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ENDOCRINOLOGY

CALCIUM HOMEOSTASIS
Hypo and hyper-parathyroidism

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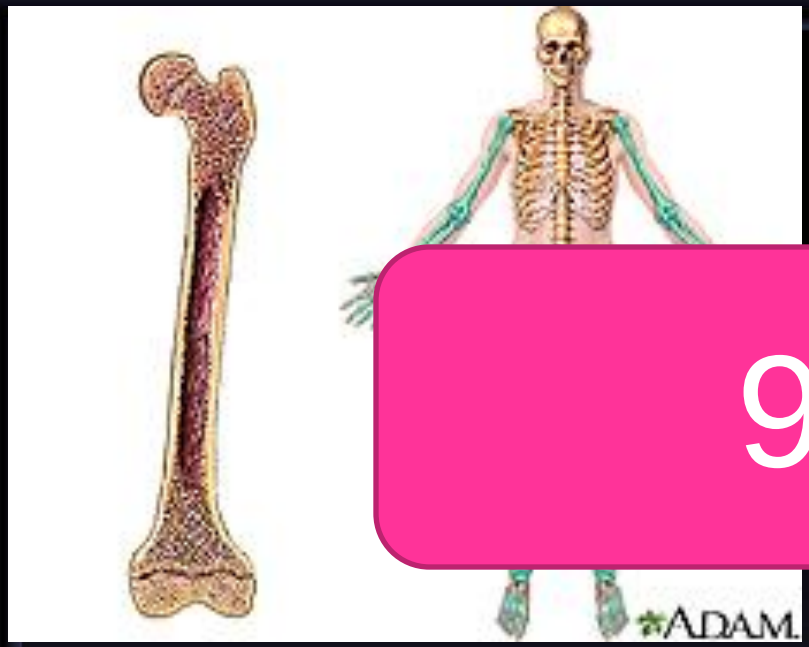
OBJECTIVES

At the end of this lecture you should be able to:

- List functions of calcium
- Describe calcium metabolism
- Describe physiology of bone
- Understand and explain hormonal regulation of calcium metabolism
  - Parathyroid hormone
  - Calcitonin
  - Vitamine D_3
- Understand hypo and hyper-parathyroidism



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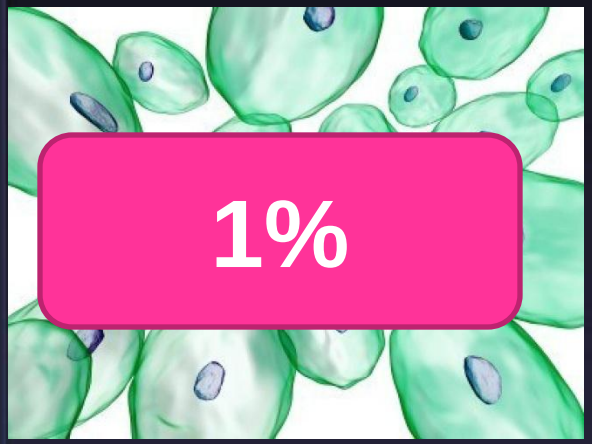

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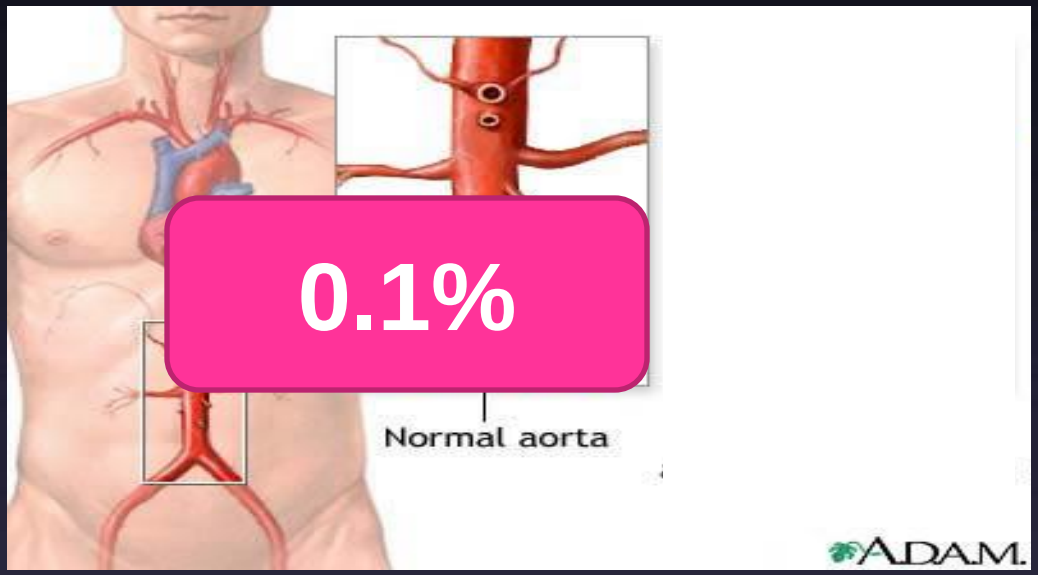

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Distribution of Ca^{++} in Body

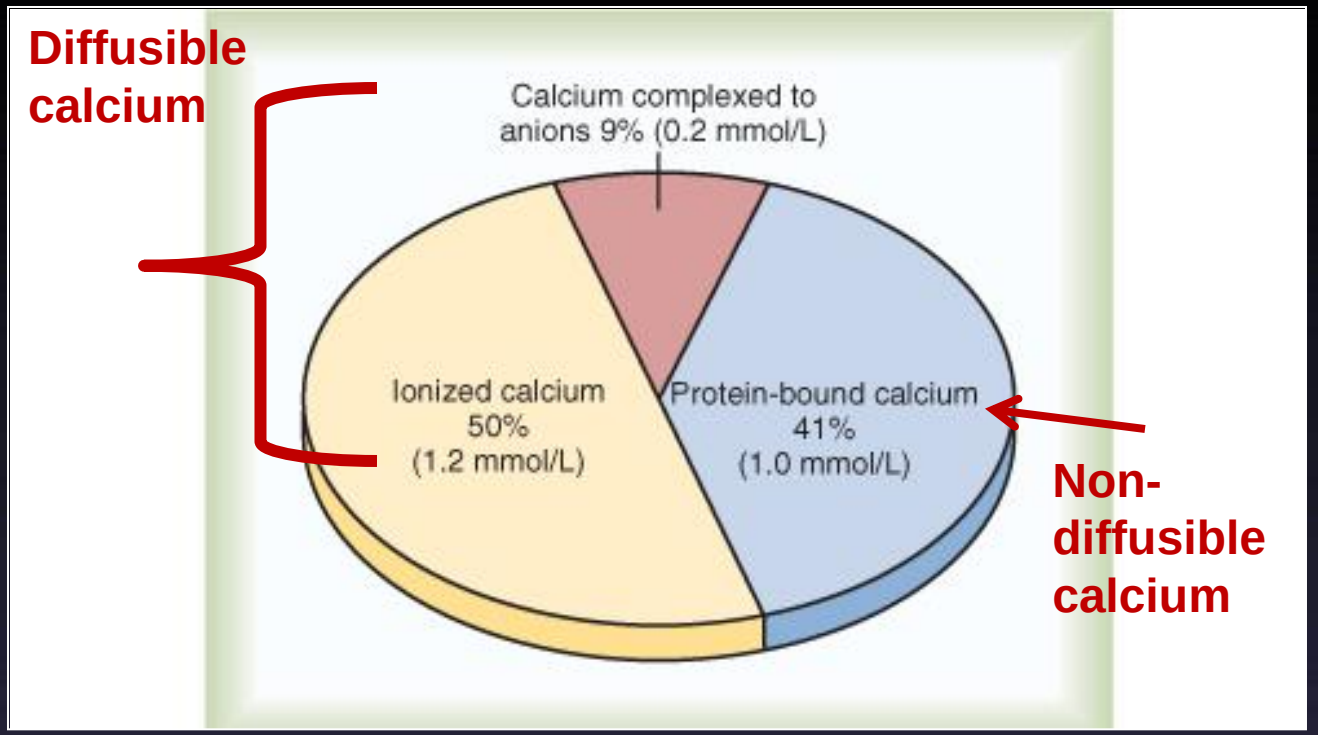
- **Skeleton & Teeth**
- **ICF (Endoplasmic Reticulum)**
- **ECF**

TABLE 36.1 Body Content and Tissue Distribution of Calcium and Phosphorus in a Healthy Adult

	Calcium	Phosphorus
Total Body Content	1,300 g	600 g
Relative Tissue Distribution (% of total body content)		
Bones and teeth	99%	86%
Extracellular fluid	0.1%	0.08%
Intracellular fluid	1.0%	14%

Distribution of Ca^{++} in ECF

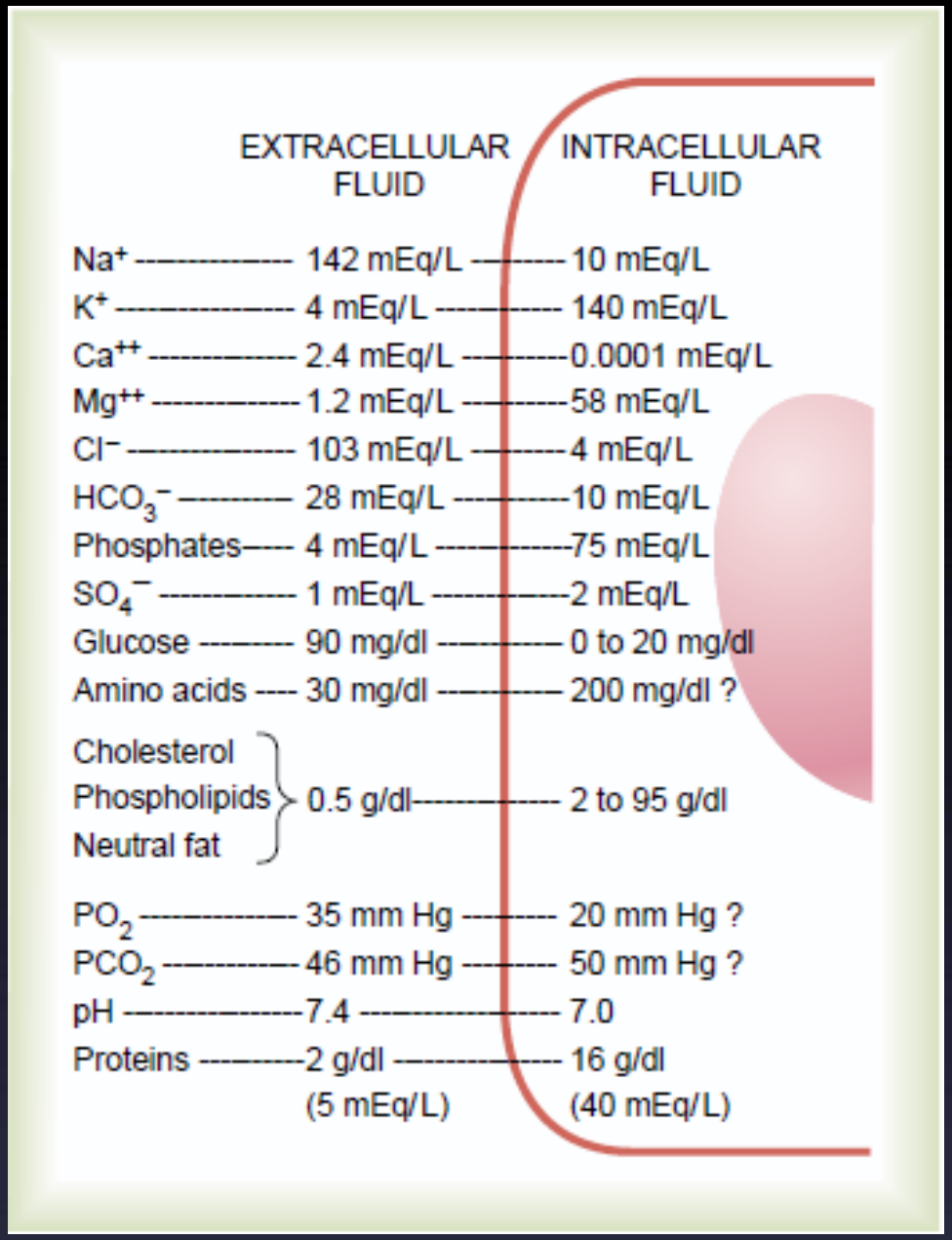
- Total plasma calcium= 9-10.5 mg/dl



Protein-bound calcium:

- Most of this calcium is bound to albumin & much smaller fraction is bound to globulin

- Binding of calcium to albumin is pH-dependent
- Acute respiraqory alkalosis increases calcium binding to protein thereby decreases ionized calcium level


EXTRACELLULAR FLUID
INTRACELLULAR FLUID
Na+ 142 mEq/L 10 mEq/L
K+ 4 mEq/L 140 mEq/L
Ca++ 2.4 mEq/L 0.0001 mEq/L
Mg++ 1.2 mEq/L 58 mEq/L
Cl− 103 mEq/L 4 mEq/L
HCO3− 28 mEq/L 10 mEq/L
Phosphates 4 mEq/L 75 mEq/L
SO4− 1 mEq/L 2 mEq/L
Glucose 90 mg/dl 0 to 20 mg/dl
Amino acids 30 mg/dl 200 mg/dl ?
Cholesterol
Phospholipids 0.5 g/dl 2 to 95 g/dl
Neutral fat
PO2 35 mm Hg 20 mm Hg ?
PCO2 46 mm Hg 50 mm Hg ?
pH 7.4 7.0
Proteins 2 g/dl 16 g/dl
(5 mEq/L) (40 mEq/L)

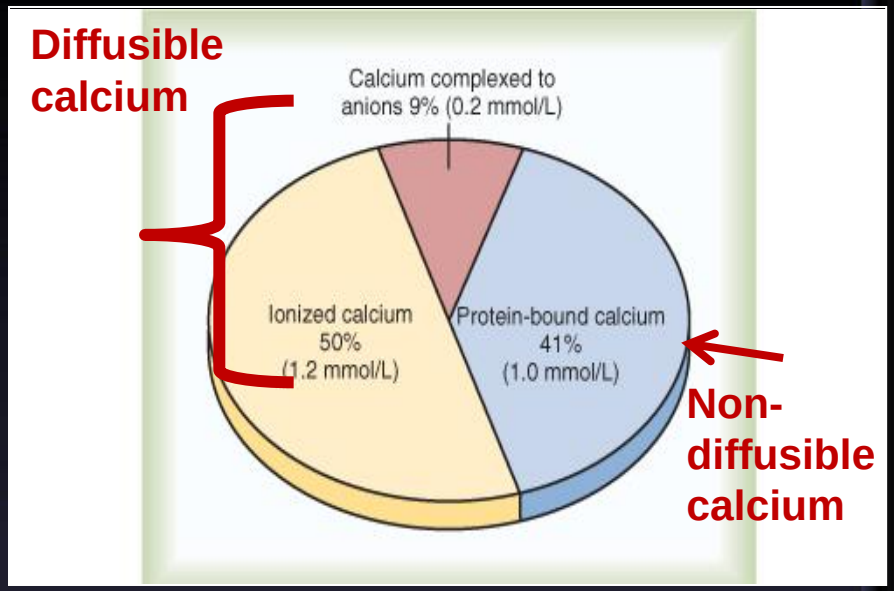
Plasma Calcium

9-10.5 mg/dl

Non Diffusible = 41%

Diffusible = 59%

- **Complexed 9 %**
- **Ionized 50%**



Physiological importance of Calcium

- Calcium salts in bone provide structural integrity of the skeleton
- Calcium ions in extracellular and cellular fluids is essential to normal function for the biochemical processes
  - Neuoromuscular excitability
  - Hormonal secretion
  - Enzymatic regulation
  - Blood coagulation
  - Second messenger.

