

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM: FALL2003

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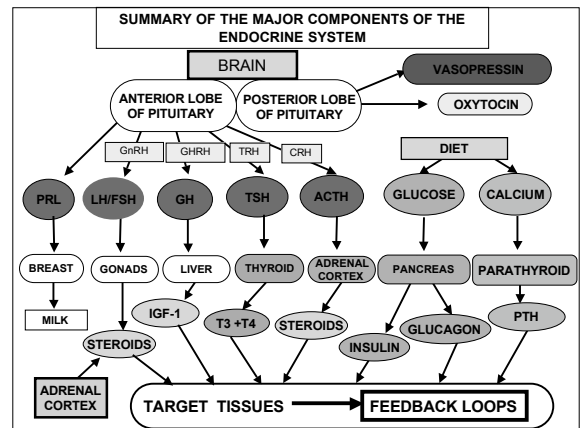
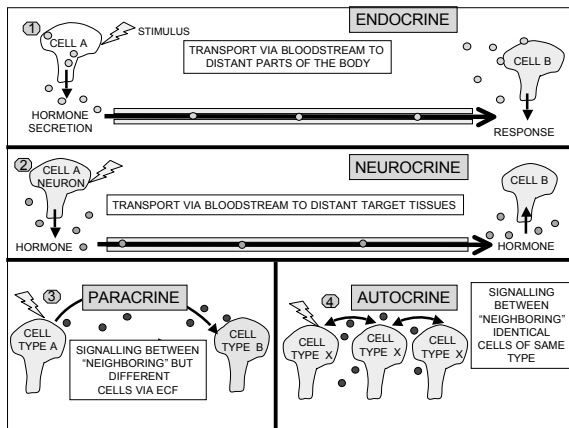
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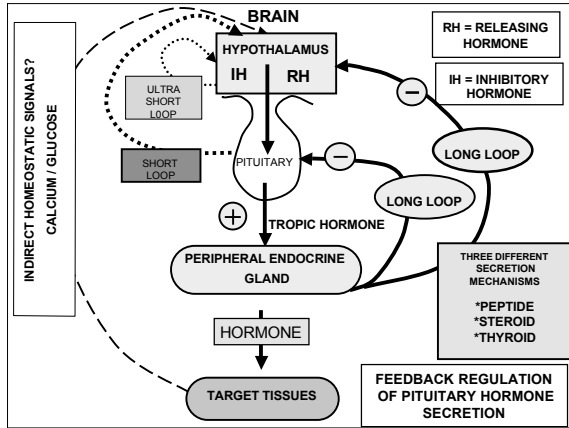
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A: ALTHOUGH IT ALLOWS EXTREMELY RAPID COMMUNICATION THE "HARD WIRING" OF THE NERVOUS SYSTEM IS TOO "EXPENSIVE", INEFFICIENT (AND UNNECESSARY) FOR THE DELIVERY OF MOLECULAR SIGNALS TO EVERY CELL IN THE BODY.

THE CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEM, WHICH IS MOSTLY DEVOTED TO TRANSPORTING OXYGEN AND NUTRIENTS, CAN ALSO PROVIDE A HIGHLY EFFICIENT, BUT RELATIVELY SLOW SYSTEM FOR DELIVERING "SOLUBLE" MESSENGER MOLECULES TO ESSENTIALLY EVERY CELL IN THE BODY.

HOWEVER TO ENSURE FIDELITY AND SPECIFICITY OF THE SIGNALLING PROCESS THESE "SOLUBLE MESSENGERS" MUST BE GUIDED TO THE CORRECT DESTINATION BY A "MOLECULAR ADDRESS"

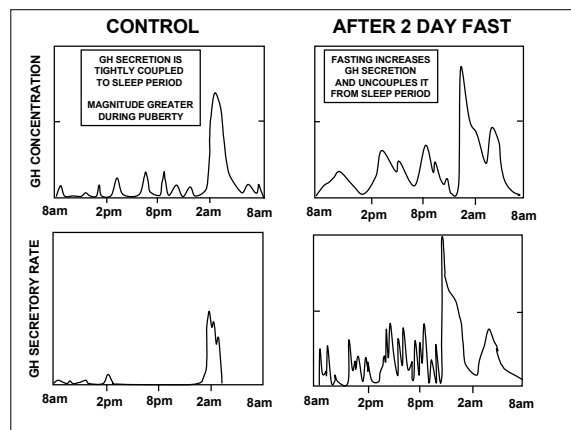
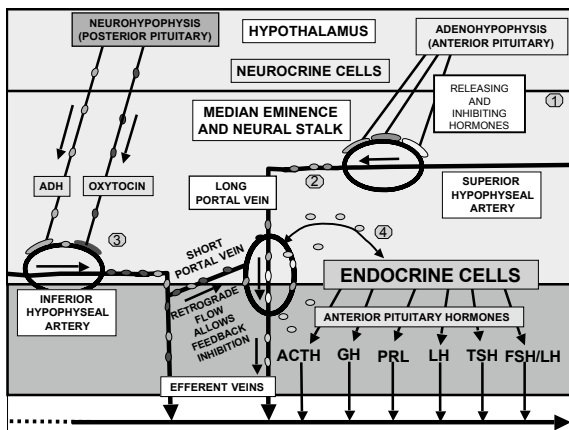


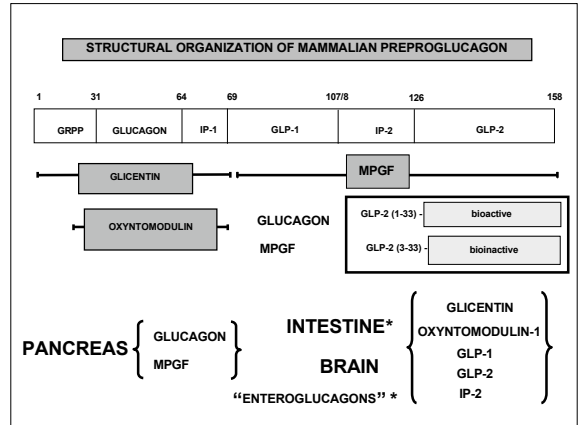
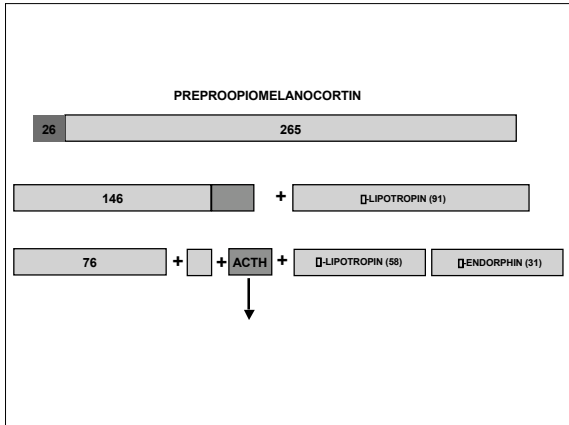


