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CHAPTER **19a**

The Urinary  
System: Fluid  
and Electrolyte  
Balance

# Chapter Outline

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19.4 Potassium Balance

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19.6 Interactions Between Fluid and Electrolyte  
Regulation

19.7 Acid-Base Balance

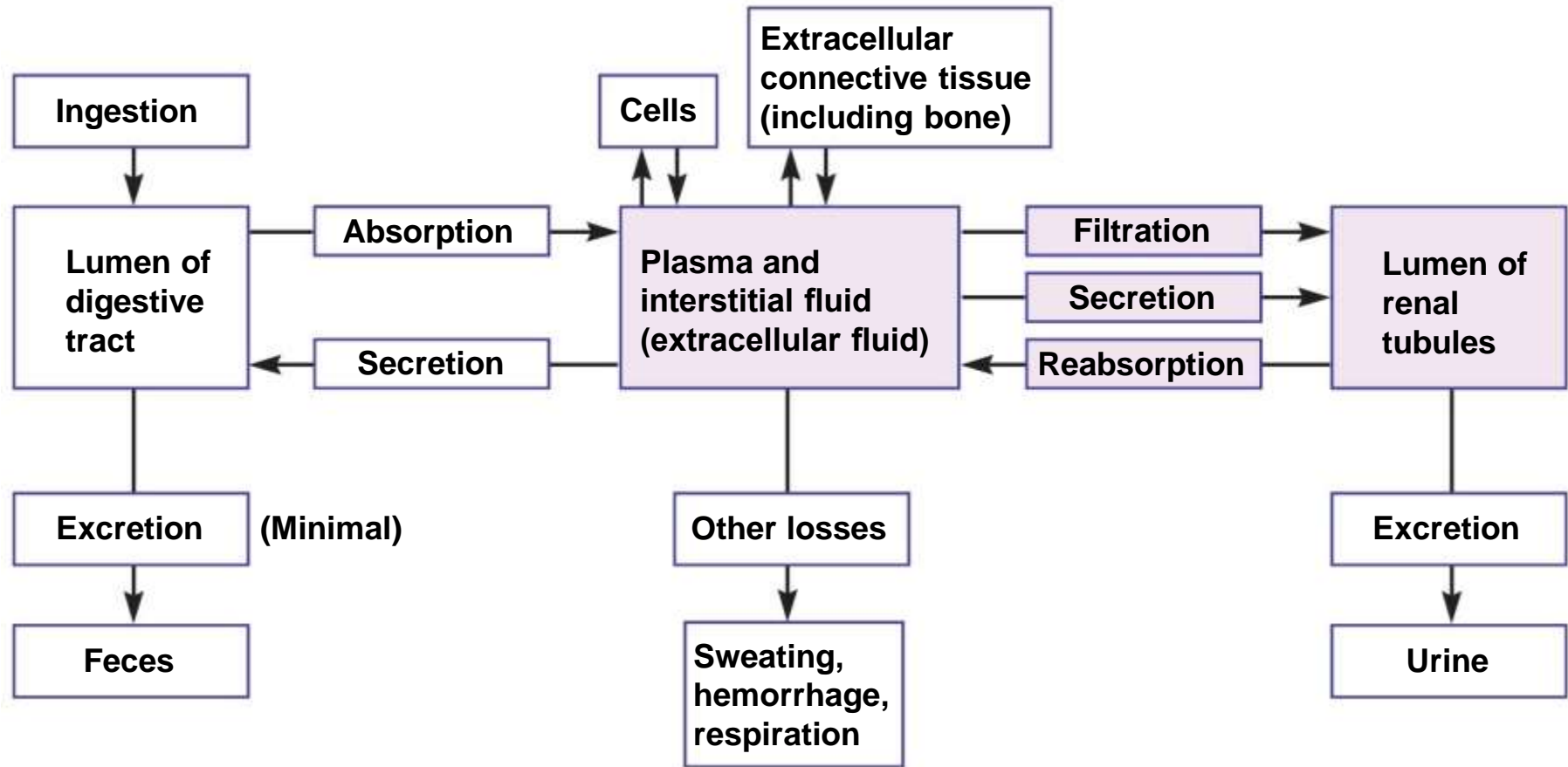
# 19.1 The Concept of Balance

- To maintain homeostasis, what comes in the body must eventually be used or excreted
- To be in balance
- $\text{Input} + \text{production} = \text{utilization} + \text{output}$

# Factors Affecting the Plasma Composition

- Kidneys regulate solute and water content, which also determines volume
- Regulate acid-base balance
- Composition is also affected by exchange between different compartments of body
  - Cells
  - Connective tissue
  - Gastrointestinal tract
  - Sweating
  - Respiration

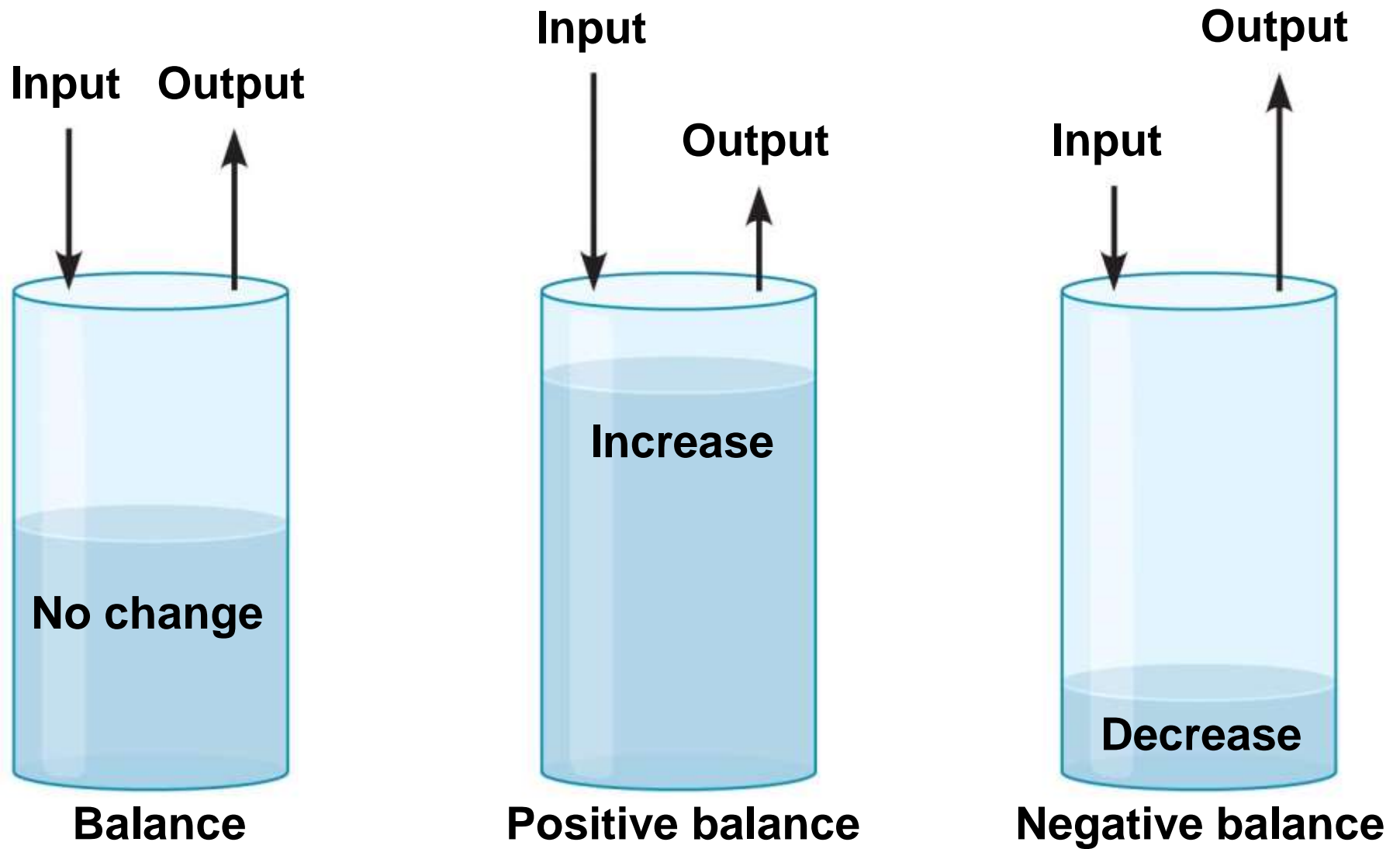
Figure 19.1 Material exchanges affecting plasma content.



# Solute and Water Balance

- Balance
  - Solutes and water enter and exit plasma at the same rate
  - Quantity stays the same
- Positive balance
  - Solute or water enters plasma faster than it exits
  - Quantity increases
- Negative balance
  - Solute or water exits plasma faster than it enters
  - Quantity decreases

Figure 19.2 The concept of balance.





# Solute and Water Balance

- Cells in late distal tubules and collecting ducts that regulate balance
  - Principal cells
    - Water
    - Electrolytes
  - Intercalated cells
    - Acid-base balance



## 19.2 Water Balance

- Osmolarity and the movement of water
- Water reabsorption in the proximal tubule
- Establishment of the medullary osmotic gradient
- Role of the medullary osmotic gradient in water reabsorption in the distal tubule and collecting duct

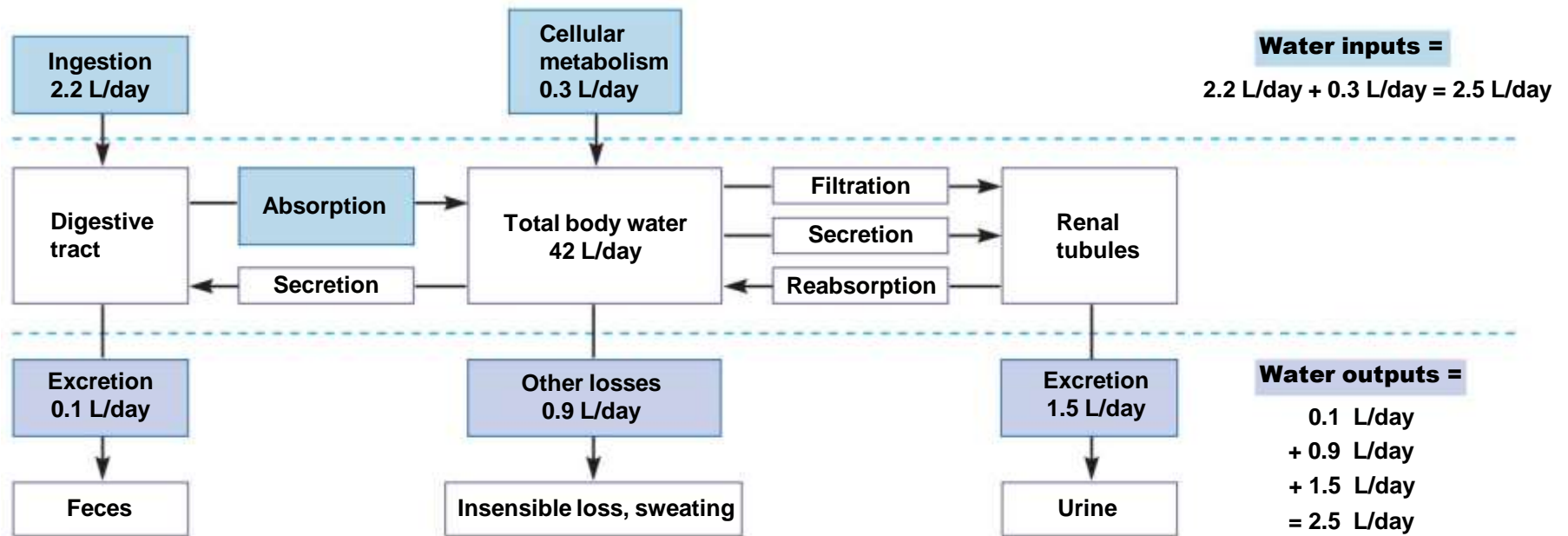
# Water Balance

- Water intake + metabolically produced = water output + water used
- Intake
  - Gastrointestinal tract
  - Metabolism
- Output
  - Insensible loss
  - Sweating
  - Gastrointestinal tract
  - Kidneys

# Water Balance

- Normovolemia = normal blood volume
- Hypervolemia = high blood volume due to positive water balance
- Hypovolemia = low blood volume due to negative water balance

Figure 19.3 Factors affecting water balance.



