



# COMPOSITION AND DISTRIBUTION OF BODY FLUIDS

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# Learning Objectives

- Know the distribution of bodily fluids and composition of intracellular and extracellular fluid.
- Know how to calculate the volume of the different fluid compartments.
- Know how to calculate the shifts in osmolarity.
- Osmolality
- Tonicity , Donnan effect

# Homeostasis

**Maintenance of relatively stable  
internal environment.**



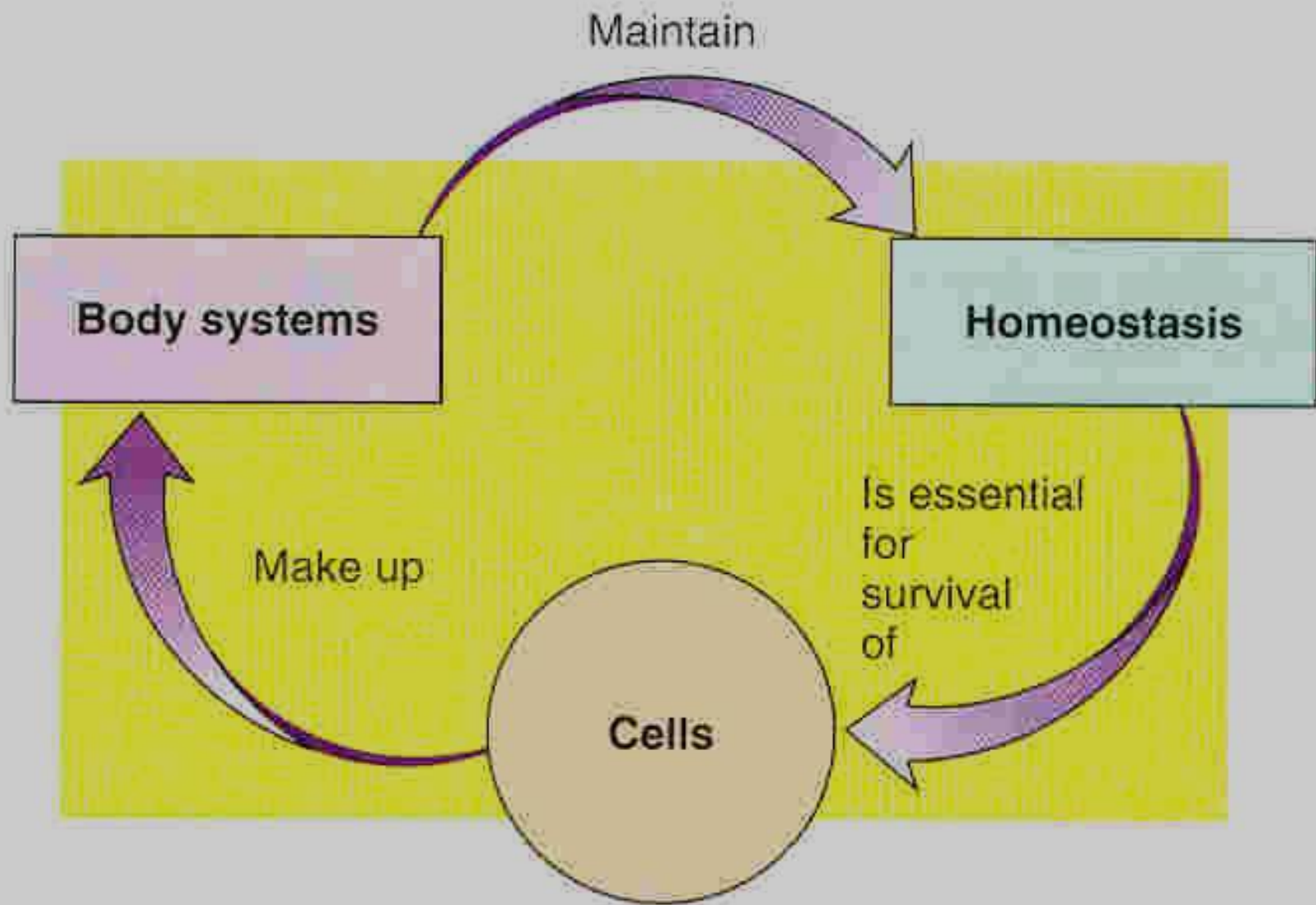
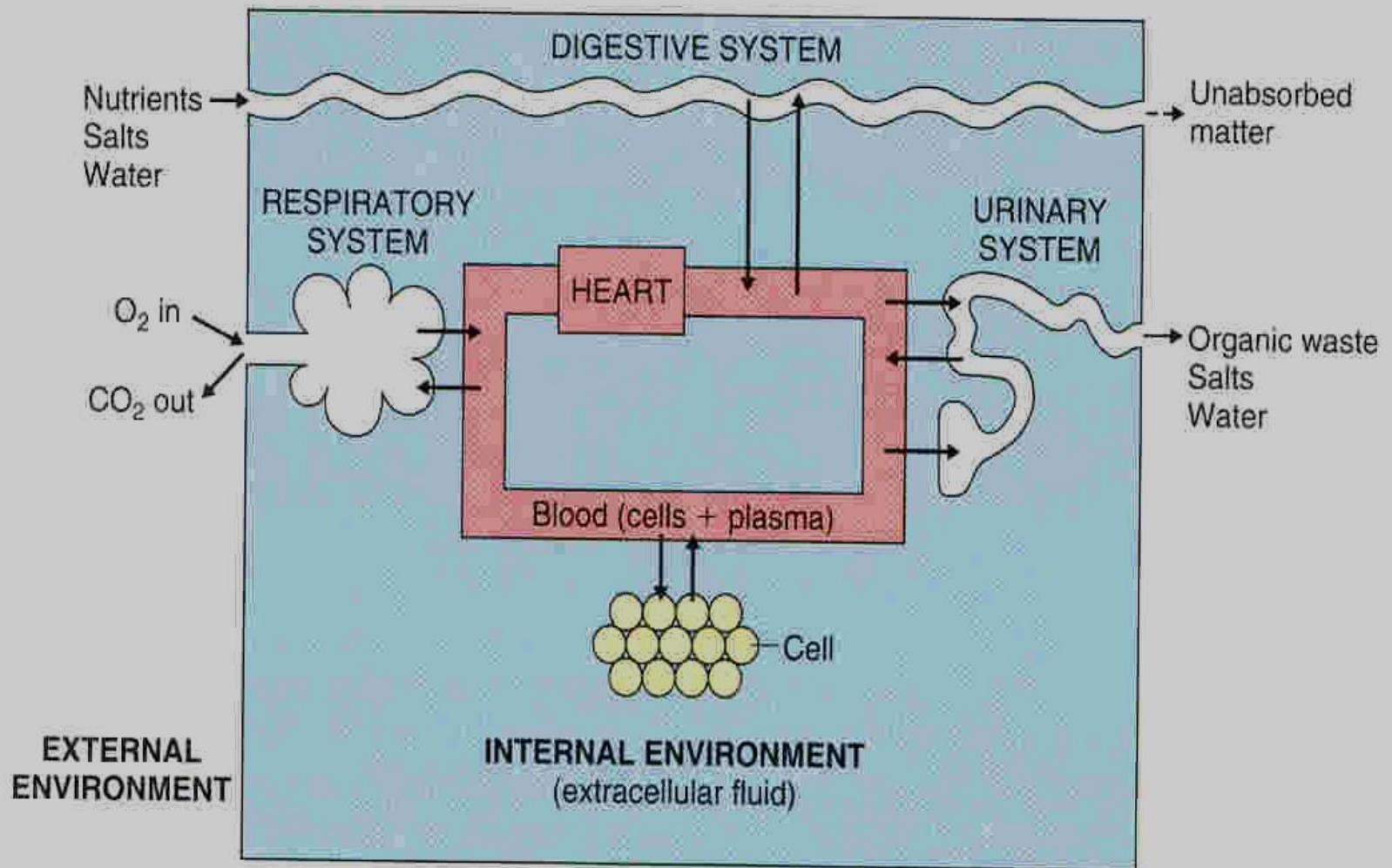
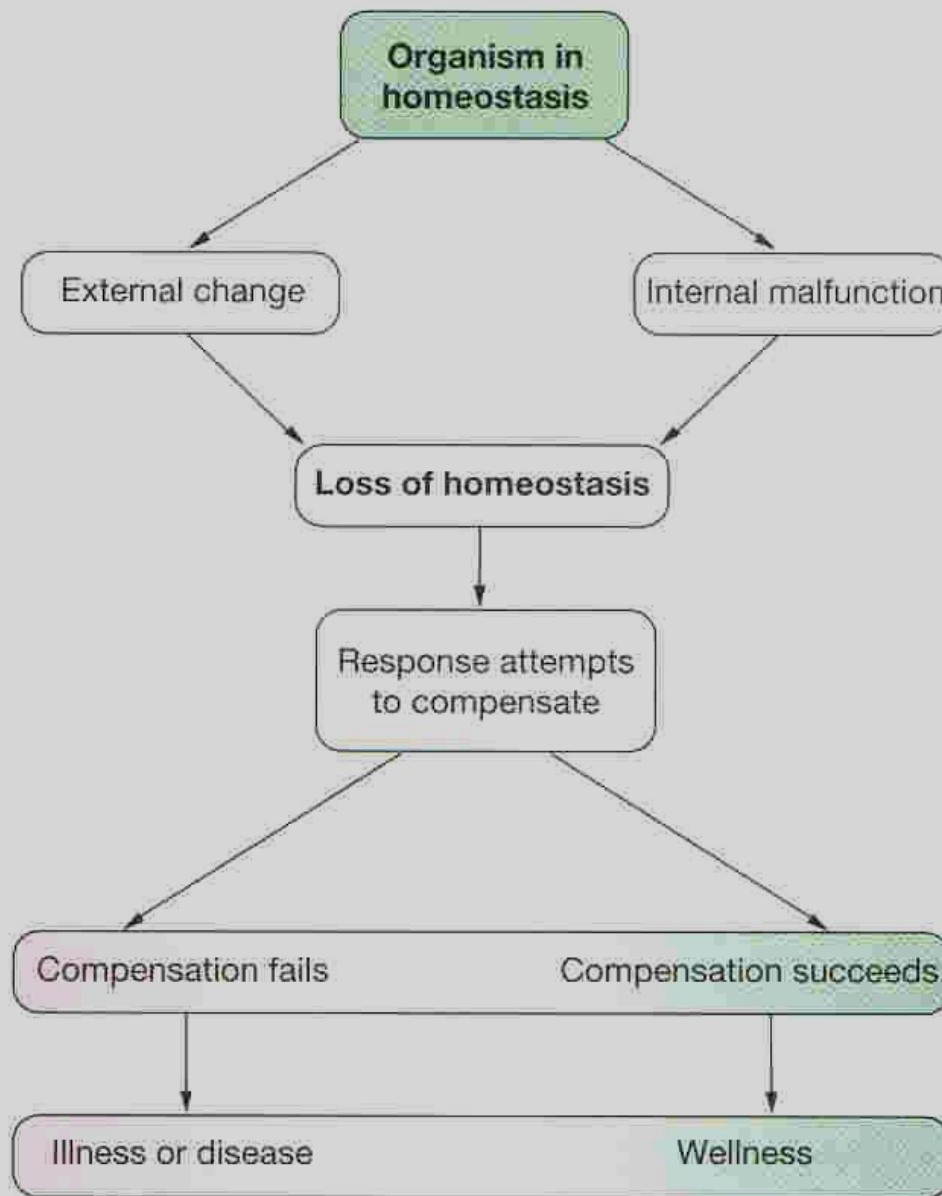


