

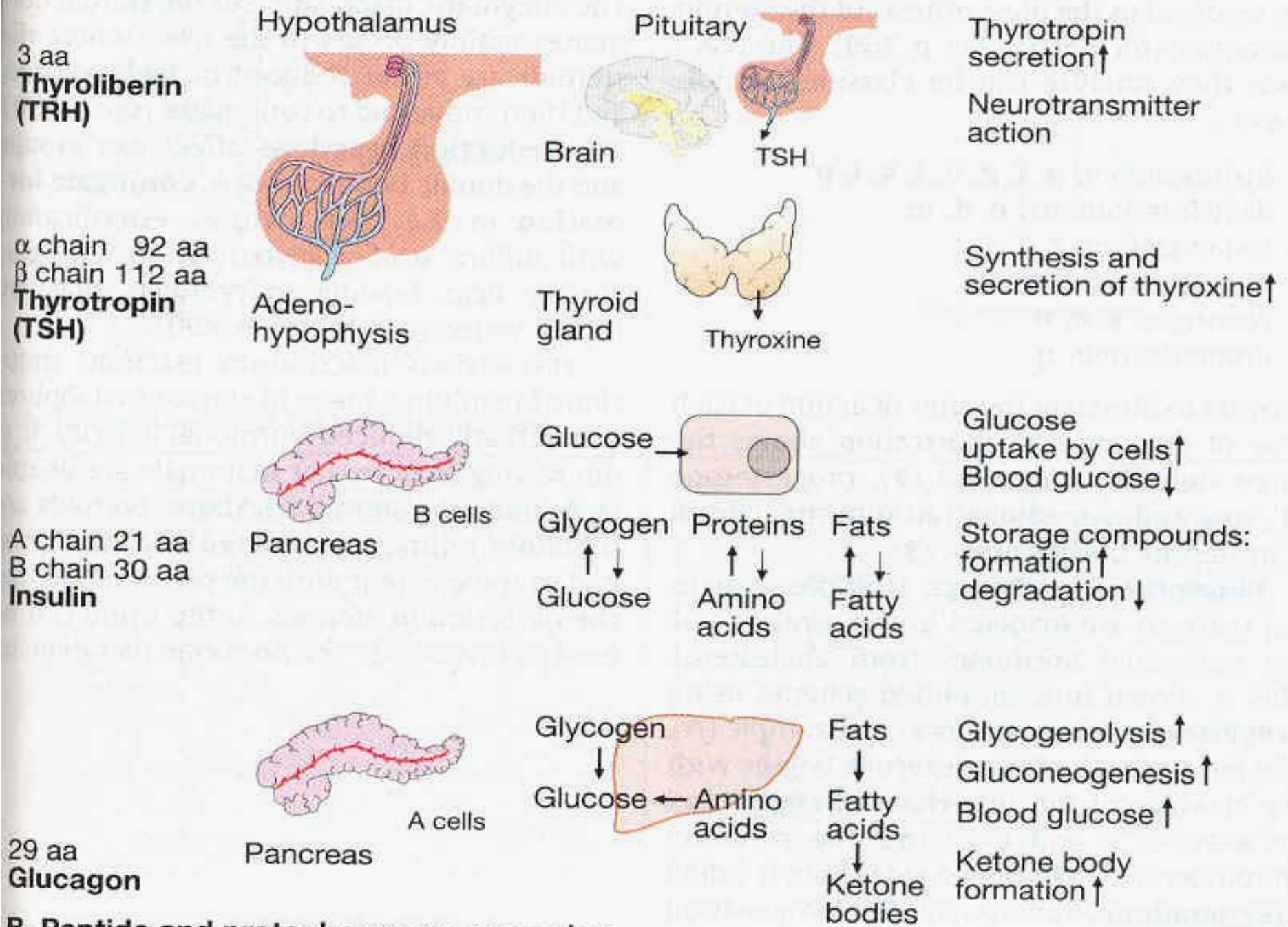
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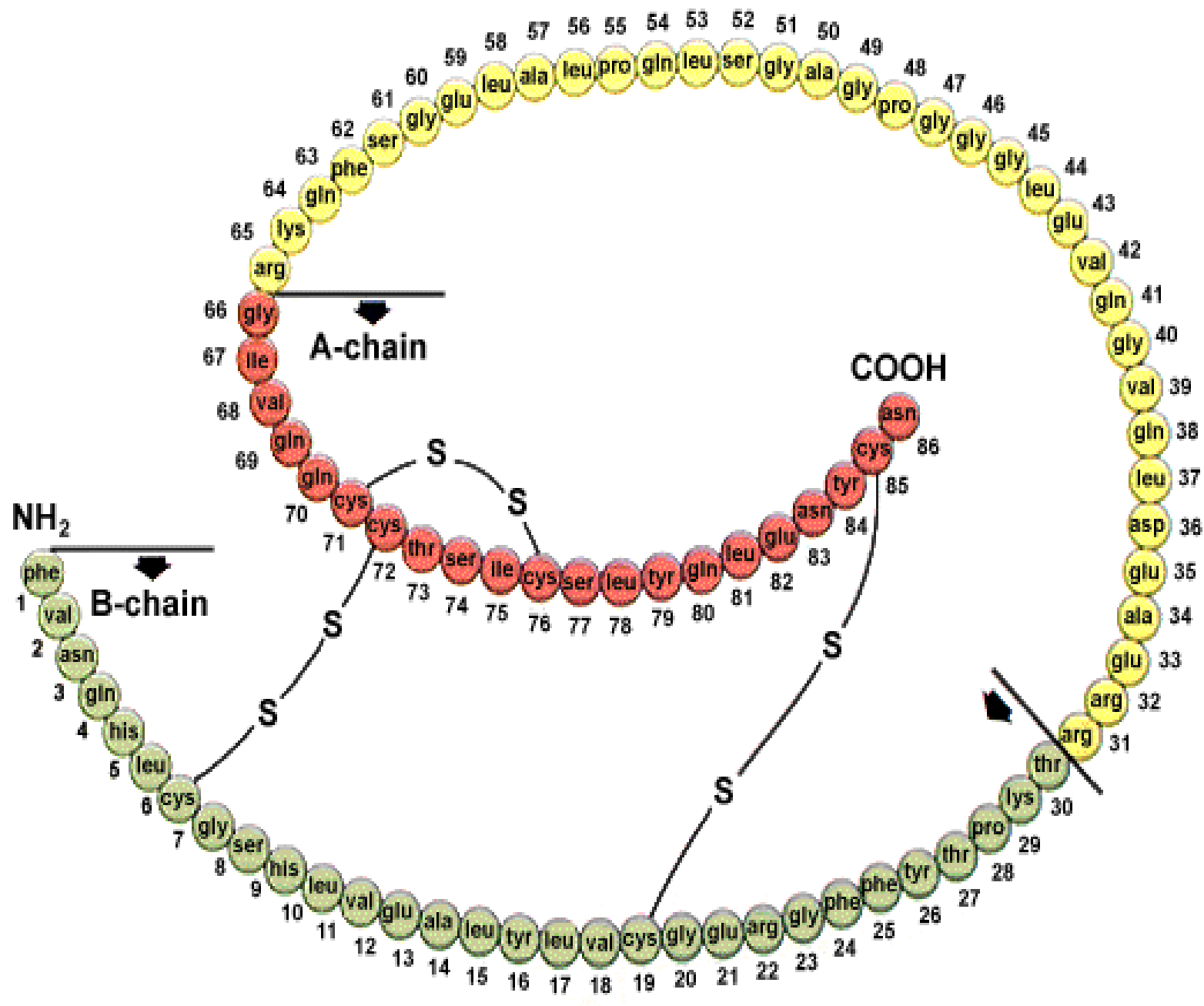
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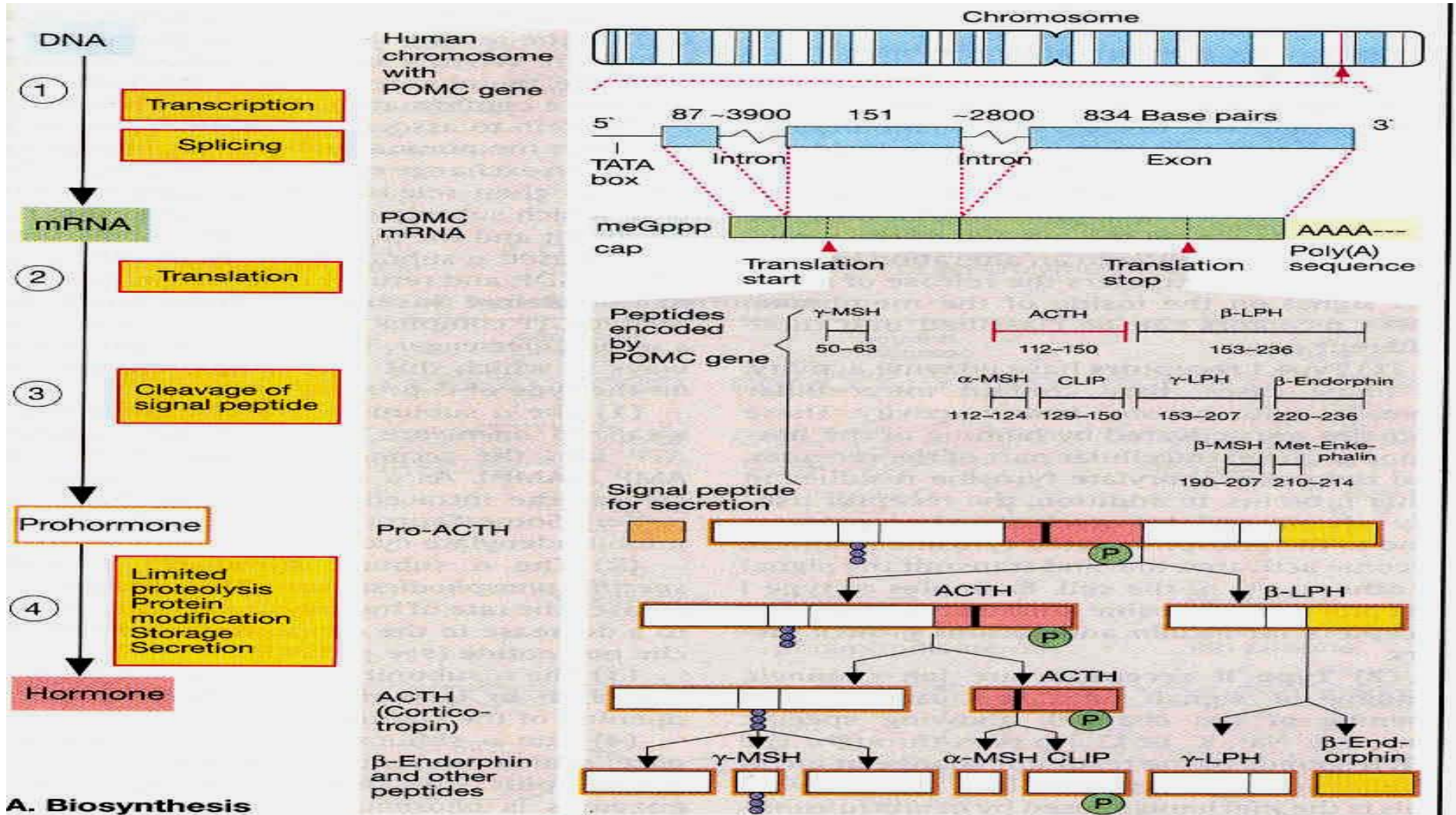
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**B. Peptide and proteohormons: examples**

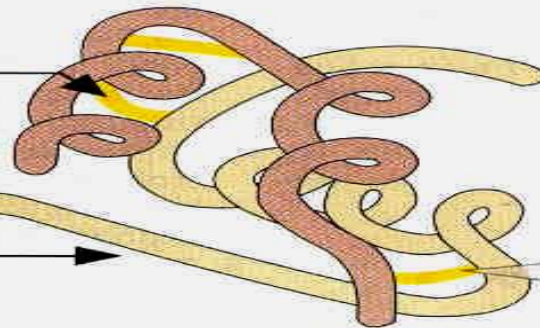




### A. Biosynthesis

### Extracellular degradation:

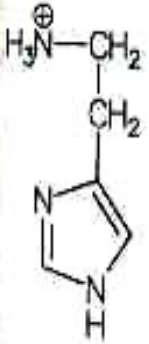


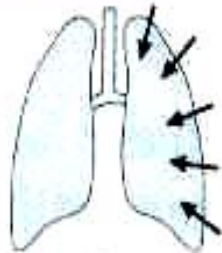

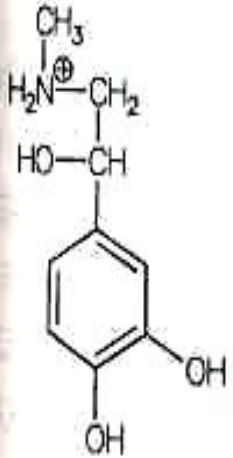
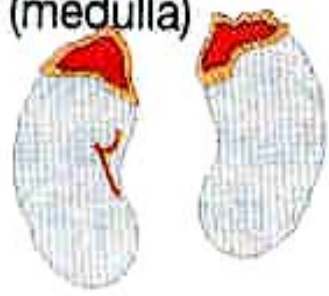
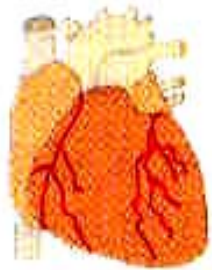



1. Cleavage of disulfide bonds by reductases
2. Degradation by exopeptidases
3. Degradation by proteinases



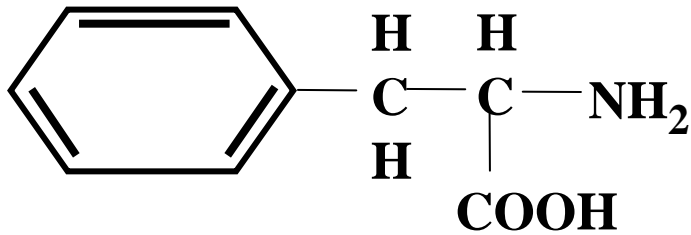
### Intracellular degradation:

4. Binding to membrane receptors  
Endocytosis  
Degradation in lysosomes

### 3. Inactivation and degradation

Hormone	Sites of formation	Sites of action	Actions
 <p><b>Histamine</b></p>	 <p>Mast cell Histamine stores</p>  <p>Basophilic granulocyte</p>	<p>Lungs</p>  <p>Stomach</p> 	<p>Width of bronchi ↓</p> <p>Capillaries: width ↑ permeability ↑</p> <p>Gastric acid secretion by parietal cells ↑</p>
 <p><b>Epinephrine</b></p>	<p>Adrenal glands (medulla)</p> 	<p>Heart</p>  <p>Adipose tissue</p>  <p>Liver</p>  <p>Muscle</p> 	<p>Cardiac output ↑</p> <p>Width of blood vessels ↓ Blood pressure ↑</p> <p>Metabolism: Glycogenolysis ↑ Blood glucose ↑ Lipolysis ↑</p>

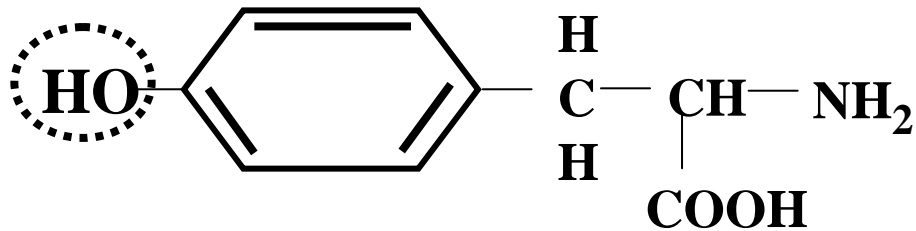
# Catecholamine Biosynthesis



**Phenylalanine**



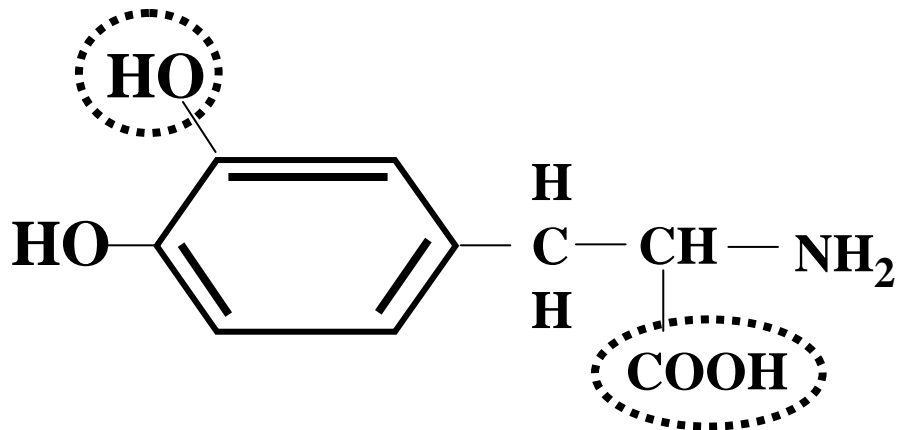
**Phenylalanine  
hydroxylase**



**Tyrosine**



**Tyrosine  
hydroxylase**

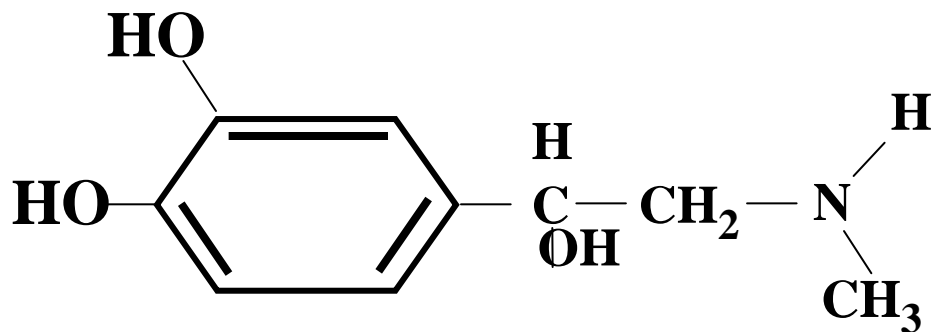
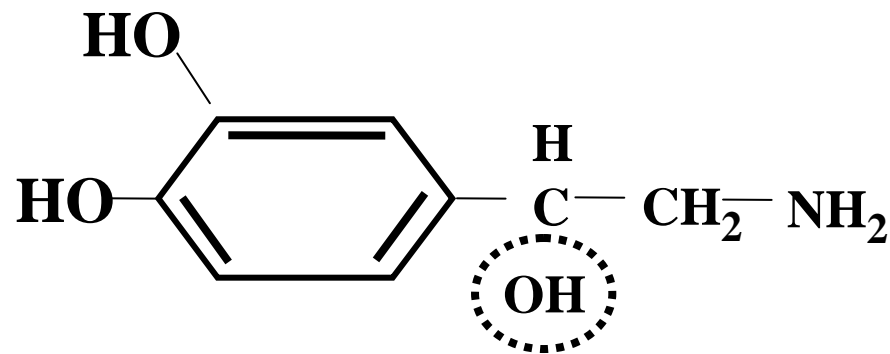
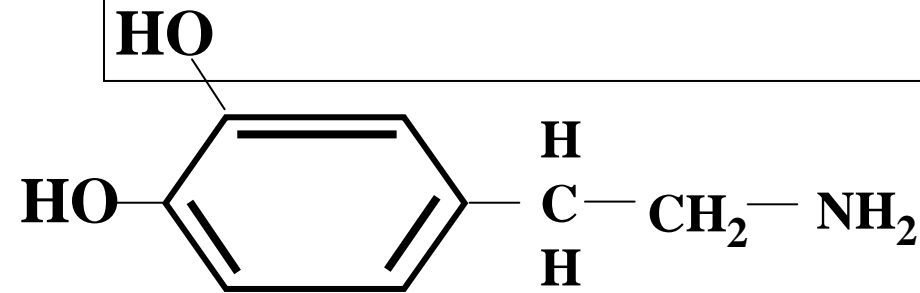


**Dopa**



**L-Aromatic  
Amino Acid  
Decarboxylase**

# Catecholamine Biosynthesis



**Dopamine**

**Dopamine**

**β-hydroxylase**

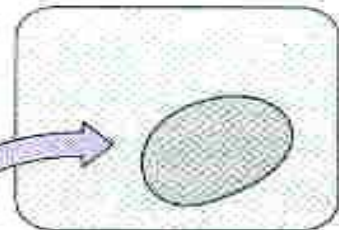
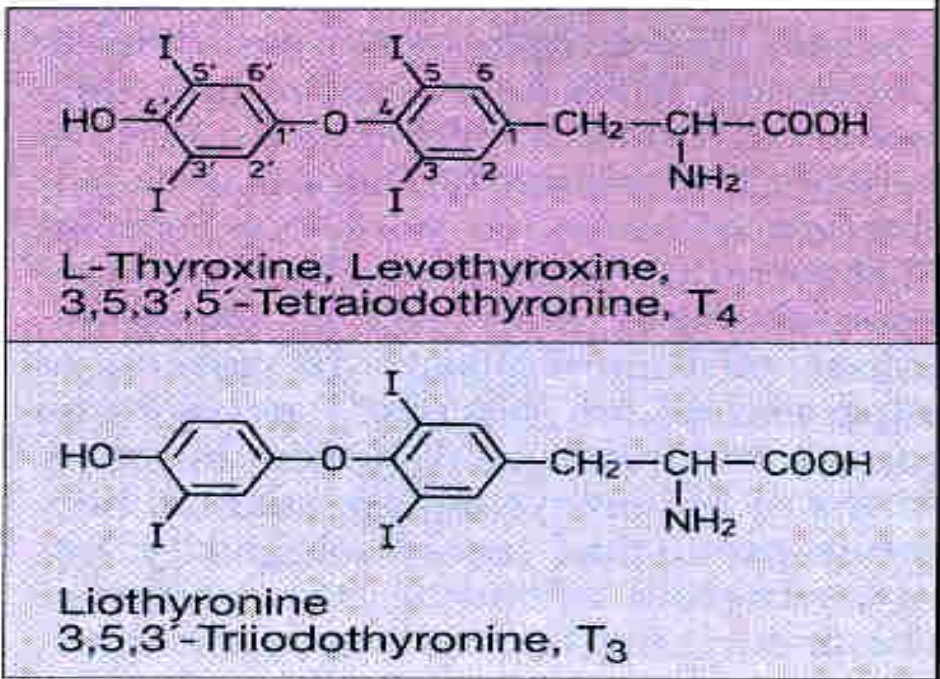
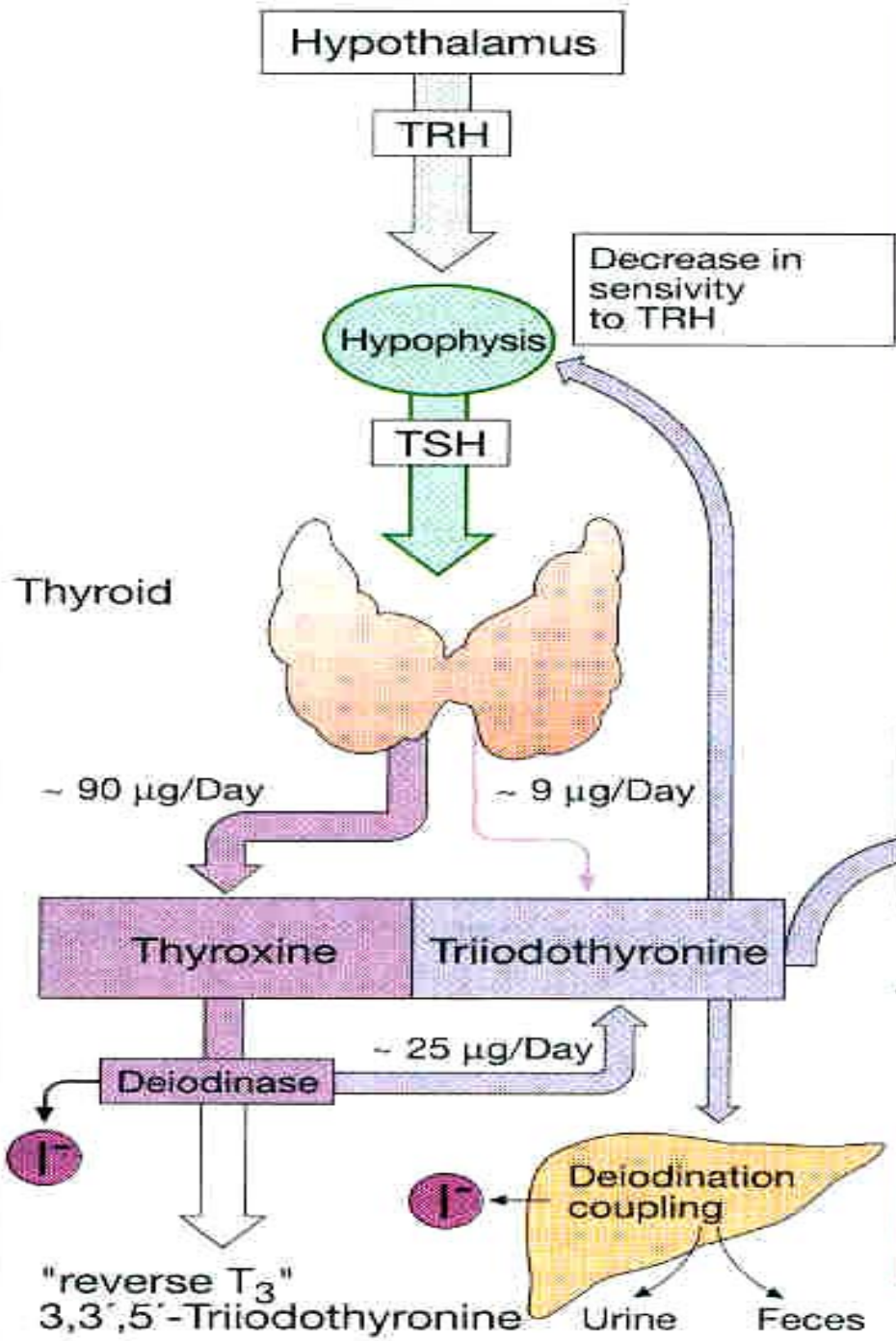
**Norepinephrine**

