

## Glucose Metabolism: Gluconeogenesis



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# **Objectives**

- The importance of gluconeogenesis as an important pathway for glucose production
- > The main reactions of gluconeogenesis
- > The rate-limiting enzymes of gluconeogenesis
- Gluconeogensis is an energy-consuming, anabolic pathway

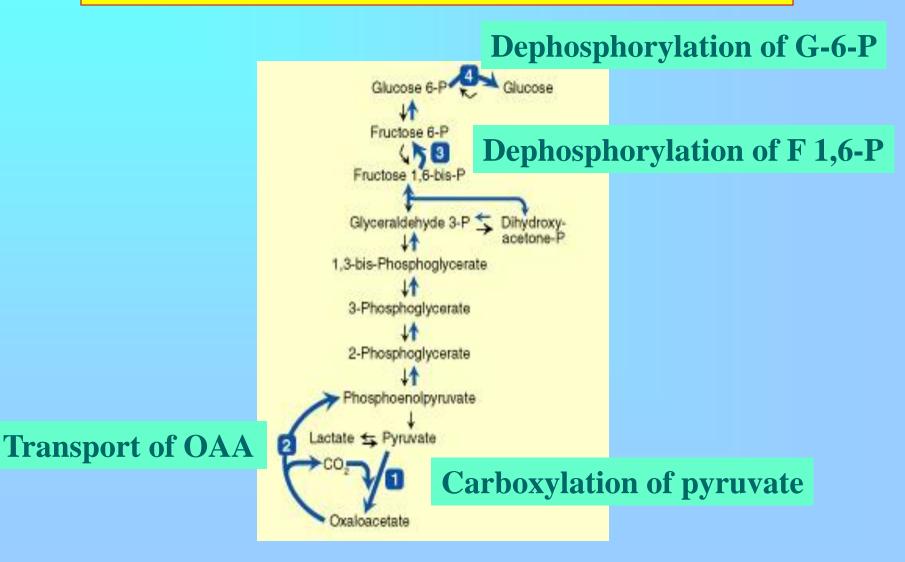
### **Gluconeogenesis: An Overview**

- Liver (mainly) and Kidneys
- Both mitochondria and Cytosol are involved

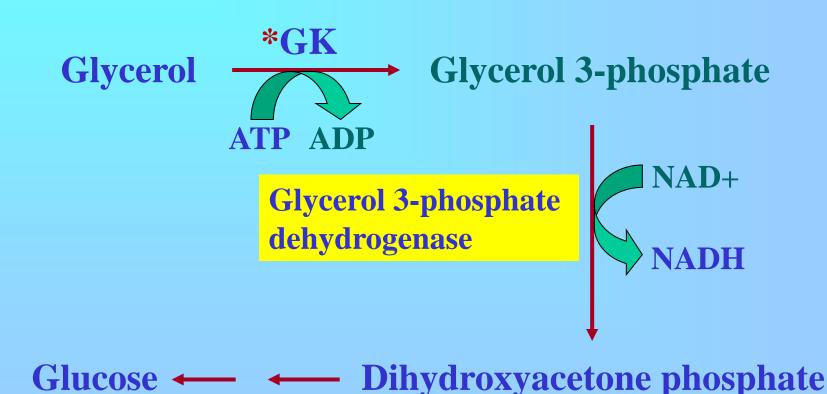
**Exception: if the substrate is Glycerol: only cytosol** 

- Gluconeogenic substrates:
  - Glycerol Lactate and Pyruvate Glucogenic amino acids