# Osmolarity and the Movement of Water

- Osmosis
  - Water diffuses down the concentration gradient
  - Water moves from area of low solute concentration to area of high solute concentration
  - Water reabsorption follows solute reabsorption

# Osmolarity and the Movement of Water

- Osmolarity of body fluids = 300 mOsm (300 milliosmoles of solute per liter of plasma)
- No osmotic force for water to move between fluid compartments
- Kidneys compensate for changes in osmolarity of extracellular fluid by regulating water reabsorption
- Water reabsorption is a passive process
  - Based on osmotic gradient

# Osmolarity and the Movement of Water

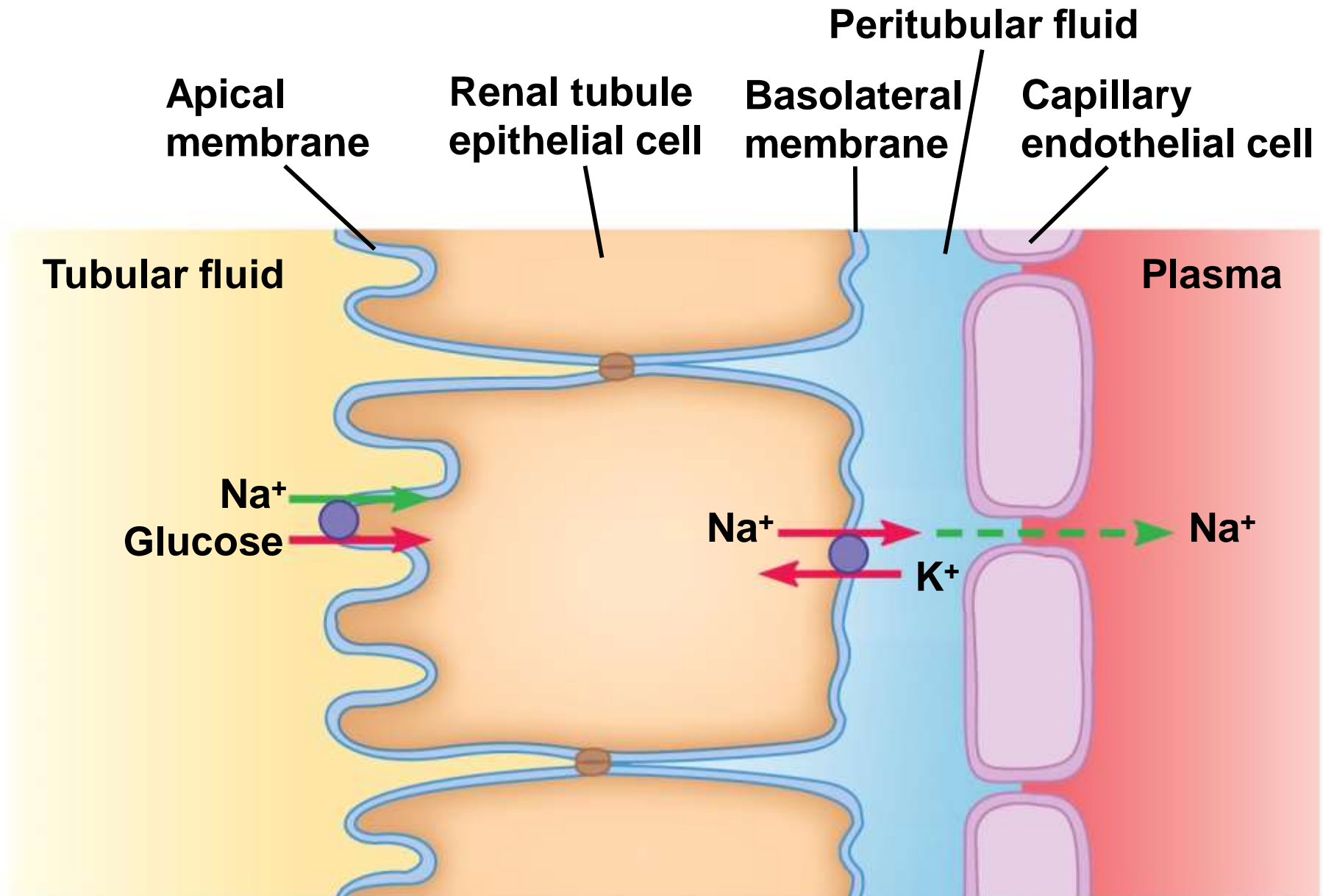
- Water reabsorption
  - Proximal tubules
    - 70% of filtered water is reabsorbed
    - Not regulated
  - Distal tubules and collecting ducts
    - Most remaining water is reabsorbed
    - Regulated by ADH (vasopressin)

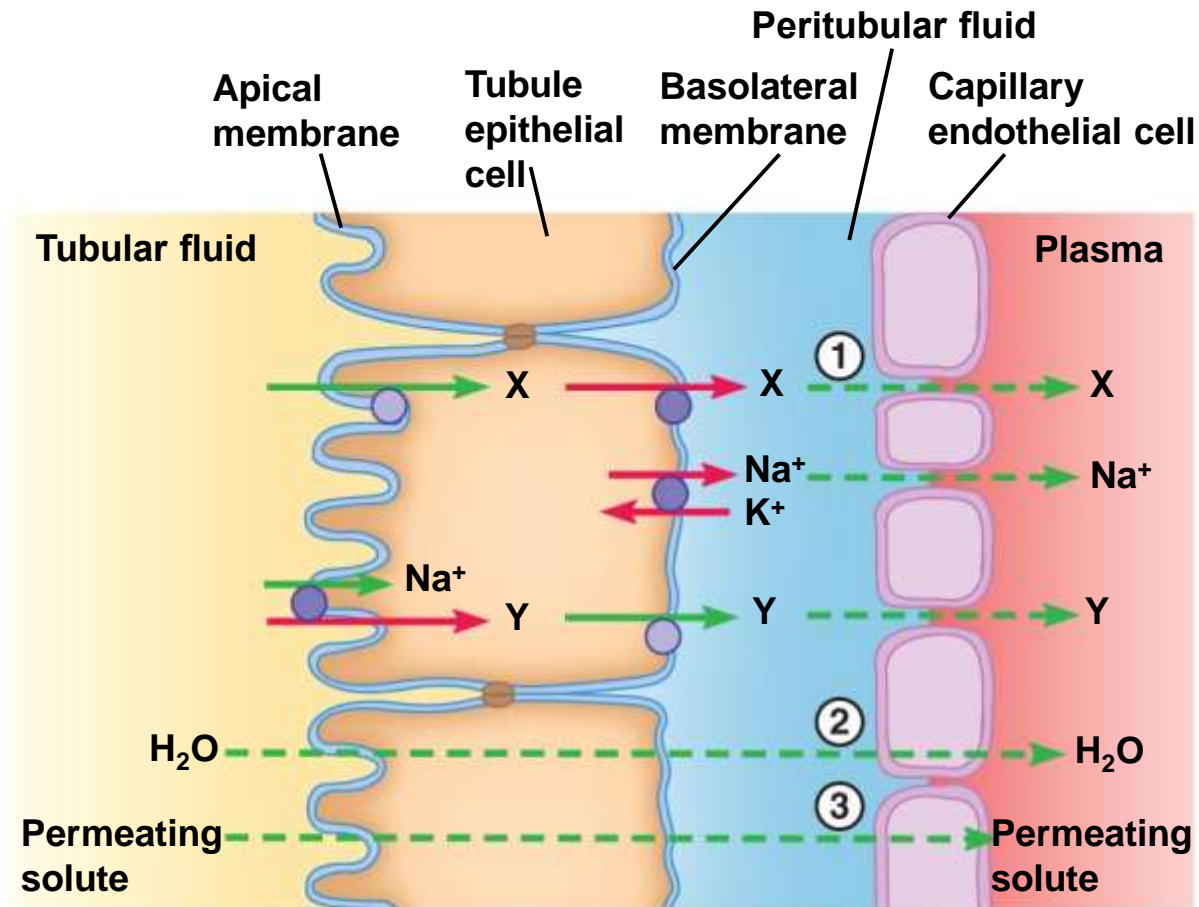


# Water Reabsorption in the Proximal Tubule

- Water reabsorption follows solute reabsorption
- Primary solute = sodium
- $\text{Na}^+$  is actively transported across the basolateral membrane; establishes an osmotic gradient for water reabsorption

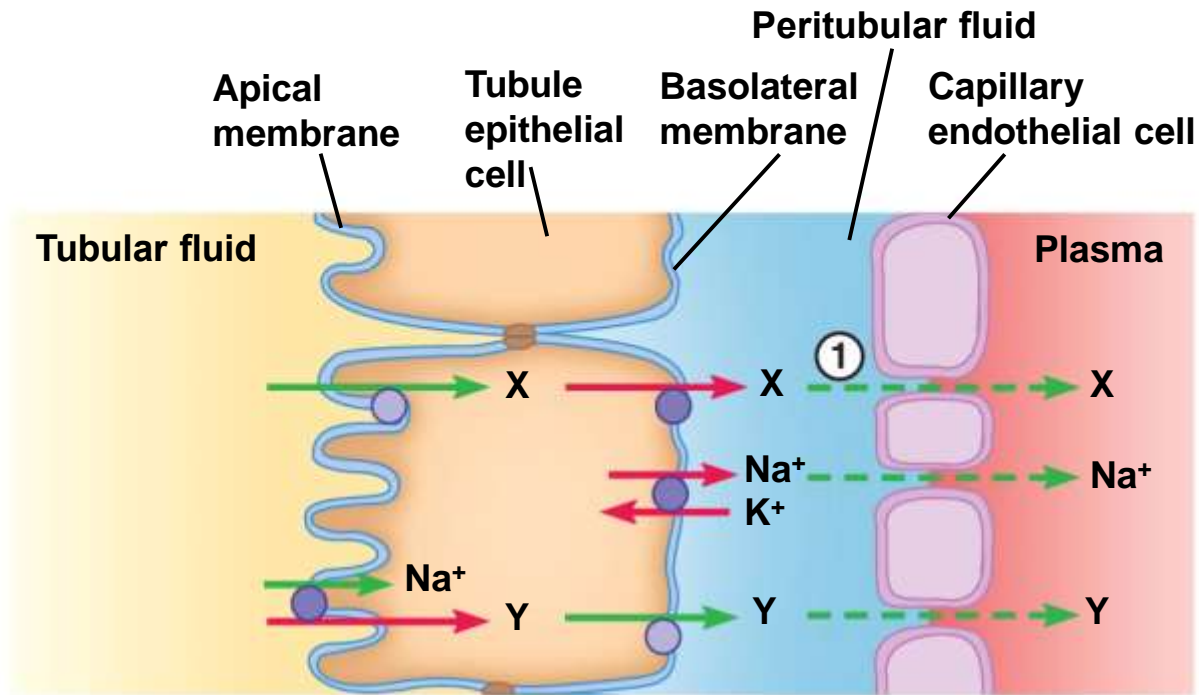
Figure 19.4 Mechanism of sodium reabsorption in the proximal tubule.





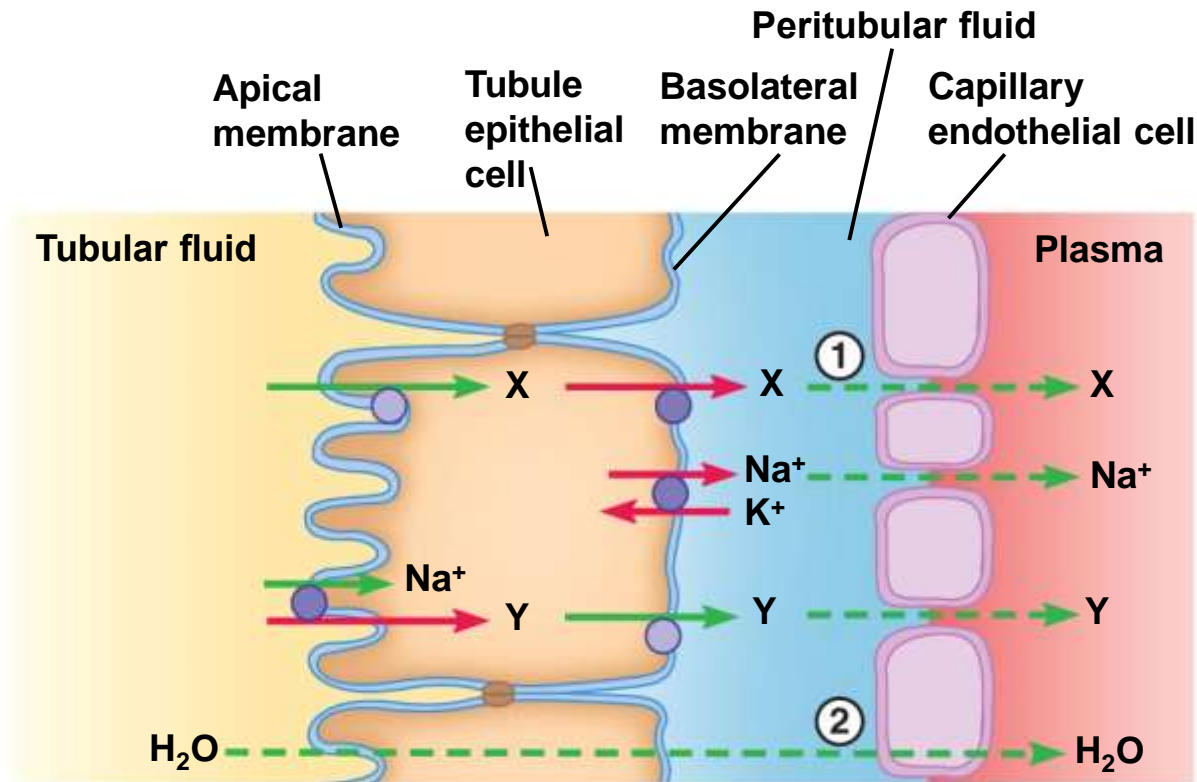
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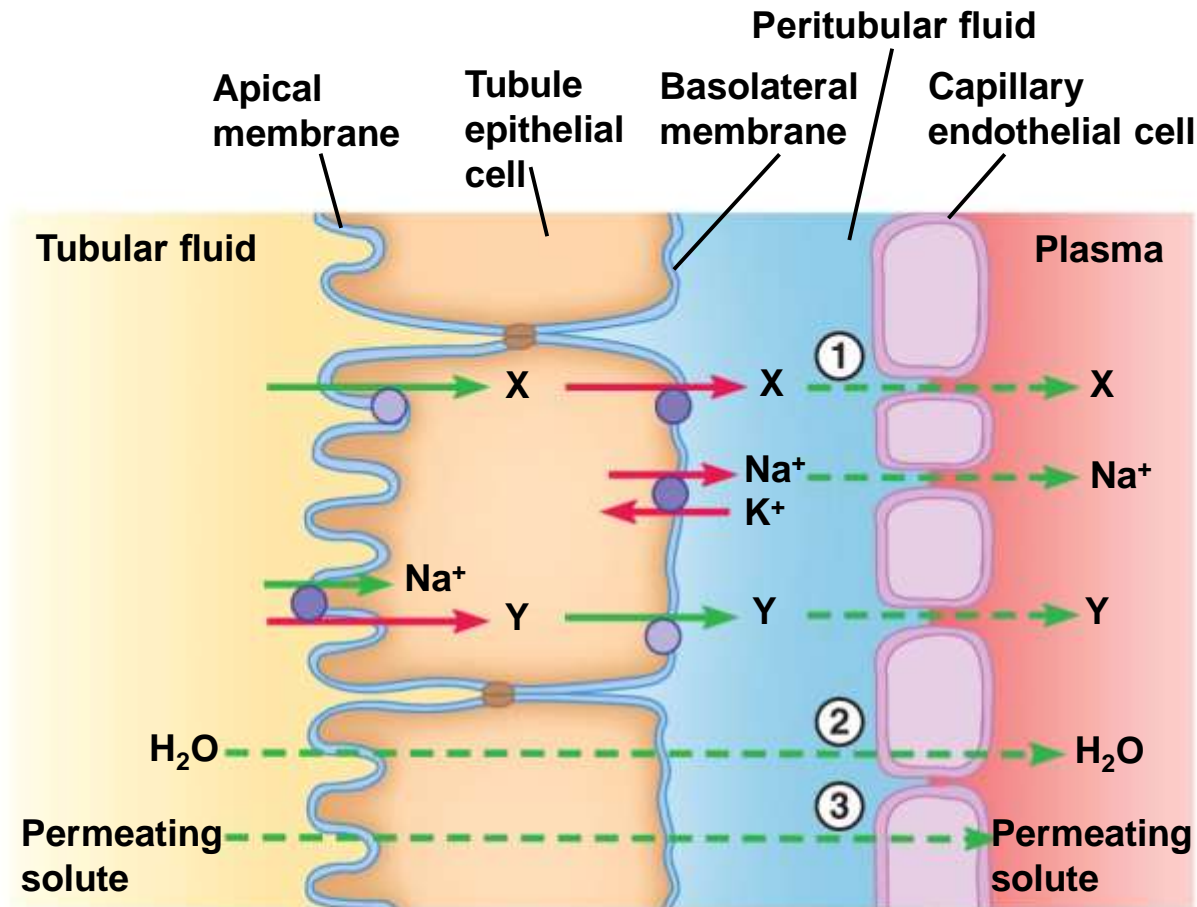
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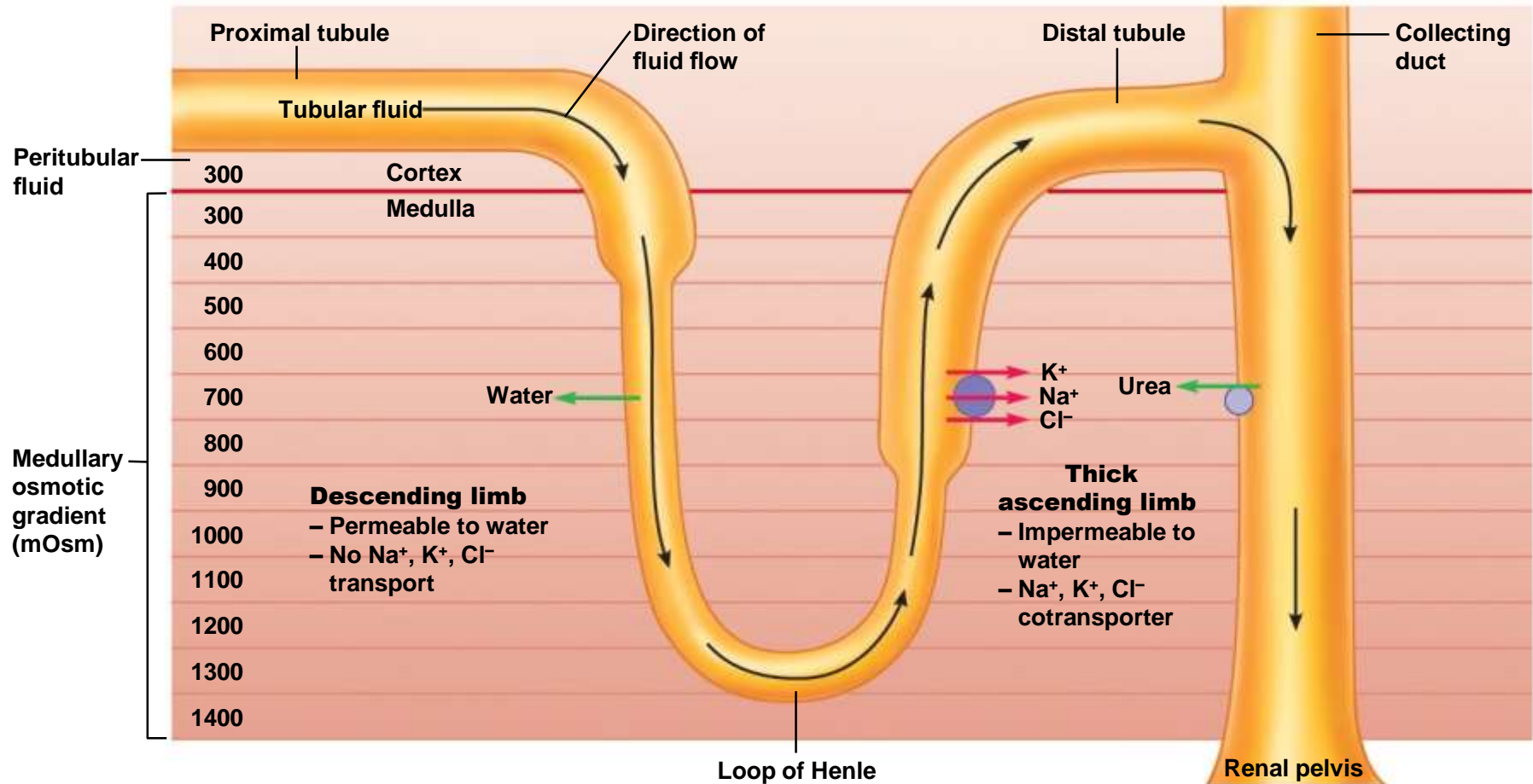
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# Establishment of the Medullary Osmotic Gradient

