

# Maintenance of Life and Control Mechanisms

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# Scope



Body homeostasis and regulation



Controls of fluids and electrolytes balances



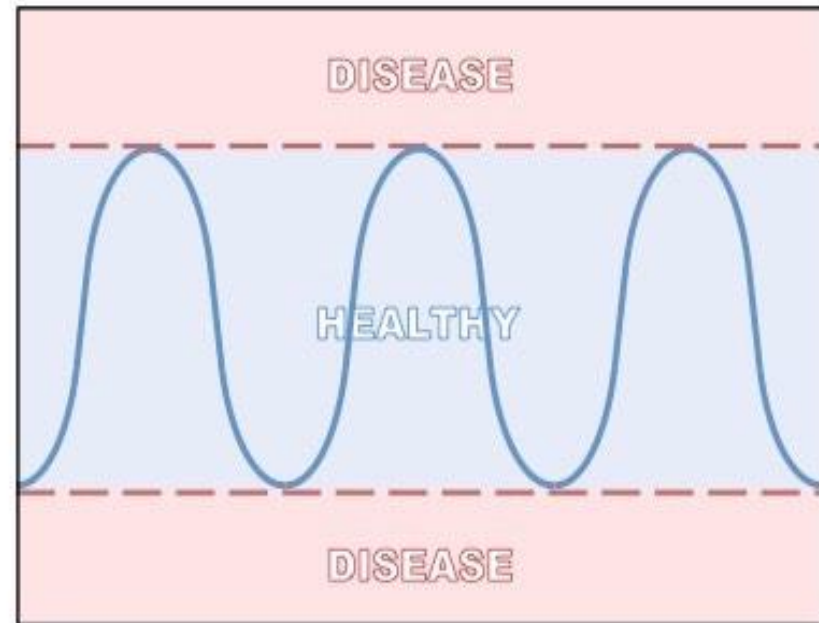
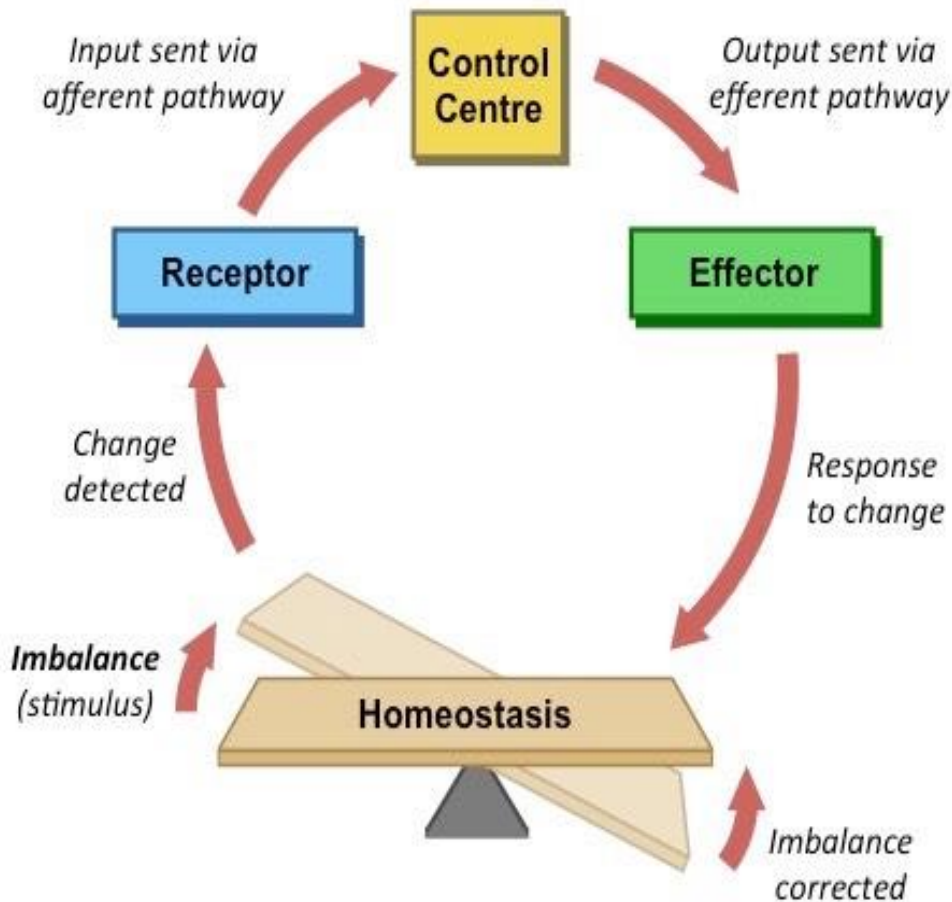
Regulation of body metabolisms and thermoregulation

# Body Homeostasis



# Homeostasis

**Homeostasis** is the maintenance of a stable internal environment and requires integration of organ system functions.



Homeostasis does **not** involve keeping conditions static  
It involves keeping conditions within tightly regulated  
*physiological tolerance limits*

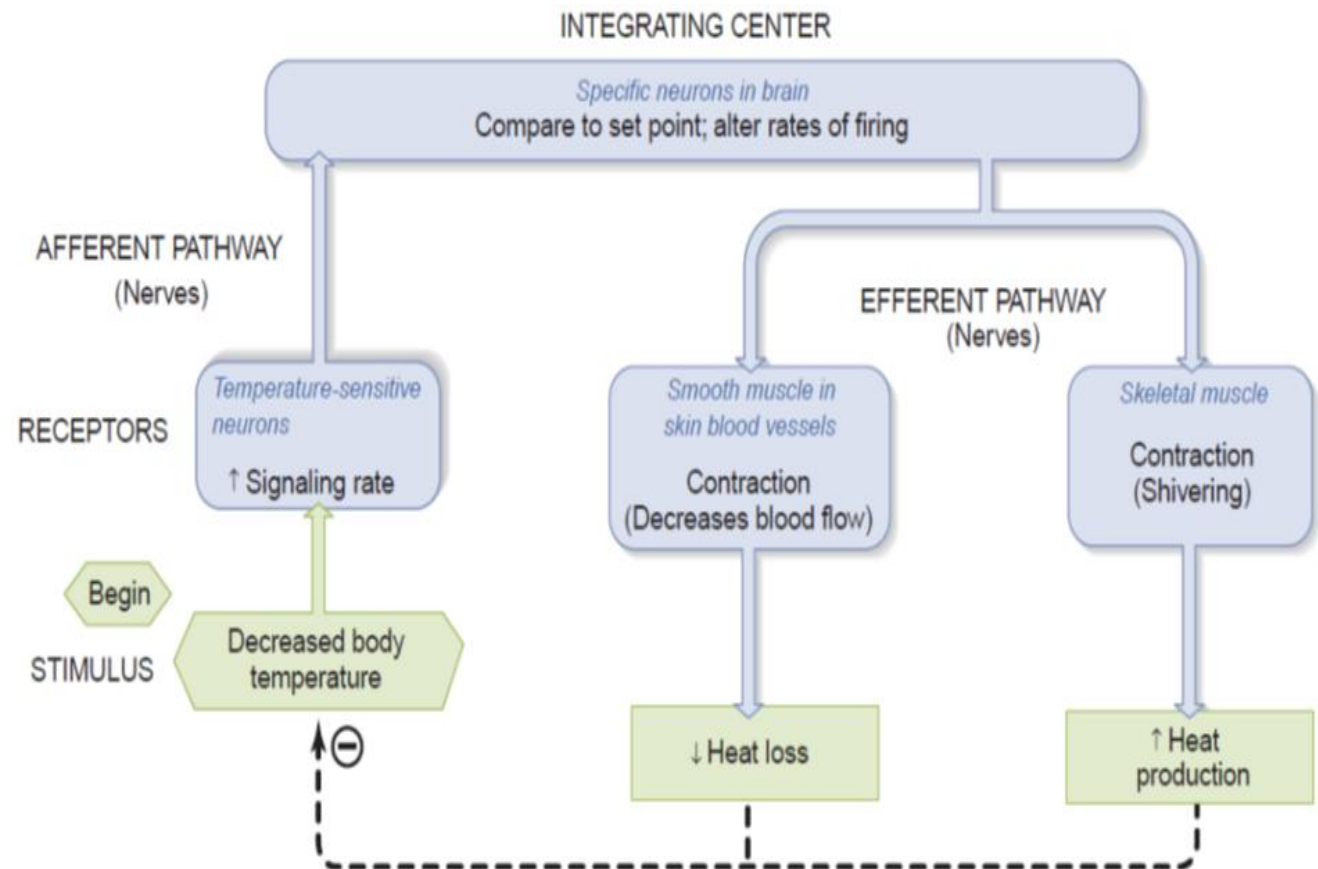
# Homeostatic regulation : Feedback loops

## Feedback loops

➤ **Negative feedback**

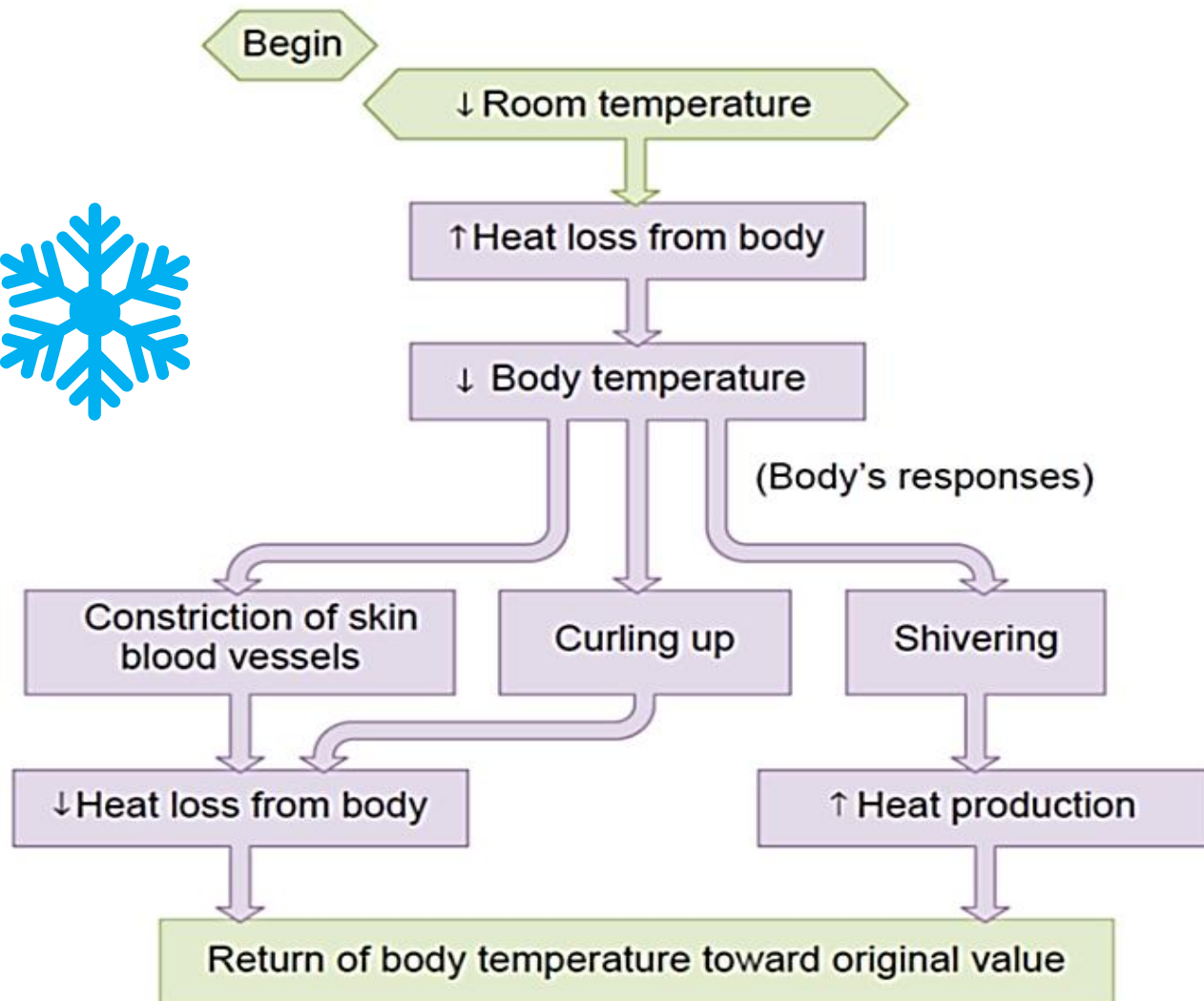
➤ **Positive feedback**

- **Receptor**
- **Control center**
- **Effector**

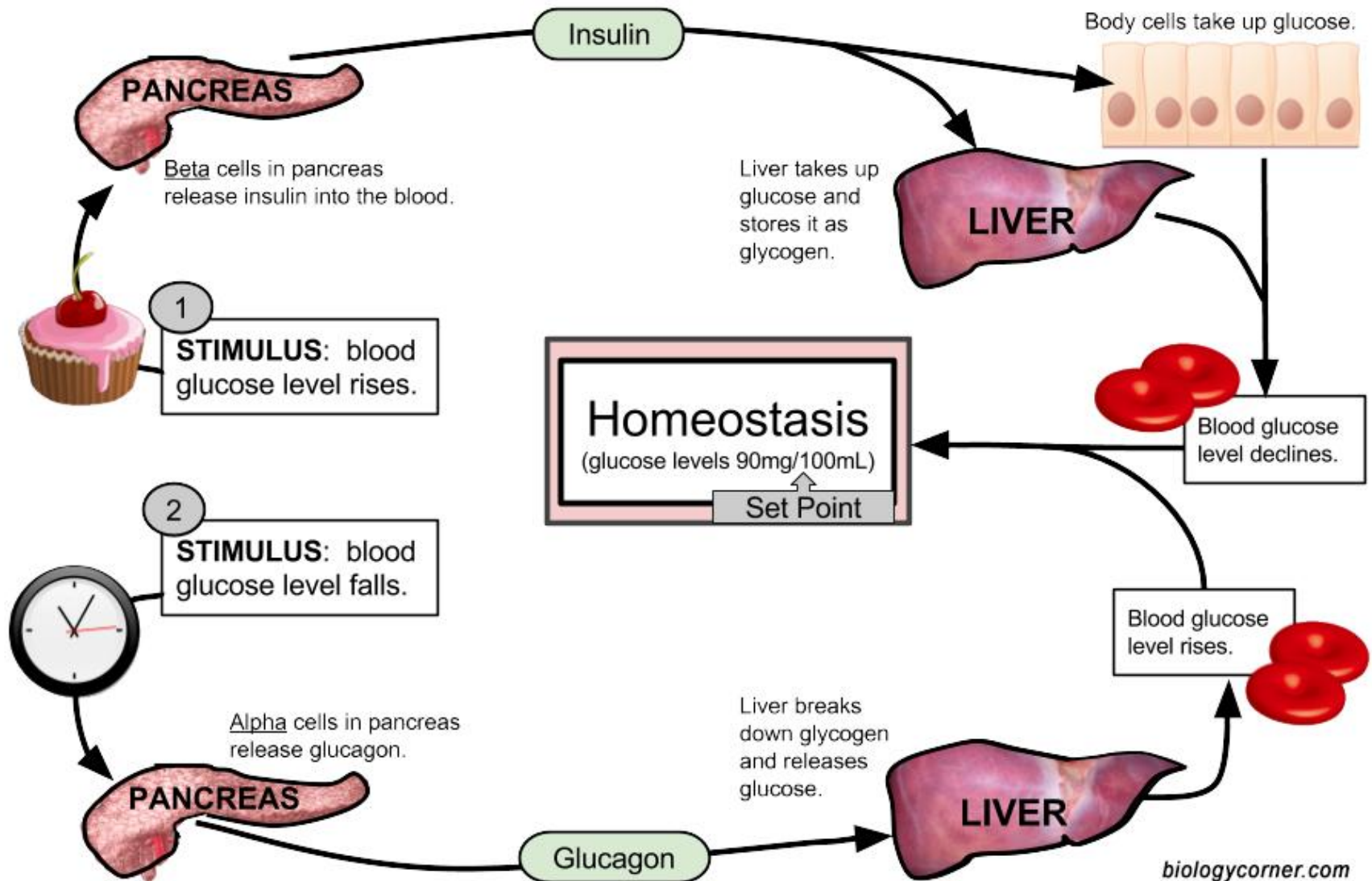


# Negative feedback

**Negative feedback:** a reaction in which the system responds in such a way as to reverse the direction of change.



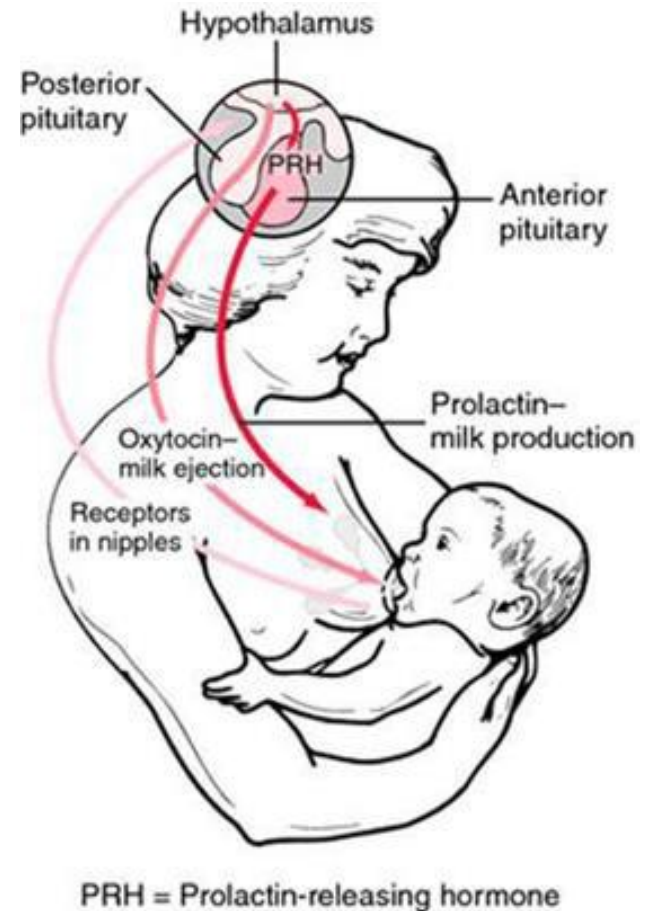
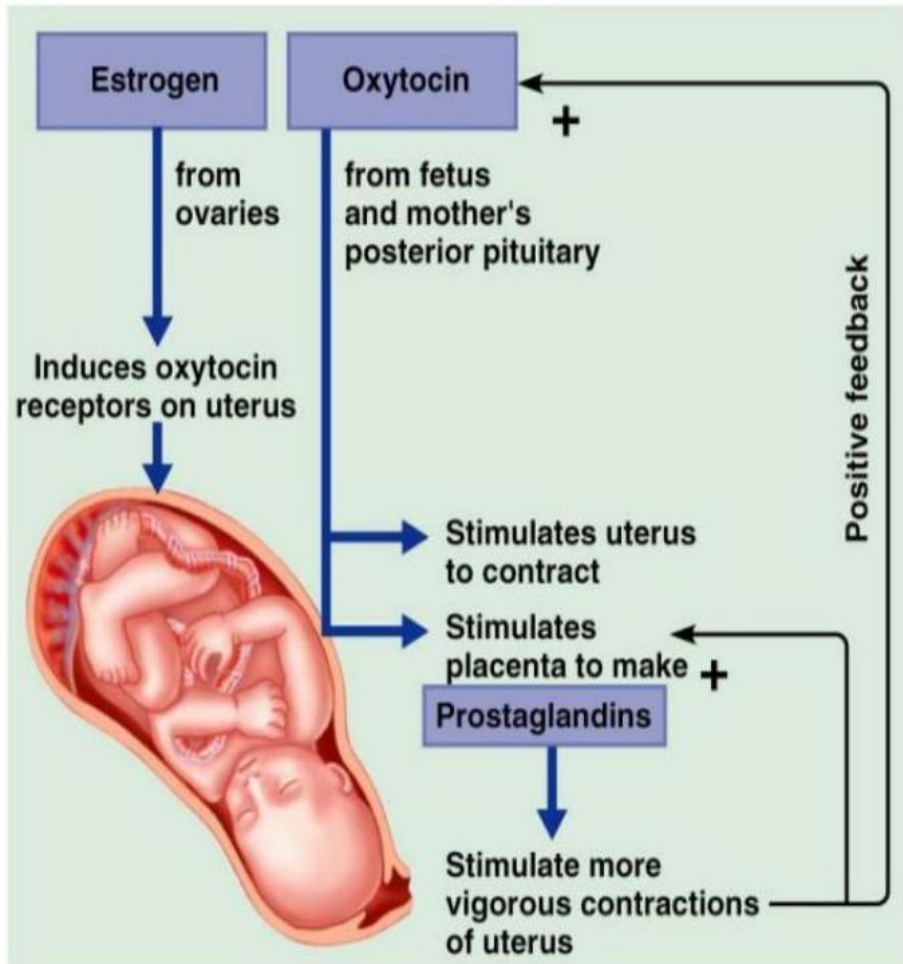
# Glucose regulation





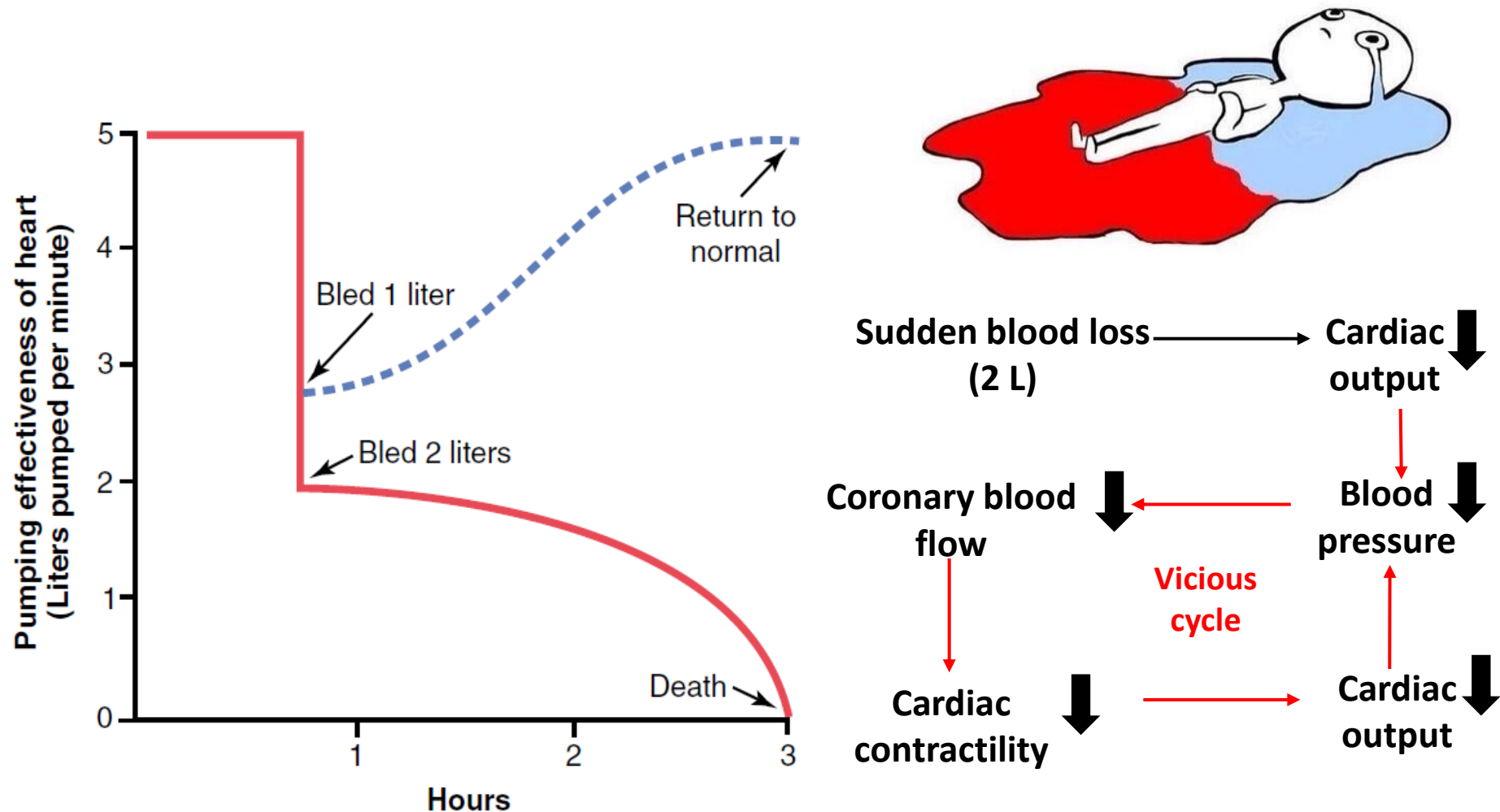
# Positive feedback

**Positive feedback:** a response is to amplify the change in the variable.





# Positive feedback can sometimes cause vicious cycles and death

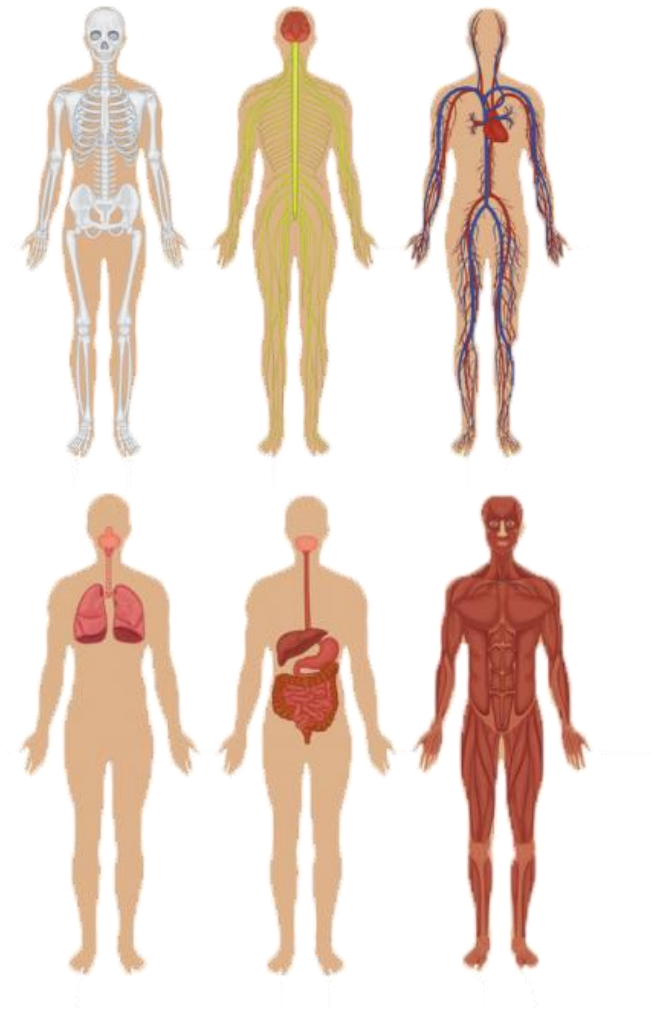


**Figure 1-3** Recovery of heart pumping caused by *negative feedback* after 1 liter of blood is removed from the circulation. Death is caused by *positive feedback* when 2 liters of blood are removed.