STRUCTURE & FUNCTION OF MAJOR HORMONES			
HORMONE	M.W.	CHEMICAL STRUCTURE	MAJOR FUNCTION
TRIODOTHYRONINE (T3)	<1000	IODINATED TYROSINE DERIVATIVES	GROWTH, METABOLISM & DEVELOPMENT
THYROXINE (T4)	<1000		
STEROIDS	<1000	CHOLESTEROL DERIVATIVES	*
ARG-VASOPRESSIN (ADH)	~1000	(S-S) LINKED CYCLIC NONAPEPTIDES	ANTI-DIURETIC HORMONE
OXYTOCIN	~1000		SUCKLING RESPONSE
GLUCAGON	~3,500	29-RESIDUE PEPTIDE	↑ PLASMA GLUCOSE
CALCITONIN	~4,000	32-RESIDUE PEPTIDE	↓ PLASMA Ca
ADRENOCORTICOTROPIC HORMONE (ACTH)	4,500	39-RESIDUE PEPTIDE DERIVED FROM 31K POMC PRECURSOR	STIMULATES RELEASE OF CORTICAL STEROIDS
INSULIN	6,000	51-RESIDUE PEPTIDE WITH (S-S)-LINKED A AND B CHAINS	PLASMA GLUCOSE LIPOLYSIS
PARATHYROID HORMONE	9,500	84-RESIDUE PEPTIDE	↑ PLASMA CALCIUM
PROLACTIN (PRL)	23,000	198 /191 RESIDUE GLYCOPROTEINS WITH	LACTOGENESIS
GROWTH HORMONE (GH)	22,000	~ 80% HOMOLOGY	GROWTH / METABOLISM
THYROID-STIMULATING HORMONE (TSH)	28,000	GLYCOPROTEINS WITH: COMMON ALPHA SUBUNIT AND VARIABLE BETA SUBUNIT	STIMULATES RELEASE OF T3 AND T4
LUTEINIZING HORMONE (LH)	30,000		
FOLLICLE-STIMULATING HORMONE (FSH)	30,000		REGULATION OF SPERMATOGENESIS AND OOGENESIS
CHORIONIC GONADOTROPHIN (hCG)	57,000	LEPTIN: 16kDa 139-RESIDUE PEPTIDE	MAINTENANCE OF CORPUS LUTEUM

CELL SURFACE RECEPTORS AND THEIR TRANSDUCERS: GROUP I	
RECEPTOR / HORMONE	MAJOR TRANSDUCERS
_1, _2, _3 - ADRENERGIC	G PROTEIN : CYCLASE
1- ADRENERGIC	G PROTEIN : PLC
2- ADRENERGIC	G PROTEIN : PLC AND CYCLASE ↓
M1- MUSCARINIC	G PROTEIN : PLC_
D2-DOPAMINERGIC	G PROTEIN : PLC_ AND CYCLASE ↓
HISTAMINE	G PROTEIN : PLC_
BRADYKININ	G PROTEIN : PLC_
ANGIOTENSIN	G PROTEIN : PLC_
VASOPRESSIN	G PROTEIN : PLC_
GLUCAGON	G PROTEIN : AND CYCLASE
CALCITONIN	G PROTEIN : AND CYCLASE
PARATHYROID HORMONE	G PROTEIN : AND CYCLASE
PROSTAGLANDIN E2	G PROTEIN : AND CYCLASE ↓
LEUKOTRIENES	G PROTEIN : PLC_

CELL SURFACE RECEPTORS TRANSDUCERS AND MESSENGERS?: GROUP II	
RECEPTOR / HORMONE	MAJOR TRANSDUCERS
THROMBOXANE A2	G PROTEIN : PLC_
THYROTROPIN-RELEASING HORMONE (TRH)	G PROTEIN : PLC_
THYROID-STIMULATING HORMONE (TSH)	G PROTEIN : CYCLASE
FOLLICLE-STIMULATING HORMONE (FSH)	G PROTEIN : CYCLASE
LUTEINIZING HORMONE (LH)	G PROTEIN : CYCLASE
EPIDERMAL GROWTH FACTOR (EGF)	RECEPTOR TYROSINE KINASE: PLC_
PLATELET-DERIVED GROWTH FACTOR (PDGF)	RECEPTOR TYROSINE KINASE; PLC_
INSULIN	RECEPTOR TYROSINE KINASE; IRS-1
INSULIN -LIKE GROWTH FACTOR 1 (IGF-1)	RECEPTOR TYROSINE KINASE; IRS-1
GROWTH HORMONE (GH)	NON-RECEPTOR TYROSINE KINASE; JAK/Stat
PROLACTIN (PRL)	NON-RECEPTOR TYROSINE KINASE; JAK/Stat
ACTIVIN/INHIBIN (TGF_ FAMILY)	RECEPTOR Ser/Thr KINASE:Smad



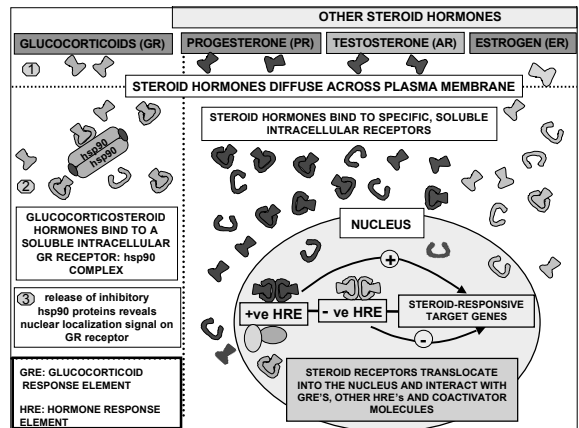
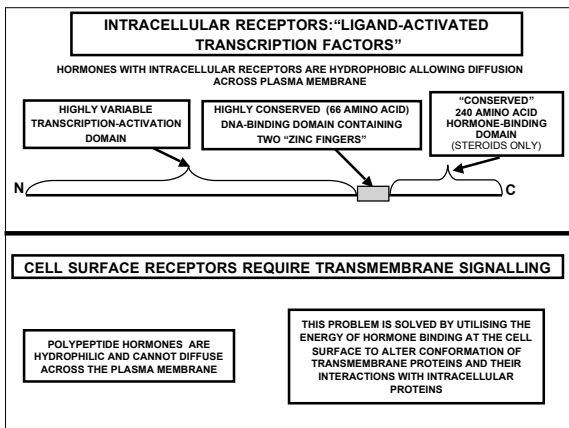
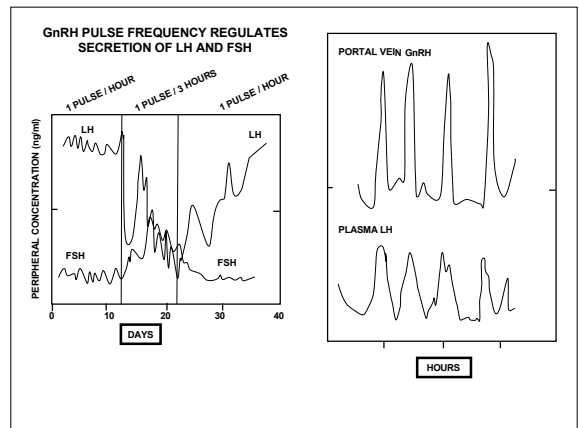