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Are they in balance (homeostasis) ?





# Water Balance

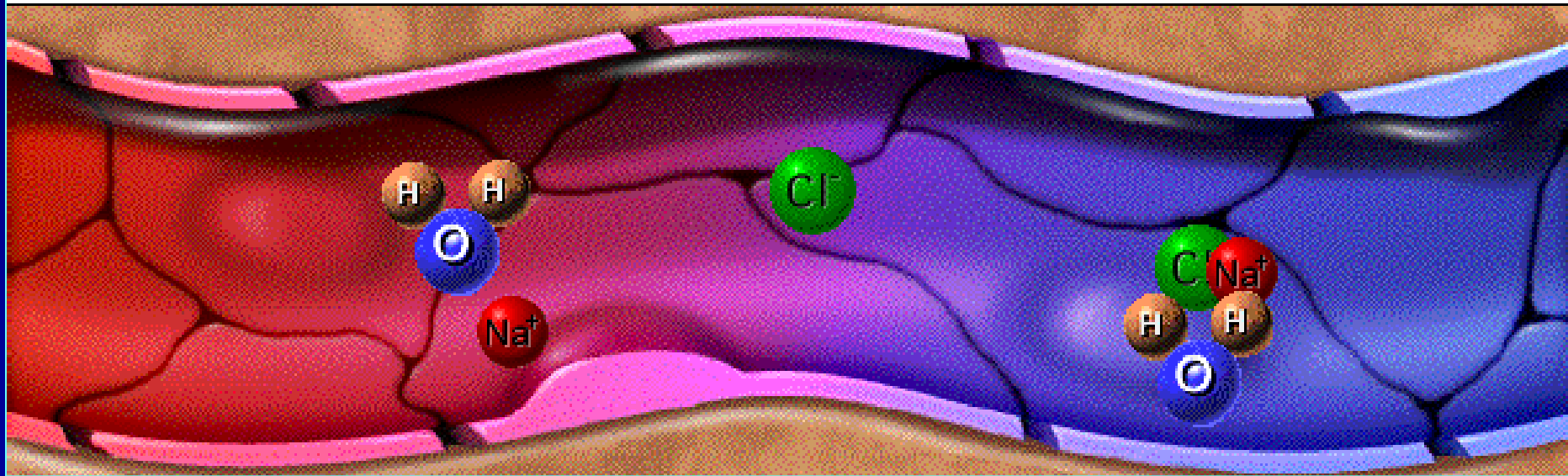
**Table 25-1. Daily Intake and Output of Water (ml/day)**

	Normal	Prolonged, Heavy Exercise
<b>Intake</b>		
Fluids ingested	2100	?
From metabolism	200	200
Total intake	2300	?
<b>Output</b>		
Insensible-skin	350	350
Insensible-lungs	350	650
Sweat	100	5000
Feces	100	100
Urine	1400	500
Total output	2300	6600

The body must maintain a relatively constant volume and composition of the body fluids under a wide variety of conditions.

