



# SHINE CONFERENCE

with Dr. Ritamarie Loscalzo (MS, DC, CCN, DACBN)

SCIENTIFIC AND HOLISTIC INVESTIGATION  
OF NUTRITIONAL ENDOCRINOLOGY

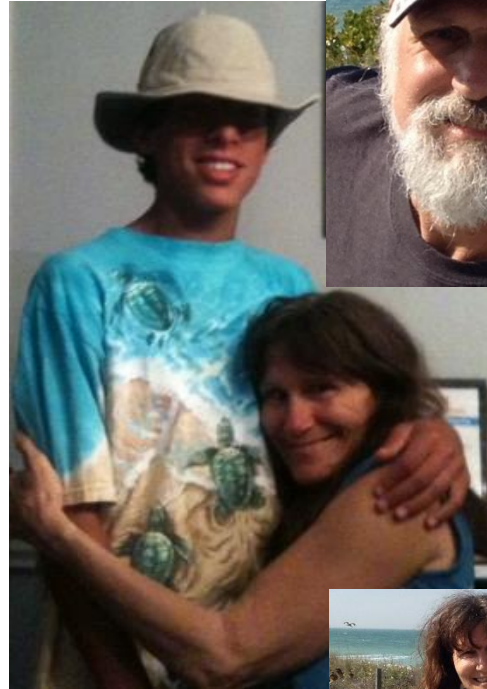


# Why You Are HERE, NOW

- ✓ **Passionate**
- ✓ **Dedicated**
- ✓ **Compassionate**
- ✓ **Determined**
- ✓ **Unselfish**
- ✓ **Unstoppable!**



# My Big WHY



# What Do You Need to Succeed?

- ✓ Passion – a Big WHY
- ✓ Knowledge
- ✓ A System
- ✓ A Support Network
- ✓ Tools and Resources
- ✓ Superior Interview Skills – Knowing What to Ask
- ✓ Excellent Listening Skills
- ✓ Love and Understanding



- ✓ “Detective Skills” – Functional Assessment Tools
  - Labs
  - History Taking
  - Physical Evaluations
  - Home Tests
- ✓ A Complete Holistic Toolbox
- ✓ Determination to Succeed
- ✓ Comfort with Computer/Internet



**Medical Disclaimer:** The information in this presentation is not intended to replace a one-on-one relationship with a qualified health care professional and is not intended as medical advice. It is intended as a sharing of knowledge and information from the research and experience of Dr. Ritamarie Loscalzo, [drritamarie.com](http://drritamarie.com), and the experts who have contributed. We encourage you to make your own health care decisions based upon your research and in partnership with a qualified health care professional.



# DAY 1



# S | H | I | N | E CONFERENCE

with Dr. Ritamarie Loscalzo (MS, DC, CCN, DACBN)

SCIENTIFIC AND HOLISTIC INVESTIGATION  
OF NUTRITIONAL ENDOCRINOLOGY



# Nutritional Endocrinology Defined

- ✓ Relationship between nutrition and endocrine imbalances
- ✓ Impact of **nutrient deficiencies or excesses** on hormones
- ✓ The relationship between food and hormones



***Endocrinology is not a subspecialty.***

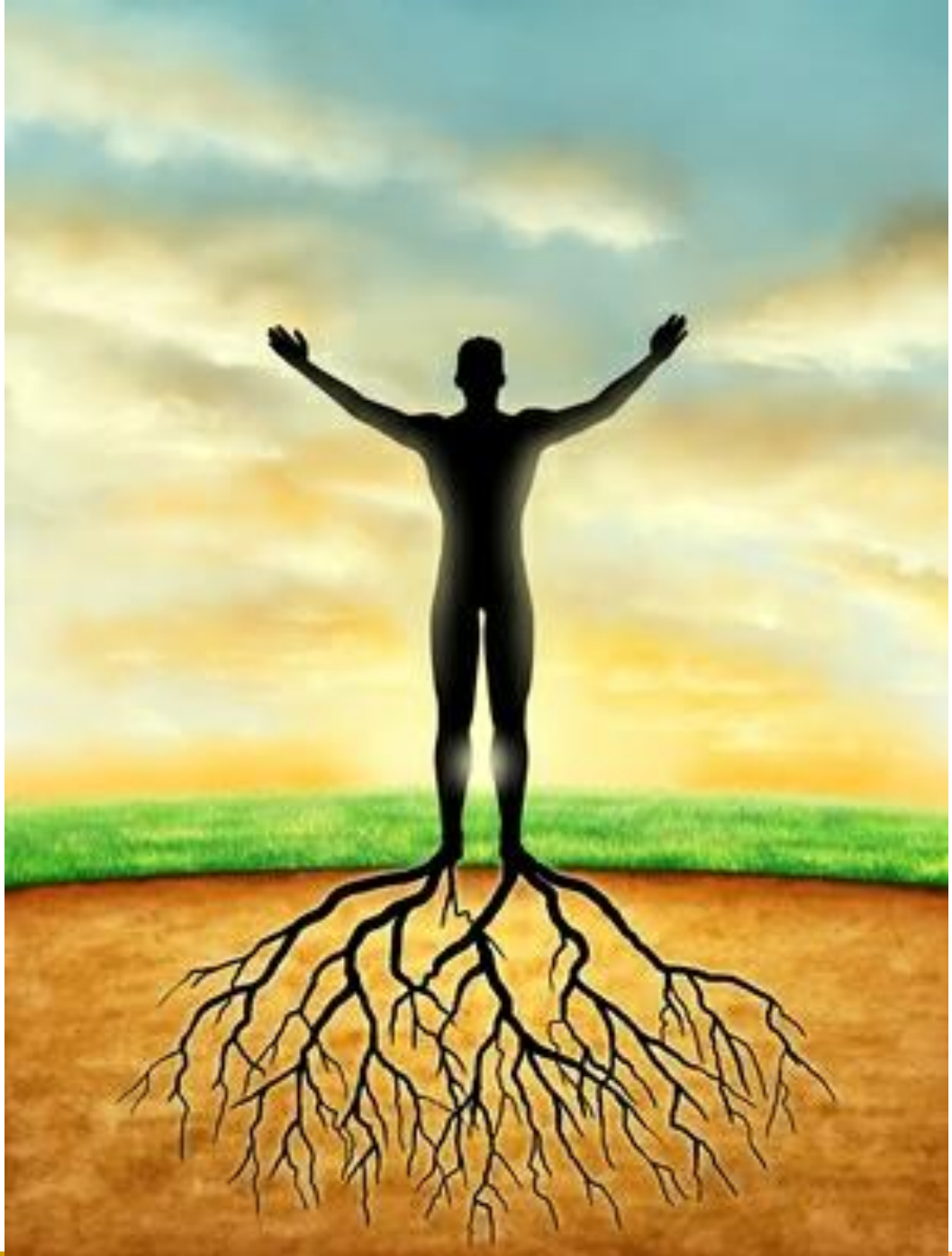
***It is the Master Control Center***



***-- The key to unraveling the profound impact of hormone imbalance on EVERY system of the body!***







# Functional Medicine/Nutrition



history

genetics

energy

touch

thoughts



labs

emotions

environment

relationships

nutrition

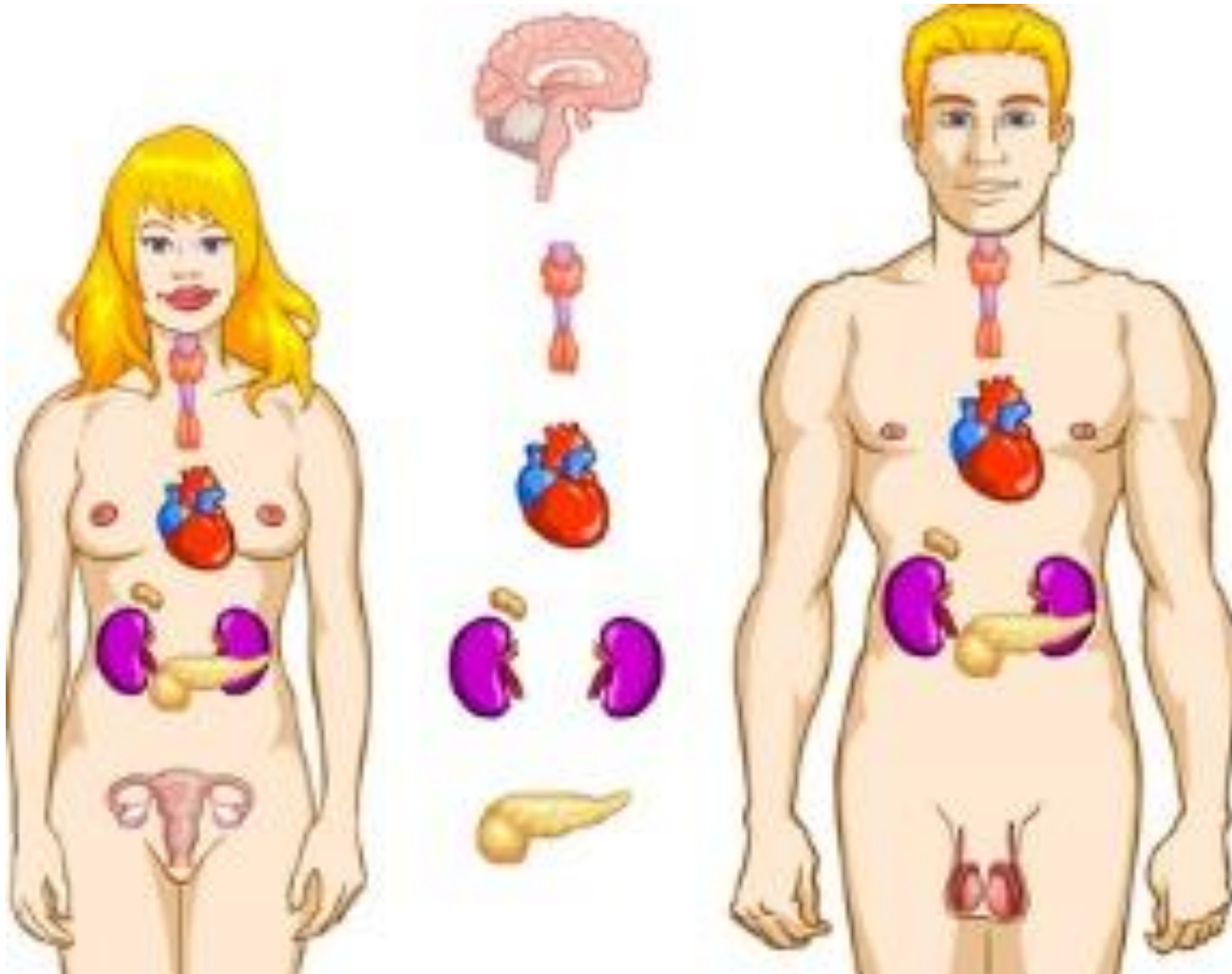


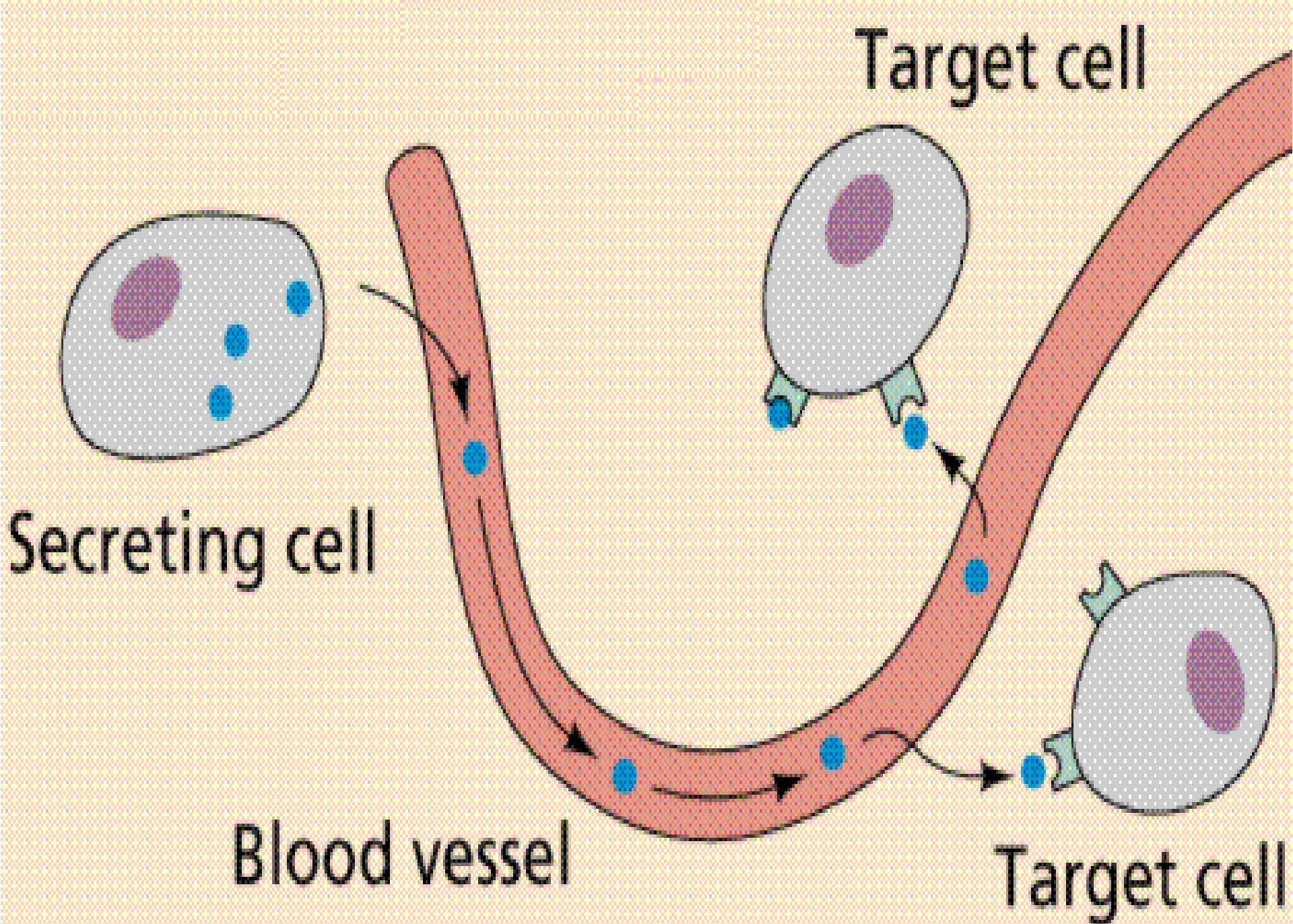
# What Exactly Are Hormones?

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



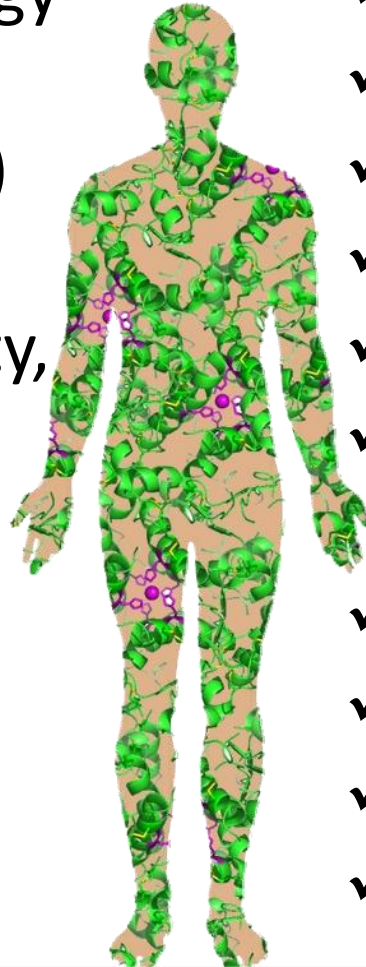
# The Endocrine System





# Connection Between Hormones And Persistent Symptoms

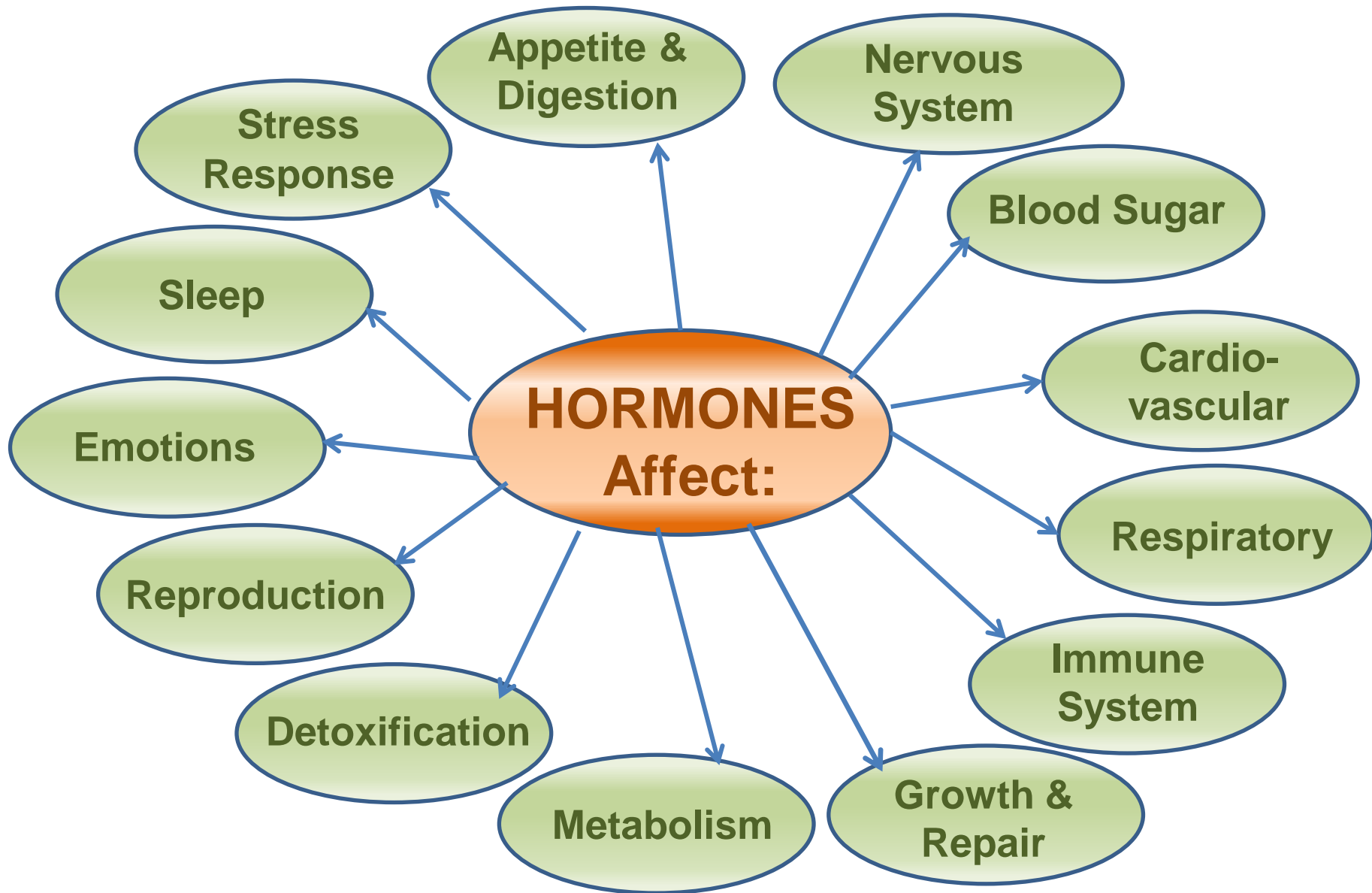
- ✓ Fatigue and lethargy
- ✓ Weight gain /  
weight loss (yo-yo)
- ✓ Insomnia
- ✓ Depression, anxiety,  
and mood swings
- ✓ Skin lesions
- ✓ Anorexia
- ✓ Cold intolerance
- ✓ Hair loss
- ✓ Headache



- ✓ Weakness
- ✓ Shortness of breath
- ✓ Brain fog
- ✓ Decreased libido
- ✓ insomnia
- ✓ Neuromuscular  
disturbances
- ✓ Impaired immune system
- ✓ High cholesterol
- ✓ Angina
- ✓ Cancer...