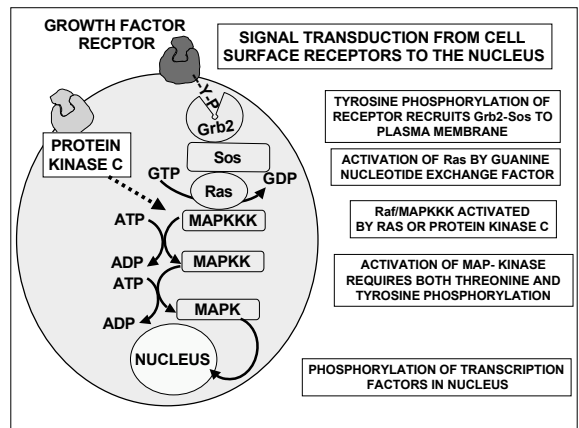
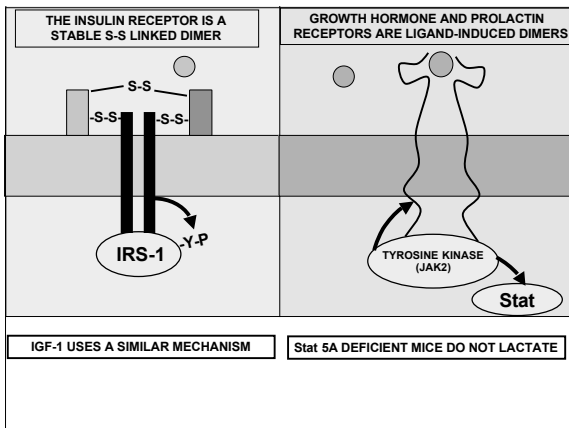
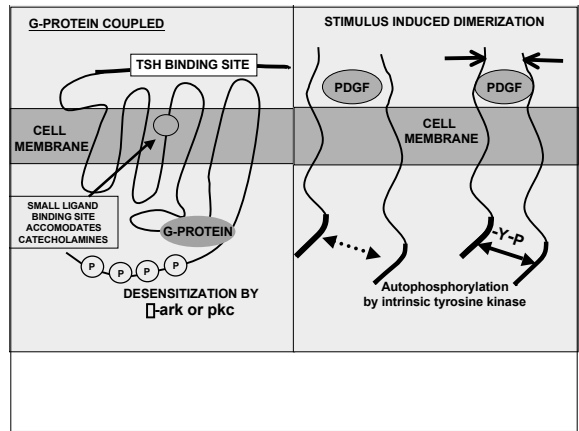
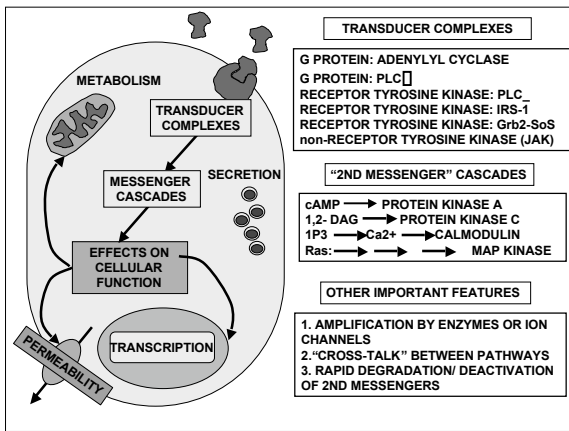
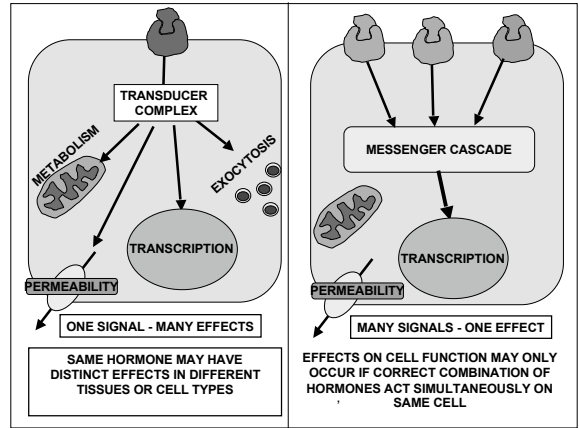
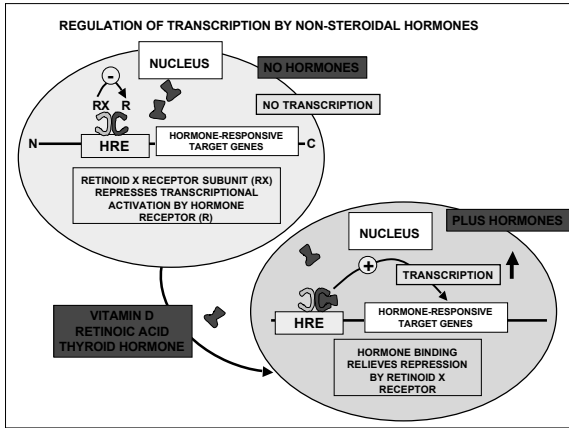
HORMONES HAVE VARIABLE *IN VIVO* “STABILITY”

