

# Homeostasis

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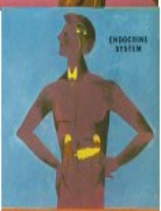
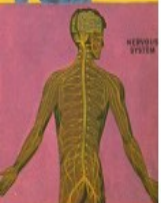
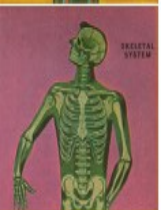
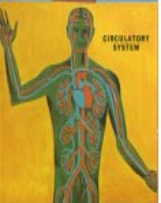
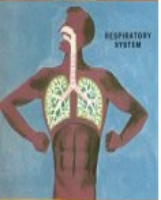
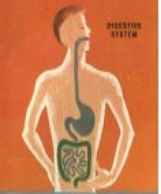
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# Objectives

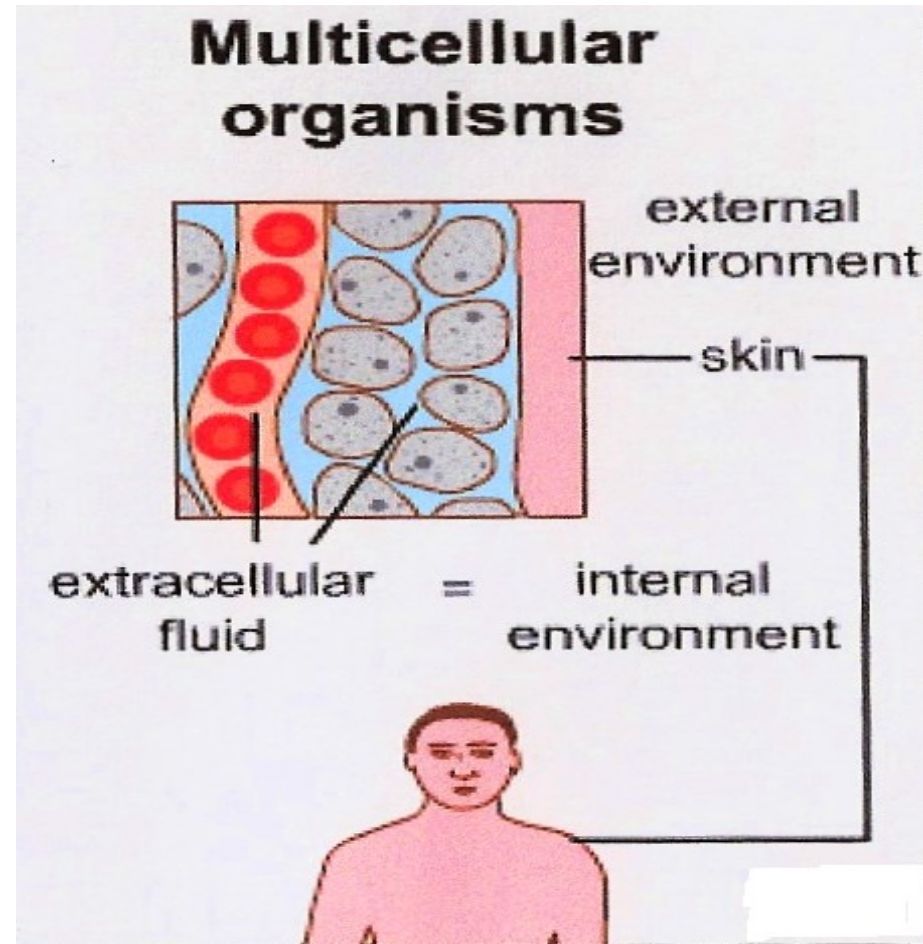
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- Define and discuss the concept of homeostasis and its importance to the living organism.
- Discuss the physiologic control mechanisms that enable maintenance of the normal steady state of the body.
- Define a feedback mechanism and describe its components.
- Differentiate between positive and negative feedback mechanisms and give examples for each in the body.
- Apply the knowledge gained in feedback mechanisms to disturbances in the disturbances in ECF volume and osmolarity.

# The Internal environment

- All body cells live in the same environment → ECF.
- The skin separates this environment from the outside world (external environment).