# Summary

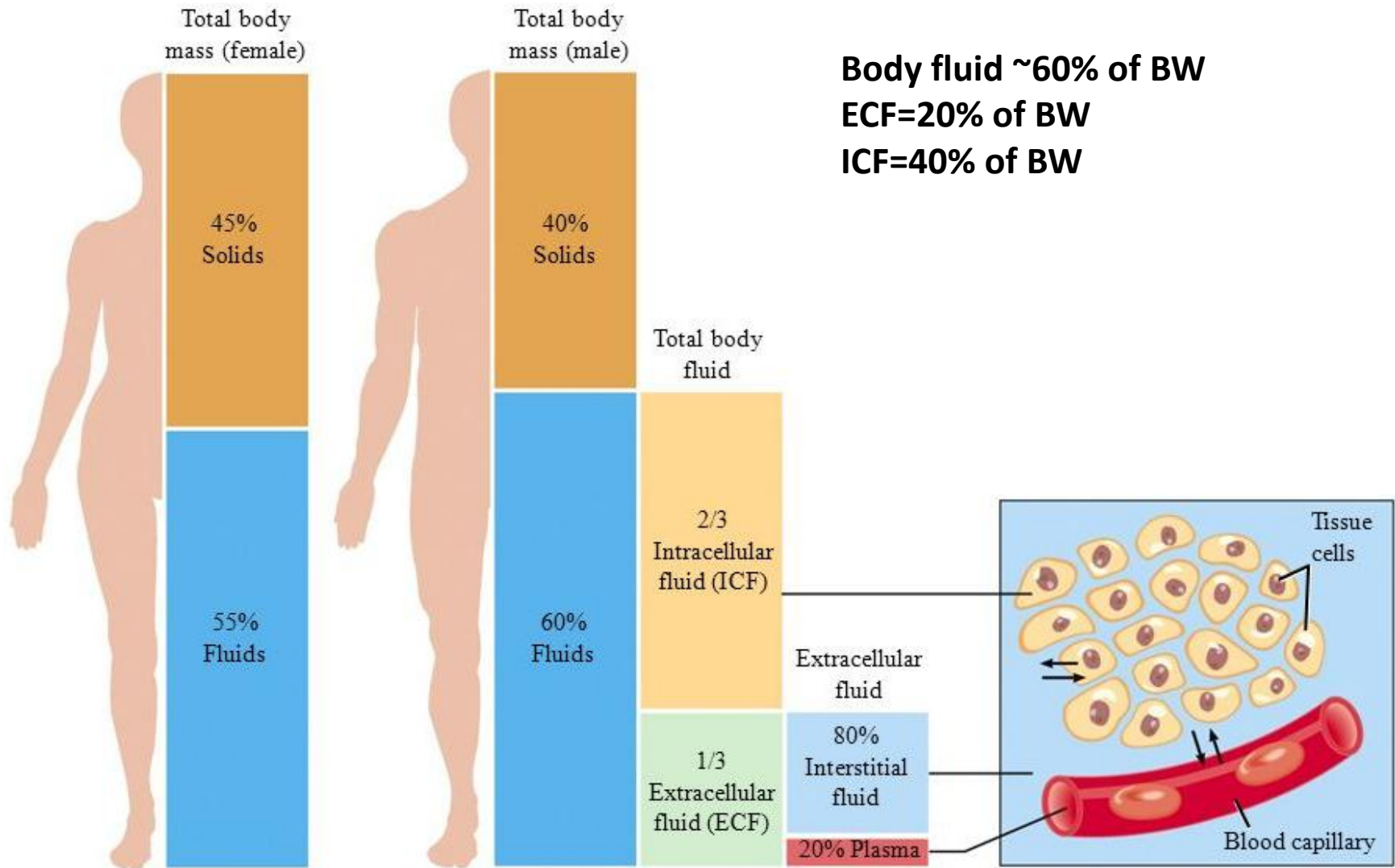
Body System	Components	Major Function(s)
<b>Cardiovascular</b>	Heart, blood vessels, blood	Transport of materials throughout the body
<b>Digestive</b>	Gastrointestinal tract, liver, pancreas	Assimilation of nutrients; elimination of some wastes
<b>Endocrine</b>	Endocrine glands	Coordination of body functions through release of regulatory molecules
<b>Immune</b>	Thymus, spleen, lymphatic system, white blood cells	Defense against pathogens
<b>Integumentary</b>	Skin	Protection against external environment
<b>Musculoskeletal</b>	Skeletal muscle and bones	Movement and support
<b>Nervous</b>	Brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerves	Coordination of body functions through electrical signals and release of regulatory molecules; cognition
<b>Reproductive</b>	Gonads, penis, vagina, uterus	Procreation
<b>Respiratory</b>	Lungs	Oxygen and carbon dioxide and exchange with external environment
<b>Urinary</b>	Kidneys, bladder	Homeostasis of ion concentrations in internal environment; elimination of wastes

## Homeostasis Throughout the Body!!



# Controls of fluids and electrolytes balances

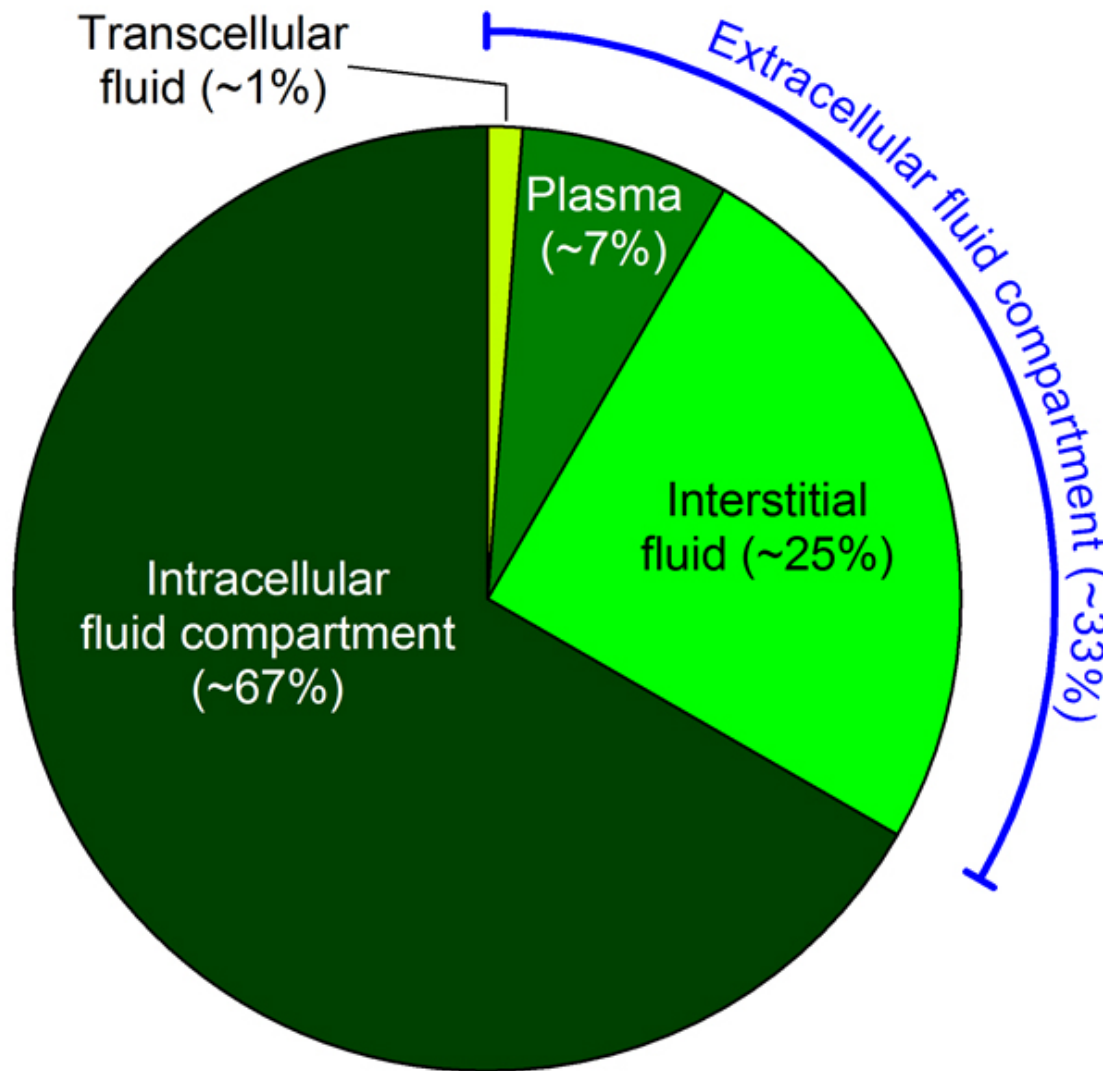
# Body fluids



(a) Distribution of body solids and fluids in average lean, adult female and male

(b) Exchange of water among body fluid compartments

# Body fluids



**What fraction of total-body water is extracellular?**

Assume that water constitutes 60% of a person's body weight.

What fraction of this person's body weight is due to extracellular body water?

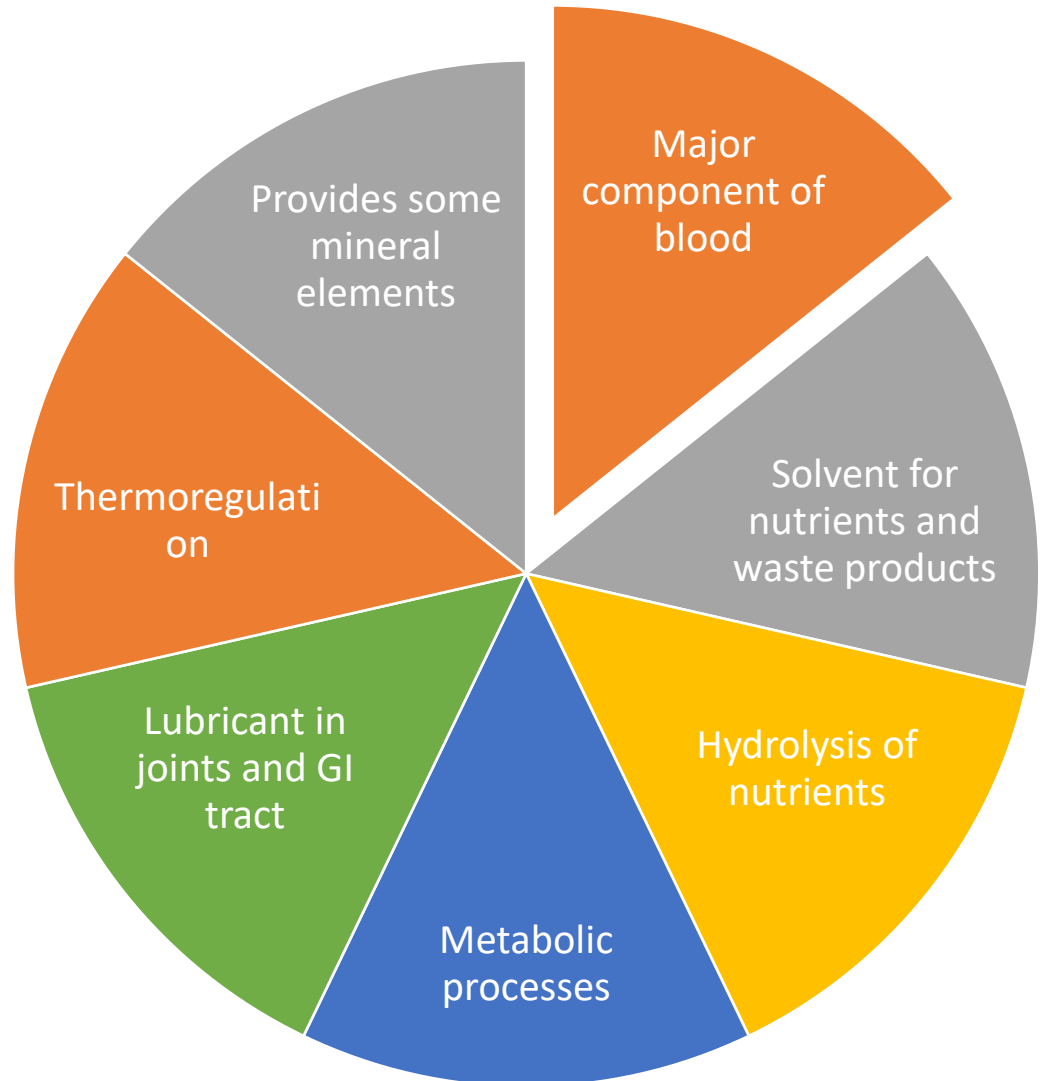
# Composition and functions of body fluids

## Organic substances

- Glucose
- Amino acids
- Fatty acids
- Hormones
- Enzymes

## Inorganic substances

- Sodium
- Potassium
- Calcium
- Magnesium
- Chloride
- Phosphate
- Sulphate





# Body fluid balances



## Intake

Fluids ingested  
From metabolism  
Total intake

## Normal

2100

200

2300

## Prolonged, Heavy Exercise

?

200

?

## Output

Insensible—skin  
Insensible—lungs  
Sweat  
Feces  
Urine  
Total output

350

350

100

100

1400

2300

350

650

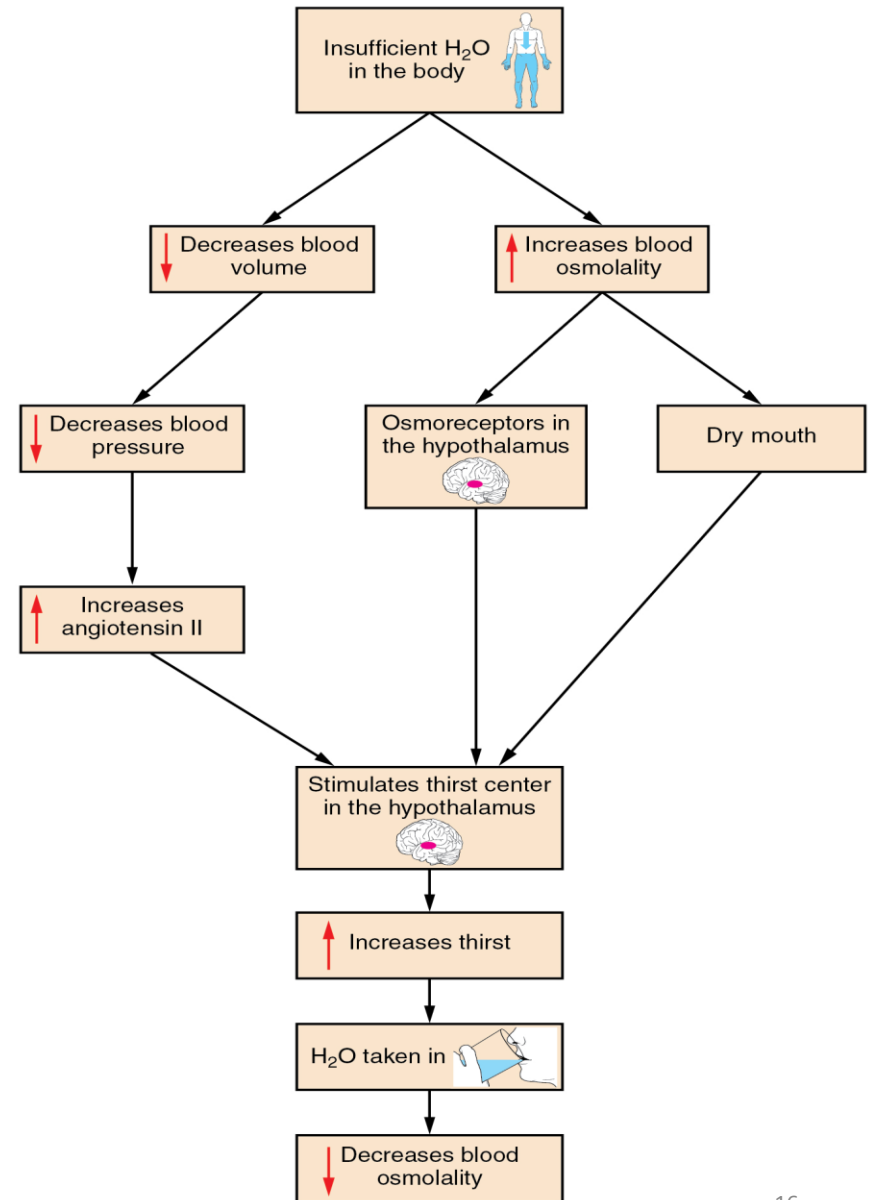
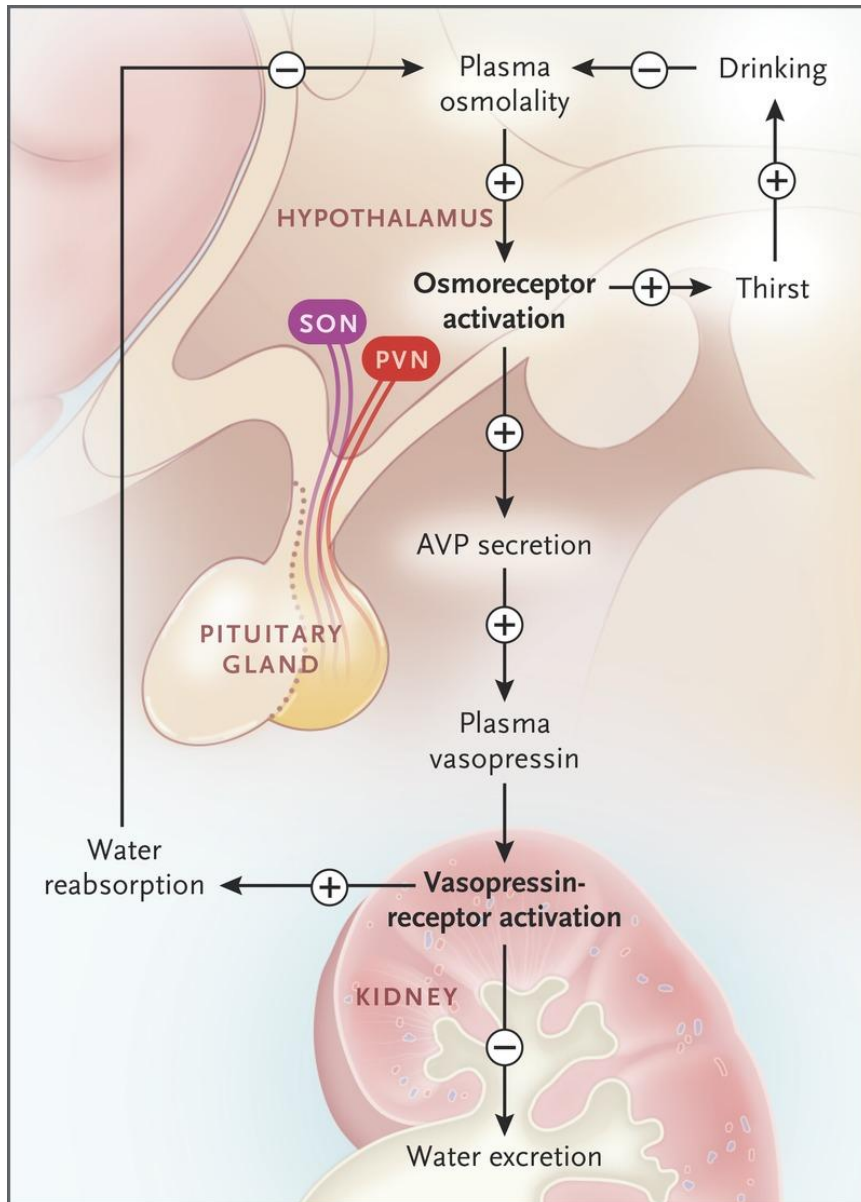
5000

