

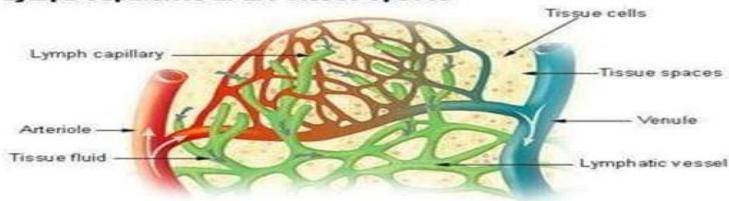
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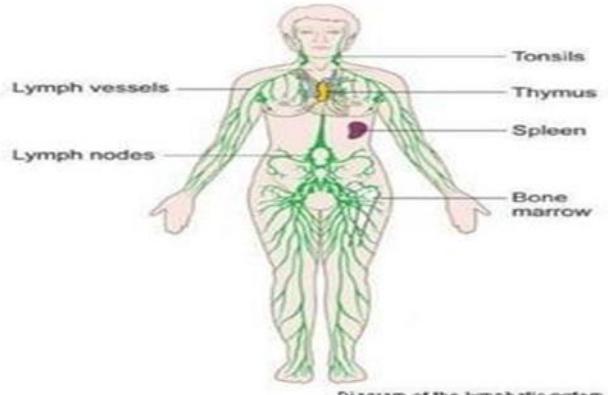
Lymph Capillaries in the Tissue Spaces



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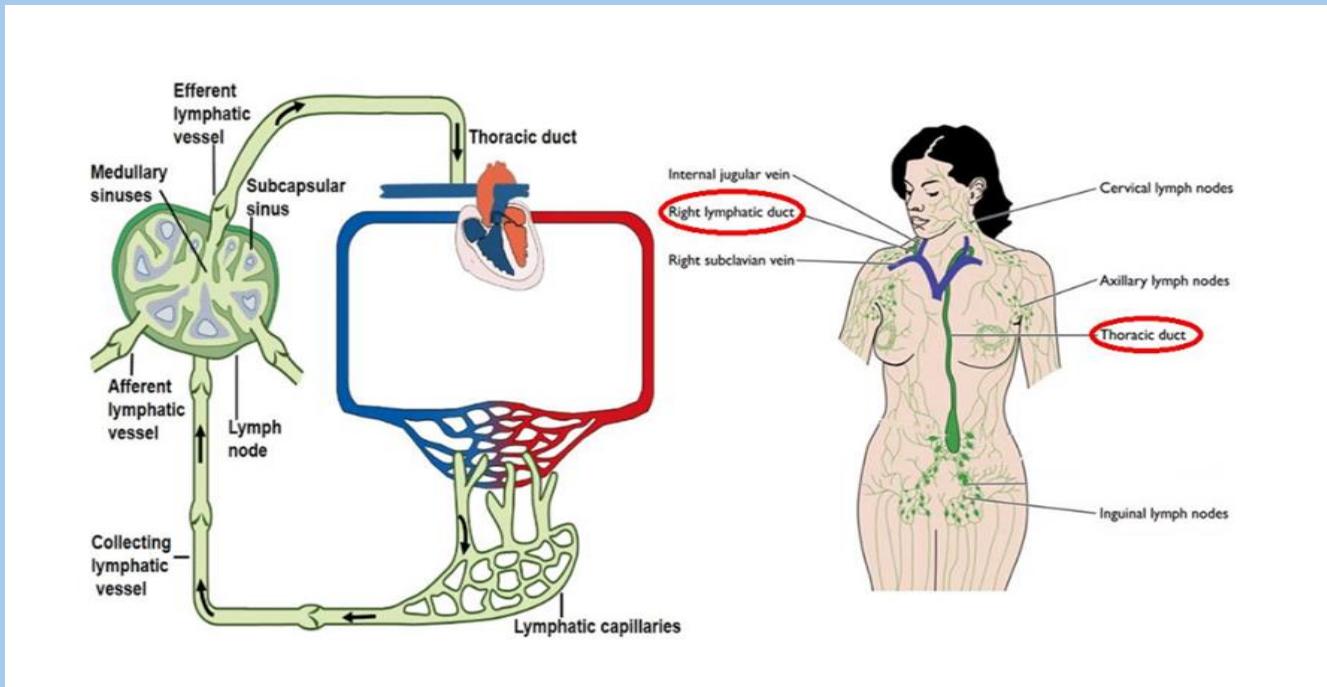
LYMPHATIC SYSTEM

- The system which is responsible for the **circulation of the lymph** from the tissue spaces (intercellular spaces) to the blood stream.
- **The lymph** is a clear colorless fluid, rich in proteins, which circulates in the lymph vessels.



