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CHAPTER 9

# The Endocrine System

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- Second controlling system of the body
  - Nervous system is the fast-control system
- Uses chemical messengers (hormones) that are released into the blood
- Hormones control several major processes:
  - Reproduction
  - Growth and development
  - Mobilization of body defenses
  - Maintenance of much of homeostasis
  - Regulation of metabolism

### **Endocrine System**

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gjmS4\_7kv
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#### **Hormone Overview**

Hormones are produced by specialized cells

Cells secrete hormones into extracellular fluids

Blood transfers hormones to target sites

• The hormones then regulate the activity of other cells (aka target cells)

# The Chemistry of Hormones

- Hormones are classified chemically as
  - Amino acid based, which includes
    - Proteins
    - Peptides
    - Amines

Steroids — made from cholesterol

Prostaglandins — made from highly active lipids

#### **Mechanisms of Hormone Action**

 Hormones affect only certain tissues or organs (target cells or target organs)

 Target cells must have <u>specific protein</u> receptors

Hormone-binding alters cellular activity

# **Effects** Caused by Hormones

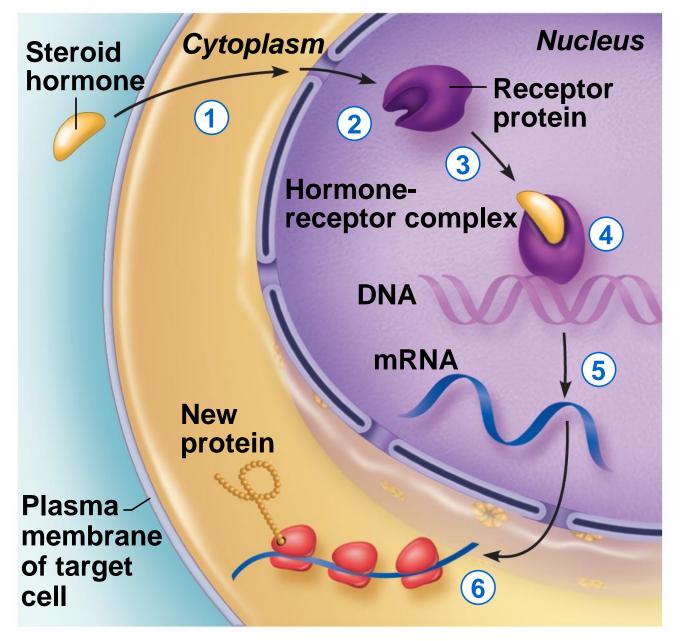
- (1) Changes in plasma membrane permeability or electrical state
- (2) Synthesis of proteins, such as enzymes
- (3) Activation or inactivation of enzymes
- (4) Stimulation of mitosis
- (5) Promotion of secretory activity

# The Chemistry of Hormones

Two mechanisms in which hormones act

I. Direct gene activation

• II. Second-messenger system

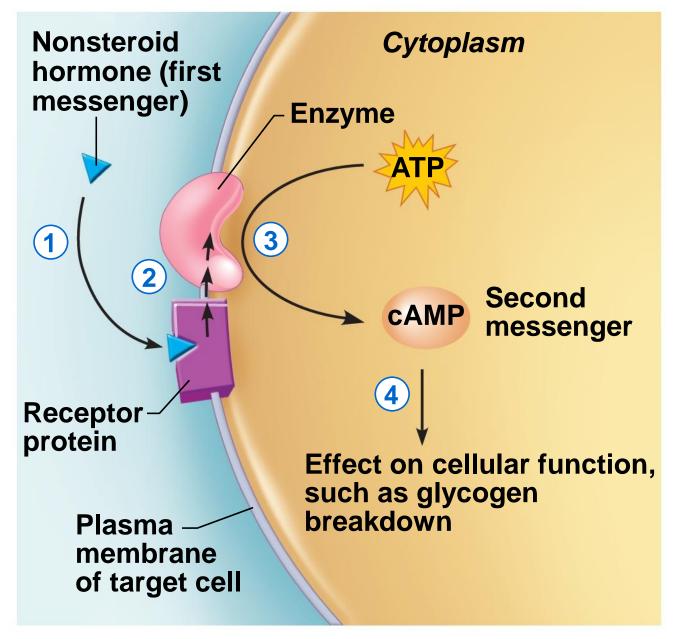


(a) Steroid hormone action

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# I. Direct Gene Activation (Steroid Hormone Action)

