

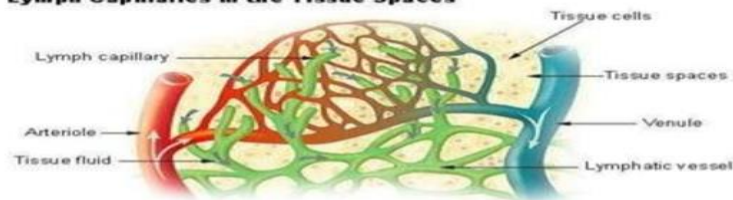
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LYMPHATIC SYSTEM

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.

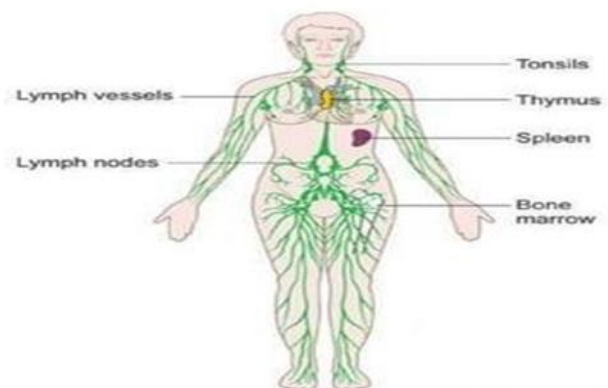
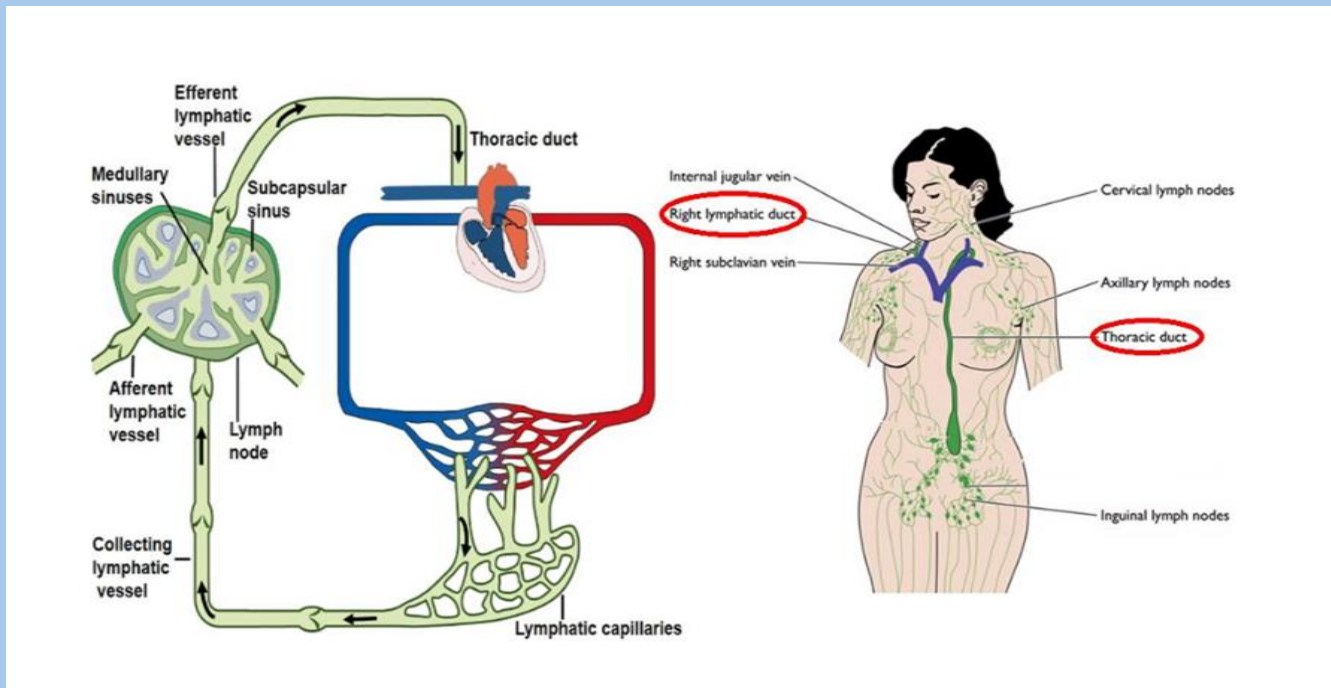