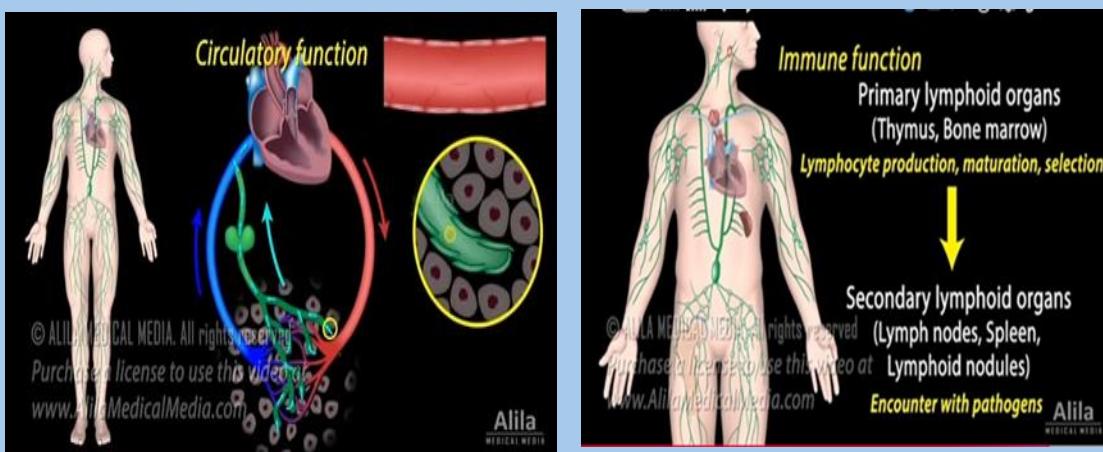
The lymphatic system is composed of:

1. Lymph.
2. Lymphatic vessels.
3. Lymphoid tissues.
4. Lymphoid organs.



I. Lymph

- It is a clear fluid that escapes from capillaries by filtration into tissue spaces
- It returns back to blood stream via lymphatic vessels.



II. Lymphatic Vessels

- They begin as blind-end capillaries which unite to form lymphatic vessels.
- They have multiple valves to allow passage of lymph in one direction.

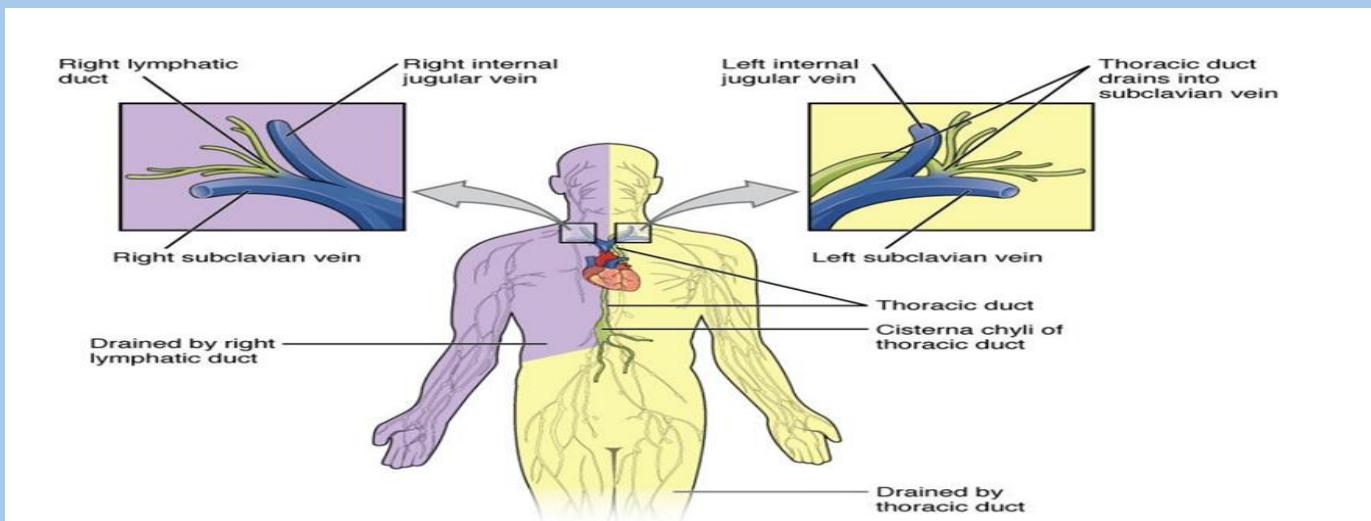
- The lymphatic vessels are connected to form two large lymphatic ducts;

1-Right lymphatic duct: drains lymph from:

- Right side of head & neck.
- Right upper limb.
- Right side of thorax.

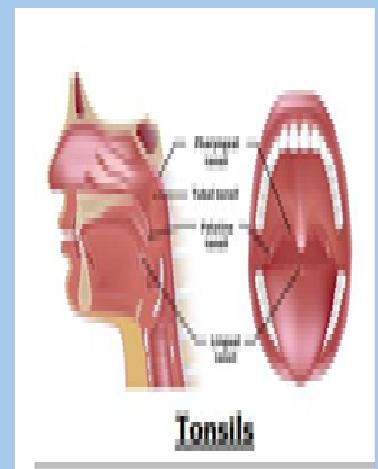
2. Thoracic duct: drains lymph from the rest of the body.