Phosphate

- Phosphorous is an essential mineral necessary for ATP, cAMP second messenger systems, and other roles
- PO_4 plasma concentration is around 4 mg/dL.
- Most of it is ionized (diffusible) → around 50% of total
- The remainder (50%) and much less of it is un-ionized (non-diffusible) and protein- bound
- Calcium is tightly regulated with Phosphorous in the body.

Calcuim metabolism cont…

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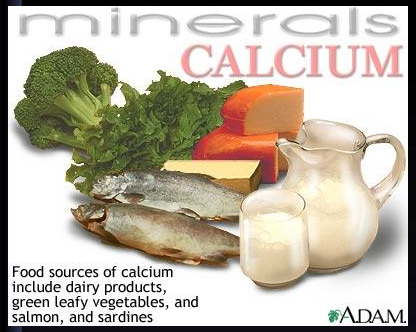


- Milk
- dairy products
- Fish

Daily requirements

- Infants & adults: 12.5 -25 mmol/day

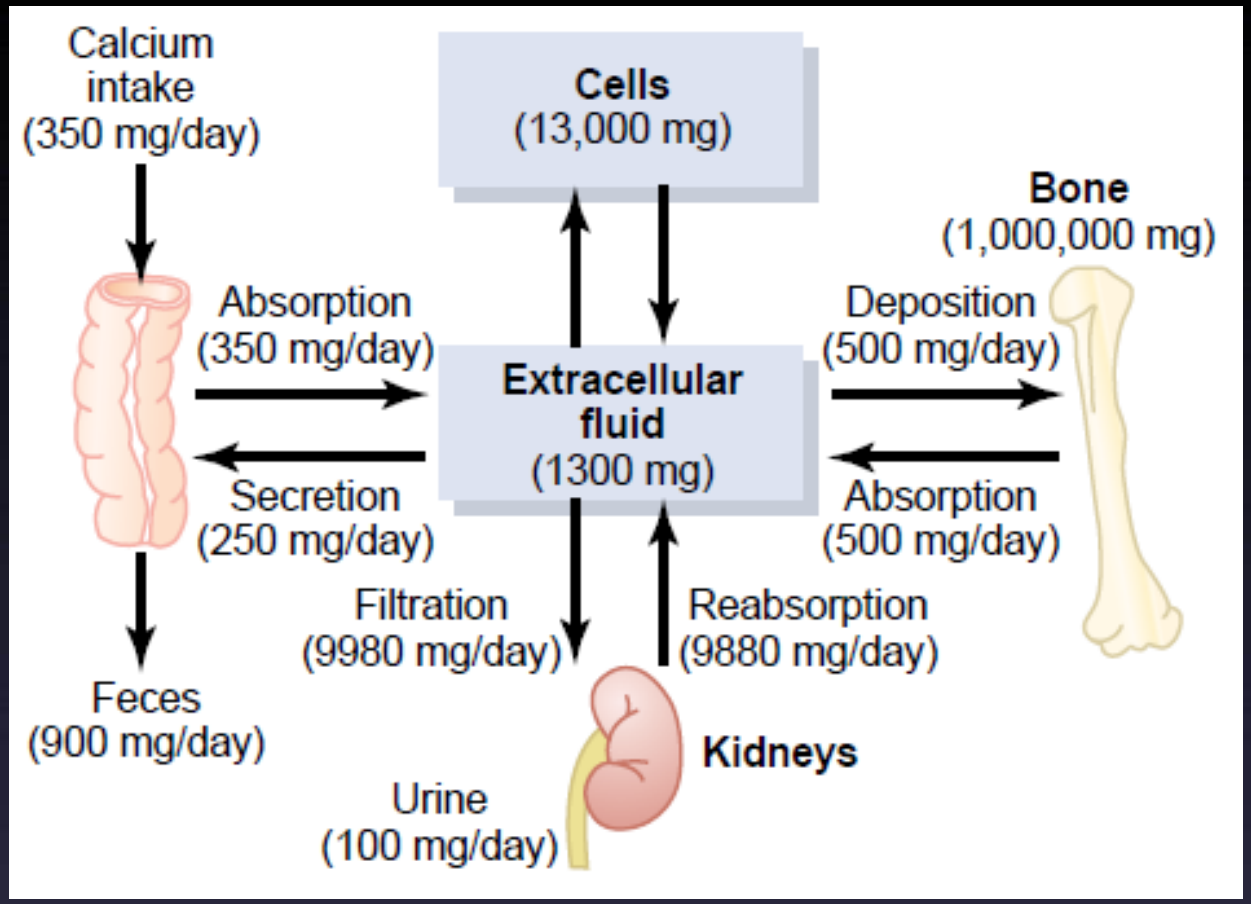
- Pregnancy,
- lactation
- after menopause:

} 25-35 mmol/day

Absorption

- Duodenum: active transport
- small intestine: concentration gradient

Calcium Metabolism in an adult human



Physiology Of Bone

Bone composition

- **Organic Matrix**
  - **Collagen Fibers (95%)**
  - **Ground Substance (5%)**
    - **ECF**
    - **Proteoglycans**
- **Bone Salts**
  - **Salts of Ca++ & $PO4^-$**
  - **In the form of**

    Hydroxyapatite crystals

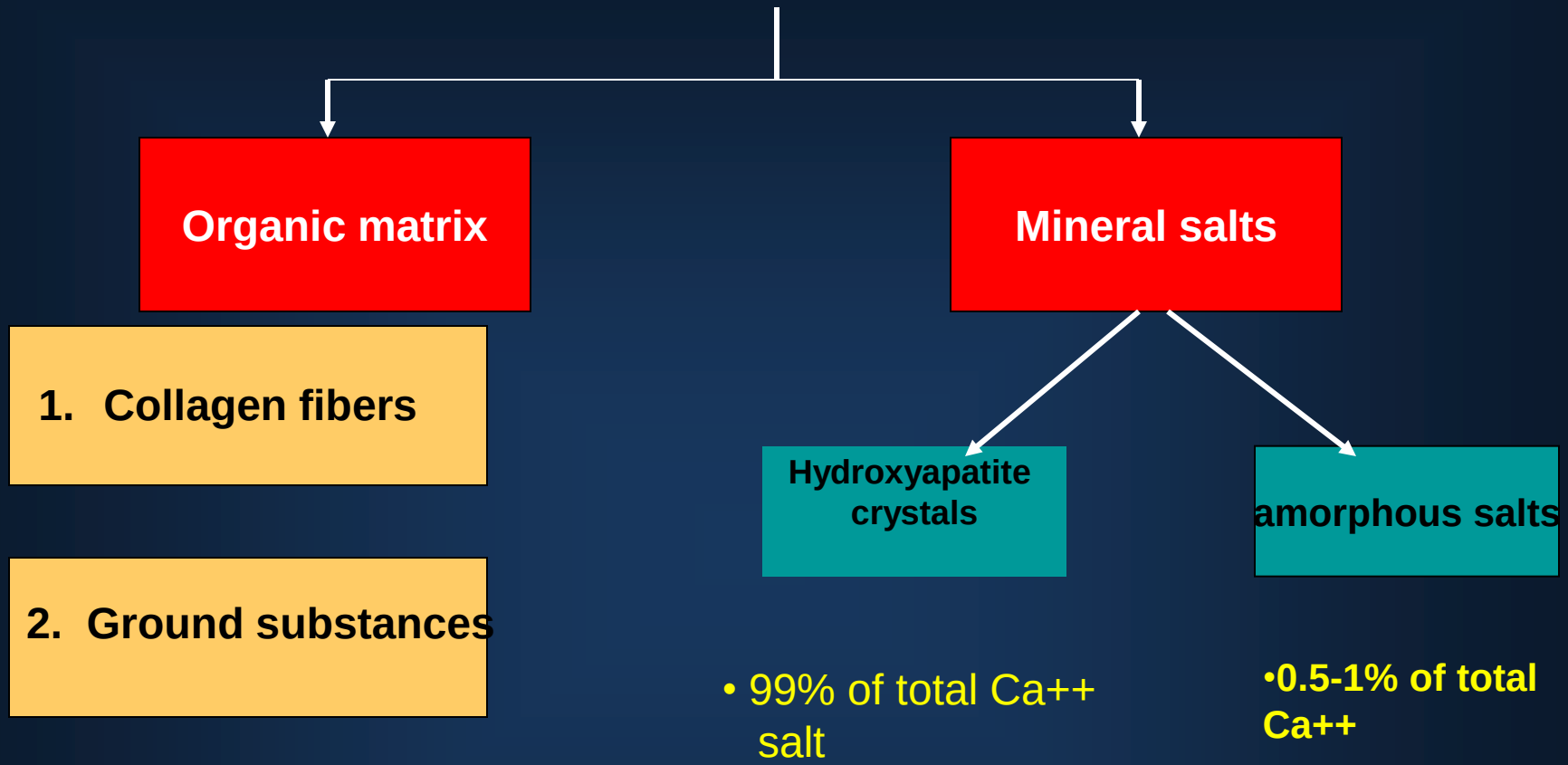
    $Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6(OH)_2$

    Mg, Na, K, Carbonate ions

Bone composition

- **Bone Salts**
  - Hydroxyapatite crystals
    $Ca_{10}(PO_4)_6(OH)_2$
  - Mg, Na, K, Carbonate ions
  - Amorphous salts:
    - A type of exchangeable calcium
    - Play role in rapid regulation of ionized Ca++ level in ECF
    - 0.5-1% of total bone Ca++
    - always in equilibrium with Ca^{2+} in ECF

Composition of bones



Composition of bones

Inorganic Constituents of Bone

Constituent	% of Total Body Content Present in Bone
Calcium	99
Phosphate	86
Carbonate	80
Magnesium	50
Sodium	35
Water	9

Bone Cells

Osteoblasts

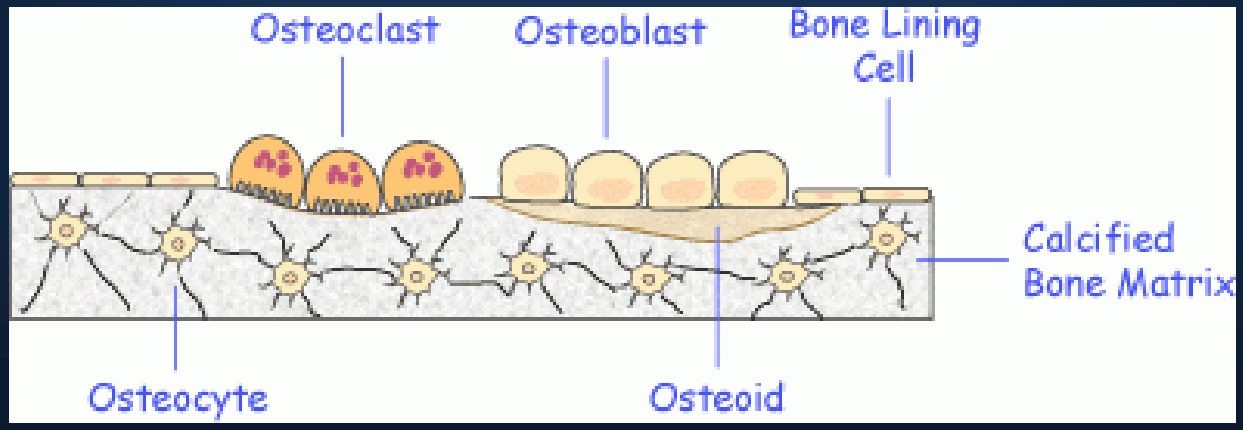
(bone forming cells)

Osteocytes

(osteoblasts surrounded by calcified matrix)

Osteoclasts

bone eroding Cell (resorping)



Osteoblasts (matrix-forming cells)
Origin?

Osteocytes
Originate from osteoblasts

Osteoclasts
Originate from bone marrow - derived macrophage-monocyte line

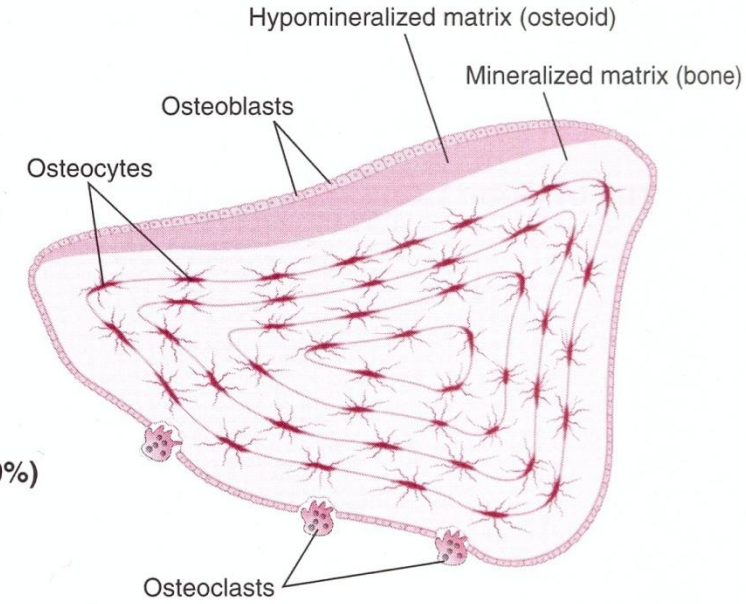
Cells (2%)

Collagen (95%)
Type I ($\alpha 1[I]_2 \alpha 2$)

Non-Collagen (5%)
Osteocalcin (bone Gla protein), vitamin K dependent
Osteonectin
Bone proteglycan
Bone sialoprotein
Bone morphogenic protein
Bone proteolipid
Bone phosphoprotein

Matrix (98%)

Organic (30%)