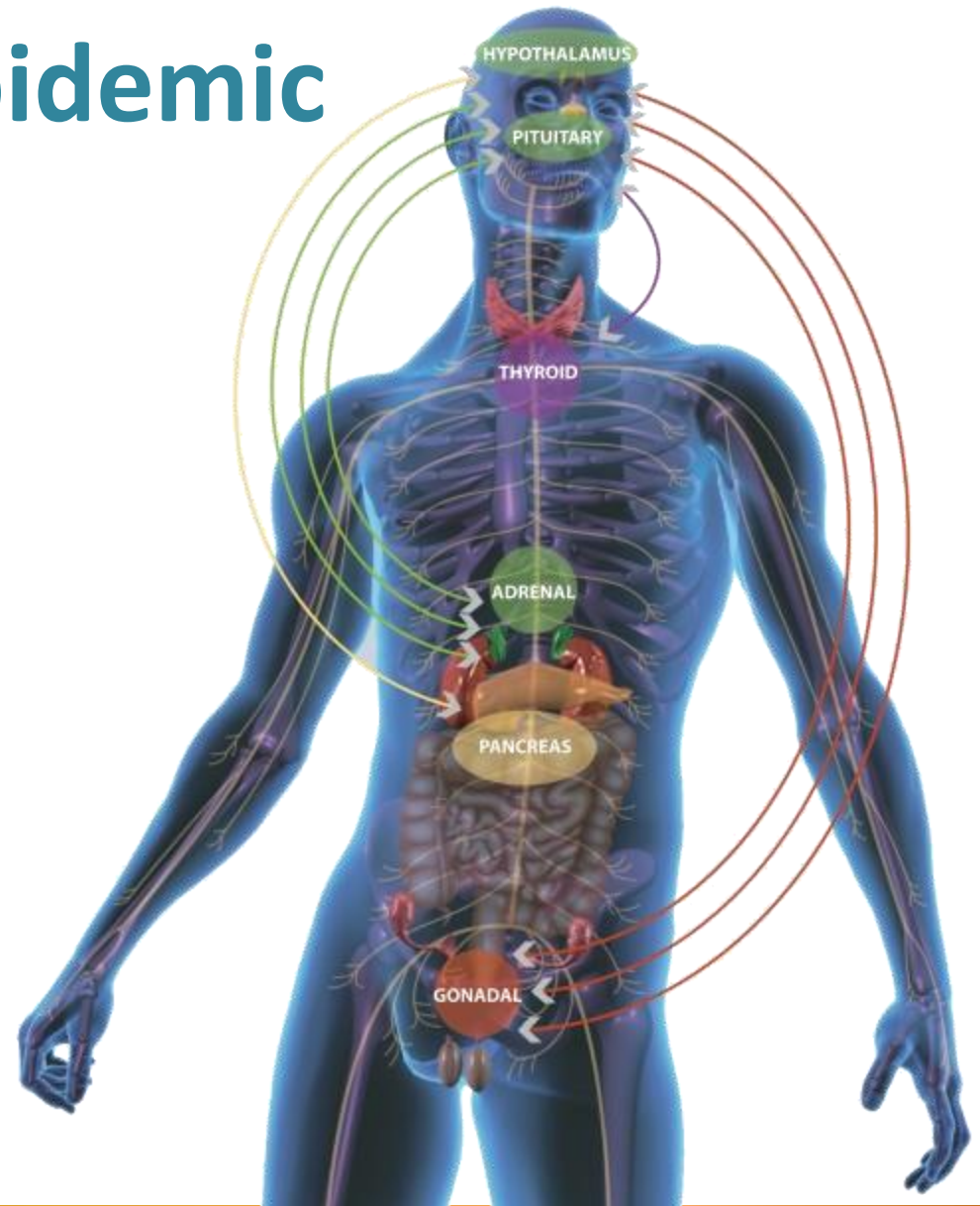
# Hormonal Control of Function



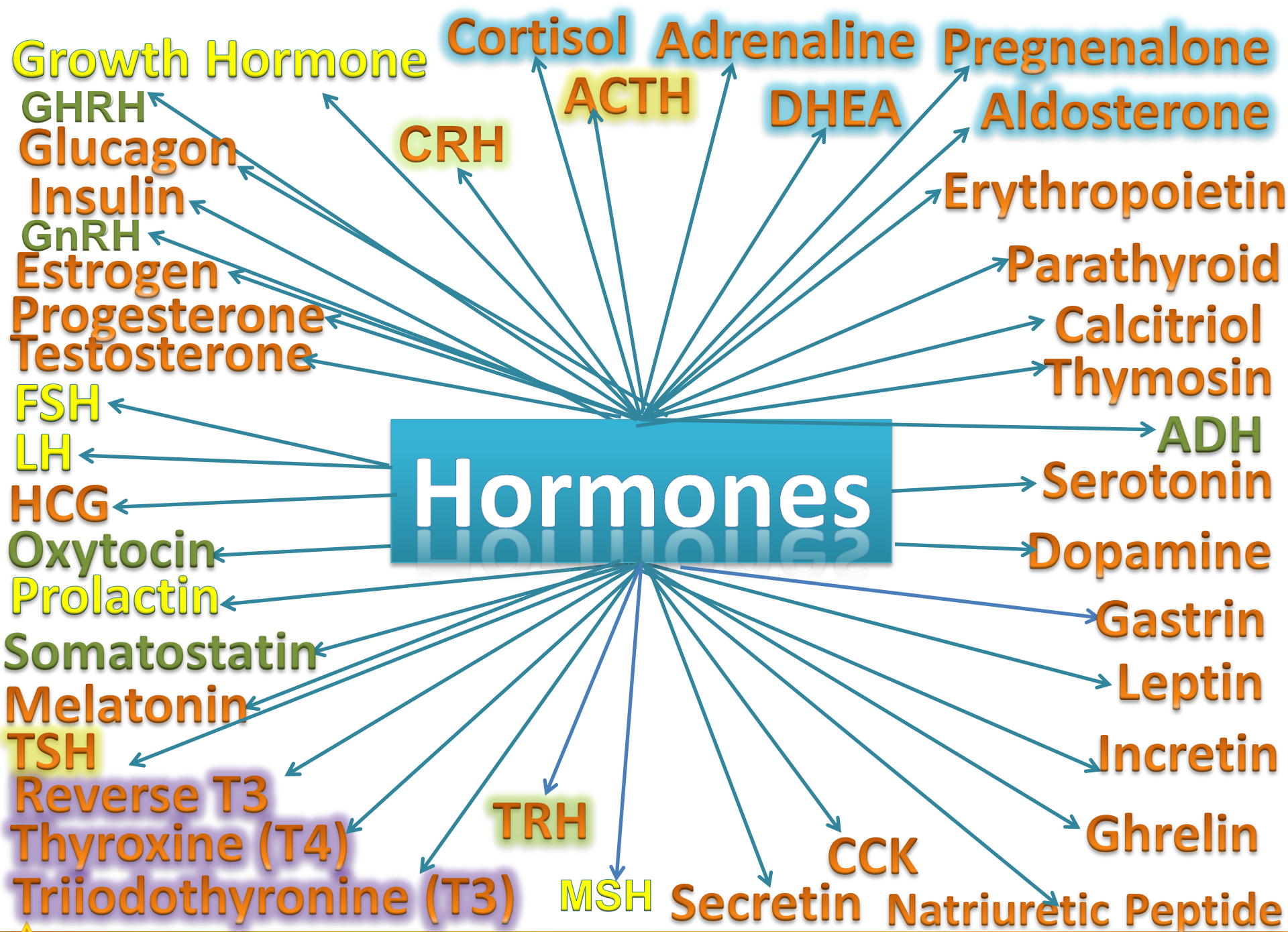


# HPAT Axis Imbalance – The Modern Epidemic

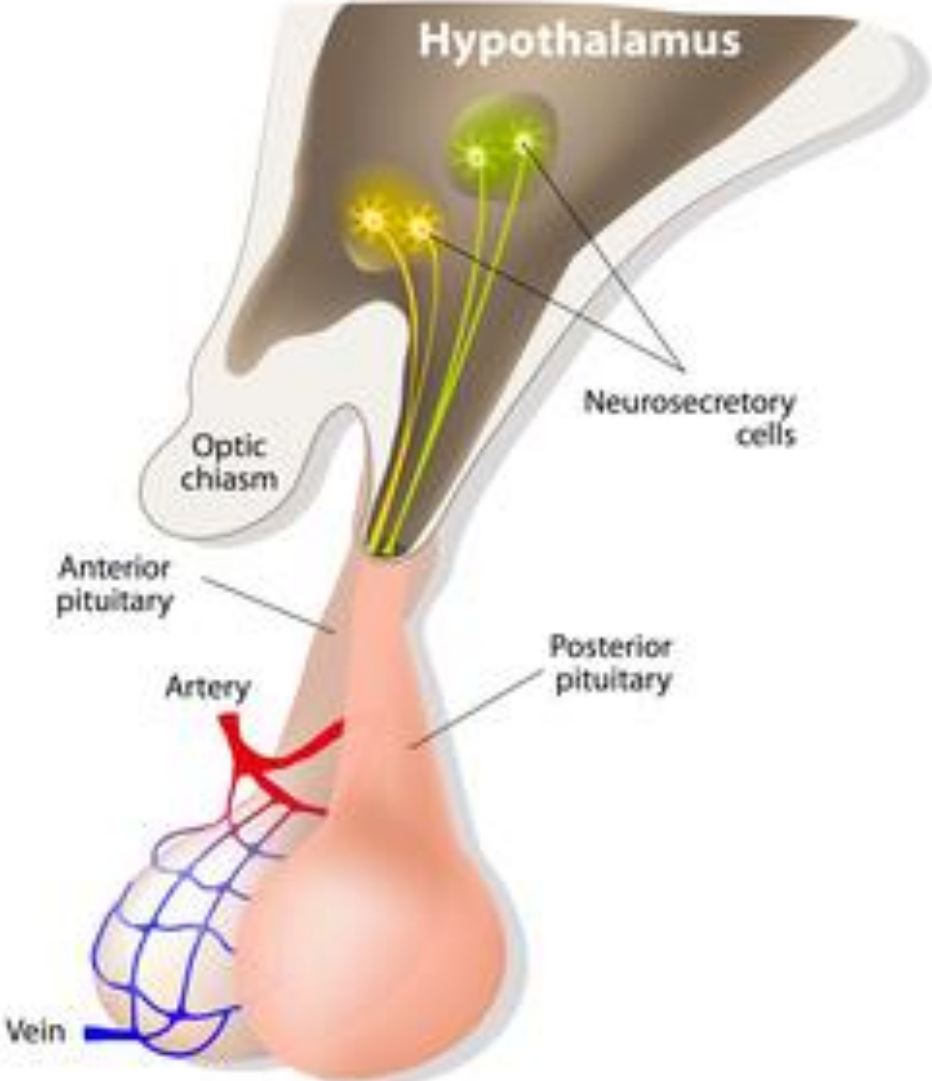
- ✓ **H**ypothalamus
- ✓ **P**ituitary
- ✓ **A**drenal
- ✓ **T**hyroid

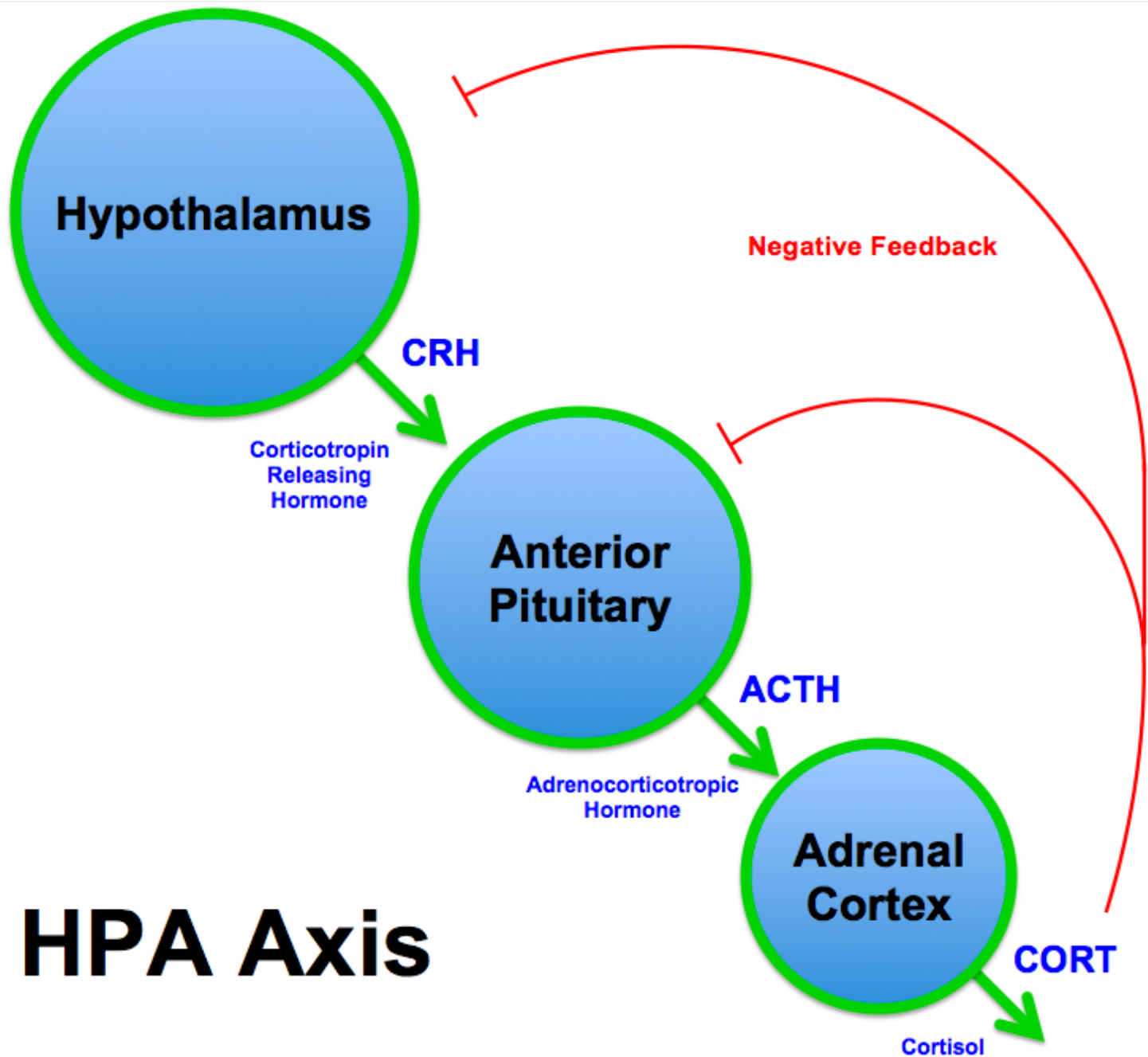






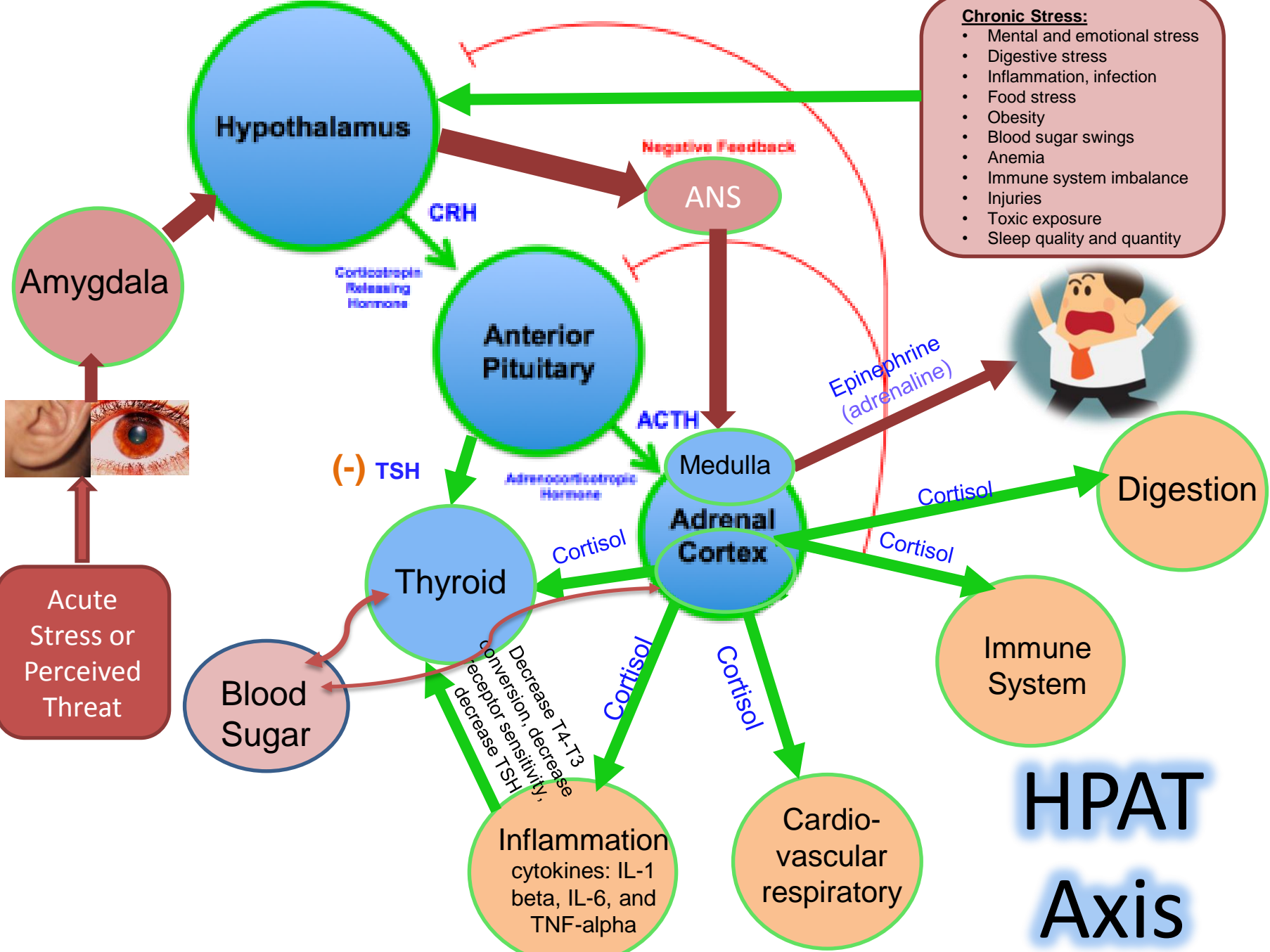
# HYPOTHALAMUS AND PITUITARY GLAND





# HPA Axis



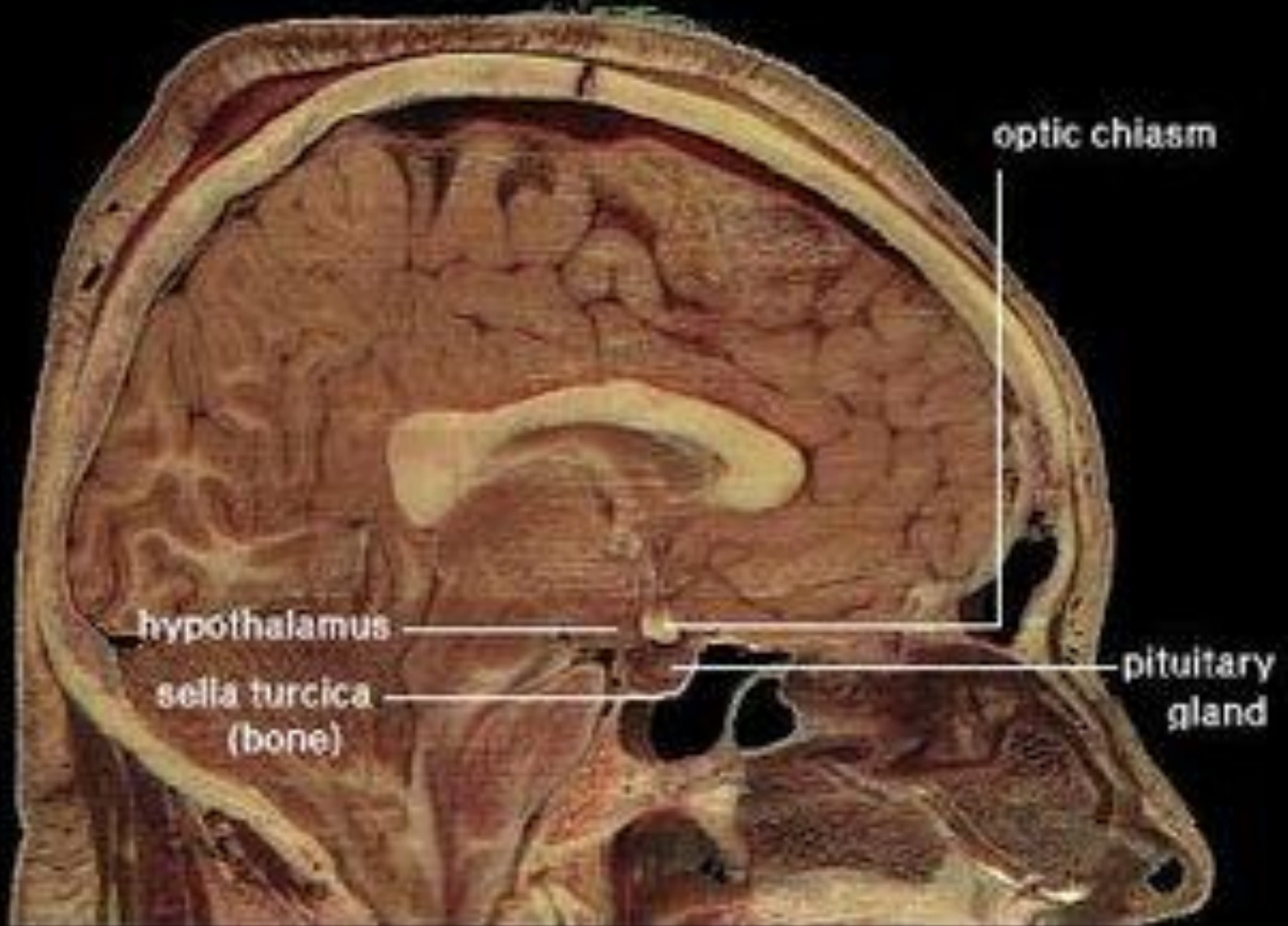


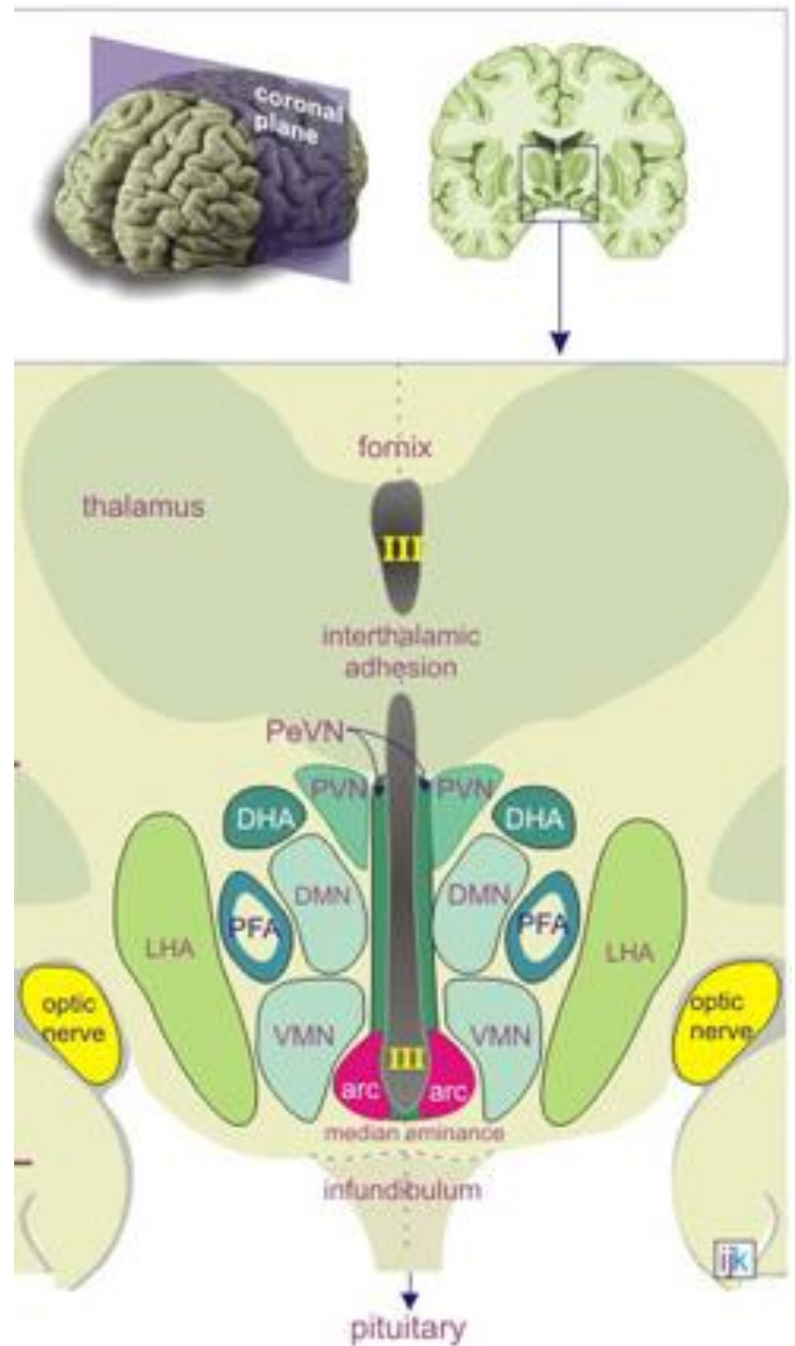
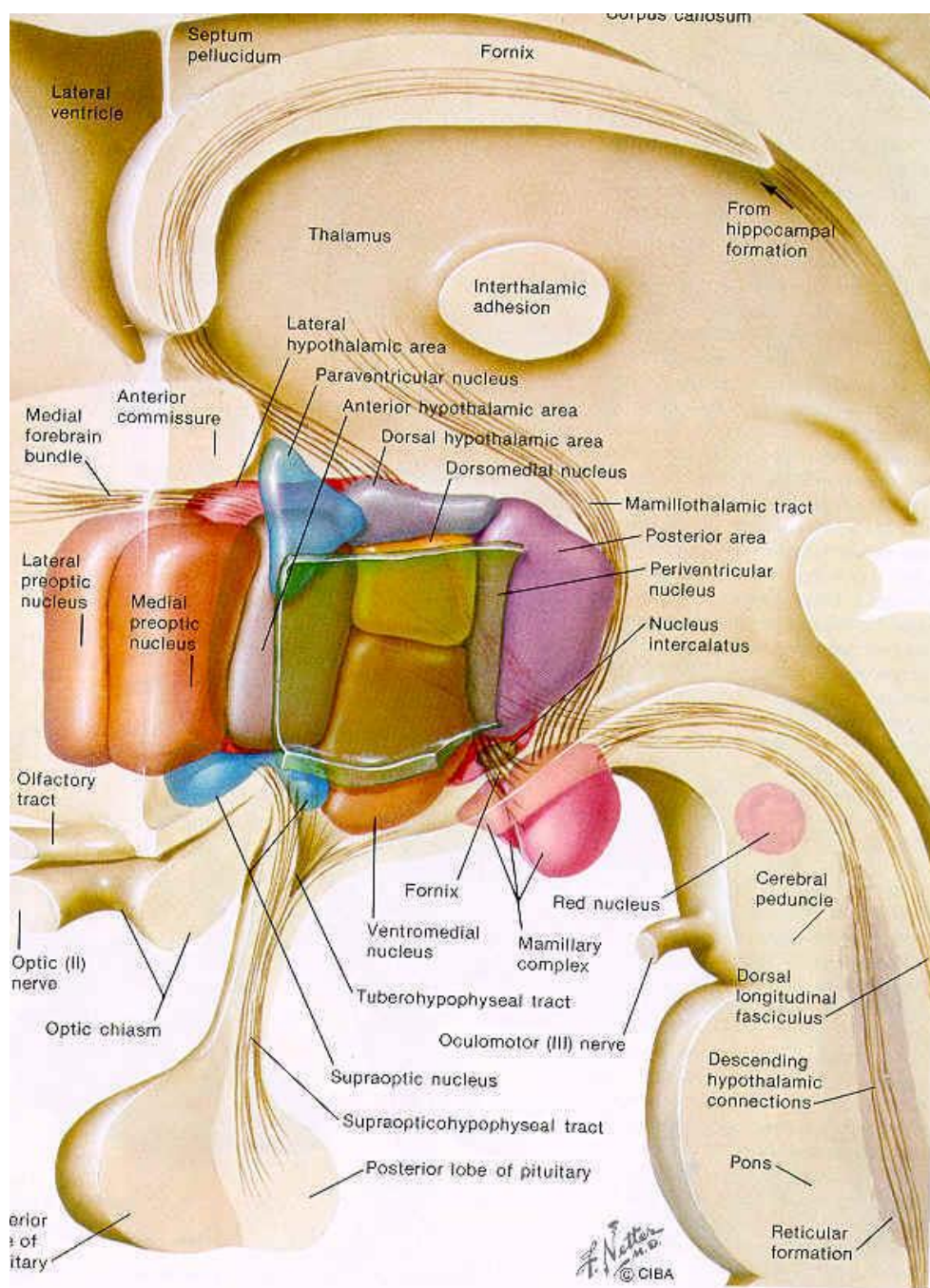
- Chronic Stress:**
- Mental and emotional stress
  - Digestive stress
  - Inflammation, infection
  - Food stress
  - Obesity
  - Blood sugar swings
  - Anemia
  - Immune system imbalance
  - Injuries
  - Toxic exposure
  - Sleep quality and quantity



