Thyroid gland

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Structure

- It is formed of two lobes connected by a narrow isthmus.
- The gland is formed of thyroid follicles, each follicle is surrounded by a single layer of epithelial cells and its lumen is filled with a protein material called colloid (which is formed and secreted by follicular cells).
- In between the follicles there are other cells called parafollicular cells.
- The gland is richly supplied with
 blood vessels.

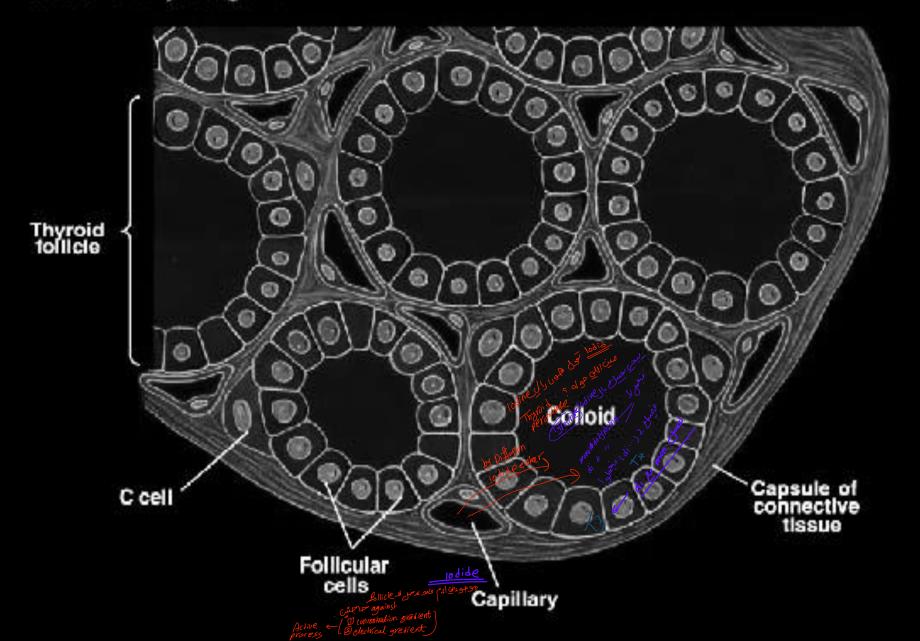
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Section of thyroid gland



Thyroid hormones

- 1. Thyroxine (T₄): tetraiodothyronine
- 2. Triiodothyronine (T₃)
 both T₃ & T₄ are formed by thyroid follicles
- 3. Calcitonin: secreted by parafollicular cells (C cells) it causes lowering of blood Ca⁺⁺ level.

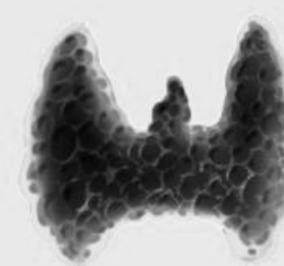
Transport of thyroid hormone

- Once T₃ and T₄ enter the circulation, they bound to plasma proteins and only less than 1% of the hormones are free.
- This free form of the hormone is the active form that can perform its actions.
- T₃ is more active than T₄ and T₄ is converted to

T₃ inside target cells.

Mechanism of action:

 Thyroid hormone enter the cells, bind to the receptor in the nucleus → increase transcription of mRNA that stimulate the production of various enzymes in the ribosomes.



Actions of T₃ and T₄

- 1. Metabolic function
 - a. Calorigenic action: general metabolic effect
- Thyroid hormones increase O₂ consumption,

b. On protein metabolism:

Normal level of thyroid hormones increase protein synthesis (anabolic effect).

High level of thyroid hormones increase protein breakdown (catabolic effect).

c. On carbohydrate metabolism:

Thyroid hormone increase glucose absorption from GIT so blood glucose increase after meal, but rapidly fall to normal level again due to increased uptake of glucose by the tissues to be used for energy production.

d. On lipid and cholesterol metabolism:

They lower blood lipid and cholesterol by increasing its removal from circulation by the

liver.

e. Stimulate conversion of carotenes to vitamin A in the liver.

2. Effect on growth and development

Thyroid hormones are necessary for growth and an GH in notinal level maturation of most tissues.