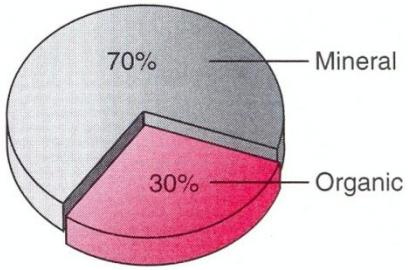
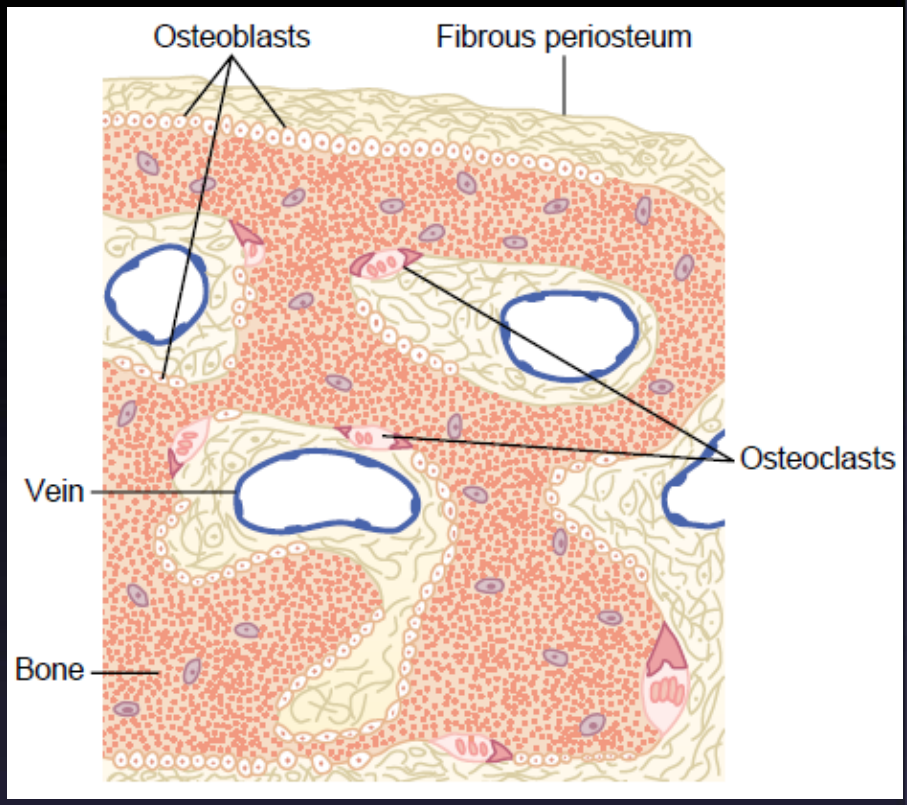


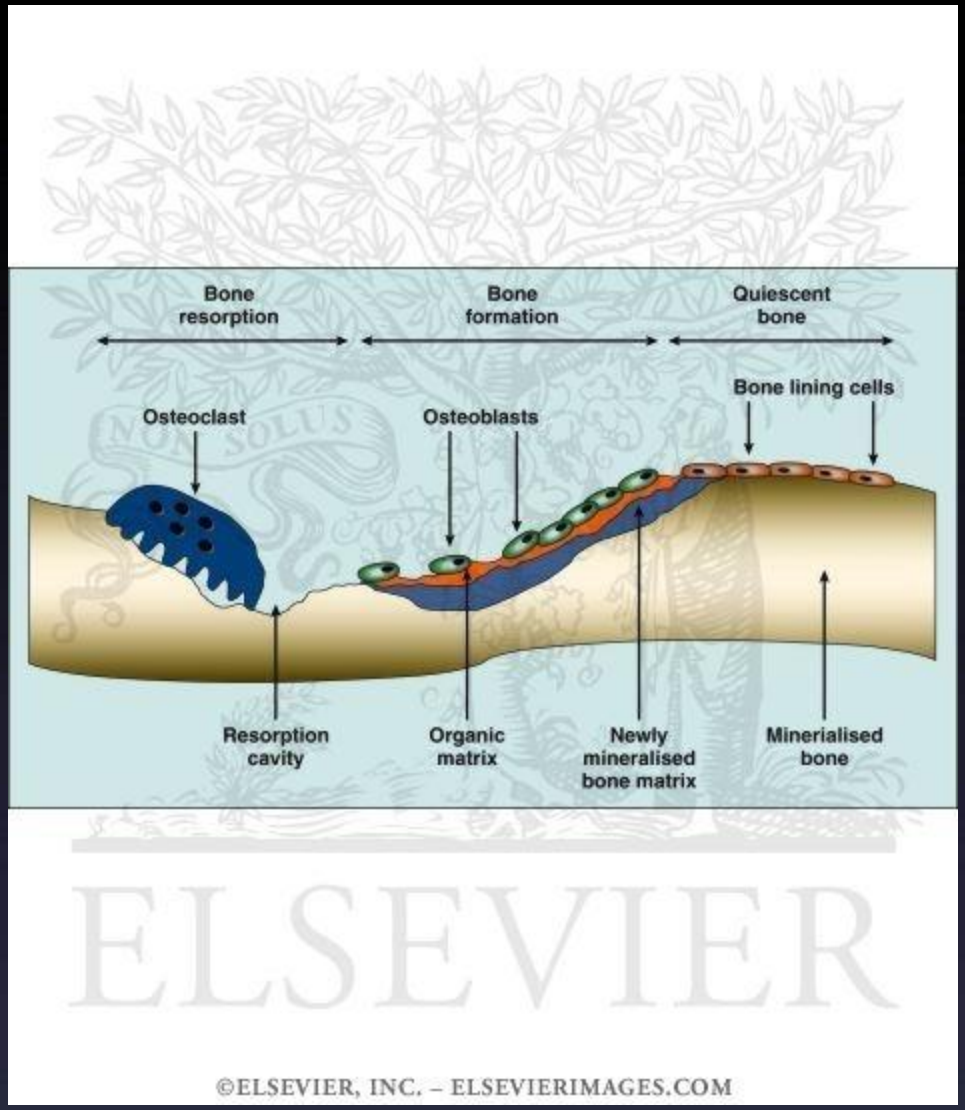
Figure 8.1 The composition of bone.

Bone & Ca^{++} Cont…

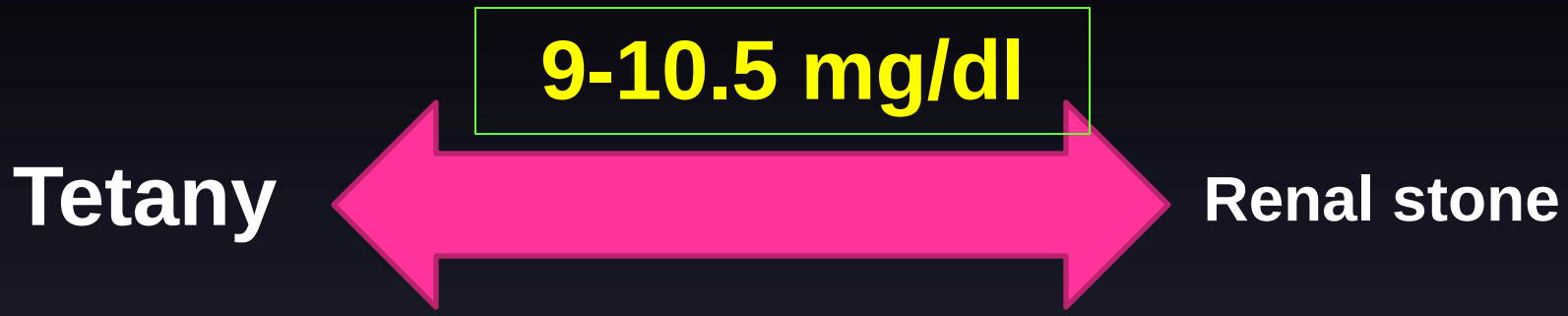
- **Types of Bone Cells**
  - **Osteoblasts**
  - **Osteoclasts**
  - **Osteocytes**



Bone resorption?

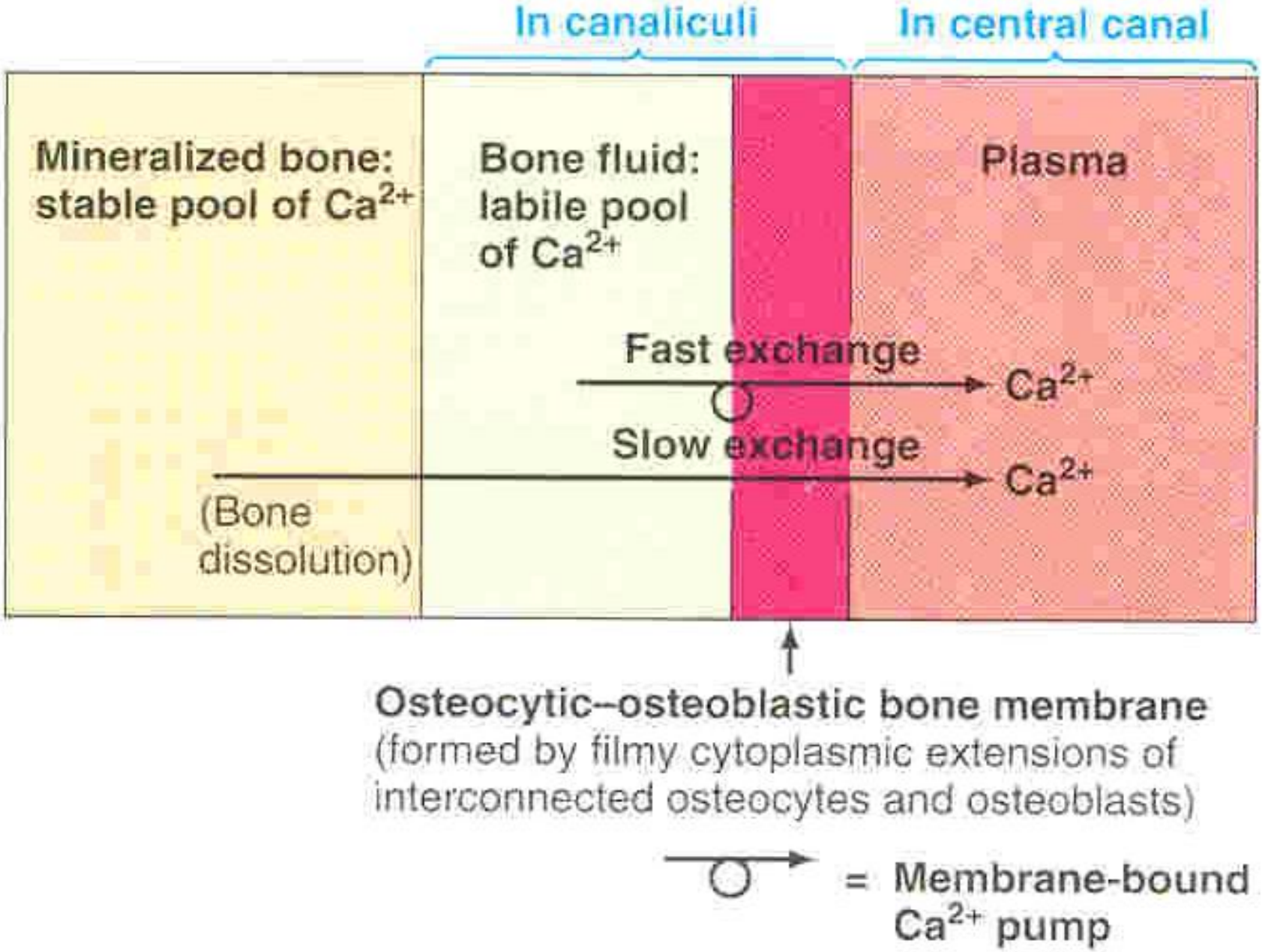


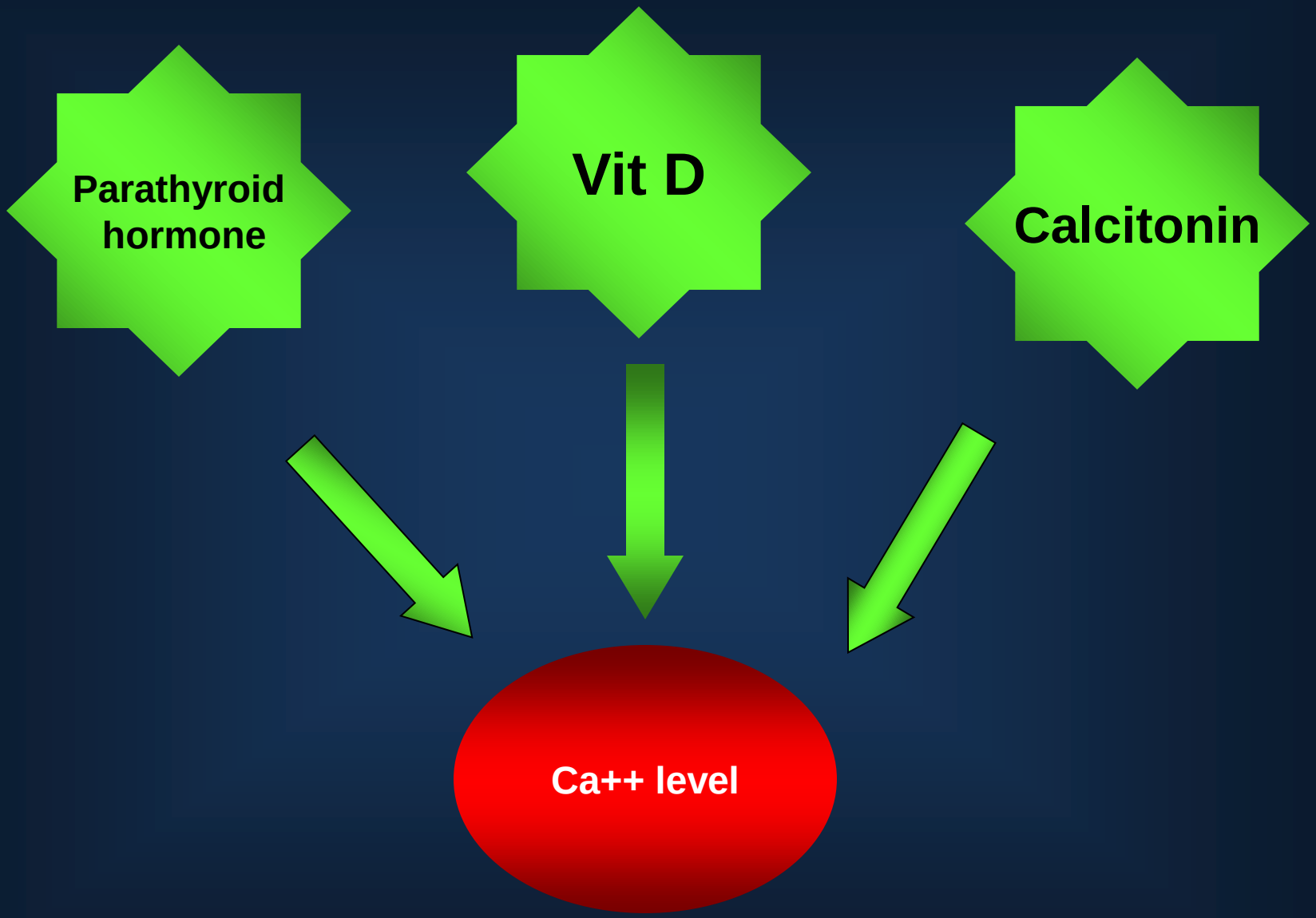
Regulation


9-10.5 mg/dl
Tetany
Renal stone

REGULATION OF PLASMA CALCIUM AND PHOSPHATE CONCENTRATIONS

- Nonhormonal Mechanisms Can Rapidly Buffer Small Changes in Plasma Concentrations of Free Calcium
- Hormonal Mechanisms Provide High-Capacity, Long-Term Regulation of Plasma Calcium and Phosphate Concentrations