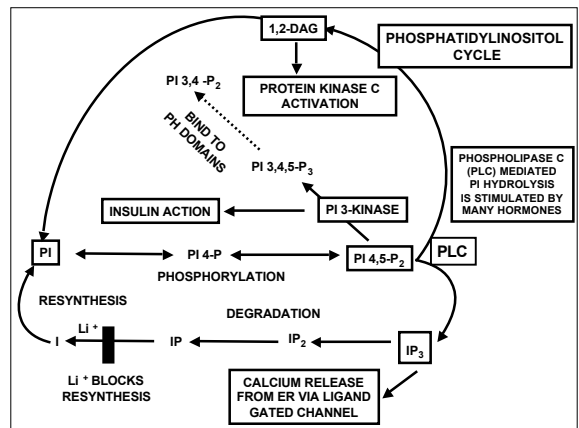
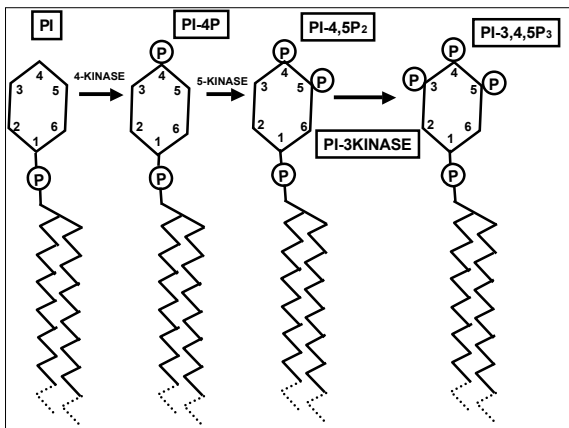
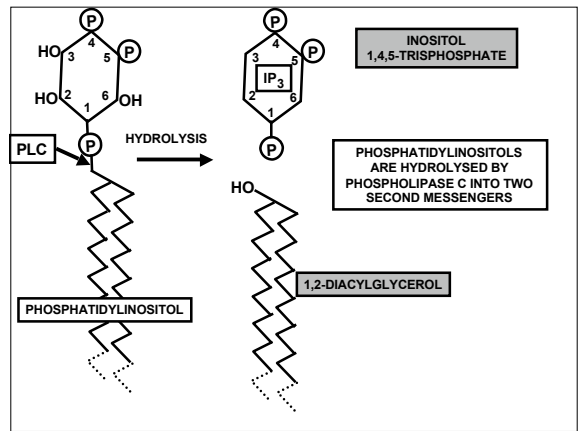
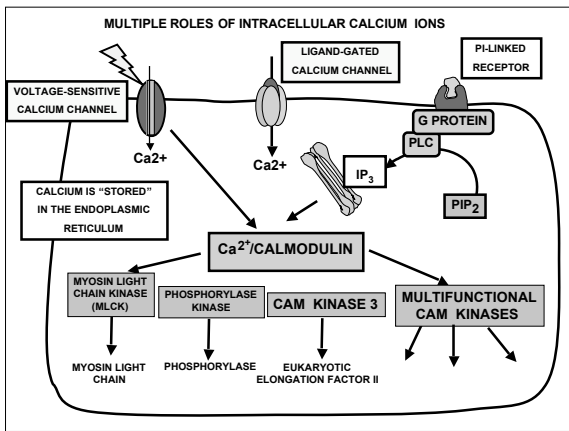
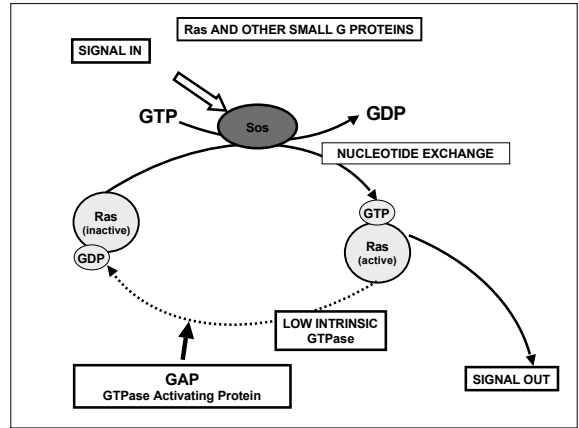
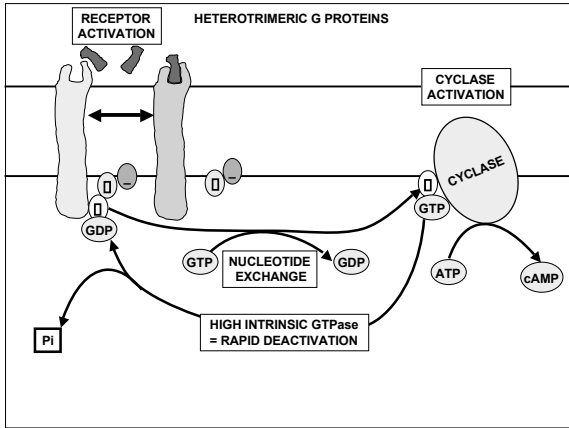
HORMONE	$t_{1/2}$
FSH	3h
CORTISOL	70 min
ALDOSTERONE	70 min
LH	60 min
ACTH	15 min
ADH	8 min
INSULIN	5-8 min
OXYTOCIN	3-5 min

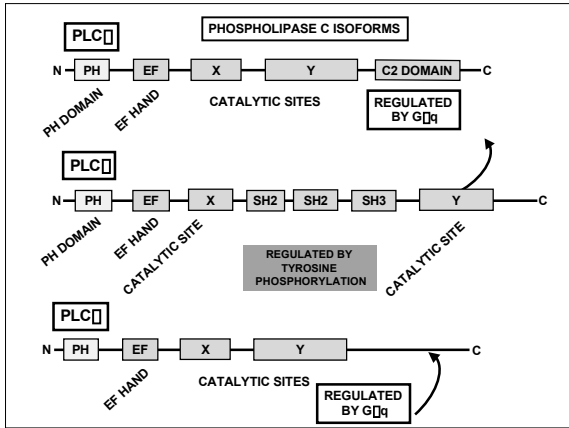
POTENTIAL REASONS FOR VARIABLE STABILITY

- STEROIDS ARE HYDROPHOBIC AND MAY PARTITION INTO MEMBRANES AND ADIPOSE TISSUE
- HORMONE CLEAVED BY SPECIFIC PEPTIDASES IN PLASMA
- HORMONE FORMS COMPLEX WITH BINDING PROTEIN WHICH PROTECTS IT FROM DEGRADATION
- SHORT PEPTIDES ARE PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE TO DEGRADATION BECAUSE THERE ARE FEW CONSTRAINTS ON THEIR CONFORMATION









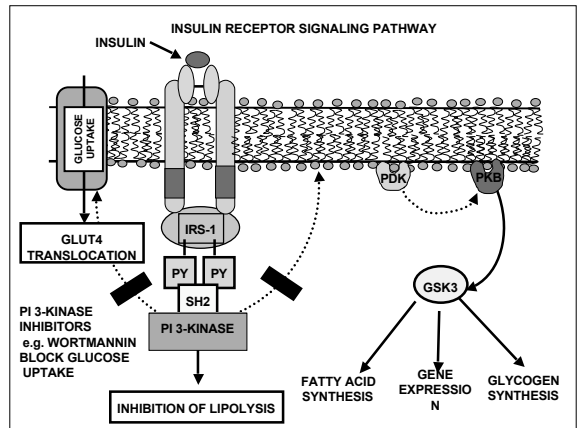
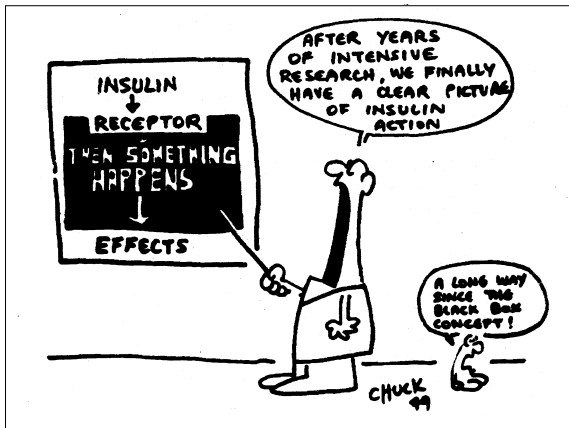
SEQUENCE MOTIFS INVOLVED IN SIGNAL TRANSDUCTION

