

DISORDERS OF WATER, ELECTROLYTE & ACID-BASE HOMEOSTASIS

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Water

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AGE DEPENDENCE OF FLUID HOMEOSTASIS

Age	Total water %	Daily exchange %
newborn	79	
3-6 mo.	70	14-16
7-12 mo.	60	12-15
adult man	60	2-4
adult woman	51	2-4

Newborns - ECS > ICS, danger of dehydration

In old age - impaired adaptation, danger of dehydration + less muscles, much adipose tissue - less water

Women - much adipose tissue, less water than men

Obese people - much fat, less water

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DISTRIBUTION OF WATER IN HUMAN BODY

Compartment	Volume litres	% of body mass	% of total water
ICS	28	40	67
ECS	14	20	33
ISF	11	15,7	26
IVF	3	4,3	7
SUMMA	42	60	100

Amount of water in body of young adult man, weight 70 kg

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Water intake

- beverages 1,0 - 1,5 l/d
- water in food cca 1 l/d
- water from metabolism cca 0.3 l/d

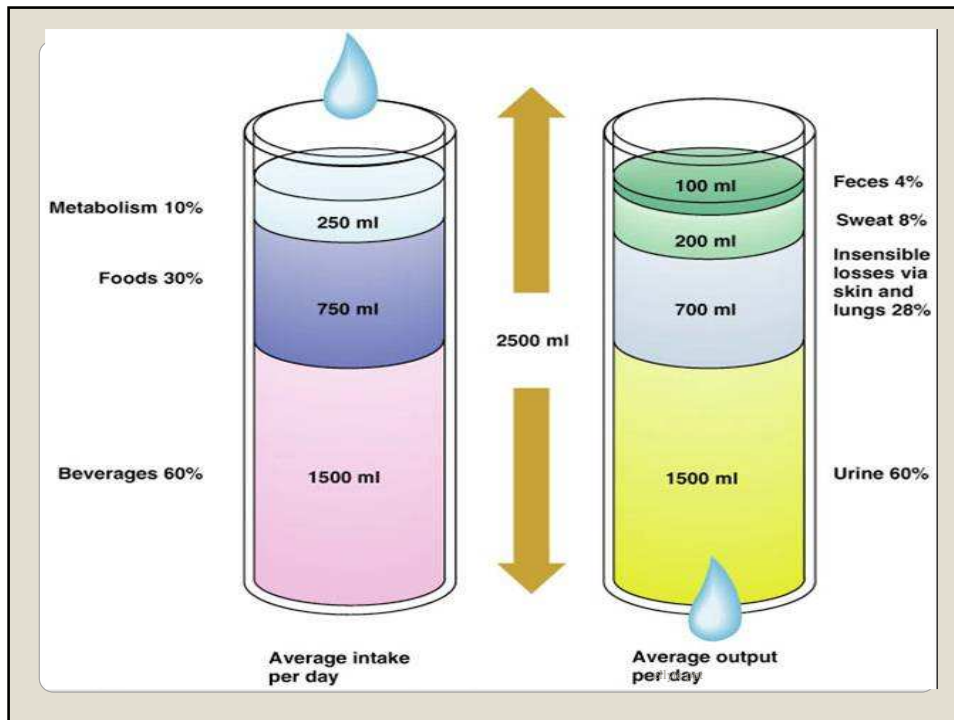
oxidation of	100 g proteins	35 ml water
	100 g sugar	60 ml water
	100 g fat	107 ml water
- Total intake of water cca 2.0 – 2.5 l/d

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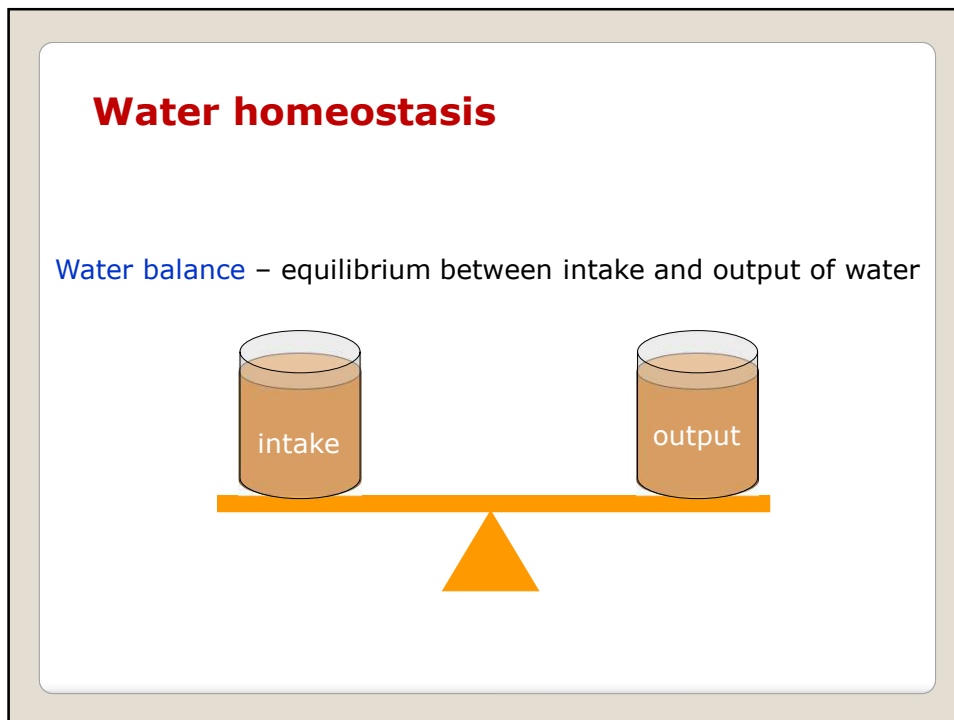
Water output

- Urine 1.0 – 1.5 l/d
- Perspiratio 0.3 – 0.6 l/d
 - Skin (sweating) 0.2 – 0.4 l/d
(more – hot environment, physical activity, fever)
 - Lungs – respiration cca 0.2 l/d
- feces 0.1 – 0.2 l/d (more in diarrhea)
- Increased output
 - vomiting
 - bleeding
 - redistribution of water - edema
- Total output of water cca 2.0 – 2.5 l/d

