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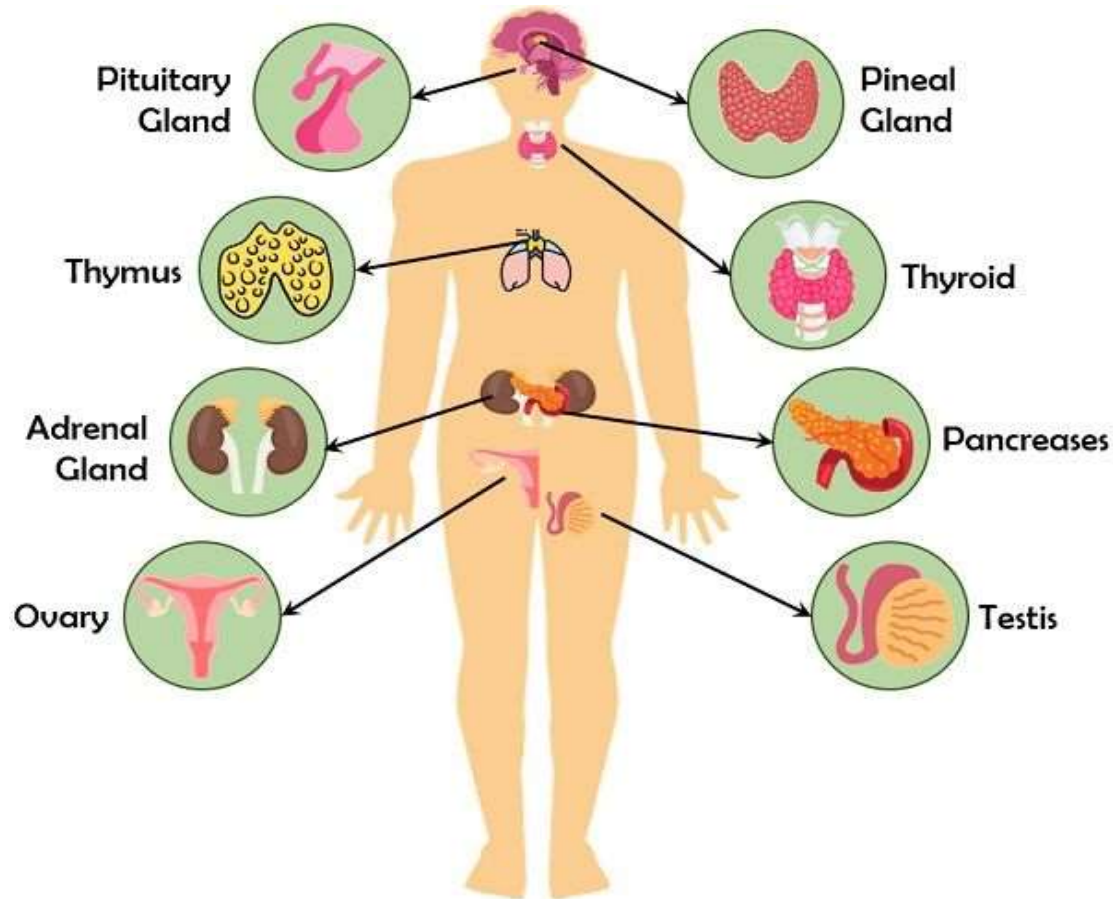


INTRODUCTION



- The organs of the endocrine system are small and unimpressive.
- Functionally the endocrine organs are huge and very impressive
- Their role in maintaining body homeostasis is considered and
- They are true giants.

ENDOCRINE GLANDS





Functions of the Endocrine System



- Water equilibrium.
- Growth, metabolism, and tissue maturation.
- Heart rate and blood pressure management.
- Immune system control.
- Reproductive function controls.
- Uterine contractions and milk release.
- Ion management.
- Blood glucose regulator.
- Direct gene activation.
- Second messenger system.



THE GLANDS



The major endocrine organs are

- Pituitary,
- Thyroid,
- Parathyroid,
- Adrenal,
- Pineal
- Thymus Glands,
- The Pancreas, And
- The Gonads.



Hypothalamus



- The hypothalamus, produces several hormones.
- It is an important autonomic nervous system and endocrine control center of the brain located inferior to the thalamus.
- Although the function of some hormone-producing glands is purely endocrine,
- The function of others (pancreas and gonads) is mixed-both endocrine and exocrine.



