

# Kidneys in regulation of homeostasis

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# Homeostasis

= maintenance of stable conditions in the internal body environment

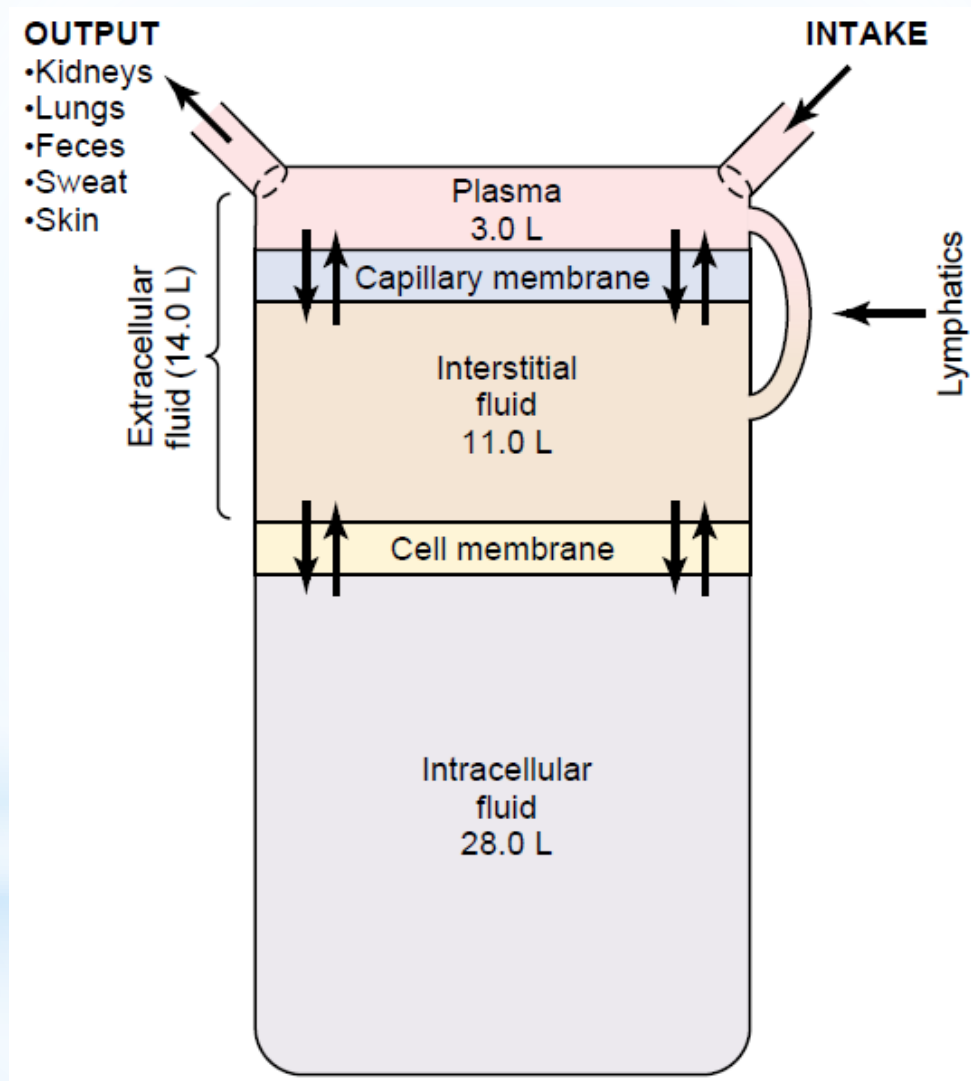
*Maintenance of Constant Volume and Composition of Body Fluids*

*Maintenance of Acid-Base Balance*

# **Constant Volume and Composition of Body Fluids - Regulation by Kidneys -**

# Body Fluids – Types and Volumes

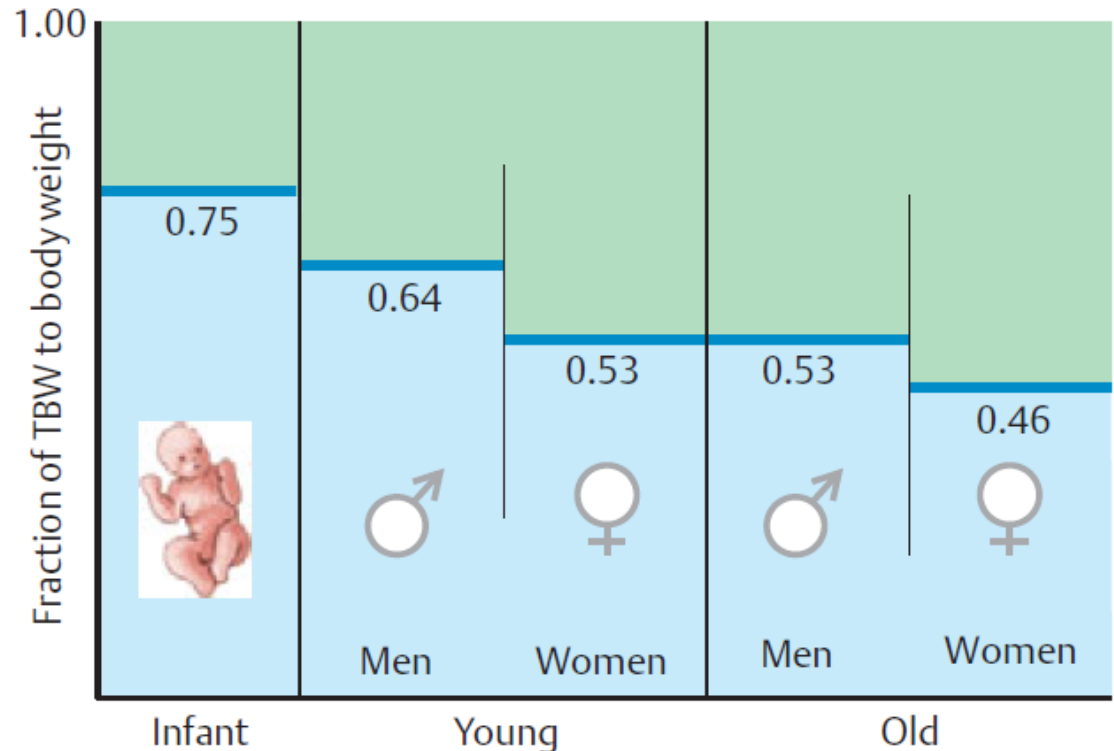
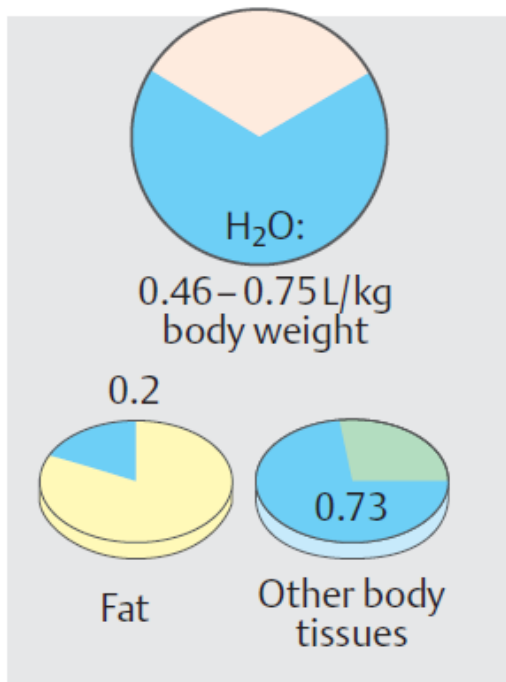
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## B. Total body water (TBW) content

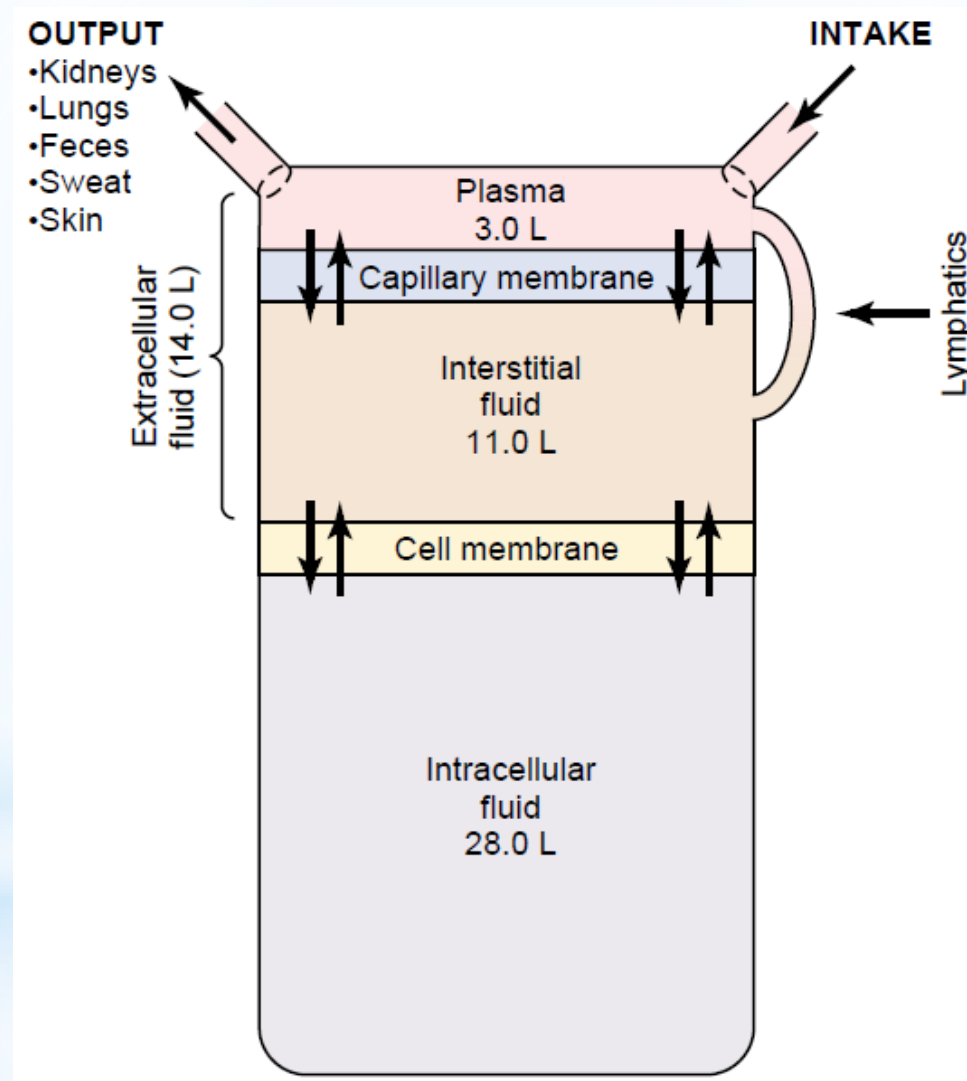


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# Body Fluids – Types and Volumes

Body fluids occupy ~60% of the body weight.