100

500

6600

# Regulation of water balance

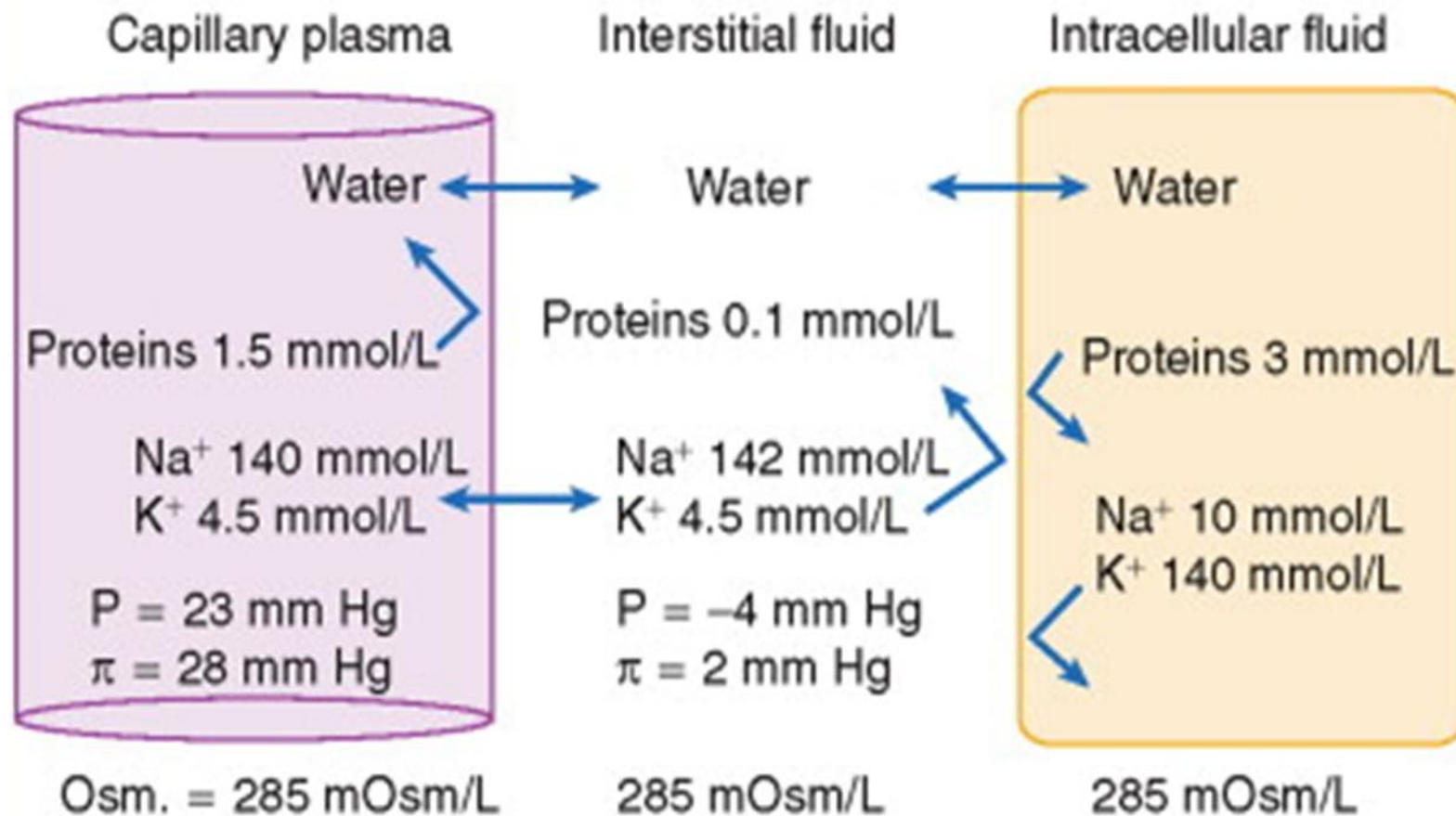


# Electrolyte

EXTRACELLULAR FLUID		INTRACELLULAR FLUID	
Na <sup>+</sup> -----	142 mEq/L	-----	10 mEq/L
K <sup>+</sup> -----	4 mEq/L	-----	140 mEq/L
Ca <sup>++</sup> -----	2.4 mEq/L	-----	0.0001 mEq/L
Mg <sup>++</sup> -----	1.2 mEq/L	-----	58 mEq/L
Cl <sup>-</sup> -----	103 mEq/L	-----	4 mEq/L
HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> -----	28 mEq/L	-----	10 mEq/L
Phosphates -----	4 mEq/L	-----	75 mEq/L
SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>-</sup> -----	1 mEq/L	-----	2 mEq/L
Glucose -----	90 mg/dl	-----	0 to 20 mg/dl
Amino acids ----	30 mg/dl	-----	200 mg/dl ?
Cholesterol	0.5 g/dl -----	-----	2 to 95 g/dl
Phospholipids }			
Neutral fat }			
PO <sub>2</sub> -----	35 mm Hg	-----	20 mm Hg ?
PCO <sub>2</sub> -----	46 mm Hg	-----	50 mm Hg ?
pH -----	7.4	-----	7.0
Proteins -----	2 g/dl	-----	16 g/dl
	(5 mEq/L)		(40 mEq/L)

- Control osmosis
- Acid base balance
- Cell polarization
- Co-factors for enzymes

# Electrolytes: ECF VS ICF

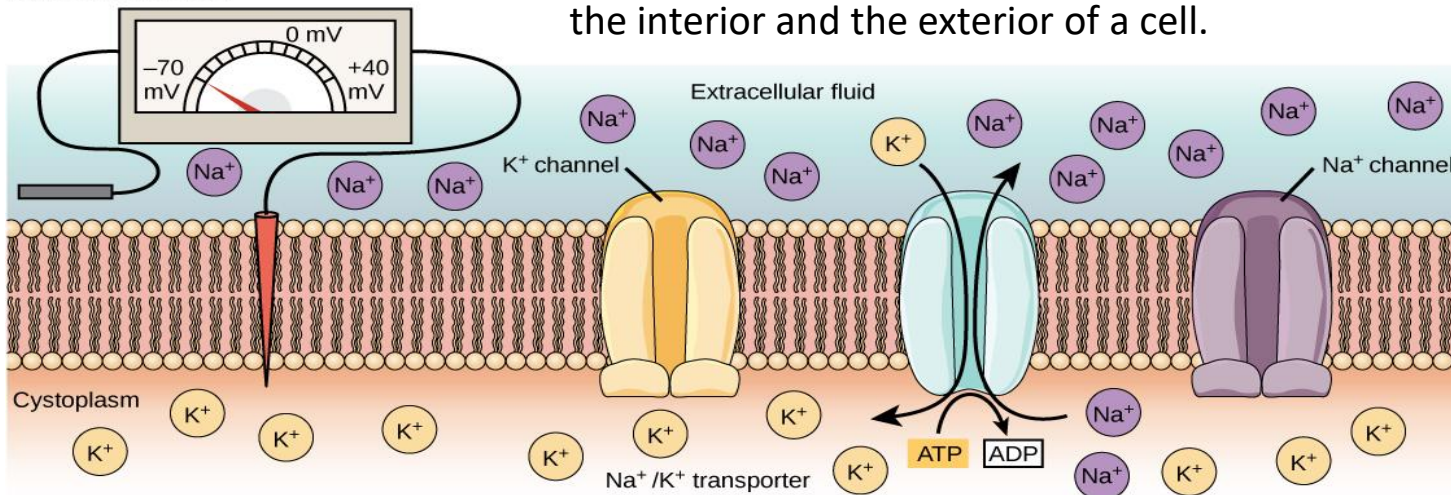


π = Colloid osmotic pressure, protein osmotic pressure, oncotic pressure  
P = hydrostatic pressure



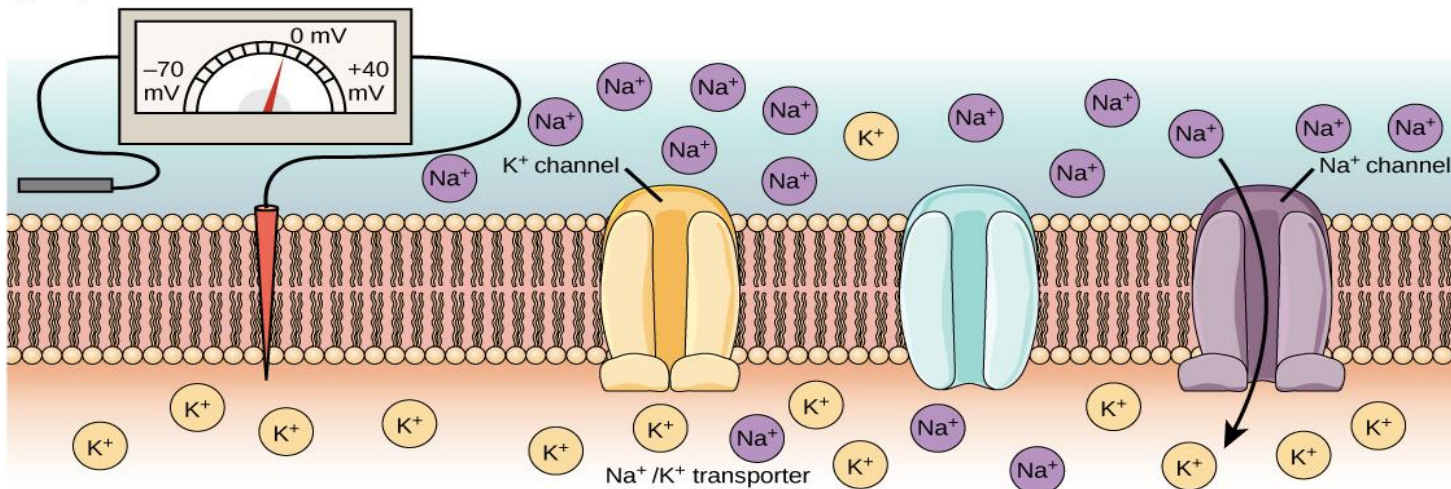
# Membrane potential

(a) Resting potential



At the resting potential, all voltage-gated Na<sup>+</sup> channels and most voltage-gated K<sup>+</sup> channels are closed. The Na<sup>+</sup>/K<sup>+</sup> transporter pumps K<sup>+</sup> ions into the cell and Na<sup>+</sup> ions out.

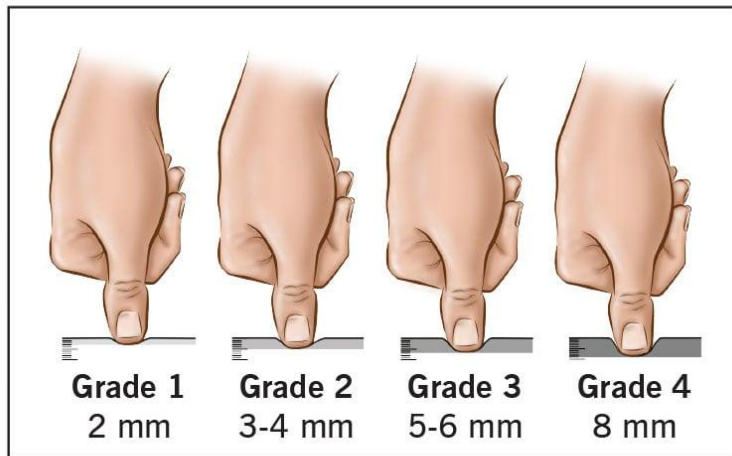
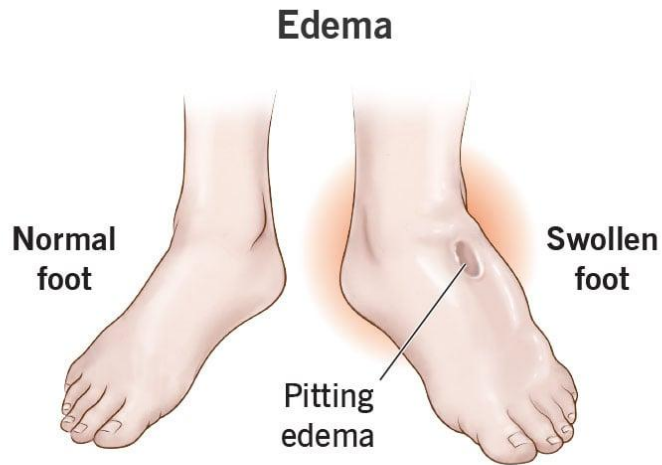
(b) Depolarization



In response to a depolarization, some Na<sup>+</sup> channels open, allowing Na<sup>+</sup> ions to enter the cell. The membrane starts to depolarize (the charge across the membrane lessens). If the threshold of excitation is reached, all the Na<sup>+</sup> channels open.

# Fluid imbalance

## Edema



## Dehydration



### THIRST

With the onset of thirst you've already lost approximately 2% of bodyweight in fluid.



### FATIGUE

A critical symptom, it puts you at risk on site, affecting your ability to concentrate, stay focus & reduces reaction times



### SWEATING

Fluid & electrolytes help retain fluids but are lost from sweat

## - OTHER SYMPTOMS TO LOOK OUT FOR -



- Dry mouth
- Dry skin
- Irritability
- Light-headedness
- Decreased urination



- Dark coloured urine
- Muscle cramps
- Headaches
- Nausea



- Speech confusion
- Poor concentration
- Lapses in memory
- Sleep impairment
- Fainting

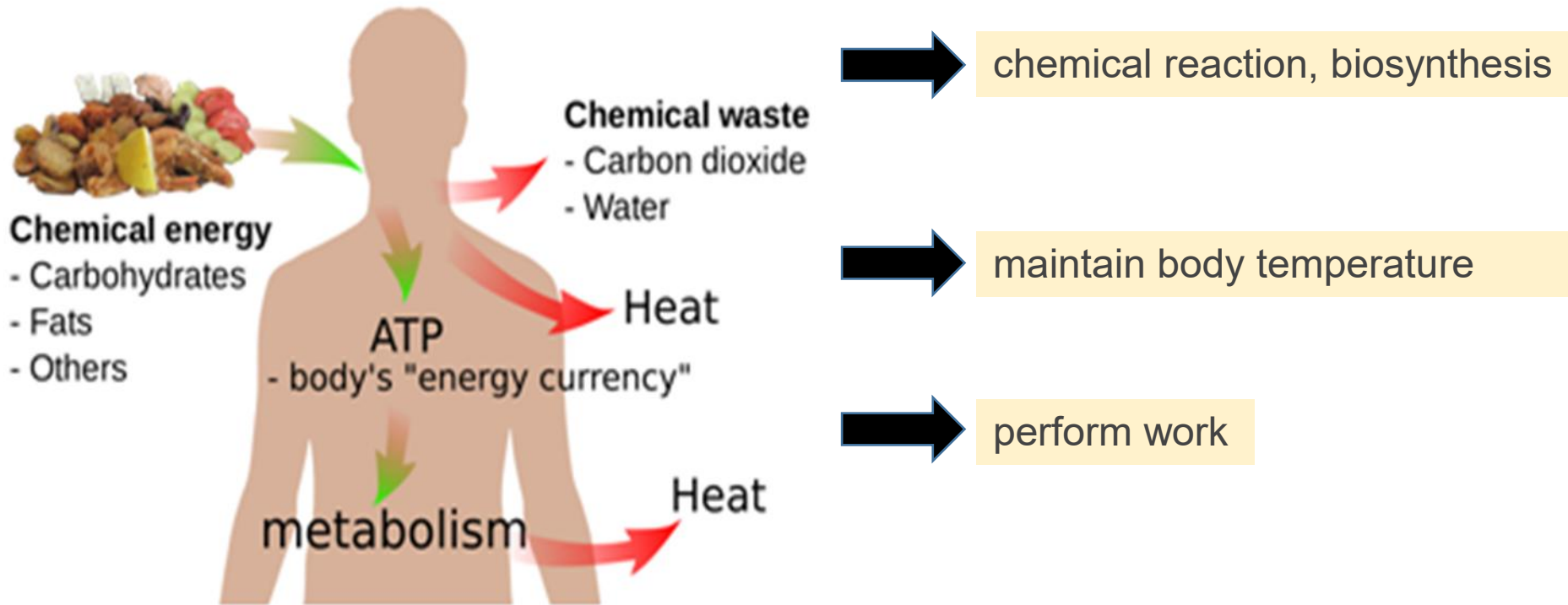


# Regulation of Body Metabolism and Body temperature

# Metabolism

“Metabolism is the sum of all energy-requiring and energy-consuming processes of the body”

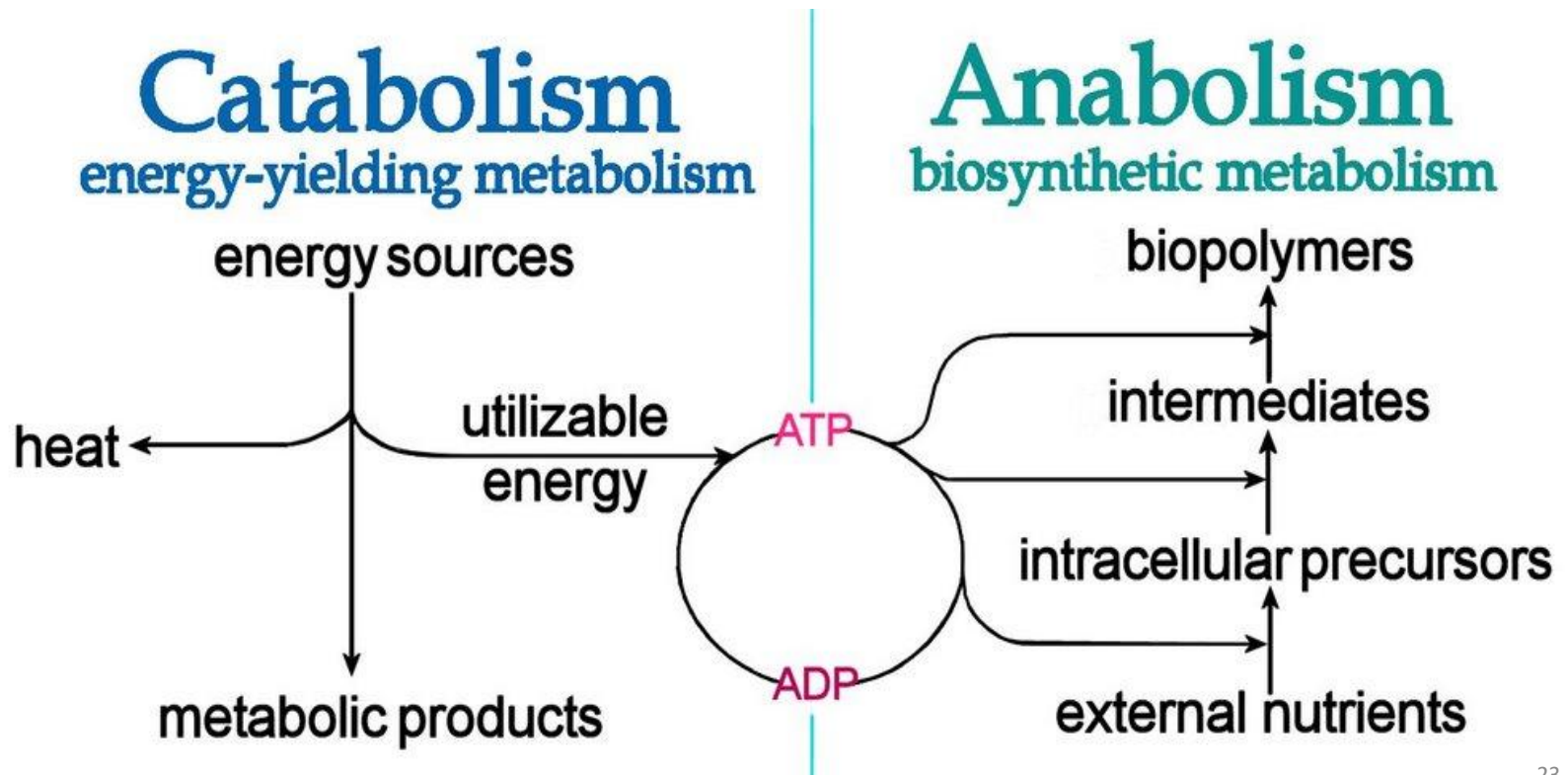
## Energy and human life



# Main metabolism

**Catabolic** reactions break down large organic molecules into smaller molecules, releasing the energy contained in the chemical bonds

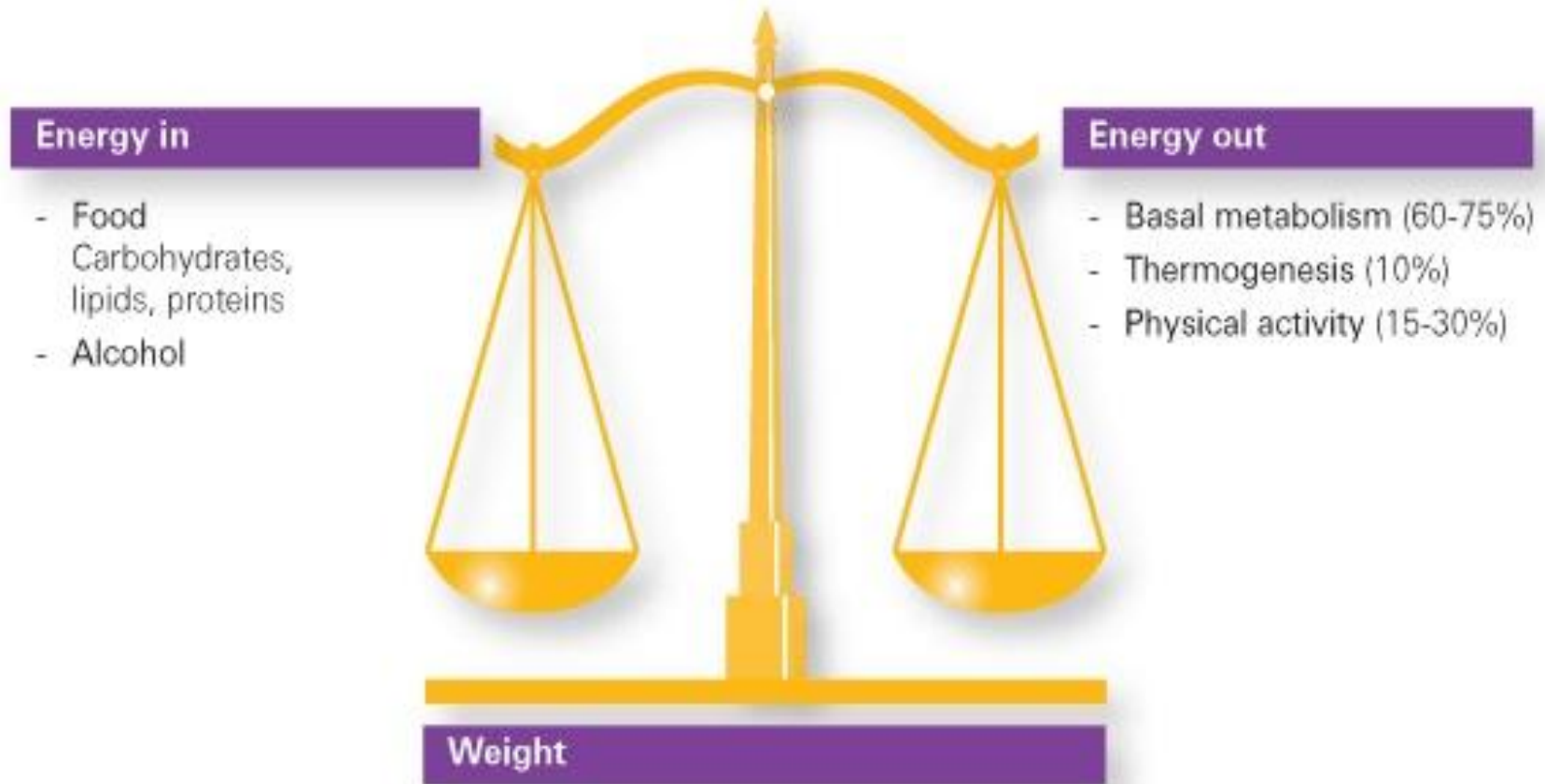
**Anabolic** reactions involve the joining of smaller molecules into larger ones



# Energy balance :Law of thermodynamics

“Energy neither created nor destroyed when it is converted from one form to another”

**Food intake = Energy output**



Chemical energy of food = **heat energy** + **work energy** ± energy storage

# Positive/ negative energy balance

## Positive energy balance

**Food intake** > **Energy output**

Energy storage

**Weight gain**



## Negative energy balance

**Food intake** < **Energy output**

Energy storage usage

**Weight loss**

**Body mass index (BMI) = Weight (kg)/Height<sup>2</sup> (m)**

International Obesity Taskforce (IOTF)-propose classification of BMI categories for Asia

BMI (kg/m <sup>2</sup> )	Classification
< 18.5	Underweight
18.5-22.9	Normal
23.0-24.9	Overweight
25.0-29.9	Obese I
≥ 30	Obese II

