

# **Embryonic and postembryonic development**

# EMBRYONIC DEVELOPMENT – from fertilisation until leaving the egg membrane

Taking into consideration where embryogenesis happens:

## 1. oviparous

- Female lays eggs (aquatic invertebrates, insects, some fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds)



## 2. ovoviviparous

- Females produce eggs rich in nutrients, after fertilisation, until hatching, eggs are in the part of oviduct („uterus”) (some arthropods, snails, sharks, some reptiles, monotremes)



## 3. viviparous

- Females produce small eggs, embryo develops in uterus and feed through placenta (mammals)

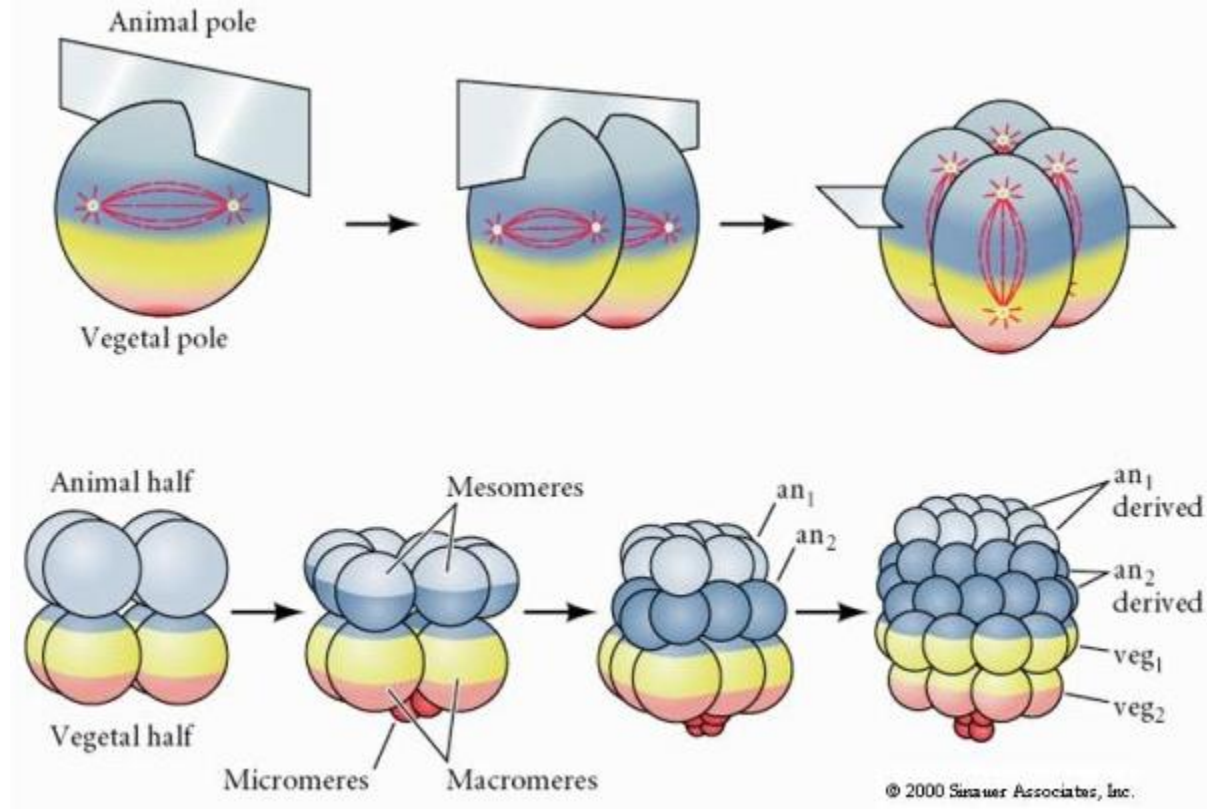
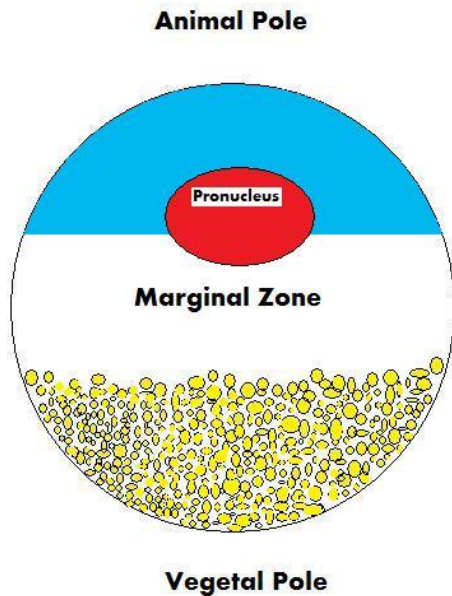


after fertilisation – cleavage (depends on the concentration of yolk in the egg):

- **holoblastic (total or entire cleavage)** or
- **meroblastic (partial cleavage)**

**vegetal pole** - The pole of the egg with the highest concentration of yolk

**animal pole**- the opposite



## Egg cells (ova)

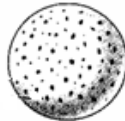
1. **Telolecithal** - refers to the uneven distribution of yolk in the cytoplasm of ova found in **birds, reptiles, fish, and monotremes**. The yolk is concentrated at one pole of the egg separate from the developing embryo



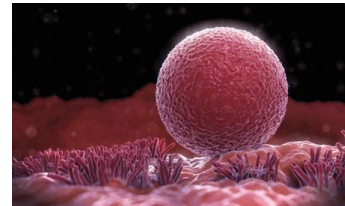
2. **Centrolecithal** - describes the placement of the yolk in the centre of the cytoplasm of ova. Many **arthropod** eggs are centrolecithal



3. **Isolecithal** - refers to the even distribution of yolk in the cytoplasm of ova of **mammals and other vertebrates**



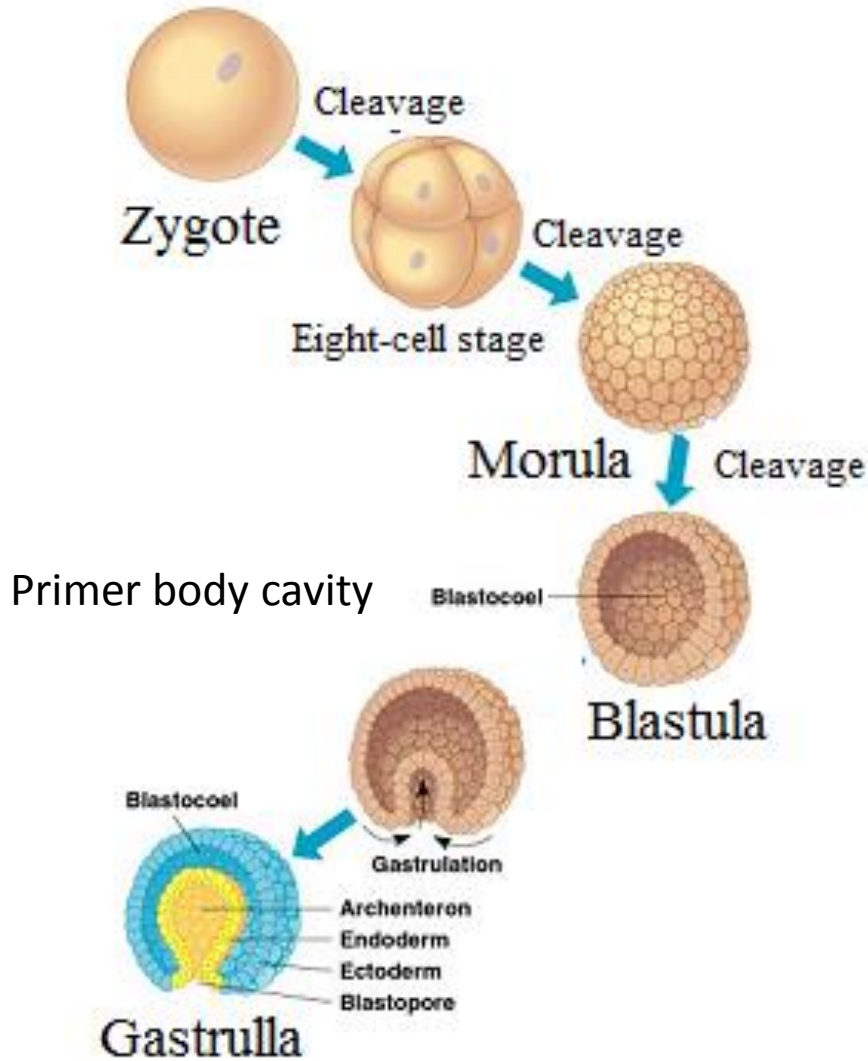
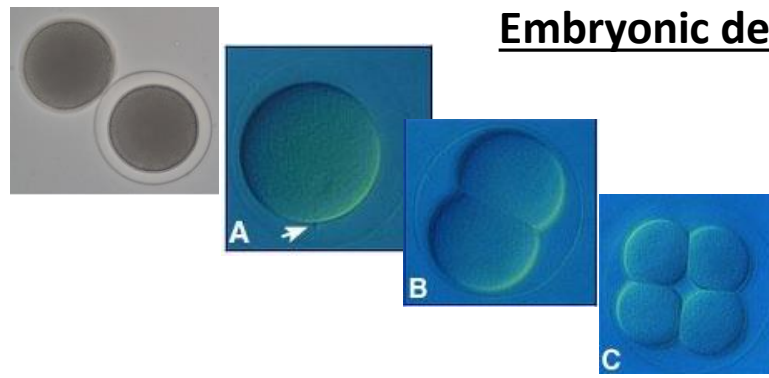
4. **Alecithal** – no yolk (**mammals with placenta**)