Transcellular fluid (1-2 l) - special type of ECF. (peritoneal, pericardial, synovial, cerebrospinal and intraocular fluid)



5% of the body weight

15% of the body weight

40% of the body weight

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# Body Fluids – Types and Volumes

## *Balance between Input and Output of Fluid*

### Daily Intake and Output of Water (ml/day)

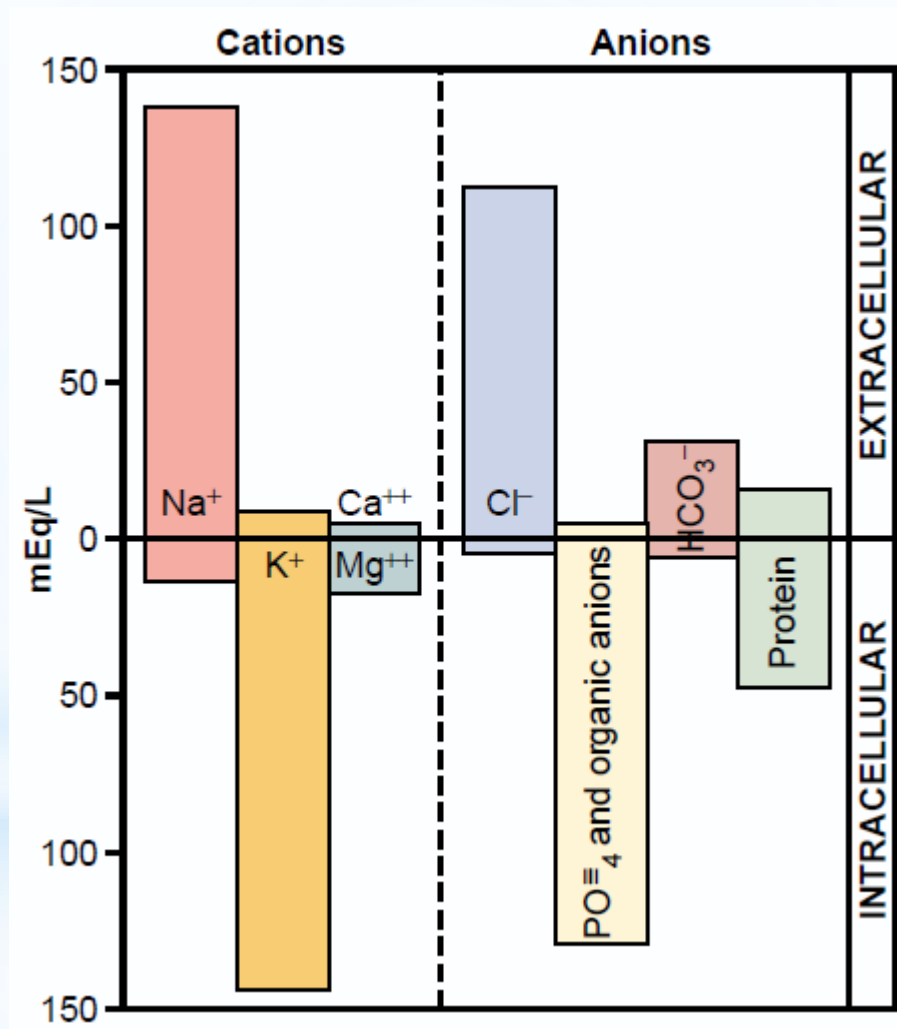
	Normal	Prolonged, Heavy Exercise
<b>Intake</b>		
Fluids ingested	2100	?
From metabolism	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>
Total intake	2300	?
<b>Output</b>		
Insensible—skin	350	350
Insensible—lungs	350	650
Sweat	100	5000
Feces	100	100
Urine	1400	500
Total output	2300	6600

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# Body Fluids – Composition

*ECF vs. ICF*



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# Body Fluids – Composition

## *plasma vs. ISF*

	Plasma (mOsm/L H <sub>2</sub> O)	Interstitial (mOsm/L H <sub>2</sub> O)
Na <sup>+</sup>	142	139
K <sup>+</sup>	4.2	4.0
Ca <sup>++</sup>	1.3	1.2
Mg <sup>+</sup>	0.8	0.7
Cl <sup>-</sup>	108	108
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	24	28.3
HPO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> , H <sub>2</sub> PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	2	2
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup>	0.5	0.5
Phosphocreatine		
Carnosine		
Amino acids	2	2
Creatine	0.2	0.2
Lactate	1.2	1.2
Adenosine triphosphate		
Hexose monophosphate		
Glucose	5.6	5.6
Protein	1.2	0.2
Urea	4	4
Others	4.8	3.9

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# Body Fluids – Composition

## osmolality

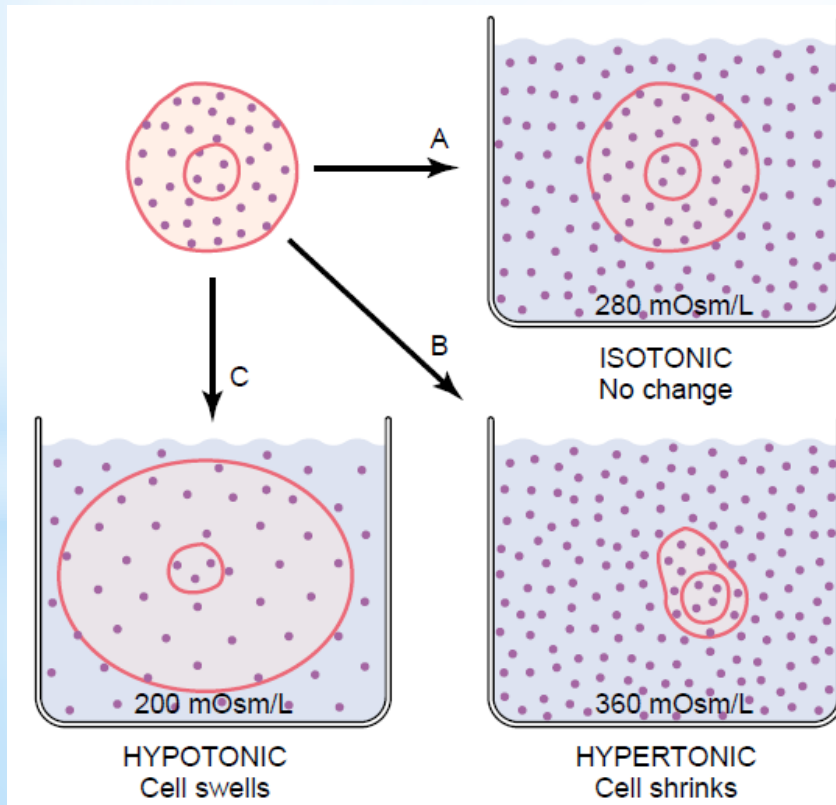
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(shrinking of cells)



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**Precise regulation of osmolality of ESF is necessary!**

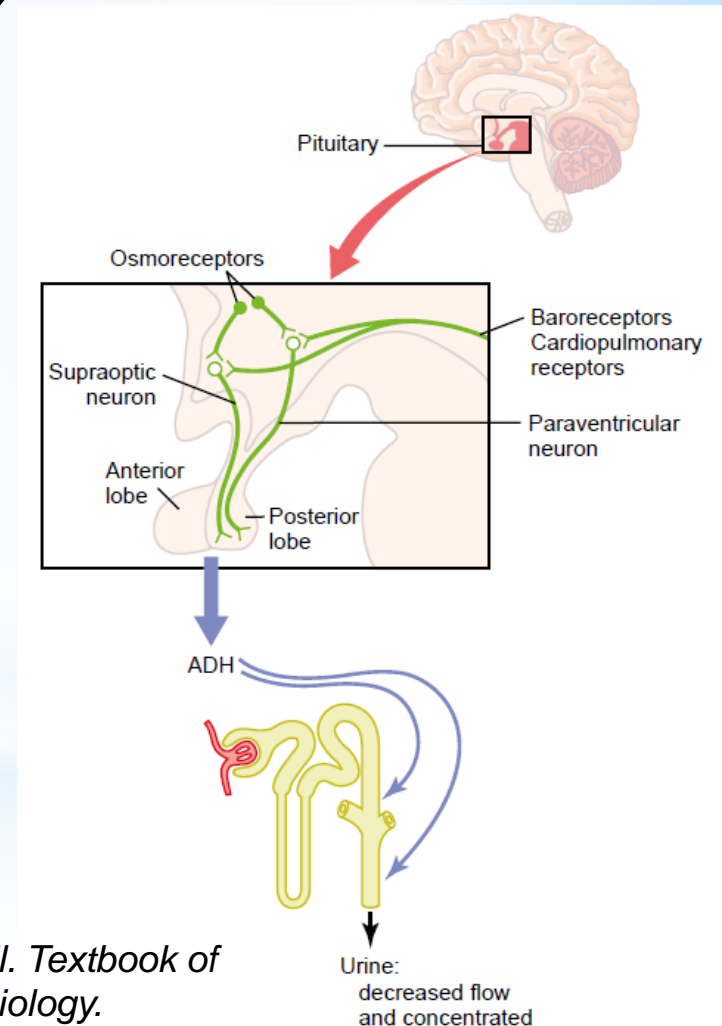
- **osmoreceptors**
  - **kidneys** (target organ for the action of hormones below)
  - **antidiuretic hormone**
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- **aldosteron**
  - **natriuretic peptides**

# Humoral Regulation of Body Fluids

## *Antidiuretic Hormone* (*vasopressin*)

### - effects:

- water reabsorption in kidneys (collecting duct, aquaporin 2)
- control of blood pressure (water reabsorption, vasoconstriction)
- ↑ glycogenolysis, mediator in the brain, ↑ secretion of ACTH in adenohypophysis



