

# PHYSIOLOGY

## RENAL FILTRATION OF BODY FLUIDS

### Objectives

- ❖ Identify and describe the role of the sensors and effectors in the renal regulation of body fluid volume.
- ❖ Describe the role of the kidney in regulation of body fluid volume & osmolality.
- ❖ Identify the site and describe the influence of aldosterone on reabsorption of  $\text{Na}^+$  in the late distal tubules.
- ❖ Understand the role of ADH in the reabsorption of water and urea

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# Introduction

## Regulation of ECF

### Control of ECF volume

### Control of ECF Osmolarity

Why is it important to regulate ECF volume

**Determines:**  
blood pressure →  
tissue perfusion

**Regulated by:**  
Adjusting total body  
Na<sup>+</sup> content (Na  
Excretion)

The 2 systems use  
**different:**  
Sensors  
Hormonal transducers  
Effectors

**Determines:**  
Cell volume →  
cell function

**Regulated by:**  
Adjusting total body  
H<sub>2</sub>O content (H<sub>2</sub>O  
Excretion)

ECF volume has an effect on blood volume, blood pressure, & perfusion of organs.  
Normal plasma means normal blood volume, hence blood pressure is good.  
Good blood pressure is important as it perfuses organs.

Modulates Na body content by modulating Na excretion. So if there is a high amount of Na in the body, ECF volume increases. Na is then excreted from the body through the kidney.

The cell lives in an isotonic solution. So if the osmolarity increases cell shrinks and if it decreases cell swells.  
The cells present in the CNS are the most cells affected by change in osmolarity. Once this happens, the cell, no longer functions properly.

When the body wants to adjust the total water content, it asks the kidney to adjust water excretion. However, when osmolarity of ECF becomes hypertonic; ADH is released. This decreases water excretion & osmolarity returns to normal.

### Q / Why does the body regulate ECF volume by adjusting body Na<sup>+</sup> content?

Na<sup>+</sup> is the most abundant solutes in the ECF & when we move Na from one compartment to another, water moves with it. This is due to the osmotic gradient created by the movement of Na.

## Electrolyte composition of body fluids

01

The most abundant cation in ECF is Na

02

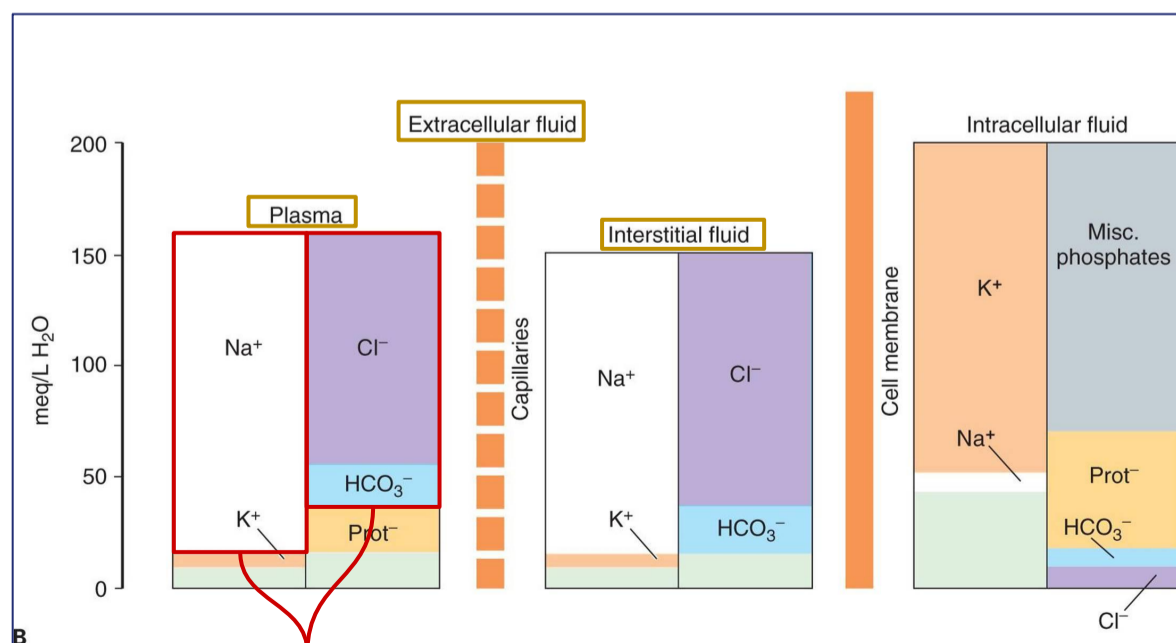
The most abundant anions in ECF are Cl<sup>-</sup> and HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>

03

The body regulates ECF volume by monitoring and adjusting total body content of Na<sup>+</sup>

04

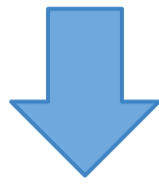
ECF volume is closely linked to Na<sup>+</sup> balance