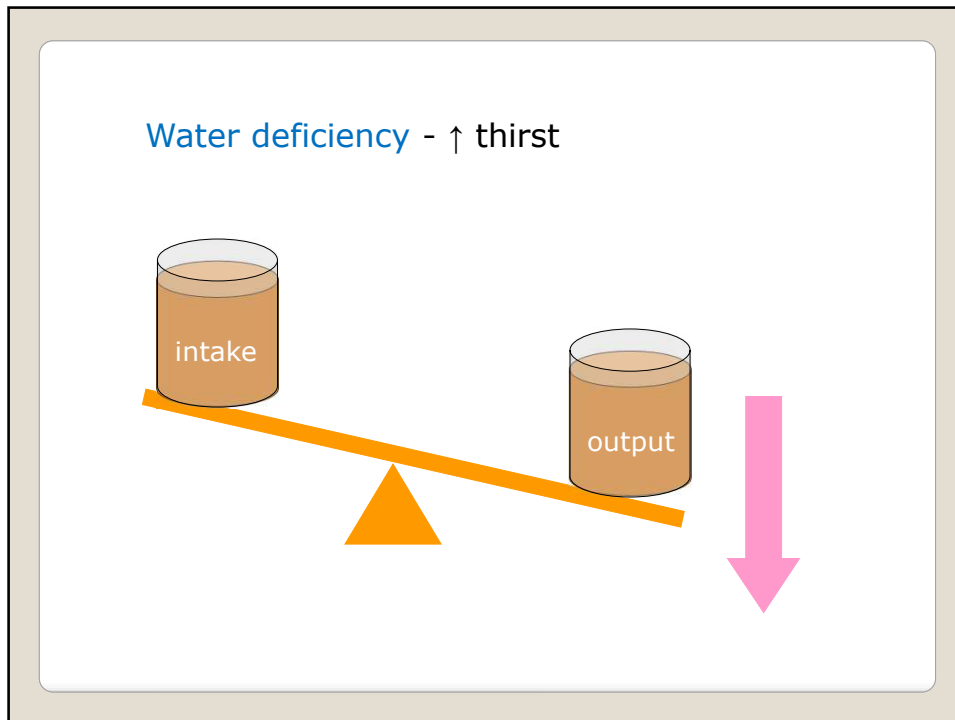
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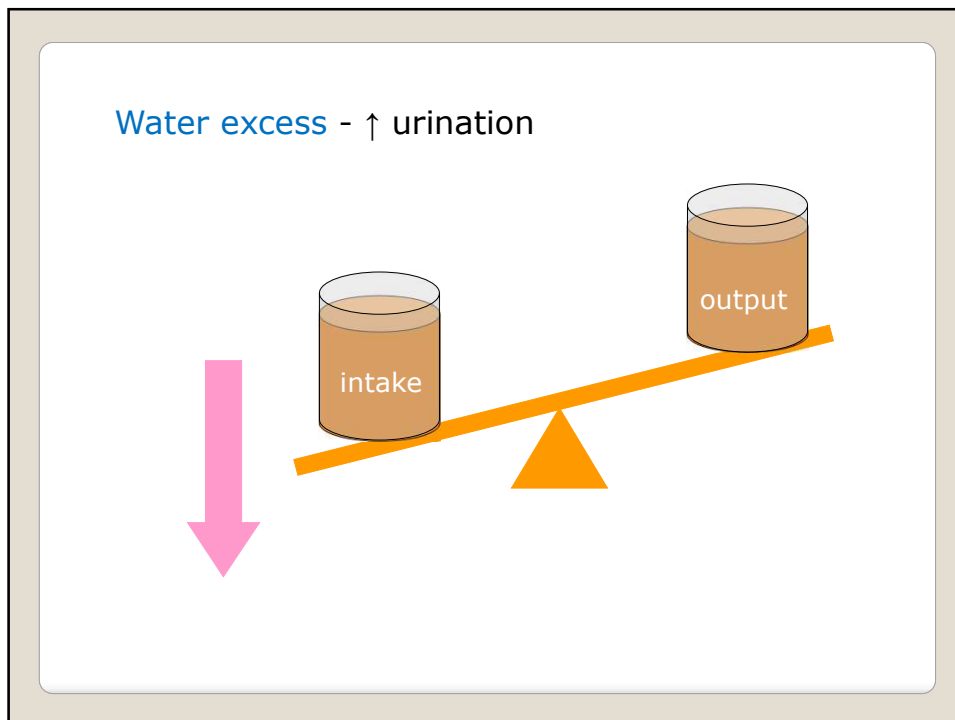
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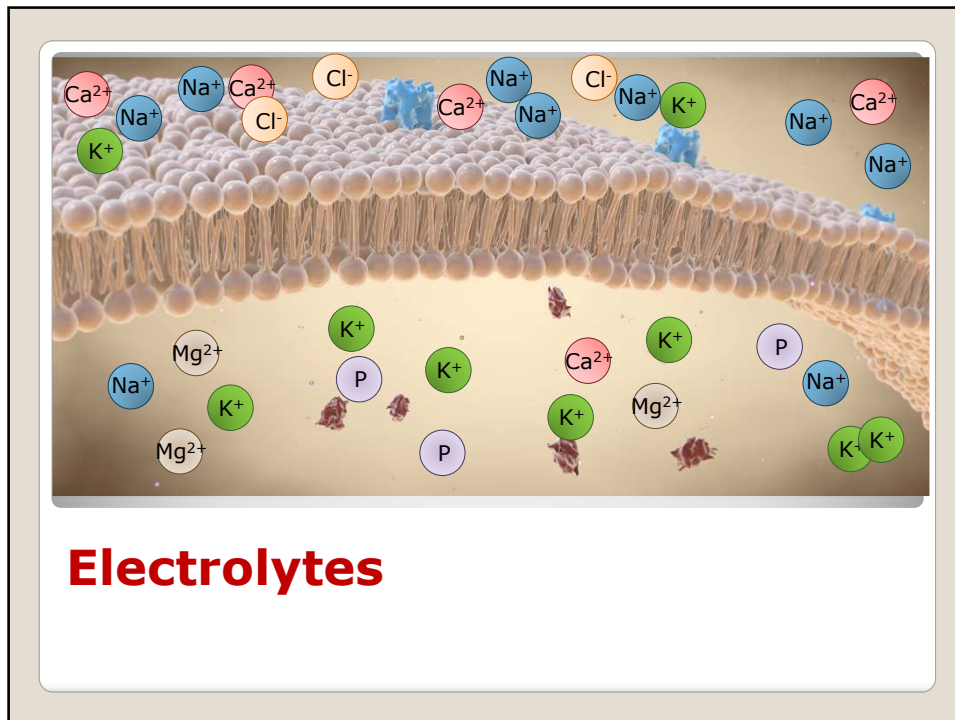
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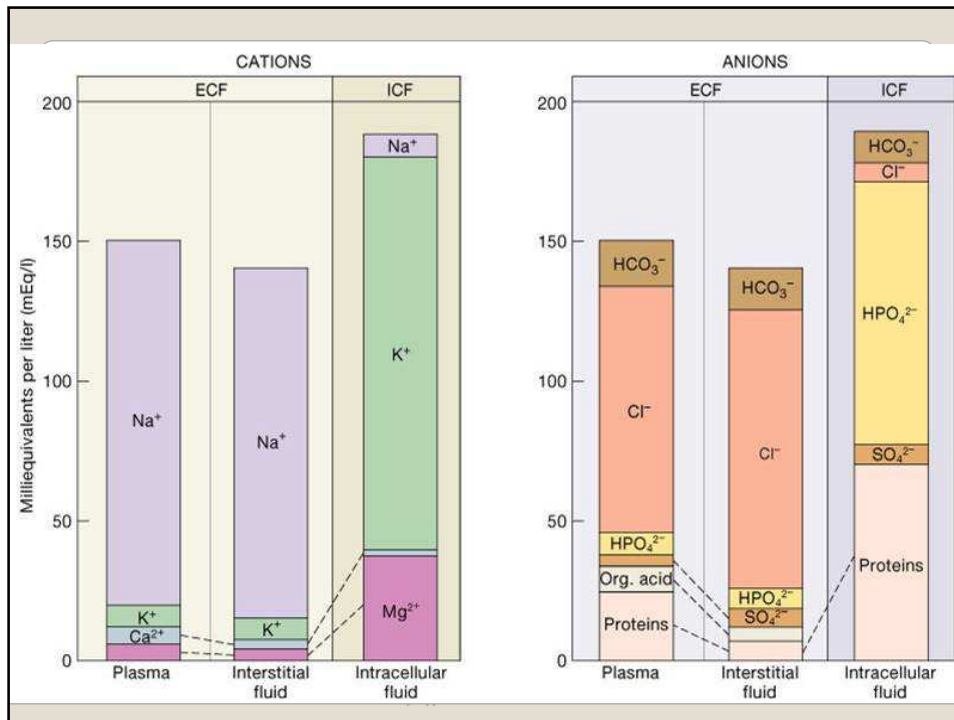
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Ion	Amount in body	Plasma mmol/l	Cells mmol/l
Sodium, Na ⁺	92 g 4 mol	141	10
Potassium, K ⁺	100-140 g 2,5-3,5 mol	4	155
Calcium, Ca ²⁺	1200 g 30 mol	2,5	< 0,001 (uneven in organelles)
Magnesium, Mg ²⁺	26,5 g 1,1 mol	1	15
Chloride, Cl ⁻	50 g 1,4 mol	103	8
Phosphate (as phosphorus)	775 g 25 mol	1	65

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Osmolality of plasma

Osmolality - mmol/kg of solvent

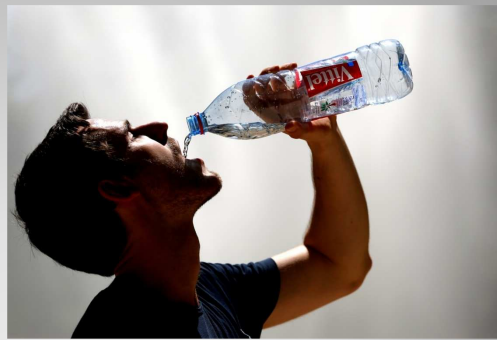
Osmolarity - mmol/l of solvent

$$\text{Osmolarity of plasma} = 2 * [\text{Na}] + [\text{glucose}] + [\text{urea}]$$