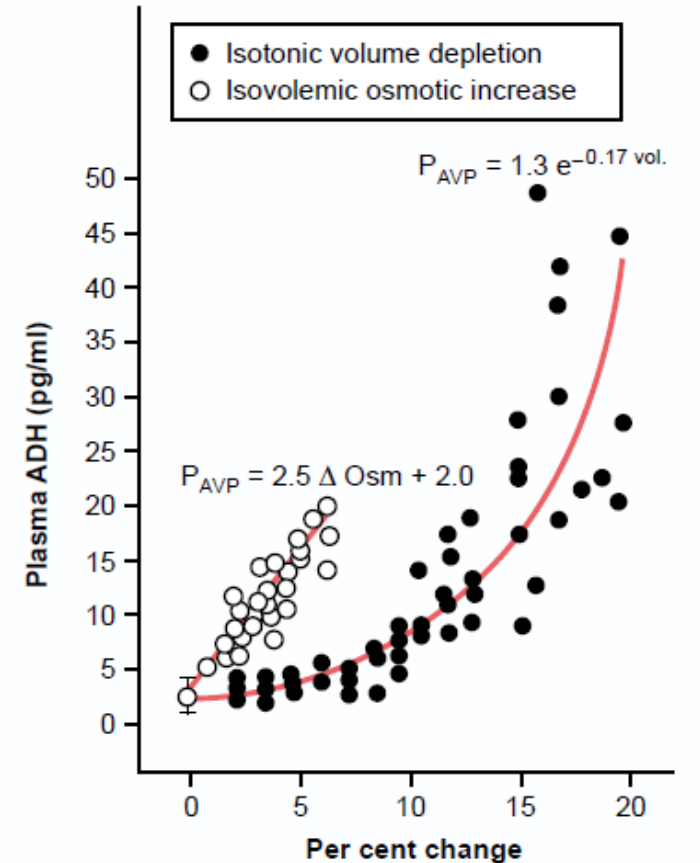
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# Humoral Regulation of Body Fluids

## *Antidiuretic Hormone* (*vasopressin*)

### - regulation of secretion:

- ↑ - ↑ osmolality
- ↓ volume of ECF
- pain, emotions, stress (surgical), physical exertion; standing
- nausea, vomiting
- angiotensin II
- morphine, nicotine, barbiturates, ...
- ↓ - ↓ osmolality, ↑ volume of ECF
- alcohol; antagonists of opioids



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# Humoral Regulation of Body Fluids

## *Antidiuretic Hormone* (*vasopressin*)

- pathology:

↑ SIADH

↓ *diabetes insipidus*



# Humoral Regulation of Body Fluids

## *Aldosteron*

- the most important steroid with the mineralocorticoid effect

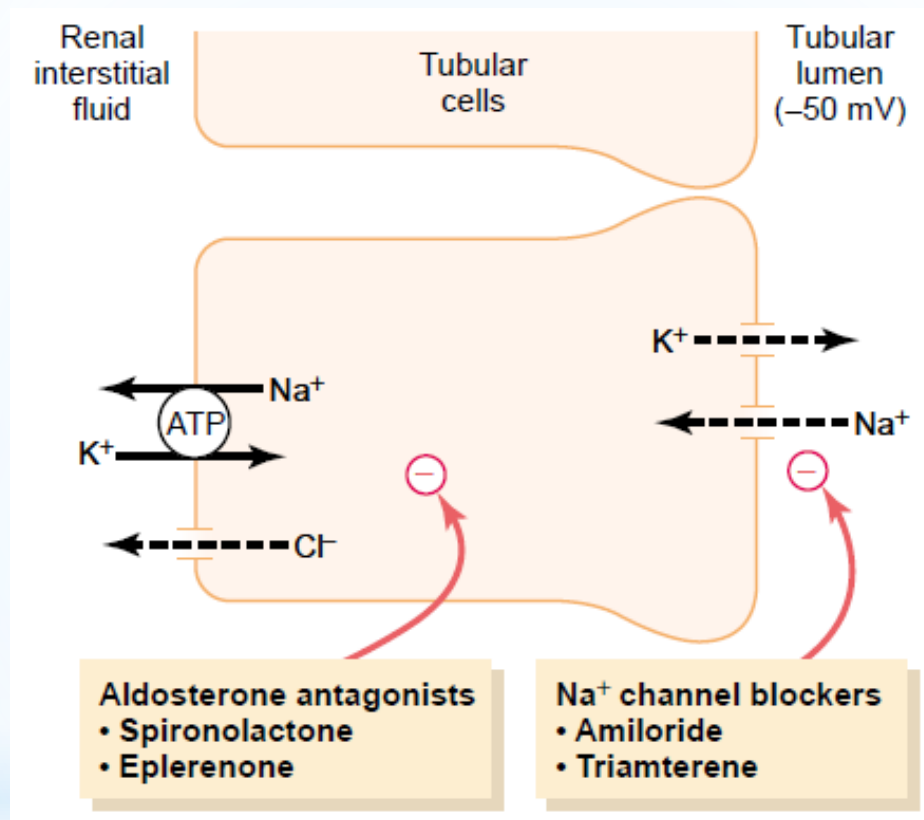
- **mechanism of action:**

binding to the mineralocorticoid receptor → binding of the hormone-receptor complex to DNA → mRNA → synthesis of proteins:

- namely **Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup>-ATPase**
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- ↑ activity of **Na<sup>+</sup>/H<sup>+</sup>-antiport** in both distal and proximal parts of nephrons

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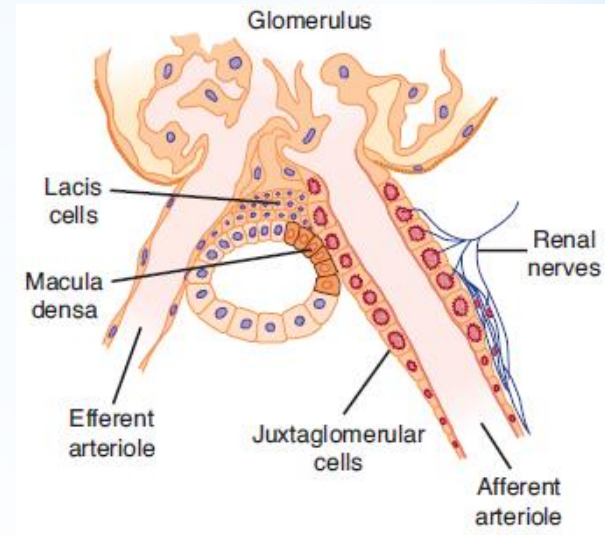
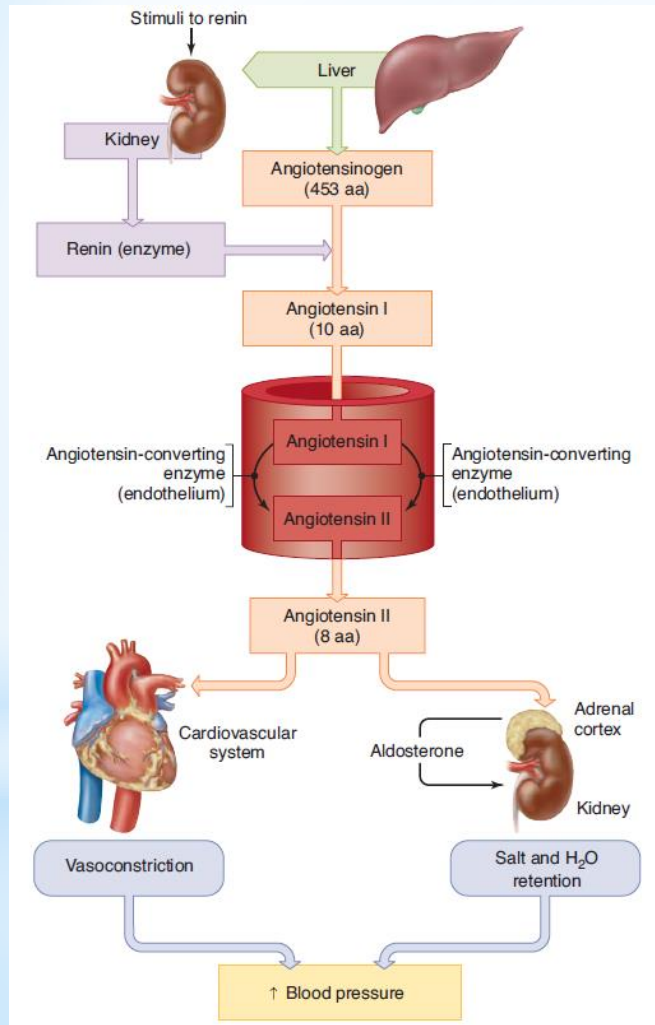
# Humoral Regulation of Body Fluids

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- **effects:**
  - ↑ Na<sup>+</sup> reabsorption from urine, sweat, saliva, gastric juice
  - ↑ K<sup>+</sup> urine excretion, ↑ acidity of urine (exchange for Na<sup>+</sup>)
  - ↑ K<sup>+</sup> content and ↓ Na<sup>+</sup> content in muscle and brain cells
- **regulation of its secretion:**
  - **ACTH** from the adenohypophysis (transient effect)
  - direct stimulatory effect of ↑ **plasmatic concentration of K<sup>+</sup>** (even a small change – even after a meal rich for K<sup>+</sup> - fruit, vegetable) **and ↓ Na<sup>+</sup>** (only a big change)
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# Humoral Regulation of Body Fluids

## Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System



# Humoral Regulation of Body Fluids

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  - **renin-angiotensine-aldosteron system**
  - **atrial natriuretic peptide** (inhibition of renin secretion, ↓ reactivity of *zona glomerulosa* to angiotensine II)
  - **other hormones of adenohypophysis** (besides ACTH; maintenance of reactivity of *zona glomerulosa*)

# Humoral Regulation of Body Fluids

## *Aldosteron - Pathology*

### Primary hyperaldosteronism (Conn's syndrome)

- tumors of adrenal cortex which secretes aldosteron
  - heavy  $K^+$  depletion
  - hypertension
  - **ECF expansion** (without edemas, without marked hypernatremia – redundant salts released by the so called escape phenomena)
  - at a prolonged  $K^+$  depletion:
    - renal damage → polyuria (the hypocalcemic nephropathy)
    - muscle weakness
    - metabolic alkalosis → ↓ plasmatic concentration of  $Ca^{2+}$  → latent or fully developed tetany
    - glucose intolerance