- The ducts terminate at the junction of the internal jugular and subclavian veins.
- Lymphatic vessels are absent in some tissues as: central nervous system, bone marrow, teeth and avascular tissues (as cartilage).



Lymphoid Tissues

- They are tissues that contain aggregations of lymphocytes.
- They include; mucosal associated lymphoid tissue & tonsils.
 - A. Mucosal associated lymphoid tissue (MALT): in the wall of tubular organs.
 - B. Tonsils: they are non-encapsulated aggregations of lymphoid tissue located within the pharynx (pharyngeal, tubal, palatine and lingual tonsils).



Lymphoid Organs

- They are encapsulated aggregations of lymphocytes.
- They include the **lymph nodes, spleen and thymus gland**.

□ Lymph nodes:

□ They are small kidney-shaped lymphoid organs situated along the course of lymph vessels.

□ They are present in groups in the different body regions (cervical,

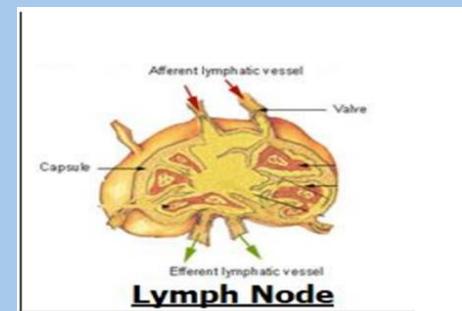
axillary, inguinal, etc.).

□ The lymph enters the lymph node through afferent vessels and leaves it

through efferent vessels.

Function: filtration of lymph and also contain lymphocytes which are important in the immune process.

□ They become enlarged when infected by microorganisms and when infiltrated by malignant cells.



• Lymph Nodes

- Lymph nodes are oval or kidney-shaped small bodies situated along the course of lymph vessels.
- Lymph node consists of cortex and medulla.

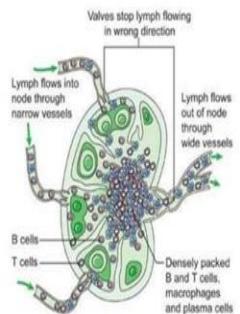
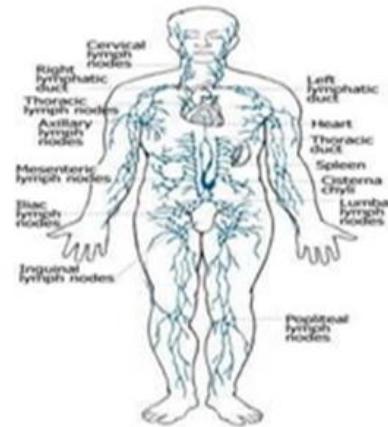


Diagram of a lymph node
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- They are present in **groups** in special and fixed sites, they are:
- **At the root of upper limb (in axilla) and root of lower limb (in groin).**
- **In the neck**, on both its sides and at its junction with the head.
- **In the chest**, close to trachea and bronchi.
- Close to **abdominal and pelvic organs**.
- Around **abdominal aorta** and blood vessels of pelvis.



Spleen:

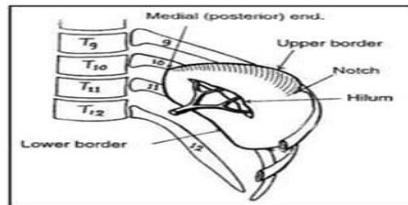
□ It is a lymphoid organ located in the upper left part of the abdomen.

□ Functions:

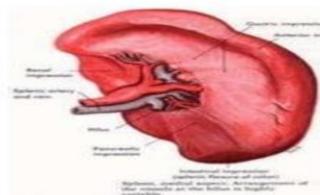
1. Destroy old RBCs.
2. Blood reservoir.
3. Part of immune system.

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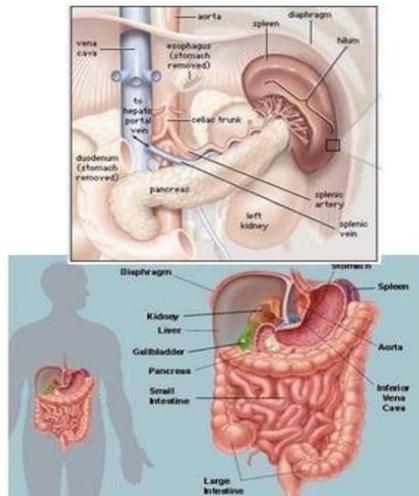
- **Position:** It lies in the upper left part of the abdominal cavity, deep to the 9th, 10th and 11th ribs.



- **Shape:** Wedge-shaped, it has:
- **Two ends:**
 - **Medial** (narrow end).
 - **Lateral** (broad end).
- **Two borders:**
- **Upper border:** sharp and notched.
- **Lower border:** smooth and rounded.



- **Two surfaces:**
 - **Diaphragmatic:** convex surface related to diaphragm.
 - **Visceral**
Related to 4 viscera:
 - a- Stomach.
 - b- Left colic flexure.
 - c- Tail of pancreas.
 - d- Left kidney.