(kations 140 mmol/l + anions 140 mmol/l + glucose 5 mmol/l + urea 5 mmol/l)

cca 290 ± 5 mmol/l

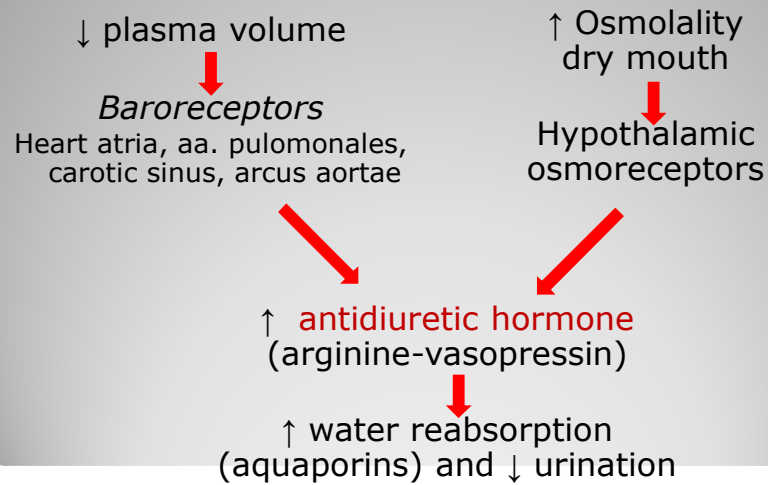
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Regulation of water and sodium homeostasis

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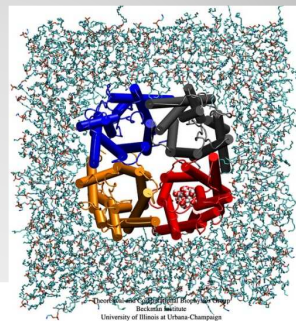
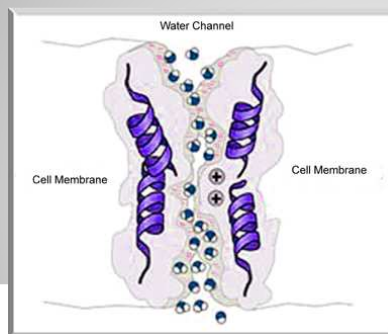
Antidiuretic hormone



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Aquaporins

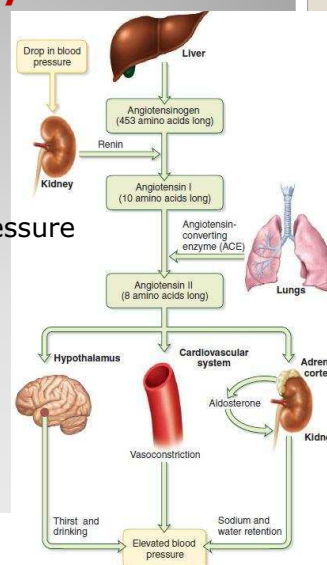
- Water channels
- Conduct water through cell membrane
- **2003 – Nobel price for chemistry**



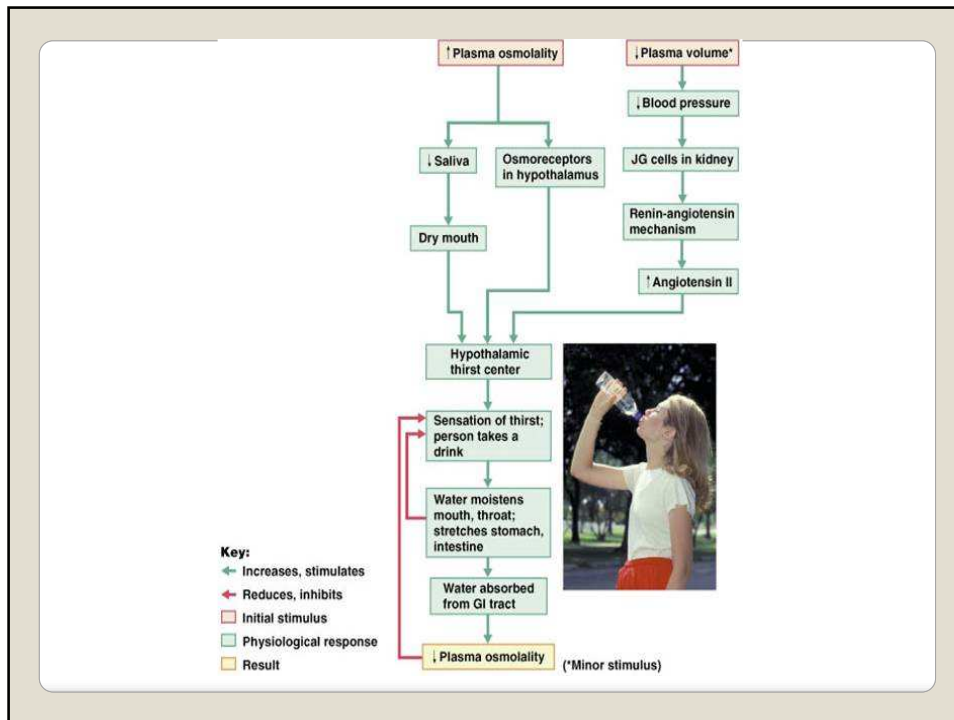
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Renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system

- Angiotensin II
 - Vasoconstriction – \uparrow blood pressure
 - Antiinflammatory effect
- Aldosterone
 - Reabsorption of sodium
 - Secretion of potassium



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Natriuretic peptides

- peptides which induce natriuresis

Types:

- Atrial natriuretic peptide (ANP) – produced in atria
- Brain natriuretic peptide (BNP) - ventricles in humans, brains in pigs
- C-type natriuretic peptide (CNP)
- Dendroaspis natriuretic peptide
- Urodilatin - kidneys

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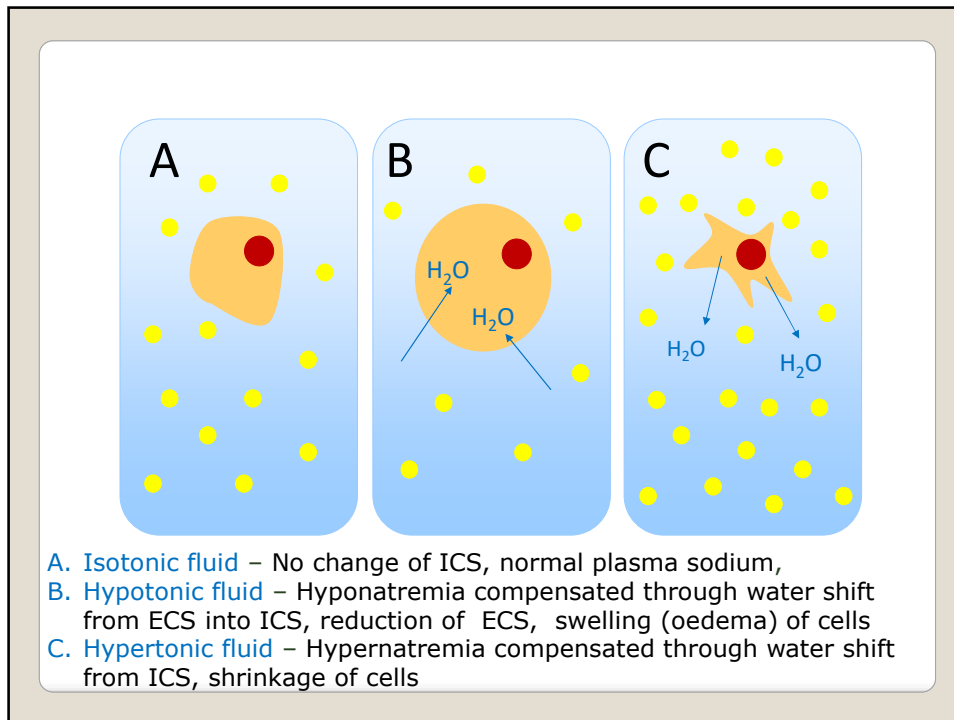
Disorders of water and sodium homeostasis

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DISTURBANCES OF THE SYSTEM

- No pure forms – loss of water, salt...
- Immediate reaction of compensatory systems
- ECS is in contact both with external environment and with ICS
- ICS is in contact only with ECS
- Plasmatic concentrations are not amounts and does not inform on dynamics of compounds

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POSSIBLE CAUSES AND MECHANISMS