**Phenylethanolamine**

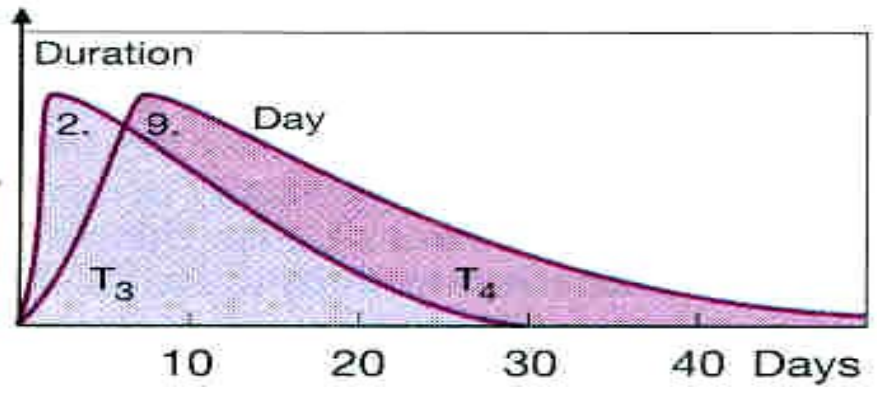
**N-Methyltransferase**

**(PNMT)**

**Epinephrine**

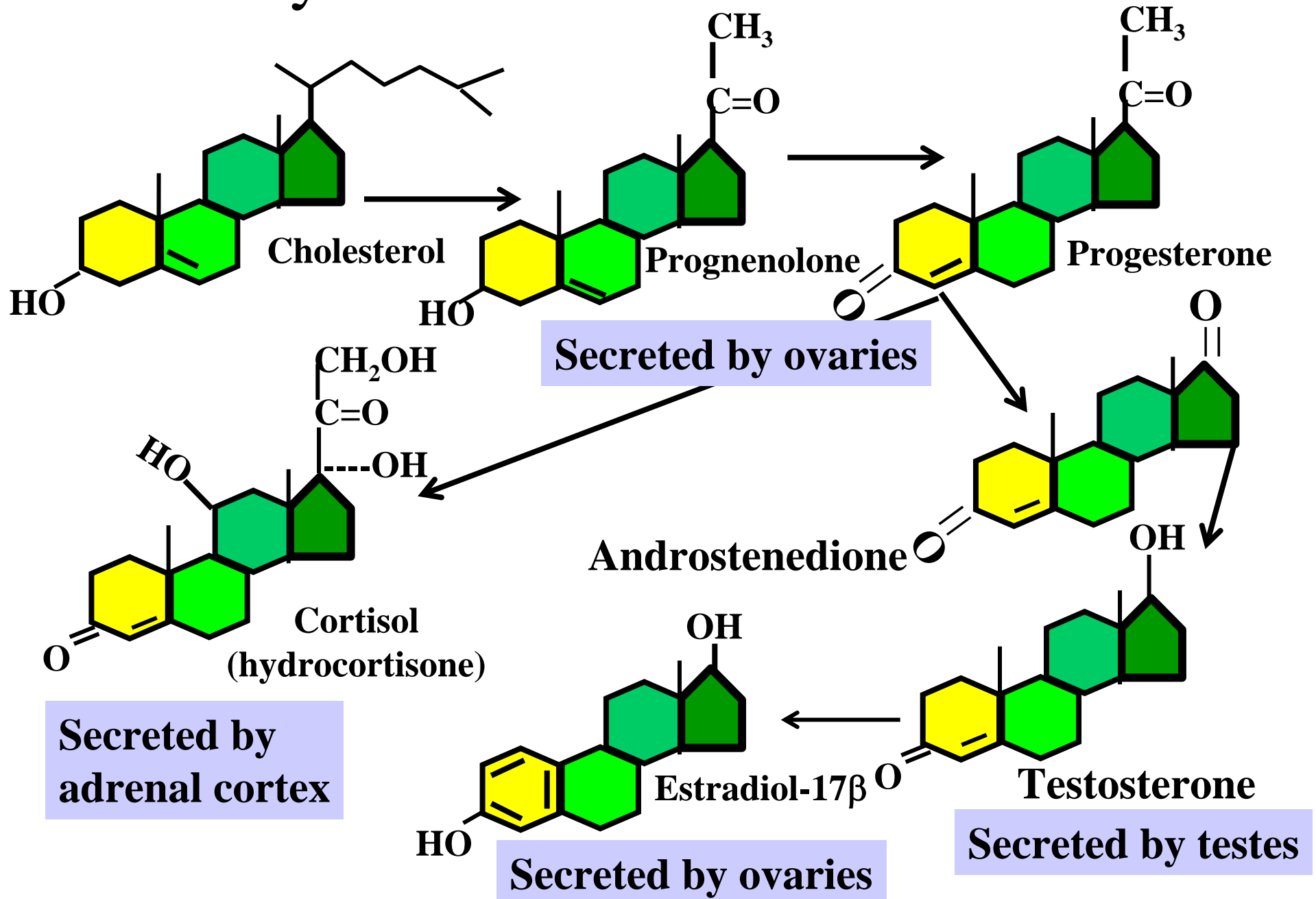


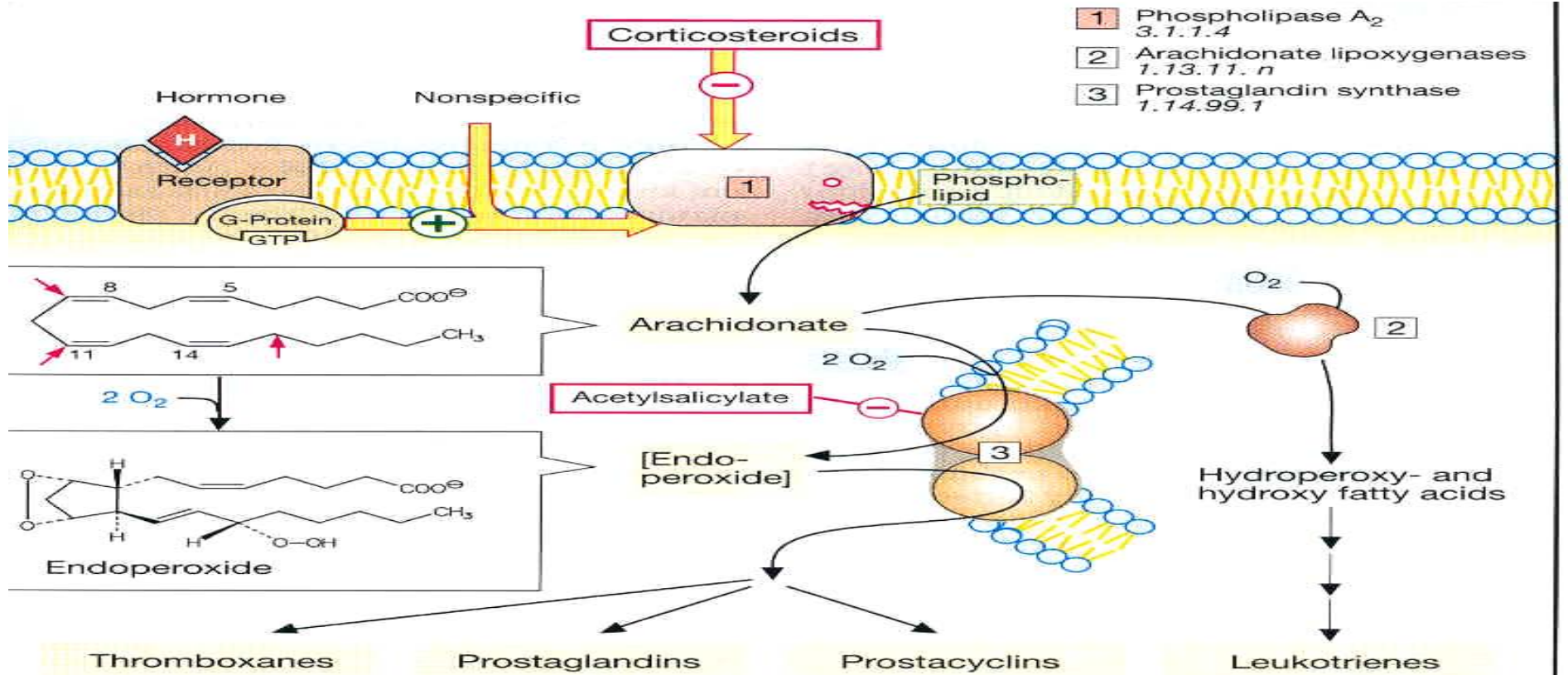
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# Biosynthesis of Steroid Hormones

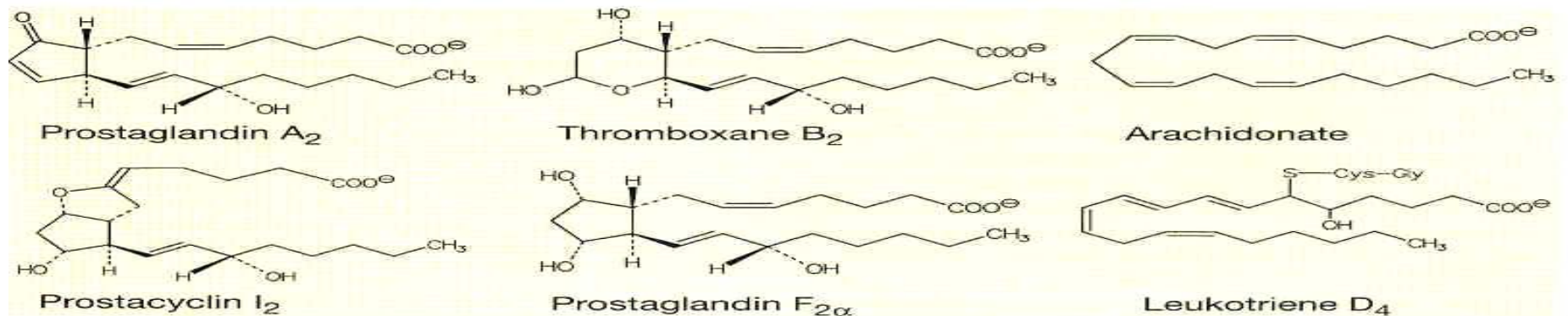




Biological effects: Stimulation of...

Smooth muscle contraction  
Steroid hormone biosynthesis  
Secretion of gastric juices

Hormone-sensitive lipases  
Thrombocyte aggregation  
Pain response  
Inflammatory reaction



**A. Eicosanoids**

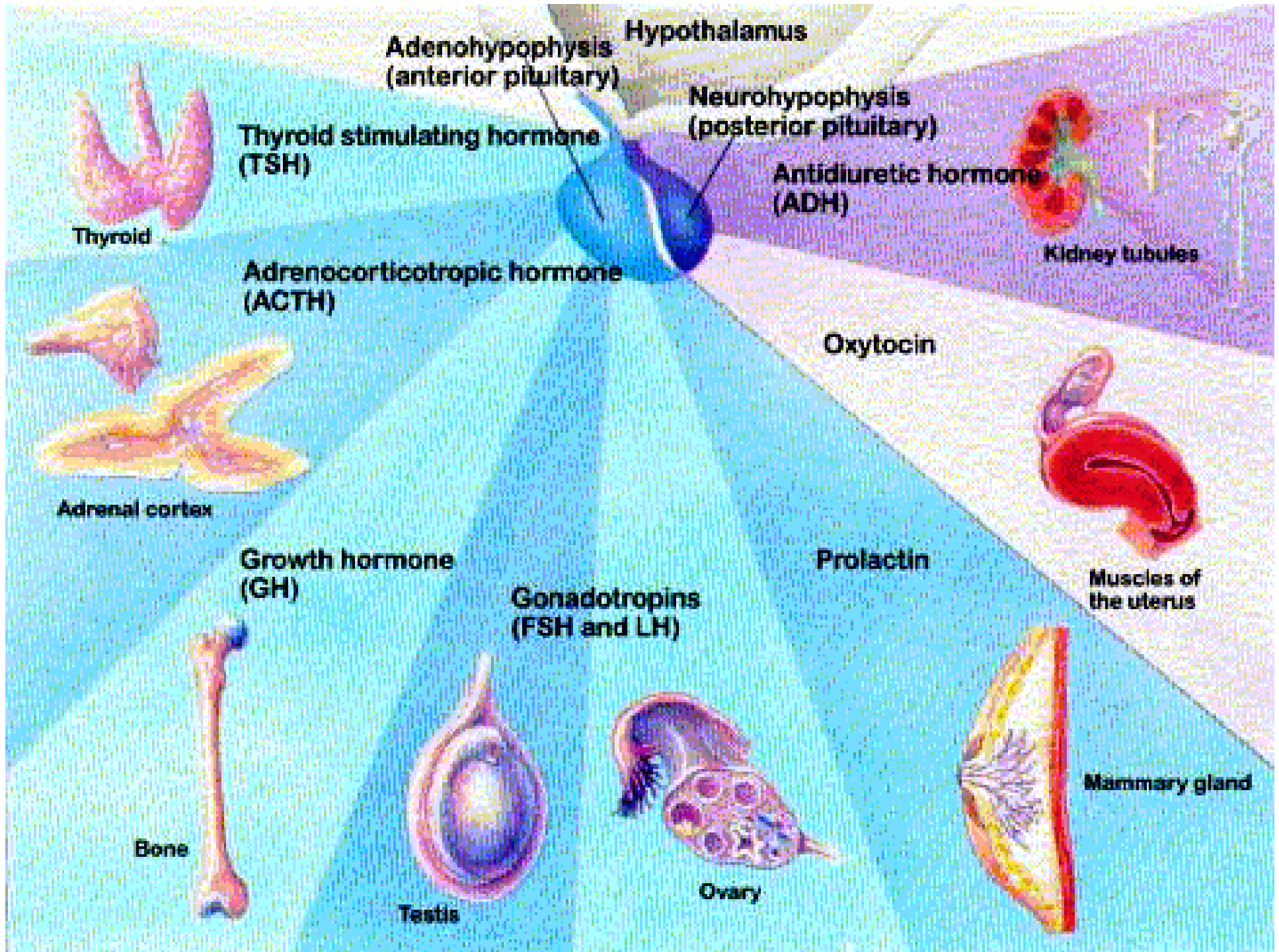
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Hypothalamus  
Adenohypophysis (anterior pituitary)

Thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH)

Neurohypophysis (posterior pituitary)

Antidiuretic hormone (ADH)

Thyroid

Kidney tubules

Adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH)

Oxytocin

Adrenal cortex

Growth hormone (GH)

Gonadotropins (FSH and LH)

Prolactin


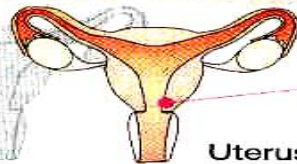
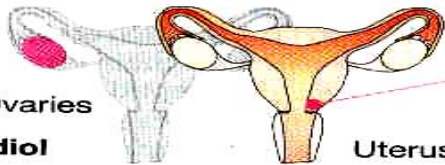

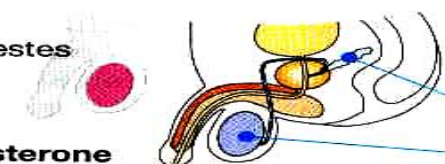
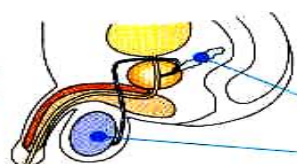

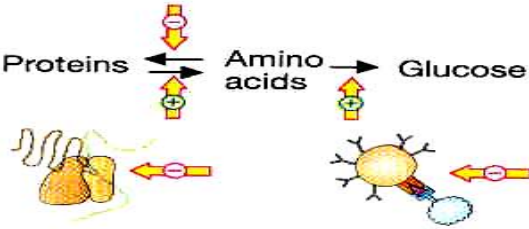

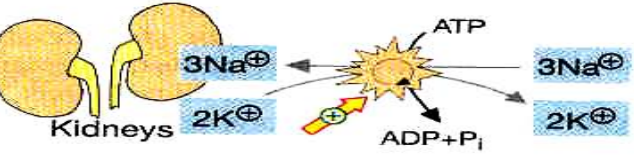


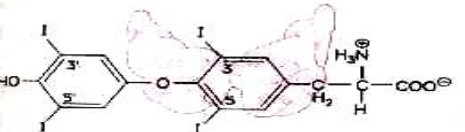

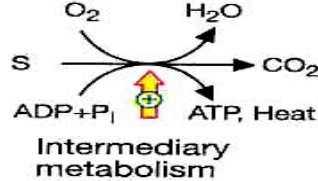
Muscles of the uterus

Bone

Testis

Ovary

Mammary gland

Site of formation	Sites of action	Actions
<b>Progesterone</b> Ovaries 	Uterus  <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">             Prepares uterus for pregnancy              Promotes implantation of fertilized egg           </div>	Maintenance of pregnancy ↑ Development of mammary glands ↑
<b>Estradiol</b> Ovaries 	Uterus and other organs  <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">             Stimulates proliferation of endometrium           </div>	Menstrual cycle Bone development ↑ Development of secondary female sex characteristics e.g., fat distribution, breasts, body hair ↑
<b>Testosterone</b> Testes 	 <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;">             Causes:              Sexual differentiation to male phenotype              Formation of ejaculate              Spermatogenesis           </div>	Development of secondary male sex characteristics e.g., skeleton, muscles, body hair ↑ Protein synthesis ↑
<b>Cortisol</b> Adrenal glands (cortex) 		Proteolysis ↑ Protein synthesis ↓ Gluconeogenesis ↑ Blood glucose ↑ Activity of the immune system ↓
<b>Aldosterone</b> Adrenal glands (cortex) 	Kidneys 	Na <sup>+</sup> retention ↑ K <sup>+</sup> excretion ↑ Blood pressure ↑
<b>Calcitriol</b> Kidneys 	Gut 	Ca <sup>2+</sup> - and phosphate resorption ↑ Ca <sup>2+</sup> metabolism of bones ↑
<b>Thyroxine</b> Thyroid gland 	Embryo  	Fetal development, growth, and maturation ↑ Basal metabolic rate ↑ Heat generation ↑ O <sub>2</sub> consumption ↑

**A. Lipophilic hormones**

# Sistema endocrino

Aporta mecanismos para la comunicación entre células y órganos

El término “ENDOCRINO” se refiere al proceso de secreción de sustancias “HORMONAS” que ejercen acciones regulatorias en células distintas a las que la producen

# Sistema endocrino

Existen tres formas de comunicación celular

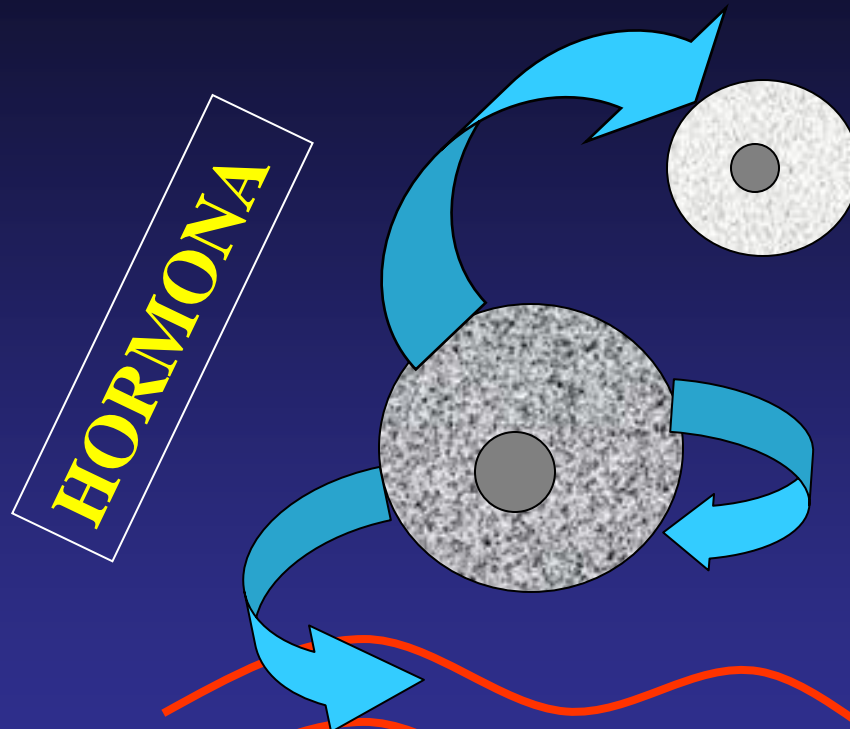
La hormona liberada por una glándula actúa  
en forma:

↑ Endocrina

↑ Paracrina

↑ Autocrina

**Mecanismo Paracrino**  
**Actúa sobre células vecinas**



**Mecanismo Autocrino**  
**Actúa sobre la misma célula**

**Mecanismo Endocrino**  
**Actúa a distancia a través del torrente sanguíneo sobre órganos o tejidos**



# Sistema endocrino

Para actuar, una hormona debe unirse a sitios específicos de otras células llamados  
“RECEPTORES”

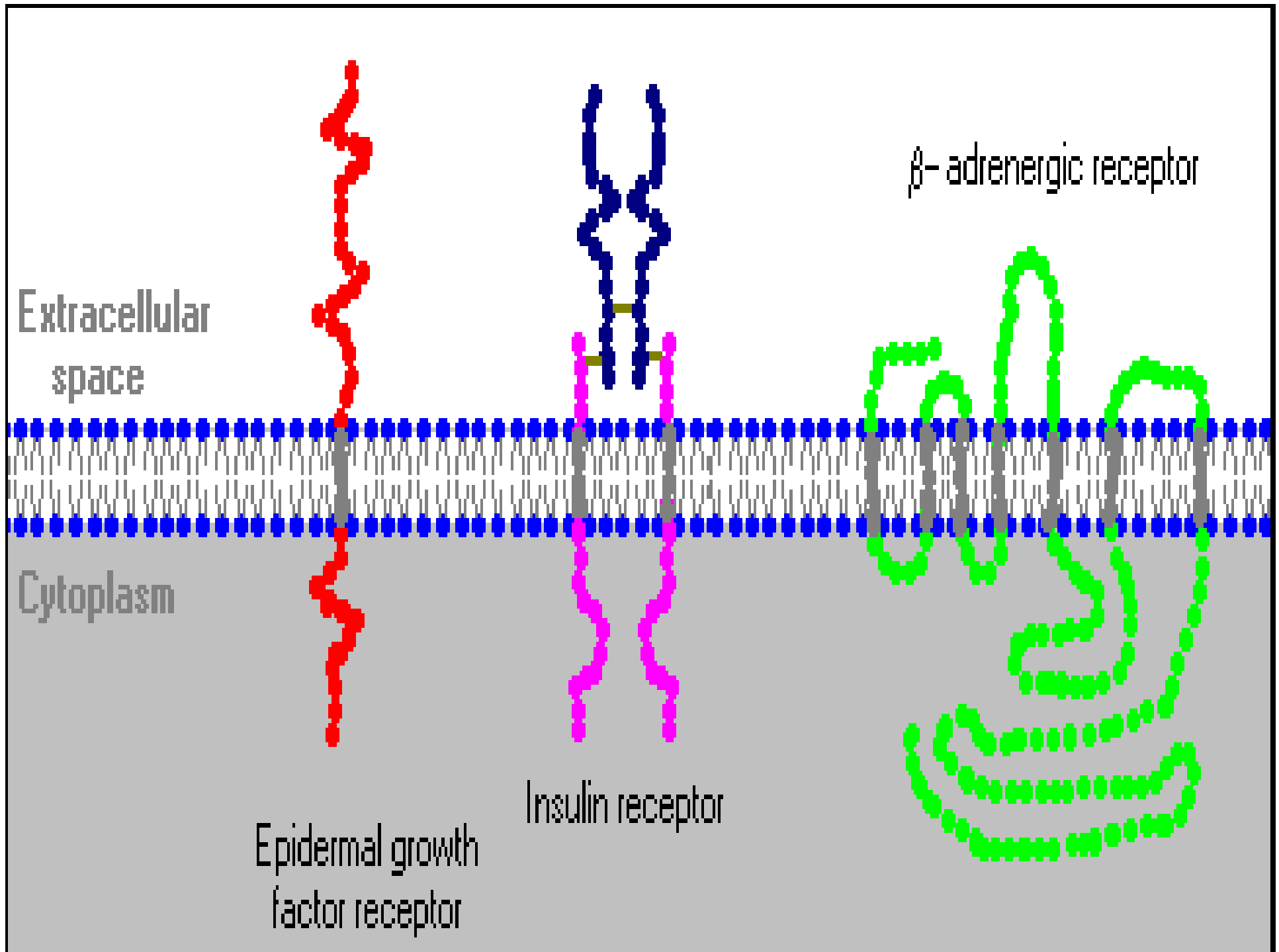
Tienen dos funciones:

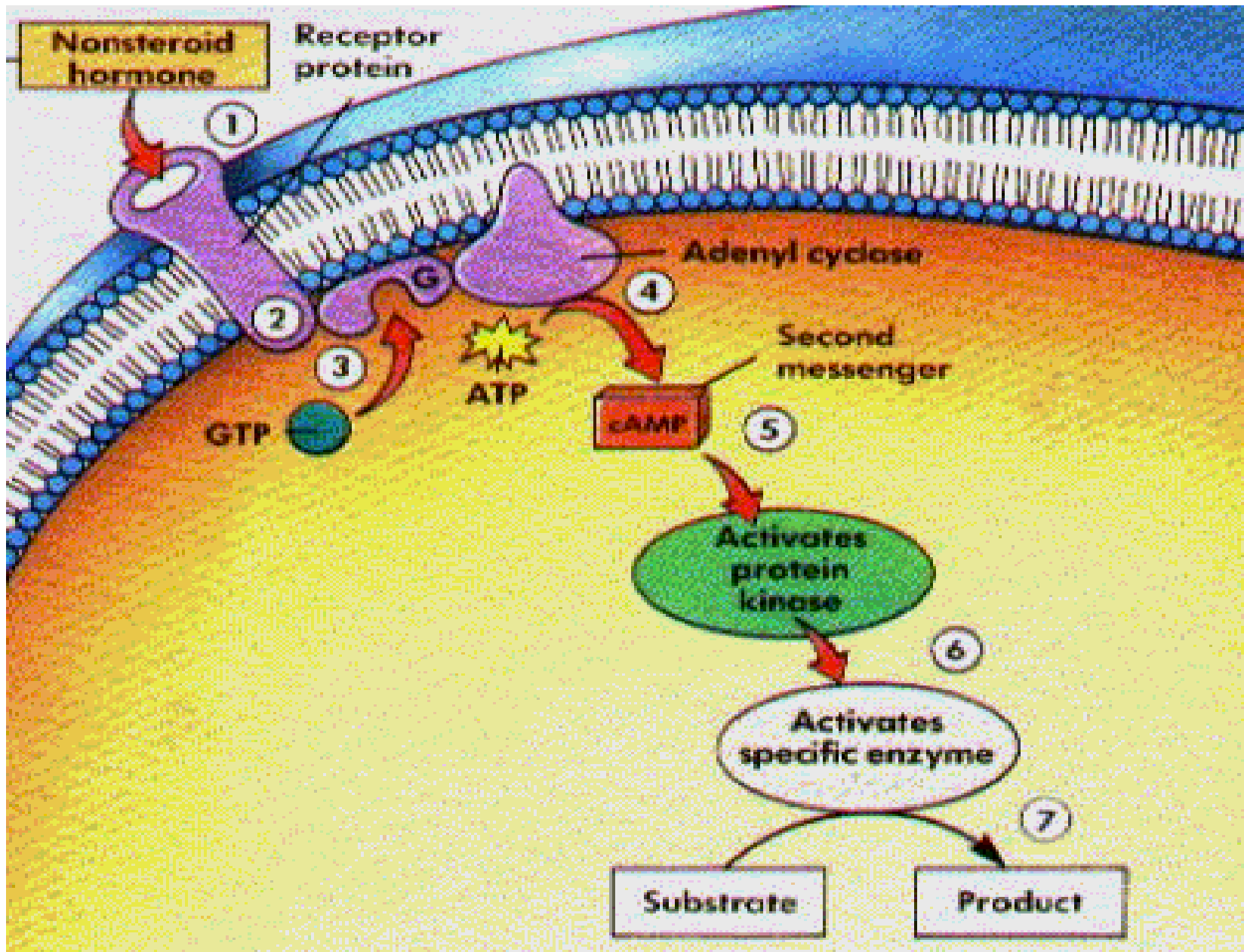
- ↑ distinguir la hormona de cualquier otra sustancia circulante
- ↑ debe ser capaz de transmitir la información hormonal al núcleo celular y promover una acción específica

# RECEPTORES DE MEMBRANA

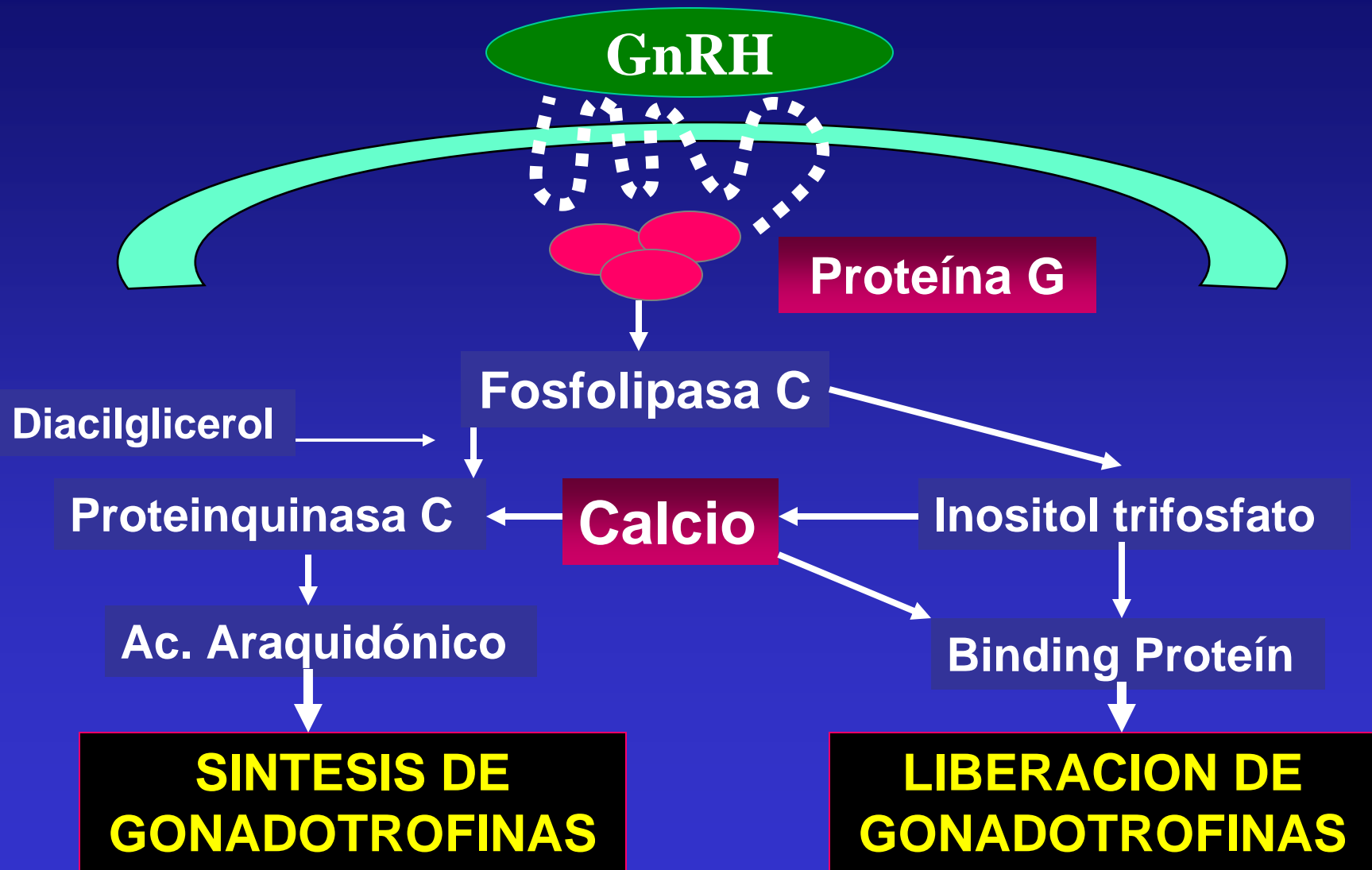
En general, para todas las hormonas proteicas

- Actúan sobre un receptor de membrana específico
- Activa una serie de eventos y a través del segundo mensajero, alcanza el núcleo