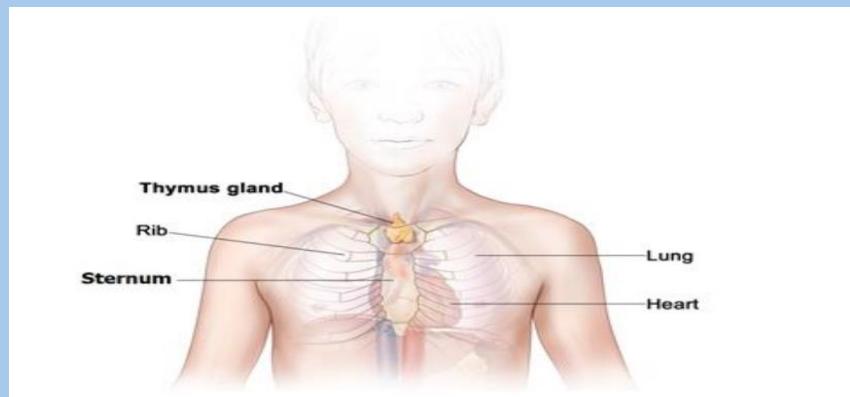
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□ Thymus Gland:

- It is a lymphoid organ located in the thoracic cavity behind the sternum.
- It increases in size during childhood reaching maximum size at puberty then begins to decrease in size and activity (Involution).
- Function: T lymphocyte maturation.