# HPAT Axis

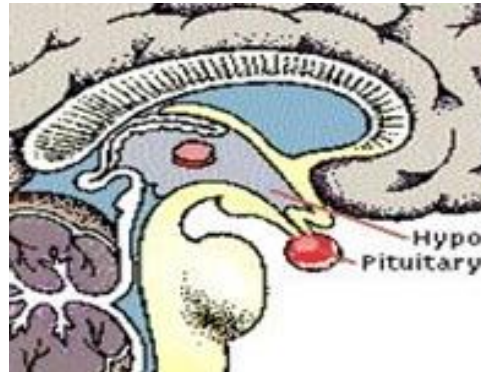
# Hypothalamus







# Hormones of the Hypothalamus

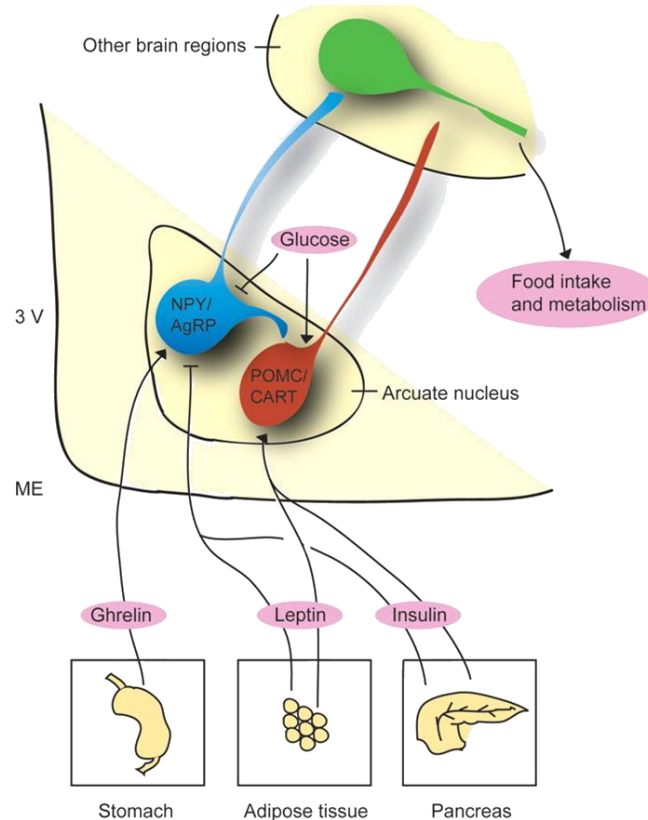


- ✓ **Thyrotropin-releasing hormone (TRH)**
- ✓ **Corticotropin-releasing hormone (CRH)**
- ✓ **Gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH)**
- ✓ **Growth hormone-releasing hormone (GHRH)**
- ✓ **Somatostatin: inhibits growth hormone (GHIH)**
- ✓ **Oxytocin: Uterine contraction, milk letdown (OT)**
- ✓ **Anti-diuretic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



# The Hypothalamus Controls:

- ✓ Temperature
- ✓ Hunger
- ✓ Glucose and insulin levels
- ✓ Aspects of parenting and attachment behaviors
- ✓ Thirst
- ✓ Moods



- ✓ Energy and fatigue
- ✓ Sleep
- ✓ Circadian rhythms
- ✓ Blood pressure
- ✓ Heart rate
- ✓ Growth and repair
- ✓ Gut motility
- ✓ Sex drive



# Hypothalamus Hormone Details

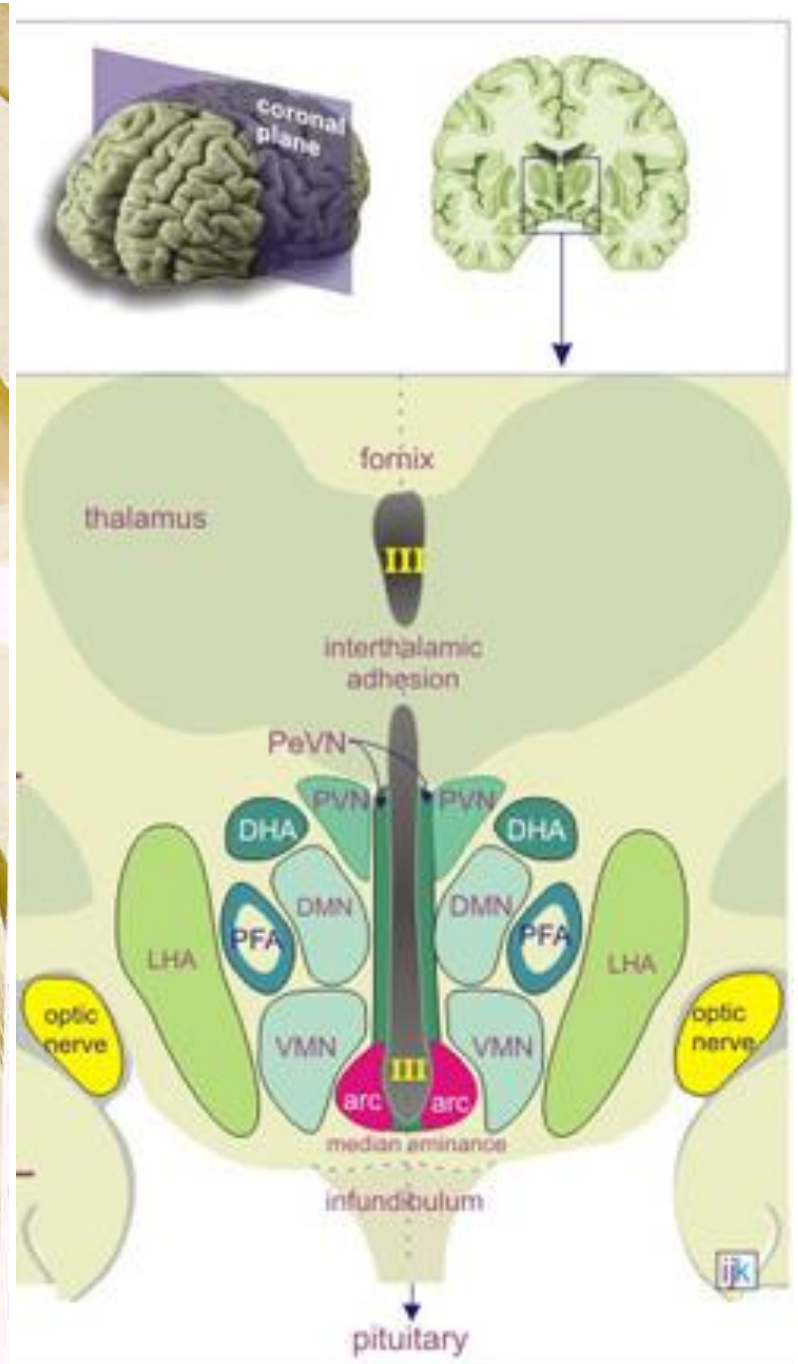
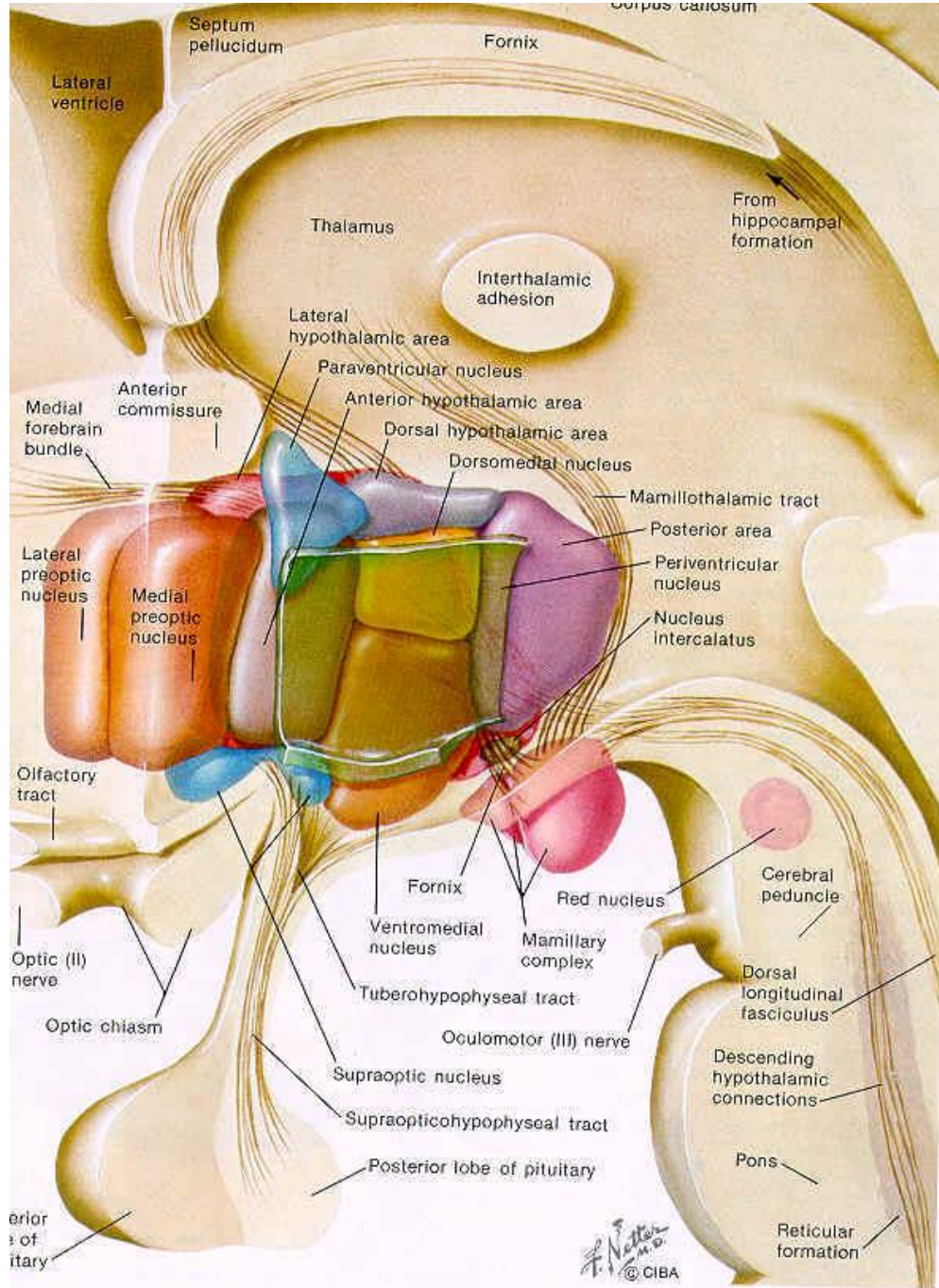
Secreted hormone	Abbreviation	Produced by	Effect
Thyrotropin-releasing hormone	TRH	Parvocellular neurosecretory cells of the paraventricular nucleus	Stimulate thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) release from anterior pituitary (primarily)
(Prolactin-releasing hormone)	PRH	Parvocellular neurosecretory cells of the paraventricular nucleus	Stimulate prolactin release from anterior pituitary
Corticotropin-releasing hormone	CRH	Parvocellular neurosecretory cells of the paraventricular nucleus	Stimulate adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH) release from anterior pituitary
Dopamine (Prolactin-inhibiting hormone)	DA or PIH	Dopamine neurons of the arcuate nucleus	Inhibit prolactin release from anterior pituitary
Growth hormone-releasing hormone	GHRH	Neuroendocrine neurons of the arcuate nucleus	Stimulate growth hormone (GH) release from anterior pituitary
Gonadotropin-releasing hormone	GnRH	Neuroendocrine cells of the preoptic area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stimulate follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) release from anterior pituitary</li> <li>• Stimulate luteinizing hormone (LH) release from anterior pituitary</li> </ul>
Somatostatin (growth hormone-inhibiting hormone)	GHIH	Neuroendocrine cells of the periventricular nucleus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inhibit growth hormone (GH) release from anterior pituitary</li> <li>• Inhibit (moderately) thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) release from anterior pituitary</li> </ul>

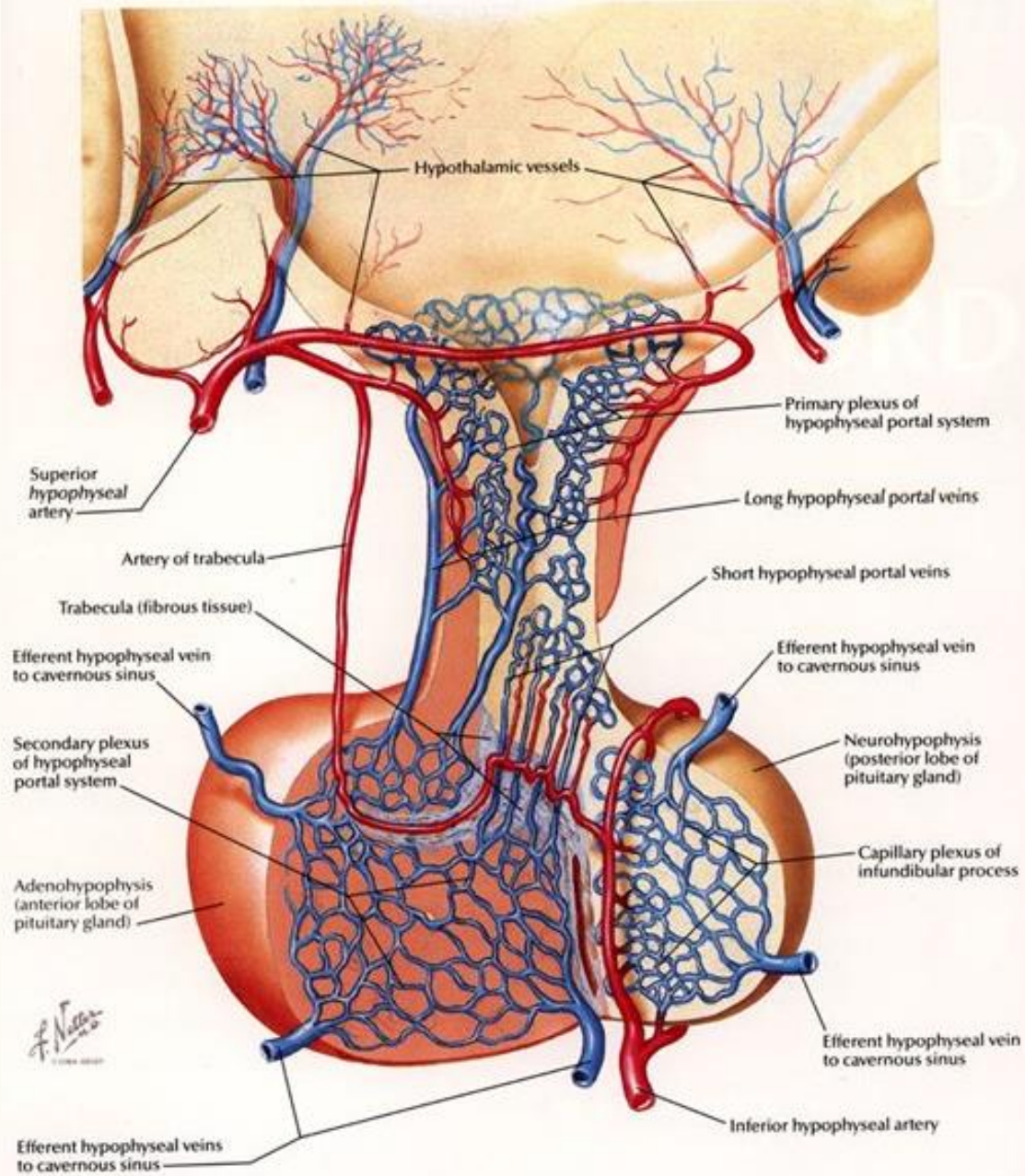


# Additional Hypothalamus Jobs

Nucleus	Function/hormone released
Medial preoptic nucleus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GnRH</li> </ul>
Supraoptic nucleus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vasopressin (anti-diuretic hormone – ADH)</li> </ul>
Paraventricular nucleus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Thyrotropin-releasing hormone (TRH)</u></b></li> <li><b><u>Corticotropin-releasing hormone (CRH)</u></b></li> <li>Oxytocin</li> <li>Somatostatin (growth hormone release inhibiting hormone – GIH)</li> </ul>
Anterior hypothalamic nucleus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thermoregulation</li> <li>Panting</li> <li>Sweating</li> <li>Thyrotropin (thyroid-stimulating hormone – TSH) inhibition</li> </ul>
Suprachiasmatic nucleus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Circadian rhythms</li> </ul>
Lateral nucleus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thirst and hunger</li> </ul>
Dorsomedial hypothalamic nucleus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blood pressure</li> <li>Heart rate</li> <li>GI stimulation</li> </ul>
Ventromedial nucleus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Satiety</li> <li>Neuroendocrine control</li> </ul>
Arcuate nucleus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Growth hormone-releasing hormone (GHRH)</li> <li>Appetite and glucose regulation (triggered by leptin, insulin, and glucose)</li> <li>Dopamine</li> </ul>
Lateral nucleus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thirst and hunger</li> </ul>
Mammillary nuclei (part of mammillary bodies)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Memory</li> </ul>
Posterior nucleus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase blood pressure</li> <li>Pupillary dilation</li> <li>Shivering</li> <li>Vasopressin (ADH)</li> </ul>



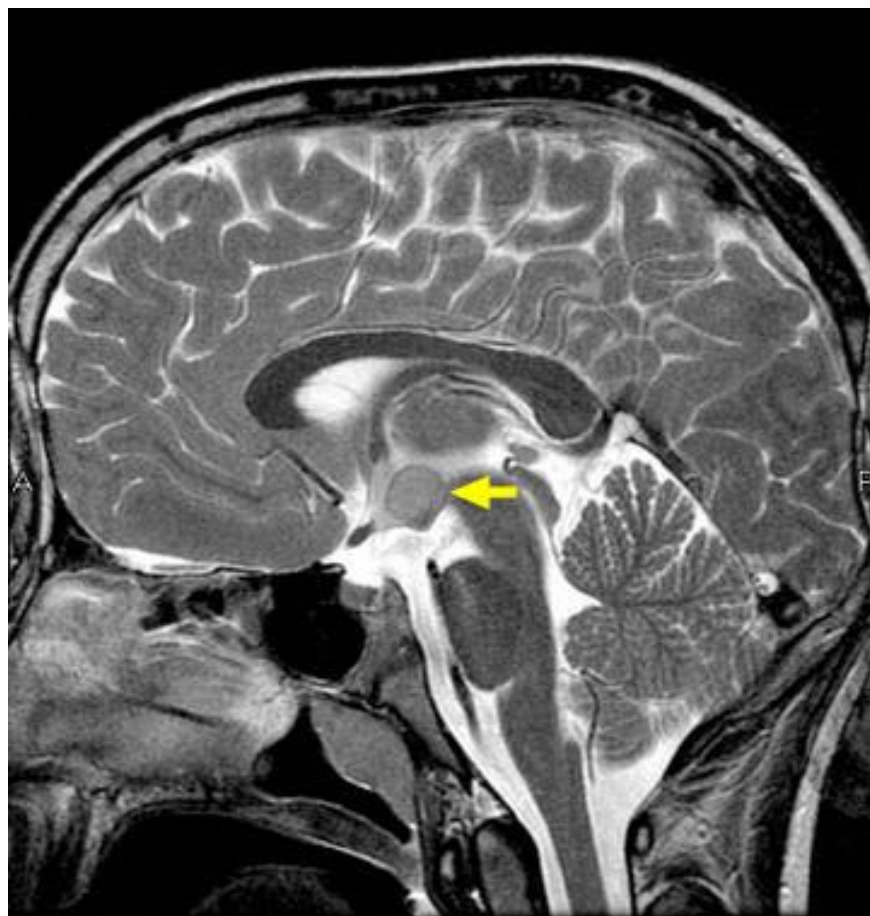




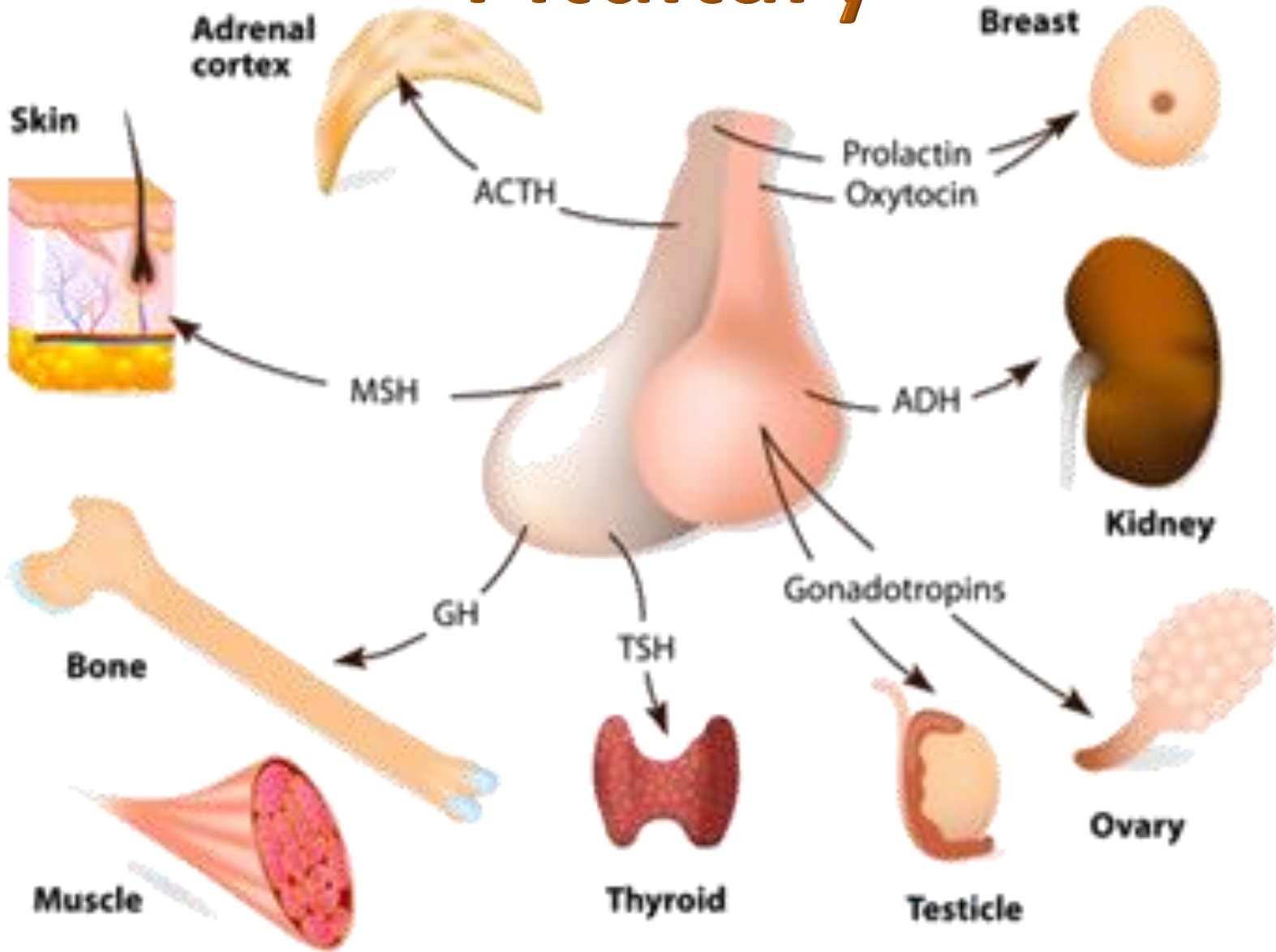
From F. Netter Atlas of Human anatomy. Ciba Geigy 1989

# Things That Can Go Wrong With Hypothalamus (Uncommon)

- ✓ Damage due to malnutrition, including anorexia and bulimia
- ✓ Genetic disorders
- ✓ Radiation
- ✓ Surgery
- ✓ Head trauma
- ✓ Brain tumor
- ✓ Injury
- ✓ Infection