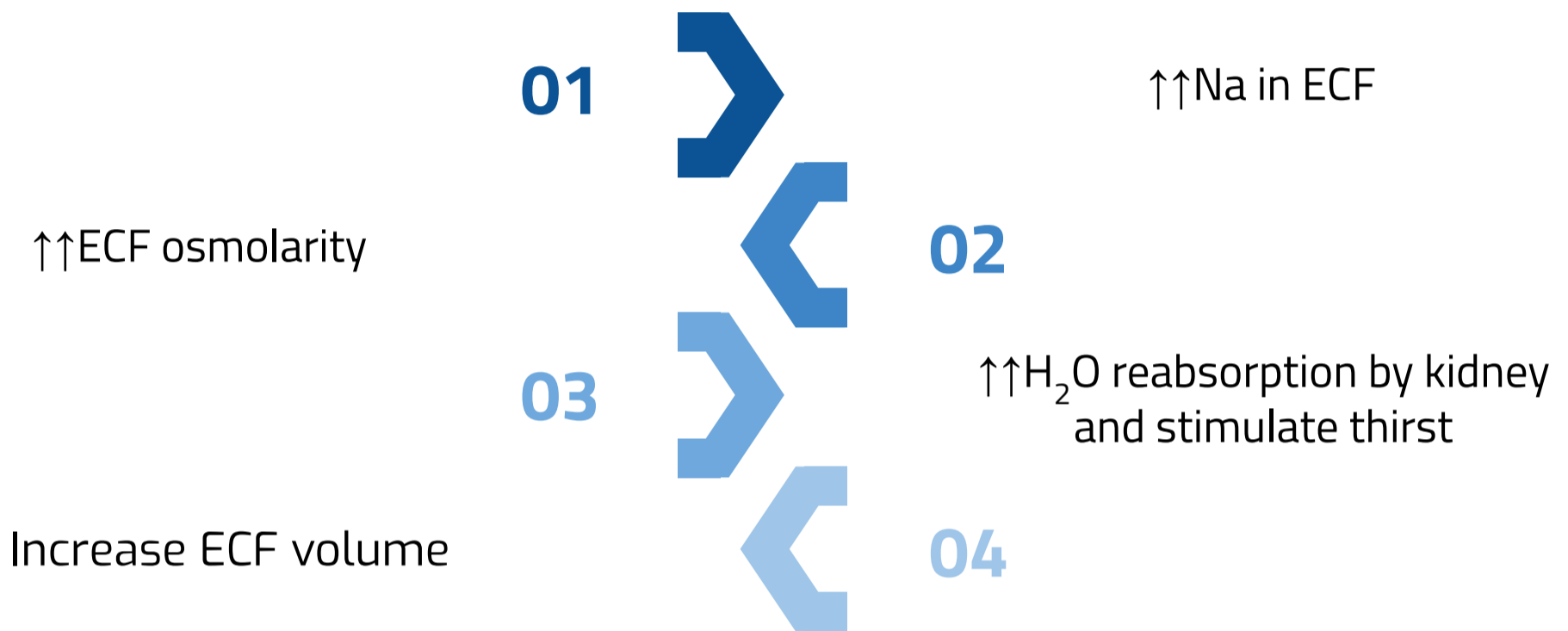
The main osmotic constituents of ECF

So any changes in these ions will cause changes in ECF volume.

# Why is Na<sup>+</sup> Content the Main Determinant of ECF Volume?

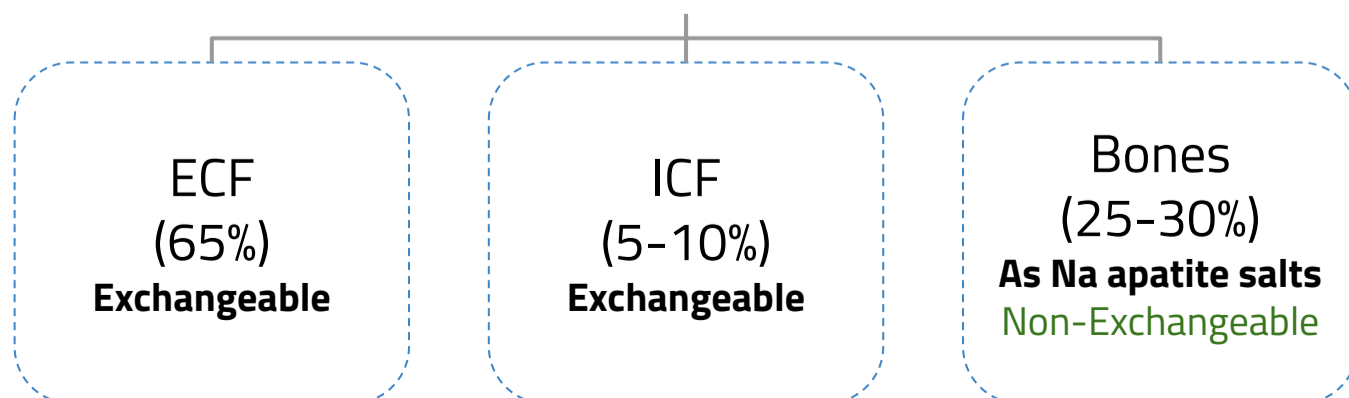


Because Na<sup>+</sup> and its associated anions are the main osmotic constituents of ECF volume, when Na<sup>+</sup> salts move, water most follow.

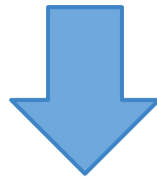


Sodium Balance	
Input	Output
Dietary intake	Kidney most important
RDA= 1.5-2.3 g/day ( RDA= Recommended Dietary Allowance )	<b>GI loss</b> (minor pathway under normal condition)
Actual content in western diet = 7g/day	<b>Sweat</b> (minor pathway under normal condition) They are a major exit route for Na during pathological conditions.

## Body sodium distribution



# ECF volume regulation



## 1. What does the body sense ?

01

The body does not sense ECF volume But it senses **Effective circulating volume (ECV)**.

02

**ECV:** a functional blood volume that reflects the extent of tissue perfusion in specific regions, as evidenced by the pressure in their blood vessels.

03

ECV reflects adequacy of circulation. Fullness & pressure in the vessels.

Fullness is the amount of blood & pressure of the blood.

04

Usually changes in ECV parallel those of ECF volume.

### What is the goal of effective circulation?

To maintain constant perfusion so that the organs receives enough nutrients and O<sub>2</sub>