In canaliculi
In central canal
Mineralized bone: stable pool of Ca^{2+}
Bone fluid: labile pool of Ca^{2+}
Plasma
Fast exchange
Ca^{2+}
Slow exchange
Ca^{2+}
(Bone dissolution)
Osteocytic–osteoblastic bone membrane
(formed by filmy cytoplasmic extensions of interconnected osteocytes and osteoblasts)
= Membrane-bound Ca^{2+} pump


Parathyroid hormone
Vit D
Calcitonin
Ca++ level

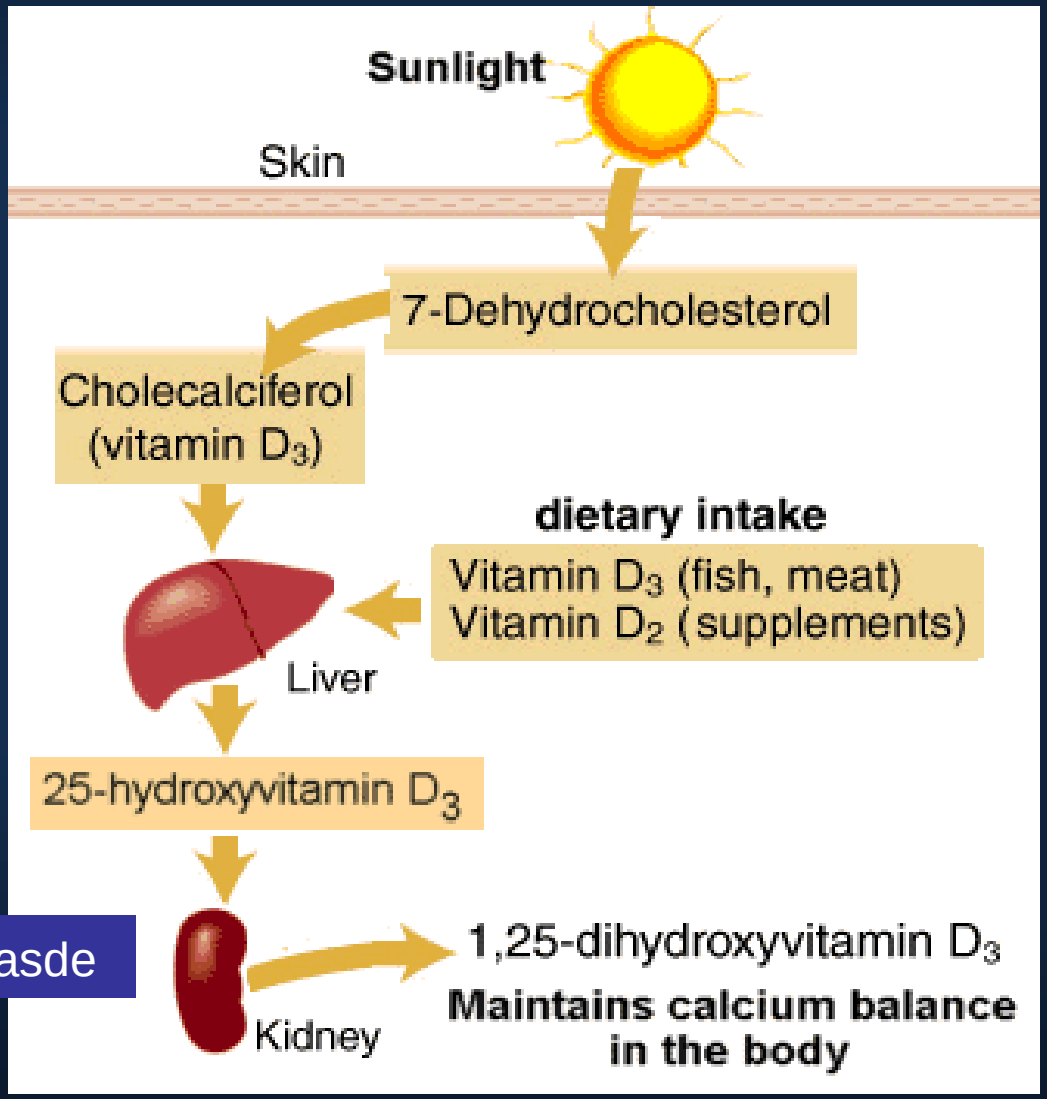
Hormones regulating Ca^{++}

Three Hormones

- Vitamin D
- Parathyroid Hormone
- Calcitonin

Vitamin D

1,25Dihydroxycholecalciferol (Vit D)

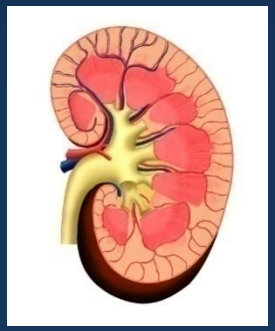


Vitamin D

1.Intestinal tract.

Has a potent effect to increase calcium & phosphate absorption

2.Renal



Increases Renal calcium and Phosphate absorption

3.Bone

Bone absorption

Increase calcium blood level

Vitamin D

4- stimulates differentiation of immune cells.

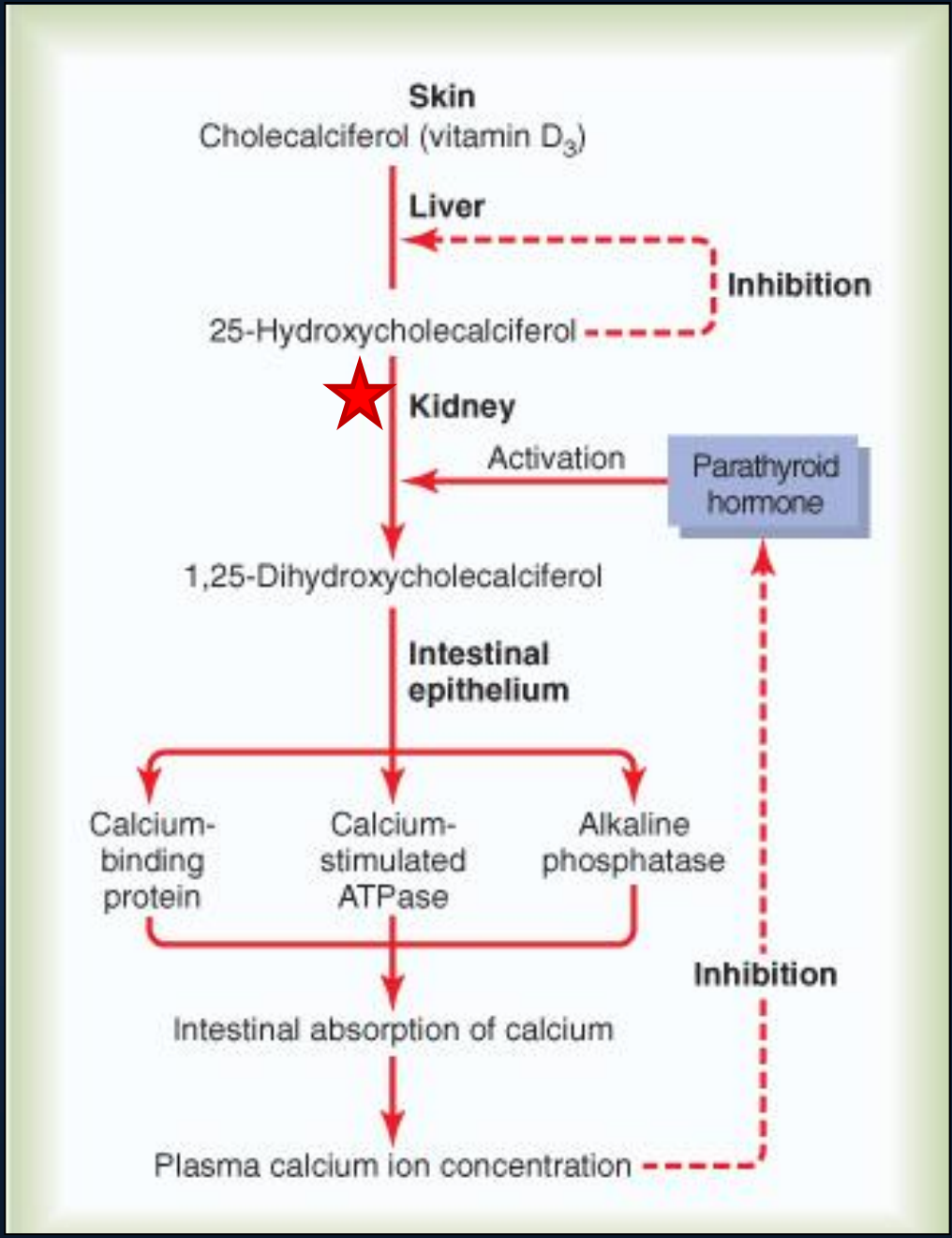
❑Control of Vit D3:

1- low Ca++ ions

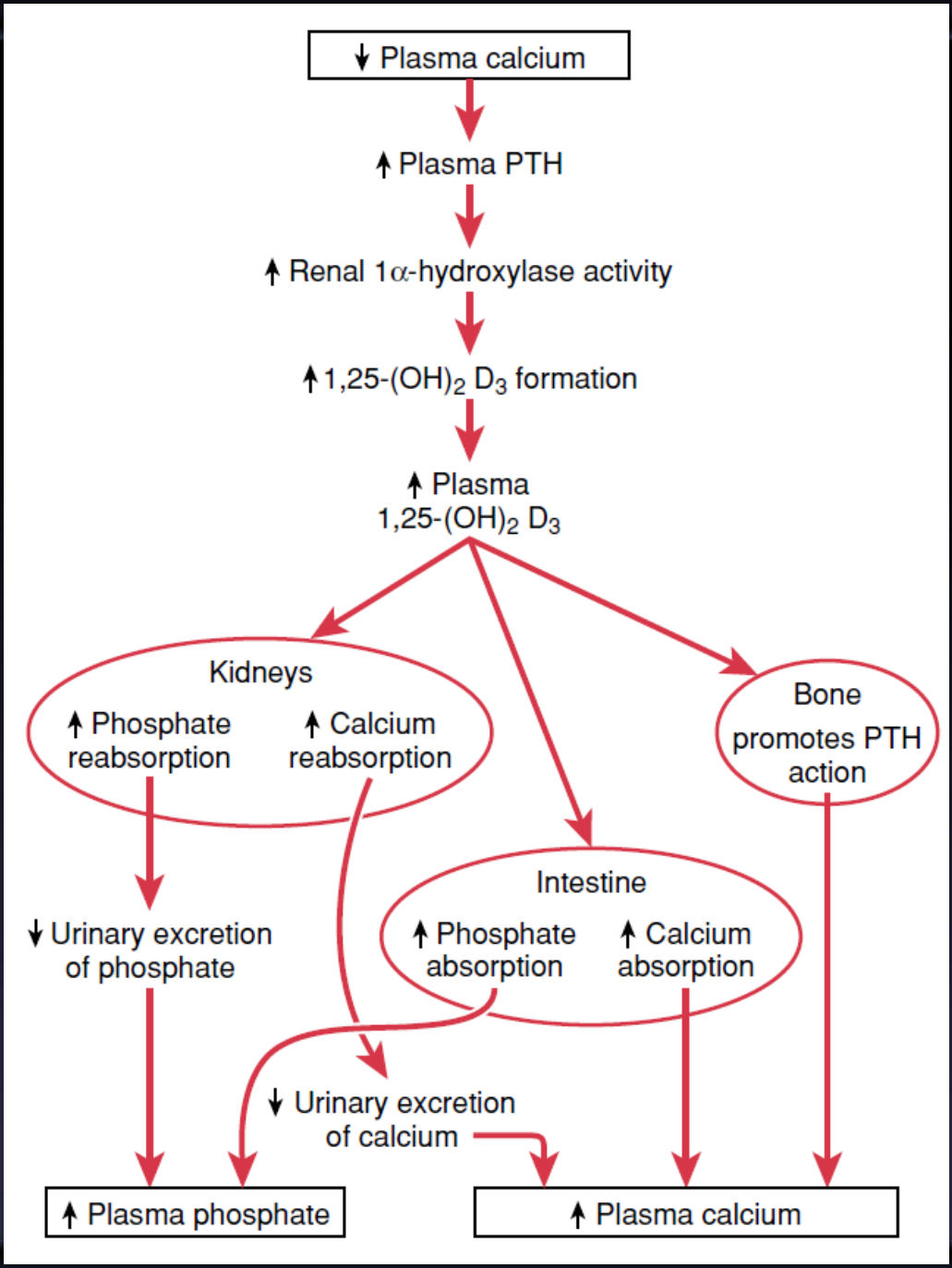
2- prolactin

3- PTH

All stimulate renal 1,alpha hydroxylase.

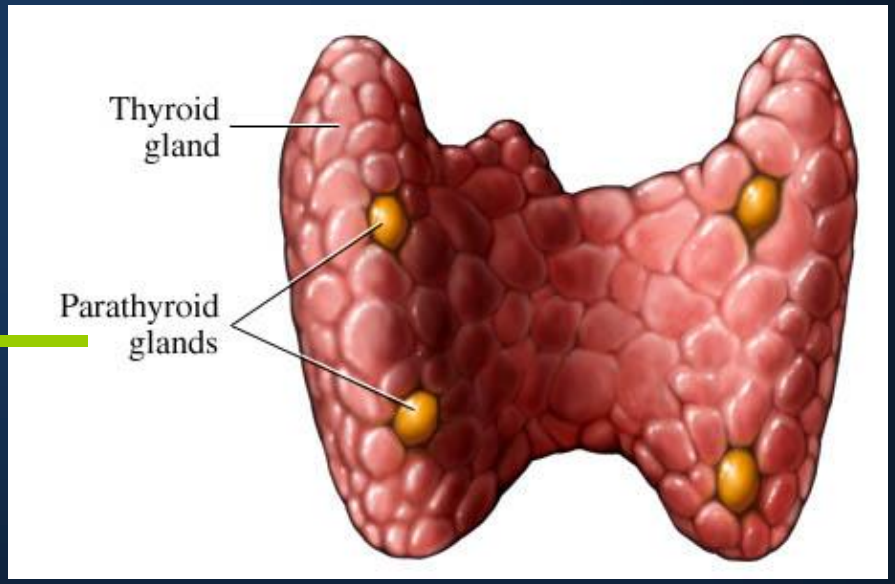


Regulation of Ca level



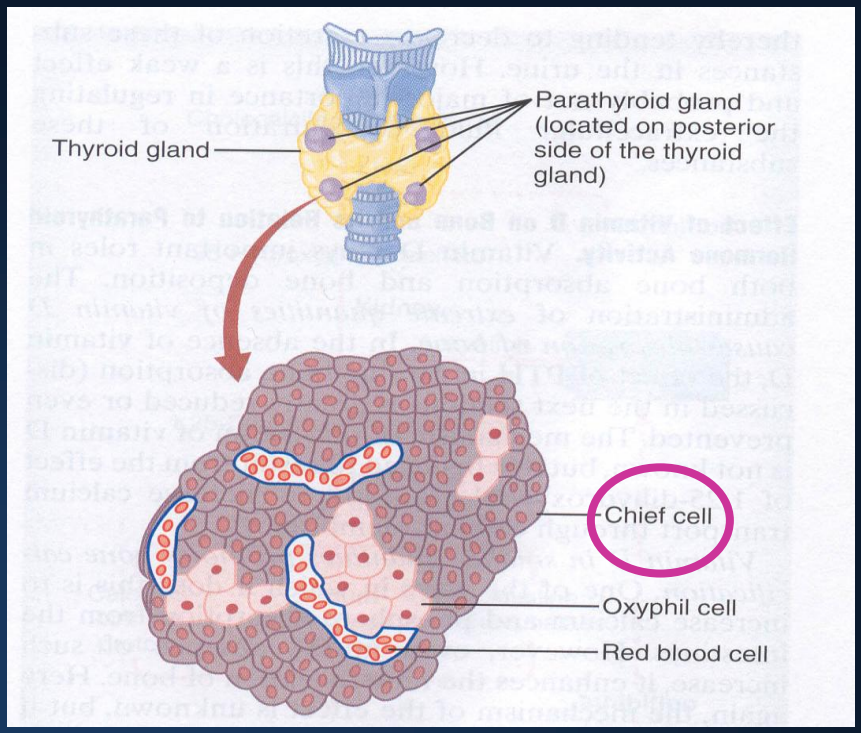
Parathyriod gland

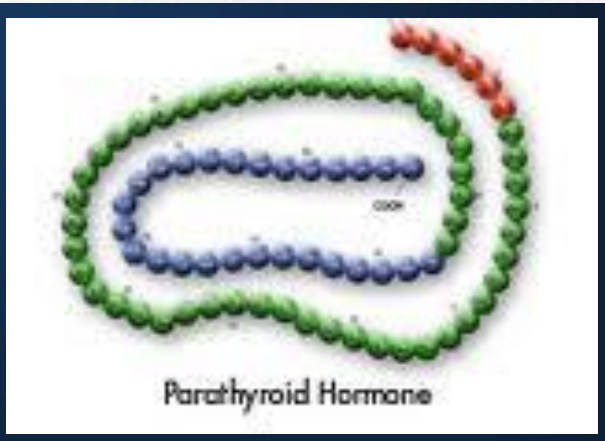
Parathyroid hormone (PTH)