Diagram of the lymphatic system
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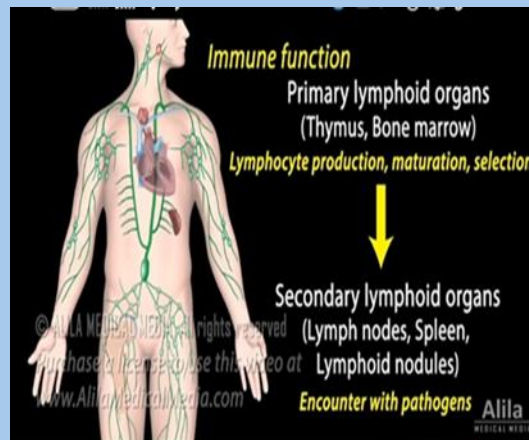
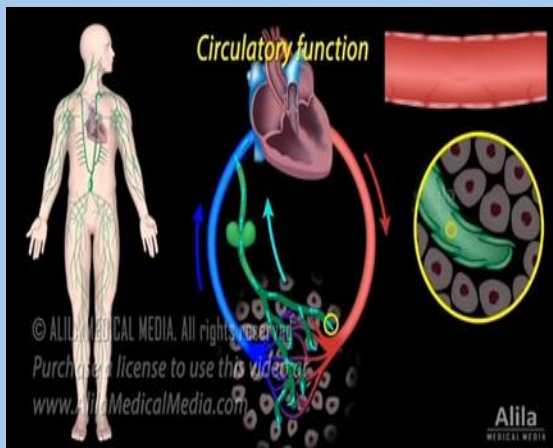
The lymphatic system is composed of:

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

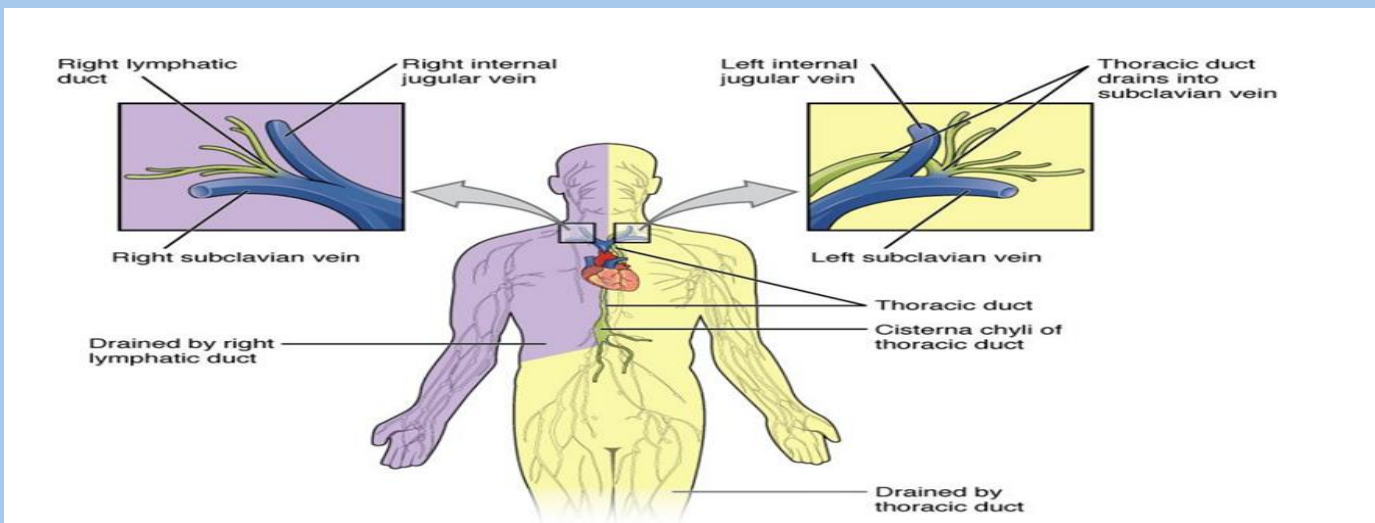
- ☐ They begin as blind-end capillaries which unite to form lymphatic vessels.
- ☐ They have multiple valves to allow passage of lymph in one direction.
- ☐ The lymphatic vessels are connected to form two large lymphatic ducts;