- Extreme deviations of external environment
 - *Dehydration from insufficient water intake*
- Disturbances caused by damaged function of effector systems (kidneys, GIT, etc.)
 - *Diarrhoea, vomitus, kidney diseases*
- Disturbances caused by erroneous regulation (CNS, ADH, aldosterone)
 - *Diabetes insipidus, Conn sy., SIADH*
 - *Heart failure & RAA activation*

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WATER DEFICIENCY

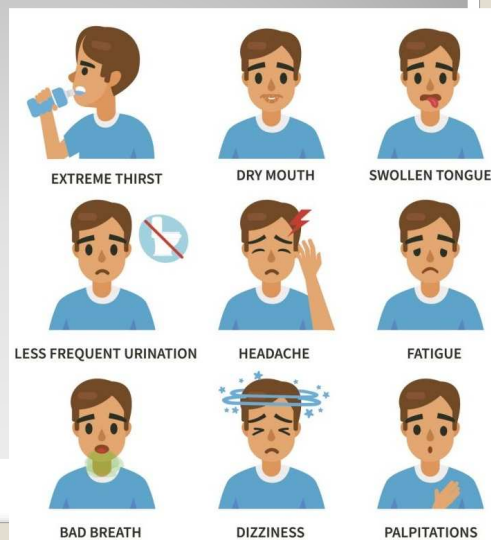
Causes

- Insufficient fluid intake
- Inability to drink (*loss of consciousness*)
- Losses through GIT (*diarrhoe, vomitus*)
- Losses through kidneys
 - (*diuretics, osmotic diuresis, kidney diseases, m. Addison*)
- Losses through skin (*increased sweating, burns*)
- Displacement into third place (*ileus, ascites*)
- Blood loss (?)

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WATER DEFICIENCY Signs

- hypotension,
- tachycardia,
- dry skin,
- thirst,
- oliguria & decreased sodium excretion,
- increase of hematocrit



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Water deficiency signs in oral cavity

- Xerostomia
 - Decreased amount of saliva
 - Dry skin and mucous
 - Salivary gland swelled and painfull
 - Inflammatory changes – cheilosis, glosistis
 - ↑ risk of caries
 - ↑ risk of infection - candidiasis
- Dysphagia – problem with swallowing
- Dysfonia – loss of voice
- Dysgeusia – loss of taste



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WATER RETENTION

Causes

~~Increased fluid intake~~

- Increased intake & disturbed regulation – SIADH
- kidney failure
- nephrotic sy.
- heart failure
- liver cirrhosis

Symptoms: Oedema

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Hyponatremia Na <135 mmol/l

Causes

- Loss of sodium
 - Addison disease
 - Diuretics
 - GIT diseases – vomiting, diarrhea
- Decreased intake of sodium (rare)
 - Combination of low sodium diet and treatment by diuretics
- Dilute hyponatremia
 - Drinking too much water – water intoxication
 - SIADH – antidiuretic hormone hyperproduction
 - Kidney failure
 - Heart failure
 - Liver cirrhosis
 - Shift of water from ICF to ECF (hyperlycemia, hyperlipidemia, hyperproteinemia)

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Hyponatremia

			
Excessive Vomiting	Diuretics	Drinking too much water	Excessive Diarrhea
			
Heart, kidney and liver problems	Dehydration	Inadequate Salt Intake	Fluid shift from ICF to ECF

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Hyponatremia

Clinical signs

- nausea and vomiting,
- headache,
- confusion,
- fatigue,
- irritability,
- muscle weakness,
- spasms, cramps, seizures,
- edema
- hypotension
- unconsciousness, coma

HYPONATREMIA SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

NURSE PUFF



Stupor/coma
Anorexia, (*nausea and vomiting*)
Lethargy
Tendon Reflexes (*decreased*)
Limp muscles (*weakness*)
Orthostatic hypotension
Seizures/headache
Stomach cramping


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Hypernatraemia >145 mmol/l

Causes

- Increased sodium intake
 - per os
 - parenteral
- Decreased eliminatin of sodium
 - Renal insufficiency
 - Endocrine diseases – hyperaldosteronism (Conn syndrome), Cushing syndrome
- Loss of water
 - Diabetes insipidus
 - Decreased water intake - unconsciousness , brain injury or tumor
 - Loss of water from GIT (diarrhea)
 - Sweating – fever

HYPERNATREMIA
"THE MODEL"
(Causes of ↑ serum sodium)



- M** Medications, meals (too much sodium intake)
- O** Osmotic diuretics
- D** Diabetes insipidus
- E** Excessive H₂O loss
- L** Low H₂O intake

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Hypernatraemia >145 mmol/l

Clinical signs

- Thirst
- Confusion
- Hyperreflexia, muscle spasms
- Hypotension
- Tachycardia
- Coma



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Disorders of chloride homeostasis

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Hypochloremia < 97 mmol/l

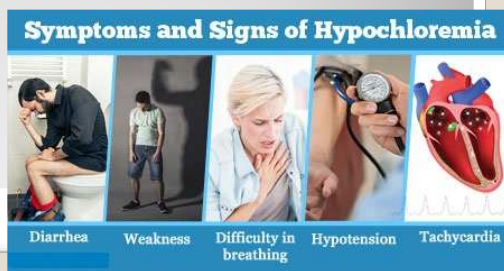
The chloride concentration is directly dependent on the sodium concentration and inversely dependent on the bicarbonate concentration.

Causes

- Hyponatremia ($\downarrow \text{Na}^+ \rightarrow \downarrow \text{Cl}^-$)
- Metabolic alkalosis ($\uparrow \text{HCO}_3^- \rightarrow \downarrow \text{Cl}^-$)
- Cystic fibrosis

Clinical signs

- No clinical signs
- Signs of hyponatremia
- Metabolic alkalosis ($\downarrow \text{Cl}^- \rightarrow \uparrow \text{HCO}_3^-$)



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Hyperchloremia >109 mmol/l

Causes

- Dehydration
- Diabetes insipidus
- Diuretics
- Hyponatremia ($\uparrow \text{Na}^+ \rightarrow \uparrow \text{Cl}^-$)
- Metabolic acidosis ($\downarrow \text{HCO}_3^- \rightarrow \uparrow \text{Cl}^-$)

Clinical signs

- No clinical signs
- Dehydration
- Metabolic acidosis ($\uparrow \text{Cl}^- \rightarrow \downarrow \text{HCO}_3^-$)

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Disorders of potassium homeostasis

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POTASSIUM HOMEOSTASIS

- Serum concentration: 3,8 – 5,5 mmol/l
- Total amount depends on muscle mass (young > old; man > women)
37 – 52 mmol/kg body mass
- Intake: 2-6 g/d = 50-150 mmol/d
- Excretion through kidneys 10 – 20 mmol/d (0,4 – 0,8 g/d).
- Inverse association with Na excretion
- GIT excretion is important in kidney failure and in pathological conditions (diarrhoea)

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FUNCTIONS OF POTASSIUM & INTERPRETATION OF RESULTS

Functions

- intracellular osmotic pressure
- resting & action potential
- enzyme activity, proteosynthesis

Problems:

- assesment of cell homeostasis from extracellular concentration
- pH changes: exchange H/K between ECF/ICF

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INTERNAL & EXTERNAL BALANCE

Internal = K^+ shift between ICF and ECF

- acidosis: H^+ enters the cells, K^+ released into ECF
- alkalosis: H^+ released into ECF, K^+ enters the cells
- K^+ entry into cells: insulin (together with glucose), aldosterone, adrenaline
- K^+ entry into cells: rapid cellular proliferation (treatment of pernicious anaemia with B_{12} vitamin)
- K^+ released into ECF: cell necrosis (crush sy, malignancies), hemolysis

External = K^+ shift between ECF and environment

- kidney or GIT retention/losses, parenteral intake
- dietary deficiency/excess as an additional factor

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HYPOKALAEMIA < 3.5 mmol/l

Causes

Disorders of external balance

- GIT – diarrhoea, vomitus, tumors of colon, rectum, pancreas
- Kidneys - diuretics, polyuric stage of renal failure, hereditary tubulopathies,
- Primary & secondary hyperaldosteronism, abuse of liquorice, Cushing, ectopic ACTH production

Disorders of internal balance

- Treatment of diabetic hyperglycaemia with insulin (K⁺ entry into cells together with glucose)
- Alkalosis
- Rapid cellular proliferation
- Familial hypokalaemic periodic paralysis (hereditary)

