





(b) Humoral stimulus **1** Capillary blood contains low concentration of Ca²⁺, which stimulates... Capillary Thyroid gland (low Ca²⁺ (posterior view) in blood)



(c) Neural stimulus

1 Preganglionic sympathetic fiber stimulates adrenal medulla cells...











(a) Gross anatomy of the thyroid gland, anterior view



Parafollicular cells—/ (b) Photomicrograph of thyroid gland follicles (380x)

















Table 9.1 Major Endocrine Glands and Some of Their Hormones							
Gland		Hormone	Chemical class*	Major actions	Regulated by		
Hypothalamus	y.	Hormones released by the posterior pituitary; releasing and inhibiting hormones that regulate the anterior pituitary (see below)					
Pituitary gland							
 Posterior lobe (releases hormones made by the hypothalamus) 	J.	Oxytocin	Peptide	Stimulates contraction of uterus and the milk "let-down" reflex	Nervous system (hypothalamus), in response to uterine stretching and/or suckling of a baby		
		Antidiuretic hormone (ADH)	Peptide	Promotes retention of water by kidneys	Hypothalamus, in response to water/salt imbalance		
Anterior lobe	5	Growth hormone (GH)	Protein	Stimulates growth (especially of bones and muscles) and metabolism	Hypothalamic releasing and inhibiting hormones		
		Prolactin (PRL)	Protein	Stimulates milk production	Hypothalamic hormones		
		Follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH)	Protein	Stimulates production of ova and sperm	Hypothalamic hormones		
		Luteinizing hormone (LH)	Protein	Stimulates ovaries and testes	Hypothalamic hormones		
		Thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH)	Protein	Stimulates thyroid gland	Thyroxine in blood; hypothalamic hormones		
		Adrenocorticotropic hormone (ACTH)	Protein	Stimulates adrenal cortex to secrete glucocorticoids	Glucocorticoids; hypothalamic hormones		

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Gland		Hormone	Chemical class*	Major actions	Regulated by	
Thymus		Thymosin	Peptide	"Programs" T lymphocytes	Not known	
Adrenal glands						
• Adrenal medulla		Epinephrine and norepinephrine	Amines	Raise blood glucose level; increase rate of metabolism; constrict certain blood vessels	Nervous system (sympathetic division)	
 Adrenal cortex 	A	Glucocorticoids	Steroids	Increase blood glucose level	ACTH	
		Mineralocorticoids	Steroids	Promote reabsorption of Na ⁺ and excretion of K ⁺ (potassium) in kidneys	Changes in blood volume or blood pressure; K ⁺ or Na ⁺ level in blood	
		Androgens and estrogens (see entry under gonads)		,_		

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Pancreas		Insulin	Protein	Reduces blood glucose level	Glucose level in blood	
		Glucagon	Protein	Raises blood glucose level	Glucose level in blood	
Gonads						
• Testes		Androgens	Steroids	Support sperm formation; development and maintenance of male secondary sex characteristics	FSH and LH	
• Ovaries		Estrogens	Steroids	Stimulate uterine lining growth; development and maintenance of female secondary sex characteristics	FSH and LH	
		Progesterone	Steroids	Promotes growth of uterine lining	FSH and LH	