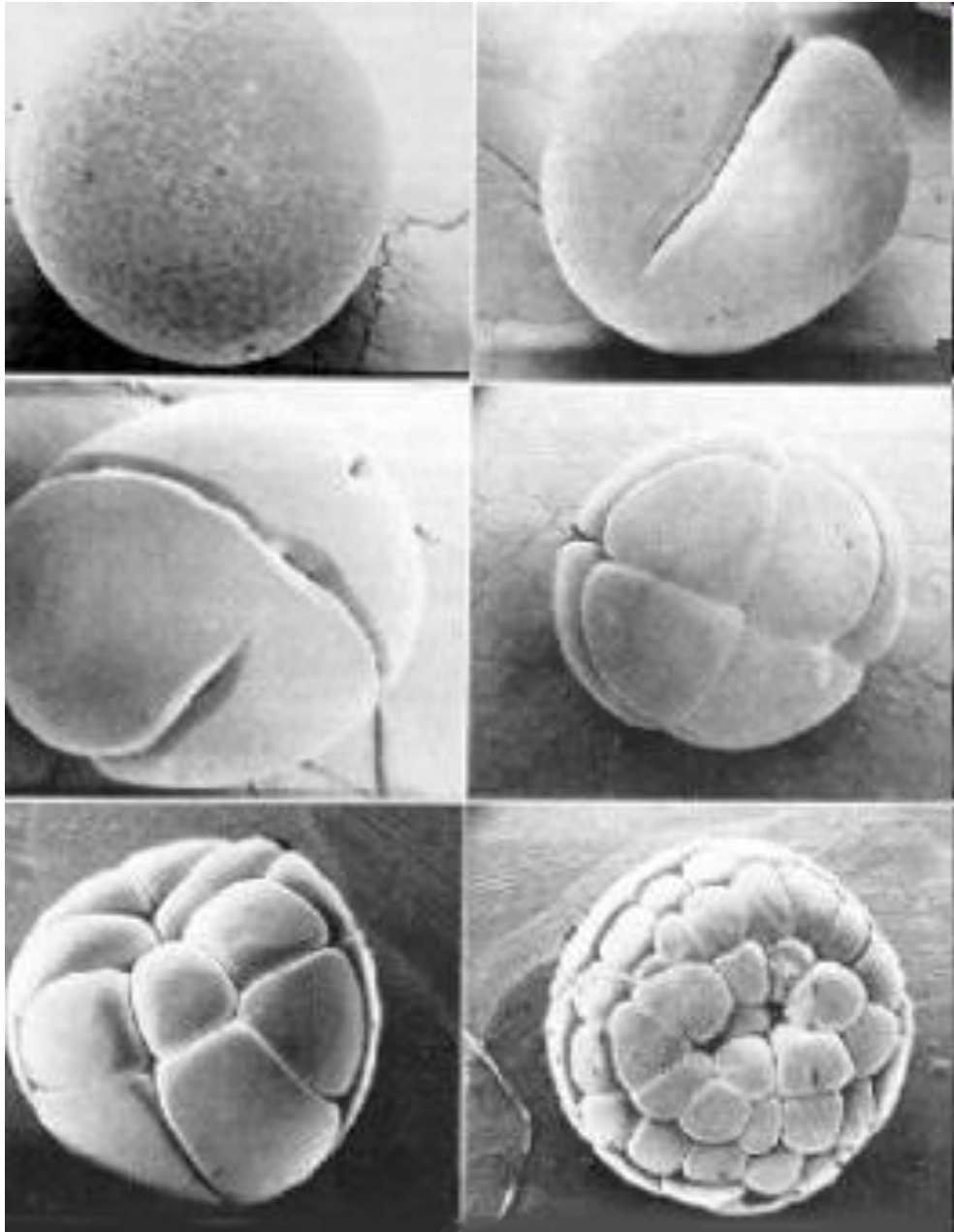


# Embryonic development of isolecital egg

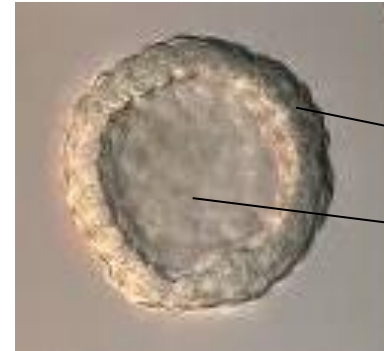
a) Unfertilised egg

b) Fertilised egg





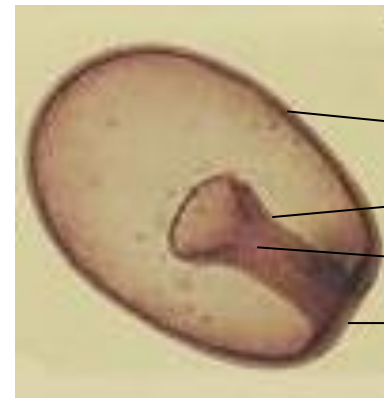
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BLASTULA

blastoderm

blastocoel



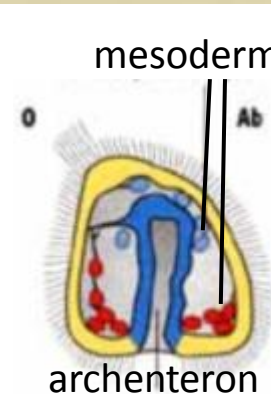
GASTRULA

ectoderm

endoderm

archenteron

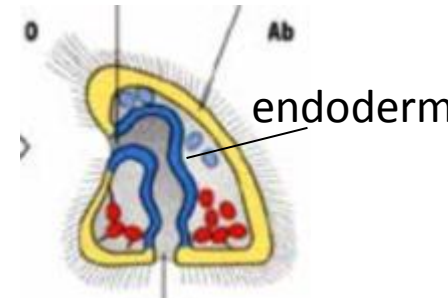
blastoporus



mesoderm

archenteron

mouth ectoderm



endoderm

Anal opening

# POSTEMBRYONIC development – from leaving the egg until sexual maturity :

## I. DIRECT

### - Juvenile looks like parent

- During postembryonic development it grows, matures sexually and achieves secondary sexual features

## II. INDIRECT

- Out of egg **LARVAE** – normally different from parent

- Larvae passes through **METAMORPHOSIS** – similar to parents, normally sexually mature

(e.g., tadpole  $\Rightarrow$  metamorphosis  $\Rightarrow$  adult frog)



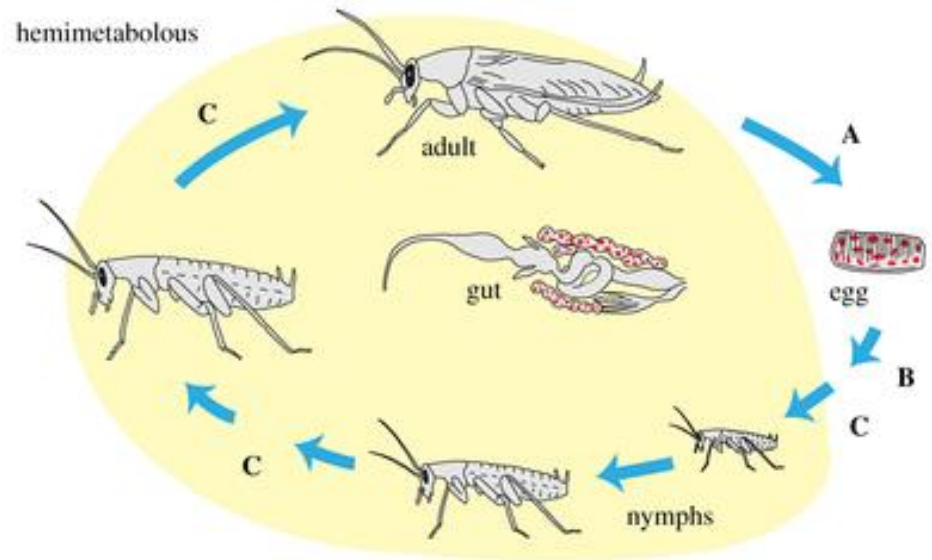
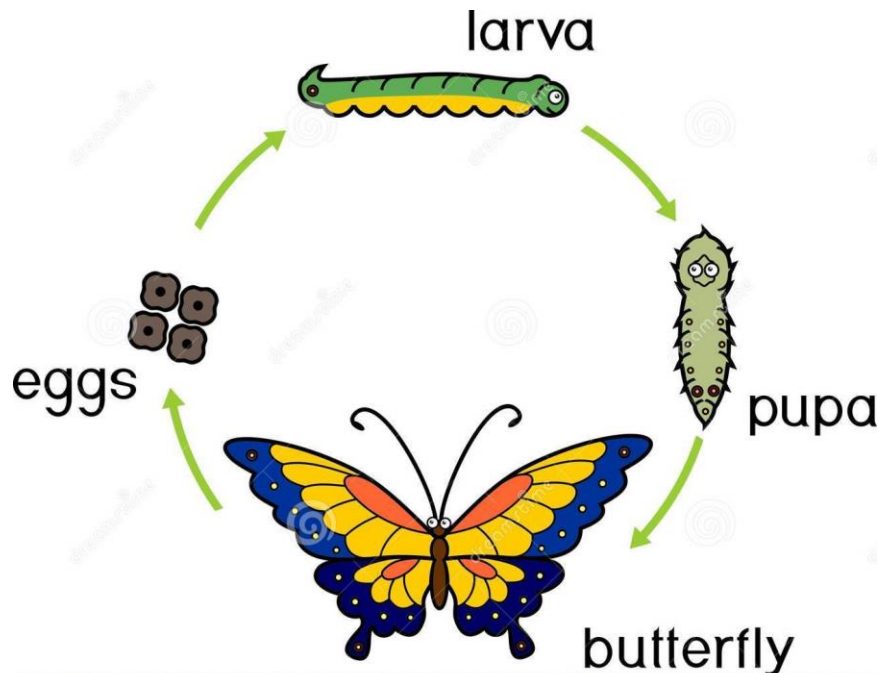
# INSECTS

- **larvae** (eating stage) passes through **metamorphosis** to become **adult (imago)** (reproductive stage)

- **metamorphosis**

Some tissues within larvae disappear – new ones appear (governed by hormones)

- **Metamorphosis could be complete (includes stage of PUPA)=HOLOMETABOLOUS or incomplete (no PUPA)=HEMIMETABOLOUS**