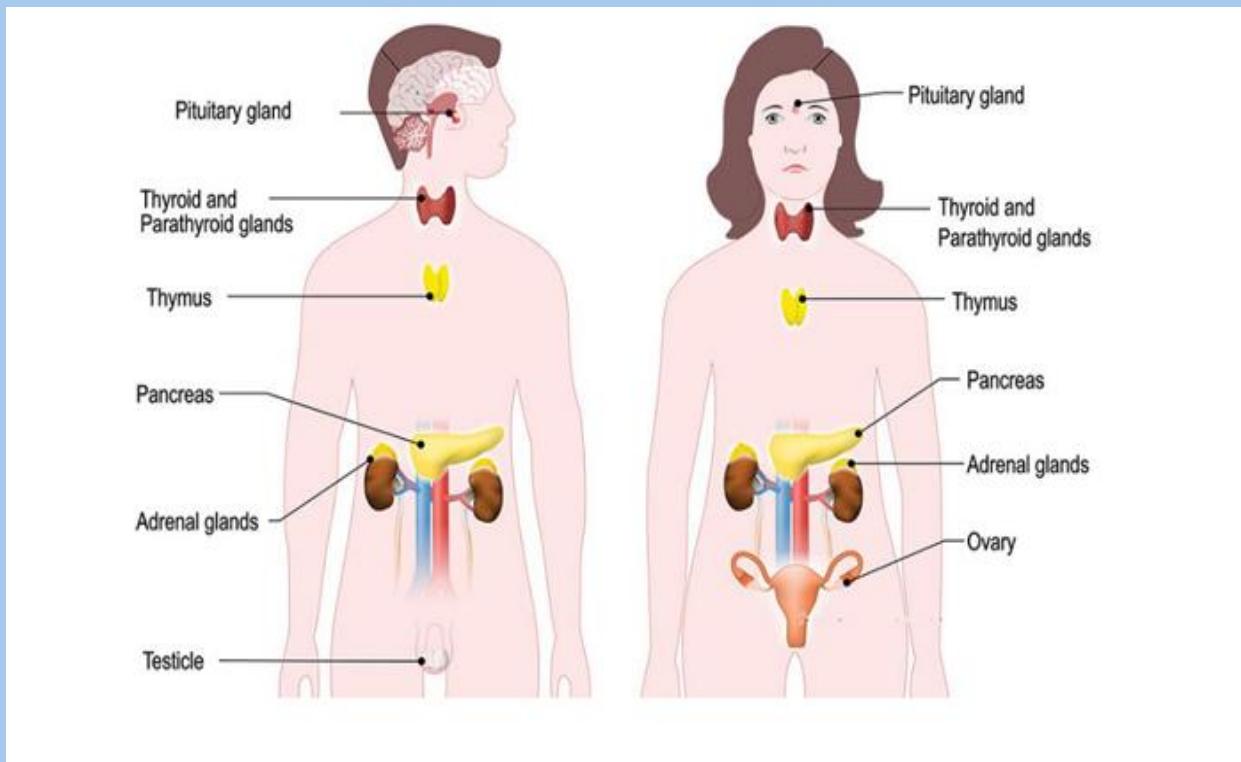


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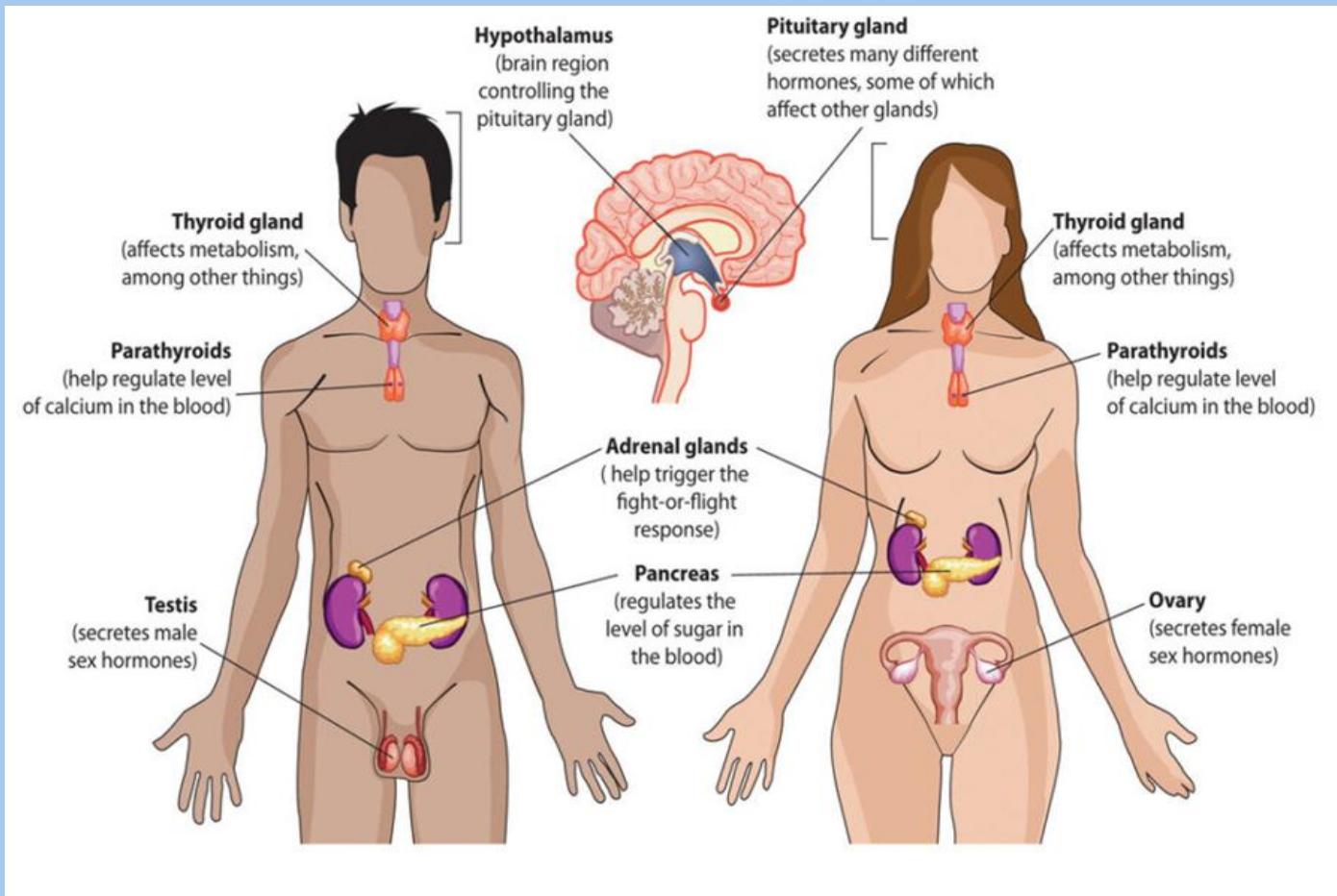
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It is the system that includes all ductless glands in the body.

It is classified as a system from the functional point of view and mostly there is no direct anatomical relation between its components. It includes the following glands:



1. Pituitary gland (Hypophysis cerebri)

- It is also known as the master gland.
- It lies at the base of the brain in a depression called sella turcica.
- It is connected to the hypothalamus by the pituitary stalk (infundibulum) that contains nerve fibers & blood vessels.
- It is divided into two lobes; anterior & posterior.

Anterior lobe (adenohypophysis):

Has no important neural connection with the hypothalamus.

Secretes the following hormones:

Growth hormone (GH).

2. Prolactin.

3. Lutinizing hormone (LH).

4. Follicle stimulating hormone (FSH).

5. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH).