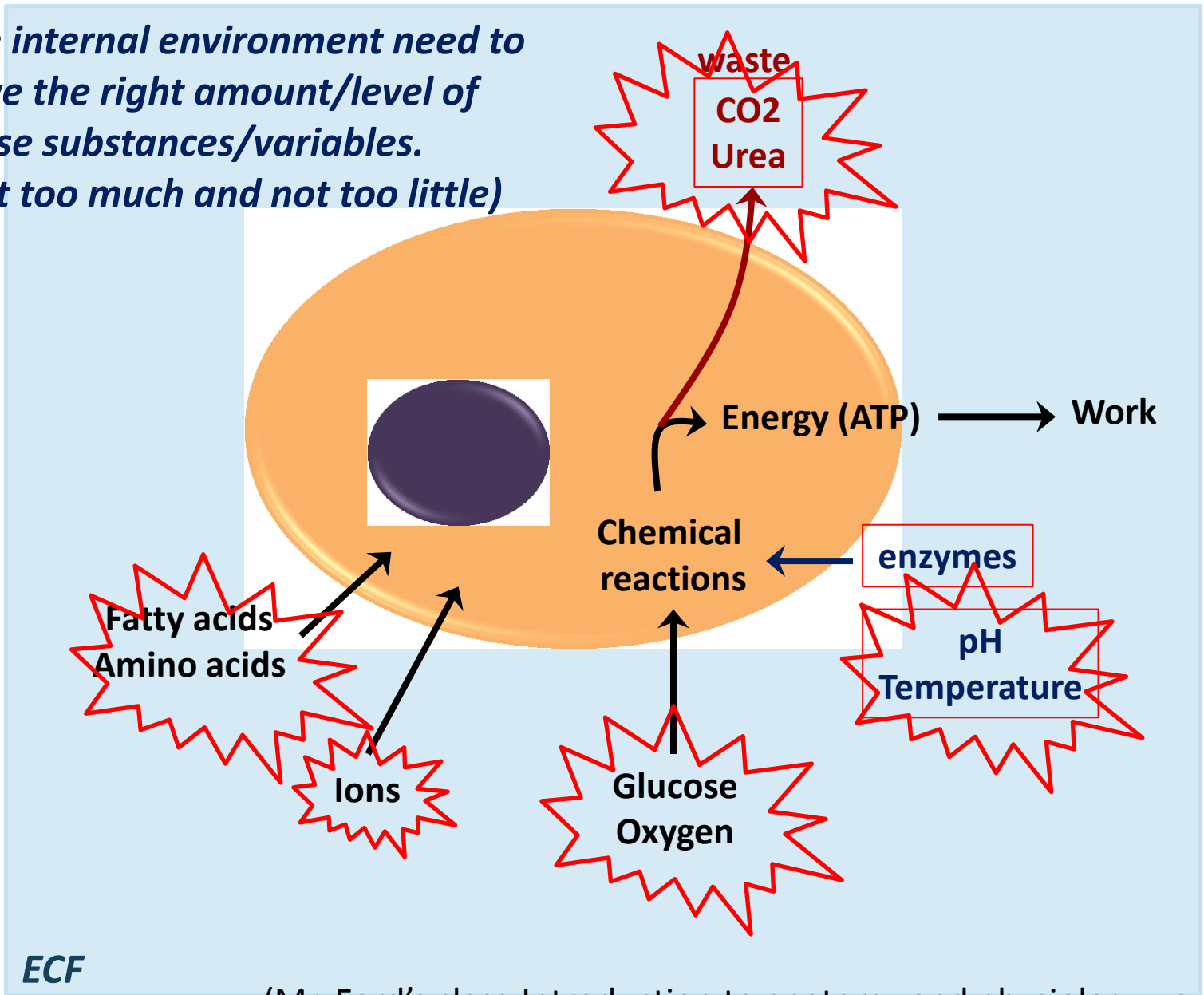


**ECF = Internal environment.**



# *In order for the cell to function properly,*

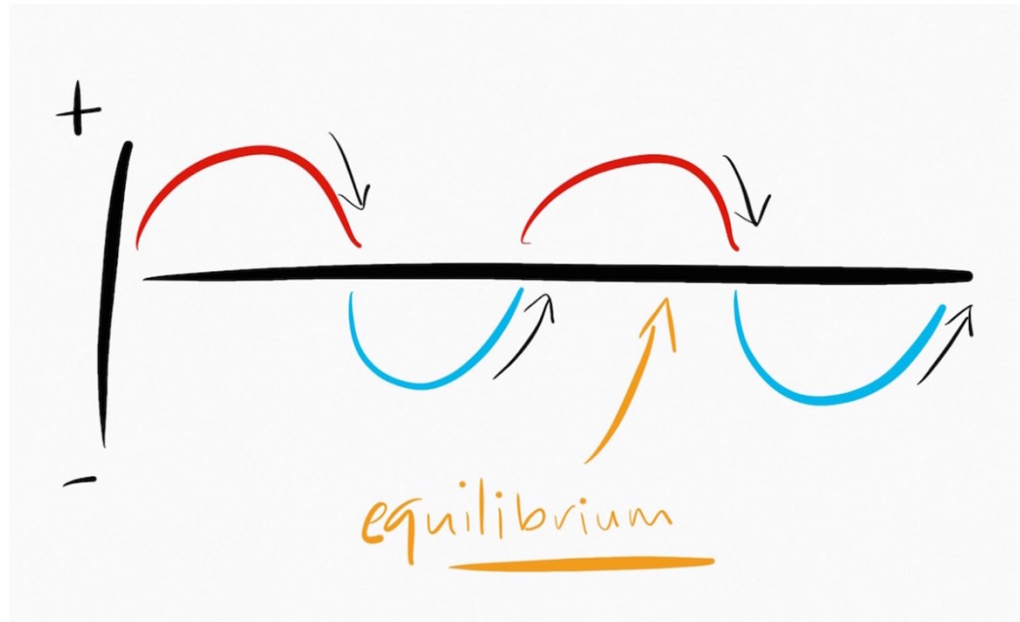
*The internal environment need to have the right amount/level of these substances/variables. (not too much and not too little)*



(Mr. Ford's class-Introduction to anatomy and physiology-youtube)

# The Internal environment

- The internal environment must be kept **constant** in the face of an ever changing external environment.
- The internal environment of the body (ECF) is in a **dynamic state of equilibrium**



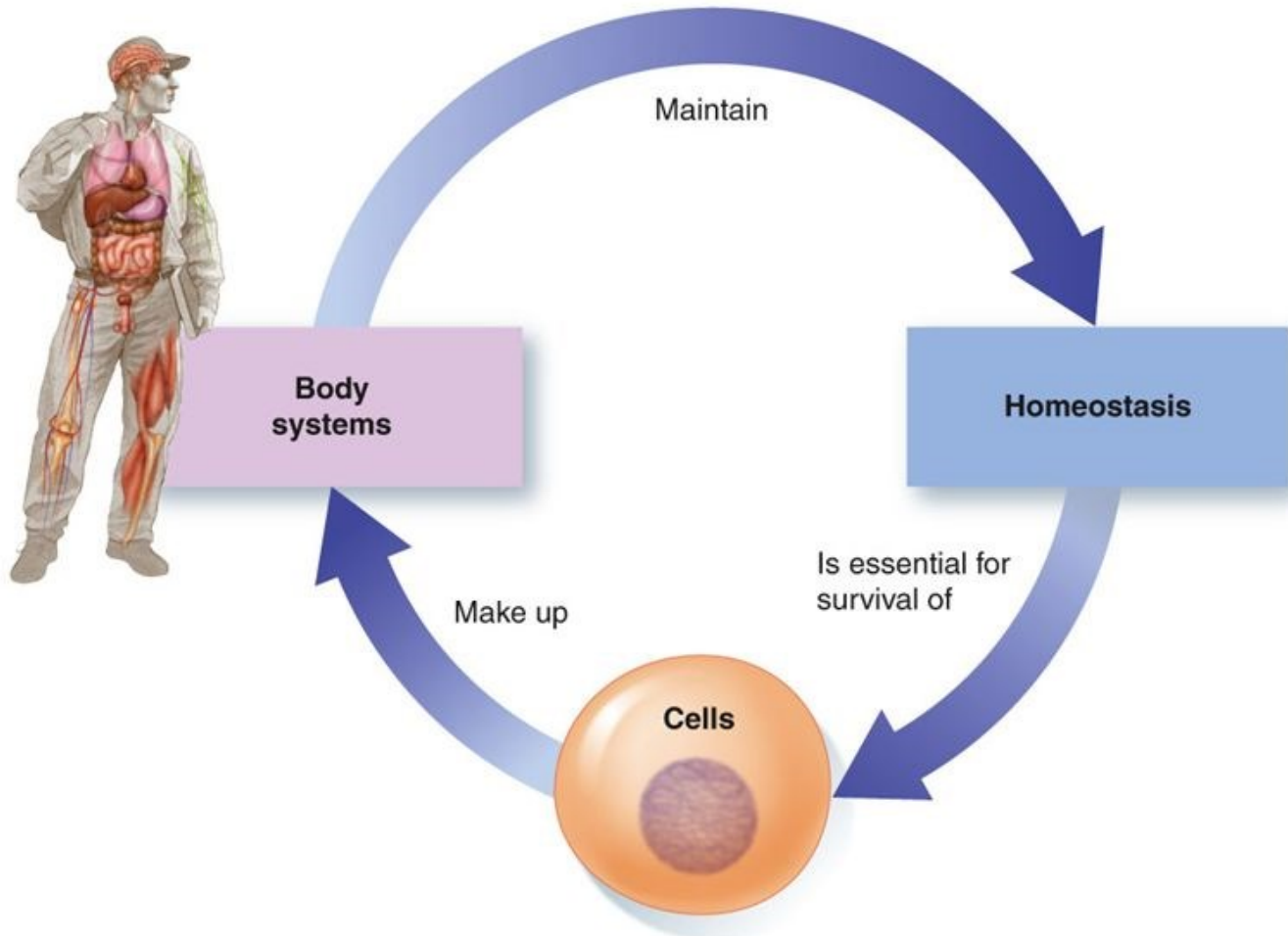


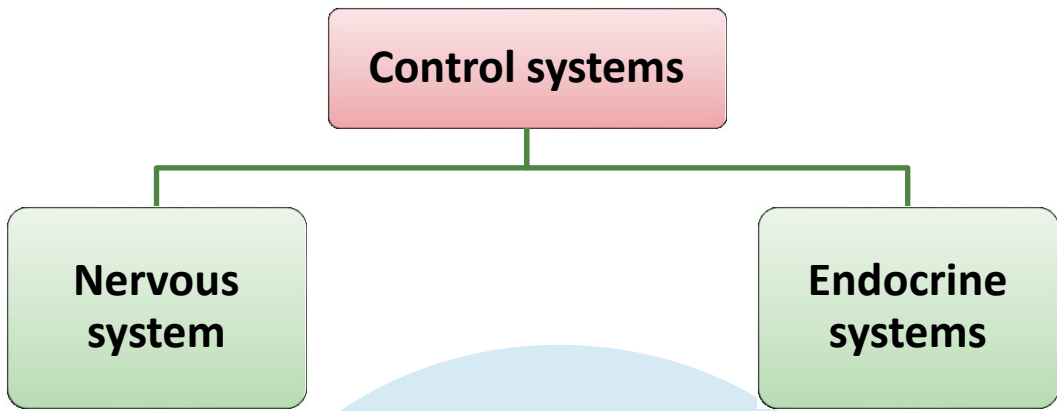
# “Homeostasis”

- The process by which the body keeps the internal environment constant despite changes in the external environment is known as **“Homeostasis”**.
- **Homeostasis** means:
  - **Homeo-** : sameness, similarity
  - **-stasis**: standing
- Essentially all the functions of the body organs and tissues aim at keeping the internal environment at a nearly constant state.