PITUITARY GLAND



- **Location.** The pituitary gland hangs by a stalk from the inferior surface of the hypothalamus of the brain, .
- **Lobes.** It has two functional lobes-
- the anterior pituitary (glandular tissue) and
- the posterior pituitary (nervous tissue).



PITUITARY GLAND



- **HORMONES OF THE ANTERIOR PITUITARY**
- Growth hormone (GH).
- Prolactin (PRL)
- Adreno corticotropic hormone (ACTH).
- Thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH)
- Gonadotropic hormones.
- Follicles-stimulating hormone (FSH).
- Luteinizing hormone (LH).

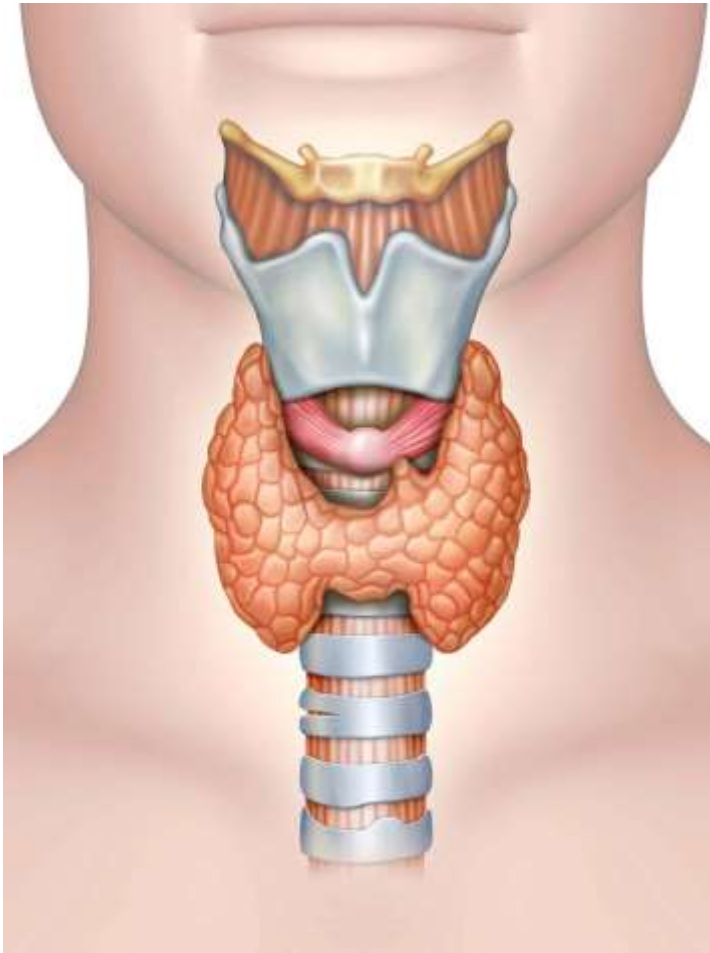


PITUITARY GLAND



- **HORMONES OF THE ANTERIOR PITUITARY**
- **Oxytocin**
- **Antidiuretic hormone (ADH). -vasopressin.**

