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Chemical Coordination and Integration

Source	Hormone	Target	Action
Hypothalamus	Releasing and Inhibiting Hormones	Pituitary	Controls release of tropic hormones by Pituitary
	ADH & Oxytocin	Sends them for storage in Posterior Pituitary for later release	
Anterior Pituitary (tropic hormones)	TSH (thyroid stimulating hormone) ACTH (adrenocorticotropic hormone) FSH (follicle stimulating hormone) LH (luteinizing hormone)	thyroid adrenal cortex ovaries, testes ovaries, testes	secretion of T ₄ and T ₃ secretion of glucocorticoids regulates oogenesis and spermatogenesis regulates oogenesis and spermatogenesis
Anterior Pituitary (hormones)	PRL (prolactin) GH (growth hormone)	mammary glands bone, muscle	production of milk stimulates growth
Pancreas (alpha cells)	glucagon	liver	increases blood glucose
Pancreas (beta cells)	insulin	liver, muscles, fat	lowers blood glucose
Adrenal gland (medulla)	epinephrine (adrenalin) and norepinephrine (noradrenalin)	blood vessels, liver and heart	increases blood glucose, con- stricts blood vessels (fight or flight response)
Adrenal gland (cortex)	glucocorticoids (e.g., cortisol) mineralocorticoids (e.g., aldosterone) sex cooticoids	general kidney body	increases blood glucose in- creases reabsorption of Na ⁺ and excretion of K ⁺ male like sexual characters.
Thyroid	T ₄ (thyroxin) and T ₃ (triiodothyronine) calcitonin	general bone	increases cellular metabolism lowers blood Ca ²⁺
Parathyroid	PTH (parathyroid hormone)	bone	increases blood Ca ²⁺
Testis	testosterone	testes, general	spermatogenesis, secondary sex characteristics
Ovary	estrogen progesteron	uterus, general uterus	menstrual cycle, secondary sex characteristics menstrual cycle, pregnancy
Pineal	melatonin	body	circadian rhythms

Mechanism of Hormone Action

- Hormones could be peptides (insulin, glucagon), steroids (testosterone), iodothyronines (thyroxine) or amino acid derivatives (epinephrine)
- * Some hormones bind to extracellular receptors and generate secondary messengers which in-turn regulate cellular metabolism. Other hormones (steroid hormones) interact with intracellular receptors and bring about changes by influencing gene expression.