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HYPOKALAEMIA

Symptoms

- Membrane hyperpolarisation
- Weakness, constipation, ileus, hypotonia
- Depression, confusion
- Arrhythmia, potentiation of digitalis toxicity
- ADH resistance, polyuria, polydipsia
- ECG flat/inversed T, prolonged PR, ST depression, prominent U

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HYPERKALAEMIA >5.5 mmol/l

Causes

Disorders of external balance

- Decreased excretion
- Increased intake (infusions, NaCl substitution) only in the case of impaired kidney function
- m. Addison, adrenogenital sy., inhibitors of angiotensin converting enzyme

Disorders of internal balance

- Acidosis
- Cell necrosis - rhabdomyolysis, burns, cytostatic treatment of malignancies
- Digitalis overdose
- Hyperkalaemic periodic paralysis (hereditary)
- Malignant hyperthermia (hereditary)

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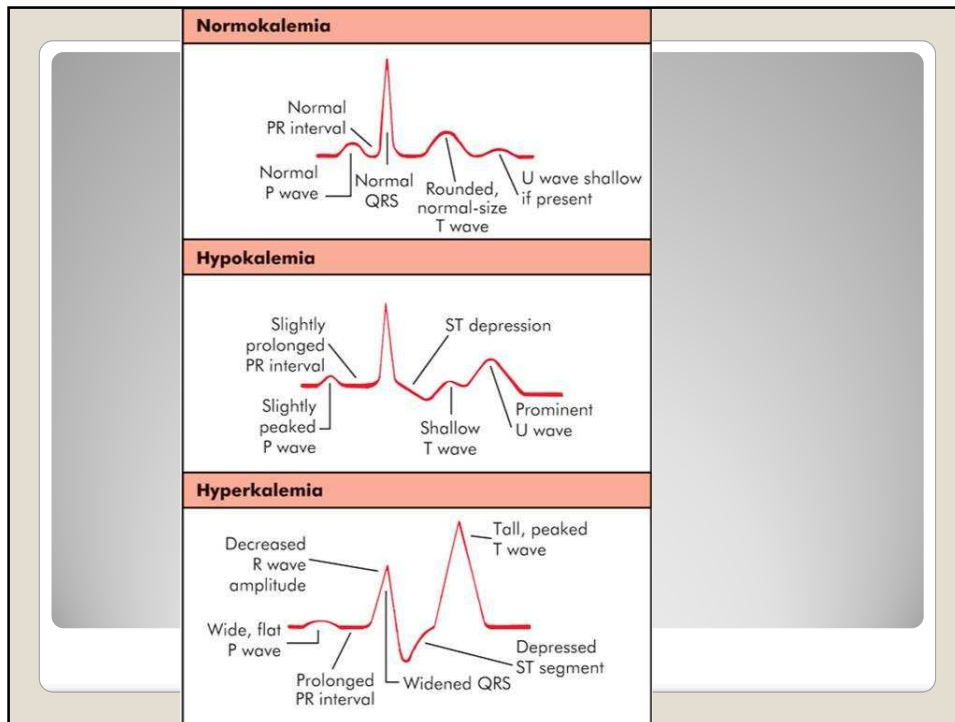
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HYPERKALAEMIA - SYMPTOMS

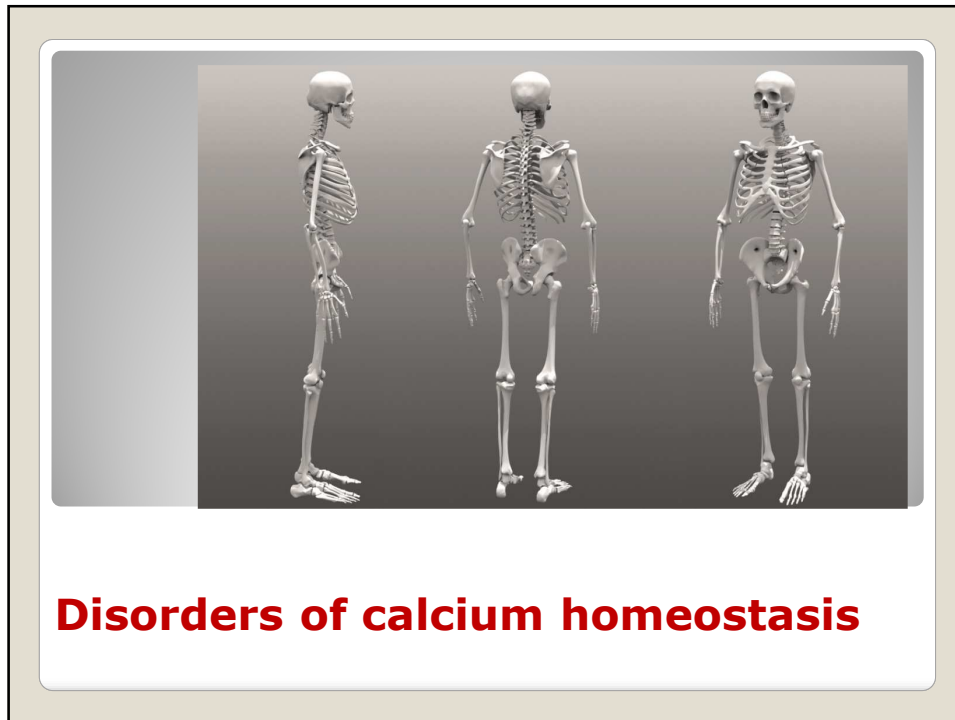
Symptoms

- Low resting potential, short cardiac action potential, increased speed of repolarization →
- Can kill without warning
- Ventricular fibrillation and cardiac arrest may be the first signs! (if you do not check K & ECG)
- ECG: abnormal/absent P; broad QRS, peaked T, ST depression

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CALCIUM

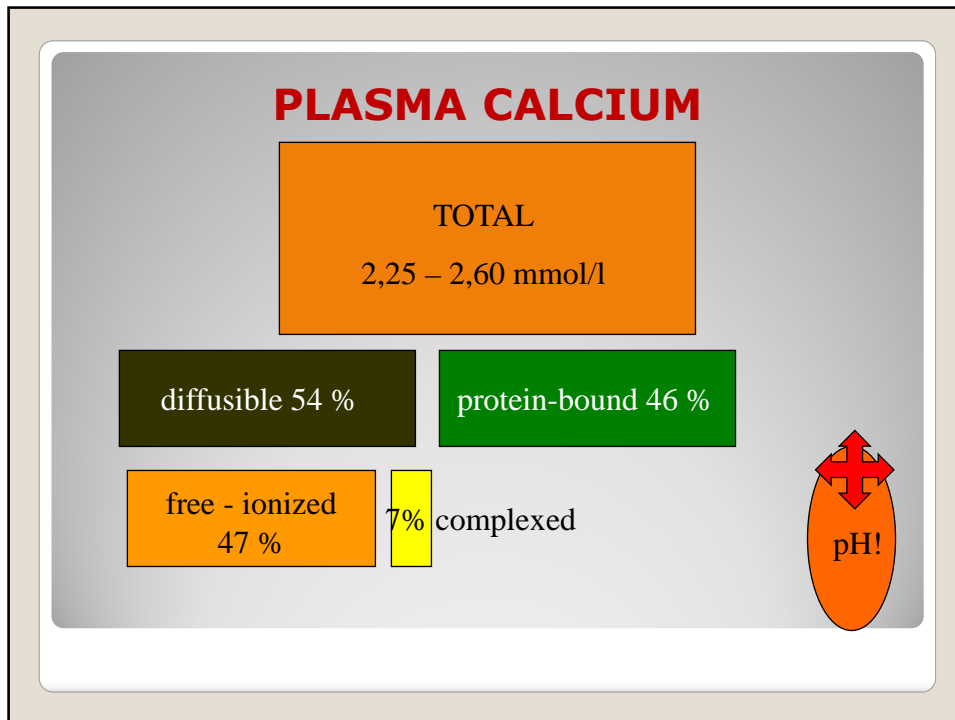
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| • Total body | 1200 g | 30 mol |
| • ECF | 0,9 g | 22,5 mmol |
| • Plasma | 0,36 g | 9,0 mmol |
| • Bone / ECF exchange | | 500 mmol/d |
| • Daily losses | | 25 mmol/d (1g) |
| ◦ urine | 6 mmol | |
| ◦ faeces | 19 mmol | |
| ◦ skin | 0,3 mmol | |