# Pituitary

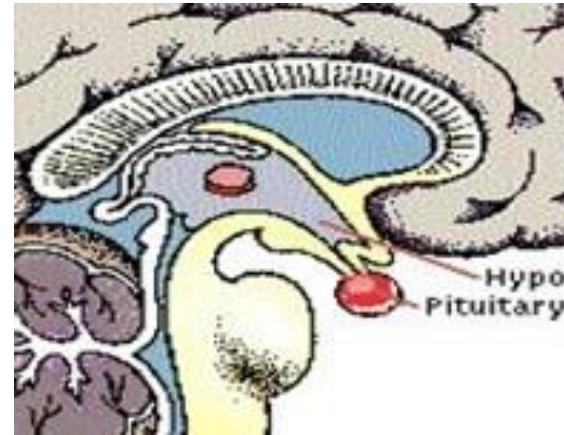




# Pituitary Hormones

## Anterior Lobe (Adenohypophysis)

- ✓ Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH)
- ✓ Adrenocorticotrophic Hormone (ACTH)
- ✓ Follicle-Stimulating Hormone (**FSH**)
- ✓ Luteinizing Hormone (**LH**)
- ✓ Prolactin (**PRL**)
- ✓ Growth Hormone (**GH**)
- ✓ Alpha Melanocyte-Stimulating Hormone ( **$\alpha$ -MSH**)



## Posterior Lobe (Neurohypophysis)\*\*

- ✓ Anti-diuretic Hormone aka Vasopressin (**ADH**)
- ✓ Oxytocin (**OT**)

*\*\*Produced by hypothalamus, stored and secreted by posterior pituitary*



# Pituitary Malfunctions

## ✓ Causes

➤ Tumor

➤ Insufficient blood supply

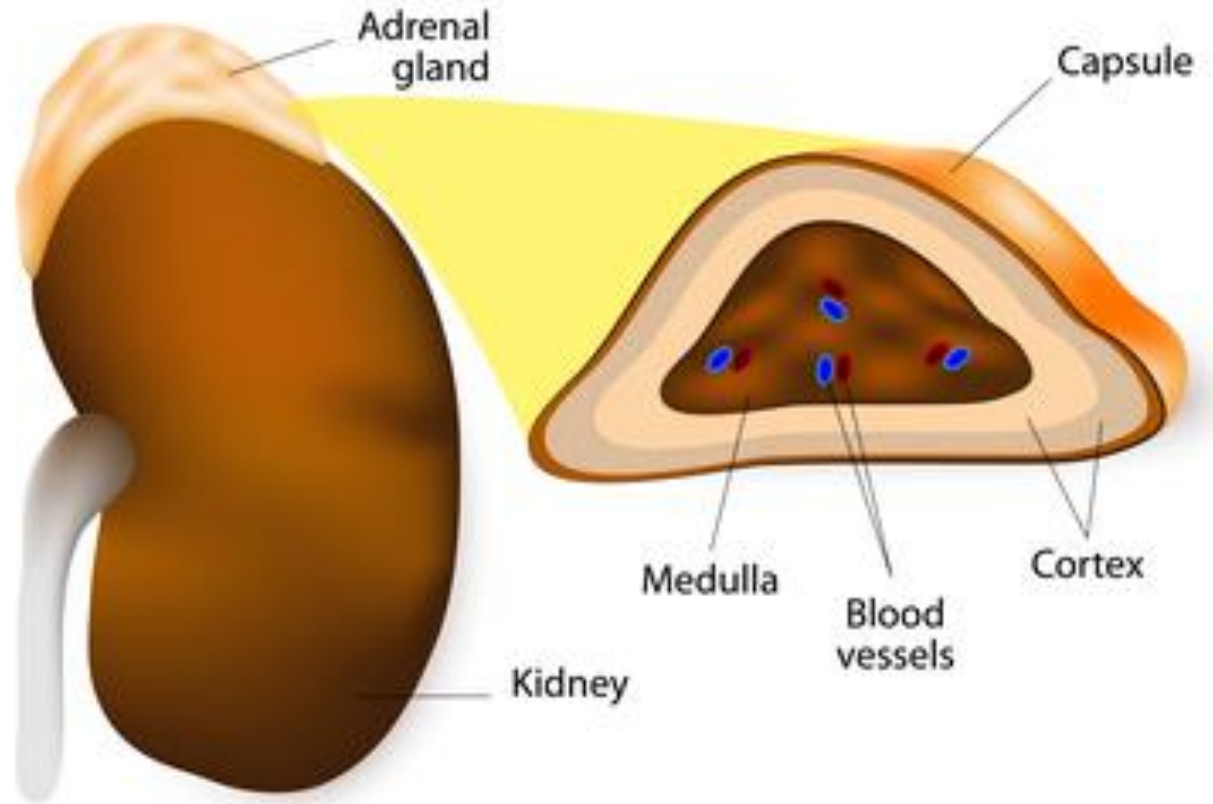
Hormone	Excess	Deficiency
Growth Hormone	Acromegaly	Dwarfism
ACTH	Cushing's	Addison's **
TSH	Hyperthyroid	Hypothyroid **
FSH, LH	Too many sex hormones hyperfertility	Infertility, anovulatory cycles

✓ Panhypopituitarism: under functioning of pituitary – all hormones affected

*\*\*Adrenals and thyroid often affected later in process*

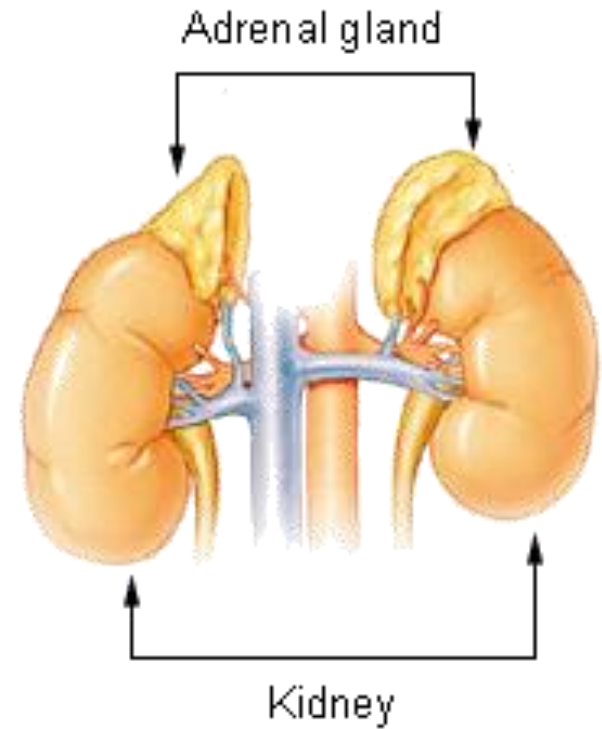


# Adrenal Glands



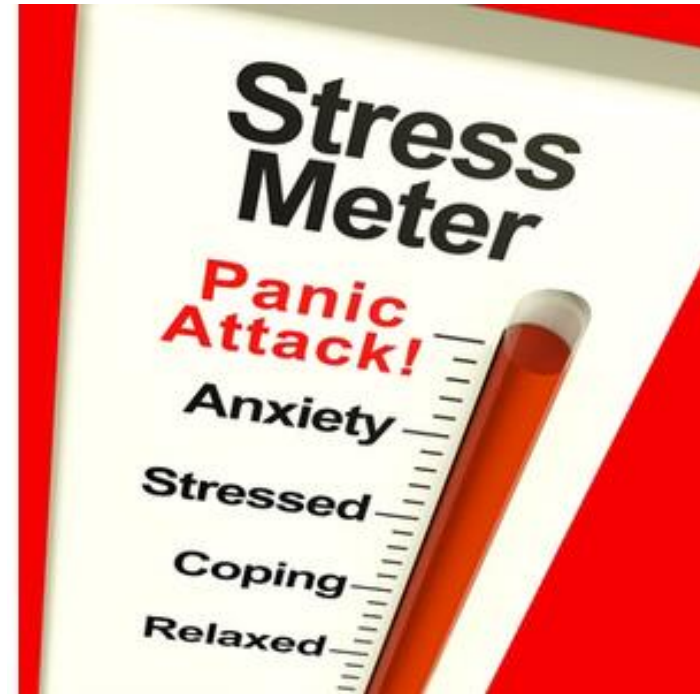
# Adrenal Gland Anatomy and Function

- ✓ Two small glands, each weighing 3 to 5 grams
- ✓ Located above the kidneys
- ✓ One of the highest rates of blood flow per gram of tissue
- ✓ Highest concentration of vitamin C per gram of any tissue in the body
- ✓ The hormones released in a cycle with the highest value in the morning and the lowest value at night – Circadian Rhythm

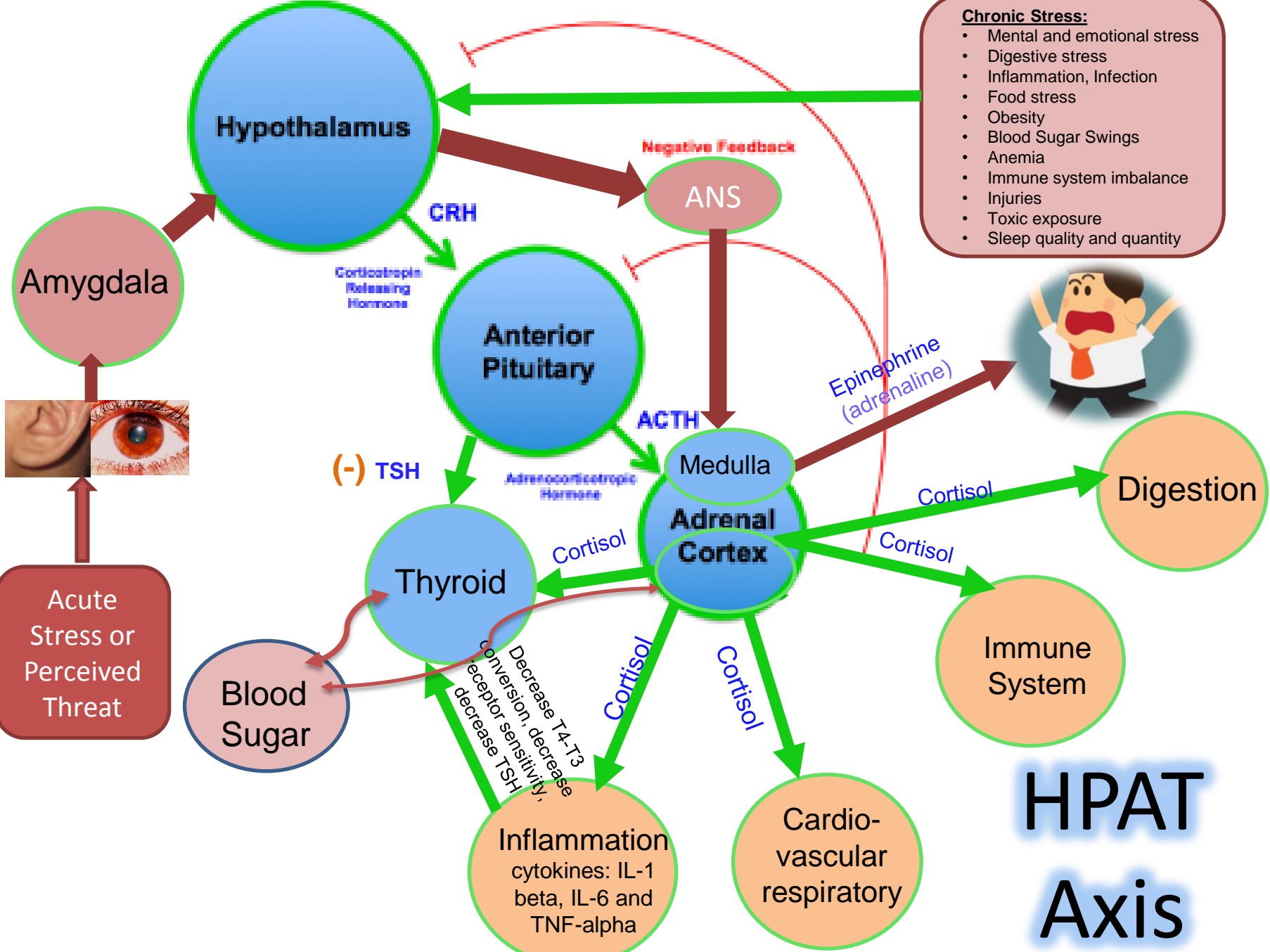


# Stress

- ✓ A force that tends to strain or deform.
- ✓ A physical, chemical, or emotional factor that causes bodily or mental tension and may be a factor in disease causation.
- ✓ Hans Selye (1907-1982) first addressed it as a health challenge.







# CHRONIC STRESS

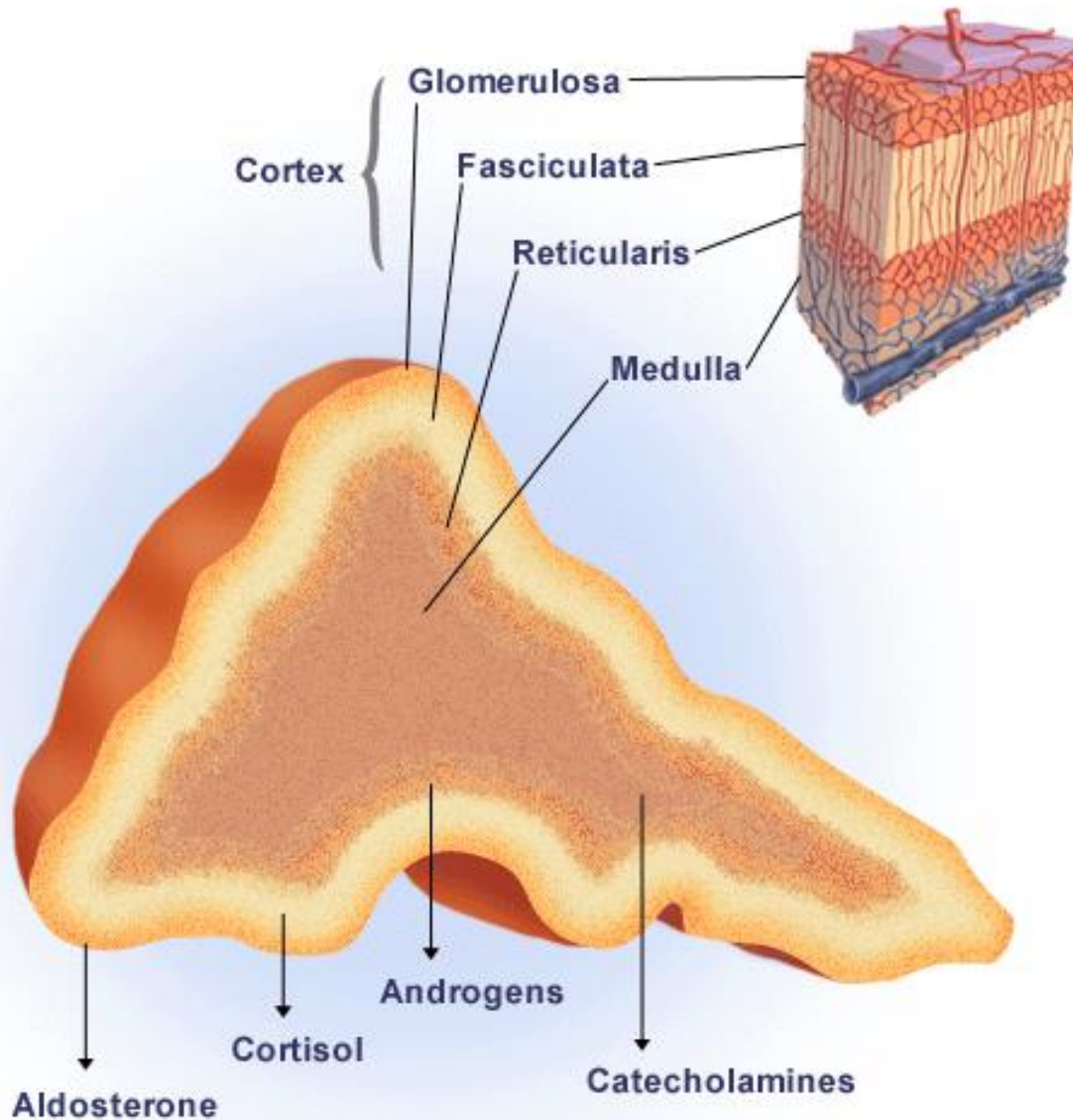
- ✓ Costs trillions of dollars a year
- ✓ Largely ignored by mainstream medicine

**Common Culprit Behind Virtually  
All Symptoms And Conditions**





# Adrenal Hormone Secretions



## Outer Zone (Cortex)

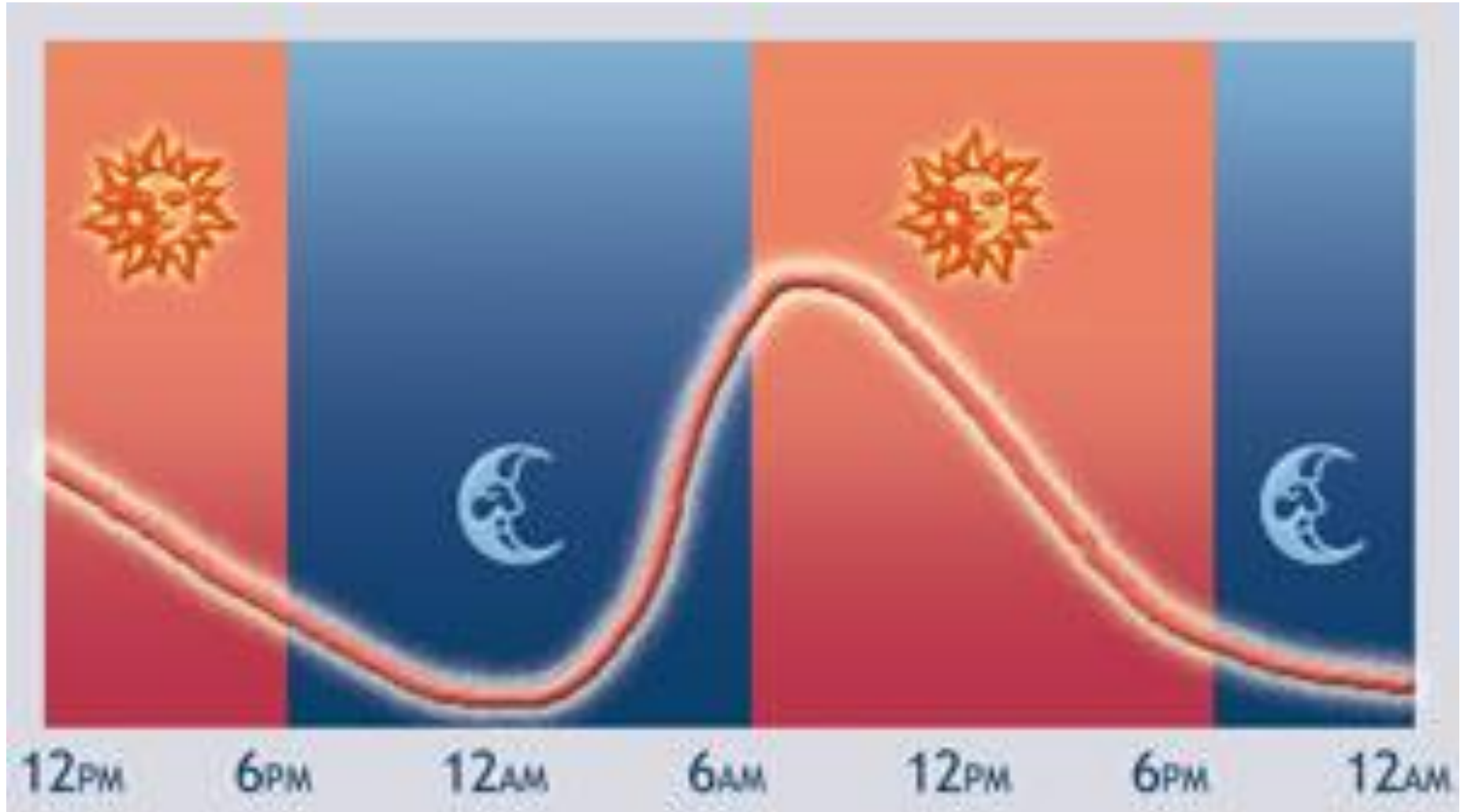
- Cortisol
- DHEA
- Aldosterone

## Inner Zone (Medulla)

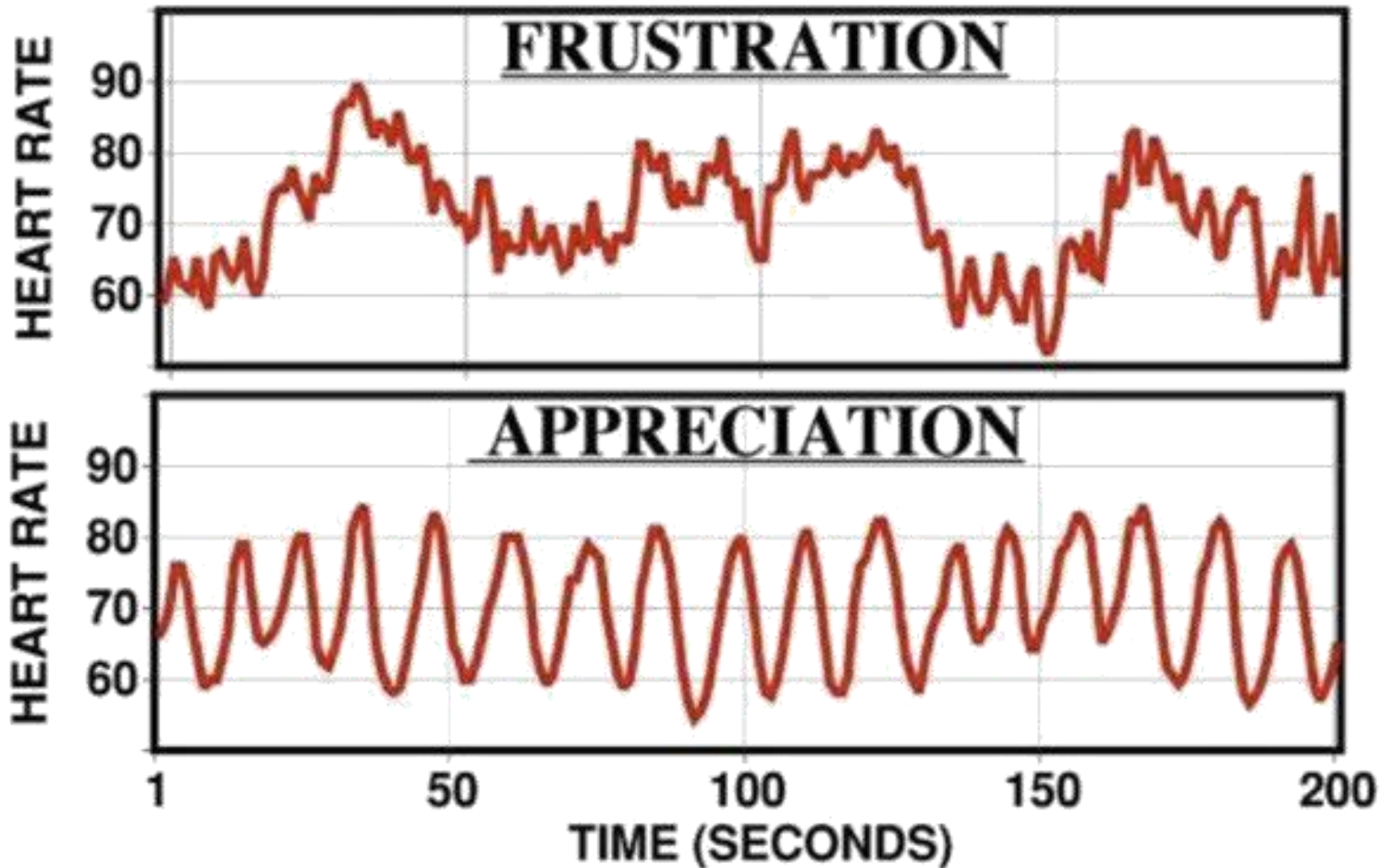
- ✓ Catecholamines
  - Adrenaline aka Epinephrine
  - Noradrenaline aka Norepinephrine
- ✓ Androgens