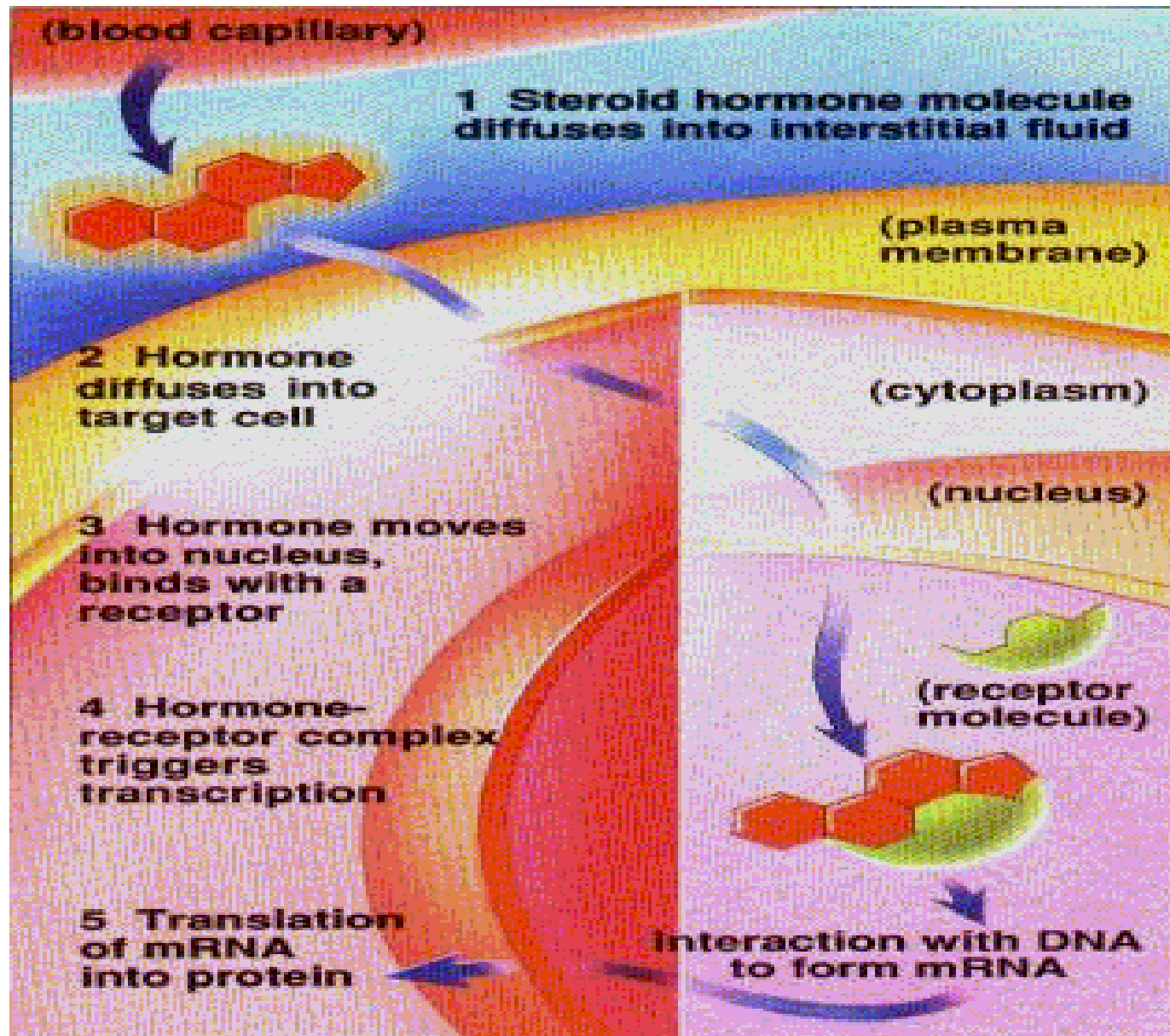
# Modelo propuesto de la activación del receptor de GnRH

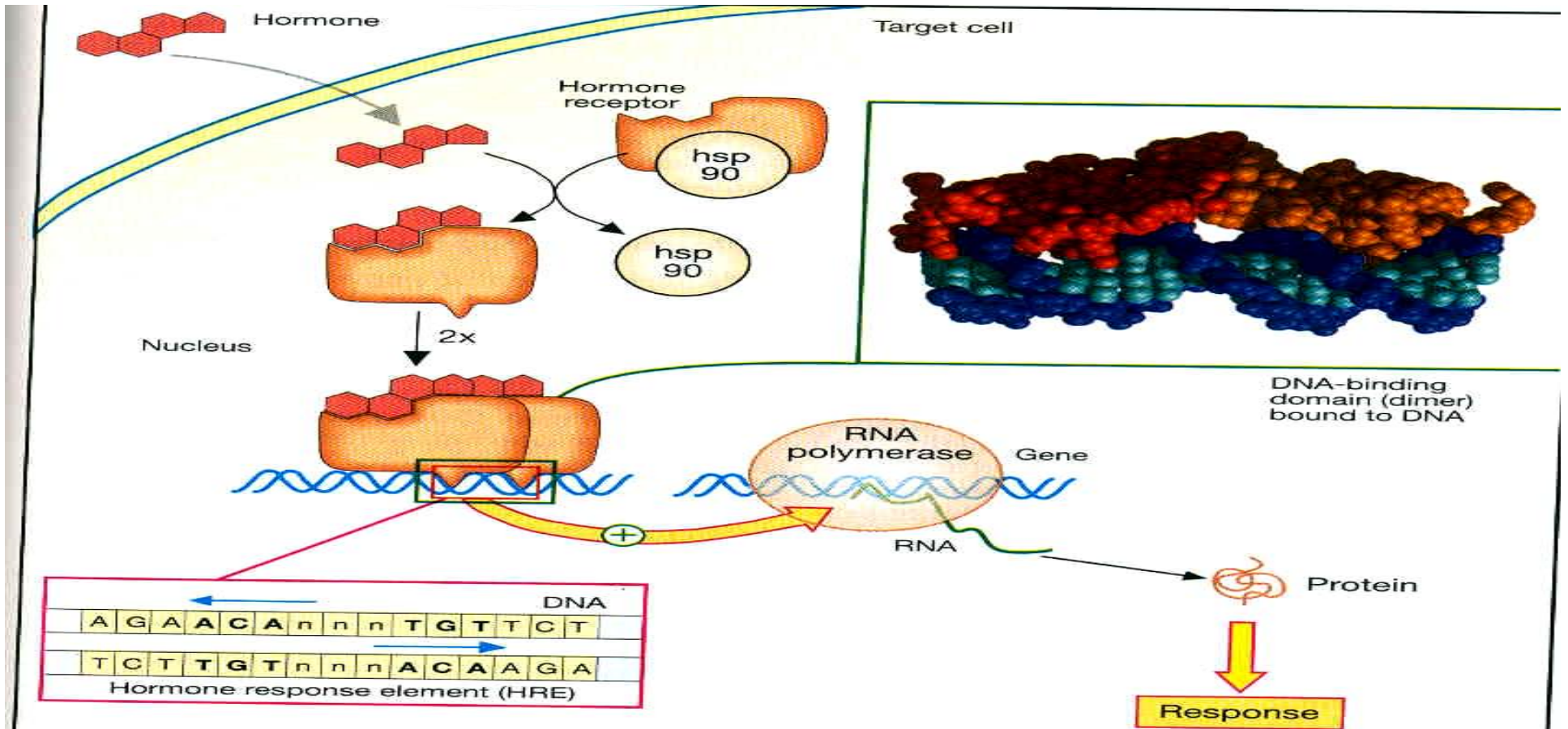


# RECEPTORES NUCLEARES

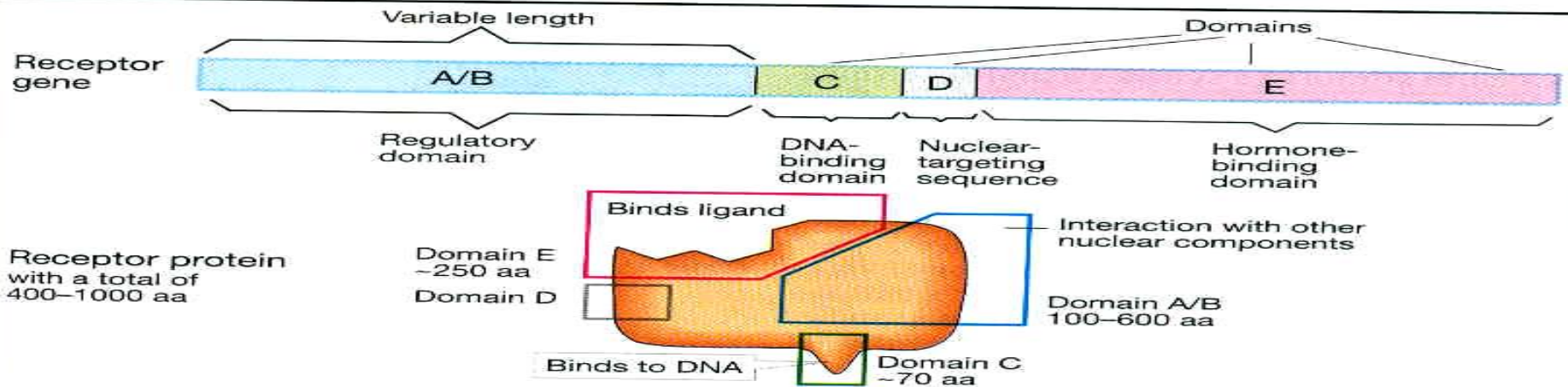
## Familia de receptores nucleares:

- Hormonas esteroideas (sexuales y adrenales)
  - Hormonas tiroideas
- 1,25-dihidroxicolecalciferol
  - Acido retinoico





### A. Mechanism of action of lipophilic hormones



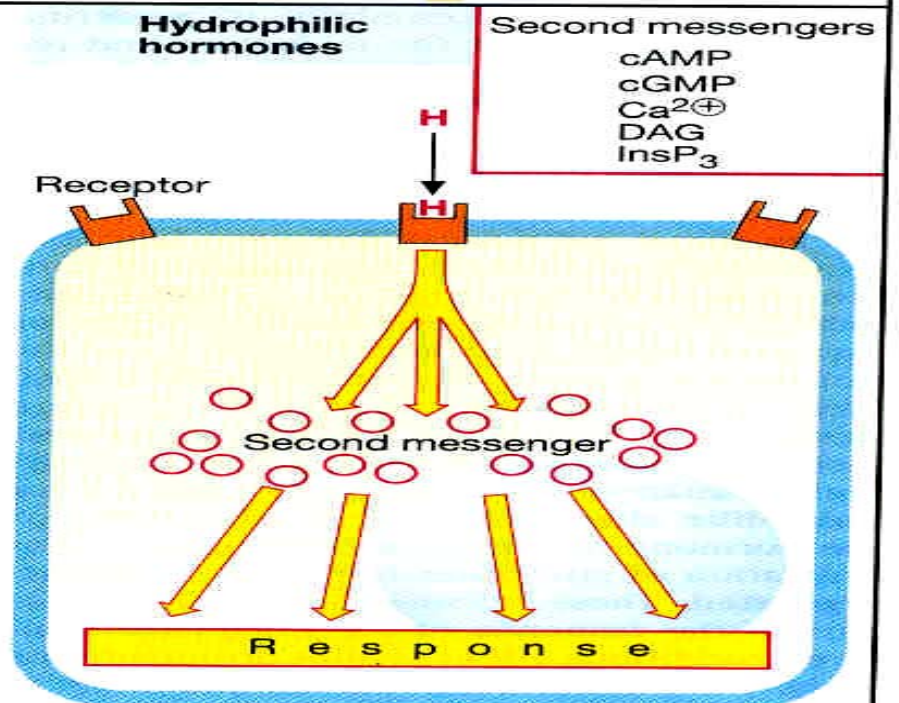
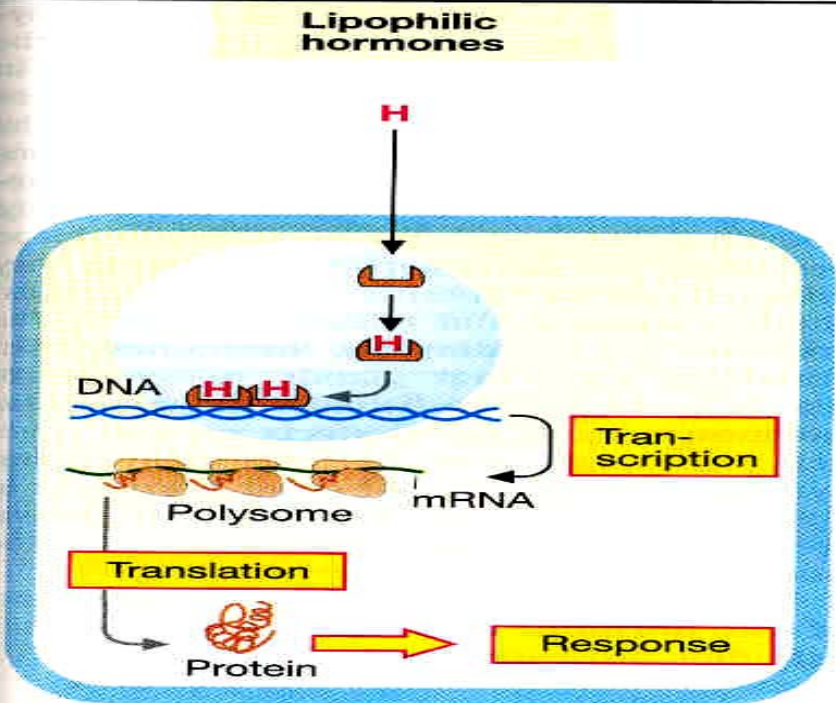
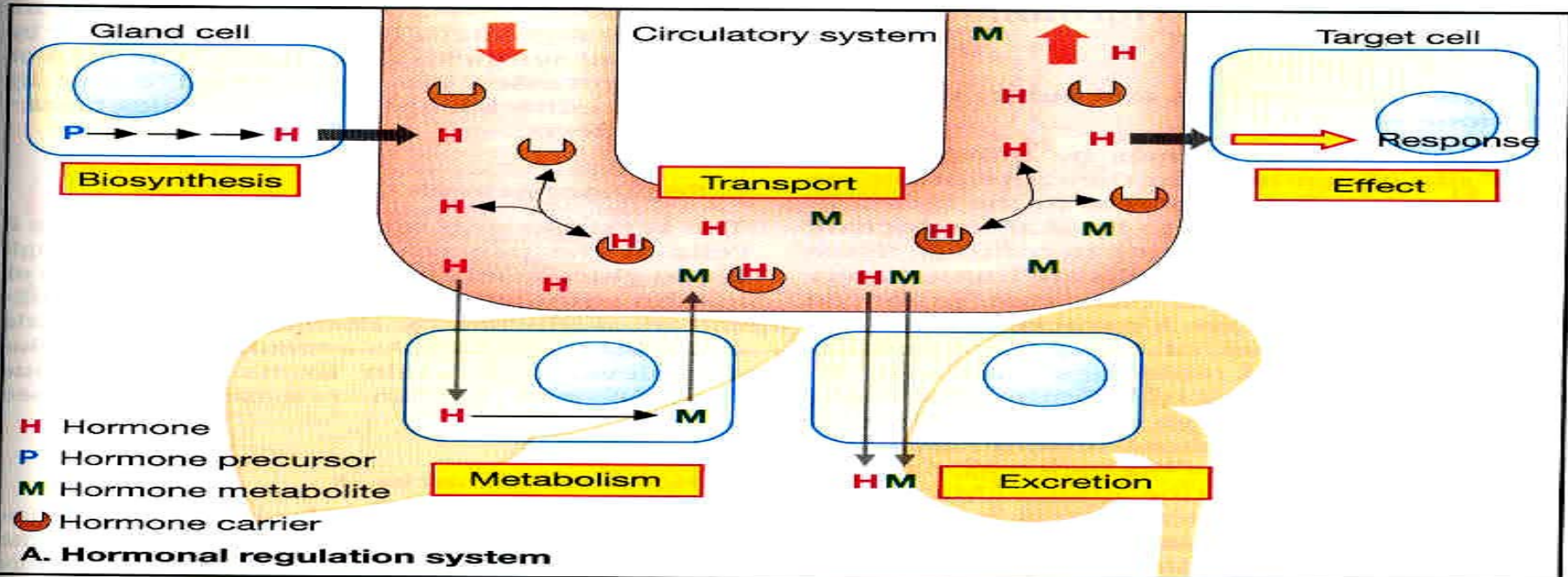
### B. Receptors of lipophilic hormones



# Sistema endocrino

## TRANSPORTE HORMONAL

- ↑ Las hormonas solubles en agua son transportadas en el plasma en solución y no requieren de un mecanismo específico
- ↑ Las hormonas insolubles requieren de proteínas de transporte
- ↑ La mayoría de las hormonas actúan sobre la célula en estado libre, por lo cual las proteínas sirven de reservorio hormonal



**B. Principles of hormonal signal transduction in target cells**

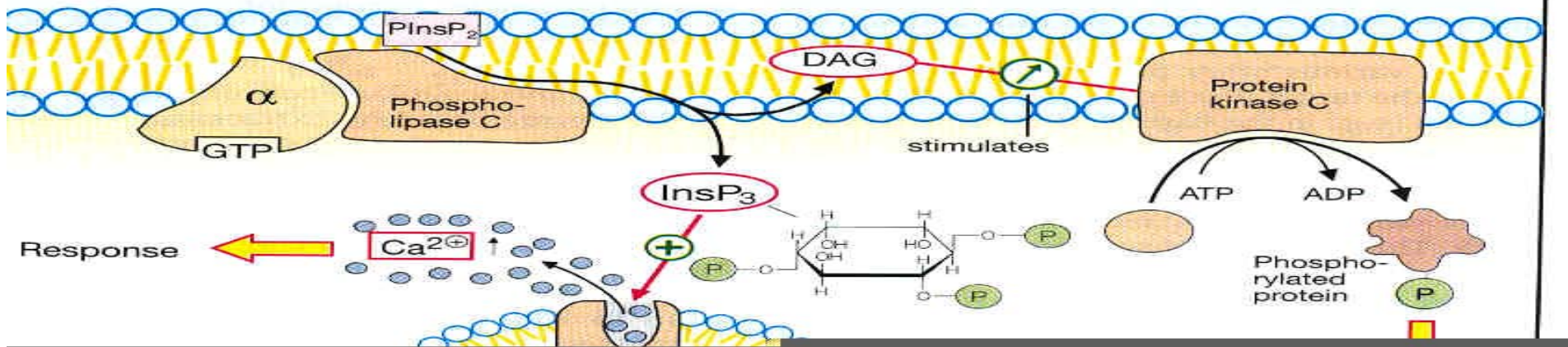
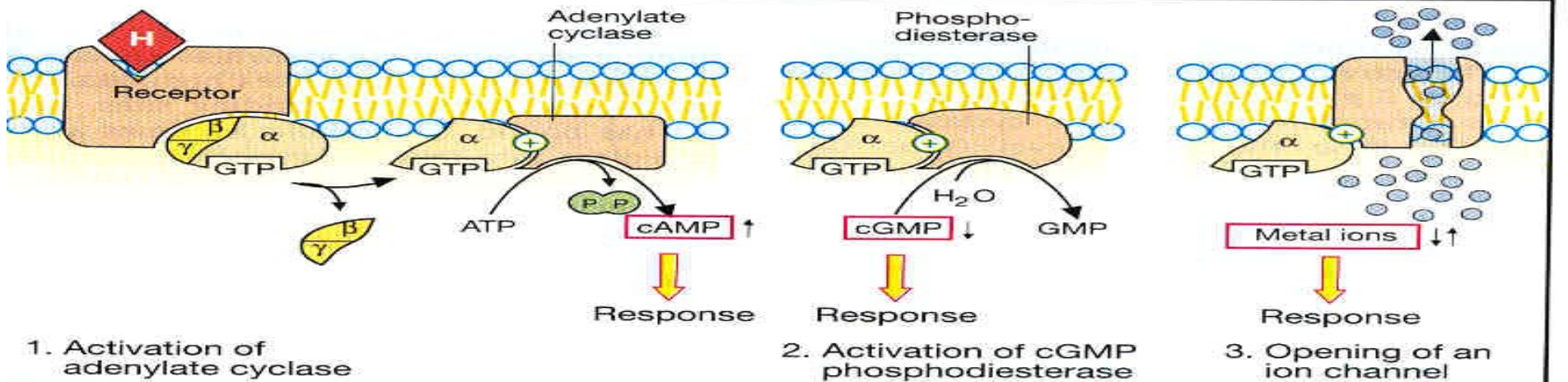
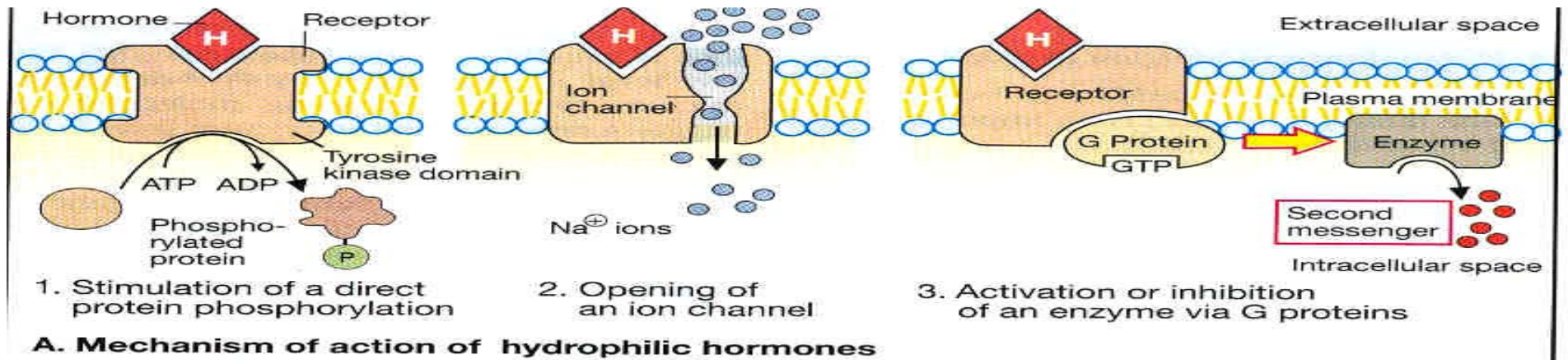
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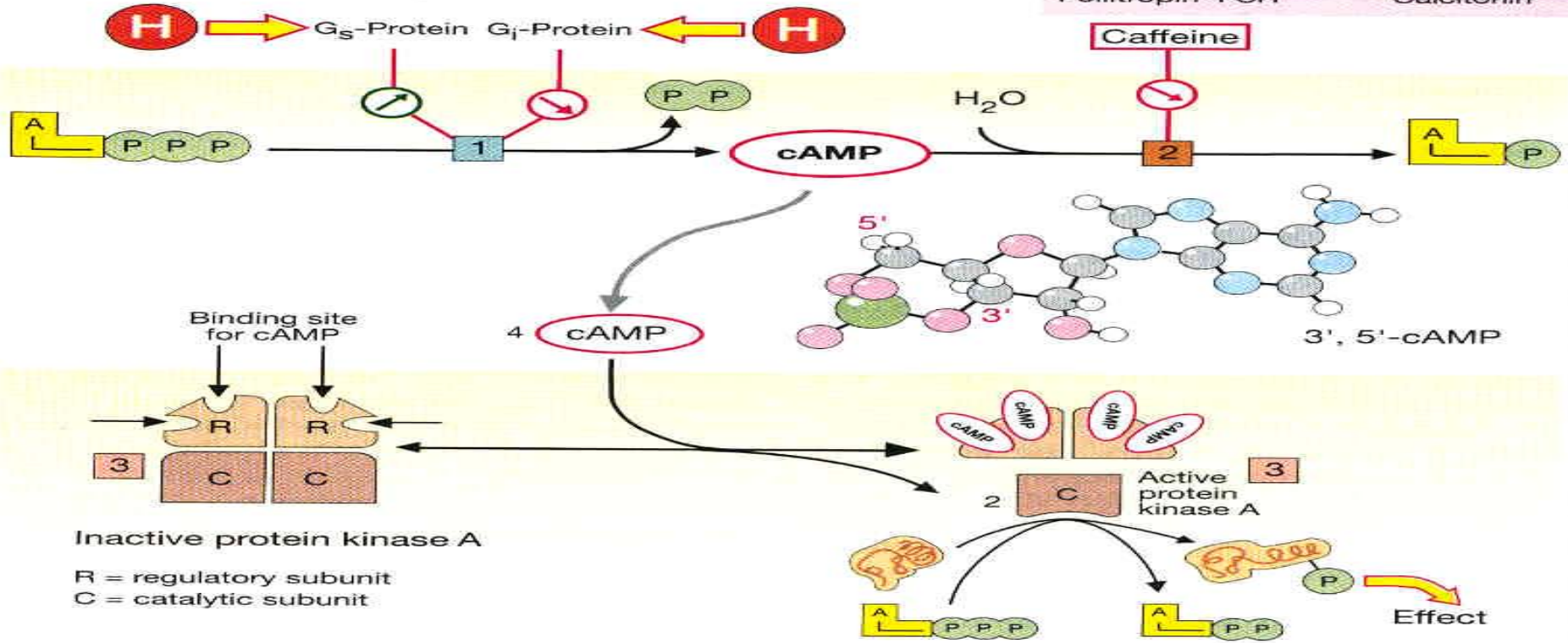


- 1** Adenylate cyclase  
4.6.1.1
- 2** cNMP phosphodiesterase  
3.1.4.17

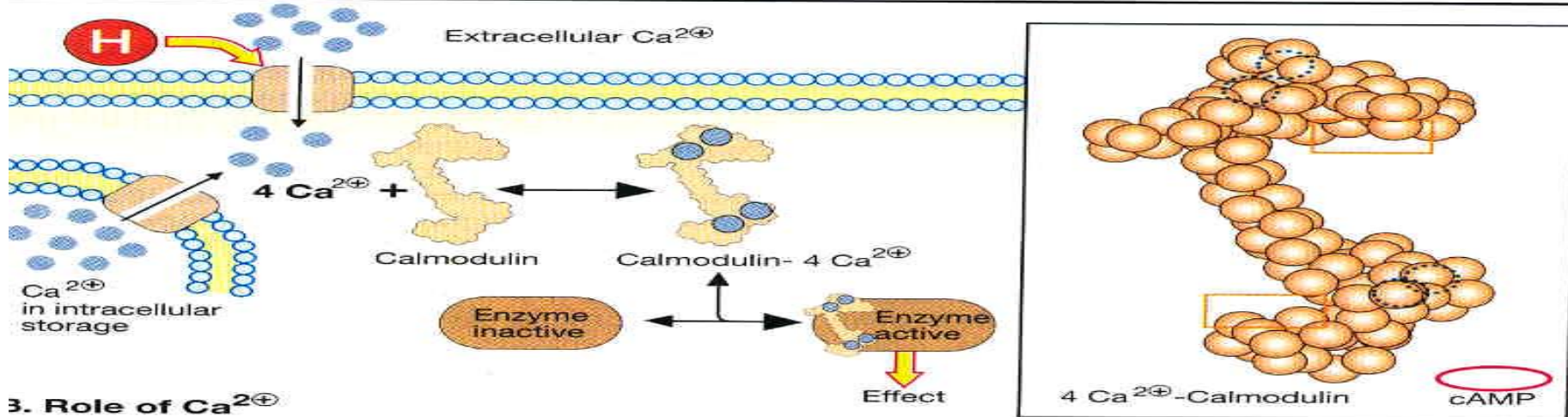
- 3** Protein kinase  
2.7.1.37

**Hormones:**  
Thyrotropin TSH  
Corticotropin ACTH  
Lutropin LH  
Follitropin FSH

Epinephrine  
Parathyrin  
Vasopressin  
Glucagon  
Calcitonin



### A. Metabolism and function of cAMP



### 3. Role of $\text{Ca}^{2+}$

# Integración neuro-endocrina

Los sistemas nervioso y endocrino son los mediadores principales de la adaptación fisiológica al estrés

Hay tres tipos de interacción neuroendocrina

- ↑ Regulación hipotalámica de la hipófisis
- ↑ Respuesta combinada neuro-endocrina a estímulos
- ↑ Control neural de la secreción endocrina

