

# Carbohydrates

# Sugars



- Monosaccharides
  - Glucose – Broken down starch
  - Galactose – Dairy, sugar beets, jams, jelly
  - Fructose – Fruits, honey
  - Mannose – Plant polysaccharide, not starch
- Disaccharides
  - Maltose – Barley, beer, cereals (glu + glu)
  - Lactose – Milk sugar (glu + gal)
  - Sucrose – Table sugar, sugar cane, maples (glu + fru)

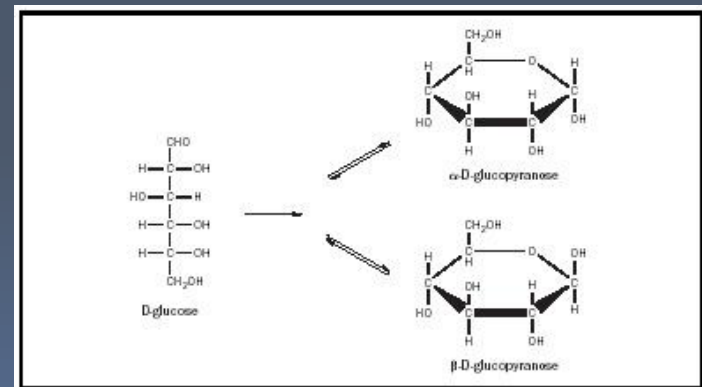
# Sugars

- Polysaccharides
  - Starch: plant made
    - Amylose shorter chains
    - Amylopectin longer chain with branching
  - Glycogen: animal made
    - Similar to amylopectin, but with more branching



# Sugars

- Glucose forms ring structure in solution
  - $\beta$ -D Glucose 36%
    - Glucose oxidase recognizes this
  - $\alpha$ -D Glucose 64%



# Hormone Regulation

- Lower blood glucose
  - Insulin
    - Secreted by  $\beta$ -islet cells of pancreas
    - Stimulates movement of glucose into cells
      - Second Messenger Duties
        - $\uparrow$ Lipogenesis, protein synthesis & AA transport, glycogen synthesis
        - $\downarrow$ Lipase, protein breakdown, gluconeogenesis, glycogenolysis



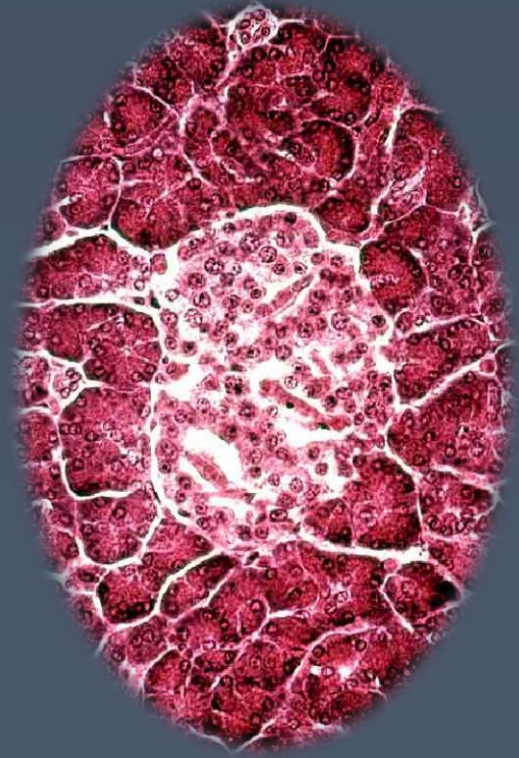


# Hormone Regulation

- Raise Blood Glucose
  - Glucagon
    - Secreted by  $\alpha$ -islet cell of pancreas
    - Primary hormone responsible for raising glucose
      - Stimulates glycogenolysis and gluconeogenesis
  - Epinephrine
    - Catecholamine secreted by adrenal medulla, stimulates glucagon release
  - Cortisol
    - Secreted by adrenal cortex
      - Stimulates gluconeogenesis and glucagon release