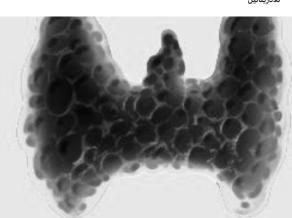
3. On CNS

 Thyroid hormones are essential for normal brain نقصانه بعراعة الطفور mental retardation development during fetal life and in children.

 In adult, they increase response of brain to catecholamines and increase activity of reticular activating system

(RAS).

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4. On CVS

a. They increase all cardiac properties by increasing number and affinity of B adrenergic receptors (to catecholamines) and by direct effect which lead to:

- · Increase heart rate (H.R.) → A force of contraction—A S.V
- Increase stroke volume (S.V.)
- oliastolic BP

 BP in vessels during cardiac makes contraction

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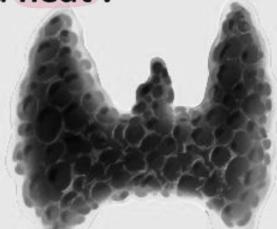
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- Increase cardiac out put (COP)
- Increase systolic blood pressure.

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b. Cutaneous V.D occurs by the produced heat.

peripheral resistance causes decreased diastolic blood pressure.





5. On respiration 102

- shift of O₂ curve to Rt by increasing 2,3 DPG in RBCs
 - Increase pulmonary ventilation due to increased metabolic rate with more O₂ utilization and more CO₂ formation (through activation of chemoreceptors).

6. On GIT

- Increase appetite and food intake.
- Increase GIT motility .

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7. On sex functions:

 Thyroid hormone are essential for normal menstrual cycle &
 Spermatogenesis (normal fertility)



Regulation of thyroid hormone

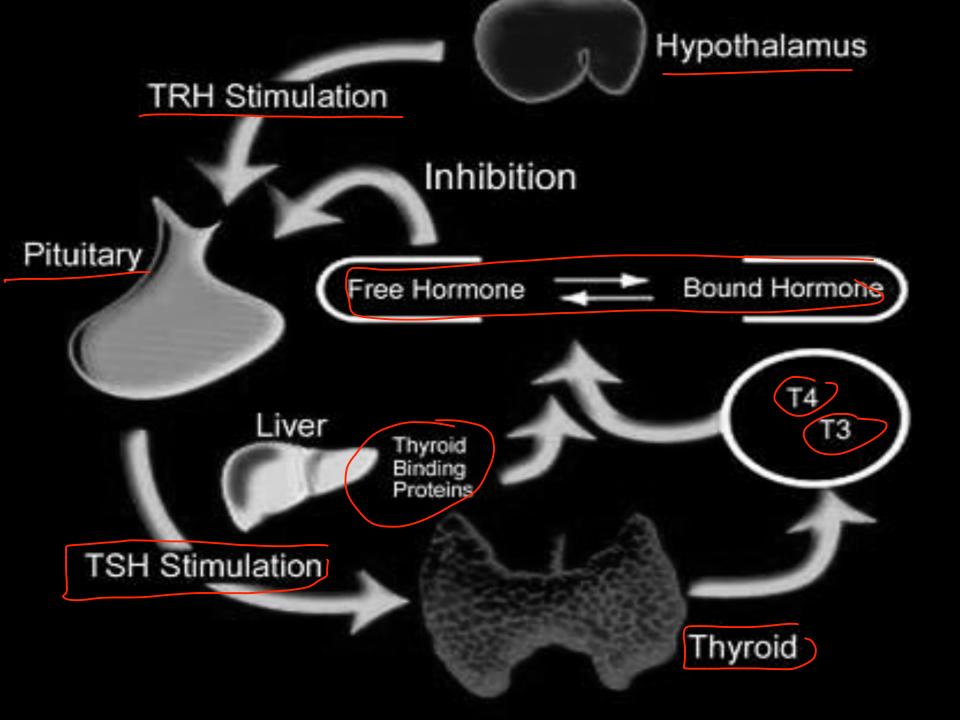
1. Hypothalamic regulation

1. TRH (thyrotropin releasing hormone)

- Exposure to cold increase TRH release
- Stress, emotions and warmth decrease TRH

2. Somatostatin

 It inhibit TSH secretion thus it inhibit thyroid hormone secretion.