1-Right lymphatic duct: drains lymph from:

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

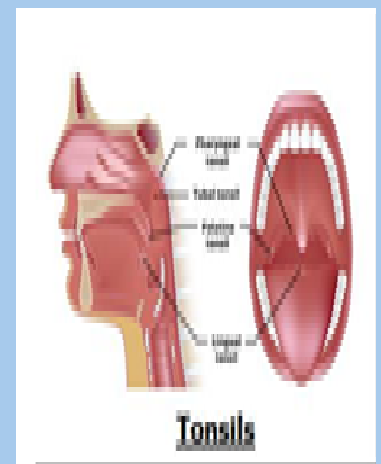
2. Thoracic duct: drains lymph from the rest of the body.

- ☐ 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

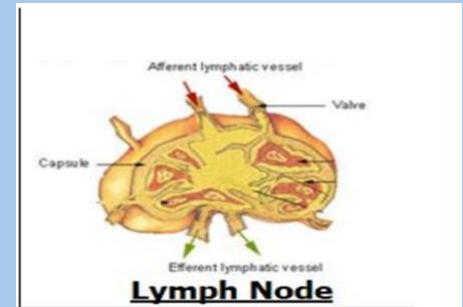
- ❓ They are encapsulated aggregations of lymphocytes.
- ❓ They include the **lymph nodes, spleen and thymus gland.**

❓ 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.

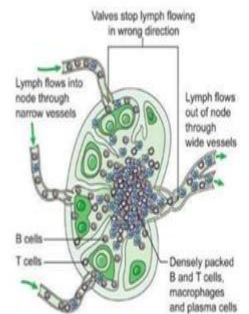
Function: filtration of lymph and also contain lymphocytes which are important in the immune process.

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

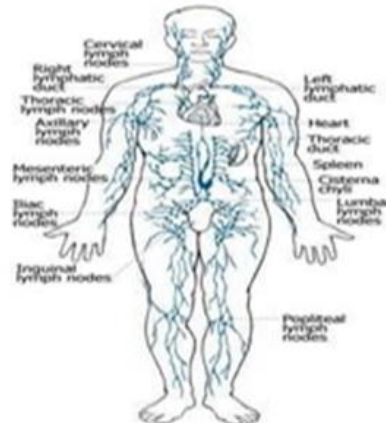


• Lymph Nodes

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



- 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:

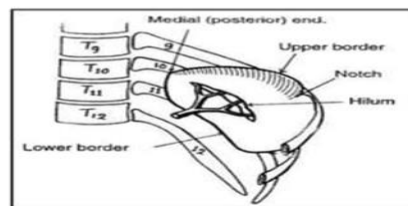
? It is a lymphoid organ located in the upper left part of the abdomen.

? Functions:

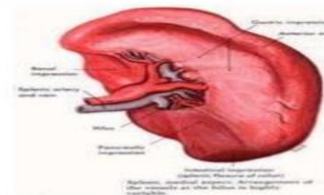
1. Destroy old RBCs.
2. Blood reservoir.
3. Part of immune system.

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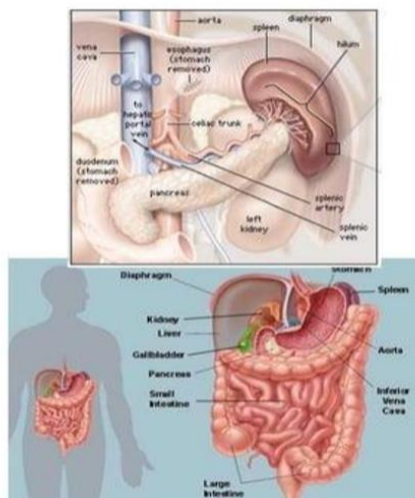
- **Position:** It lies in the upper left part of the abdominal cavity, deep to the 9th, 10th and 11th ribs.