# Metabolic rate

“**Metabolic rate** = the energy expended by an organism at rest in order to maintain body functions”

**#DIDYOUKNOW**

## **BASAL METABOLIC RATE**

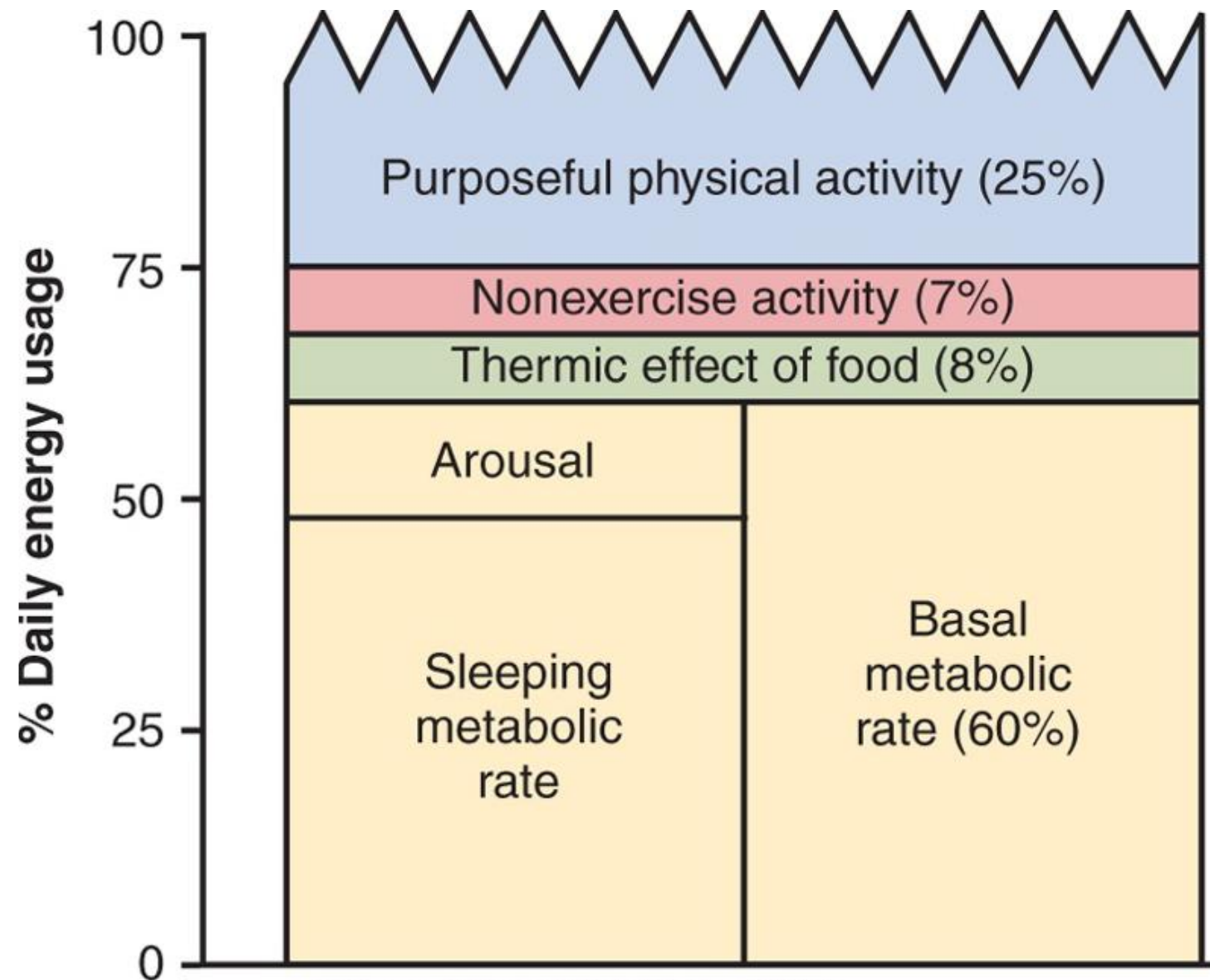
n. The number of calories you burn if you stayed in bed all day



**InBody**  
LIFE











# Components of energy expenditure



BW=70 kg

BMR=60-70 kcal/hr

# Energy expenditure during different types of activity for 70-kg man

Form of Activity		Energy kcal/h
Sitting at rest		100
Walking on level ground at 4.3 km/h (2.6 mi/h)		200
Walking on 3 % grade at 4.3 km/h (2.6 mi/h)		360
Weight lifting ( <i>light workout</i> )		220
Bicycling on level ground at 9 km/h (5.3 mi/h)		300
Shoveling snow		480
Jogging at 9 km/h (5.3 mi/h)		570
Rowing at 20 strokes/ min		830

# Basal metabolic rate (BMR)

**BMR** = the quantity of calories burned by the whole body per unit time at rest which depending on muscle mass and body size (calories/hr/m<sup>2</sup>)

\*\* BMR → accounts for approximately 60–75% of total daily energy expenditure in individuals with a sedentary occupation.

## Basal conditions

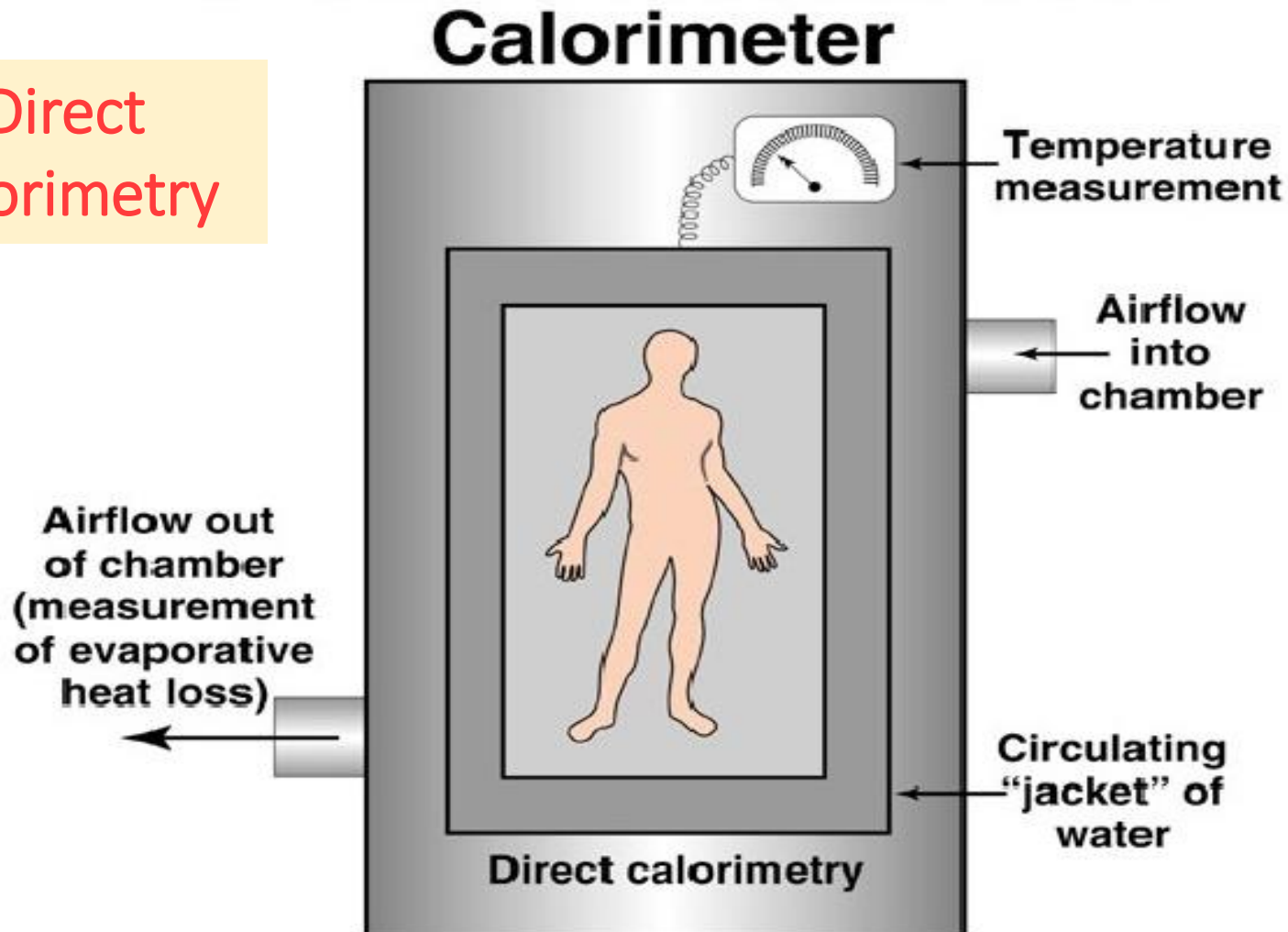
1. The person must not have eaten any food for at least 12 hrs.
2. After a night of restful sleep (8 hrs. )
3. No strenuous exercise is performed for at least 1 hr. before the test
4. All psychic and physical factors that cause excitement must be eliminated
5. The temperature of the air must be comfortable and be somewhere between the limits of 68 and 80 F (20-27 C)

# Measuring BMR Directly

- Rarely used due to time and expense
- Requires 12 hrs of fasting
- Requires an environmentally controlled room or chamber

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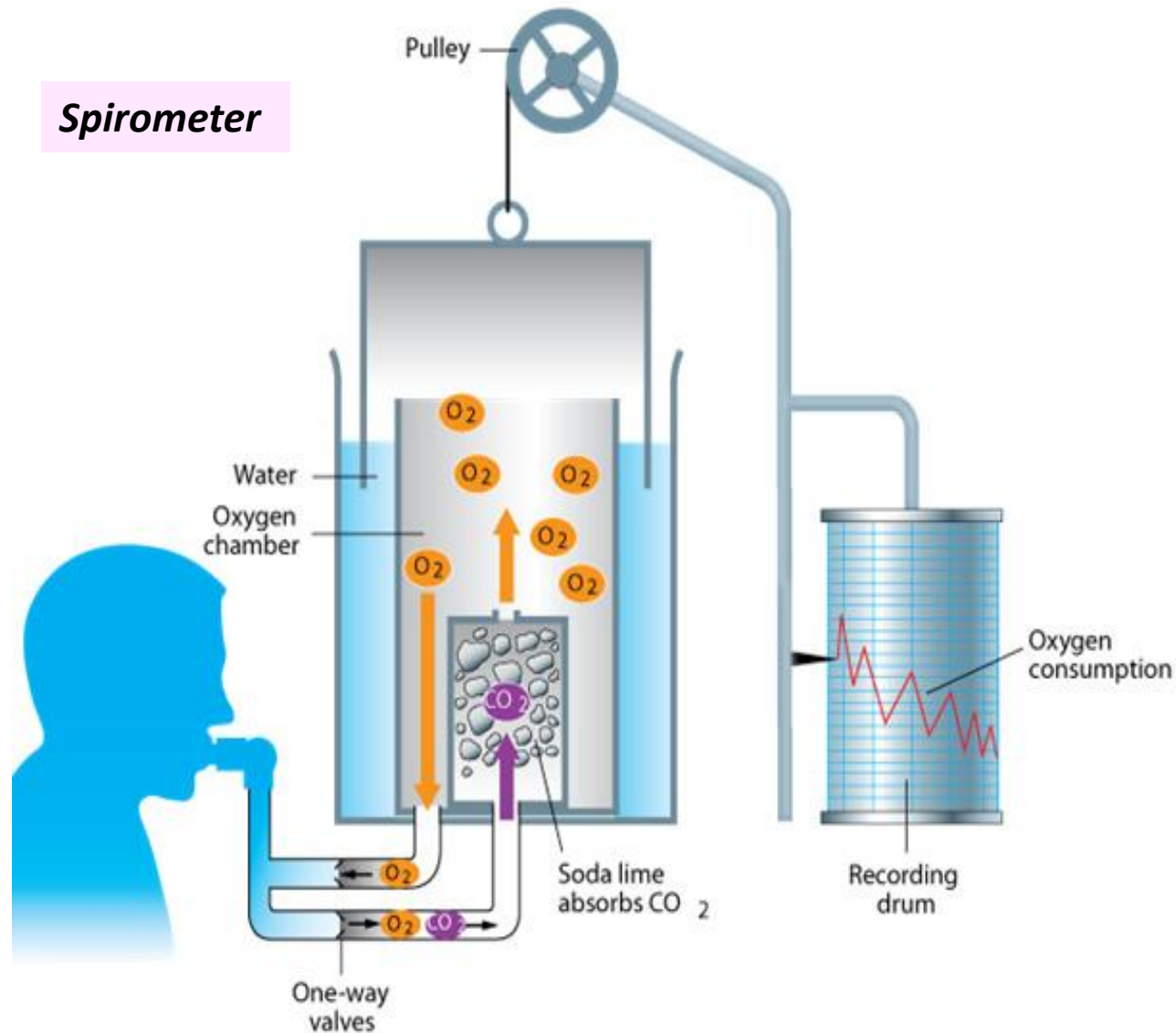
Direct  
calorimetry



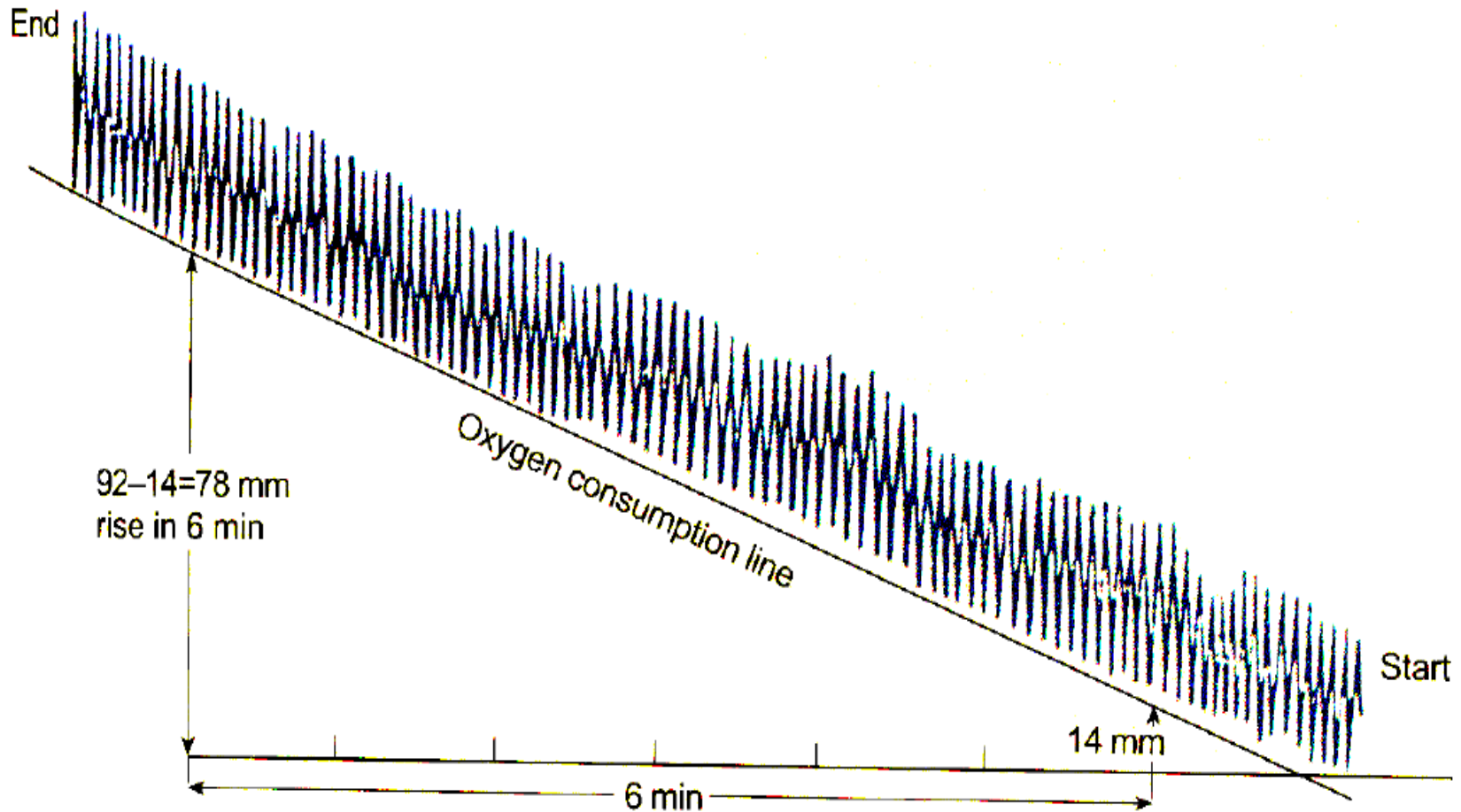
# Indirect calorimetry

Indirect calorimeter used to measure metabolism by determining the amount of oxygen consumed and the carbon dioxide produced under laboratory conditions

## *Spirometer*

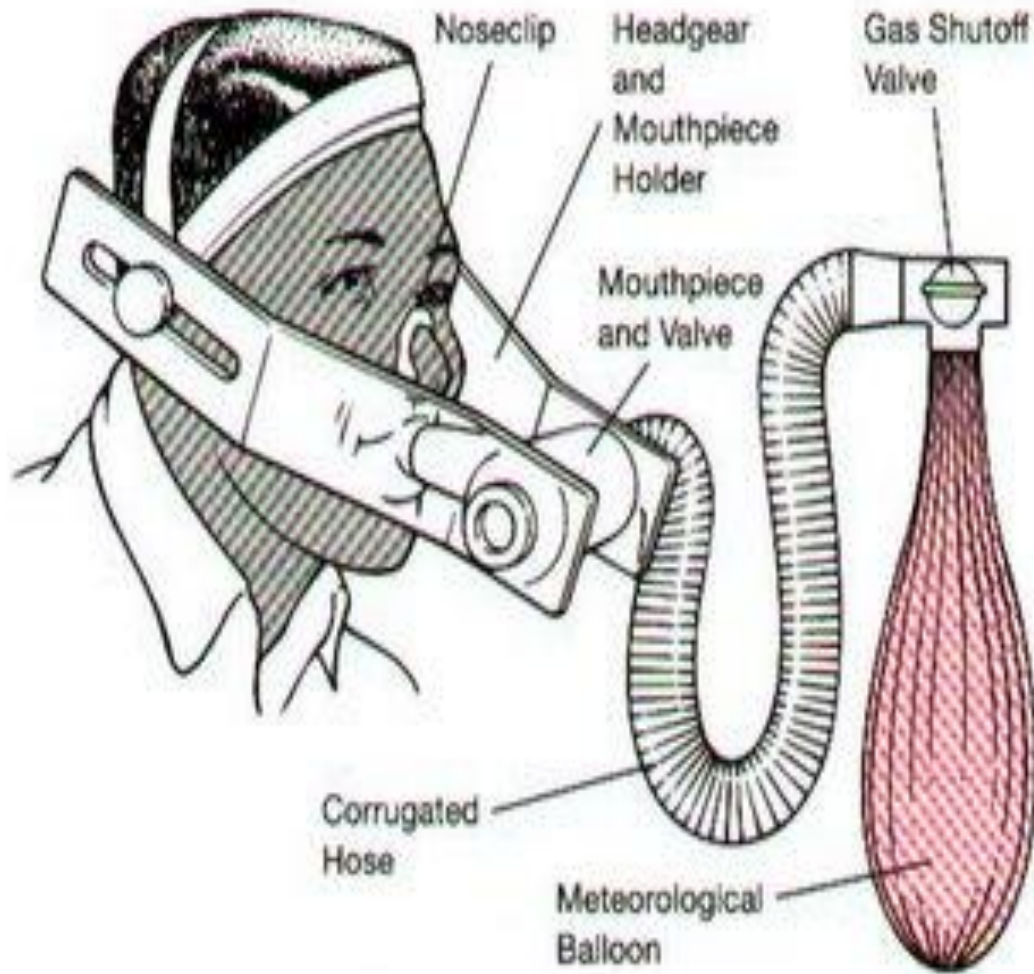


$$\text{Metabolic rate} = \frac{\text{VO}_2 \text{ (L/hr)} \times 4.825 \text{ (kcal)}}{\text{Body surface area (m}^2\text{)}}$$





# Indirect calorimetry: Douglas bag



**Douglas bag**



# Factors that affect the metabolic rate

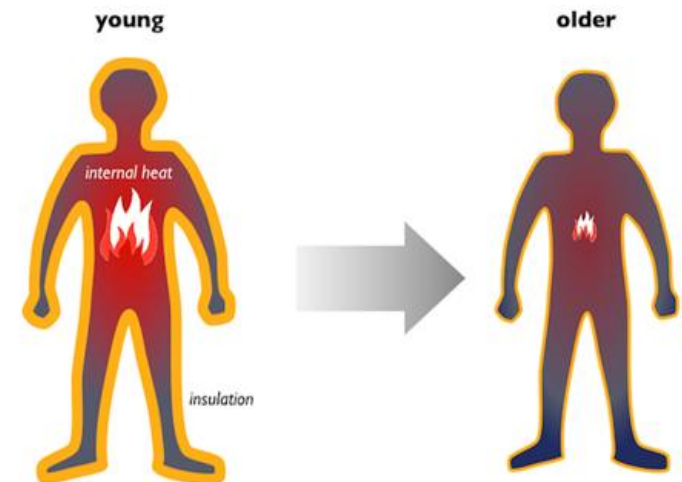
Age, Sex, Nation, Body size, Body temperature, Type of food intake, Pregnancy, Hormone, Emotion, Fever, Malnutrition

## Increases Metabolic Rate

- Thyroid Hormone
- Male Sex Hormone
- Growth Hormone
- Fever
- Exercise

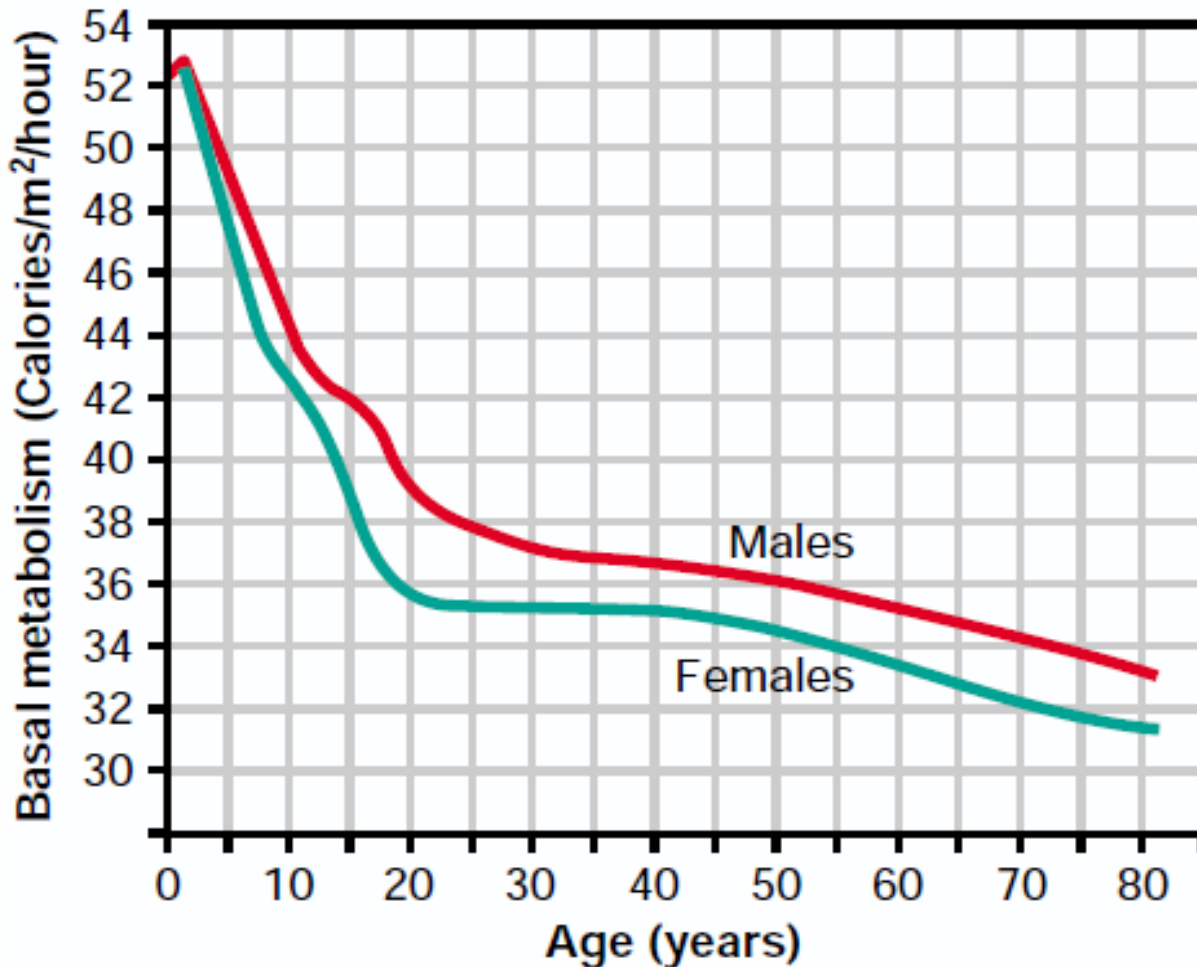
## Decreases Metabolic Rate

- Sleep
- Malnutrition
- Aging



# Factors that affect the metabolic rate

## Age & sex



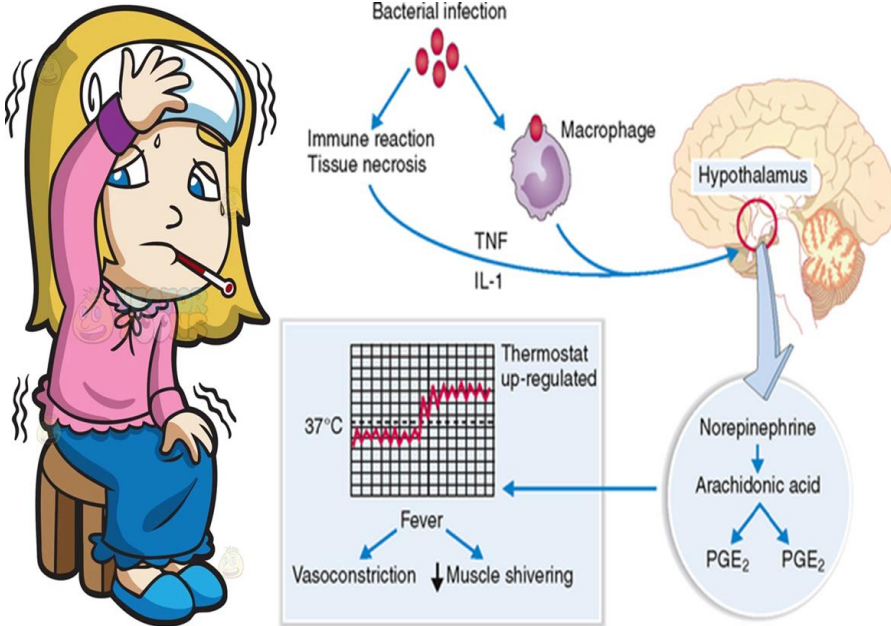
Normal basal metabolic rates at different ages for each sex.