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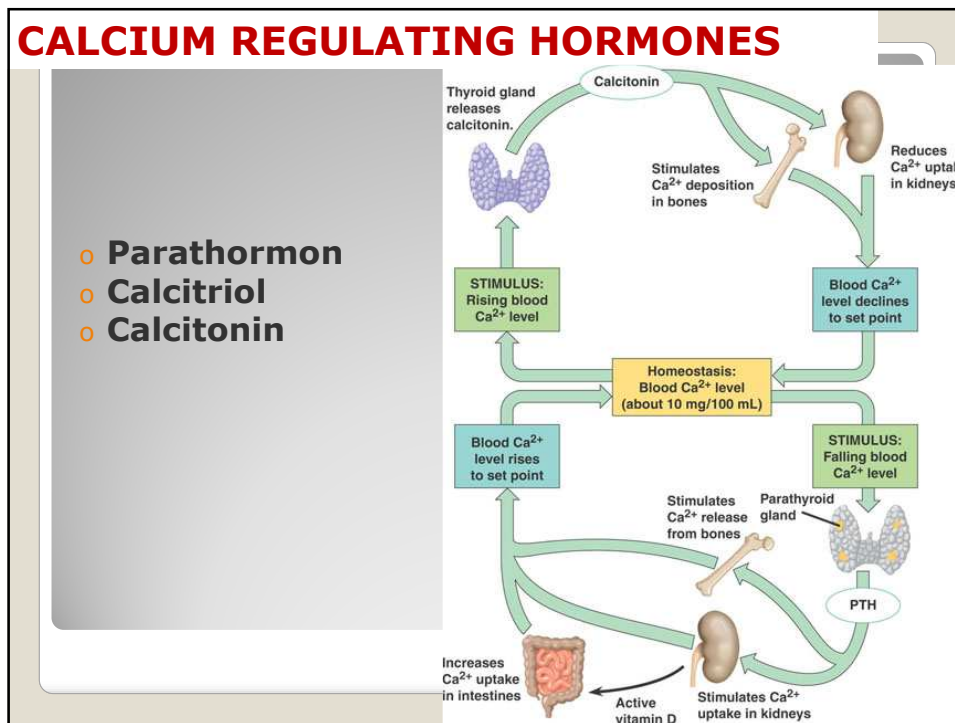
FUNCTIONS OF CALCIUM

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| • Structural | • Bone, teeth |
| • Neuromuscular | • Control of excitability;
Neurotransmitter release
Muscle contraction |
| • Blood | • Coagulation |
| • Signal systems | • Second messenger |

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FUNCTIONS OF PARATHORMON

BONES

- Release of calcium ↑ [Ca²⁺]
- Osteoclastic resorption

KIDNEY

- Calcium reabsorption ↑ [Ca²⁺]
- 2nd hydroxylation of vit.D ↑ Ca, P absorption
- Phosphaturia ↓ [PO₄]
- Decrease of HCO₃⁻ reabsorption ↓ pH

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HYPOCALCAEMIA < 2.2 mmol/l

Causes


- Hypoparathyroidism
 - Congenital (with Di George sy.)
 - Acquired – autoimmune, surgery, hemochromatosis, tumors
- Pseudohypoparathyroidism
- Magnesium deficiency
- Deficiency of vitamin D
- Disorders of vitamin D metabolism – end stage renal disease
- Acute pancreatitis, transfusions with citrate, neonatal

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HYPOCALCAEMIA


Symptoms

- Stupor, numbness, paraesthesia
- Muscle cramps and spasms „tetany“
- Laryngeal stridor
- Convulsions
- Positive Chvostek and Trousseau signs
- Long QT on ECG
- Cataract in chronic hypocalcaemia
- Rickets (rachitis) in vitamin D deficiency



Trousseau sign





Chvostek sign

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HYPERCALCAEMIA > 2.7 mmol/l

Causes

- COMMON (90% of all)
 - Primary hyperparathyroidism
 - Malignancies – bone metastasis
- LESS COMMON
 - Thyreotoxicosis, sarcoidosis
- UNCOMMON
 - Lithium treatment, tbc, immobilisation, adrenal failure, renal failure, hereditary

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HYPERCALCAEMIA

Clinical signs

- Weakness, tiredness, weight loss
- Impaired concentration, drowsiness (coma)
- Anorexia, nausea, vomiting, constipation
- Polyuria, dehydration
- Renal calculi, nephrocalcinosis
- short QT, arrhythmias

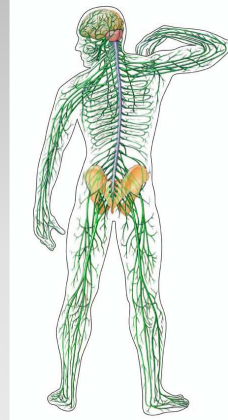
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Hyper- and hypocalcemia in oral cavity

- Hypercalcemia
 - Jaw bone demineralization
 - Loss of lamina dura
 - Osteitis fibrosa cystica – increased osteoclastic resorption, hemorrhage and cysts formation
- Hypocalcemia
 - Hypoplasia and discoloration of teeth
 - Possible tetany cramps



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Disorders of magnesium and phosphates homeostasis

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MAGNESIUM

- 60 % in bones, higher in ICF than in ECF
- Only 0,3 % in blood, 30% protein bound
- Serum 0,7 – 1,0 mmol/l
- Regulator is not known! *adrenal medulla, insulin, parathormon ???*
- Regulated resorption from GIT ?
- Excretion through urine and stool

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MAGNESIUM

- Neuromuscular excitability (inhibition – mediated through decreased secretion of acetylcholine?)
- Bone structure
- Enzyme activity, energy production, transport mechanisms, ribosomes
- Regulation of haemocoagulation and membrane function
- Cardioprotective antiischemic, antihypoxic effects
- Sedative effect on NS
- Antihypertensive
- Antithrombotic

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Hypomagnesiemia < 0.7 mmol/l

Causes

- Deficiency associated with soil and plant deficit ⇒ grass tetany of cattle
- Some drugs and stress can increase excretion
- Unhealthy diet (alcohol)
- High doses of calcium

Signs

- Spasms
- Tiredness, irritability, tremor
- Dysmenorea, preeklampsia
- Arrhythmias

Hypermagnesiemia > 1 mmol/l

- Rare

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PHOSPHATE

- 85 % in bones
- in ICF and in ECF
- In plasma – phospholipids, phosphate esters and ionized phosphate
- Regulation – PTH, vit. D and calcitonin (together but opposite with calcium)

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Hypophosphatemia < 0.8 mmol/l

Causes

- Intestinal malabsorption
 - Vit. D deficiency
 - Use of Mg- and Al-containing acids that bind phosphates
 - Alcohol abuse
 - Malabsorption abuse
- Increased renal secretion
 - Hyperparathyroidism

Signs and symptoms

- Only in higher deficit
- Disturbed energy metabolism – nerves and muscles dysfunction
- Erythrocyte, leukocyte and platelets dysfunction
- ↑ risk of infection
- Hemorrhage

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Hyperphosphatemia > 1.6 mmol/l

Causes

- Destruction of cells – tumors or anticancer therapy
- Long term using of phosphate-containing drugs (laxatives)
- Hypoparathyroidism

Signs and symptoms

- Symptoms of hypocalcemia – tetany
- Calcification of tissues

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Acid-Base Disorders



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Acid–base balance - homeostatic regulation of the pH.
Balance between the acids and bases (pH) - is crucial for the normal metabolism of the body

- H⁺ concentration (activity) in arterial blood
 - 40 ± 4 nmol/l (or 4*10⁻⁸ mol/l, or 0,00000004 mol/l)
- Sørensen (1909)
 - pH = -log [H⁺] (pH - negative logarithm of [H⁺])

$$\begin{aligned}
 [\text{H}^+] &= 40 \text{ nmol/l} = 40 \cdot 10^{-9} \text{ mol/l} = 4 \cdot 10^{-8} \text{ mol/l} \\
 \text{pH} &= -\log [\text{H}^+] \\
 \text{pH} &= -\log 4 \cdot 10^{-8} \\
 \text{pH} &= -(\log 4 + \log 10^{-8}) \\
 \text{pH} &= -(0,6 + [-8]) \\
 \text{pH} &= -(-7,4) \\
 \text{pH} &= 7,4
 \end{aligned}$$