## Effective circulating Volume

**Increase in ECF volume**

- Increase in ECV
- Increase in ABP & tissue perfusion

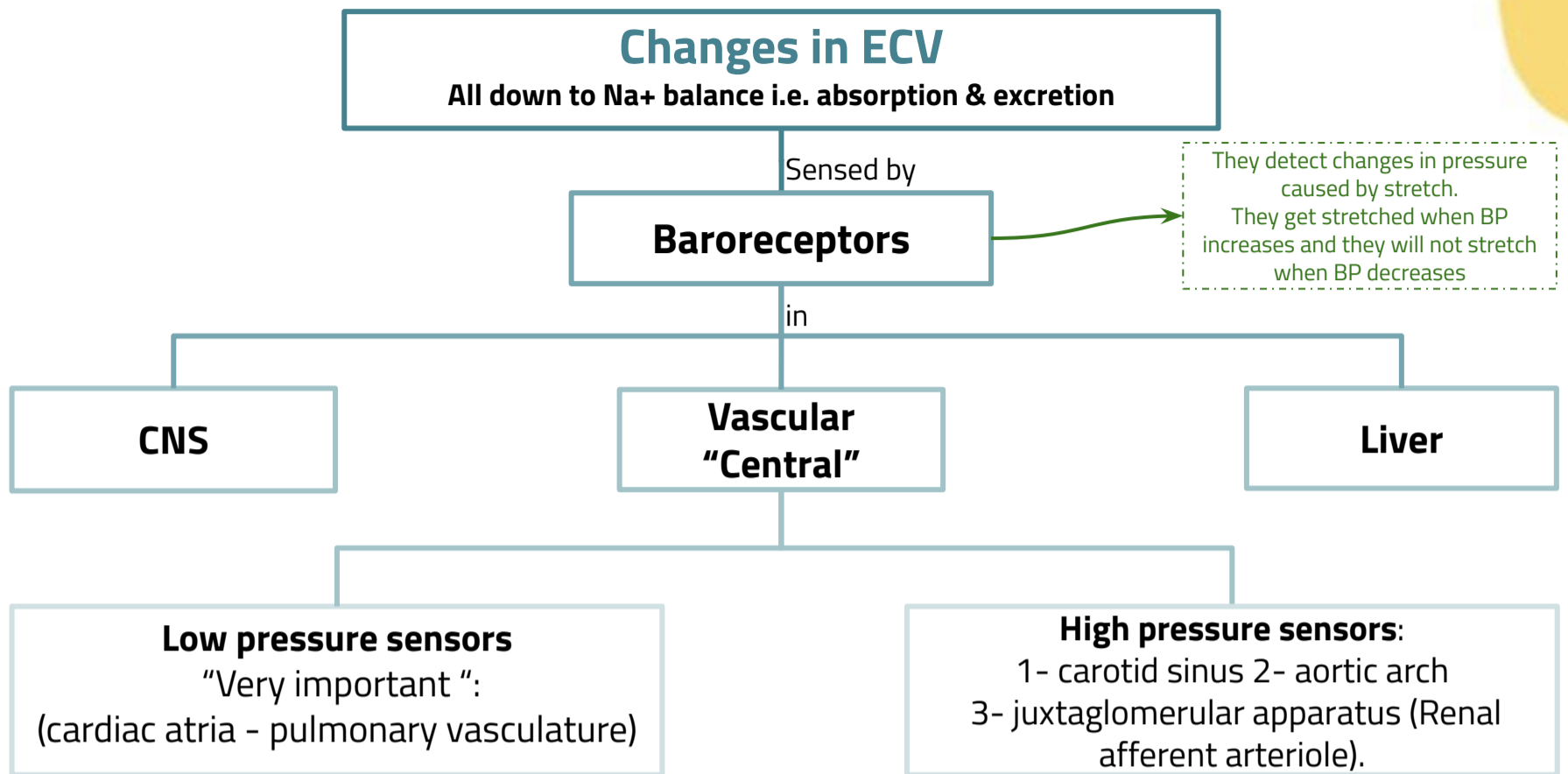
**Normal ECF volume**

- Normal ECV
- Normal ABP and adequate tissue perfusion

**Decrease in ECF volume**

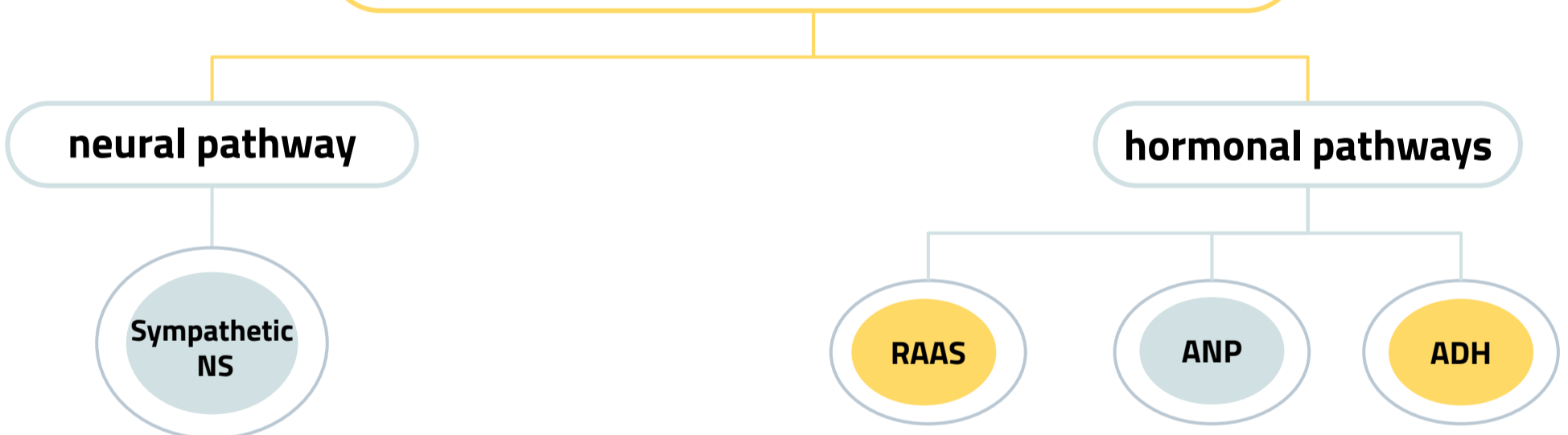
- Decrease in ECV
- Decrease in tissue perfusion