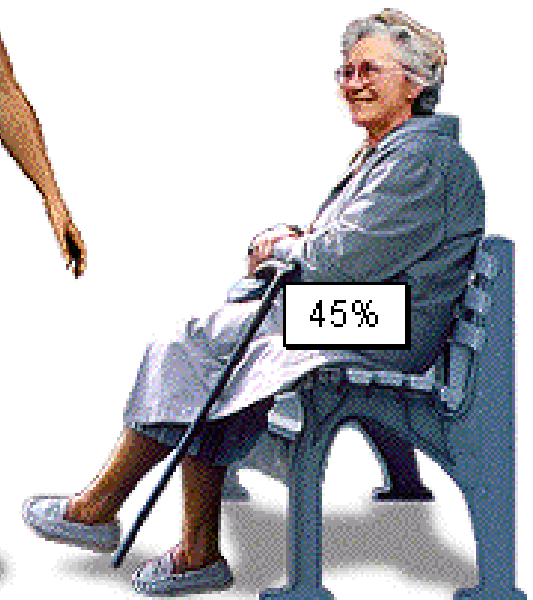
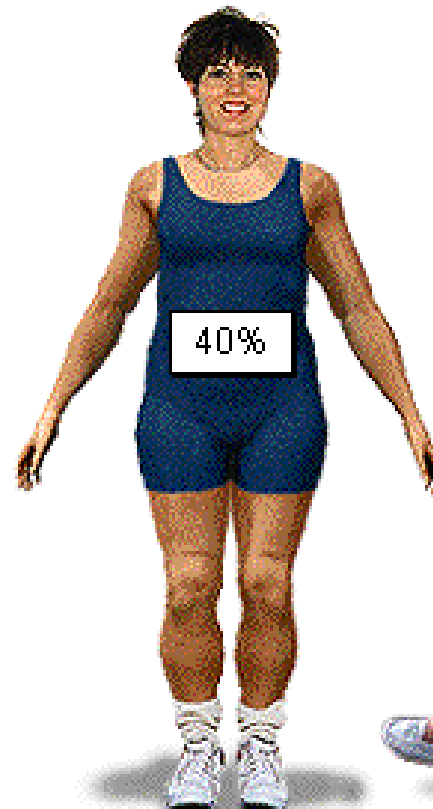
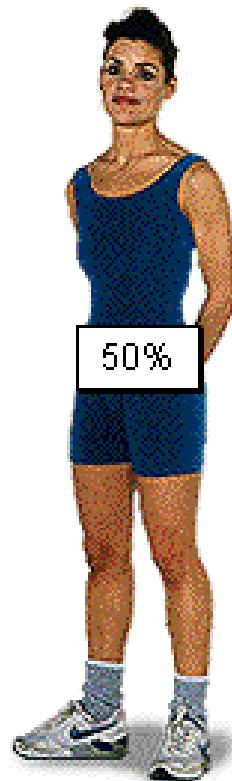
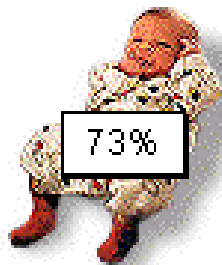
# Roles of Water

- Temperature regulation
- Protective cushion
- Lubricant
- Reactant
- Solvent
- Transport



# PERCENTAGE OF WATER IN THE BODY

Click each of the people below to determine the approximate percentage of water in their bodies.





# FACTORS AFFECTING

## **Total Body Water**

- varies depending on body fat:
  - infant: 73%
  - male adult: 60%
  - female adult: 40-50%
  - effects of obesity ↓
  - Old age 45%

# COMPOSITION OF BODY FLUIDS

## ELECTROLYTES

**Electrolytes** are charged particles (**ions**) that are dissolved in body fluids.

Electrolytes (Dissolved Ions)

Major Positive Ions (**Cations**)



Sodium ion,  $\text{Na}^+$



Potassium ion,  $\text{K}^+$



Calcium ion,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$



Magnesium ion,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$

Major Negative Ions (**Anions**)



Chloride ion,  $\text{Cl}^-$



Bicarbonate ion,  $\text{HCO}_3^-$



Phosphate ions,  
 $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$  &  $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$



Sulfate ion,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$



Organic acids



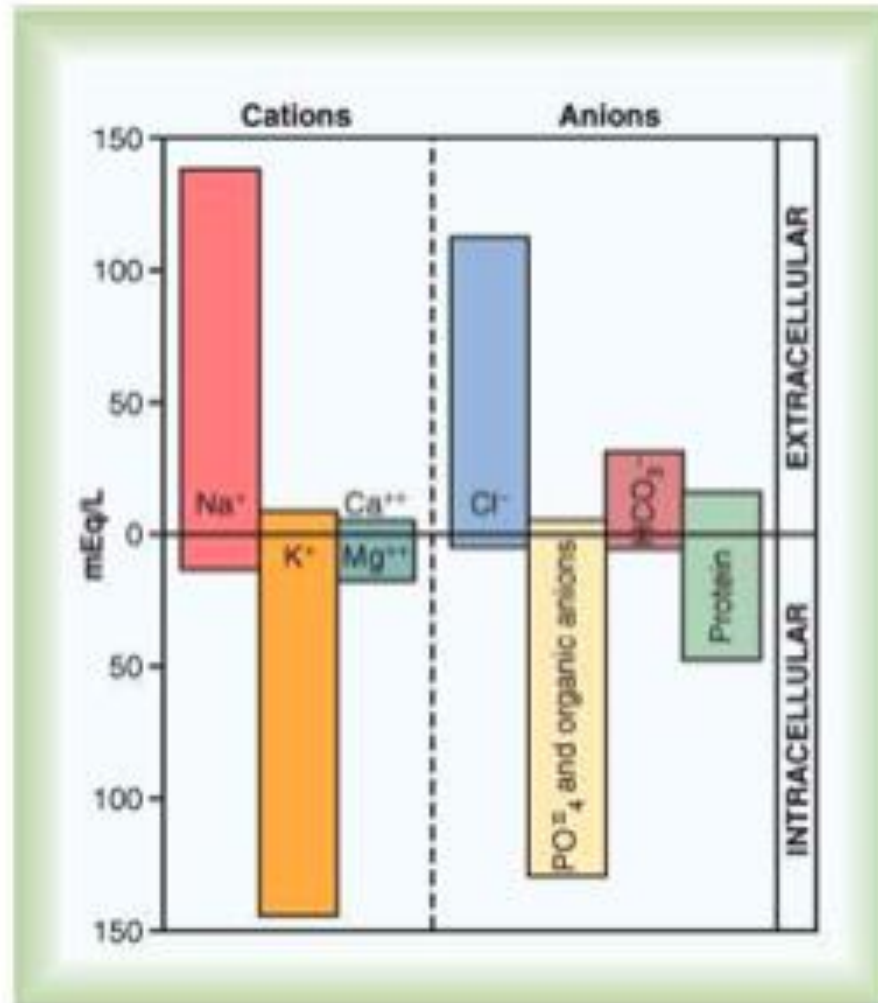
Proteins

## COMPOSITION OF BODY FLUIDS

You are looking at **plasma**, a typical body fluid.



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# COMPOSITION OF BODY FLUIDS

<b>CATIONS (mmol/l)</b>	<b>Plasma</b>	<b>Interstitial</b>	<b>Intracellular</b>
<b>Na</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>K</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>140</b>
<b>Ca</b>	<b>1.3</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Mg</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>0.7</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>ANIONS (mmol/l)</b>			
<b>Cl</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>HCO<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>28.3</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Protein</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>4.0</b>
<b>HPO<sub>4</sub></b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>11</b>

If imbalance = disease, renal failure, dehydration.....