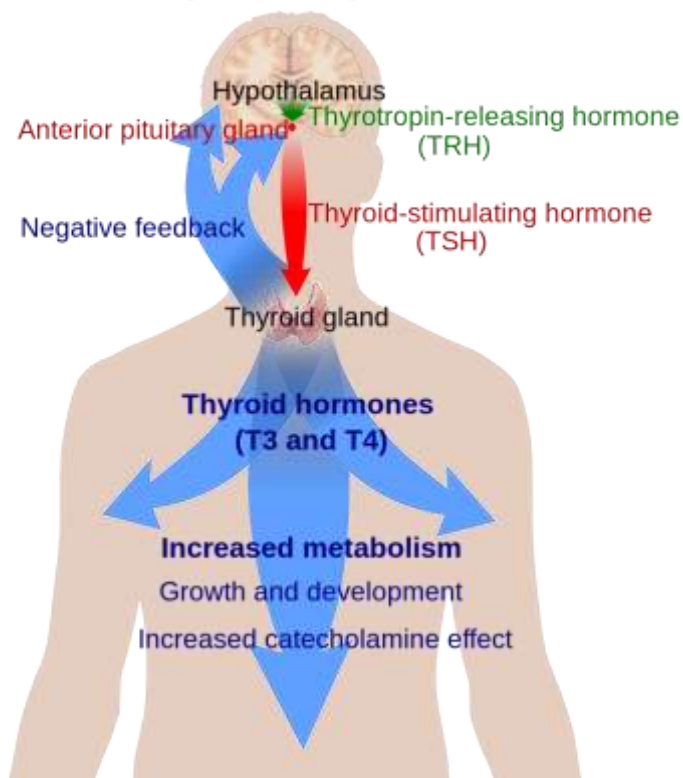
THYROID GLAND



- **Location** -at the base of the throat, inferior to the Adam's apple,
- **Lobes.** - two lobes joined by a central mass, or **isthmus**.
- **Composition** - Hollow structures called **follicles**, which store a sticky colloidal material.

THYROID GLAND

Thyroid system





THYROID GLAND



- **THYROXINE OR T4**

The major hormone secreted by the thyroid follicles.

- **TRI IODOETHYRONE OR T3.**

Formed at the target tissues by conversion of the thyroxine to triiodothyronine.

- **CALCITONIN.**

- Decreases blood [calcium](#) levels by causing calcium to be deposited in the bones;
- Made by the **parafollicular cells** found in the connective tissues between the follicles.

