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Hypothalamus	f			or pituitary; releasing for pituitary (see below	and inhibiting
Pituitary gland					
Posterior lobe (releases hormones made by the hypothalamus)	K	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/sal 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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Pineal gland	R	Melatonin	Amine	Involved in biological rhythms (daily and seasonal)	Light/dark cycles	
Thyroid gland	\mathbf{M}	Thyroxine (T_4) and triiodothyronine (T_3)	Amine	Stimulates metabolism	TSH	
		Calcitonin	Peptide	Reduces blood calcium ion level	Calcium ion level in blood	
Parathyroid glands		Parathyroid hormone (PTH)	Peptide	Raises blood calcium ion level	Calcium ion level in blood	

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Thymus	A)	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		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)		in Kaneys	

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Pancreas	<i>~</i>	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	Ç	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	