# Humoral Regulation of Body Fluids

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### Secondary hyperaldosteronism

- patients with the congestive heart failure, nephrosis, liver cirrhosis, renal artery constriction, hypertension, with the salt-losing form of adrenogenital syndrome

### Hyporeninemic hypoaldosteronism

### Pseudohypoaldosteronism



# Humoral Regulation of Body Fluids

## *Atrial Natriuretic Peptide*

- one of natriuretic peptides (BNP – cardiac ventricles, CNP – brain)
- receptors (ANPR-A – the highest affinity to ANP, ANPR-B – CNP, ANPR-C – all NP)
- short half-life
- secreted by atrial cardiomyocytes, found also in the brain

# Humoral Regulation of Body Fluids

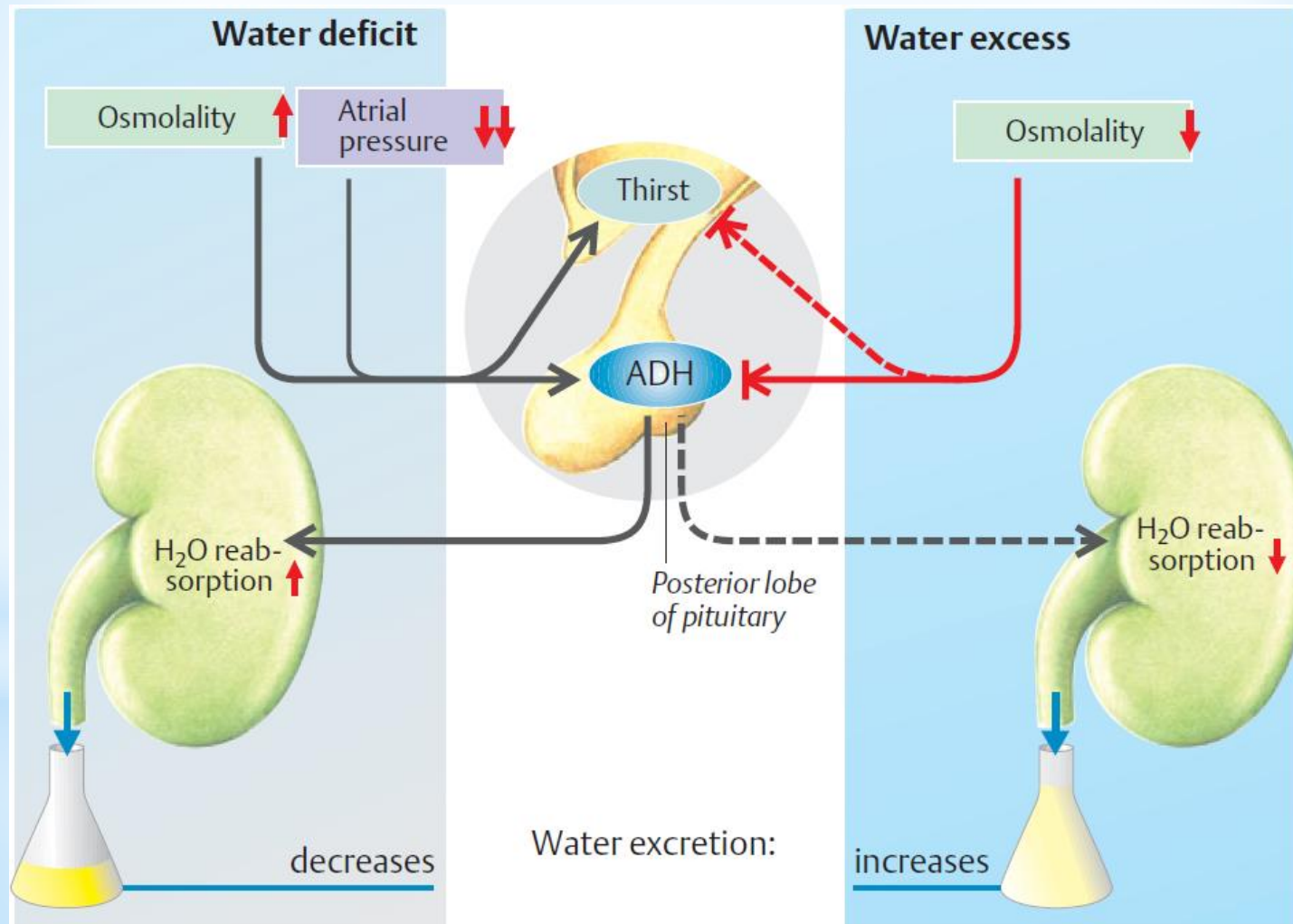
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- **effects (through  $\uparrow$  cGMP):  $\rightarrow \downarrow$  BP** (also through the brain stem)
  - $\rightarrow$  natriuresis (1.  $\uparrow$  GFR – increased area for the filtration through relaxation of mesangial cells, 2.  $\uparrow$  Na<sup>+</sup> excretion – decrease tubular Na<sup>+</sup> reabsorption)
  - $\rightarrow \downarrow$  reactivity of vascular smooth muscles for vasoconstrictive substances
  - $\rightarrow$  inhibition of renin secretion,  $\downarrow$  reactivity of *zona glomerulosa* for stimuli  $\uparrow$  aldosteron secretion
  - $\rightarrow$  inhibition of ADH secretion  $\rightarrow \uparrow$  water excretion
- **regulation of its secretion:**
  - $\uparrow$  -  $\uparrow$  ECF volume (atrial cells' stretch at higher atrial filling)
  - $\downarrow$  -  $\downarrow$  CVP at orthostasis

# Humoral Regulation of Body Fluids

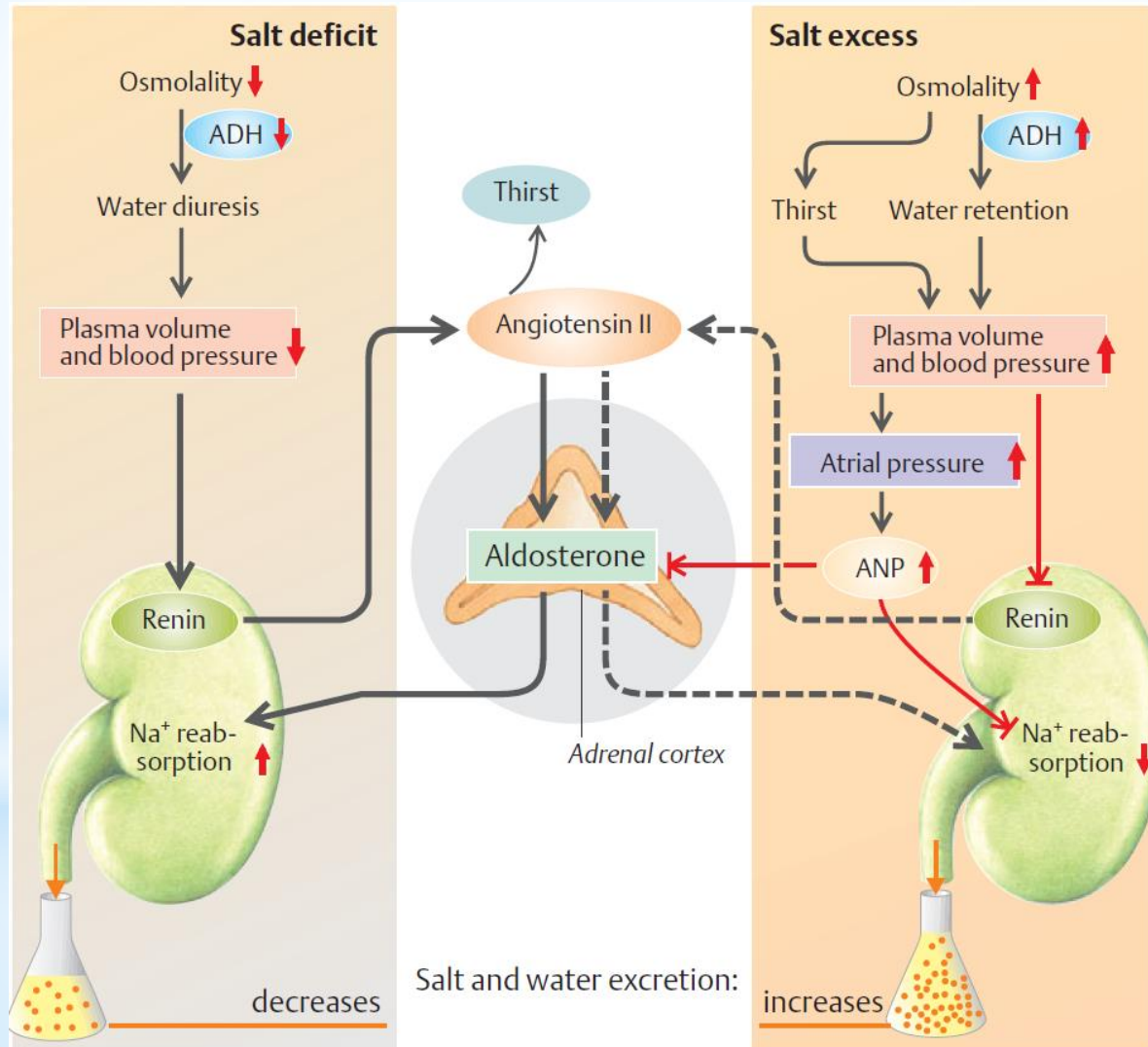
## Water Homeostasis

water intoxication



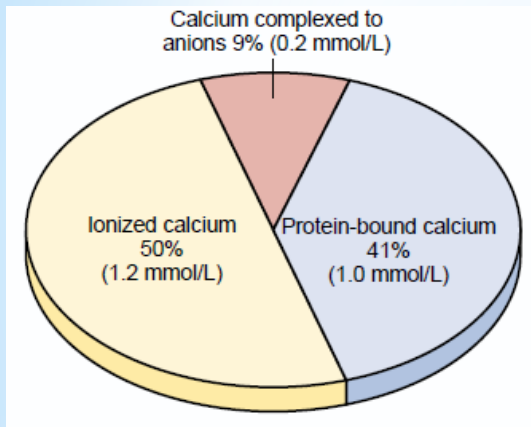
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## Salt Homeostasis