# **Gluconeogenic Pathway**

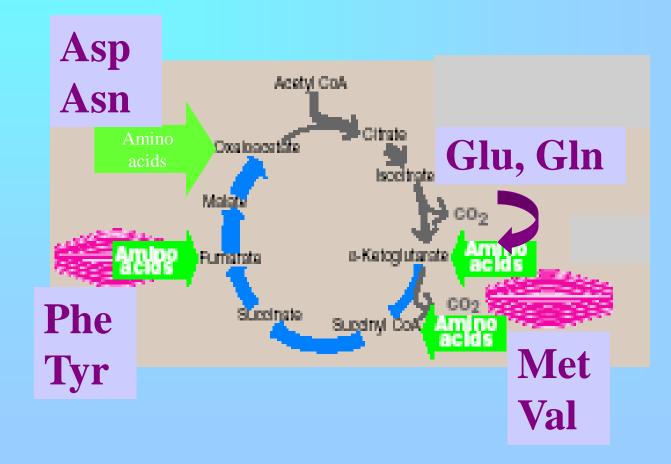


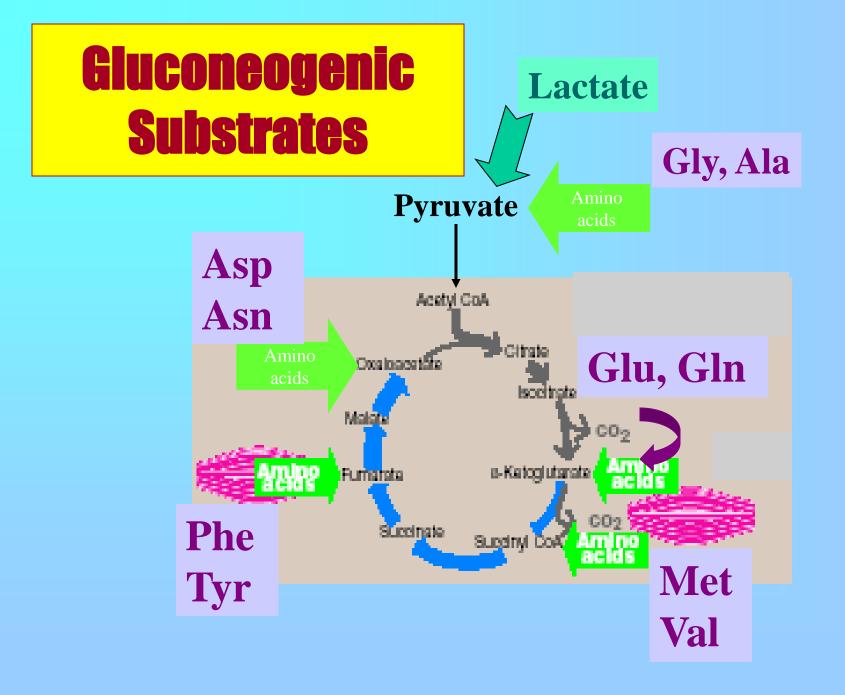
### Gluconeogenic Substrates: Glycerol



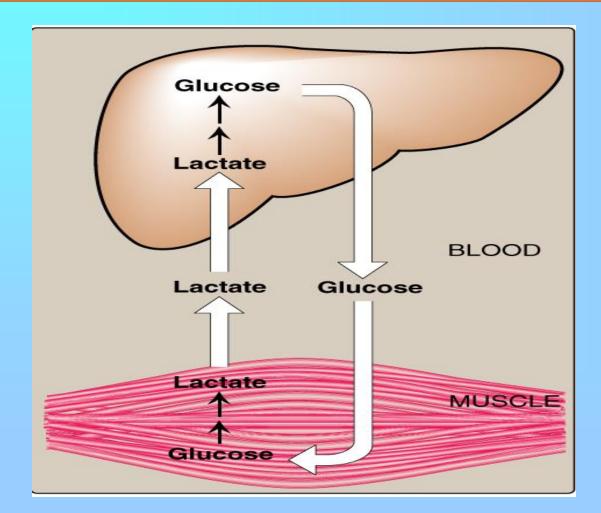
\*GK: Glycerol kinase (present only in liver & kidneys)