# Sex determination:

I genetic – sex is consequence of genotype

## ► diplogenetic

majority of taxa (including humans) – sex is determined in both haploid and diploid phase

sex is determined by **sex chromosomes X & Y**

\*mainly male carries **Y** chromosome

(males  $2n+XY$  & females  $2n+XX$ )

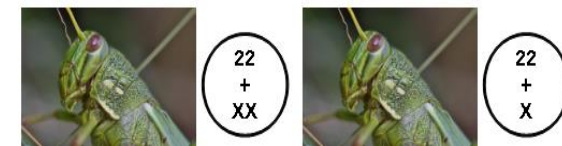
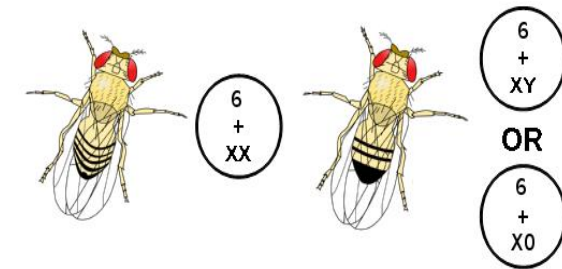
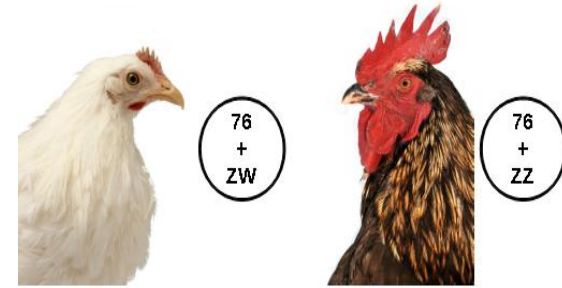
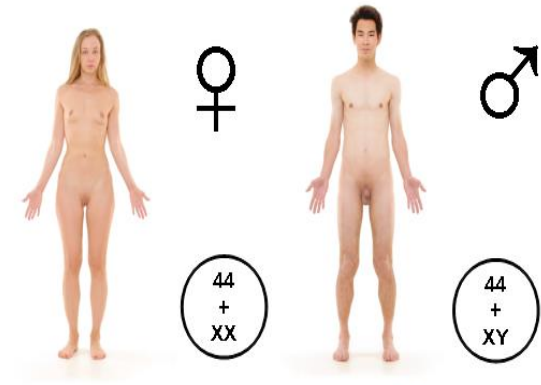
\* sometimes females possess two different chromosomes

(e.g.,  $2n+ZW$  - birds, some reptiles, fish, some insects)

## ► haplogenetic

sex is visible only in gametes (haploid phase), while diploid phase is

hermaphroditic – **protists**



## II under influence of environment – nothing to do with genotype

FOOD – all individuals have the same genetic inheritance, but after fed by specific food – they develop sexual features

e.g. when queen dies (**ants and termites**) – each larvae (that would normally develop into worker or soldier) could develop into queen if fed by special food



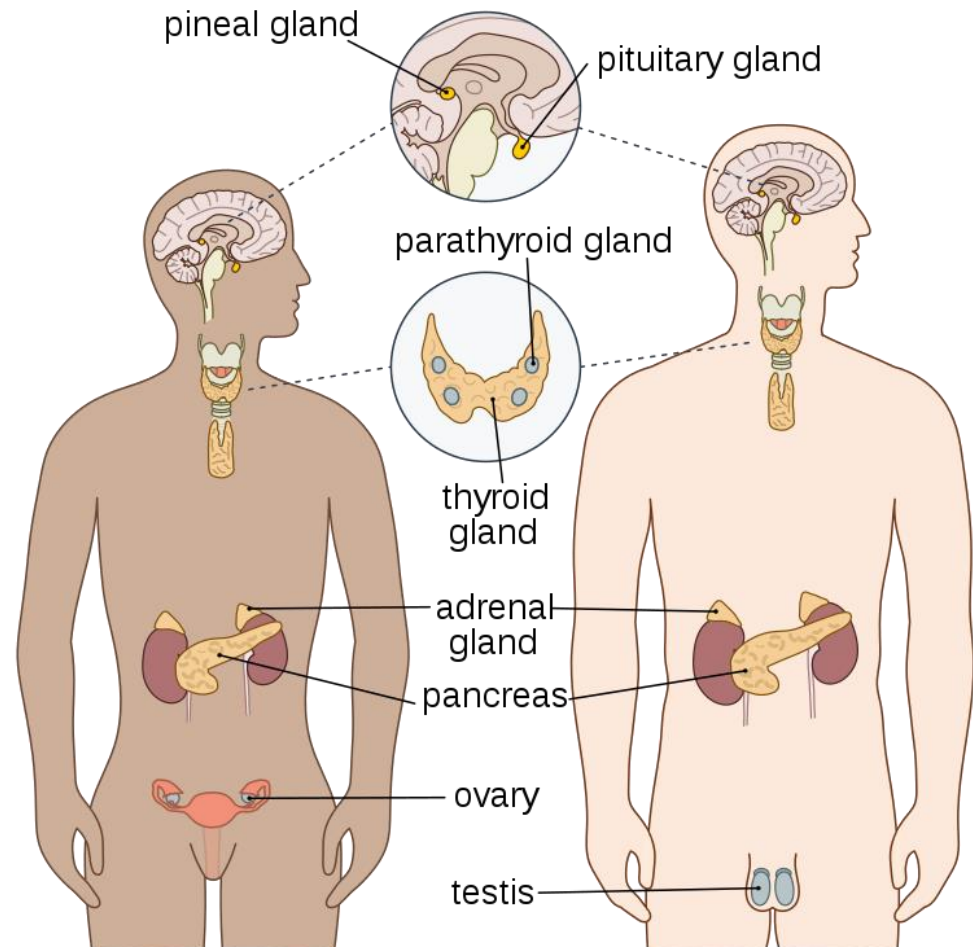
## TEMPERATURE AND UV

alligators – egg < 31,5°C - females,  
32,5 - 33°C males,  
cca 32°C 50:50



# Hormonal system

- also called the **endocrine system**,
- a **network of glands and organs** in the body that **produces hormones**.
- several glands make hormones, including the pituitary gland, the pineal gland, the thyroid gland, the parathyroid glands, the adrenal glands, the pancreas, ovaries and testes.



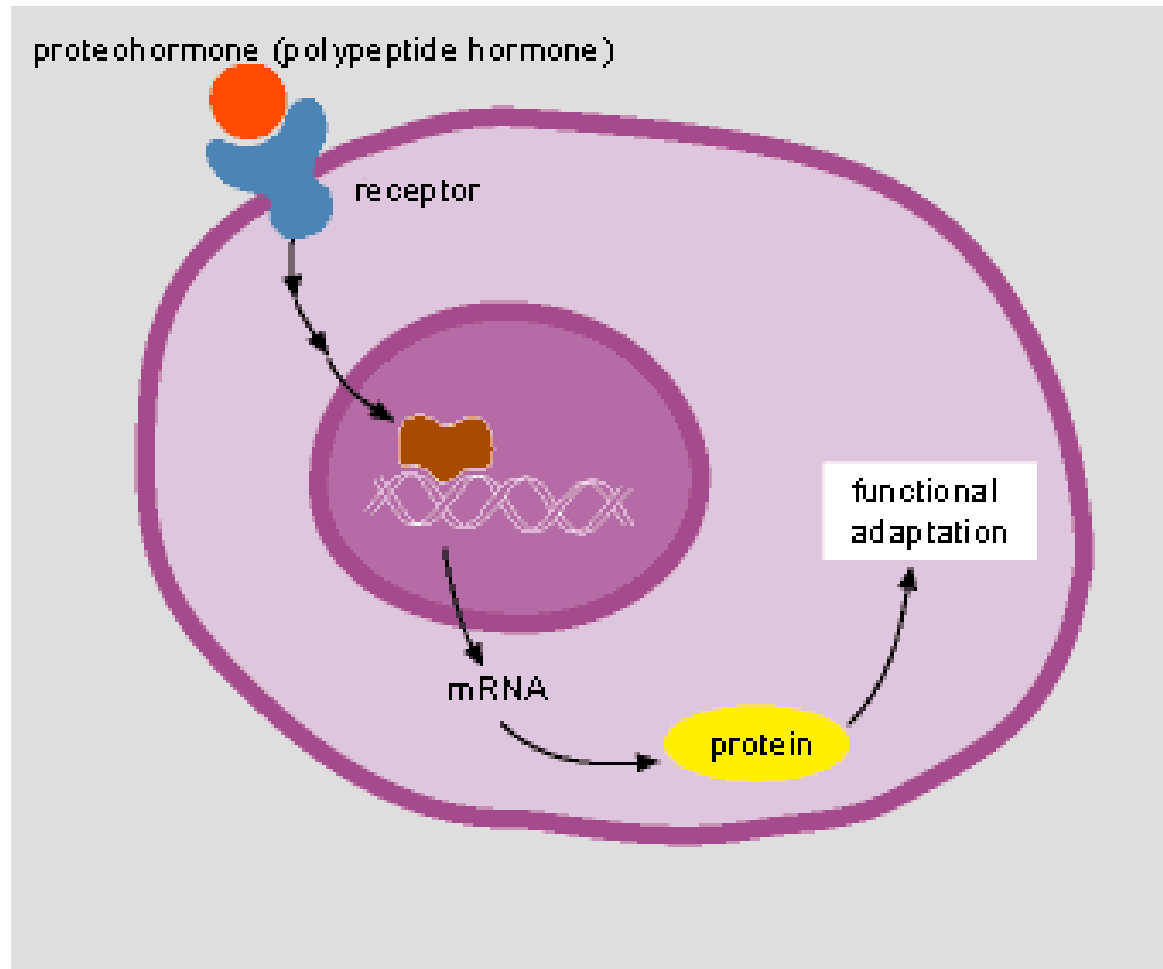
**role:** a **messenger system** comprising feedback loops of the hormones released by internal glands of an organism directly into the circulatory system, **regulating distant target organs and many functions in the body.**

According to chemical structure:

- steroids
- amines (from amino acids)
- proteohormones (polypeptides)