# Factors that affect the metabolic rate

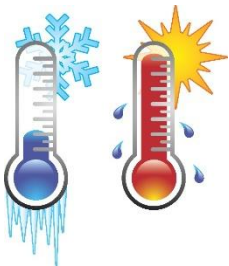
## Fever

### - Increased metabolic rate

(All chemical reactions increase 120% for every 10 C rise in temperature)



## Environmental temperature



if temperature is very low or very high, the body has to work harder to maintain its normal body temperature, which increases the BMR.

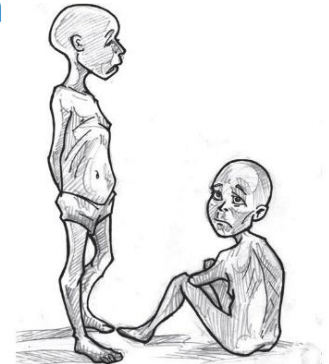
## Sleep: decreases metabolic rate (10-15%)

- decreased muscle tone
- decreased activity of central nervous system



## Malnutrition

- Prolong poor nutrition decrease BMR 20-30 %





# METABOLIC FACTORS

**KEY TAKEAWAY: IT'S NOT ONE THING.**  
These factors affect your metabolic rate.



**Age:** The older you get, the slower your metabolic rate.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/2382714/>



**Body Size:** The bigger the body, the more calories burned.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/15855403/>



**Outside Temps:** If body is exposed to cold, it burns more calories.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/1437394/>



**Muscle Mass:** The greater your muscle mass, the more calories you burn.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/2243122/>



**Movement:** The more active you are, the more calories you burn. Metabolism speeds up accordingly.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/21311363/>



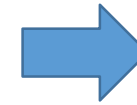
**Hormones:** Hypothyroidism can slow down metabolic rate and increase your risk of weight gain.

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/18230905/>

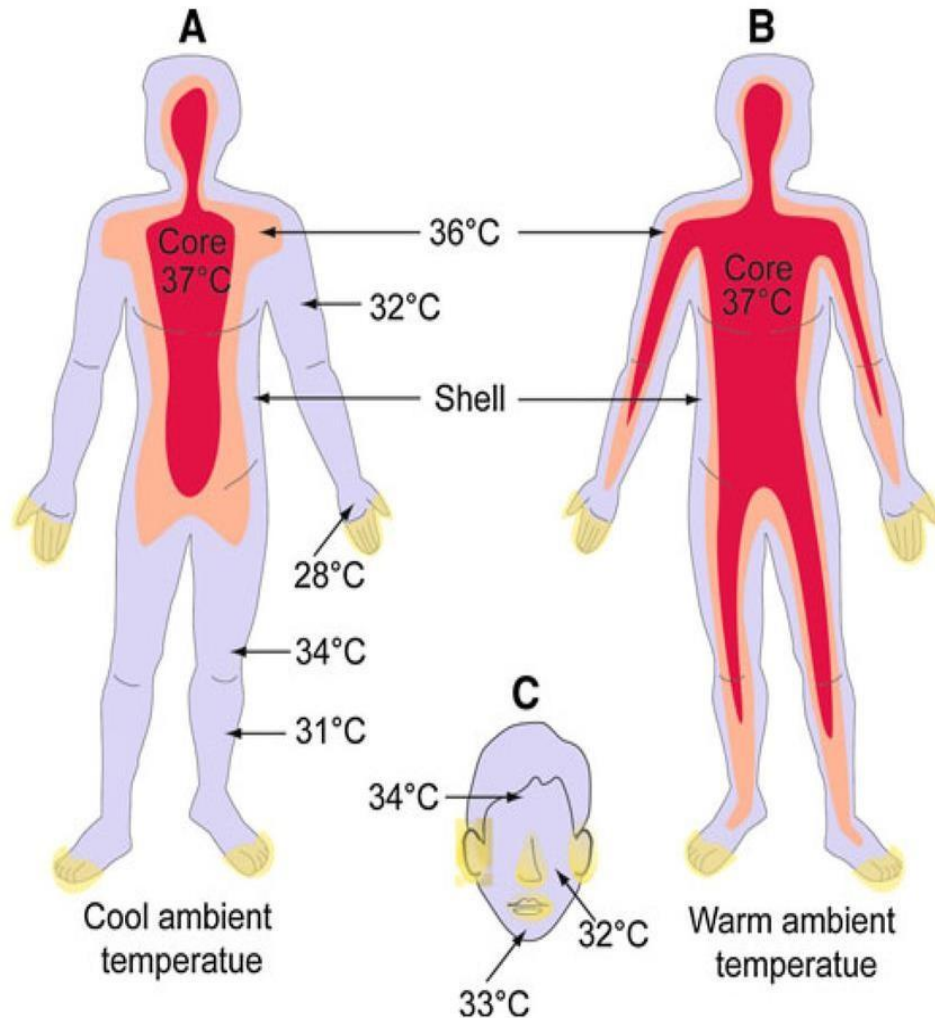
# Maintenance of life by thermoregulation

# Normal Body temperatures

- Normal Body Temperature (NBT) – 98.8°F (37.1°C)
- Range of NBT (97°F to 99°F)



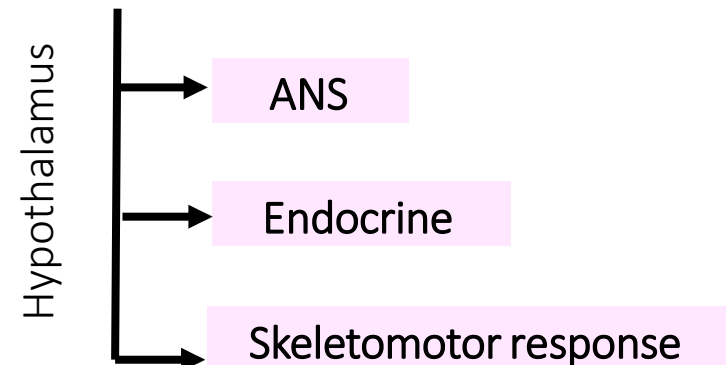
- Core temperature
- Skin temperature



Homeothermic Temperature = Core temp.  
= 37.1°C

- Oral Temp (97°F to 99°F, 36-37.5°C)
- Rectal Temp (0.5°F to 1°F) above the Oral
- Rectal Temp reflects the Core Body Temp
- Skin (Shell) Temp Variable

**\*\*Core Body Temp remain almost constant**





# Variation in core temperature

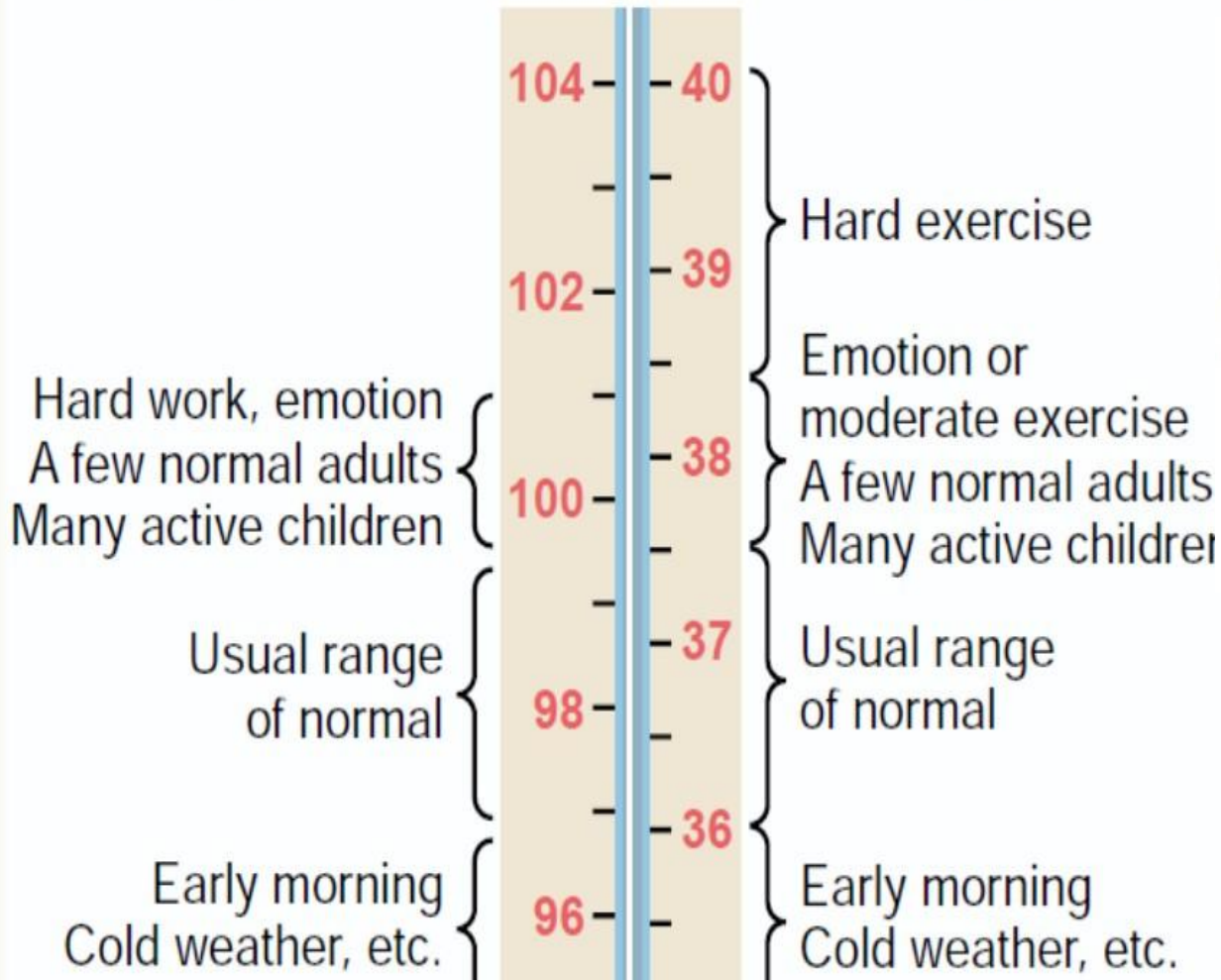
- Variation in core temp.  $\sim \pm 0.6^{\circ}\text{C}$  (1F)

Oral

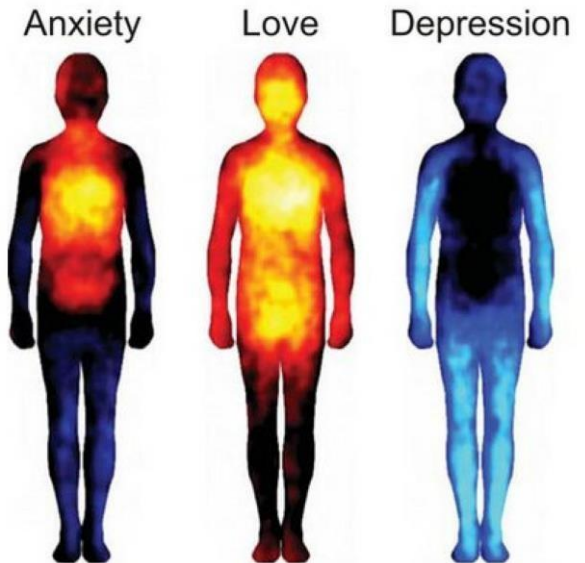
$^{\circ}\text{F}$

$^{\circ}\text{C}$

Rectal



- Emotion

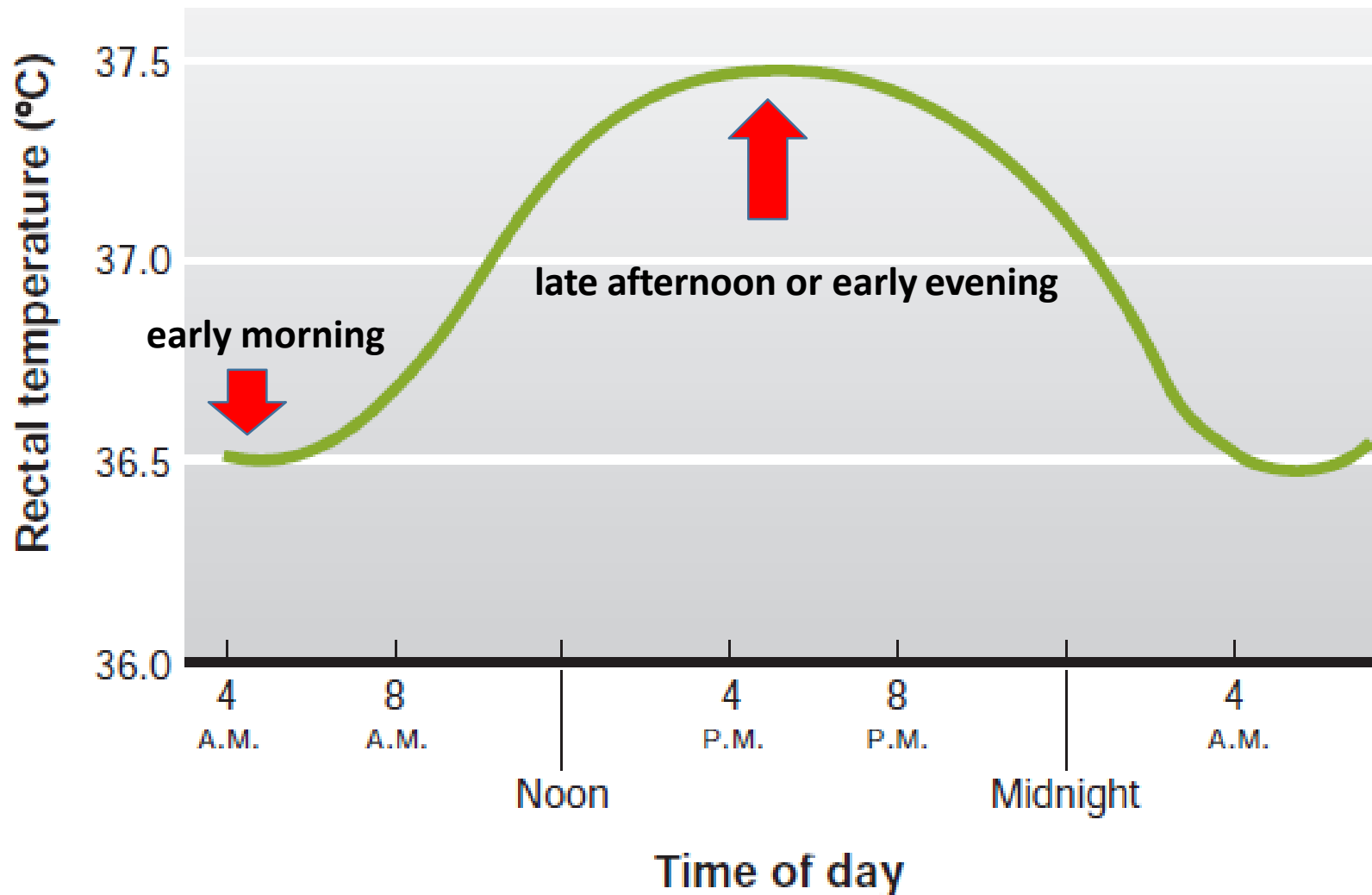


- Age: young > old

- Physical activity  
Activ > Inactive

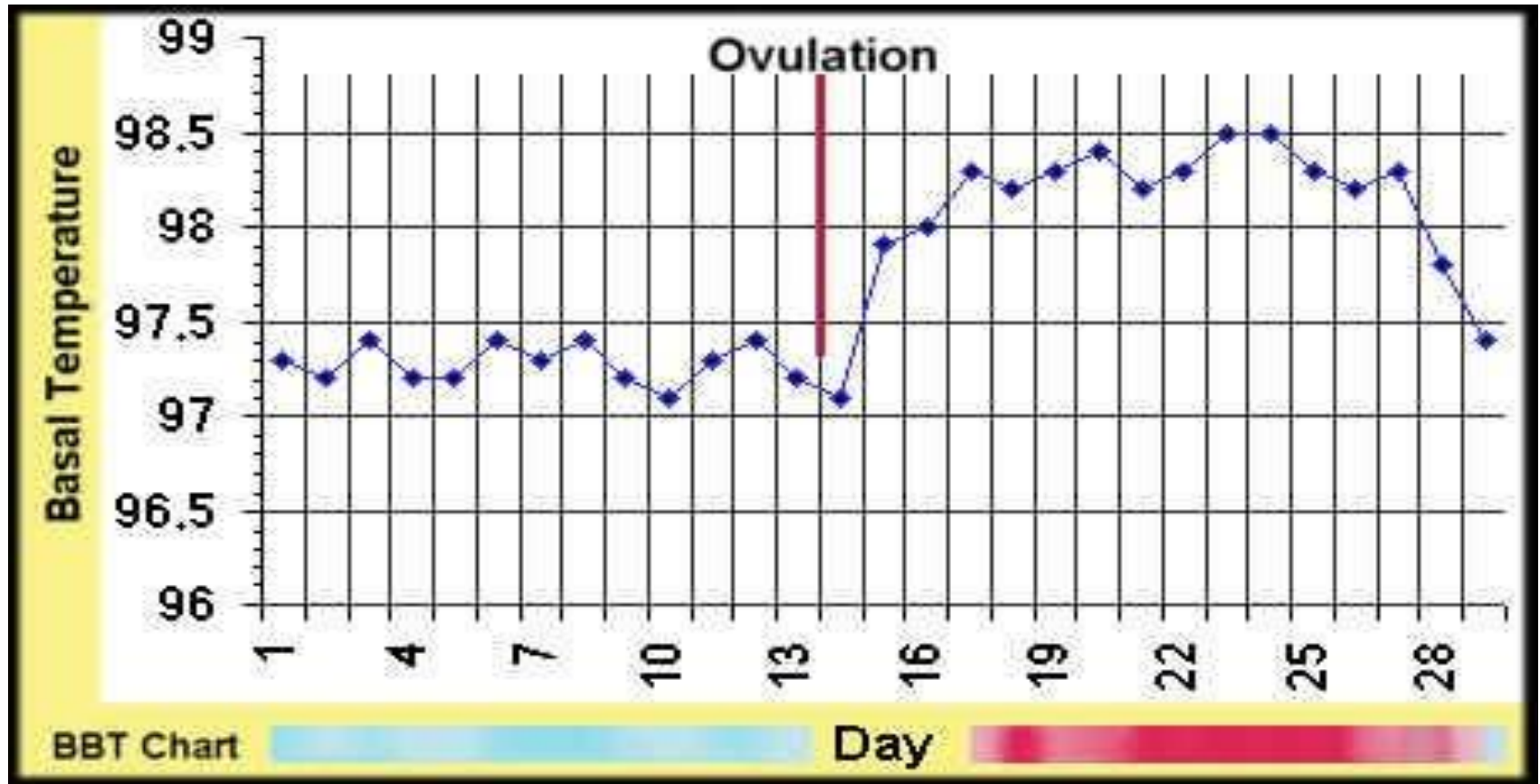
# Variation in core temp: Circadian rhythmicity

- Associated with sleep-wake cycle



# Variation in core temp: The menstrual cycle

The ovulatory phase (ovulation day) → a temperature rise  $\sim 0.5^{\circ}\text{C}$



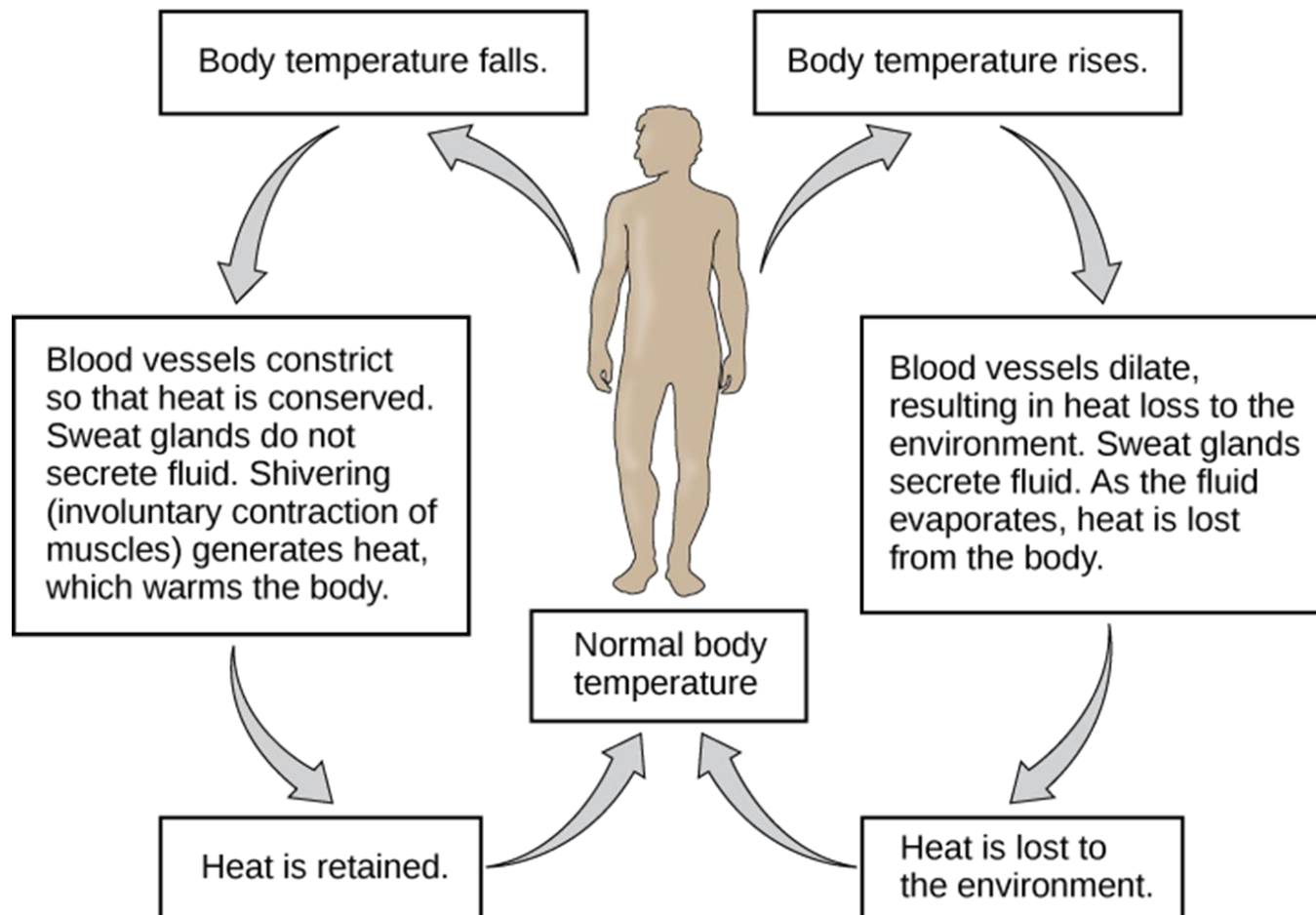
Hormone → Progesterone → thermosensitive neuron in hypothalamus → increase core temp.

