

# Hormones and the Endocrine System

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**Overview: The Body's Long-Distance Regulators** 

- Animal hormones are chemical signals that are secreted into the circulatory system and communicate regulatory messages within the body
- Hormones reach all parts of the body, but only target cells are equipped to respond
- Insect metamorphosis is regulated by hormones

- Two systems coordinate communication throughout the body: the endocrine system and the nervous system
- The endocrine system secretes hormones that coordinate slower but longer-acting responses including reproduction, development, energy metabolism, growth, and behavior
- The nervous system conveys high-speed electrical signals along specialized cells called neurons; these signals regulate other cells





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**Concept 45.1: Hormones and other signaling molecules bind to target receptors, triggering specific response pathways** 

- Chemical signals bind to receptor proteins on target cells
- Only target cells respond to the signal

# **Types of Secreted Signaling Molecules**

- Secreted chemical signals include
  - Hormones
  - Local regulators
  - Neurotransmitters
  - Neurohormones
  - Pheromones

- Endocrine signals (hormones) are secreted into extracellular fluids and travel via the bloodstream
- Endocrine glands are ductless and secrete hormones directly into surrounding fluid
- Hormones mediate responses to environmental stimuli and regulate growth, development, and reproduction

Fig. 45-2



(a) Endocrine signaling



(b) Paracrine signaling



(c) Autocrine signaling



(d) Synaptic signaling



#### (e) Neuroendocrine signaling

 Exocrine glands have ducts and secrete substances onto body surfaces or into body cavities (for example, tear ducts)

- Local regulators are chemical signals that travel over short distances by diffusion
- Local regulators help regulate blood pressure, nervous system function, and reproduction
- Local regulators are divided into two types
  - Paracrine signals act on cells near the secreting cell
  - Autocrine signals act on the secreting cell itself

Fig. 45-2a



(a) Endocrine signaling



(b) Paracrine signaling



#### (c) Autocrine signaling

Neurotransmitters and Neurohormones

- Neurons (nerve cells) contact target cells at synapses
- At synapses, neurons often secrete chemical signals called neurotransmitters that diffuse a short distance to bind to receptors on the target cell
- Neurotransmitters play a role in sensation, memory, cognition, and movement



## (d) Synaptic signaling



### (e) Neuroendocrine signaling

 Neurohormones are a class of hormones that originate from neurons in the brain and diffuse through the bloodstream

- Pheromones are chemical signals that are released from the body and used to communicate with other individuals in the species
- Pheromones mark trails to food sources, warn of predators, and attract potential mates

- Three major classes of molecules function as hormones in vertebrates:
  - Polypeptides (proteins and peptides)
  - Amines derived from amino acids
  - Steroid hormones

- Lipid-soluble hormones (steroid hormones) pass easily through cell membranes, while water-soluble hormones (polypeptides and amines) do not
- The solubility of a hormone correlates with the location of receptors inside or on the surface of target cells



**Hormone Receptor Location:** *Scientific Inquiry* 

- In the 1960s, researchers studied the accumulation of radioactive steroid hormones in rat tissue
- These hormones accumulated only in target cells that were responsive to the hormones
- These experiments led to the hypothesis that receptors for the steroid hormones are located inside the target cells
- Further studies have confirmed that receptors for lipid-soluble hormones such as steroids are located inside cells

- Researchers hypothesized that receptors for water-soluble hormones would be located on the cell surface
- They injected a water-soluble hormone into the tissues of frogs
- The hormone triggered a response only when it was allowed to bind to cell surface receptors
- This confirmed that water-soluble receptors were on the cell surface

Fig. 45-4

# RESULTS



# MSH injected into interstitial fluid (blue)

- Water and lipid soluble hormones differ in their paths through a body
- Water-soluble hormones are secreted by exocytosis, travel freely in the bloodstream, and bind to cell-surface receptors
- Lipid-soluble hormones diffuse across cell membranes, travel in the bloodstream bound to transport proteins, and diffuse through the membrane of target cells

- Signaling by any of these hormones involves three key events:
  - Reception
  - Signal transduction
  - Response





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**Pathway for Water-Soluble Hormones** 