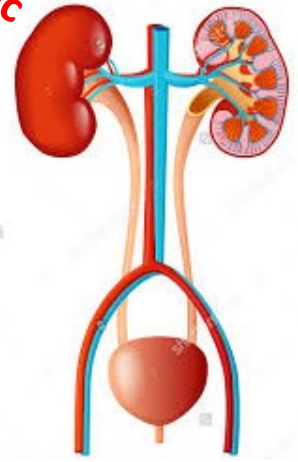
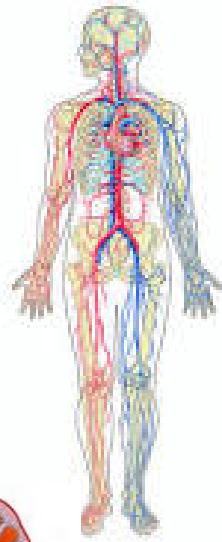
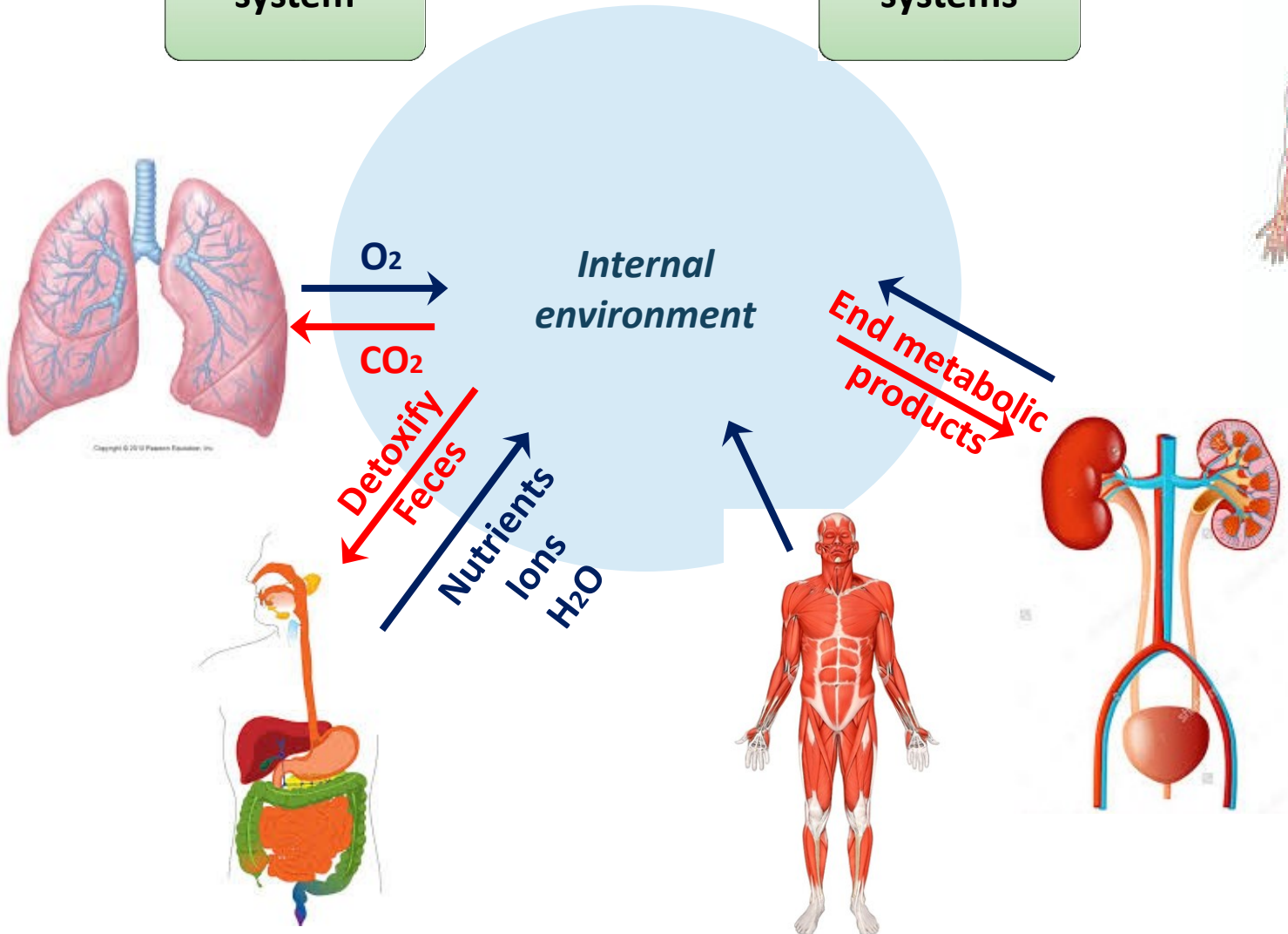


# Homeostasis





**Protection**  
**Skin**  
**Immune system**





**Body constituents are normally regulated within a range rather than a fixed value;**

## Concentrations of Extracellular and Intracellular Electrolytes in Adults

Electrolyte	Extracellular Concentration*	Intracellular Concentration*
Sodium	135–148 mEq/L	10–14 mEq/L
Potassium	3.5–5.0 mEq/L	140–150 mEq/L
Chloride	98–106 mEq/L	3–4 mEq/L
Bicarbonate	24–31 mEq/L	7–10 mEq/L
Calcium	8.5–10.5 mg/dl	< 1 mEq/L
Phosphate/ phosphorus	2.5–4.5 mg/dl	4 mEq/kg <sup>†</sup>
Magnesium	1.8–2.7 mg/dl	40 mEq/kg <sup>†</sup>

\*Values may vary among laboratories, depending on the method of analysis used.

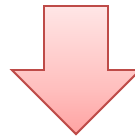
†Values vary among various tissues and with nutritional status.

# Control Mechanisms

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- The body has thousands of control systems.
- They function to restore balance when it is lost.
- Control systems operate;
  - *Within the organ* itself
  - Throughout the body → to control *interrelations between organs*.

How is this achieved?