# NEURONA

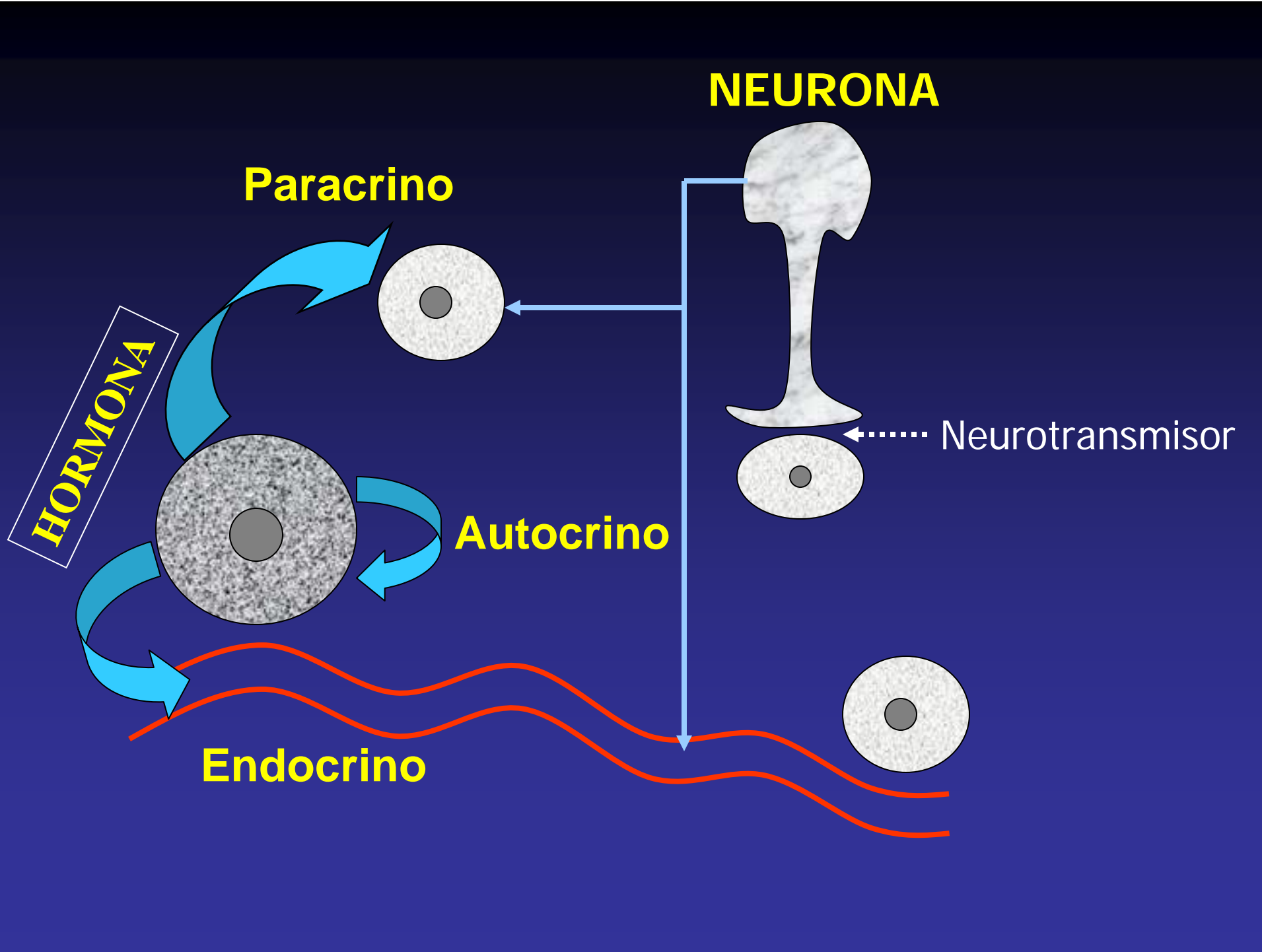
Paracrino

Autocrino

Endocrino

HORMONA

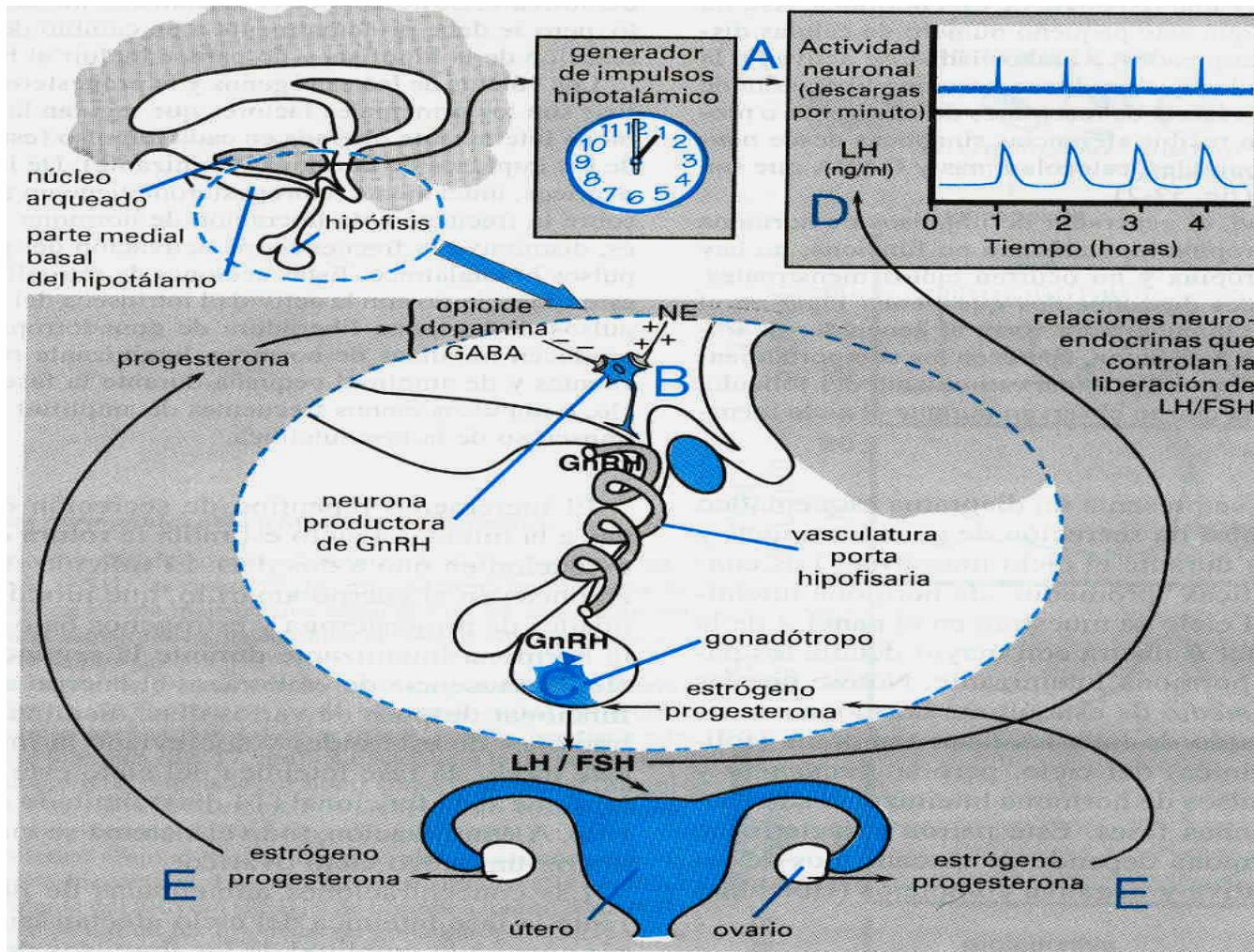
Neurotransmisor



# Funciones del sistema endocrino

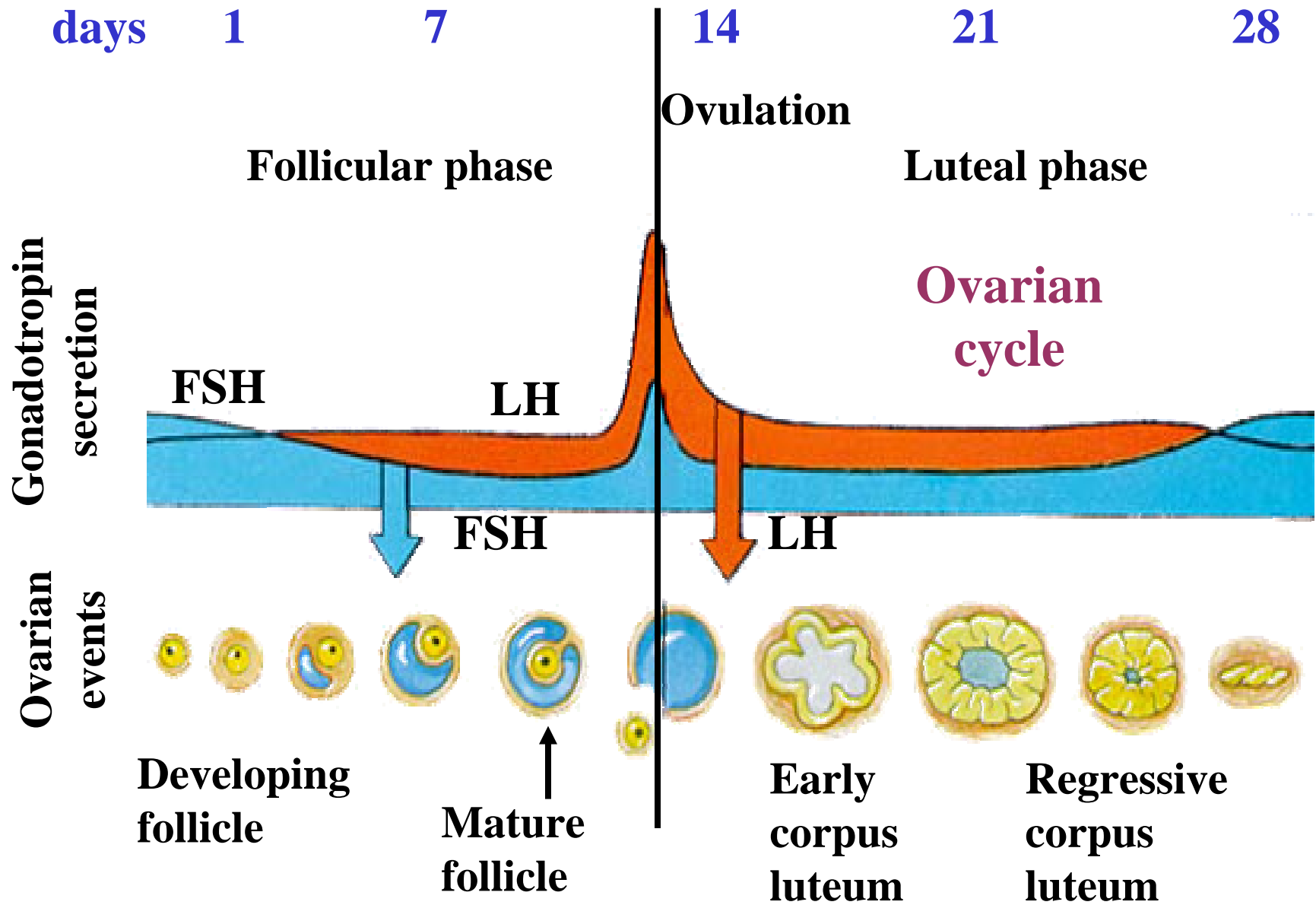
- ↑ Mantenimiento del Medio Interno
- ↑ Producción de energía, utilización y almacenamiento
- ↑ Respuesta a situaciones de estrés
- ↑ Crecimiento y Desarrollo
- ↑ Reproducción sexual
  - Gametogénesis - Coito - Fertilización
  - Sustento fetal y del recién nacido



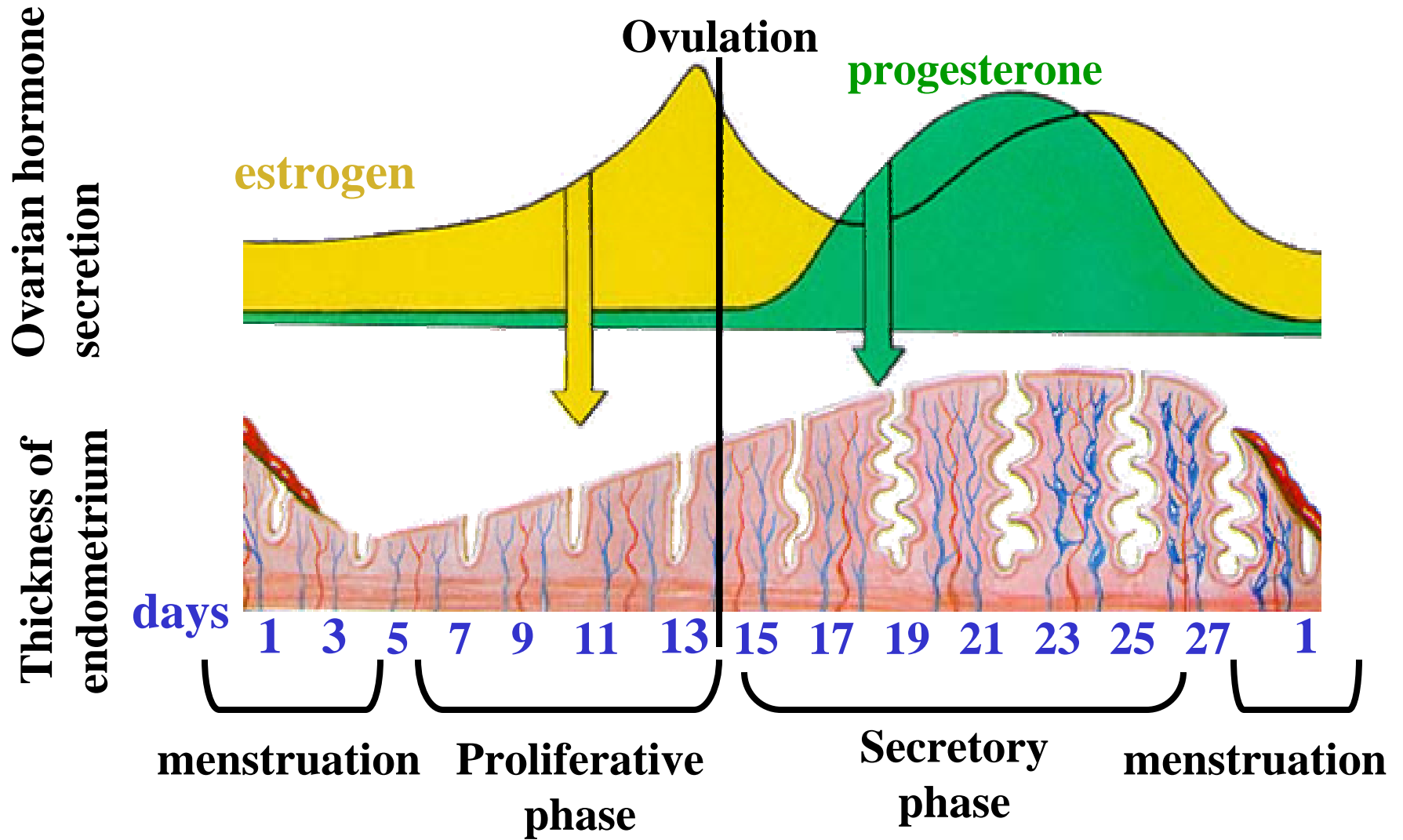


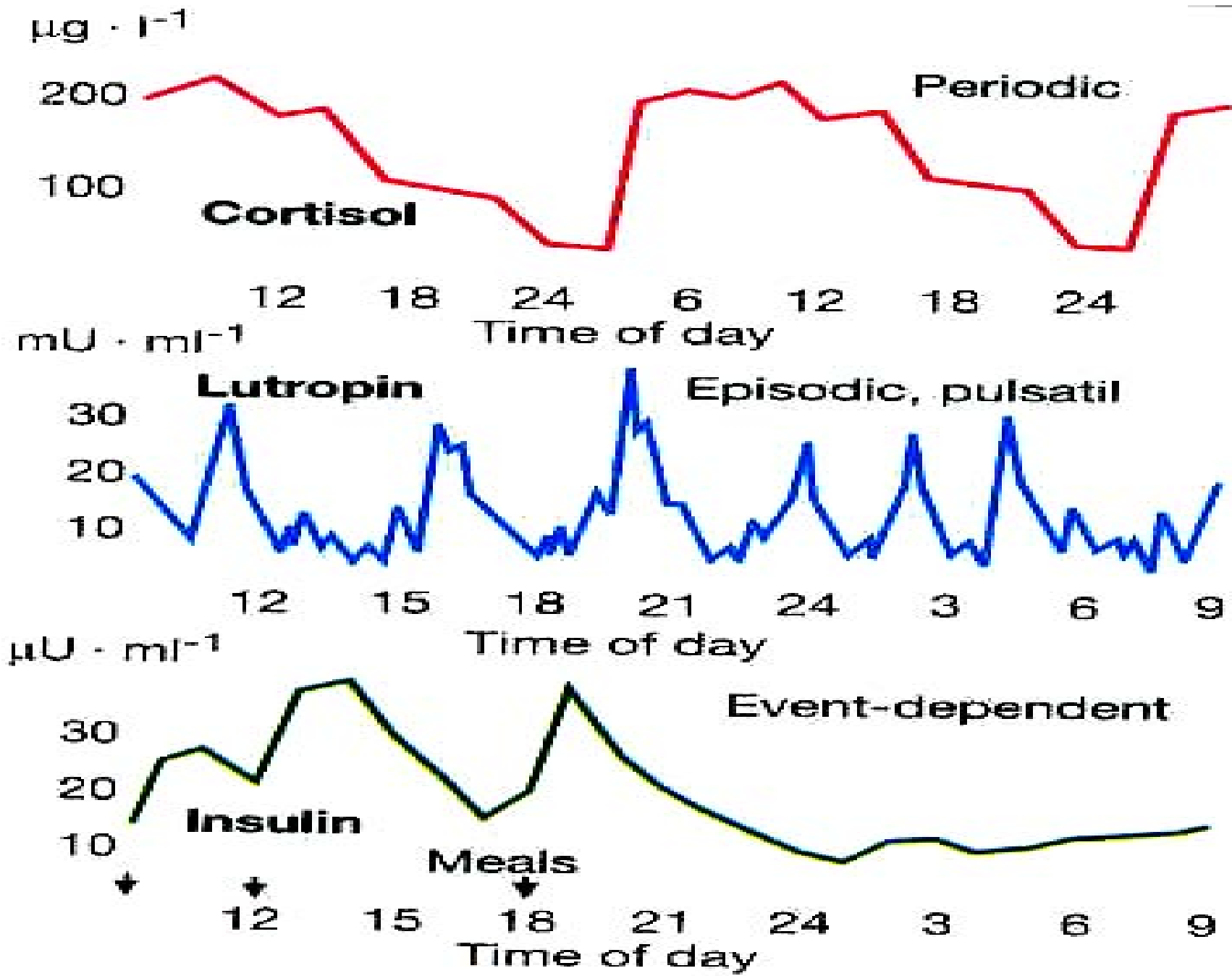
**Fig. 57-2. Control neuroendocrino de la secreción de gonadotropina en mujeres.**

El generador de impulsos hipotalámico localizado en el núcleo arqueado del hipotálamo funciona como un "reloj" neuronal que se activa a intervalos regulares cada hora (A). Esto da por resultado liberación periódica de hormona liberadora de gonadotropina (GnRH) a partir de neuronas que contienen dicha hormona, hacia la vasculatura porta hipotalámica-hipofisaria (B). Las neuronas que contienen hormona liberadora de gonadotropina (B) reciben impulsos aferentes inhibitorios provenientes de neuronas productoras de opioides, dopamina y ácido  $\gamma$ -aminobutírico (GABA), y estímulos aferentes estimulantes desde neuronas noradrenérgicas. Los impulsos de hormona liberadora de gonadotropina desencadenan la liberación intermitente de hormonas luteinizante (LH) y estimulante del folículo (FSH) a partir de gonadótropos hipofisarios (C), lo cual origina un comportamiento plasmático pulsátil (D). La hormona estimulante del folículo y la hormona luteinizante regulan la producción ovárica de estrógenos y progesterona, que ejercen controles de retroalimentación (E) (véanse más detalles en el texto y en la fig. 57-3).



# Menstrual Cycle





### 3. Plasma level dynamics

S. N. C.

Estímulo o inhibición  
(neurotransmisores)

Hipotálamo

Hormonas liberadoras

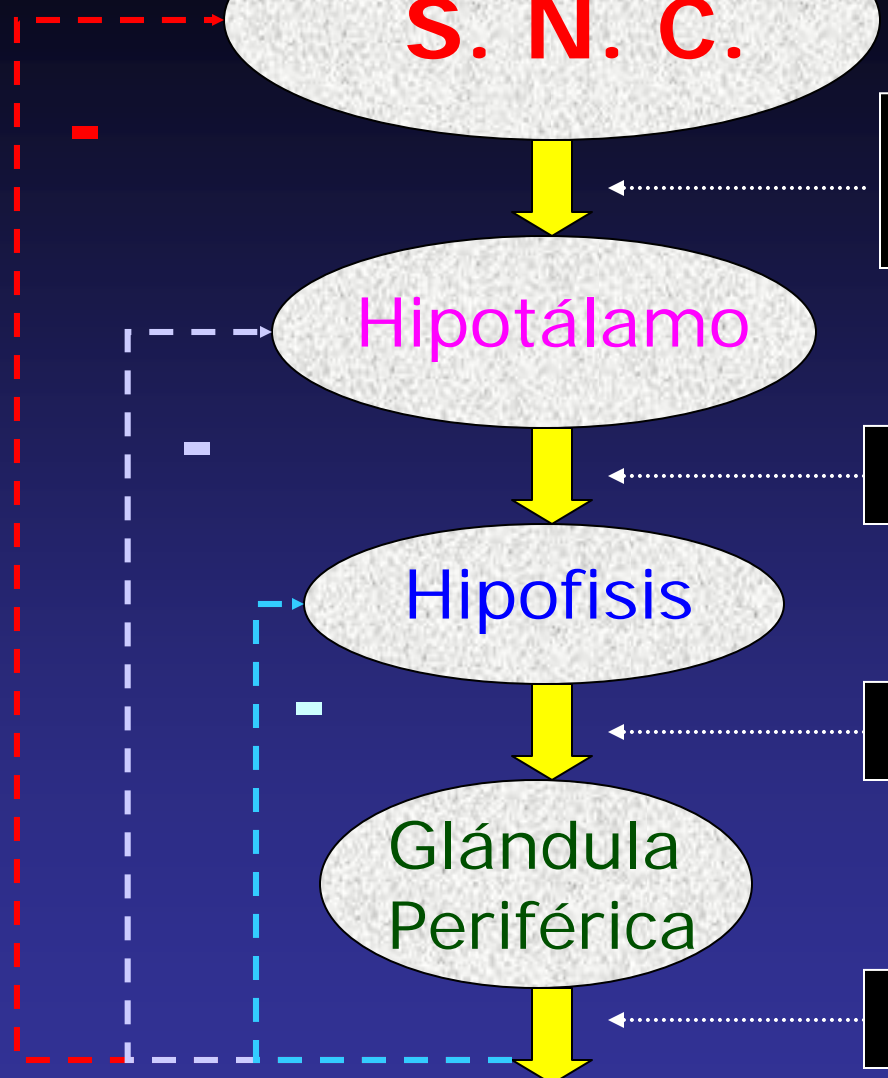
Hipofisis

Hormonas tróficas

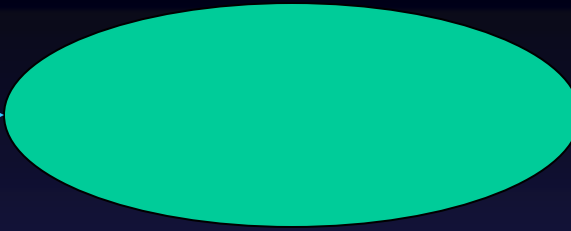
Glándula  
Periférica

Hormonas

Acciones  
Fisiológicas



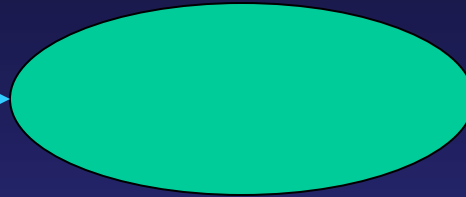
**Hipotálamo**



**TRH** (Factor liberador de TSH)



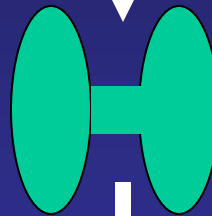
**Hipófisis**



**TSH** (Tirotrofina)



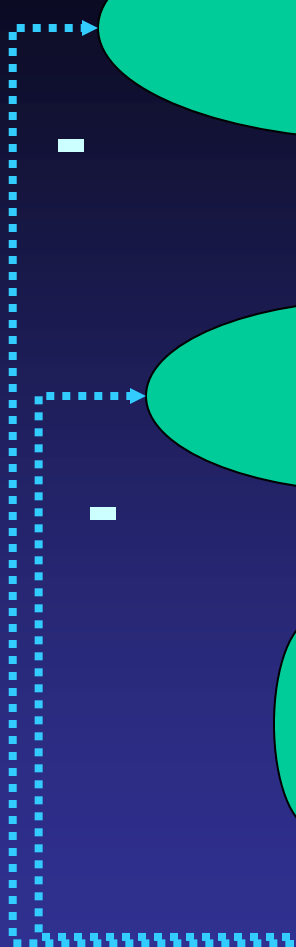
**Tiroides**



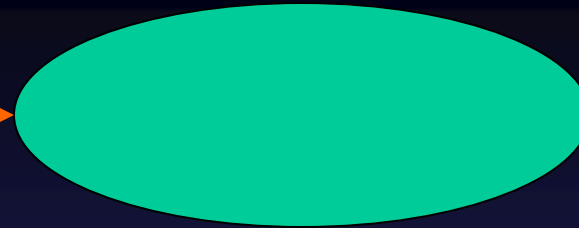
**T4** (Tiroxina)