- Osmolarity of interstitial fluid of renal medulla varies with depth
  - Lower osmolarity near cortex
  - Greater osmolarity near renal pelvis
- Gradient is critical to water reabsorption



Figure 19.6 The medullary osmotic gradient.



# Establishment of the Medullary Osmotic Gradient

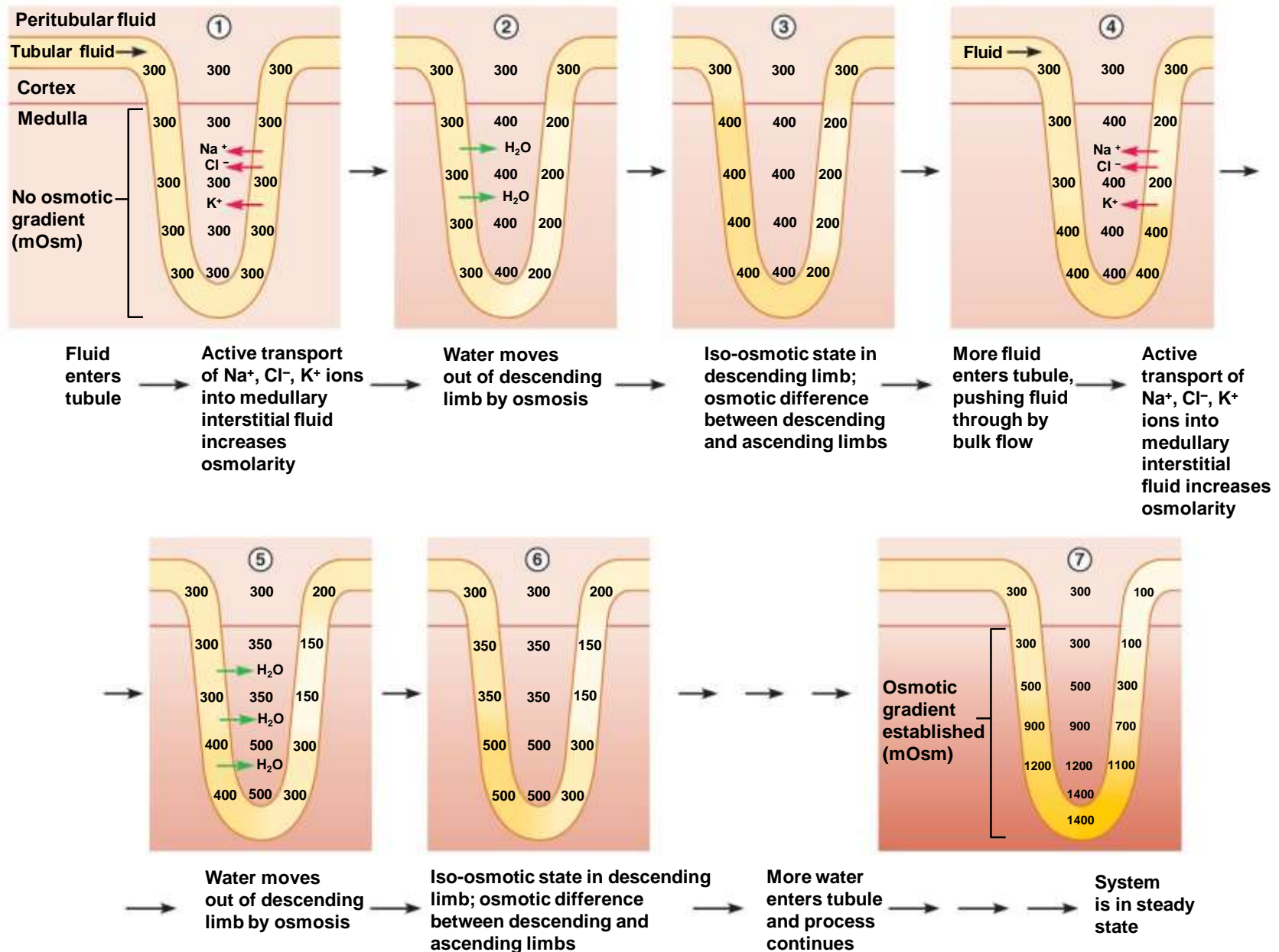
- Osmotic gradient is established by the countercurrent multiplier
- Dependent on loop of Henle
- Ascending limb
  - Impermeable to water
  - Active transport of  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ , and  $\text{K}^+$
- Descending limb
  - Permeable to water
  - No transport of  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ , or  $\text{K}^+$

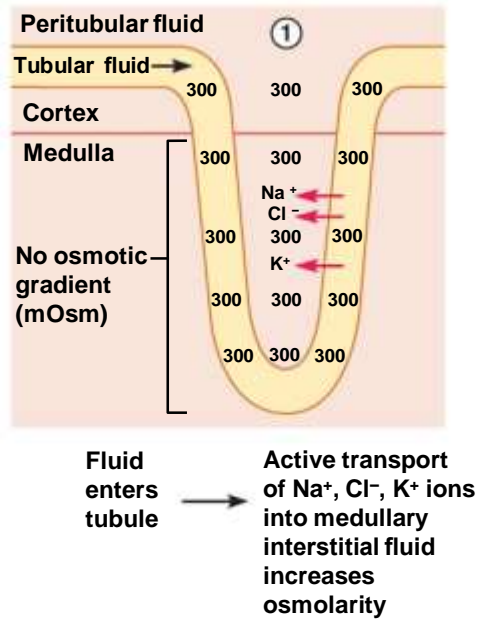
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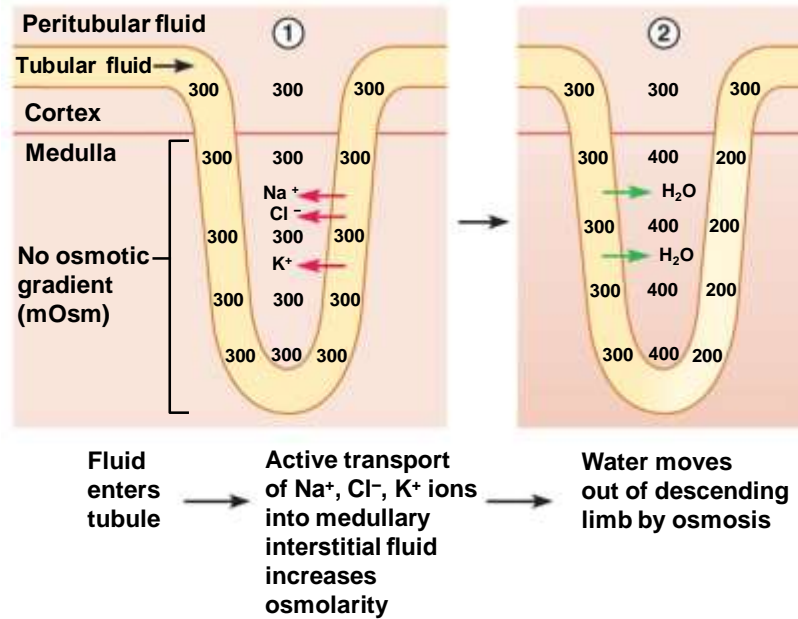
- Result of countercurrent multiplier
  - Fluid in proximal tubule = 300 mOsm
  - Fluid in descending limb: osmolarity increases as it descends
    - Osmolarity = interstitial fluid
    - Osmolarity > descending limb
  - Fluid in ascending limb: osmolarity decreases as it ascends
    - Osmolarity < interstitial fluid
    - Osmolarity < descending limb

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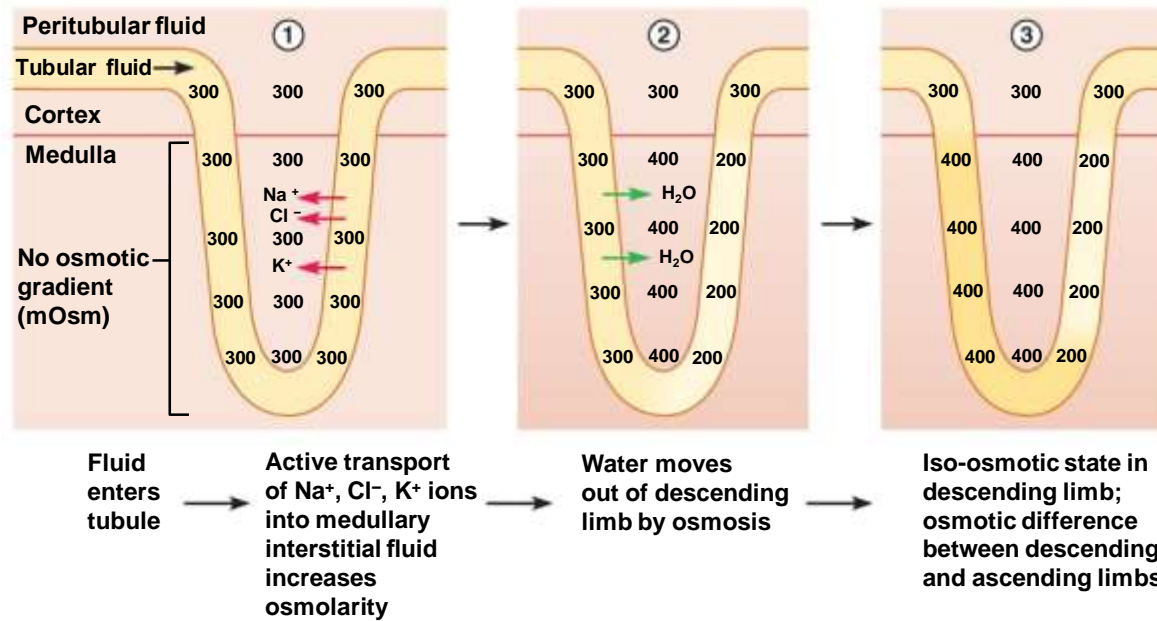
- Result of countercurrent multiplier
  - Fluid in distal tubule = 100 mOsm
  - Cortical interstitial fluid = 300 mOsm
  - Medullary interstitial fluid: increases from cortex to renal pelvis

