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Renal Regulation of ECV and osmolality

6th lecture

Objectives

- 1- **Identify and describe the role of the Sensors and Effectors in the renal regulation of body fluid volume**
- 2- **Identify and describe the role of the Sensors and Effectors in the renal regulation of body fluid osmolality**
- 3- **Role of the kidney in volume regulation**
- 4- **Role of the kidney in ECF osmolality**

Renal regulation of Extra Cellular Volume :

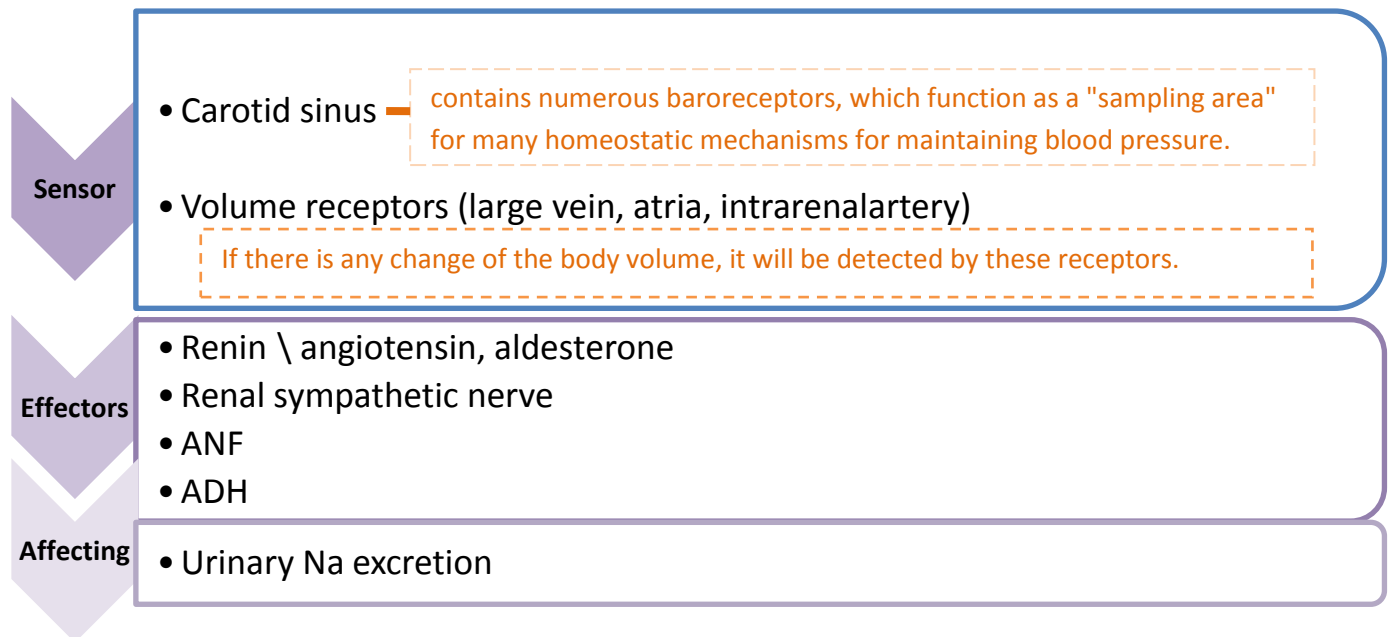
Is a reflex mechanism in which variables reflecting total body sodium and ECV are monitored by appropriate sensor (receptors)

Regulation of ECF volume = Regulation of body Na⁺ = Regulation BP

Thus, regulation of Na⁺ also dependent upon **BARORECEPTORS**.

Renal Regulation of ECV :

- **Changes in ECV, Na and Pressure**



ECF volume Receptors :

1. Central vascular sensors

- **Low pressure receptors (the most important)**

- ✓ Cardiac atria
- ✓ Pulmonary vasculature

"Low pressure" receptor → located in the low pressure side of the circulation.

- **High pressure receptors (less important)**

- ✓ Carotid sinus
- ✓ Aortic arch
- ✓ Juxtaglomerular apparatus (renal afferent arteriole)

2. Sensors in the CNS (less important)

3. Sensors in the liver (less important)

Effectors :

1. Renin-angiotensinAldsterone

- Renin is released into plasma when plasma Na ↓ (in macula densa)
- Renin → angiotensinogen → AngiotensinI
- AngiotensinI → ACE → angiotensinII
- angiotensinII acts on adrenal cortex → aldosterone secretion → ↑ Na reabsorption in distal & collecting duct of nephron.