# Hormone Regulation

- Raise Blood Glucose
  - Growth Hormone
    - Synthesized by Anterior Pituitary
    - Inhibits glucose uptake by cells
  - Thyroxine (T4)
    - Least important, stimulates glycogenolysis
  - Somatostatin
    - Secreted by  $\delta$ -islet cells of pancreas, hypothalamus, and GI tract
      - Inhibits BOTH insulin and glucagon release
- ACTH
  - Secreted by Anterior Pituitary
    - Stimulates cortisol, Insulin antagonist



# Hyperglycemia

- High glucose
  - Resolved by insulin
- Pathology: Diabetes Mellitus
  - Type 1 Absolute Deficiency
  - Type 2 Resistance with secretory defect
  - Other
    - Pancreatic disease, drug/chemical induced etc
  - Gestational
    - Metabolic and hormonal changes during pregnancy

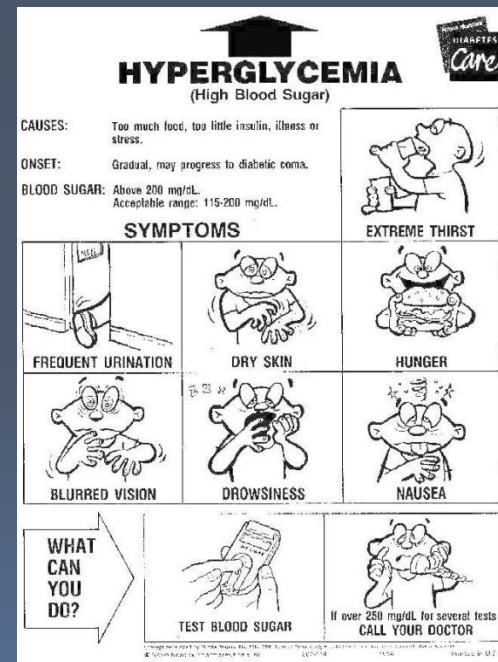






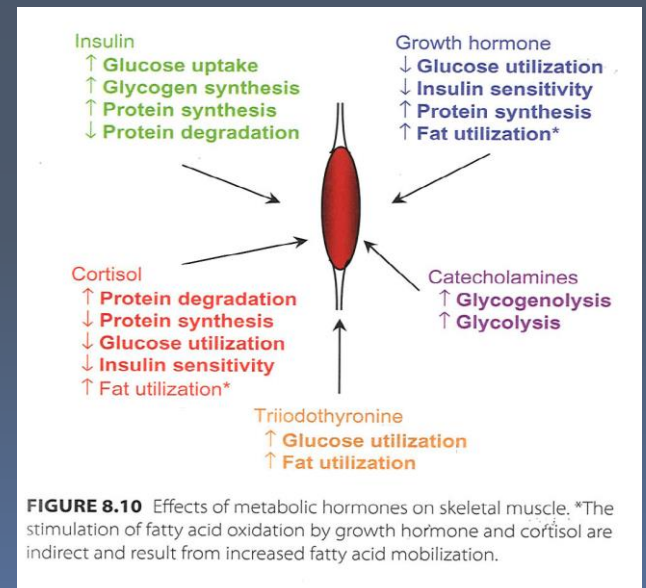
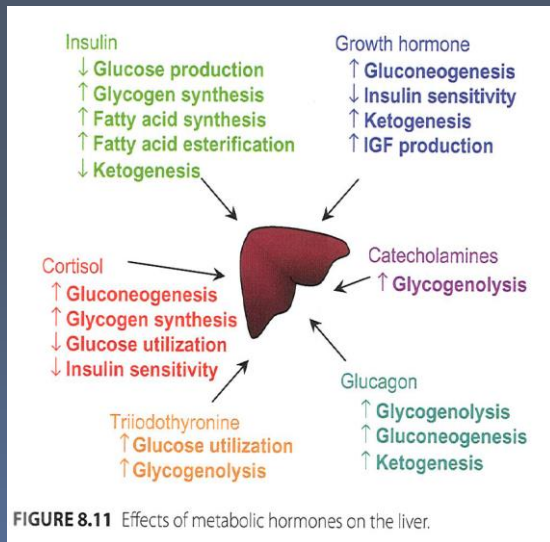
# Clinical Signs of Diabetes