# Thermal Balance

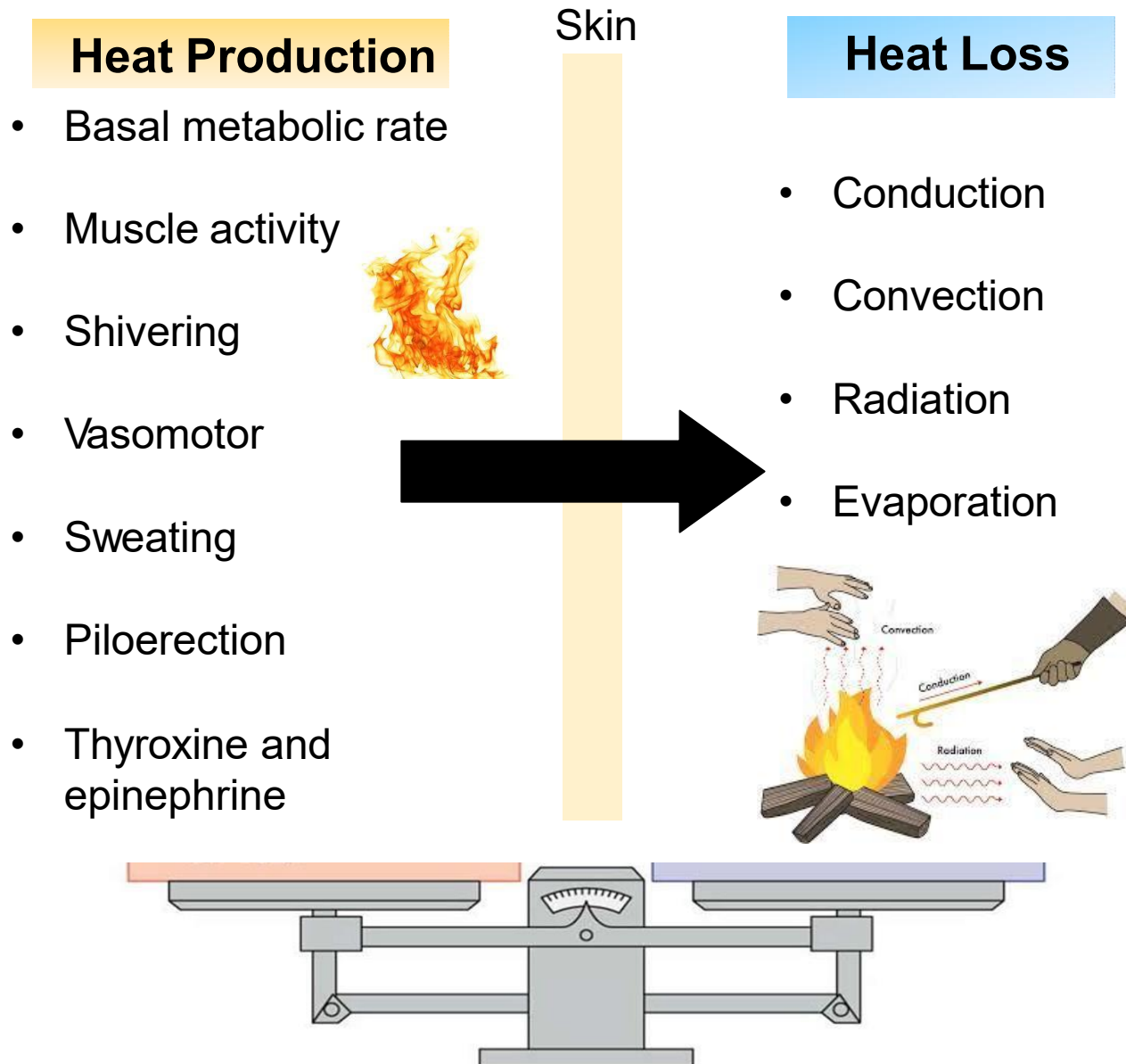
- This homeothermy applies only to the core temperature ( $\sim 37.1^\circ\text{C}$ ) of the body.

➤ Higher than NBT → denature enzymes and block metabolic pathways

➤ Lower than NBT → slow down metabolism and affect the brain



# Body Temperature Is Controlled by Balancing Heat Production Against Heat Loss



# Extra rate of metabolism caused by hormone

## Non-shivering or chemical thermogenesis

- Thyroxine
- Testosterone
- Growth hormone

### Thyroid hormone

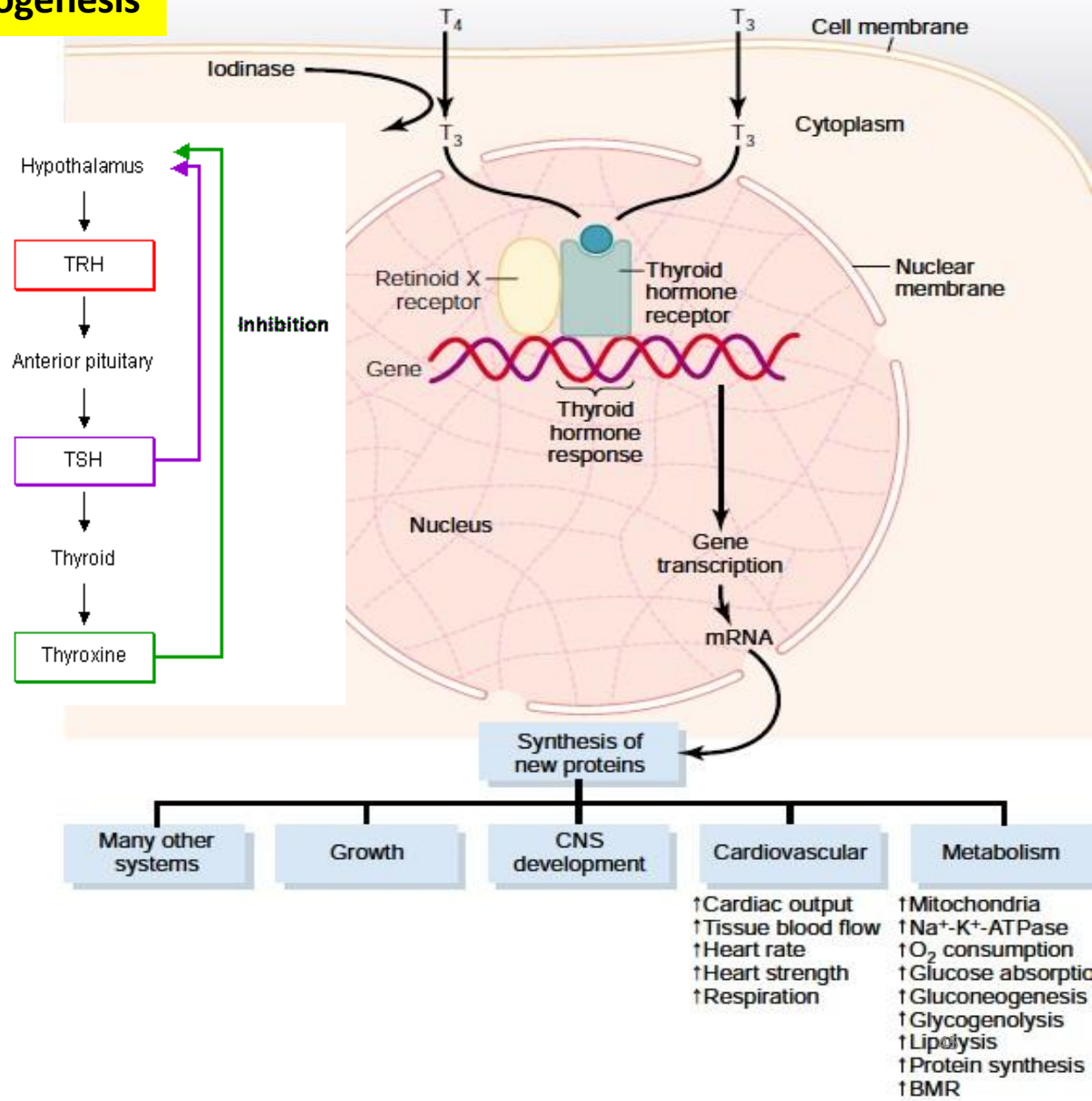
Increase metabolic rate  
~50-100% above normal

### Testosterone

Anabolic effect in increasing  
skeletal muscle mass

### Growth hormone

Increasing skeletal  
muscle mass





# Physical activity & Shivering



Muscle contraction



increase cell metabolism



increase heat production

*Does shivering count  
as exercise?*



cold temperature



Shivering center in posterior hypothalamus



Spinal cord

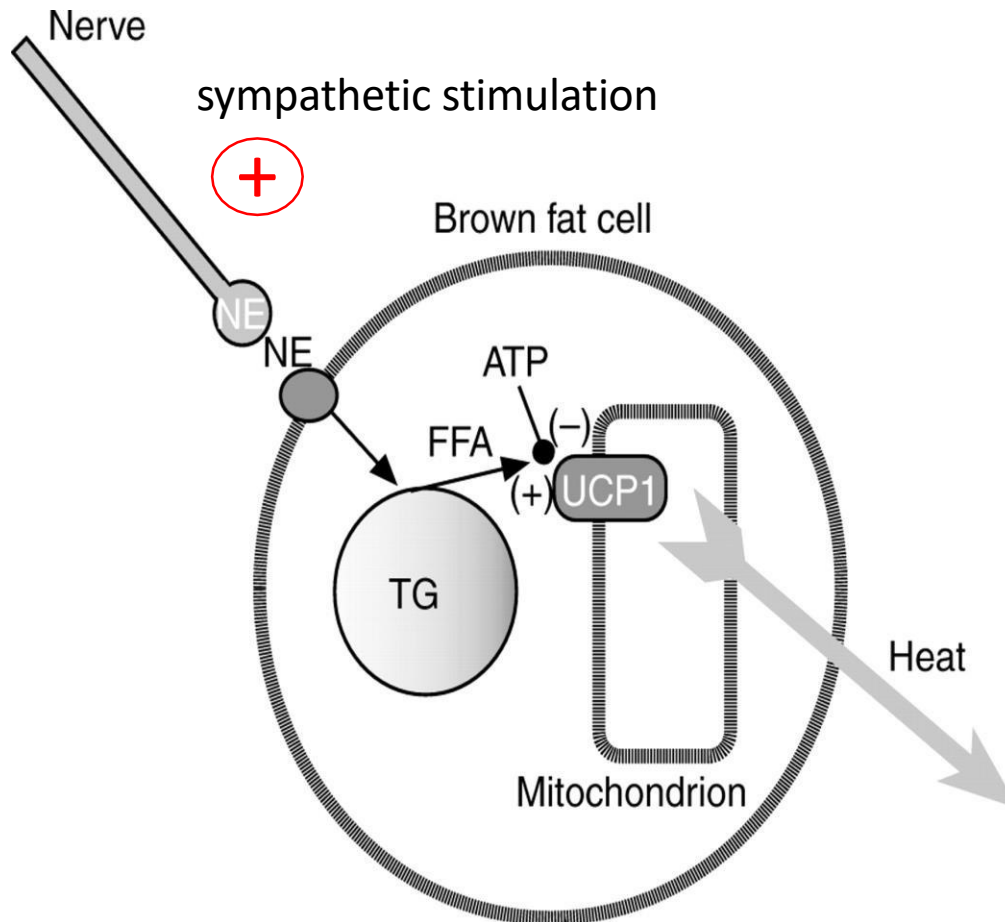
Muscle contraction 10-20 time/min<sup>46</sup>



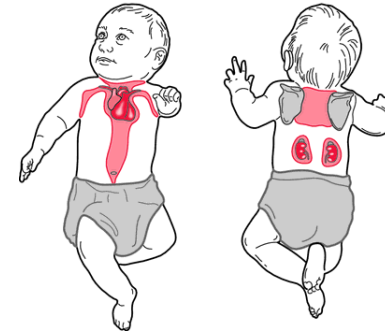


# Sympathetic “Chemical” Excitation of Heat Production

- Extra metabolism caused by the effect of **epinephrine, norepinephrine**, and sympathetic stimulation on the cells



Norepinephrine



Brown adipose tissue (BAT)

**uncoupling protein-1 (UCP1)**

**Uncoupling oxidative phosphorylation**

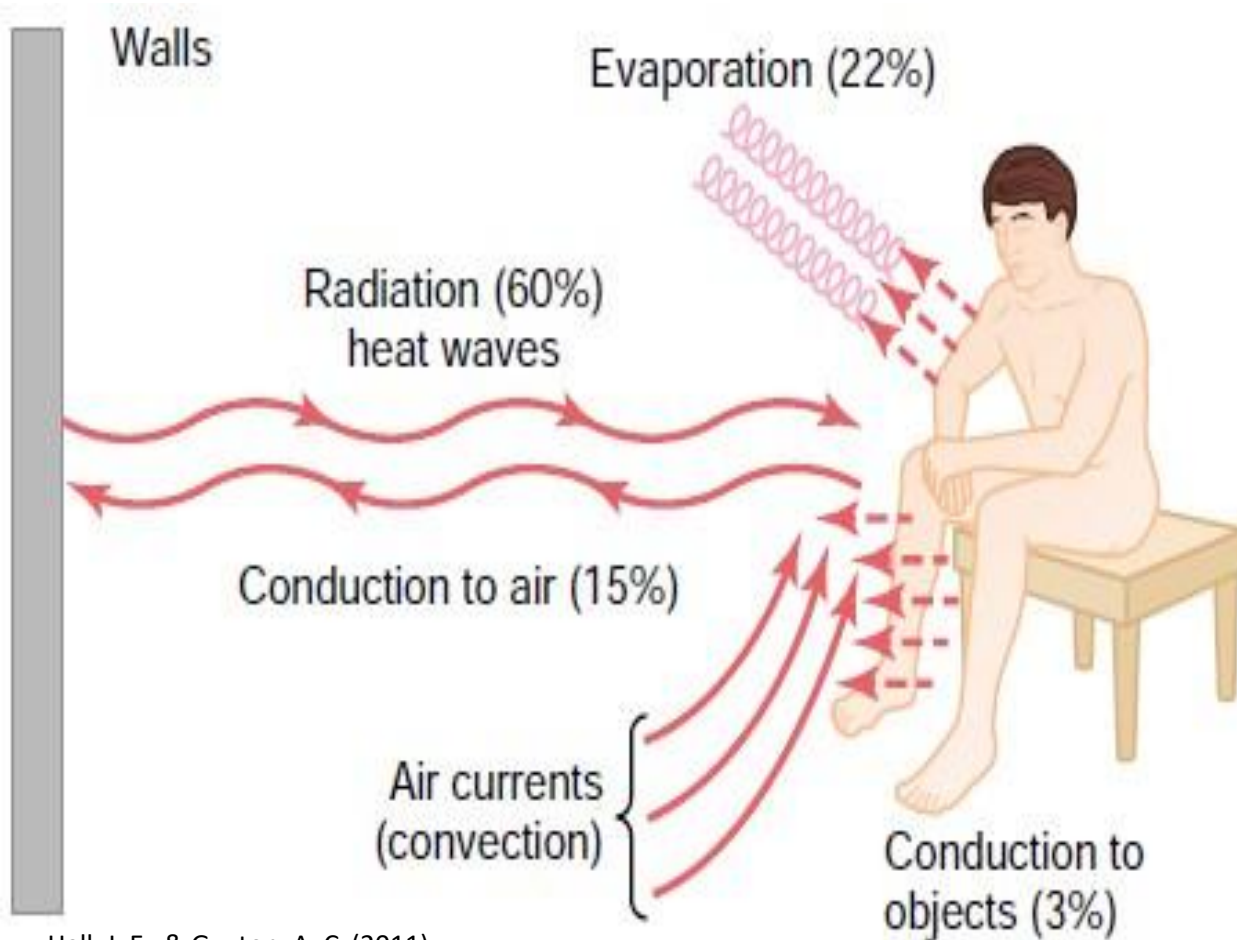
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**Energy in a form of Heat**

# Heat Loss or Thermolysis

- ☐ Radiation
- ☐ Conduction
- ☐ Convection

- ☐ Evaporation
- ☐ Respiration
- ☐ Loss through urine & feces



## Rate of heat lost



(1) How rapidly heat can be conducted from where it is produced in the body core to the skin

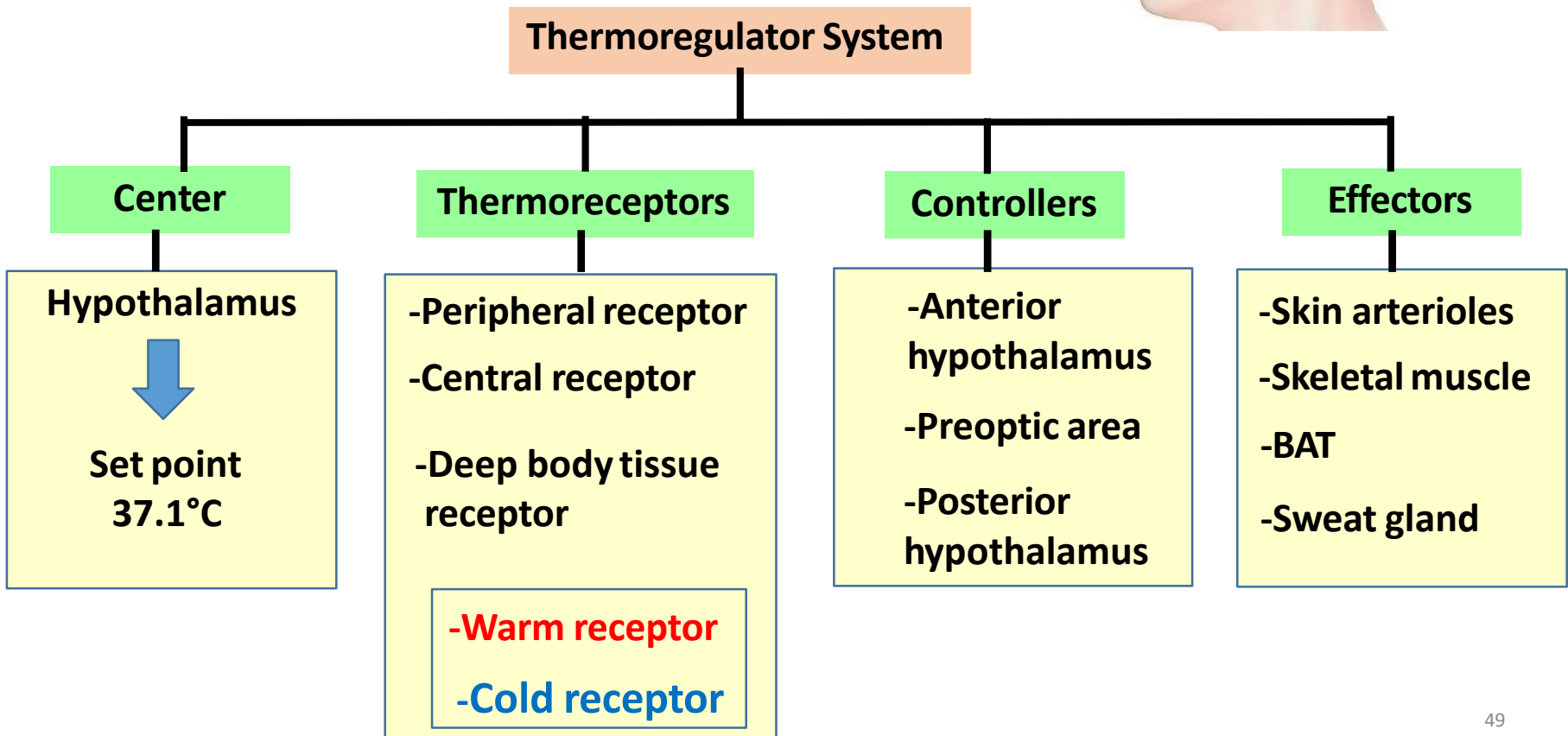
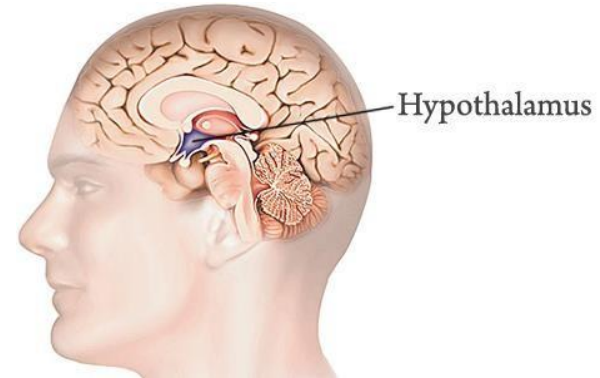
(2) how rapidly heat can then be transferred from the skin to the surroundings