 Binding of a hormone to its receptor initiates a signal transduction pathway leading to responses in the cytoplasm, enzyme activation, or a change in gene expression



Animation: Water-Soluble Hormone

- The hormone epinephrine has multiple effects in mediating the body's response to short-term stress
- Epinephrine binds to receptors on the plasma membrane of liver cells
- This triggers the release of messenger molecules that activate enzymes and result in the release of glucose into the bloodstream





**Pathway for Lipid-Soluble Hormones** 

- The response to a lipid-soluble hormone is usually a change in gene expression
- Steroids, thyroid hormones, and the hormonal form of vitamin D enter target cells and bind to protein receptors in the cytoplasm or nucleus
- Protein-receptor complexes then act as transcription factors in the nucleus, regulating transcription of specific genes



Animation: Lipid-Soluble Hormone

Fig. 45-7-1



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Fig. 45-7-2



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- The same hormone may have different effects on target cells that have
  - Different receptors for the hormone
  - Different signal transduction pathways
  - Different proteins for carrying out the response
- A hormone can also have different effects in different species








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- In paracrine signaling, nonhormonal chemical signals called local regulators elicit responses in nearby target cells
- Types of local regulators:
  - Cytokines and growth factors
  - Nitric oxide (NO)
  - Prostaglandins

 Prostaglandins help regulate aggregation of platelets, an early step in formation of blood clots **Concept 45.2: Negative feedback and antagonistic hormone pairs are common features of the endocrine system** 

 Hormones are assembled into regulatory pathways



# **Simple Hormone Pathways**

 Hormones are released from an endocrine cell, travel through the bloodstream, and interact with the receptor or a target cell to cause a physiological response Fig. 45-11

#### Pathway

Example



S cells of duodenum secrete secretin (•)

- A negative feedback loop inhibits a response by reducing the initial stimulus
- Negative feedback regulates many hormonal pathways involved in homeostasis

## **Insulin and Glucagon: Control of Blood Glucose**

- Insulin and glucagon are antagonistic hormones that help maintain glucose homeostasis
- The pancreas has clusters of endocrine cells called islets of Langerhans with alpha cells that produce glucagon and beta cells that produce insulin













Target Tissues for Insulin and Glucagon

- Insulin reduces blood glucose levels by
  - Promoting the cellular uptake of glucose
  - Slowing glycogen breakdown in the liver
  - Promoting fat storage

- Glucagon increases blood glucose levels by
  - Stimulating conversion of glycogen to glucose in the liver
  - Stimulating breakdown of fat and protein into glucose

- **Diabetes mellitus** is perhaps the best-known endocrine disorder
- It is caused by a deficiency of insulin or a decreased response to insulin in target tissues
- It is marked by elevated blood glucose levels

- Type I diabetes mellitus (insulin-dependent) is an autoimmune disorder in which the immune system destroys pancreatic beta cells
- Type II diabetes mellitus (non-insulindependent) involves insulin deficiency or reduced response of target cells due to change in insulin receptors

**Concept 45.3: The endocrine and nervous systems act individually and together in regulating animal physiology** 

Signals from the nervous system initiate and regulate endocrine signals

### **Coordination of Endocrine and Nervous Systems in Invertebrates**

- In insects, molting and development are controlled by a combination of hormones:
  - A brain hormone stimulates release of ecdysone from the prothoracic glands
  - Juvenile hormone promotes retention of larval characteristics
  - Ecdysone promotes molting (in the presence of juvenile hormone) and development (in the absence of juvenile hormone) of adult characteristics







### **Coordination of Endocrine and Nervous Systems in Vertebrates**

- The hypothalamus receives information from the nervous system and initiates responses through the endocrine system
- Attached to the hypothalamus is the **pituitary** gland composed of the posterior pituitary and anterior pituitary

- The **posterior pituitary** stores and secretes hormones that are made in the hypothalamus
- The anterior pituitary makes and releases hormones under regulation of the hypothalamus