#### **Glucogenic Amino Acids**

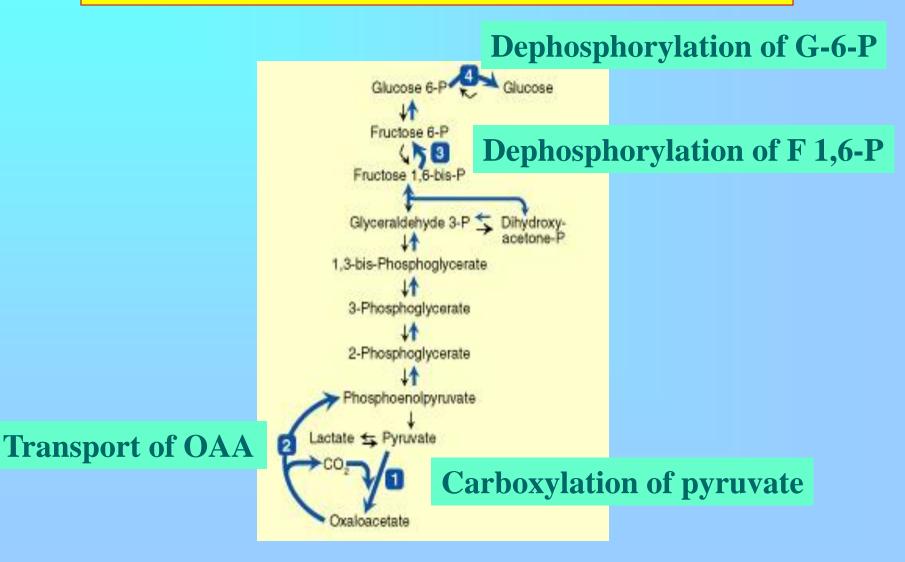




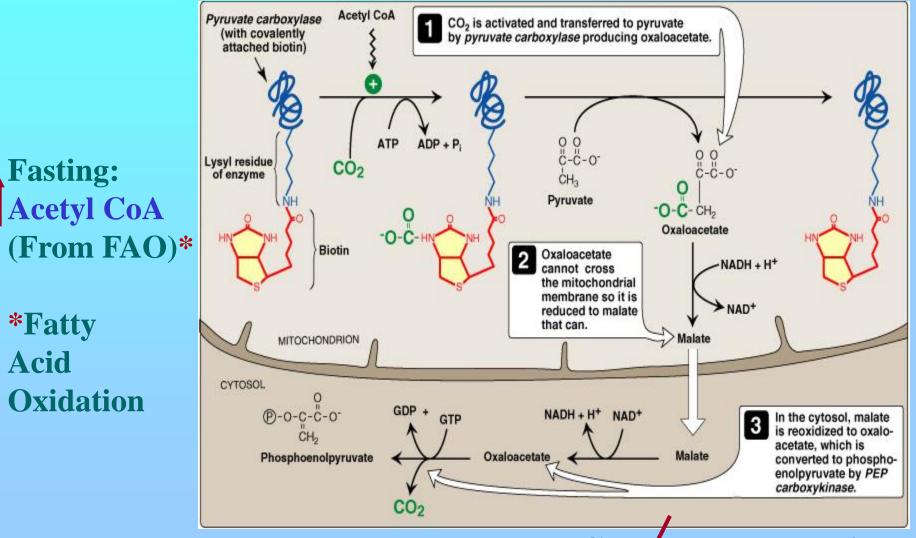
### **Gluconeogenic Substrates: Lactate** (Cori Cycle)