By feedback mechanisms

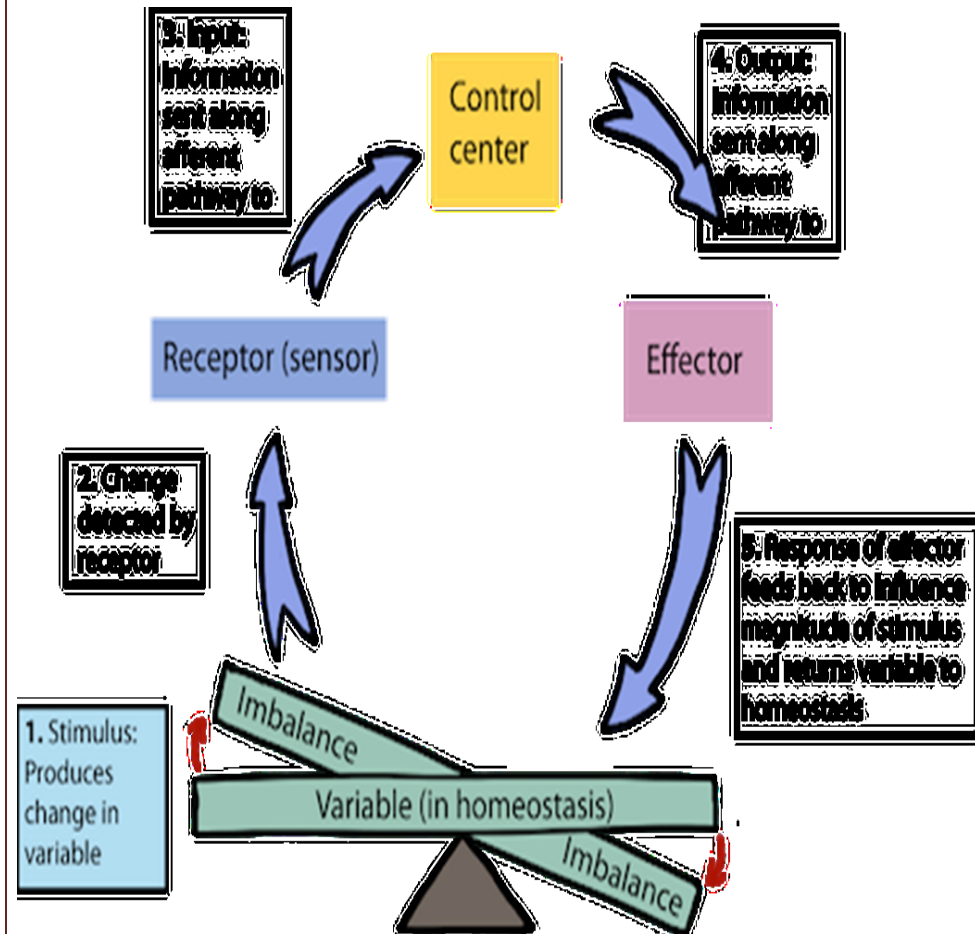




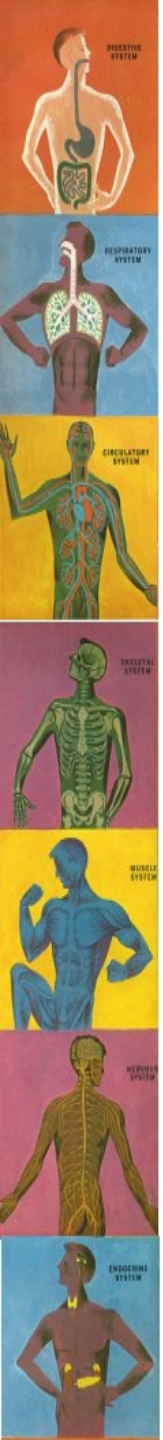
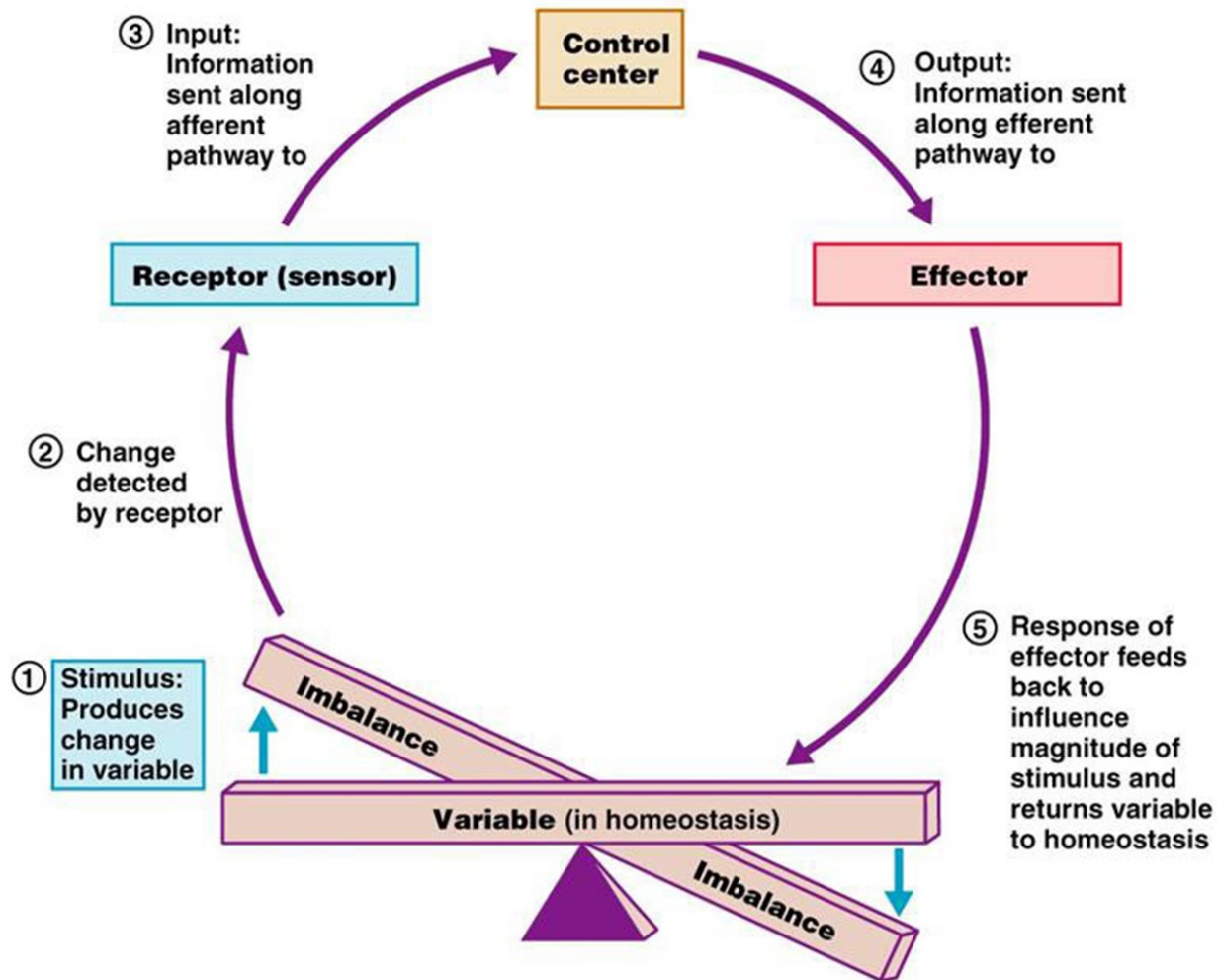
# Feedback Mechanisms