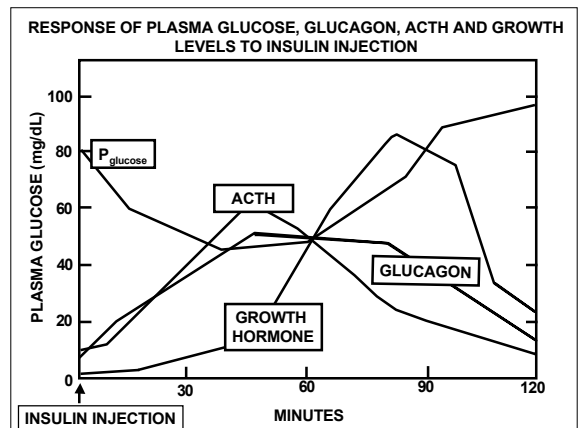
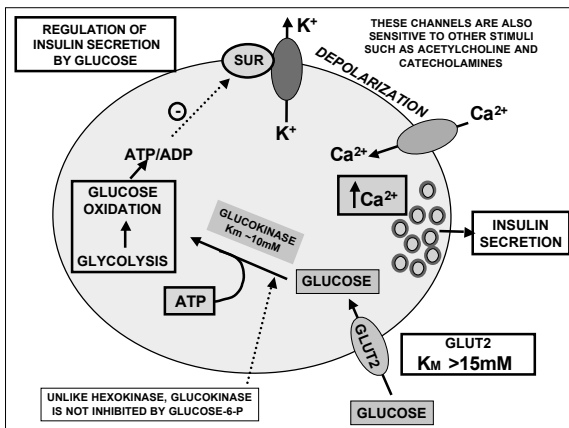
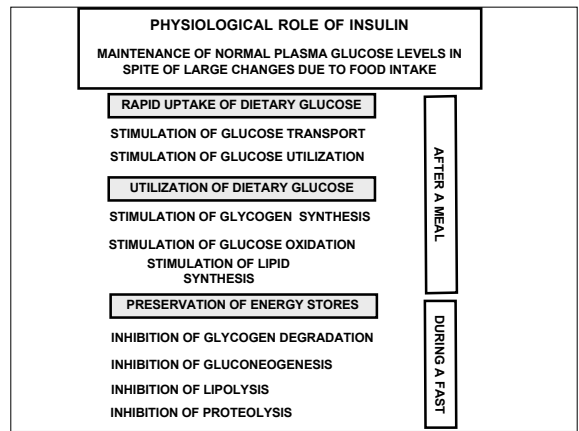
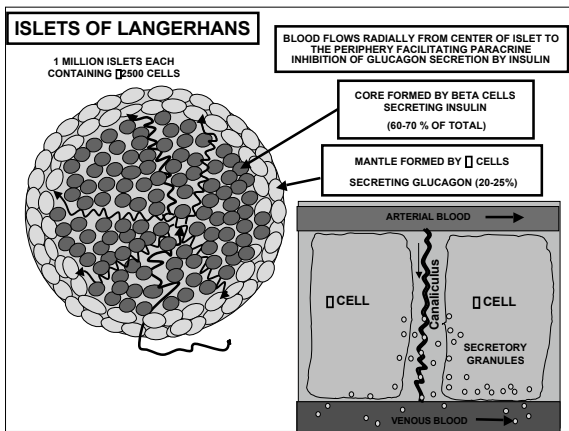
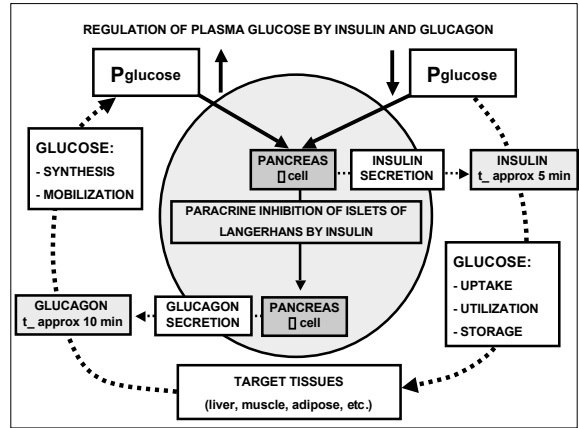
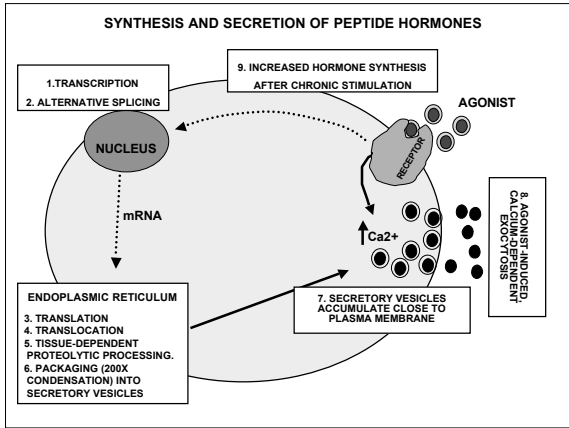
DOMAIN	NAME	MOTIF RECOGNIZED
src homology 2	SH2	pY-X-X-X
"phosphotyrosine-binding"	PTB	-N-P-X-pY-
src homology 3	SH3	"proline-rich region"
Pleckstrin Homology	PH	PI-P _x headgroups