- Polyuria
  - Renal threshold 160-180 mg/dL
- Polyphagia
  - “Starvation in land of plenty”
- Polydipsia
  - See: Polyuria
- Weight loss
  - “Starvation in land of plenty”
- Hyperventilation (acetone breath)
  - High ketone level



# Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA)

- Hyperosmolar hyperketotic hyperglycemic state



# Glucose Testing

- Fasting Blood Glucose (8-10 hrs)
  - Normal 70-99 mg/dL
  - Impaired 100-125 mg/dL
  - Diabetes  $\geq 126$  mg/dL
- Random Glucose
- 2-hour Glucose Tolerance (OGTT) (8-10 hrs fast)
  - Usually time of peak after meal
  - Normal  $\leq 140$  mg/dL
  - Impaired 140-199 mg/dL
  - Diabetes  $\geq 200$  mg/dL



# Glucose Testing

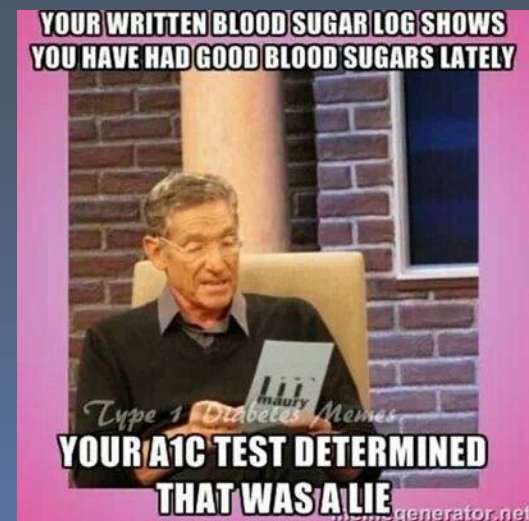


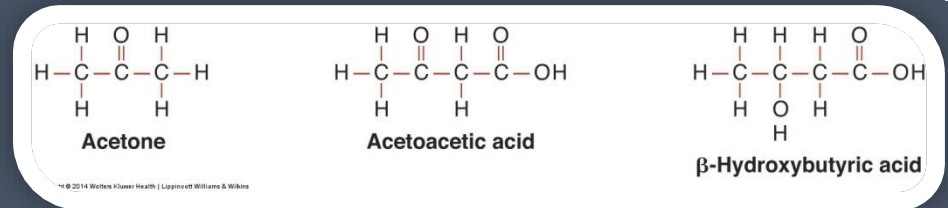
- OGTT dosages
  - 50g Gestational screen
  - 75g 2 hr OGTT
  - 100g Women who failed first gestational screen, 3 hour challenge
    - 3 hour challenge: 2 of these true for diagnosis
      - FBS  $\geq 95$  mg/dL
      - 1 hr  $\geq 180$  mg/dL
      - 2 hr  $\geq 155$  mg/dL
      - 3 hr  $\geq 140$  mg/dL