Parathyroid hormone (PTH)

- Source: Parathyroid gland
- Polypeptide hormone: (84 aa)
- Molecular Weight: 9500
- Half Life: 10 min
- Mechanism of action:
  acts via 2nd messenger mechanism utilizing cAMP
- Actions: Bone
  Kidney
  Intestine





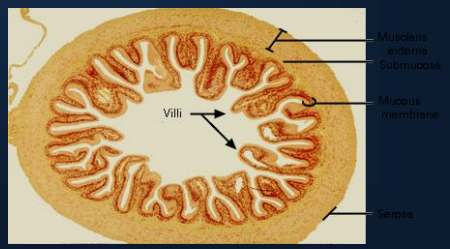
Parathyroid hormone (PTH)

Increase plasma Ca^{++} level

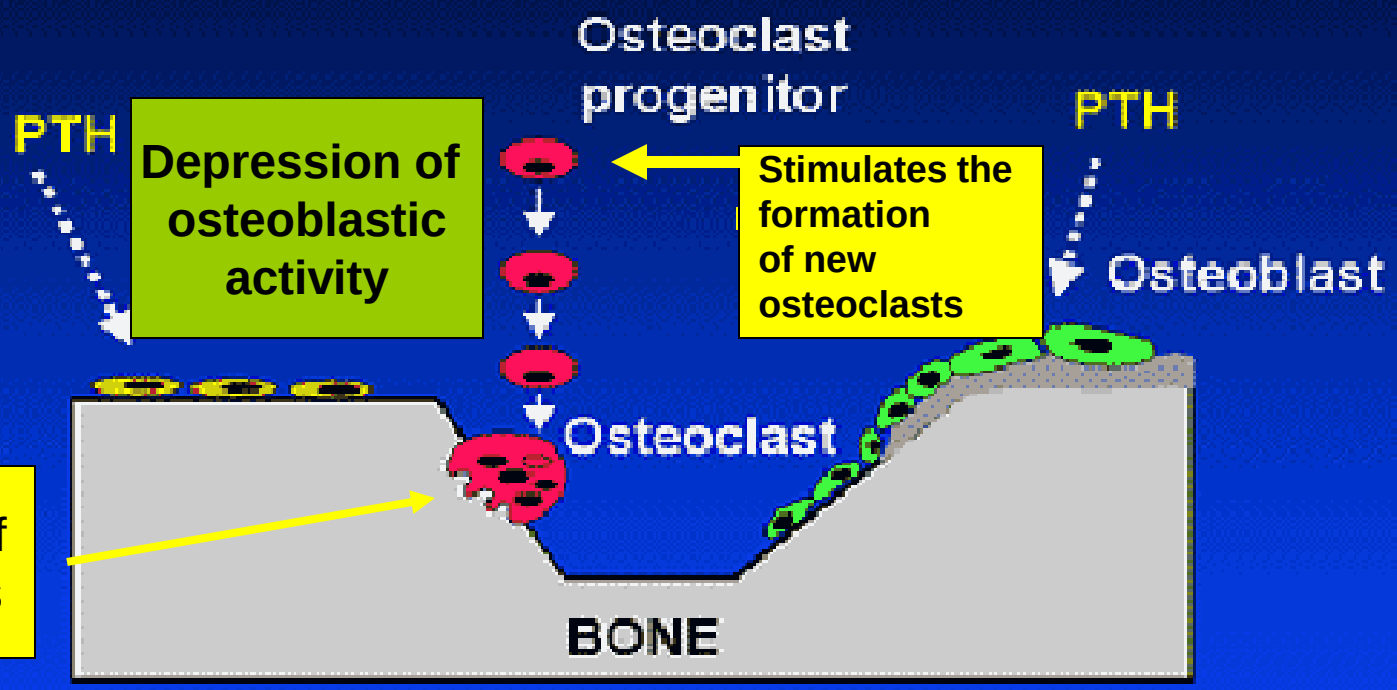
Bone

Kidney

Intestine



1. Effects on bones



Activation of osteoclasts

Increase calcium resorption from the bone

2. Effects on Kidneys

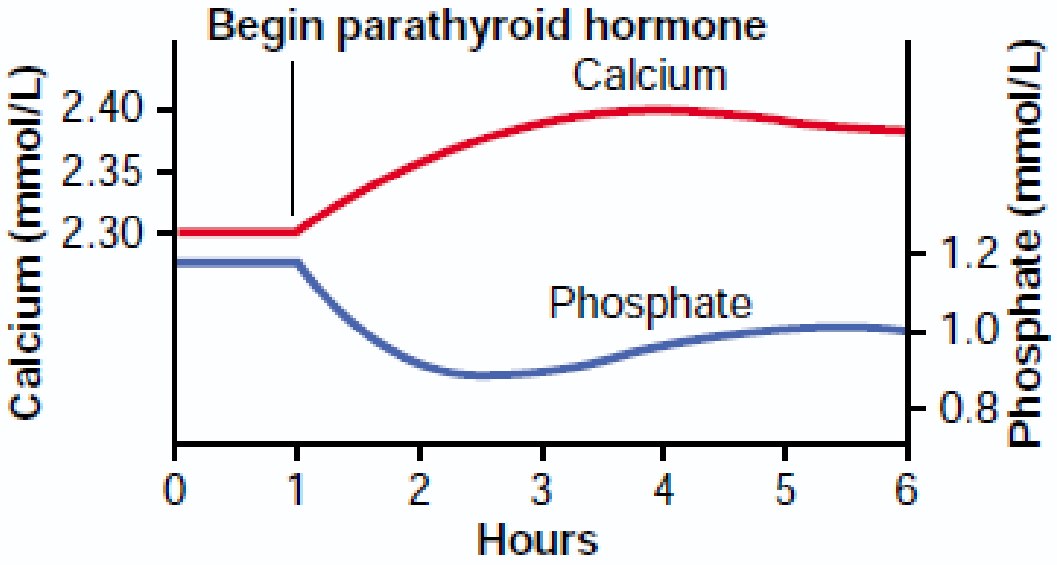
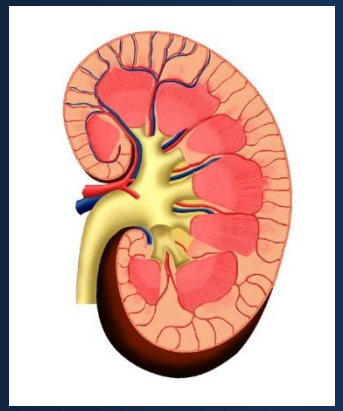


Figure 79–10

Approximate changes in calcium and phosphate concentrations during the first 5 hours of parathyroid hormone infusion at a moderate rate.

2. Effects on Kidneys

(PTH) →



1. ↓ phosphate reabsorption from the proximal convoluted tubules (phosphaturic action).

   ↑ Phosphate excretion in the urine

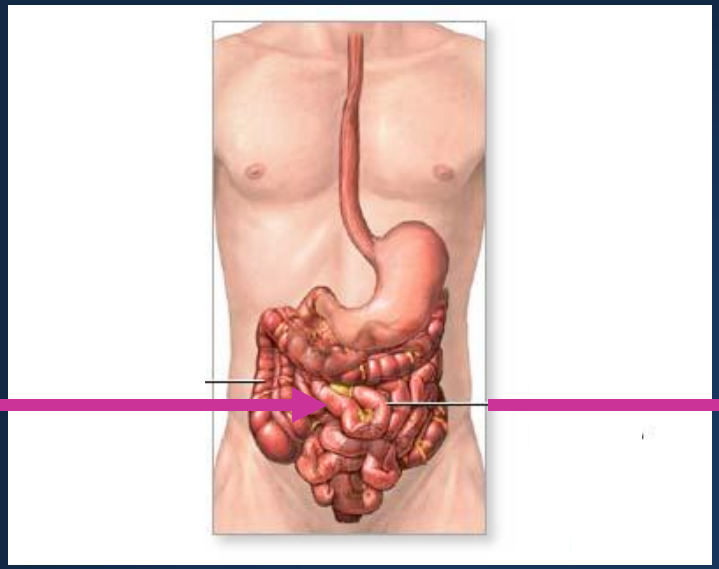
   ↓ plasma phosphate concentration

2. ↑ Ca++ & Mg ions reabsorption from the distal convoluted tubules, collection ducts and ascending loop of Henle.

3. ↑ Formation of 1,25 vit D3 in the kidney.

3. Effects on intestine

(PTH)



↑ absorption of calcium and phosphate indirectly through stimulating formation of $1,25 – (OH)_2\text{-}D_3$ in kidney

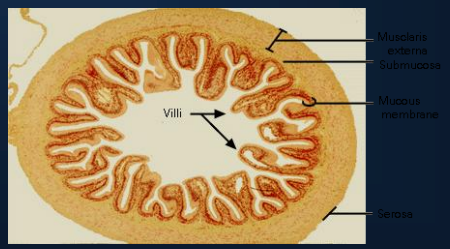
Parathyroid hormone (PTH)

Increase plasma Ca++ level
Decrease phosphate level

Bone

Kidney

Intestine



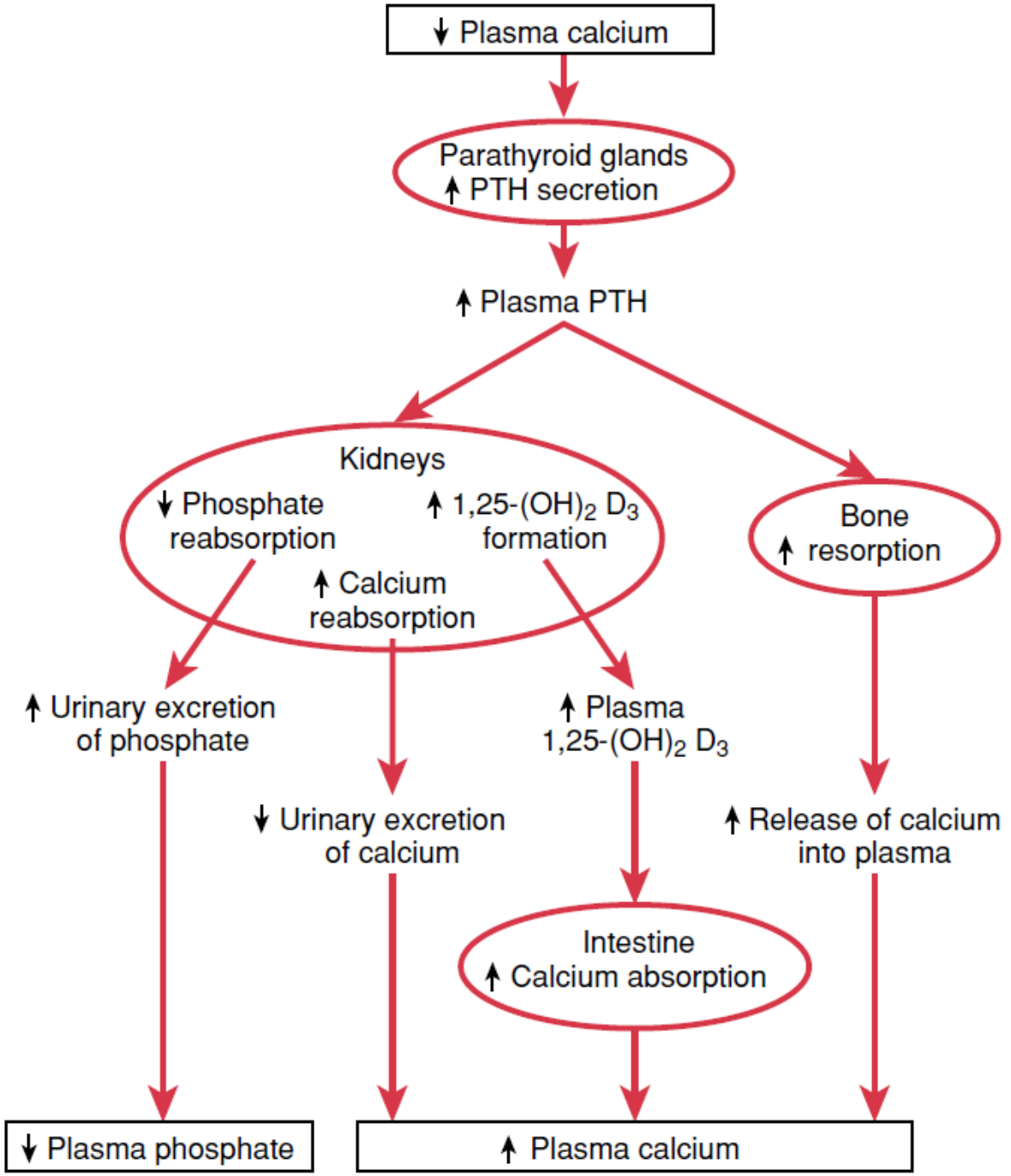
Regulation of PTH secretion

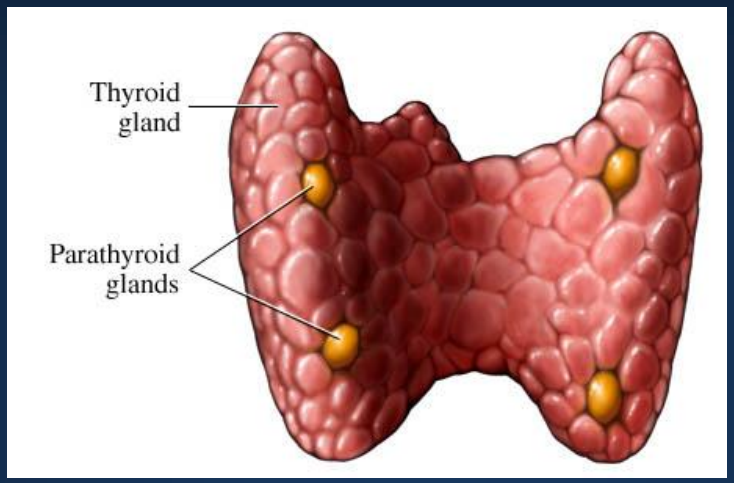
- Secretion of PTH is inversely related to plasma [Ca^{2+}] because →
- Plasma Ca^{2+} level is the dominant regulator of PTH secretion :