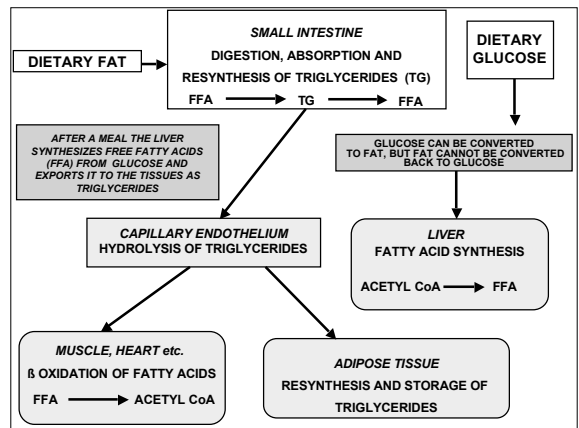
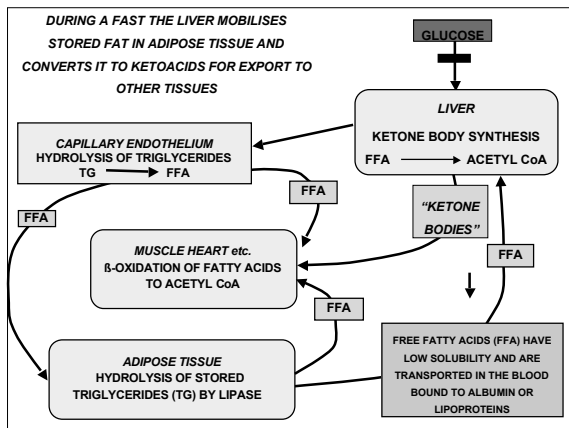
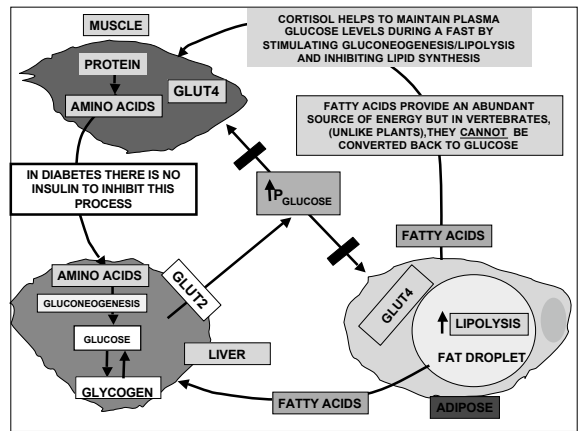
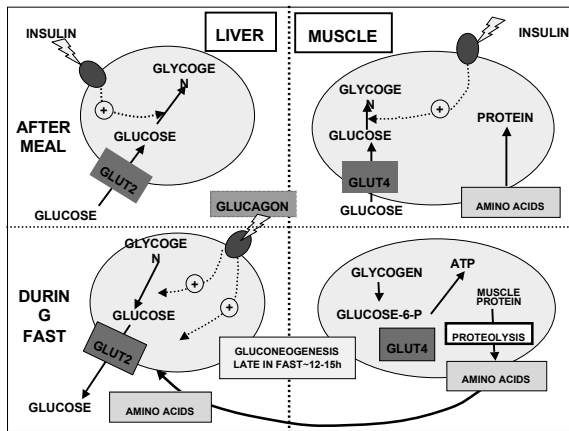
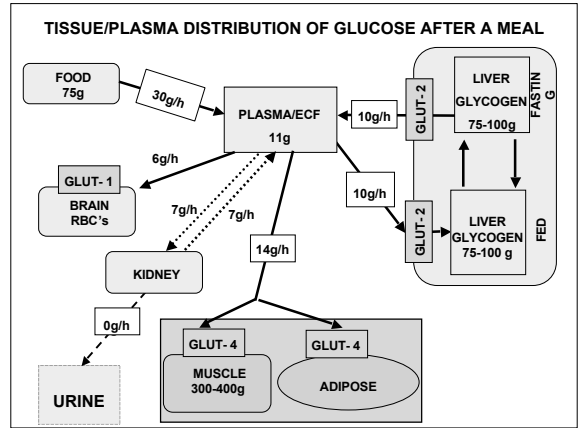
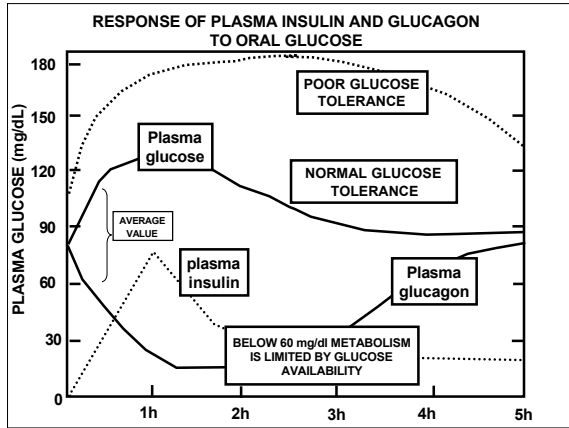
_ =Hydrophobic residue

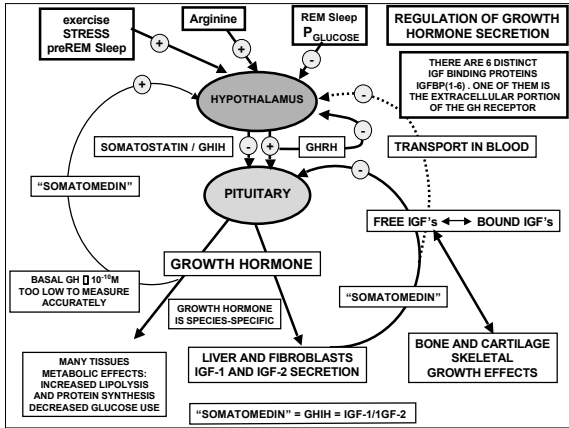
PROTEIN	ARRANGEMENT OF BINDING DOMAINS AND CATALYTIC SITES
src kinase	--Myr---SH3---SH3---SH2---Tyr kinase---
Btk	--PH---Pro---SH3---SH2---Tyr kinase---
Shc	--PTB---SH2- ('Collagen-like')
Grb-2	--SH3---SH2---SH3
Shp-2 (<i>Syp</i>)	--SH2---SH2---PTPase
PLC β	?
PLC δ	--PH---PLC---PLC--
PLC ζ	--PH---PLC---SH2---SH2---SH3---PLC
PLC ϵ	--PH---PLC---PLC
PKB	--PH---Ser/Thr kinase
p120Ras-GAP	--SH2---SH3---SH2---PH---GAP

LECTURE 3



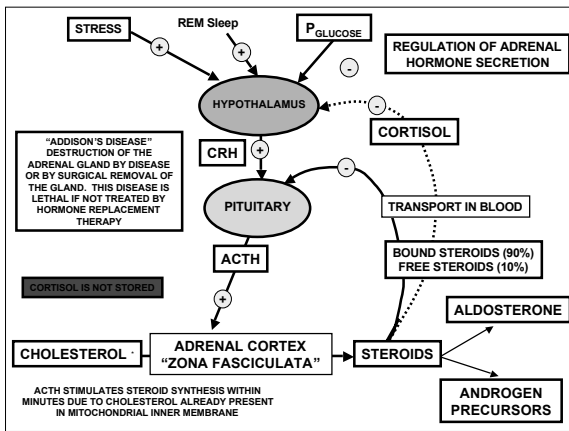




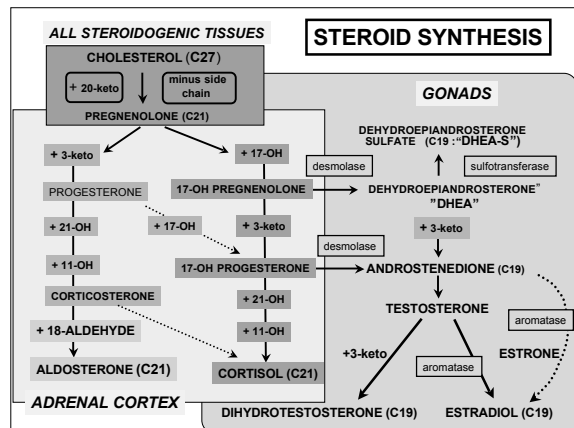
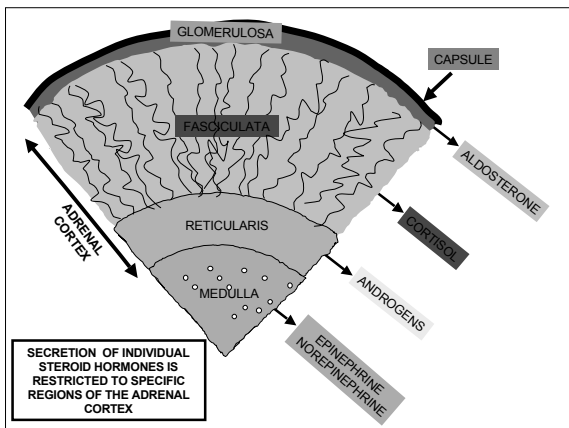