# Circadian Rhythm



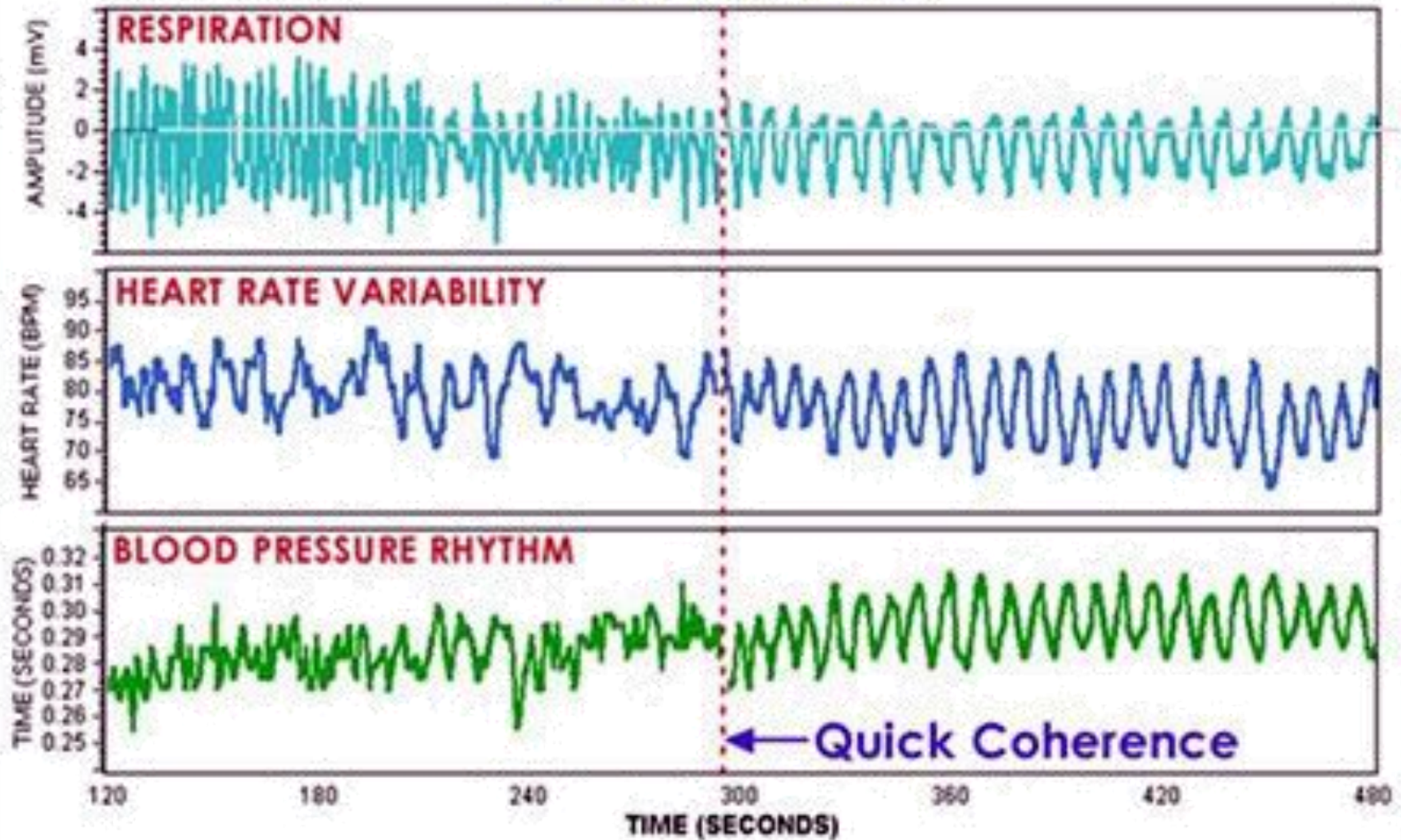
# Effect of Stress on Heart Rhythm



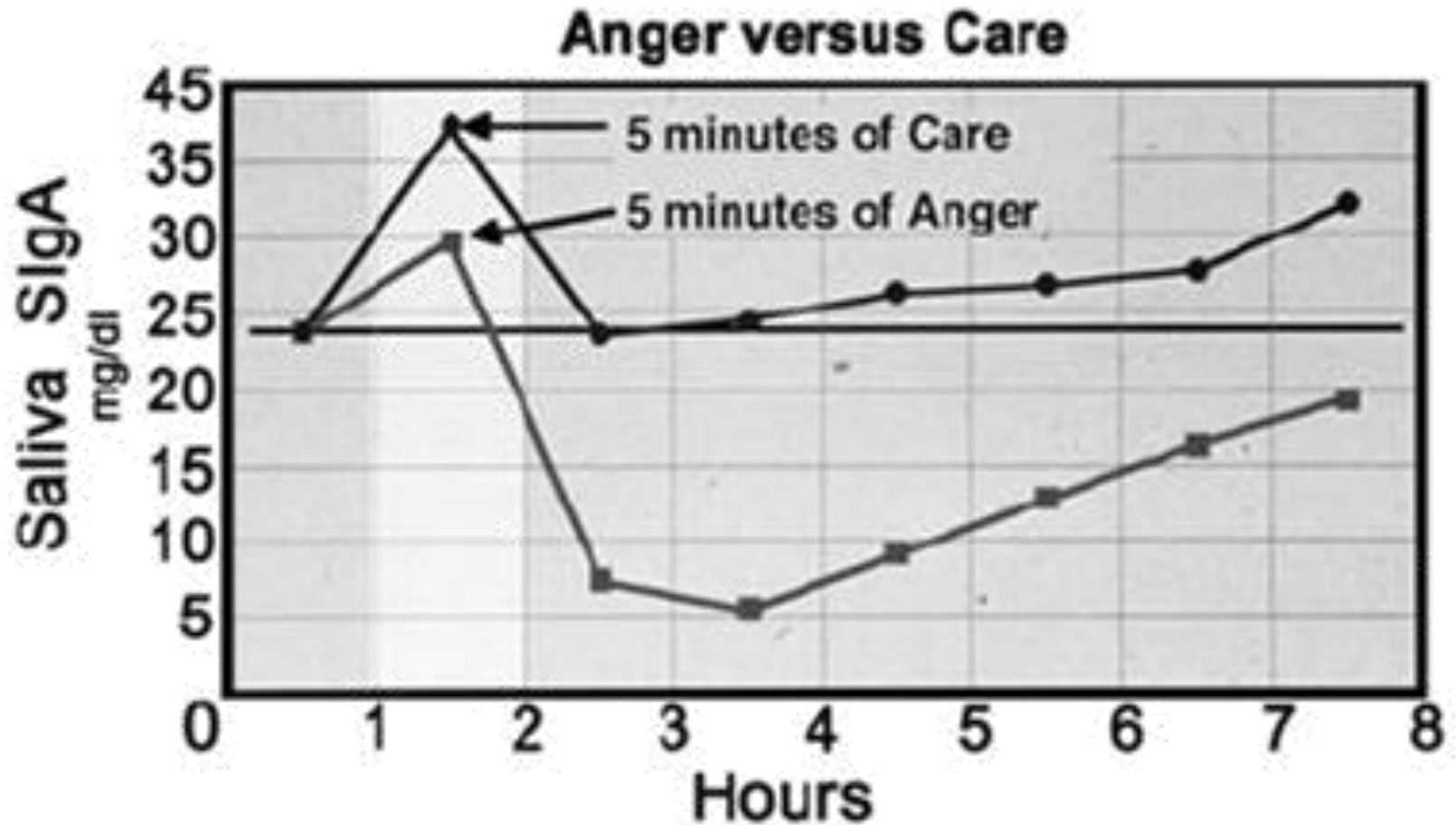
© Copyright Institute of HeartMath Research Center

# Ahhhhh...Happy Adrenals

## The Coherent State



**Figure 6. Effect of Emotion on SIgA Release**



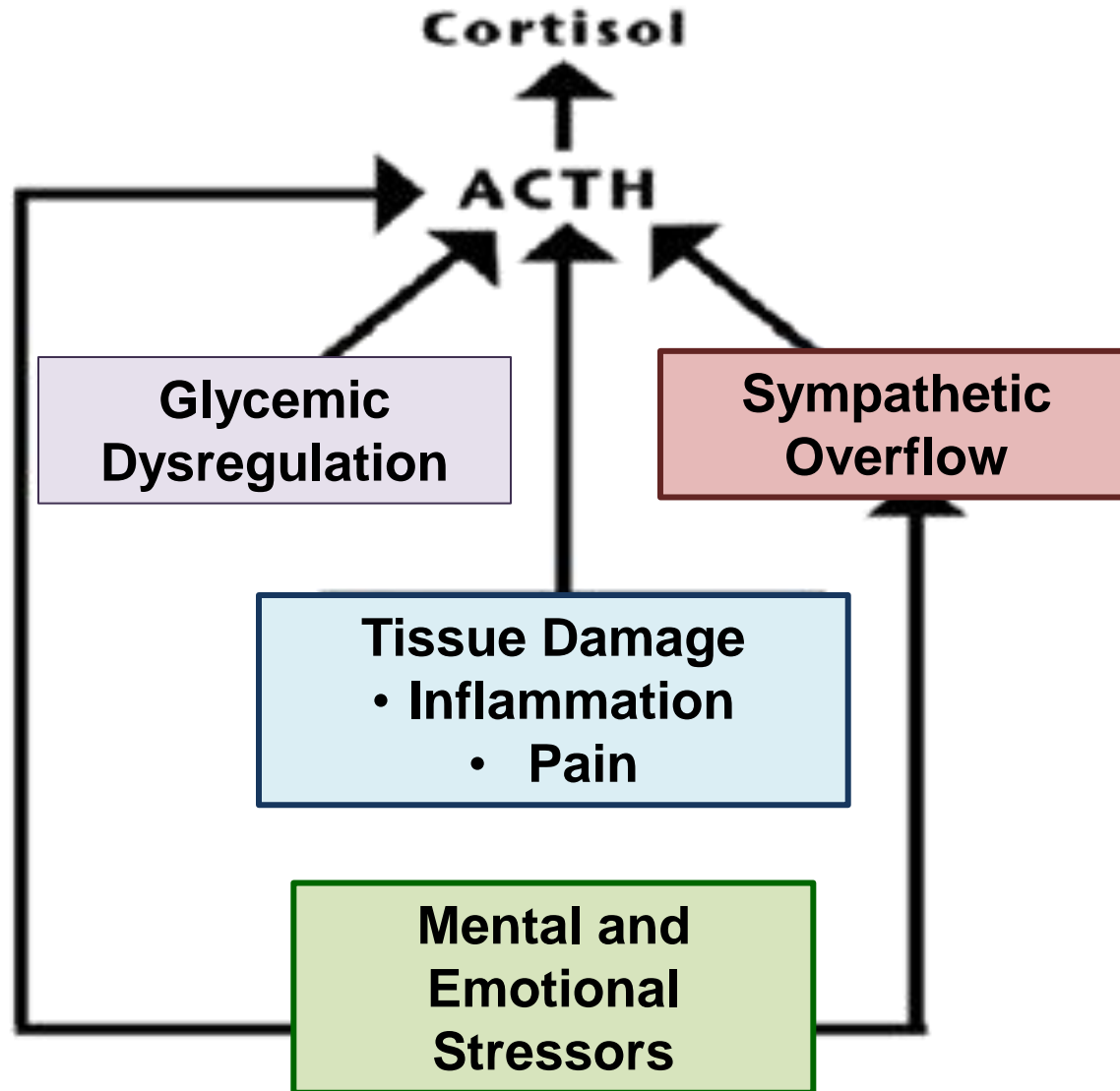
Autonomic System Imbalance Caused by Emotional Stress  
Inhibits SIgA Release

HeartMath Institute





# Inducers of Cortisol Release



# Emotional Landscape

**Adrenaline**

**High Energy  
Negative Emotions**

**High Energy  
Positive Emotions**

**Low Energy  
Negative Emotions**

**Low Energy  
Positive Emotions**

**DHEA**

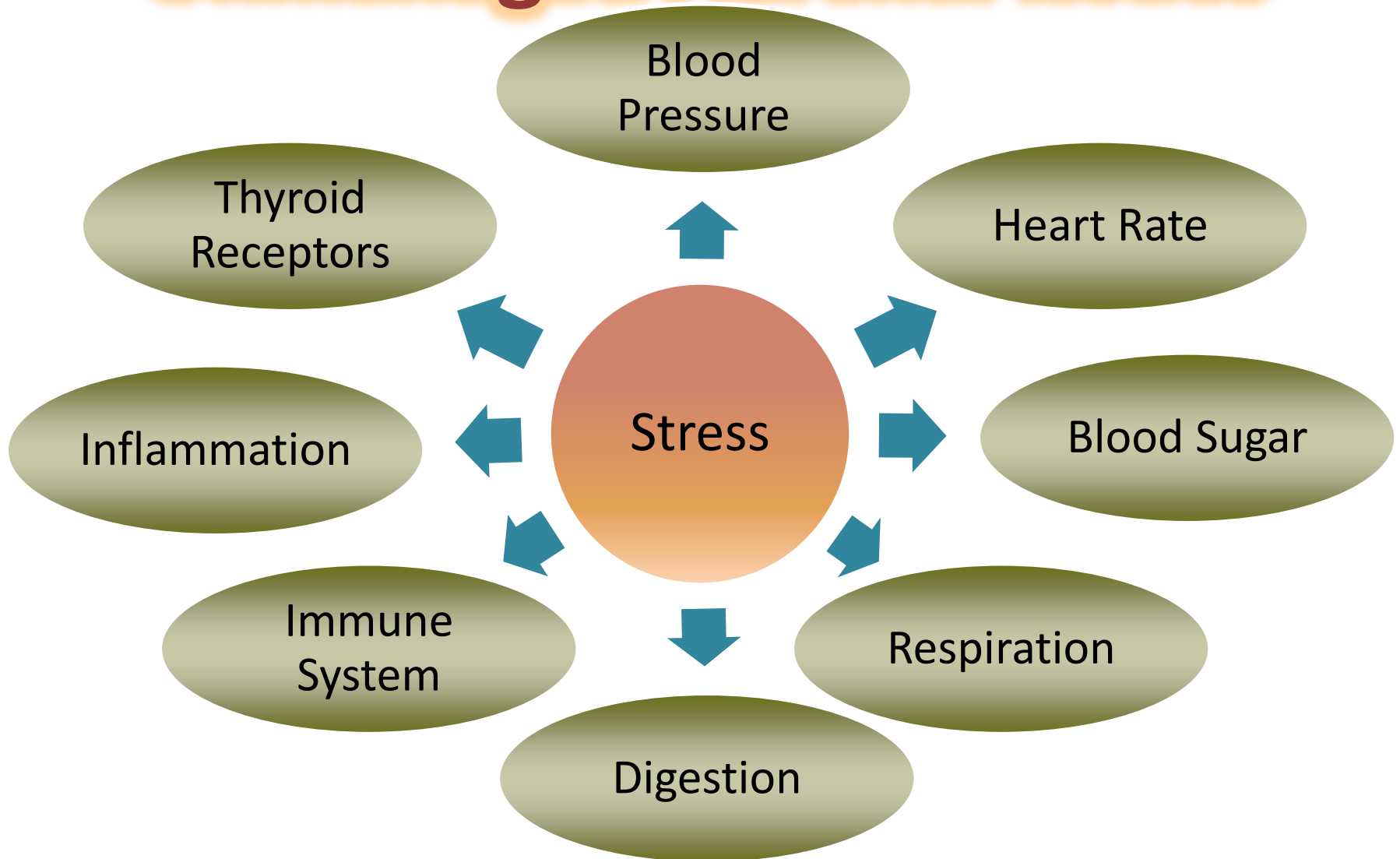
**Cortisol**

**Acetylcholine**

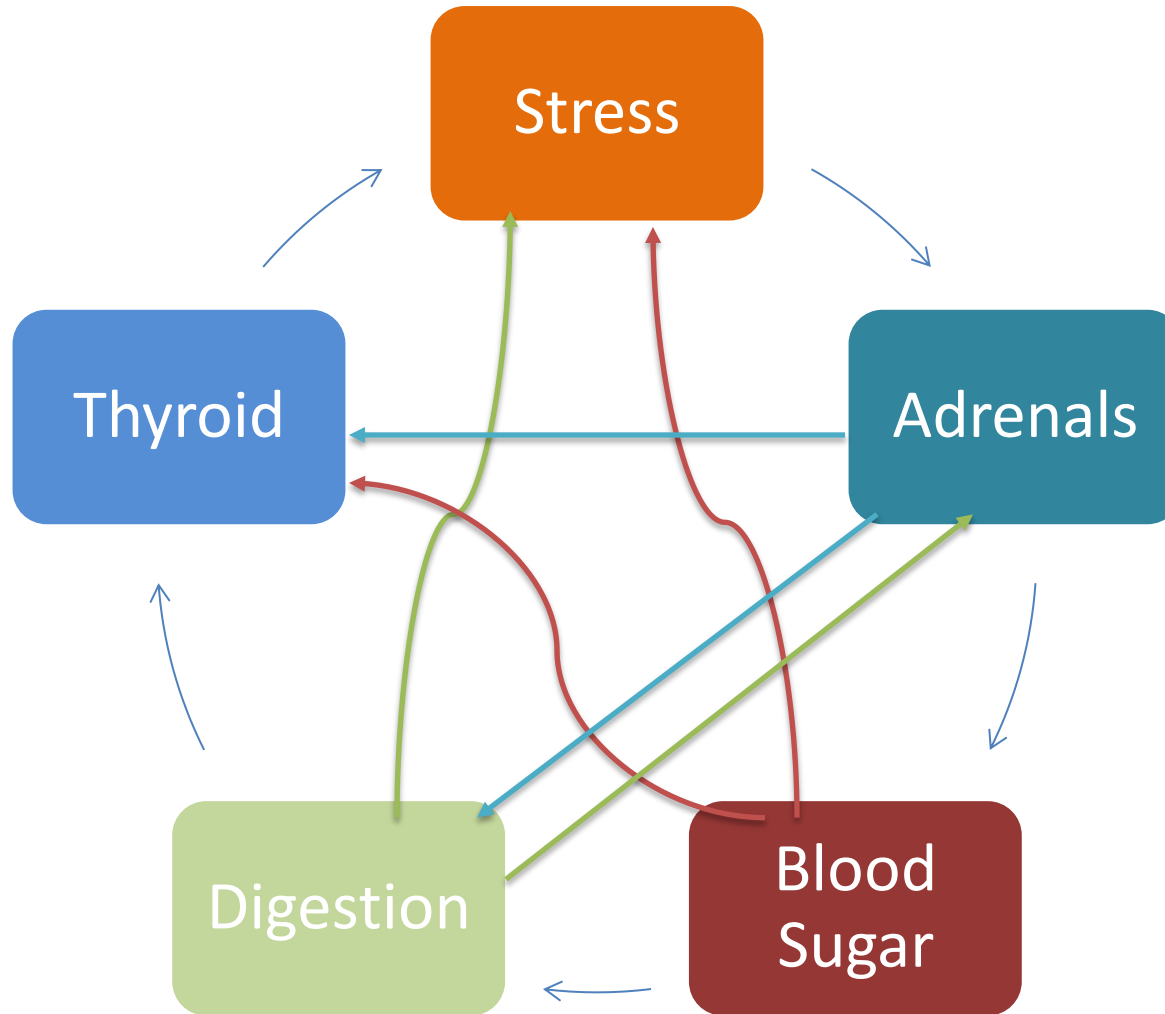




# Dangers Associated with Unmanaged Adrenal Issues



# The Vicious Cycle



# Breaking the Vicious Cycle

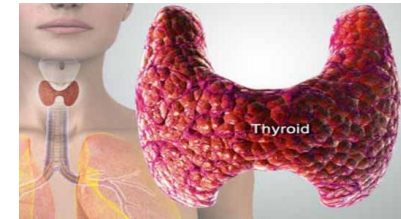
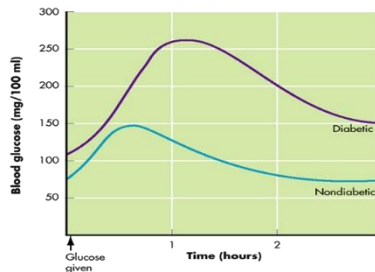
Manage Stress

Repair and Recharge Adrenal

Balance Blood Sugar

Heal and Optimize Digestion

Protect and Heal Thyroid



# Order Matters!

Digestive stress  
Inflammation  
Food stress  
Obesity  
Injuries  
Toxic exposure  
Sleep quality and quantity  
Eating too close to bedtime  
Infection



Transform  
Stress



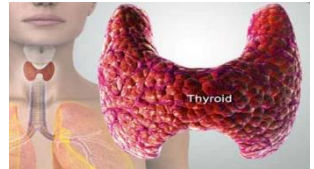
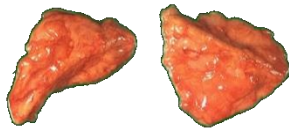
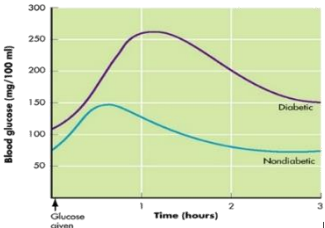
Calm  
Balance  
Serenity  
Clarity  
Joy  
Love  
Peace  
Success

Heal and  
Optimize  
Digestion

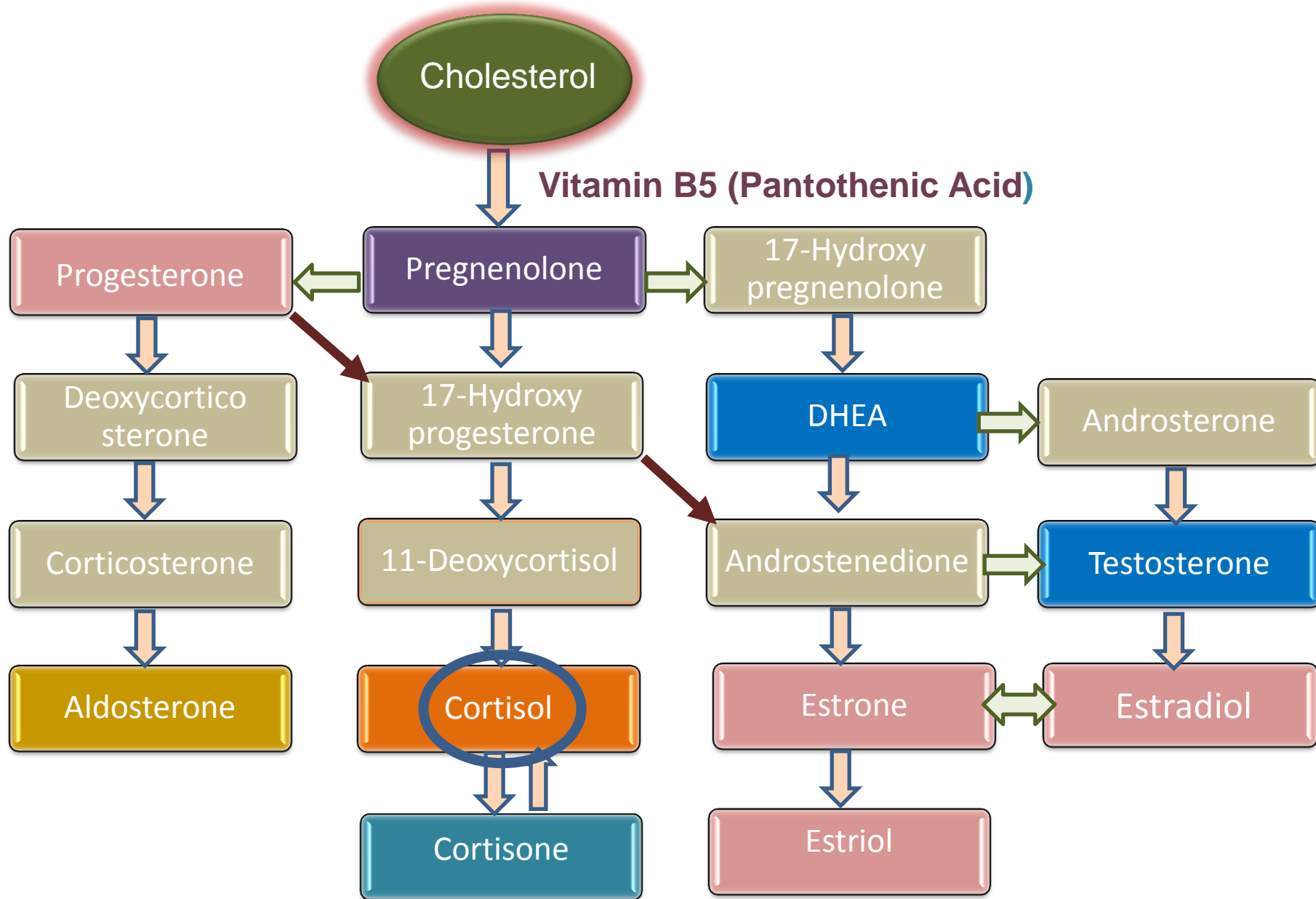
Balance  
Blood  
Sugar

Repair and  
Recharge  
Adrenal

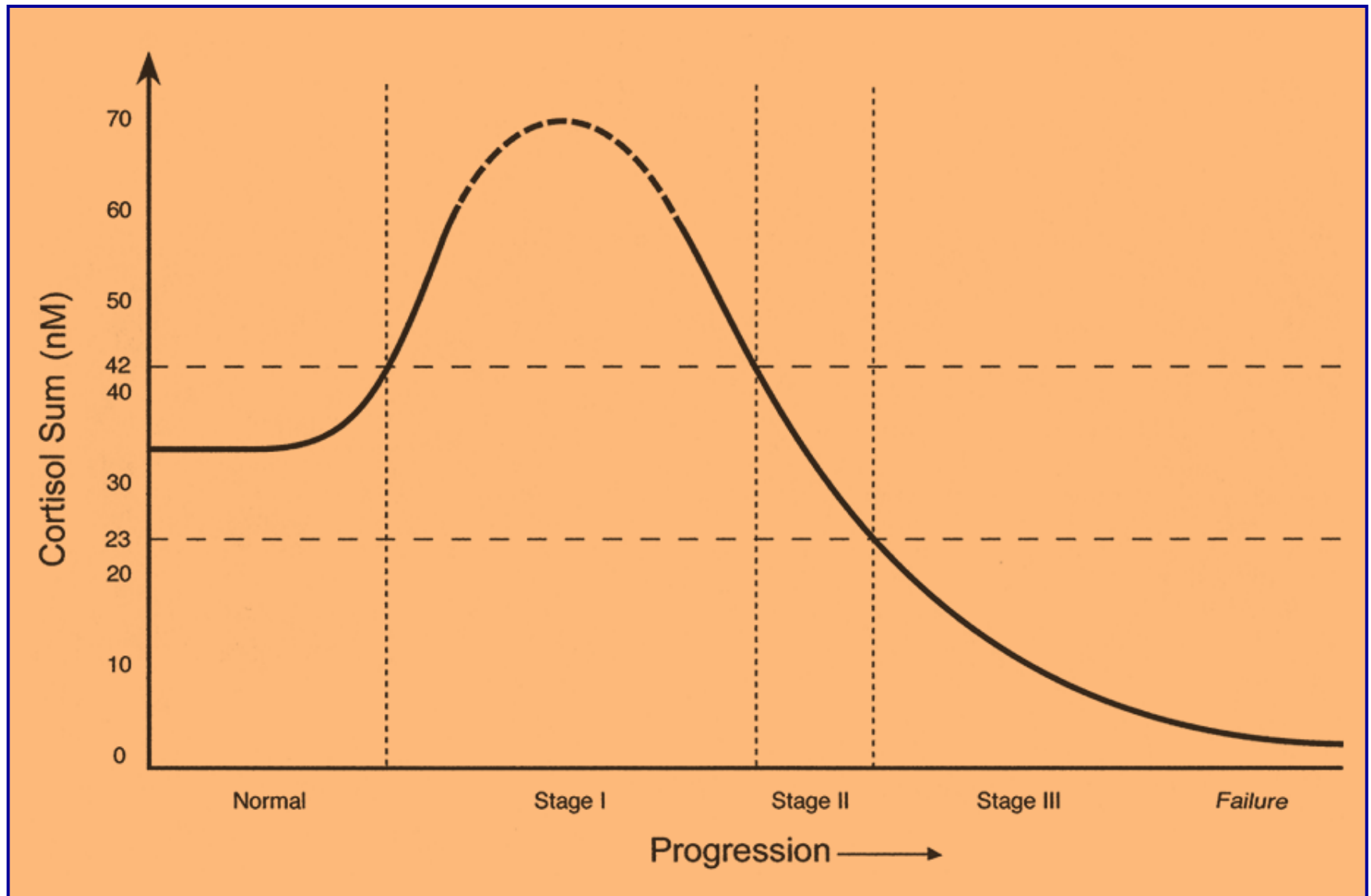
Protect  
and Heal  
Thyroid



# Male/Female Hormones/Stress Interaction



# Progression of Stages in Adrenal Exhaustion



# Adrenal Fatigue – Stage 1

## Tired and Wired

- ✓ Sympathetic Dominant State
  - DHEA low
  - Cortisol high
- ✓ Draining Your Reserves
- ✓ Negative Effects of Cortisol
- ✓ Slump in Mid-Afternoon
- ✓ Wired at Bedtime