## proteohormones & amines:

- hydro soluble, can't pass through cell membrane
- Receptor brings it in



## steroids:

- lipo soluble, **can pass** through membrane
- connect to receptors in cytoplasm – into nucleus – transcription of genes

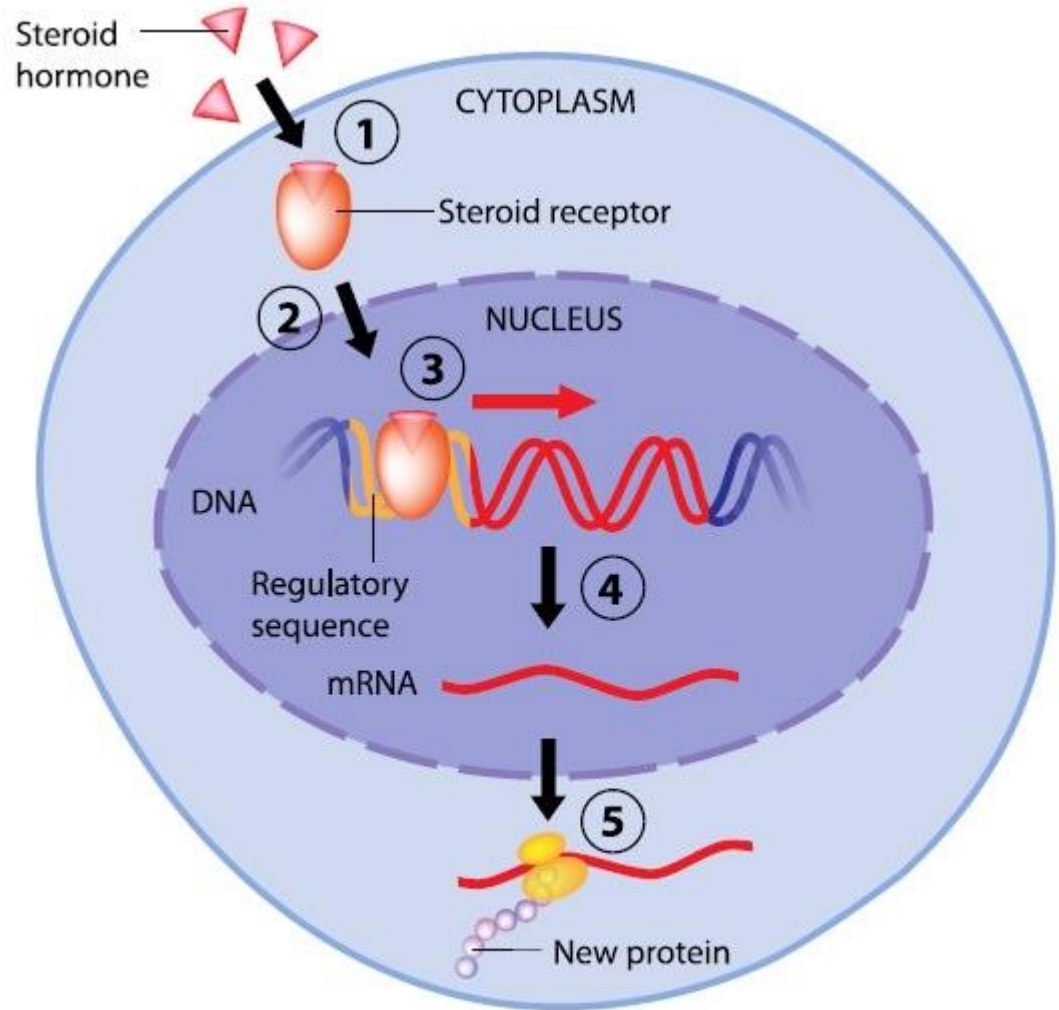
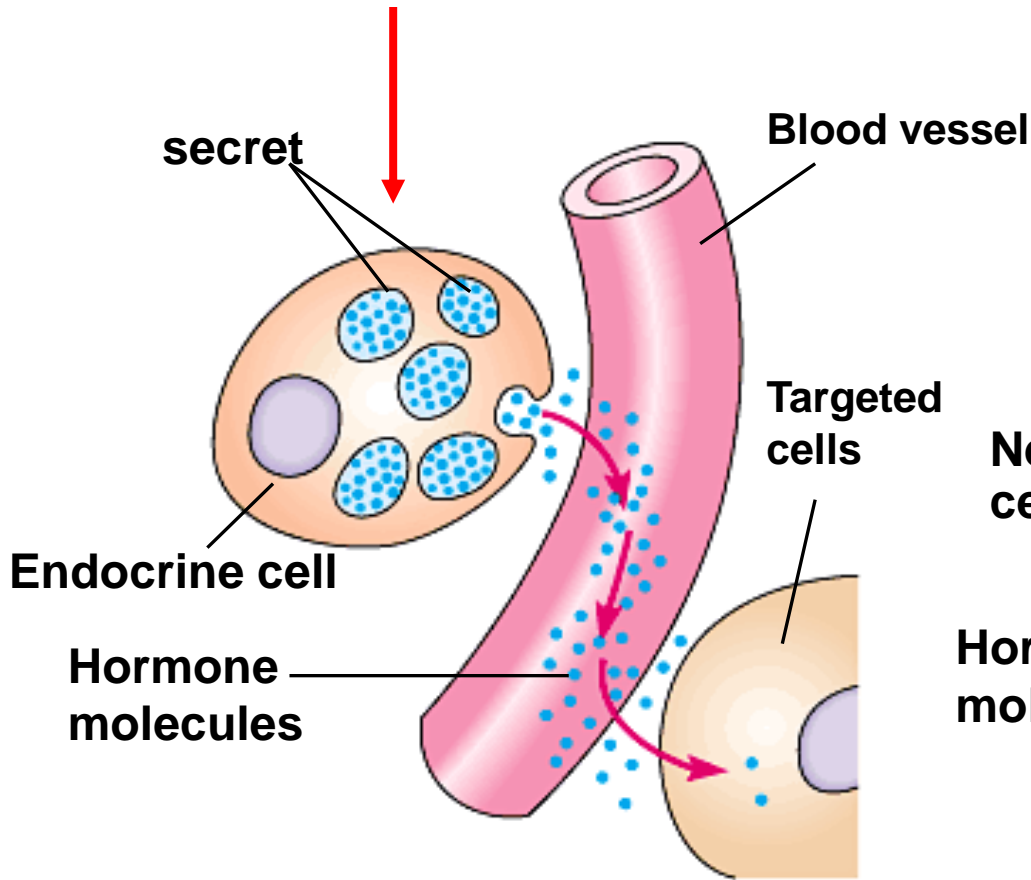


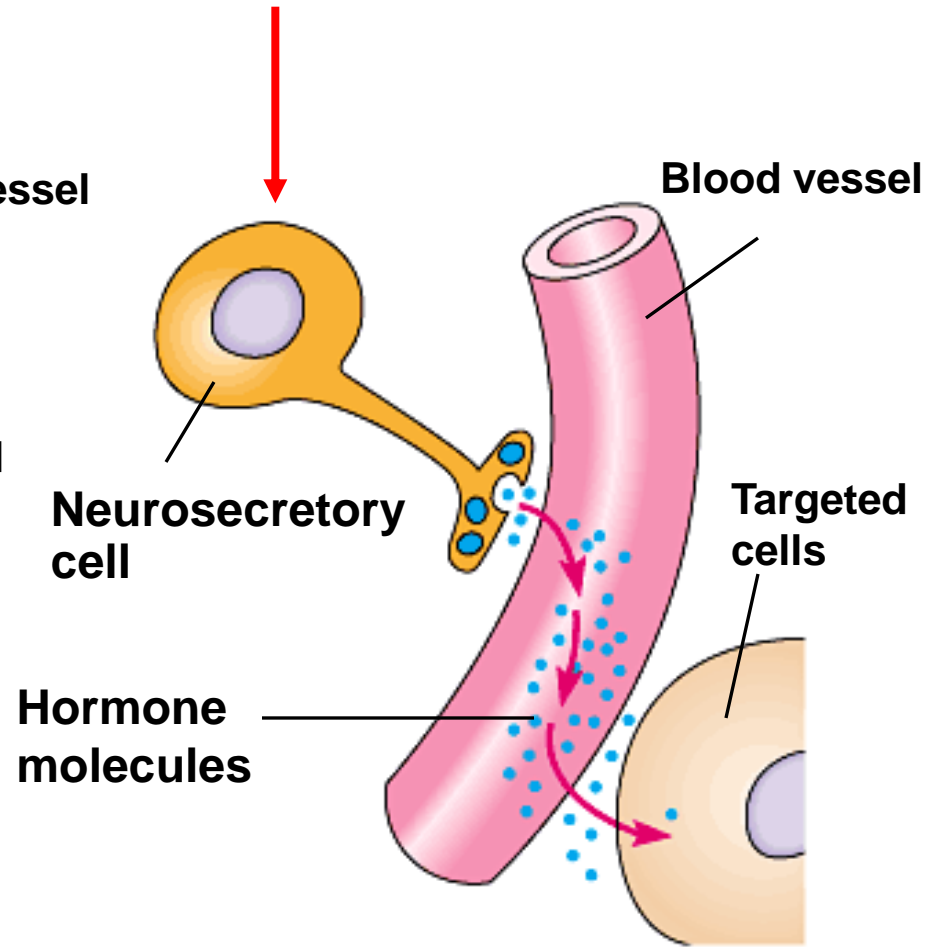
Figure 11.18: Mechanism of steroid hormone action

hormones are produced and send into blood by:

> endocrine glands



> neuro-secretory cells



- **INVERTEBRATES** – neuro-secretion *neuro-hormones*
- **VERTEBRATES** – mainly *endocrine glands*

# OVERVIEW

## protists:

- no real hormones

## invertebrates:

**Cnidarians** – neurosecretory cells (regeneration, budding, growing)

**Platyhelminthes** - neurosecretory cells (regeneration, reproduction)

**Nematodes** - neurosecretory cells (moulting)

**Molluscs**- neurosecretory cells (pigmentation of the skin) + **1. hormonal glands** (for ovary development)

**Annelids** - neurosecretory cells (regeneration, reproduction, growth)



arthropods:

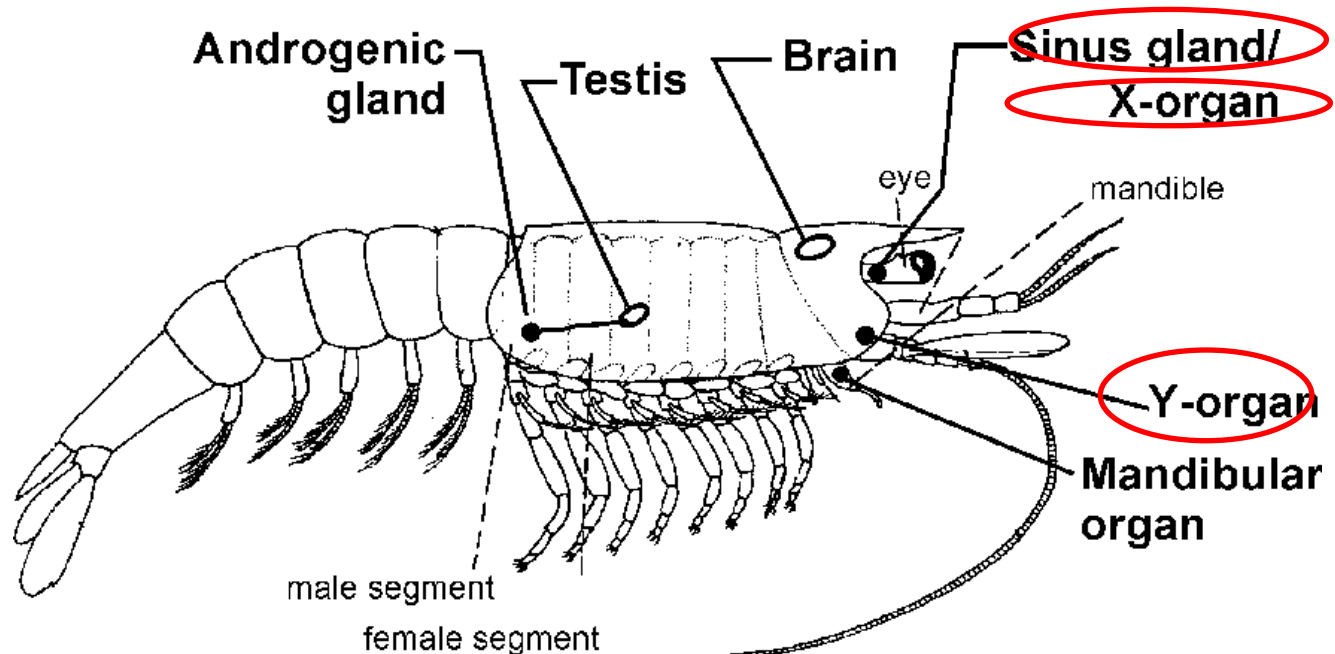


**Crustaceans** - 3 structures connected to hormonal :

**Y-organ** - hormone *ekdison* stimulate moulting

**X-organ** – hormone that stops moulting

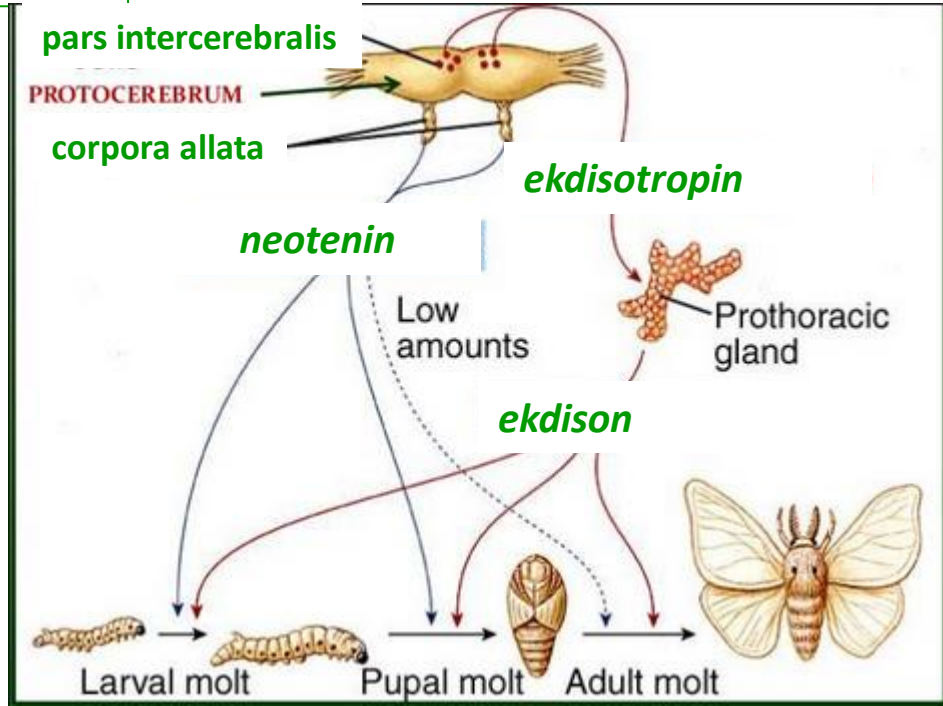
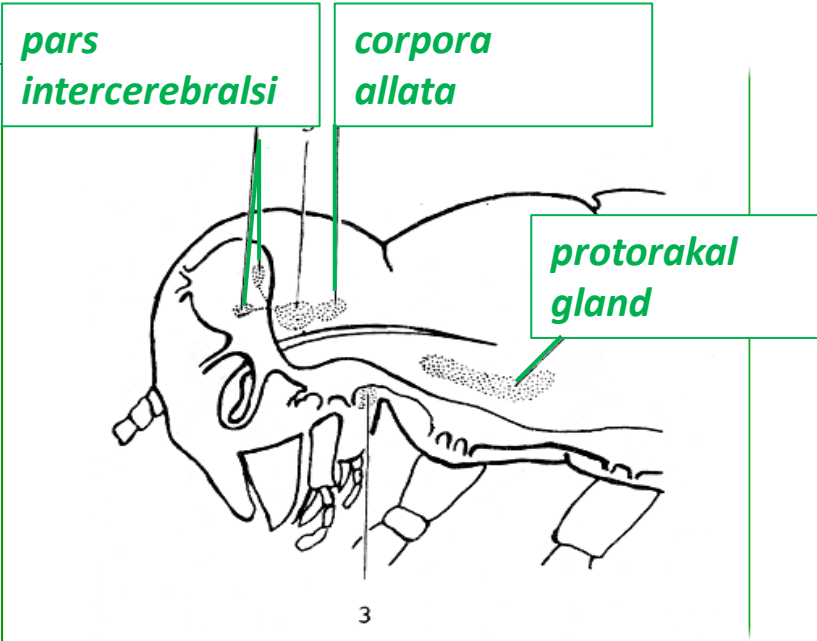
**sinus gland** – not gland  
- **store hormones from X-organ that inhibit Y-organ activity**



# Insects

- Moulting is regulated by brain cells (*pars intercerebralis*) - hormone (*ekdisotropin*) influences on **protorakal gland** that produce hormone *ekdison* (metamorphosis)

If with *ekdison* also juvenile hormone *neotenin* (produced by *corpora allata*) = moulting, if there is a little amount *neotenina* = the last moulting)



# vertebrates

## endocrine glands make unique system

**Thyroid gland** - *gl. thyroidea*

**Parathyroid gland** - *gl. parathyroidea*

**Thymus gland** - *thymus*

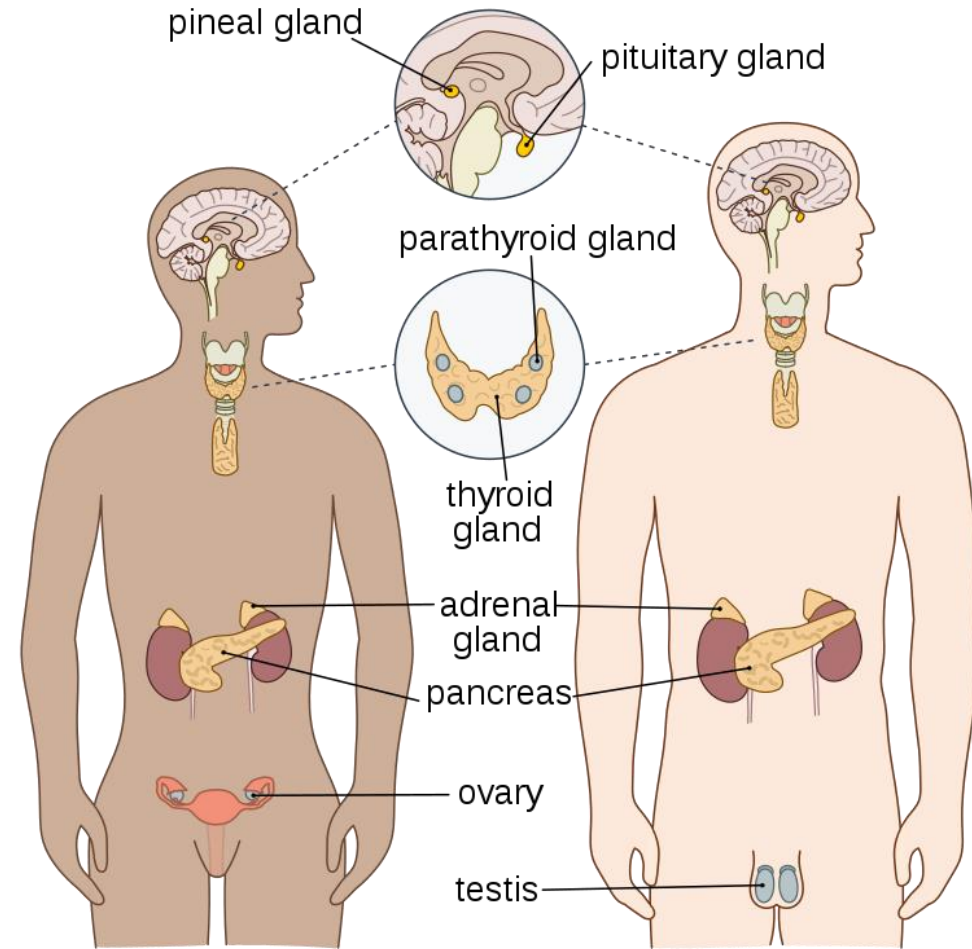
**Hypophysis (pituitary gland)** - *gl. pituitaris*

