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Nutritional Endocrinology Overview and Relationships

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What Brings Clients to You?



Complex Health Challenges



Nutritional Endocrinology Defined

- ✓ Relationship between **nutrition and endocrine imbalances**
- ✓ **Nutrient deficiencies or excesses impact hormones**
- ✓ Understanding the **relationship between food and hormones**
- ✓ **Hierarchy of interventions**
 - Food and lifestyle
 - Herbs
 - Isolated nutrients
 - Bioidentical hormones – natural source



Functional Medicine/Nutrition





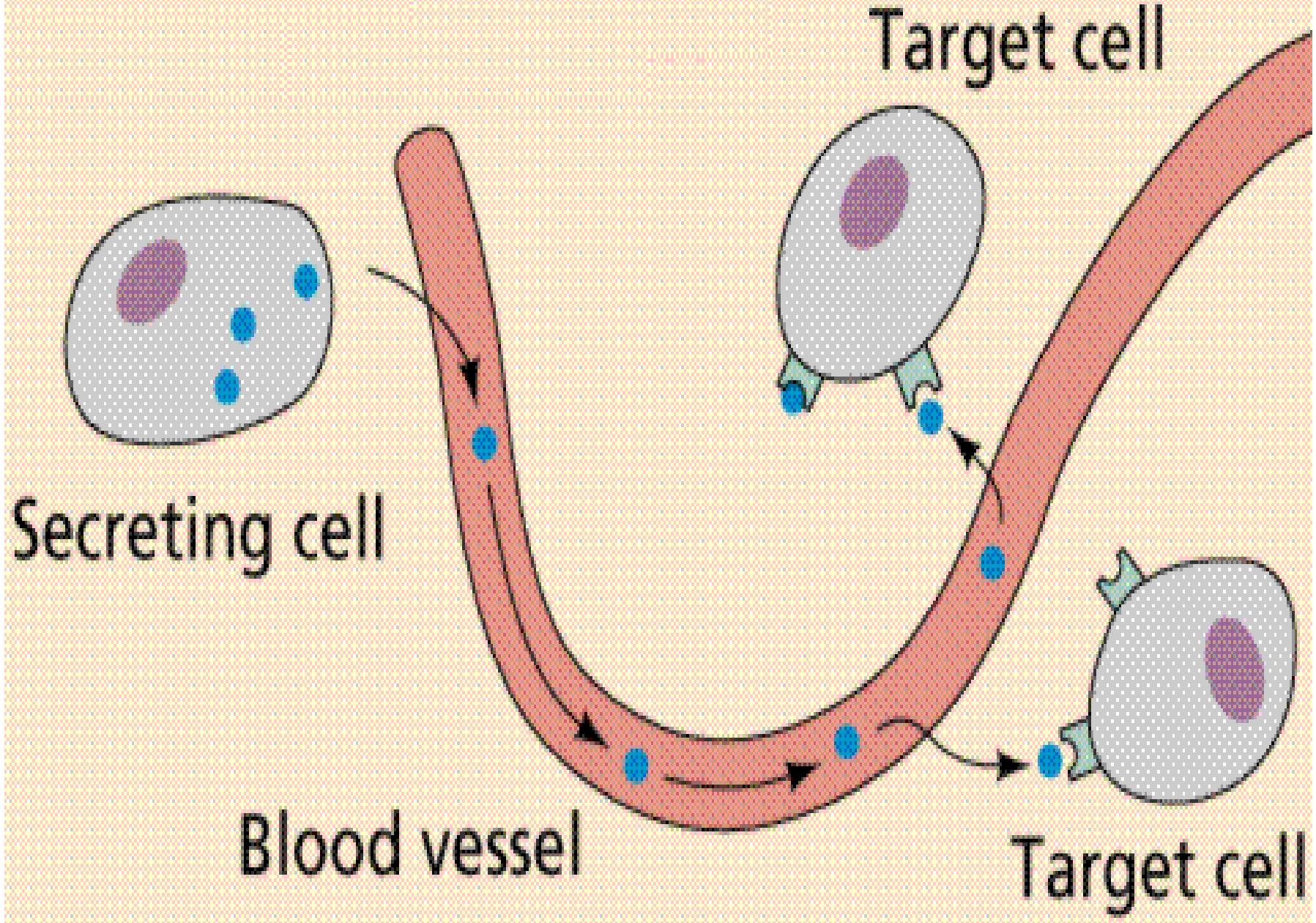
HORMONES



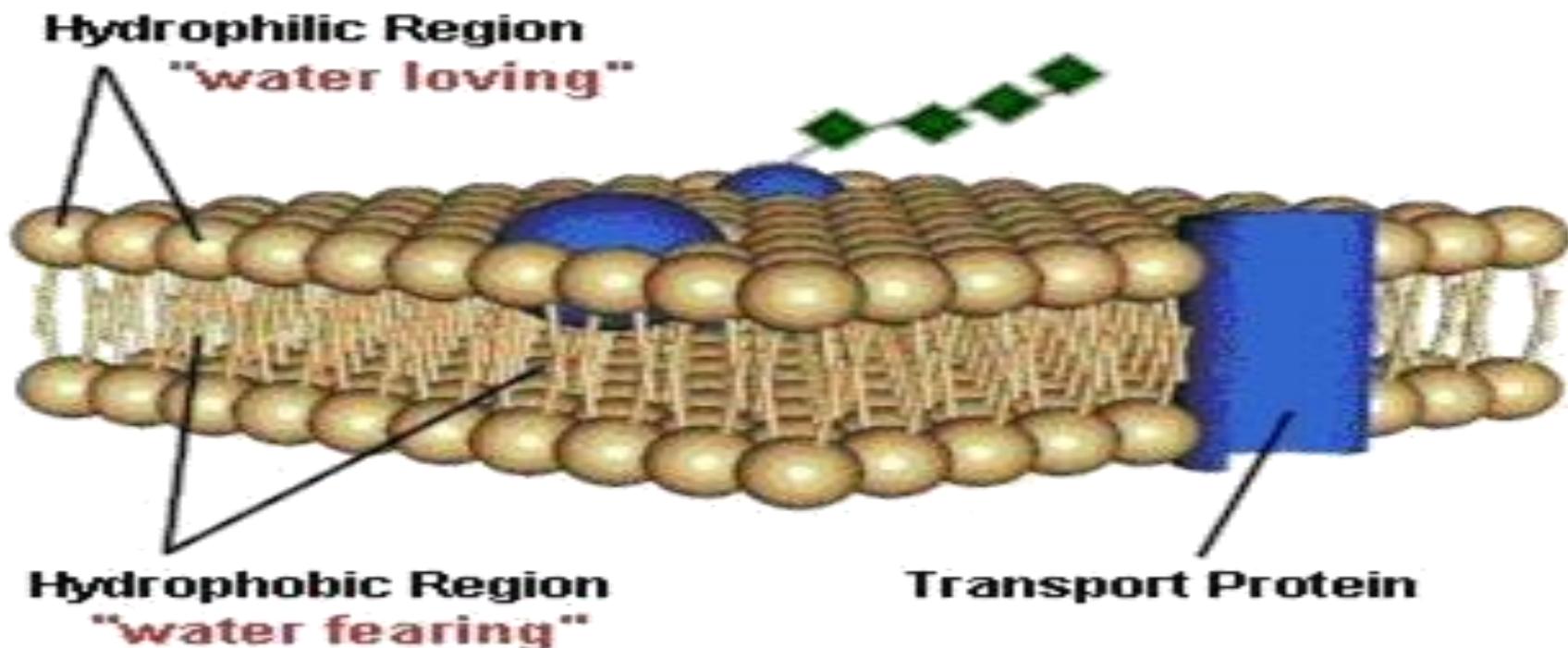
Hormones Defined

- ✓ Messengers of life
- ✓ **Chemicals secreted by glands:**
usually directly into blood stream
- ✓ Control physiological and behavioral activities such as the processes of digestion, metabolism, growth, reproduction, and mood control
- ✓ **Receptors** are located on cell membrane or intracellularly within the cytoplasm of their target cell