#### Table 45-1

Table 45.1 Major Human Endocrine Glands and Some of Their Hormones						
Gland		Hormone	Chemical Class	Representative Actions	Regulated By	
Hypothalamus	<b>S</b>	Hormones released from the posterior pituitary and hormones that regulate the anterior pituitary (see below)				
<b>Posterior pituitary</b> gland (releases neurohormones made in hypothalamus)	X.	Oxytocin	Peptide	Stimulates contraction of uterus and mammary gland cells	Nervous system	
		Antidiuretic hormone (ADH)	Peptide	Promotes retention of water by kidneys	Water/salt balance	
Anterior pituitary gland	X	Growth hormone (GH)	Protein	Stimulates growth (especially bones) and metabolic functions	Hypothalamic hormones	
		Prolactin (PRL)	Protein	Stimulates milk production and secretion	Hypothalamic hormones	
		Follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH)	Glycoprotein	Stimulates production of ova and sperm	Hypothalamic hormones	
		Luteinizing hormone (LH)	Glycoprotein	Stimulates ovaries and testes	Hypothalamic hormones	
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## **Posterior Pituitary Hormones**

• The two hormones released from the posterior pituitary act directly on nonendocrine tissues



- Oxytocin induces uterine contractions and the release of milk
- Suckling sends a message to the hypothalamus via the nervous system to release oxytocin, which further stimulates the milk glands
- This is an example of **positive feedback**, where the stimulus leads to an even greater response
- Antidiuretic hormone (ADH) enhances water reabsorption in the kidneys


- Hormone production in the anterior pituitary is controlled by releasing and inhibiting hormones from the hypothalamus
- For example, the production of *thyrotropin releasing hormone* (*TRH*) in the hypothalamus stimulates secretion of the *thyroid stimulating hormone* (*TSH*) from the anterior pituitary

Fig. 45-17

HORMONE

TARGET

**Tropic effects only:** FSH LH TSH ACTH Nontropic effects only: Prolactin MSH

Nontropic and tropic effects: GH



- A hormone can stimulate the release of a series of other hormones, the last of which activates a nonendocrine target cell; this is called a hormone cascade pathway
- The release of thyroid hormone results from a hormone cascade pathway involving the hypothalamus, anterior pituitary, and thyroid gland
- Hormone cascade pathways are usually regulated by negative feedback



### Pathway

#### Example





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- A tropic hormone regulates the function of endocrine cells or glands
- The four strictly tropic hormones are
  - Thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH)
  - Follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH)
  - Luteinizing hormone (LH)
  - Adrenocorticotropic hormone (ACTH)

- Nontropic hormones target nonendocrine tissues
- Nontropic hormones produced by the anterior pituitary are
  - Prolactin (PRL)
  - Melanocyte-stimulating hormone (MSH)

- Prolactin stimulates lactation in mammals but has diverse effects in different vertebrates
- MSH influences skin pigmentation in some vertebrates and fat metabolism in mammals

- Growth hormone (GH) is secreted by the anterior pituitary gland and has tropic and nontropic actions
- It promotes growth directly and has diverse metabolic effects
- It stimulates production of growth factors
- An excess of GH can cause gigantism, while a lack of GH can cause dwarfism

**Concept 45.4: Endocrine glands respond to diverse stimuli in regulating metabolism, homeostasis, development, and behavior** 

 Endocrine signaling regulates metabolism, homeostasis, development, and behavior

# **Thyroid Hormone: Control of Metabolism and Development**

- The **thyroid gland** consists of two lobes on the ventral surface of the trachea
- It produces two iodine-containing hormones: triiodothyronine (T<sub>3</sub>) and thyroxine (T<sub>4</sub>)

- Thyroid hormones stimulate metabolism and influence development and maturation
- Hyperthyroidism, excessive secretion of thyroid hormones, causes high body temperature, weight loss, irritability, and high blood pressure
- Graves' disease is a form of hyperthyroidism in humans
- Hypothyroidism, low secretion of thyroid hormones, causes weight gain, lethargy, and intolerance to cold



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 Proper thyroid function requires dietary iodine for hormone production