# Adrenal Fatigue – Stage 2

## Reserves Becoming Depleted

- ✓ Sympathetic Dominant State
  - DHEA low
  - Cortisol normal, with possible low dips
- ✓ Low Reserves
- ✓ Immune System Compromised





# Adrenal Fatigue – Stage 3 Exhaustion

- ✓ Sympathetic Dominant State
  - DHEA low
  - Cortisol low
- ✓ Suffering From Negative Effects of Chronic Elevated Cortisol
- ✓ Low Libido
- ✓ Sex Hormone Imbalances
- ✓ Accelerated Aging
- ✓ Poor Memory





# HPA Impact on Thyroid

- ✓ Inflammatory cytokines IL-1 beta, IL-6, and TNF-alpha released during the stress response
- ✓ IL-1 beta, IL-6, and TNF-alpha down-regulate the HPA axis and reduce levels of thyroid stimulating hormone (TSH)
- ✓ A single injection of tumor necrosis factor alpha (TNF-alpha) reduced serum TSH, T3, free T4, free T3 and hypothalamic TRH for 5 days.
- ✓ **TNF-alpha** was also found to **decrease the conversion of T4 to T3**, reduce thyroid hormone uptake, and decrease the sensitivity of the thyroid to TSH.

[Thyroid](#). 2007 Oct;17(10):1005-11. Chemokine orchestration of autoimmune thyroiditis. Kimura H<sup>1</sup>, Caturegli P.

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/1906893>

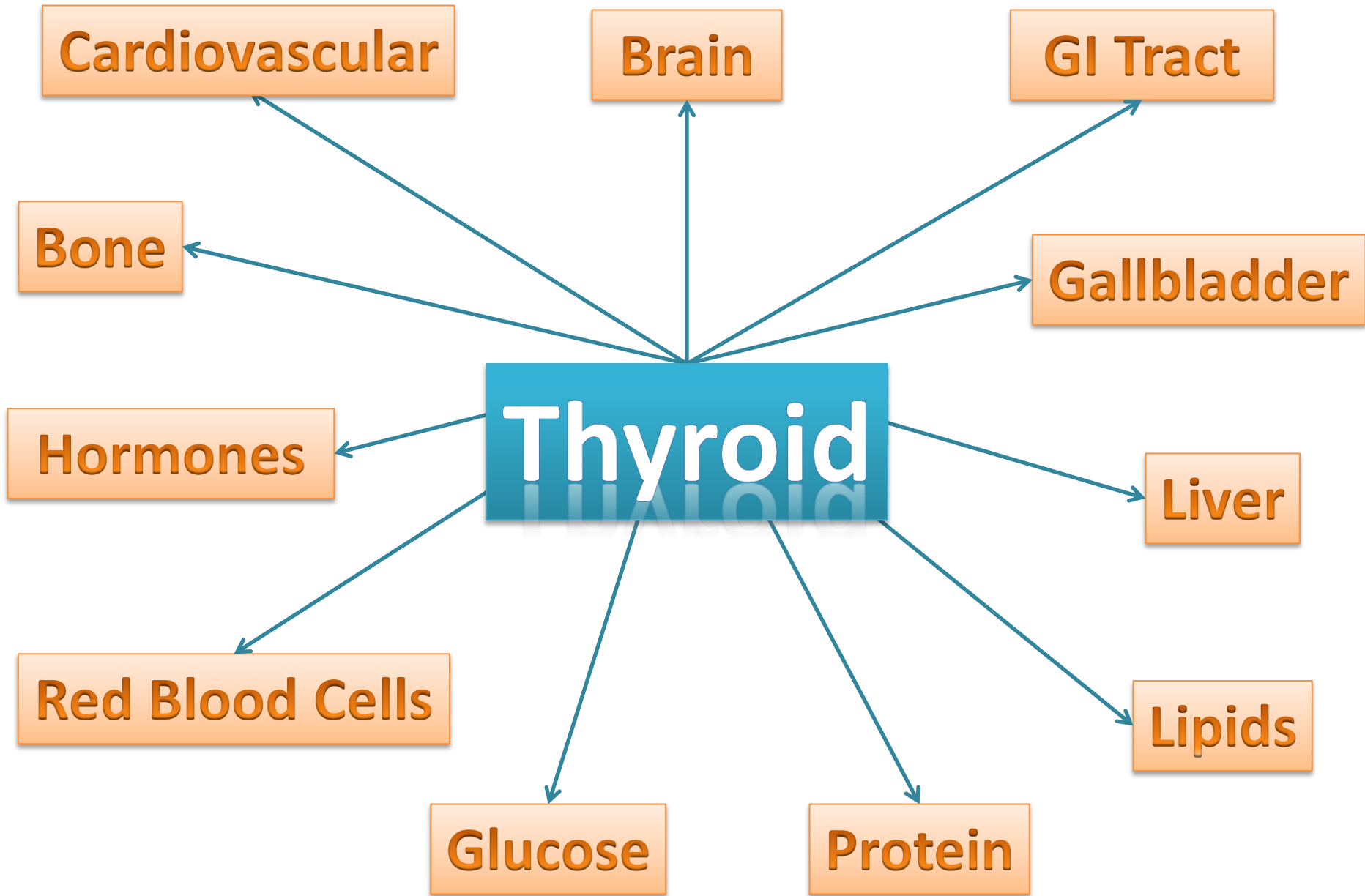
<http://chriskresser.com/5-ways-that-stress-causes-hypothyroid-symptoms>

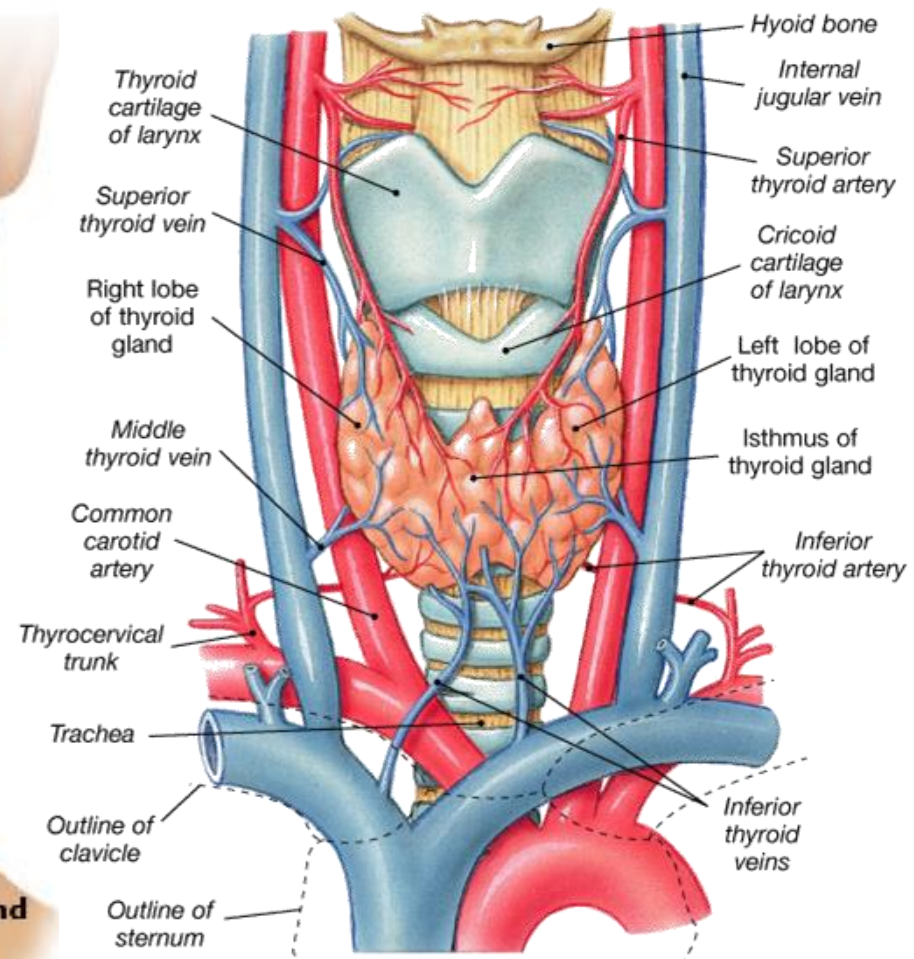
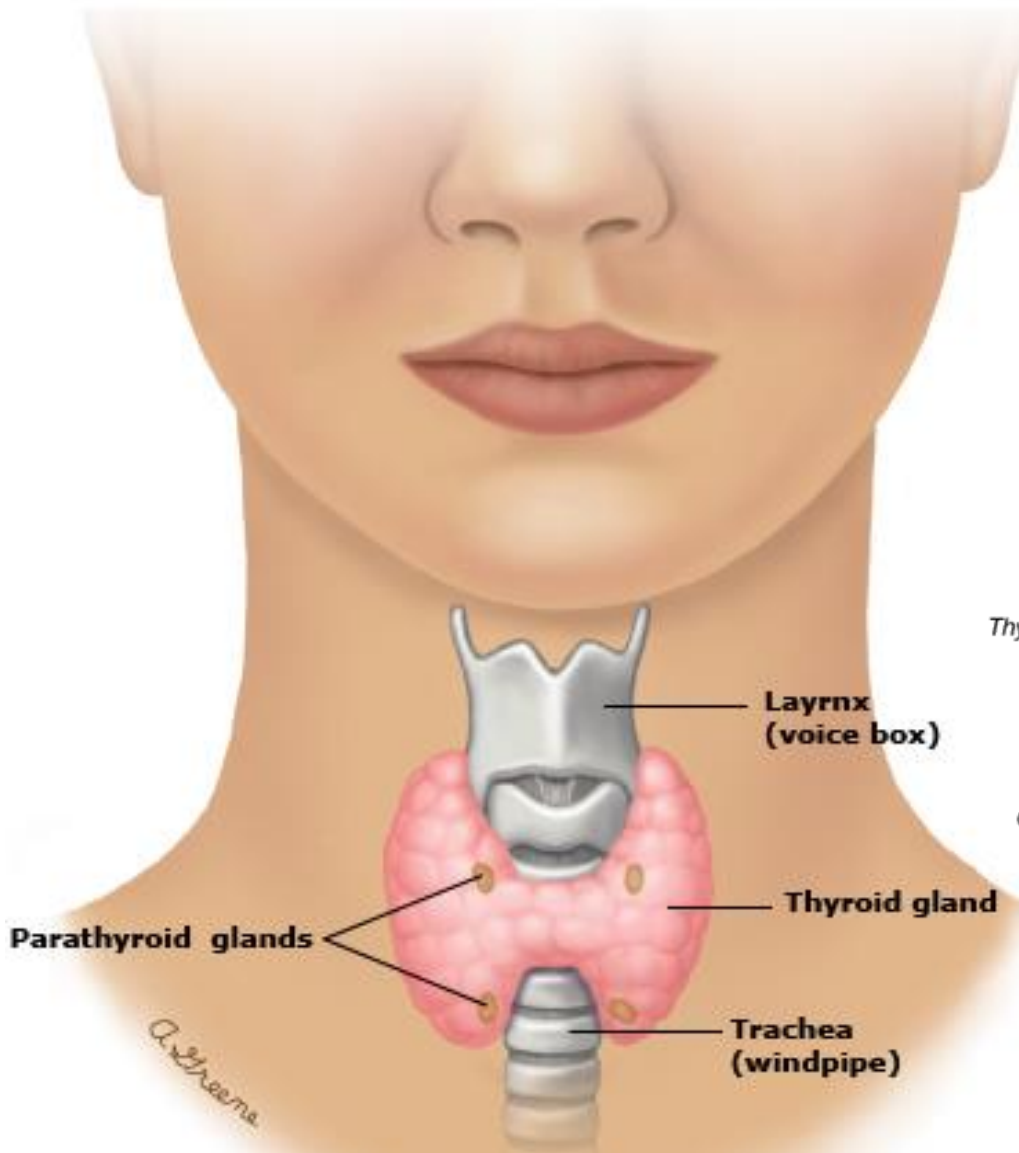


# More HPA Impact on Thyroid

- ✓ Th1 and Th2, IL-6, TNF-alpha, IFN-gamma and IL-1 beta suppress the conversion of T4 to T3.
- ✓ **As IL-6 rises, T3 falls.**
- ✓ Inflammatory cytokines in the healthy resulted in a rapid reduction of serum T3 and TSH levels, increase in reverse T3, and minimal change in T4
- ✓ Adrenal stress weakens immune barriers and promotes poor immune system regulation, which can lead to autoimmune thyroiditis
- ✓ Inflammatory cytokines suppress thyroid receptor site sensitivity.
- ✓ Prolonged cortisol elevations decrease liver clearance of excess estrogens leading to increased thyroid binding globulin (TBG)

*Thyroid.* 2007 Oct;17(10):1005-11. **Chemokine orchestration of autoimmune thyroiditis.** Kimura H<sup>1</sup>, Caturegli P.  
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/1906893>  
<http://chriskresser.com/5-ways-that-stress-causes-hypothyroid-symptoms>