2. Renal Sympathetic

- ↓ ECV → ↑ renal sympathetic activity → **stimulate Na absorption by direct tubular effect mediated through α-receptors on renal tubules (mainly PCT)** to correct for low ECV .

another function of RENAL SYMPATHETIC :

Sympathetic nerve stimulation causes renal vasoconstriction and a consequent decrease in renal blood flow. Renal sympathetic nerves are activated under stressful conditions, including cold temperatures, deep anesthesia, fearful situations, hemorrhage, pain, and strenuous exercise. In these conditions, renal vasoconstriction may be viewed as an emergency mechanism that increases total peripheral resistance, raises arterial blood pressure, and allows more of the cardiac output to perfuse other vital organs, such as the brain and heart, which are more important for short-term survival.

3. ATRIAL NATRIURETIC PEPTIDE (ANP)

▪ \uparrow ECV \rightarrow Stretch of Atria \rightarrow release ANP \rightarrow
inhibit aldosterone release \rightarrow
 \downarrow sodium reabsorption by collecting duct .

▪ \uparrow sodium excretion and water \rightarrow
 correcting for the increase in ECV

(Increases blood flow through the vasa recta will wash the solutes (NaCl and urea) out of the medullary interstitium. The lower osmolarity of the medullary interstitium leads to less reabsorption of tubular fluid and increased excretion.)

▪ ANP can also **inhibit Renin secretion** .

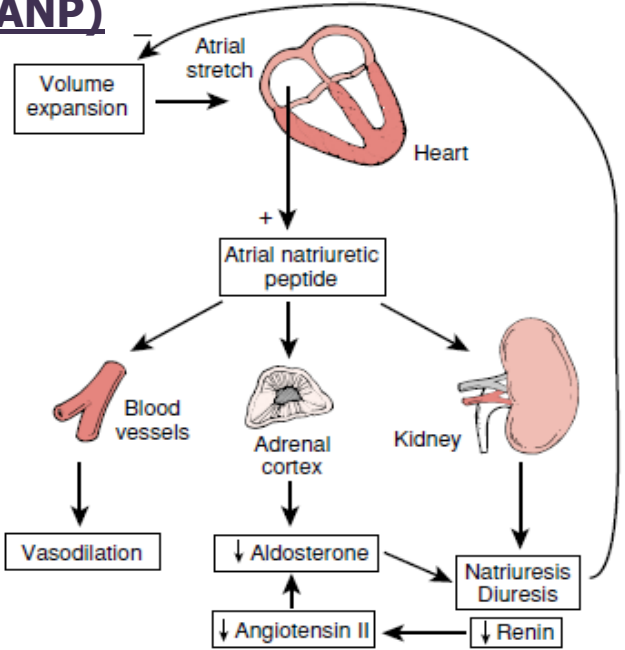


FIGURE 24.10 Atrial natriuretic peptide and its actions. ANP release from the cardiac atria is stimulated by blood volume expansion, which stretches the atria. ANP produces effects that bring blood volume back toward normal, such as increased Na^+ excretion.

When ANP is released because of volume expansion from the atria, it will influence on three places:

1-Kidney \rightarrow inhibits renin secretion \rightarrow \downarrow Angiotensin II \rightarrow \downarrow Aldosterone \rightarrow \downarrow Na reabsorption.

2-Adrenal cortex \rightarrow \downarrow Aldosterone \rightarrow \downarrow Na reabsorption.

3-Blood vessels \rightarrow Vasodilation \rightarrow \uparrow GFR \rightarrow \downarrow Na reabsorption.

*So, \uparrow Na excretion and water, then they all are correcting for the increase in ECV.

In which position diuresis increased, lying down or standing position?

Lying down position \rightarrow increase venous return \rightarrow Stretch the atrium \rightarrow stimulate release of ANP
 \rightarrow Inhibition of aldosterone \rightarrow increase diuresis.