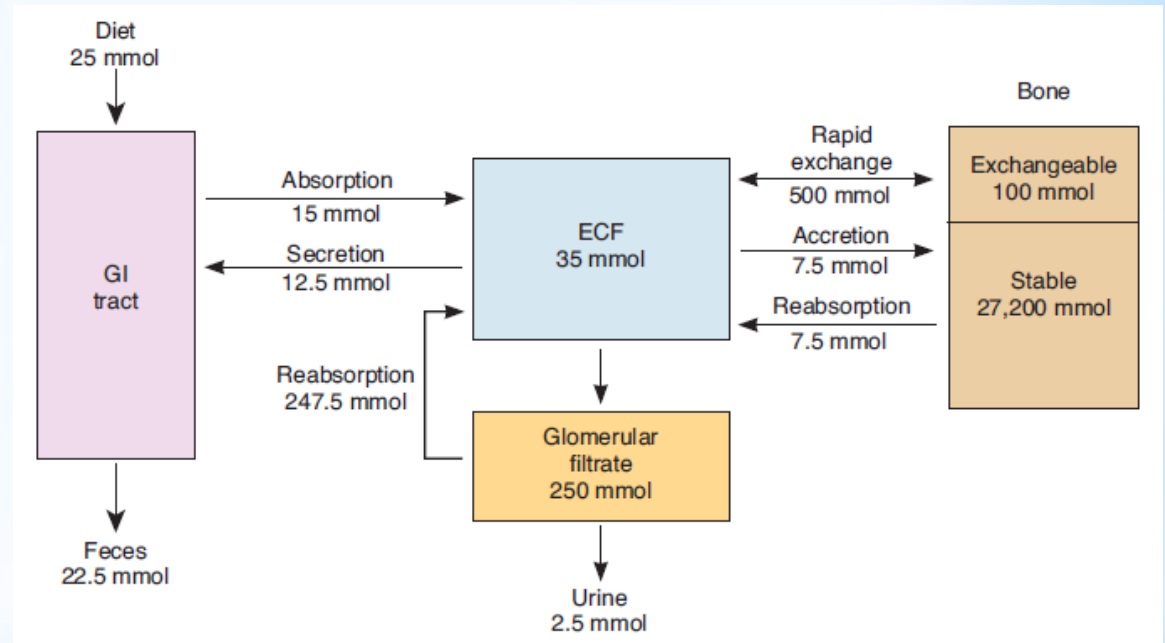


# Humoral Regulation of Body Fluids

## Calcium in the Body



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hypocalcemia

hypercalcemia

# Humoral Regulation of Body Fluids

## *Hormonal Regulation of Calcemia*

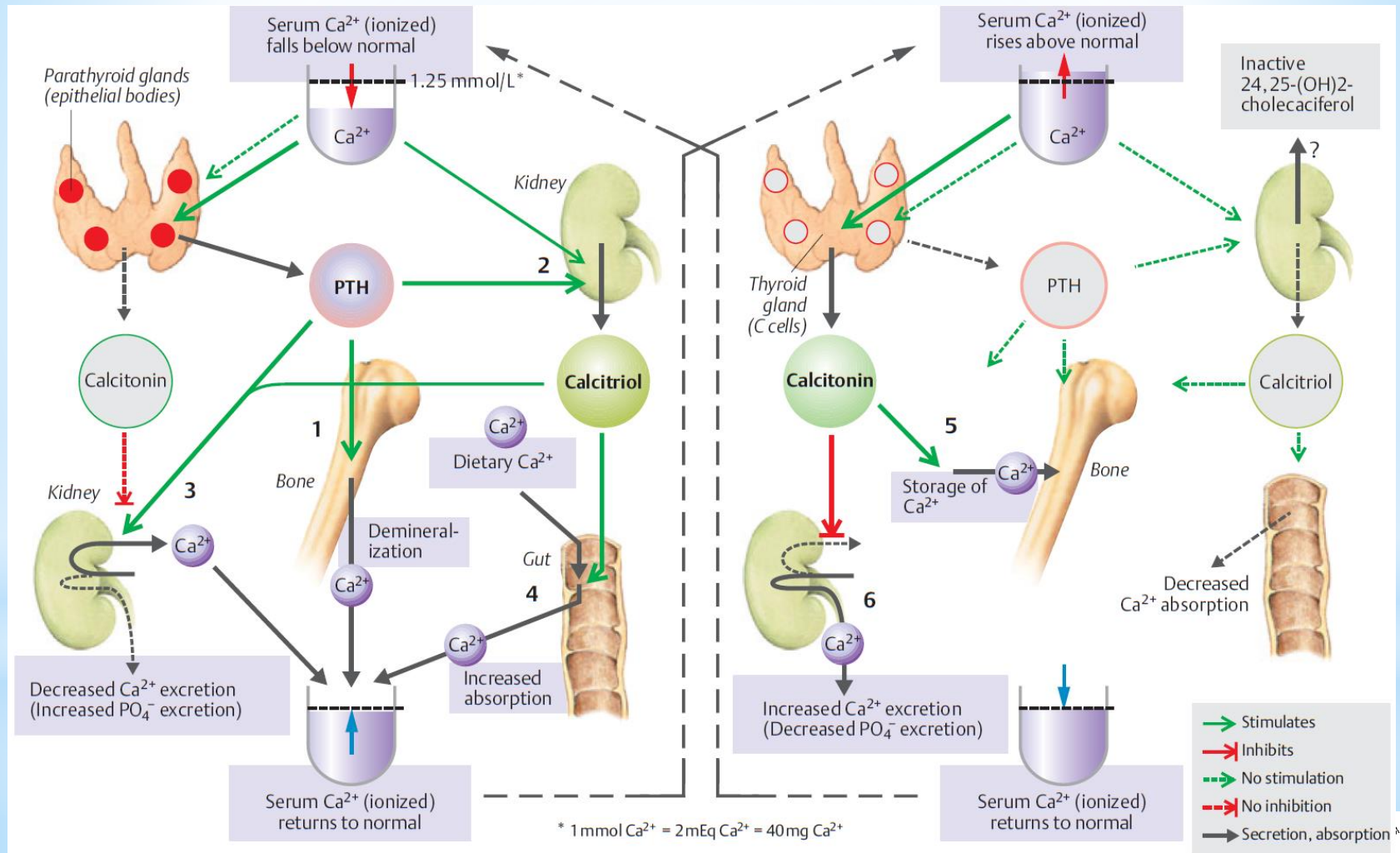
*Parathormone*

*Vitamin D*

*Calcitonin*

# Humoral Regulation of Body Fluids

## Hormonal Regulation of Calcemia



# **Acid-Base Balance**

## **- Regulation by Kidneys -**



# Acid-Base Balance and its Regulation

- acid** substance releasing  $H^+$  (e.g.  $H_2CO_3 \rightarrow H^+ + HCO_3^-$ )
- base** substance binding  $H^+$  (e.g.  $HCO_3^- + H^+ \rightarrow H_2CO_3$ ; proteins)
- $[H^+]$**
- influences activity of almost all enzymatic systems
  - very low compared to the concentration of other ions;  
 $[H^+] = 40 \text{ nEq/l}$  but for example  $[Na^+] = 142 \text{ mEq/l}$
  - thus, its changes has to be much smaller (3-5 nEq/l)  
 $\Rightarrow$  **precise regulation of  $[H^+]$  is necessary!**

Since  $[H^+]$  is a very small number, its negative logarithm is used:

$$pH = -\log [H^+] = -\log 0.000\ 000\ 040 = 7.4$$

The value of pH is thus inversely proportional to  $[H^+]$ .  
Change of pH by 1  $\sim$  change of  $[H^+]$  10-times bigger!

# Acid-Base Balance and its Regulation

## Physiological value of pH:

- arterial blood      pH = 7.4
- venous blood      pH = 7.35 (CO<sub>2</sub> from tissues)
- ICF                      pH = 6.0 - 7.4 (according to the cell type)
- urine                    pH = 4.5 - 8.0

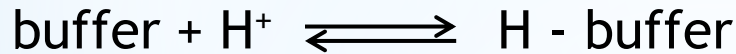
The value of pH 6.8 - 8.0 can be survived for several hours!

# Acid-Base Balance and its Regulation

Acid-base balance is regulated by:

## 1) Buffers

- fast regulation (seconds)
- pH changes attenuated by binding and release of H<sup>+</sup>:



↑[H<sup>+</sup>] direction to the right favoured till free buffer is available

↓[H<sup>+</sup>] direction to the left favoured, H<sup>+</sup> released

## 2) Lungs

- fast regulation (minutes even hours)
- elimination of CO<sub>2</sub> from the body ( $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 \rightarrow \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{CO}_2$ )

## 3) Kidneys

- slower regulation (hours even days) but the most powerful
- elimination of acids and bases from the body

# Acid-Base Balance and its Regulation

## *Regulation of Acid-Base Balance by Buffers*

### 1) Bicarbonate buffer

- the most important buffer system
- weak acid  $\text{H}_2\text{CO}_3$  and its salt  $\text{NaHCO}_3$   
$$\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightleftharpoons \text{H}_2\text{CO}_3 \rightleftharpoons \text{H}^+ + \text{HCO}_3^- + \text{Na}^+$$
- the most powerful (despite not expected to be so powerful,  $\text{pK} = 6.1$ )

### 2) Phosphate buffer

- an important buffer system of the renal tubular fluid and of the intracellular fluid (high concentration + pH nearer to  $\text{pK} = 6.8$ )
- $\text{H}_2\text{PO}_4^-$ ,  $\text{HPO}_4^{2-}$

### 3) Protein buffer

- an important buffer of an important buffer system of (conc. +  $\text{pK}$ )

*60 - 70% of the buffer capacity of body fluids sites in the cells and is dependent on proteins!*