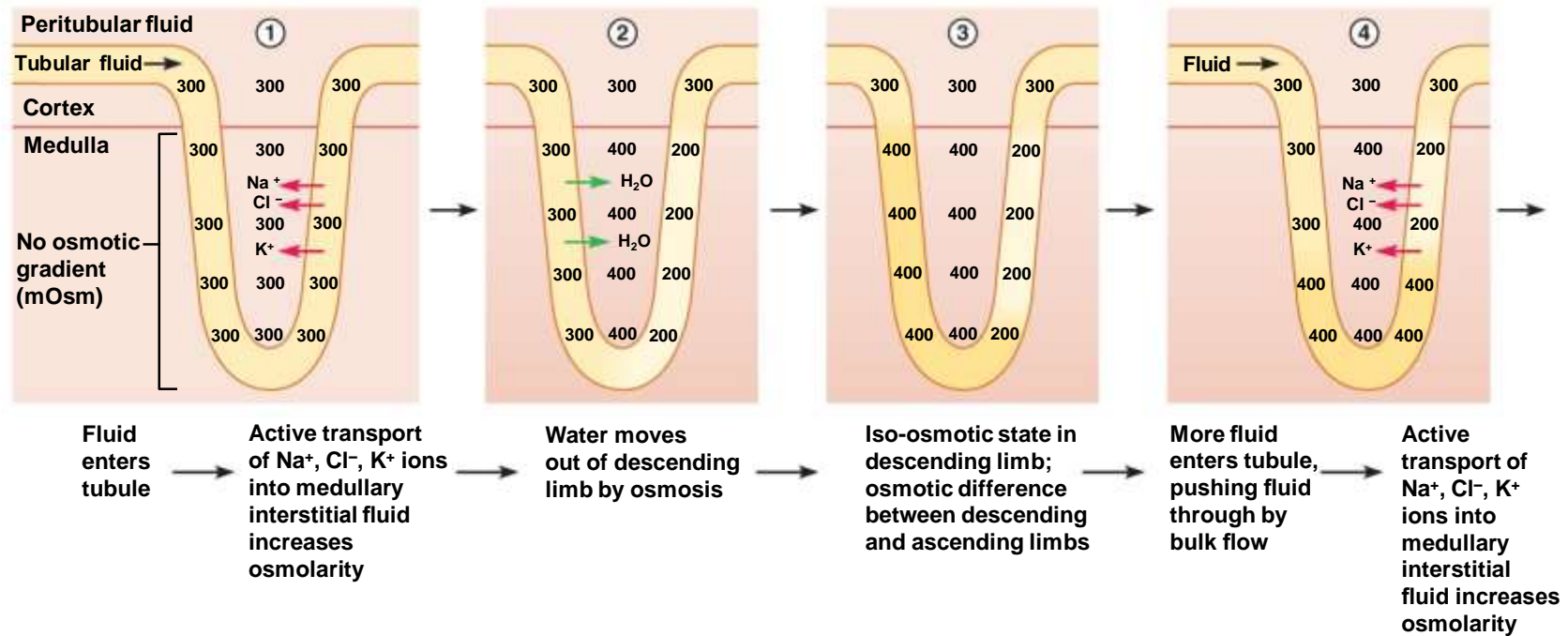


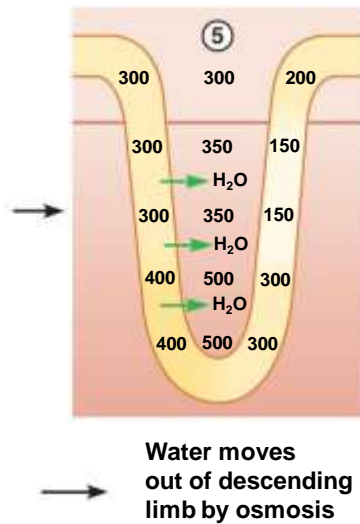


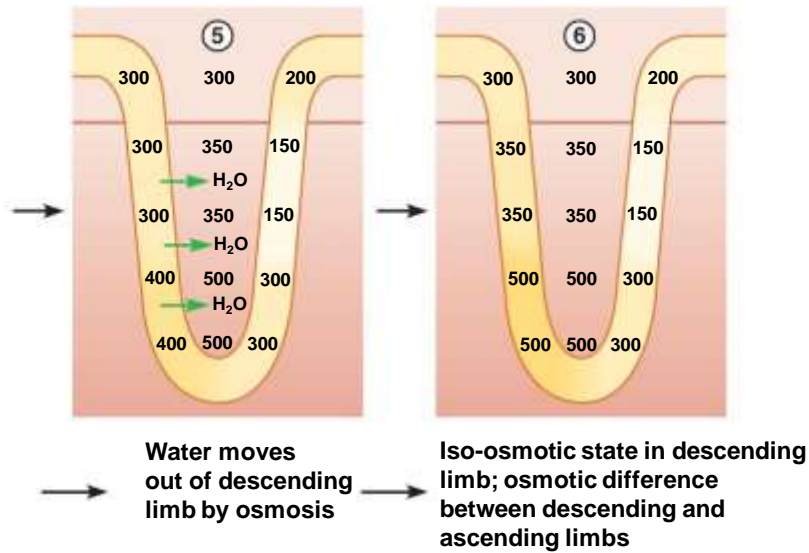


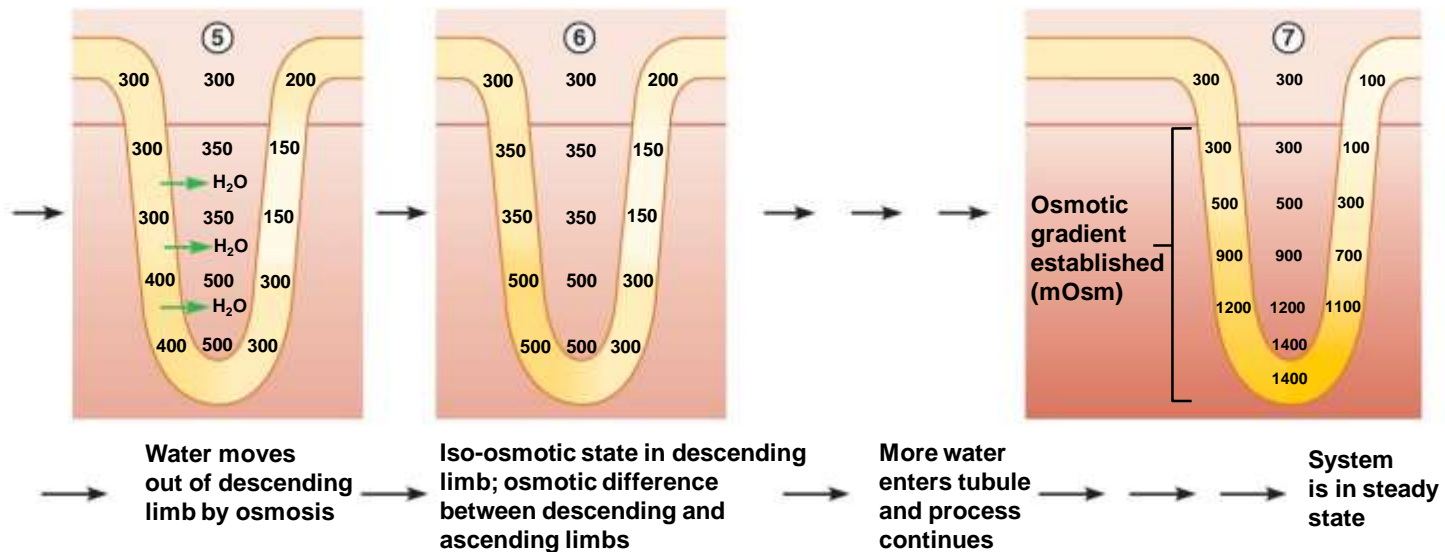


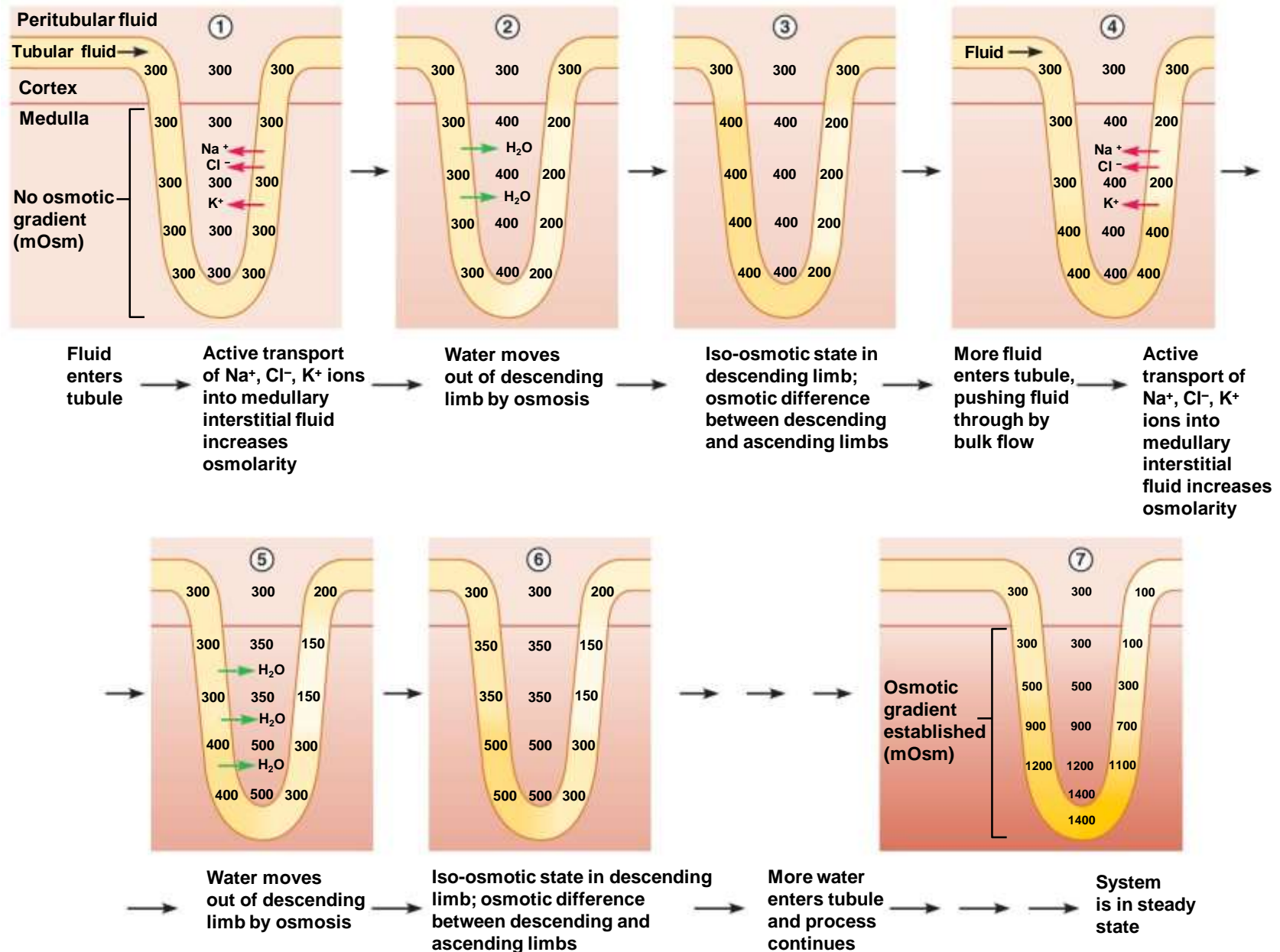










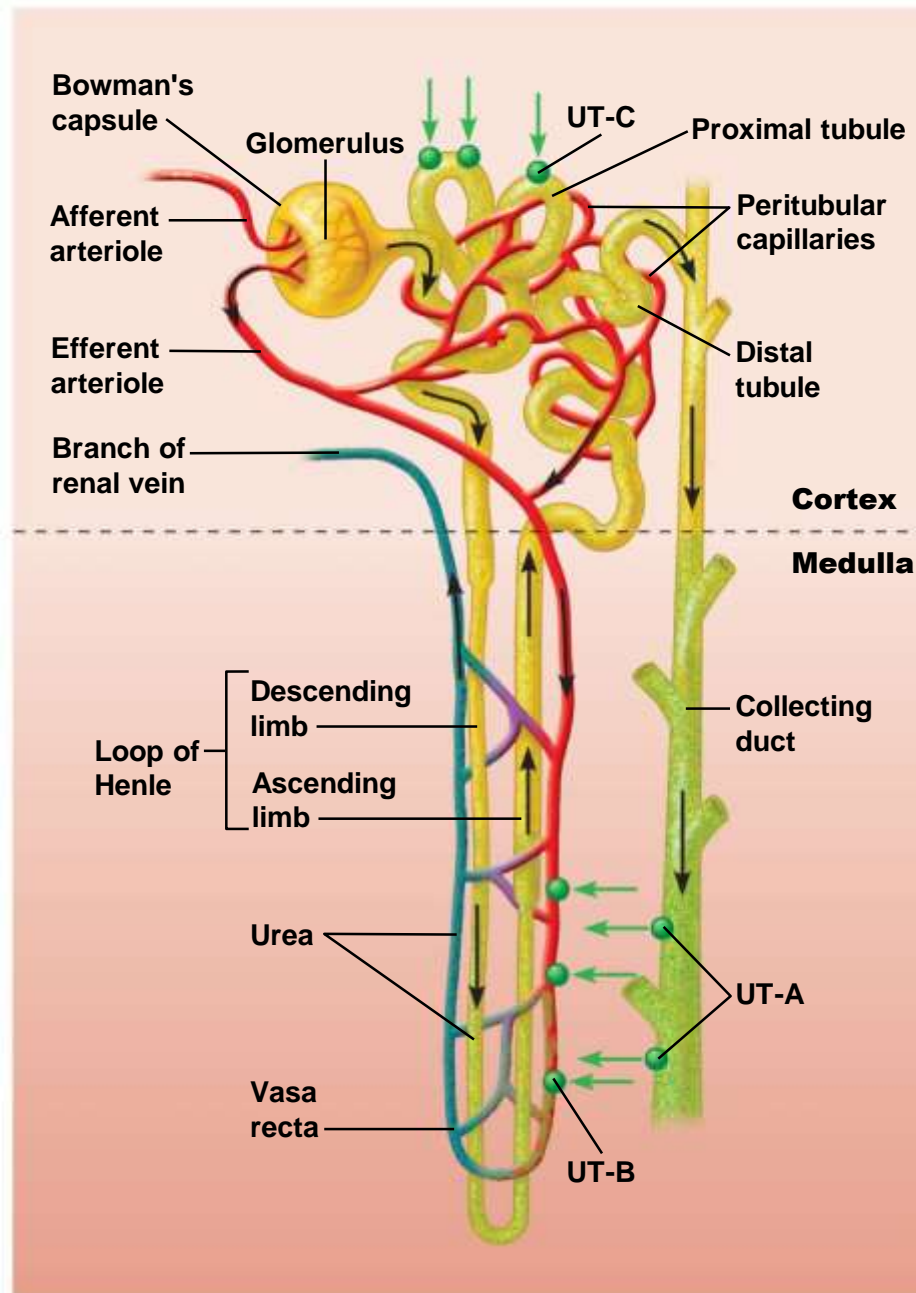


# Establishment of the Medullary Osmotic Gradient

- Role of urea in the medullary osmotic gradient
  - Urea
    - Generated by liver
    - Nitrogen elimination
    - Extremely water soluble
    - Requires urea transporters: UTA, UTB, and UTC
  - Transport of urea through UTA from filtrate to peritubular fluid contributes approximately 40% of the osmolarity of the gradient



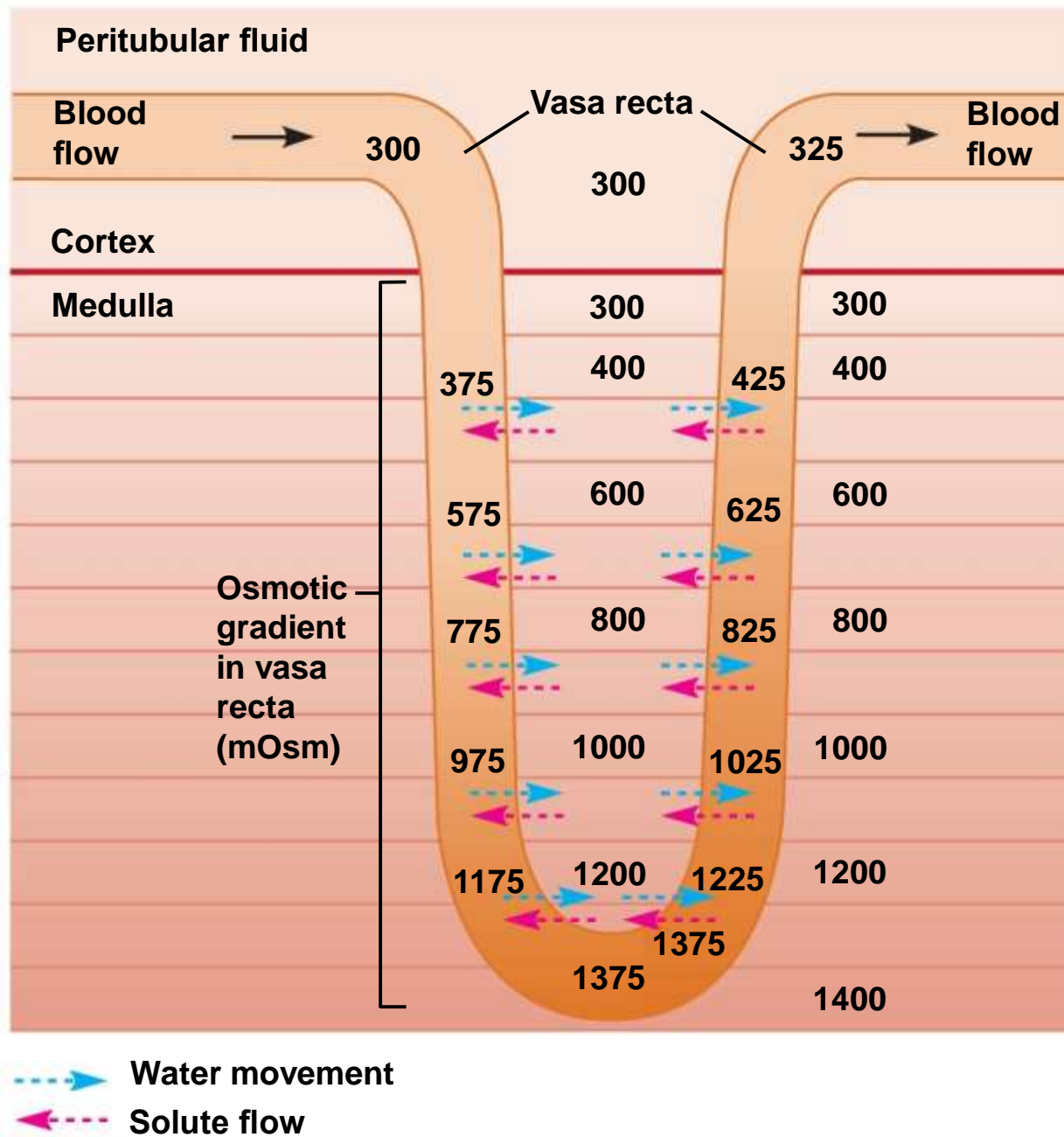
**Figure 19.8 Contribution of urea to the medullary osmotic gradient.**



# Establishment of the Medullary Osmotic Gradient

- Role of the vasa recta
  - Anatomical arrangement of vasa recta capillaries prevents the diffusion of water and solutes from dissipating the medullary osmotic gradient
  - Descending limb of vasa recta (300 mOsm)
    - As it descends, water leaves capillaries by osmosis and solutes enter by diffusion
  - Ascending limb of vasa recta (325 mOsm)
    - Water moves into plasma and solutes move into interstitial fluid
    - Osmolarity is higher due to the lack of urea transporters