# Glucose Testing

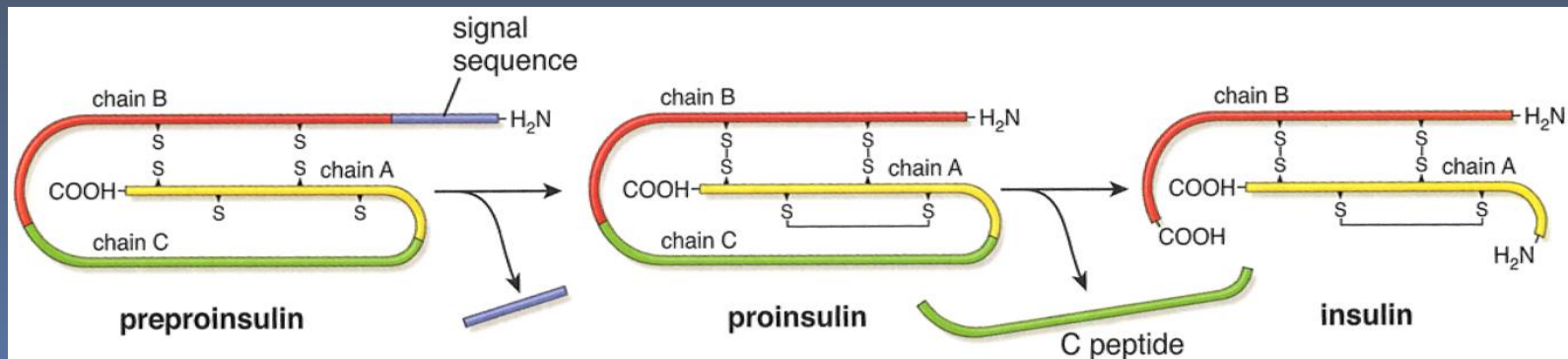
- 5 hr GTT
  - Testing for reactive (postprandial) hypoglycemia
    - Will see large drop (40 mg/dL or more)
- Hemoglobin A1c
  - Average lifespan of RBC 120 days
  - Test reflects average glucose over 2-3 months
    - Diabetes  $\geq 6.5\%$
  - Hemoglobinopathies will interfere
- Fructoasmine
  - Glucose attaches to other proteins too!
    - 2-3 week period, NO FRUCTOSE INVOLVED!





# Other Testing

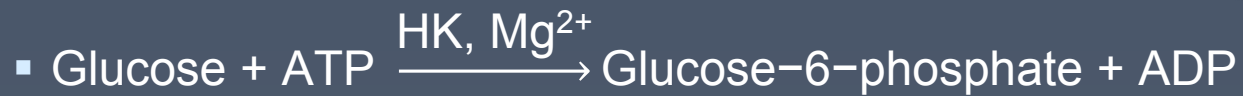
- C-peptide
  - A product of insulin production
  - Absent in type 1 diabetes
- Ketones
  - 78% BHB, 2% acetone, 20% AAA
  - Produced more in type I diabetes (DKA)





# Glucose Methods

- Hexokinase (reference)



- Increase in absorbance at 340 nm





# Glucose Methods

- Glucose Oxidase

- $$\beta\text{-D Glucose} + \text{O}_2 \xrightarrow{\text{GO}} \text{Gluconic Acid} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2$$
  - From here can measure with polarographic electrode
    - Measures  $\text{O}_2$  consumption, must sequester  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$

- Trinder Reaction

- $$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + 4\text{-aninophenazone} + \text{phenol} \xrightarrow{\text{peroxidase}} \text{Quinone Complex} + 2 \text{H}_2\text{O}$$
  - Many interferences
- Chromogenic Oxygen receptor, or dye that changes color in presence of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$



