

8.1 - Human Body Systems and Homeostasis

Human Body Systems

- Circulatory and lymphatic transport materials
- Blood: transports nutrients and O₂, remove waste
- Lymphatic: vessels absorb fat, collect excess tissue fluid → returned to blood/circulatory
- Digestive, respiratory, excretory: add/remove substances from blood
 - excretory/urinary: removes waste, regulates fluid level + chemical content of blood
- Integumentary (skin, nails, hair, etc):
 - Communicate with brain and spinal cord (thru nerve fibres)
- Muscular and skeletal:
 - Enable movement
- Nervous system:
 - Allows body to respond to (in/ex)ternal stimuli
- Endocrine:
 - Hormonal glands secrete chemicals → messengers between cells
 - Endocrine + nervous work together to regulate functions of other systems

Homeostasis

- 37°C internal temp
- blood glucose level of 100mg/mL
- Blood pH near 7.4
- Internal remains stable despite external
- HOMEOSTASIS: tendency of body to maintain constant internal environment
 - Humans can only survive within narrow range of conditions
- Example:
 - Blood glucose rises, endocrine brings back down
 - Skip meal, endocrine and nervous will keep glucose levels up (in normal range)

Feedback Systems

- FEEDBACK SYSTEM: cycle of events where a variable (ex. body temp) is monitored, assessed, and adjusted
 - SENSOR: monitors and detects changes → sends signals to control centre
 - CONTROL CENTRE:
 - sets range that variable should be in/maintained

- Receives info from sensor
- Sends signals to effectors when needed
- EFFECTOR: responds to control centre (signals) → change to variable

Negative Feedback Systems

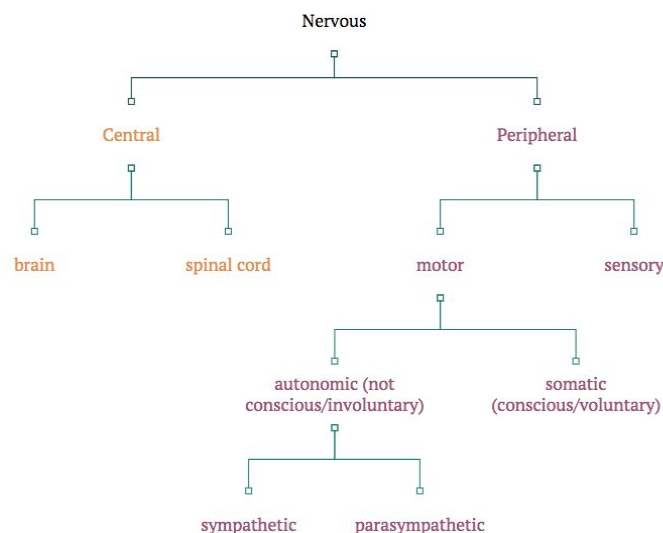
- NEGATIVE FEEDBACK SYSTEM: reverses change / variable is brought back
 - Sensor detects change → signals control centre → activates effector → change is reversed = balanced state
- Example
 - Exercise raises blood temp (muscles produce heat)
 - Signals sent to control centre → forwards to effectors (blood vessels and sweat glands)
 - Blood vessels dilate = more heat loss
 - Sweat glands release sweat = release heat

Positive Feedback Systems

- POSITIVE FEEDBACK SYSTEM: response that increases or strengthens change in variable
 - Ex. injury → affected tissues release chemicals → activate platelets → start clotting
- Less common than negative feedback

8.2 - Nervous System

- Example:
 - temp falls below -50°C
 - Nervous system constricts blood flow (thus conserving body heat)
 - Constant constriction of blood vessels can lead to frostbite
- Nerve impulse can travel along 10^{15} possible routes



An Overview of the Nervous System

- Distinction based on location of nervous tissue
 - Together, control sensory input, integration, and motor output
 - Sensory: temp, light, sound, pH, [CO₂]
 - Integration: signals brought together to create sensations/thoughts/memory
 - Motor: nervous system responds: muscles contract, etc
 - EFFECTORS: cause an effect in response to signals from NS (muscles, glands)
- CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM:
 - Brain and spinal cord
 - Integrates and processes info sent by nerves
- PERIPHERAL NERVOUS SYSTEM:
 - Includes nerves that:
 - Carry sensory messages to central NS
 - Send info from CNS to muscles + glands
 - SOMATIC SYSTEM:
 - Sensory receptors in head and extremities
 - Voluntary control
 - Take info from CNS, send instructions to skeletal muscles
 - AUTONOMIC SYSTEM:
 - Controls gland secretions and function of smooth and cardiac muscles
 - Involuntary (heartbeat, peristalsis)
 - Sympathetic and parasympathetic work oppositely to each other in order to regulate involuntary processes

Cells of the Nervous System

- 2 types:
 - NEURONS:
 - Basic structural and functional units
 - Nucleus, cell body, dendrites, cell body
 - Specialized to:
 - respond to physical and chemical stimuli
 - Conduct electrochemical signals
 - Release chemicals that regulate processes
 - Bundles → NERVES: message pathway. Surrounded by protective connective tissue
 - GLIAL CELLS:
 - Support neurons
 - Nourish, remove waste, defend against infection
 - Provides framework for all tissue in the nervous system