**Figure 19.9** How the vasa recta prevents the dissipation of the medullary osmotic gradient.



# Role of the Medullary Osmotic Gradient in Water Reabsorption in the Distal Tubule and Collecting Duct

- 70% water reabsorbed in proximal tubule
  - Not regulated
- 20% reabsorbed in distal tubule
  - Regulated by ADH
- 10% reabsorbed in collecting ducts
  - Regulated by ADH

# Role of the Medullary Osmotic Gradient in Water Reabsorption in the Distal Tubule and Collecting Duct

- Dependent on osmotic gradient established by countercurrent multiplier
- Dependent on epithelium permeability to water
- Water permeability dependent on water channels
  - Aquaporin-3: present in basolateral membrane always
  - Aquaporin-2: present in apical membrane only when ADH present in blood

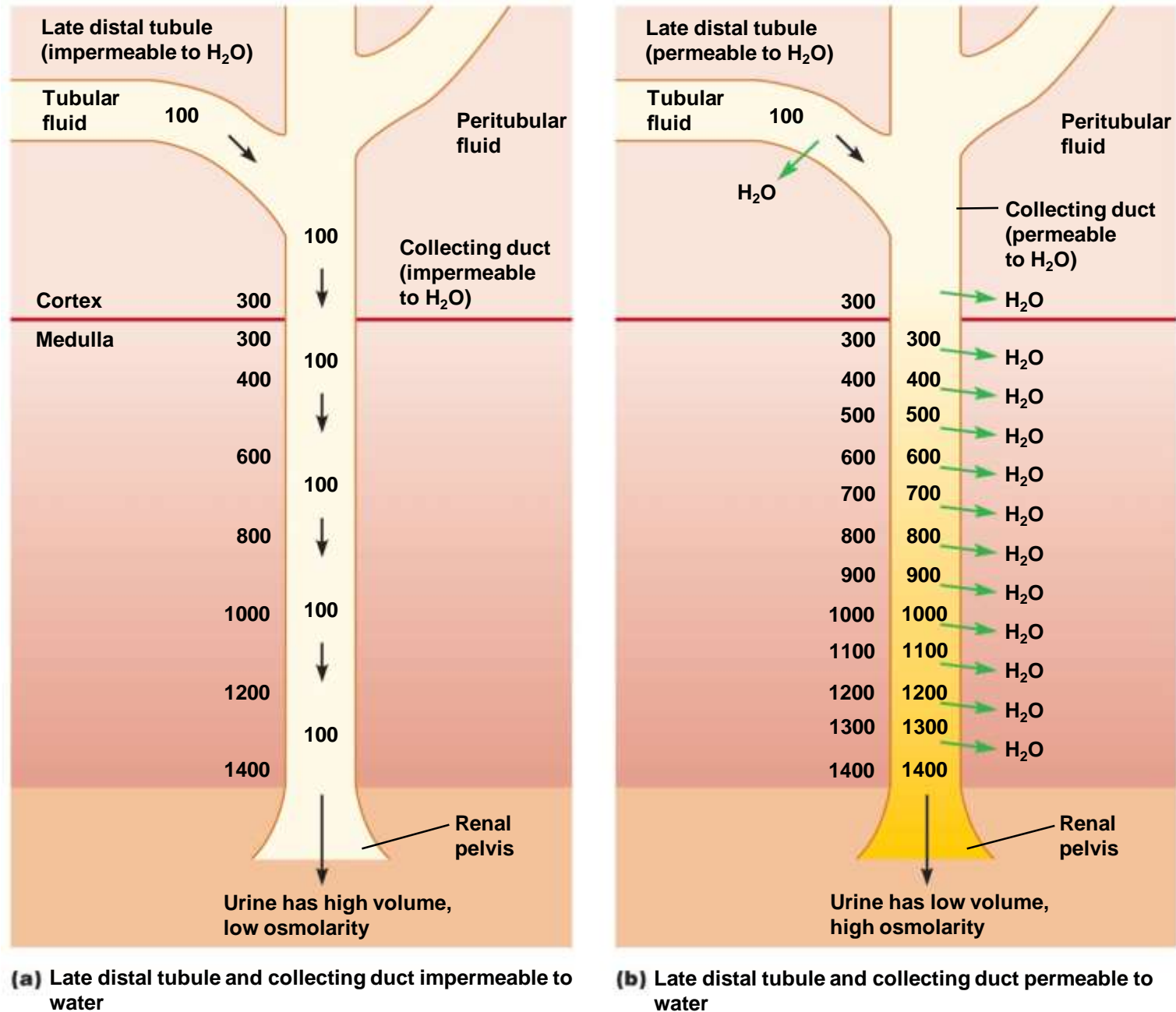
# Role of the Medullary Osmotic Gradient in Water Reabsorption in the Distal Tubule and Collecting Duct

- When membrane of late distal tubule and collecting duct is impermeable to water
  - Water cannot leave the tubules
  - No water reabsorption
  - More water is excreted in urine

# Role of the Medullary Osmotic Gradient in Water Reabsorption in the Distal Tubule and Collecting Duct

- ADH stimulates the insertion of water channels (aquaporin-2) into apical membrane
  - Water is reabsorbed by osmosis
  - Maximum urine concentration is 1400 mOsm
- Maximum amount of water reabsorbed depends on length of loop of Henle