# IMPORTANCE

- Maintaining ECF volume is critical to maintaining **blood pressure**
- ECF osmolarity is of primary importance in long-term regulation of ECF volume
  - ECF osmolarity maintained **mainly by NaCl balance**:
  - intake: 10.5g/d
  - output: 10g/d in urine

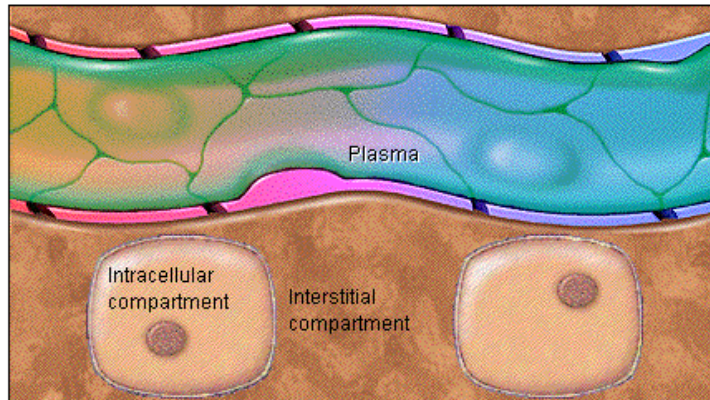
## FLUID COMPARTMENTS

The three major fluid compartments:

- **Intracellular fluid (ICF)** is the fluid within cells, also known as cytosol.
- **Extracellular fluid (ECF)** is the fluid found outside of cells.

There are two major kinds of extracellular fluid:

- **Interstitial fluid** is the fluid surrounding the cells.
- **Plasma** is the fluid component of blood.



# FLUID COMPARTMENTS



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graph TD; A[FLUID COMPARTMENTS] --> B[EXTRA CELLULAR FLUID]; A --> C[INTRA CELLULAR FLUID]; B --> D[PLASMA]; B --> E[INTERSTITIAL FLUID]; B --> F[TRANSCELLULAR FLUID]; F --> G["CSF<br/>Intra ocular<br/>Pleural<br/>Peritoneal<br/>Synovial<br/>Digestive Secretions"]
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The diagram is a hierarchical flowchart on a dark blue background. At the top is a pink 3D box labeled 'FLUID COMPARTMENTS'. Two arrows point down from it to two more pink 3D boxes: 'EXTRA CELLULAR FLUID' on the left and 'INTRA CELLULAR FLUID' on the right. From 'EXTRA CELLULAR FLUID', an arrow points down to a horizontal line, which then branches into three arrows pointing to three brown 3D boxes: 'PLASMA', 'INTERSTITIAL FLUID', and 'TRANSCELLULAR FLUID'. From 'TRANSCELLULAR FLUID', an arrow points down to a green 3D box containing a list of fluid types: 'CSF', 'Intra ocular', 'Pleural', 'Peritoneal', 'Synovial', and 'Digestive Secretions'. A large pink arrow on the right side of the diagram points from the 'TRANSCELLULAR FLUID' box towards the green box.

**EXTRA CELLULAR  
FLUID**

**INTRA CELLULAR  
FLUID**

**PLASMA**

**INTERSTITIAL  
FLUID**

**TRANSCELLULAR  
FLUID**

**CSF**  
Intra ocular  
Pleural  
Peritoneal  
Synovial  
Digestive Secretions



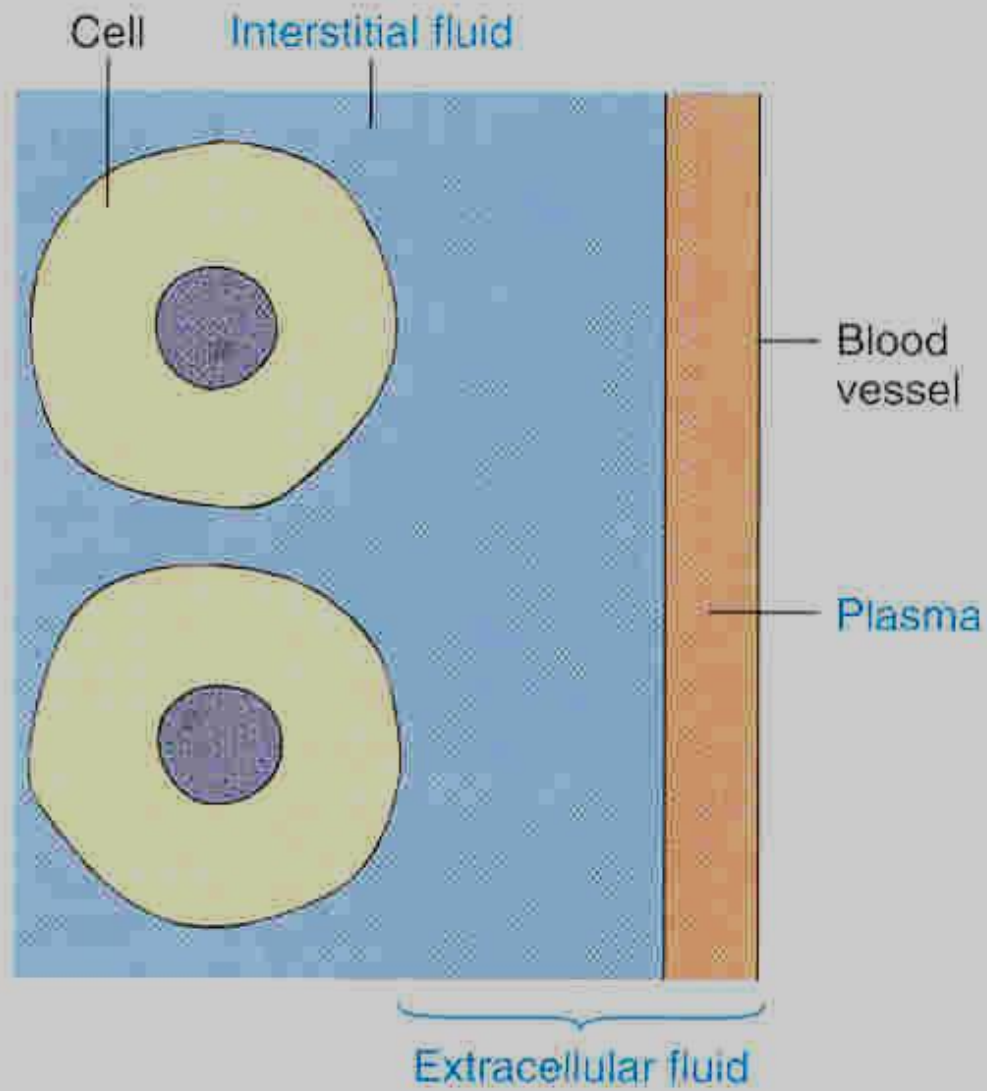
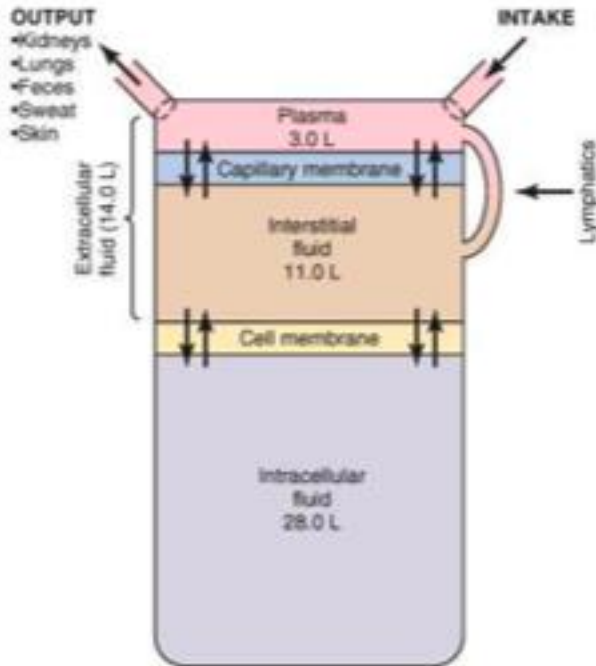


FIGURE 1-2

# Distribution of Bodily Fluids

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- Most of the H<sub>2</sub>O is intracellular.
- The total body H<sub>2</sub>O is ~ 60% of the body weight (70 kg) (~ 42 L).
- 50% of the body weight in adult female

The % depends on age, gender, and degree of obesity.