- **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.

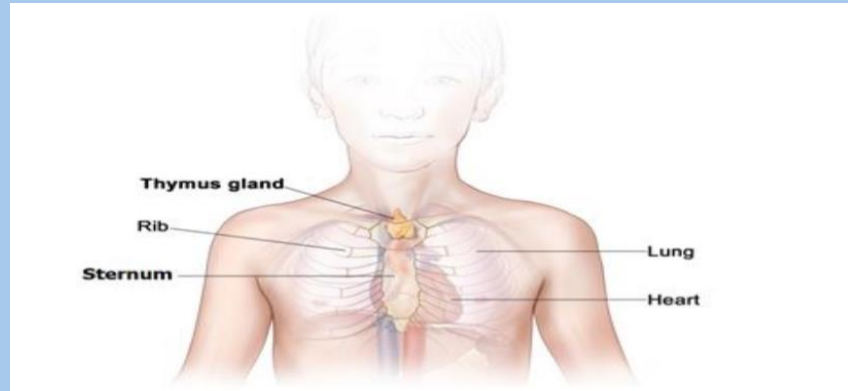


❓ **Thymus Gland:**

❓ 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.



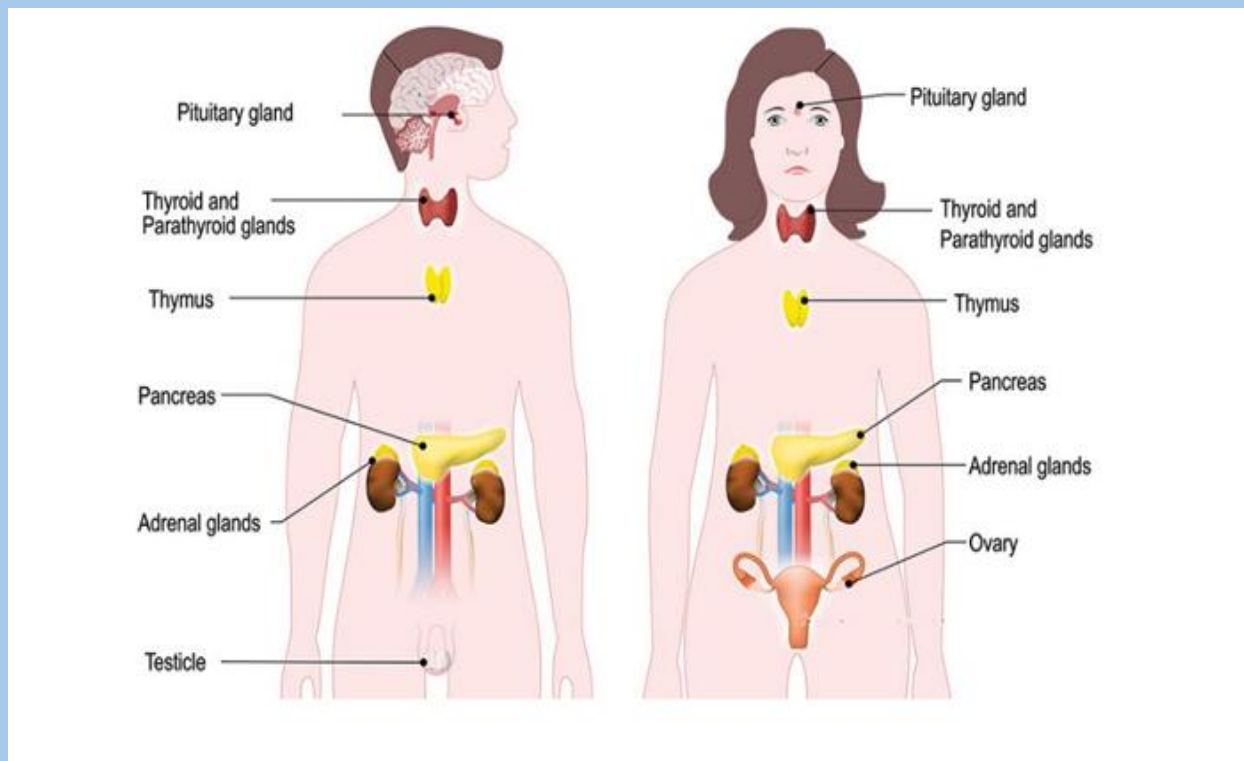