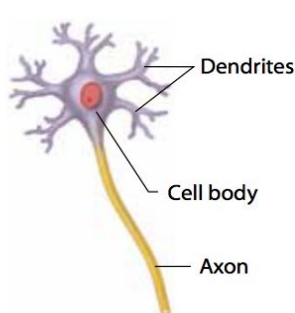
The Structure of a Neuron

- Neurons have cell membrane, cytoplasm, mitochondria, nucleus
- DENDRITES:
 - Short, branching terminals
 - Receive impulses from neurons or sensory receptors
 - Relay impulse to cell body
- CELL BODY:
 - Contains nucleus
 - Processes input from dendrites
 - If large enough, cell body relays to axon (impulse will be initiated)
- AXON:
 - Conducts impulses away from cell body
 - Terminal end branches into fibres
 - Releases chemical signals into space between it and receptors/dendrites of neighboring neurons/glands/muscles
 - Sometimes enclosed in MYELIN SHEATH:
 - Fatty, insulated layer
 - Gives glistening white appearance
 - Protects neurons and speeds up rate of transmission (nerve impulses)
 - Impulses jump from one node to the next
 - Made of schwann cells → type of glial cell
 - NODES OF RANVIER: areas b/w myelin sheath

Classifying Neurons

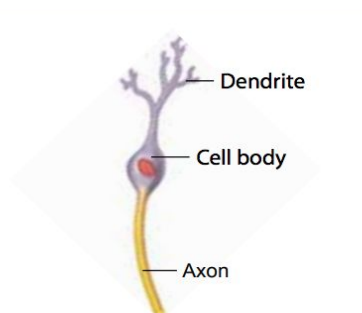
- Based on structure and function
 - Structure: number of processes extending from cell body

Multipolar



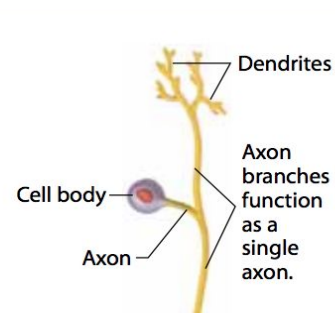
- Several dendrites
- One axon
- In brain & spinal cord

Bipolar



- One main dendrite
- One axon
- Inner ear, retina, olfactory area of brain

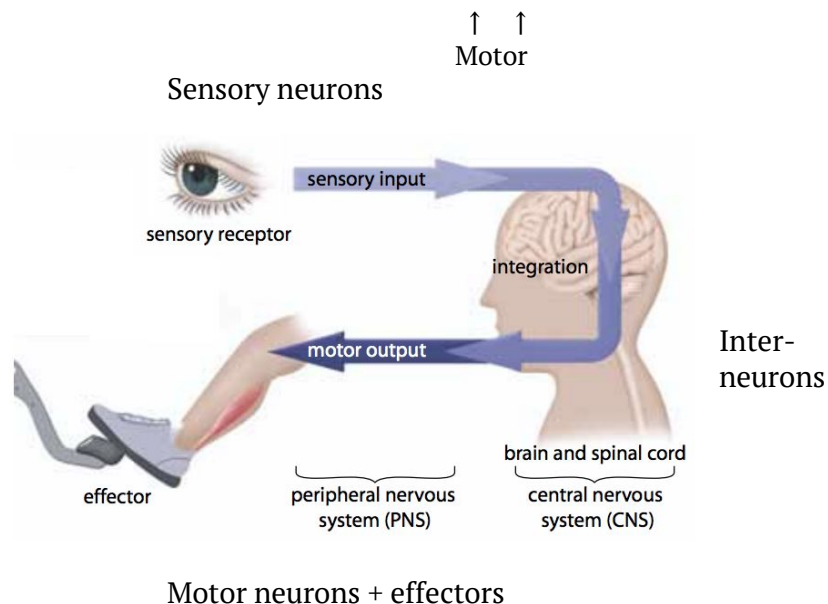
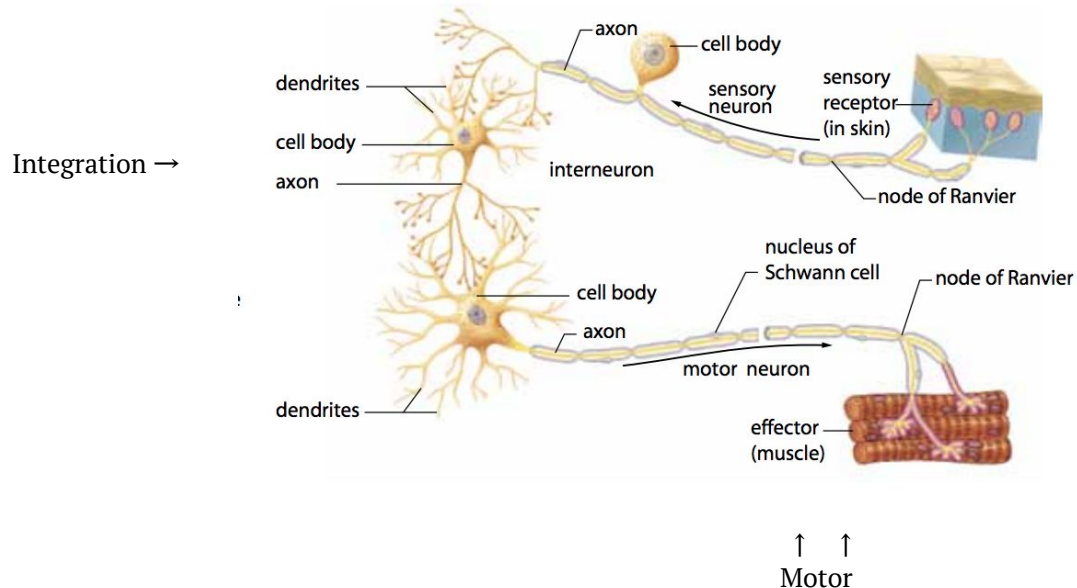
Unipolar