# **Gluconeogenic Pathway**

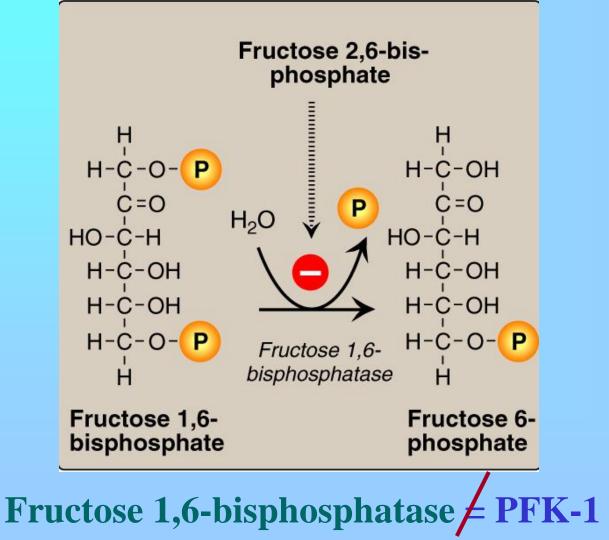


### **Pruvate Carboxylase and PEP-CK**

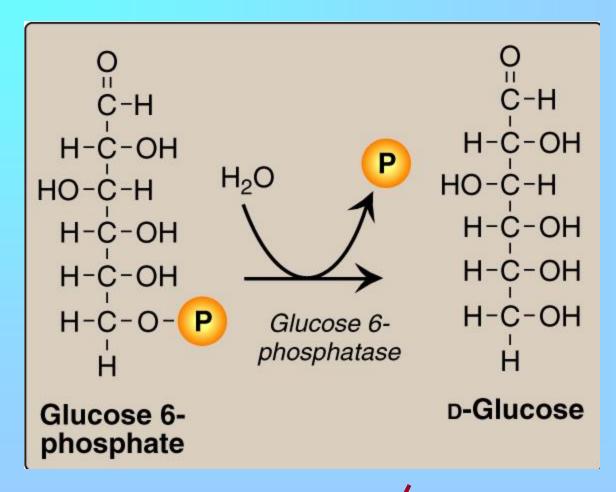


Pyruvate carboxylase + PEP-CK **≠** Pyruvate kinase

### Fructose 1,6-Bisphosphatase



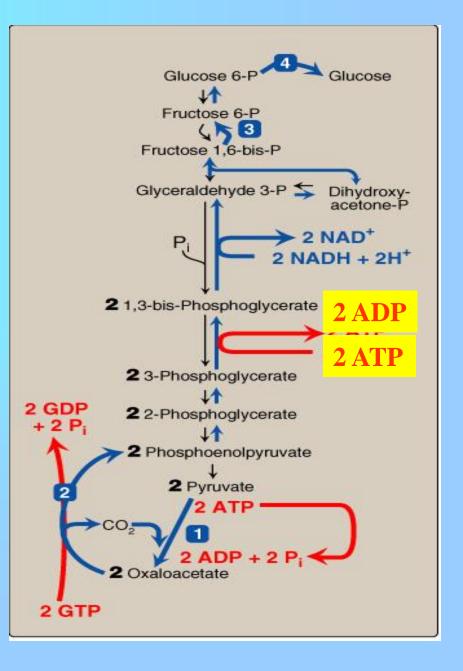
#### **Glucose 6-Phosphatase**



Glucose 6-phosphatase = Glucokinase

#### **Gluconeogensis:** Energy-Consumed

Six High-Energy Phosphate Bonds From Pyruvate to Glucose



### **Gluconeogenesis: Regulation**

- Reciprocal control Gluconeogenesis & Glycolysis
- Allosteric:

Acetyl CoA 
Pyruvate carboxylase

AMP or ATP F 2,6-Bisphosphate F 1,6-bisphosphatase

• Glucagon (I/G ratio) stimulates gluconeogenesis

- -Allosteric (↓ F 2,6-Bisphosphate)
- Induction (PEP-CK)

### Take Home Message

• Gluconeogenesis:

Synthesis of glucose from noncarbohydrates Anabolic

- **Energy-consuming**
- 4 Unique enzymes are required for reversal of the 3 irreversible reactions of glycolysis
- Both gluconeogenesis & glycolysis are reciprocally-regulated