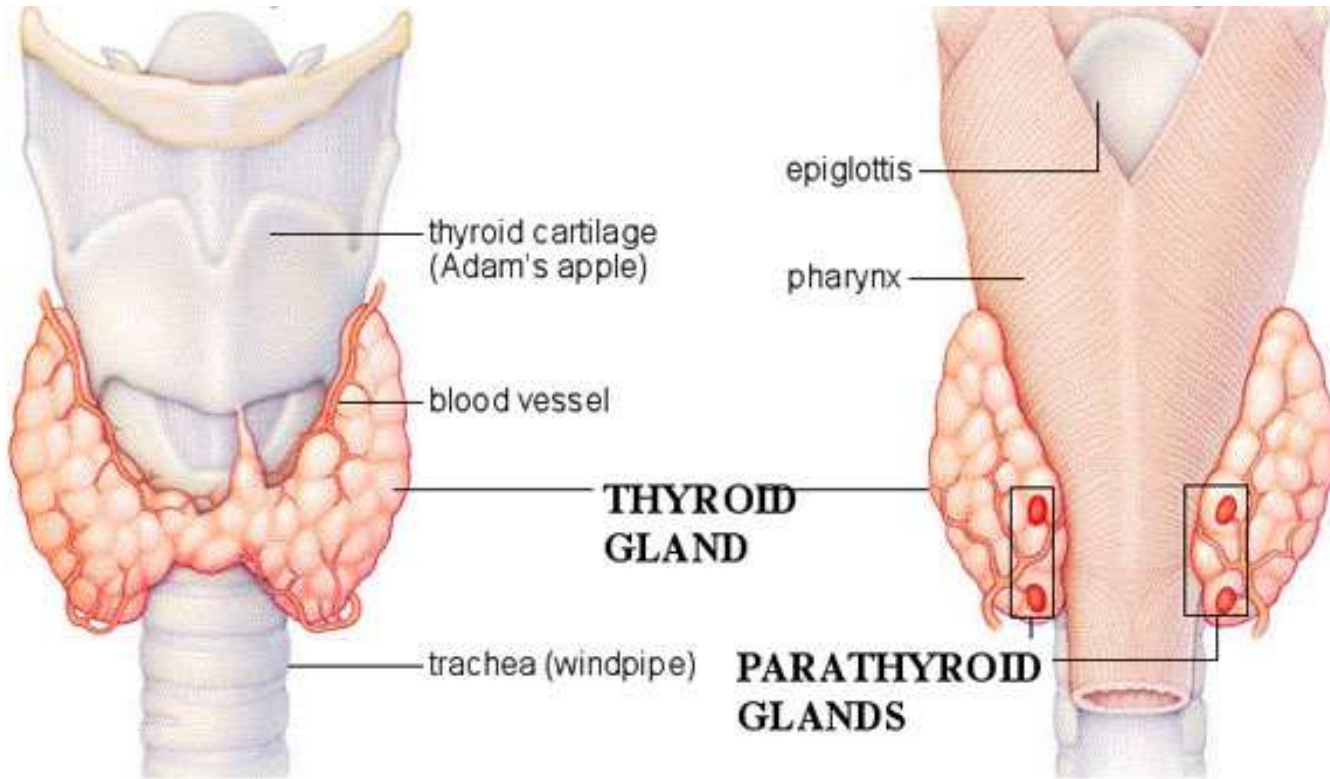


PARATHYROID GLANDS



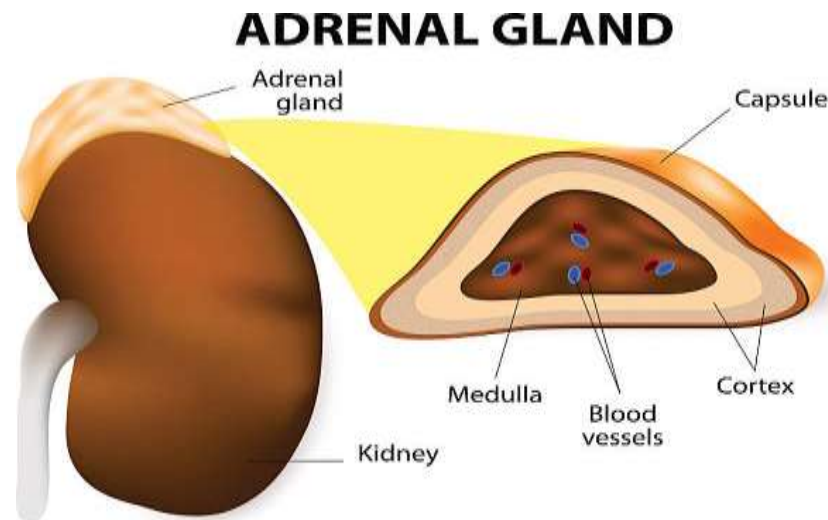
- The tiny masses of glandular tissue.
- **Location.**
- The parathyroid glands are located on the posterior surface of the thyroid gland.
- **Parathormone.**
- The parathyroids secrete **parathyroid hormone (PTH)** or parathormone.

PARATHYROID GLANDS



ADRENAL GLANDS

- The adrenal gland looks like a single organ,
- It is structurally and functionally two endocrine organs in one.





HORMONES OF THE ADRENAL CORTEX



- **Corticosteroids**– mineralocorticoids, glucocorticoids, and sex hormones.
- **Mineralocorticoids** --- aldosterone
- **Renin** – an enzyme
- **Atrial natriuretic peptide (ANP)**
- **Glucocorticoids.**-- cortisone and cortisol
- **Sex hormones.** – Androgen (male sex hormones), **Estrogens** (female sex hormones)



HORMONES OF THE ADRENAL CORTEX



- **Catecholamines.**
- When the medulla is stimulated by sympathetic nervous system neurons, its cells release two similar hormones,
- **Epinephrine (adrenaline),**
and **Norepinephrine (noradrenaline)**
- These hormones are referred to as catecholamines.