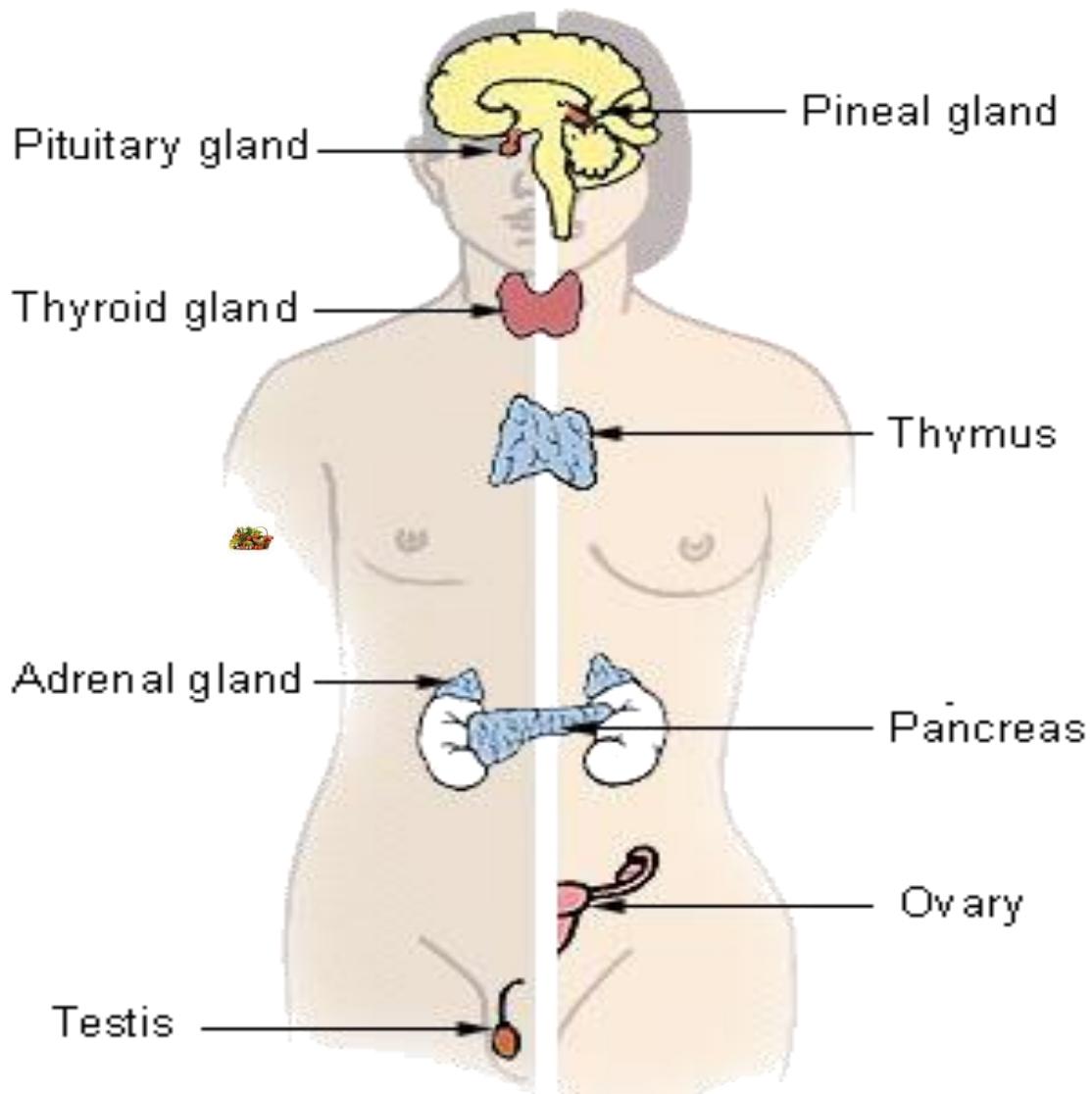
Hormone Receptor in Cell Membrane