4. Antidiuretic hormone ADH

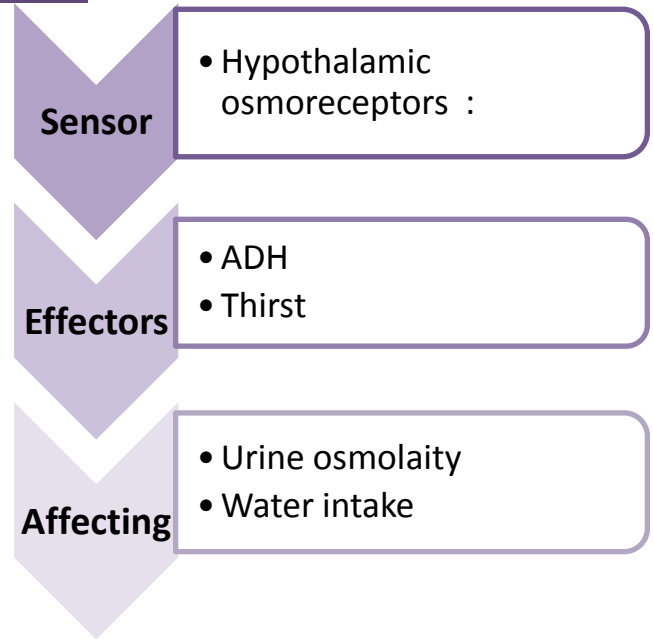
- Increase of plasma osmolality \rightarrow osmoreceptor \rightarrow trigger the release of ADH.
- ADH \rightarrow \uparrow permeability of collecting duct to H_2O \rightarrow \uparrow H_2O reabsorption \rightarrow correction of hyperosmolality of blood.

ADH release stimulated by :

- \uparrow Osmolarity
- \downarrow Blood volume
- \downarrow Blood pressure
- Drugs: Morphine; Nicotine; cyclophosphamide.

Renal Regulation of ECF osmolality :

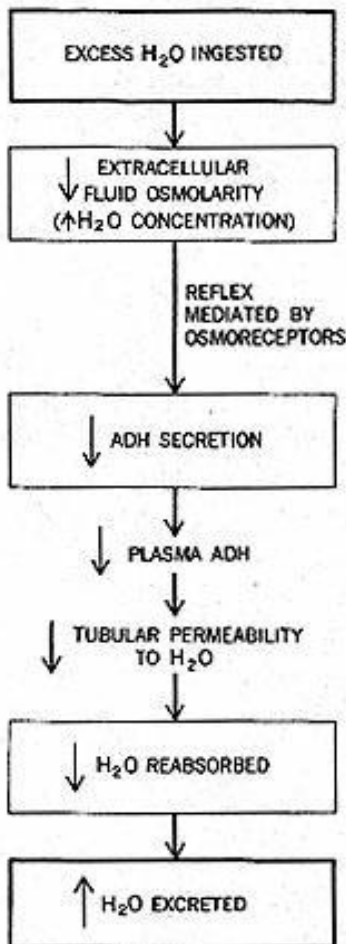
Is a reflex mechanism in which a changing **plasma osmolality** is monitored by appropriate sensor (**OSMORECEPTORS**) in the hypothalamus osmoreceptor.



Effectors

1. Osmoreceptor ADH Feedback System :

Feedback System :



2. Thirst :

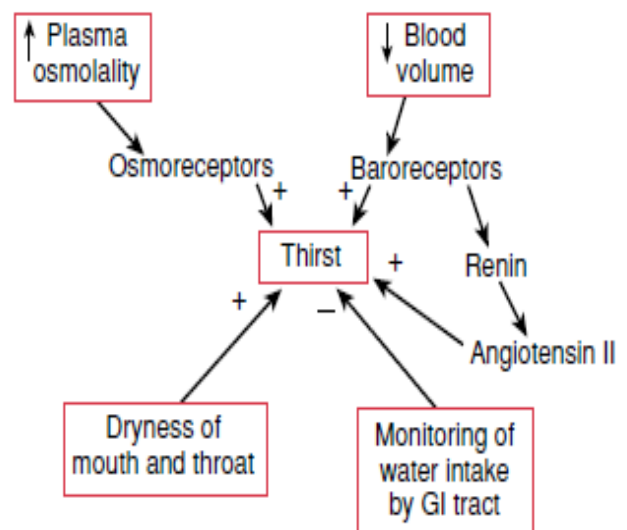


FIGURE 24.7 Factors affecting the thirst sensation. A plus sign indicates stimulation of thirst, the minus sign indicates an inhibitory influence.

