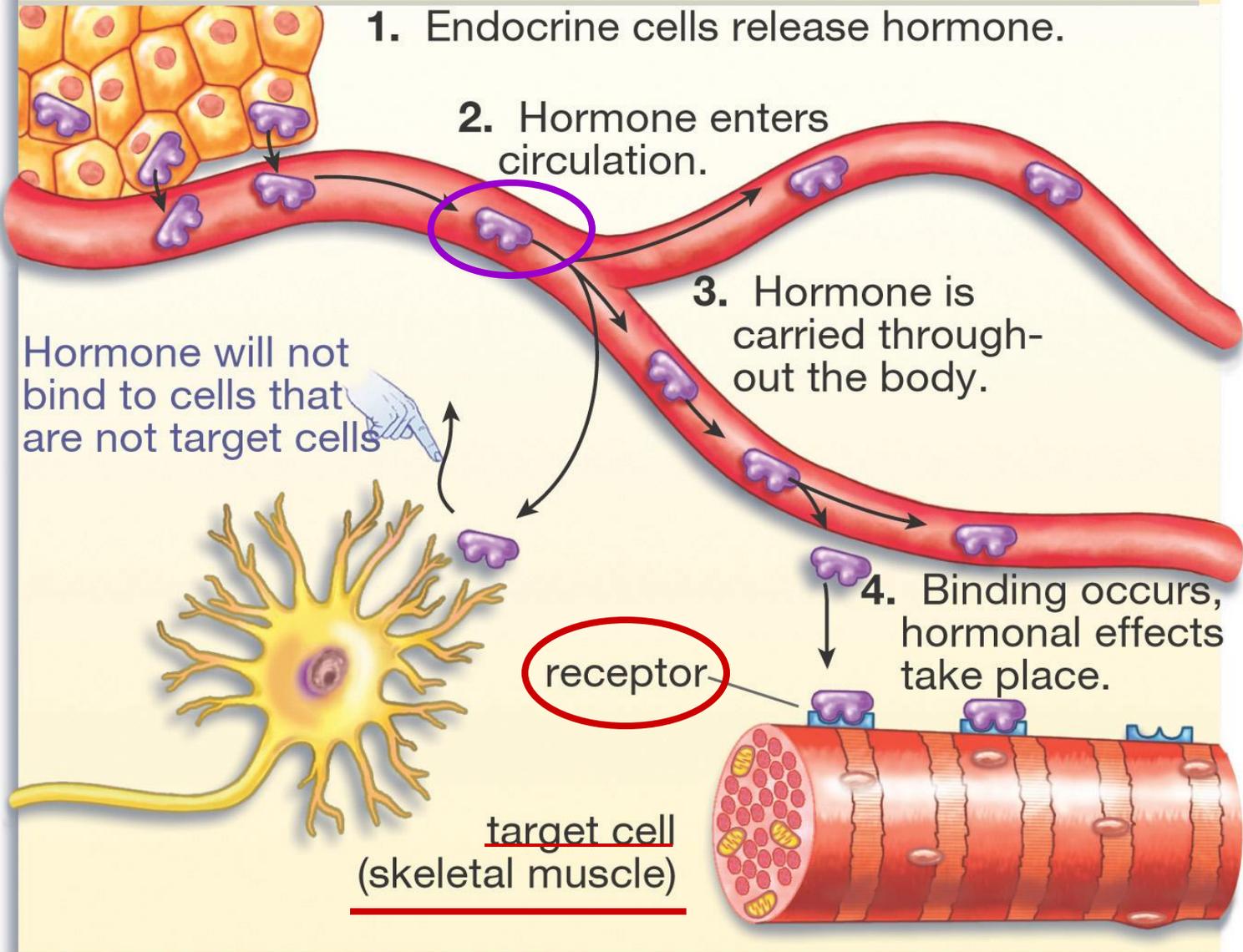
Example: **adrenaline, dopamine**

2. **Peptide** Hormones

Example: **Growth hormone, insulin**

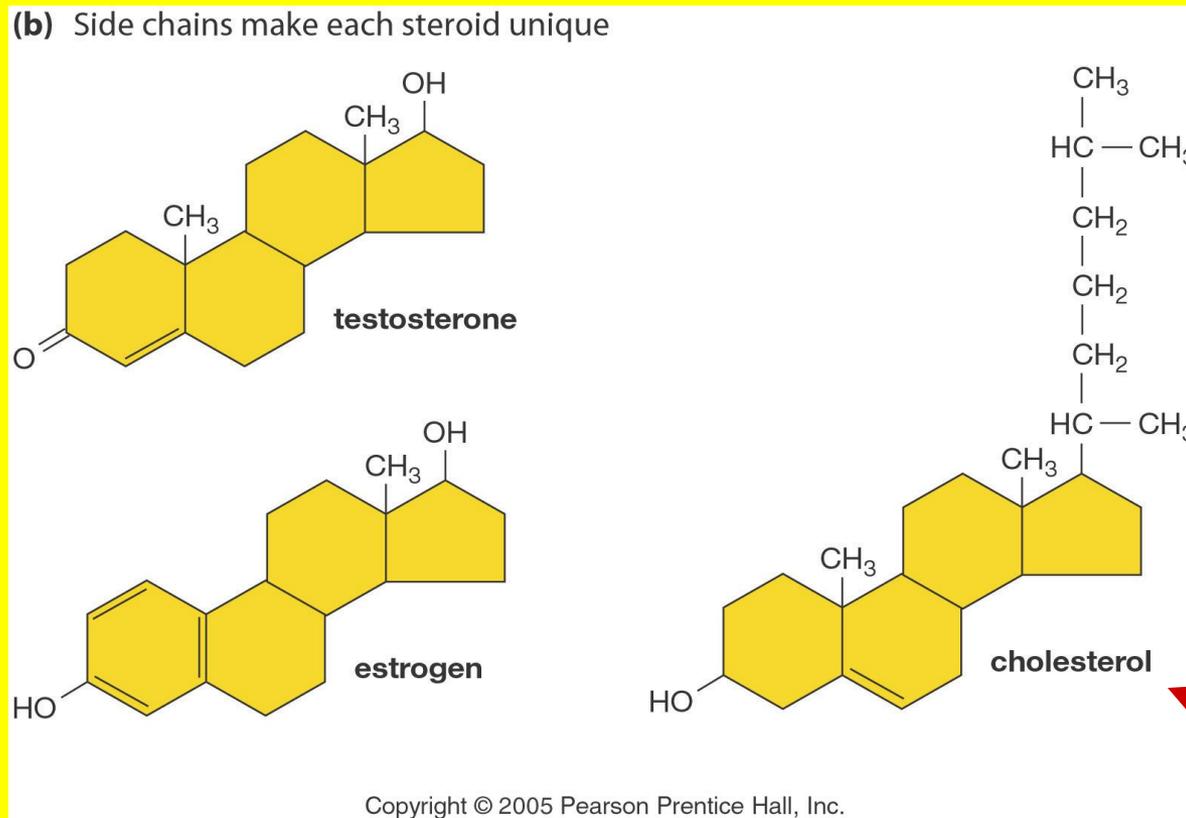
1 & 2 bind to **receptor** on **cell membrane** → change cell activity

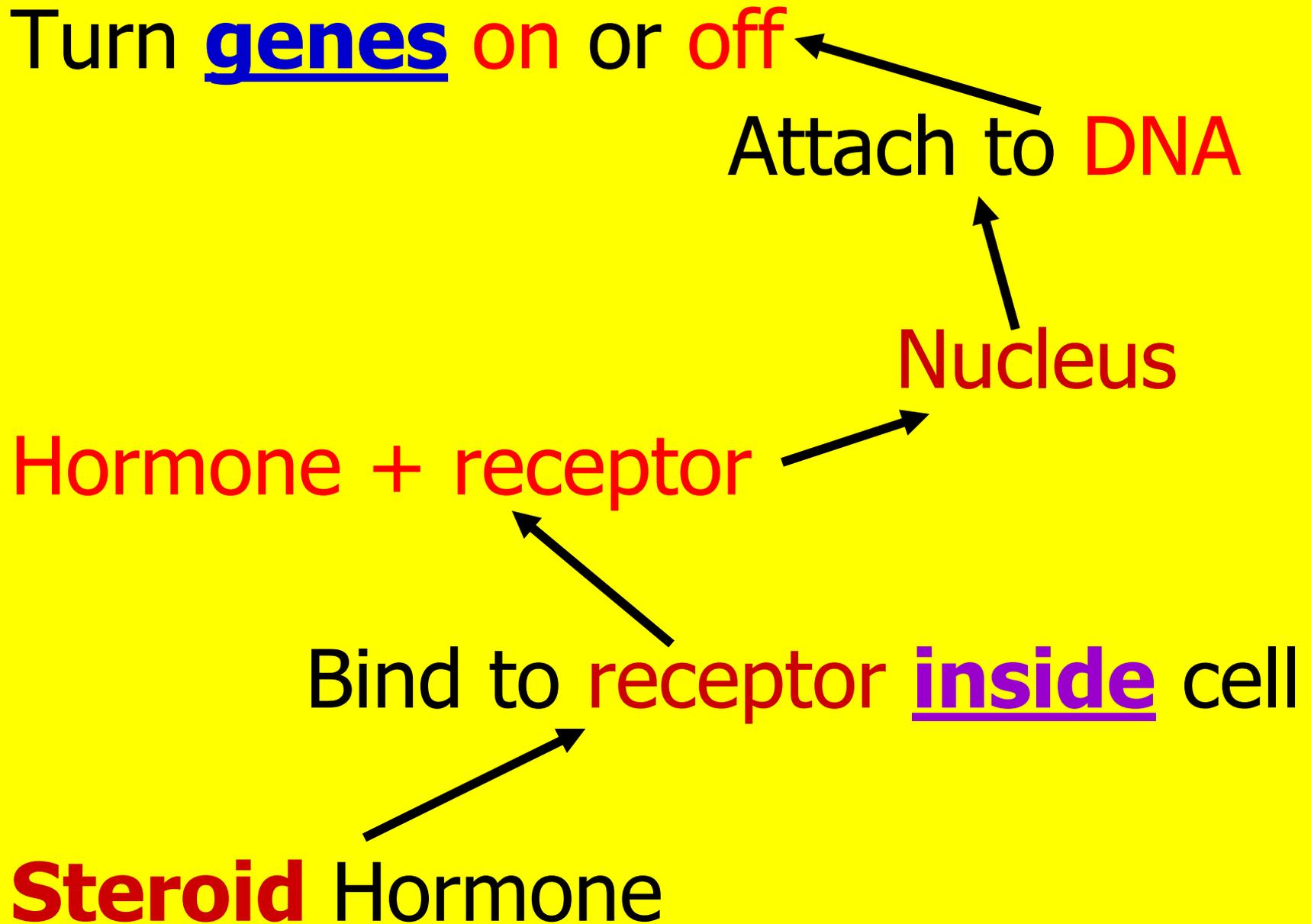
## Hormones and Target Cells

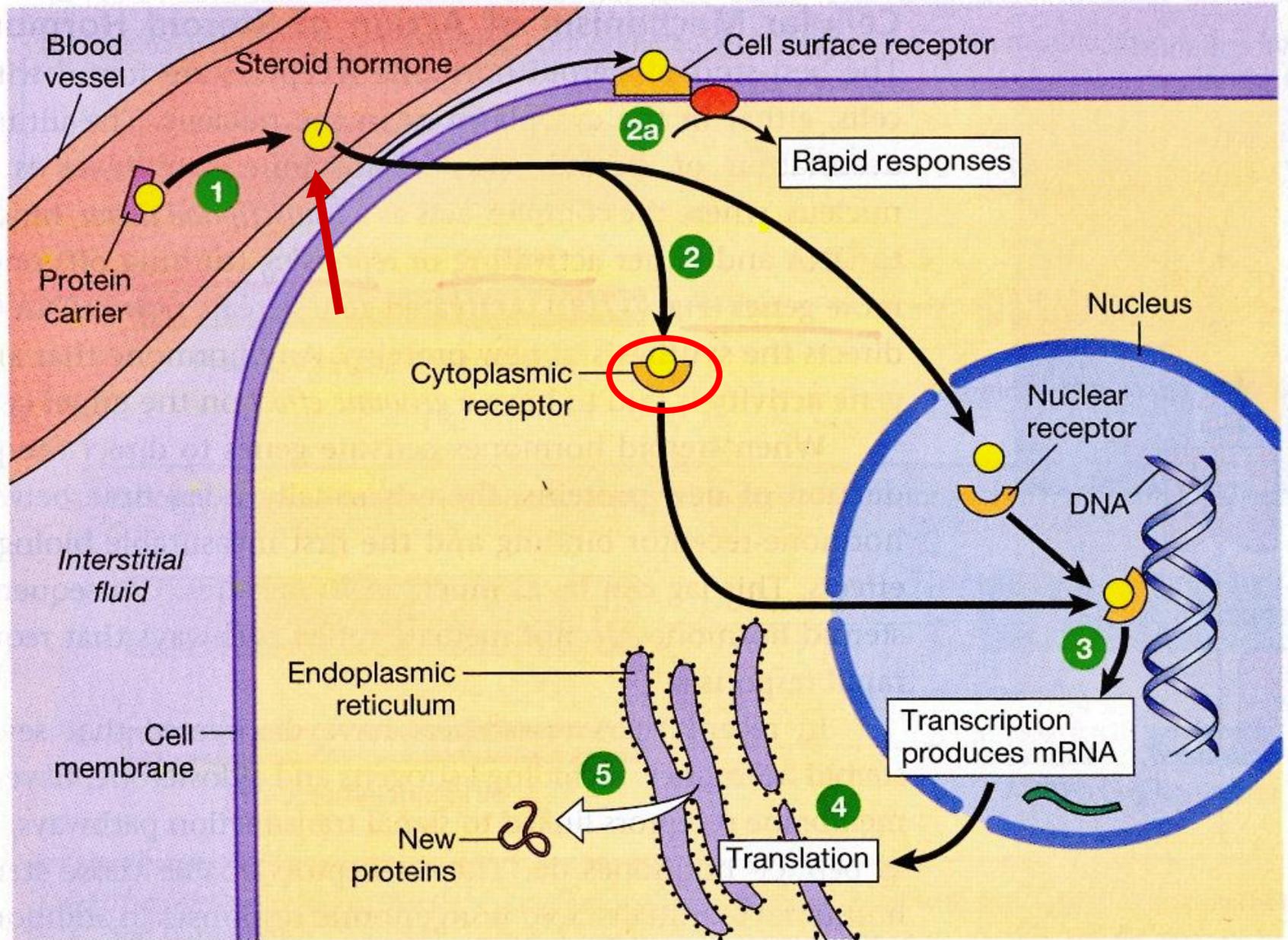


### 3. **Steroid** Hormones: made from cholesterol

Example: **testosterone, estrogen**







How is **Most** Hormone  
**Secretion** Controlled?

**NEGATIVE FEEDBACK**

After Meal ↑ Blood Glucose



Pancreas: Beta cells → Insulin

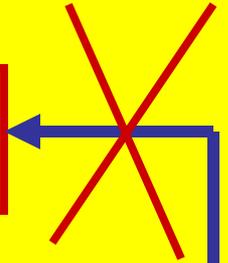


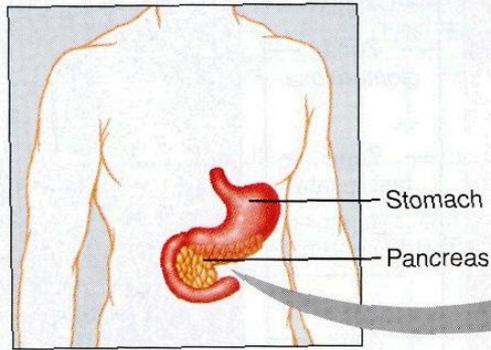
↑ Glucose uptake-cells

Liver & Muscle glucose → glycogen

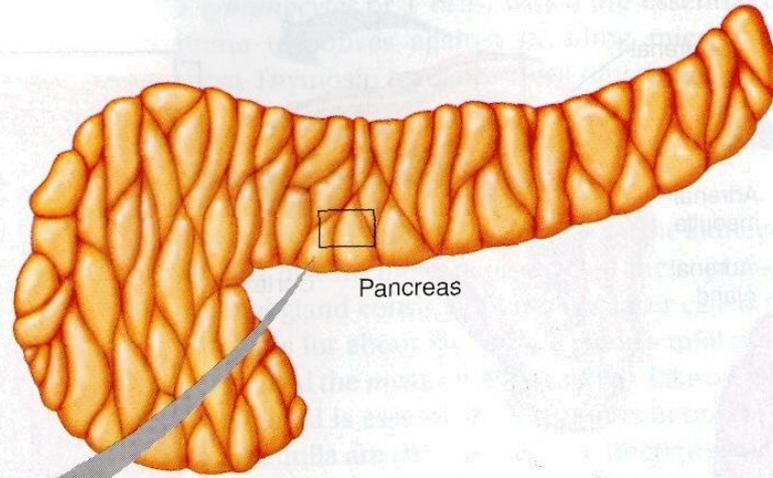


↓ Blood Glucose  
Return: Normal levels

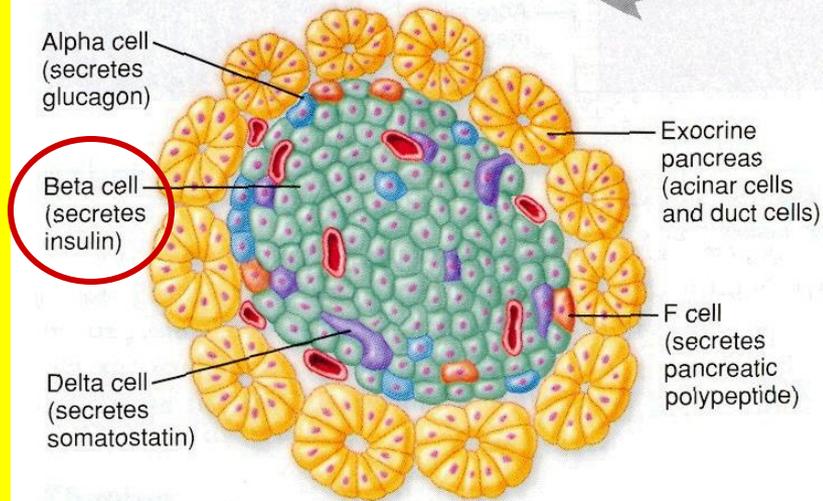




(a)



Pancreas



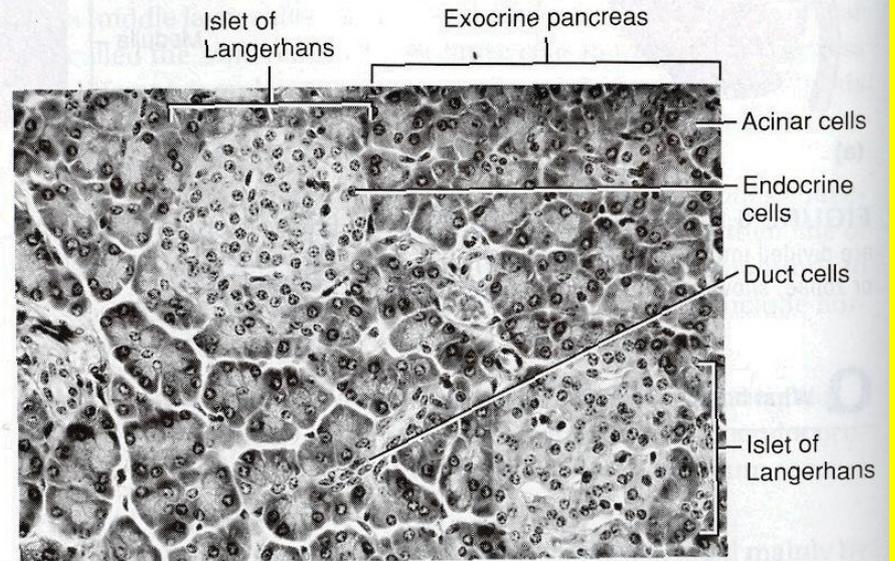
Alpha cell  
(secretes  
glucagon)