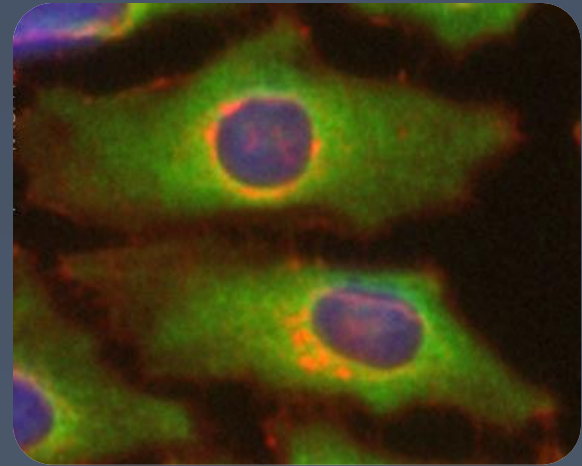


# Glucose Methods

- Glucose Dehydrogenase

- $\beta$ -D Glucose+NAD  $\xrightarrow{\text{GDH}}$  D-glucono  $\delta$  lactone+NADH+H<sup>+</sup>
- Patented Rxn, only 1% of labs use
- Increase in absorbance at 340 nm

- If glucose is in the name, it is specific for  $\beta$ -D Glucose
  - Mutarose coverts  $\alpha$  to  $\beta$



**TABLE 14-10 METHODS OF GLUCOSE MEASUREMENT**

|                 |   |
|-----------------|---|
| Glucose oxidase | $\text{Glucose} + \text{O}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \xrightarrow{\text{glucose oxidase}} \text{gluconic acid} + \text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ |
|                 | $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{reduced chromogen} \xrightarrow{\text{peroxidase}} \text{oxidized chromogen} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$    |
| Hexokinase      | $\text{Glucose} + \text{ATP} \xrightarrow{\text{hexokinase}} \text{glucose-6-PO}_4 + \text{ADP}$                                    |
|                 | $\text{Glucose-6-PO}_4 + \text{NADP}^+ \xrightarrow{\text{G-6-PD}} \text{NADPH} + \text{6-phosphogluconate}$                        |
| Clinitest       | $\text{Cu}^{2+} \xrightarrow{\text{Reducing substance}} \text{Cu}^{1+}\text{O}$   |

# Other methods

**TABLE 14-12 METHODS OF GLYCATED HEMOGLOBIN MEASUREMENT**

**METHODS BASED ON STRUCTURAL DIFFERENCES**

|                         |  |  |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| Immunoassays            | Polyclonal or monoclonal antibodies toward the glycated N-terminal group of the $\beta$ -chain of hemoglobin |  |
| Affinity chromatography | Separates based on chemical structure using borate to bind glycosylated proteins                             | Not temperature dependent<br>Not affected by other hemoglobins |

**METHODS BASED ON CHARGE DIFFERENCES**

|                                     |   |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Ion-exchange chromatography         | Positive-charge resin bed                                   | Highly temperature dependent<br>Affected by hemoglobinopathies                          |
| Electrophoresis                     | Separation is based on differences in charge                | Hemoglobin F values > 7% interfere  |
| Isoelectric focusing                | Type of electrophoresis using isoelectric point to separate | Pre-HbA <sub>1c</sub> interferes  |
| High-pressure liquid chromatography | A form of ion-exchange chromatography                       | Separates of all forms of glyco-Hb: A <sub>1a</sub> , A <sub>1b</sub> , A <sub>1c</sub> |

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**TABLE 14-13 METHODS OF KETONE MEASUREMENT**

|               |  |  |
|---------------|--|--|
| Nitroprusside | Acetoacetic acid + nitroprusside $\xrightarrow{\text{alkaline pH}}$ purple color                                 |  |
| Enzymatic     | 3- $\beta$ -Hydroxybutyrate + NAD <sup>+</sup> $\xrightarrow{3\text{-HBD}}$ acetoacetate + H <sup>+</sup> + NADH |  |

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# Galactose



- Galactosemia: failure to thrive
  - Deficiency in 1 of 3 enzymes for galactose metabolism
    - Usually galactose-1-phosphate uridylyltransferase
  - Diarrhea, vomiting
    - Mental retardation (DD) and cataracts if untreated
- Screened for at birth
  - Why?



# Seemingly unrelated?

- Microalbumin
  - Diabetes causes damage to the kidney
    - Early sign is increase in urine albumin
      - Microalbumin is not a small molecule of albumin!