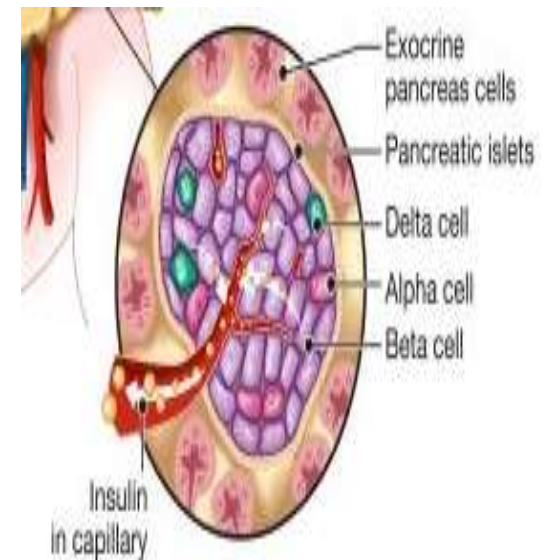
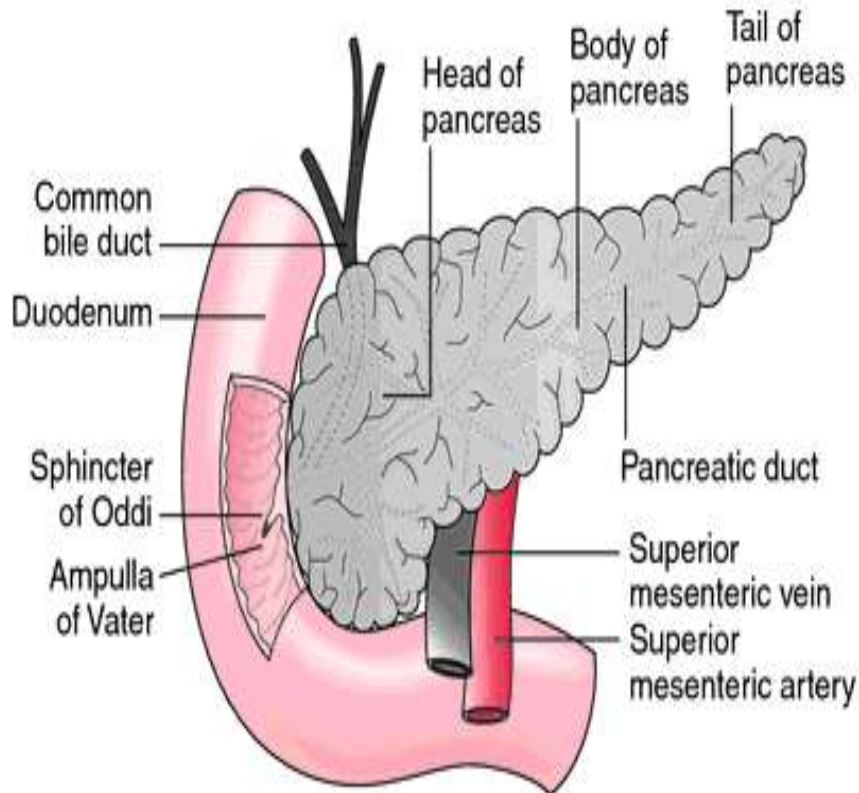


PANCREATIC ISLETS



- **Islets of Langerhans.** The islets of Langerhans also called pancreatic islets,
- **Hormones.** - Insulin and Glucagon
- **Islet cells.** Islet cells act as fuel sensors
- **Beta cells.** High levels of glucose in the blood stimulate the **release of insulin** from the beta cells of the islets.
- **Alpha cells.** **Glucagon's release by the alpha cells** of the islets is stimulated by low blood glucose levels.