# Thermoregulator System

- **Physiological Mechanism**

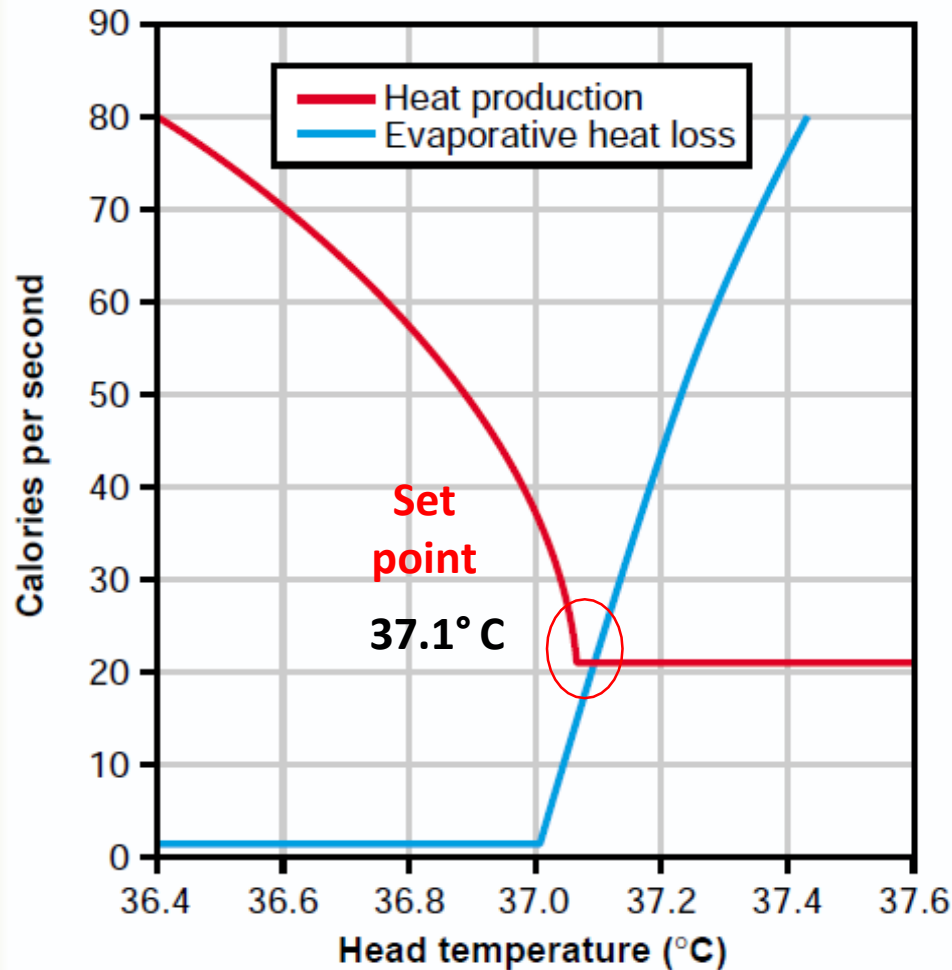
- **Behavioral Mechanism**

- Temperature is regulated by nervous feedback mechanisms
- Thermoregulatory center located in the **Hypothalamus**

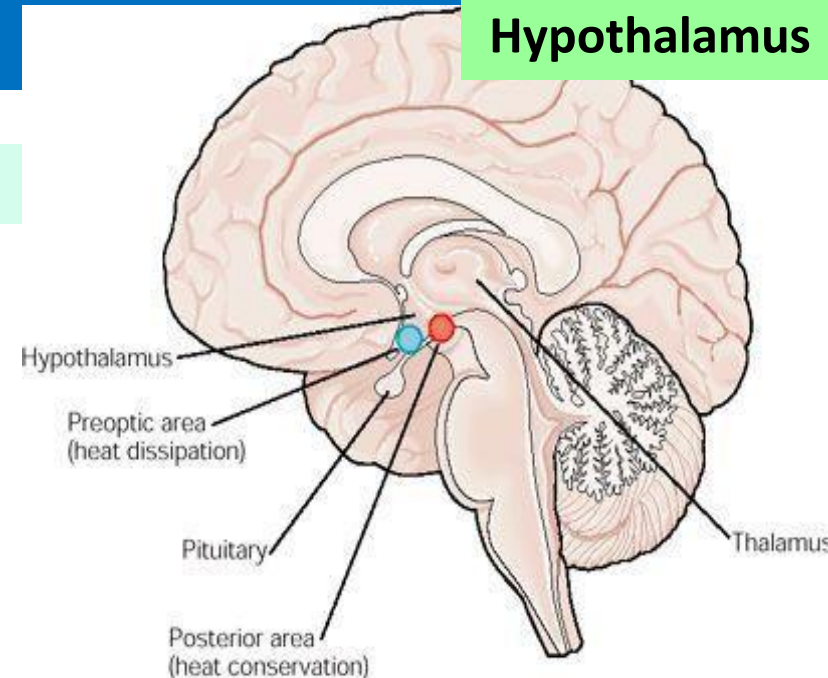


# Role of the hypothalamus

Thermoregulatory center located in the **Hypothalamus**



Hall, J. E., & Guyton, A. C. (2011).



- Anterior hypothalamus ➡ Thermostat
- Preoptic area
- Posterior hypothalamus ➡ Integrated signal

## Thermoregulatory regulatory responses

- Autonomic nervous system
- Somatic nervous system
- Endocrine system

# Feedback system



## Feedback system

### 1. Receptor

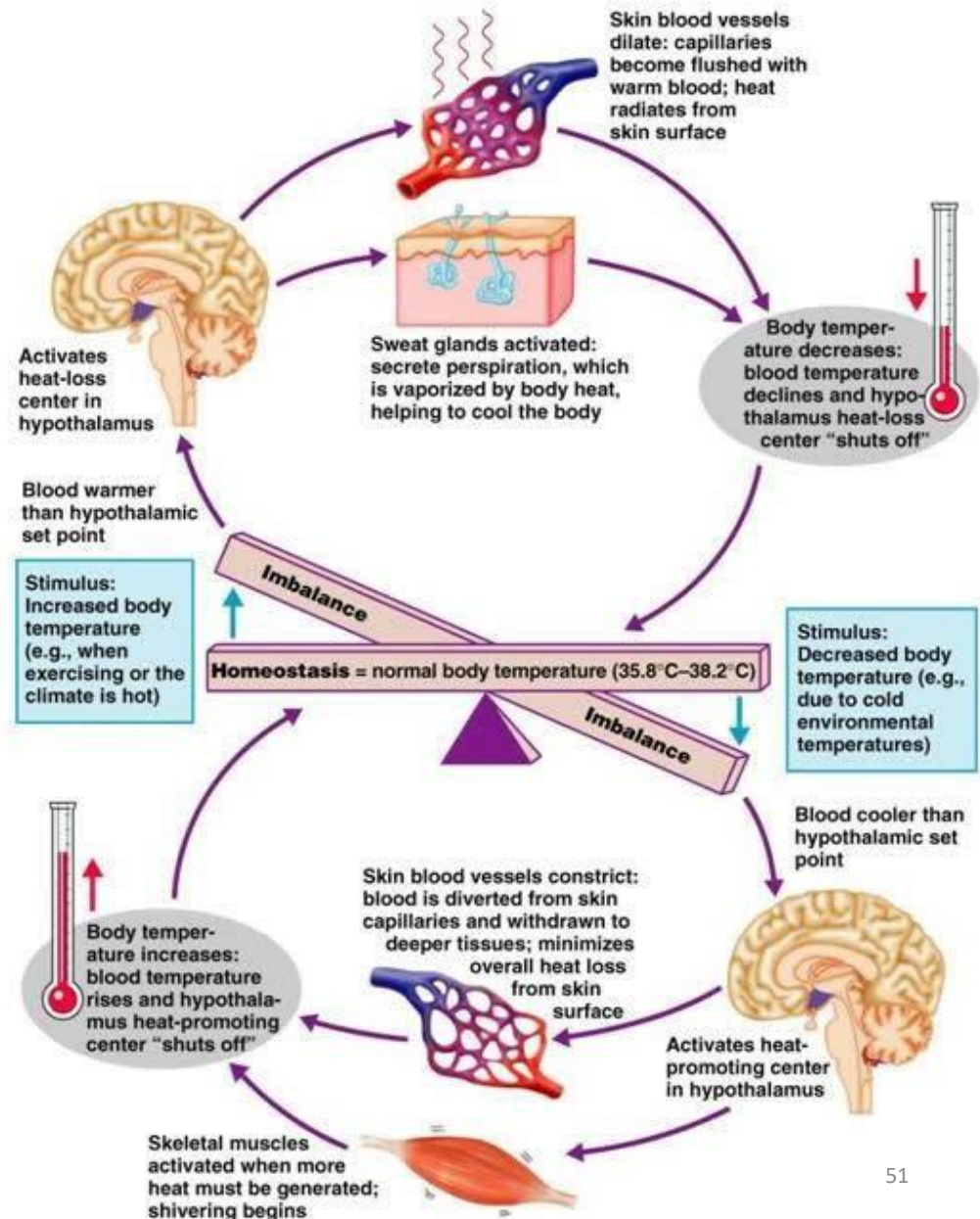
- Sensor that responds to changes (stimuli)

### 2) Control Center

- Sets range of values
- Evaluates input and
- Sends output

### 3) Effector

- Receives output from control center
- Produces a response

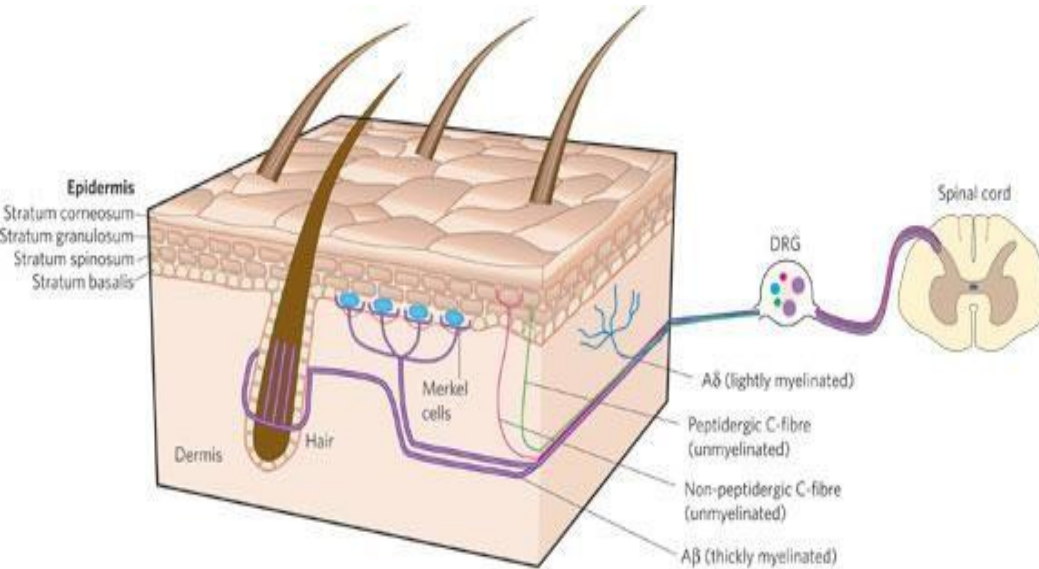




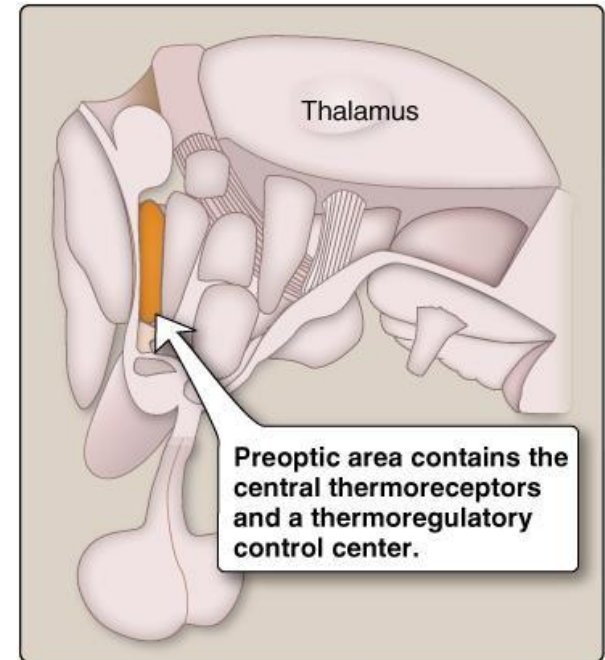
# Thermoreceptor

## Cold receptors & Warmth receptors

### ➤ Peripheral thermoreceptor



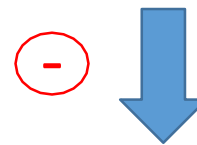
### ➤ Central thermoreceptor



### ➤ Deep organ receptor

- Spinal cord
- Abdominal viscera
- Great veins

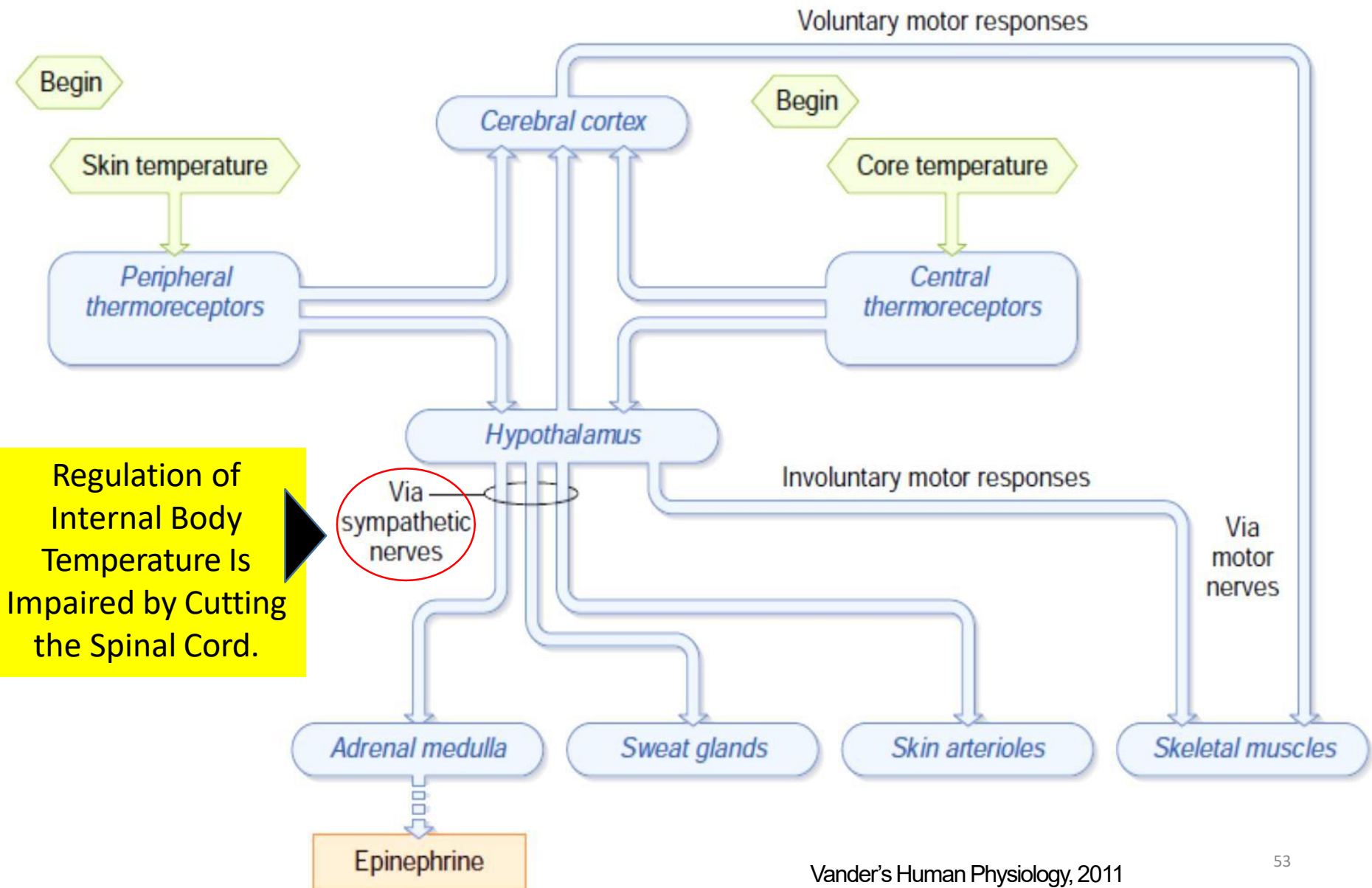
**Cold receptors > Warmth receptors**



**Hypothermia**



# Summary of temperature-regulating mechanisms



# Thermoregulatory regulatory responses

**Activated by Exposure to Cold**



➤ Cutaneous vasoconstriction

➤ Increase thermogenesis

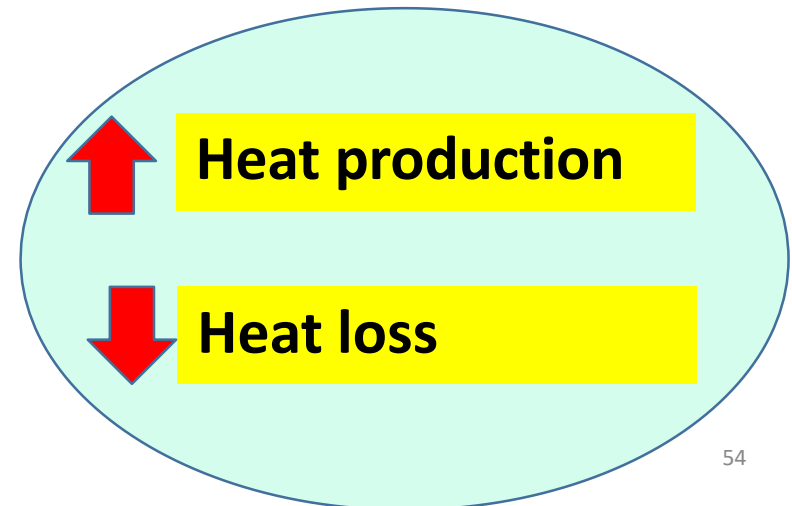
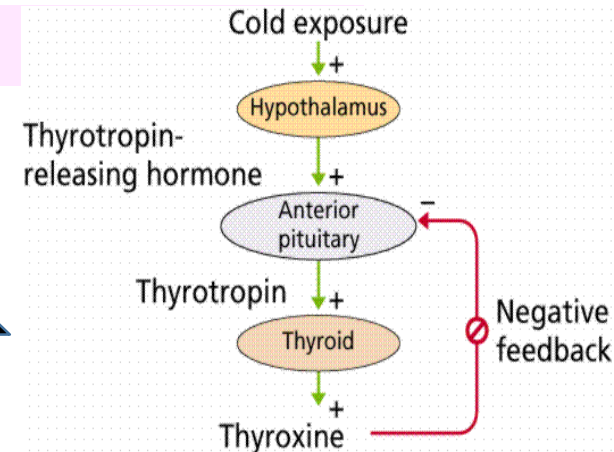
➤ Piloerection

- **Shivering**
- Increase voluntary activity
- Increase TSH secretion → thyroxine ↑
- Increase Catecholamine

■ **Vasoconstriction**

■ Horripilation

■ Curling up



# Thermoregulatory regulatory responses

**Activated by Exposure to heat**



➤ Cutaneous vasodilation

➤ decrease thermogenesis

➤ Sweating

- **Vasodilatation**
- **Sweating**
- Increase in Respiration
- Anorexia
- Apathy
- Decrease TSH secretion

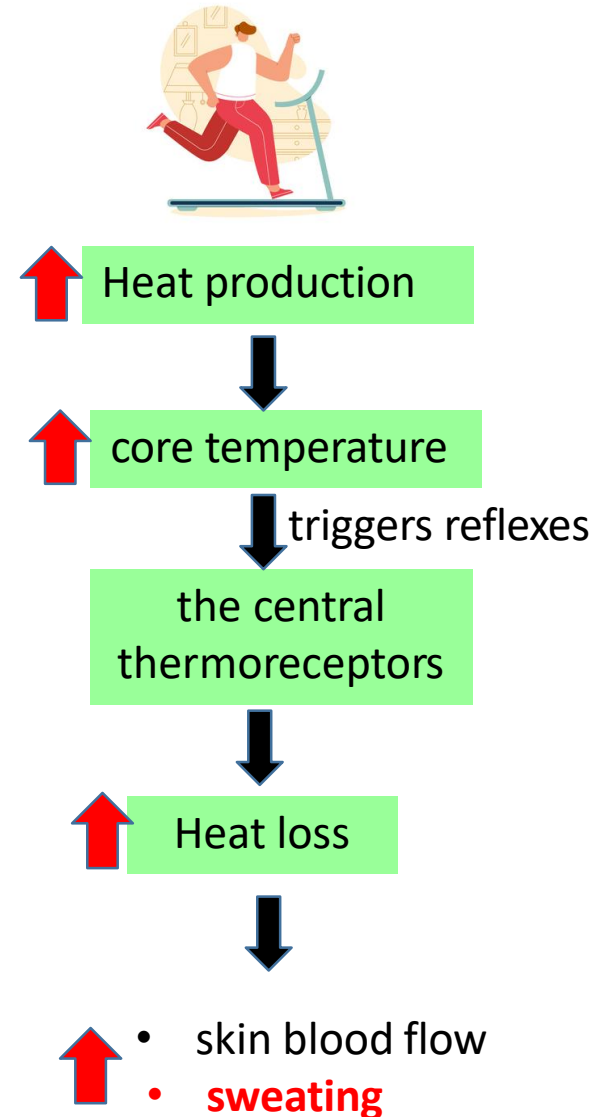
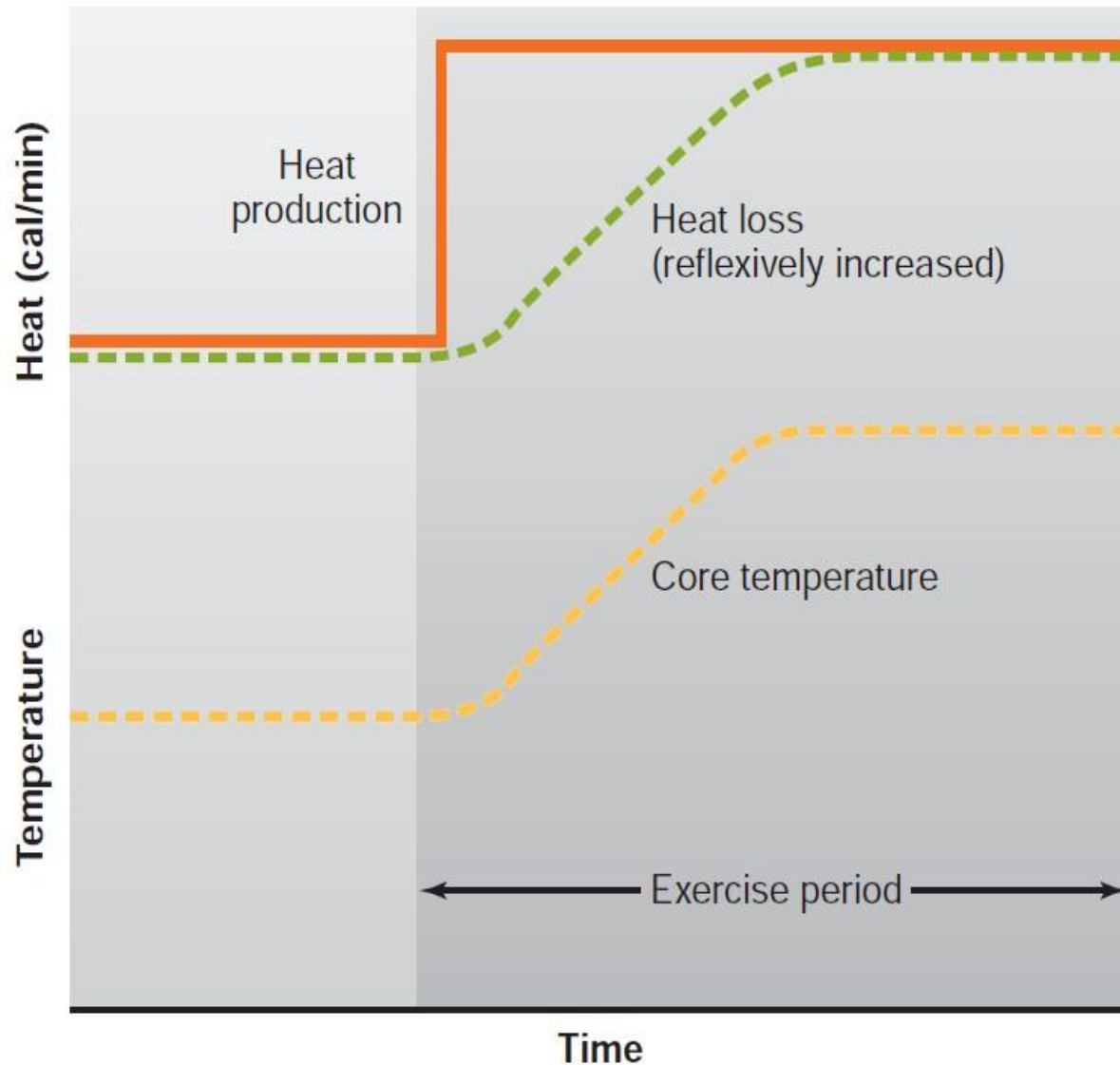