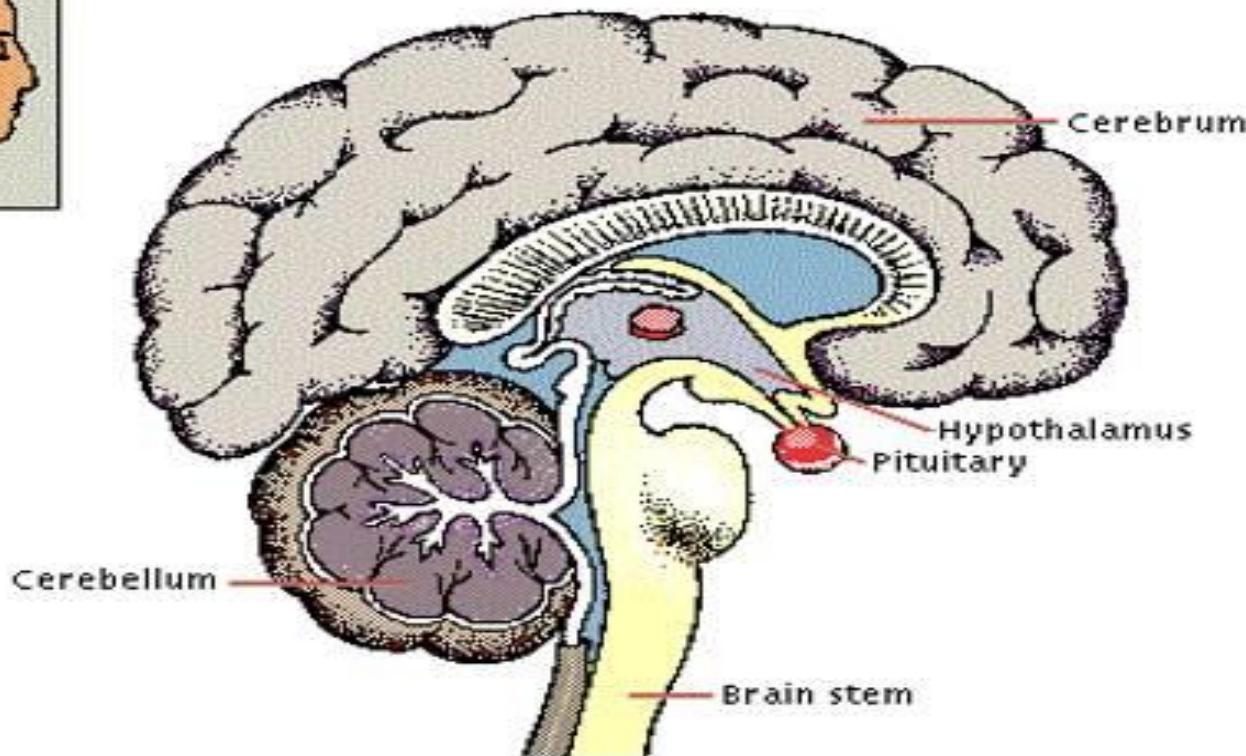
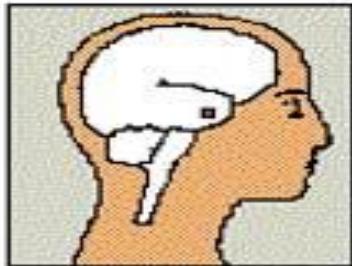
Major Endocrine Glands