Thirst sensation stimulated by:

1. ↑ Osmolarity

2. ↓ Blood volume

3. ↓ Blood pressure

4. ↑ Angiotensin

(Angiotensin II increases thirst sensation through the subfornical organ of the brain, decreases the response of the baroreceptor reflex, and increases the desire for salt.)

Feeling thirsty lead to consume more water – correcting the hyperosmolality

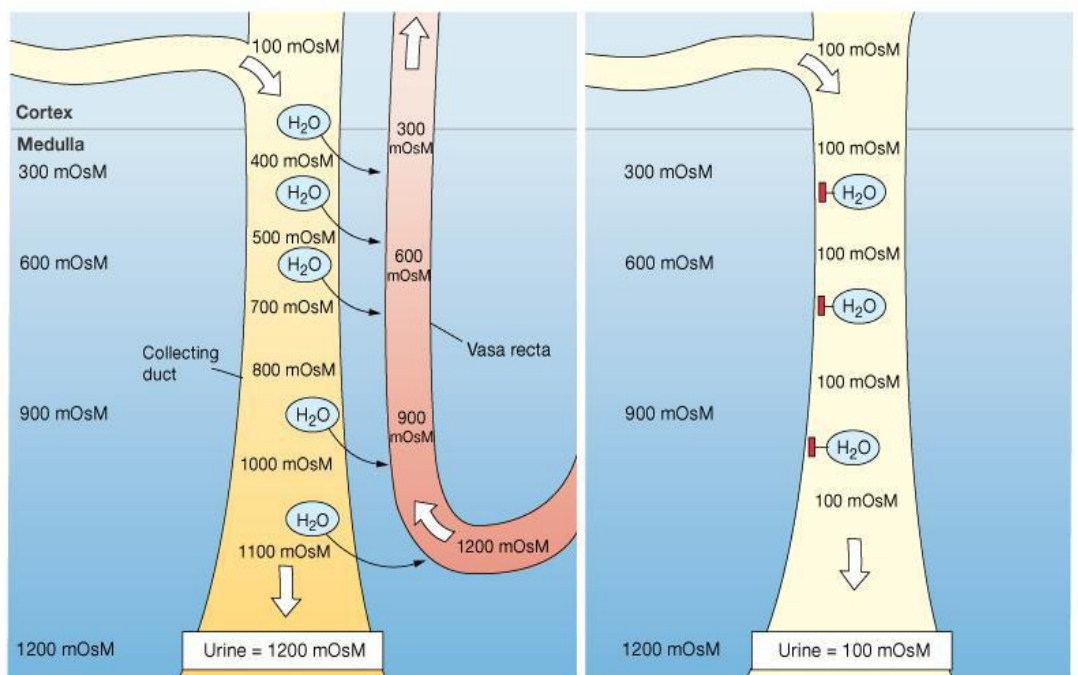
5. Dryness of mouth



	Low water intake	High water in take
Plasma osmolality	Increase	Drop
ADH	Stimulate ADH secretion	Inhibit ADH secretion
Collecting duct	Permeable to water	impermeable to water
Urine volume	Small volume (concentrated)	Large volume (diluted)
	* Diluting plasma and a drop in osmolality back to normal. * Accompanied by thirst sensation.	* increase plasma osmolality back to normal.

(a) With maximal vasopressin, the collecting duct is freely permeable to water. Water leaves by osmosis and is carried away by the vasa recta capillaries. Urine is concentrated.

(b) In the absence of vasopressin, the collecting duct is impermeable to water and the urine is dilute.



{Summary}

- One of the main functions of kidney is regulating the ECF volume and osmolarity.
- Two primary systems are especially involved in regulating the volume and osmolarity of extracellular fluid: (1) The osmoreceptor-ADH system and (2) The thirst mechanism.