# **Parathyroid Hormone and Vitamin D: Control of Blood Calcium**

- Two antagonistic hormones regulate the homeostasis of calcium (Ca<sup>2+</sup>) in the blood of mammals
  - Parathyroid hormone (PTH) is released by the parathyroid glands
  - Calcitonin is released by the thyroid gland

Fig. 45-20-1





- PTH increases the level of blood Ca<sup>2+</sup>
  - It releases Ca<sup>2+</sup> from bone and stimulates reabsorption of Ca<sup>2+</sup> in the kidneys
  - It also has an indirect effect, stimulating the kidneys to activate vitamin D, which promotes intestinal uptake of Ca<sup>2+</sup> from food
- Calcitonin decreases the level of blood Ca<sup>2+</sup>
  - It stimulates Ca<sup>2+</sup> deposition in bones and secretion by kidneys

### **Adrenal Hormones: Response to Stress**

- The adrenal glands are adjacent to the kidneys
- Each adrenal gland actually consists of two glands: the adrenal medulla (inner portion) and adrenal cortex (outer portion)

Catecholamines from the Adrenal Medulla

- The adrenal medulla secretes epinephrine (adrenaline) and norepinephrine (noradrenaline)
- These hormones are members of a class of compounds called catecholamines
- They are secreted in response to stressactivated impulses from the nervous system
- They mediate various fight-or-flight responses

- Epinephrine and norepinephrine
  - Trigger the release of glucose and fatty acids into the blood
  - Increase oxygen delivery to body cells
  - Direct blood toward heart, brain, and skeletal muscles, and away from skin, digestive system, and kidneys
- The release of epinephrine and norepinephrine occurs in response to nerve signals from the hypothalamus





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alertness and decreased digestive, excretory, and reproductive system activity

**Steroid Hormones from the Adrenal Cortex** 

- The adrenal cortex releases a family of steroids called **corticosteroids** in response to stress
- These hormones are triggered by a hormone cascade pathway via the hypothalamus and anterior pituitary
- Humans produce two types of corticosteroids: glucocorticoids and mineralocorticoids



- **Glucocorticoids**, such as cortisol, influence glucose metabolism and the immune system
- Mineralocorticoids, such as aldosterone, affect salt and water balance
- The adrenal cortex also produces small amounts of steroid hormones that function as sex hormones

- The gonads, testes and ovaries, produce most of the sex hormones: androgens, estrogens, and progestins
- All three sex hormones are found in both males and females, but in different amounts

- The testes primarily synthesize androgens, mainly testosterone, which stimulate development and maintenance of the male reproductive system
- Testosterone causes an increase in muscle and bone mass and is often taken as a supplement to cause muscle growth, which carries health risks

### **RESULTS**

	Appearance of Genitals	
Chromosome Set	No surgery	Embryonic gonad removed
XY (male)	Male	Female
XX (female)	Female	Female

- Estrogens, most importantly estradiol, are responsible for maintenance of the female reproductive system and the development of female secondary sex characteristics
- In mammals, progestins, which include progesterone, are primarily involved in preparing and maintaining the uterus
- Synthesis of the sex hormones is controlled by FSH and LH from the anterior pituitary

- The pineal gland, located in the brain, secretes melatonin
- Light/dark cycles control release of melatonin
- Primary functions of melatonin appear to relate to biological rhythms associated with reproduction

Fig. 45-UN2

#### Pathway

Example



Low blood glucose

Pancreas secretes glucagon (•)

Liver

Glycogen breakdown, glucose release into blood




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## You should now be able to:

- Distinguish between the following pairs of terms: hormones and local regulators, paracrine and autocrine signals
- 2. Describe the evidence that steroid hormones have intracellular receptors, while watersoluble hormones have cell-surface receptors
- Explain how the antagonistic hormones insulin and glucagon regulate carbohydrate metabolism
- 4. Distinguish between type 1 and type 2 diabetes

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- Explain how the hypothalamus and the pituitary glands interact and how they coordinate the endocrine system
- Explain the role of tropic hormones in coordinating endocrine signaling throughout the body
- List and describe the functions of hormones released by the following: anterior and posterior pituitary lobes, thyroid glands, parathyroid glands, adrenal medulla, adrenal cortex, gonads, pineal gland