Beta cell  
(secretes  
insulin)

Delta cell  
(secretes  
somatostatin)

Exocrine  
pancreas  
(acinar cells  
and duct cells)

F cell  
(secretes  
pancreatic  
polypeptide)



Islet of  
Langerhans

Exocrine pancreas

Acinar cells

Endocrine  
cells

Duct cells

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Langerhans

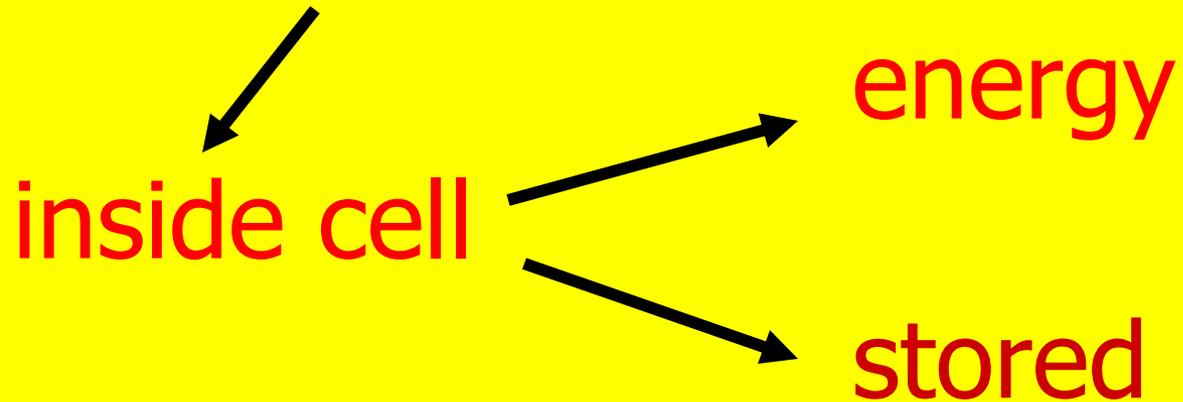
(b)

(c)

Insulin ↔ receptor- cell  
membrane

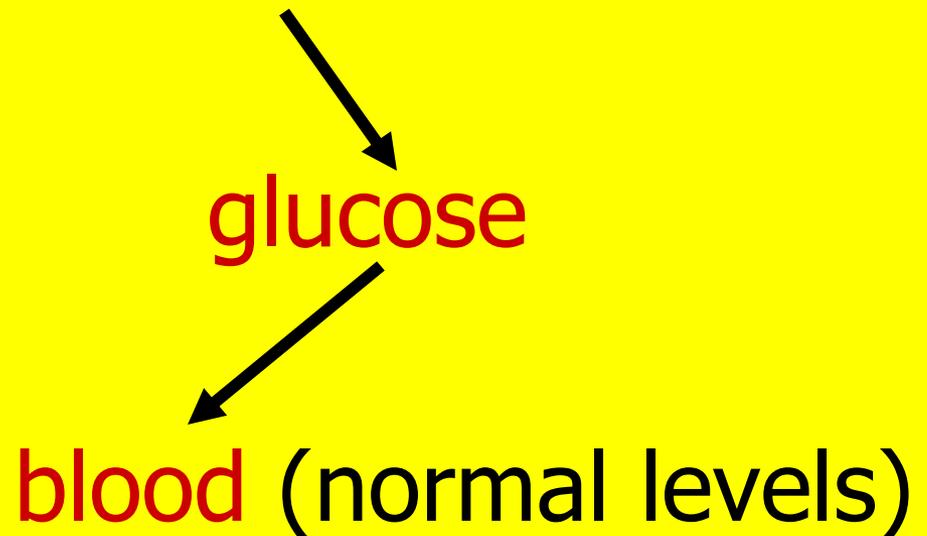
“key” opens door:

Glucose outside cell



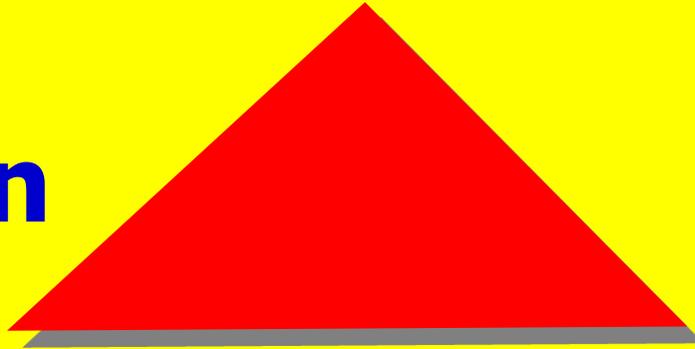
After few hours **without** food.....

1. ↓ **Blood Glucose**
2. **Alpha** cells-pancreas → **glucagon**
3. Does **opposite** of insulin
4. **Glucagon**: liver **glycogen**



Insulin & glucagon **balance** each other

**Insulin**



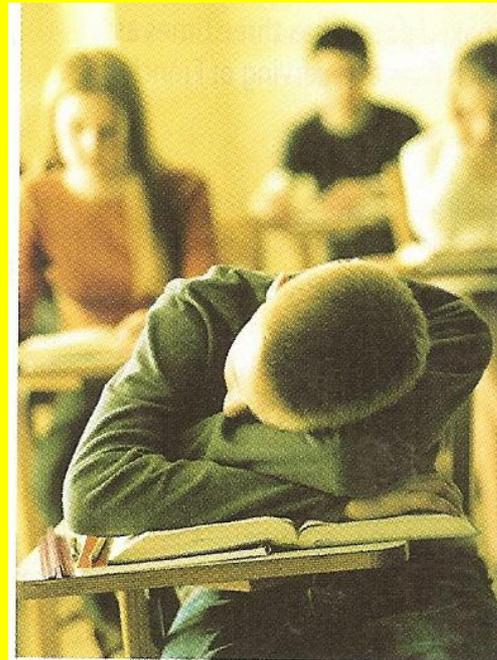
**Glucagon**

Keep blood glucose- **normal** levels

Why do you need to **shut off insulin** secretion after blood glucose reaches **normal** levels?

**Answer:**

**Hypoglycemia**  
(low blood sugar)

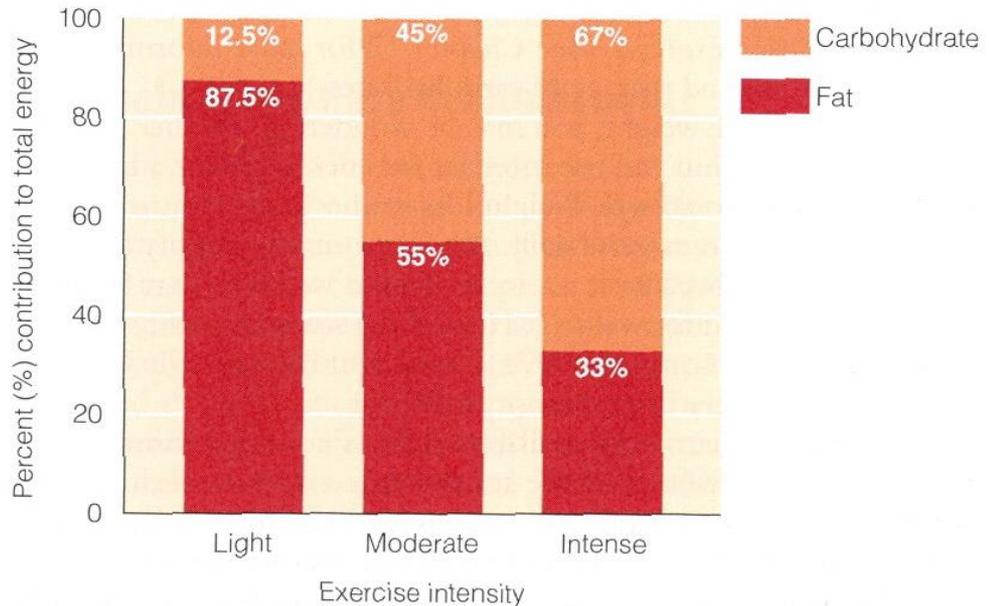


Our red blood cells, brain, and nerve cells primarily rely on glucose. This is why you get tired, irritable, and shaky when you have not eaten for a prolonged period of time.

# Extreme case: Diabetic

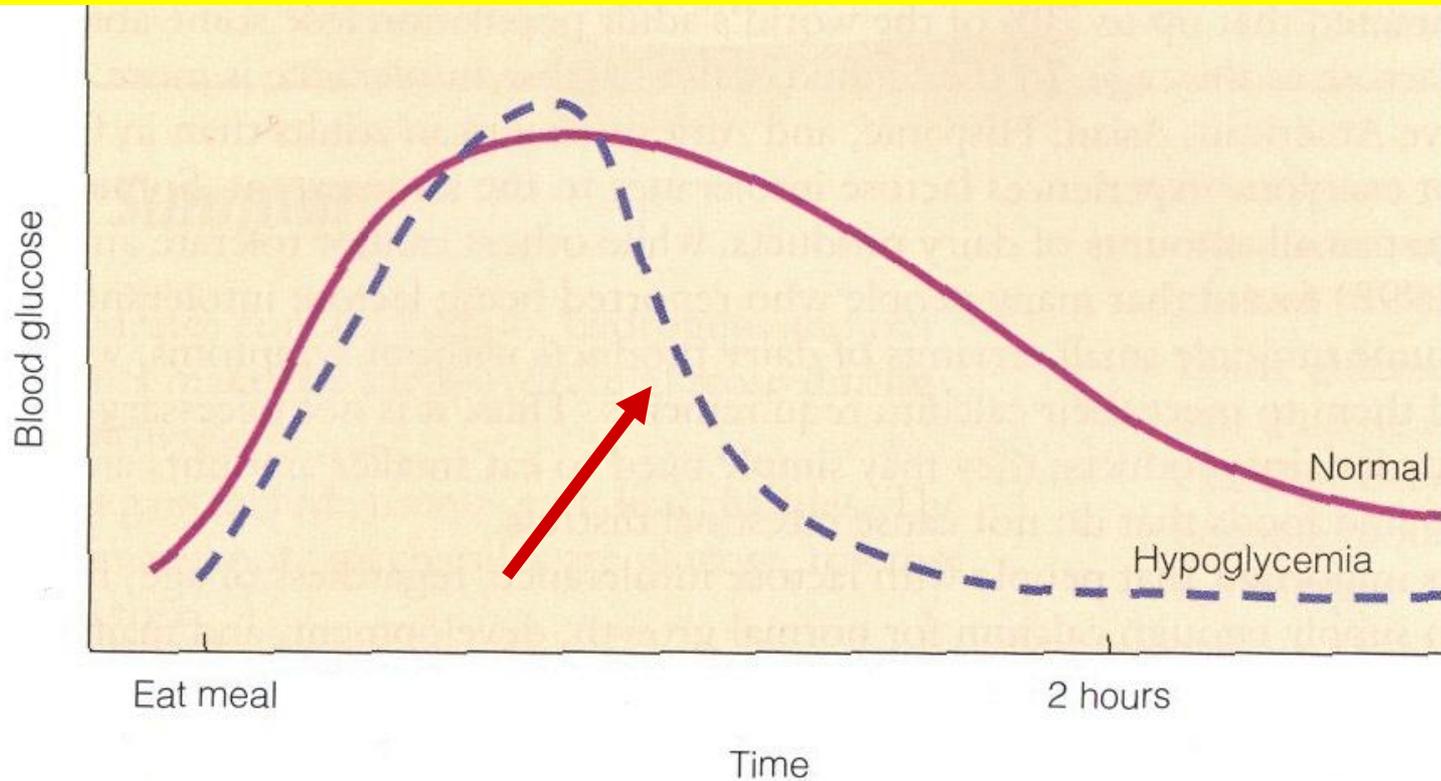
- **Inject** self with **insulin**
- Very **little** to eat

- **Exercise**  
**actively:**  
**muscles**  
**use**  
**glucose**



**Figure 4.9** Amounts of carbohydrate and fat used during light, moderate, and intense exercise. (Adapted from J. A. Romijn, E. F. Coyle, L. S. Sidossis, A. Gastaldelli, J. F. Horowitz, E. Endert, and R. R. Wolfe. Regulation of endogenous fat and carbohydrate metabolism in relation to exercise intensity and duration. *Am. J. Physiol.* 265 ( *Endocrinol. Metab.* 28) (1993): E380–E391.)

# Result: Rapid drop in blood glucose



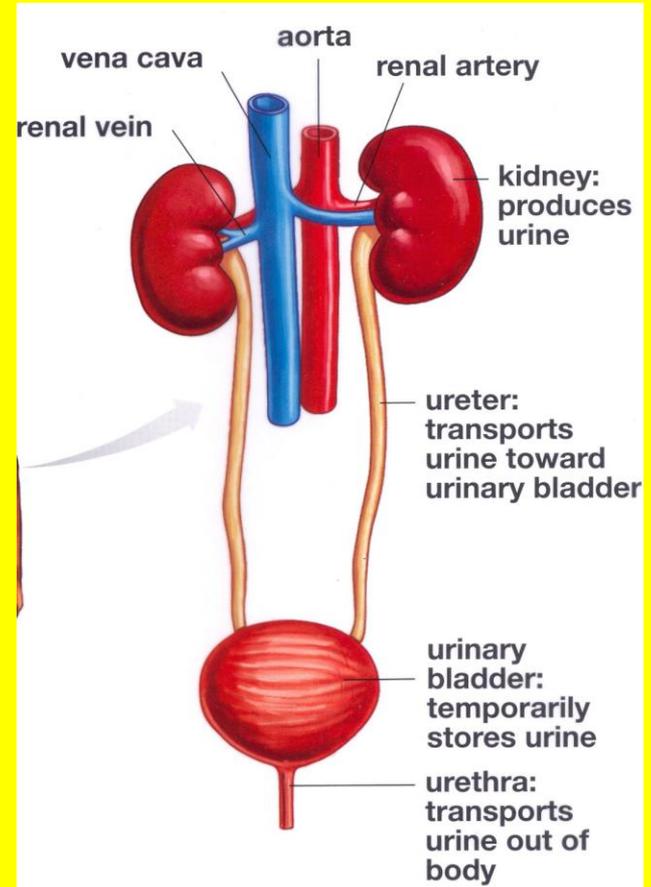
**Figure 4.17** Changes in blood glucose after a meal for people with hypoglycemia and without hypoglycemia (normal).

# Blood Glucose Levels

- Normal glucose narrow range: **80-100** milligrams/100 ml of blood (homeostasis)
- Uncontrolled diabetic: **200** milligrams or much higher (**600**)

# Why does your body keep blood glucose in this narrow range?

- Kidney threshold:  
**160-180 milligrams**
- Above this level:  
glucose spills- **urine**
- **Lost energy**



# Why is **high blood glucose** so bad?

- **Glucose- sticky**: damages small blood vessels in body
- ↑ **Risk heart attack/strokes**
- ↑ Risk **kidney failure**
- **Nerve** damage- feet
- Damage- blood vessels eye **retina**  
(Diabetes: leading cause blindness)

# Damaged blood vessels- diabetic retina (left)



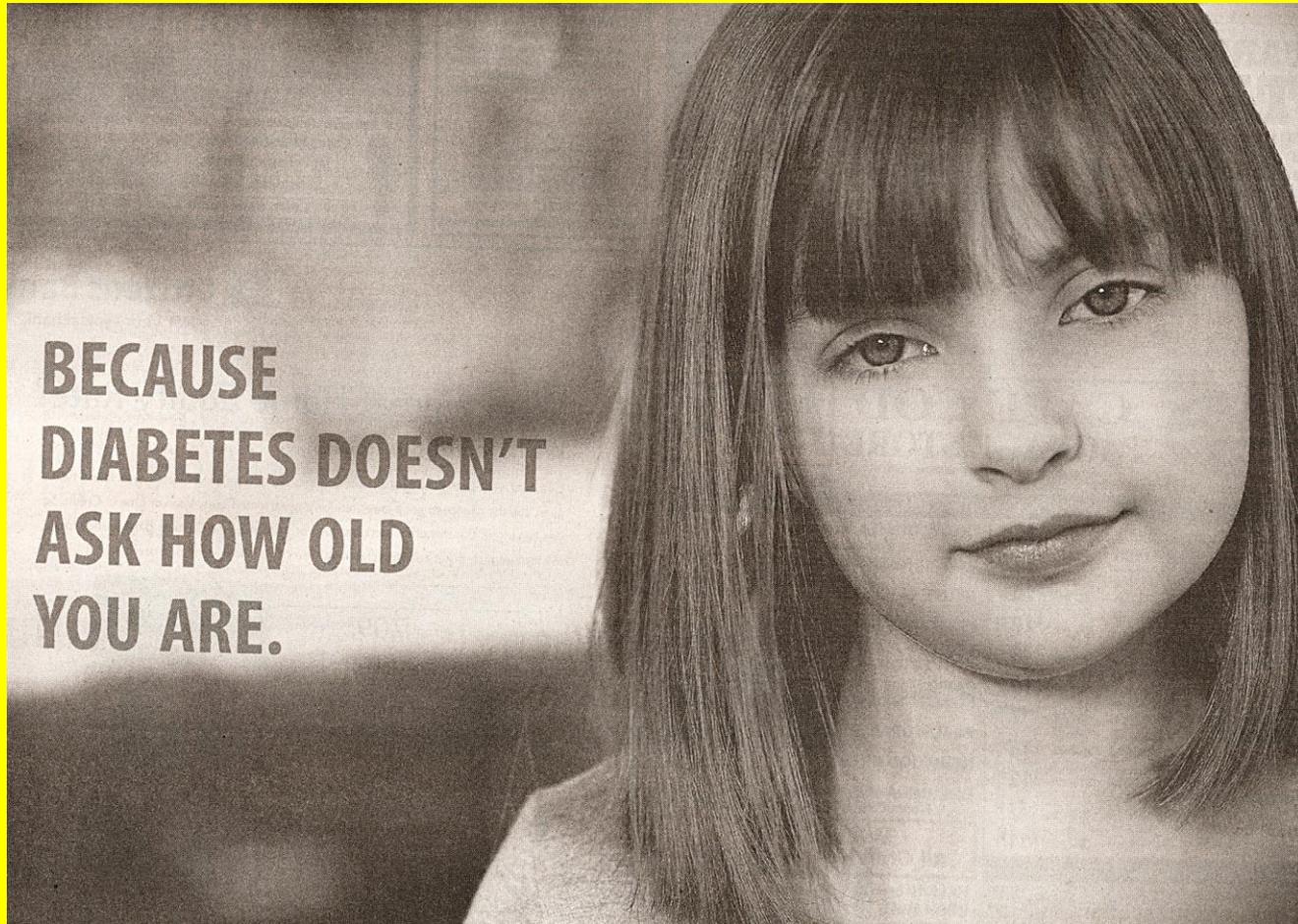
- **Infections**  
(gangrene)/**amputations**: toes,  
feet, legs



Vincent Laforet for The New York Times

Diabetes, soaring among New Yorkers, has already left a mark on Diane and Aniello Discala of the Bronx. She lost a leg to its complications.