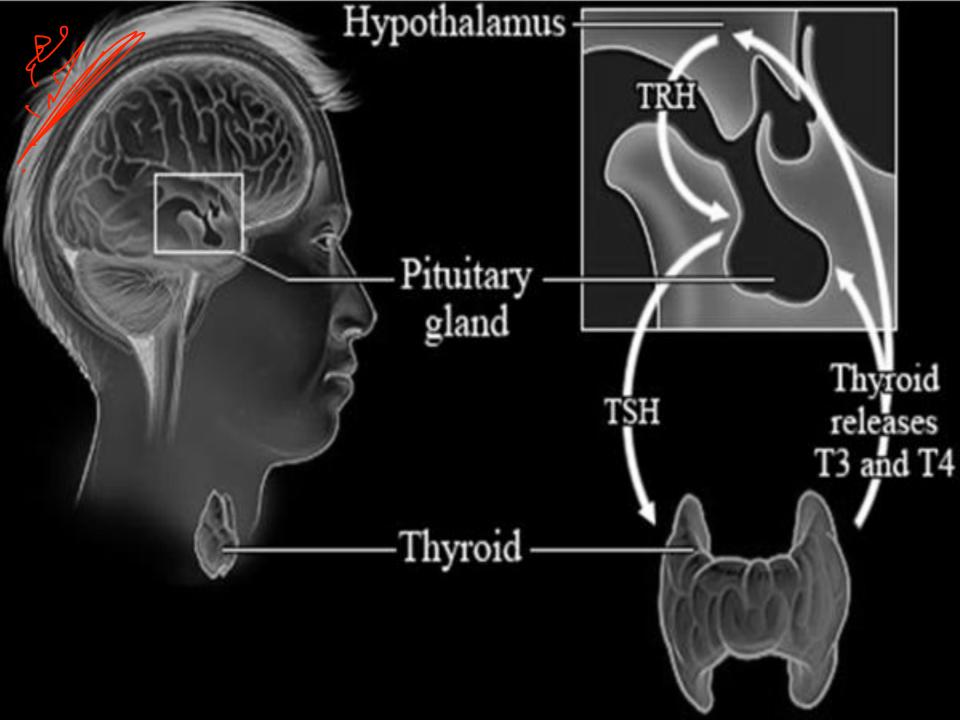
2. Pituitary regulation (TSH)

3. Feedback regulation:

- ↑ free T₃ and T₄ in blood inhibit TSH secretion by negative feedback on anterior pituitary and hypothalamus.

- Thus, when free T₃ and T₄ decreased in blood

TSH secretion will be increased.



4. Blood iodide level:

- Adequate dietary iodine intake is essential for normal thyroid function .
- Decreased iodine intake → ↓ T3 and T4 synthesis and release → ↑ TSH → ↑ size of the gland = thyroid enlargement (goiter)
- Excess iodide in blood → decreases thyroid hormone in blood as it inhibits thyroid hormone
 synthesis and release by blocking the action of TSH.







Definition: goiter is non-inflammatory and non-malignant thyroid enlargement.





• Types:

1. Simple goiter:

It is associated with normal thyroid function It is due to:

- > Mild iodine deficiency
- During puberty and pregnancy, due to increase need for iodine.
- Thyroid hormone decreased at first causing increase in TSH which causes thyroid enlargement with more formation of thyroid hormone thus thyroid function remains normal.

2. Colloid Goiter:

Cause: severe iodine deficiency

Here, the enlarged thyroid gland can't synthesize excess thyroid hormone due to sever iodine deficiency.

It is associated with hypothyroidism. Slat follicular cells.

colloid Goiter.



Same Definitions

3. Toxic Goiter: This thyroid enlargement is associated with thyroid hyper function. it is called Graves' disease

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it is an auto immune disease in which the immune system secretes auto antibodies called long- acting thyroid stimulators

These antibodies activate TSH receptors producing hyperthyroidism due to increased formation of thyroid hormone.

LATS have long duration of action.

Toxic Goiter Graves hyperthyrodism



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