- Single process extending from cell body
- Dendrite + axon fused
- Peripheral nervous system

- Function:
 - Sensory, interneuron, and motor form basic impulse-transmission pathway
 - Depends on 3 overlapping functions:
 - Sensory input:
 - sensory receptors receive stimuli → form nerve impulse
 - Sensory neurons transmit the impulse from receptor → CNS
 - Integration:
 - Interneurons process and integrate sensory info coming in → relay motor info going out
 - Motor output:
 - Motor neurons transmit info from CNS → effectors
 - Muscles, glands, organs (that respond to motor neuron impulses)

✓Sensory ✓



The Reflex Arc

- REFLEXES: involuntary responses to certain stimuli
- REFLEX ARCS: simple connection of neurons → reflex action (response to stimulus)
 - Usually only involve 3 neurons (sensory, inter, motor)
 - Before brain centres involved with voluntary stuff have time to process

Neuron Repair

- NEURILEMMA: thin membrane surrounded axon
 - Promotes regeneration of damaged axons
 - Not in all nerve cells
- White matter:
 - Nerve cells in brain
 - Contain myelinated fibres + neurilemma
- Grey matter:
 - Nerve cells in brain and spinal cord
 - No myelin sheath or neurilemma
 - This is why spinal and brain injuries are often permanent

Fixing CNS Damage

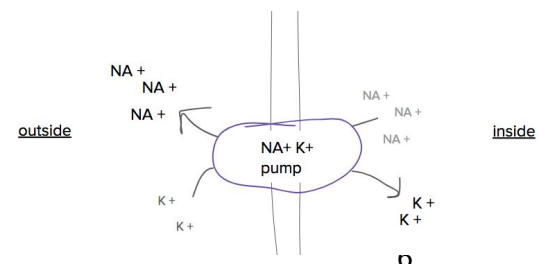
- Reattach 2 torn nerves (low success)
- Take grafts from the PNS

The Electrical Nature of Nerves (Electrochemical Impulse)

- Nerve impulses are similar to electric
 - Slightly slower, but stay the same strength throughout
 - Electrochemical msgs made by ion movement across nerve cell membrane
 - Nerve cell membrane is permeable to ions
 - Ions move across membrane to create electrical chemical potential
- Example:
 - Tiny electrode in squid's large nerve cell
 - Nerve was excited → fast change in electric potential
 - - 70 mV → + 40 mV
 - ACTION POTENTIAL (travels across neuron/ dendrite → axon)

Resting Membrane Potential

- In resting neuron, the neuron is more positive outside than inside (polarized)
 - Sodium potassium pump uses ATP to put 3 Na^+ out and 2 K^+ in
 - Negative ions don't diffuse out (large, can't get through membrane)
- MEMBRANE POTENTIAL: separation of electrical charge across a membrane
- RESTING POTENTIAL: charge difference b/w outside and inside of neuron
 - Again, polarized at rest



Action Potential

- Dendrites receive impulse → change in membrane permeability
 - Depolarization: Na^+ diffuse into neuron thru sodium channels
 - Moves as a wave thru neuron

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- Electrochemical event is cause of imbalance of positive ions across membrane
- High concentration of K^+ ions in cell tends to diffuse out
 - As this happens, Na^+ diffuses in
- Resting membrane is approx. 50x more permeable to K^+ than Na^+
 - More K^+ diffuse out than Na^+ in, making outside more positive

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- When cell is excited, membrane becomes more permeable to Na^+ than K^+
 - Opposite of resting
 - Na^+ gates open, K^+ gates close
 - Rapid flow of Na^+ into cell (depolarization/making inside more positive and outside less)
 - Once inside becomes positive, sodium gates close
- Sodium-potassium pump restores resting membrane (3 Na^+ out, 2 K^+ in)
 - REPOLARIZATION requires ATP
 - Happens once action potential has peaked (refractory period starts)
- Refractory period:
 - neurons can't transmit impulses (1-10 ms)
 - Gotta wait til resting is restored.
 - The spike in voltage caused K^+ pumps to open → K^+ move out
 - So many move out that charge goes below resting. Neuron can't react to stimuli during undershoot

Movement

- Impulse moves along axon b/c positive ions that rushed into cell during depolarization are attracted to negative ions in adjacent regions
- Current moves in one direction cause one side is in refractory period
 - *Impulse moves from dendrite → axon*

Threshold Levels

- THRESHOLD LEVEL: min. level of stimulus needed to produce response
 - All or nothing
- More intense stimulus means greater frequency of impulses
 - not increased response. Intensity and speed of transmissions stay the same. Fire at max. or not at all

Synaptic Transmission

- SYNAPSES: small spaces b/w neurons or b/w neurons and effector (ex. muscle)
- Impulses move along axons and release neurotransmitters from the end plate
 - NEUROTRANSMITTERS: small vesicles containing chemicals. Found in end plate