**Heat production**



**Heat loss**

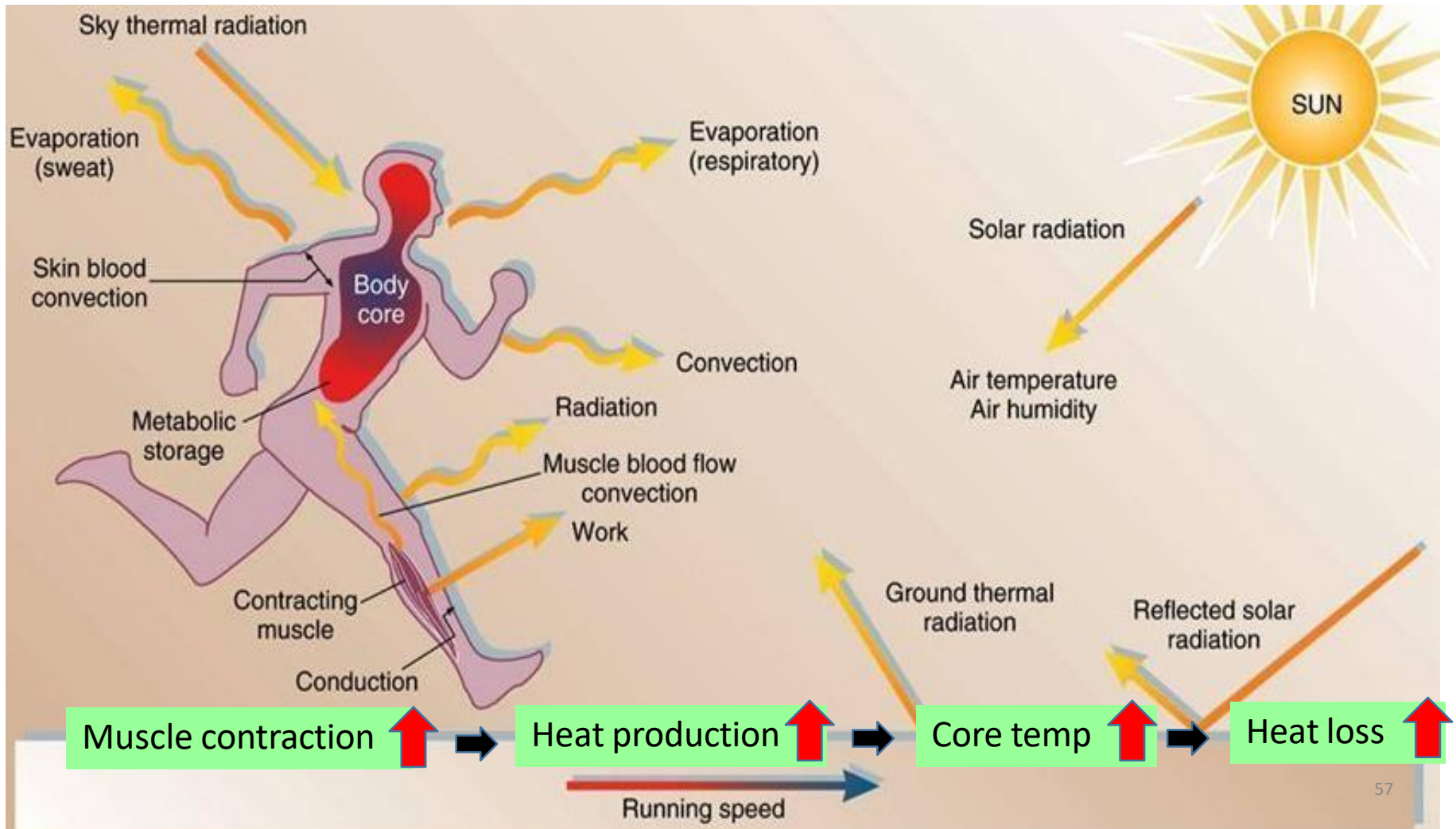
# Body temperature regulation during exercise



# Heat exchange mechanism during exercise

## Mechanisms of heat loss during exercise

1. Evaporation → Most important means of heat loss
2. Convection → Small contribution
3. Radiation → Small role in total heat loss





# Exercise in the hot environment

## Hot Environment

- muscle fatigue and impaired performance
- Reduced mental drive for motor performance
- Reduced muscle blood flow
- Accelerated glycogen metabolism
- Increased lactic acid production
- Increased free radical production

Temperature (F) Humidity (%) = Heat Index						
F	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%
80	85	84	82	81	80	79
85	101	96	92	90	86	84
90	121	113	105	99	94	90
95	133	122	113	105	98	
100	142	129	118	109		
105	149	133	121			

Heat Index	Possible Symptoms
79-86	Fatigue possible with prolonged exposure and physical activity
90-101	Heat Cramps and Heat Exhaustion possible
105-129	Danger-Heat Cramps and Heat Exhaustion likely
133 ++	Extreme Danger-Heat Stroke likely with continued exposure

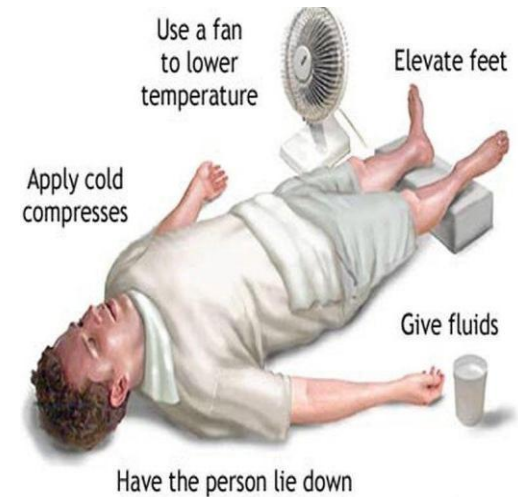


# Prolonged exercise in a moderate environment

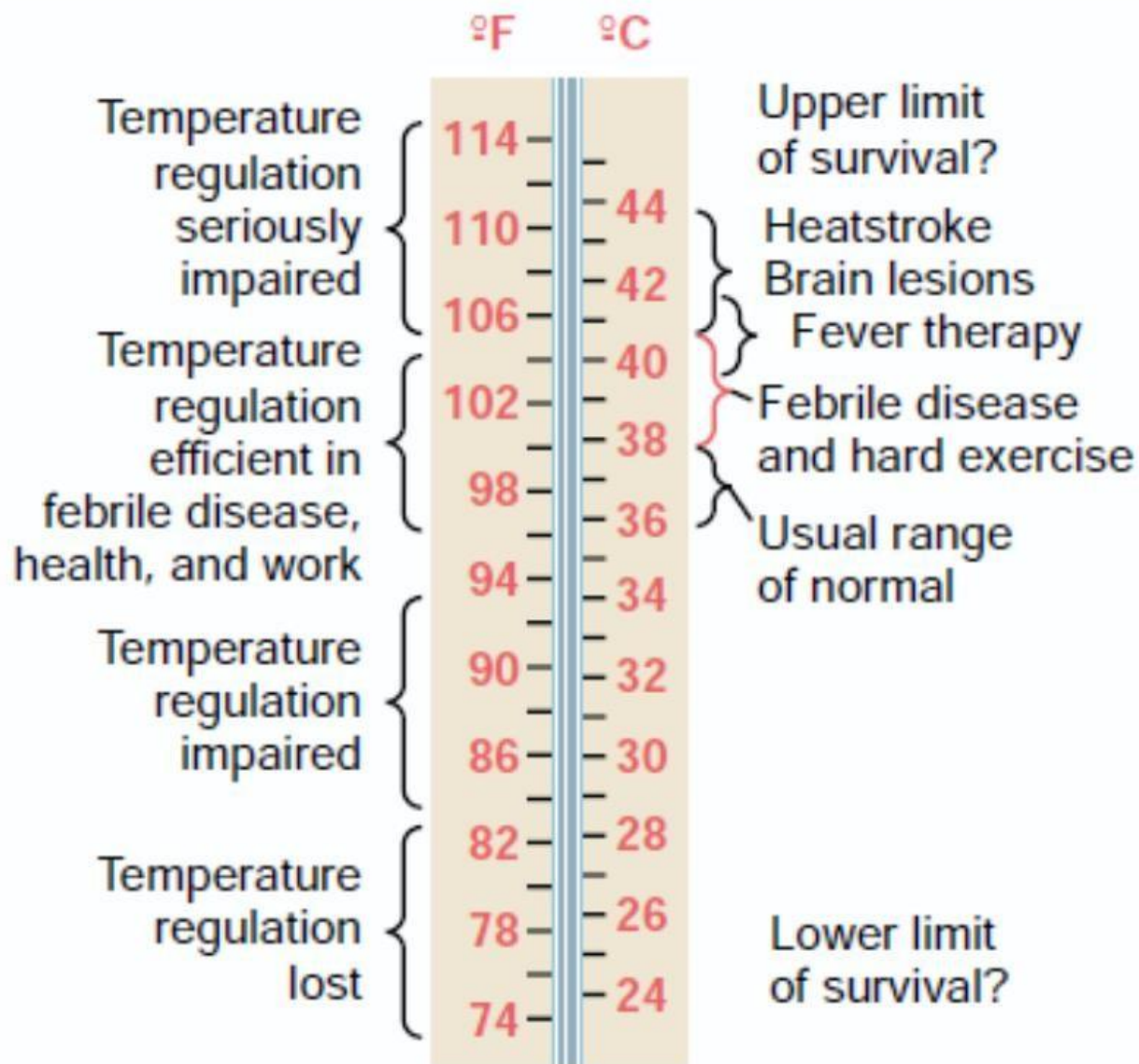
- Core temperature will increase gradually above the normal resting value (reach a plateau at  $\pm$  30 to 45 minutes).
- Exercise in a hot/humid environment, core temperature does not reach a plateau increases the risk of **heat injury**.

## Heat acclimatization

- an increase in plasma volume
- an earlier onset of sweating
- a higher sweat rate
- a reduction in the amount of electrolytes lost in sweat
- a reduction in skin blood flow
- increased levels of heat shock protein in tissues



# Abnormalities of Body Temperature Regulation



## • Hyperthermia

Heat production > Heat loss



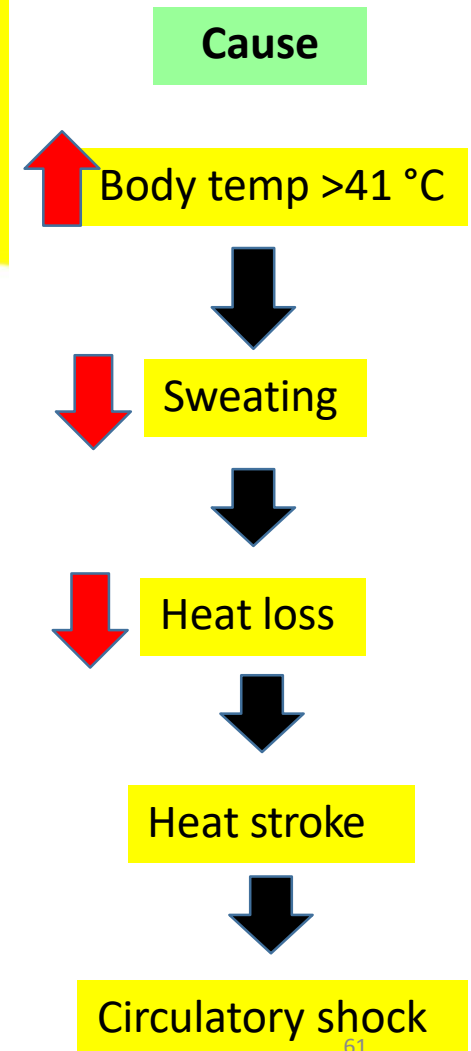
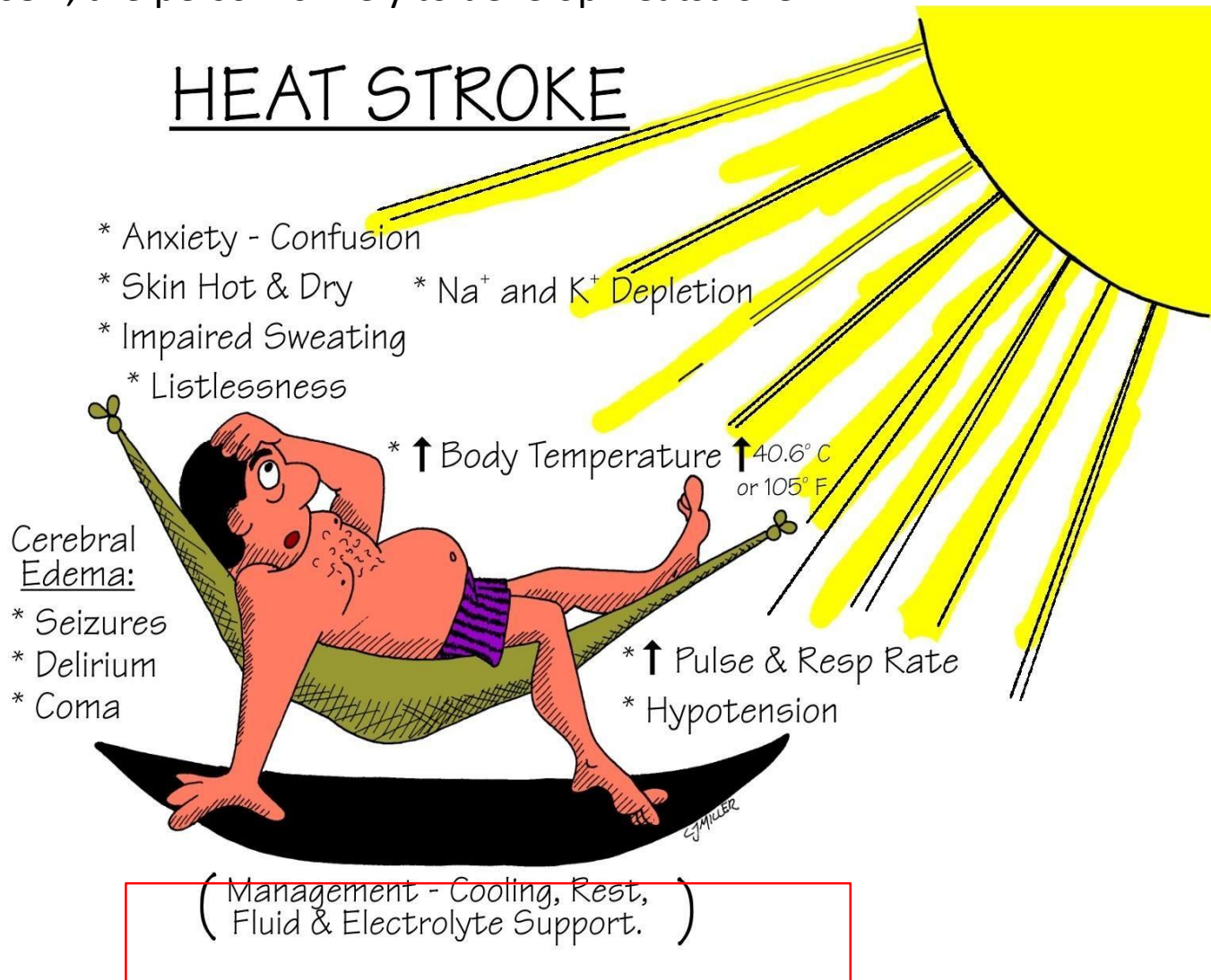
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# Hyperthermia: HeatStroke

When the body temperature rises beyond a critical temperature, into the range of 105° to 108°F, the person is likely to develop heatstroke.

## HEAT STROKE

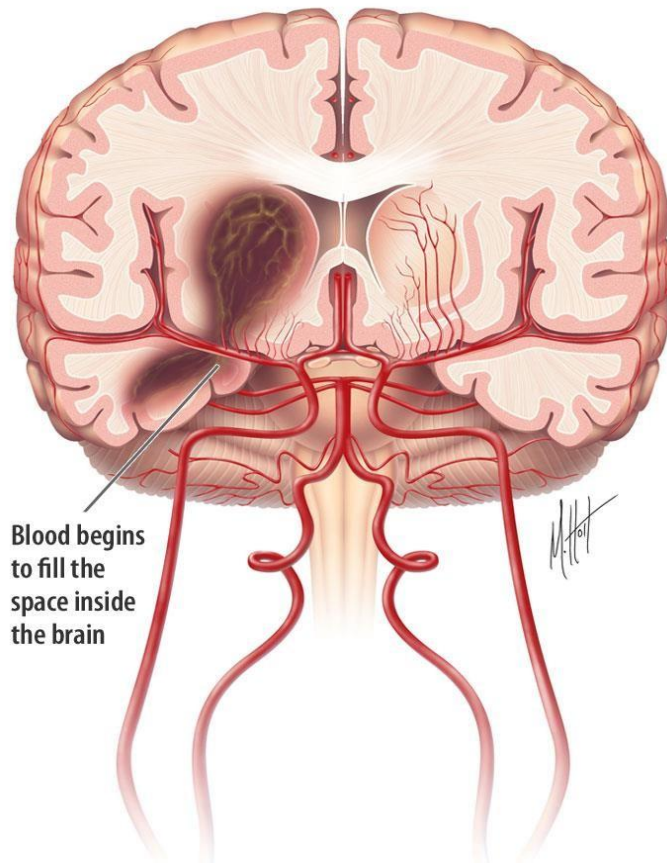
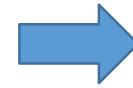




# Hyperpyrexia ( $>41.6^{\circ}\text{C}$ )

## The pathological findings

- **Local hemorrhages**
- **parenchymatous degeneration of cells**
- **damage to the liver, kidneys, and other organs**

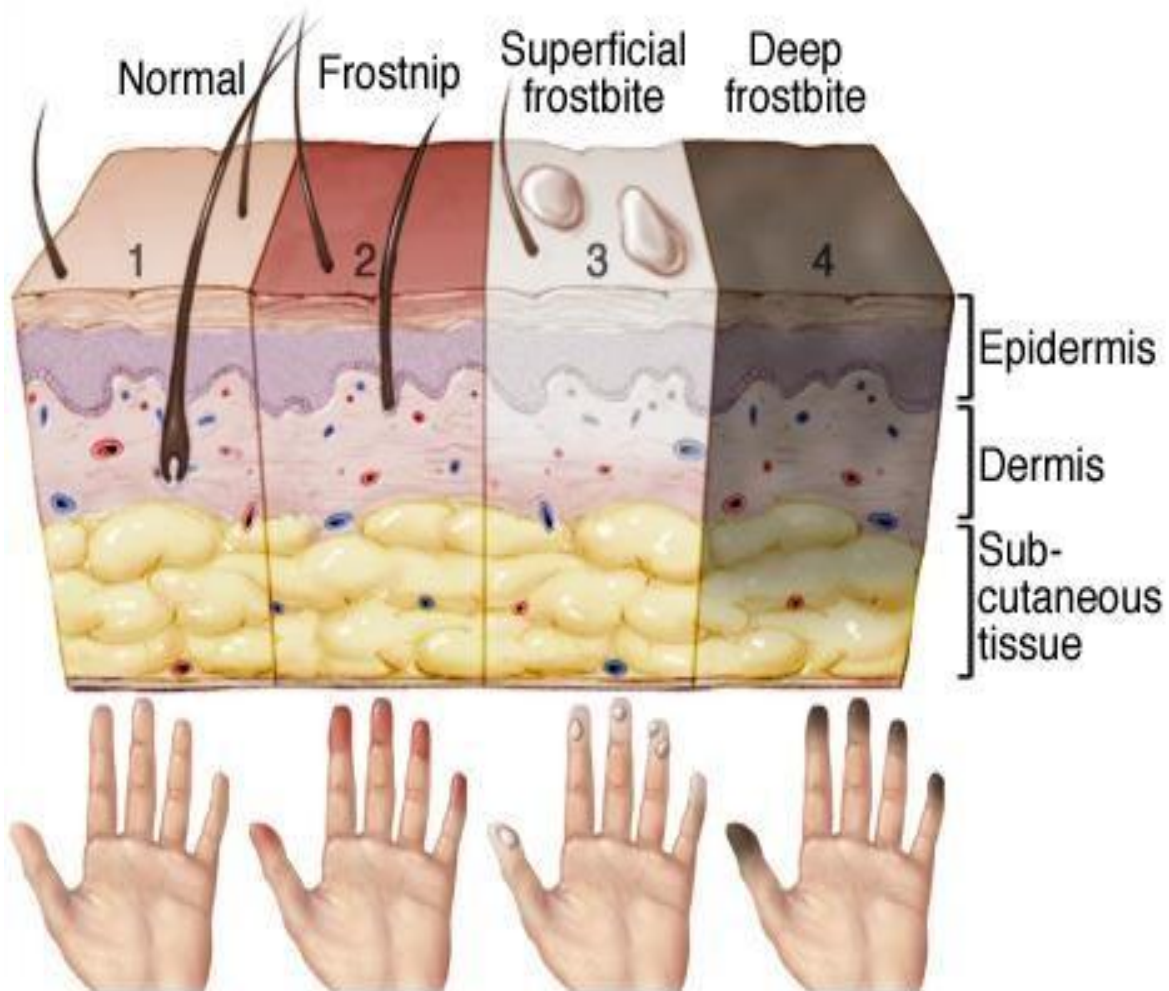


cold water bath



# Hypothermia: Frostbite

- Loss of Temperature Regulation at Low Temperatures



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Extremely low temperature



Formation of ice crystals in cells




Cells death



# Artificial Hypothermia

## Brain and Heart surgery

Add a strong sedative drug → reduce hypothalamic temperature controller activity → cooling the person with ice →  HR, BMR

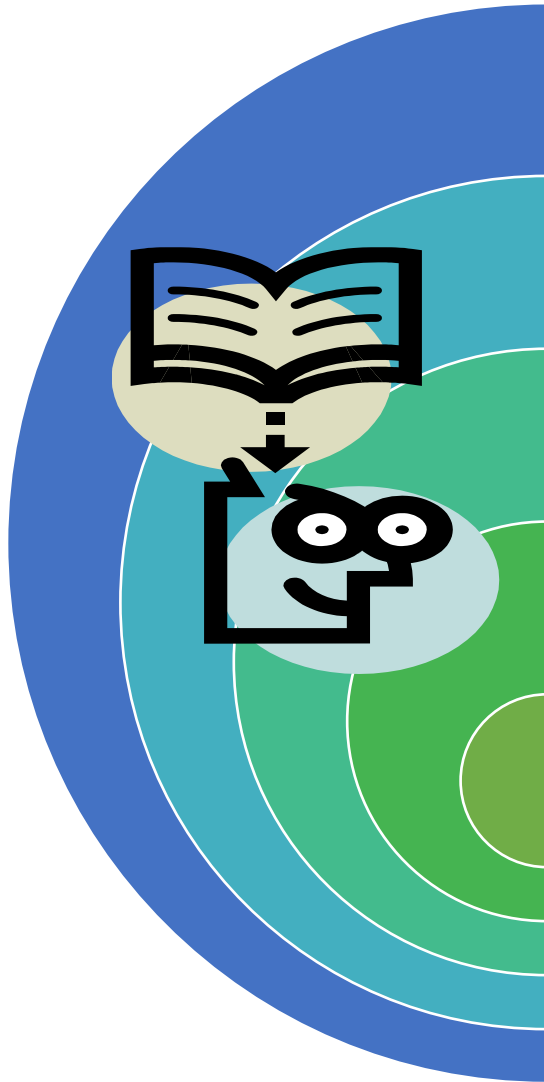


maintained BT below 90°F

- the body's cells can survive 30 minutes to more than 1 hour without blood flow during the surgical procedure



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