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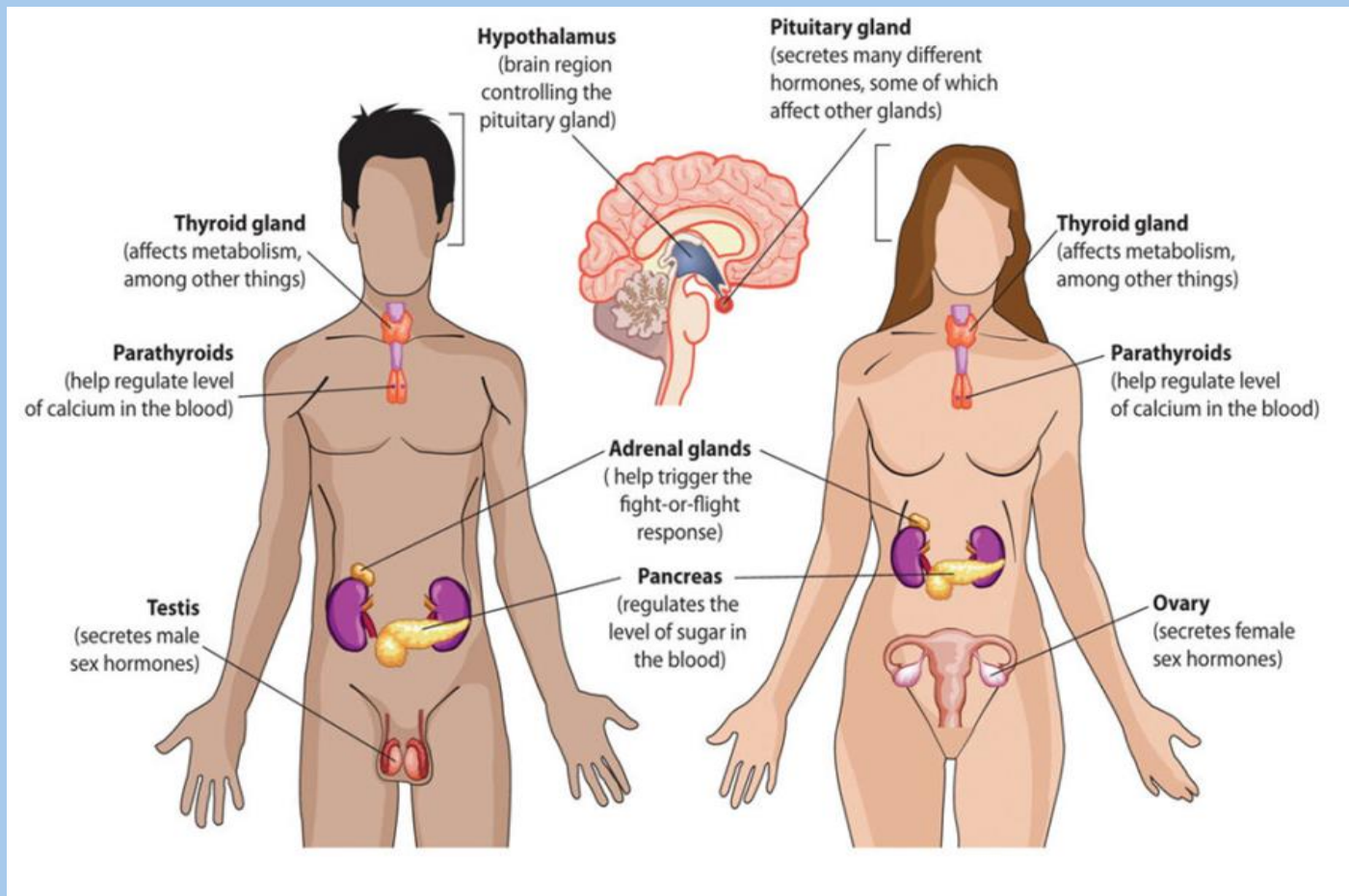
ENDOCRINE SYSTEM



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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. Lutinizind hormone (LH).