Neurotransmitters

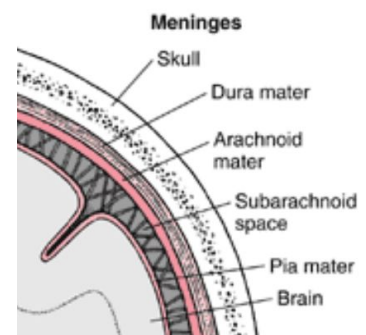
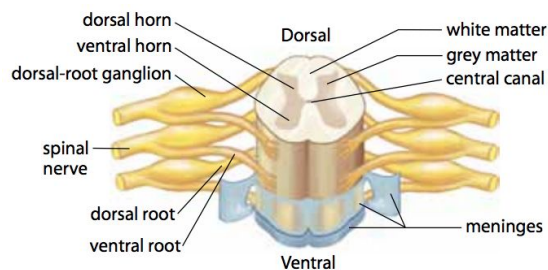
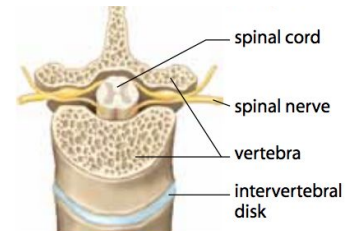
- Chemicals produced in neuron, released when neuron's stimulated, creates an effect on other neurons
- 2 types: small molecule, neuropeptides
- SYNAPTIC CLEFT: space b/w neurons (presynaptic/where impulse is coming from, postsynaptic/where the signal's going)
- Neurotransmitters are released → diffuse through synaptic cleft → received → cause dendrites to depolarize
- Slows down transmission, so more synapses = slower speed
- Example:
 - Acetylcholine is an excitatory neurotransmitter
 - Opens sodium channels on postsynaptic neuron
 - Once postsynaptic neuron has reached action potential, cholinesterase breaks down acetylcholine (sodium channels will close)
- Inhibitory neurotransmitters open potassium channels
 - Potassium diffuses out cause its highly concentrated inside
 - Causes hyperpolarization and inside becomes negative
 - Prevents the activation of postsynaptic neuron

8.2 - Central Nervous System

- Brain and spinal cord
- Receives info from sensory/afferent neurons, evaluates it, initiates response through efferent neurons
- White matter:
 - Inner region of some places in brain, outer area of spinal cord
 - Made of myelinated neurons
- Grey matter:
 - Outside areas of brain, core of spinal cord
 - Unmyelinated

Spinal Cord

- SPINAL CORD: column of nerve tissue ending out of skull (from brain) and down the canal in backbone
- Link b/w the brain and PNS
- In spinal cord, afferent/sensory nerves carry msgs from body → brain to interpret
- Efferent nerves relay msg from brain → effectors
- Contains primary reflex centre
- Grey matter is surrounded by white
- sensory/afferent nerves enter spinal cord through dorsal root
- Efferent nerves leave through ventral root
 - Carries info from spinal cord to peripheral muscles, organs, glands



- Spinal cord tissue is protected
 - Cerebrospinal fluid, meninges, spinal column
 - MENINGES: 3 layers of tough, elastic tissue in skull and spinal column
 - Directly encloses brain and spinal cord
 - Dura mater: tough outer membrane attached to skull
 - Arachnoid: web-like middle layer. Reabsorbs cerebrospinal fluid
 - Pia mater: inner layer containing blood vessels. Closely covers brain and spinal cord

Blood-Brain Barrier

- BLOOD-BRAIN BARRIER: protective barrier of glial cells and blood vessels
 - Separates blood from CNS
- Prevents substances in blood from entering cerebrospinal fluid
 - Protects brain (blocks toxins, etc.)
- Supplies brain with nutrients and O₂
- Caffeine, nicotine, alcohol, anesthetics cross barrier

Cerebrospinal Fluid (CSF)

- Dense, clear liquid
- Derived from blood plasma
- Found in: ventricles of brain, central canal (spinal cord), around meninges
 - Between 2 meninges layers – arachnoid and pia mater (shock absorber)

- Transports hormones, white blood cells, and nutrients across b-b barrier

The Brain

Hindbrain

- Coordination + homeostasis
- Cerebellum
 - Unconscious coordination (movements + reflex)
 - Fine, voluntary motor skills (bike, write)
 - Damage → lose coordination of motor movements
- Medulla oblongata
 - Base of brainstem, connecting brain to spinal cord
 - Coordinates reflexes and automatic functions (that maintain homeostasis)
 - Heart rate, constriction/dilation of blood vessels, breathing, swallow, cough, sneeze
- Pons (bridge)
 - Above and in front of medulla oblongata
 - Bridge b/w neurons in left and right halves of cerebrum, cerebellum, and rest of brain

Midbrain

- Process sensory input
- Above pons in brainstem
- Processes info from sensory neurons (eyes, ears, nose)
 - Relays visual and auditory info b/w hindbrain and forebrain
- Important in eye movement and skeletal muscle control

Forebrain

- Thought, learning, emotion
- Thalamus
 - Connects parts of brain
 - Mainly fore and hindbrain, areas of sensory (minus smell) and cerebellum
- Hypothalamus
 - Regulates internal environment
 - Temp, blood pressure, heart rate, thirst, hunger, sleep, water balance
 - Regulates emotions
 - Link b/w nervous and endocrine
 - Coordinates hormone production
 - Damage → violent behaviour
- Cerebrum
 - higher thought process, learning, memory, consciousness, speech
 - Interprets sensory info, coordinates voluntary motor responses
 - Outer surface (cerebral cortex)