**T3** (Triiodotironina)



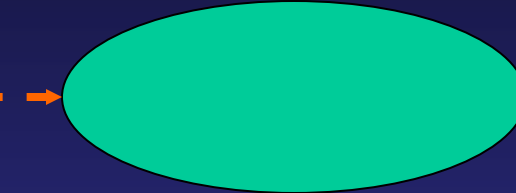
**Hipotálamo**



**CRH** (Factor liberador de ACTH)



**Hipófisis**



**ACTH** (Adrenocorticotrofina)



**Suprarrenal**

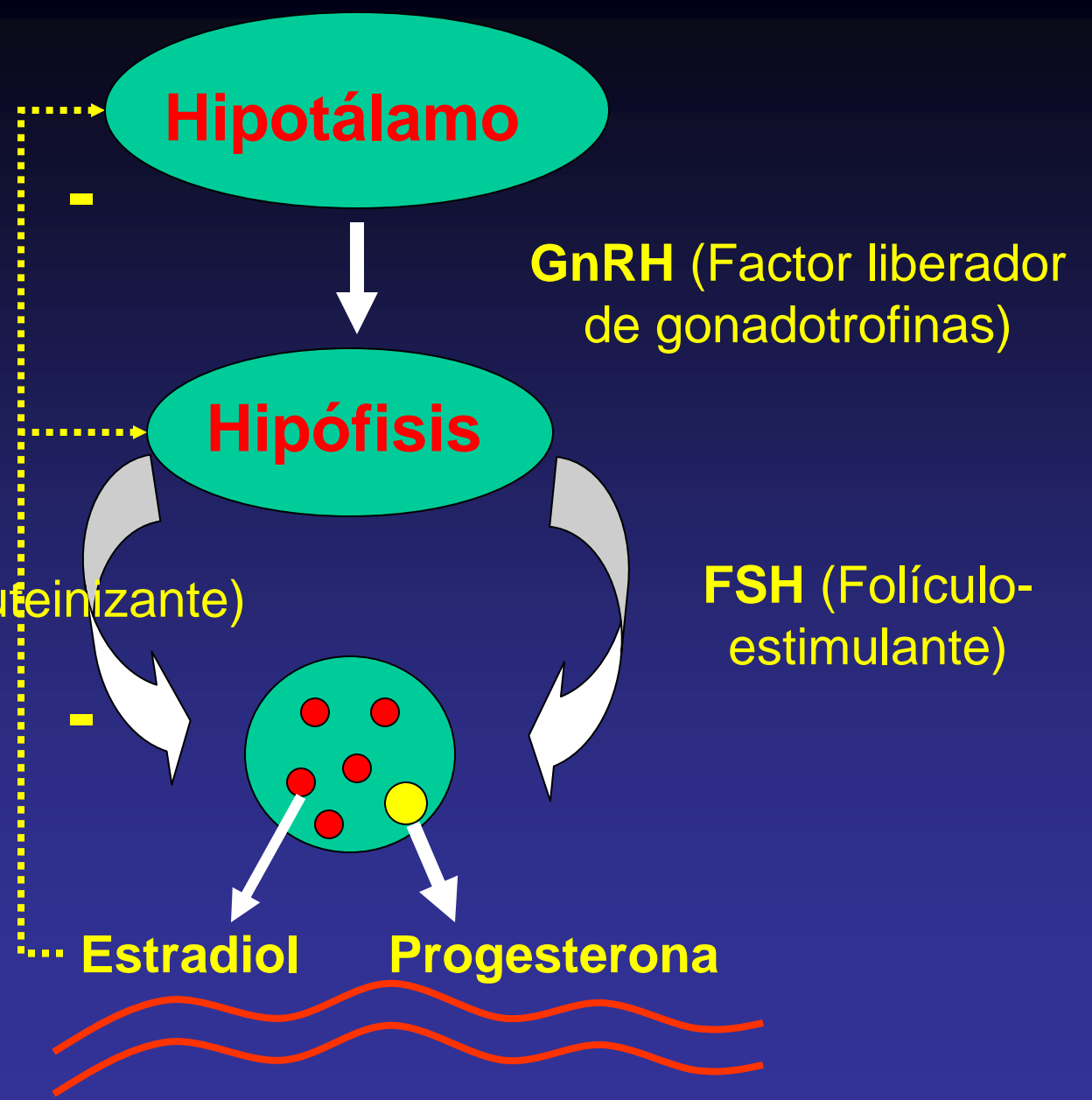


**Cortisol**

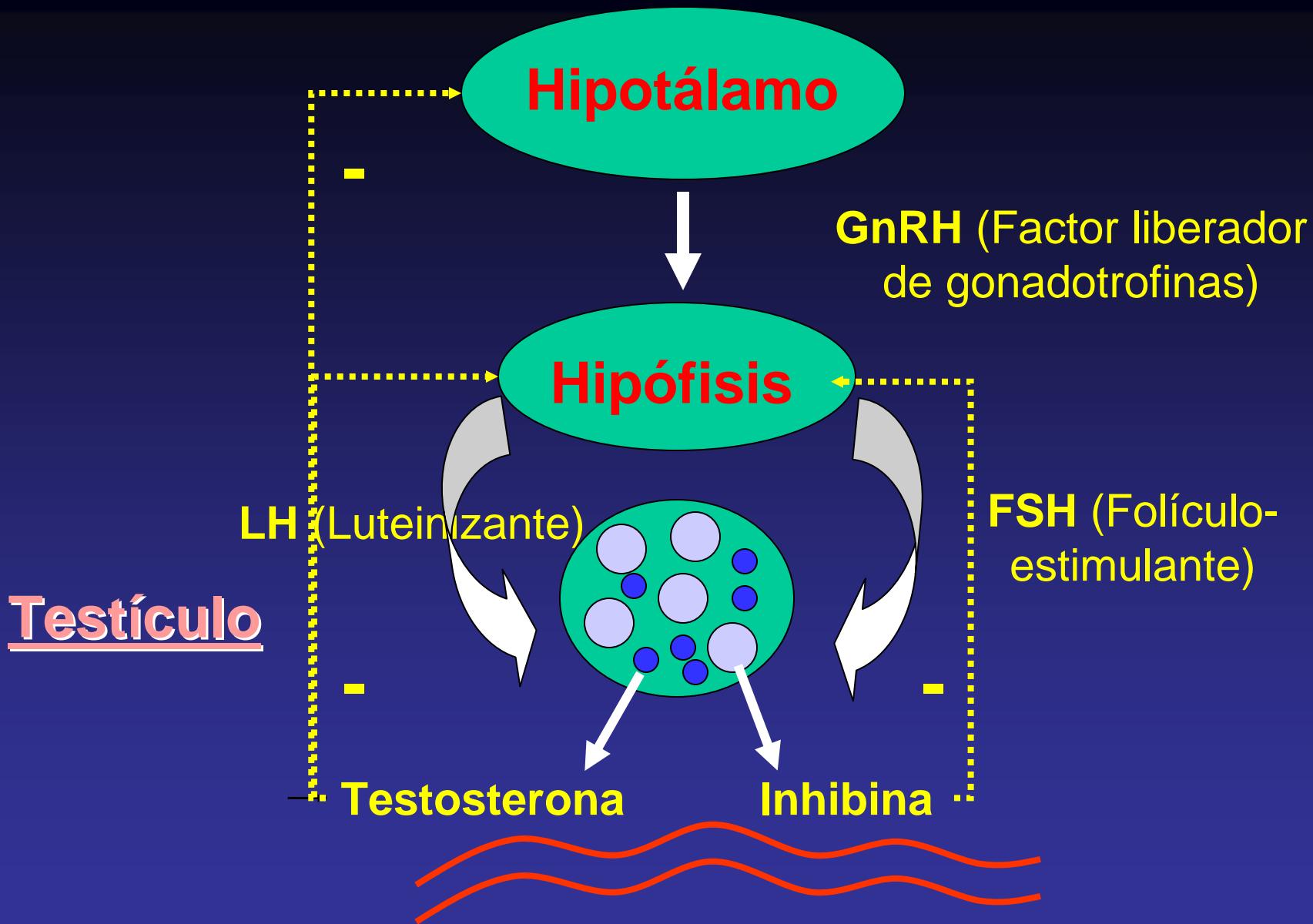
**Andrógenos**



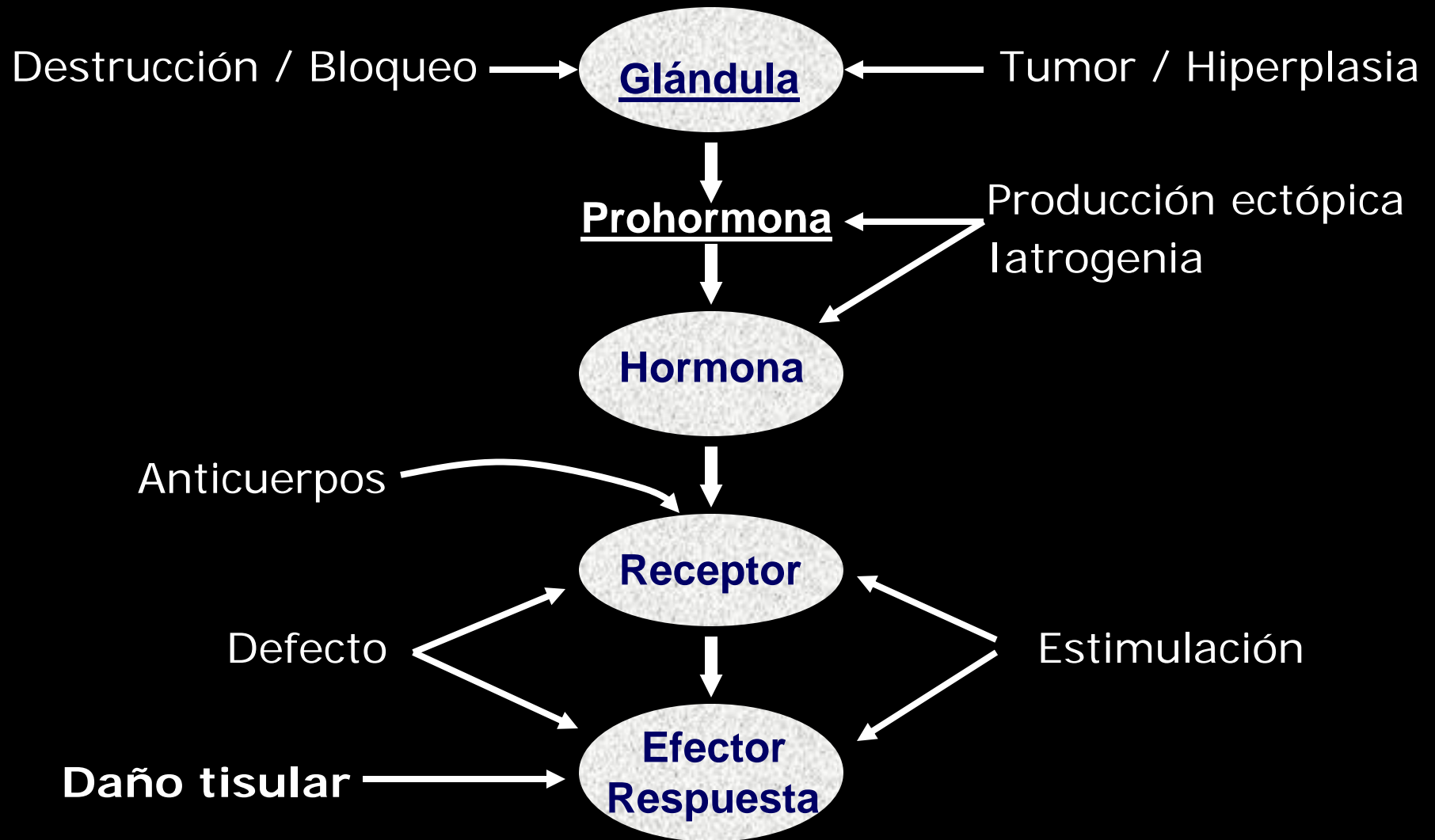
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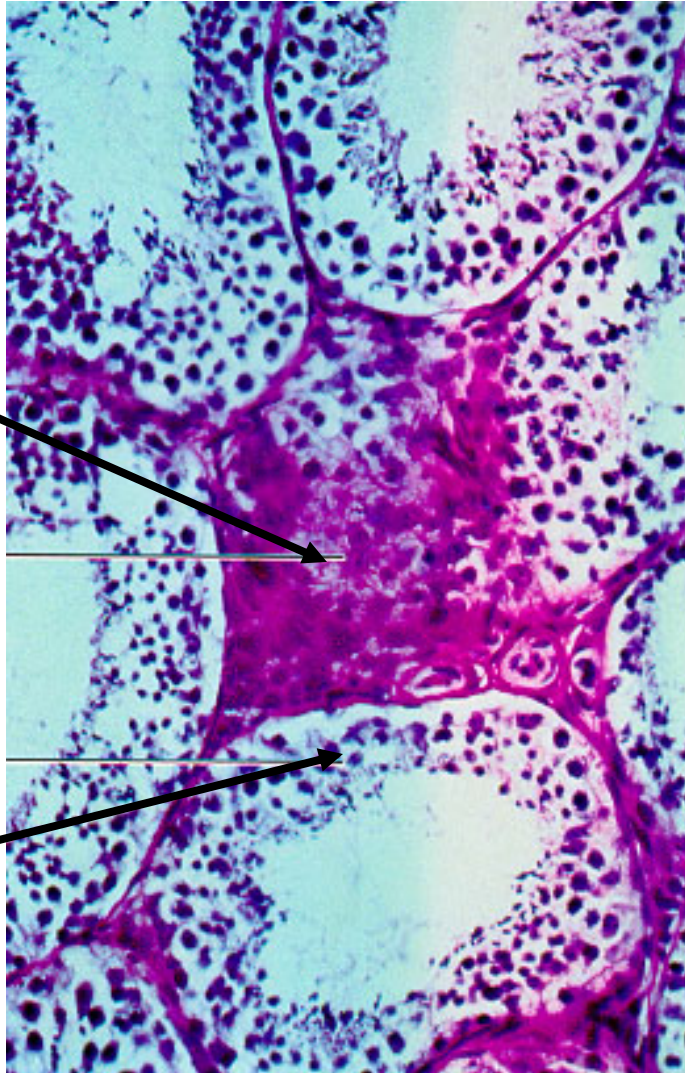
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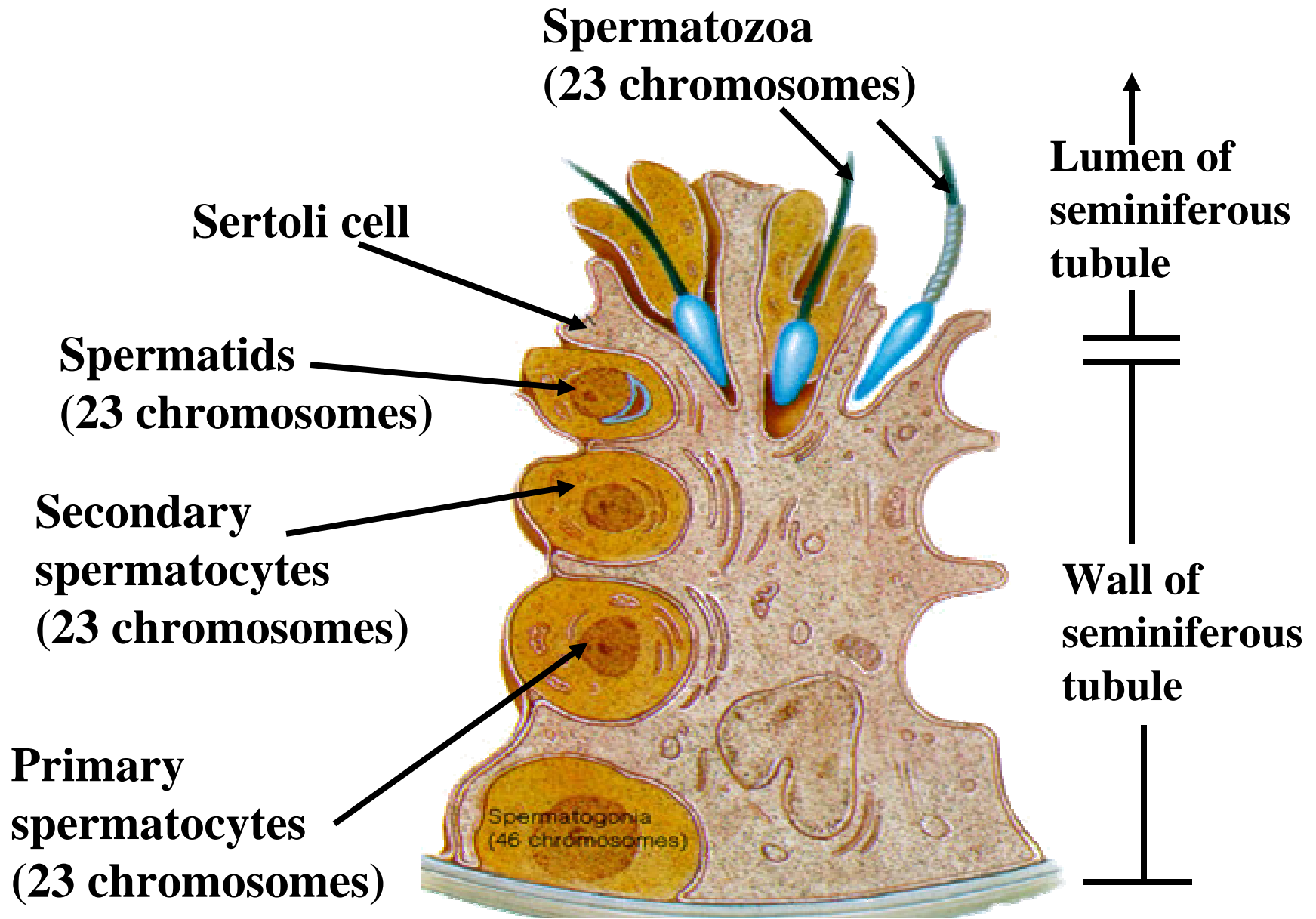


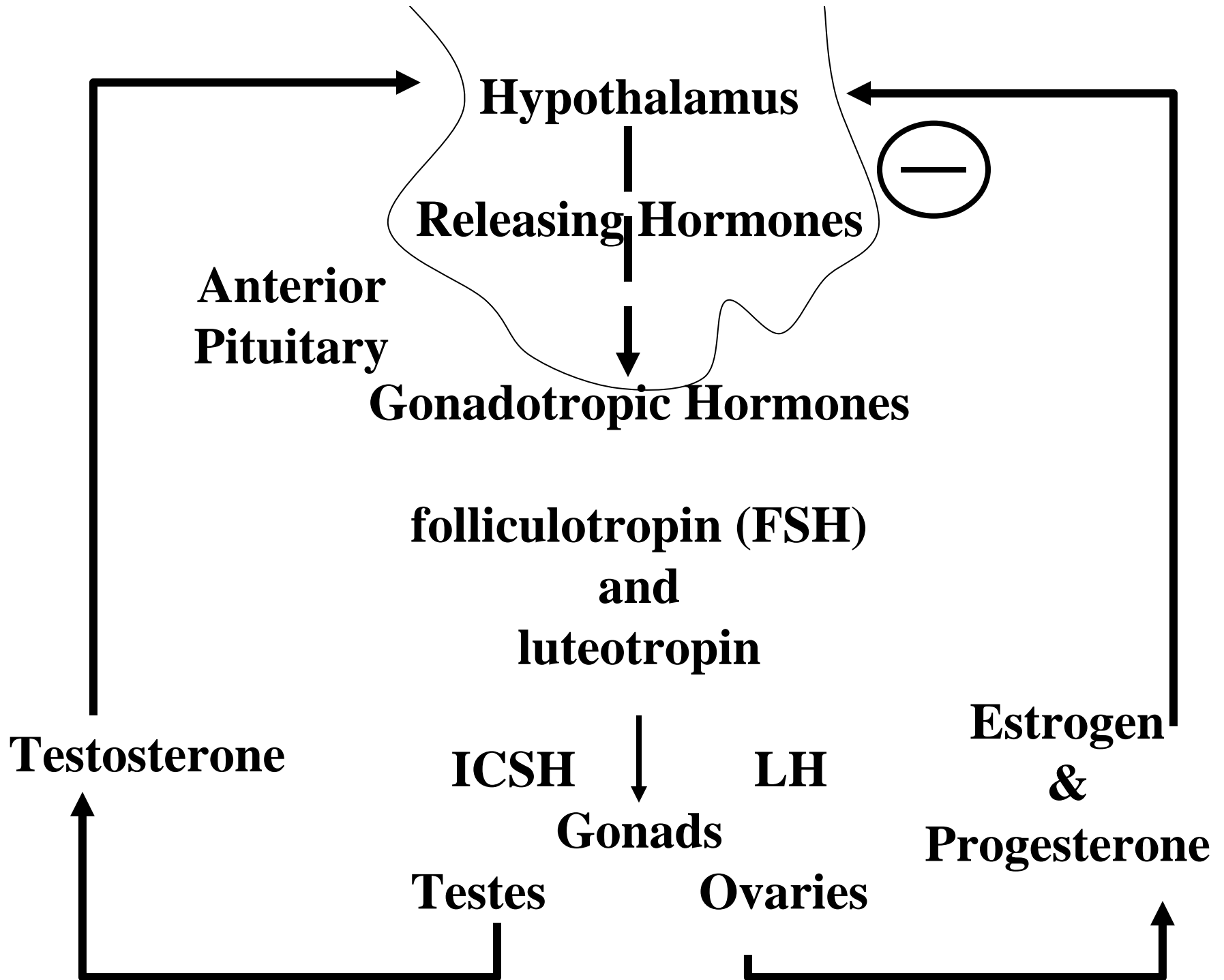


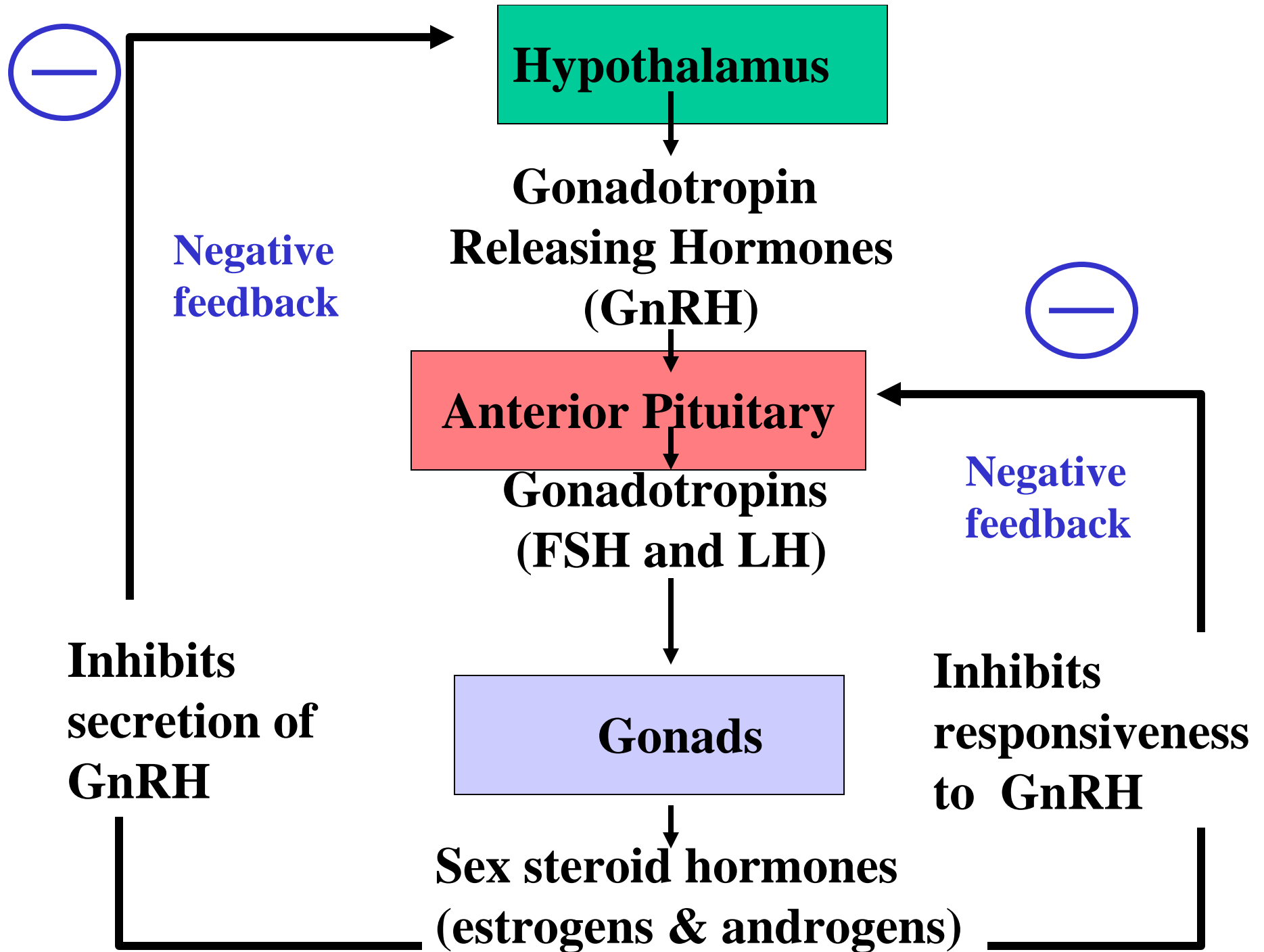
**Interstitial  
tissue with  
Leydig cells**

**Seminiferous  
tubule**

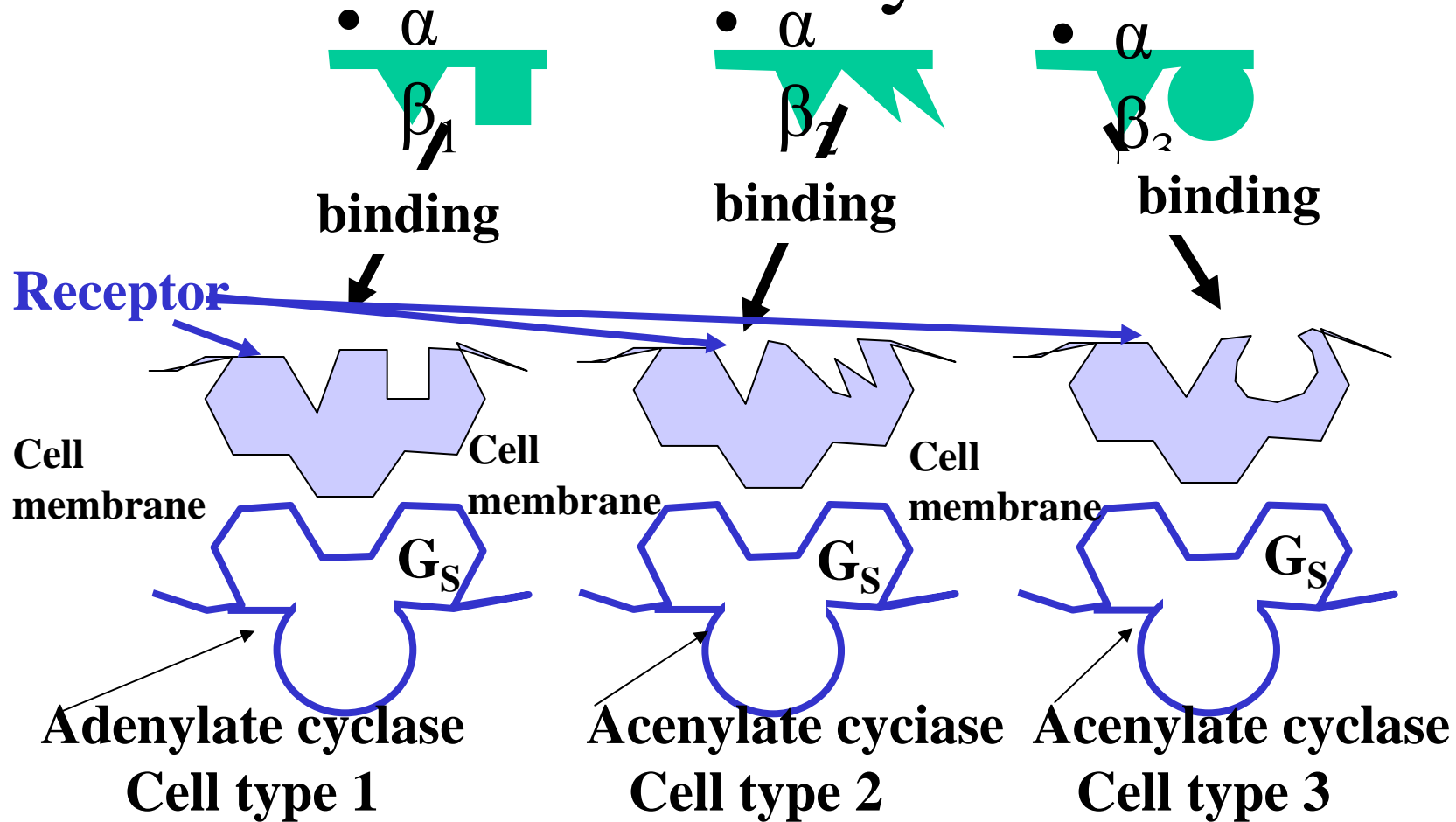








# Anterior Pituitary Hormones

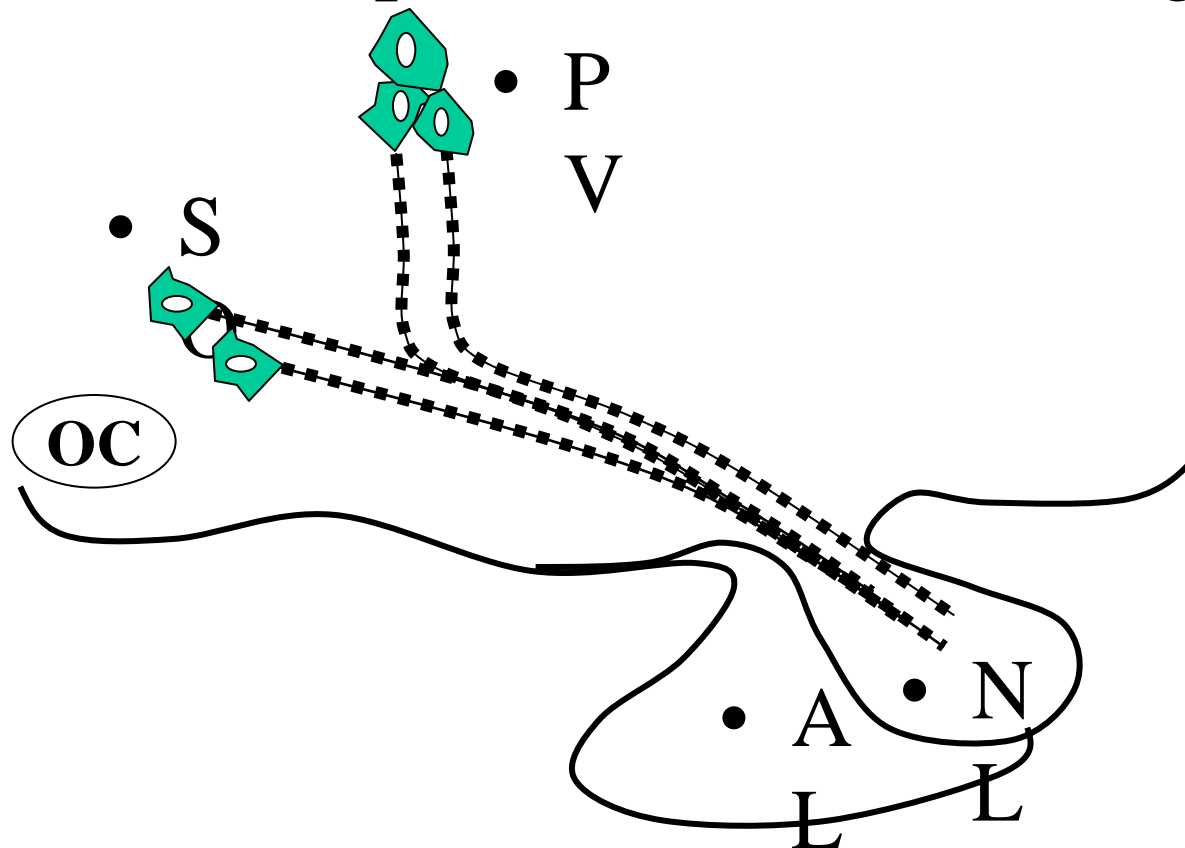


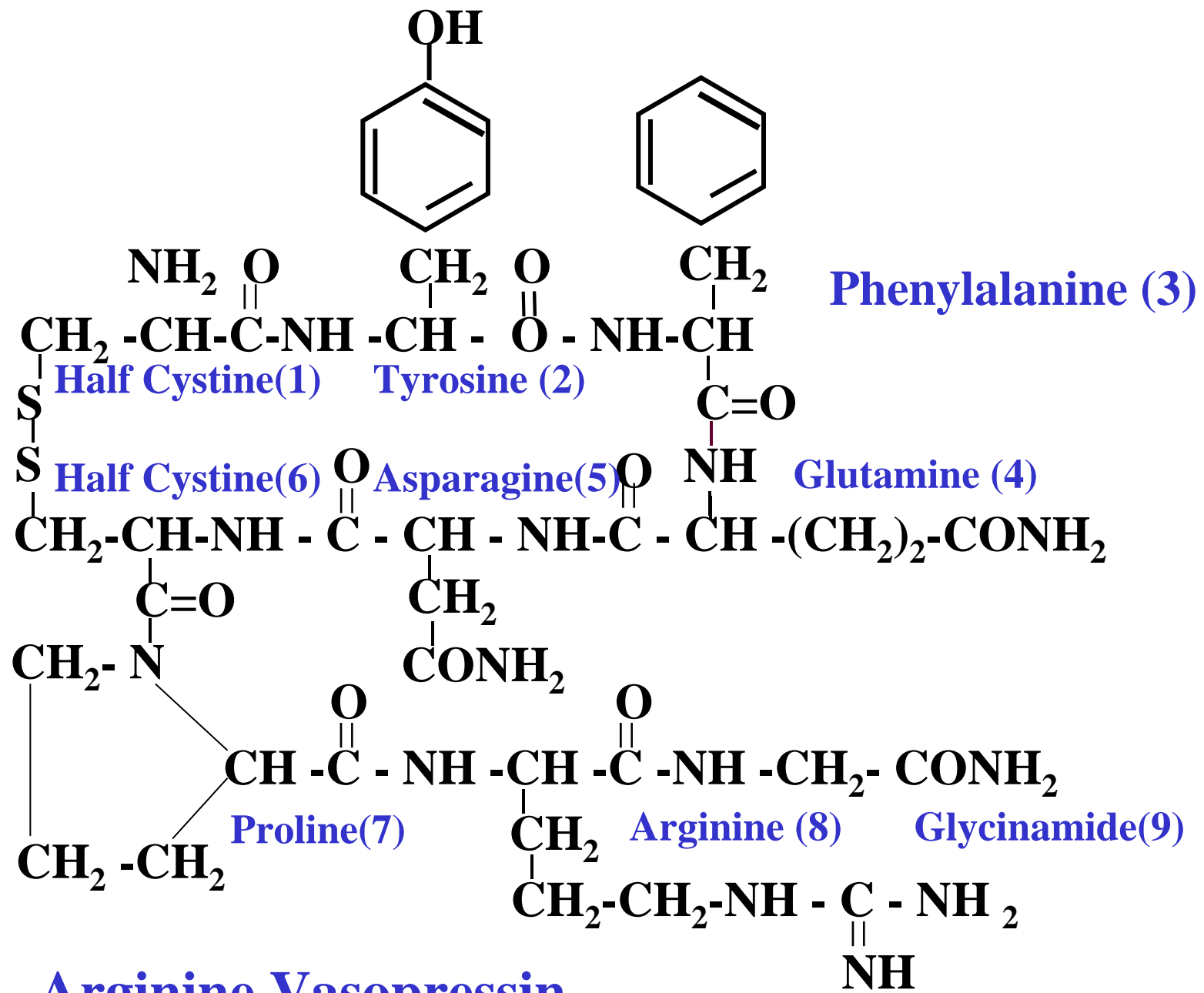
**How anterior pituitary hormones that share a similar subunit ( TSH,FSH, LH) specify receptors on different cell types.**

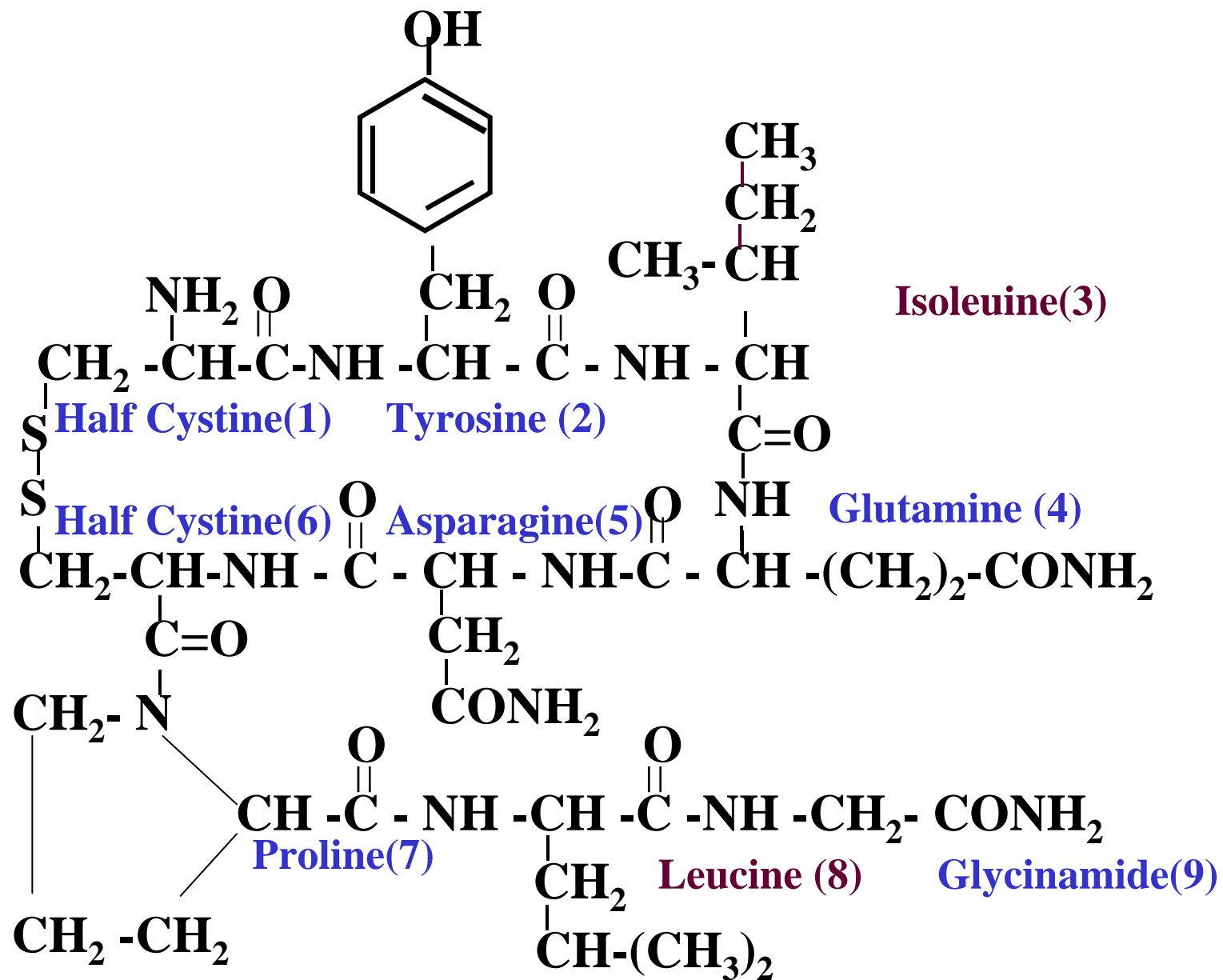


# Neurohypophysis

The hormones (ADH & Oxytocin) are nonapeptides (9AA). They are produced in the hypothalamus & transported down axon tracts to the pars nervosa for storage