# VOLUME OF BODY FLUIDS IN 70 kg MAN

TOTAL VOLUME

42 L

INTRACELLULAR  
FLUID

28L (ROUGHLY  $\frac{2}{3}$  OF  
TBW)

EXTRA CELLULAR  
FLUID

14 L (ROUGHLY  $\frac{1}{3}$   
OF TBW)

INTERSTITIAL  
11 L (ROUGHLY  
 $\frac{3}{4}$  OF ECF)

PLASMA  
4 L (ROUGHLY  $\frac{1}{4}$   
OF ECF)



# Total Body Water

ECF

ECF

## Blood

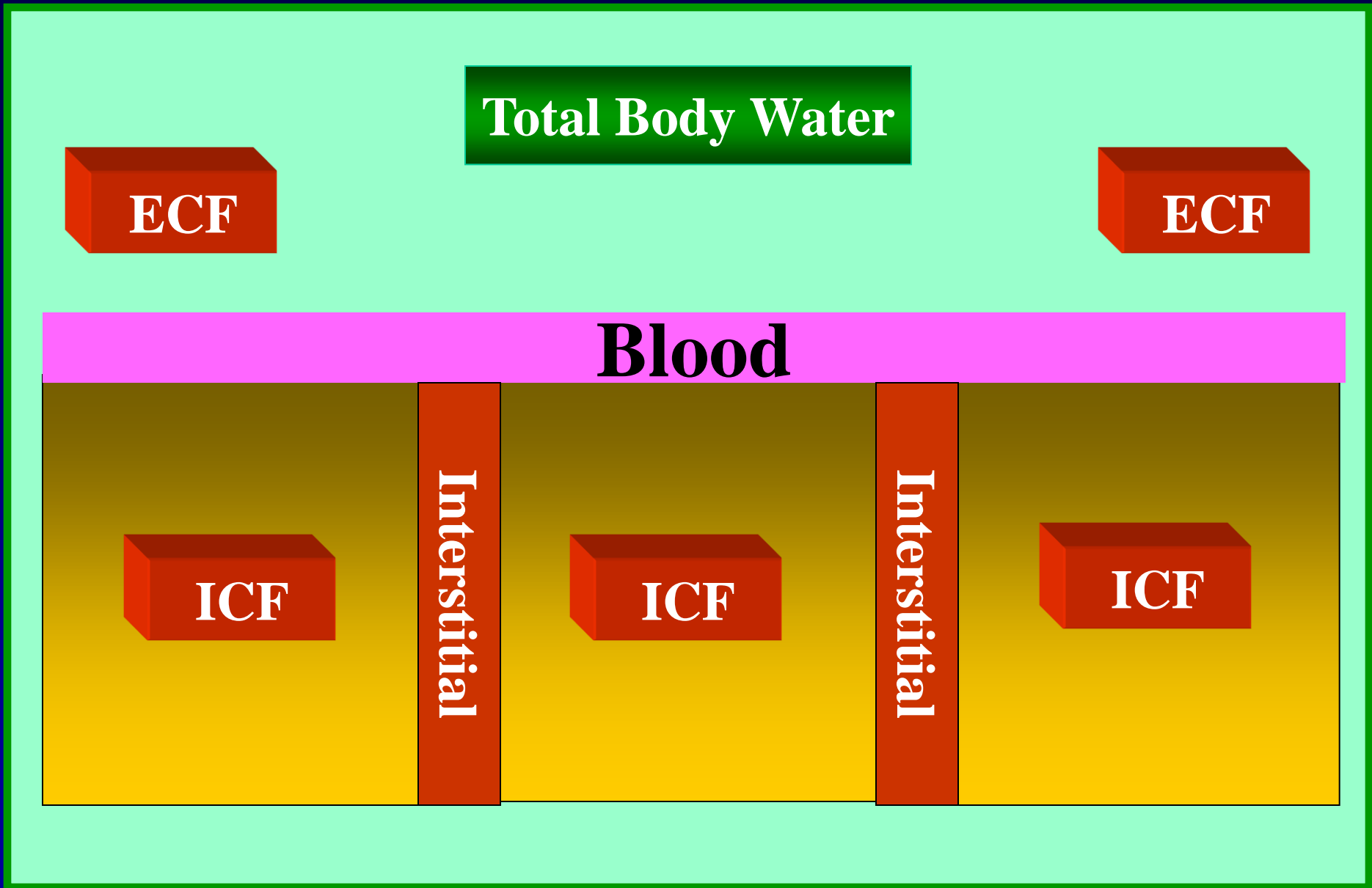
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ICF

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Interstitial

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# METHODS OF MEASUREMENTS

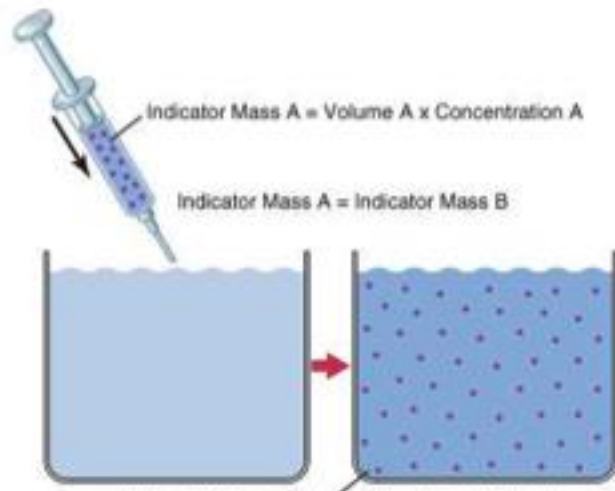
## INDIRECT METHOD – INDICATOR (DYE) DILUTION TECHNIQUE

- PRINCIPLE
  - YOU HAVE TO SELECT A SUITABLE DYE OR RADIO-ISOTOPE
- $V$  = VOLUME OF FLUID
- $A$  = TOTAL AMOUNT OF DYE USED
- $E$  = AMOUNT OF DYE EXCRETED OR LOST .
- $C$  = CONCENTRATION

FORMULA  
$$V = A - E / C$$

## Calculating Compartment fluid Volume

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Indicator Mass A = Volume A x Concentration A

Indicator Mass A = Indicator Mass B

Indicator Mass B = Volume B x Concentration B

Volume B = Indicator Mass B / Concentration B

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$$\text{Volume B} = \frac{\text{Volume A} \times \text{Concentration A}}{\text{Concentration B}}$$

If 1ml of a 10mg/ml solution is injected into a fluid compartment, and the final concentration is 0.01mg/ml, the volume of the fluid compartment is,

$$\text{Volume B} = \frac{1 \text{ ml} \times 10 \text{ mg/ml}}{0.01 \text{ mg/ml}} = 1000 \text{ ml}$$

Mass & conc of indicator are known before

This works only if the indicator uniformly diffused and only into the measured fluid compartment, and if the indicator itself is not metabolized or excreted.