- Thin outer covering (grey matter)
- thinking and feeling: language, memory, personality, vision, conscious thought, other stuff
- Inner surface
 - White matter
- Linked by corpus callosum (white matter)
- Right side of brain controls left, left controls right
- Right side: intuitive thinking, visual-spatial, creativity, art
- Left side: logical thinking, language, math

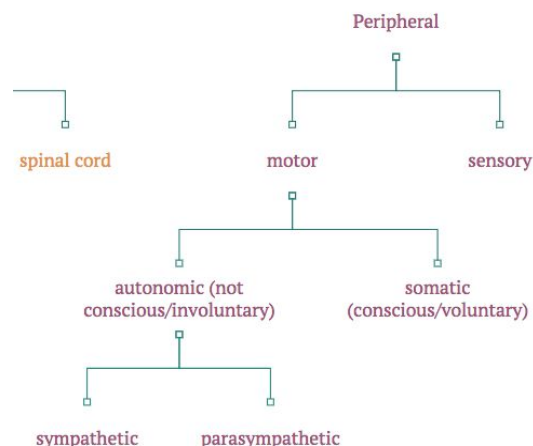
Cerebral Cortex

- Frontal lobe
 - Reasoning, critical thinking, memory, personality
 - Primary motor area (coordinates responses)
 - Nerves from either side cross over in brainstem (controls opposite side)
- Parietal lobe
 - Primary somatosensory and taste area
 - High concentration of sensory receptors in face, hands, genitals
 - Processes info about body's position
- Temporal lobe
 - Primary auditory area
 - Process visual info
 - Understanding speech
 - Accessing verbal and visual memories
- Occipital lobe
 - Primary visual
 - Analyzes visual info
 - Object recognition

8.2 - Central Nervous System

The Autonomic System

- Controls:
 - involuntary gland secretions
 - Smooth and cardiac muscles
- Adjusts body without thinking
- Controlled by hypothalamus and medulla oblongata



Sympathetic Nervous System

- Activated in stressful situations
 - Fight-or-flight
- Sympathetic neurons and adrenal glands release epinephrine and norepinephrine
 - Excitatory neurotransmitters
 - Activate stress response (increased heart rate and blood pressure, decreased digestion)

Parasympathetic Nervous System

- Activated when body is calm
- Conserves energy
 - Rest-and-digest
- Neurotransmitter acetylcholine
 - Reduces heart rate and blood pressure, increased digestion
- Both branches work in opposition to balance reactions and maintain homeostasis

10.1 - Excretory System

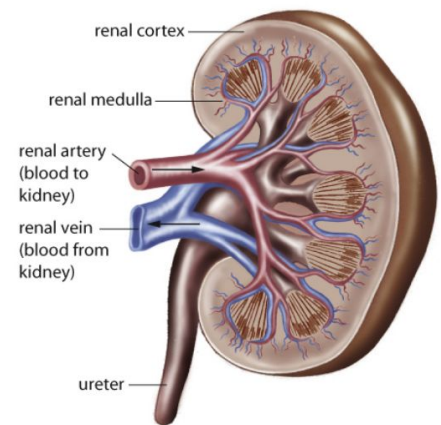
- Waste must be removed from body to maintain life processes
 - Liver transforms toxins and products of protein metabolism
 - Kidneys remove waste, balance blood pH and maintain water balance
- Excretion in unicellular organisms
 - Water moves directly out of cell
- Excretion in multicellular organisms
 - EXCRETION: separate waste from body fluids and eliminate from body
- 4 main functions:
 - Excretion of metabolic wastes
 - Nitrogenous ammonia, urea, uric acid
 - Maintain water-salt balance. Regulates blood pressure (K^+ , Ca^{2+})
 - Maintain acid-base balance. Regulates blood pH (around 7.4) and urine pH (around 6. Excretes H^+ to absorb HCO_3^-)
- Excess protein is converted into carbs
 - DEAMINATION: breaking of amino acids and removal of amino group
 - Occurs in liver
 - Ammonia is byproduct
 - Combines with CO_2 , making urea
 - Uric acid is formed during breakdown
 - Ammonia, urea, and uric acid are removed by kidneys
- Generally, liver removes/breaks down waste in blood. Then kidneys filter blood and send waste to bladder

Releasing Hormones (kidneys)

- Erythropoietin
 - Released when O_2 is needed
 - Stimulates production of RBC in bone marrow
- Calcitriol
 - Released when calcium levels in blood are low
 - Promotes Ca^{+} absorption from digestive tract

Kidneys

- 2 major blood vessels
 - Renal artery: delivers blood to kidney
 - Renal vein: drains blood from kidney
- 3 regions
 - Renal cortex/outer layer
 - Bowman's capsule (efferent/blood out + afferent/blood in arterioles)
 - Renal medulla/inner layer (cone shaped tissue)
 - Loop of Henle descends into this
 - Renal pelvis/central space (continuous with ureter)



10.2 - Urine Formation in the Nephron

- Nephron expels unneeded or harmful substances, and reabsorbs useful substances
- 120 mL of fluid is filtered by kidney each min. 1 mL of urine is formed, 119 is reabsorbed
- Urine's formed by:
 - Filtration of blood
 - Reabsorption into blood
 - Secretion from blood