Who gets diabetes? Children, teens,  
young, old



Diabetes: uncontrolled, **high** blood glucose

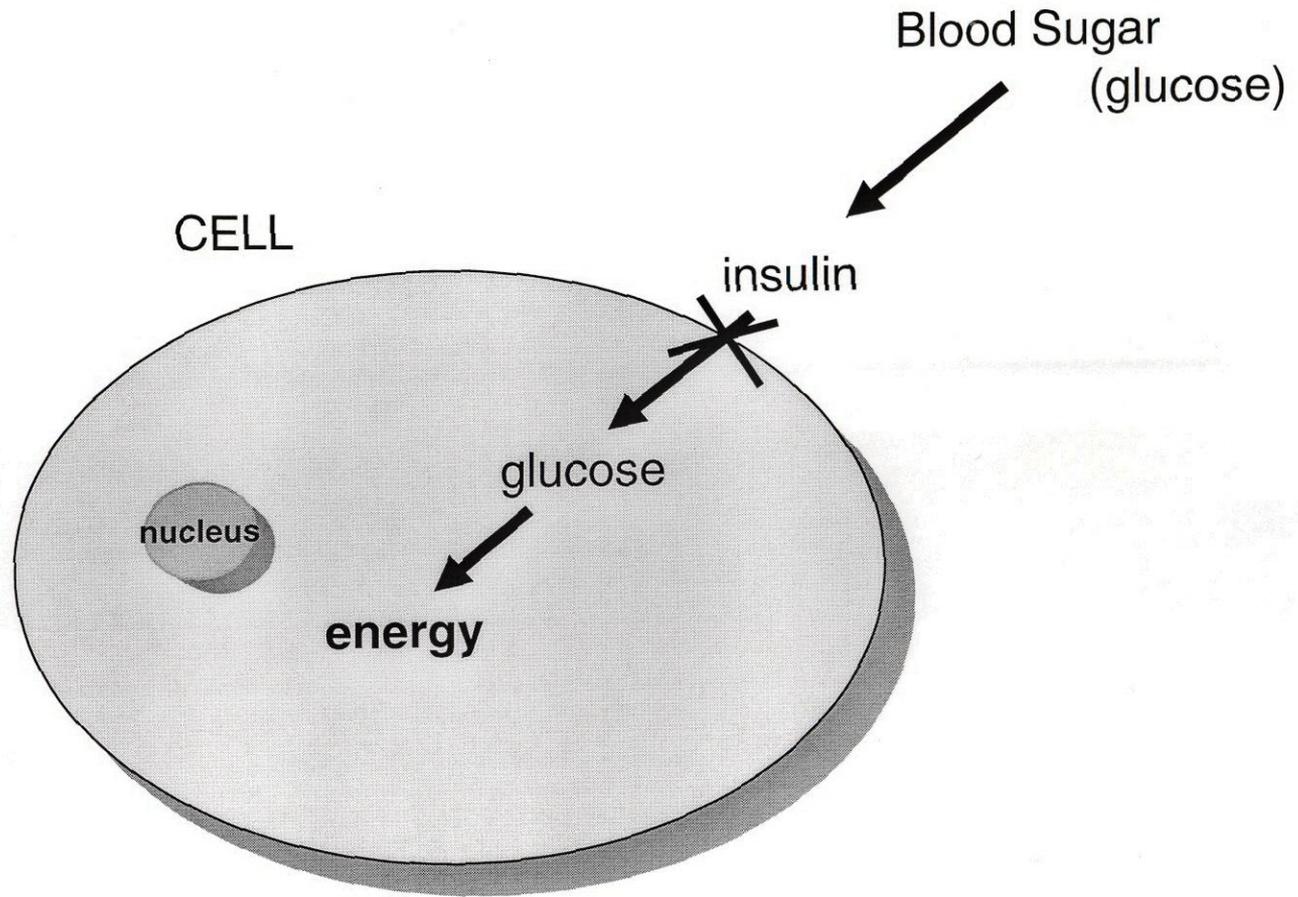
## **Type 1: Insulin deficiency**

- Glucose can't get into cells
- "Starvation in the midst of plenty"
- Glucose spills- urine (wasted)
- **Causes:** genetics, viral infection, toxin exposure, autoimmune disease

# Type 2 Diabetes

- **Insulin** at high levels
- Trying to get glucose into cells
- Muscle & adipose tissue cells not responding: **“insulin resistance”**
- Result: ↑ blood glucose
- **Causes:** genetics, overweight/obese,  
at risk: African, Native, Hispanic,  
Asian Americans

Diabetic



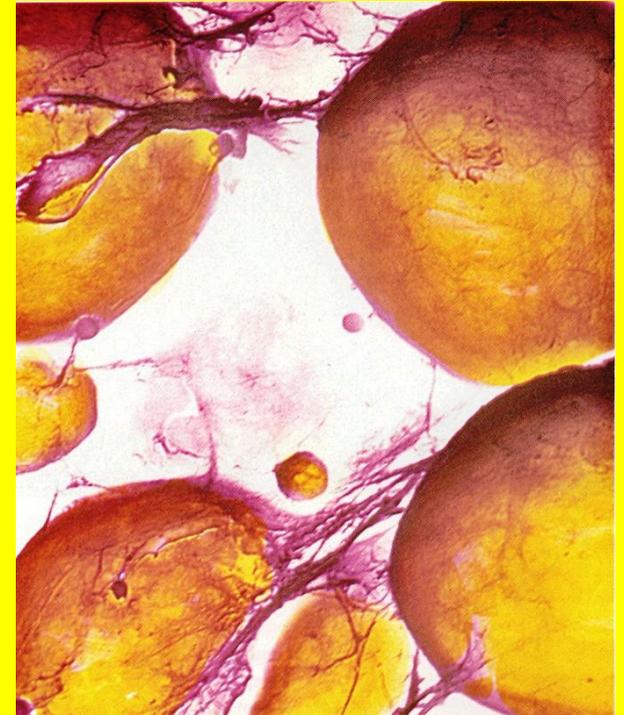
- **Overstuffed fat cells:** leak fat & hormones (trigger inflammation): blood

- Fat → liver (fatty)

- Fat → muscle cells

insulin  
resistance

- Fat → **toxic:** Beta cells



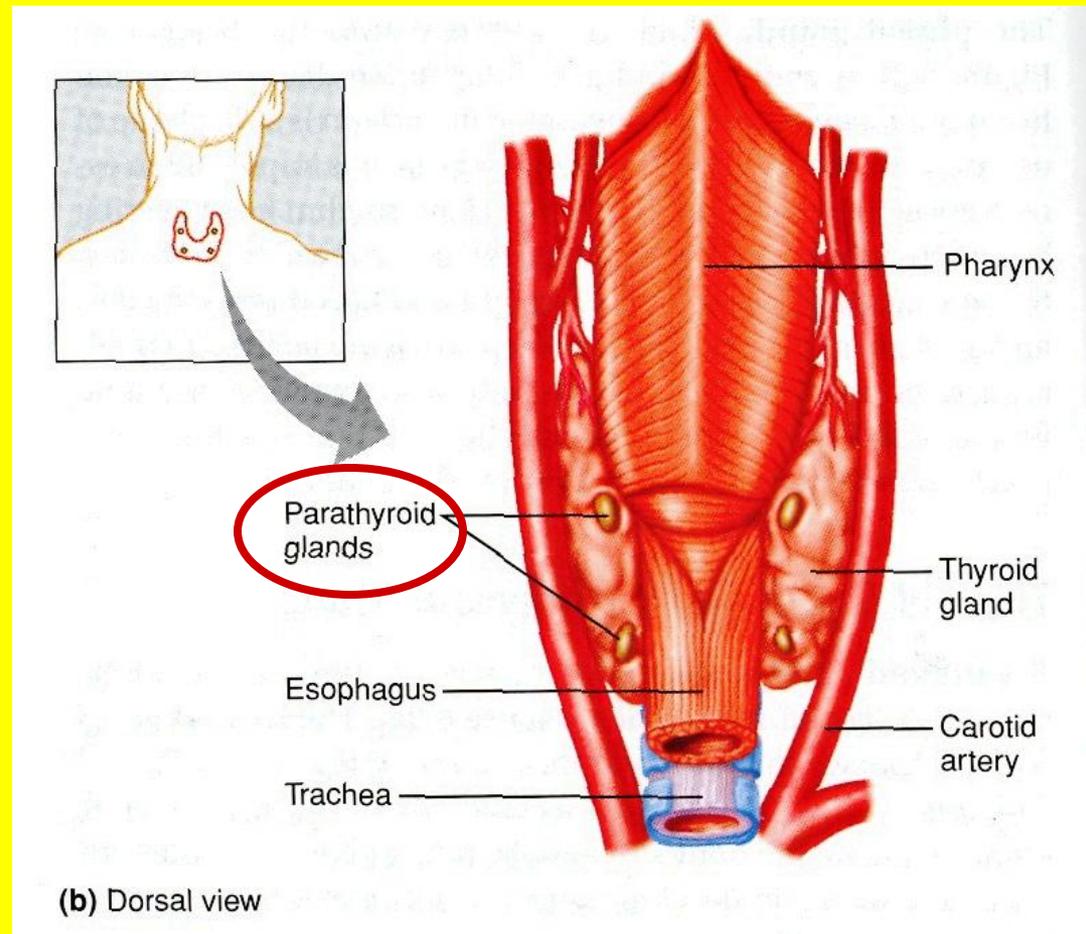
# Parathyroid Hormones

Behind thyroid:

regulate

blood

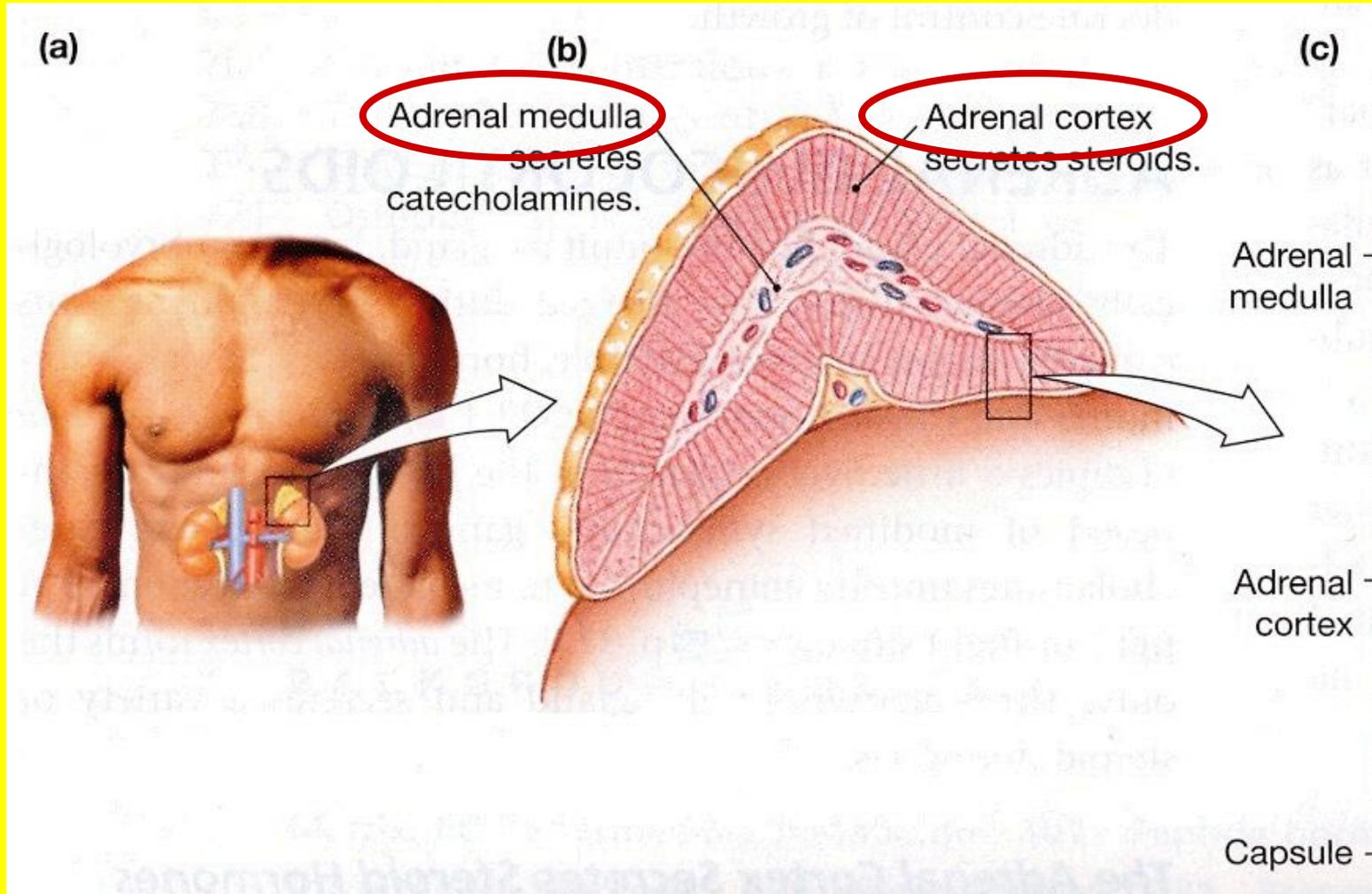
**calcium**



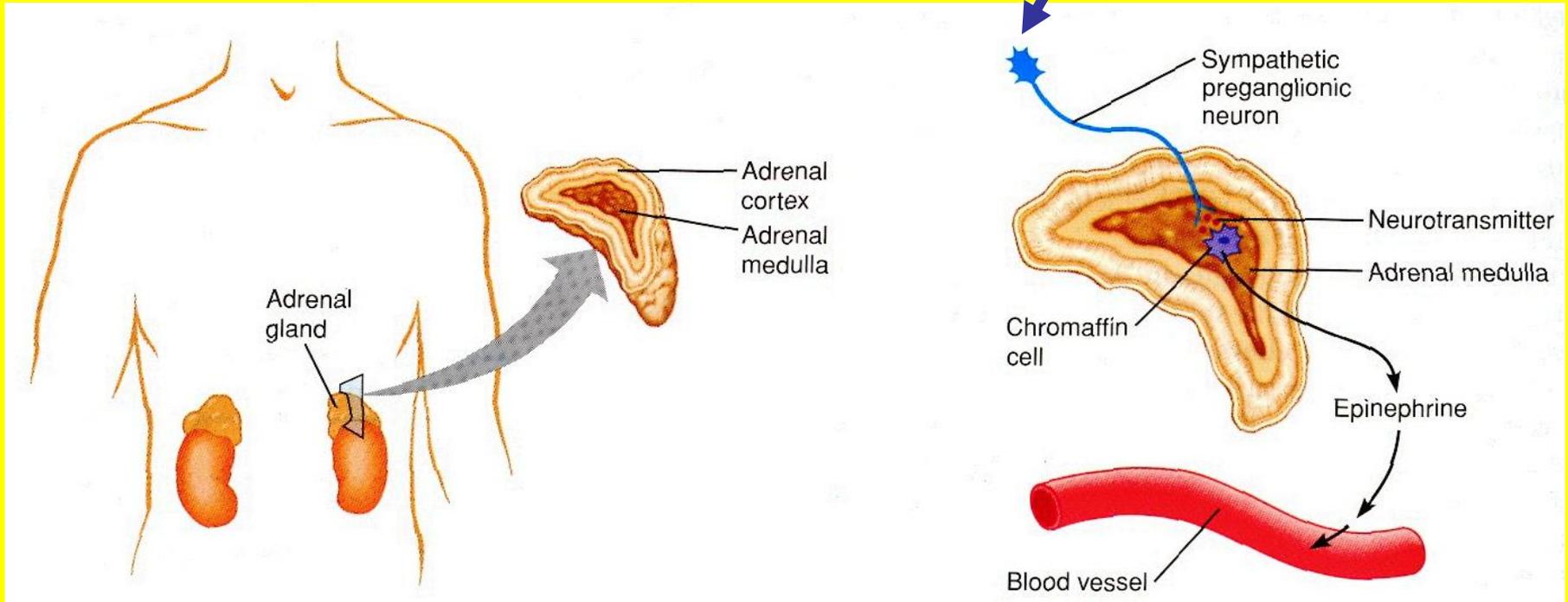
**Blood calcium:** important: blood clotting, stabilize: nerve & muscle membranes

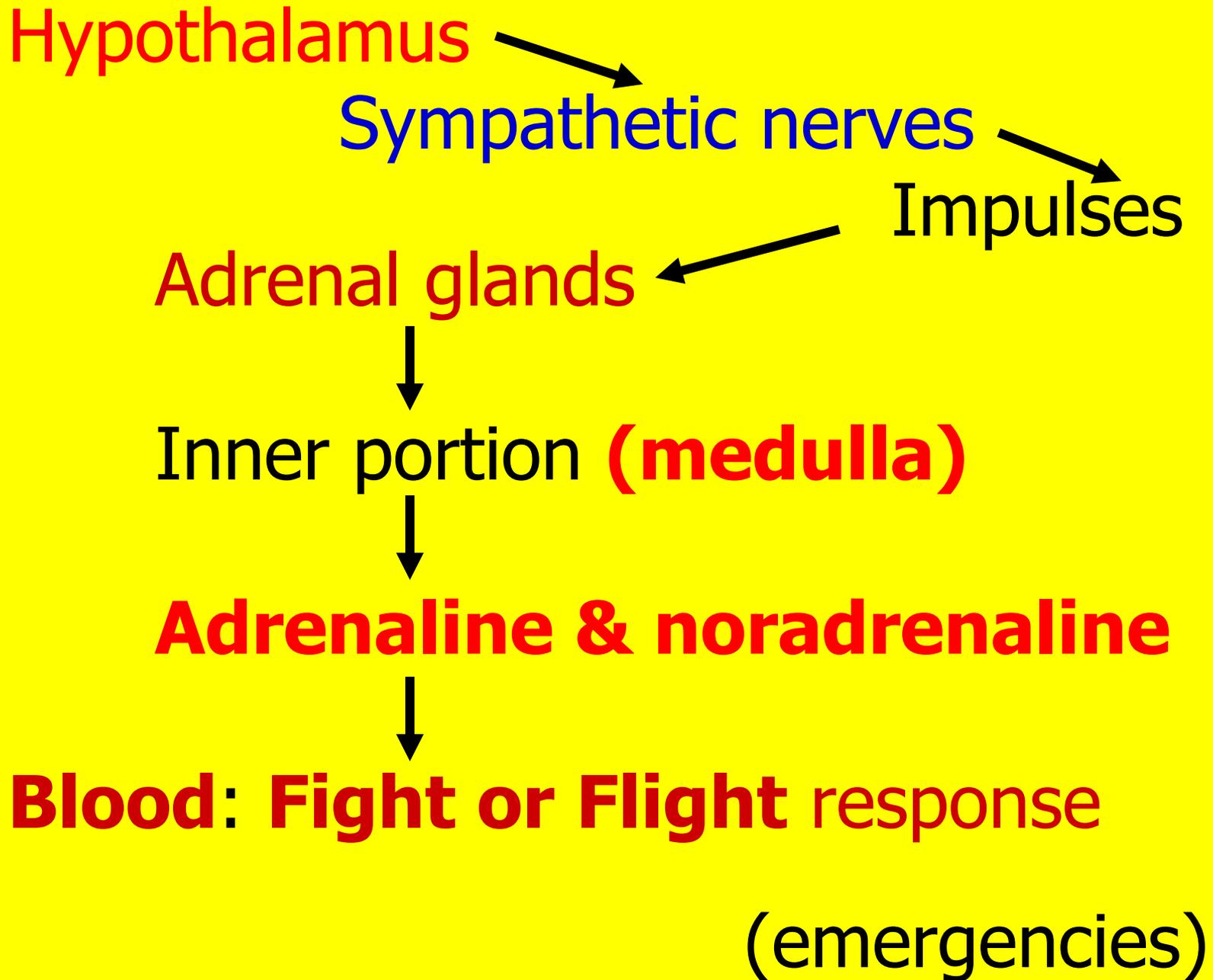
- ↓ Blood calcium
- ↑ Parathyroid hormone
- **Bone calcium** → **blood**
- ↑ Blood calcium
- ↓ **Shuts off** parathyroid hormone
- **Negative feedback**