- Plasma Ca^{2+} level < 3.5 mg/dL → stimulates PTH secretion

- Plasmna Ca^{2+} level > 5.5 mg/dL → inhibits PTH secretion

Effect of Ca level on PTH



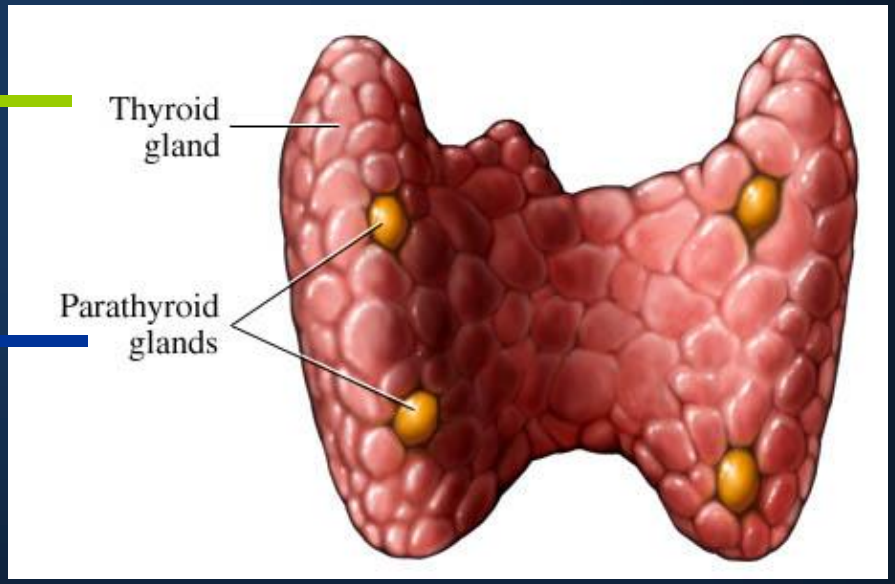


It is essential for life

Calcitonin

Calcitonin

Parathyroid hormone (PTH)



Calcitonin

- Source: **Secreted by the parafollicular cells (C cells) of the thyroid gland.**
- **Nature: 32 amino acid peptide.**
- **Function:**
  - **Decrease blood Ca++ level very rapidly within minutes.**
  - **Opposite effect to PTH**
- **Stimulus for secretion:**
  Increased plasma calcium concentration

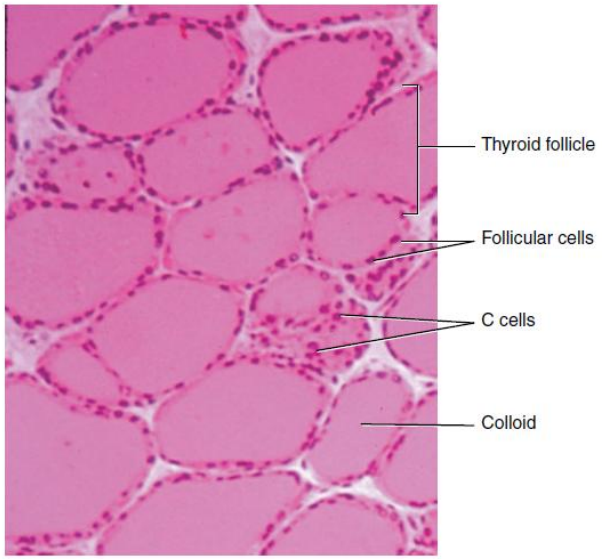


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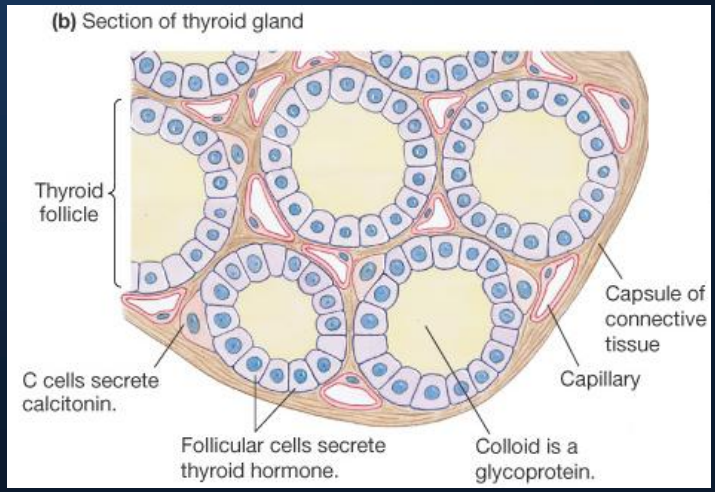
Figure 17.8 The Thyroid Gland. (*a*) Gross anatomy; (*b*) histology.



Actions:

Calcitonin

↓

↓ Plasma calcium concentration

On bone

[1] ↑ Ca deposition of bone

[2] Inhibit Bone resorption:

inhibition of osteoclasts

↓ formation of osteoclasts

On kidney

↓↓ Ca++ reabsorption

↑↑ Ca++ excretion (in addition to phosphate)

Calcitonin secretion:

- ***When blood calcium > 9.5 mg/dl.***
- **Other causes of ↑ calcitonin secretion**