Normal

**Total Body Water**

**ECF**

**ECF**

**Blood**

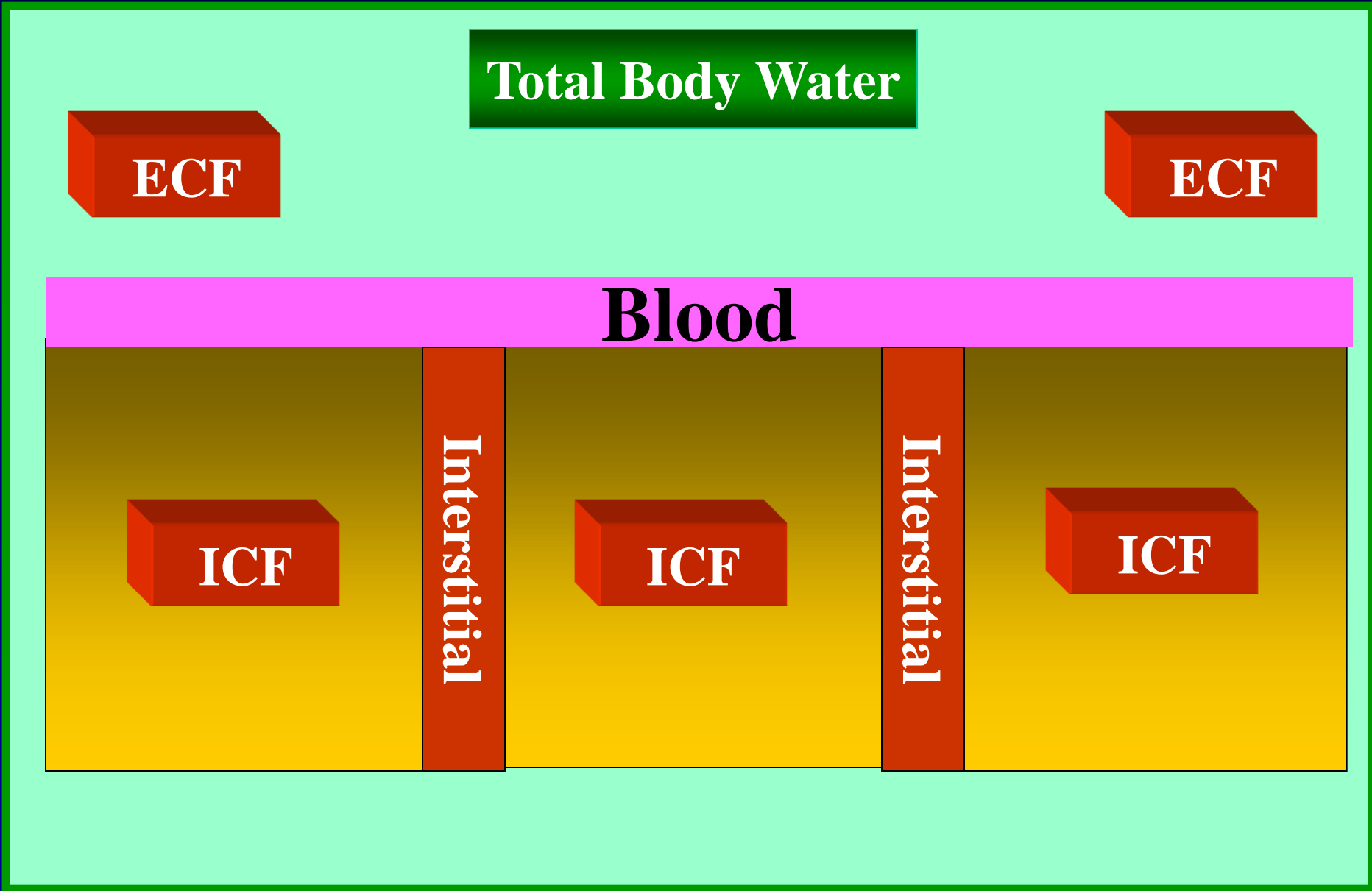
**ICF**

**Interstitial**

**ICF**

**Interstitial**

**ICF**



Total Body Water

ECF

ECF

Blood

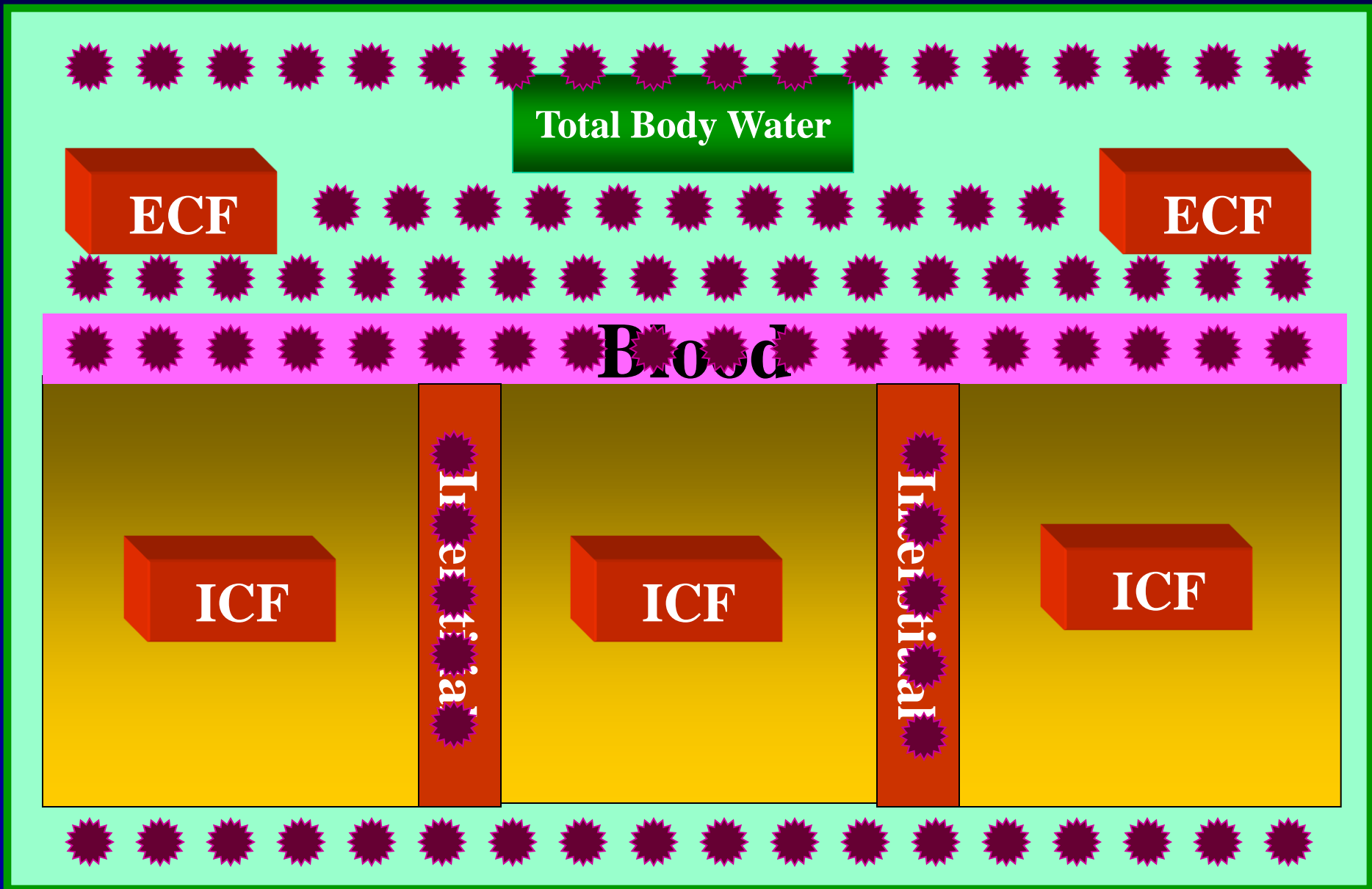
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Interstitial