## 2. What are the Sensors?



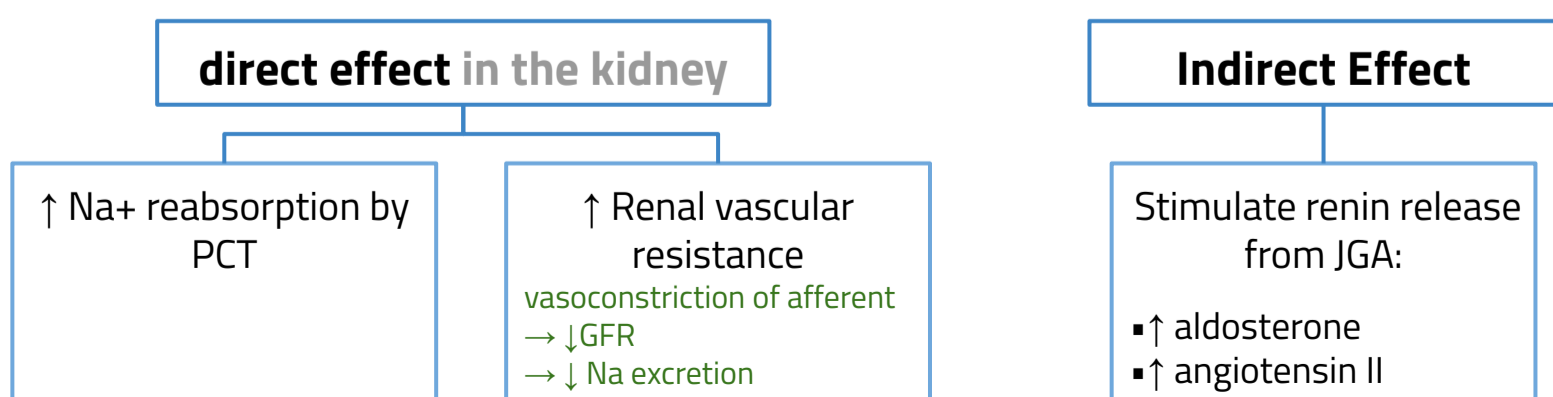
## 3. What are the Effectors?

### Stimulate Baroreceptors will generate:



## Sympathetic Nervous System (SNS)

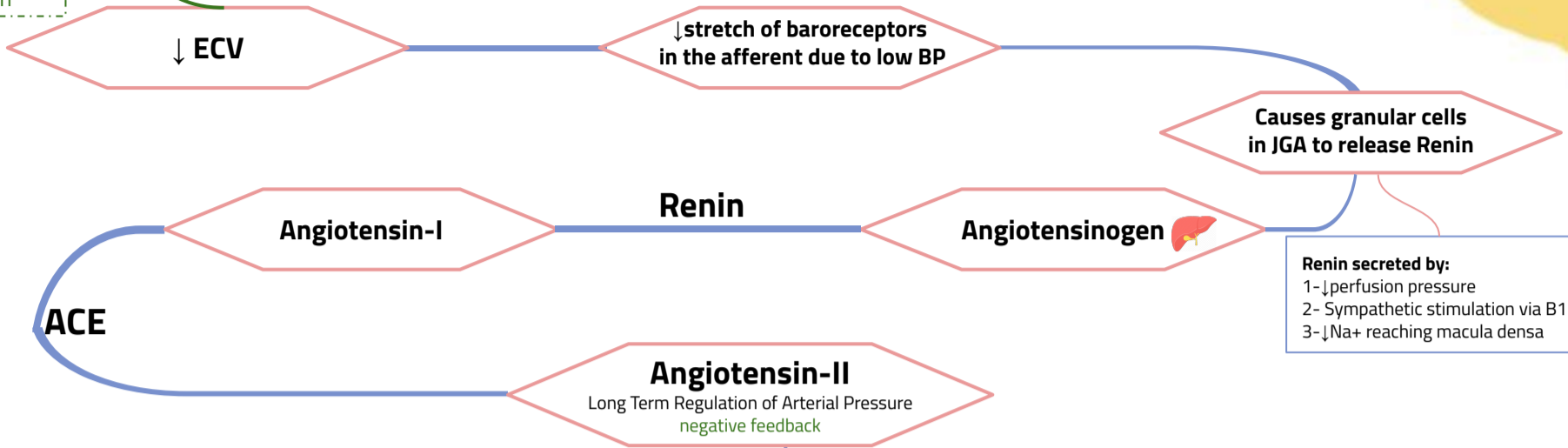
- Its role is thought to be especially important during **stressful** conditions, e.g. hemorrhage.
- ↓ ECV → ↓ Blood pressure → Stimulate SNS through baroreceptors:



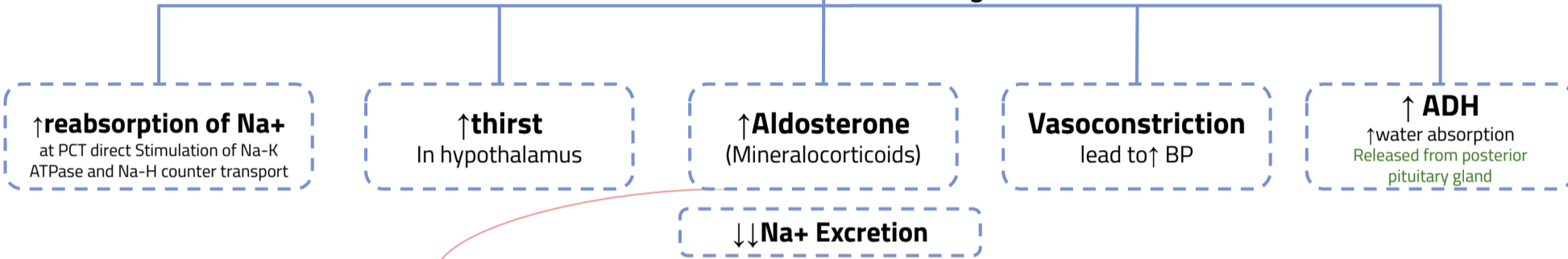
The end result will be Decrease of Na<sup>+</sup> excretion (more Na<sup>+</sup> return into circulation) → increase ECV