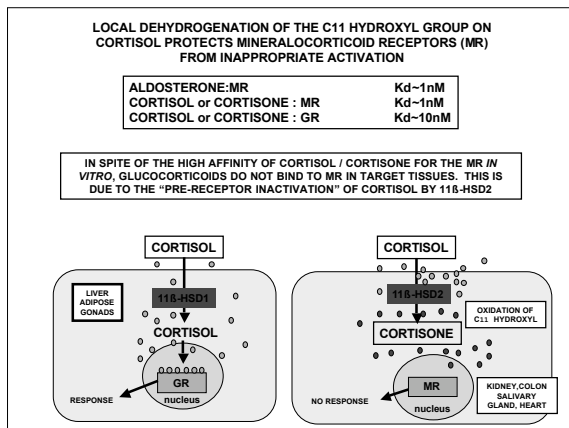
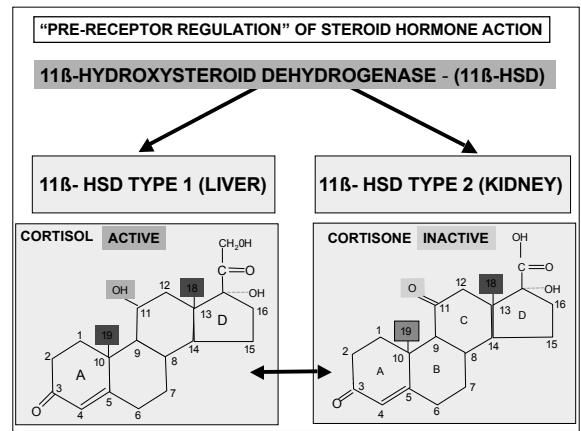
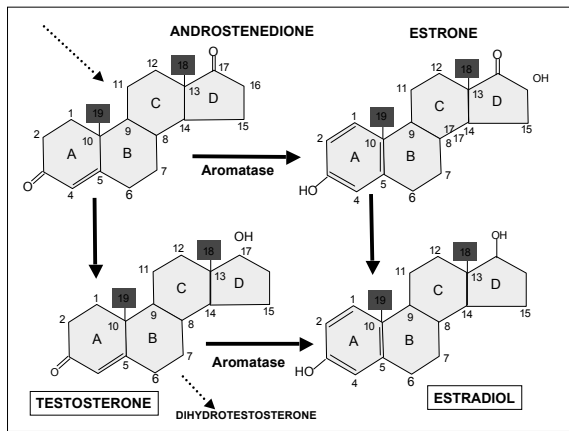
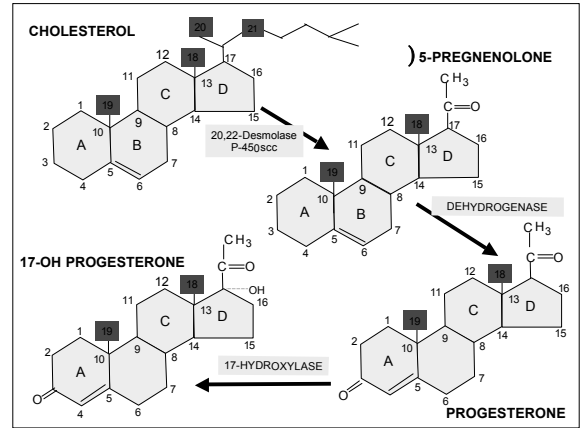
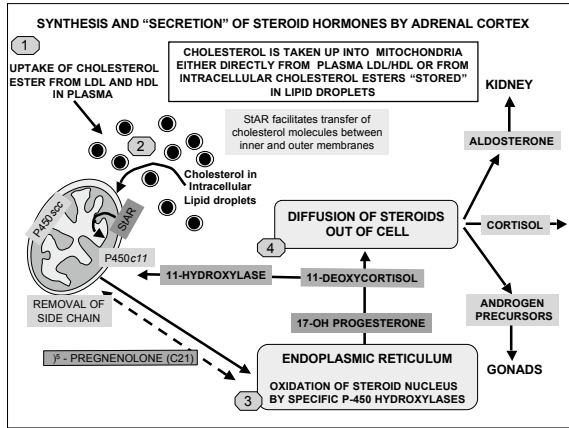
HORMONAL REGULATION OF METABOLISM

	LIPOLYSIS	PROTEIN DEGRADATION	GLUCOSE SYNTHESIS	LIVER GLYCOGEN	PLASMA GLUCOSE
INSULIN	↓	↓	↓	↑	↓
CORTISOL	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
GLUCAGON	↑	↑	↓	↑
GROWTH HORMONE	↑	↓	↑	↓	↑
CATECHOLAMINES	↑		↑ (β-1)	↓ (β-2)	↑ (β-1)
LEPTIN	↑ ?			↑



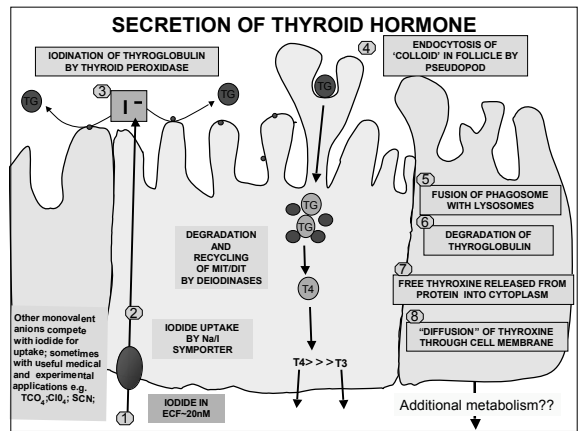
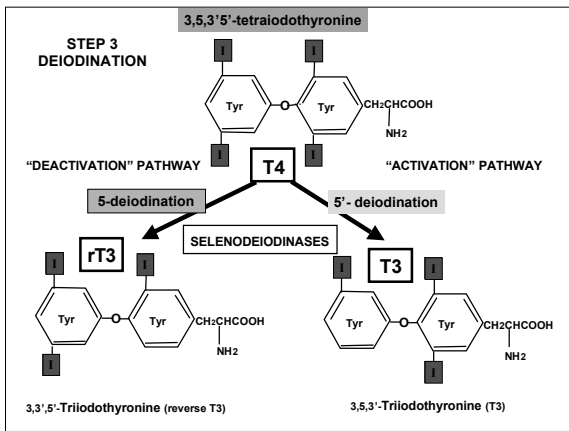
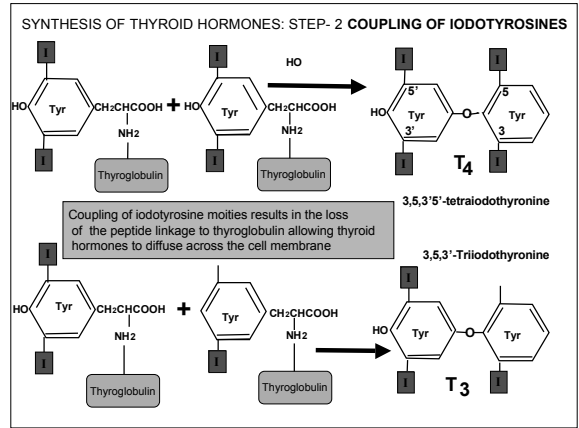
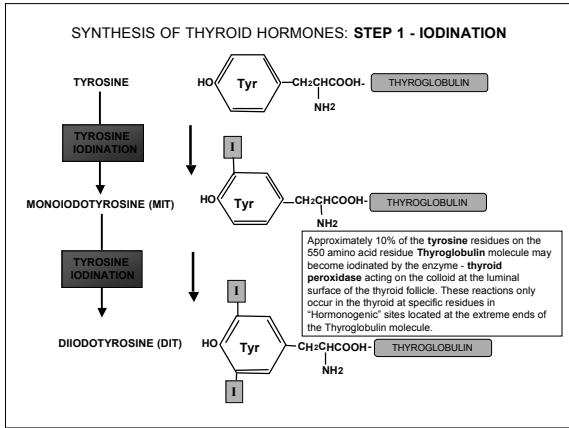
LECTURE 4