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pH in some cells and body fluids

	pH	aH ⁺ nmol/l
arterial blood	7,36 - 7,44	44 - 36
urine	5 - 6 (4,50 - 8,00)	32000 - 10
erythrocytes	7,28	53
muscle cells	6,90	126
bile	6,2 - 8,5	631 - 3
gastric juice	1,2 - 3,0	1000 - 63

Daily production of acids

- Daily H₂CO₃ production: 20 mol (300 - 360 l)
 - complete oxidation of fats, carbohydrates and proteins
- Non-volatile (fixed) acids: 60 - 70 milimol/day
 - oxidation of -SH groups (amino acids) - H₂SO₄
 - hydrolysis of phosphoproteins, phospholipids... - H₃PO₄
 - keto-acids
 - lactic acid

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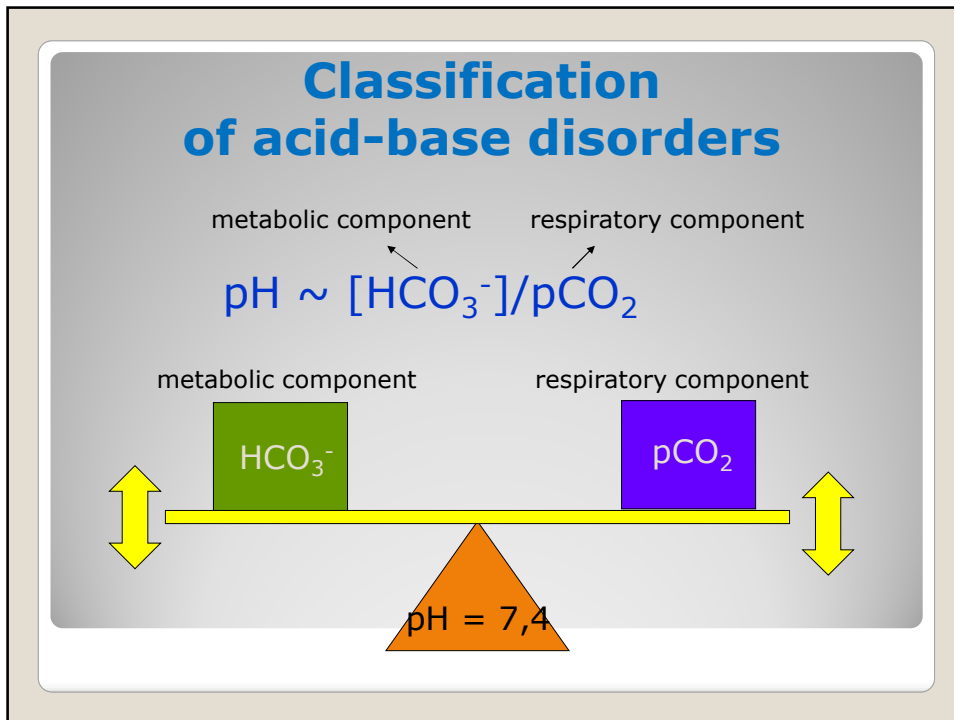
Buffering and regulatory systems

- **Buffer systems**
 - **bicarbonate system** – $\text{HCO}_3^-/\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$ (major buffer of ECF)
 - Henderson-Hasselbalch equation
 - $\text{pH} = \text{pK} + \log [\text{HCO}_3^-]/[\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3]$
 - simplified
 - $\text{pH} \sim [\text{HCO}_3^-]/\text{pCO}_2$
 - **phosphate** – $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}/\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$ (in kidneys, ICF)
 - **protein** (in ICF, ECF)
 - **haemoglobin** (in RBC)
- **Regulatory systems**
 - **respiratory**
 - **kidneys**
 - **liver**

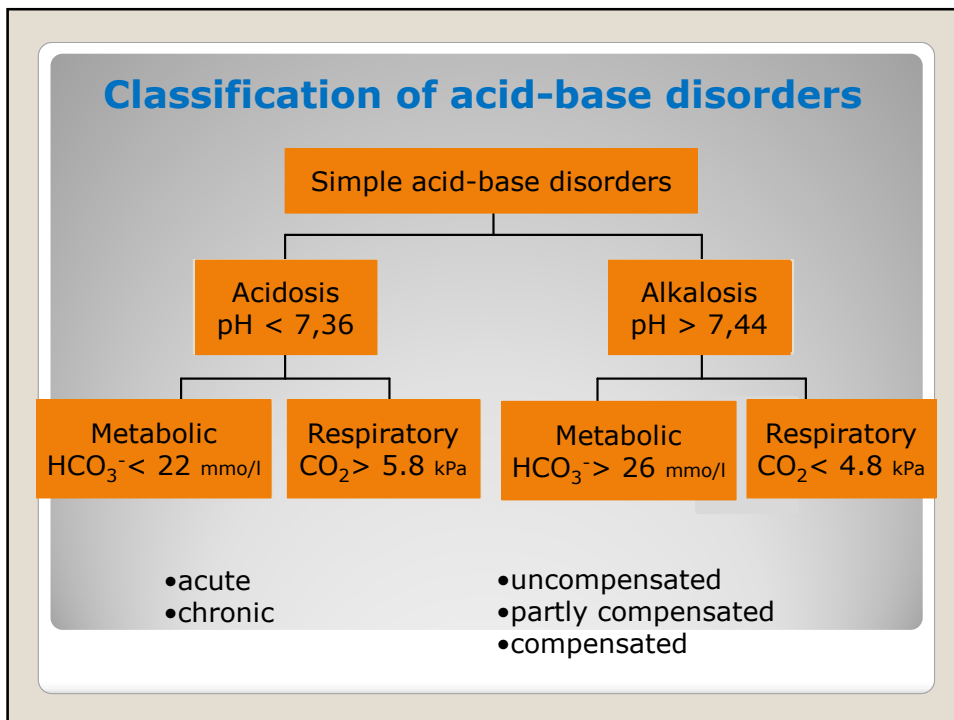
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- **Role of the lungs in acid-base homeostasis**
 - CO_2 excretion
 - Hyperventilation – $\downarrow \text{pCO}_2$
 - Hypoventilation – $\uparrow \text{pCO}_2$
- **Role of the kidney in acid-base homeostasis**
 - excretion of H^+ ions
 - phosphate buffer
 - ammonia
 - excretion of fixed acids
 - reabsorption of filtered HCO_3^-
- **Other**
 - **Liver**
 - Albumin synthesis, ammonia metabolism, formation of ketone bodies, lactate...
 - **Exchange of ions between intracellular and extracellular space**
 - Exchange of H^+ for K^+ or Na^+ ions
 - **Bones**
 - Exchange of H^+ ions for other cations (Ca^{2+} , K^+ , Na^+)

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Metabolic acidosis (MAC)

1. Increased production of H^+

- infusion of NH_4Cl
- toxins (salicylate, ethanol – acetate, methanol)
- ketoacidosis - diabetes mellitus, starvation
- lactic acidosis – in hypoxia

2. Decreased renal excretion of H^+

- renal failure
- renal tubular acidosis (RTA) type I – distal
(disorder of H^+ excretion)

3. Loss of HCO_3^-

- acute diarrhoea
- RTA type II – proximal
(disorder of HCO_3^- reabsorption)
- diuretics – acetazolamide, thiazide
(inhibitors of carbonic anhydrase)

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Metabolic alkalosis (MAL)