PANCREATIC ISLETS



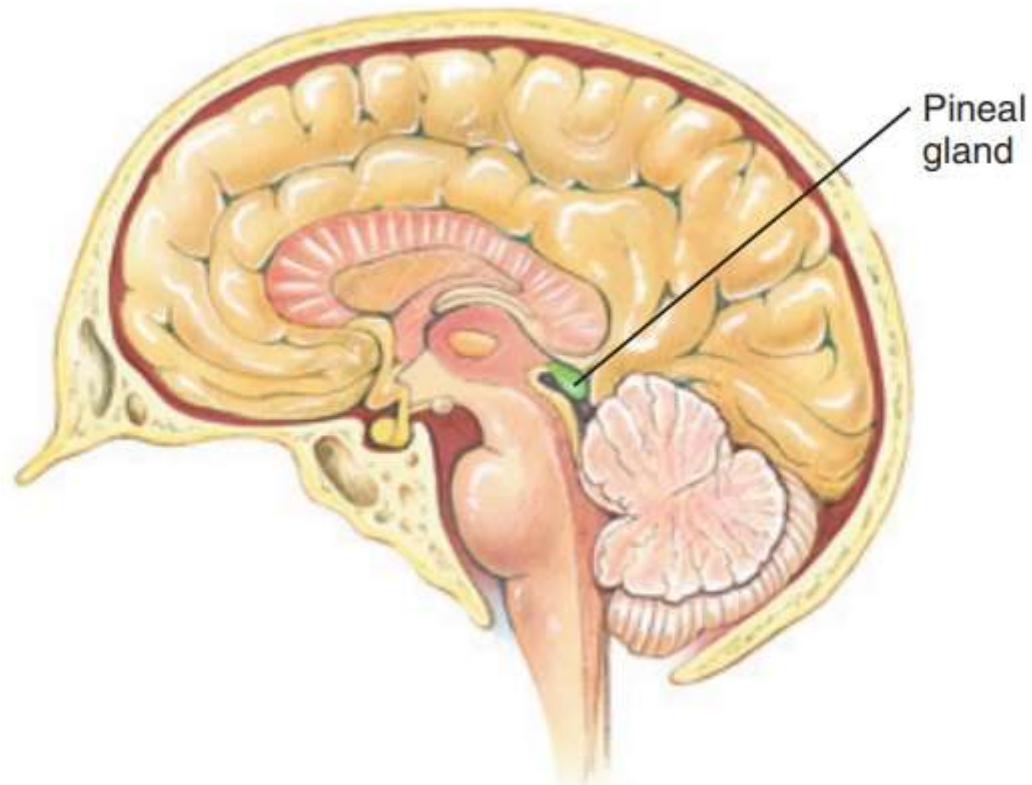


PANCREATIC SECRETIONS



- **Insulin.**
- Insulin acts on just about all the body cells and increases their ability to transport glucose across their plasma membranes;
- Insulin sweeps glucose out of the blood, its effect is said to be **hypoglycemic**.
- **Glucagon.**
- Glucagon acts as an antagonist of insulin
- It helps to regulate blood glucose levels but in a way opposite that of insulin; **hyperglycemic**

PINEAL GLAND



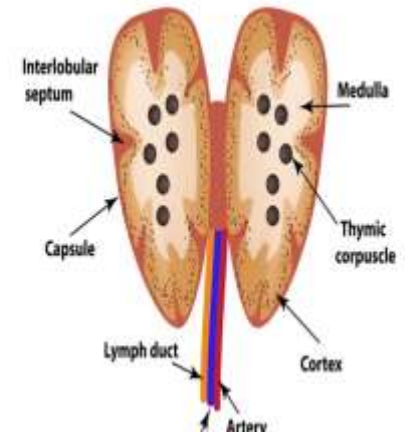
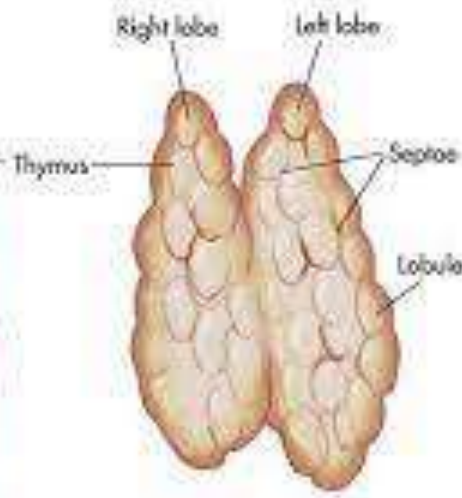
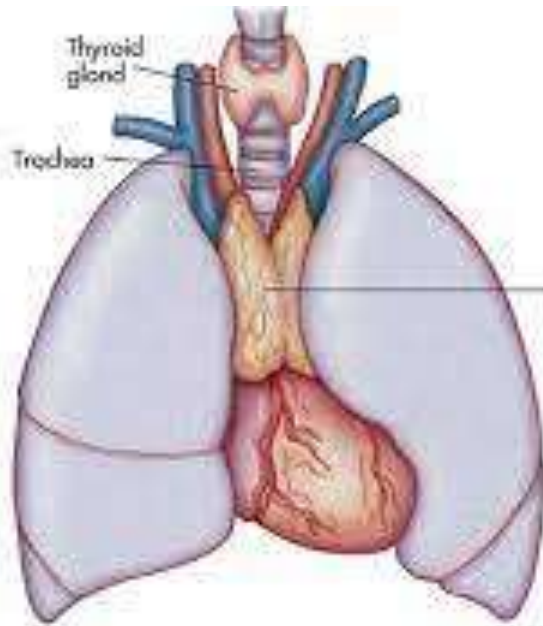


PINEAL GLAND



- **Location.** hangs from the roof of the third ventricle of the brain.
- **Melatonin.**
- Melatonin is the only hormone the levels of melatonin rise and fall during the course of the day and night
- Peak levels occur at night and make us drowsy
- The “**sleep trigger**” that establishes the body’s day-night cycle.