**Figure 19.10 Water reabsorption across the late distal tubule and collecting duct.**



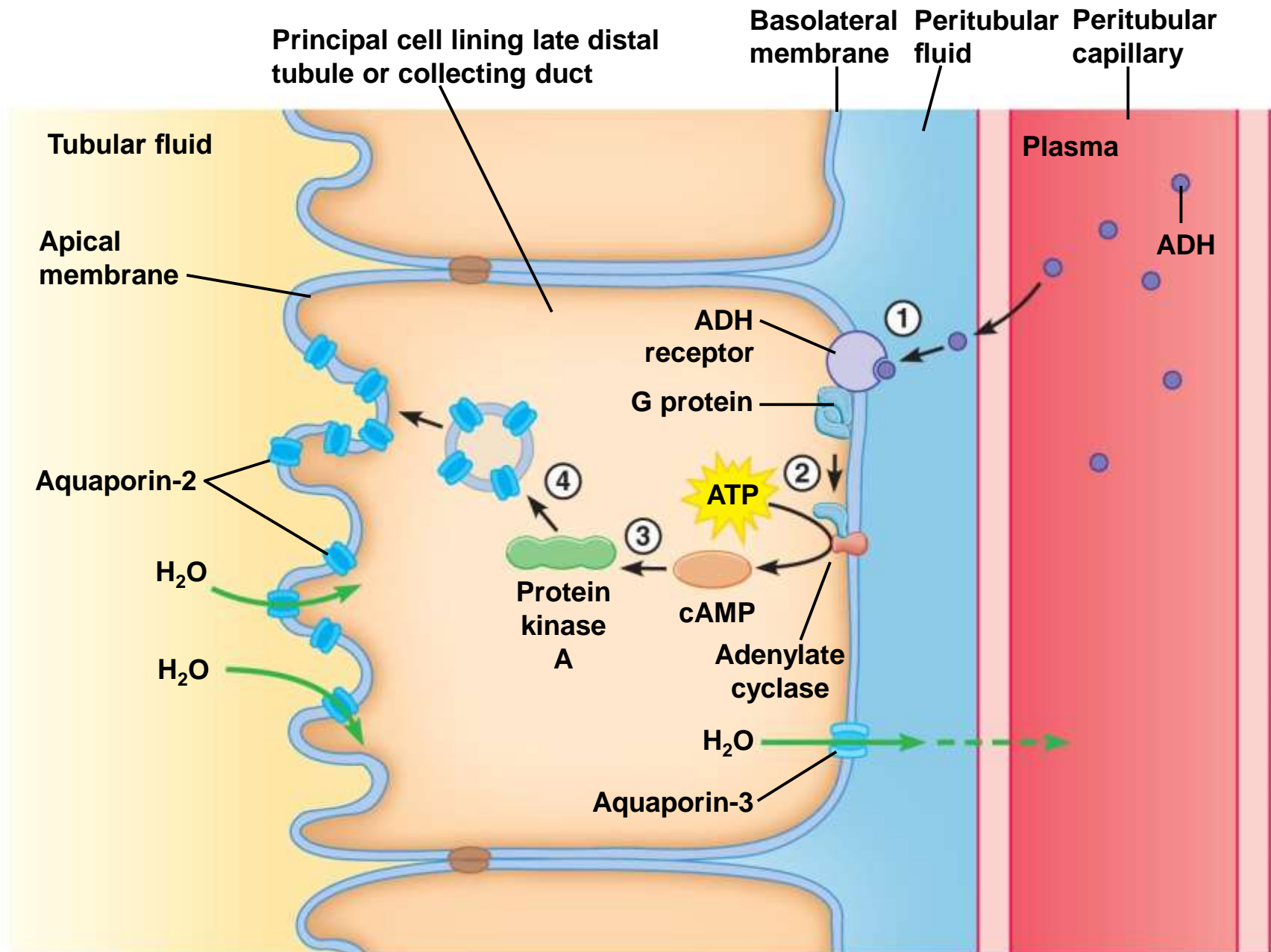


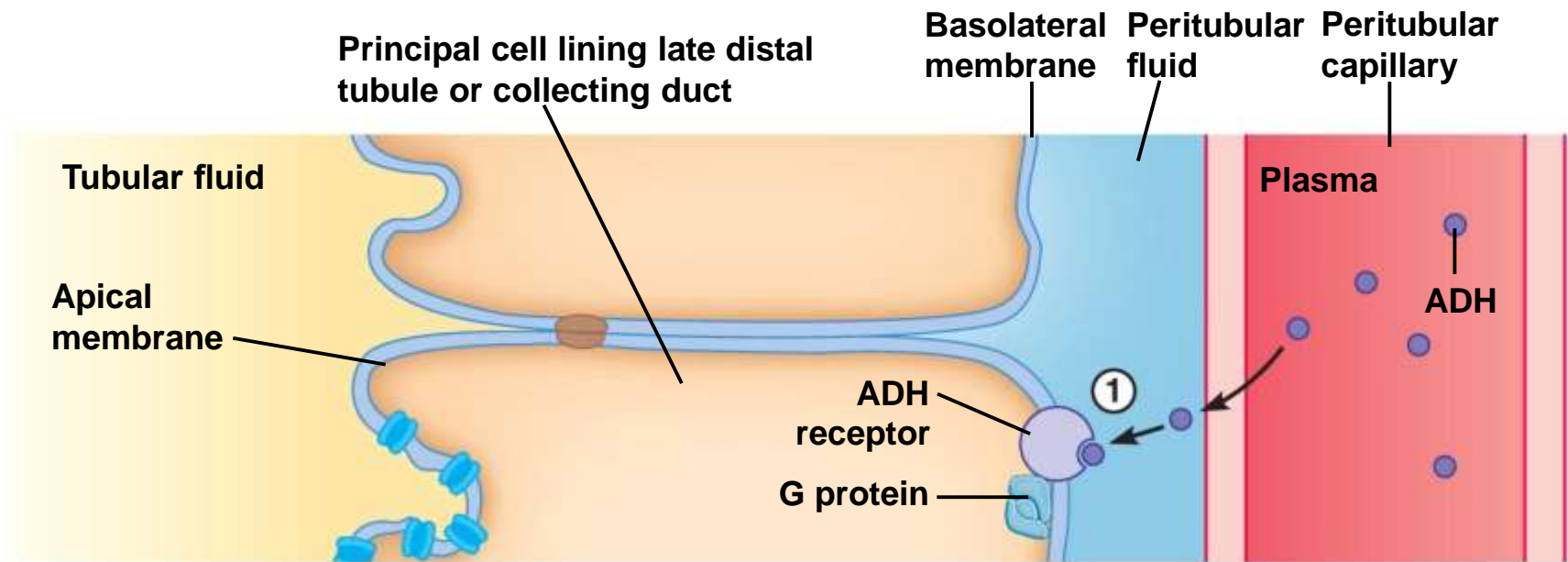
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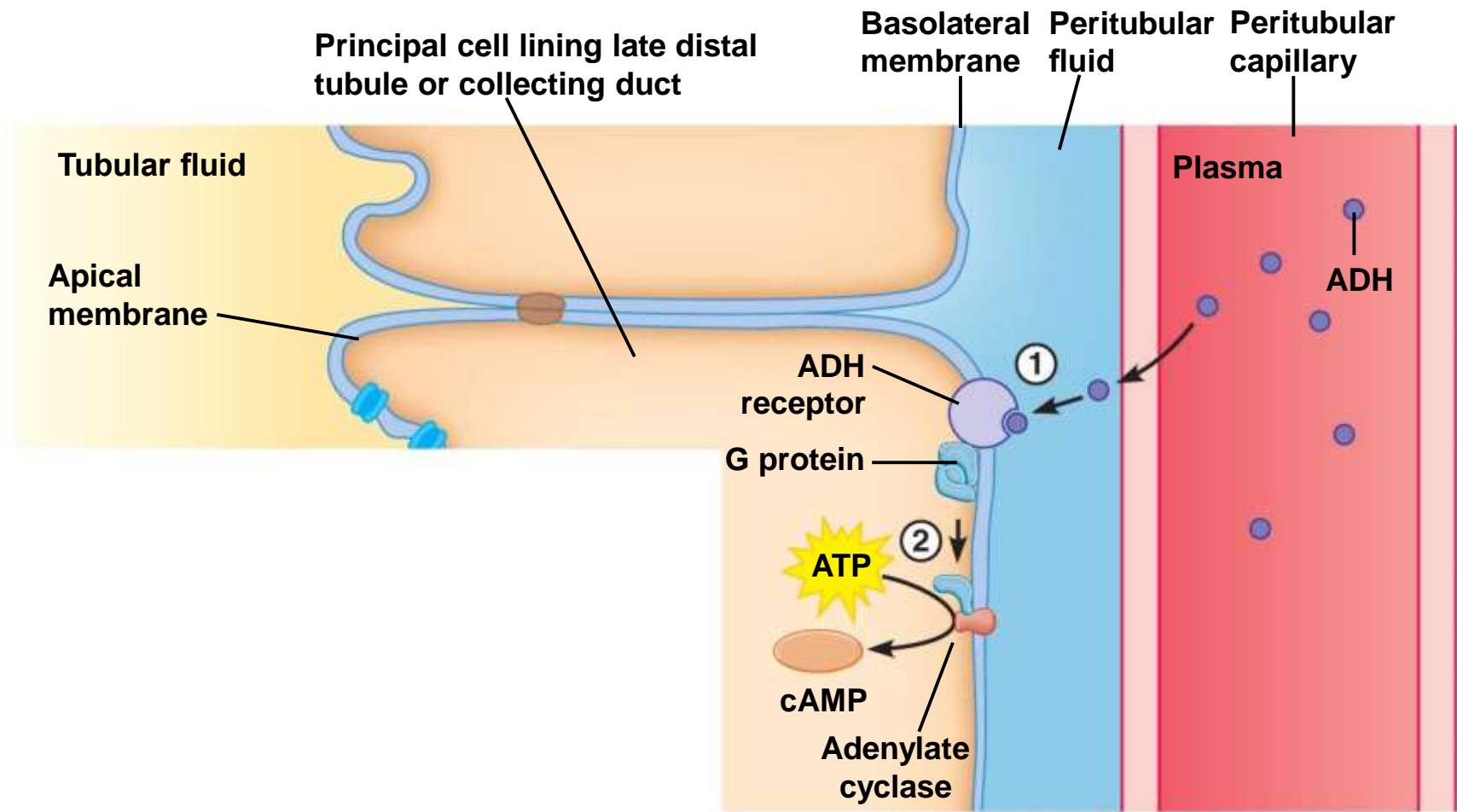
- Obligatory water loss
  - Minimum volume of water that must be excreted in the urine per day
  - Maximum osmolarity urine = 1400 mOsm
  - Some solute must be excreted
  - Minimum water loss = 440 mL
    - Necessary to eliminate nonreabsorbed solutes

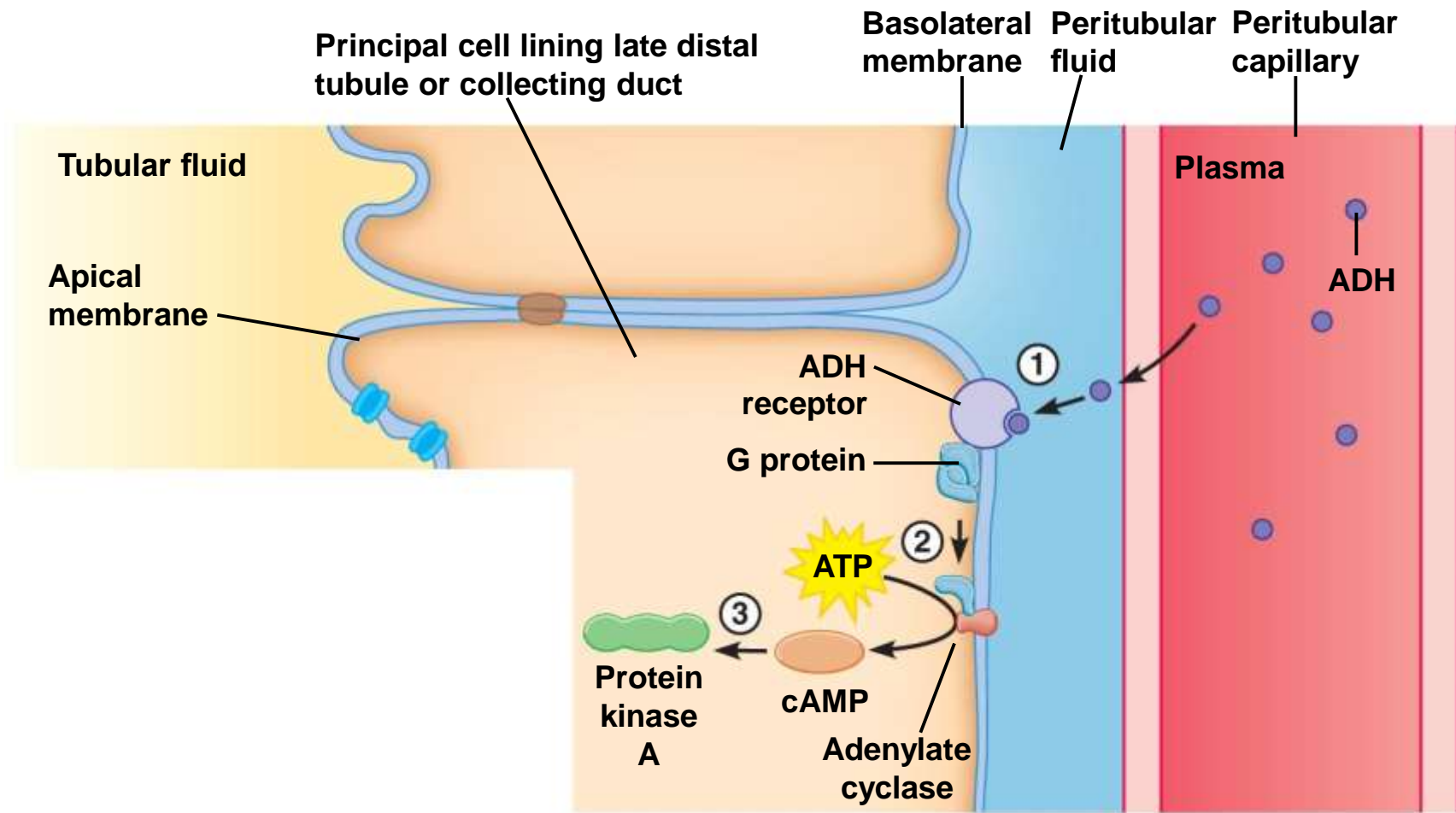
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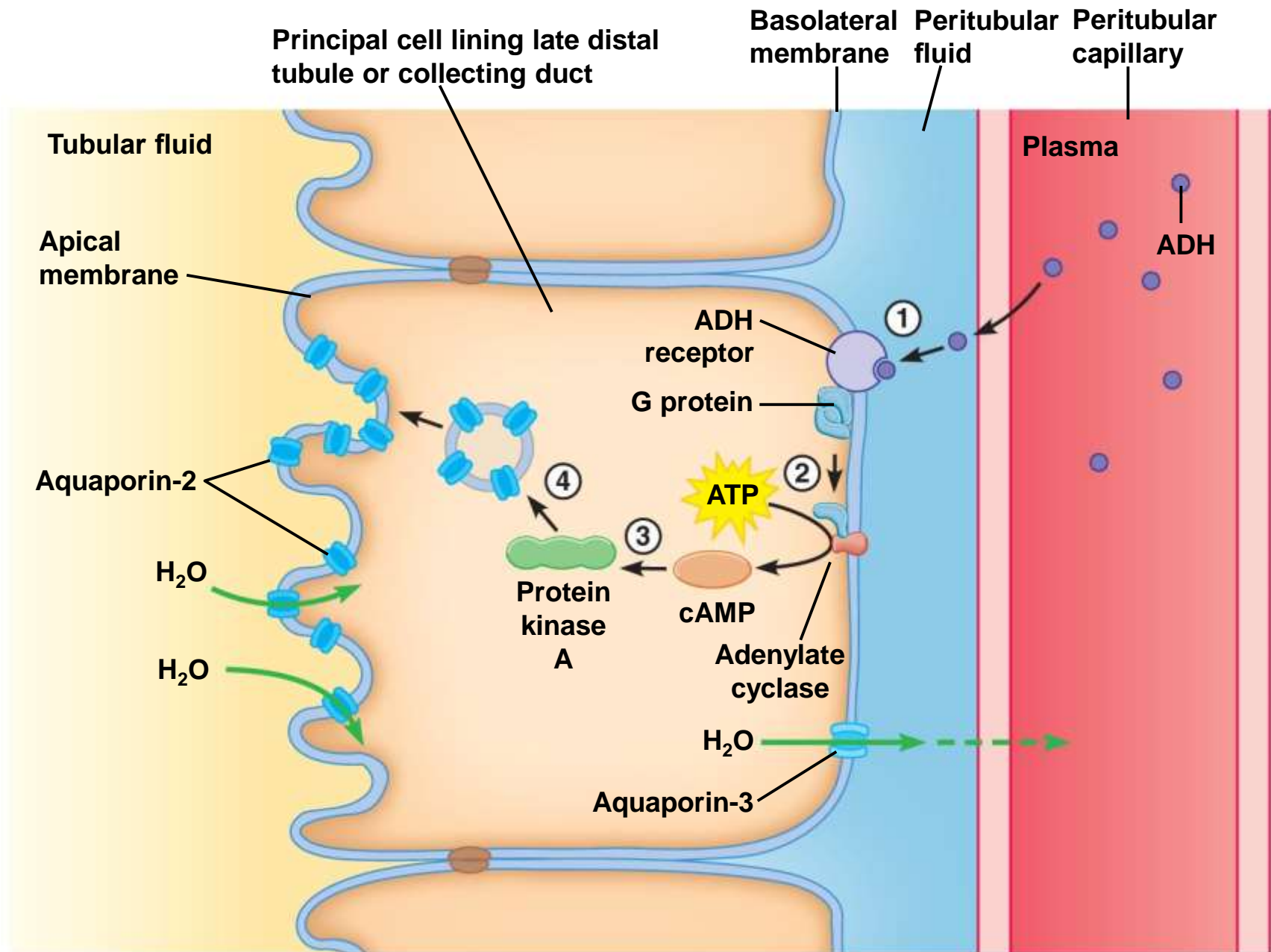
- Effects of ADH on water reabsorption
  - ADH regulates permeability of late distal tubules and collecting ducts
  - Urine osmolarity range: 100–1400 mOsm
  - Aquaporin-2 varied by ADH
  - Antidiuretic