Filtration

- Glomerulus and Bowman's capsule are involved
- 4x pressure in glomerulus than capillary bed
- Blood from afferent arteriole → glomerulus (high pressure filter)
- Solutes (water, $NaCl$, H^{+}) pass into Bowman's capsule
 - Large molecules don't (protein, blood cells, platelets)

Reabsorption

- Involves active and passive transport (selective reabsorption)
- Carriers:
 - move Na^+ across membranes, and negative ions follow
 - Glucose + amino acids, move nephron \rightarrow blood
- Reabsorption continues til threshold is reached
- Excess salt stays in nephron and excreted w/ urine
- Active transport: solutes move out of nephron and create osmotic gradient (draw water from nephron)
 - Proteins remain in blood and draws water in from interstitial fluid
 - This makes solute more concentrated, so urea and uric acid move out into blood too (but ultimately less than original)

Tubular Reabsorption (Loop of Henle)

- Descending: water moves into capillary through osmosis and solute diffuse into nephron
- Ascending: thin segment. Nephron is impermeable to water and solute diffuse out and into the capillary
- Ascending: thick segment. Na^+ is transported to capillaries through active, making filtrate less concentrated
 - By now, 2/3 of Na^+ and water in filtrate has been absorbed into capillaries

Secretion

- Occurs in proximal and distal tube
- Waste from blood moves into nephron
 - Nitrogen containing
 - Excess H^+ and K^+ are actively moved from blood to distal tubule to maintain blood pH
 - Other unnecessary substances (antibiotics and other meds) are moved into distal tube as well
 - Water movement is controlled by hormones
- Distal tubule is lined with mitochondria loaded cells
 - Mitochondria is needed cause the tubular secretion is done by active transport
 - K^+ and H^+ moved from blood to distal tubule (pH of blood)
 - Any substances (meds) body doesn't need are moved out of blood into distal tubule
 - Controlled by hormones
- Filtrate that ends up in collecting duct has lots of water
 - Surrounded by salty environment, so water is passively reabsorbed out of the filtrate into the blood
 - Controlled by hormones
 - Filtrate is 4x more concentrated, leaving 1% of original filtrate (urine)

Summary

Glomerulus/Bowman's capsule:

- Fluid from blood → Bowman's/nephron
- 4x normal blood pressure to force blood plasma thru glomerulus walls into Bowman
 - Water, NaCl, glucose, amino acid, H⁺

Proximal tubule:

- Essential solutes and water is reabsorbed into bloodstream
 - Passive: water and K⁺
 - Active: NaCl (Na⁺ and Cl⁻ follow), bicarbonate, glucose, amino acids
 - Movement of solute creates osmotic gradient (less solute, more water)

Descending Loop of Henle:

- Water moves out with concentration gradient
 - Salt is concentrated at the bottom of the loop

Ascending loop:

- Thin portion is permeable for salt (leaves w/ concentration gradient)
- Thick portion: salt continues to leave through active transport

Distal Tube:

- Stuff move out of nephron → blood (bicarbonate for pH adjustment)
 - Water moves out too cause gradient
- Drugs and poisons removed from blood

Collecting duct:

- Urine releases toxins
- Maintain body's electrolyte and acid-base balance

Kidney stone: hard mass made of crystals that separate from urine. Don't normally form cause there's inhibitors in urine. Commonly contains calcium + oxalate/phosphate

10.3 - Functions and Disorders of Excretory System

Urinary Tract Infections

- More common in females cause urethra is closer to anus
- Symptoms:
 - painful burning during urination

- Frequent need to pee
- Bloody or brown urine
- Infections more serious when it reaches kidneys cause it can cause kidney failure
- Prevention: hygiene and hydration

Kidney Stones

- Crystal formations (common in kidneys)
- Result of excess calcium in pee
- Causes of calcium: urinary tract infections, chronic dehydration, low activity
- Some pass through urinary tract, others need meds to break down calcium crystals. Large stones need surgical removal

Renal Insufficiency

- Kidneys can't maintain homeostasis b/c of nephron damage
- Causes:
 - Kidney infection
 - High blood pressure (main)
 - Polycystic kidney disease (genetic)
 - Trauma to surrounding area
 - Poison from heavy metals (mercury, lead)
 - Atherosclerosis (reduced blood flow to kidney)
 - Tubule blockage
- Homeostasis can't be maintained if more than 75% of nephrons are destroyed
 - Kidney transplant

Dialysis

- DIALYSIS: dissolved substances diffuse thru semipermeable membrane
 - From high to low concentration
 - Used to remove waste and excess fluid from blood in kidney failure
- HEMODIALYSIS: kidney dialysis that uses artificial membrane in external device
 - Connected to artery and vein (arm) to filter blood/remove waste + fluid
- PERITONEAL DIALYSIS: kidney dialysis using lining of intestines as dialysis membrane

Kidney Transplants

- Transplant is needed if kidney is under 10% functional
- Success rate is 95-98%

Urinalysis (evaluate kidney function)

- Urine composition reflects the water and solutes kidneys must remove or keep to maintain homeostasis
 - Urinalysis checks for health and kidney function

- Urine should not contain:
 - Acetone and ketones
 - albumin/protein
 - Bilirubin
 - Glucose
- Can have:
 - Calcium (less than 150 mg/day)
 - Urea (25-30g/day)
 - Uric acid (0.5-1g/day)