# The Renin-Angiotensin-Aldosterone System (RAAS)

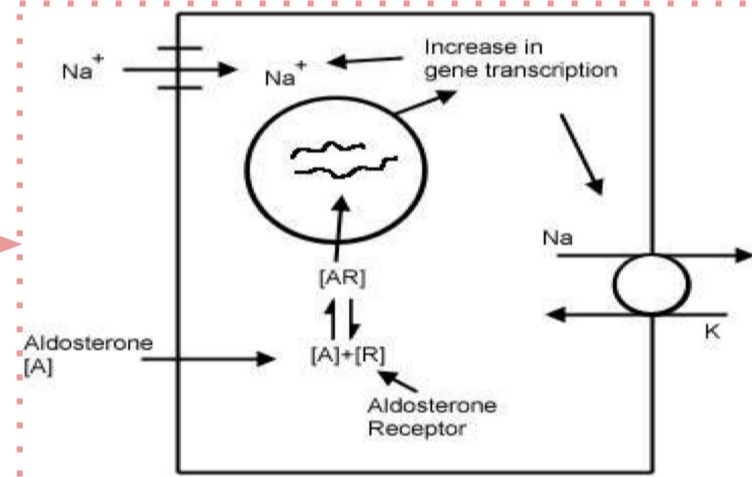
Occurs during:  
Hemorrhage  
Dehydration  
Shock  
Hypotension



## Actions of angiotensin II via AT1:



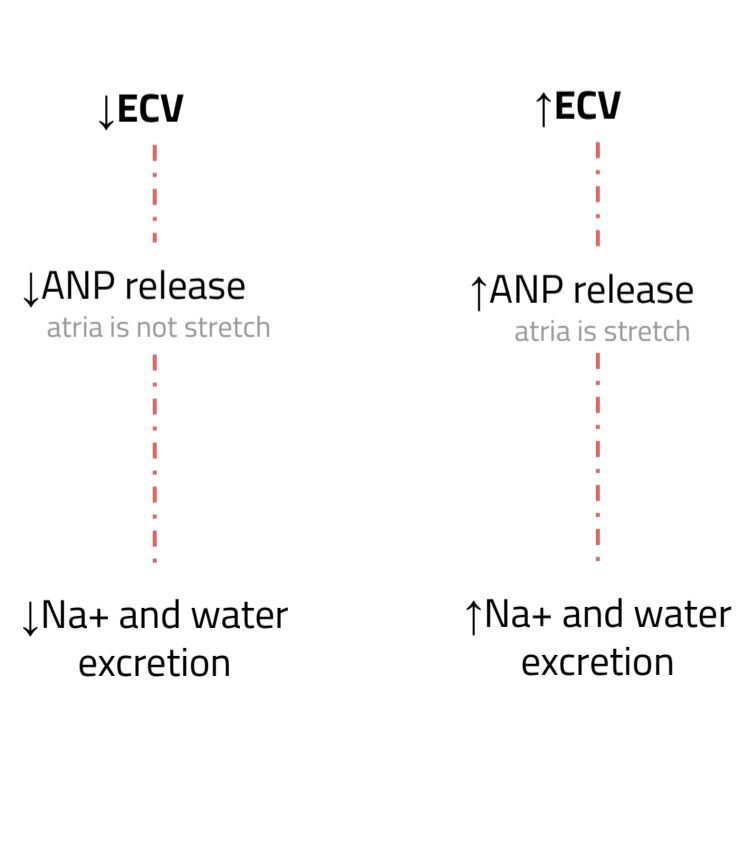
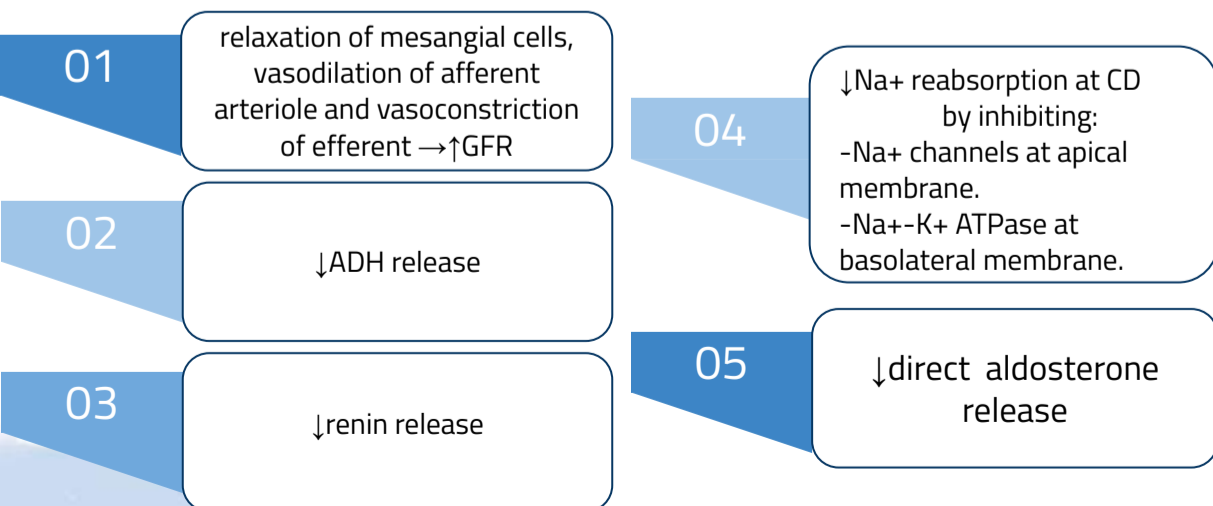
- Angiotensin II increases aldosterone secretion from the adrenal cortex via AT1 receptors.
- Aldosterone increases Na<sup>+</sup> and water reabsorption in exchange with K<sup>+</sup> or H<sup>+</sup> excretion at the P cells of the DCT & CD by:
  1. ↑ Number of Na<sup>+</sup> channels at the apical membrane.
  2. Stimulate Na-K pump at the basolateral membrane.