# Adrenal Glands: on top of kidneys



# Connected to brain (hypothalamus)



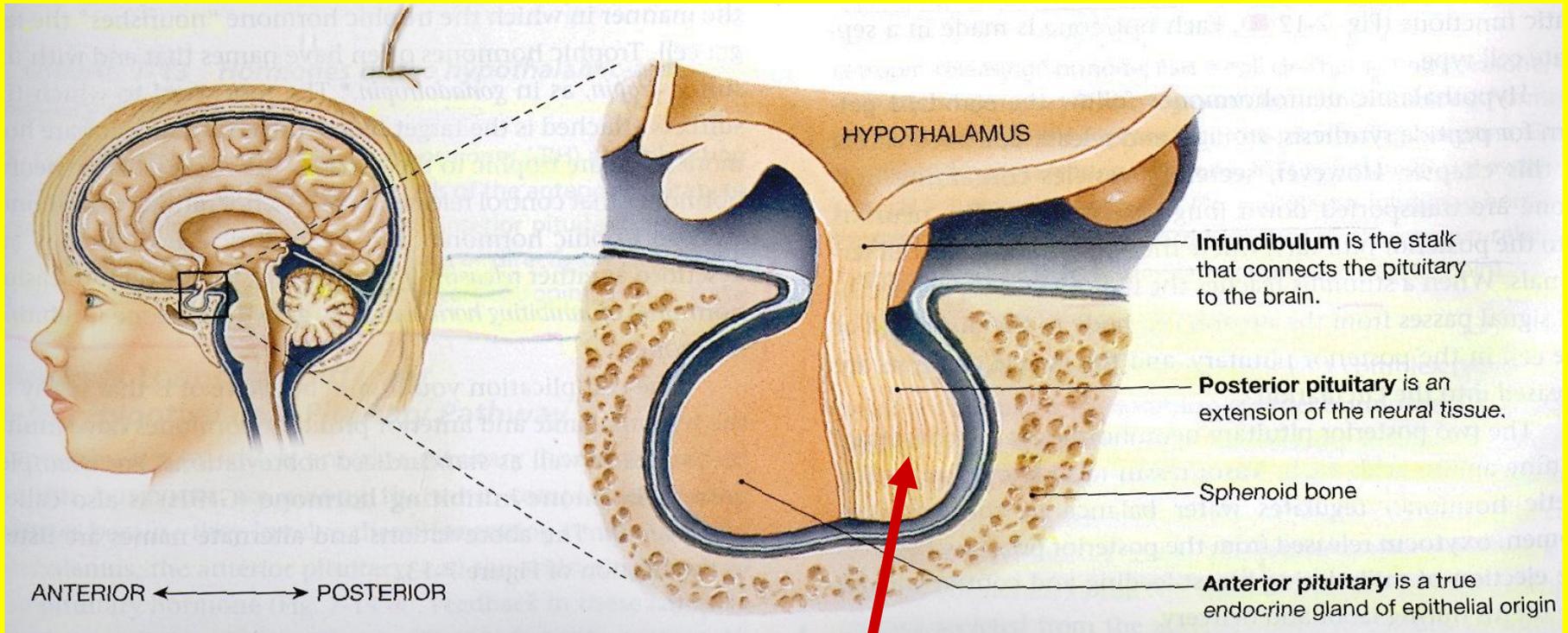


# Fight or Flight Response

- Liver/muscle: glycogen → glucose
- ↑ **Blood glucose**
- Adipose fat → blood → energy
- ↑ **Heart rate/blood flow**
- Pupils/respiratory passages-  
dilate
- Blood vessels- muscle dilate

Hypothalamus  
close link  
Pituitary  
“**master gland**”

- Size: lima bean
- Attached by stalk
- Surrounded- bone
- 2 lobes: anterior (front), posterior (back)



Posterior: extension of hypothalamus

# Posterior Pituitary

2 hormones:

1. **Antidiuretic Hormone (ADH)**

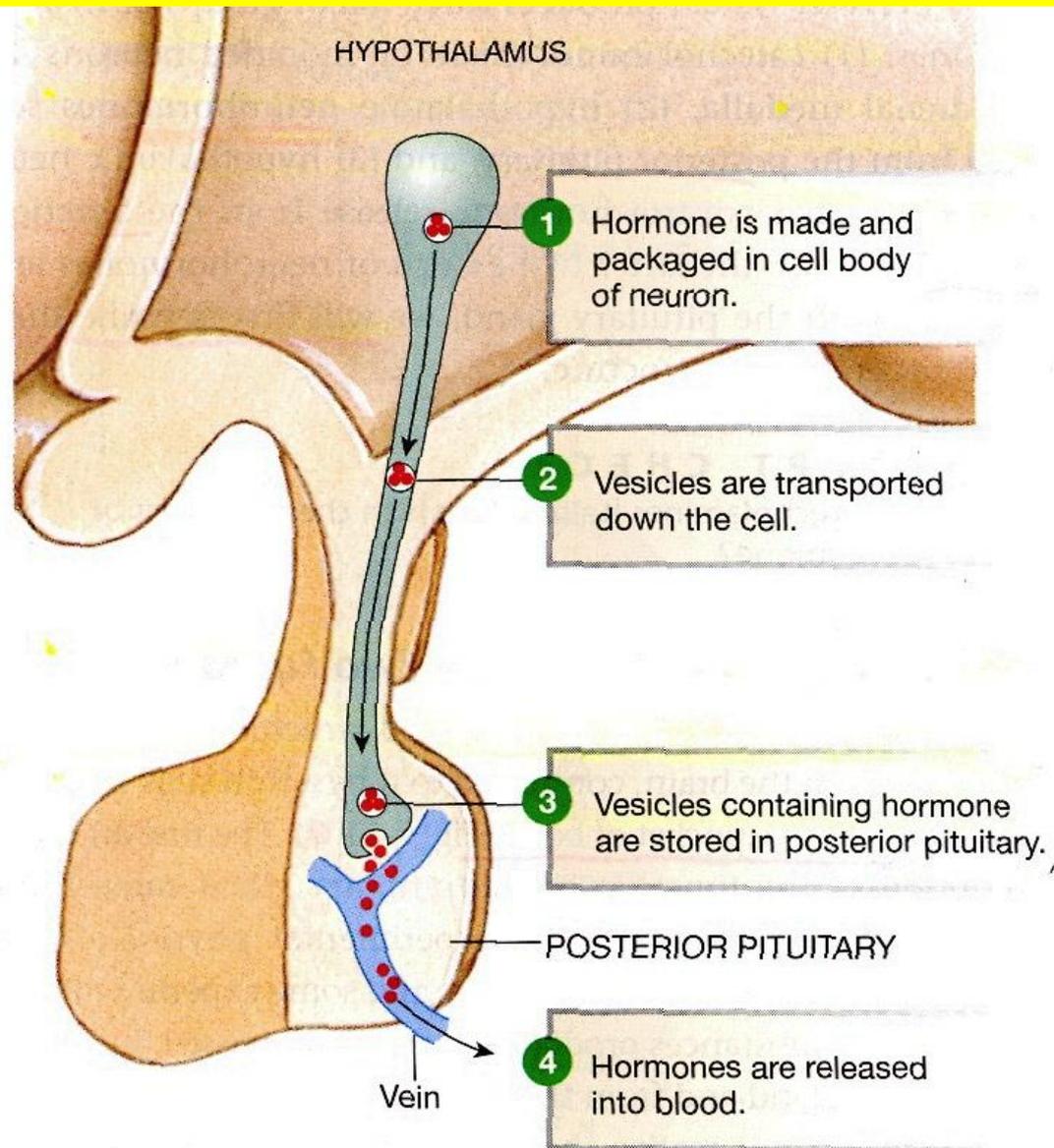
2. **Oxytocin**

Made in hypothalamus → neuron  
(stored) posterior pituitary ←

3. Brain **nervous impulse** →

**pituitary**

← hormones ← blood



■ **FIGURE 7-12** *Synthesis, storage, and release of posterior pituitary hormones*

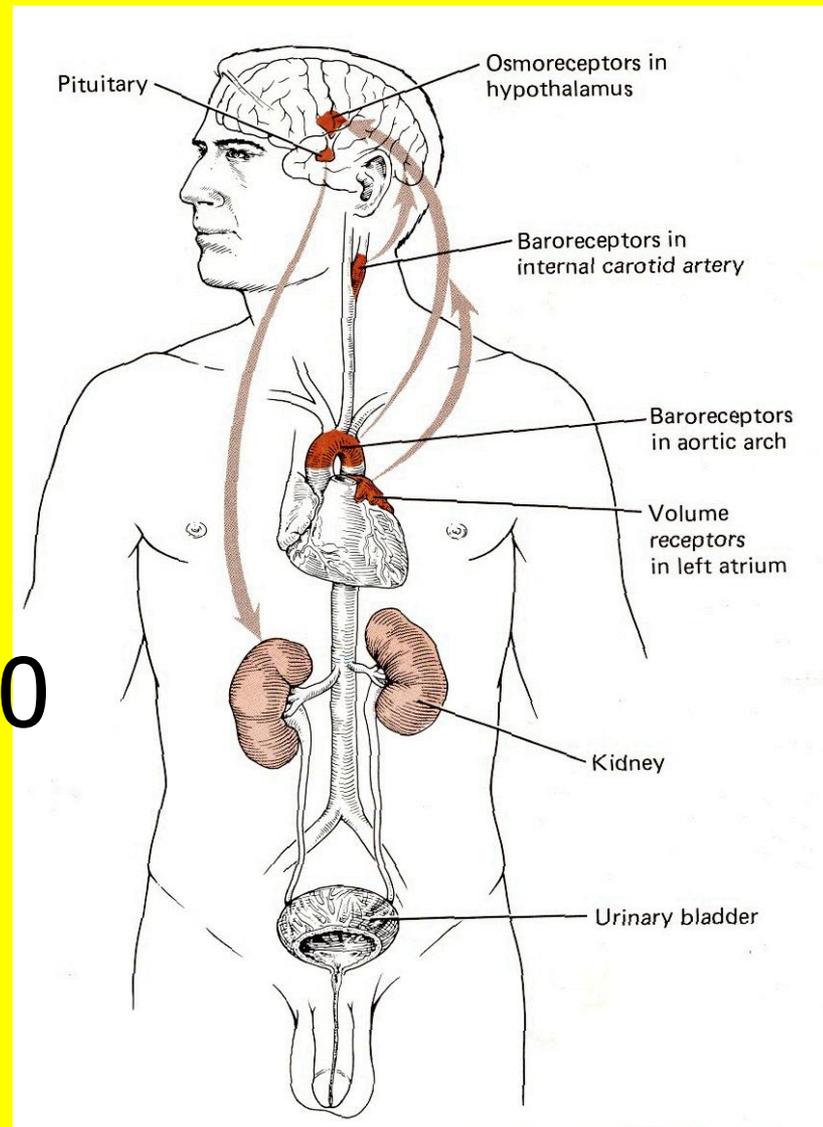
# ADH: regulates H<sub>2</sub>O Balance:

## Low H<sub>2</sub>O intake

- Concentrated blood
- ↑ ADH
- Kidneys reabsorb H<sub>2</sub>O

## High H<sub>2</sub>O intake

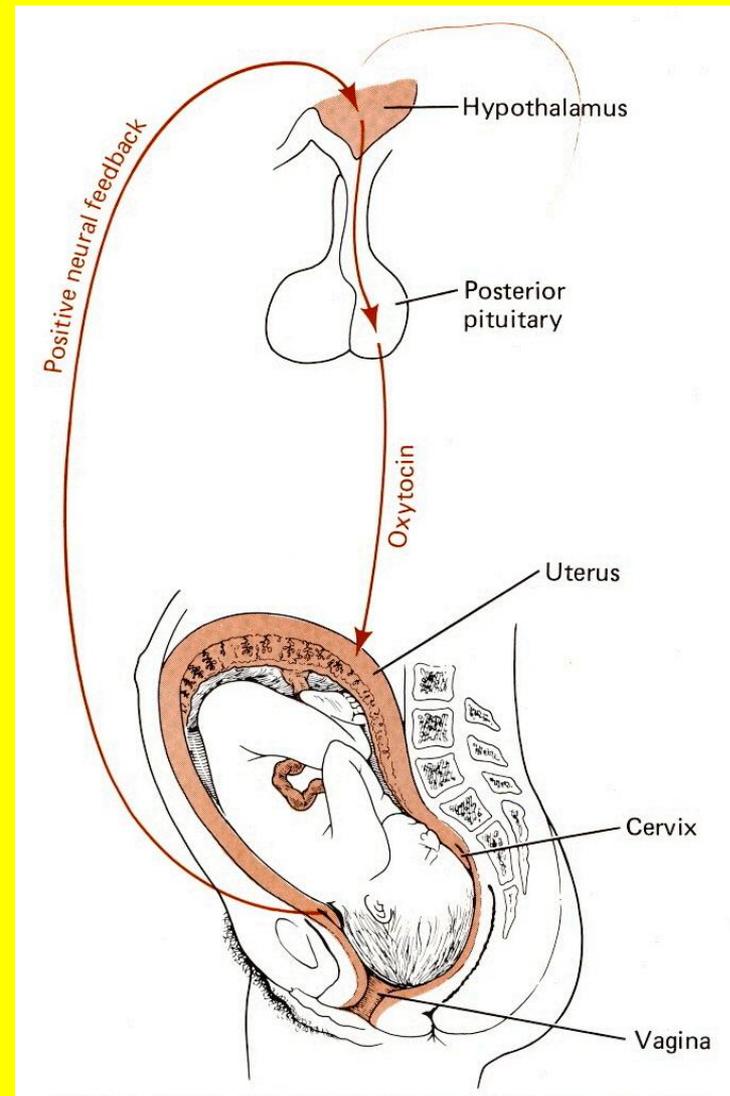
- ↑ Blood volume
- ↓ ADH
- ↑ Urine



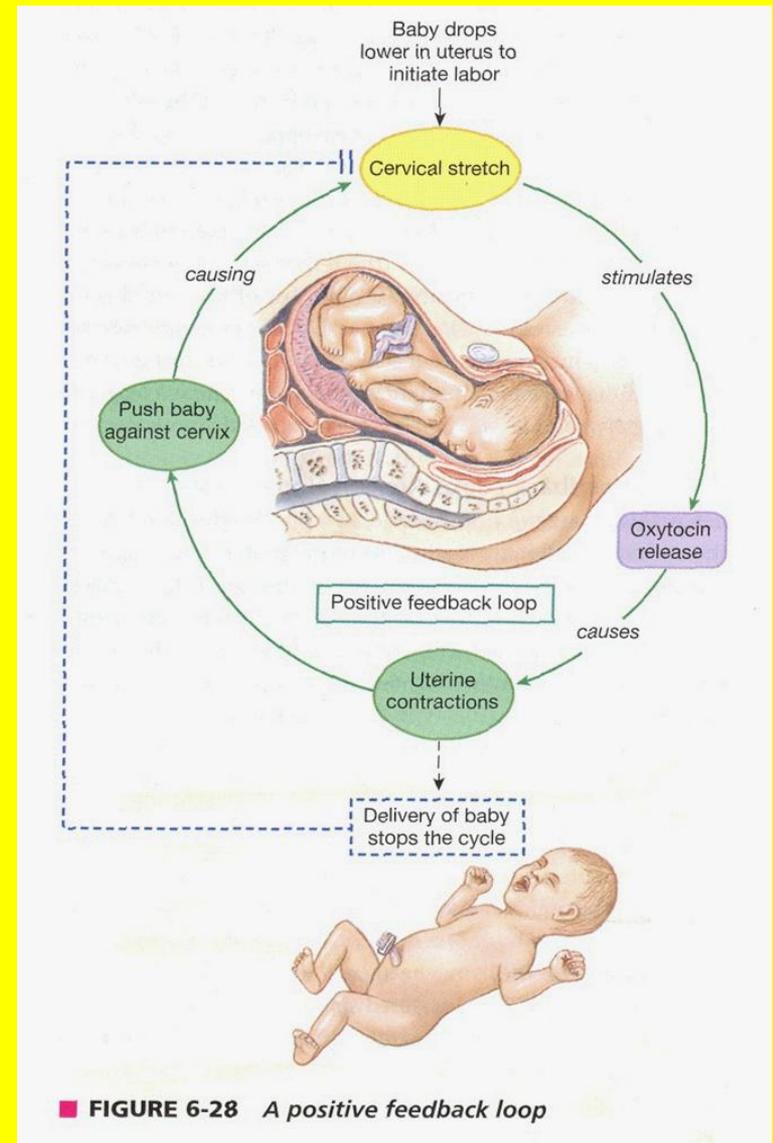
# CHILD BIRTH

# Oxytocin: Birth of baby

- Baby drops lower- **uterus**
- Pressure- **cervix**
- Nerve impulses- **hypothalamus**
- **Oxytocin**- pituitary to uterus → **contractions**



- **Placenta** releases **prostaglandins**
- Cause contractions
- Baby pushes cervix harder
- More stretching
- More impulses
- Baby born
- **Positive feedback**



■ FIGURE 6-28 A positive feedback loop

- Prostaglandins:

**Local tissue**

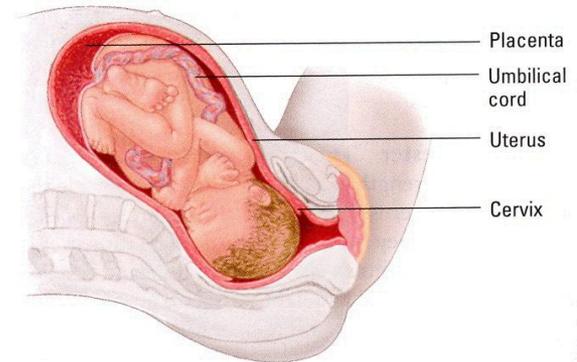
**regulators**

Stimulate **uterus**:  
muscle contractions

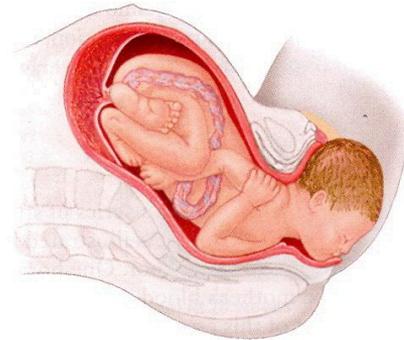
- Menstrual cramps

- Induce

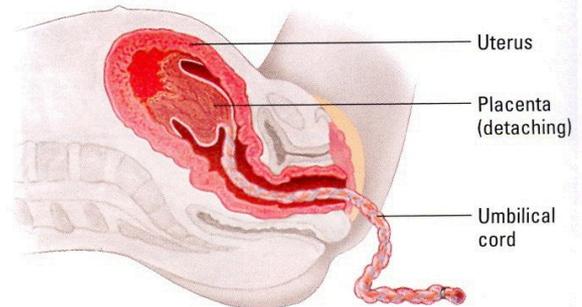
Abortions



① Dilation of the cervix



② Expulsion: delivery of the infant

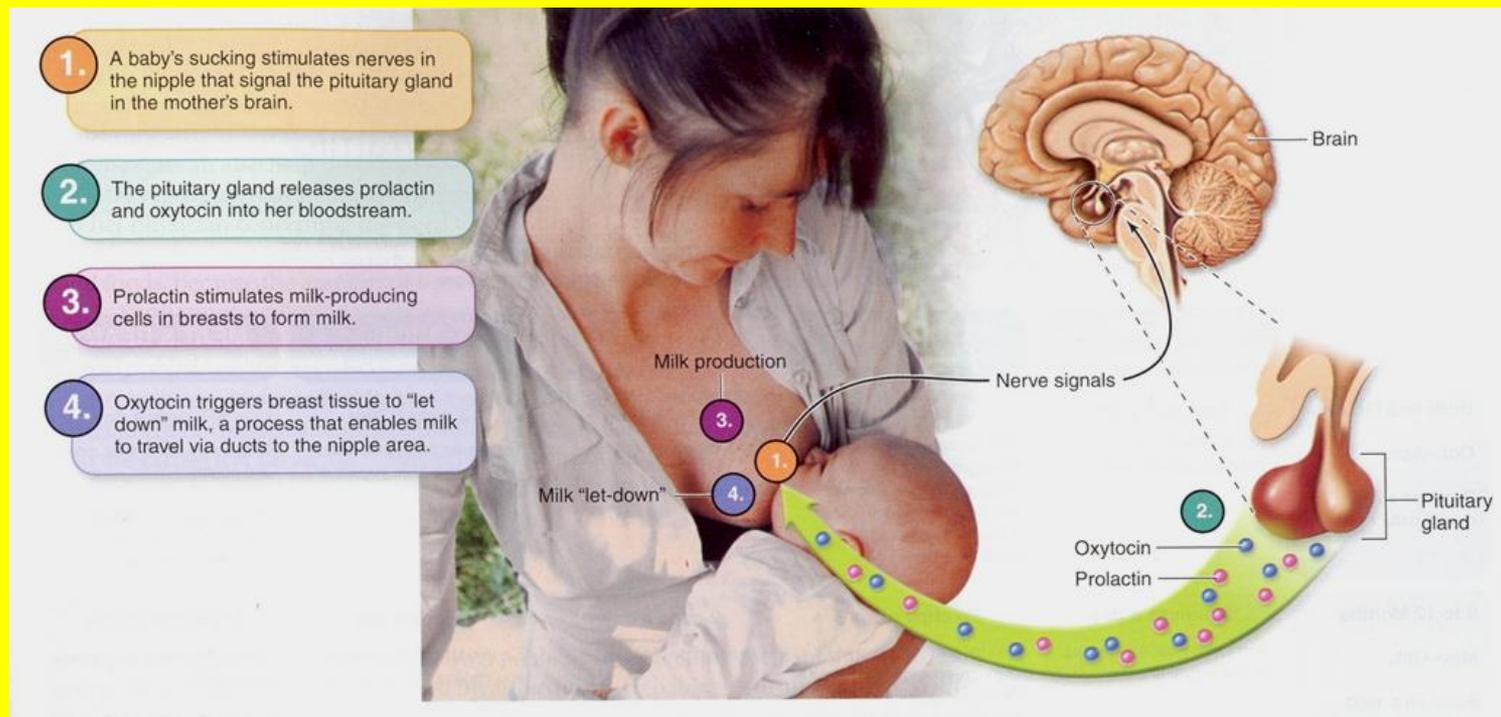


③ Delivery of the placenta

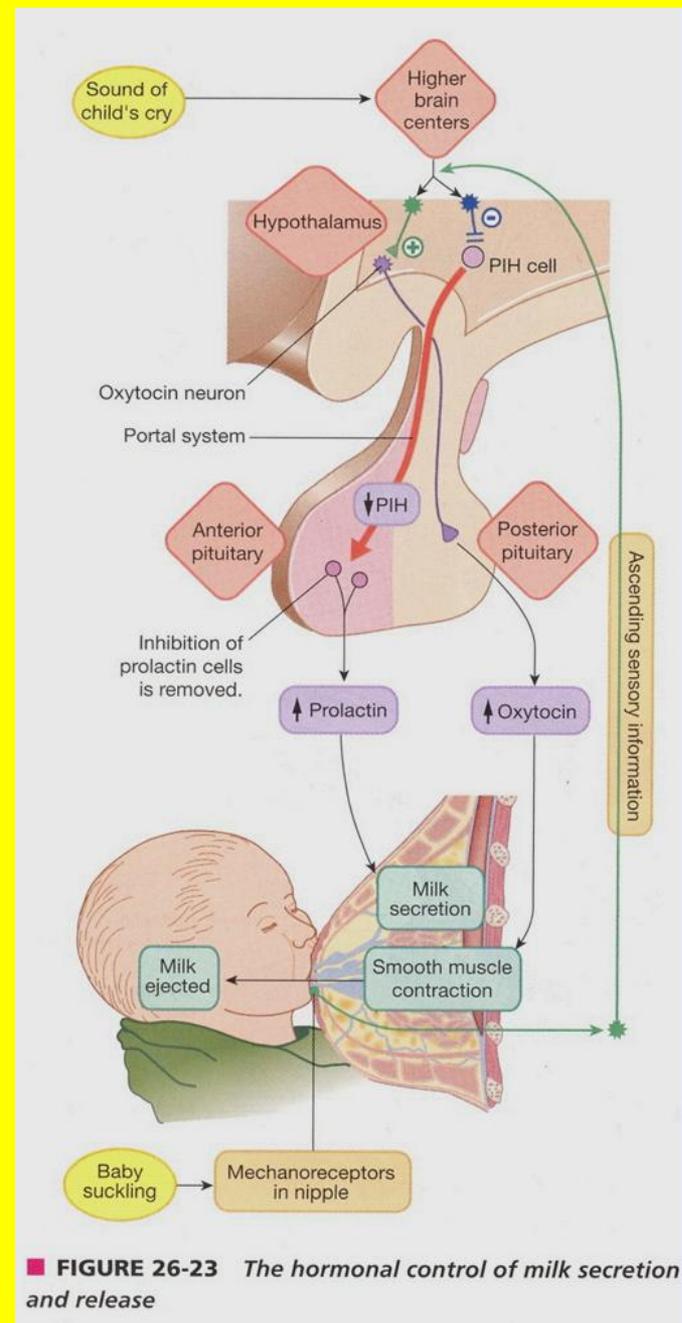
# Oxytocin: Milk Ejection

## mammary glands

## After baby born: **Positive Feedback**



- Sound: **baby's cry**
- Mom's brain:  
Impulses from **higher brain** to **hypothalamus**
- Pituitary release  
**Oxytocin** → breast
- Muscles contract:  
milk **squirts**: baby's  
mouth



**Baby's suckling**



Impulses



Mom's brain



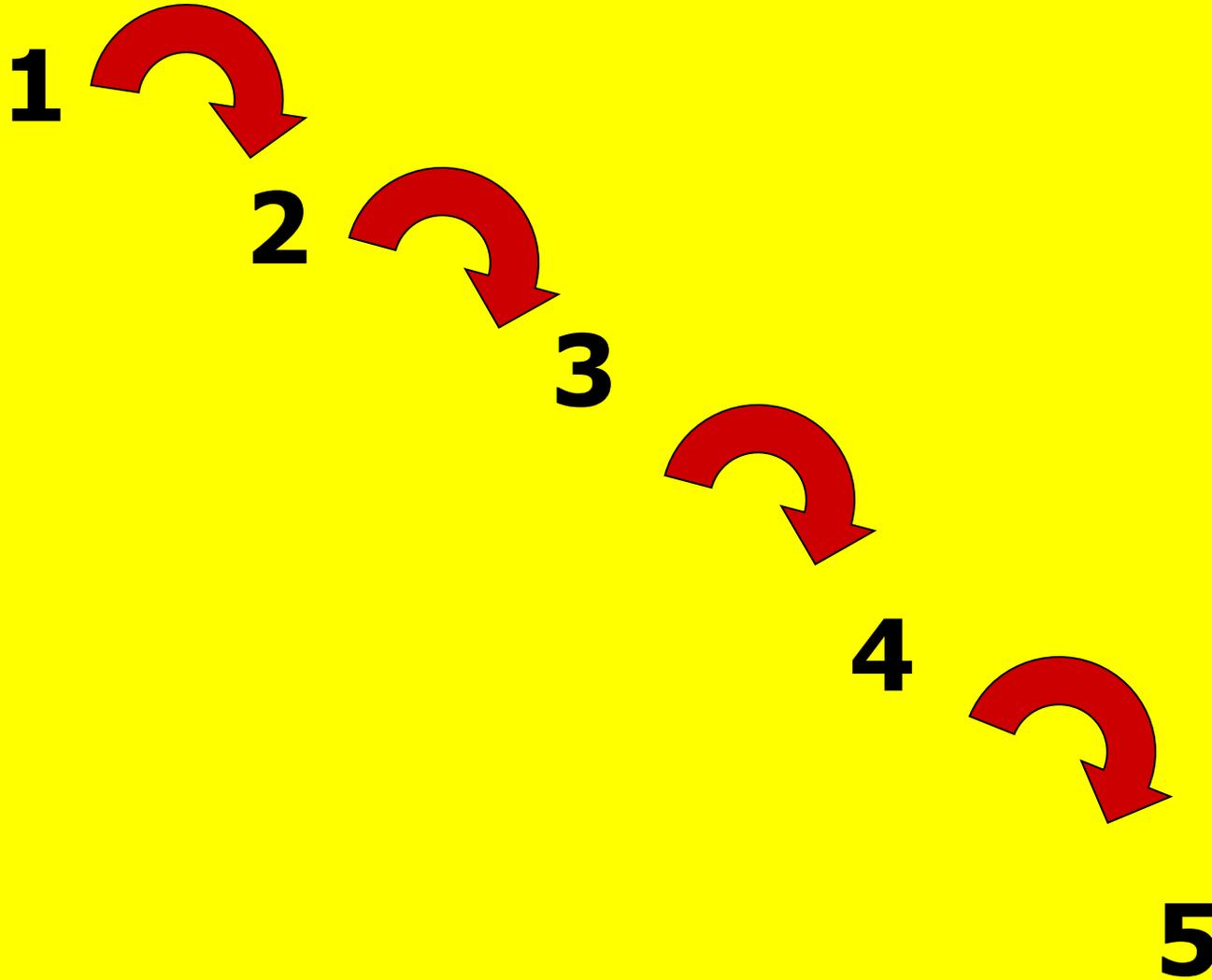
**Positive**

**Feedback**

# **Oxytocin**: other actions

- Males: helps with **semen**  
**ejaculation**
- Men & women: ↑ blood oxytocin  
during **orgasm**

# Anterior Pituitary: cascade effect



- 1. Hypothalamus:** neurons produce: **releasing** (+) or **inhibiting** (-) hormones: blood vessels → anterior pituitary
- 2. Anterior pituitary:** +/- (release/inhibition) **6** hormones
- 3. Blood** → **another** endocrine gland
- 4. Another** hormone released
- 5. Finally:** to **target cells**

# Anterior Pituitary Hormones

- 1. ACTH**
- 2. Thyroid Stimulating Hormone**
- 3. Growth Hormone**
- 4. Prolactin**
- 5. Follicle Stimulating Hormone**
- 6. Luteinizing Hormone**

**#1 ACTH**



**Adrenal gland cortex**

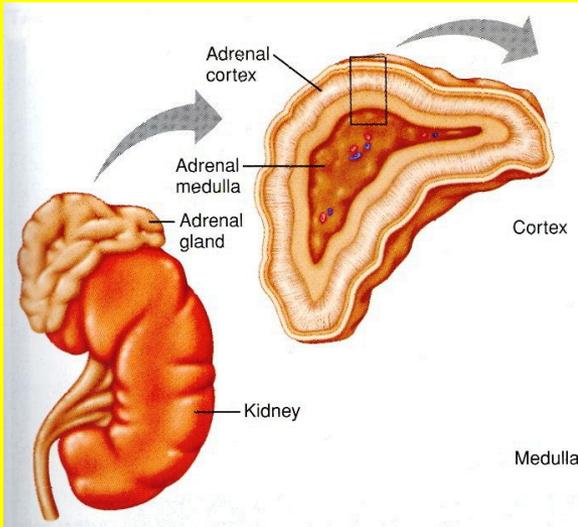
(outer portion)



**Cortisol**

Helps body cope with

**stress**



**“stress response hormone”**

**Cortisol** actions **overlap** with  
**adrenaline “fight or flight”**  
response

Cortisol: short-term (**daily**) stress

- Getting ready for **exams**
- Cortisol gets **“energy”** ready for you (**energy mobilization**)

↑ Glucose production: **liver**

↑ **Blood** glucose



**Adipose fat**  
breakdown

↑ Blood fats



Muscle protein  
breakdown  
amino acids

**glucose**



# Cortisol Release

- In bursts
- ↑ Morning      ↓ Night
- Related: **Sleep/wake cycle**  
(**circadian rhythms**)
- **Reversed**: People awake at night, sleep during day

**Problem: Long-term stress & cortisol release**

## **Side-effects**

- **Weaken immune system**  
( ↓ # immune cells)
- ↑ Chances getting **sick**
- ↑ **Atherosclerosis** (arteries): heart attacks ?
- ↓ Insulin sensitivity: **diabetes** ?

**Stress:** condition- actual or potential-  
challenge to **homeostasis** → stress  
response

**Stressors:**

**Physical:** dehydration, hemorrhage,  
infection, extreme temperatures,  
severe exercise (**marathon**)

**Psychological:** pain, fear, anxiety

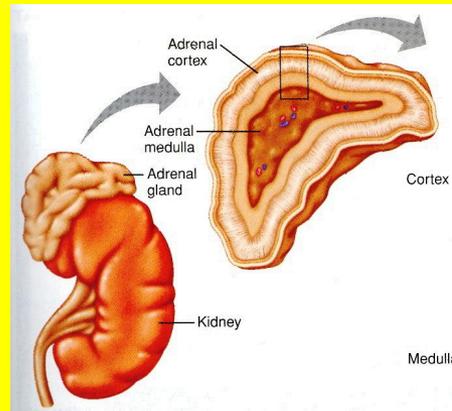
**Stressor:** for 1 person, no effect on  
another

# Stress: adrenal gland

Cortex

Cortisol

Daily/  
long-term



Medulla

Adrenaline  
Emergency

Nervous ↔ Endocrine ↔ Immune

All **linked** together

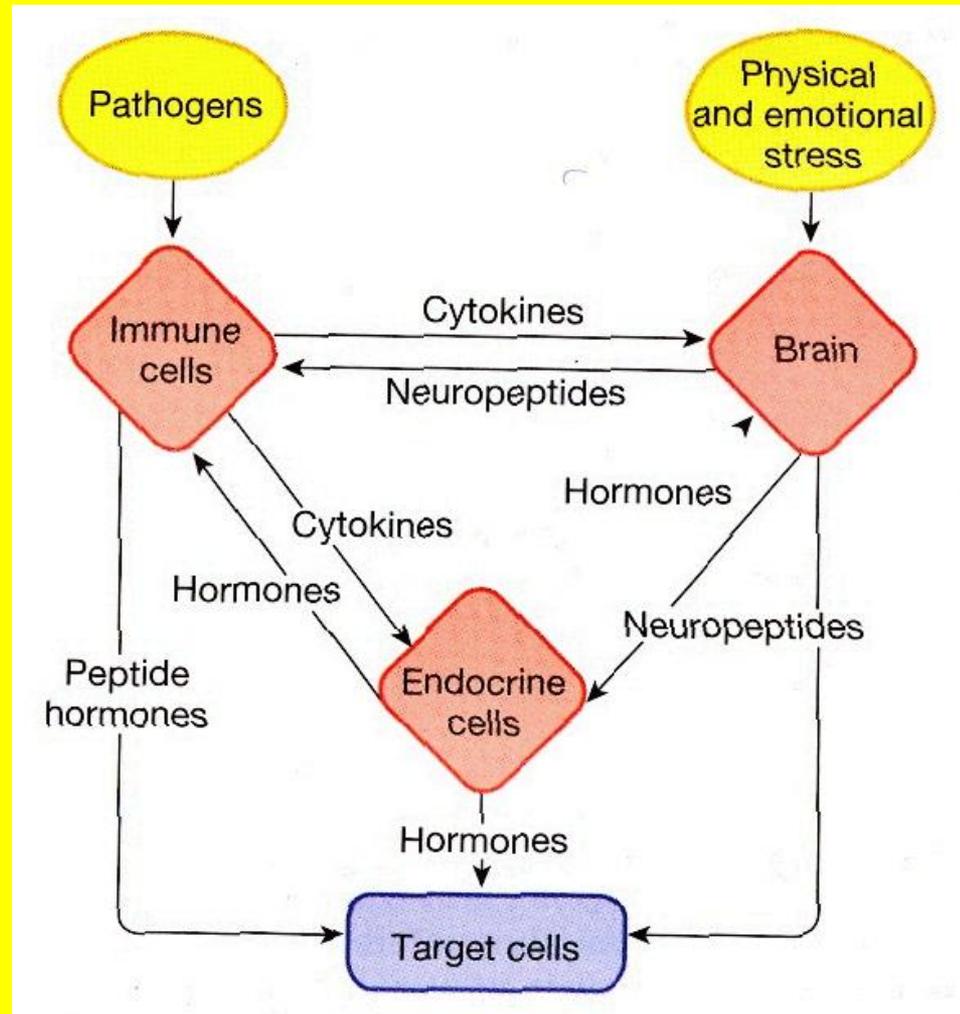
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**Common**

Chemicals/

Hormones &

Receptors



# Psychosomatic Illnesses

Mind → Body

## Examples:

- People in hospital: depression,  
↓ immunity
- Caregivers (husband or wife) of  
Alzheimer's patient: ↓ immune  
cell activity

Associated Press/mtvU survey-  
2008: **4/10** college students  
“stressed often”

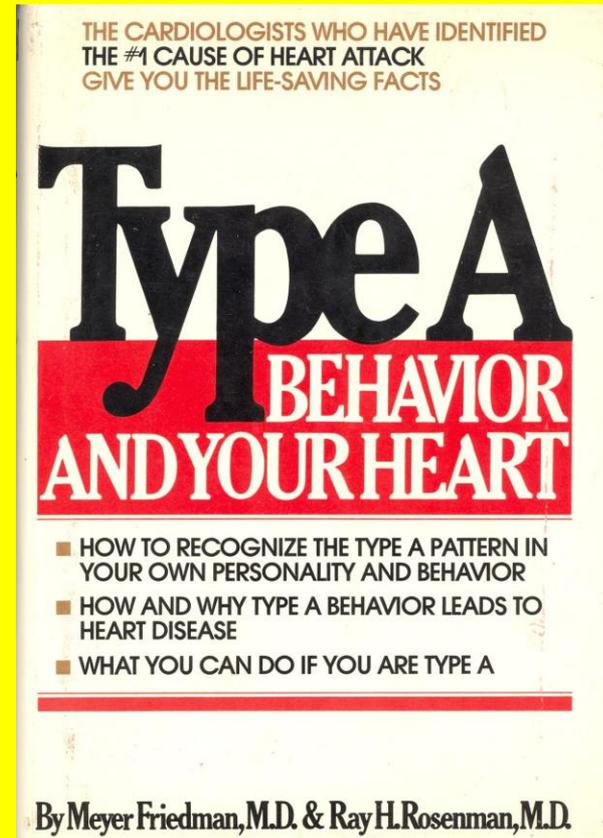
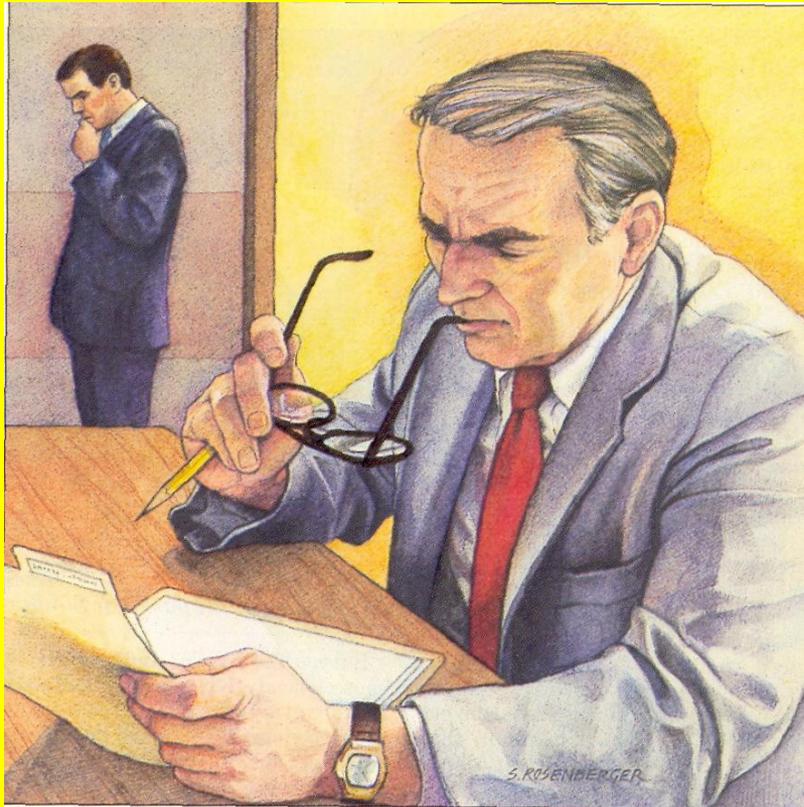
- **“Broken heart syndrome”**

1. **Emotional trauma** (sudden death husband or wife)
2. Rapid **blast** of stress hormones
3. **Paralyzes** heart muscle/drop blood pressure/ decreased O<sub>2</sub>
4. **Heart fails-** some people die
5. No blockage, no heart attack
6. More common: **post-menopausal women**



# Personality Type

- **Type A: Coronary prone**



## **Type A:**

Time urgency, impatient,  
competitive, aggressive

Subtype: hostile, cynical,  
increased adrenaline stress  
response: ↑ heart disease risk

**Type B**: more relaxed, less time  
conscious: ↓ risk

World Health Organization 2008:  
**Night Shift:** a “probable”  
**carcinogen**

↑ Breast &  
prostate  
cancer: people  
working-night  
Cause? Effect?