**Epiphysis (pineal gland)** - *gl. pinealis*

**Adrenal gland** - *gl. suprarenalis\**

**Pancreas** - *pancreas*

**Gonads (ovary, testis)** - *testis, ovarium\**

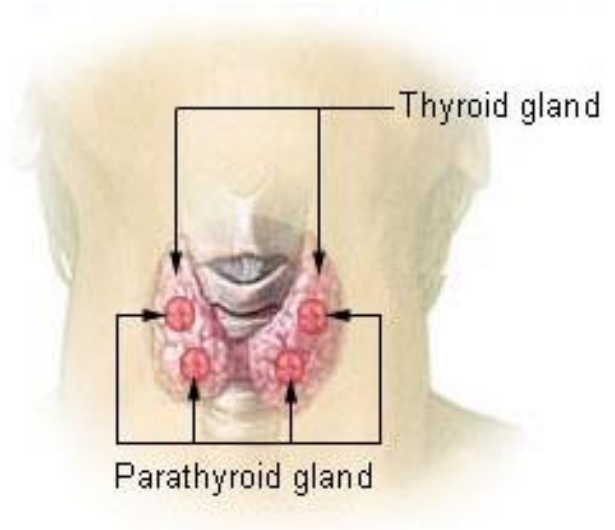


\*steroid hormones, the rest are not steroid

➤ **Thyroid gland** *glandula thyreoidea*

hormones: **triiodothyronine** (T3) and **thyroxine** (T4) and **calcitonin**

The thyroid gland is a vital hormone gland: It plays a major role in **the metabolism, growth and development of the human body, controlling heart, muscle and digestive function, brain development and bone maintenance.** It helps to regulate many body functions by constantly releasing a steady amount of thyroid hormones into the bloodstream.

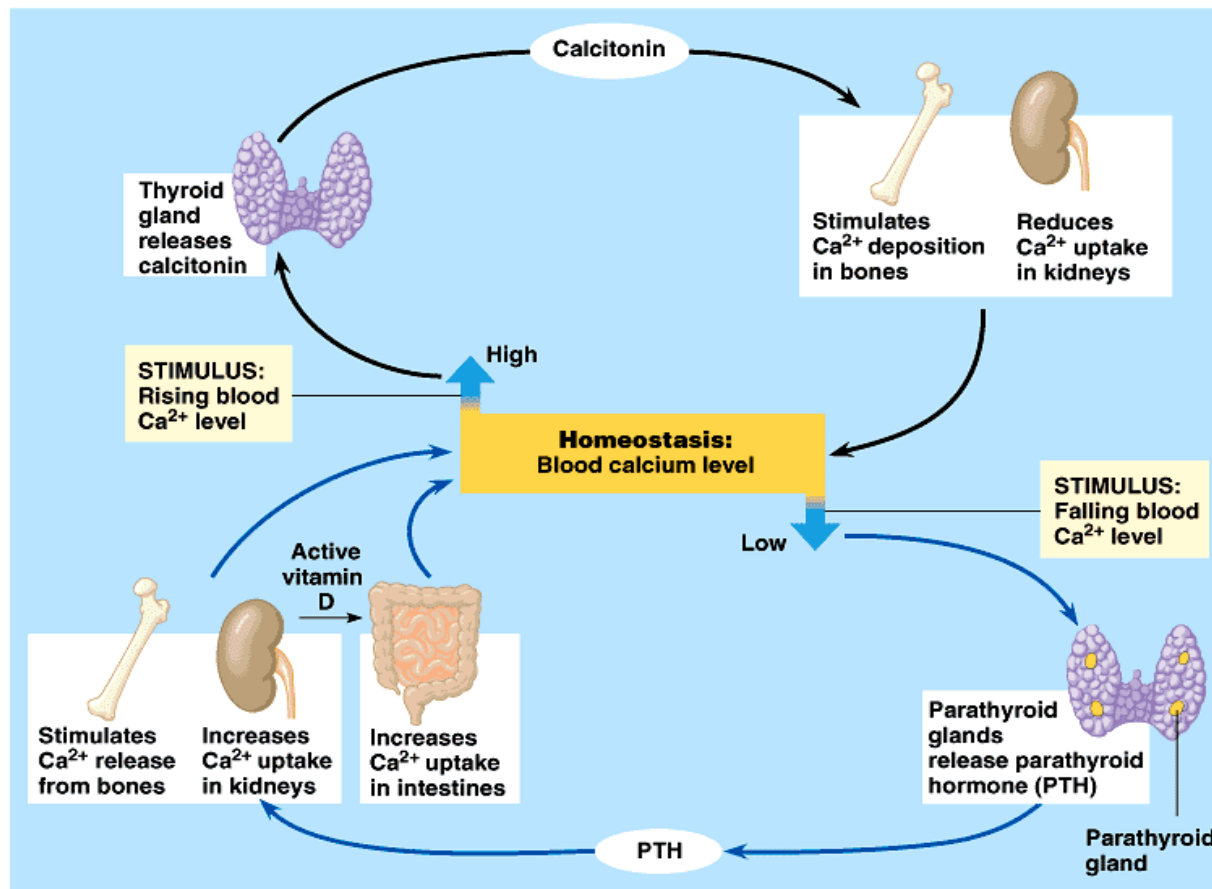
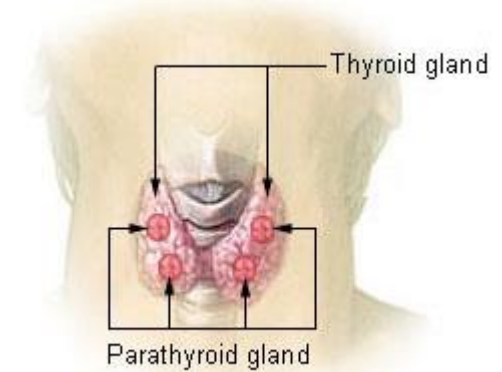


thyroxine (T4) – includes I<sub>2</sub>- human body requires 1 mg of it/day – no I<sub>2</sub> – Hypothyroidism – all kind of health problems

## ➤ Parathyroid gland - gl. parathyroideae

Together with **hormone calcitonin** it regulate metabolism of Ca in body

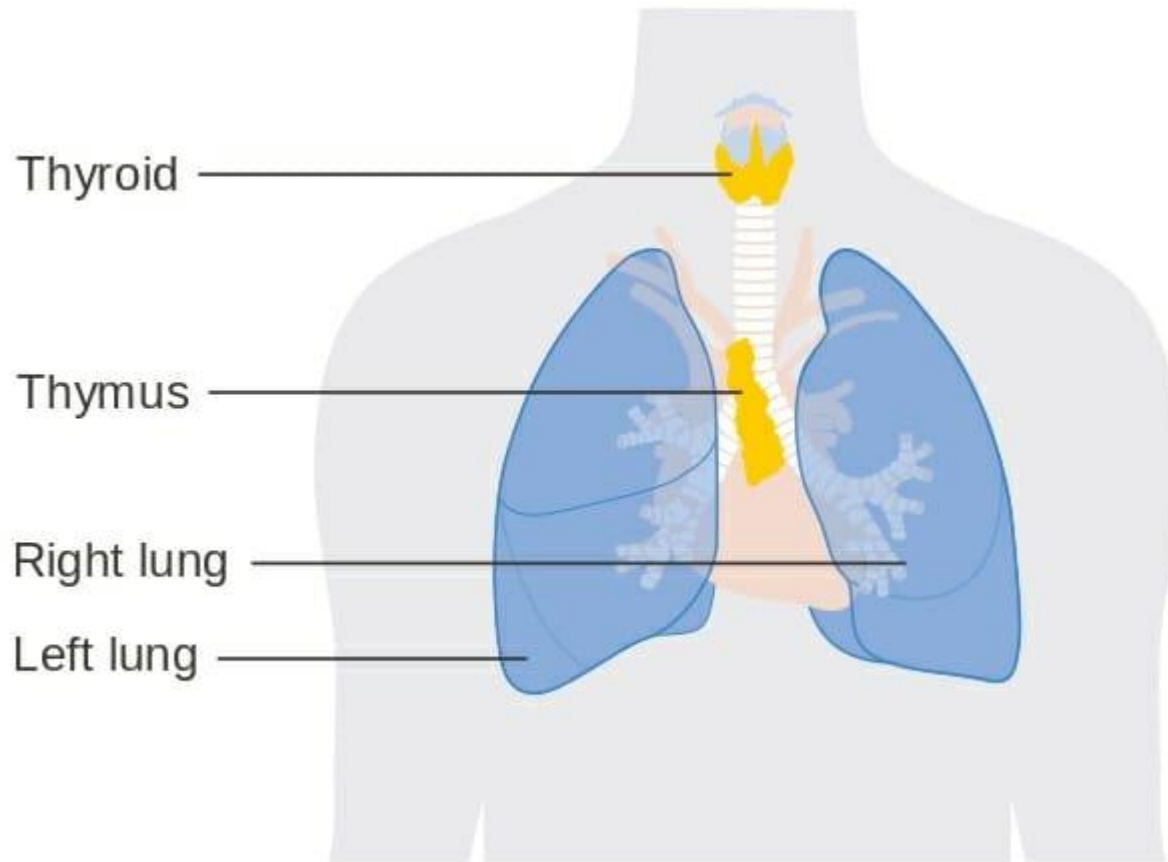
**parathyroid hormone (PTH)** – regulation of Ca and P in the blood