## Atrial Natriuretic Peptide (ANP)

- ANP promotes **natriuresis** (Na<sup>+</sup> excretion)
- Secreted by atrial myocytes in response to stretch

ANP is an antagonist of renin-angiotensin:

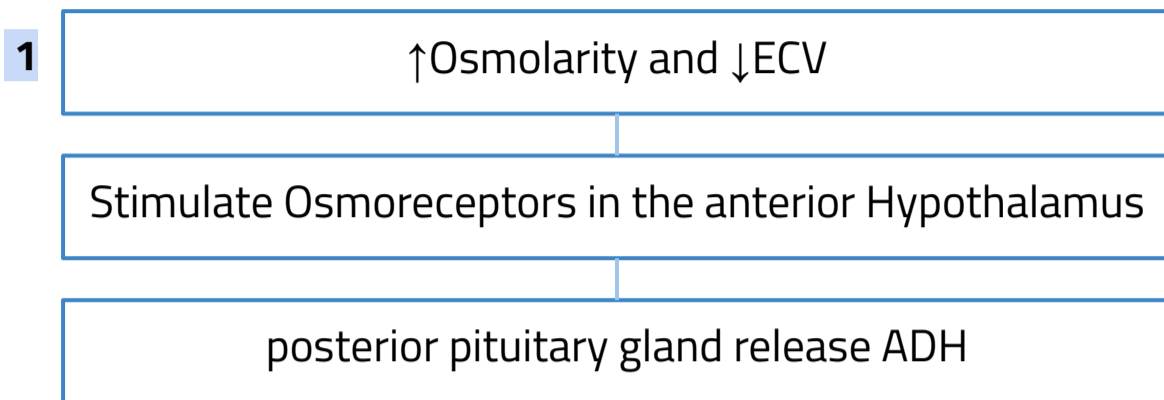


# Antidiuretic hormone (ADH)/Vasopressin

## Main functions of ADH:

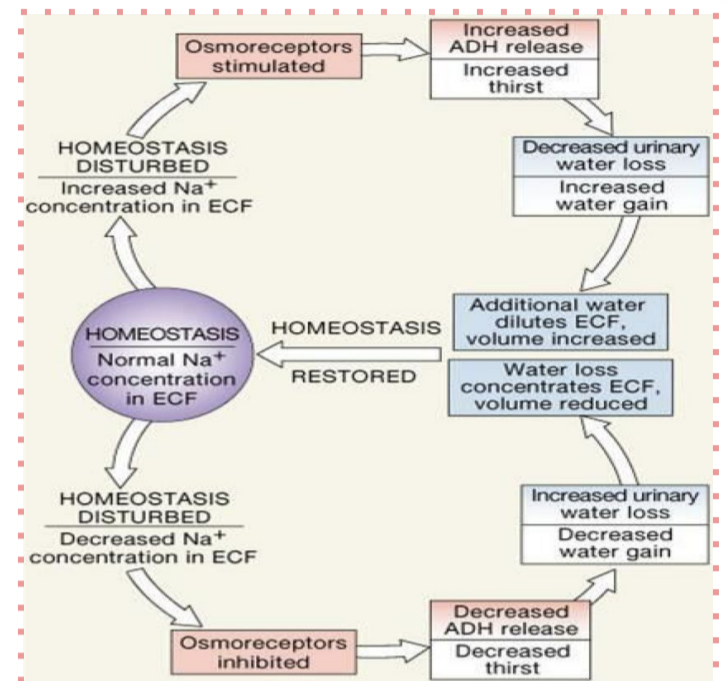
1 water reabsorption

2 stimulate thirst center



V2 receptors Antidiuretic action Water retention Via Aquaporin II channels

V1 receptors Vasopressor action

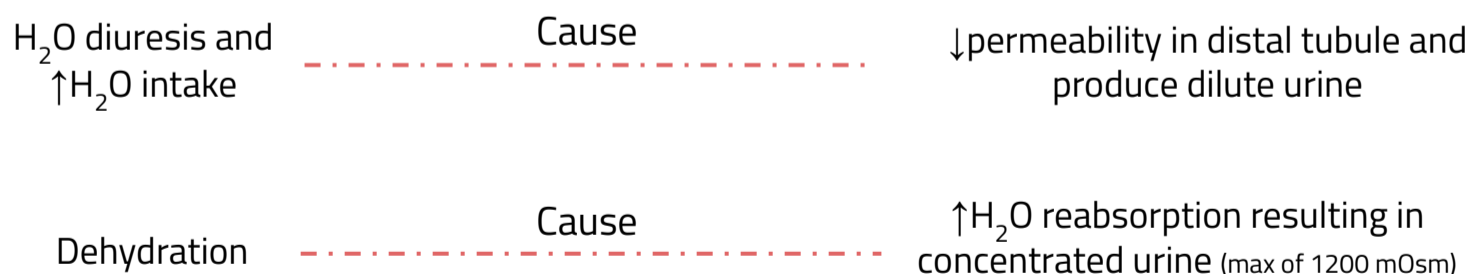


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- Drinking is by habit. So when we drink enough water, we doesn't get thirsty. Thirst is an emergency mechanism when there is a lack of water.
- Stimuli for thirst is similar to osmoreceptors which produce and release ADH.
- Major mechanism for causing sensation of thirst is an "intracellular dehydration" mainly due to ↑Osmolality of extracellular fluid

## H<sub>2</sub>O permeability & control of intake

The permeability of the distal tubule to H<sub>2</sub>O is regulated by ADH for example:



## Other hormones that control of Na reabsorption

### 1 Glucocorticoids

- Have weak mineralocorticoid activity

### 2 Sex hormones

- Estrogen ↑ Na<sup>+</sup> reabsorption

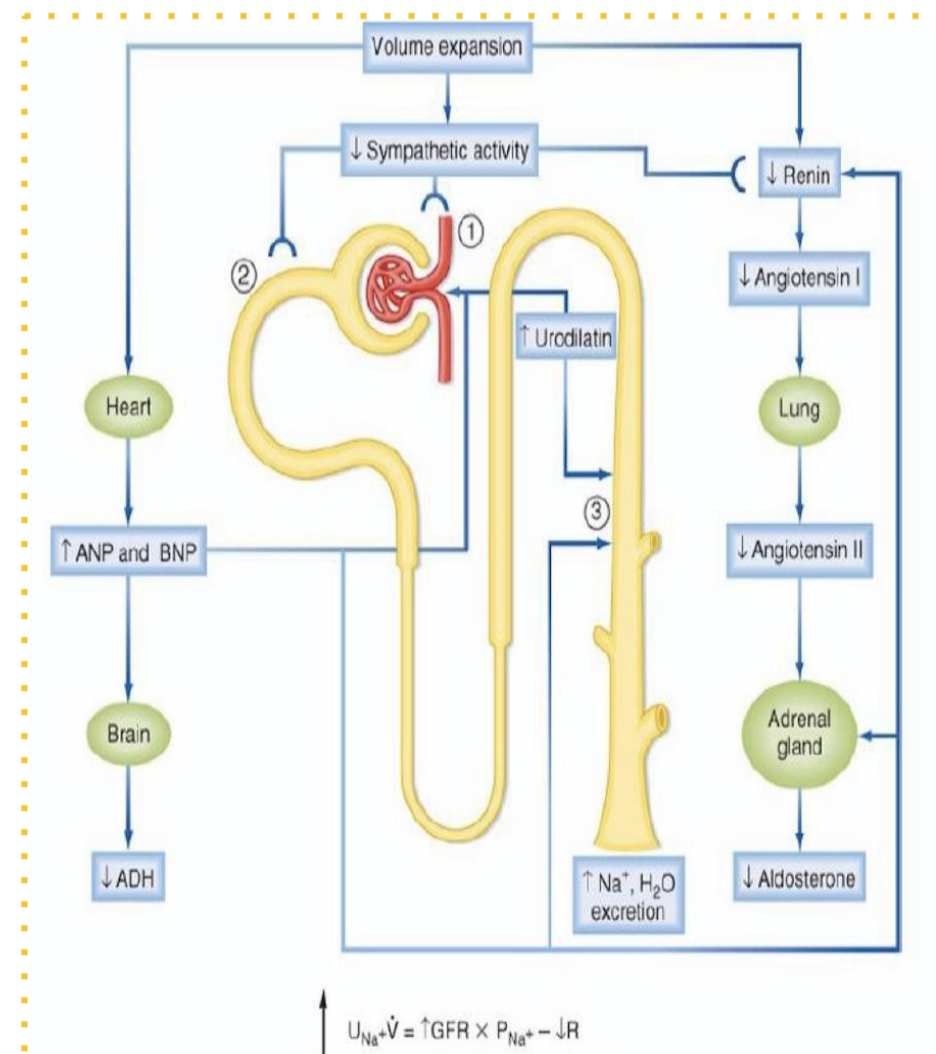
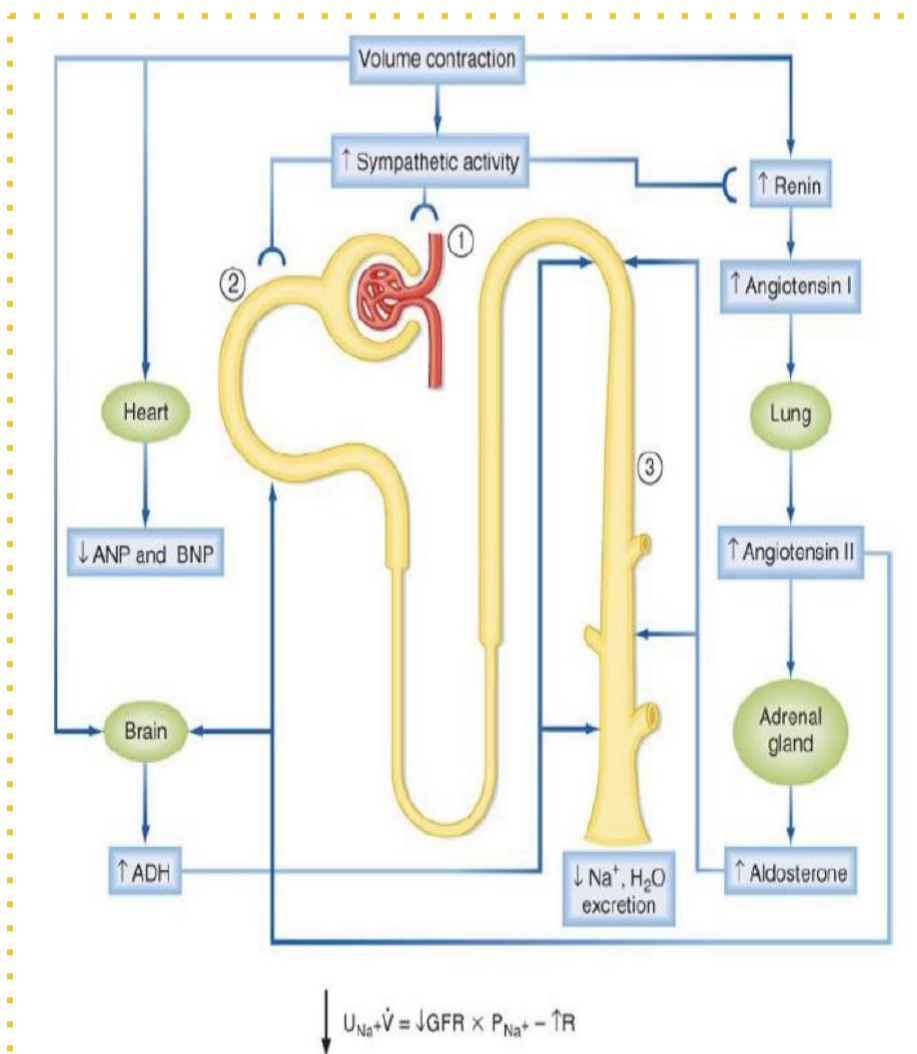
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- ↑ Na<sup>+</sup> excretion through:
- Inhibit apical Na<sup>+</sup> channels
  - Inhibit Na<sup>+</sup>-K<sup>+</sup> ATPase
- (Action similar to ANP and opposite to aldosterone)

# Doctor notes

- under physiologic conditions, the body regulates plasma volume & plasma osmolarity independently because, plasma volume is regulated by:  $\text{Na}^+$  and the main effector is: RAAS, sympathetic and ANP while the plasma osmolarity is regulated by: water and the main effector is: ADH and thirst.
- under pathological conditions, severe derangements in fluid & electrolyte balance may challenge the system by presenting two **conflicting** changes in osmolarity and volume. For example: someone has hypotension and hypo-osmolarity at the same time, Hypo-osmolarity is corrected by: inhibit ADH  $\rightarrow$  water loss  $\rightarrow$  severe hypotension "so its getting worse".
- In general, if there is two **conflicting** changes **the body defends volume at the expense of osmolarity**. "so volume is more important than osmolarity, because it determines the perfusion".

