Estimation of Phosphate

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What is phosphorus?

• It is a mineral that combines with other substances to form organic and inorganic phosphate compounds.

What are functions of phosphates?

- > Energy production
- > Muscle and nerve function
- > Bone growth
- > Buffer that maintains acid-base balance

What are phosphorus rich foods?



How can the body regulate blood phosphate level?

- > How much it absorbs from the intestines
- > How much it excretes via kidneys
- ➤ It is also affected by parathyroid hormone (PTH), calcium and vitamin D.

What are symptoms of low phosphate levels?







Healthy knee joint



Osteoarthritis



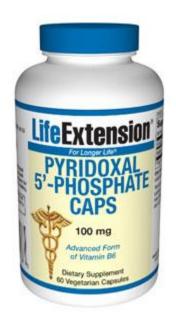
Causes of hypophosphatemia:

- > Hypercalcaemia and high level of PTH
- > Overuse of diuretics
- > Malnutrition
- > Diabetic ketoacidosis
- > Hypothyroidism
- > Hypokalemia
- > Rickets due to vit. D deficiency
- > Sever burns
- > Alcoholism
- > Chronic antacid use

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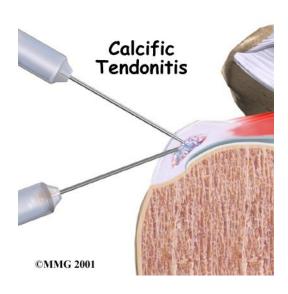
- >Kidney failure
- > Hypoparathyroidism
- > Hypocalcaemia
- ➤ Diabetic ketoacidosis (first seen)
- > Phosphate supplementation





High phosphorus level can lead to organ damage, why?

✓ due to calcification, deposits of calcium phosphate in tissues.





Reference level:

• 12-60 years: 2.7-4.5 mg/dl

Why are phosphate levels in children higher than in adults?