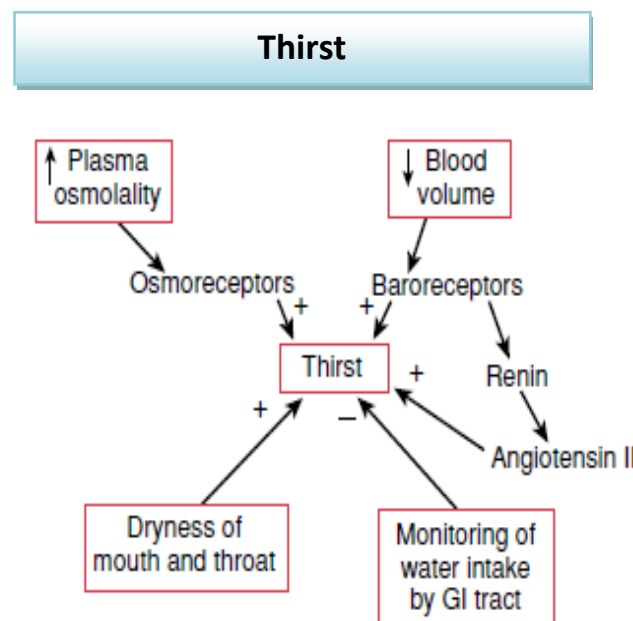
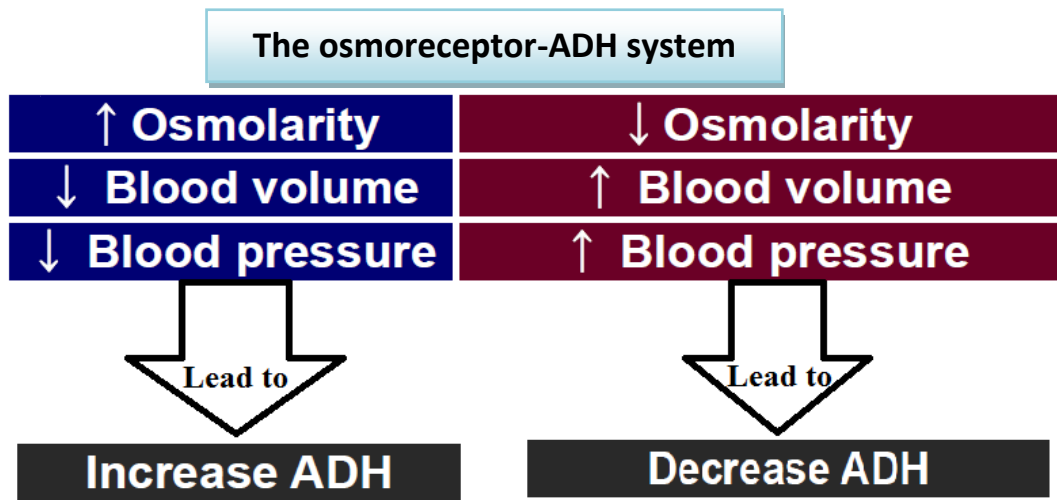


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- **Thirst centre stimulated by:**
 - 1) Increase plasma osmolality → Osmoreceptors → + thirst
 - 2) Decrease blood volume → Baroreceptors → + thirst
 - 3) Distension of GIT will **inhibit** the thirst centre
 - 4) When the mouth and throat are dry, the signals carried by glossopharyngeal and vagus nerves to the thirst centre.

Questions

1- The most important receptor that detect any changes in the ECF volume :

- A. Hypothalamic osmoreceptor
- B. Low pressure receptor
- C. Liver sensors

2- ADH release stimulated by :

- A. Increase in blood volume
- B. Increase in blood pressure
- C. Increase in osmolarity

3- Which of the following sentences is correct :

- A. Renal sympathetic activity stimulates Na excretion in response to decrease in ECV.
- B. Renal sympathetic activity corrects low ECV by increase Na reabsorption through α -receptor.
- C. Renal sympathetic activity released in response to increase in ECV and it inhibits aldosterone and renin secretion.

4- Stimulation of the osmoreceptors in the hypothalamus would be expected to cause all of the following to increase except :

- A. ADH release from the pituitary
- B. Water reabsorption from the renal collecting duct
- C. Rate of urine formation
- D. Osmolality of urine

5- Which of the following is the stimulus for increased secretion of atrial natriuretic peptide (ANP) :

- A. increase blood plasma osmolality above normal
- B. increase systemic arterial pressure
- C. increase venous blood volume and atrial pressure
- D. increase cardiac contractility (force of contraction)

Answers :

- 1- B
- 2- C
- 3- B
- 4- C
- 5- C