## Summary

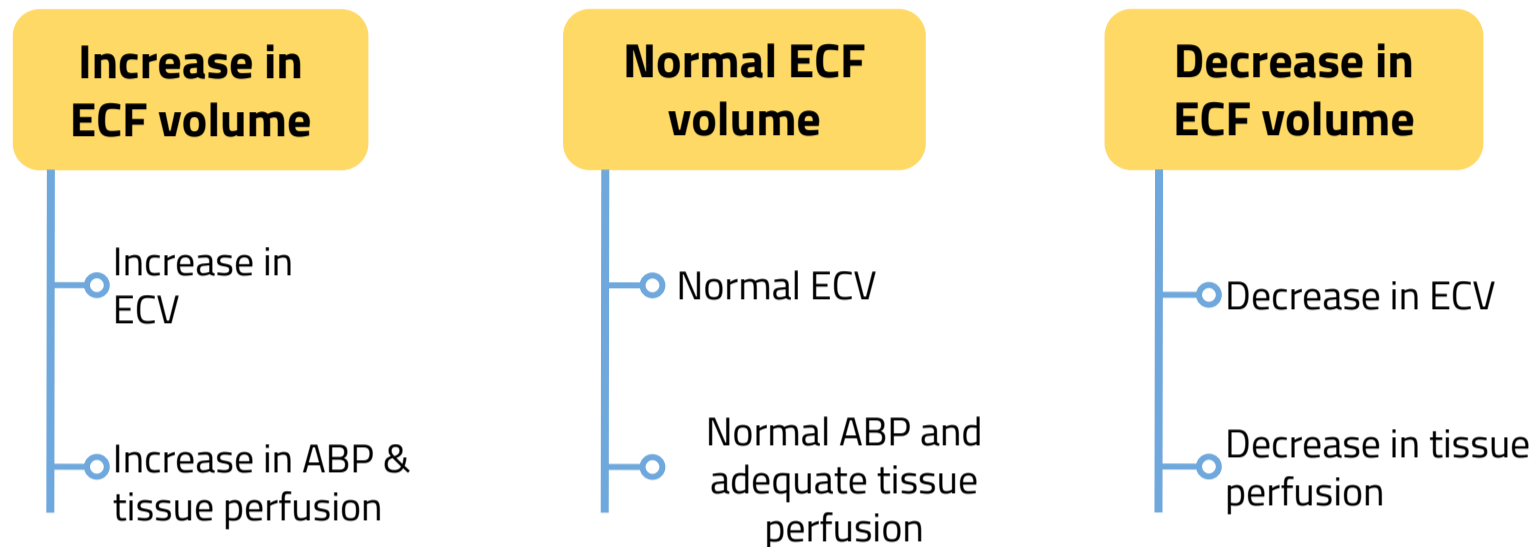




# Summary

- ❖ Identify and describe the role of the sensors and effectors in the renal regulation of body fluid volume.

- ❖ The body sense the Effective circulating volume ECV. There are three effectors depend on ECV:



- ❖ Describe the role of the kidney in regulation of body fluid volume & osmolality.

- ❖ The kidney regulates osmolality by adjusting total body water (water Excretion). The kidney regulates volume by adjusting total body Na<sup>+</sup> content (Na<sup>+</sup> Excretion).

- ❖ Identify the site and describe the influence of aldosterone on reabsorption of Na<sup>+</sup> in the late distal tubules.

- ❖ ↑Na<sup>+</sup> reabsorption in exchange with K or H excretion at the P cells of DCT & CD.

- ❖ What is the role of ADH in the reabsorption of water and urea?

- ❖ Water deficit → ↑extracellular osmolality → osmoreceptors will fire → ↑ADH secretion → ↑plasma ADH → ↑H<sub>2</sub>O permeability in DT and CD → ↑H<sub>2</sub>O reabsorption → ↓H<sub>2</sub>O excreted

# MCQ & SAQ

**Q1:** The most abundant extracellular cation is

- A. Potassium
- B. Chloride
- C. Sodium
- D. Phosphate

**Q2:** What is the major route for excretion of sodium

- A. GI loss
- B. Kidney
- C. Sweat
- D. Lungs

**Q3:** All of the following are high pressure sensors EXCEPT

- A. Carotid sinus
- B. Aortic arch
- C. Cardiac atria
- D. Juxtaglomerular apparatus

**Q4:** All of the following are actions of angiotensin II EXCEPT

- A. ↑ Reabsorption of Na<sup>+</sup>
- B. ↑ Thirst
- C. ↑ Aldosterone
- D. Vasodilatation

**Q5:** Which of the following is a low pressure receptor

- A. Renal afferent arterioles
- B. Pulmonary vasculature
- C. Carotid sinus
- D. Aortic arch

**Q6:** Osmoreceptors are located in

- A. Supraoptic nuclei
- B. Anterior hypothalamus
- C. Posterior pituitary
- D. Adrenal cortex

6: B  
5: B  
4: D  
3: C  
2: B  
1: C  
answer key:

**1- What are the fluid compartments of the body?**

**2- What happens to a person who has excessive diarrhea and is in dehydrated state?**

**3- When does edema occur?**

**4- What happened if a person is take high amount of water in short time?**

**A1:** Intracellular (inside the cells): contain most of the fluid  
Extracellular (outside the cell): contain fluid in the: 1. Blood (vascular) 2. Interstitium (between cells)

**A2:** Increase Sodium concentration → Increase extracellular osmolarity that surrounding the osmoreceptors in the hypothalamus → movement of water from intracellular (osmoreceptors cells) to extracellular → stimulation of osmoreceptors and send signals to posterior pituitary in hypothalamus → release ADH also called (arginine vasopressin)

**A3:** When there is an inappropriate secretion of ADH that will lead to hypo- osmolar condition of ECF and sodium concentration will be 120 mEq/L and below.

**A4:** Decreased Sodium concentration → decrease extracellular osmolarity that surrounding the osmoreceptors in the hypothalamus → movement of water from extracellular to intracellular (osmoreceptors cells) → stimulation of osmoreceptors and send signals to posterior pituitary in hypothalamus → decrease ADH

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