## What is meant by feedback?

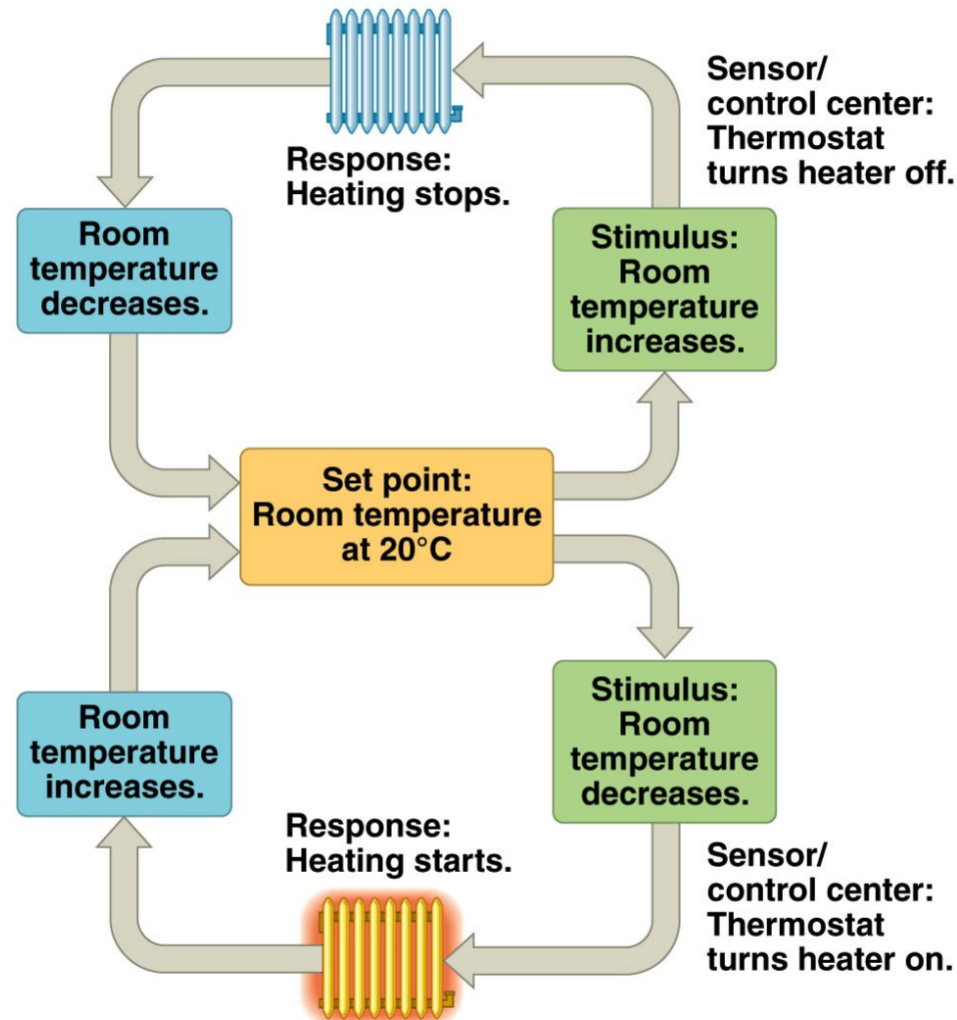
- A loop system in which the system responds to perturbation either in the **same direction** (*positive feedback*) or in the **opposite direction** (*negative feedback*).



# What are the components of a feedback mechanism?



# The Thermostat Analogy





# Types of Feedback Mechanisms

## Negative feedback

The effector response of the system is in the **opposite direction** to the stimulus that initiated the response.

E.g;

- A **high level of in CO<sub>2</sub>** in the ECF will increase pulmonary ventilation, increasing the amount of CO<sub>2</sub> expired which will **bring the level of CO<sub>2</sub> in ECF down**.
- Most of the control systems of the body act by negative feedback.

## Positive feedback

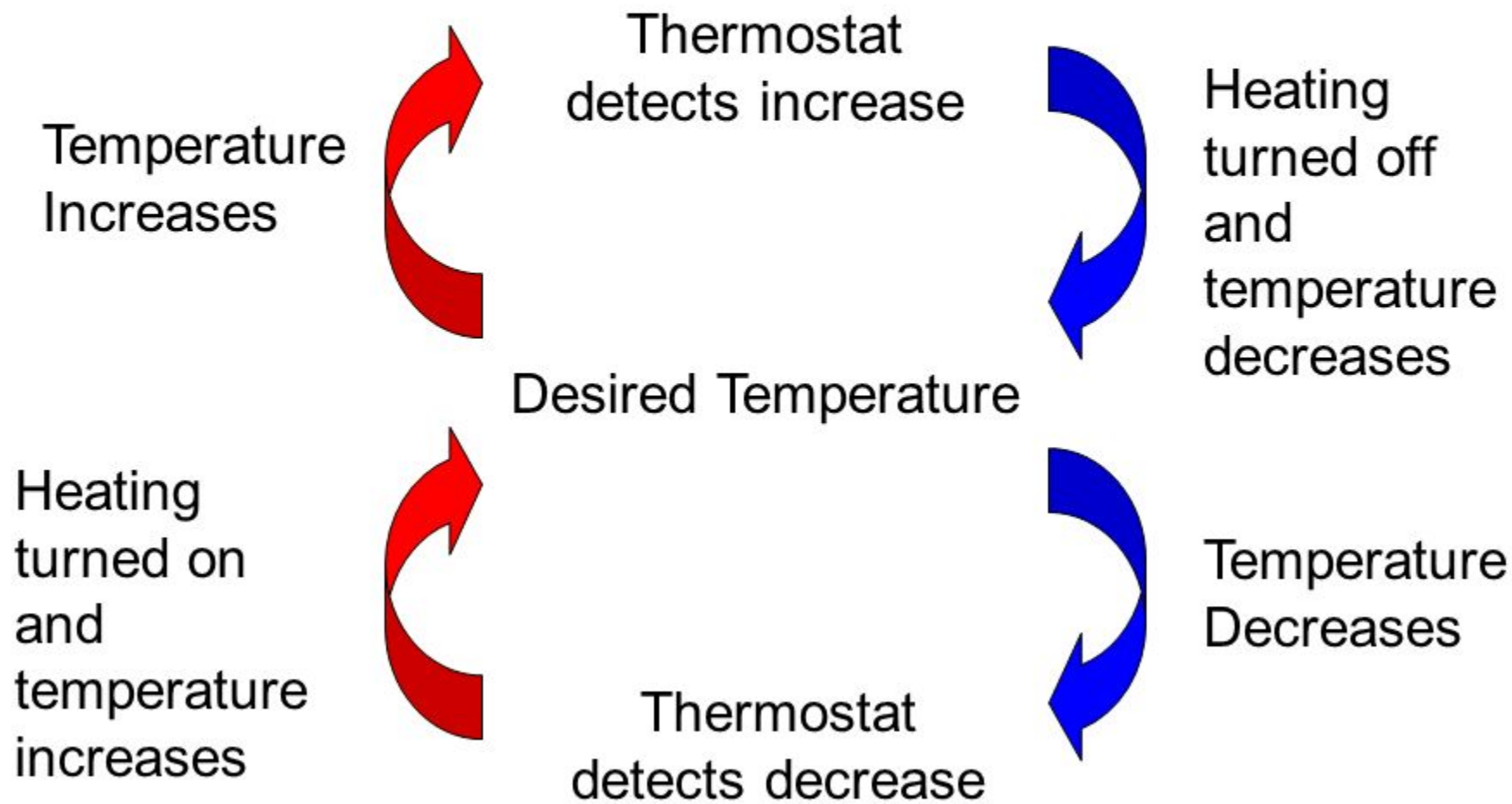
The effector response is in the same direction of the stimulus that initiated the response.