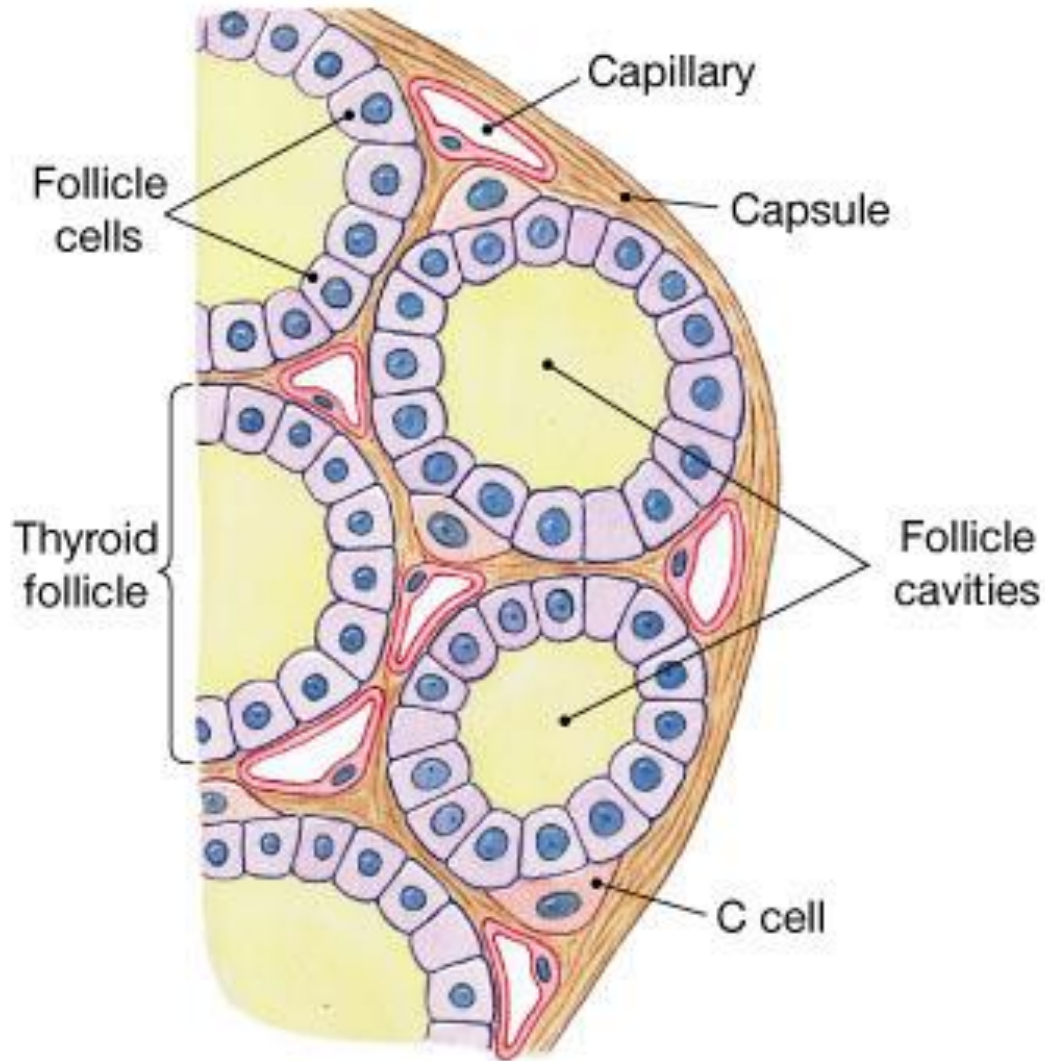




# The Thyroid Gland – Histology

*Gland is composed of hollow spheres, called colloid follicles.*

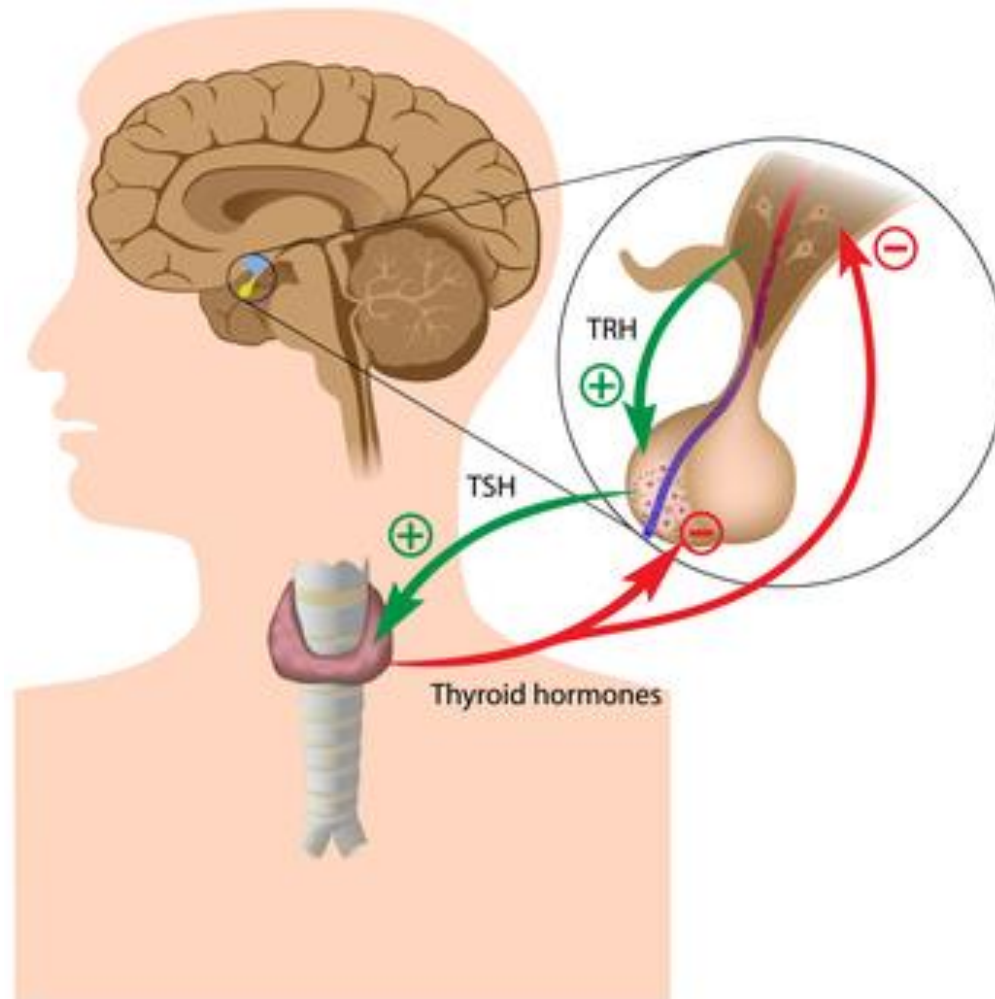
*Follicle cells produce thyroglobulin*



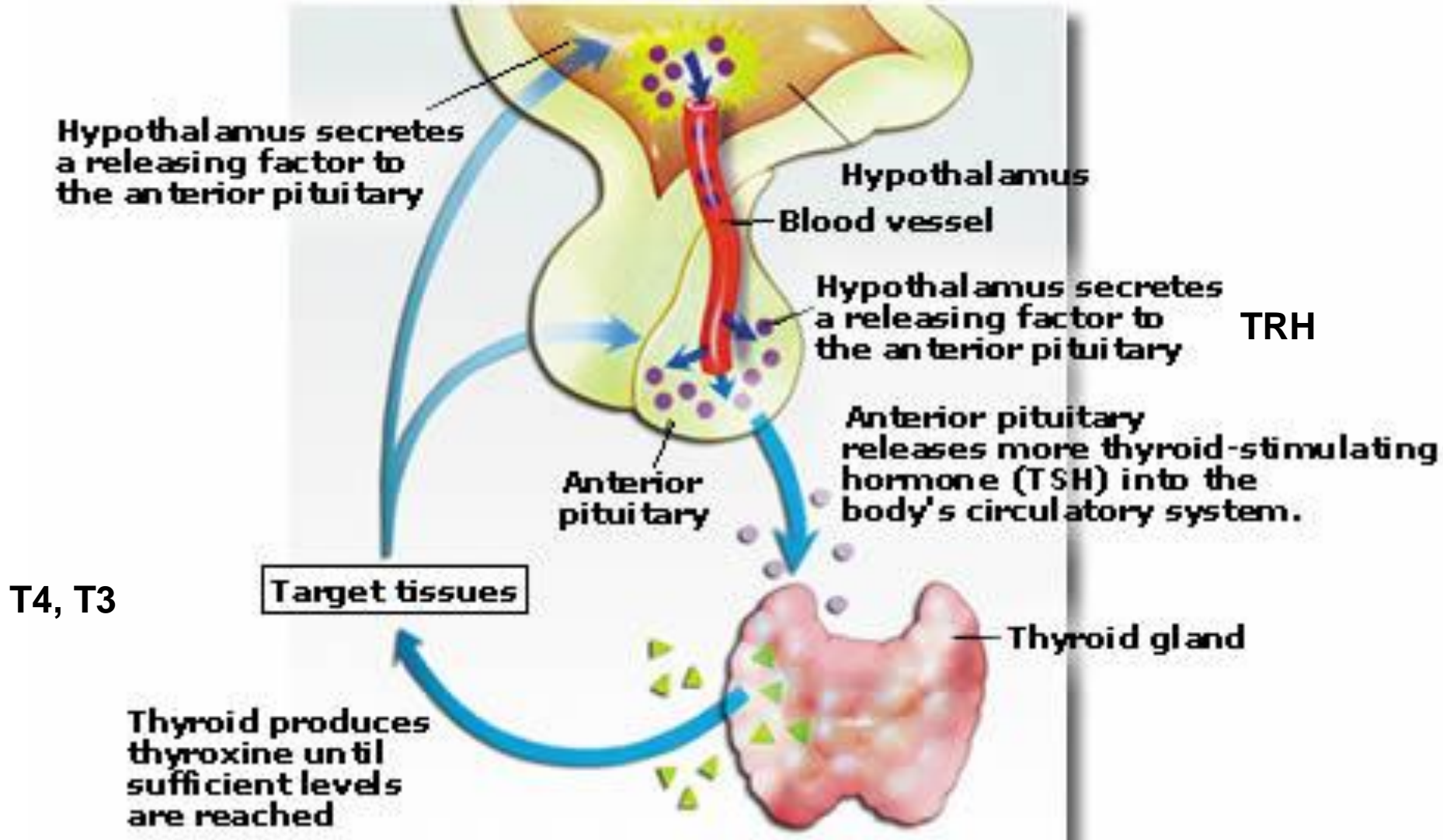
*Colloid fills the follicle cavities*



# How Thyroid Hormone Gets Stimulated



# Thyroid Control

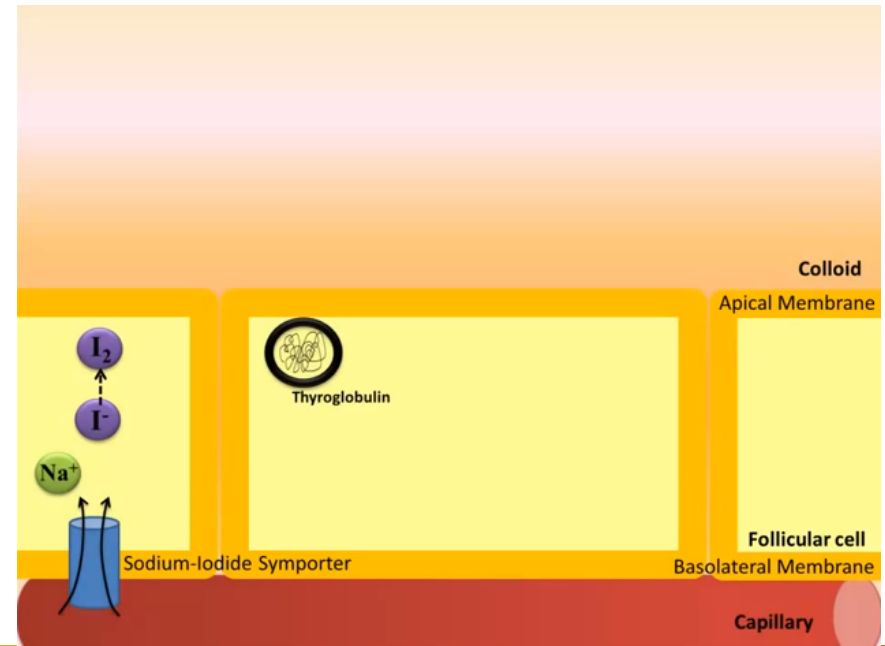
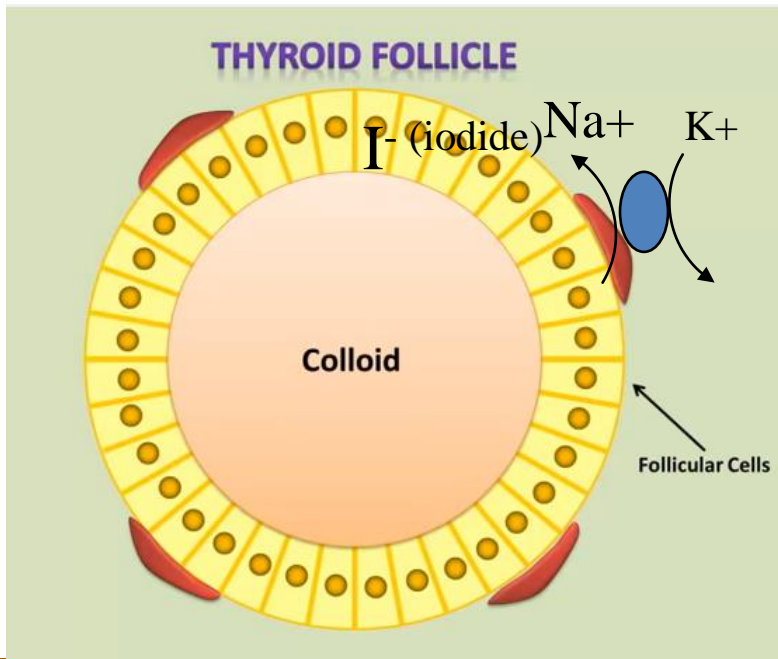




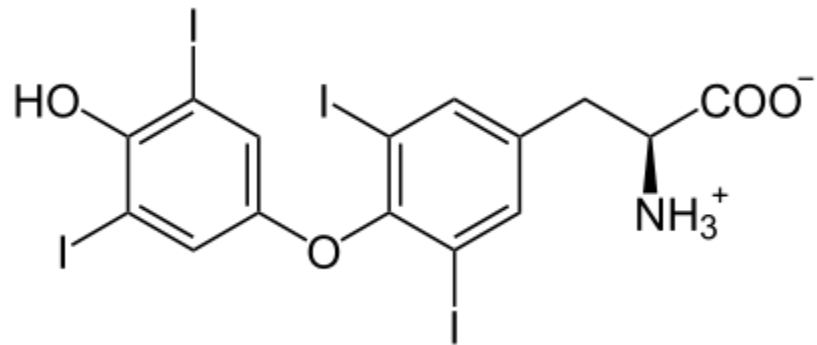
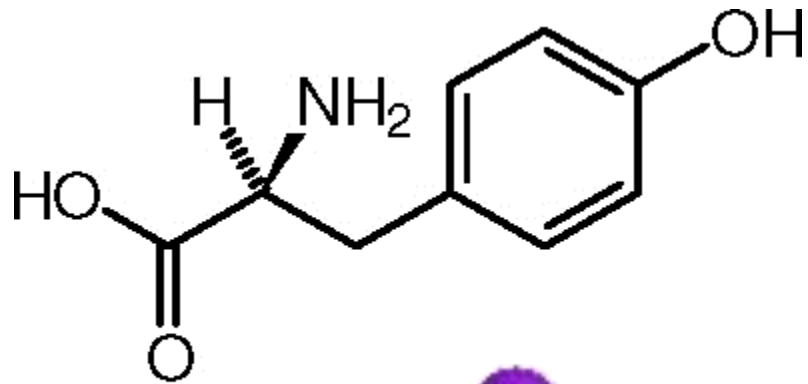
# Action of TSH on the Thyroid

TSH acts on follicular cells of the thyroid.

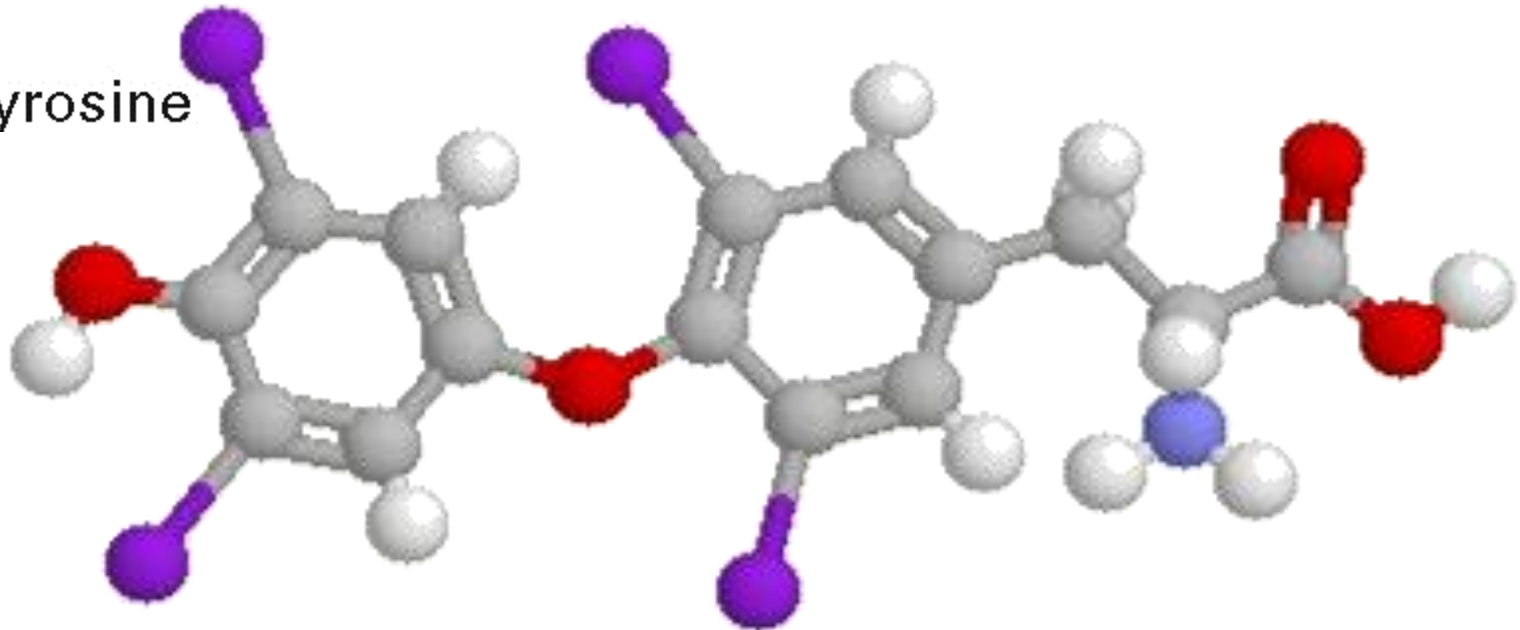
- ✓ Increases **iodide transport** into follicular cells by NIS - Sodium Iodide Symporter
- ✓ Oxidizes iodide to release iodine for iodination of tyrosine
- ✓ Increases production and iodination of **thyroglobulin**
- ✓ Brings the thyroglobulin back into the follicle cell



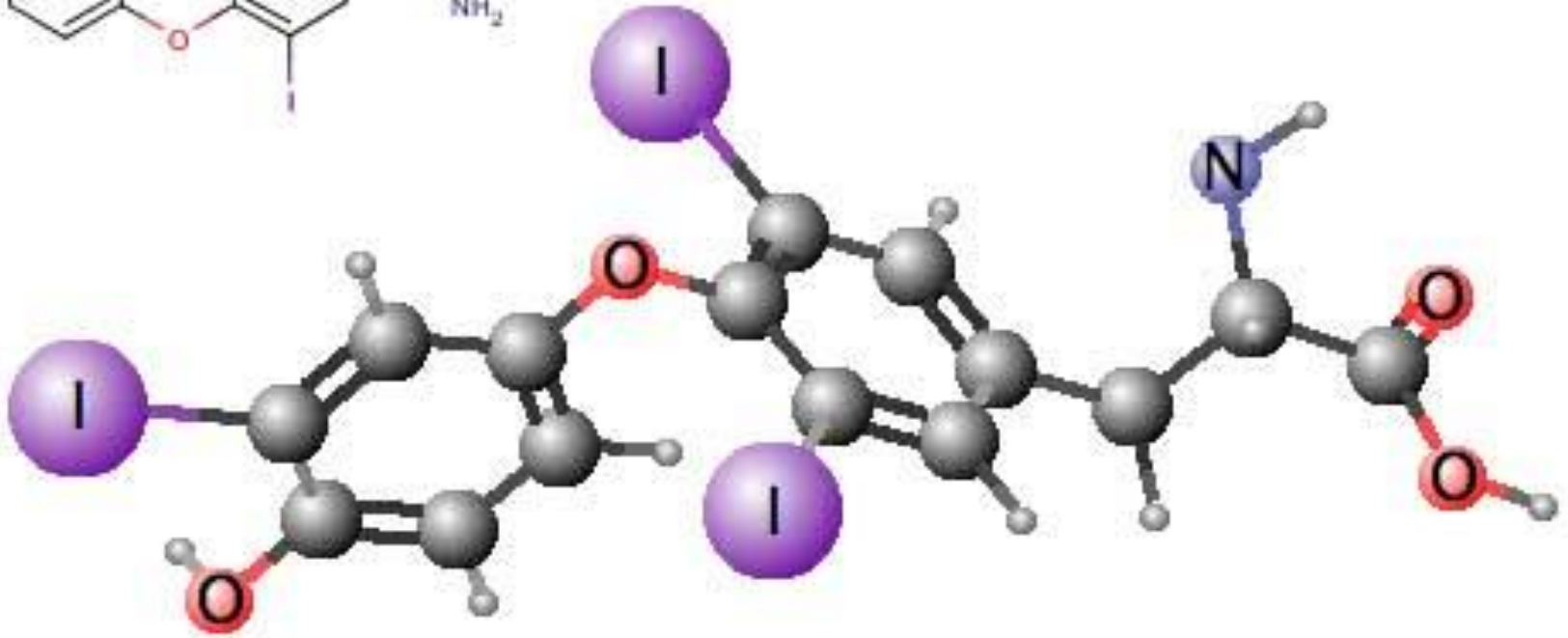
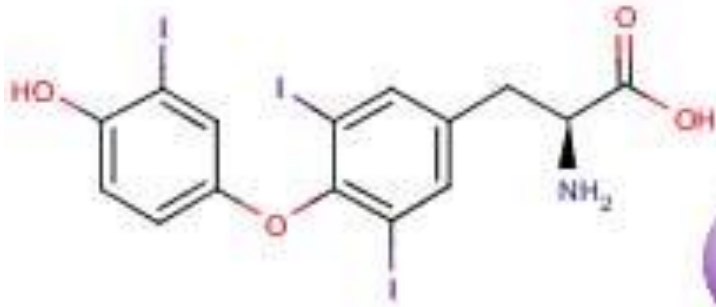
# T4 - Thyroxine



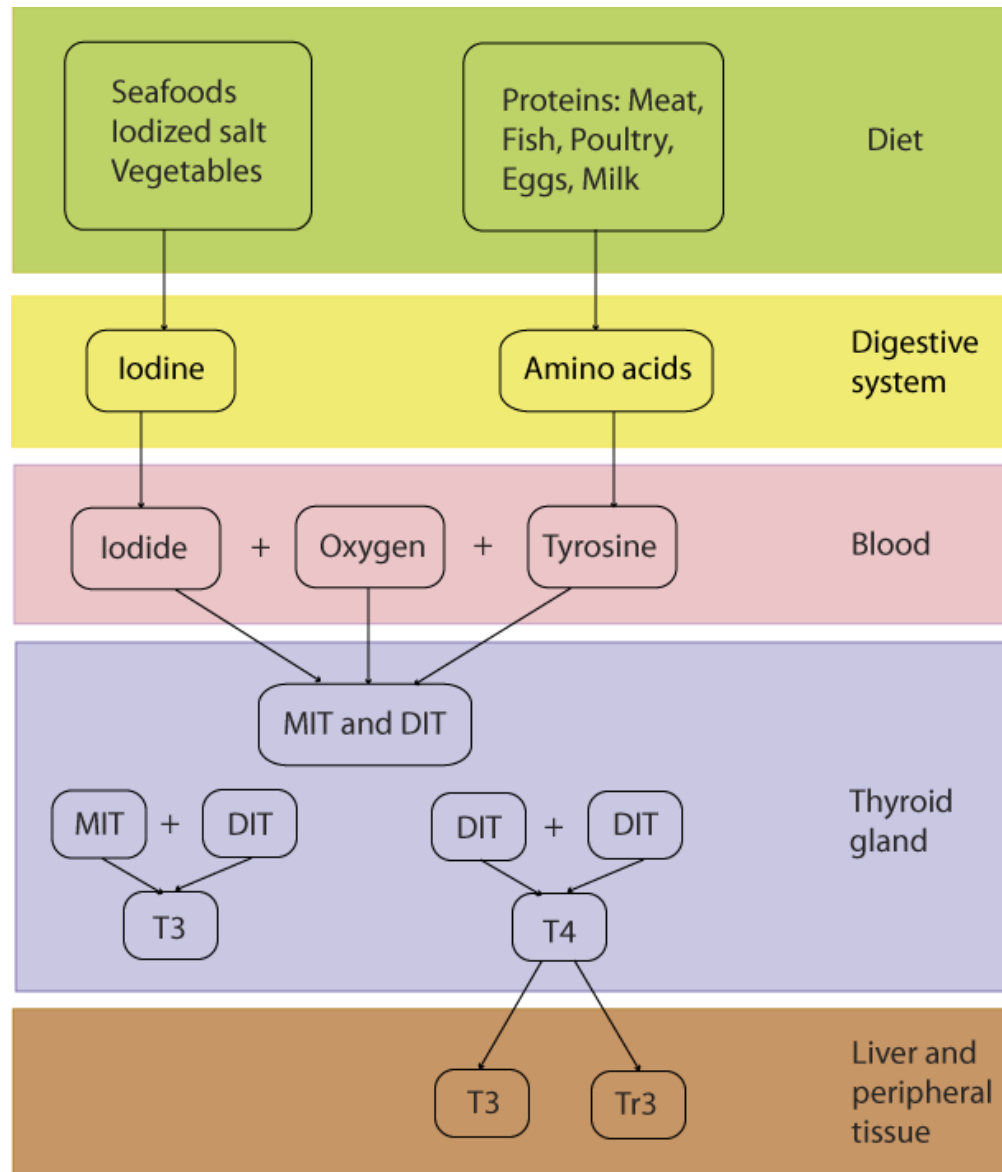
L-tyrosine

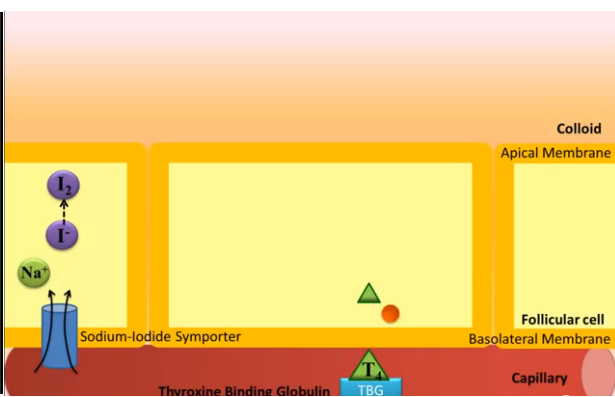
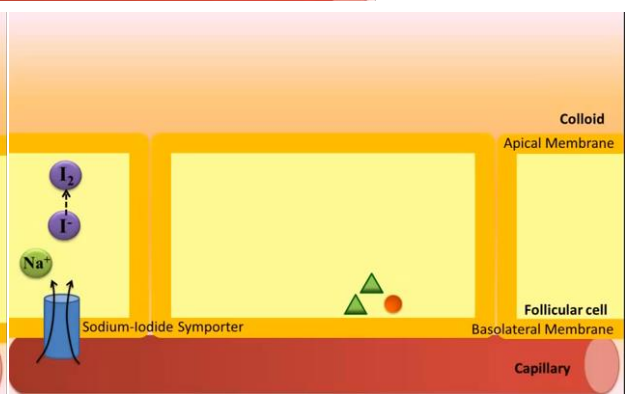
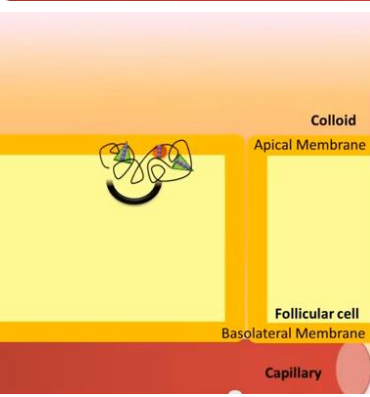
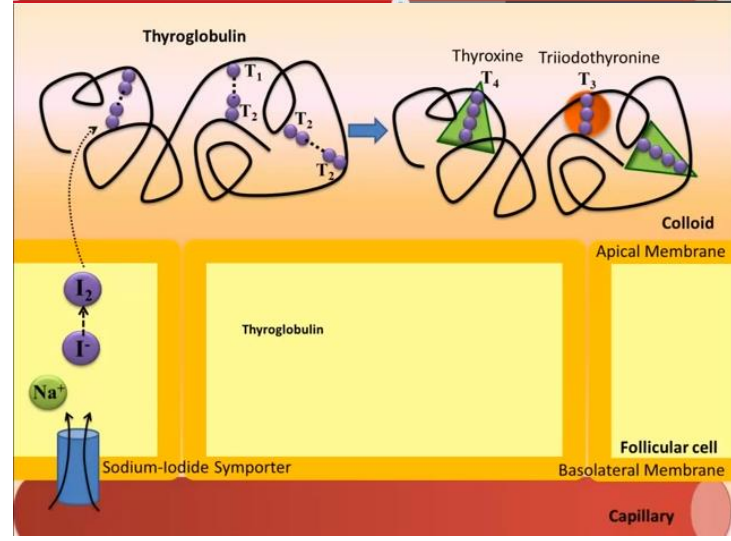
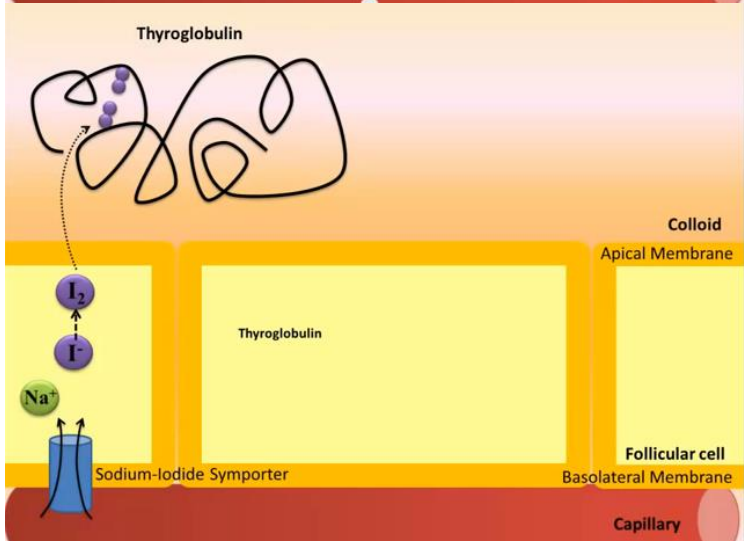