Changes- **Biological clock** (circadian  
rhythm)



# Positive Outlook on Life

- 2006 Dutch “**Outlook on life**” study: men 64-84 followed for 15 years

“I still expect much from life”

“I am still full of plans”

**50%** lower risk dying **heart disease**

- **Cancer & AIDS survivors- positive outlook:** improved health

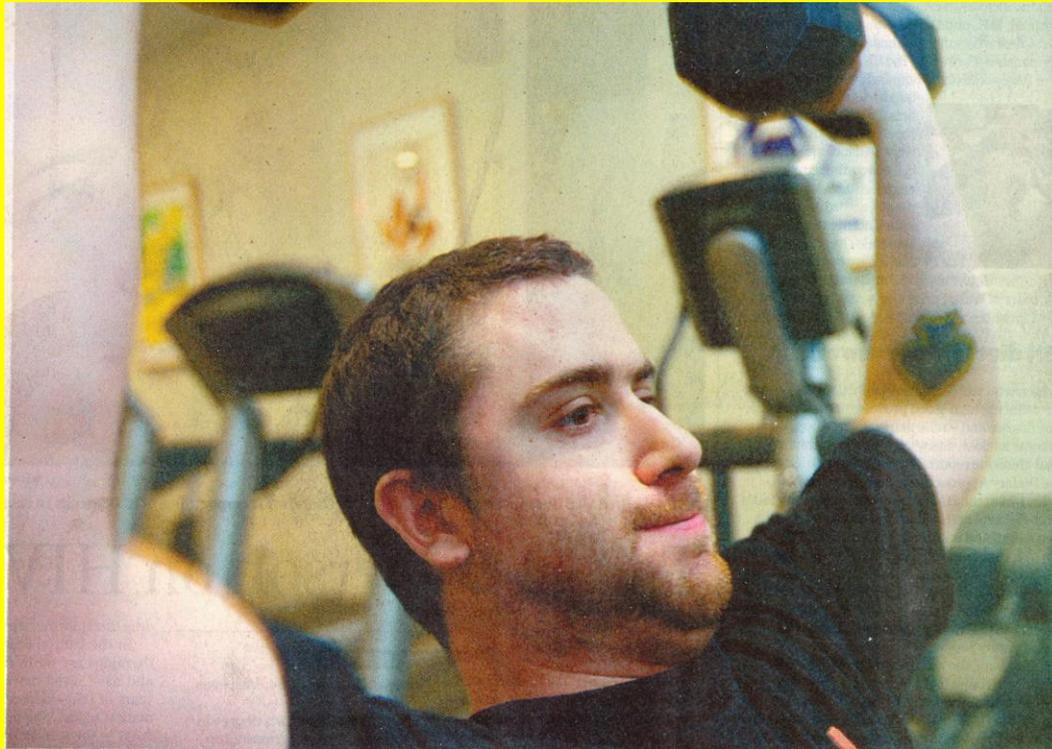
- Laughter Therapy ([www.aath.org](http://www.aath.org))

People watching funny movies:

↑ immune cell activity

- Complementary medical therapy:  
meditation (? endorphins), yoga,  
hypnosis, biofeedback
- **Exercise** as stress reliever

2007 study: **Exercise** almost as good as **anti-depressant** in reducing **depression**



JOANNE RATHE/GLOBE ST

Theo Baars uses weights in the exercise room at the recreation center as part of his treatment for depression at McLean Hospital in Belmont.

# Mood lifting

Growing evidence suggests that exercise is as good for your mental health as it is for your physical well-being

## #2 Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH)

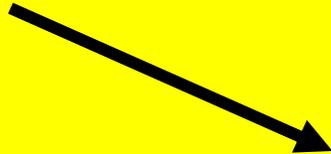
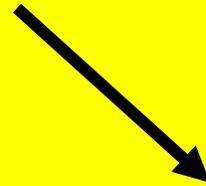
TSH from anterior pituitary

Thyroid hormones

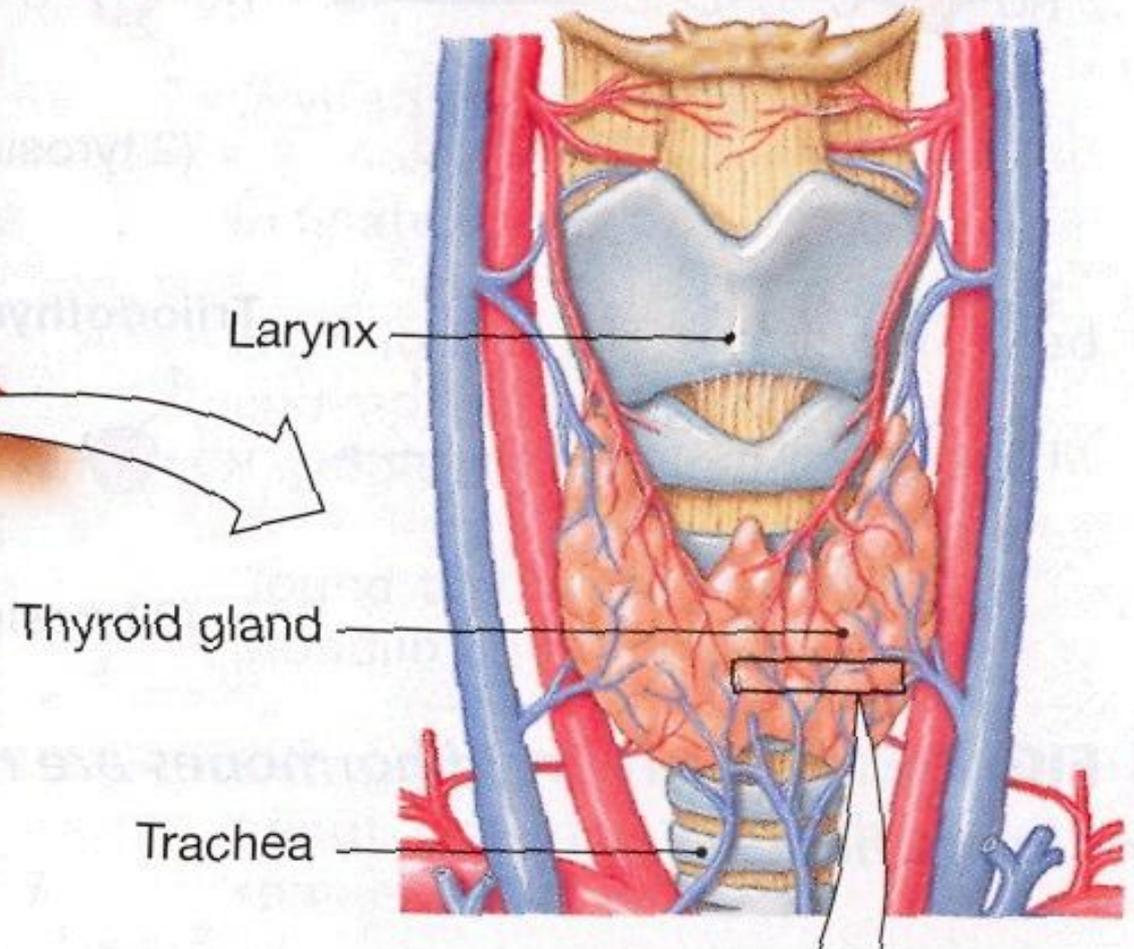
Thyroid

Stable blood levels

Maintain normal metabolism



(a) The thyroid gland is a butterfly-shaped gland, located just below the larynx.



Thyroid hormones: made from an  
**amino acid** + **iodine**

Iodine **concentrated** in thyroid

Children, radioactivity exposure,  
and **thyroid cancer**

# 1986: **Chernobyl** (Ukraine): nuclear reactor **meltdown**

- Plume: radioactivity (**Iodine 131**)-taken up by **thyroid**



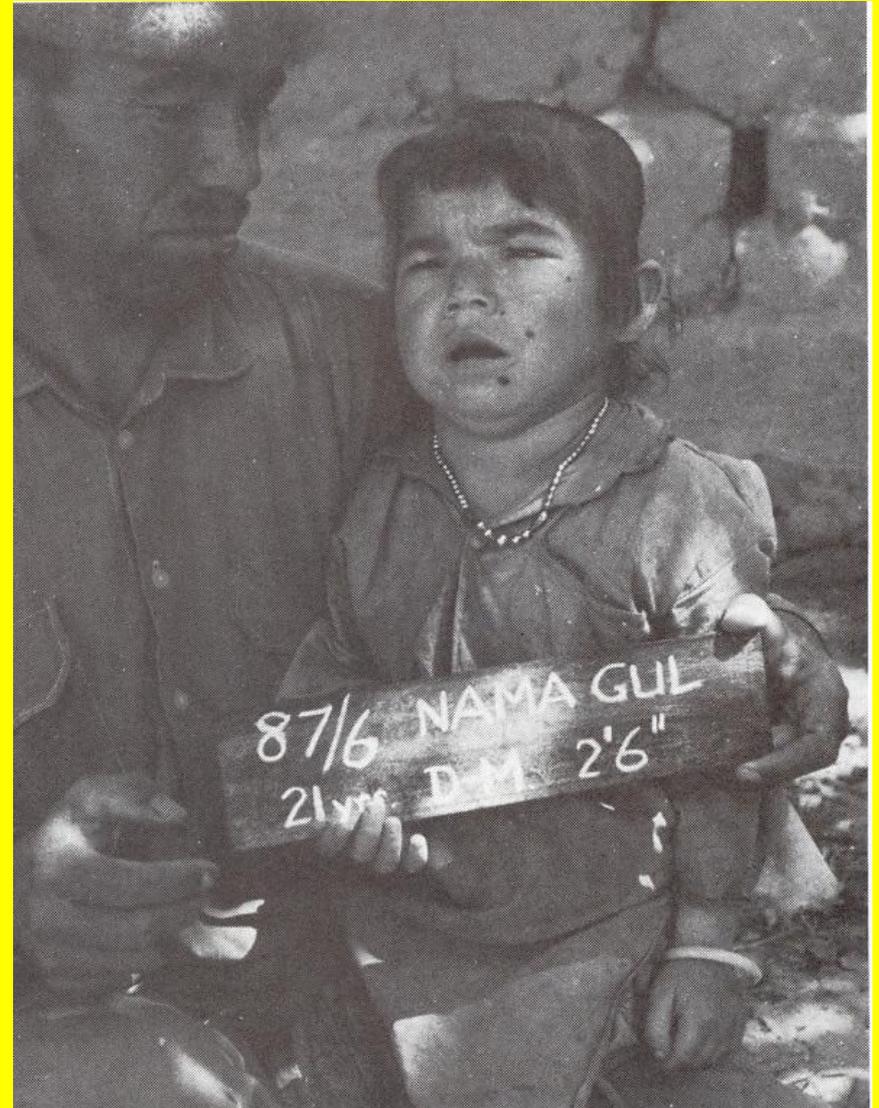
**Children:** thyroid hormones  
important: normal growth, body,  
nervous system development

Deficiency: hypothyroidism=  
cretinism

- Mental retardation
- Growth stunted
- Brain damage

**Cretinism:** can be  
result of **iodine**  
deficiency

**21** year old  
woman  
2' 6" tall



# Thyroid Hormones: what they do

- ↑ O<sub>2</sub> use by most tissues
- Maintain your Basal Metabolism  
Oxygen used and heat produced  
at rest
- Heat helps maintain your body  
temperature

**Basal Metabolism:** energy needed- basic functions- just to keep you alive

- Breathing
- Circulating Blood
- Maintaining Body Temperature
- Making New Tissue
- Removing Waste Products
- Sending Nerve Impulses

# Basal Metabolic Rate (BMR)

- **Calories** you burn every hour to keep you **alive**
- 60-70% of total calories you burn (energy needs)
- Does **not** include: **physical activity/exercise**
- Warm blooded animals: “Keep fires lit all night”

# In General:

↑ **BMR**      ↑ **Lean body mass**  
(metabolically active vs. fat tissue)

↑ **BMR**      ↑ **Men vs. women**  
(more lean mass)

↓ **BMR**      ↓ **Age**  
(less lean mass)

↑ BMR

↑ Thyroid hormones

↓ BMR

↓ If calorie intake  
low (**starvation**)

Homeostasis: less energy  
needed to maintain weight

Frustration: Trying to lose weight

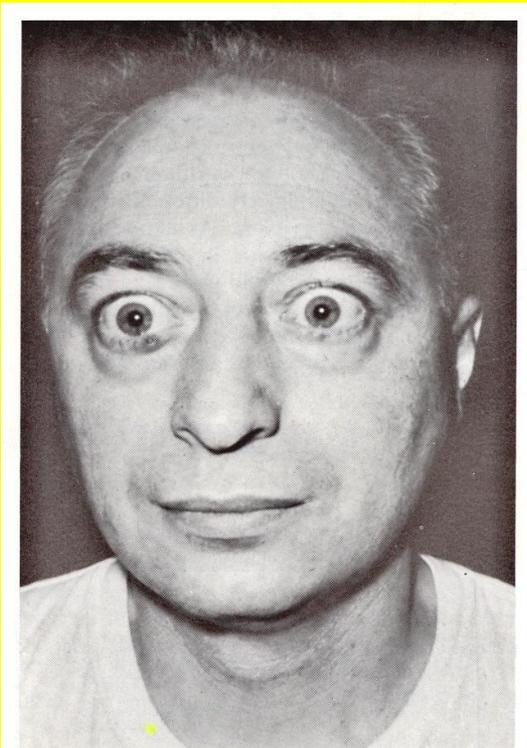
## Adults- Hyperthyroidism

- ↑ Thyroid hormone secretion
- ↑ Oxygen use by cells
- ↑ Heat produced (warm/sweaty/heat intolerant)
- ↑ Weight loss, ↑ protein catabolism
- **Hyper excitable** nervous system
- ↑ Heart rate, irritability

### **Treatment**

Remove part thyroid, destroy with radioactive iodine, drugs: block hormone synthesis

**Exophthalmus:** bug-eyed appearance- enlarged ( ↑ fluid) muscles/tissue eye socket



**Figure 12.14** The Exophthalmos of Hyperthyroidism. Sometimes hyperthyroidism causes not only an increase in ATP production, nervousness, and body heat, but also protruding eyeballs. (From Lester V. Bergman and Associates.)



**FIGURE 23-15** *Exophthalmus*

# Hypothyroidism

↓ Secretion thyroid hormones

- **Slow metabolism**

- ↓ O<sub>2</sub> use by cells

- Puffiness-skin

- **Slow** reflexes, speech, thought processes, fatigue

- **Slow heart rate**

- Treatment: **oral thyroid hormone**



**Goiter:** enlarged  
thyroid gland

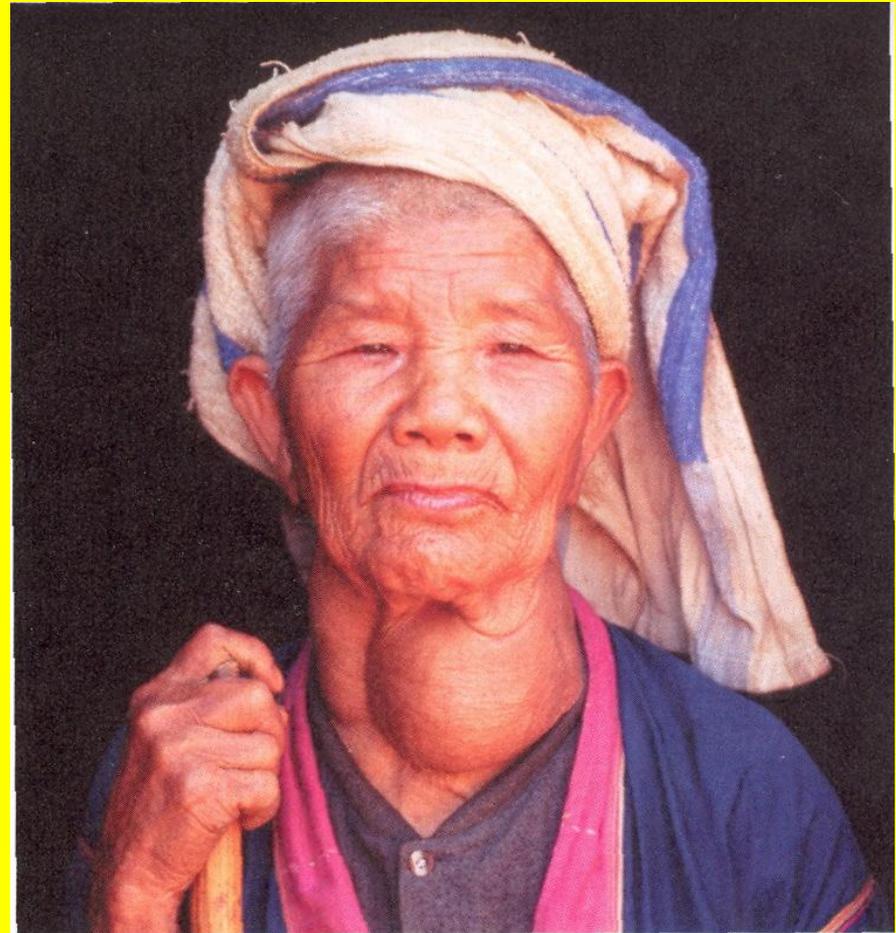
One cause:

↑ **TSH** causes  
increased release  
thyroid hormone

Thyroid gland

**hypertrophies**

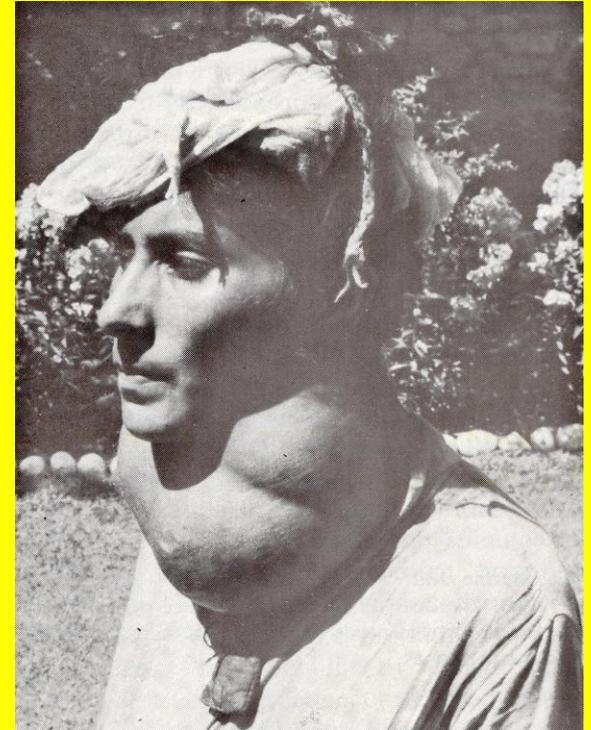
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■ **FIGURE 23-13** *A man with goiter due to excessive TSH stimulation*

# **Goiter:** iodine deficiency

- ↓ **iodine in diet**
- ↑ TSH: stimulates thyroid to grow
- No iodine ~~→~~ **thyroid hormone**
- **No feedback** shut off TSH
- Treatment: **iodine** supplement
- **Iodized salt**