6. Adreno-cortico-tropin (ACTH).

7. Melanocyte stimulating hormone (MSH).

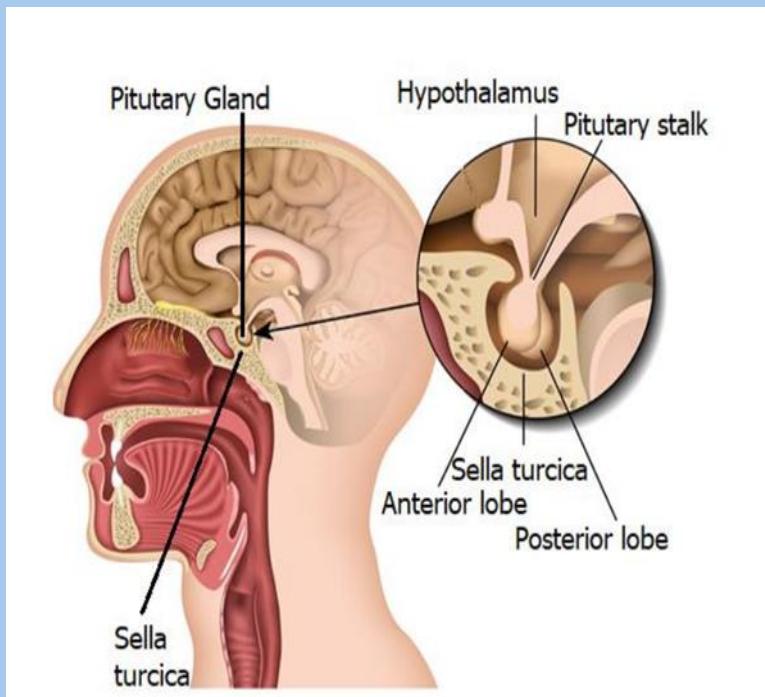
Posterior lobe (neurohypophysis):

Has a rich neural connection to the hypothalamus.

Secretes the following hormones:

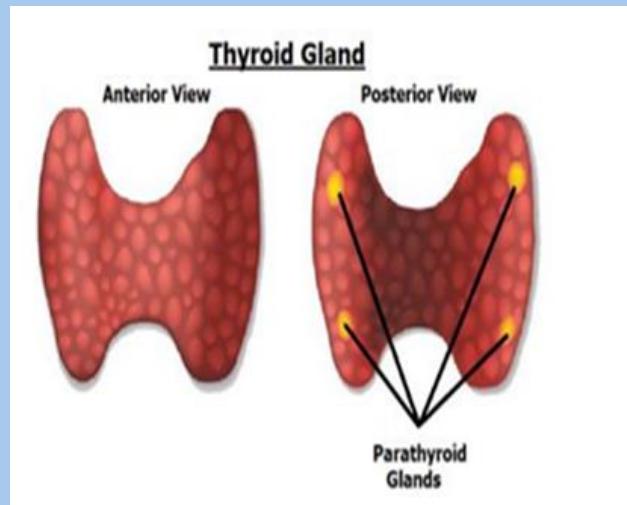
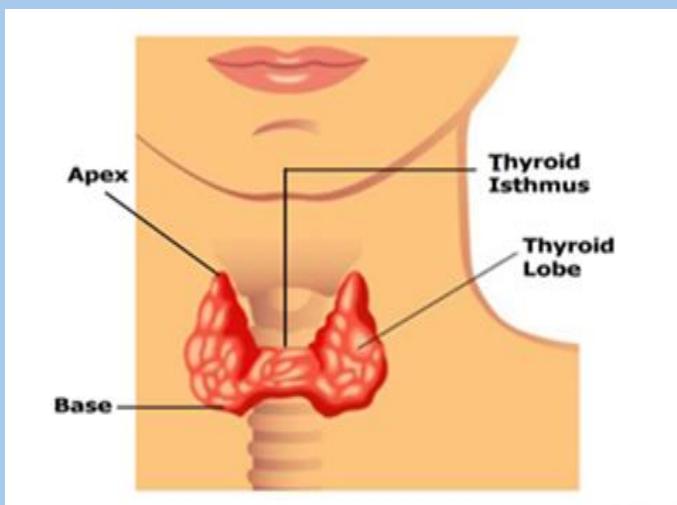
1. Oxytocin.

2. Vasopressin (anti-diuretic hormone [ADH])



2-Thyroid gland

It lies in the lower part of the front of the neck.



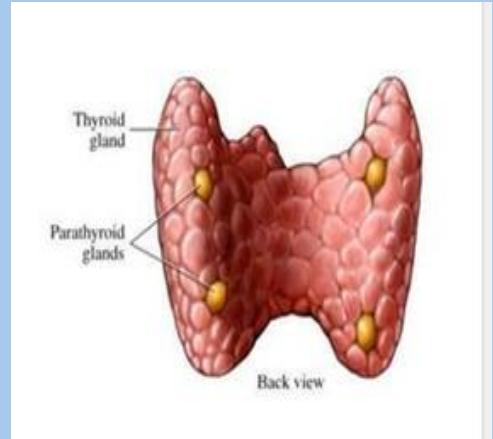
It consists of two lobes, right and left,

connected by isthmus.

- Each lobe is conical in shape having apex, base and 3 surfaces; medial, lateral and posterior surfaces
- It secretes three hormones: Thyroxine (T4), triiodothyronine (T3) and calcitonine (by the parafollicular cells).