Blood Test

- Lots of urea nitrogen in blood → kidneys not functioning properly (usually taken out)
- Lots of creatinine (waste from muscles) → kidneys not filtering blood properly

9.1 - Glands and Hormones of the Endocrine System

- Homeostasis depends on nervous and endocrine together (feedback loops)
 - hypothalamus: structure in nervous system that secretes hormones
 - Epinephrine is neurotransmitter and hormone
 - Suckling baby → sensory msg (thru neurons) → signals hypothalamus to ask posterior pituitary to release oxytocin → milk secretion
- HORMONES: chemical regulators produced in one area, and affects another
 - Over 200 in body

Endocrine Glands

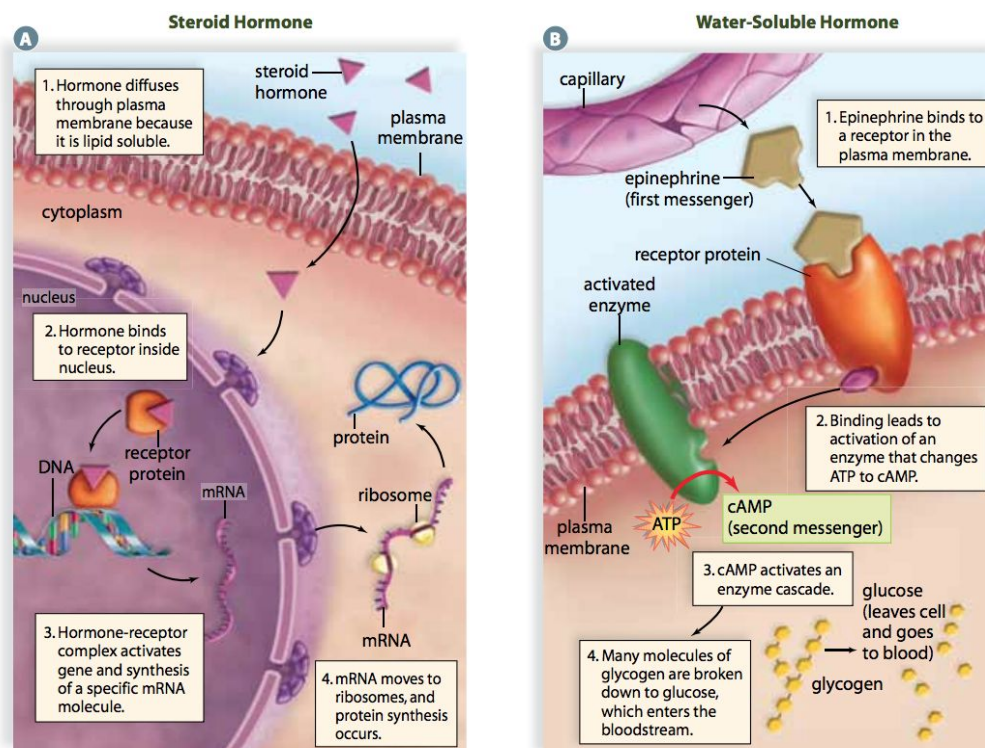
- ENDOCRINE GLANDS: secrete hormone straight into bloodstream
 - Endocrine hormones
 - Non-target: affect different cells in body (insulin, growth, epinephrine)
 - Target: affect specific cells/tissues (parathyroid, gastrin)
- Carried by circulatory through body
- function exclusively as endocrine glands:
 - Pituitary
 - Pineal
 - Thyroid
 - Parathyroid
 - Adrenal
- tissues/organs that secrete hormones but also do other stuff:
 - Hypothalamus
 - Thymus
 - pancreas

Chemical Control

- Endocrine is long term control, nervous is short term
- Hypothalamus regulates pituitary gland
 - posterior with nerves
 - Anterior with hormones
- Pituitary gets other glands to release hormones
- Hormones only affect cells that have the right receptor

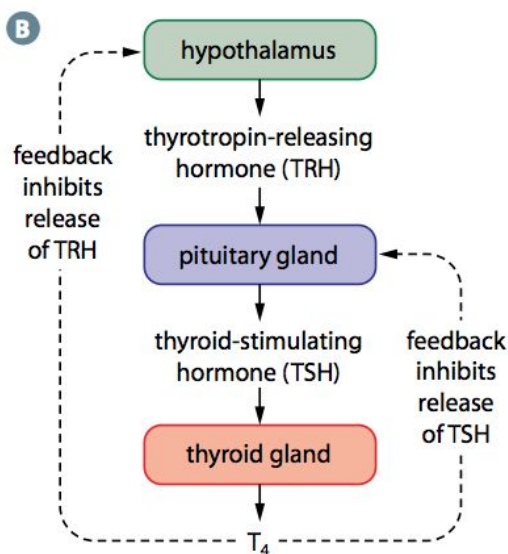
Types of Hormones

- **STEROID HORMONES:** cholesterol → fat soluble
 - Passes thru membrane of target cell and binds to receptor inside (in cytoplasm)
 - induce or suppress expression of genes
- **PROTEIN HORMONES:** made of amino acids → water soluble
 - Ex. epinephrine (adrenaline), human growth hormone (hGH somatotropin), insulin
 - Bind to receptors outside membrane
 - Starts signal transduction pathway
 - Usually hormone → receptor → activates G protein → binds to/activates enzyme (adenyl cyclase) → catalyzes ATP → cyclic AMP → cascade activated