1 –Estrogen

2- gastrin

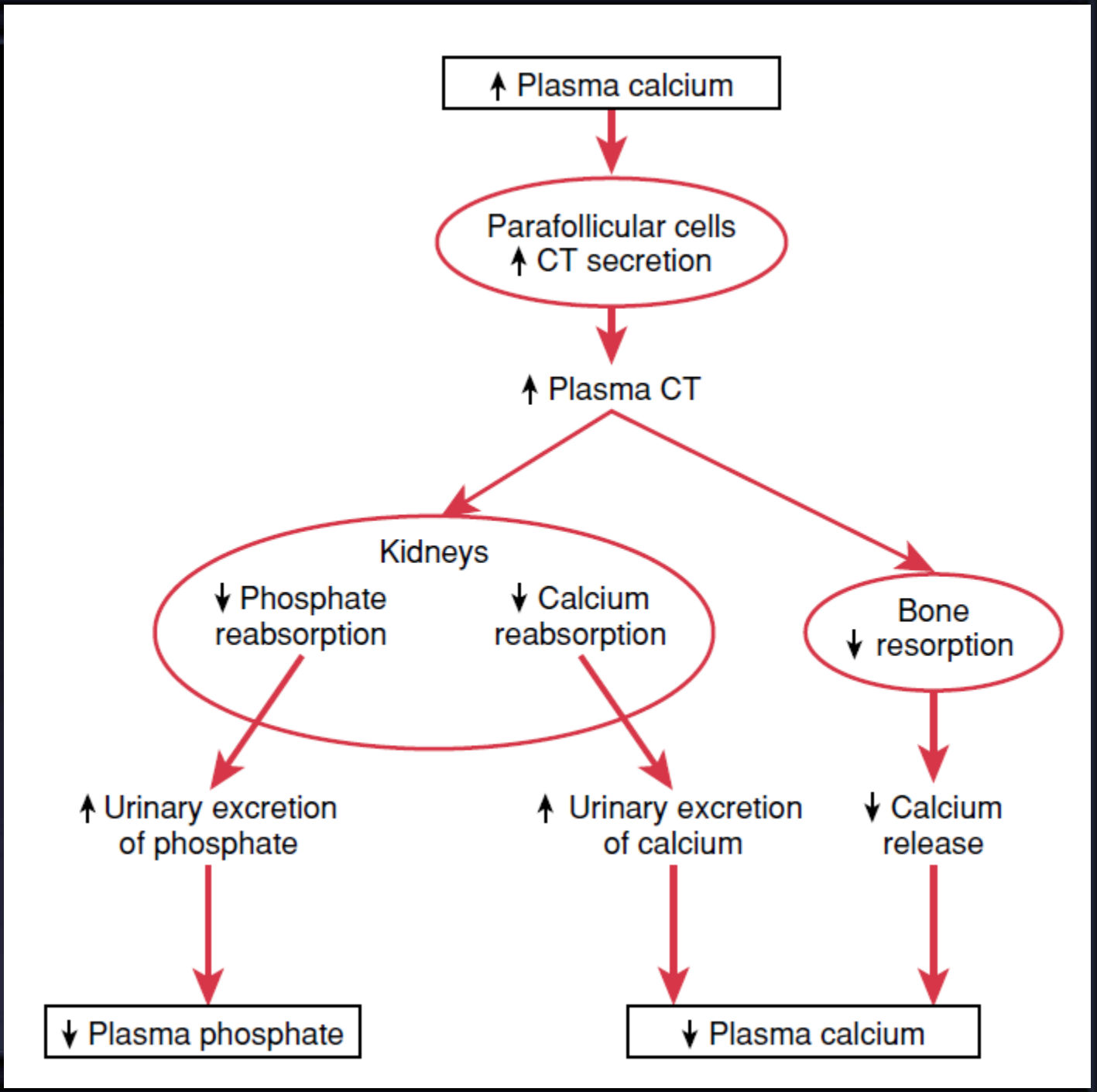
3- glucagon

4-secretin

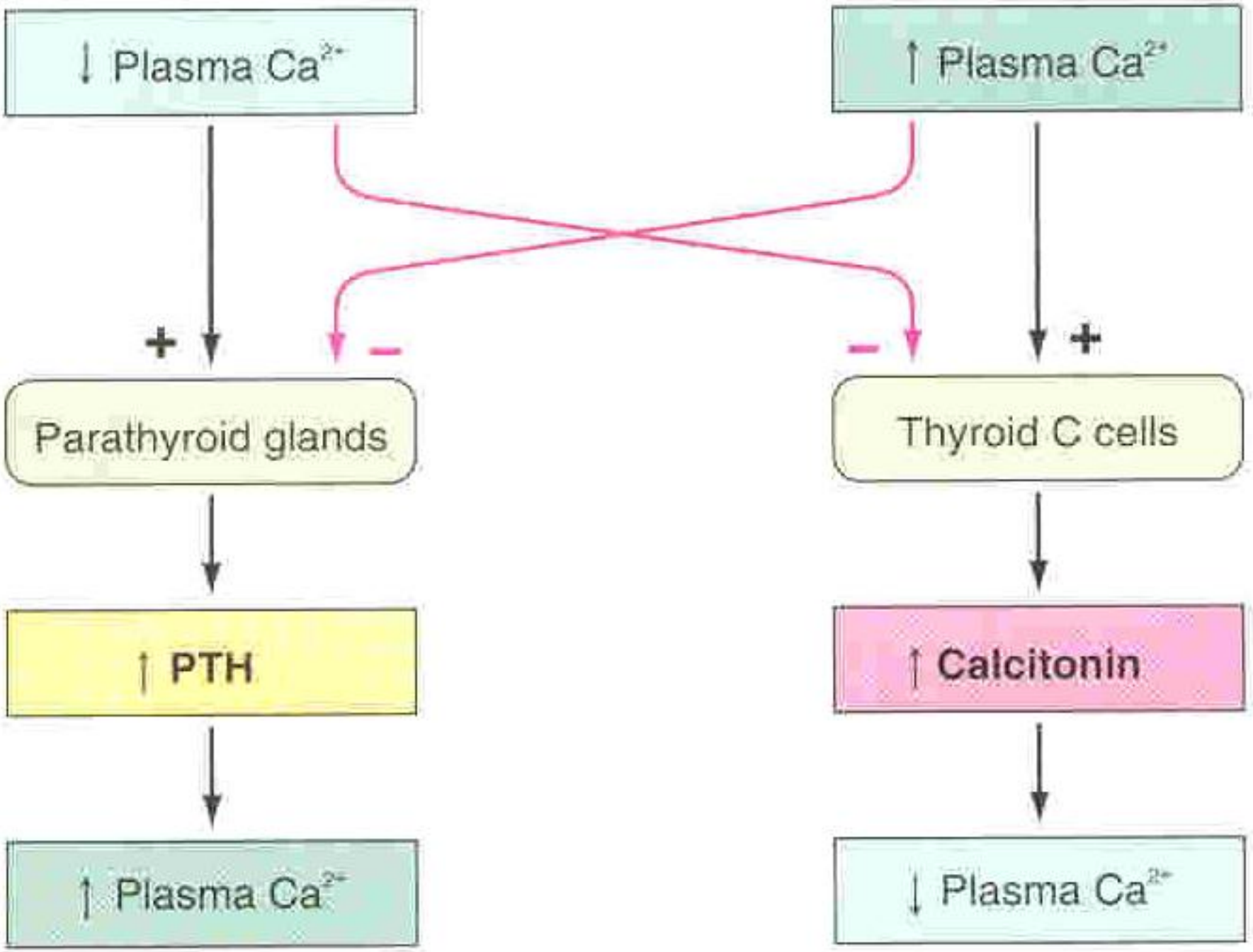
5- cck

6- beta-adrenergic stimulation

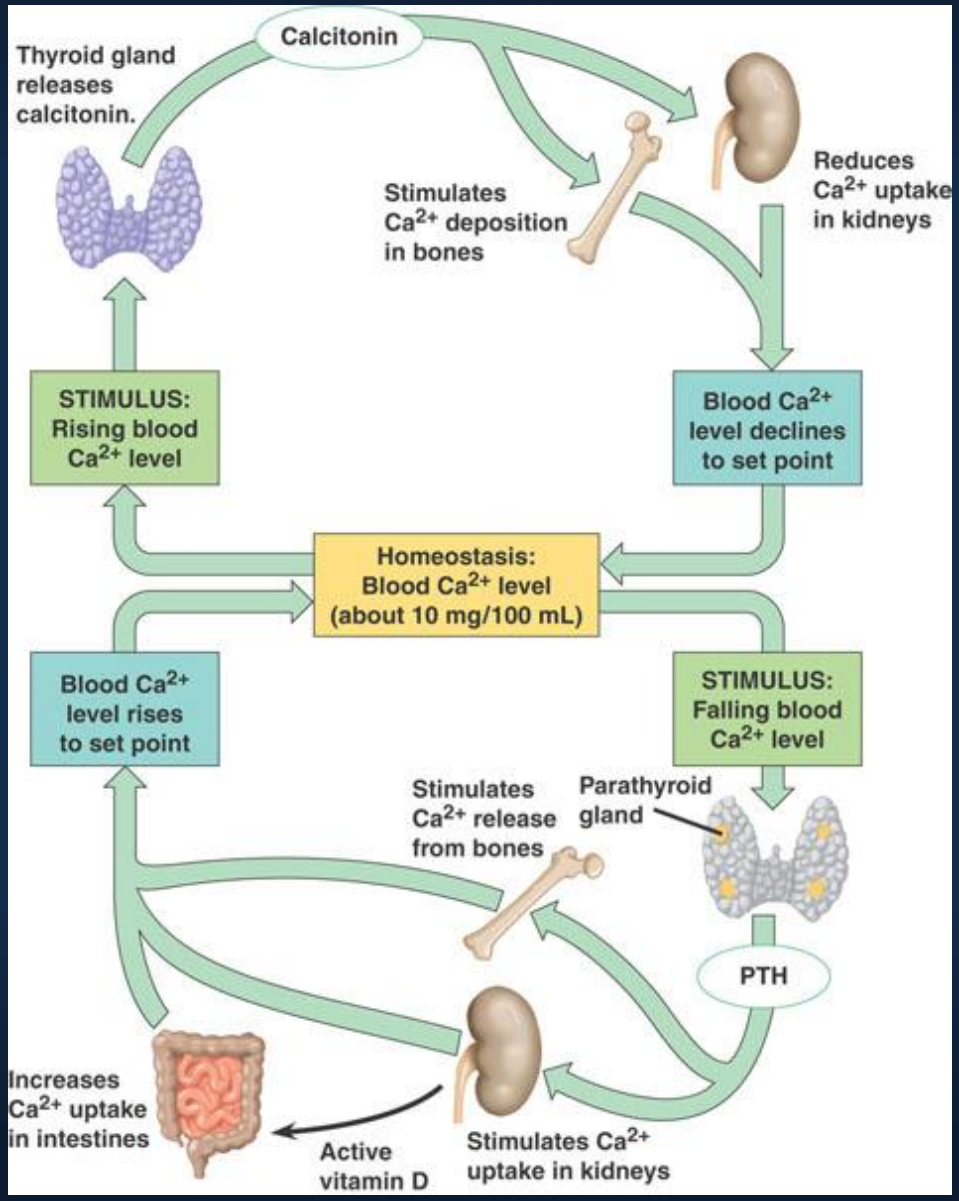
Effect of Ca level on calcitonin



Regulation of blood calcium level


↓ Plasma Ca^{2+}
↑ Plasma Ca^{2+}
+
−
−
+
Parathyroid glands
Thyroid C cells
↑ PTH
↑ Calcitonin
↑ Plasma Ca^{2+}
↓ Plasma Ca^{2+}

Summarry:


Calcitonin
Thyroid gland releases calcitonin.
Stimulates Ca^{2+} deposition in bones
Reduces Ca^{2+} uptake in kidneys
STIMULUS: Rising blood Ca^{2+} level
Blood Ca^{2+} level declines to set point
Homeostasis: Blood Ca^{2+} level (about 10 mg/100 mL)
Blood Ca^{2+} level rises to set point
STIMULUS: Falling blood Ca^{2+} level
Stimulates Ca^{2+} release from bones
Parathyroid gland
PTH
Increases Ca^{2+} uptake in intestines
Active vitamin D
Stimulates Ca^{2+} uptake in kidneys

Abnormalities

- **Rickets**
- **Osteomalacia**
- **Osteoporosis**
- **Hypo/hyperparathyroidism**

❑ Rickets (In children)

- Cause:
lack of vitamin D leading to calcium/phosphate deficiency in ECF

- Occur in the spring???

- Features:
  - -Low plasma calcium and phosphate
  - -Weak bones
  - -Tetany

-

Tetany in Rickets

early stages:

- no tetany

(PTH stimulate osteoclastic absorption
of bone).

When the bones finally become exhausted of calcium

↓

Calcium level falls rapidly.

blood level of calcium falls below 7 mg/dl

→ signs of tetany:

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Tetany in Rickets

early stages:

- no tetany

(PTH stimulate osteoclastic absorption
of bone).

When the bones finally become exhausted of calcium

↓

Calcium level falls rapidly.

blood level of calcium falls below 7 mg/dl

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→Death: tetanic respiratory spasm

❑ Rickets (In children)

• Cause:
lack of vitamin D leading to calcium/phosphate deficiency in ECF

•Occur in the spring???

•Features:
- -Low plasma calcium and phosphate
- -Weak bones
- -Tetany

• Treatment of Rickets:
supplying adequate calcium and phosphate in the diet and, administering large amounts of vitamin D.

❑ Osteomalacia-"Adult Rickets".

(rare).

- serious deficiencies of both vitamin D and calcium occasionally occur as a result of steatorrhea (failure to absorb fat).

- almost never proceeds to the stage of tetany but often is a cause of severe bone disability.

Bone composition

- **Organic Matrix**
  - **Collagen Fibers (95%)**
  - **Ground Substance (5%)**
    - **ECF**
    - **Proteoglycans**

- **Bone Salts**
  - **Salts of Ca^{++} PO_4^{-}**
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  - **…roxyapatite crystals**
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In adequate bone mineralization

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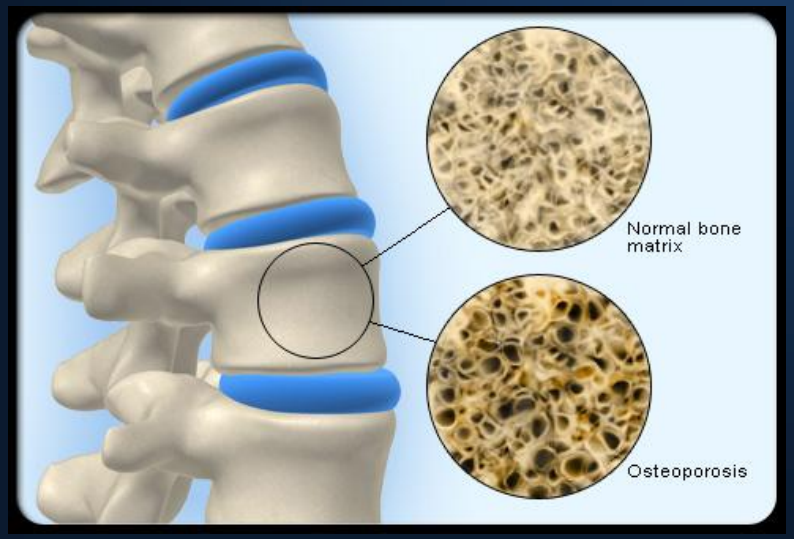
- Osteomalacia


Osteoporosis


Normal bone matrix
Osteoporosis

Osteoporosis—Decreased Bone Matrix

- Osteoporosis is the most common of all bone diseases in adults, especially in old age.

- results from loss of organic bone matrix and minerals resulting in loss of bone mass and strength

- The osteoblastic activity in the bone usually is less than normal, and consequently the rate of bone osteoid deposition is depressed.

(But occasionally, as in hyperparathyroidism, the cause of the diminished bone is excess osteoclastic activity).

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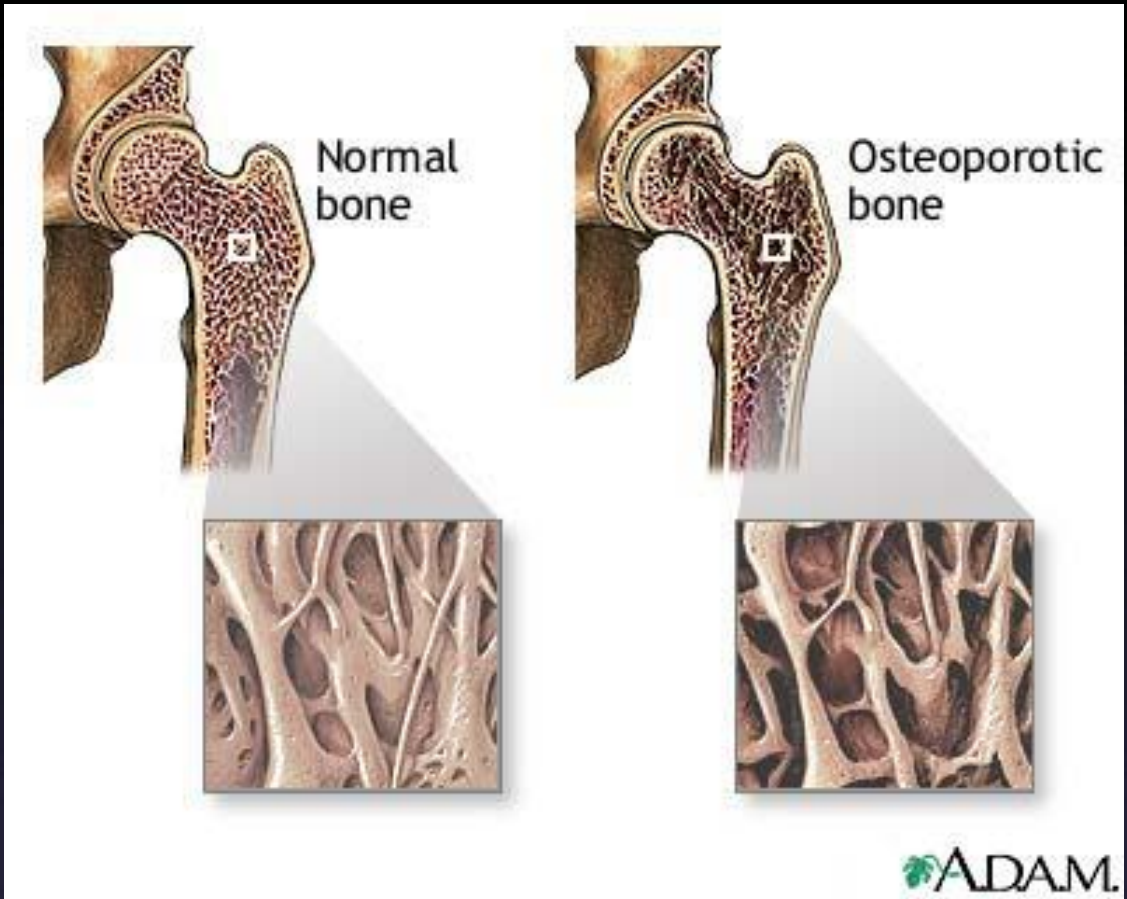

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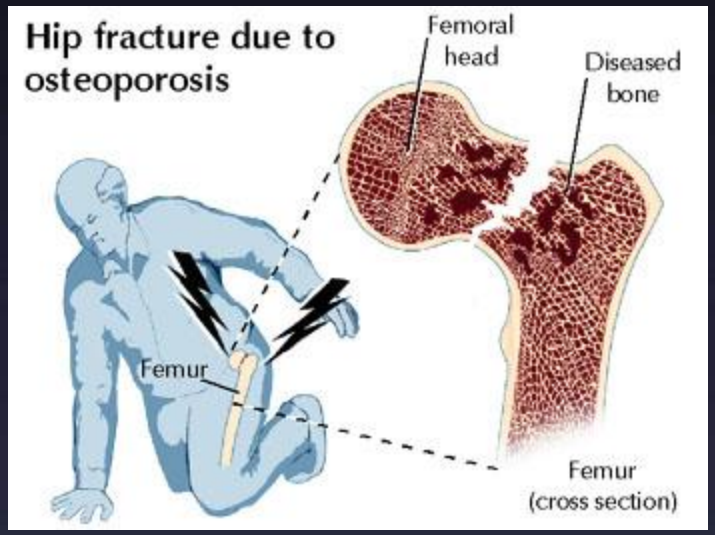
- causes of osteoporosis:
  - (1) lack of physical stress
  - (2) malnutrition
  - (3) lack of vitamin C
  - (4) postmenopausal lack of estrogen
  - (5) old age
  - (6) Cushing's syndrome

❑ symptoms of osteoporosis



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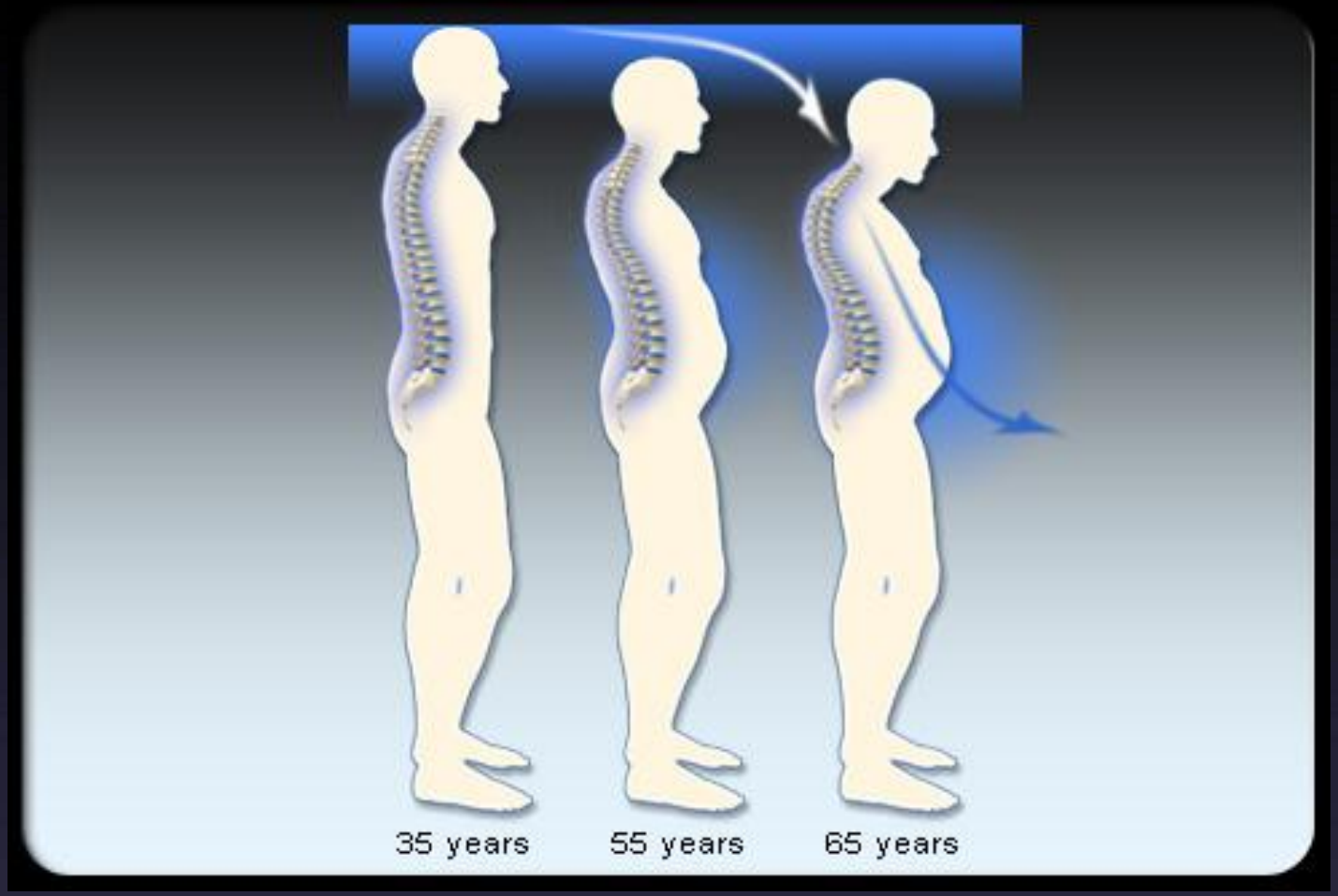
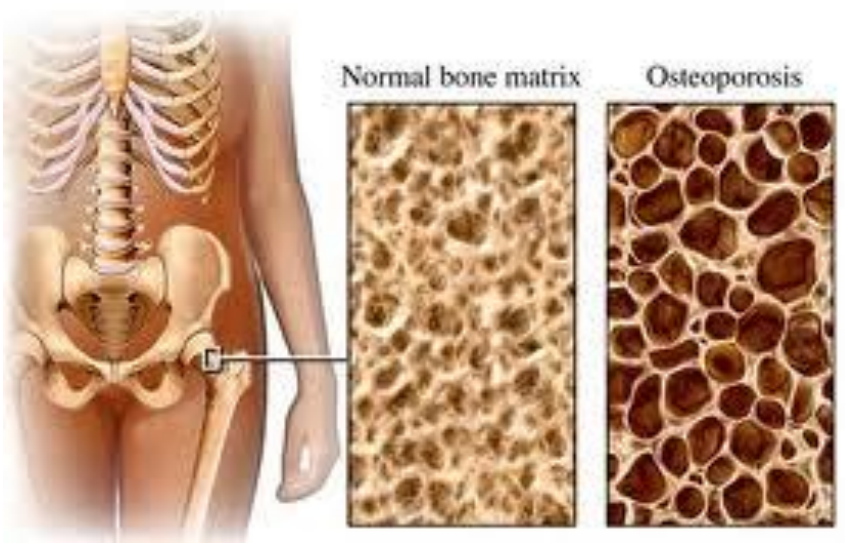



