

How have you changed over the past year?

What has caused those changes?

How do you think you will change in the next few years?

ENDOCRINE SYSTEM

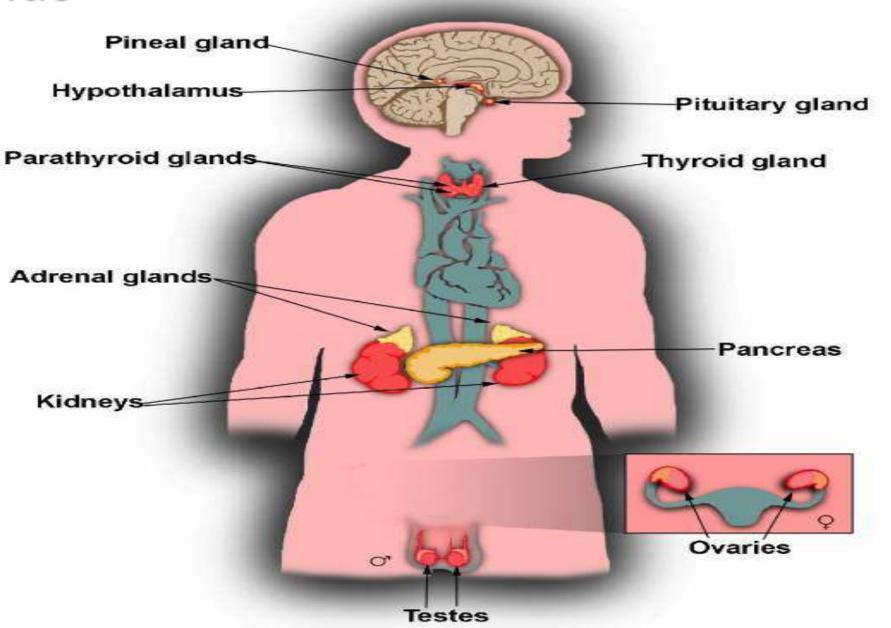
is the collection of glands that produce hormones that regulate metabolism, growth and development, tissue function, sexual function, reproduction, sleep, and mood, among other things.

ENDOCRINE GLANDS

are glands of the endocrine system that secrete their products, hormones, directly into the blood rather than through a duct. like the pituitary gland, pancreas, ovaries, testes, thyroid gland, parathyroid gland, hypothalamus and adrenal glands.

Endocrine Glands

- The Endocrine
 Glands are the
 organs of the
 Endocrine System.
- They produce and secrete (release)
 Hormones.
- They are located all over your body.



The Endocrine System

Many changes in your body are due to the Endocrine System.

- The Endocrine System regulates, coordinates and controls:
 - Growth and development.
 - Male and female development.
 - How your body uses energy.
 - Levels of salts and sugars in your blood.
 - The amount (volume) of fluid in your body.
 - Appetite.
 - Many other body functions.

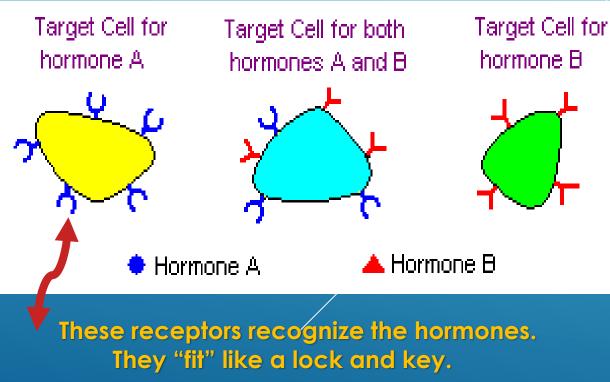


Some Endocrine Glands and What they Regulate

Gland	What it Regulates(in general)	
Pituitary	"Master Gland" that regulates all other Endocrine Glands, also releases growth hormone	
Thyroid	Metabolism, body heat, bone growth	
Parathyroids	Use of Calcium and Phosphorous	
Hypothalamus	Links nervous system to endocrine system	
Adrenal	Response in emergency or stressful situations, metabolism, blood pressure, salt balance	
Pancreas	Blood sugar	
Ovaries	Production of eggs; female characteristics	
Testes	Production of sperm; male characteristics	
Thymus	Parts of the immune system	

Q. HOW DO YOU THINK THE ENDOCRINE GLANDS GET THEIR JOBS DONE ???

- A. Hormone : is any member of a class of signaling molecules produced by glands in multicellular organisms that are transported by the circulatory system to target distant organs to regulate physiology and behavior. Target Cell for Target Cell for both Target Cell
 - Target Cells
 - Hormones only work on certain cells, called target cells.
 - The target cells have special receptors that "recognize" the hormones and allow them to influence that cell.