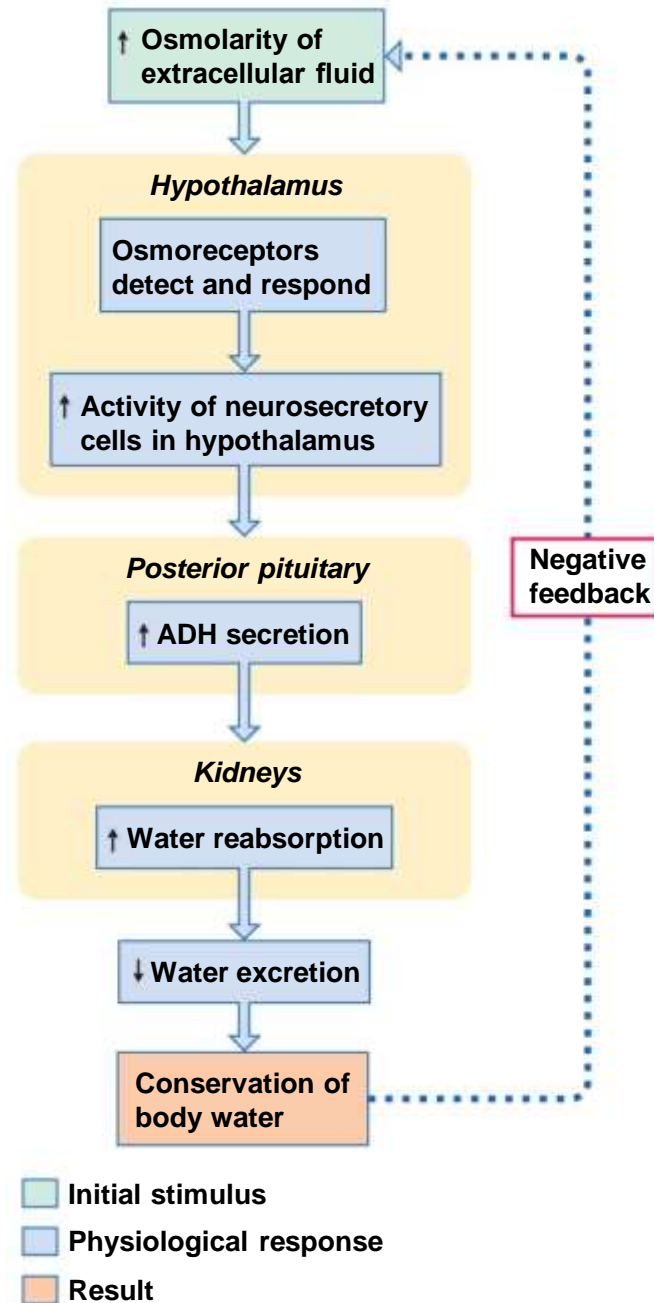


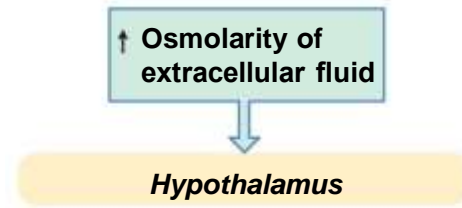


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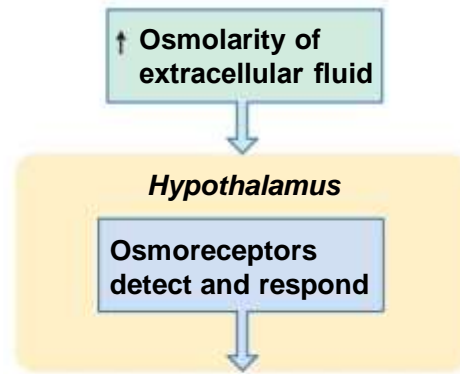
- Regulation of ADH secretion
  - Released from terminals in the posterior pituitary from cell bodies originating in the hypothalamus
  - Osmoreceptors in the organum vasculosum of laminae terminalis (OVLT) sense osmolarity
  - OVLT is not surrounded by the blood-brain barrier
  - ADH is also affected by baroreceptors detecting blood volume and pressure
  - $\downarrow$  baroreceptor activity =  $\uparrow$  ADH secretion



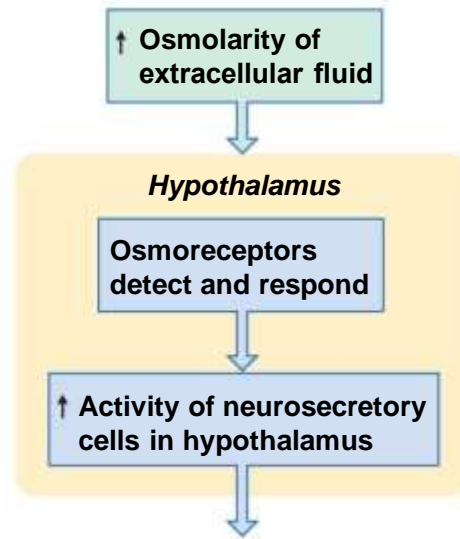




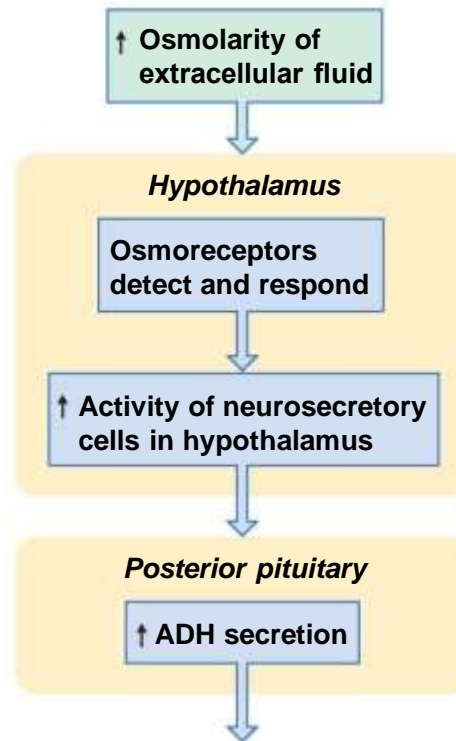
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- Physiological response
- Result



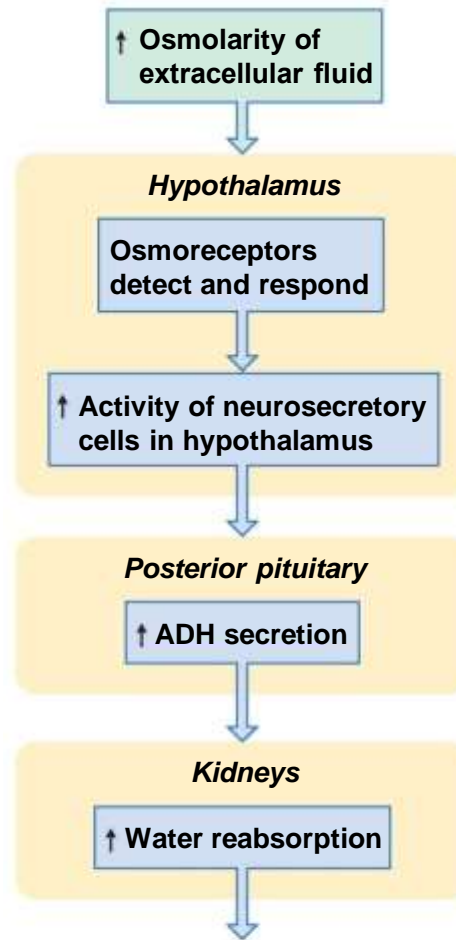
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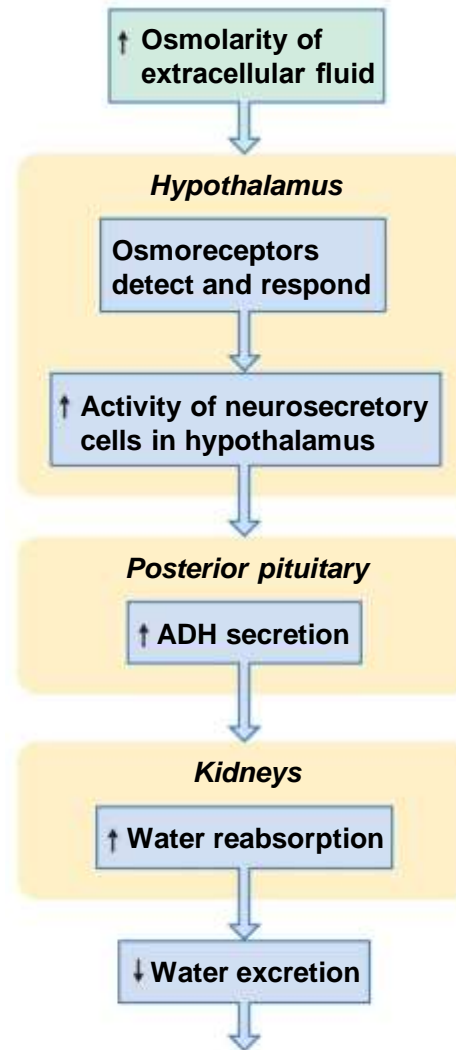
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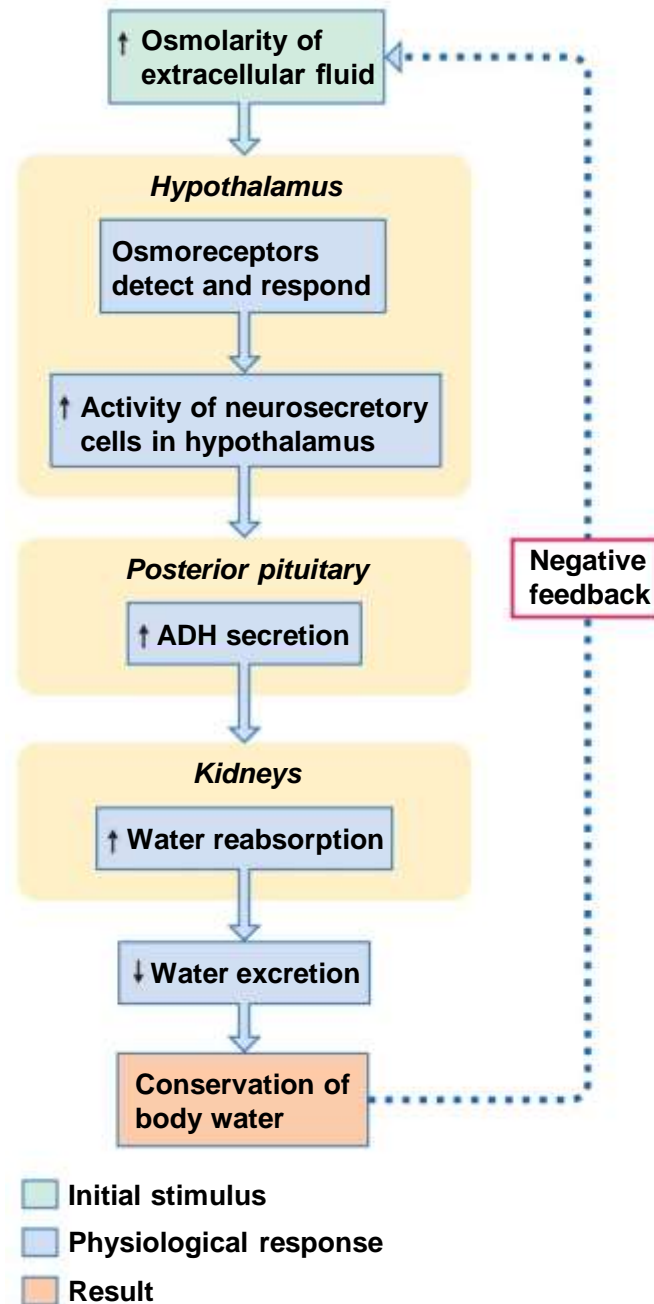
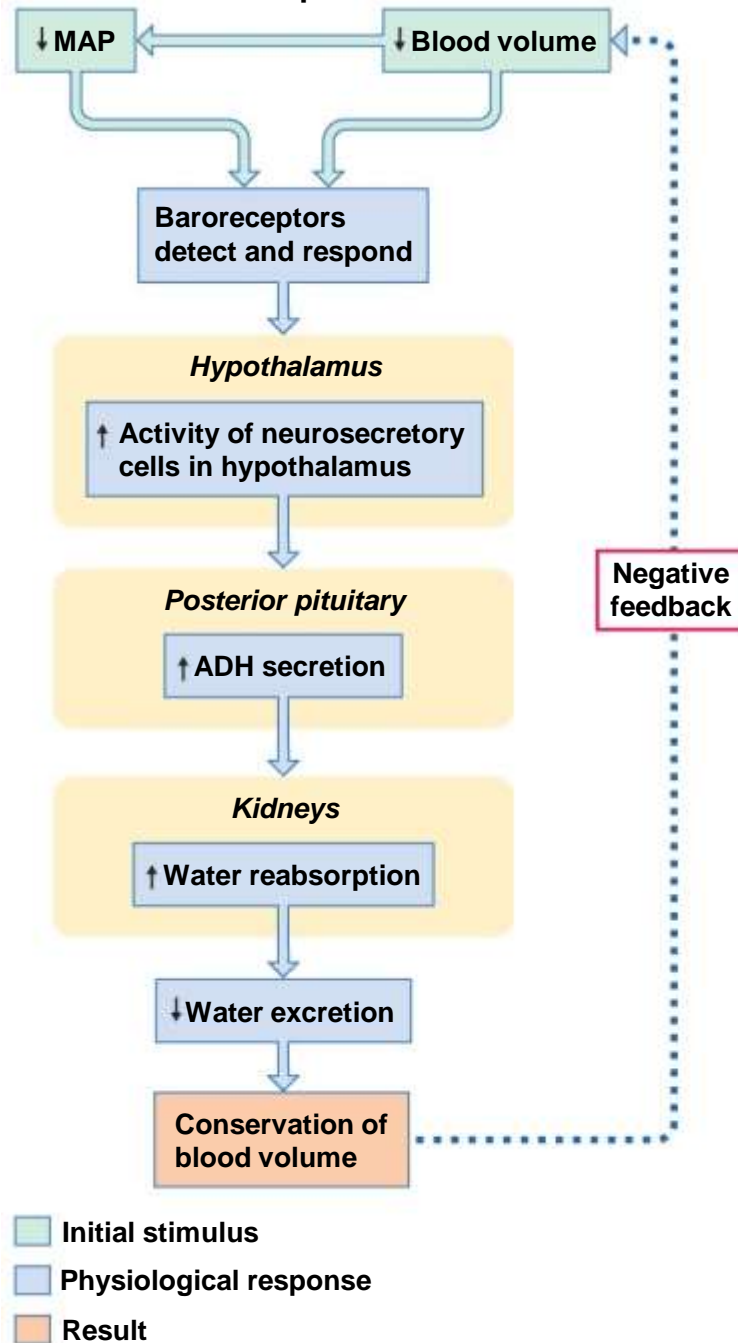
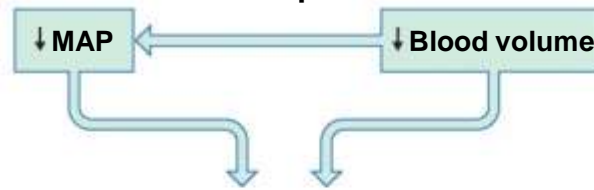