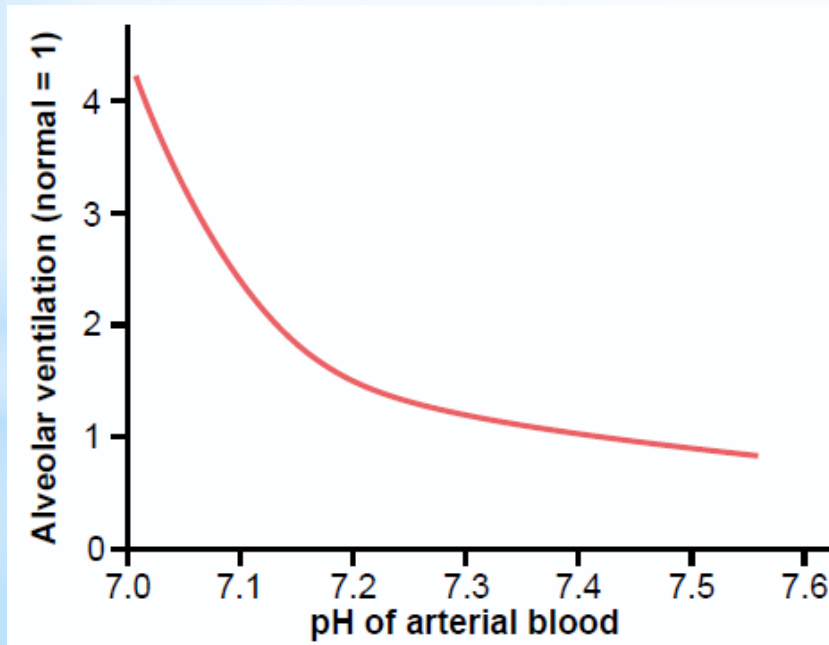


# Acid-Base Balance and its Regulation

## *Regulation of Acid-Base Balance by Lungs*

- by the hyper- or hypoventilation

$$\text{pH} = 6.1 + \log \frac{\text{HCO}_3^-}{0.03 \times \text{P}_{\text{CO}_2}}$$



$\uparrow[\text{H}^+] \rightarrow \uparrow \text{Alveolar ventilation}$   
 $\ominus \uparrow \downarrow \text{P}_{\text{CO}_2}$

# Acid-Base Balance and its Regulation

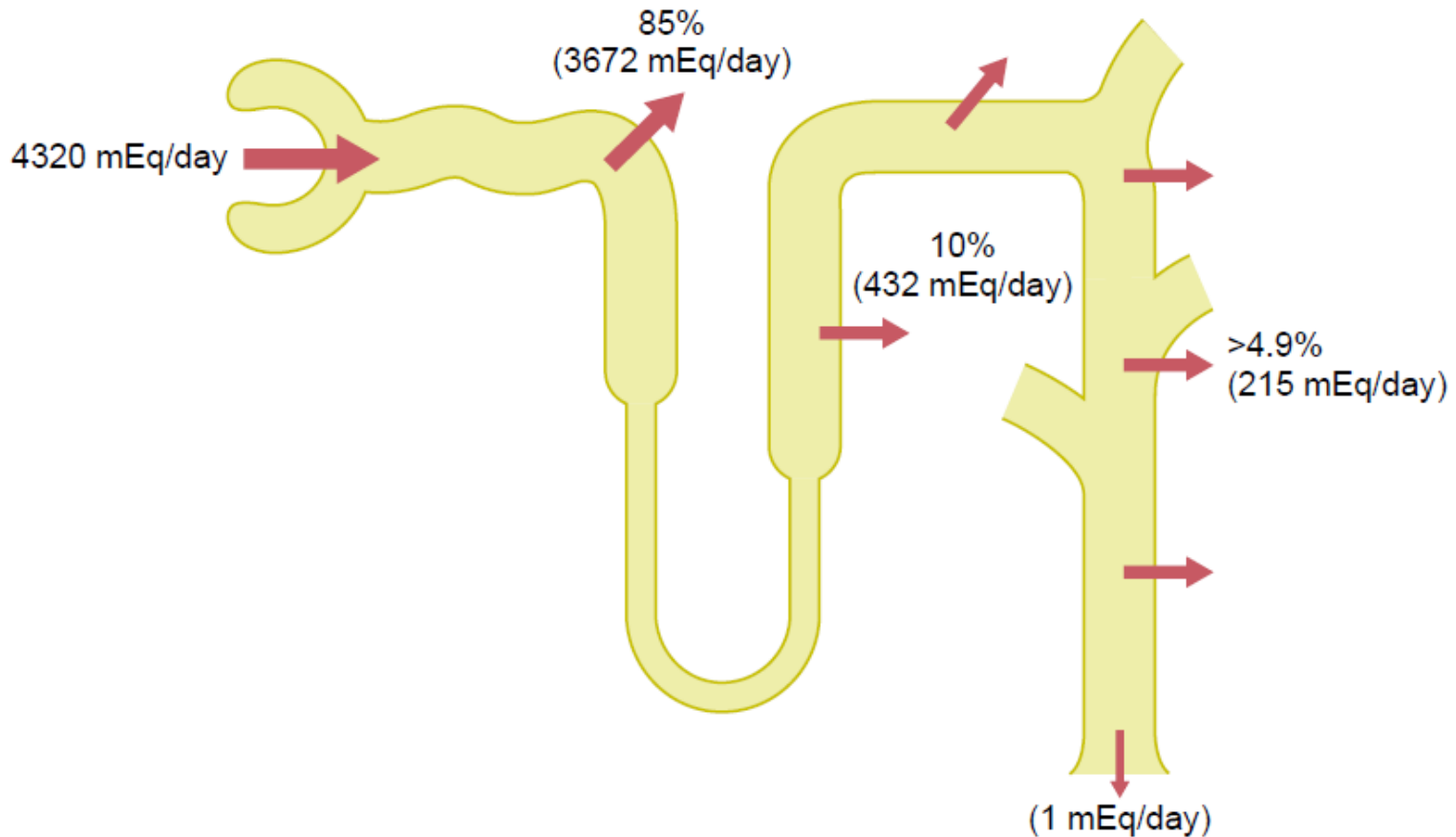
## *Regulation of Acid-Base Balance by Kidneys*

- by excretion of acid or alkalic urine
- a high amount of  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  still filtered in the glomerulus  
GFR 180 l/day,  $[\text{HCO}_3^-]_{\text{plasma}} 24 \text{ mEq/l} \rightarrow 4320 \text{ mEq HCO}_3^-$   
filtered per day - almost all ordinarily reabsorbed
- a high amount of  $\text{H}^+$  still secreted in renal tubules  
about 80 mEq of non-volatile acids are formed in the course of  
metabolic processes per day - have to be excreted by kidneys
- filtered  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  / secreted  $\text{H}^+$

# Acid-Base Balance and its Regulation

## *Regulation of Acid-Base Balance by Kidneys*

- 1) Secretion of  $H^+$
- 2) Reabsorption of  $HCO_3^-$

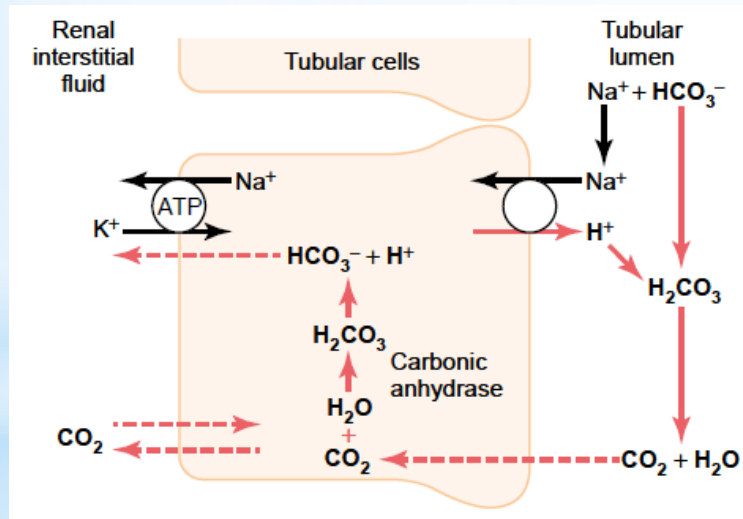


# Acid-Base Balance and its Regulation

## Regulation of Acid-Base Balance by Kidneys

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❖ in the proximal tubule, thick loop of Henle and at the beginning of the distal tubule



$Na^+/H^+$ -antiport

*>90%  $HCO_3^-$  reabsorbed - only a slight acidification of the urine!*

Reabsorption of  $HCO_3^-$  across the basolateral membrane facilitated by:

- $Na^+-HCO_3^-$  co-transport (the proximal tubule)
- $Cl^- - HCO_3^-$  exchanger (the end of proximal tubule and the following parts of tubulus except for the thin loop of Henle)