3. Parathyroid

glands



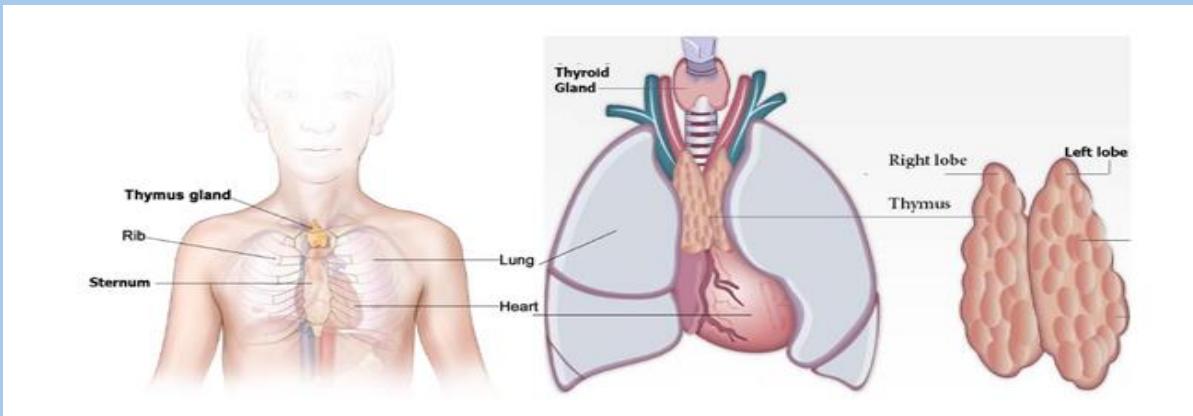
- Four small rounded pea-shaped glands.

- They are embedded in the posterior surface of the thyroid gland.

They secret the parathyroid hormone (PTH).

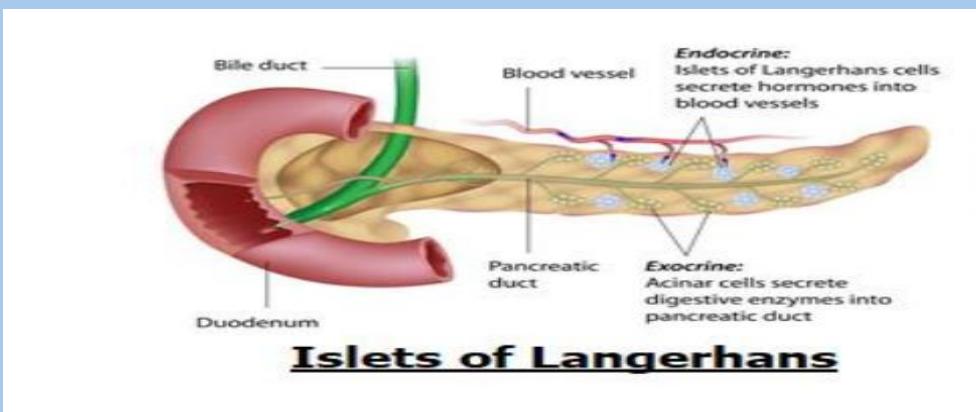
4. Thymus gland

- It is located in the thoracic cavity behind the sternum (in front of the heart & pericardium).
- It consists of two lobes, right and left, connected by connective tissue.
- Its activity increases in size during childhood reaching maximum size at puberty then begins to involute (decrease in size and activity).
- It secrets the thymosin hormone.



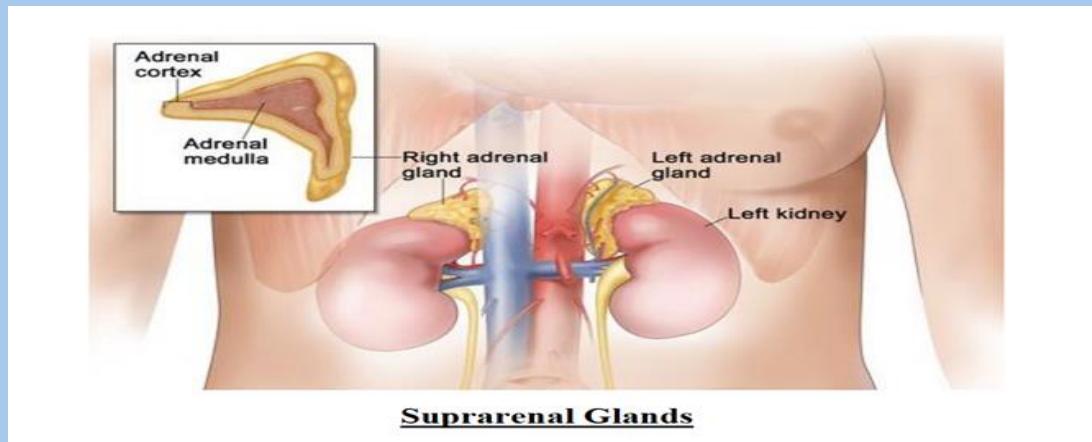
5. Islets of Langerhans of pancreas

- The islets form discrete masses within the pancreas.
- They are composed of different cells which secrete different hormones.
- Alpha cells: secrete glucagon.
- Beta cells: secrete insulin.
- Delta cells: secrete somatostatin.
- PP cells: secrete pancreatic polypeptide.



6. Adrenal (Suprarenal) glands

- Pair of glands (right & left) that lie on the upper pole of the corresponding kidney.