# T3 - Triiodothyronine

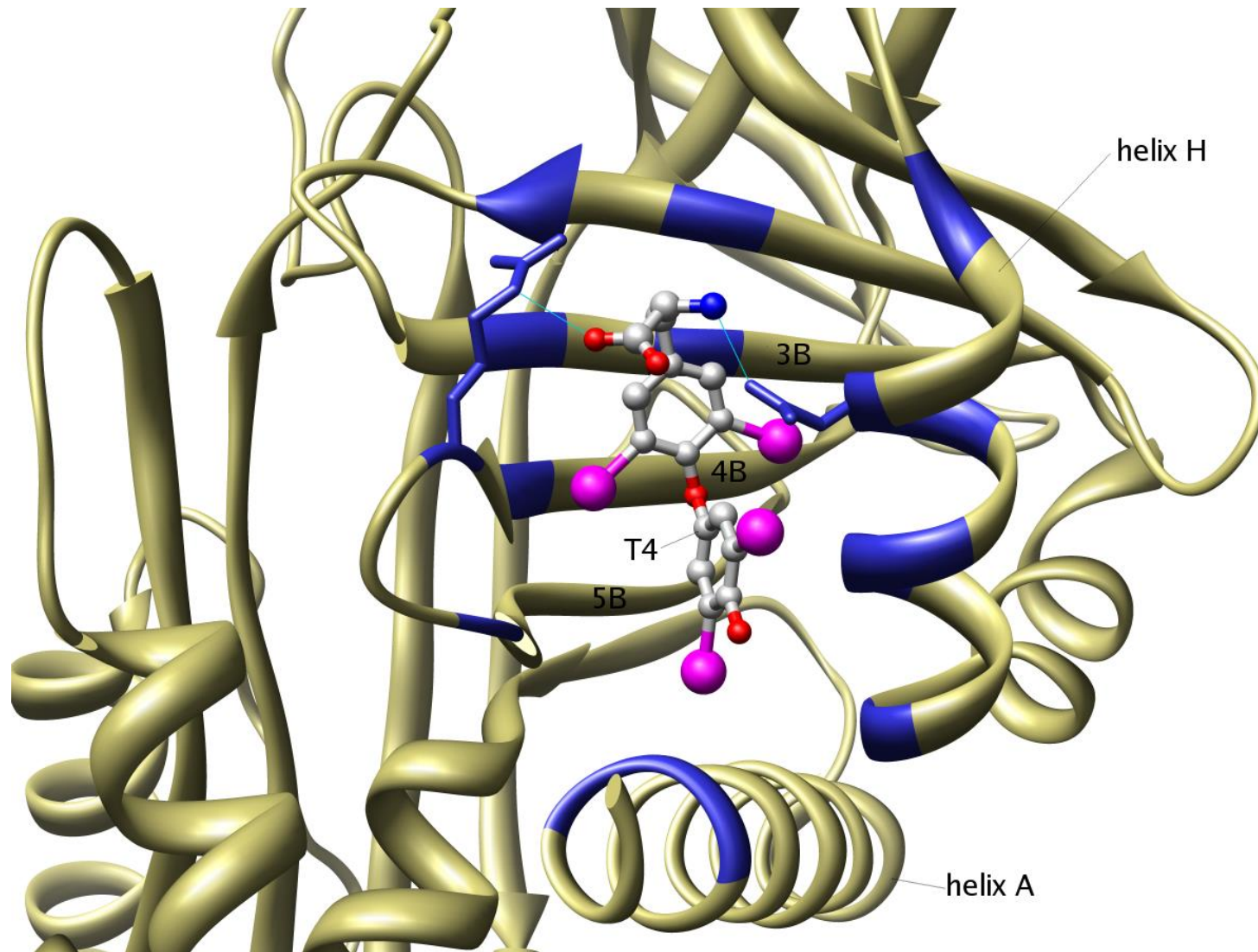


# Thyroid Hormone Synthesis



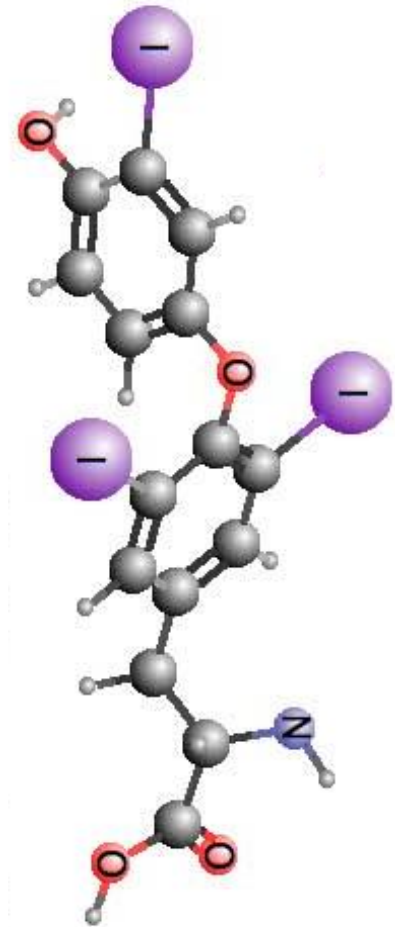


# Thyroid Binding Globulin

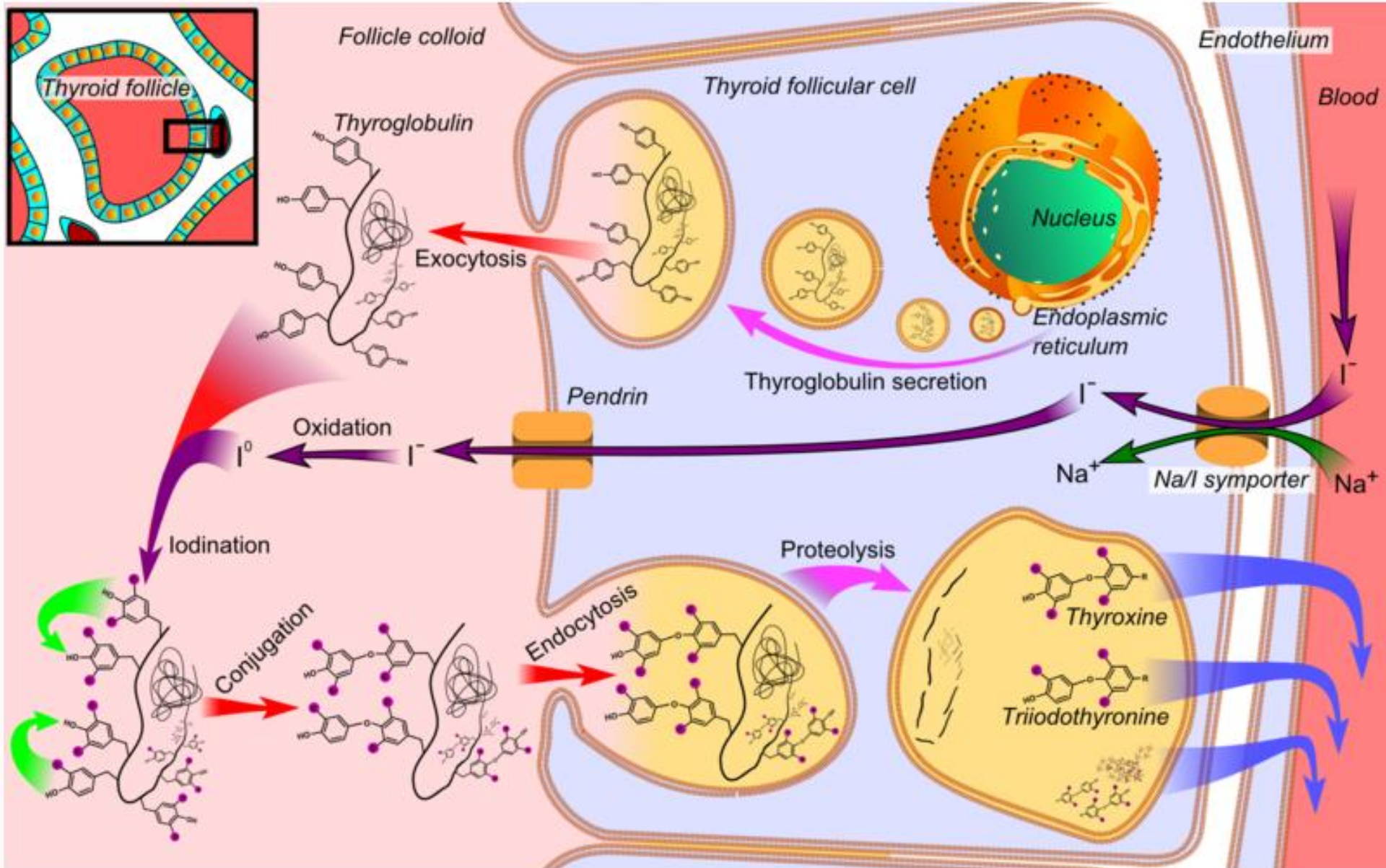


# The Making of Triiodothyronine (T3)

- ✓ T4 is converted to T3 by 5' Deiodinase
- ✓ Inhibited by stress, acute and chronic illness, fasting, cortisol (steroids)
- ✓ T4 is also converted to inactive Reverse T3 (RT3) by 5 deiodinase
- ✓ 80% of T3 is produced in body tissues: liver, kidney, gut



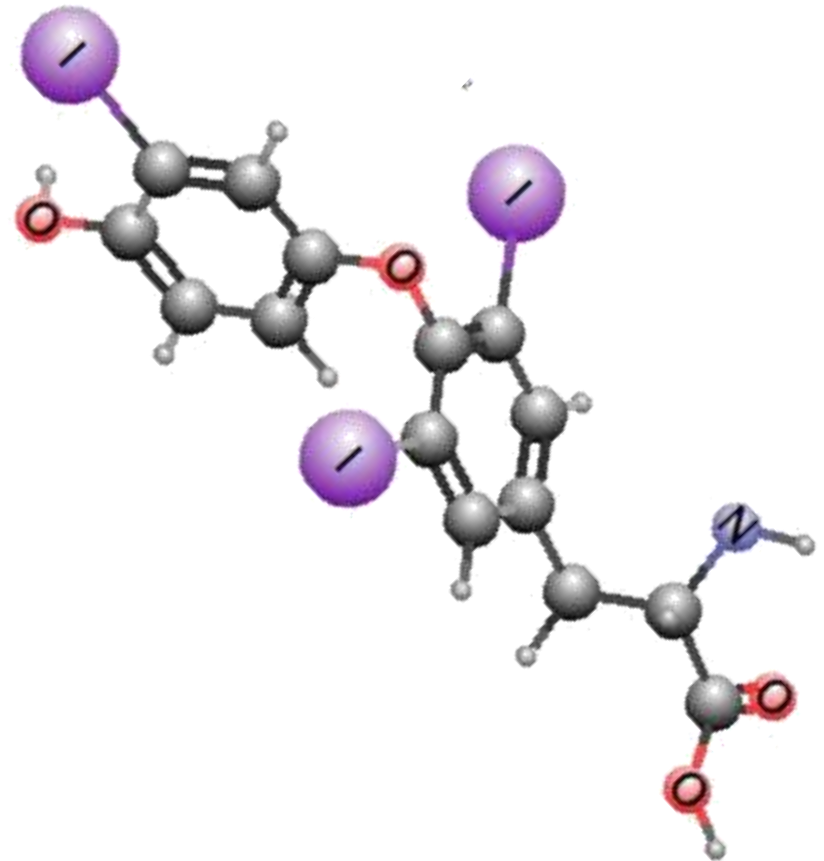
# Thyroglobulin

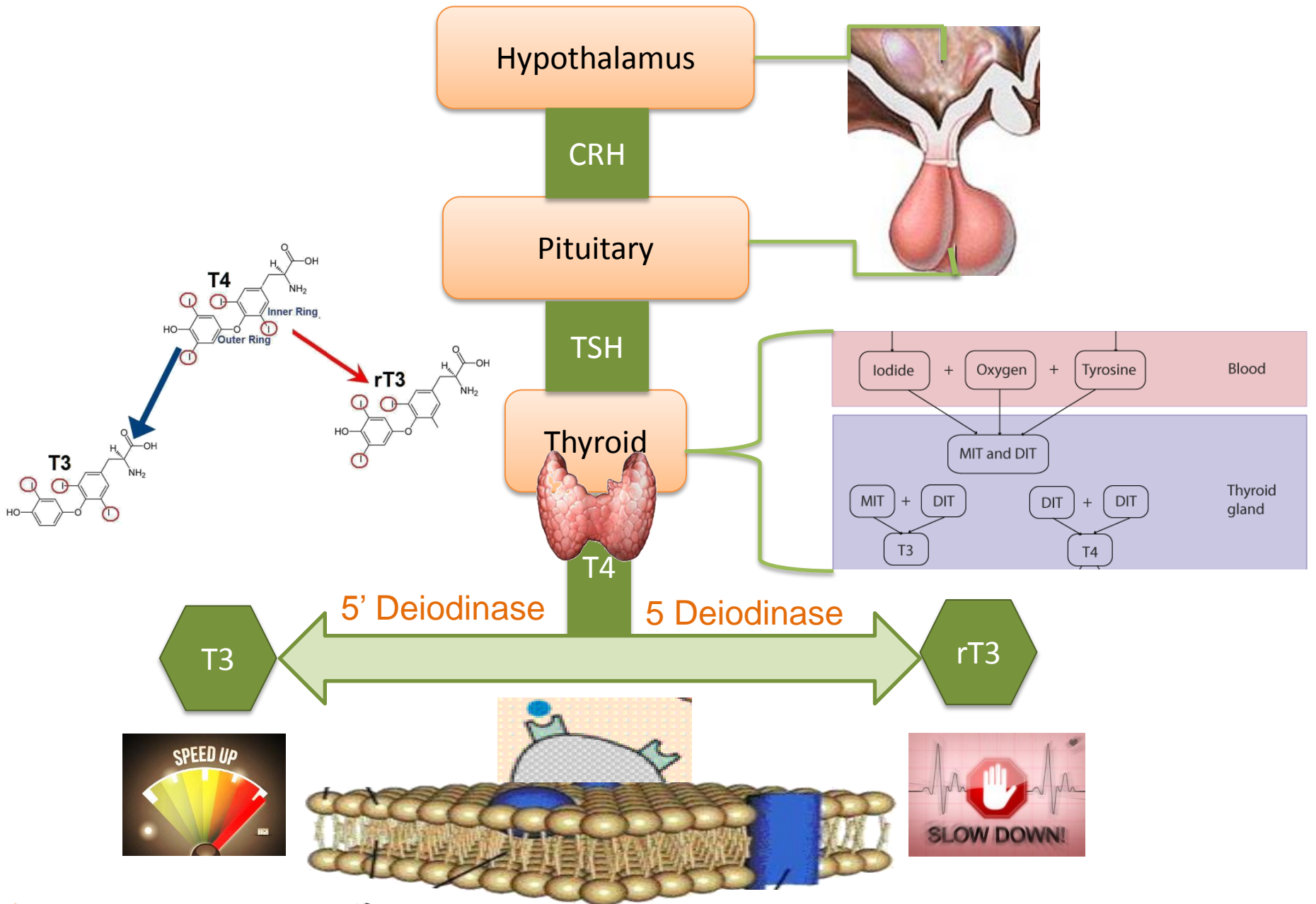




# How T3 Increases Metabolic Rate

- ✓ Pumps sodium and potassium across cell membranes to maintain resting membrane potential
- ✓ Acts on mitochondria to increase ATP synthesis
- ✓ Increases the synthesis of  $\text{Na}^+/\text{K}^+$  pumps, markedly increasing ATP consumption.
- ✓ The resulting increased metabolic rate increases thermogenesis (heat production).





# T4 to T3 Conversion Enhancers

## ✓ Selenium

A double-blind, placebo controlled trial of selenium normalized the T3 /T4 ratio in selenium-treated subjects (*Clin Sci (Colch)* 1995;89:637-42). However, a German study documented that inorganic, non-cysteine bound selenium dropped serum T3 fifty percent (*Z Ernährungswiss* 1995;34:277-283)

## ✓ Zinc

## ✓ Vitamin D

## ✓ Iron

## ✓ Iodine

## ✓ Vitamins B6 and B12

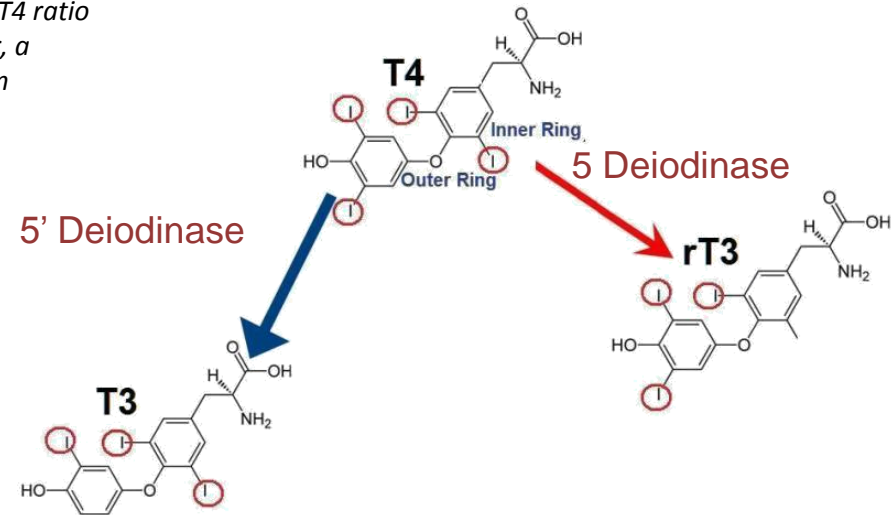
## ✓ Copper

## ✓ Ashwagandha

*Krause's Food & the Nutrition Care Process, By L. Kathleen Mahan, Janice L Raymond, Sylvia Escott-Stump*

## ✓ Blood Sugar Balance

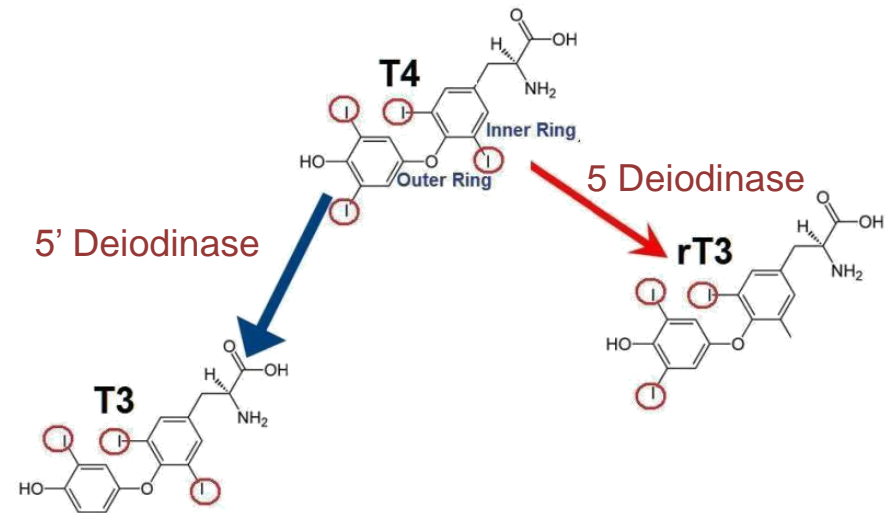
## ✓ Low stress



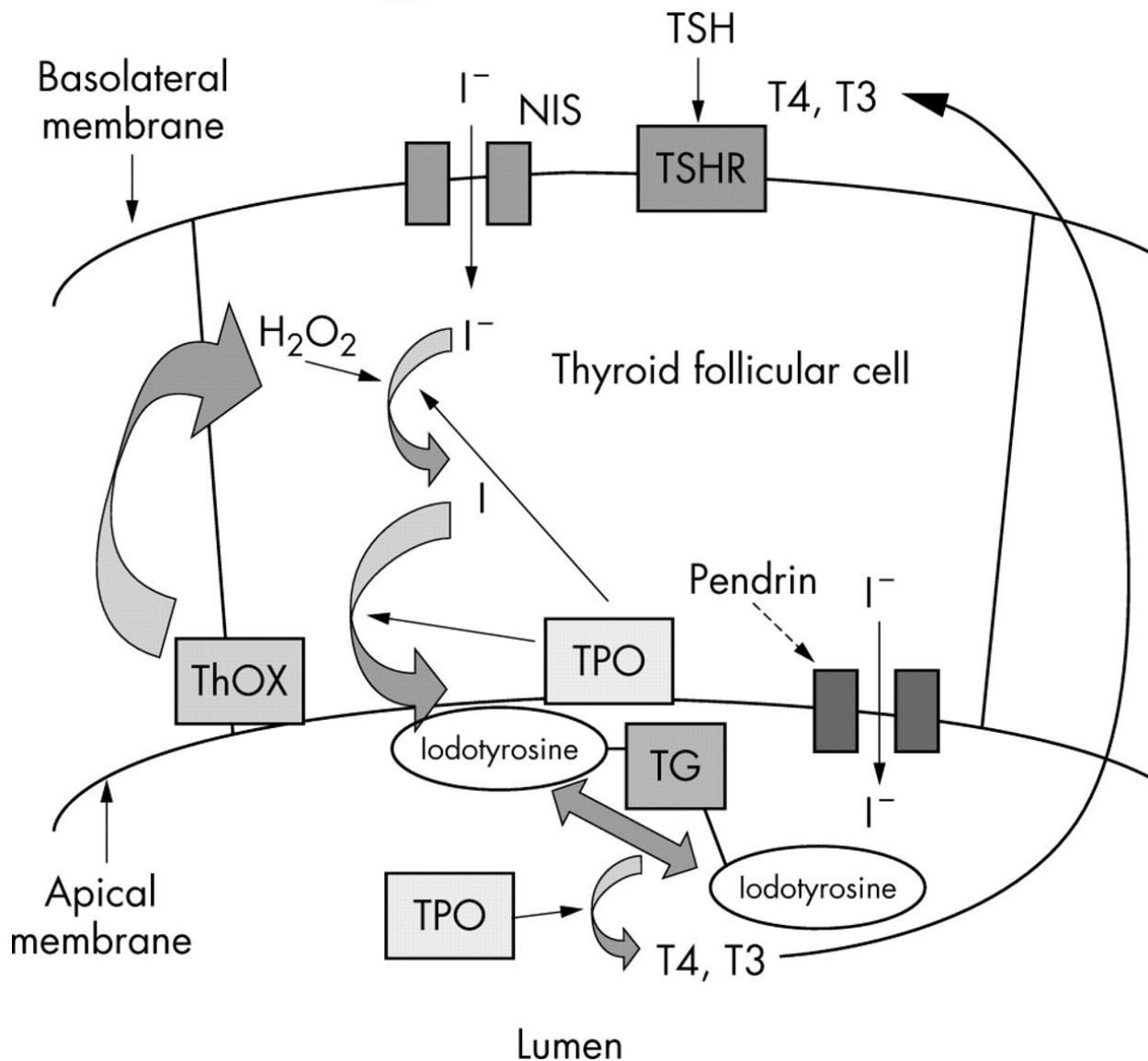
Beta blockers, antiarrhythmic, antianginal, and corticosteroid drugs are 5'-deiodinase inhibitors *J Clin Endocrinol Metab* 1975;41:911; *Thyroid* 1991;1:273-77; *Acta Endocrinol (Copenh)* 1983;103:254-258; *J Clin Invest* 1975;55:218; *Clin Invest* 1976;58:25

# Inducers of Reverse T3 aka rT3

- ✓ Illness
- ✓ Immune challenges
- ✓ Stress
- ✓ Inflammation (IL-6)
- ✓ Blood sugar imbalances
- ✓ Fasting or famine
- ✓ Toxins
- ✓ Impaired liver function
- ✓ Impaired kidney function
- ✓ Heavy metals, especially mercury and lead



# Thyroid Peroxidase

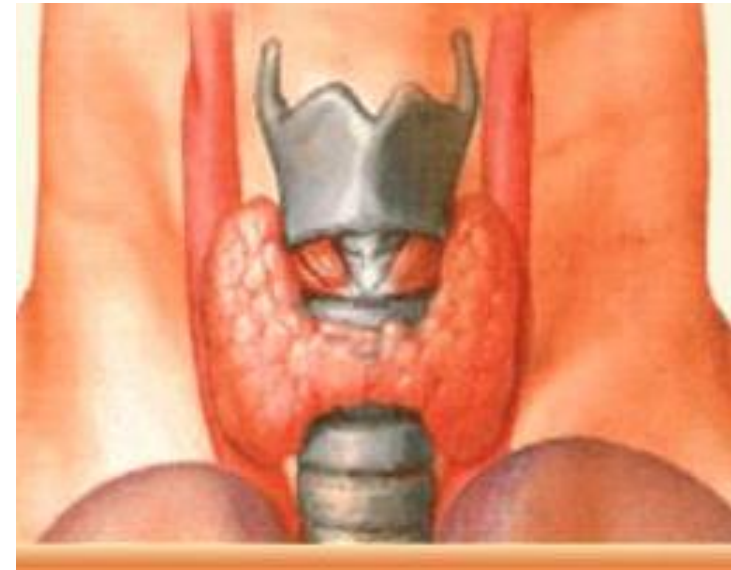


- Stimulated by TSH
- Inhibited by drugs such as propylthiouracil and methimazole.
- In laboratory rats with insufficient iodine intake, genistein (soy) inhibits TPO.



# Types of Thyroid Dysfunction

- ✓ Hypothyroidism
- ✓ Hyperthyroidism
- ✓ Autoimmune Thyroid Conditions
  - Graves' Disease
  - Hashimoto's Thyroiditis
- ✓ Subclinical Thyroid Conditions
  - Binding Protein Problems
  - Conversion Problems
  - Thyroid Receptor Resistance
  - Wilson's Temperature Syndrome
- ✓ Cancer



# *The Zen to Wellness – Healing the Adrenals Through the Asian Self-Care Practices of Acupressure, Pranayama, Meditation, Tai Chi / Chi Gong and Tonic Herbs*



**Dr. David Weinthal, DOM, LAc**