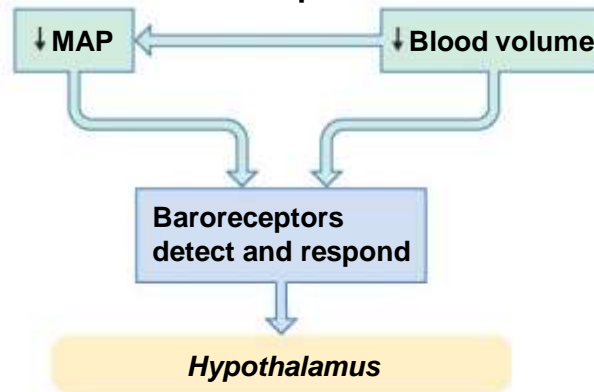


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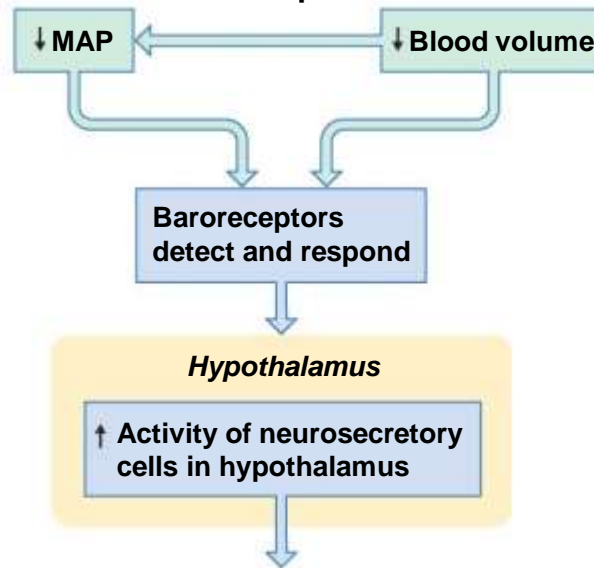


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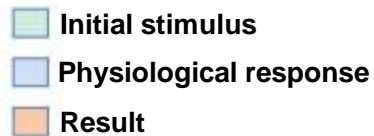
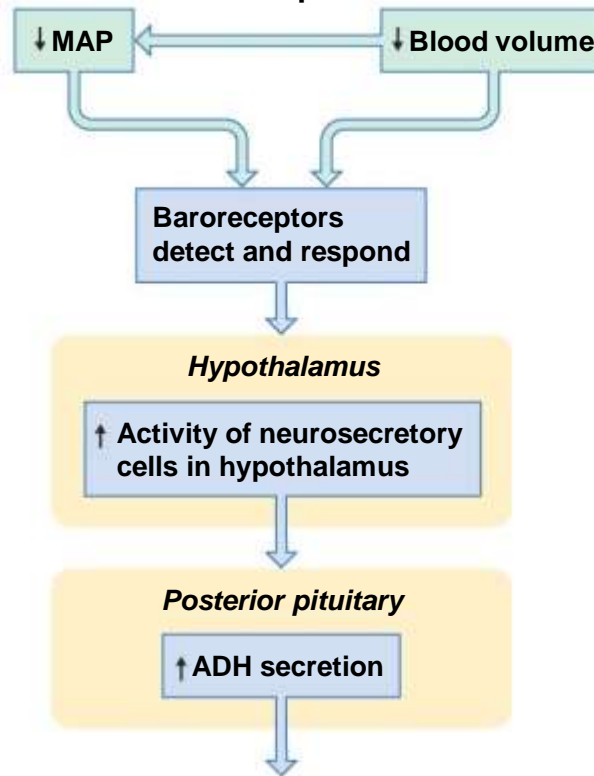
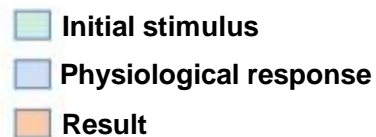
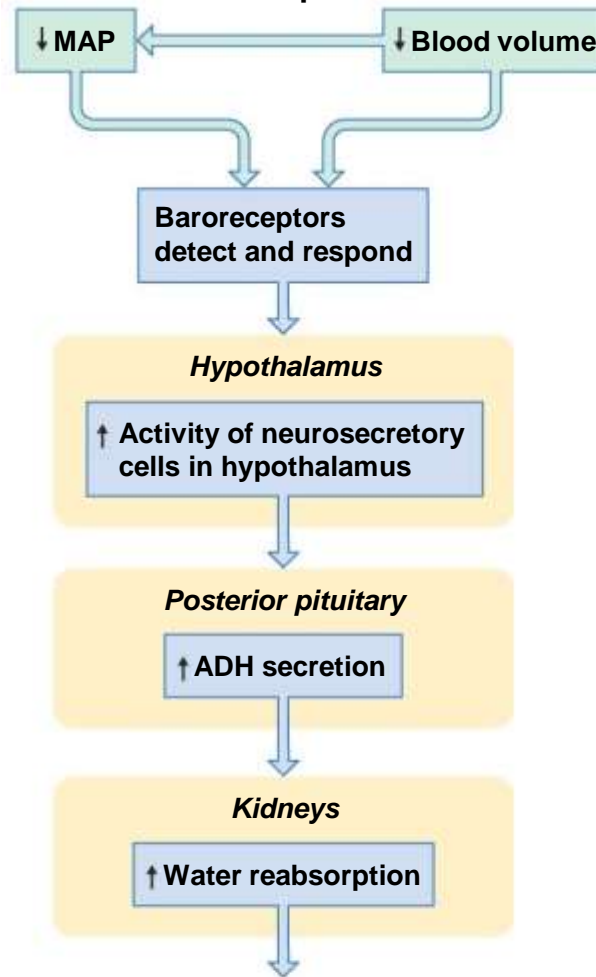
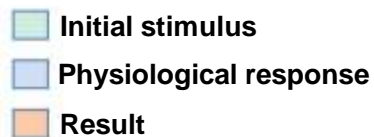
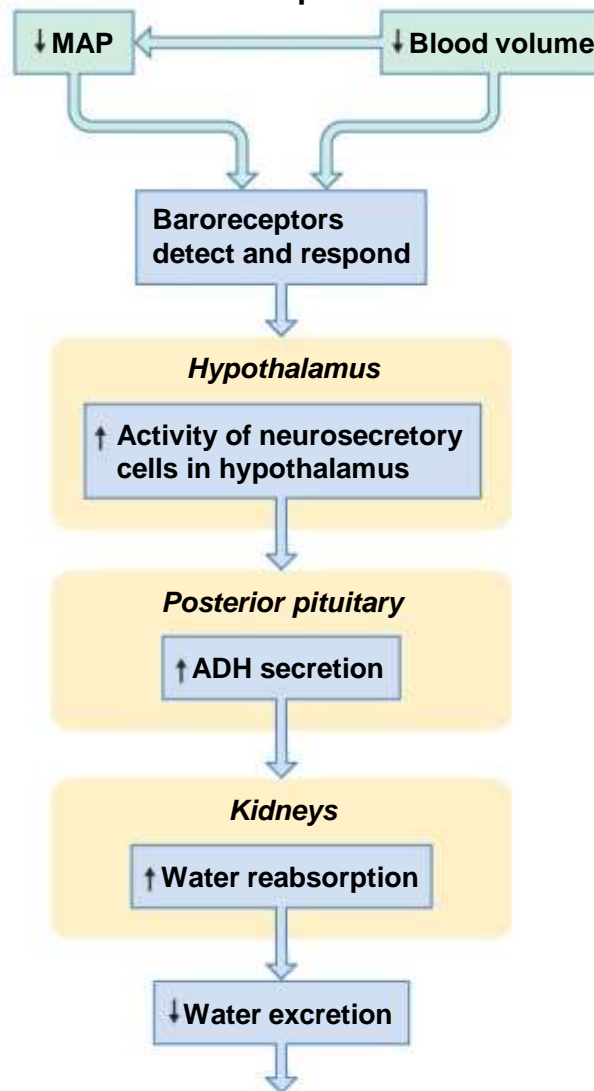
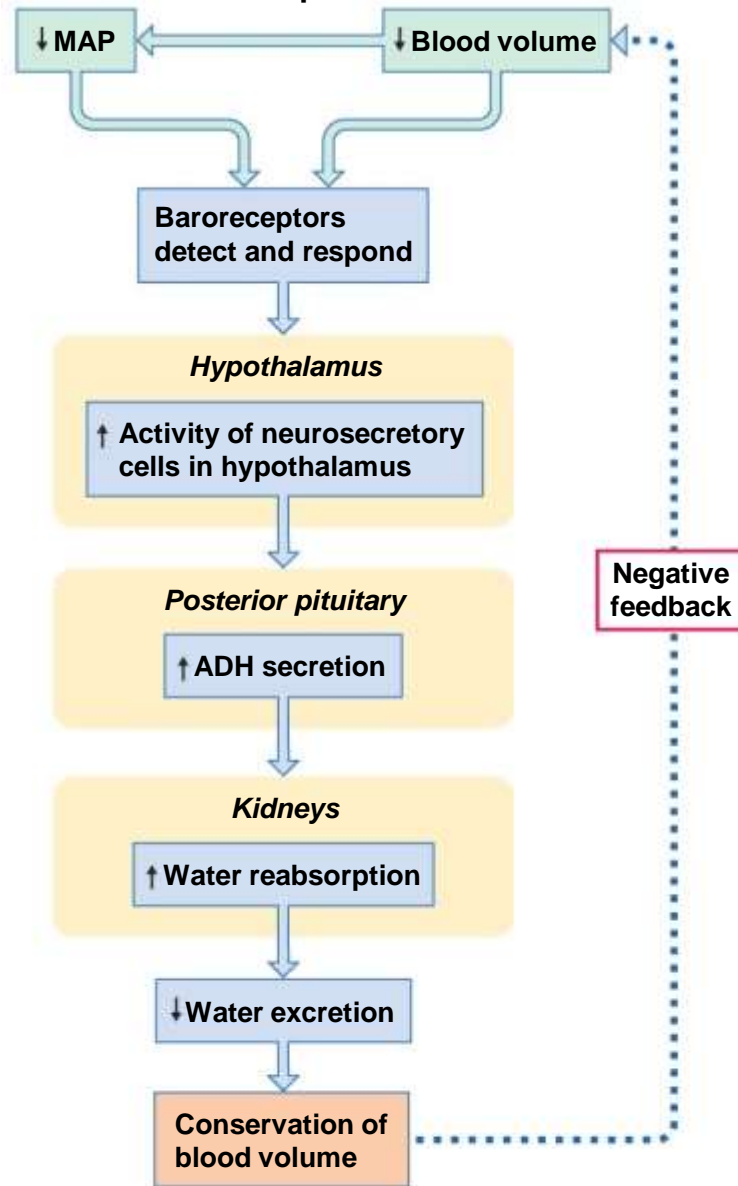


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# Role of the Medullary Osmotic Gradient in Water Reabsorption in the Distal Tubule and Collecting Duct

- Regulating water excretion by changing GFR
  - GFR is normally autoregulated
  - If blood pressure drops to less than 80 mm Hg
    - Decrease in GFR
    - Decrease in water filtered
    - Decrease in water excretion
  - If blood pressure increases to more than 180 mm Hg
    - Increase in GFR
    - Increase in water filtered
    - Increase in water excretion
    - Occurs only in pathological circumstances