4. Follicle stimulating hormone (FSH).

5. Thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH).

6. Adreno-cortico-tropin (ACTH).

7. Melanocyte stimulating hormone (MSH).

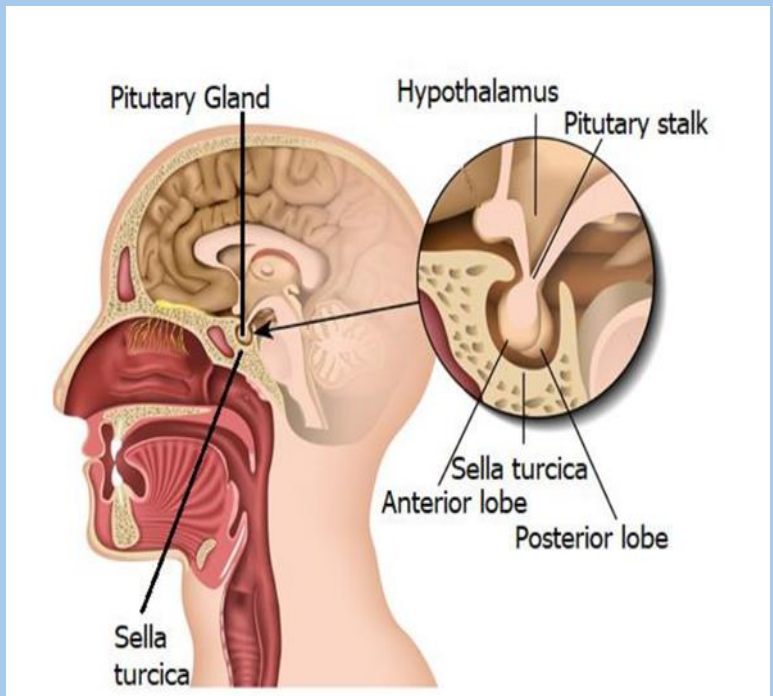
❓ **Posterior lobe (neurohypophysis):**

❓ Has a rich neural connection to the hypothalamus.

❓ Secretes the following hormones:

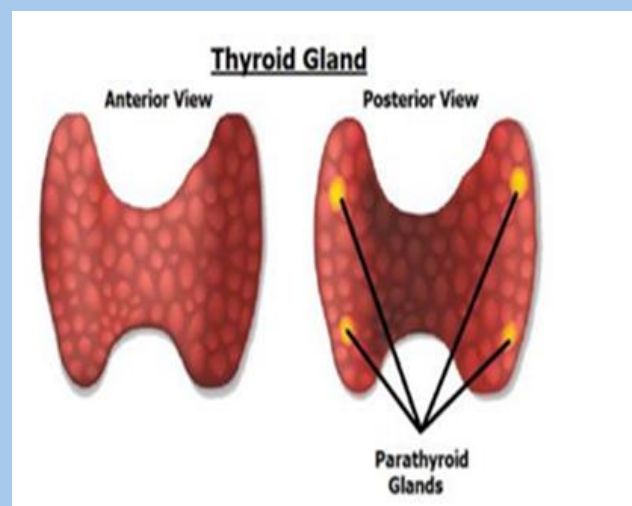
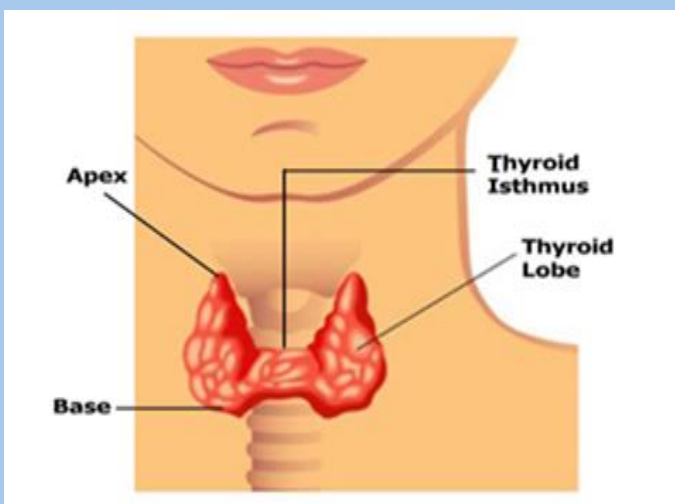
1. Oxytocin.

