

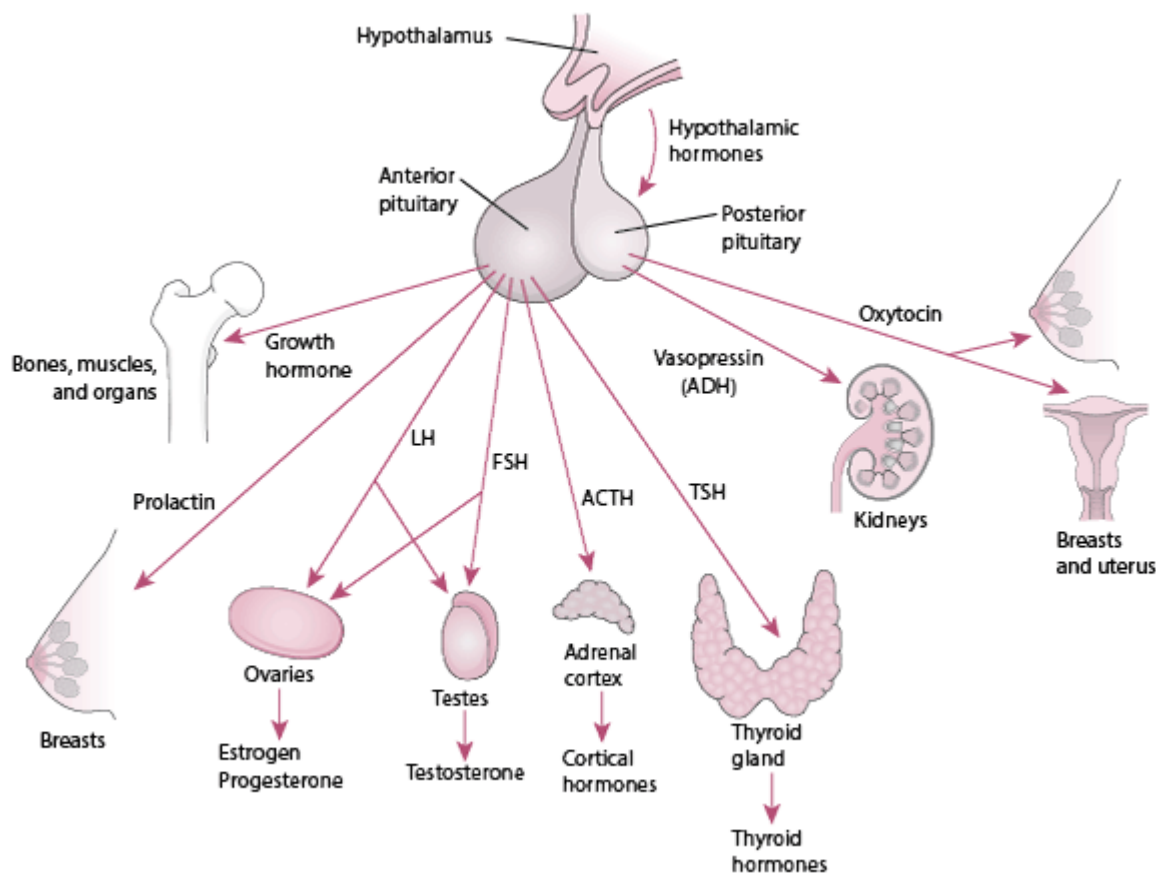
Introduction to Pituitary Disorders

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The pituitary gland controls the functions of peripheral endocrine glands (see figure [The pituitary and its target organs](#)). Pituitary structure and function and relationships between the hypothalamus and the pituitary gland are discussed in [Overview of the Endocrine System](#).

The pituitary and its target organs



Specific pituitary disorders include

[Pituitary lesions](#)

[Generalized hypopituitarism](#)

[Selective disorders of pituitary hormone deficiencies](#) (including [central diabetes insipidus](#))

Pituitary hormone excesses, including [gigantism](#), [acromegaly](#), [galactorrhea](#), [syndrome of inappropriate ADH secretion](#), and [Cushing disease](#)

