Hormones

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Hormones



- ✓ A hormone is a chemical transmitter.
- ✓ It is released in small amounts from glands, and is transported in the bloodstream to target organs.
- ✓ Hormones are chemical messengers, transferring information from one set of cells to another.

Classification of hormones according to chemical nature

Steroid Hormones

e.g. Testosterone, Estrogen, Progesterone

Amine Hormones

e.g. T₃, T₄, epinephrine, norepinephrine.

Peptide Hormones

e.g. Oxytocin and vasopressin

Protein Hormones

e.g. Insulin and glucagon

Glycoprotein Hormones

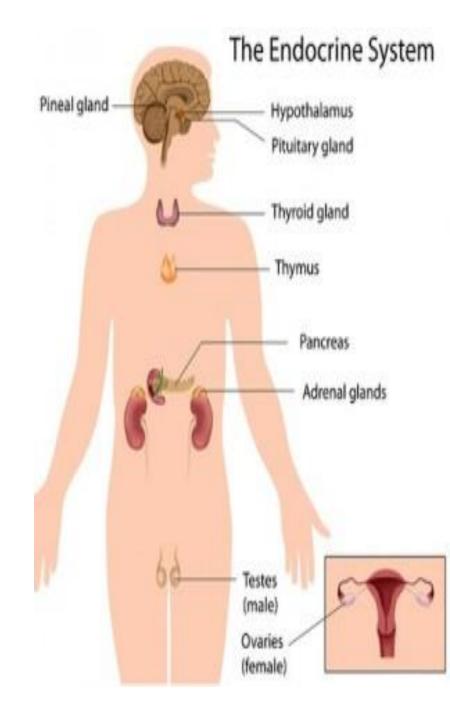
e.g. LH, FSH

Eicosanoids Hormones

e.g. Prostaglandins.

Endocrine Glands

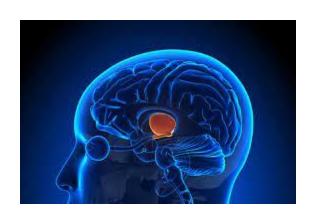
- Pituitary
- Thyroid
- Parathyroid
- Adrenal
- Pancreas
- Testes and Ovaries



<u>Hypothalamus</u> (Floor of the Brain)

Functions:

- body temperature
- thirst
- appetite and weight control
- •emotions
- sleep cycles
- •sex drive
- •childbirth
- blood pressure and heart rate
- production of digestive juices
- balancing bodily fluids



Pituitary ✓ Few pituitary hormones

- √Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH)
- √ Follicle Stimulating Hormone (FSH)
- ✓ Luteinizing Hormone (LH)

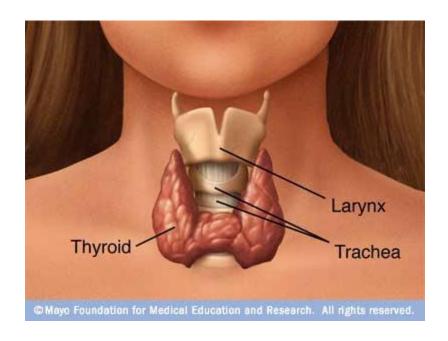


✓ Functions:

- •Growth
- Blood pressure
- Regulation of Pregnancy
- Breast milk production
- Sex organ functions in both men and women
- Thyroid gland function
- •Metabolism
- Water regulation in the body (kidneys)
- •Temperature regulation

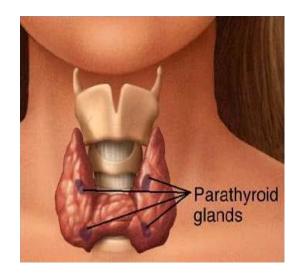
Thyroid

- ✓ Releases hormone **thyroxin**
- ✓ Function is to regulate rates of **metabolism** in the body Essential for normal physical and mental development



<u>Parathyroid</u>

- √ Function is to control metabolism of calcium , Necessary for
- normal nerve and muscle function
- blood clotting
- healthy bones and teeth
- √ Hormone released is parathyroid hormone

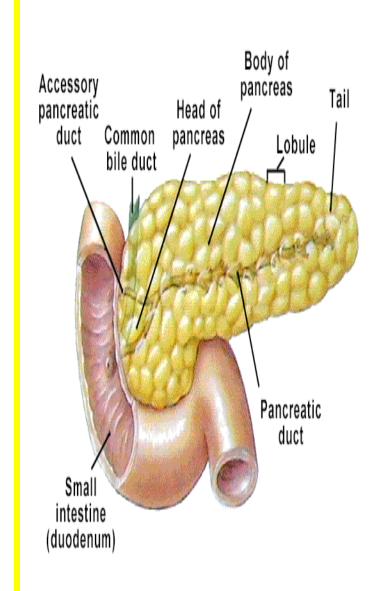


Pancreatic Hormones

✓ Insulin stimulates glucose uptake by cells

✓ Glucagon promotes conversion of glycogen (animal-based carbohydrate) to glucose

✓ Somatostatin: Suppresses insulin and glucagon release by other cells & Inhibits gallbladder contractions



<u>Testes</u>

• Testosterone: Produce the steroid androgen & Responsible for secondary sex characteristics and the sex drive

<u>Ovaries</u>

- Estrogen: Responsible for secondary sex characteristics and sex drive
- Progesterone accelerates the movement of fertilized eggs along the uterine tubes an prepares the uterus for the arrival of a developing embryo