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(b) Nonsteroid hormone action

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# II. Second-Messenger System (Non-steroid Hormone Action)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Nt2r5R0ZO5U

#### **Control of Hormone Release**

 Hormone levels in the blood are mostly maintained by <u>negative</u> <u>feedback</u>

 A stimulus or low hormone levels in the blood triggers the release of more hormone

 Hormone release stops once an appropriate level in the blood is reached

## **Hormonal Negative Feedback**

 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RycF0ub2 Al0

#### **Exocrine vs. Endocrine**

- Exocrine:
  - secretes products by ducts externally to itself (outside the organ or body)
    - pancreas, sweat, liver, mammary
- Endocrine:
  - release products directly into the blood stream
    - pancreas, and the following . . .

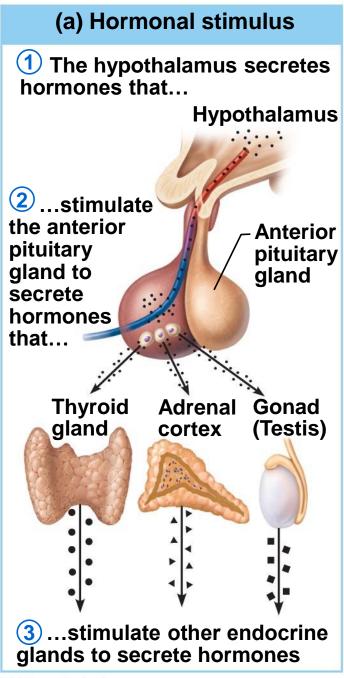
# (a) Hormonal Stimuli of Endocrine Glands

Most common stimuli

 Endocrine glands are <u>activated by other</u> <u>hormones</u>

#### Examples:

 Anterior pituitary hormones travel to target glands, such as the thyroid gland, to prompt the release of a particular hormone, such as thyroid hormone



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# (b) <u>Humoral Stimuli</u> of Endocrine Glands

- Changing blood levels of certain ions stimulate hormone release
  - Humoral indicates various body fluids such as blood and bile

#### Examples:

- Parathyroid hormone and calcitonin are produced in response to changing levels of blood calcium levels
- Insulin is produced in response to changing levels of blood glucose levels

#### (b) Humoral stimulus

1 Capillary blood contains low concentration of Ca<sup>2+</sup>, which stimulates...

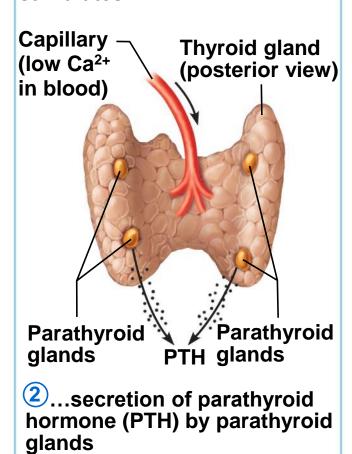


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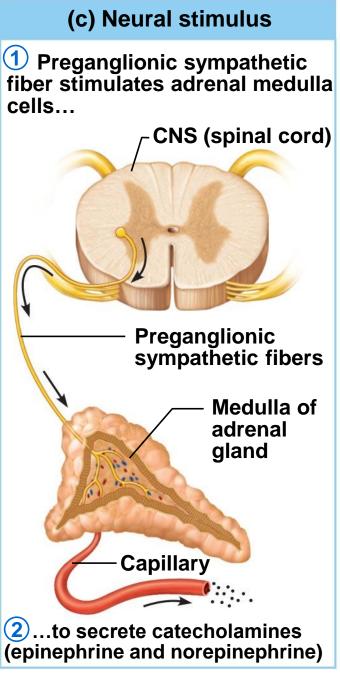
# (c) Neural Stimuli of Endocrine Glands

Nerve impulses stimulate hormone release

 Most are under the control of the <u>sympathetic</u> nervous system

#### Examples:

 The release of norepinephrine and epinephrine by the adrenal medulla



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