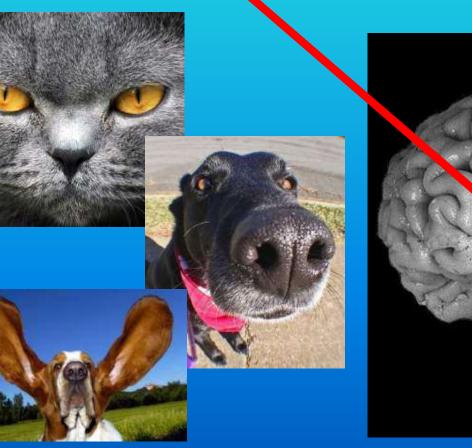


What Controls the Hormones?External stimuliInternal stimuli

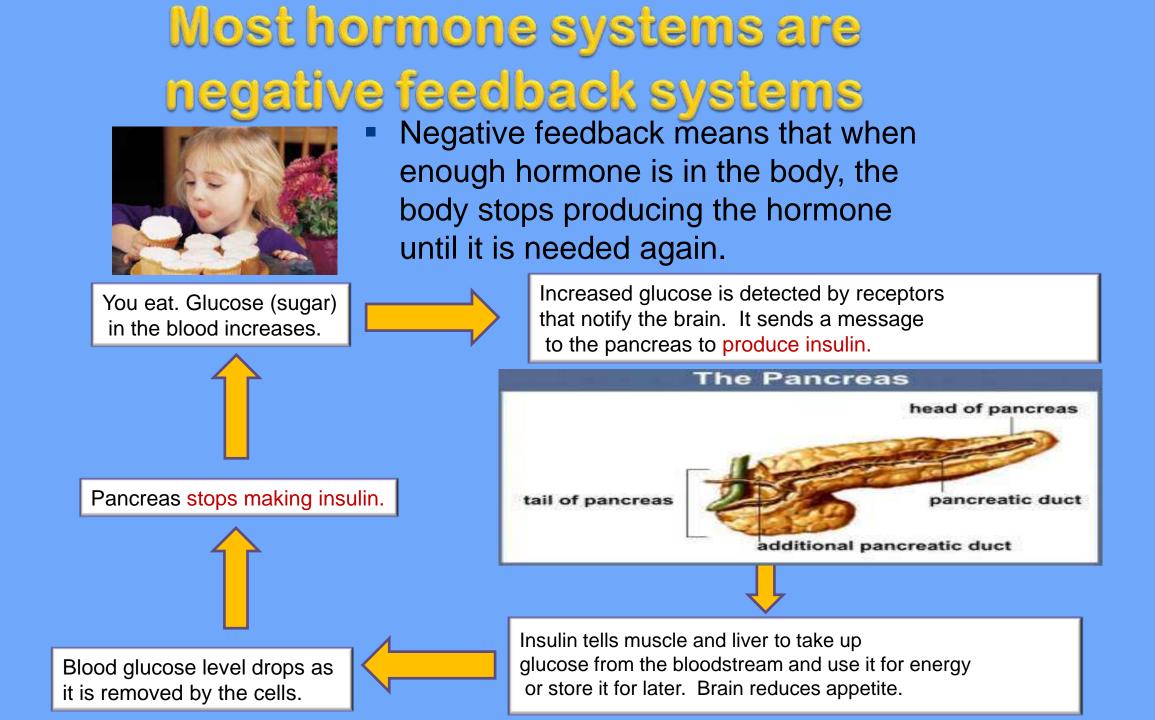
by way of <u>nerves</u> from the sensory organs in the nervous system (outside of the body)

by way of <u>nerves</u> and other <u>hormones</u> from inside the body

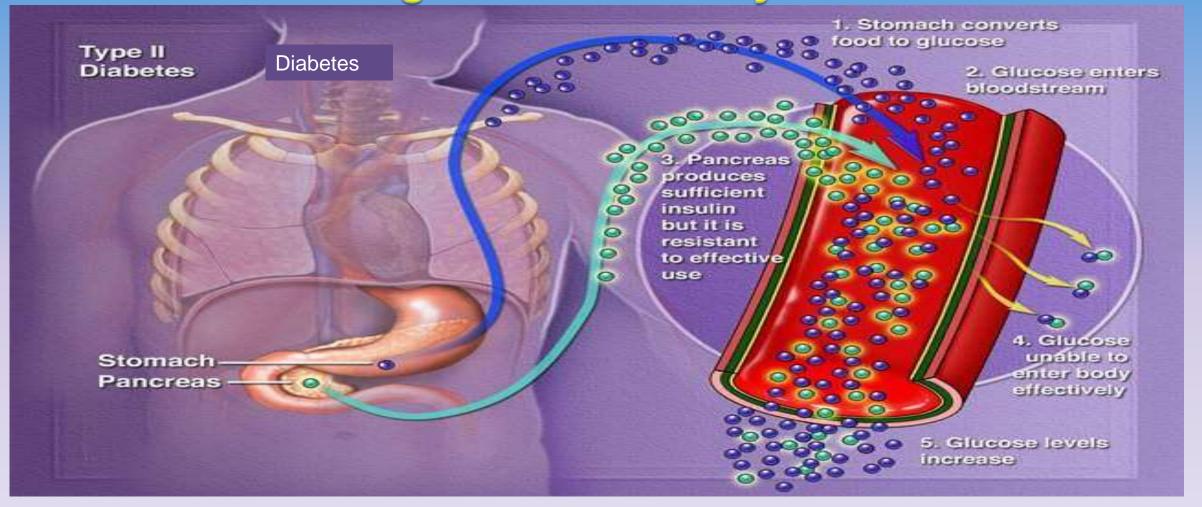




	Endocrine system	Nervous system
Signal type	Hormone	 Action potential Neurotransmitter(electrical)
Speed of transmission	Slow (about a minute)	Fast (120 m/s)
Target	General (Got a receptor)	Specific
Effect of Action	Slow	Fast



In Diabetes, there is a problem with this negative feedback system.



In the case shown in this picture, the body produces insulin but the target cells become **resistant** and unresponsive to it. Diabetes can also be caused by the body not producing **enough** insulin. The glucose does not enter the muscle and liver cells like it should and it builds up in the blood causing complications.

A few hormone systems are positive feedback systems:

The pituitary gland sends a signal by way of the hormone oxytocin to the uterus causing contractions. The pressure of the fetus on the cervix sends a signal back to the brain which then stimulates the release of more oxytocin. This causes more contractions. The fetus pushes harder on the cervix. More oxytocin is released. The system continues until birth occurs.