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



2-Thyroid gland

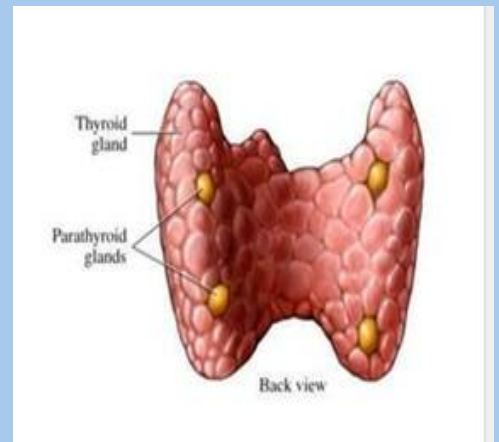
❓ It lies in the lower part of the front of the neck.



- ❑ 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 secrets three hormones: Thyroxine (T4), triiodothyronine (T3) and calcitonine (by the parafollicular cells).

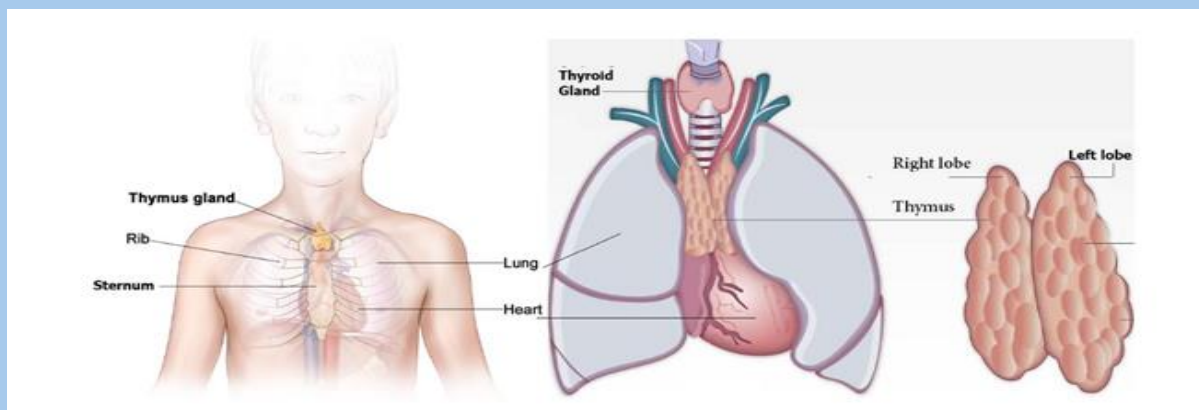
3. Parathyroid glands

- ❑ Four small rounded pea-shaped glands.
 - ❑ They are embedded in the posterior surface of the thyroid gland.
- They secrete the parathyroid hormone (PTH).



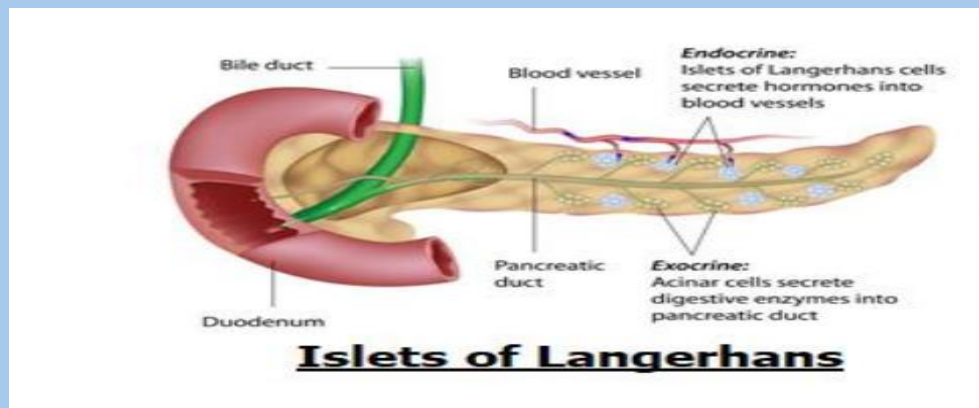
4. Thymus gland

- ❑ 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 secretes the thymosin hormone.