Male Female

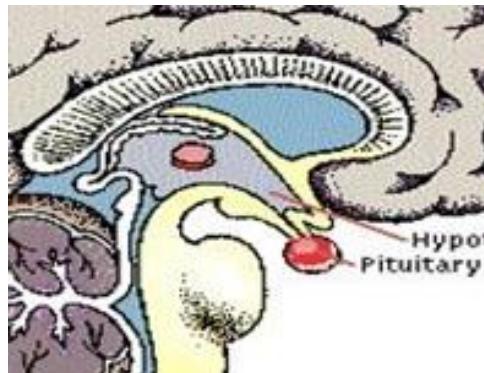


Master Hormone Control

The Pituitary & Hypothalamus



Hormones of the Hypothalamus



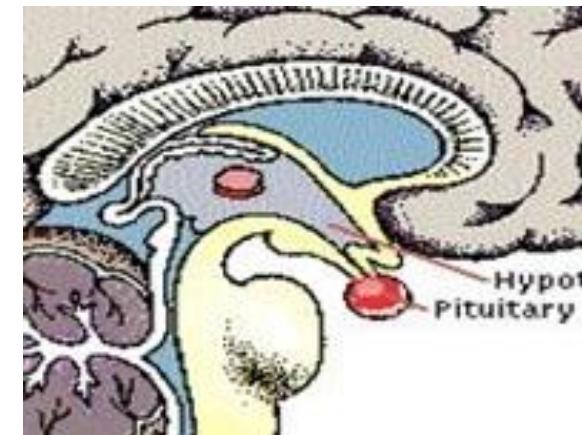
- ✓ Thyrotropin-releasing hormone (**TRH**)
- ✓ Gonadotropin-releasing hormone (**GnRH**)
- ✓ Growth hormone-releasing hormone (**GHRH**)
- ✓ Corticotropin-releasing hormone (**CRH**)
- ✓ Somatostatin: inhibits growth hormone (**SST**)
- ✓ Oxytocin: Uterine contraction, milk letdown (**OT**)
- ✓ Antidiuretic Hormone: increases water retention (**ADH**)