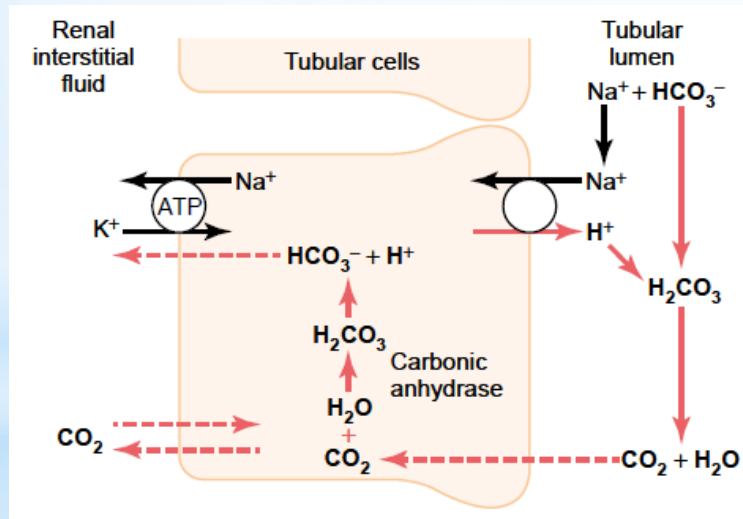


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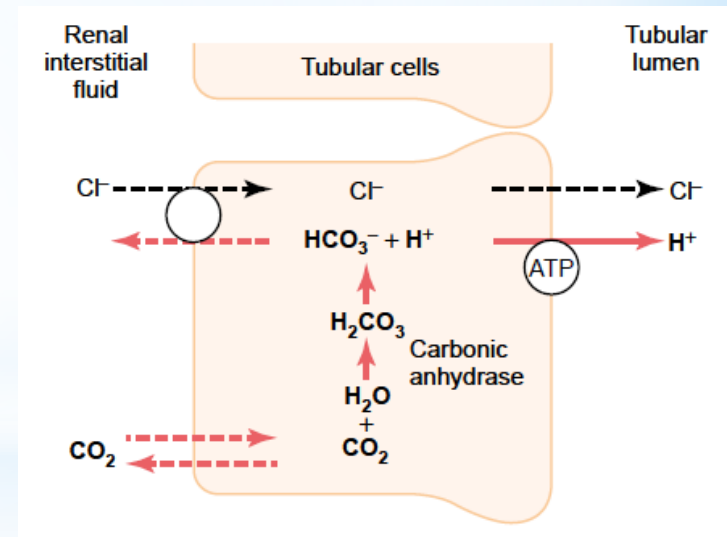
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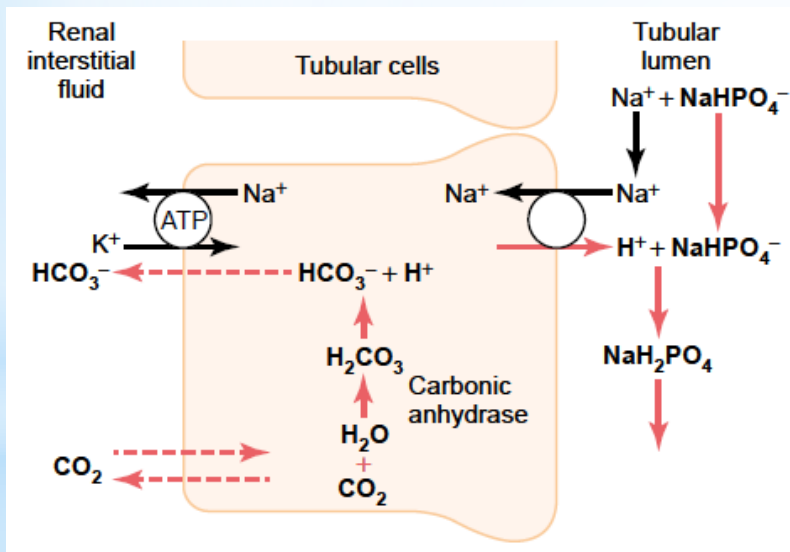
primary active transport of  $H^+$   
(intercalated cells)  
*acidification of urine*

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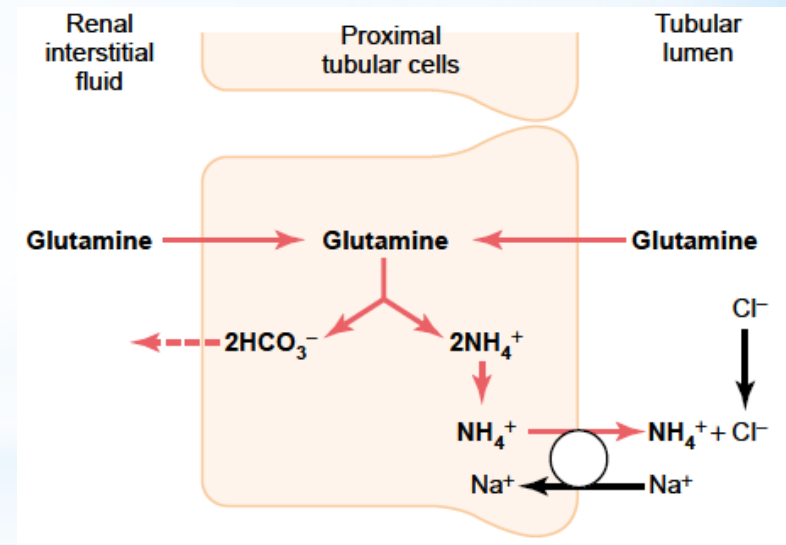
- 1) Secretion of  $H^+$
- 2) Reabsorption of  $HCO_3^-$
- 3) Production of  $HCO_3^-$  *de novo*

❖ Phosphate buffer ( $HPO_4^{2-}$ ,  $H_2PO_4^-$ )



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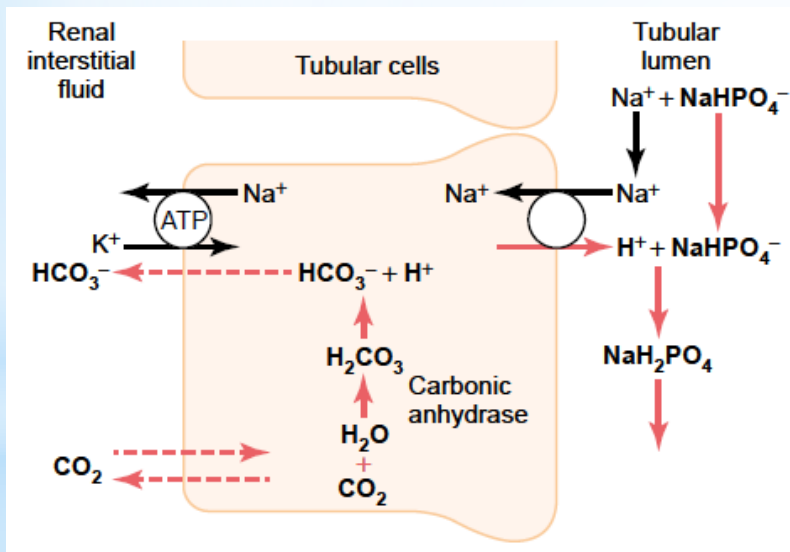
$NH_4^+$  originates from glutamine - the proximal tubule, thick ascending loop of Henle and distal tubule

# Acid-Base Balance and its Regulation

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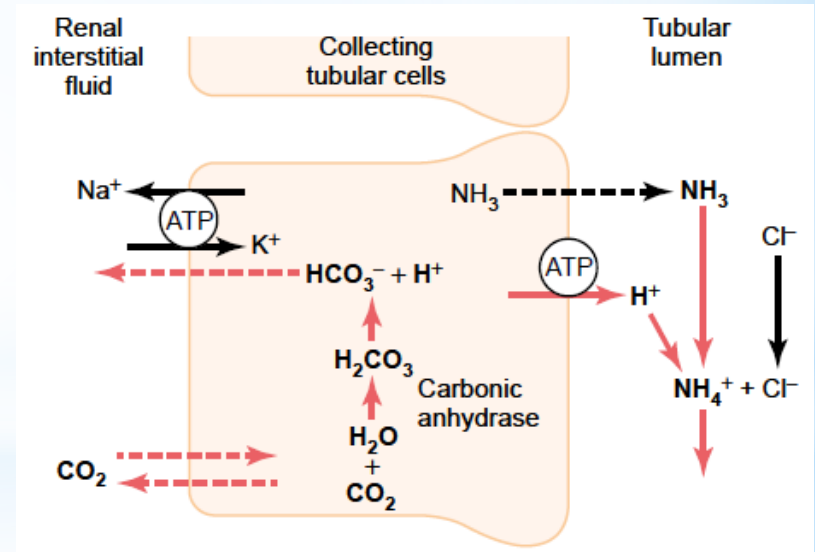
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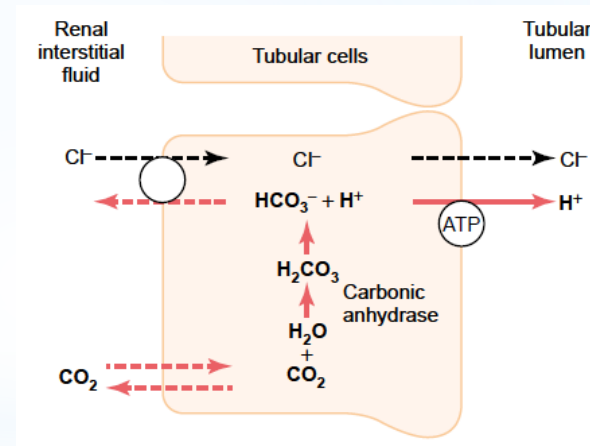
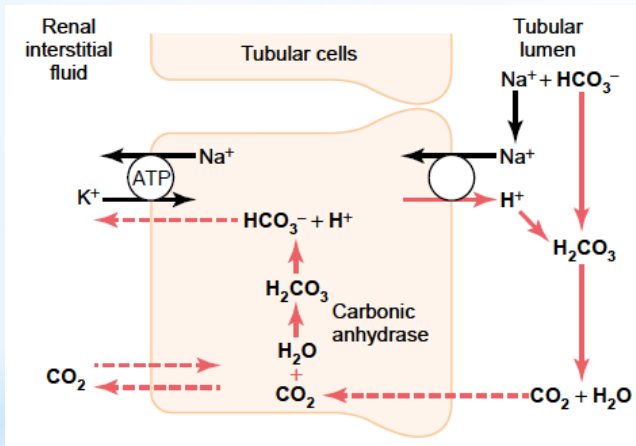
the collecting duct (permeable for  $NH_3$  but far less for  $NH_4^+$  - excreted by urine)  
**50% of  $H^+$  secretion and  $HCO_3^-$  formed *de novo!***

# Acid-Base Balance and its Regulation

## *Regulation of Acid-Base Balance by Kidneys*

### Regulation of H<sup>+</sup> secretion

- ↑ - ↑ pCO<sub>2</sub> in ECF (respiratory acidosis; direct stimulation due to ↑ formation of H<sup>+</sup> in tubular cells)



- ↓ pH in ECF (respiratory or metabolic acidosis)
- ↑ secretion of aldosterone (stimulates active H<sup>+</sup> secretion in intercalated cells of collecting ducts, also through Na<sup>+</sup>/H<sup>+</sup> antiport; Conn's syndrome - alkalosis)

# Acid-Base Balance and its Regulation

## *Regulation of Acid-Base Balance by Kidneys*

### Regulation of H<sup>+</sup> secretion

#### Factors That Increase or Decrease H<sup>+</sup> Secretion and HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> Reabsorption by the Renal Tubules