Regulation

- Receive signal from body's sensors → hypothalamus secretes (releasing) hormones into anterior pituitary → anterior pituitary releases hormones into bloodstream → act on other endocrine gland → hormone released in blood → travels to target tissue
- Controlled by negative feedback:
 - Third hormone prevents release of the first 2
 - Ex. thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH):
 - Low T_4 in blood → response in hypothalamus
 - Hypothalamus → TRH → pituitary → TSH → thyroid → T_4
 - Increase in T_4 inhibits first 2 hormones
- TROPIC HORMONES: targets endocrine glands and makes them release other hormones



9.2 - Hormonal Regulation of Growth, Development, and Metabolism

Pituitary Gland

- Connected to hypothalamus
- Posterior (stores hormones) and anterior (produces hormones) lobe
 - Posterior stores and releases ADH and oxytocin made by hypothalamus
 - Anterior is connected to a portal system (blood vessels connect to hypothalamus, where secreted hormone stimulates or inhibits anterior hormone production)
- Controls endocrine glands using tropic hormones
- Regulates growth

Human Growth Hormone (hGH)

- Regulates growth, development, metabolism

- Affects loads of tissues
- Increases: protein synthesis, cell division + growth, breakdown and release of fats in adipose tissue

Thyroid Gland

- Secretes hormones that regulate metabolic rate
- Require iodine
 - Not enough: T_4 (3rd hormone) can't be made, no signal to stop TSH (2nd)
- Secretes T_4 (thyroxine), which increases metabolism rate of fat, protein, carb (energy)
 - Low production is hypothyroidism → cretinism
 - Symptoms: stocky + shorter, mental developmental delays, fatigue, weight gain
 - Treatment: hormone injections
 - Overproduction is hyperthyroidism
 - Symptoms: anxiety, insomnia, weight loss, grave's disease (immune system attacks thyroid)
 - Treatment: meds or removal of part of thyroid
- Secretion has negative feedback, controlled by TSH, second hormone
- GOITRE: thyroid gland constantly stimulated by TSH, but deficiency of iodine means thyroxine can't synthesize and create negative feedback → enlargement of thyroid gland

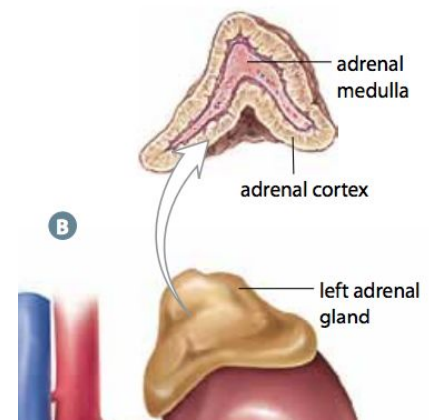
Calcium Homeostasis

- Needed for nerve conduction, muscle contraction, skeletal development, healthy teeth
- Ca level in blood regulated by negative feedback (calcitonin if too much, parathyroid hormone PTH if too little)
- Example:
 - Ca levels high in blood → thyroid gland makes calcitonin → bones take Ca
 - Ca level low → parathyroid gland releases PTH → bones break down and make Ca for blood → PTH also asks kidneys to reabsorb Ca from urine (activate vitamin D → absorption of Ca from digestive)

9.3 - Hormone Regulation of Stress Response and Blood Sugar

Adrenal Glands

- Above kidney
- Regulate carb and salt usage (prep body for emergency)
- 2 adrenal glands: adrenal medulla surrounded by adrenal cortex
- ADRENAL MEDULLA: produces epinephrine (adrenaline) and norepinephrine (noradrenaline)
 - Fight or flight (short-term response)



- Neurons from sympathetic carry msg from hypothalamus → adrenal medulla
- Response lasts 10x longer than nervous response
- ADRENAL CORTEX: produce glucocorticoids (increase blood sugar), mineralocorticoids (increase blood pressure) and sex hormones (androgens)
 - Long term response
 - Hypothalamus secretes hormone → stimulates anterior pituitary → secretes ACTH → adrenal cortex secretes cortisol
 - Too much cortisol → impair thinking, damage heart, early death
 - Damage → Addison's disease
 - Result: not enough glucocorticoid + mineralocorticoid
 - Low blood sugar, Na and K imbalance, weight loss

Pancreas

- ISLETS OF LANGERHANS: endocrine cells in pancreas
 - Alpha cells produce glucagon (raise blood glucose levels. Glycogen → glucose)
 - Beta cells produce insulin (blood glucose decrease cause cells more permeable)

Diabetes

- Death, blindness, kidney failure, nerve damage, limb amputation
- Not enough insulin (production or use)
- HYPERGLYCEMIA: blood glucose rise b/c no insulin
 - Kidneys can't reabsorb all the glucose so it ends up in urine
 - b/c of glucose in urine, water follows making them thirsty and pee a lot
- Type I:
 - Pancreas cant produce insulin cause beta cells (in islets of langerhans) degraded early on
 - Gotta take insulin to live
- Type II:
 - Decreased insulin production, ineffective use of what it does produce
 - Usually in adults
 - Control with diet, exercise, oral drugs (stimulate islets of langerhans)
- DIABETES MELLITUS: body doesn't produce enough insulin/doesn't respond properly to insulin. Sharp rise in blood-glucose after meals and stays at high level.