Pituitary Hormones

Anterior Lobe (Adenohypophysis)

- ✓ Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH)
- ✓ Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH)
- ✓ Luteinizing Hormone (LH)
- ✓ Adrenocorticotropic Hormone (ACTH)
- ✓ Prolactin (PRL)
- ✓ Growth Hormone (GH)
- ✓ Alpha Melanocyte-Stimulating Hormone (α -MSH)



Posterior Lobe (Neurohypophysis)

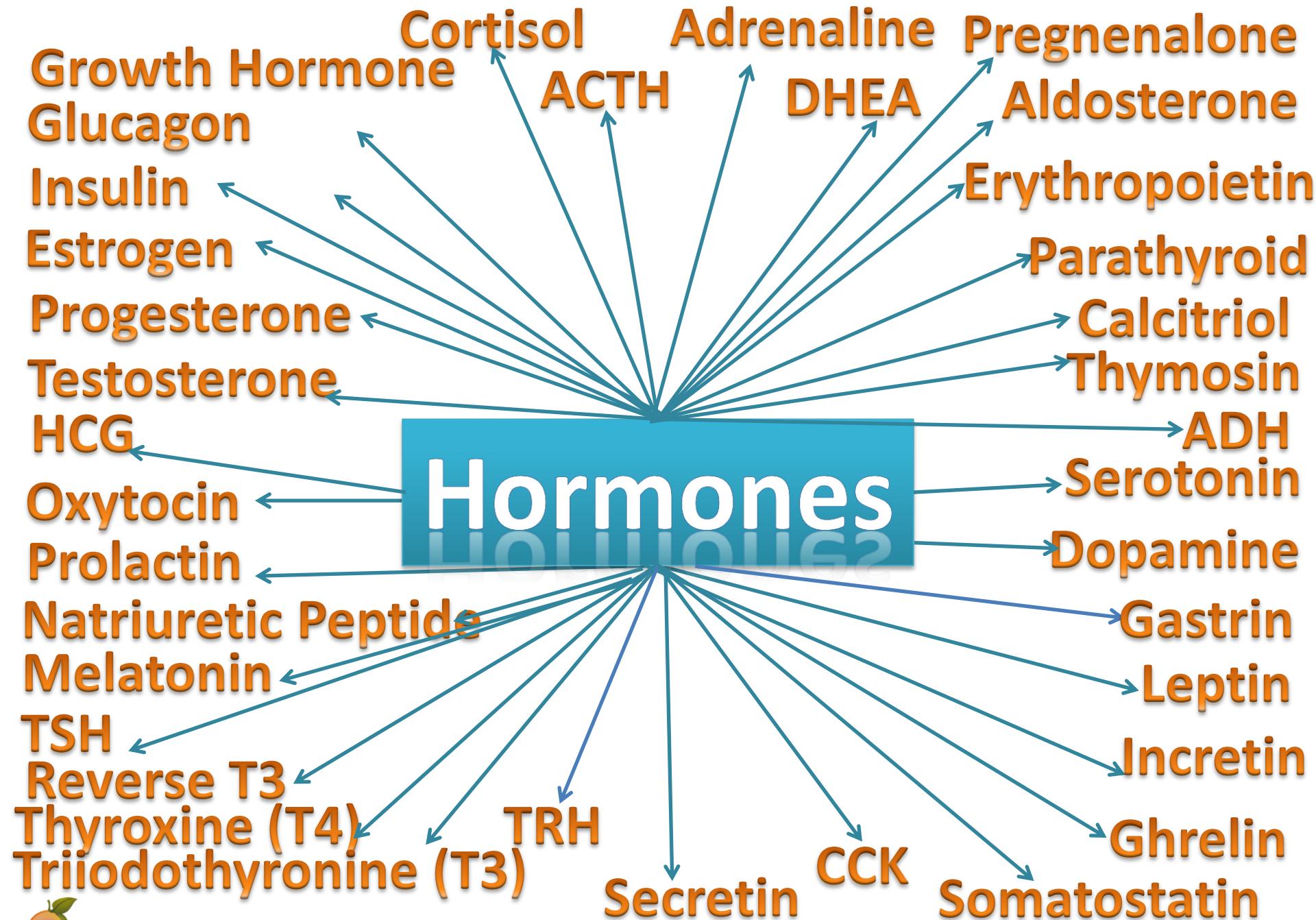
- ✓ Antidiuretic Hormone aka Vasopressin (ADH)
- ✓ Oxytocin (OT)