## Oxytocin

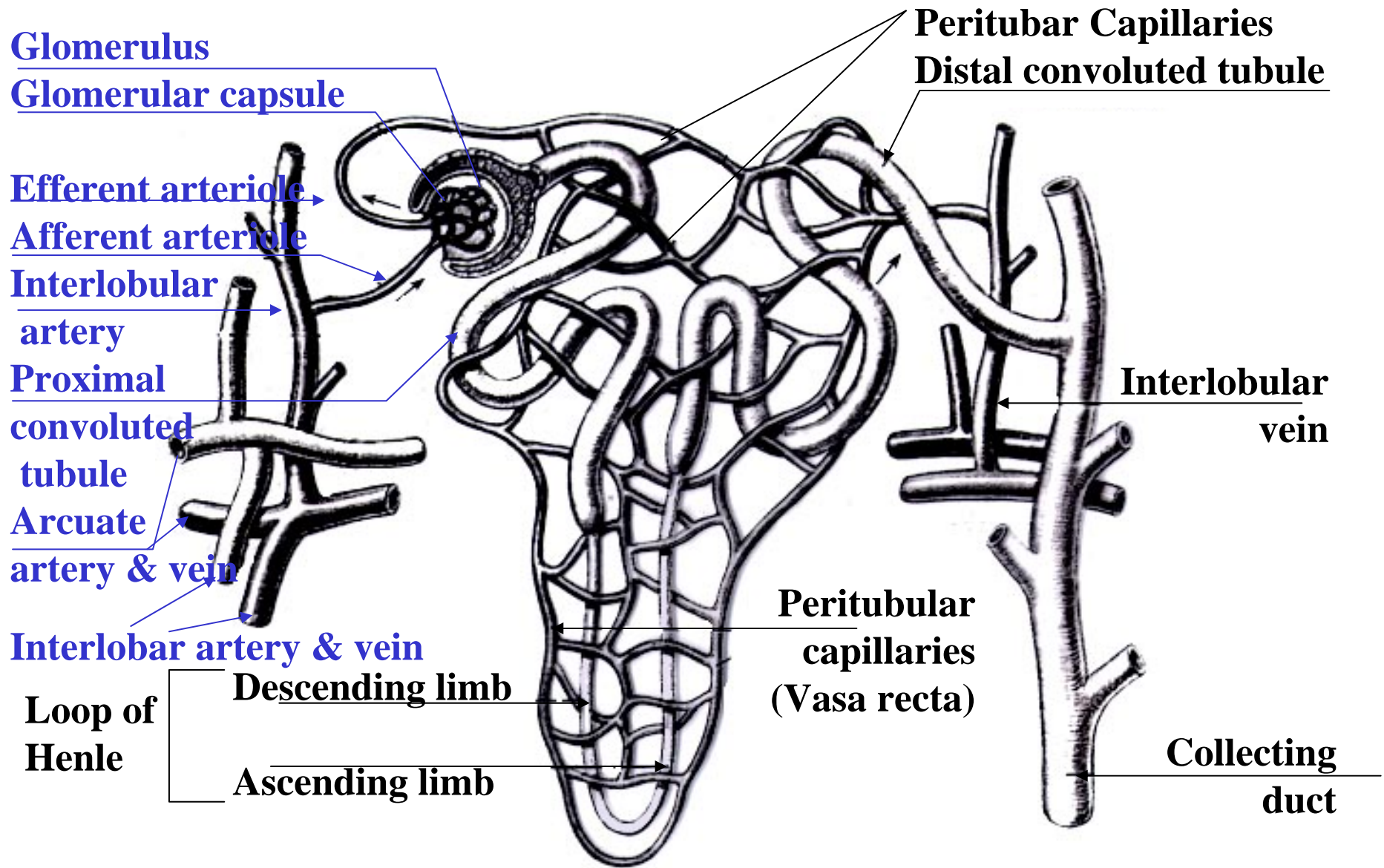
# Antidiuretic Hormone (ADH) Vasopressin

- **Chemistry:** Produced by the supraoptic nuclei of hypothalamus. Circulating concentration of 1-2 picograms/ml ( $10^{-12}$  gms); half-life of 18 minutes.
- **Biologic Actions:**
  - 1. H<sub>2</sub>O reabsorption by distal tubule and collecting ducts of the kidneys.
  - 2. Vasopressor effect: ↑ blood pressure.

# Antidiuretic Hormone (ADH)

## Vasopressin

- Mechanisms of Action:
- cAMP in kidney tubules.
- ↑ pore size; ↑ permeability.
- Mechanisms of Release :
- Osmoreceptors



The Nephron Tubule and Its Associated Blood Vessels

# Stimuli Affecting ADH Release

## • Increase Release

- 1.  $\uparrow$  effective osmotic pressure of plasma
- 2.  $\downarrow$  extracellular fluid volume
- 3. Pain, emotion, “stress”, exercise
- 4. Morphine, nicotine, barbiturates

## • Decrease Release

- 1.  $\downarrow$  effective osmotic pressure of plasma
- 2.  $\uparrow$  extracellular fluid volume
- 3. Alcohol-vasodilation of afferent arteriole &  $\downarrow$  permeability of
- collecting tubule

# Stimuli Affecting ADH Release

- Deficiency Effect:
- Diabetes Insipidus
  - Oxytocin
- Biologic Actions
  - 1. Uterine Contractility
    - a) Parturition
    - b) Female orgasm
  - 2. Milk Ejection



# Thyroid Gland

- **Structure:**

The thyroid consists of two lobes lying on either side of the trachea and connected by a thin isthmus of tissue. It weighs 20-30 grams, and is one of the most sensitive organs of the body. It increases in size at puberty; during pregnancy; and during prolonged stress. The lobes contain many single cell layered follicles.

# Thyroid Gland

- **Chemistry:**

- The gland produces three hormones:

- 1) 3,5,3',5'-tetraiodothyronine  $T_4$

- 2) 3,5,3'-triiodothyronine  $T_3$

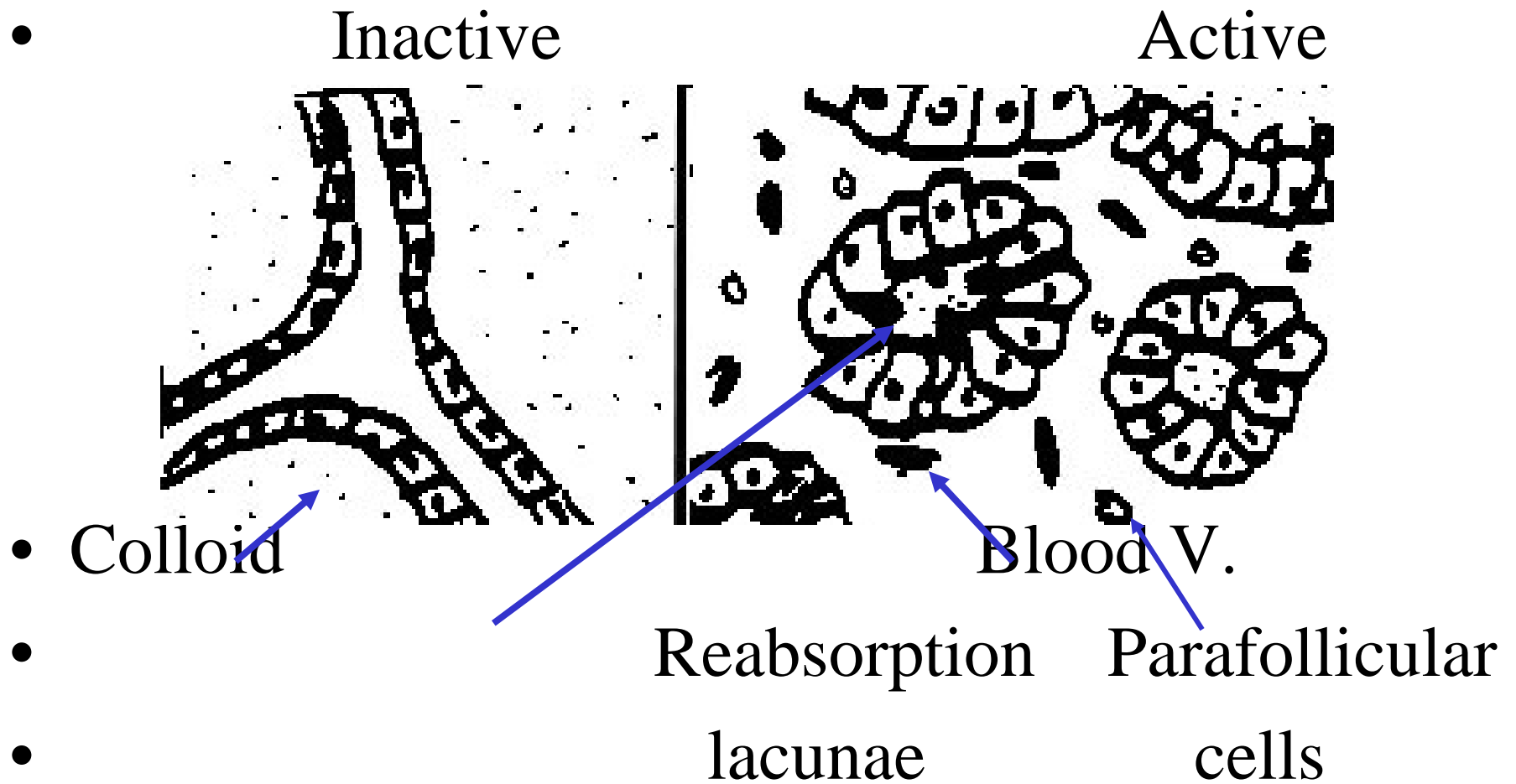
- 3) Calcitonin

- $T_4$  &  $T_3$  are produced by follicular cells by the iodination of tyrosine. Most adults secrete about 80 ug of  $T_4$  and 40ug of  $T_3$  per day. The thyroxine is bound in peptide linkage to thyroglobulin for storage in the colloid. Upon stimulation, the complex is reabsorbed into the follicular cells & hydrolyzed (thyroglobulin is removed). It enters the blood where it binds with plasma binding proteins (thyroxine binding globulin TBG, or albumin).

# Thyroid Gland

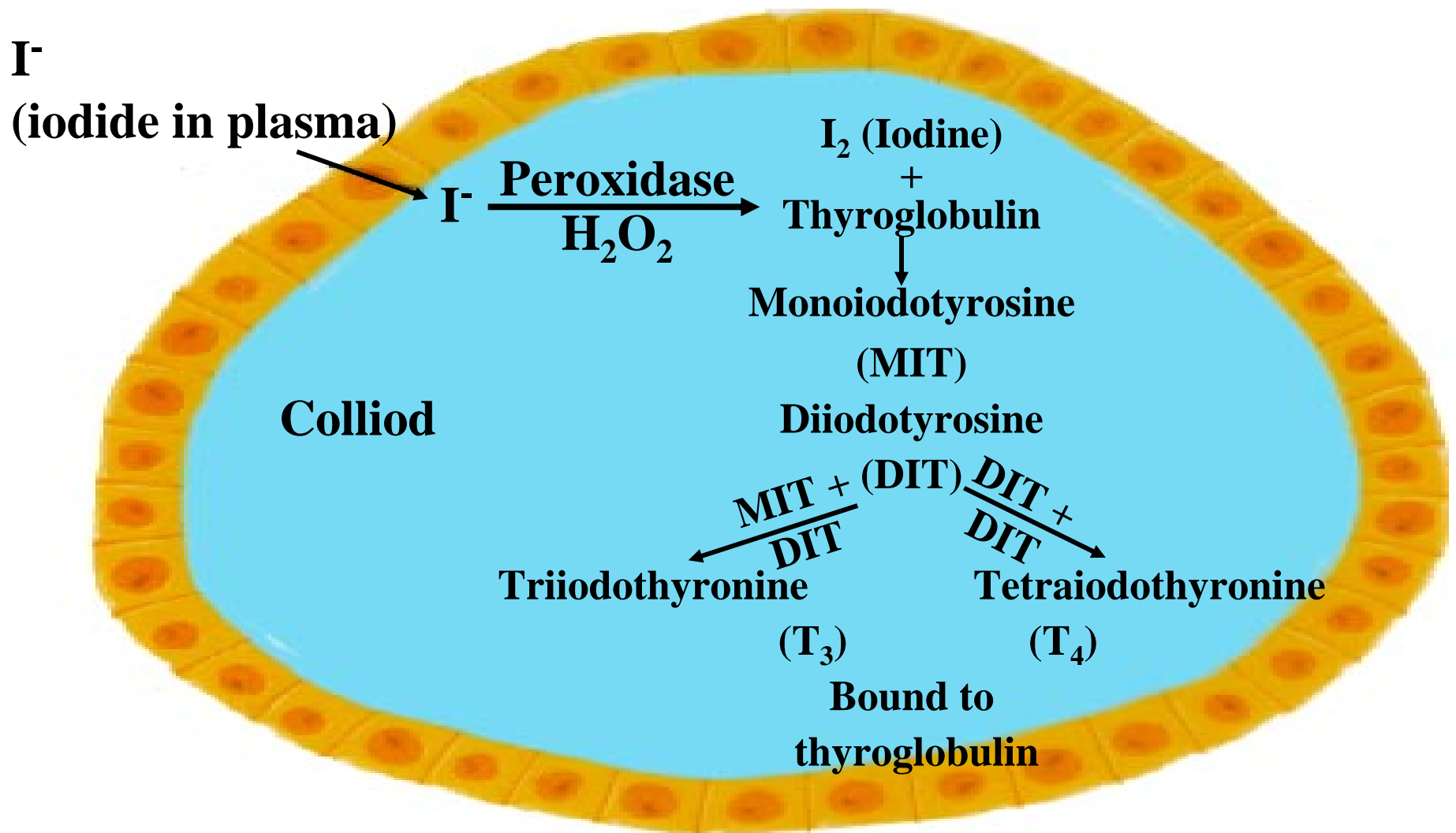
- Iodide trapping:
- The thyroid actively concentrates I<sup>-</sup> from the circulation by a process known as iodide pump. The ratio of iodides in the thyroid to plasma is the (T/S) ratio. These pumps can be blocked by ouabain.

# Thyroid Histology

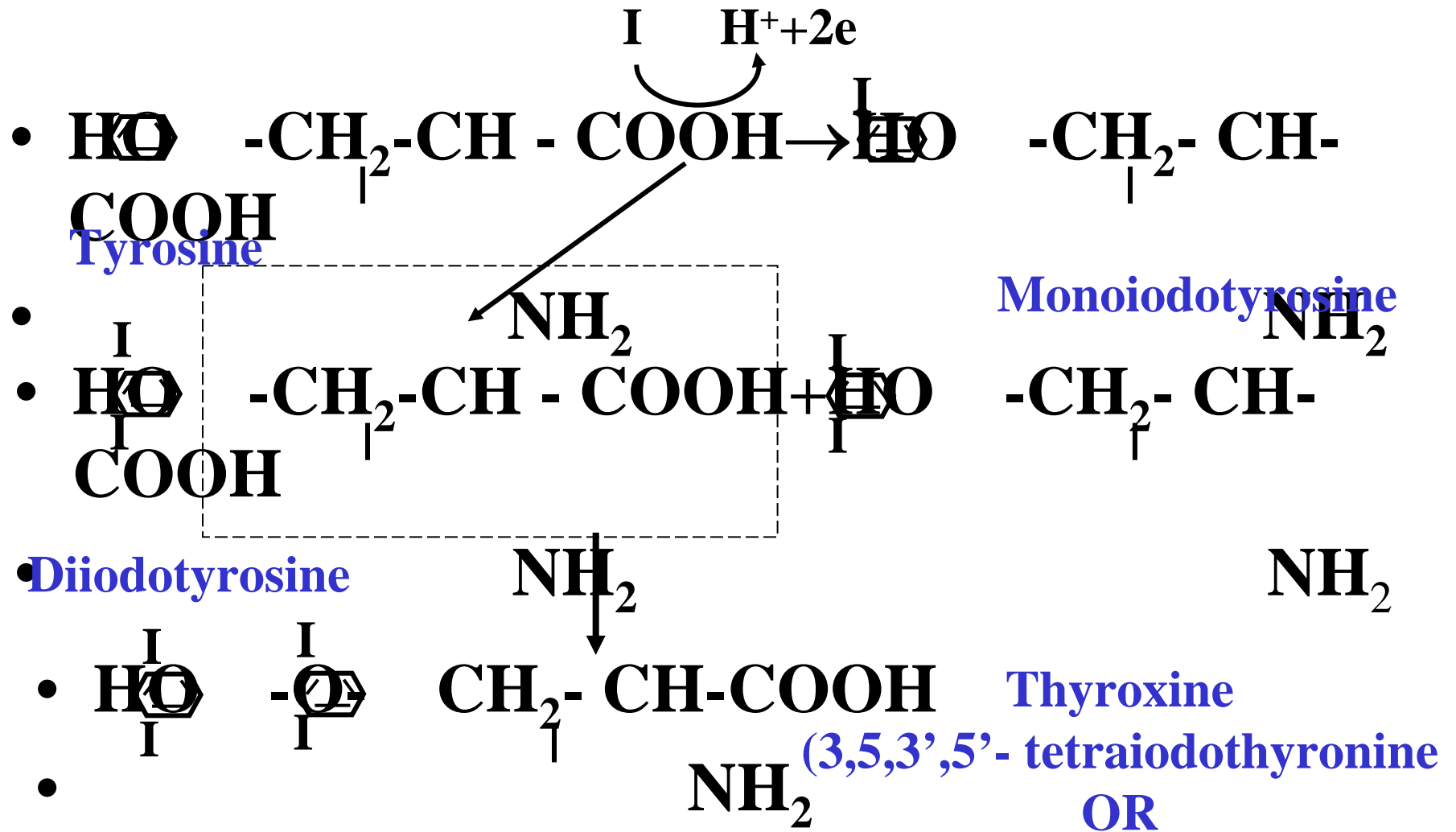


# Production of Thyroid Hormones

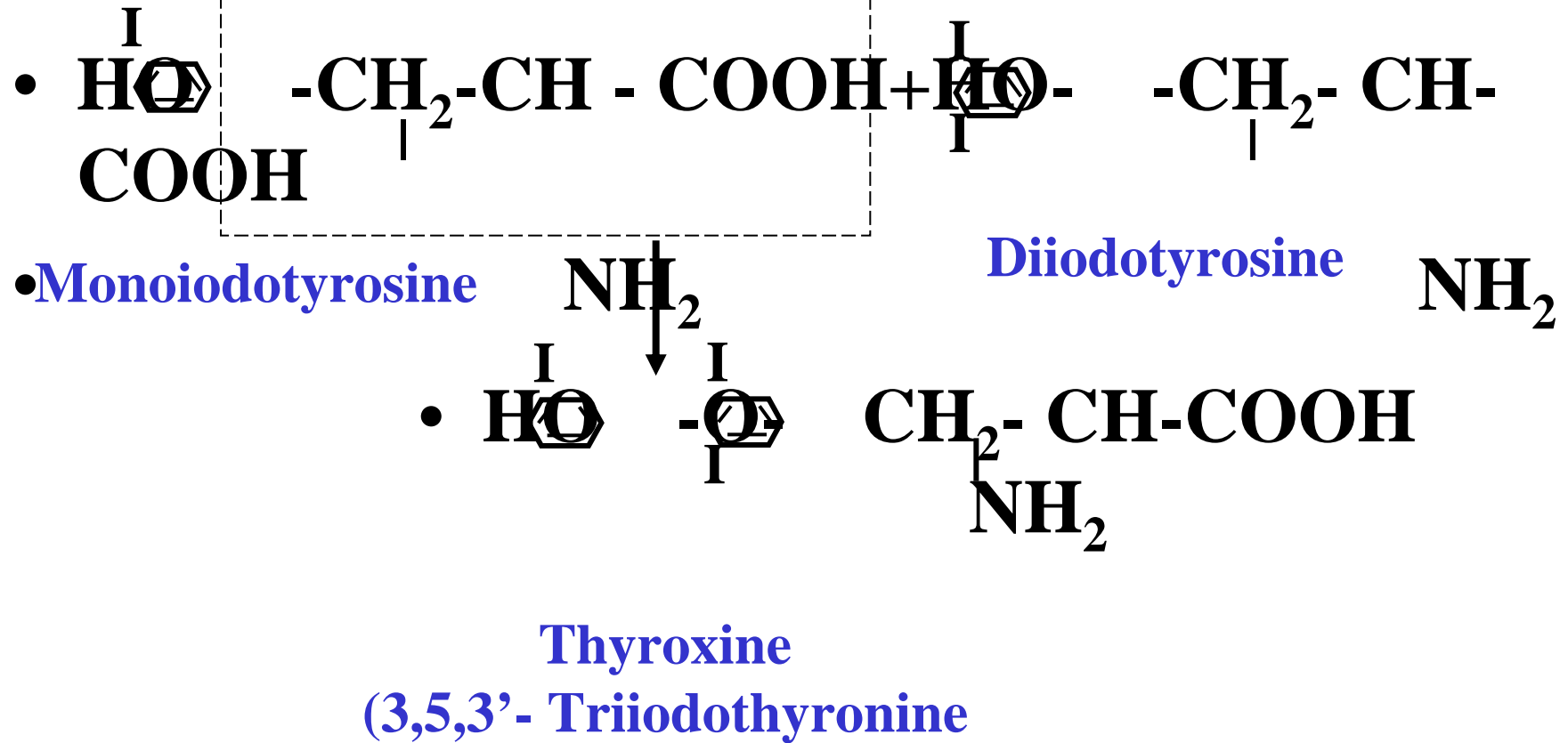
## Thyroid follicle



# Biosynthesis of Thyroid Hormones



# Biosynthesis of Thyroid Hormones



# Biologic Actions for Thyroxine

- 1. Calorigenic (thermogenesis)
  - ↑ O<sub>2</sub> consumption
- 2. Growth effects
- 3. Protein metabolism
- 4. Fat metabolism
- 5. Carbohydrate metabolism
- **Calorigenic Effect:**
- ↑ liver, kidney, skeletal muscle, cardiac muscle, gastric mucosa, and diaphragm.

ACTH acts as a synergist to thyroxine.



# Biologic Actions for Thyroxine

- No Affect:
- Brain, retina, anterior pituitary, spleen, testes, and lungs
- BMR - Basal Metabolic Rate:
  - The rate of  $O_2$  consumption at rest.
  - Kcal heat produced/sq. meter body surface/hr.
    - OR
  - Volume  $O_2$  consumed/sq. meter body surface/hr.
- RQ - Respiratory Quotient:
  - Molar ratio of  $CO_2$  produced to  $O_2$  consumed.

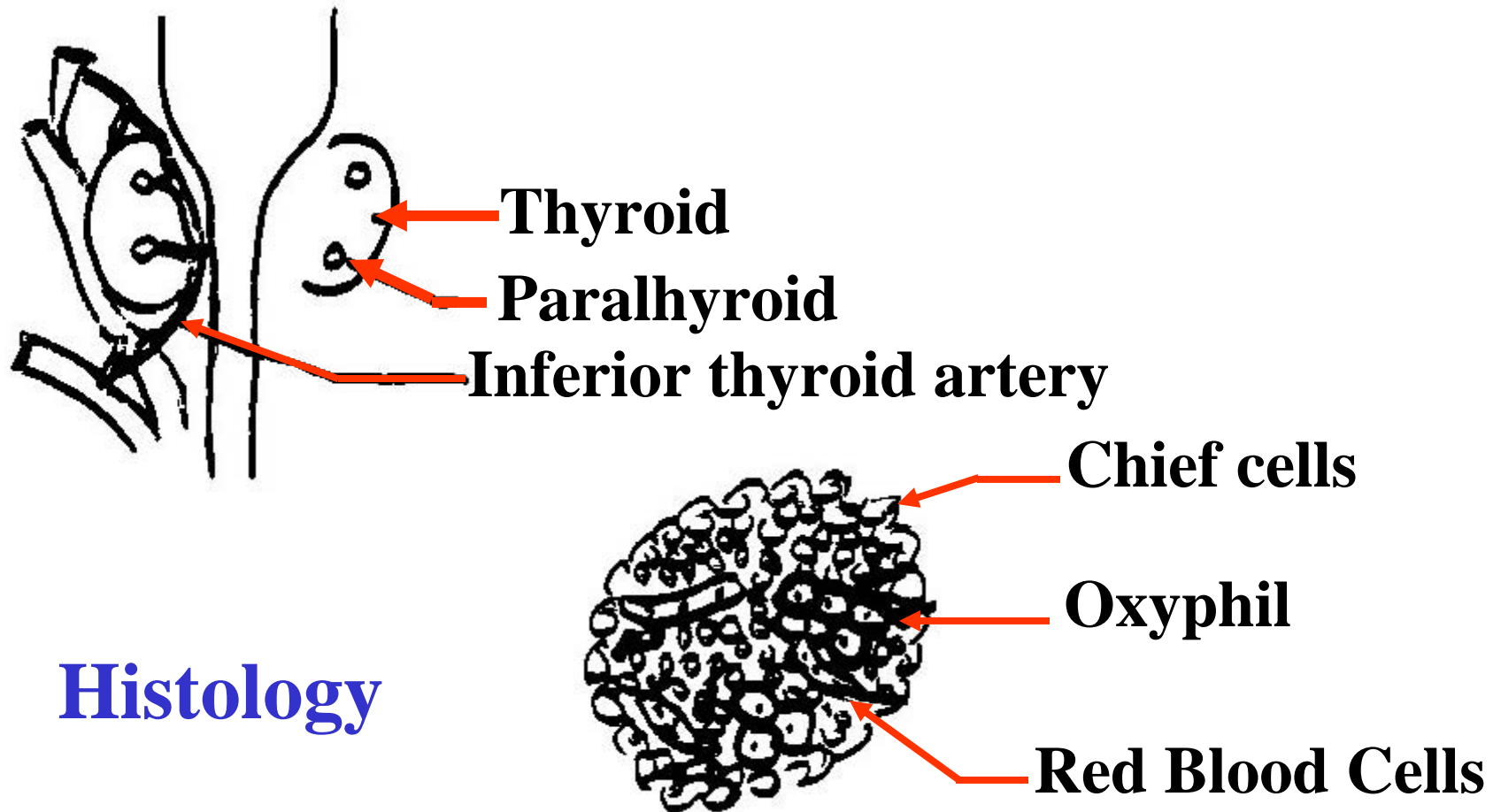
# Thyrotropin - 2

- III. Regulation of Release
  - A. Stimulation (via thyrotropin releasing hormone)
  - Negative Feedback
    - 1) ↓ thyroxine
    - 2) ↓ body temperature
  - B. Inhibition
    - 1) ↑ serum thyroxine
    - 2) ↑ body temperature

# Thyrotropin - 2

- IV. Assay Methods
  - A. Bioassay
    - 1) ↑ height of secretory epithelium
    - 2) Number of colloid droplets in cells
    - 3) Iodine depletion in 1-day old chicks
    - 4) Uptake of radioactive iodine
  - B. Radioimmunoassay

# Parathyroid Glands



# Parathyroid Gland

- Hormone-Chemistry

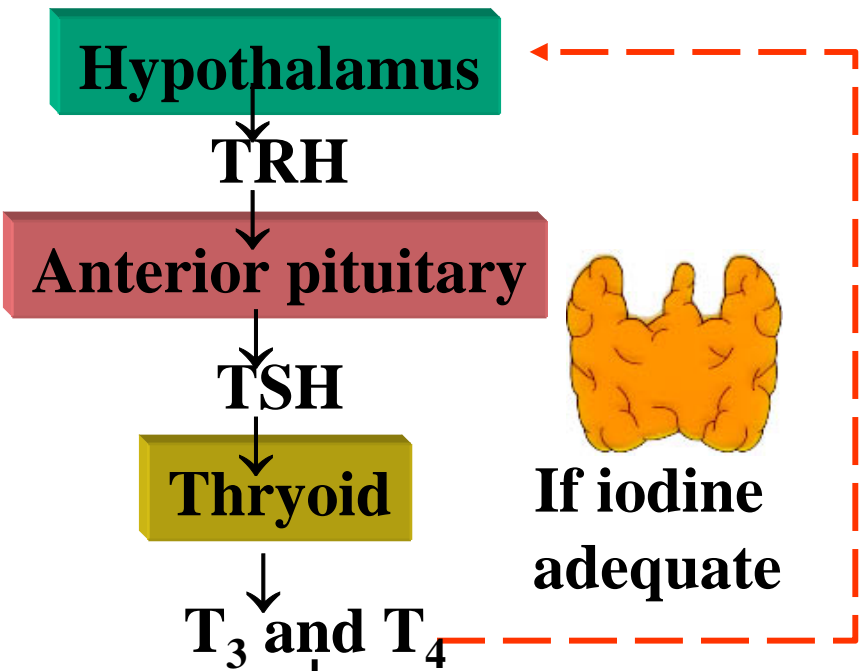
- PTH (parathyroid hormone) is a linear peptide with
- mole wt. of 9,600 and 84AA. Synthesized from pre-
- pro-PTH (115AA) → pro-PTH (90AA) → PTH
- (84 AA). Secreted by chief cells. Half life 3-4 mins.