E.g;

- In nerve signaling, **entry of a small amount of Na<sup>+</sup>** into the cell will open more Na<sup>+</sup> channels **causing more Na<sup>+</sup> to enter the cell**.
- Only few systems display positive feedback mechanisms.. **WHY?**

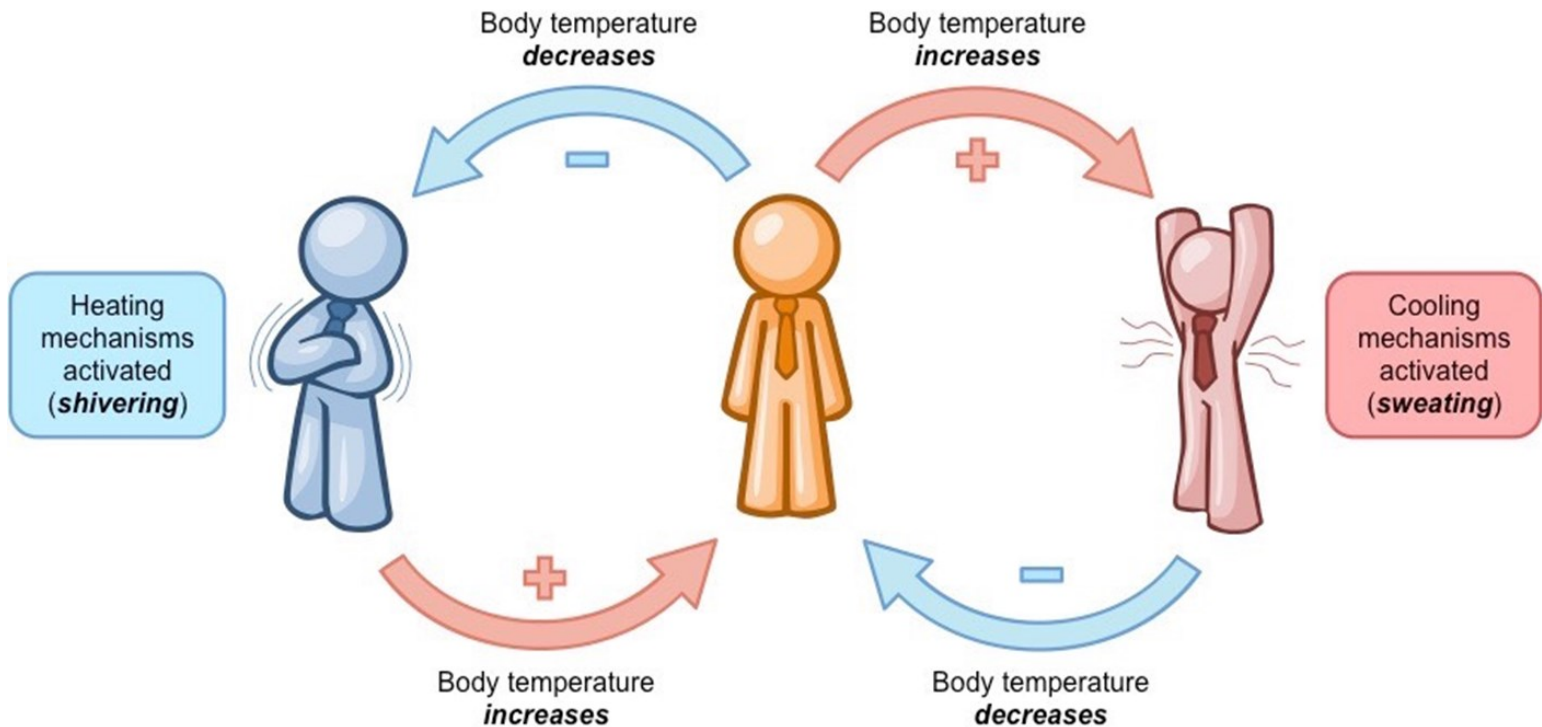
# Negative Feedback

(thermostat analogy)