- Each gland is formed of an outer layer called cortex & inner core called medulla.
- The suprarenal cortex secrets:
 1. Mineralocorticoids (aldosterone).
 2. Glucocorticoids (cortisol).
 3. Gonadocorticoids (androgens).
- The suprarenal medulla secrets: catecholamines (adrenaline & noradrenaline)

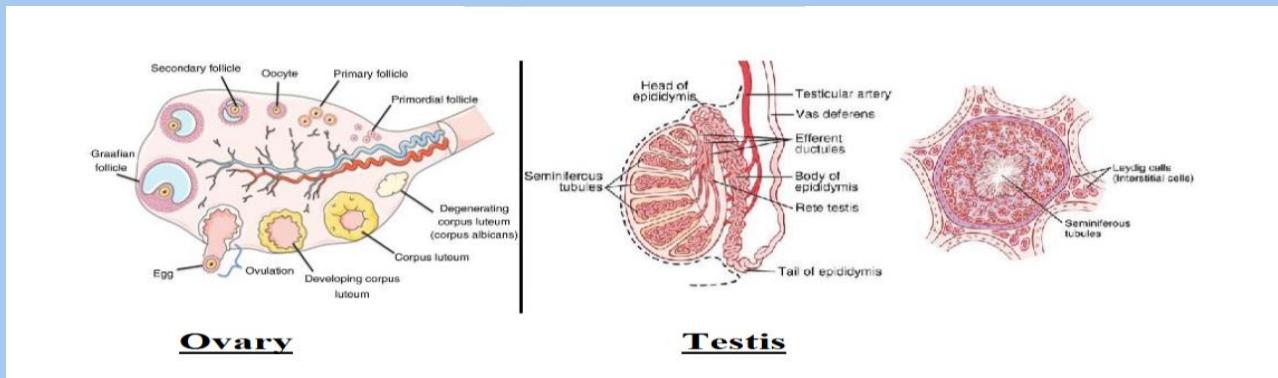


7-Testes

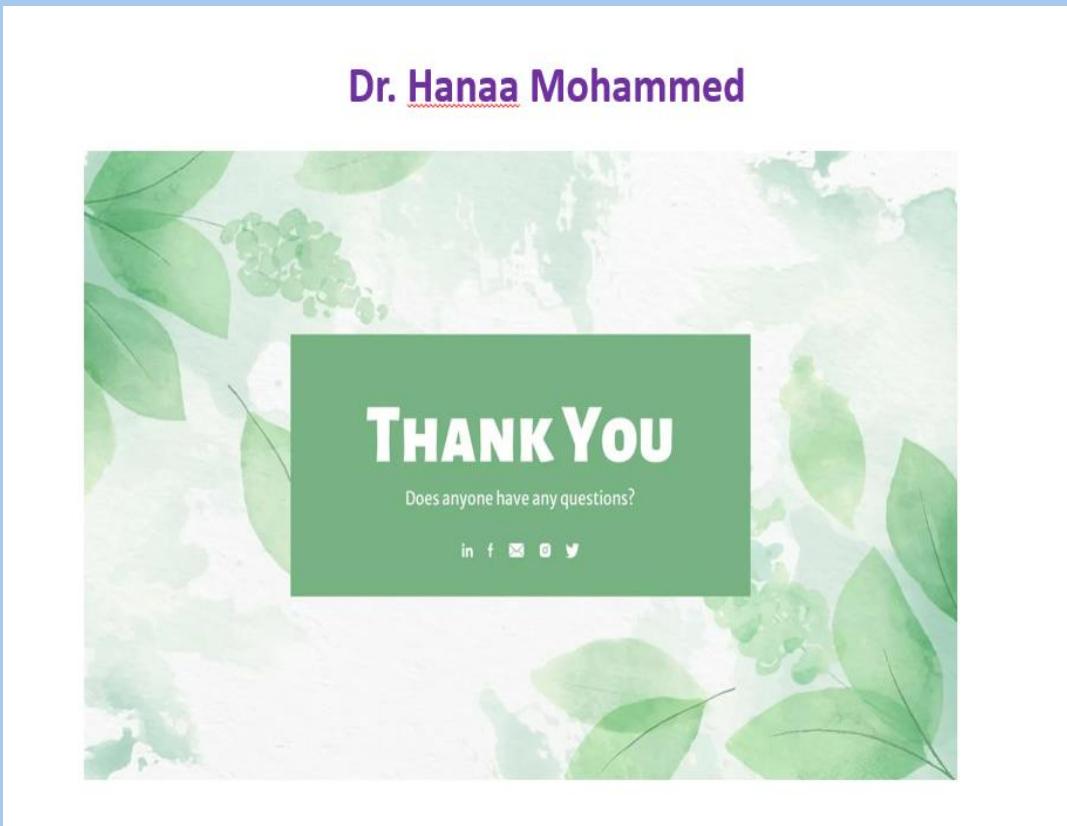
- Endocrine part of the testis is the interstitial cells of Leydig.
- They lie in the connective tissue spaces between the semineferous tubules.
- They secret testosterone hormone.

8. Ovary

- Endocrine part of ovary is formed by the cells forming ovarian follicles except the ovum.
- These cells secrete estrogen & progesterone hormones.



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