## ➤ Thymus gland - thymus

The biggest gland until puberty – then smaller and less important

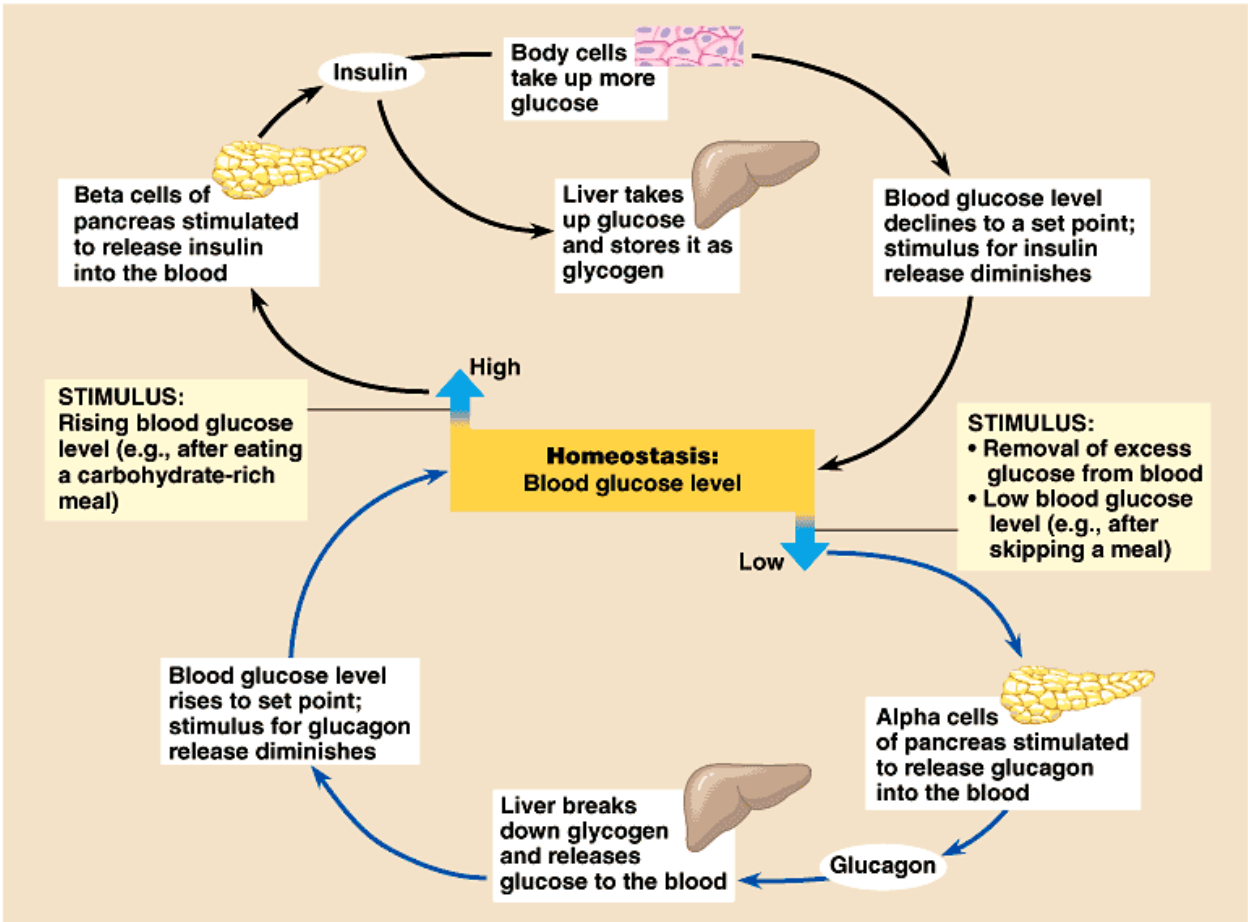
It helps immuno-system to develop – production and maturation of lymphocytes (**T-lymphocytes**), later lymphocytes are produced in spleen and lymph nodes



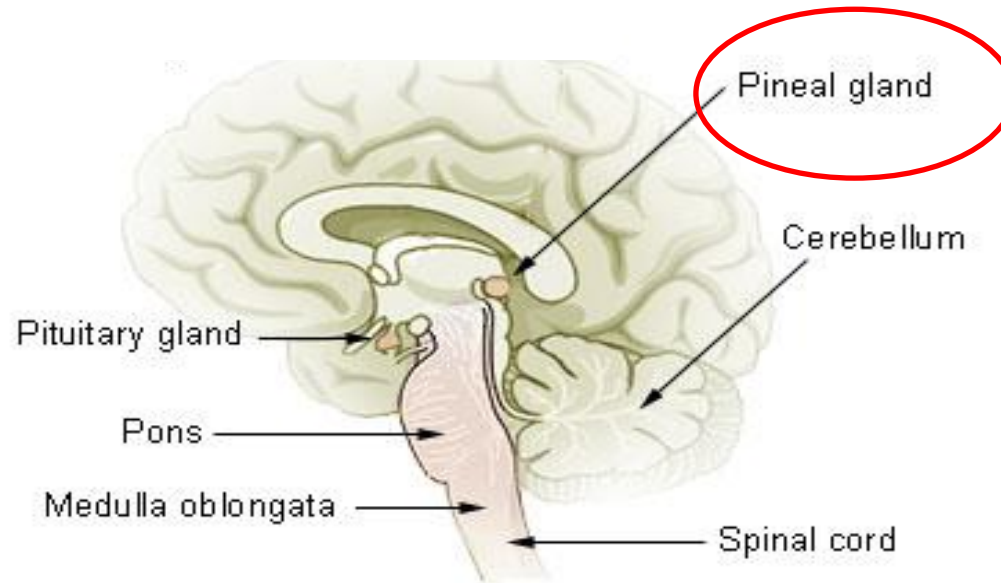
# ➤ Pancreas - pancreas

**insulin** – indicates to cells to take glucose and store it as glycogen

**glucagon** – when no glucose in blood, it send signal that glycogen is broke into glucose



## Epiphysis (pineal gland) - *gl. pinealis*

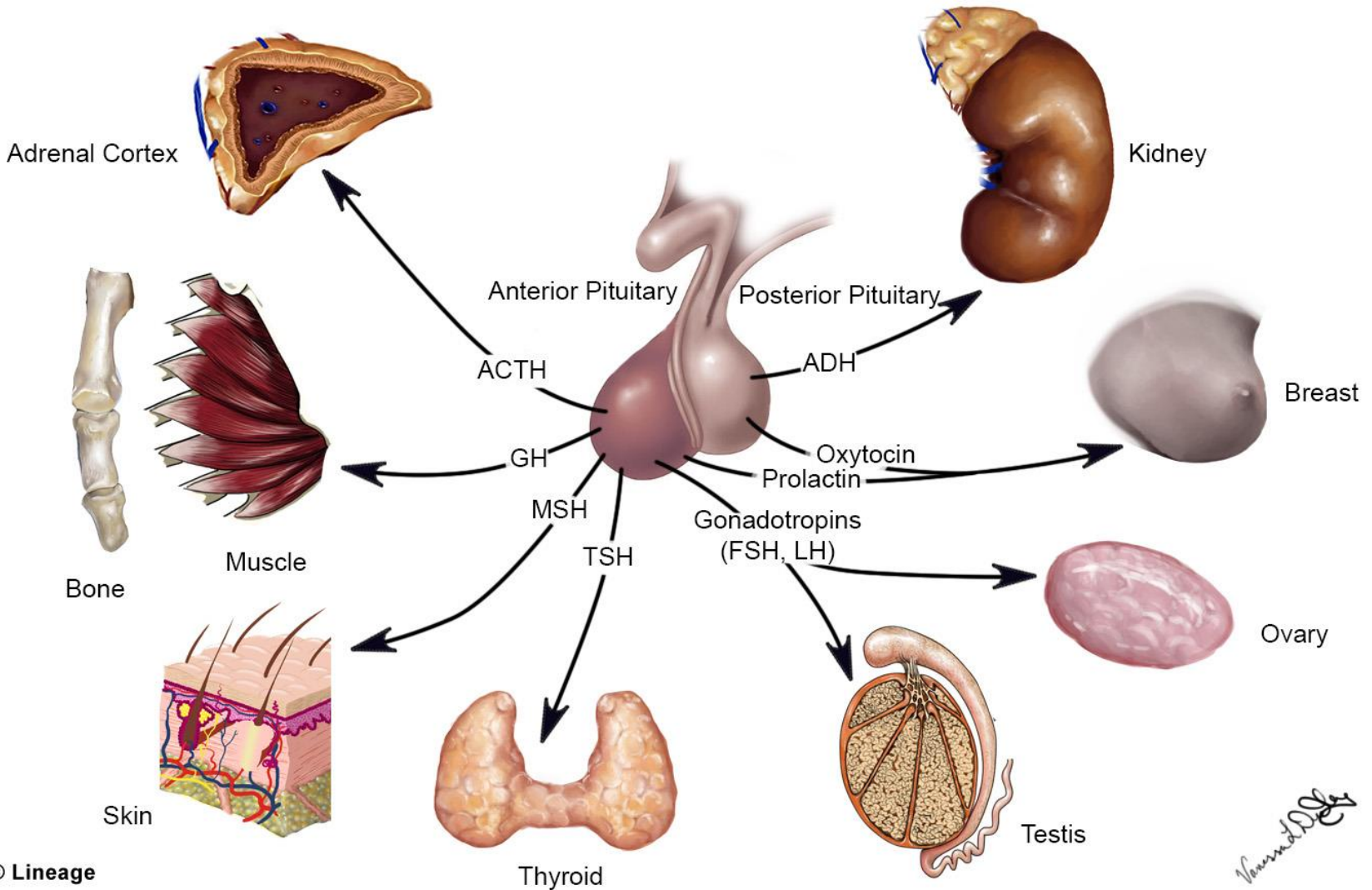


- The pineal gland is a **small, pea-shaped gland in the brain.**
- Its function isn't fully understood.
- Researchers do know that it produces and regulates some hormones, including **melatonin.**
- **Melatonin** is best known for the role it plays in regulating sleep patterns. Sleep patterns are also called circadian rhythms.