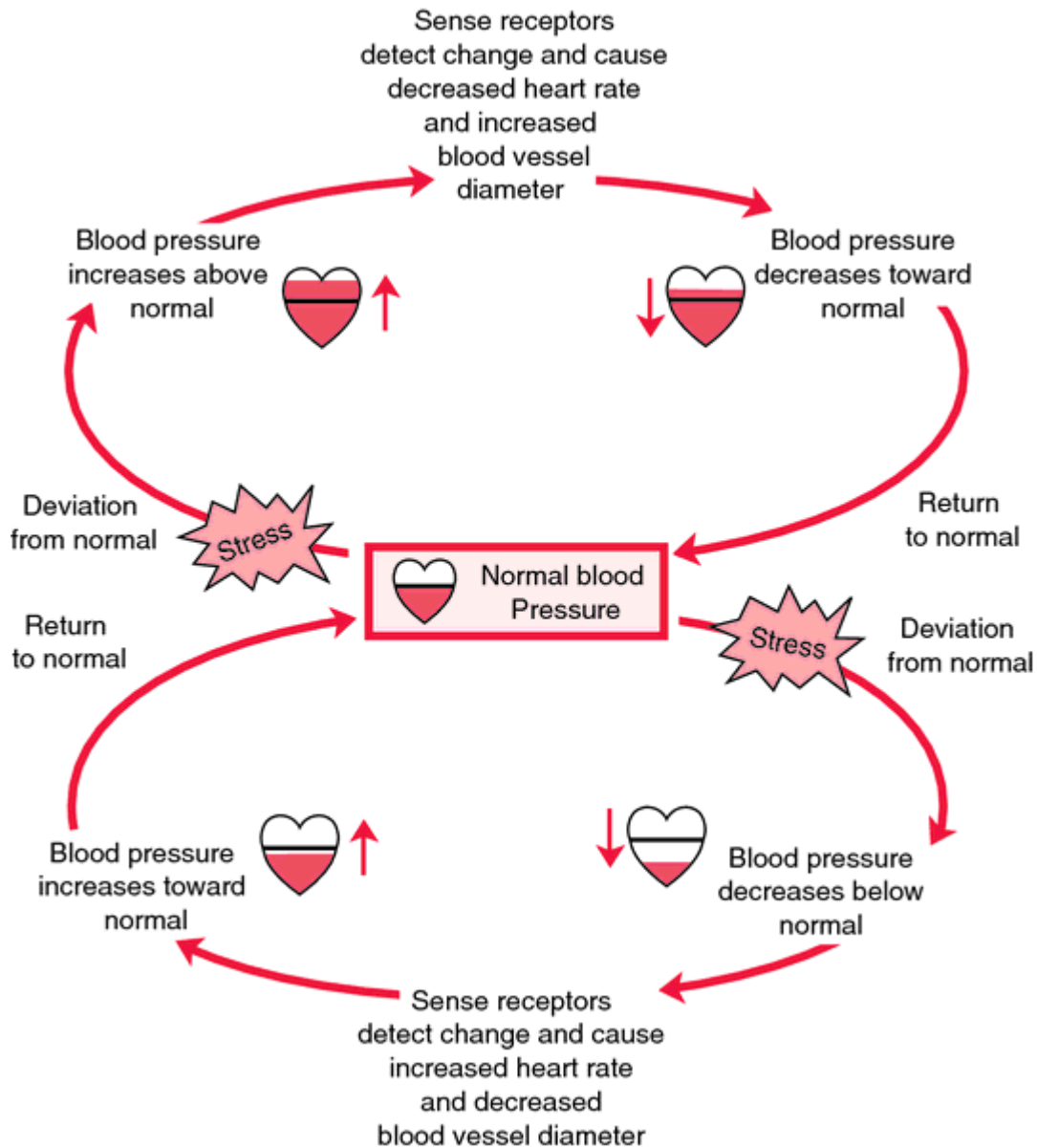


# Examples of Negative Feedback Mechanisms

## Body temperature control

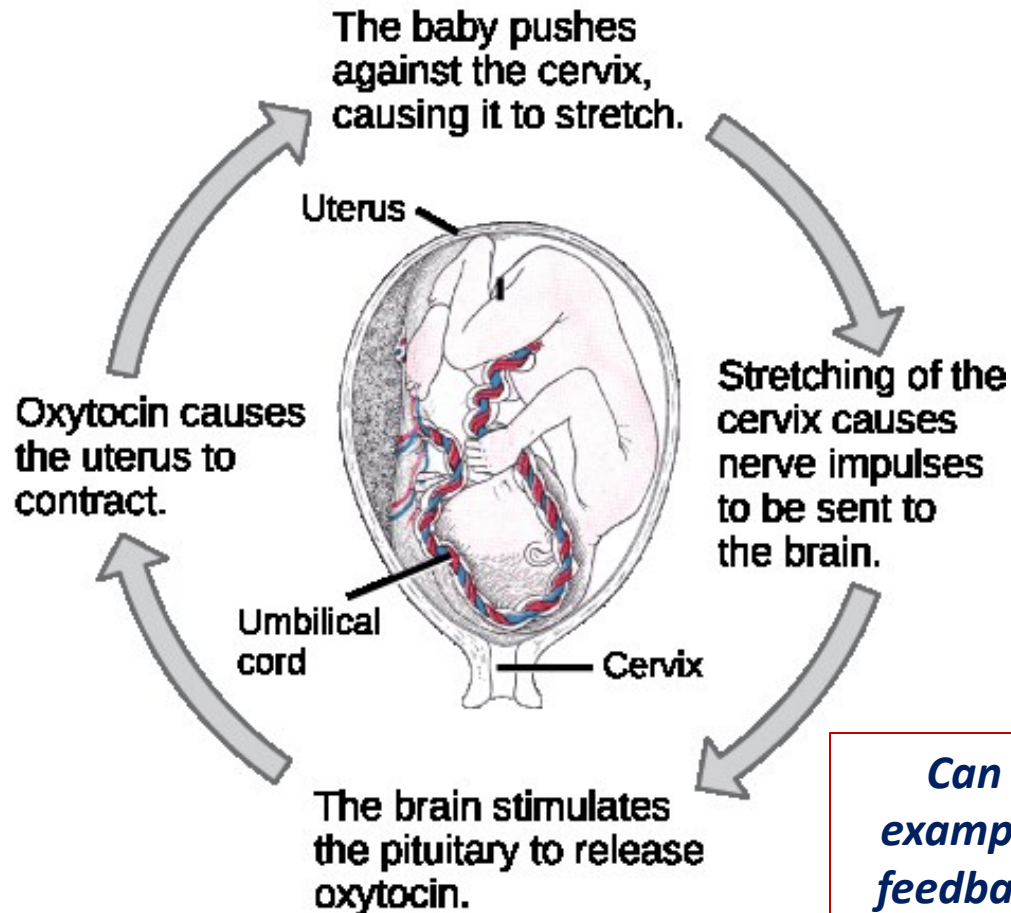


# Blood pressure control



# Examples of Positive Feedback Mechanisms

## Childbirth

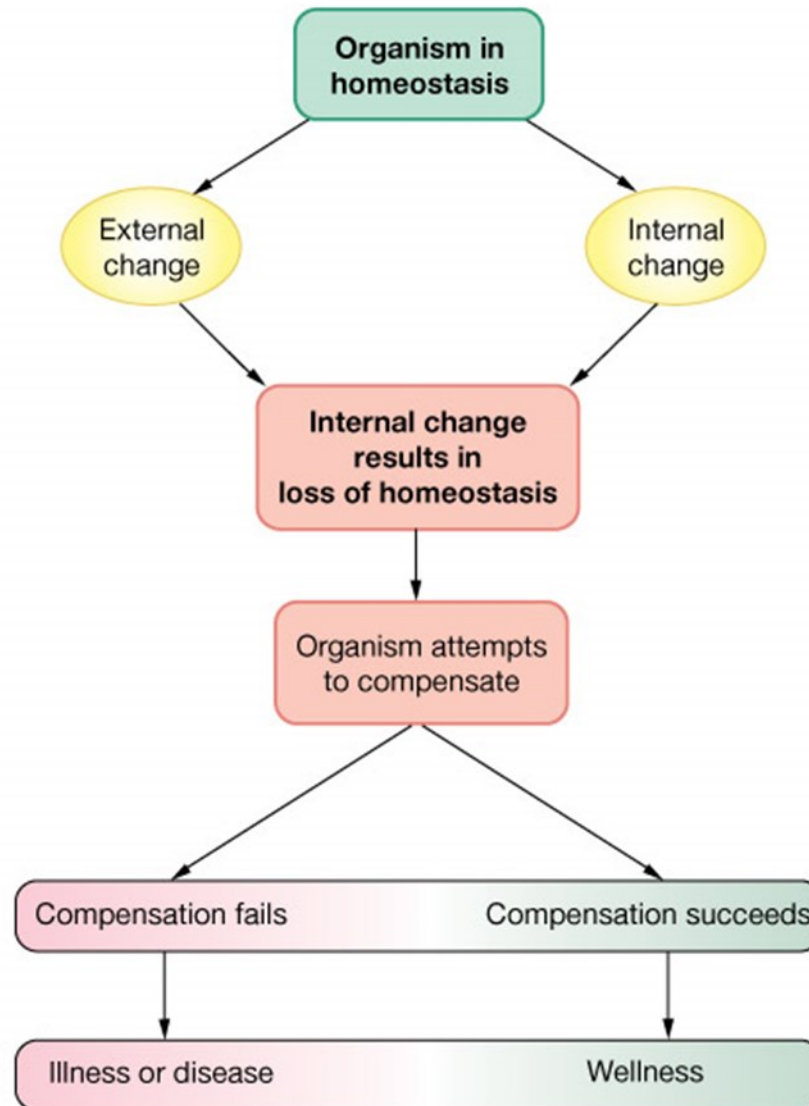


*Can you find other examples for a positive feedback mechanism in the body?*

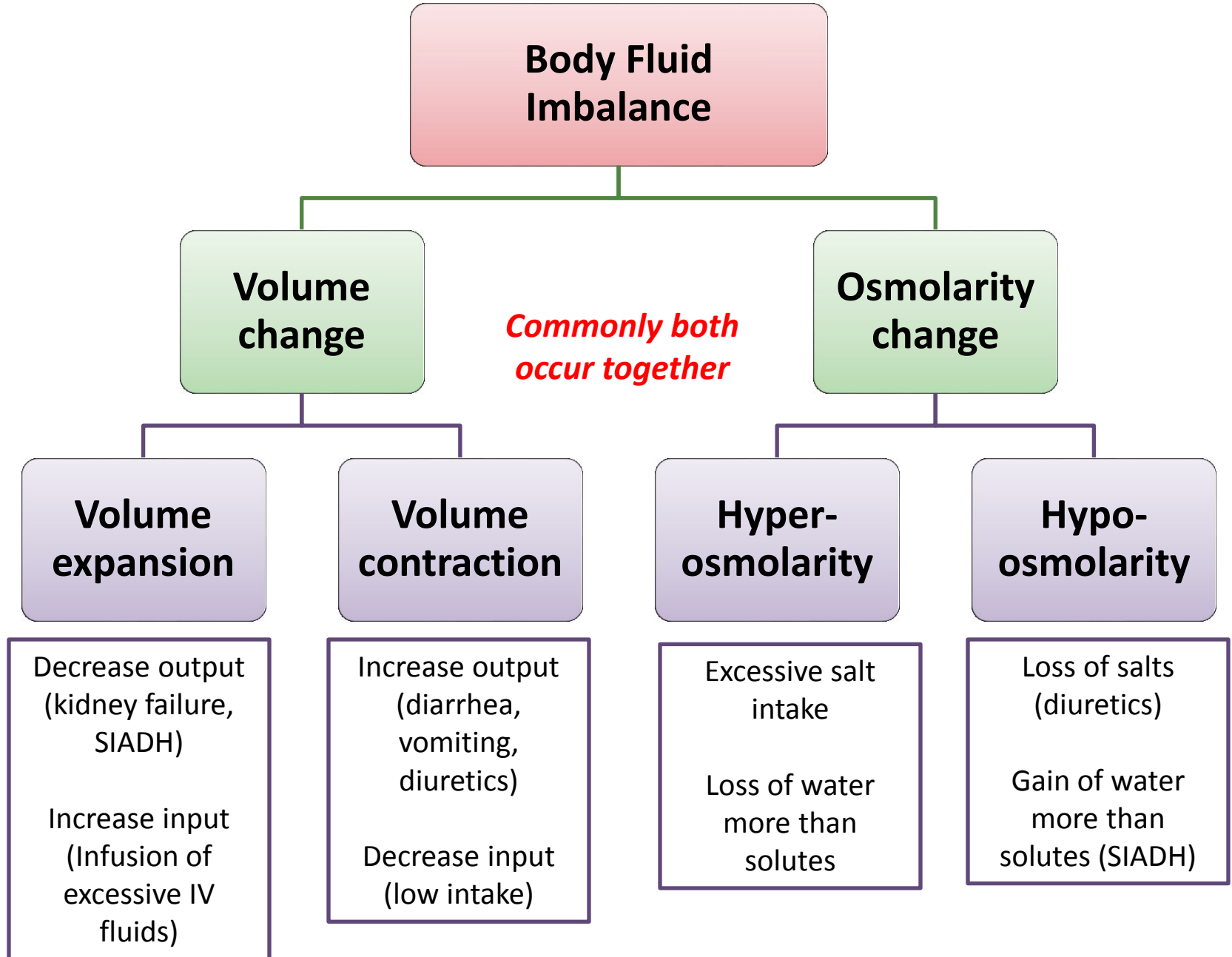




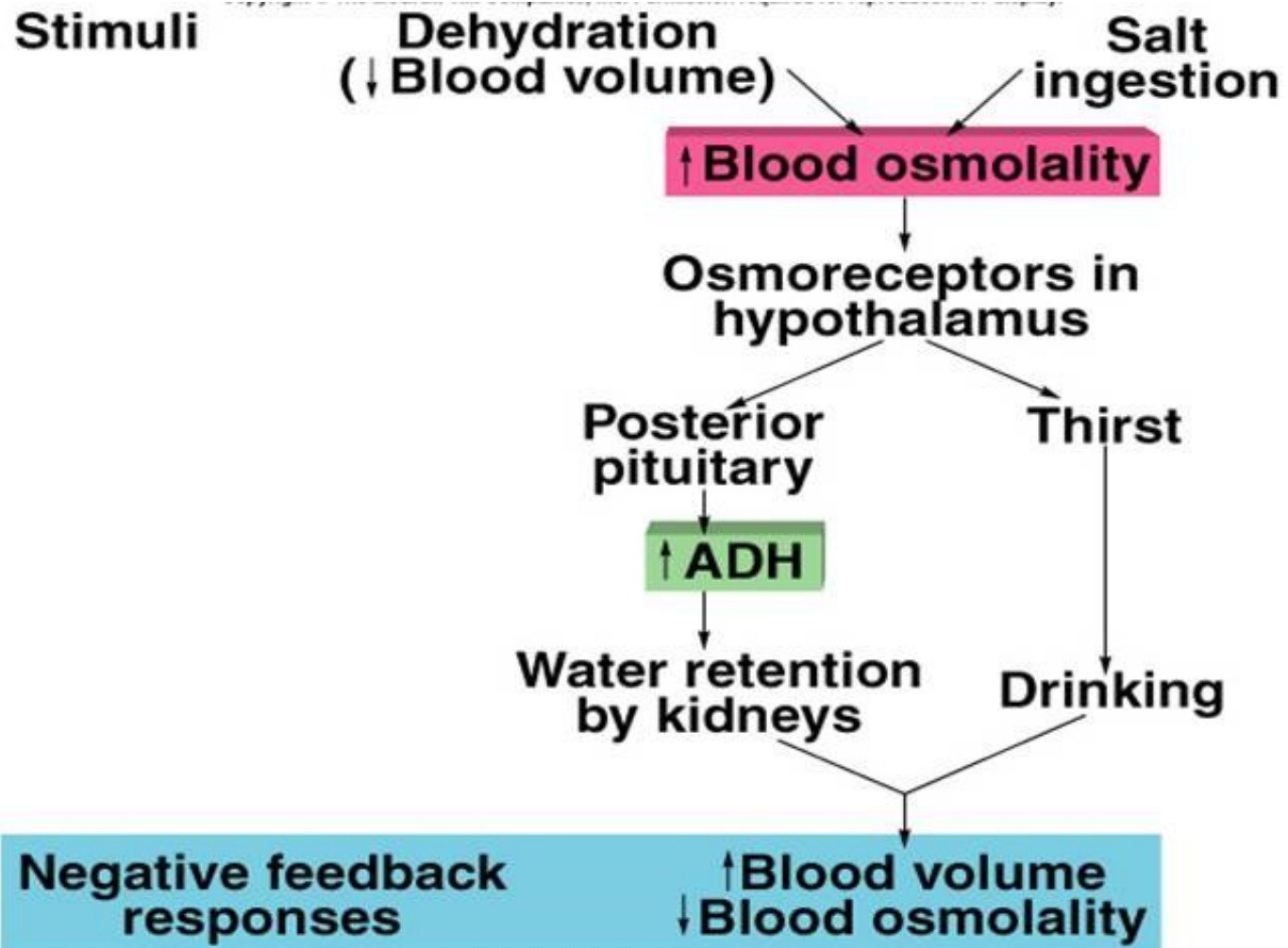
# ***Disease is a state of disturbed homeostasis***

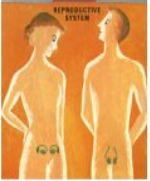
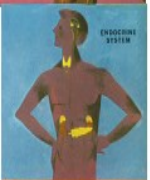
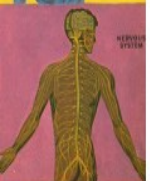
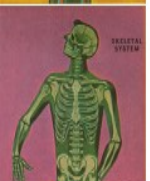
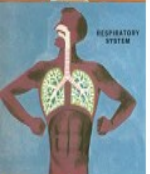
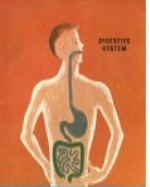


# Body Fluid Imbalance



# What are the feedback mechanisms operating in Fluid balance control?



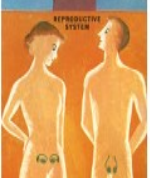
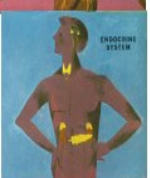
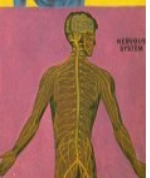
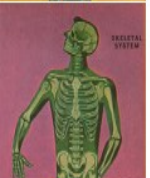
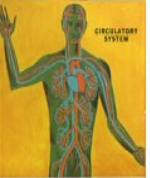
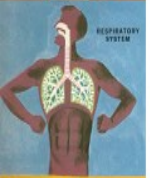
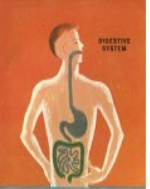


Why is there a negative feedback from your biology teacher?

she is teaching HOMEOSTASIS this week. What do you expect?

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**Thank you**