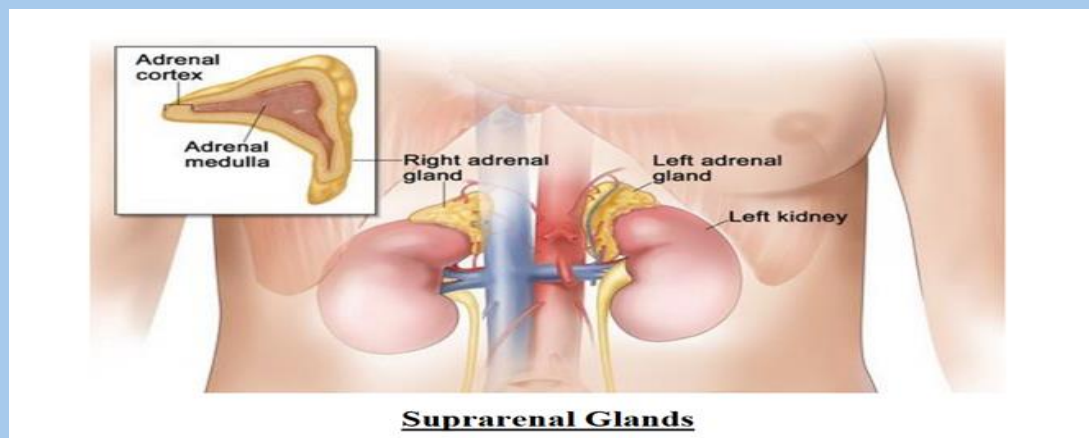
5. Islets of Langerhans of pancreas

- ❑ 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 secretes:

1. Mineralocorticoids (aldosterone).
2. Glucocorticoids (cortisol).
3. Gonadocorticoids (androgens).

☐ The suprarenal medulla secretes: catecholamines (adrenaline & noradrenaline)



7-Testes

☐ Endocrine part of the testis is the interstitial cells of Leydig.

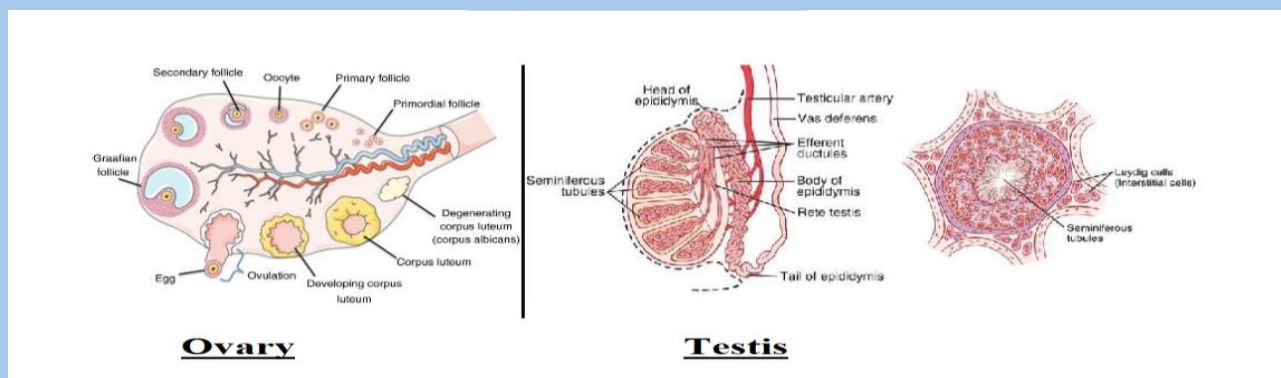
☐ They lie in the connective tissue spaces between the seminiferous tubules.

☐ They secrete 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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