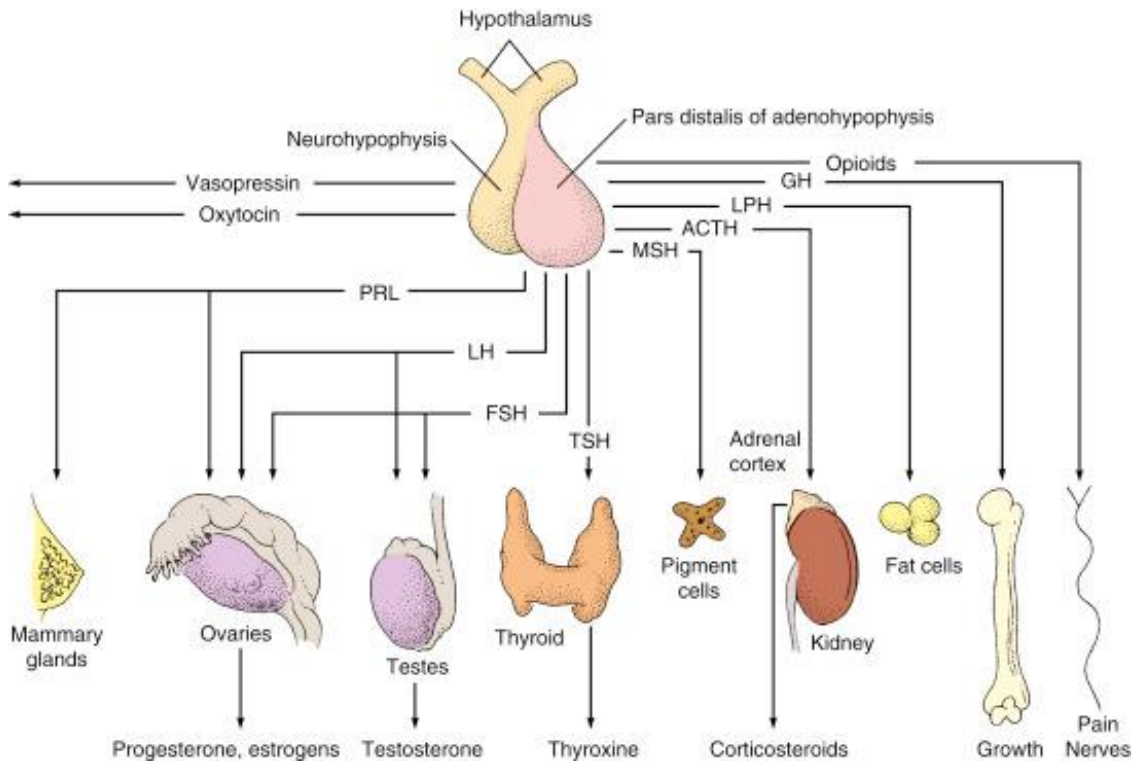


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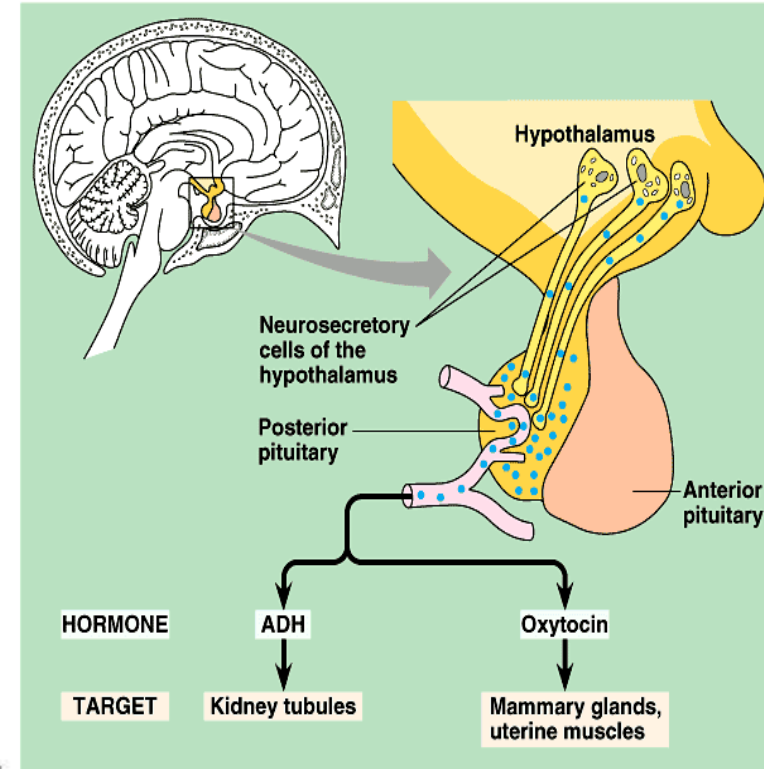
It is referred to as the body's '**master gland**' because it controls the activity of most other hormone-secreting glands.



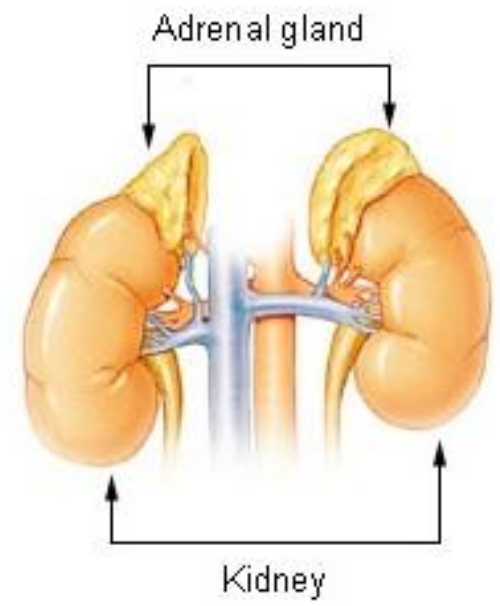
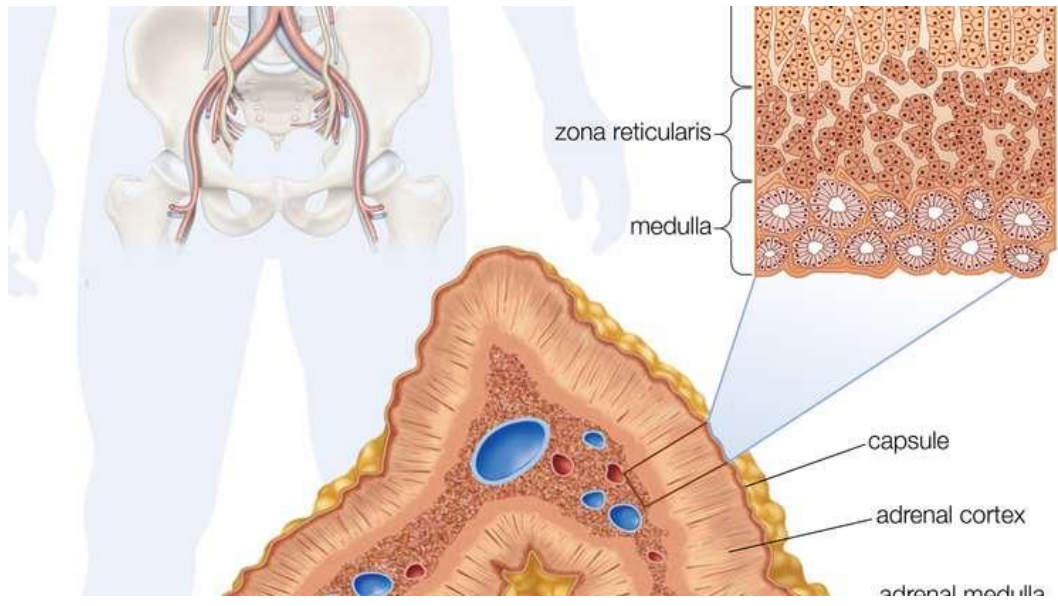
## Adenohypophysis (anterior lobe)



## Neurohypophysis (posterior lobe)

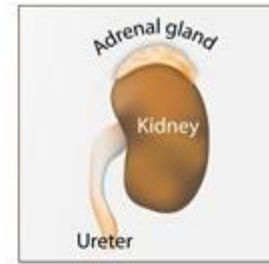


➤ **Adrenal gland** *glandula suprarenalis*



# ADRENAL GLAND

(hormones)



Sugar in blood

**Glucocorticoids**

Cortisol & Cortisone

**Androgens**

Estrogens & Testosterone

**Catecholamines**

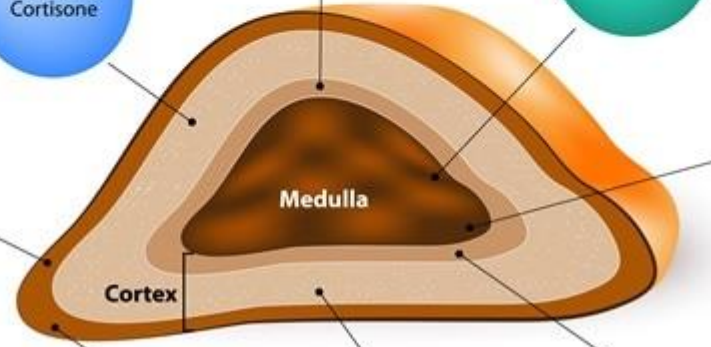
Epinephrine & Norepinephrine

fight or flight  
Stress hormones

osmoregulation

**Mineralocorticoids**

Aldosterone & Corticosterone



Medulla

Cortex

Zona glomerulosa

Zona fasciculata

Zona reticularis

➤ **Gonads**

<b>Gland</b>	<b>Principle hormones</b>	<b>Action</b>
<b>Male gonads</b> <b>The testes</b>	<b>Testosterone</b>	<b>Male secondary sexual characteristics</b>
<b>Female gonads</b> <b>The ovaries</b>	<b>Oestrogen (estrogen)</b>  <b>Progesterone</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Female secondary sexual characteristics</b></li><li>• <b>Development of the endometrium</b></li><li>• <b>Maintenance of endometrium</b></li></ul>

*That's all Girls*