1. Deficiency of Cl^-

Missing chloride in plasma is replaced by bicarbonate → MAL

- vomiting
- chloride diarrhoea

2. Increased exogenous bicarbonate

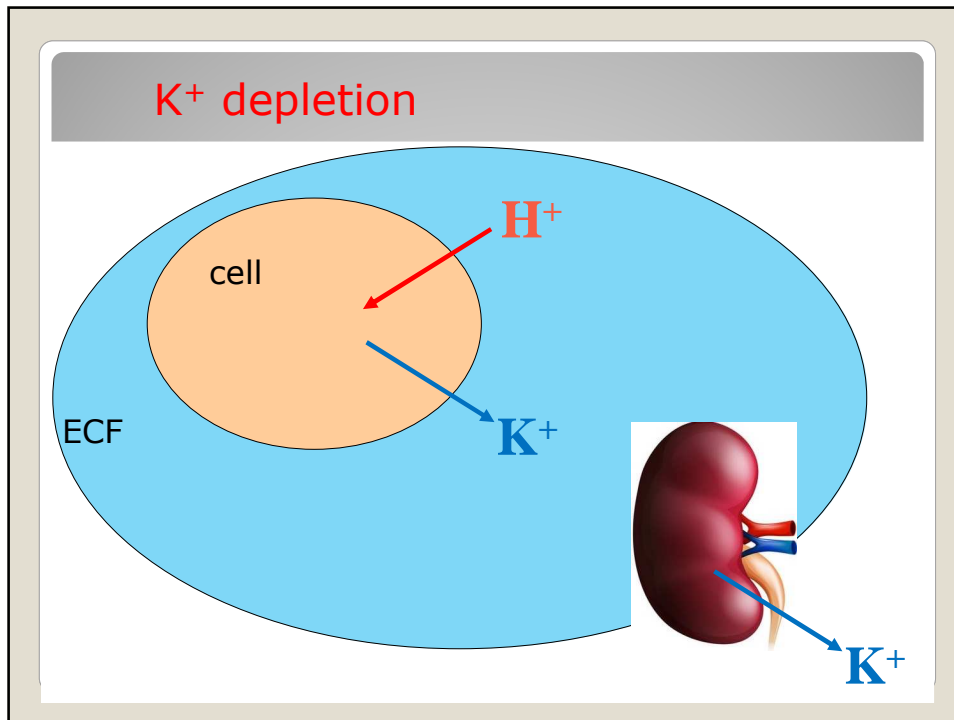
- oral/intravenous bicarbonate
- antacid therapy
- organic acid salts – lactate, acetate, citrate

3. K^+ depletion

Exchange of H^+ and K^+ between plasma and intracellular space

- Bartter syndrome
- hyperaldosteronism

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Respiratory acidosis (RAC)

1. Central depression

- trauma, cerebrovascular accidents, CNS infection, tumors, ischaemia, Pickwick sy.
- drugs – sedative, narcotics

2. Ventilation disorders

A. Thoracic diseases

- trauma
- kyfosciosis

B. Neuromuscular diseases

- myopathies, multiple sclerosis, poliomyelitis

C. Lung diseases

- obstructive disease
- empysema
- pneumonia...

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Respiratory alkalosis (RAL)

1. Central stimulation

- anxiety/hysteria
- pregnancy (stimulation by progesterone)
- gram-negative septicaemia
- hepatic encephalopathy
- salicylate overdose
- infection, trauma
- tumour

2. Pulmonary pathology

- embolism
 - congestive heart failure (lung oedema)
 - asthma, pneumonia
- } *only mild forms*

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Clinical signs

Metabolic acidosis

hyperventilation (Kussmaul breathing)

Metabolic alkalosis

↓Ca²⁺ (binding on proteins) → ↑neuromuscular activity
tetanic cramps, dysrhythmias

Respiratory acidosis

cerebral vasodilatation – headache, stupor, coma

Respiratory alkalosis

cerebral vasoconstriction – headache
↓Ca²⁺ → tetany

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Mixed acid-base disturbances

MAC and MAC

- Diabetes mellitus
lactate acidosis and ketoacidosis

MAC and RAC

- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
RAC (hypoventilation) + lactate MAC (hypoxia)

MAC and MAL

- Diarrhea and vomiting
- Alcohol intoxication and vomiting

MAC and RAL

- Lung oedema in early stage
lactate MAC + hyperventilation (RAL)

MAL and RAL

- MAC compensation + alcalisation

~~RAC and RAL~~

~~NEVER~~

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Compensation of acid-base disorders

- Body's homeostatic response to an acid-base imbalance in attempt to bring the pH of the body fluids as near normal as possible
- if the pH change is caused by metabolic component (HCO_3^-)
 - compensation by respiratory component (lungs)
 - MAC - Hyperventilation, Kussmaul breathing
 - MAL - Hypoventilation
 - Delays 12 – 24 hours
- if the pH change is caused by respiratory component (pCO_2)
 - compensation by metabolic component (kidneys)
 - RAC - Increased kidney HCO_3^- reabsorption
 - RAL - Decreased kidney HCO_3^- reabsorption (increased HCO_3^- secretion)
 - Delays 2 – 3 days

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Compensation

metabolic acidosis

$\text{pH} \sim \frac{\text{HCO}_3^-}{\text{pCO}_2}$

compensation

$\text{pH} \sim \frac{\text{HCO}_3^-}{\text{pCO}_2}$ lungs
(hyperventilation)

respiratory acidosis

$\text{pH} \sim \frac{\text{HCO}_3^-}{\text{pCO}_2}$

compensation

$\text{pH} \sim \frac{\text{HCO}_3^-}{\text{pCO}_2}$ kidneys
(higher HCO_3^- reabsorption)

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Compensation

metabolic alkalosis

$\text{pH} \sim \frac{\text{HCO}_3^-}{\text{pCO}_2}$

compensation

$\text{pH} \sim \frac{\text{HCO}_3^-}{\text{pCO}_2}$ lungs
(hypoventilation)

respiratory alkalosis

$\text{pH} \sim \frac{\text{HCO}_3^-}{\text{pCO}_2}$

compensation

$\text{pH} \sim \frac{\text{HCO}_3^-}{\text{pCO}_2}$ kidneys
(lower HCO_3^- reabsorption)

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Correction of acid-base disorders

- Correction is bodie ´s response to an acid-base imbalance in attempt to bring the pH to normal by the same component, that caused acid-base disorder
- possible only in metabolic disorders – correction by kidneys
 - Metabolic acidosis
e.g. in diabetic ketoacidosis
- corrected by increased kidney HCO_3^- reabsorption
 - Metabolic alkalosis
e.g. in liver disease
- corrected by increased kidney HCO_3^- secretion
- Correction also refers to the treatment (both metabolic and respiratory acid-base disorders) aimed at resolving the underlying cause of the acid-base disorder, thereby returning the pH and other parameters (e.g., CO_2 , HCO_3^-) back to normal.

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Acid-base parameters



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pH = 7,4 ± 0,04

- pH < 7,36 acidaemia
- pH > 7,44 alkalaemia

pCO₂ = 5,3 - 0,5 kPa (40 mmHg)

- pCO₂ < 4,8 kPa hypocapnia
- pCO₂ > 5,9 kPa hypercapnia

HCO₃⁻ = 24 ± 2 mmol/l

- HCO₃⁻ < 22 mmol/l hypobasemia
- HCO₃⁻ > 26 mmol/l hyperbasemia

BE = 0 ± 2 mmol/l

- Base excess/deficit - an excess or deficit, respectively, in the amount of base present in the blood

AG = 15,2 ± 1,6 mmol/l

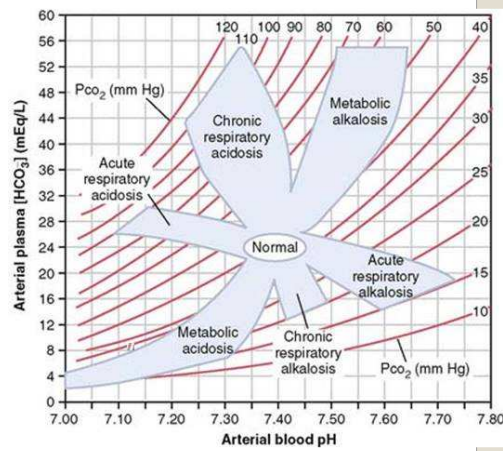
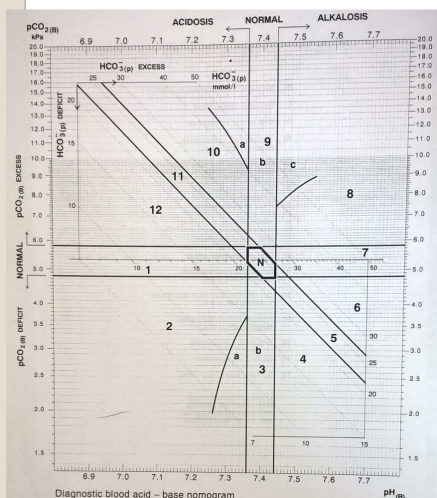
- evaluation of metabolic acidosis to determine the presence of unmeasured anions (ketone bodies, lactate...)

Calculation: $AG = (Na^+ + K^+) - (Cl^- + HCO_3^-)$

pO₂ = 10,0 - 13,3 kPa

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Acid-base normograms



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