- Biologic Actions

- 1. ↑renal tubular reabsorption of calcium
- 2. ↑renal tubular excretion of phosphates
- 3. stimulates the removal of calcium from the bone
- 4. ↑formation of 1,25-dihydroxycholecalciferol

# Parathyroid Gland (cont.)

- Calcium Metabolism
- Normal plasma levels 9-11 mg%
- Hydroxapatite
- Calcium requirements:
- 1gm/day: 2gm/day pregnancy
- Calcium functions:
- 1. Co-factor for coagulation of blood
- 2. Coupling factor for muscle contraction
- 3. Controls permeability and electrical properties of cell membranes
- 4. Bone formation



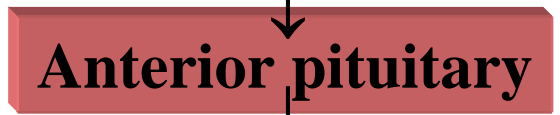
Normal thyroid

Negative feedback

If iodine inadequate

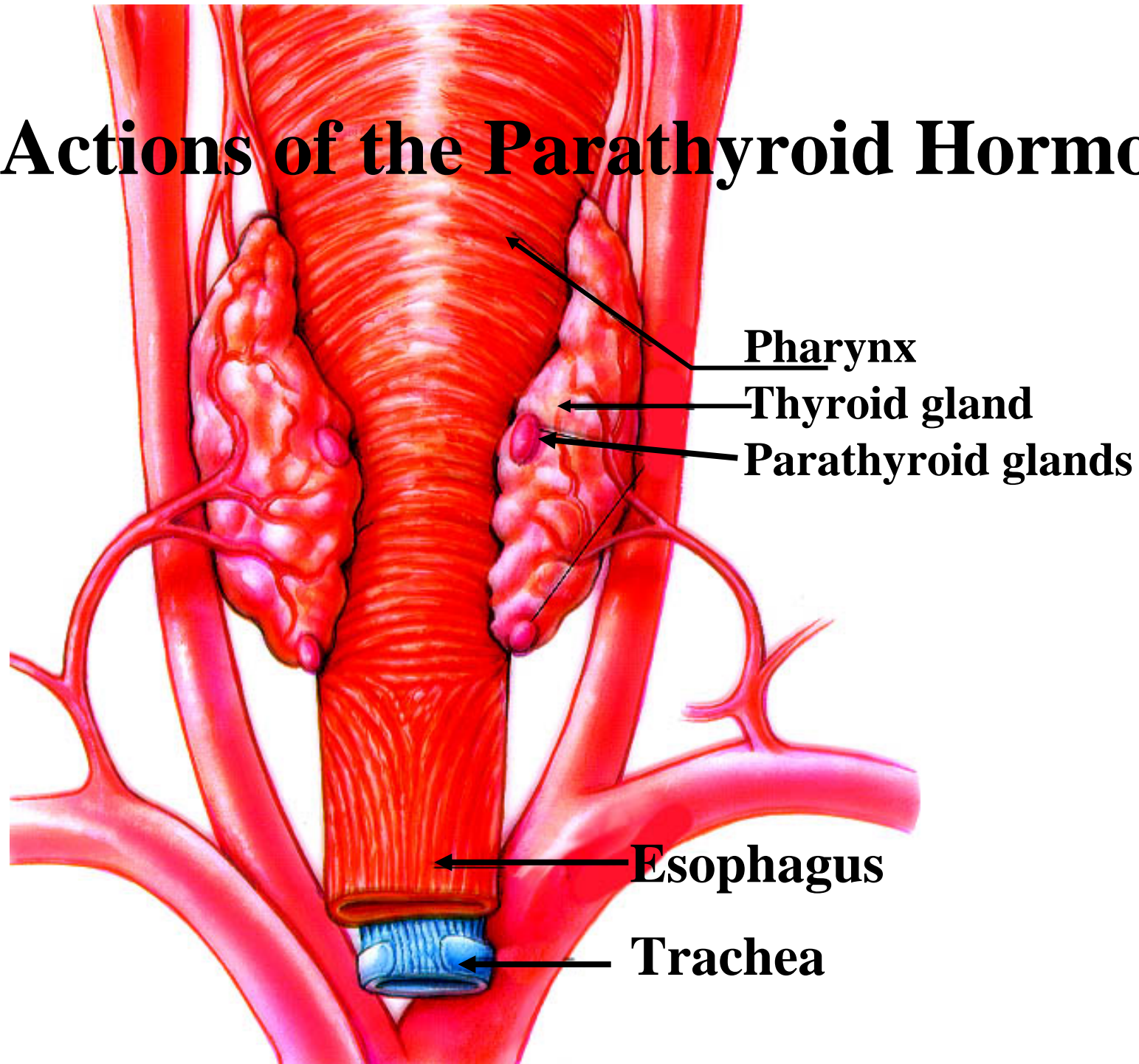
Low T<sub>3</sub> and T<sub>4</sub>

Low Negative feedback



Hypertrophy - produces goiter

# **Actions of the Parathyroid Hormone**





# Deficiency Effects of $\text{Ca}^{++}$

- 1.  $\downarrow$ serum calcium; which causes:
  - a) anorexia
  - b) tetany
  - c) rickets
- 2.  $\uparrow$  urinary excretion of  $\text{Ca}^{++}$
- 3.  $\downarrow$  urinary excretion of phosphates

# Phosphate Metabolism

- Normal levels: 3 - 4.5 mg % adult
- 5 - 7 mg % children
- Functions:
  - 1. PH buffer (pk = 6.9)
  - 2. Metabolism
  - 3. Nucleic acids
  - 4. Phospholipids of cell membranes

# Mechanisms of Hormonal Action (via cAMP)

- 1. Bone
  - Enzyme & acid secretions of osteoclast cells
  - a) Proteolytic enzymes-dissolve organic matrix
  - b) acids (citric & lactic) - free bone salts
- 2. Kidneys
  - ↑ phosphate excretion
  - Regulation of Release
  - Negative feedback with plasma  $[Ca^{++}]$

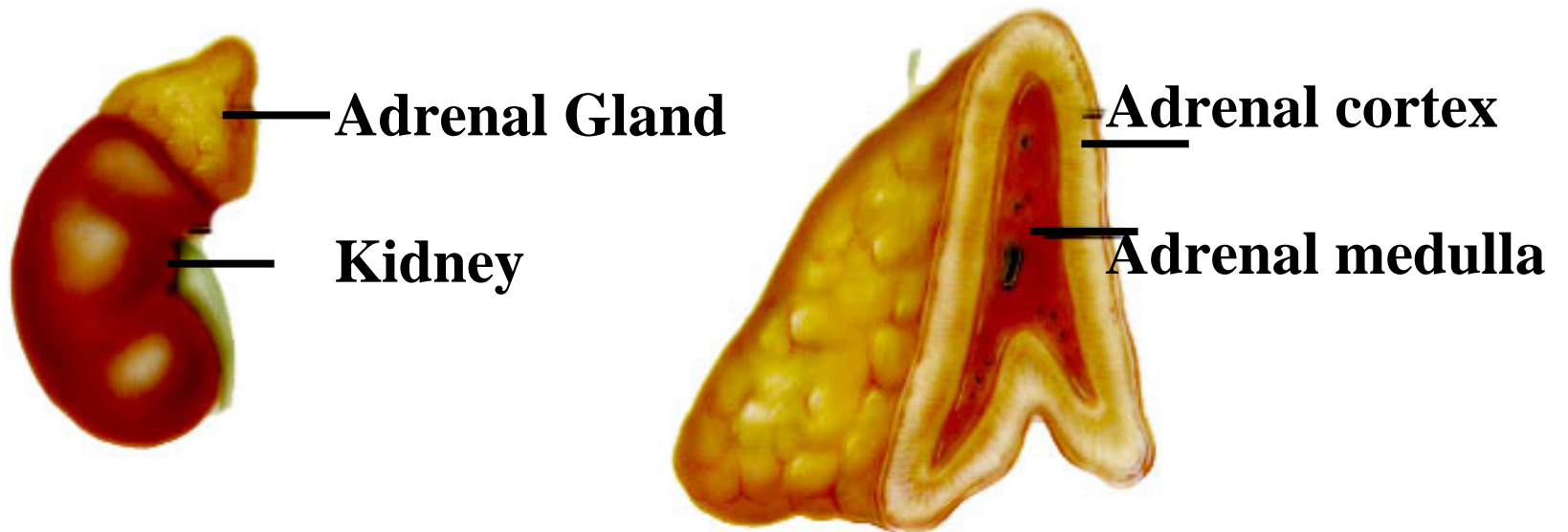
# Adrenal Glands

## Histology

- A. Cortex (Corticosteroids)
  - Derived from lateral mesoderm in association with developing gonads.
  - Coats:
    - 1. Zona glomerulosa - mineralcorticoids
    - 2. Zona fasciculata - glucocorticoids
    - 3. Zona reticularis - sex steroids
- B. Medulla (catecholamines)
  - derived from neural crest cells along with the sympathetic ganglia.

# Steroid Hormones

- These are tetracyclic ring compounds.
- Their structures are:
- “cyclopentano-perhydro-phenanthrene rings”
- that is,
- 3, hydrogenated phenanthrene rings (A, B, &C)
- 1,5-carbon cyclopentane ring (D)

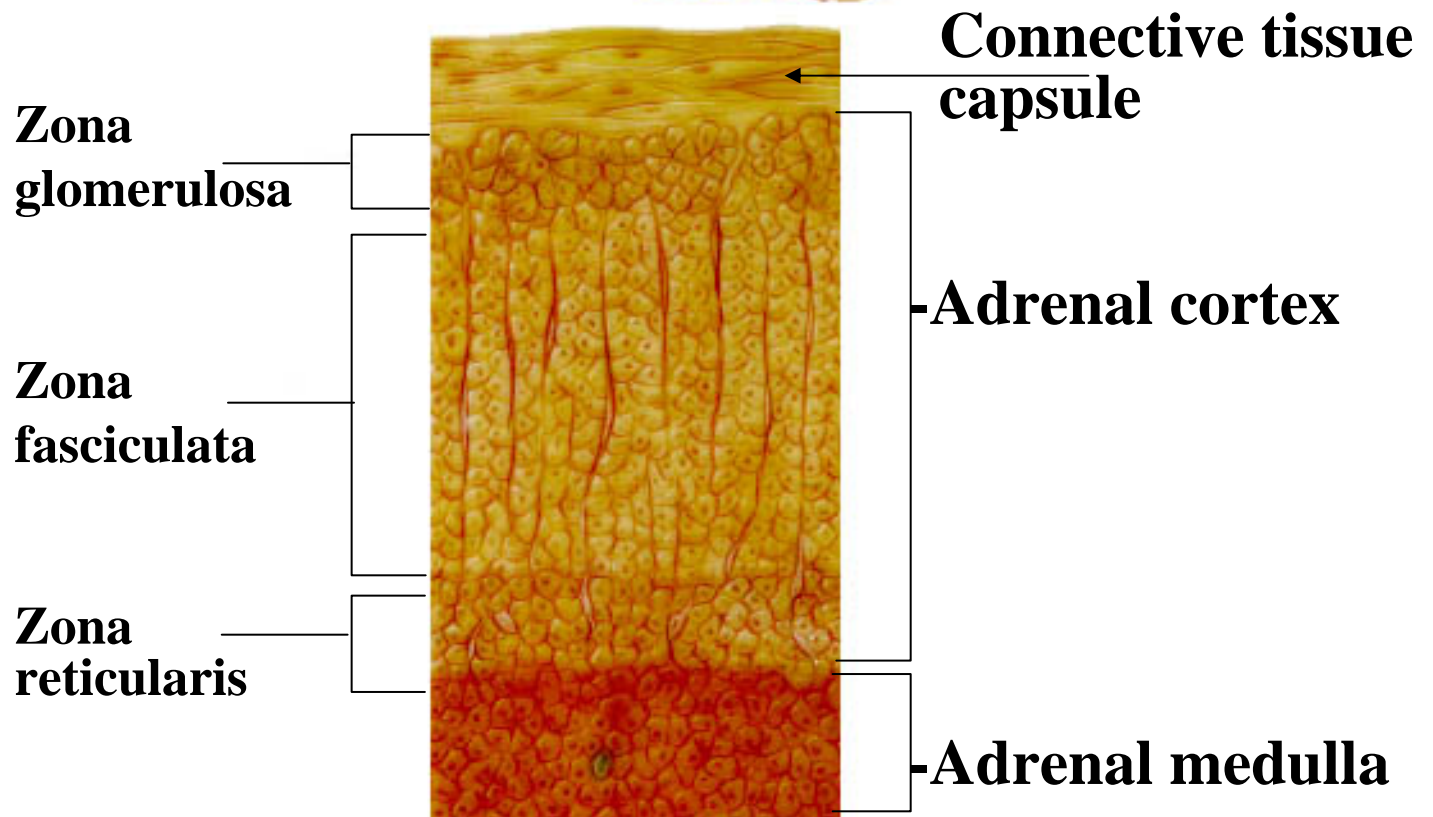


**Adrenal Gland**

**Kidney**

**Adrenal cortex**

**Adrenal medulla**



**Connective tissue capsule**

**Zona glomerulosa**

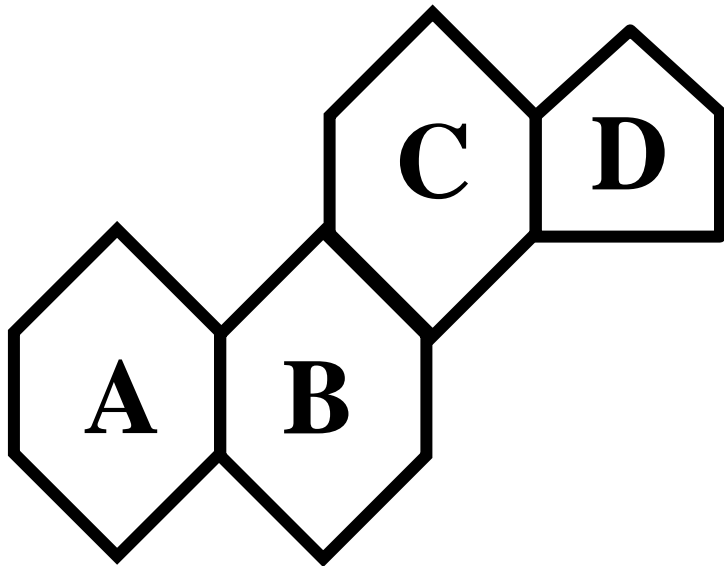
**Zona fasciculata**

**Zona reticularis**

**Adrenal cortex**

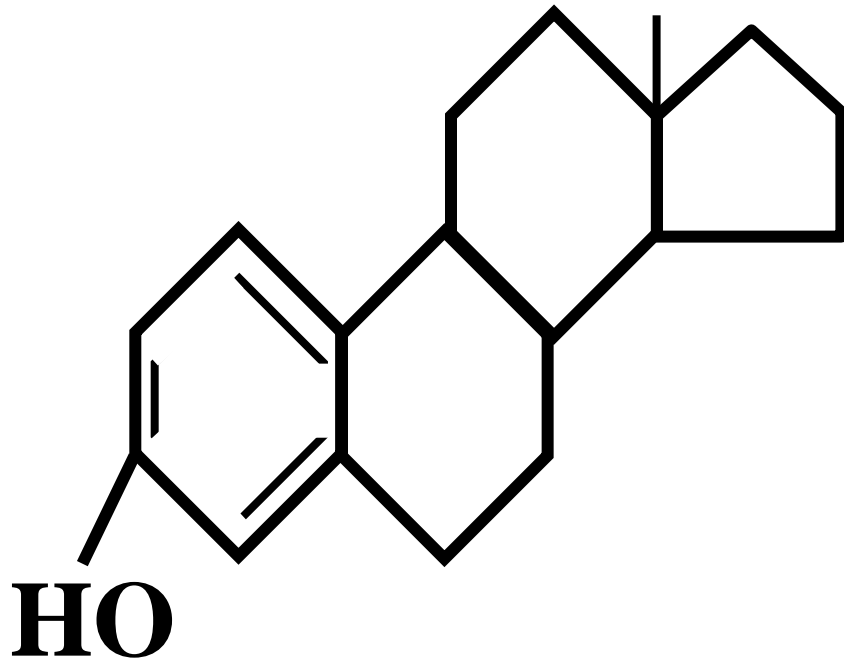
**Adrenal medulla**

# Steroid Hormones

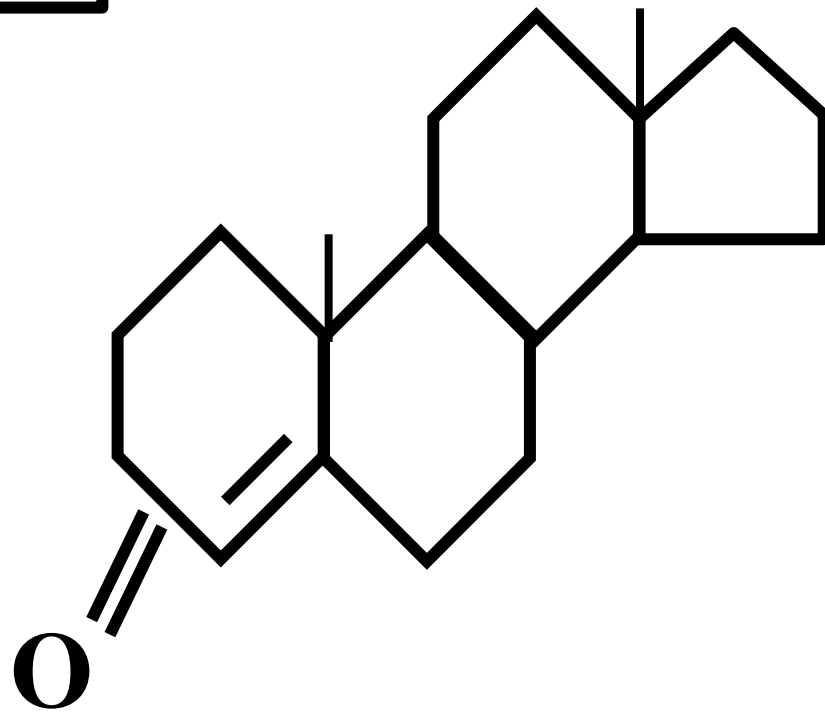


- Tetracyclic Ring Nucleus
- “Cyclopentano perhydro phenanthrene ring”
- 3 hydrogenated phenanthrene rings (A,B,C)
- One, 5-carbon cyclopentane ring (D)

## C-18 (Estrogens)



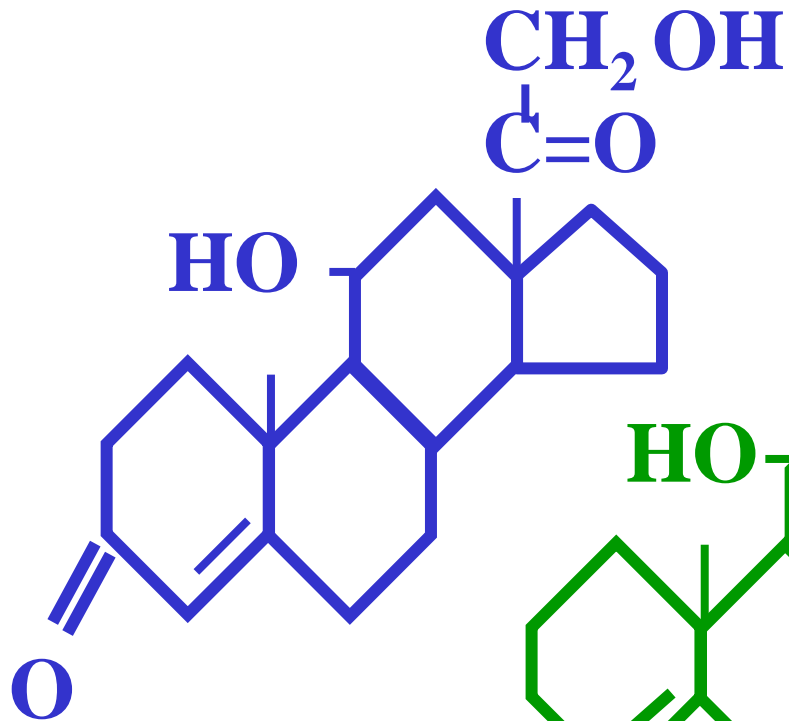
## C-19 (Androgens)





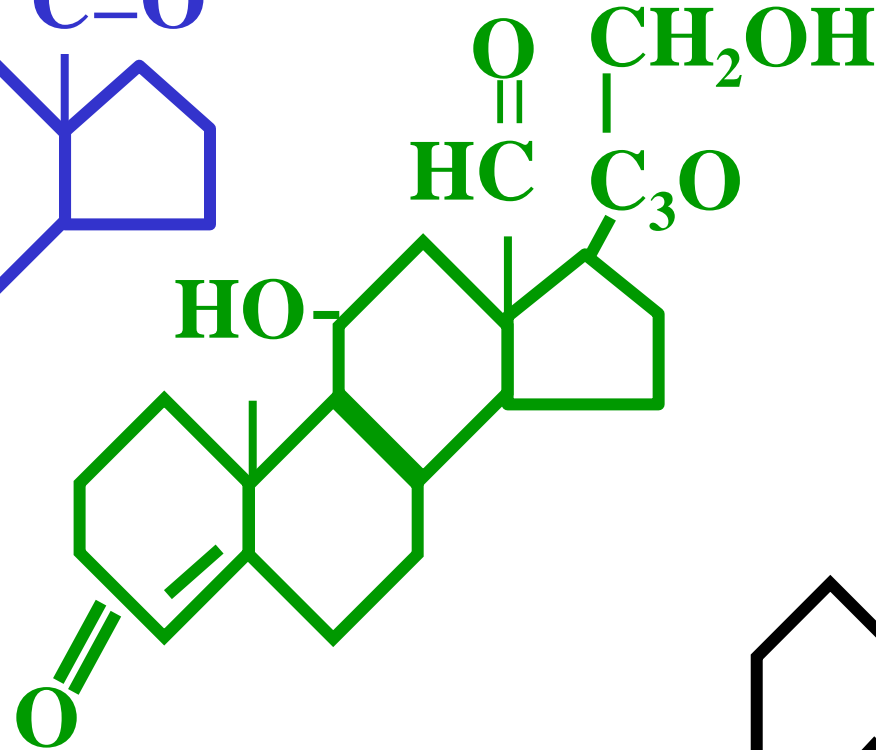
# Glucocorticoids

C-21



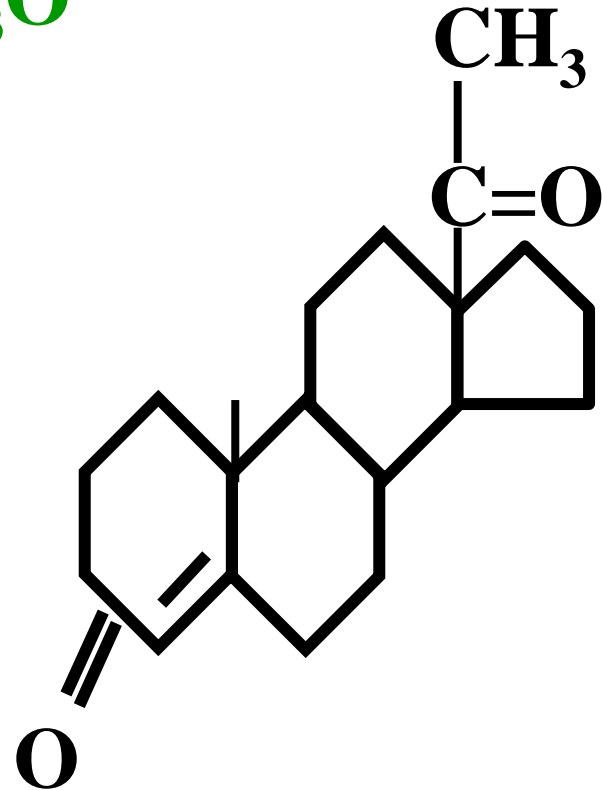
Cortisol

# Mineralocorticoids



Aldosterone

# Progestogens



Progesterone

# Types

- C-18 steroids (estrogens):
- They have 3 double bonds in ring A.
- C-19 steroids (androgens):
- Those with keto groups at the 17th C are called
- 17-ketosteroids. Others have -OH groups at the
- 17th position.
- C-21 steroids (progestogens, mineralcorticoids, and glucocorticoids)

# Adrenal Cortex-Mineralocorticoids (Zona Glomerulosa)

- **Biologic Actions:** (Aldosterone)
  - Acts on distal tubules, collecting ducts, salivary
  - glands, sweat glands, and the mucosa of the G.I.
  - tract to cause:
    1. ↑ Reabsorption of sodium
    2. ↑ Excretion of potassium
    3. ↑ Absorption of sodium by gut
    4. ↑ Reabsorption of chlorides (secondarily to  $\text{Na}^+$ )
- Note: ↓ Plasma  $[\text{K}^+]$  causes ↑ tubular secretion of  $\text{H}^+$

# Adrenal Cortex-Mineralocorticoids (Zona Glomerulosa)

## – Mechanisms of Action:

- Aldosterone activates the genetic synthesis of
- enzymes which:
  - 1. Permeability of cells to  $\text{Na}^+$  (permease hypothesis)
  - 2. Acts directly to  $\uparrow$  the activity of the sodium pump located on the serosal side of the target cell.

# Glucocorticoids (Zona Fasciculata)

- **Biologic Actions: (Cortisol)**
- 1. ↑ blood glucose by ↑ activity of glucose-6-phosphatase ( $G \leftarrow G\text{-6-phosphate}$ )
- 2. ↑ protein and fat catabolism
- 3. ↑ gluconeogenesis
- 4. ↑ resistance to stress
- 5. ↑ overall number of WBC  
(↑ neutrophils; ↓ basophils and eosinophils)
- 6. Stabilizes the membranes of lysosomes
- Note: 1 and 3 have anti-insulin effects.

# Glucocorticoids (Zona Fasciculata)

- Pharmacologic Effects:
  - 1. Anti-inflammatory agents
  - 2. Anti-allergic effects
  - 3. Inhibits ACTH release (at high concentrations)
  - 4. Inhibits growth ( $\downarrow$  STH release)
  - 5. Cushing's Syndrome:
    - a)  $\uparrow$  protein catabolism (depletion)
    - b) Therefore, thin skin & subcutaneous tissues
    - c) Poor wound healing
    - d) Redistribution of fat (face, neck, abdomen)

# Glucocorticoids (Zona Fasciculata)

- **Mechanisms of Action:**
- 1) Same as mineralocorticoids  
(via protein synthesis)
- 2) Modulate the number of receptor sites for hormones
- 3) Inhibit prostaglandin synthesis by ↓  
phospholipase activity

# Glucocorticoids (Zona Fasciculata)

- Regulation of Release:
  - 1) Negative feedback with ACTH which acts via cAMP
  - 2) Stress (neurohumoral)



# Adrenal Sex Steroids

- A. Androgens (dehydroepiandrosterone)
- **Biologic Actions:**
- Less potent than testosterone in masculinizing effects and the promotion of protein anabolism and growth

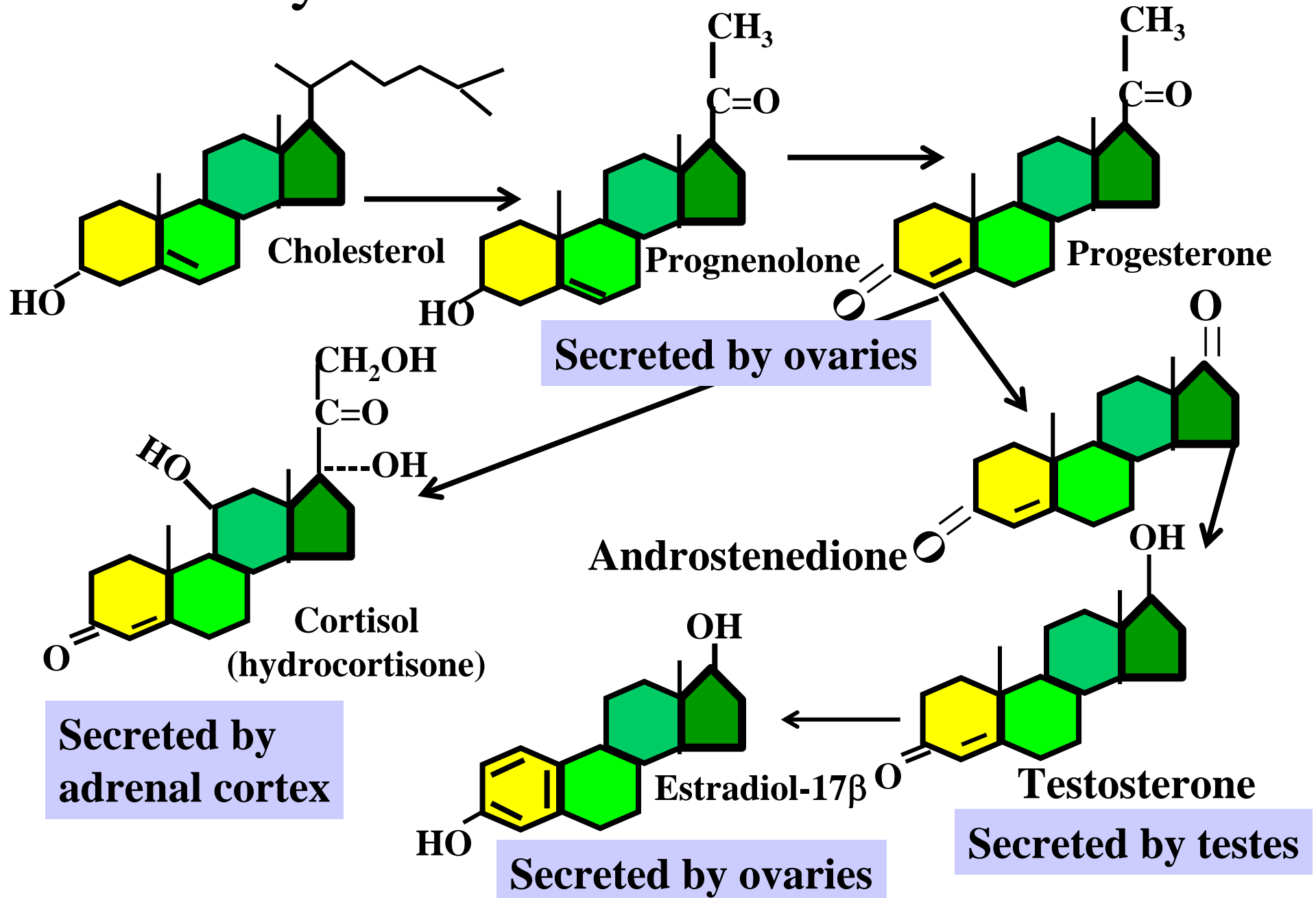
# Adrenal Sex Steroids

- **Oversecretions:**
  - 1. Precocious pseudopuberty in prepuberal boys.
  - 2. Accentuation of existing characteristics in men.
  - 3. Pseudohermaphroditism in genetically female fetuses.
  - 4. Masculinization in pre and post puberal females.