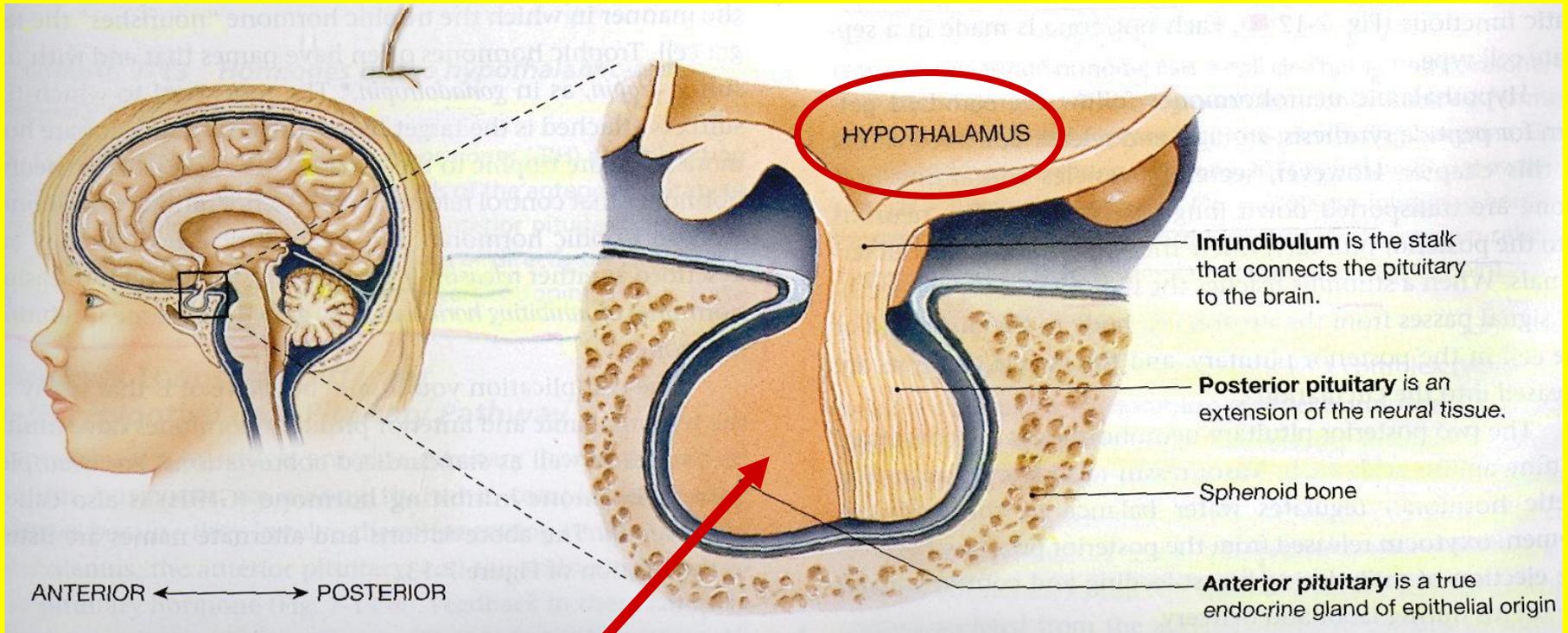


**#3 Growth hormone:** from anterior pituitary: affects **growth & metabolism**

Growth:

1. Bone

2. Soft tissue: organs- heart, lungs, kidneys, intestines, skin, muscles



Anterior pituitary: **growth hormone**

When major **growth** happens

- 1<sup>st</sup> 2 years of life
- **Adolescence: growth spurt**
  - 11** years old- girls
  - 13** years old- boys



Late teens:

**Plate**- end

of bone

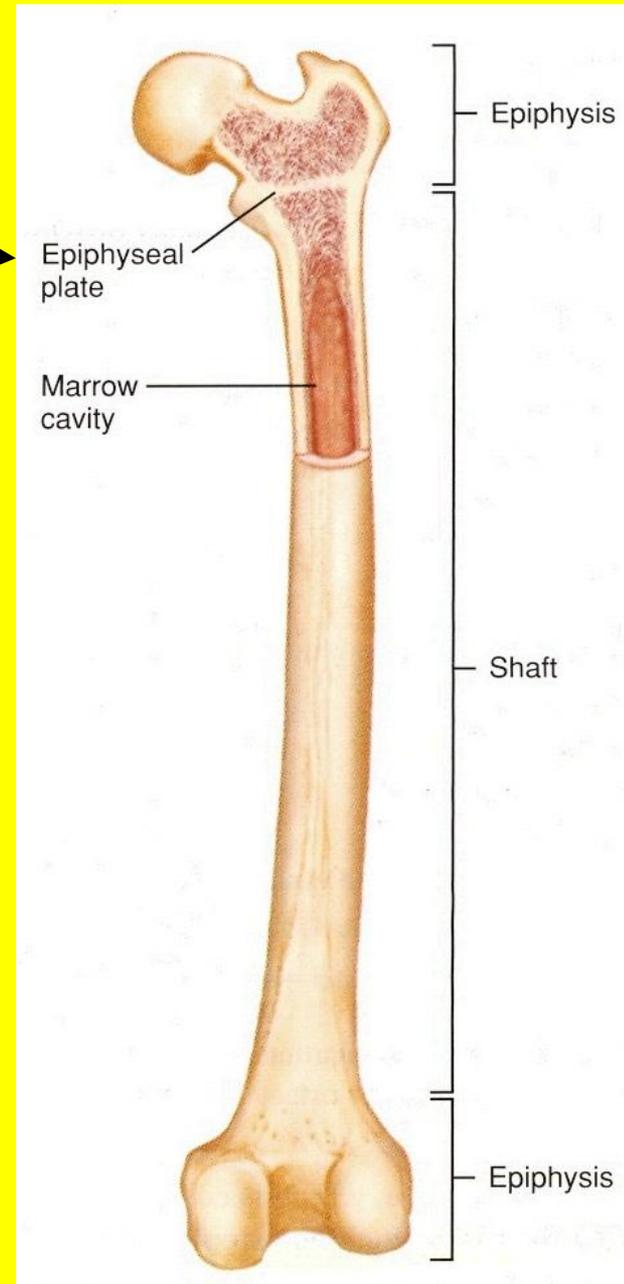
**closes**

- Can't grow taller

- Bones- only

grow **wider**

(circumference)



# Growth Hormone levels

- High secretion in **children**
- Even higher- **teens**
- Maximum at **puberty**: testosterone & estrogen also stimulate growth hormone release
- **Adults**: lower levels: maintain bone mass/lean (muscle) body mass
- **Older adults**: still lower: ↓ muscle mass  
↑ body fat

# What **growth hormone** does to make people grow

- Stimulates liver: make **glucose**
- ↑ **Blood glucose & fatty acids**  
(energy for growth)
- ↑ Protein synthesis (muscles, tissues)
- ↑ Cell size (**hypertrophy**)
- ↑ Cell number (**hyperplasia**)

# Result:

- **Bones** grow longer

- Increase **lean**

Body mass

(muscle)

- **Increase size:**

heart, lungs, kidneys,

intestines



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# **Growth Hormone: Over & Underproduction**

# Growth Hormone Pathologies

**Dwarfism** ↓ **Growth hormone**

secretion or receptor  
defect

- ↓ growth, ↓ muscle development,  
↑ body fat
- Before 1985: treatment- human  
pituitary extracts: **cadavers**
- 1985: **genetically engineered** growth  
hormone: **replacement therapy**

# Gigantism:

Sometimes pituitary tumor in **children**

- ↑Growth hormone
- ↑Growth
- ↑Great height
- Robert Wadlow:

**8' 11" tall**



**Figure 11.4 A Giant.** When the anterior pituitary produces excessive growth hormone in a child, the child grows rapidly to excessive height. This caused Robert Wadlow, shown here in 1939, to attain a world-record height of 271 cm (8 ft 11 in). (From N. McWhirter, ed., *Guinness Book of World Records*, New York: Sterling Publishing Co., 1982, p. 6. © Sterling Publishing Co., Inc.)

# Sun Ming Ming **7'9" 387 pounds** NBA hopeful from China playing in ABA



Jamie Rose for The New York Times

**WORK IN PROGRESS** Sun Ming Ming, 23, after a basketball lesson with the former N.B.A. center Gheorghe Muresan in Potomac, Md.

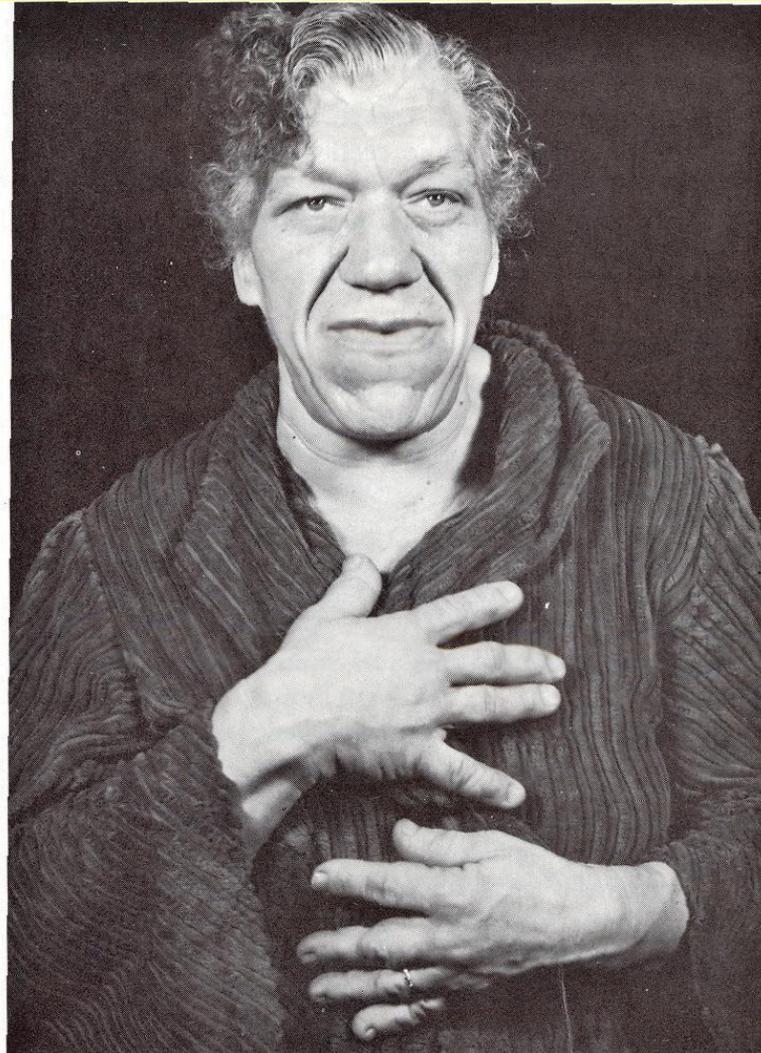
# **Acromegaly**: pituitary tumor adults

- ↑ Growth hormone
- ↑ **Size**- forehead, jaw, hands, feet
- ↑ Internal organs
- Problems: hypertension, diabetes, arthritis, enlarged heart, loss vision
- **Treatment**: surgery or radiation:  
destroy tumor
- **Drugs**: ↓ growth hormone production

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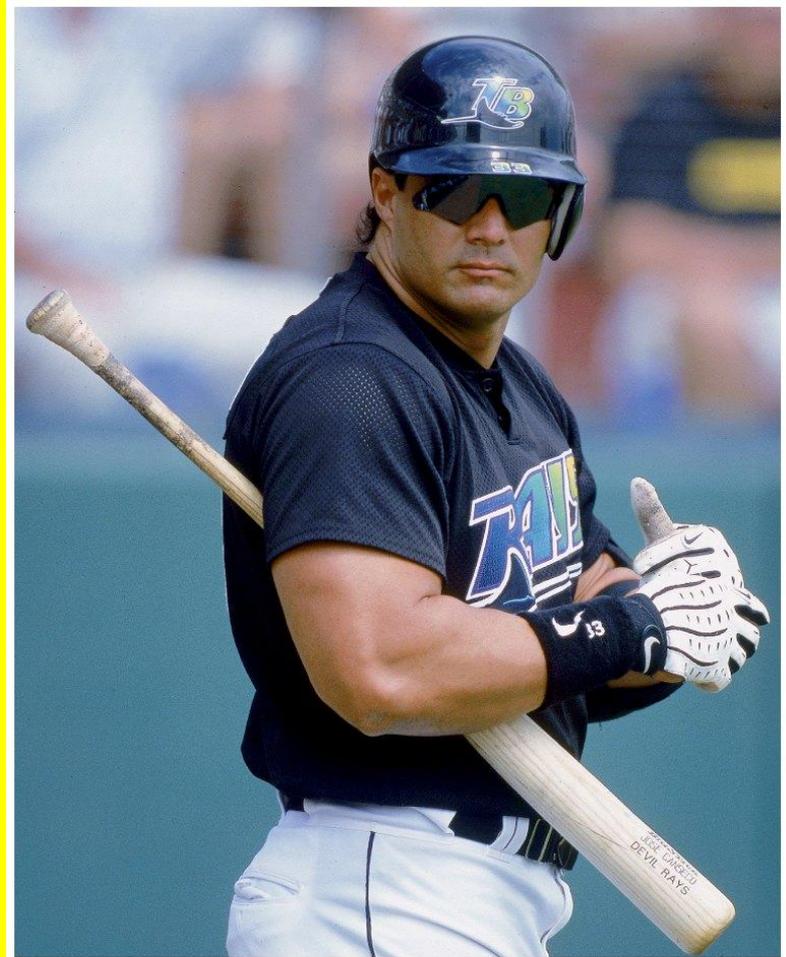
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**Figure 11.5 Acromegaly.** Excessive production of growth hormone in adults causes acromegaly. Bones broaden and other tissues enlarge, causing a progressive disfigurement. The photographs show this progression in one woman, from 16 years of age, when acromegaly had just begun, to age 33 and 52. (From W. H. Daughaday in A. I. Mendeloff and D. E. Smith, eds., *Amer. J. Med.* 20 [1956]:135.)

# Growth hormone, anabolic steroids and athletes

Jose Canseco

Mark McGwire  
(70 home runs-  
1998)

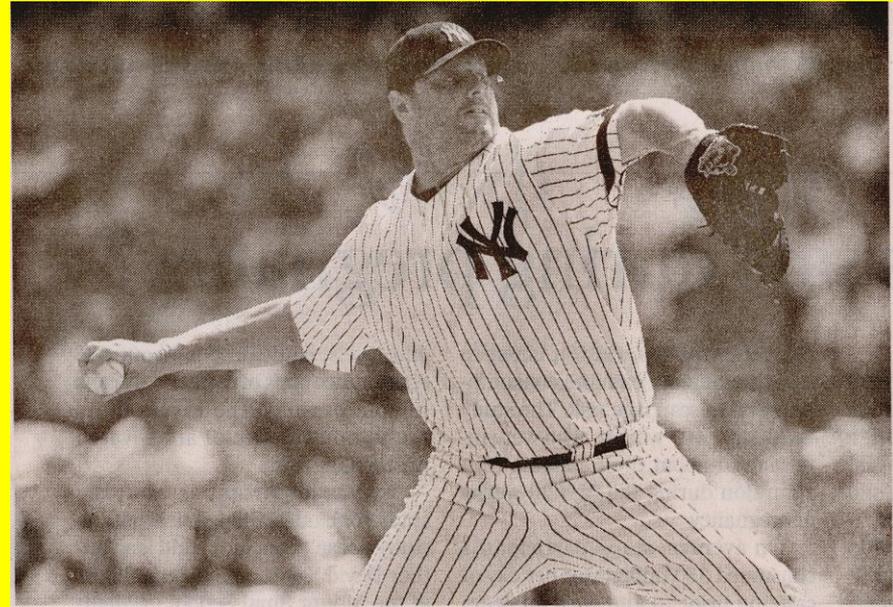


# Roger Clemens? Growth hormones

- Improve **muscle mass**

## **Side effects**

- Insulin resistance
- Inflammation pancreas



RAY STUBBLEBINE/REUTERS-FILE 2007

Roger Clemens says he had vitamin B12 and Lidocaine injections, not steroids.

# Anabolic Steroids- performance enhancing drugs

- Banned- International Olympic Committee
- Mimic- male sex hormones (**androgens**)
- ↑ Protein synthesis
- ↑ Muscle development



# Anabolic steroids: side effects

- Jaundice, liver failure
- Liver tumors
- Hypertension
- ↓ HDL (good cholesterol)
- Heart damage
- ↓ Sperm production, ↓ size testes
- ↓ Testosterone
- ↓ Sex drive
- Acne

## Anabolic Steroids: women athletes

- ↓ Egg development & ovulation
- ↓ Breast size
- Disrupts menstrual cycle
- Deep voice
- **Facial Hair**

# Anterior Pituitary Hormones

- 1. ACTH**
- 2. Thyroid Stimulating Hormone**
- 3. Growth Hormone**
- 4. Prolactin \***
- 5. Follicle Stimulating \* Hormone**
- 6. Luteinizing Hormone \***

## #4 Prolactin

- ↑ Mammary gland **development**
- Estrogen/progesterone also increase mammary development- pregnancy
- ↑ **Production of milk**
- Prepares breasts for **lactation: secretion of milk**