BINDING AFFINITIES OF STEROIDS TO PLASMA PROTEINS

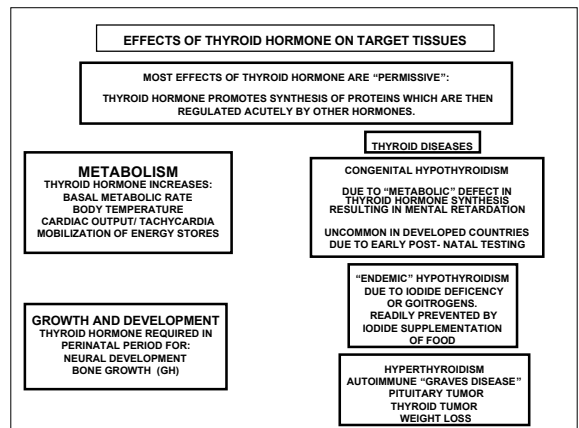
HORMONE	CORTISOL BINDING PROTEIN (CBP)	SEX HORMONE BINDING GLOBULIN (SHBG)	ALBUMIN
CORTISOL	76	1.6	0.003
CORTISONE	7.8	2.7	0.005
ESTRADIOL	0.06	680	0.06
PREGNENOLONE	0.18	14	0.06
PROGESTERONE	24	8.8	0.06
17_-OH-PROGESTERONE	55	9.9	0.4
TESTOSTERONE	5.3	1600	0.04



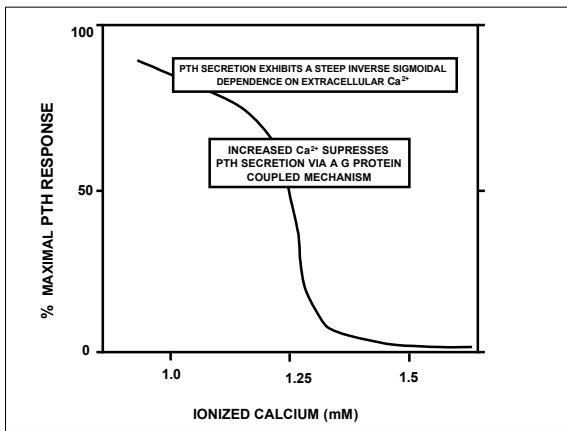
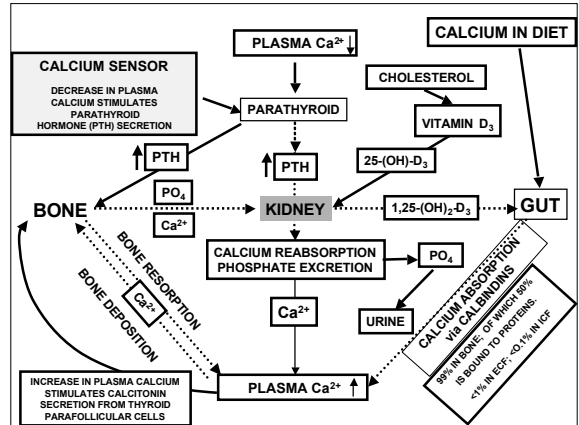
THYROID HORMONES

HORMONE	RELATIVE POTENCY	PRODUCTION (µg/day)	PLASMA CONCENTRATION (µg/dL)	BOUND TO PLASMA PROTEINS (%)	t _{1/2} (days)
T ₄	+	80- 90	8	99.95	6-7
T ₃	++++	4-8 (24)*	0.3	99.7	1-3
rT ₃	-	2-3 (27)*	0.04	99.8	0.1

* VALUES IN PARENTHESES INDICATE PERIPHERAL CONVERSION



THYROID DISEASES				
DISEASE TYPE	THYROID STATUS	SERUM T3 +T4	SERUM TSH	CAUSE OF DISEASE
CONGENITAL	HYP0	LOW	HIGH	DEFECT IN IODIDE TRAP OR THYROID HORMONE SYNTHESIS
IODIDE DEFICIENCY	HYP0	LOW	HIGH	DIET: (i) LOW IN IODIDE OR (ii) GOITROGENS PRESENT
AUTOIMMUNE: THYROIDITIS	HYP0	LOW	HIGH	DESTRUCTION OF THYROID TISSUE DUE TO INFLAMMATION
AUTOIMMUNE: GRAVES DISEASE	HYP0	HIGH	LOW	AUTOANTIBODIES TO THE TSH RECEPTOR PROVIDE CONTINUOUS UNREGULATED STIMULUS
THYROID TUMOR	HYP0	HIGH	LOW	UNREGULATED SYNTHESIS AND SECRETION OF T3 AND T4
PITUITARY TUMOR	HYP0	HIGH	HIGH	UNREGULATED SYNTHESIS AND SECRETION OF TSH



CALCITONIN IS SECRETED FROM THE THYROID PARAFOLLICULAR CELLS

BUT IS CALCITONIN AN IMPORTANT PHYSIOLOGICAL SUBSTANCE?

The observation that calcitonin (CT) at supraphysiological doses is hypocalcemic, led to the mistaken conclusion that it was important for calcium homeostasis and this idea has persisted to this day. Despite these findings there is no readily apparent pathology due to CT excess or deficiency and there is no evidence that circulating CT is of substantial benefit to any mammal.

Mammalian CT at physiological doses is not essential and very likely the CT gene has survived because of the gene's alternate mRNA pathway to produce calcitonin-gene-related peptide found in neural tissues.

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