# Adrenal Sex Steroids

- Regulation of Release  
ACTH **not** LH or ICSH
- B. Estrogens ?
- Not clear whether “estrogens” are
- produced in the adrenals, **or** if the adrenal
- androgen **androstenedione** is converted into
- estrogen in the circulation. Ovariectomized
- females  $R_x$  with ACTH have  $\uparrow$  estrogen.

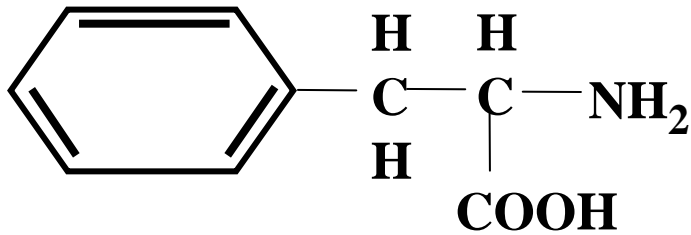
# Biosynthesis of Steroid Hormones



# Adrenal Medulla

- It is composed of irregular strands and masses of
- cells separated by sinusoidal vessels.
- **Cells:**
  - 1. Chromaffin
  - 2. Sympathetic ganglia
  - 3. Stilling cell
- **Hormones:** (Catecholamines)
  - 1. Epinephrine (A-cells)
  - 2. Nor-epinephrine (N-cells)

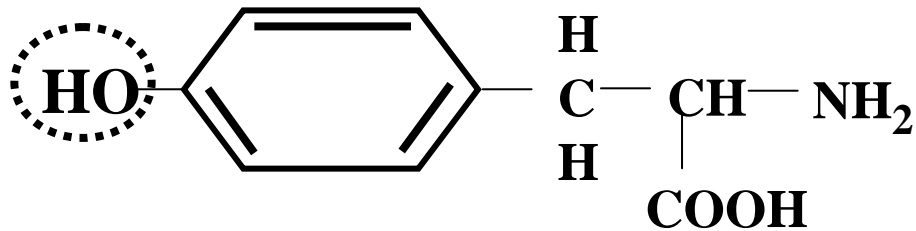
# Catecholamine Biosynthesis



**Phenylalanine**



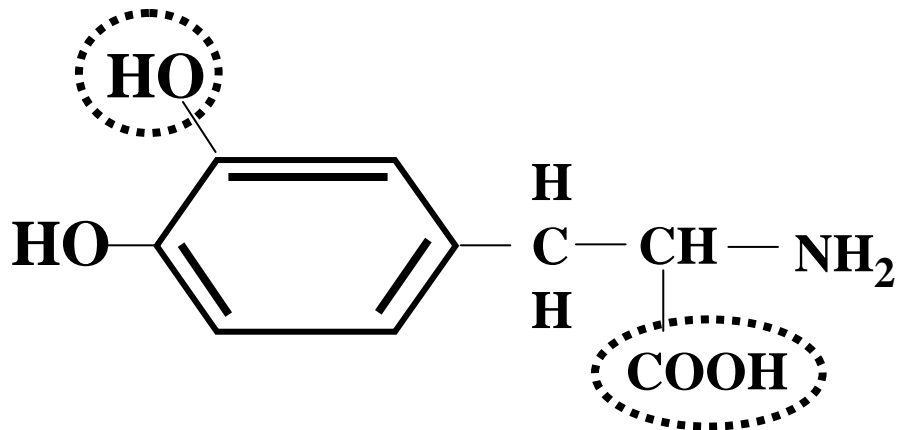
**Phenylalanine  
hydroxylase**



**Tyrosine**



**Tyrosine  
hydroxylase**

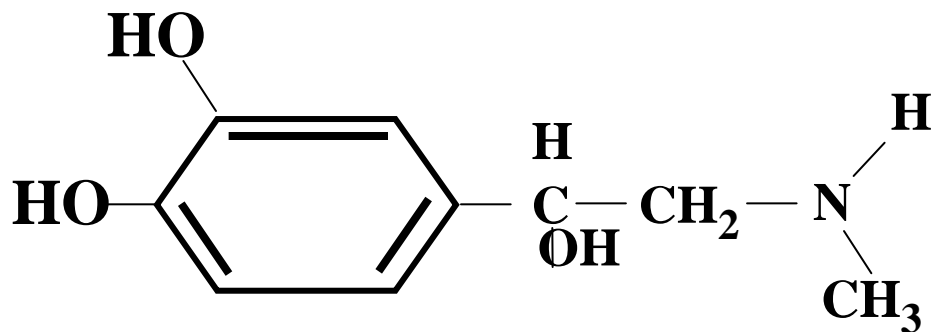
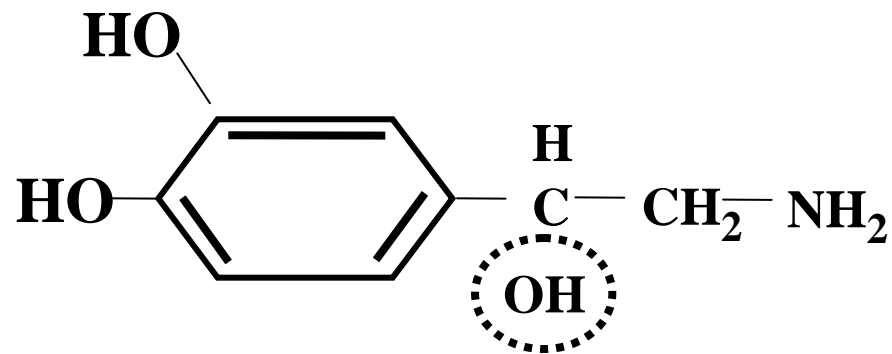
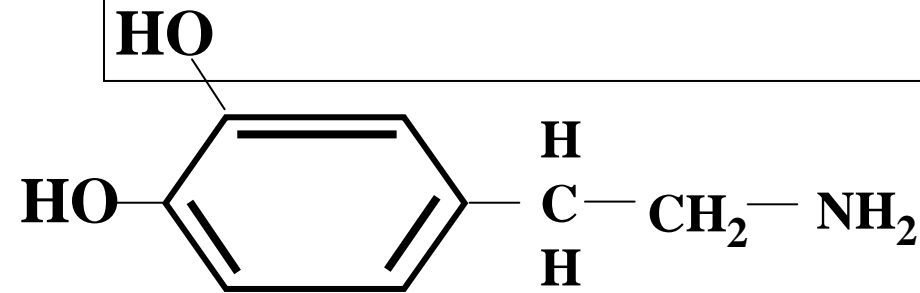


**Dopa**



**L-Aromatic  
Amino Acid  
Decarboxylase**

# Catecholamine Biosynthesis



**Dopamine**

**Dopamine**

**β-hydroxylase**

**Norepinephrine**

**Phenylethanolamine**

**N-Methyltransferase**

**(PNMT)**

**Epinephrine**

# Contrasted Actions of Epinephrine and Norepinephrine

The Adrenal Medulla : Chromaffin  
Tissue

Table 10-1



# Cardiovascular

FUNCTION	EFFECT		RELATIVE ACTIVITY
	EPINEPHRINE	NOREPINEPHRINE	E/N°
Peripheral resistance	Decreased	Increased	-
Systolic B.P.	Increased	Increased	0.5
Diastolic B.P.	No effect	Increased	-
Heart Rate	Increased	Slightly Increased	20
Cardiac output	Increased	No Change	-
Blood vessels in denervated limb	Vasodilation	Vasoconstriction	-
Coronary vessels	Vasodilation	Vasodilation	-
Pulse Rate	Increased	Decreased	-
Eosinophil count	Increased	No effect	-
Net peripheral vascular effect	Vasodilation	Limited vasodilator actions; over-all vasoconstriction	-

# Blood Flow through Individual Organs

FUNCTION	<u>EFFECT</u>		<u>RELATIVE</u>
	EPINEPHRINE	NOREPINEPHRINE	ACTIVITY
			E/N°
<b>Skeletal muscle</b>	<b>100% increase</b>	<b>Unaltered or decreased</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Liver</b>	<b>100% increase</b>	<b>No material effect</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Brain</b>	<b>20% increase</b>	<b>Slight decrease</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Kidney</b>	<b>40% decrease</b>	<b>20% decrease</b>	<b>2</b>

# Respiratory System

## EFFECT

## RELATIVE ACTIVITY

<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>EPINEPHRINE</u>	<u>NOREPINEPHRINE</u>	<u>E/N°</u>
Bronchial muscle	Inhibition	Inhibition	20

# Carbohydrate Metabolism

## EFFECT

## RELATIVE ACTIVITY

<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>EPINEPHRINE</u>	<u>NOREPINEPHRINE</u>	<u>E/N°</u>
Blood Sugar	Increased	Increased	4

# Eye

## EFFECT

## RELATIVE ACTIVITY

<u>FUNCTION</u>	<u>EPINEPHRINE</u>	<u>NOREPINEPHRINE</u>	<u>E/N°</u>
Pupillary dilators	Excitation	Excitation	15

# Intestine

FUNCTION	<u>EFFECT</u>		<u>RELATIVE</u>
	EPINEPHRINE	NOREPINEPHRINE	ACTIVITY
			E/N*
Small	Inhibition	Inhibition	2
Large	Inhibition	Inhibition	1

# Genital System

FUNCTION	<u>EFFECT</u>		<u>RELATIVE</u>
	EPINEPHRINE	NOREPINEPHRINE	ACTIVITY
			E/N°
Nonpregnant Uterus (rat, cat)	Inhibition	Inhibition	100

# Eye

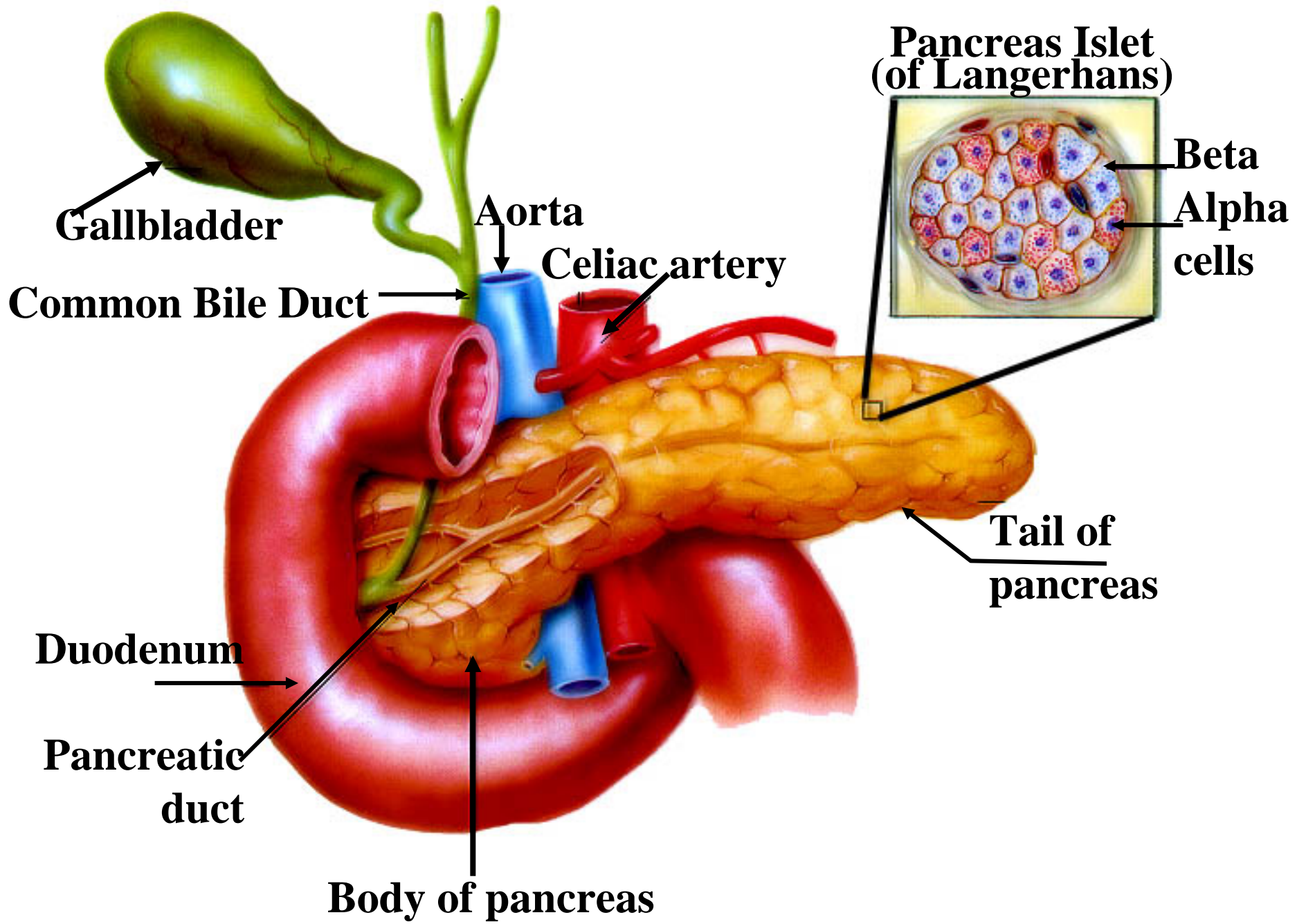
FUNCTION	<u>EFFECT</u>		<u>RELATIVE</u>
	EPINEPHRINE	NOREPINEPHRINE	ACTIVITY
			E/N°
Central Nervous System (man)	Mental state	Anxiety	-

# Pancreas

- Structure:
- About 98% of the pancreas consist of non-endocrine secreting tissue. This is the acinar tissue which secretes the pancreatic juices. Scattered throughout the pancreas are the Islets of Langerhans which produce 4 peptides having hormonal activity.

# Pancreas

- Cell types & Hormones:
- A(alpha) = 20% of granulated cells - glucagon
- B(beta) = 70% of granulated cells - insulin
- D(delta) = 1-8% of granulated cells -  
pancreatic  
somatostatin
- Fourth cell type - pancreatic
- polypeptides



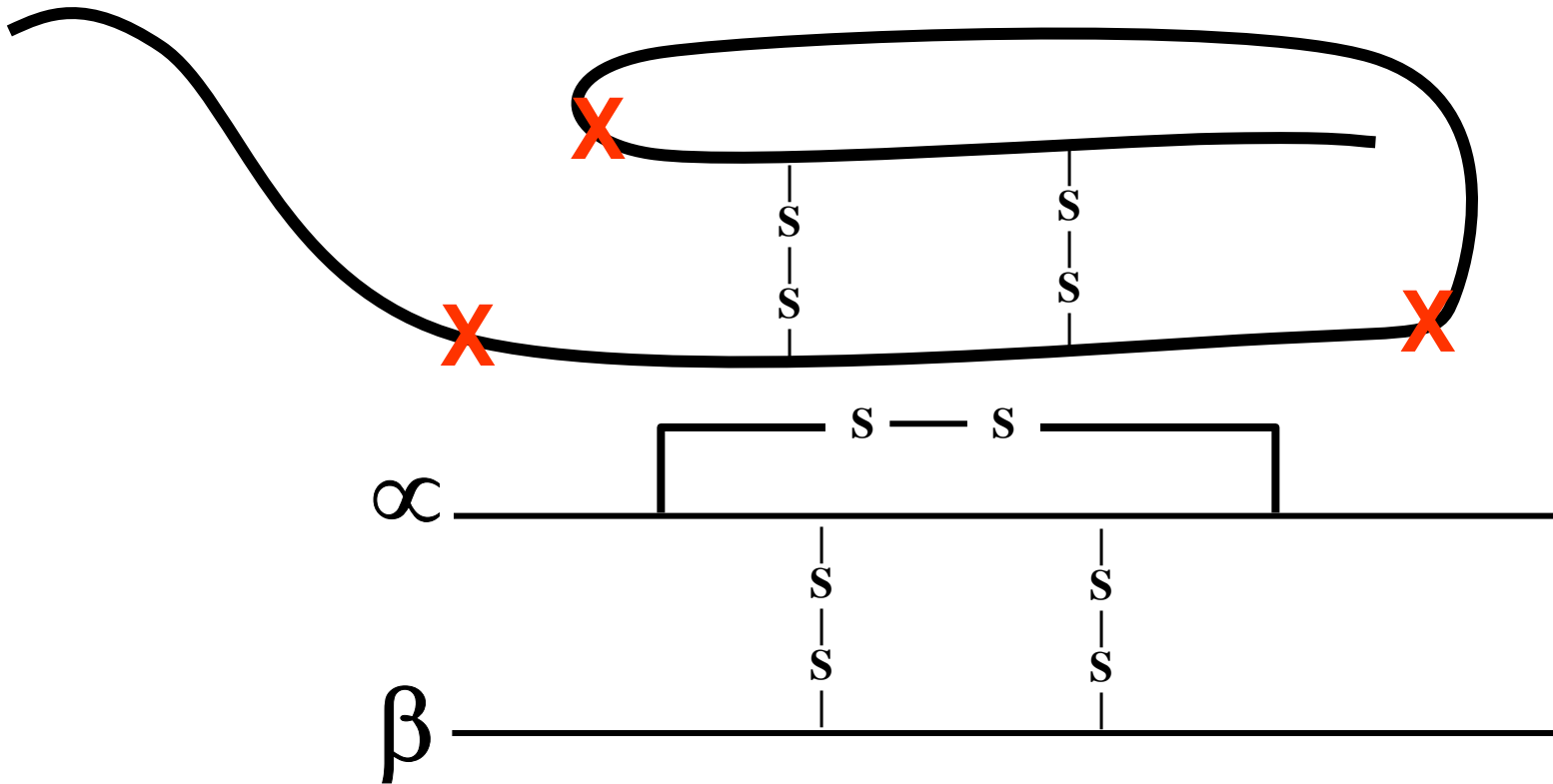
# Insulin

- **Chemistry:**
- Polypeptide containing 2 chains linked by disulfide bonds.
- Alpha chain - 21AA
- Beta chain - 30AA
- The AA composition from other species can cause antibody production, however, the titer usually remains low. Pork insulin differs from human insulin by **one** AA
- Circulating half-life of 5 minutes.



# Insulin Biosynthesis

- Insulin is produced in the endoplasmic reticulum of the beta cells. It is packaged into membrane-bound granules in the Golgi complex, then becomes attached to the cell membrane until secreted by exocytosis. It is synthesized as a single chain called pre-proinsulin (107AA).
- Twenty three AA are removed from C-terminal & the resultant molecule folds in & forms disulfide bonds. This is pro-insulin (84AA). The connecting peptides then break off leaving the A&B chains -insulin. Within the beta cells, insulin complexes with zinc. The # of granules in the cells denote the amount of insulin in the cells. The granules are depleted as insulin is secreted. It has a circulating half-life of 5 minutes



## Biologic Action:

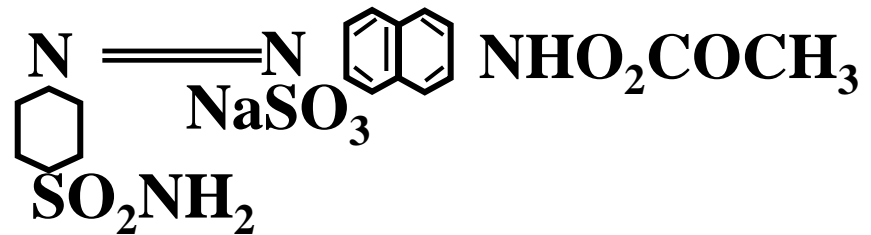
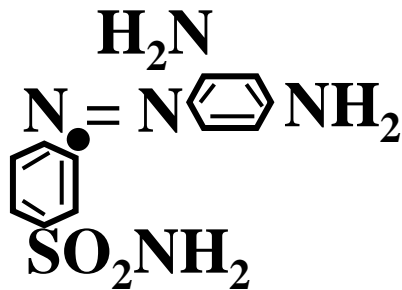
It acts on the cell membrane to ↑ permeability to glucose. It, therefore, acts to ↓ the level of blood glucose. (Helps maintain level between 80 & 120mg %).

# Insulin Substitutes (oral)

- 1. Sulfonamides - ↓ level of blood glucose
- 2. Tolbutamide - stimulates release of insulin
- 3. Biguanides - ↓ gluconeogenesis in the liver

# Oral Insulin Substitutes

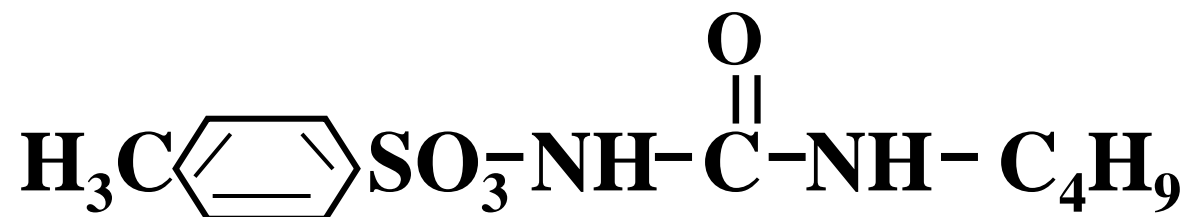
- 1. Sulfonamides
- Amides of p-aminobenzenesulfonic acid.
- They are bacteriostatic in low concentration; bactericidal in high concentrations.



• Prontosil

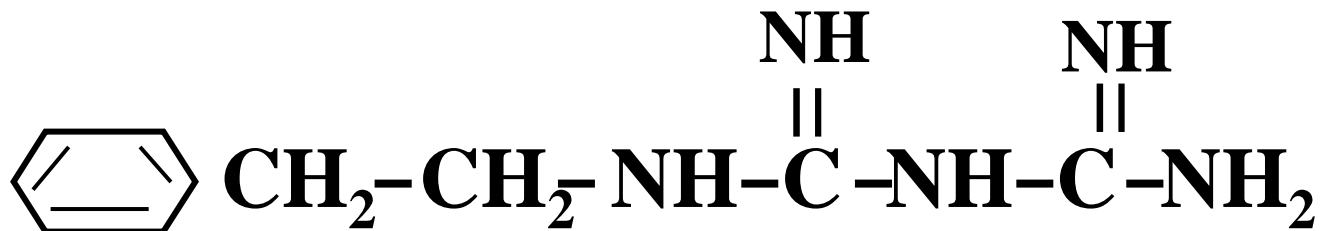
Neoprontosil

# A) Sulfonylurea compounds (Tolbutamide - Orinase)



- Tolbutamide
- They stimulate the pancreas to release insulin.

## B) Phenformin compounds (Biguanide)



- Phenformin
- They supplement the effect of insulin upon the peripheral utilization of glucose.
- They act by favoring anerobic glycolysis instead of the more insulin-dependent aerobic pathway.

# Effects of Insulin Deficiency

- 1. Hyperglycemia
- 2. Glycosuria
- 3. ↓Glycogenesis
- 4. ↑ formation of ketone bodies
- 5. ↓ PH (acidosis then coma)

# Effects of Insulin Deficiency - Treatment

- A. Diabetic Coma - injection of insulin & glucose.
- The glucose shifts system from **fat** to **glucose** metabolism
- B. Diabetes Mellitus (No national registry: NIH projections)
  - 1. Undiagnosed: 8 million
  - 2. Diagnosed: 8 million
  - 3. Non-insulin dependent: 7.5 million
  - 4. Insulin- dependent: 800,000



# Effects of Hyperinsulinism

- Insulin Shock - overexcitability of brain followed by coma.

# Differential Diagnosis

**Diagnostic  
Factors**

**Hyperglycemia  
(Diabetic Coma)**

**Hyperinsulinism**

**History:**

**food intake**

**normal or  
excessive**

**may be insufficient**

**insulin**

**insufficient**

**excessive**

**onset**

**gradual: days**

**sudden (1-2-days)**

**Physical Exam:**

**appearance**

**extremely ill**

**very weak**

**skin**

**dry & flushed**

**moist & pale**

**infection**

**frequent**

**absent**

**fever**

**frequent**

**absent**

# Differential Diagnosis

## Diagnostic Factors

**Hyperglycemia  
(Diabetic Coma)**

**Hyperinsulinism**

## Gastrointestinal:

**mouth**

**dry**

**drooling**

**thirst**

**intense**

**absent**

**hunger**

**absent**

**occasional**

**vomiting**

**common**

**rare**

**Pain,  
abdominal**

**frequent**

**absent**

**skin**

**dry & flushed**

**moist & pale**

**infection**

**frequent**

**absent**

**fever**

**frequent**

**absent**

# Differential Diagnosis

<b>Diagnostic Factors</b>	<b>Hyperglycemia (Diabetic Coma)</b>	<b>Hyperinsulinism</b>
<b>Respiration</b>	<b>Exaggerated, air hunger</b>	<b>Normal or shallow</b>
<b>Breath</b>	<b>Acetone odor</b>	<b>Acetone odor, rare</b>
<b>Blood Pressure</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Normal</b>
<b>Pulse</b>	<b>Weak &amp; rapid</b>	<b>Full &amp; bounding</b>
<b>Eyeballs</b>	<b>Soft</b>	<b>Normal</b>
<b>Vision</b>	<b>Dim</b>	<b>Diplopia</b>
<b>Convulsions</b>	<b>None</b>	<b>In late stages</b>
<b>Response to Treatment</b>	<b>Gradual, 6 to 12 hrs. after use of insulin</b>	<b>Rapid following carbohydrate administration</b>

# Pathophysiology of the Endocrine Pancreas

- Disease / Etiology
- Type I (Insulin-Dependent)  
Juvenile-onset diabetes.
- Viral-induced  $\beta$ -cell destruction.  
Cytotoxic autoantibodies to  
 $\beta$ -cell lead to  $\beta$ -cell destruction.

# Pathophysiology of the Endocrine Pancreas

- Type II (Noninsulin-Dependent Diabetes Mellitus, NIDDM) Adult (Maturity) Onset Diabetes.
- Decreased capacity of pancreatic  $\beta$ -cells to compensate for underlying insulin resistance by increased secretion of insulin.

# Pathophysiology of the Endocrine Pancreas

- Insulin resistance (4, 11, 14, 41)  
Type A. Decrease in insulin receptor and/or affinity.  
Point mutation in insulin receptor prevents processing of the receptor precursor [30, 74].  
Defect in glucose transport effector system (glucose transporter proteins) [21, 29].

# Pathophysiology of the Endocrine Pancreas

- Impaired expression of receptor tyrosine kinase activity [26, 47, 66].
- Type B. Receptor blocked by circulatory antibodies to the receptor.



# Pathophysiology of the Endocrine Pancreas

- Leprechaunism  
An autosomal recessively inherited disorder of insulin function that leads to severe intrauterine growth retardation, characteristic dysmorphic features, and a disturbed glucose homeostasis.
- The process underlying this disease is a malfunctioning of the insulin receptor.

# Pathophysiology of the Endocrine Pancreas

- Mutant Insulin Structures
  - Defect in primary structures of insulin B chain at one or more positions [71].
    - Familial Hyperproinsulinemia.
      - B-C proinsulin: mutation at the cleavage site between the B chain and the connecting (C)peptide.
      - A-C proinsulin: mutation at the cleavage site between the A chain and the connecting (C) peptide.

# Pathophysiology of the Endocrine Pancreas

- **Islet Cell Tumors<sup>a</sup>**

Insulinoma. Excess insulin secretion from  $\beta$ -cell pancreatic tumor.

Glucagonoma syndrome. Excess glucagon secretion from  $\alpha$ -cell pancreatic tumor.

Somatostatinoma. Excess glucagon secretion from D-cell pancreatic tumor.

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<sup>a</sup>No pathological condition or tumor has been reported which solely secretes PP, although very high levels of the peptide are often found in pancreatic disease states, exocrine and endocrine.

# Pathophysiology of the Endocrine Pancreas

## Hypoglycemic Disorders

**Hypoglucagonemia (isolated glucagon deficiency).**

**Possibly due to autosomal recessive inheritance [61].**

**Hyperinsulinemia ( $\beta$ -cell tumor) [73].**

**No pathological condition or tumor has been reported which solely PP, although very high levels of the peptide are often found in pancreatic disease states, exocrine and endocrine.**

# Glucagon

- **Chemistry:**
- Straight chain polypeptide of 29 AA and mole wt. of 3,485.
- **Biologic Actions:**
  - 1. Stimulates an  $\uparrow$  in the blood glucose level
  - 2.  $\uparrow$  contractility of the heart
  - 3. Stimulates secretion of STH

# Glucagon

- Mechanism of Action:
- A. Acts on the liver to cause:
  - 1. Glycogenolysis
  - 2. Gluconeogenesis
  - 3. Lipolysis
- B. ↑ plasma level of glucose by ↑ active phosphorylase which catalyzes the formation glucose-1-phosphate from glycogen.

# Glucagon

## Regulation of Release

- Stimulated:

- 1. Amino acids
- 2. Cortisol
- 3. Exercise
- 4. Starvation

- Inhibitors:

- 1. Glucose
- 2. Somatostatin
- 3. Insulin

# Mean Rates of Insulin & Glucagon Delivery