EAT
RIGHT
STAY
STRONG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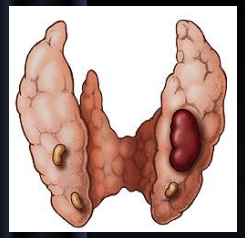
Disorders of parathyroid hormone secretion

Hyperparathyroidism (PTH Excess)



Primary

Secondary (compensatory) Hyperparathyroidism

Manifestations:

- Hypercalcemia ↑ Ca^{2+}
- Hypophosphemia ↓PO^{-}_{4}
- Hypercalciuria
- Demineralisation of bone
  multiple bone cysts (osteitis fibrosa cystic)
- Calcium containing stones in kidney
- Precipitation of calcium in soft tissues occur when Ca^{2+} > 17mg/dl.

- **(due to ↓ Ca^{2+} in ECF)**
- **Causes:**

1) Low calcium diet
2) Pregnancy
3) Lactation
4) Rickets
5) Osteomalcia
6) Chronic renal failure
↓ 1,25(OH) – D3 synthesis

Hypoparathyroidism (rare)

causes

- Injury to the parathyroid glands (surgery).
-Autoimmune.

Signs & symptoms (due to hypocalcaemia)

Tingling in the lips, fingers, and toes
Dry hair, brittle nails, and dry, coarse skin
Muscle cramps and pain in the face, hands, legs, and feet
Cataracts on the eyes
Malformations of the teeth, including weakened tooth enamel.
Loss of memory
Headaches

Signs of Hypoparathyroidism

- Positive Chvostek's (facial muscle twitch) sign
- Positive Trousseau's (carpal spasm) sign
- Delayed cardiac repolarization with prolongation of the QT interval
- Paresthesia
- Tetany

Treatment:
Calcium carbonate and vitamin D supplements

HYPO PARATHYROIDISM

- Tetany can be overt or latent

- **Chorostek's sign:** Tapping the facial nerve as it emerge from the parotid gland in front of the ear → causes contraction of facial muscles.
- **Trousseau's sign :**
- Arresting (stopping) blood flow to the forearm for few minutes (e.g., by sphygmomanometer) → causes flexion at the wrist, thumb and metacarpophalangeal joints.

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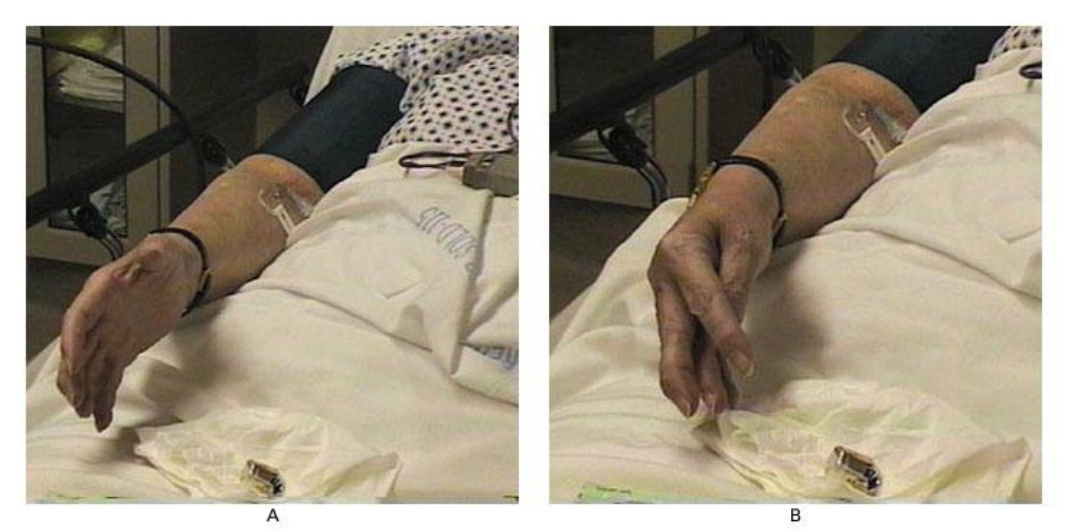
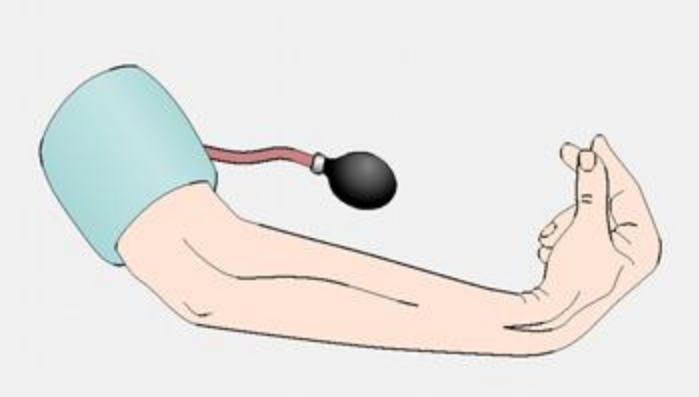
Trousseau Sign





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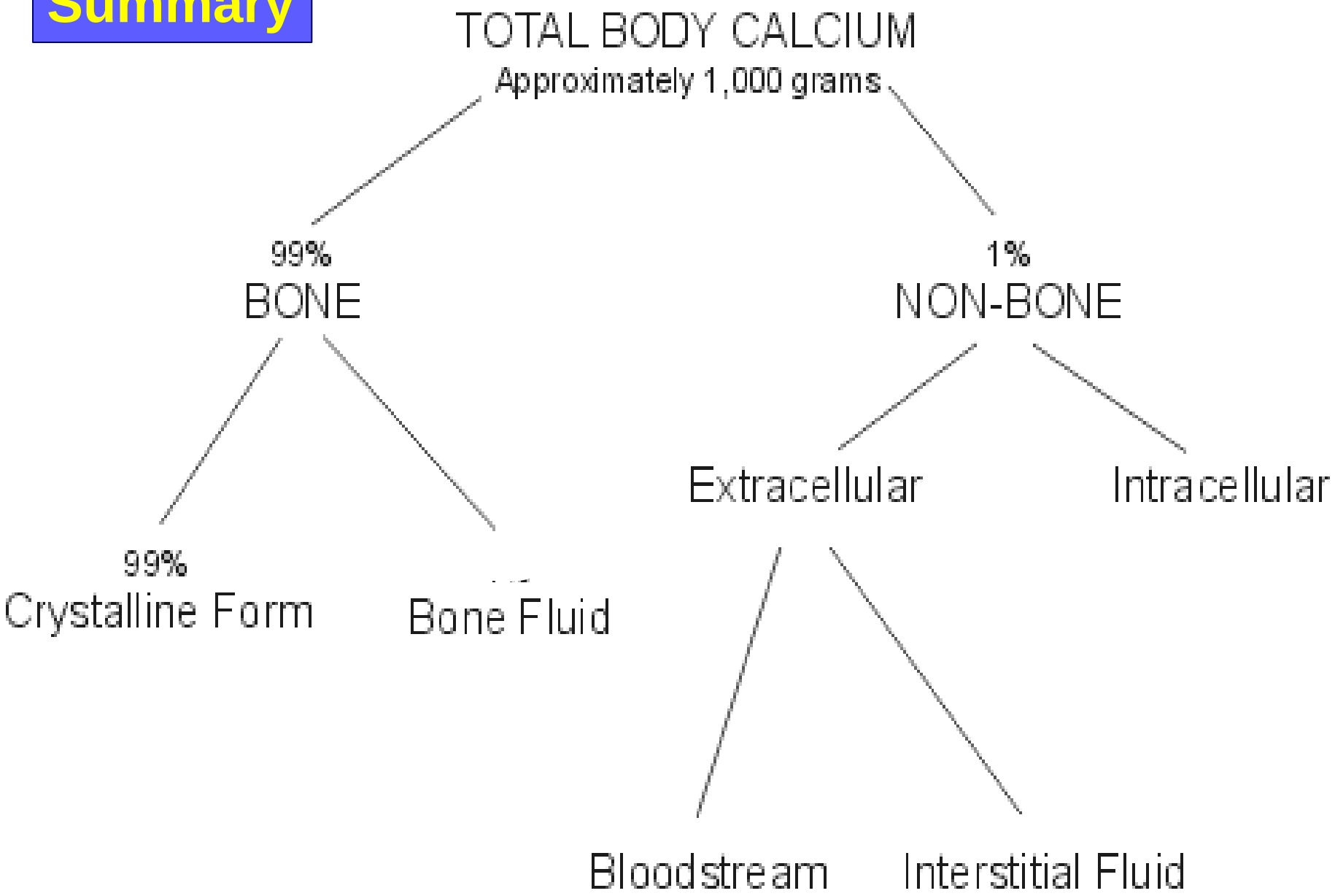
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Approximately 1,000 grams
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Crystalline Form
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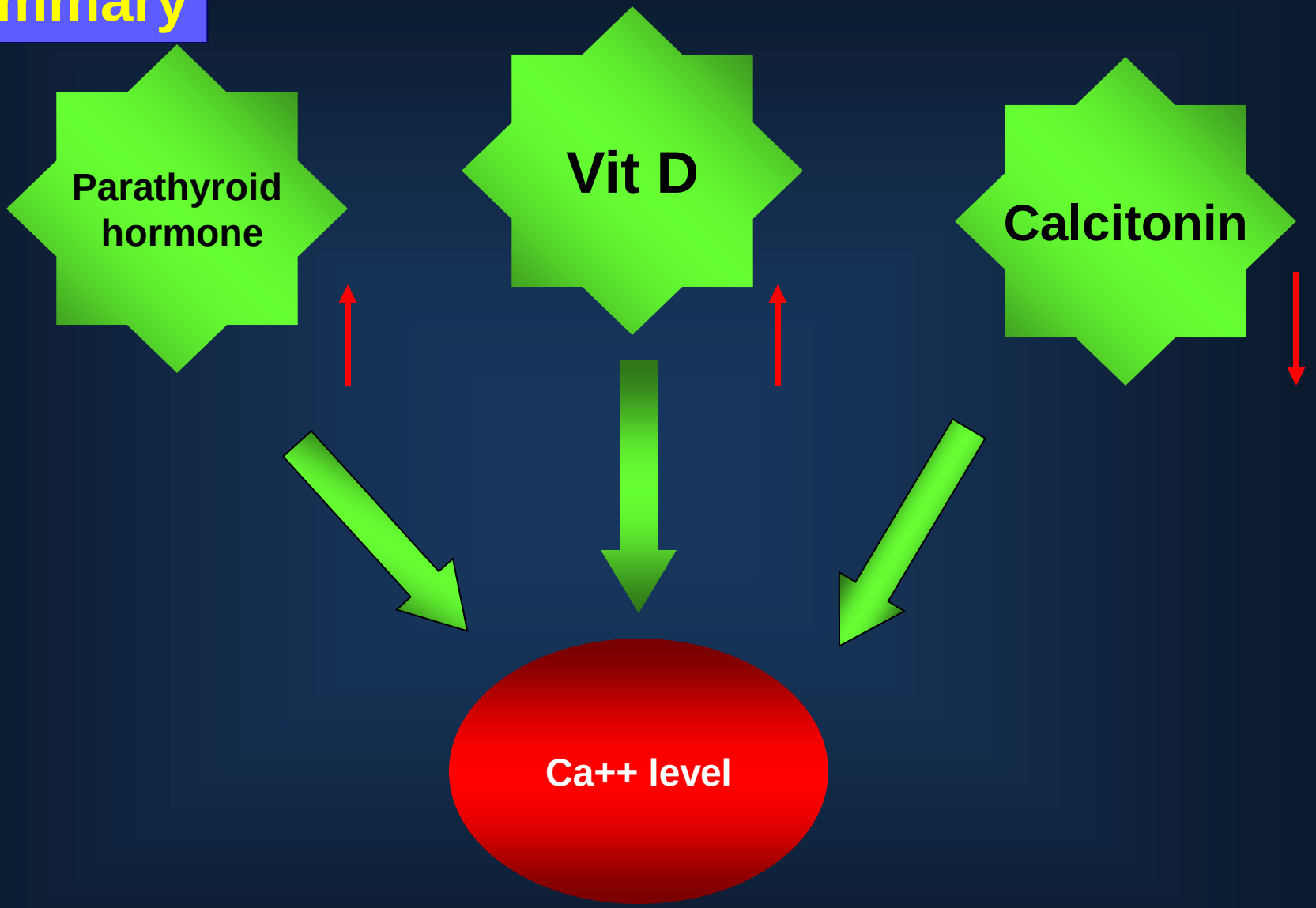

PARATHORMONE

Targets are Bones & Kidneys

Actions

- Calcium
  - ↑ Absorption from Bone
  - ↓ Renal Excretion
- Phosphate
  - ↑ Absorption from Bone
  - ↑ Renal Excretion

VITAMIN D_3

Actions

- Calcium
  - ↑Absorption from Bone
  - ↓Renal Excretion
  - ↑Absorption from GIT
- Phosphate
  - ↑Absorption from Bone
  - ↓Renal Excretion

CALCITONIN

Actions

- **Immediate effect**
  - **Osteoclastic Activity ↓**
- **Prolonged Effect**
  - **Formation of new Osteoclasts ↓**
- **Calcium ↓**
- **Phosphate ↓**

THANK YOU