##### Increase H<sup>+</sup> Secretion and HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> Reabsorption

↑ PCO<sub>2</sub>

↑ H<sup>+</sup>, ↓ HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>

↓ Extracellular fluid volume

↑ Angiotensin II

↑ Aldosterone

Hypokalemia

##### Decrease H<sup>+</sup> Secretion and HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> Reabsorption

↓ PCO<sub>2</sub>

↓ H<sup>+</sup>, ↑ HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>

↑ Extracellular fluid volume

↓ Angiotensin II

↓ Aldosterone

Hyperkalemia

RAS

↑ activity of Na<sup>+</sup>/H<sup>+</sup> antiport

↑ activity of H<sup>+</sup> ATPase



tendency to alkalosis

# Acid-Base Balance and its Regulation

## *Regulation of Acid-Base Balance by Kidneys*

### Acidosis - correction by kidneys

$$\downarrow \text{pH} = 6.1 + \log \frac{\text{HCO}_3^-}{0.03 \times P_{\text{CO}_2}} \quad \downarrow$$

- **metabolic acidosis:** due to  $\downarrow \text{HCO}_3^-$   
**renal correction :**  $\downarrow \text{HCO}_3^-$  in ECF  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  filtered  $\text{HCO}_3^- \rightarrow$  complete reabsorption of  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  + its formation *de novo* ( $\text{HCO}_3^-$  not excreted) +  $\uparrow \text{H}^+$  excretion  $\rightarrow$  pH normalization
- **respiratory acidosis:** due to  $\uparrow P_{\text{CO}_2}$  (hypoventilation)  
**renal correction:**  $\uparrow P_{\text{CO}_2}$  in ECF  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow P_{\text{CO}_2}$  in tubular cells  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  formation of  $\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  in tubular cells  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow \text{H}^+$  secretion +  $\uparrow \text{HCO}_3^-$  reabsorption  $\rightarrow$  pH normalization

# Acid-Base Balance and its Regulation

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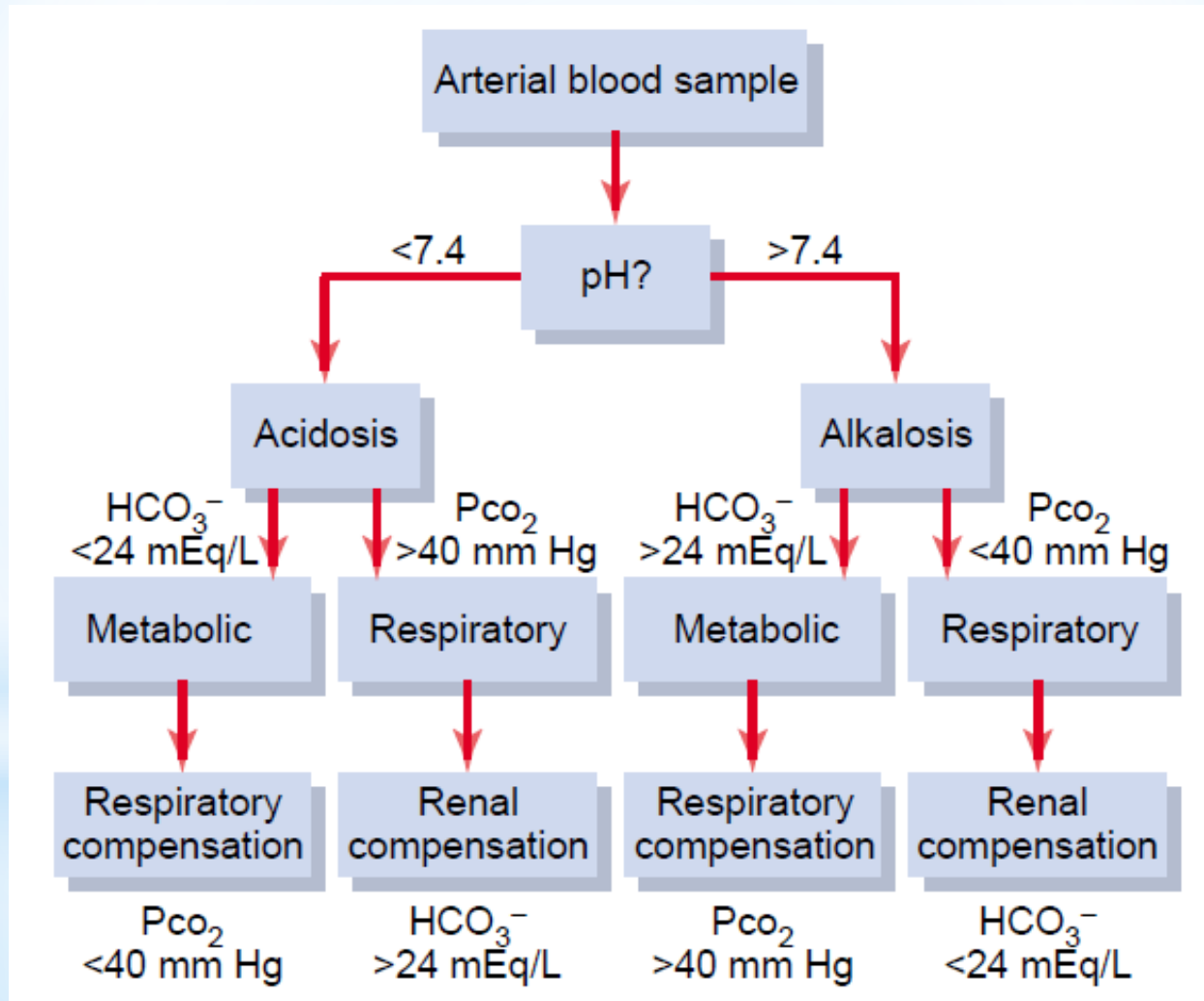
### Alkalosis - correction by kidneys

$$\uparrow \text{pH} = 6.1 + \log \frac{\text{HCO}_3^-}{0.03 \times P_{\text{CO}_2}} \uparrow$$

- **metabolic alkalosis:** due to  $\uparrow \text{HCO}_3^-$   
**renal correction:**  $\uparrow \text{HCO}_3^-$  in ECF  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  filtered  $\text{HCO}_3^-$   $\rightarrow$  incomplete  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  reabsorption (lack of  $\text{H}^+$ )  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow \text{HCO}_3^-$  excretion by urine  $\rightarrow$  pH normalization
- **respiratory alkalosis :** due to  $\downarrow P_{\text{CO}_2}$  (hyperventilation)  
**renal correction:**  $\downarrow P_{\text{CO}_2}$  in ECF  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow P_{\text{CO}_2}$  in tubular cells  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  formation of  $\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  in tubular cells  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow \text{H}^+$  secretion +  $\downarrow \text{HCO}_3^-$  reabsorption  $\rightarrow$  pH normalization

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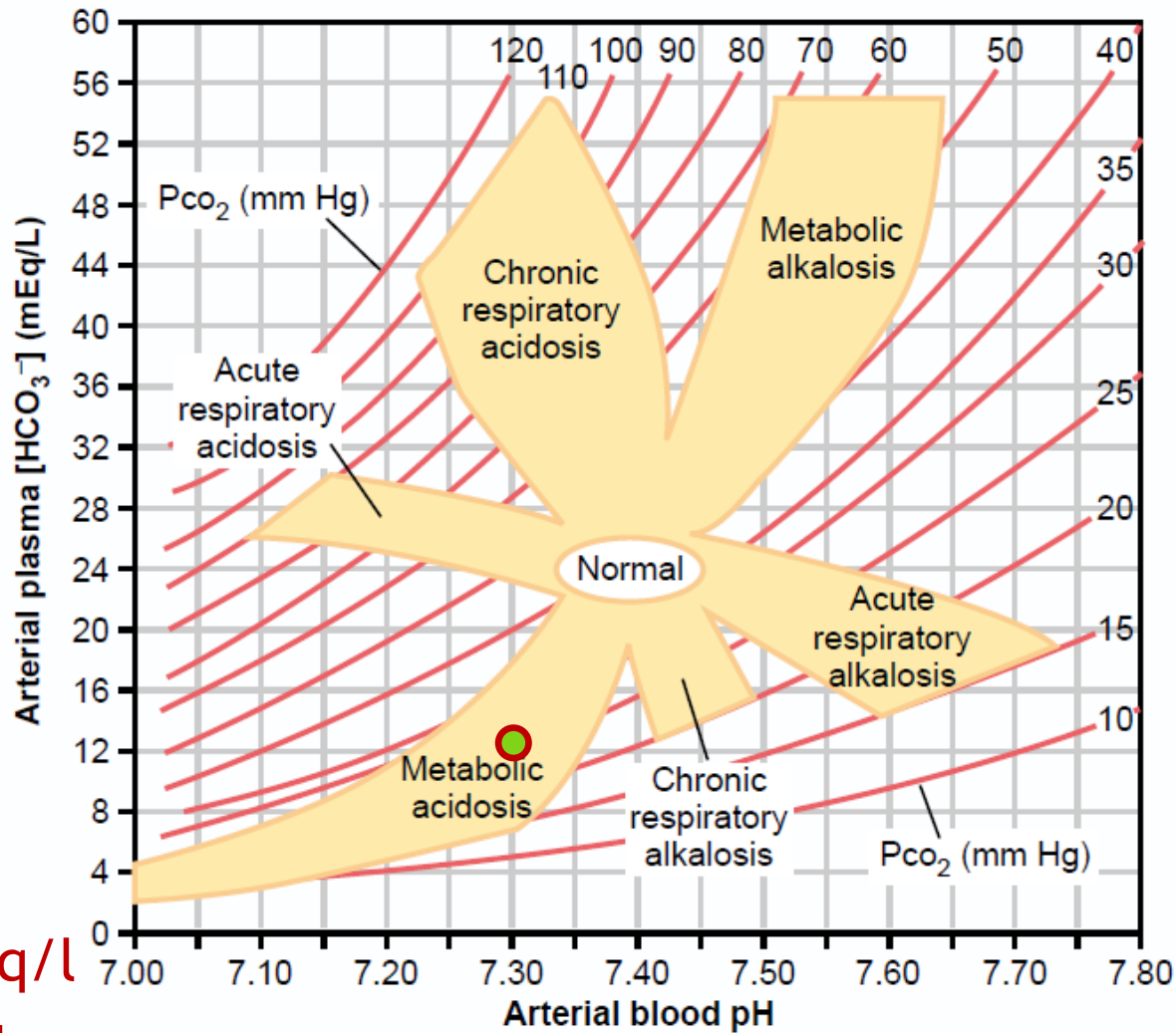
## *Diagnostics*





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## Diagnosics



pH: 7,3

$\text{HCO}_3^-$ : 12 mEq/l

$\text{P}_{\text{CO}_2}$ : 25 mmHg