ICF

Interstitial

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Dye injected

Total Body Water

ECF

ECF

Blood

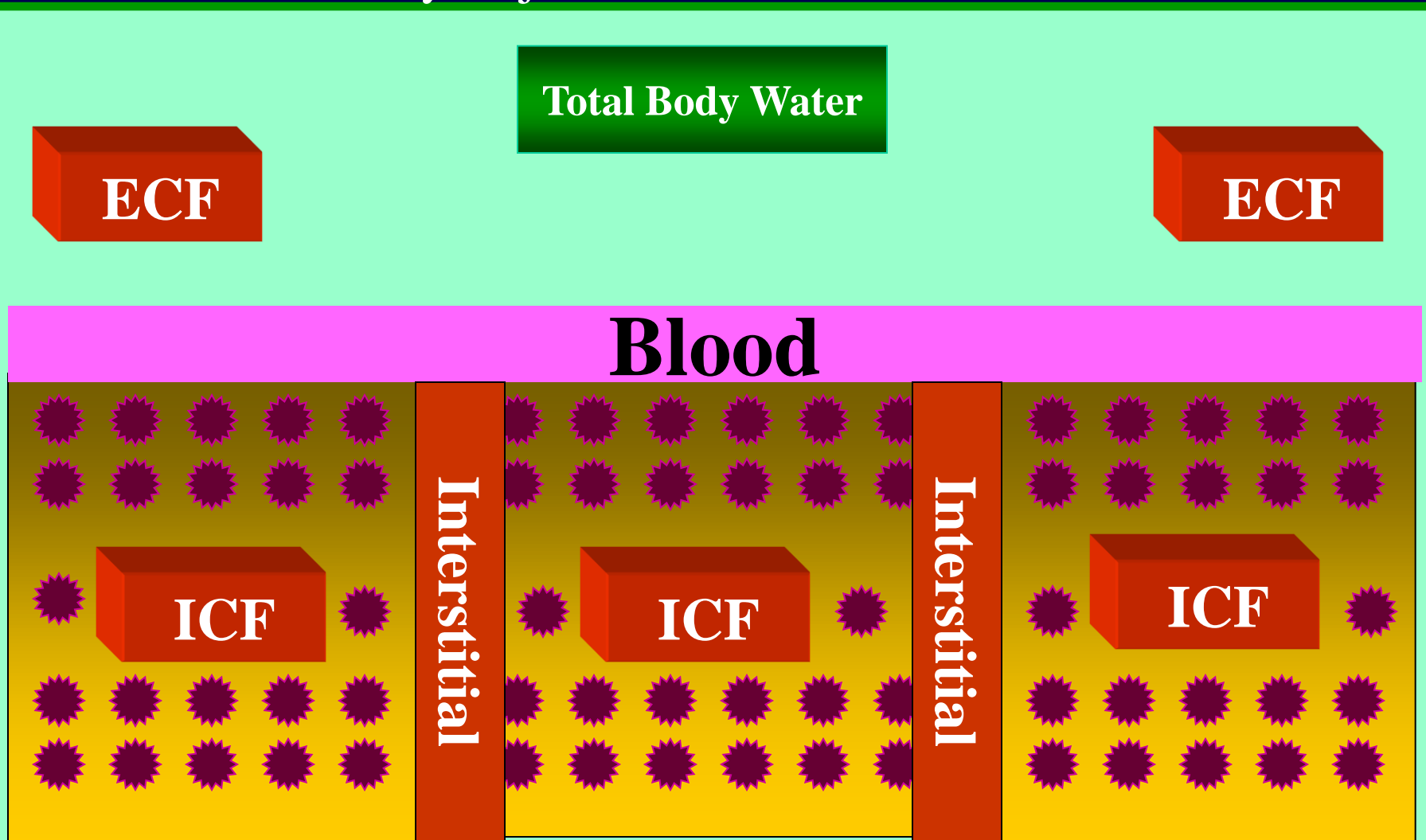
Interstitial

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# VOLUME MEASUREMENT OF VARIOUS FLUID COMPARTMENTS

## **INTERSTITIAL FLUID**

**ECF – Plasma Volume**

## **INTRACELLULAR FLUID**

**TBW – ECF**

# VOLUME MEASUREMENT OF VARIOUS FLUID COMPARTMENTS

- Dye Dilution Principle

<u>TOTAL BODY WATER (TBW)</u>
<u>SUBSTANCE USED</u>

- |                                      |
|--------------------------------------|
| • Deuterium oxide (d <sub>2</sub> O) |
| • Titrated water                     |
| • Antipyrine                         |
| • Aminopyrine                        |

# VOLUME MEASUREMENT OF VARIOUS FLUID COMPARTMENTS

- **EXTRACELLULAR FLUID**
- substances used : two major types:
  - saccharides e.g. sucrose, inulin, mannitol
  - diffusible ions e.g. sulphate, sodium, thiosulphate, bromide, chloride



# VOLUME MEASUREMENT OF VARIOUS FLUID COMPARTMENTS

## BLOOD PLASMA.

- Evan's blue
- Radioactive labeled  $^{125}\text{I}$  albumin

$$\text{Total blood volume} = \frac{\text{Plasma volume}}{1 - \text{Hematocrit}}$$

- Remember, hematocrit can be measured by centrifuging in ultra centrifuge machine

# CRITERIA FOR A SUITABLE DYE.

- Must mix evenly throughout the compartment
- Non toxic
- Must have no effect of its own on the distribution of water or other substances in the body
- Either It Must Be Unchanged During The Experiment Or If It Changes , The Amount changed must be known.
- The material should be relatively easy to measure.

# FACTORS AFFECTING

- **Physiological**
  - **Adipose Tissue**
  - **Sex**
  - **Age**
- **Pathological**
  - **Dehydration**
  - **Overhydration**



# Osmole

- The molecular weight of a solute, in grams, divided by the number of ions or particles into which it dissociates in solution

Sila Jangan confuse !

**Osmolarity** is a measure of the osmoles of solute **per liter** of solution. A capital letter **M** is used to abbreviate units of mol/L. Since the volume of solution changes with the amount of solute added as well as with changes in temperature and pressure, osmolarity is difficult to determine.

**Osmolality** is a measure of the moles (or osmoles) of **solute per kilogram** of solvent expressed as (mol/kg, molal, or **m**). Since the amount of solvent will remain constant regardless of changes in temperature and pressure, osmolality is easier to evaluate and is more commonly used, and often preferred, in practical osmometry. Most commercially available osmometers report results using osmolality units mOsm/kg.

**Osmolality** is more accurate than **osmolarity**, because volume varies with temperature, but weight does not.



# Tonicity

Is used to describe osmolality of a solution **relative** to plasma

Isotonic – same - eg: 0.9% NaCl, 5% Dextrose, RL

Hypotonic- lesser - (0.45% NS)