THYMUS GLAND





THYMUS GLAND



- **Thymosin.**
- The thymus produces a hormone called thymosin
- It is essential for normal development of a special group of white blood cells (T-lymphocytes, or T cells) and the immune response.



GONADS- OVARY



- **Location.** - pelvic cavity.
- **Steroid hormones.** - **estrogen** and **progesterone.**
- **Estrogen-** Development of sex characteristics in women at puberty , promote breast development and cyclic changes in the uterine lining (Menstrual cycle).
- **Progesterone** - menstrual cycle ,during pregnancy helps prepare breast tissue for lactation.



GONADS- TESTIS



- The testes of the male are paired oval organs in a sac.
- **Location.** The testes are suspended in a sac, the scrotum, outside the pelvic cavity.
- **Male sex hormones. -- Testosterone**
- Testosterone promotes the growth and maturation of the reproductive system organs to prepare the young man for reproduction .

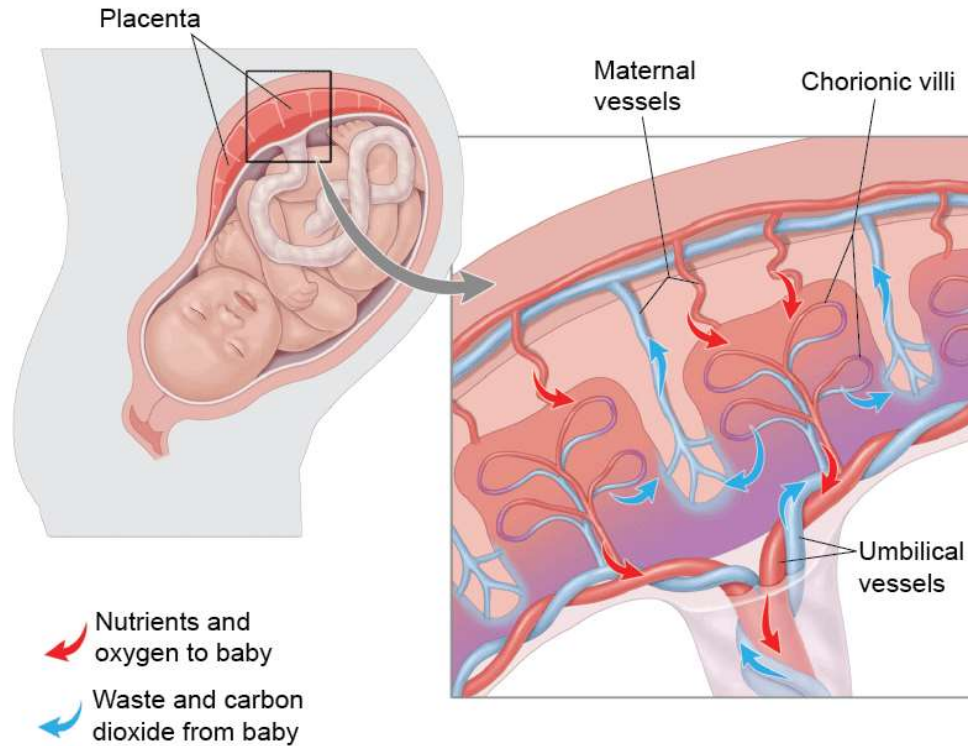


PLACENTA



- **Function.** - Roles as the respiratory, excretory, and nutrition delivery systems for the fetus, maintain the pregnancy and pave the way for delivery of the baby.
- **Human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG)** - Produced by the developing embryo and then by the fetal part of the placenta

PLACENTA





PLACENTA



- **Human placental lactogen (hPL)** - works cooperatively with estrogen and progesterone in preparing the breasts for lactation.
- **Relaxin.** Relaxin, to relax and become more flexible, which eases birth passage.



CONCLUSION



- An organ that makes hormones that are released directly into the blood
- They travel to tissues and organs all over the body.
- Endocrine glands help control many body functions, including growth and development, metabolism, and fertility.