Baby nurses: activates nipple  
**receptors**

hypothalamus

releasing hormone

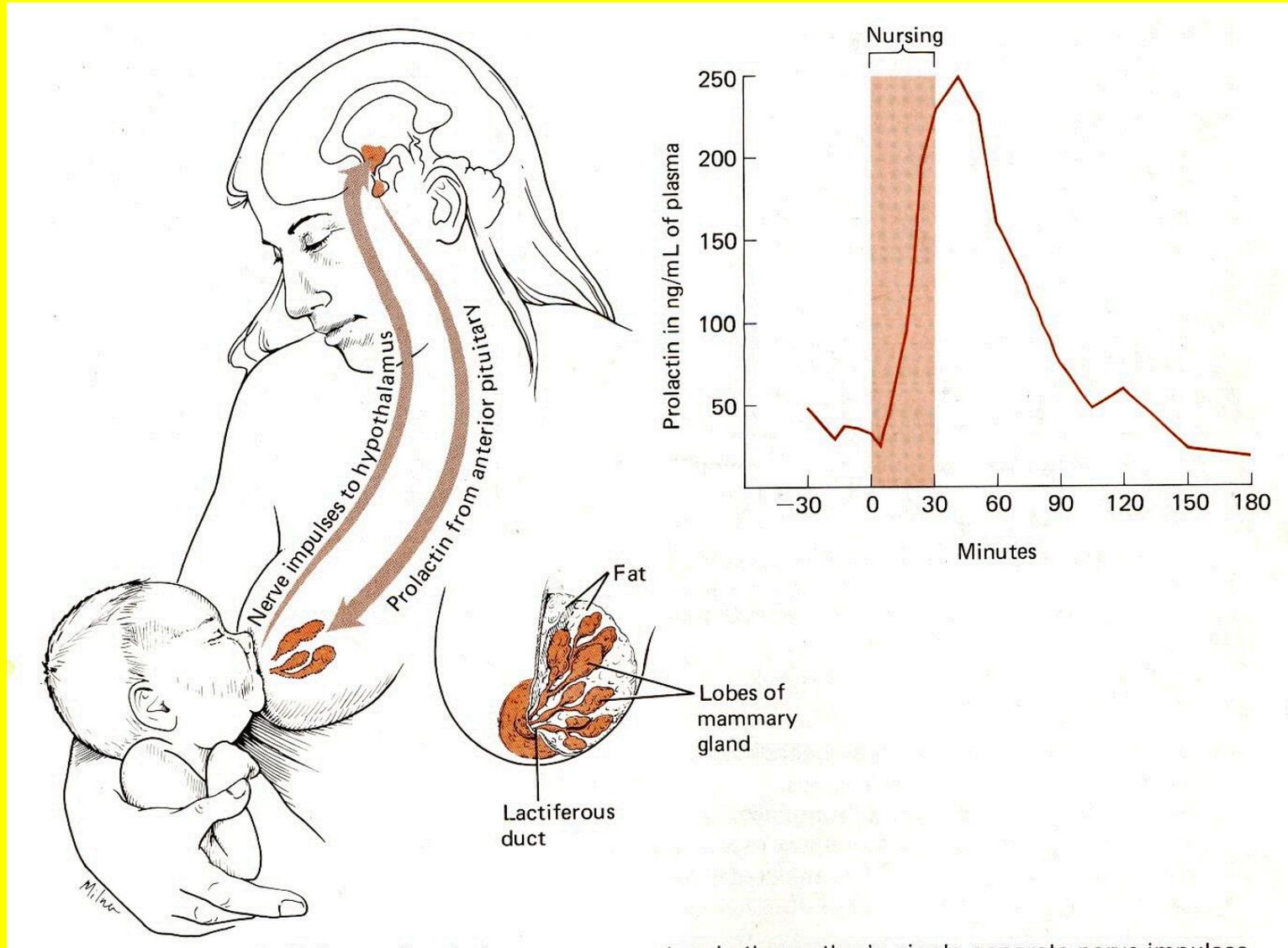
anterior pituitary

**prolactin**

milk formation in breasts

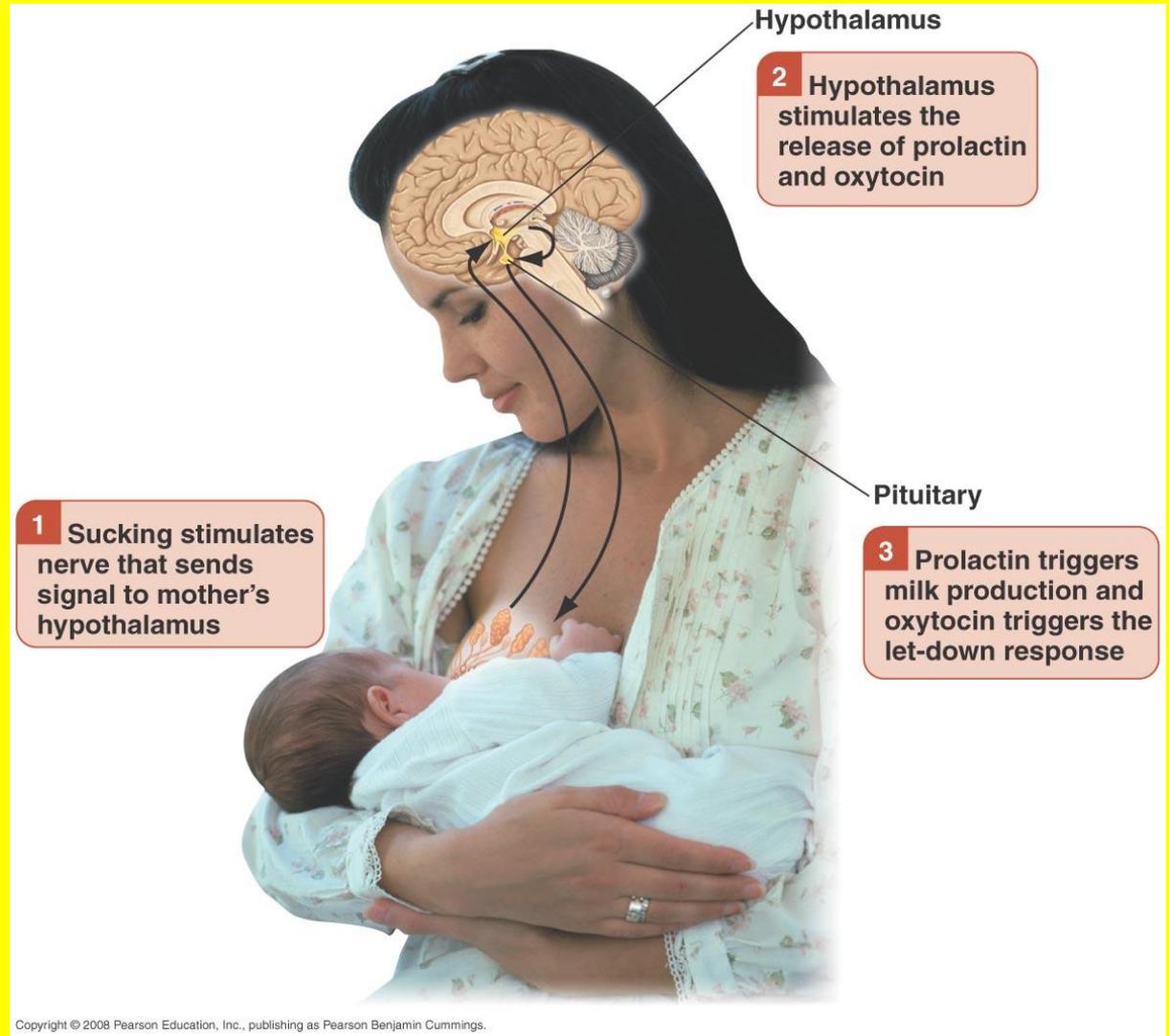


# Positive feedback

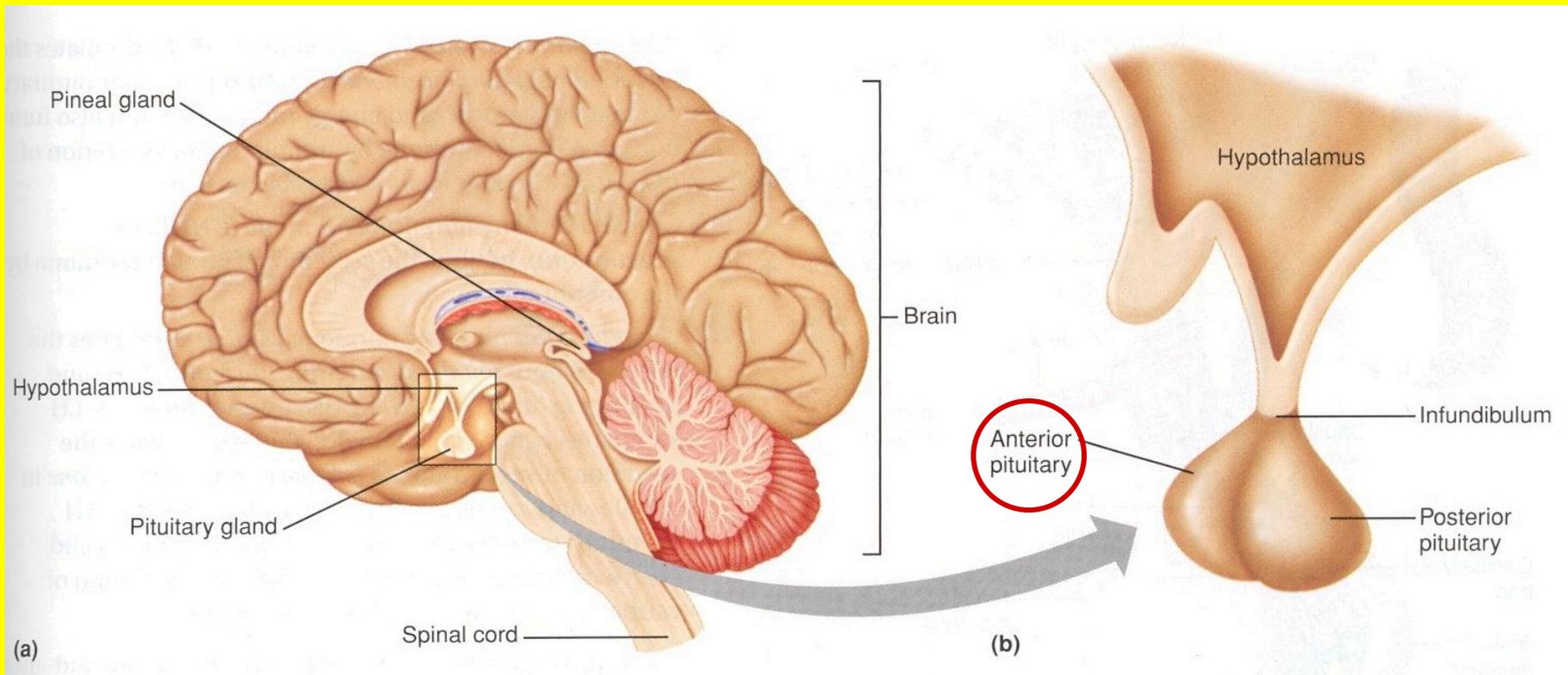


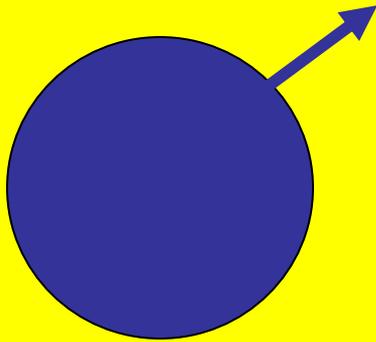
# Prolactin: Milk Production

# Oxytocin: Milk release

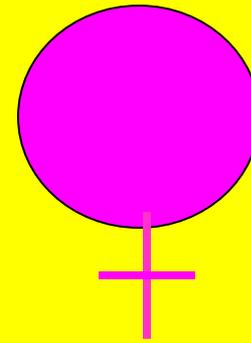


# #5 Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH)





**FSH**



Promotes

**Sperm**

Production

(spermatogenesis)

**Egg** development  
ovaries: **estrogen**

Reproductive

Tract

Female

Body

Characteristics

# #6 Luteinizing Hormone

Males

**Testes**



**Androgens**

(testosterone)

Sex organs &

Male sex

Characteristics

Females

**Ovaries**



Release egg

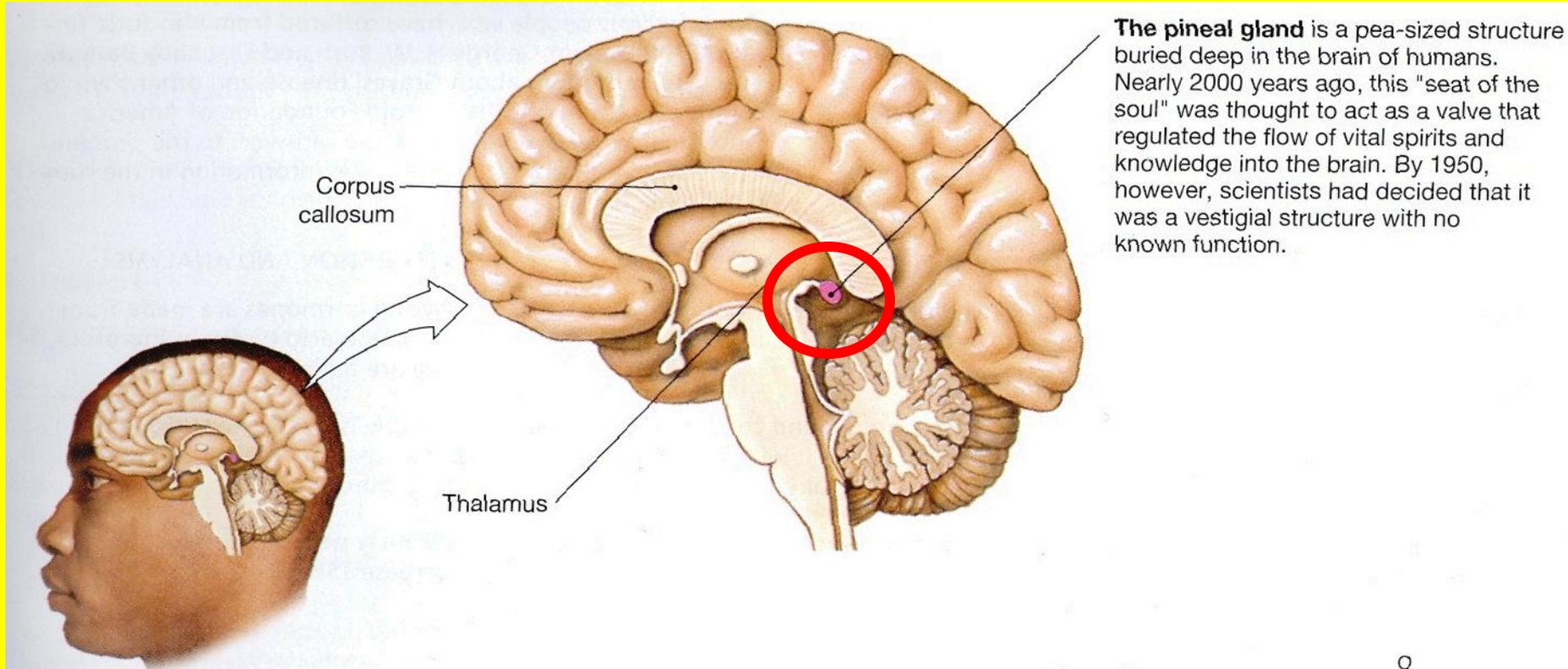
**(ovulation)**

Production

estrogen &

progesterone

# Pineal Gland: pea size in brain



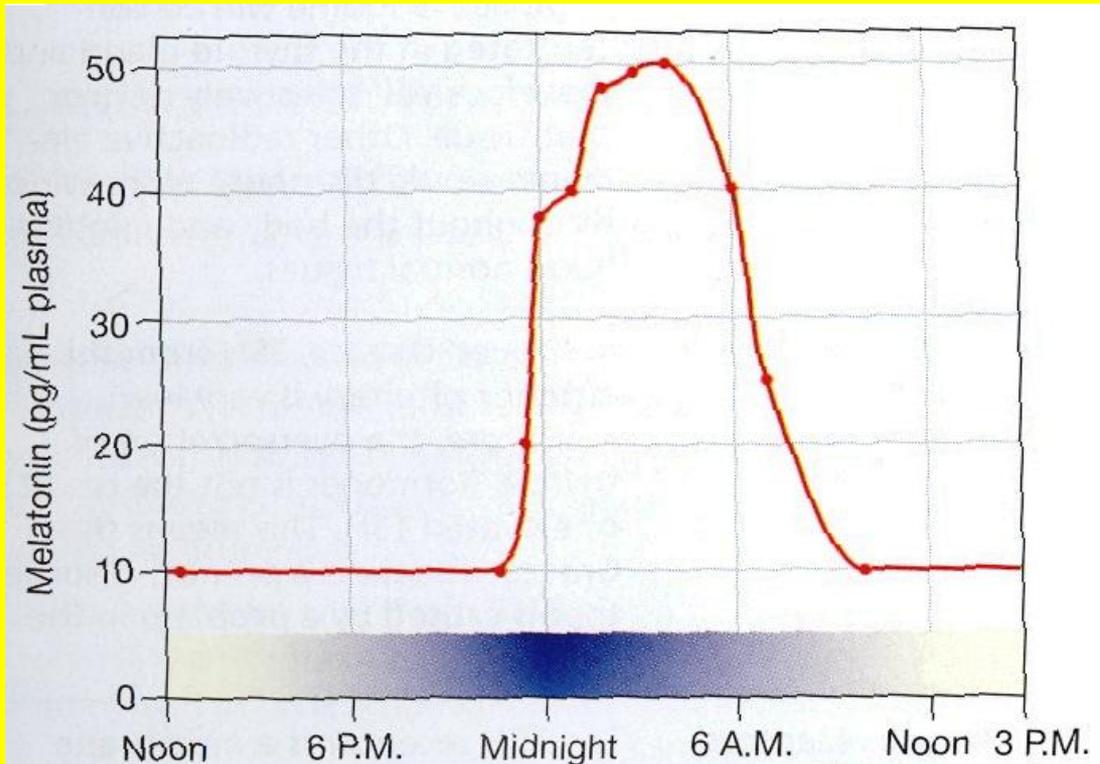
Releases: **Melatonin** “**Darkness**

## **Hormone”**

- Establishes **24** hour **day/night cycle** (internal biological clock)
- **Circadian rhythm**: daily rhythm coordinates body activities

**Melatonin** ↑ **night** ↓ **day**

- Potent sleep inducing agent



Melatonin is the "darkness hormone," secreted at night as we sleep. It is the chemical messenger that transmits information about light-dark cycles to the brain center that governs the body's biological clock.

**Jet lag:** day sleepy, decreased energy

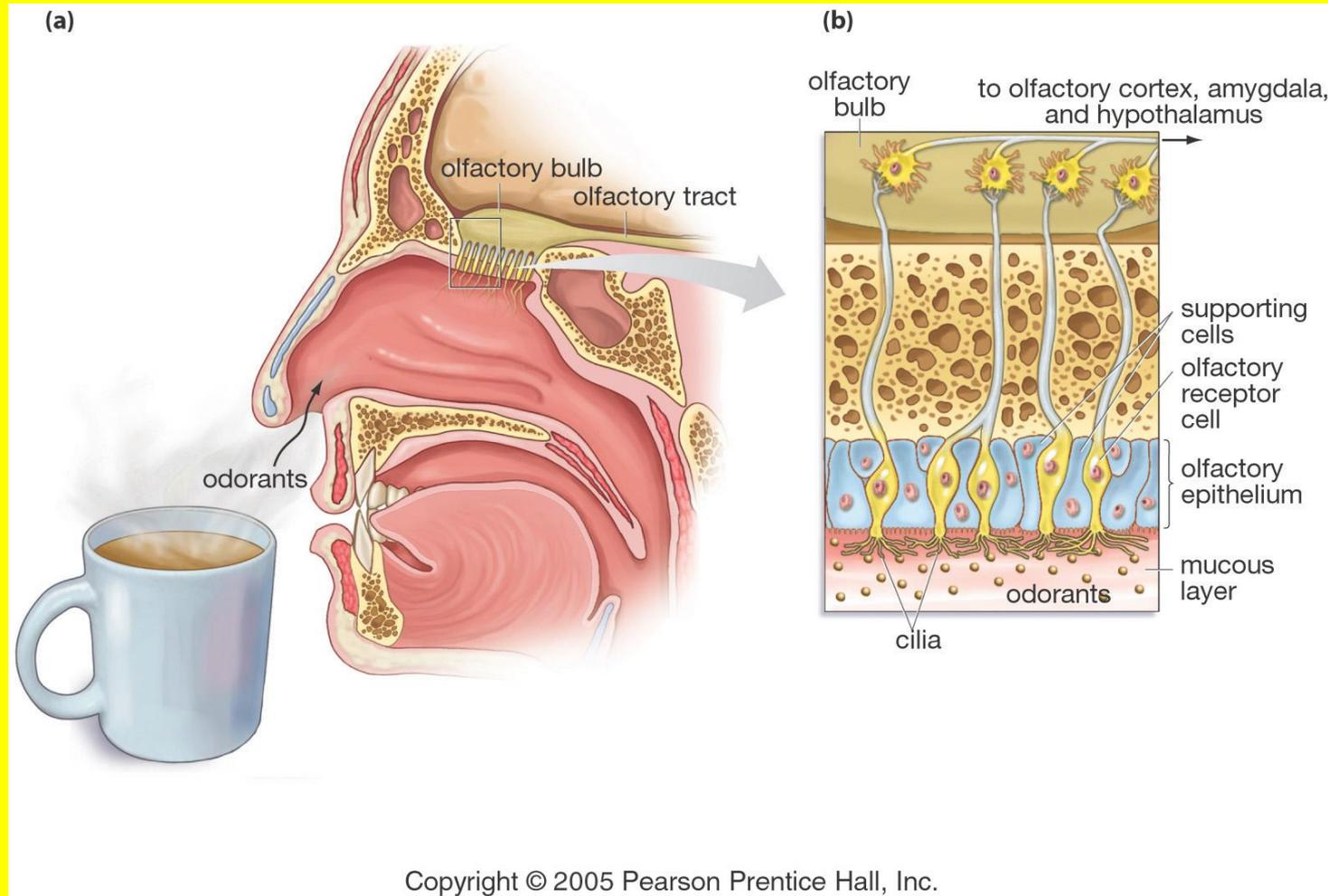
- Lasts few days after flying across many **time zones**
- Changes in **circadian rhythm**
- **Melatonin/light** exposure may help



# **Pheromones:** “communicative odors”

- **External hormones** found in many animals: cause **physiological response** in same species
- Cause changes behavior: **ants** tell other **ants** about food source
- **Sexual attractants-** monkeys
- Female monkeys → volatile acids from **vagina** during **ovulation**

# Do humans have pheromones?



# Human Pheromones?

- Arm pit secretions: volatile **steroids** related to sex hormones
- Women: **↑ vaginal acids during ovulation**
- **Synchronization**- menstrual cycles: women living together
- **Musklike odors**: perfumes/after shaves
- Difference humans vs. other animals
- Humans: **↓ sense of smell**