Hypertonic- higher

Normal plasma = 290 m Osm/L

**Eg: Dehydration, burns, heat stroke**

**ORS**- solution of salts and sugars given orally

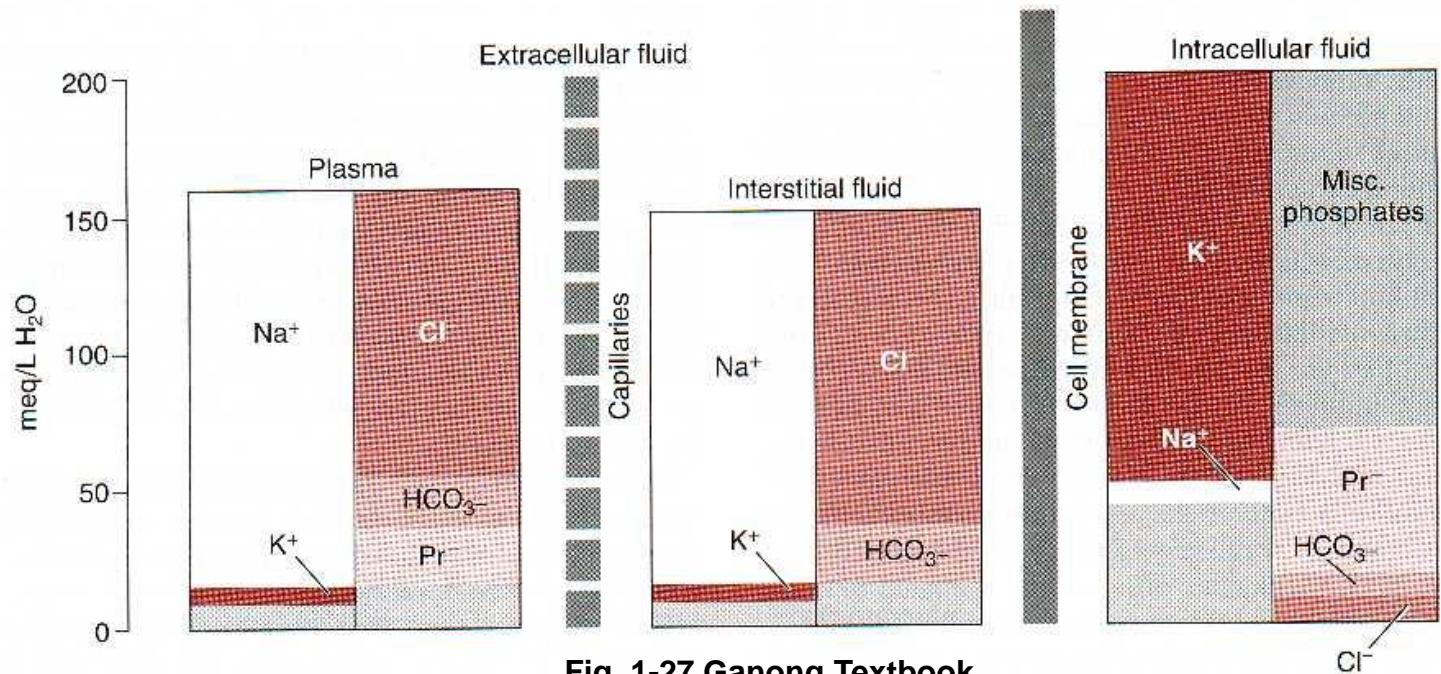
**IV fluids**- intravenous catheter- saline, dextrose ...

-order a solution based on the particular patient's  
serum electrolyte values and fluid-volume balance

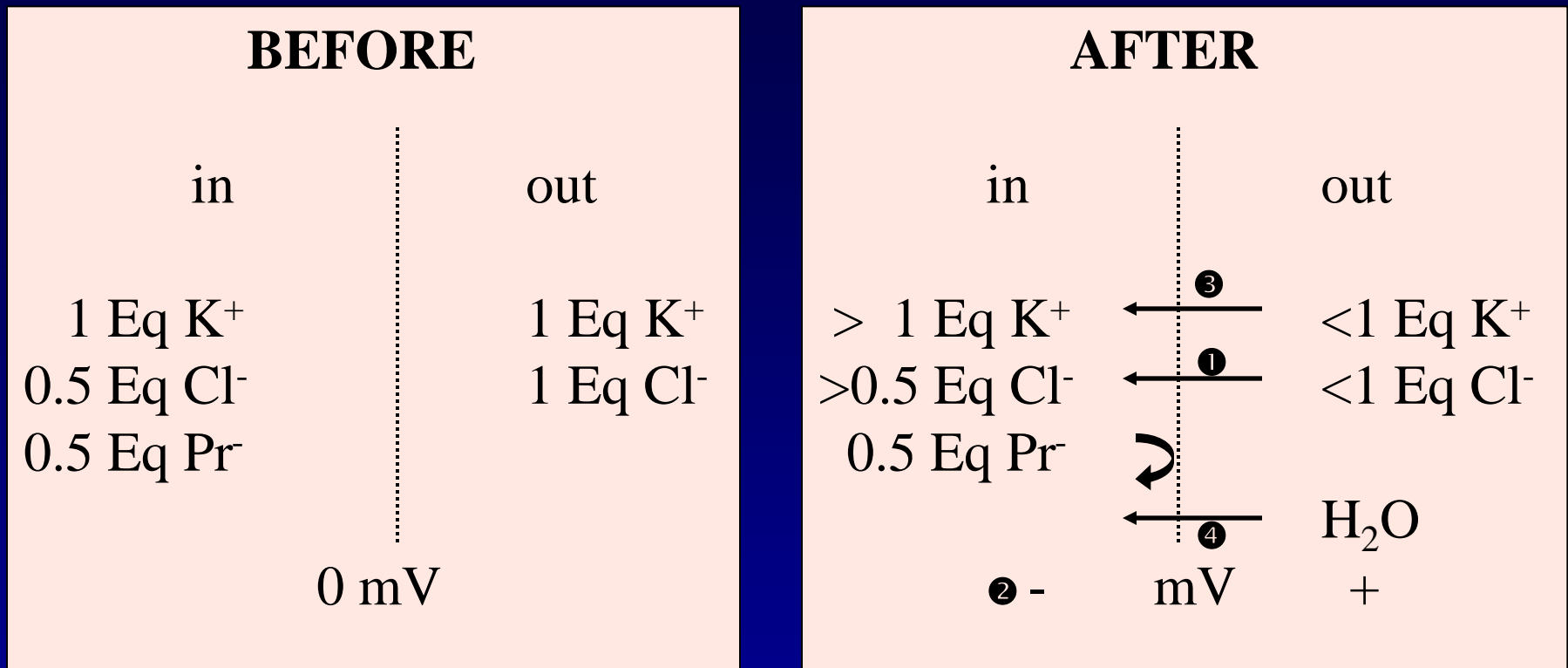
# Gibbs–Donnan effect / Donnan effect / Donnan law

- The **charged particles** near a semi-permeable membrane **fail to distribute evenly** across the two sides of the membrane.
- Cause: is the presence of a different charged substance that is unable to pass through the membrane and thus creates an uneven electrical charge distributed
- Result: More osmotically active particles inside the cell than in interstitial fluid.
- Results in Electrical difference across cell membrane
- (A natural creation)

# Donnan effect



# The Donnan Effect – simplified scenario



1.  $Cl^-$  moves in down its concentration gradient.
2. The inside of the cell becomes negative.
3.  $K^+$  moves in down its electrical gradient.
4. By osmosis,  $H_2O$  follows the  $K^+$  and  $Cl^-$ .

# In human living cells

- **The problem:** Because of the Donnan effect, cells will **swell and burst**.

- The solution:

**Sodium potassium pump** solves the problem.

- $\text{Na}^+$  pumped out
- $\text{Cl}^-$  follows  $\text{Na}^+$
- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  follows  $\text{NaCl}$

So cell size is restored

So balance

Living cell in Human  
physiology

- Na K pump: pumps 3  $\text{Na}^+$  out and 2  $\text{K}^+$  inside
- Physiological balance is restored as long as person is healthy.
- **But in disease ?**
- We have to restore balance by the help of external medications, surgeries etc.....,

# APPLICATION

- According to UN, nearly 40% of people in Tigray region of Ethiopia are currently suffering from lack of food to eat every day.
- How does this affect the body fluids?
- Is the homeostasis still maintained in the body?



- We cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them

Albert Einstein

- Every problem has a solution. Each problem that is solved becomes a rule, which serves afterwards to solve other problems. So, Effective management = effective problem solving

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# assignment - 1

- What is Donnan effect?

Is Donnan effect hazardous? How is this prevented ?



**THANKS**