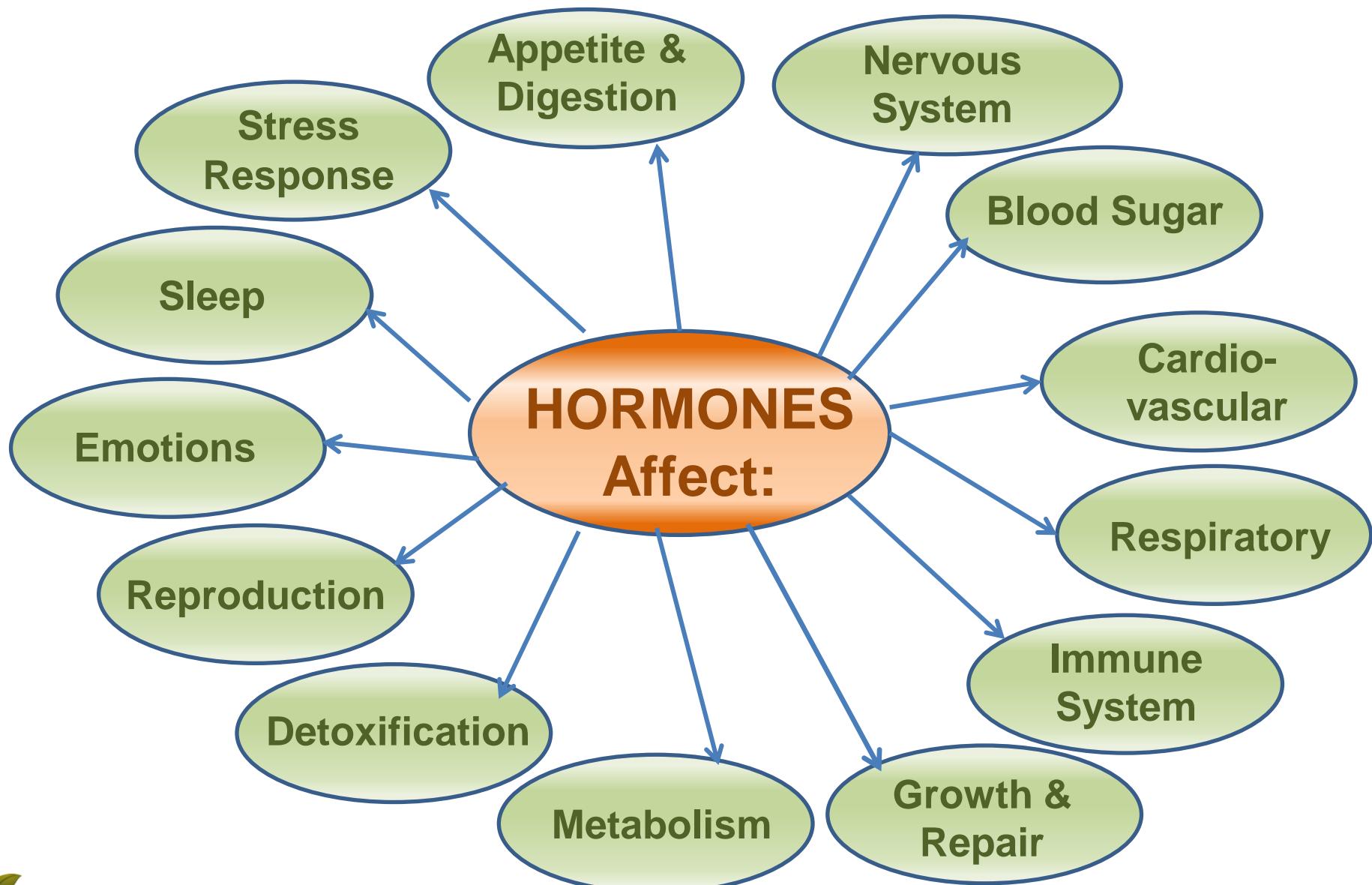
Hormones Can Affect

- ✓ Focus and memory
- ✓ Sugar handling
- ✓ Digestive function
- ✓ Muscle tone
- ✓ Burning calories
- ✓ Kidney function
- ✓ Satiety after eating
- ✓ Temperature regulation
- ✓ Metabolic rate
- ✓ Sex drive
- ✓ Breast development
- ✓ Menstrual cycles and pregnancy





Hormonal Control of Function



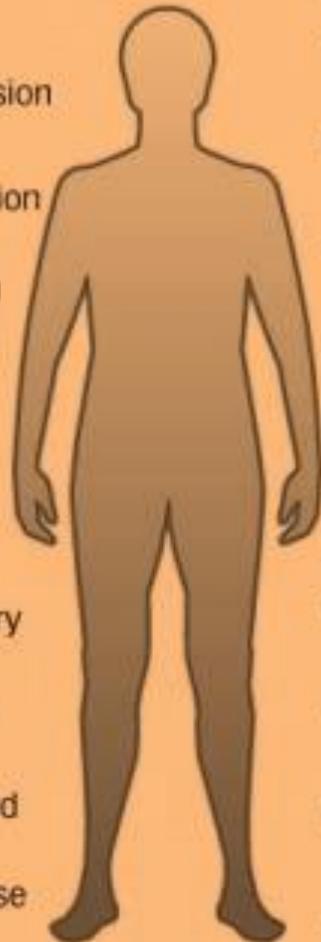
Hormones Control

- Nutrients
- Foods
- Stress
- Environment
- Digestion
- Sleep
- Other Hormones



Connection Between Hormones And Persistent Symptoms

- Lethargy
- Fatigue
- Malaise/depression
- Angina
- Impaired cognition
- Impaired immune system
- Anorexia
- Intolerance to cold
- Endocrine/metabolic abnormalities
- Cardiorespiratory disturbances
- Gastrointestinal disturbances
- Tendency toward bleeding
- Reduced exercise tolerance



- Weakness
- Shortness of breath
- Exertional chest pain
- Impaired concentration
- Impaired libido/impotence
- Insomnia
- Headache
- Pallor
- Neuromuscular disturbances
- Cutaneous disturbances
- Musculoskeletal symptoms
- Pruritus

- ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ Weight gain / weight loss (yo-yo)
- ✓ Insomnia
- ✓ Depression, anxiety, and mood swings
- ✓ Skin lesions
- ✓ High cholesterol
- ✓ Cancer...

