

## Physio CVS lec 9

### Hormonal control of calcium blood levels :

#### ➤ **Functions of calcium :**

- 1-Mineralization of bone and teeth .
- 2-activation of blood clotting factors .
- 3-Release of neurotransmitters .
- 4-Neuromuscular excitability .
- 5-Muscle contraction .
- 6-Acts as second messenger for hormone actions .

#### ➤ **Calcium distribution in the body :**

##### 1)Plasma :

\*The concentration of calcium in plasma is about 10mg/dl its in three forms :

- Ionized** : free calcium (  $Ca^{+2}$  ) 47%
- Complexed with phosphate** : 6-8%
- Bound to plasma proteins** (mainly albumin) : 47%

\*The complexed and ionized are **diffusible** , while the bound form is **non-diffusible** ( عشان كذا لو مستواه قل مش بياثر جامد زي الثاني لانه مش دايب )

##### 2)Bone :

\*More than 99% of total body calcium is present in bone & teeth .

\*Bone is formed of :

-*Protein* : mainly **Collagen type I**

-*Calcium & phosphate* as **Hydroxy apatite** crystals .

-*Bone cells* .

\*Types of bone cells :

1- **osteoblast ( bone forming cells )** that promote deposition of calcium , so their stimulation leads to a **decrease** in plasma calcium level .

2-**osteoclasts (bone eroding or resorption cells )** they erode previously formed bone and dissolve calcium crystals resulting in diffusion of calcium to blood so **increasing** its plasma level .

### ➤ **Calcium Homeostasis :**

\***Three** hormones control  $Ca^{++}$  level in plasma :

( فيه ثلاث هرمونات بتتحكم في مستوى الكالسيوم في الجسم عن طريق انها بتاثر ع الأعضاء الي بتفرز الكالسيوم او بتنقله من مكان لمكان و هم العضم و الأمعاء و الكلية )

#### 1)**Parathyroid hormone (PTH) :**

- Its secreted from **4 parathyroid glands** embedded in the thyroid gland . ( بيتم افرازه من 4 غدد موجودين ع ضهر الغدة الدرقية )

( في حالة إزالة ال thyroid ممكن تتشال معاها غدة او اكثر من الي بيفرزوا الهرمون و بيدخل المريض ف حالة hypoparathyroidism و دي بتسبب tetany )

- It **elevates** plasma calcium level to reach its normal level .

- Its secretion is related to plasma  $Ca^{++}$  level , a *drop in  $Ca^{++}$  level stimulates PTH secretion and vice versa* .

- **PTH increases plasma  $Ca^{++}$  level by :**

1)Stimulation of osteoclasts . ( so patients with hyperparathyroidism have weak bones )

- 2) increasing calcium reabsorption by renal tubules .
- 3) increasing calcium absorption through the intestine by stimulating the activation of Vitamin D .

## 2) Active Vitamin D ( 1,25 dihydroxycholecalciferol ) :

- **Synthesis of Vitamin D :**
  - Skin cells when exposed to sun , starts to change cholesterol into cholecalciferol (inactive vitamin D) , which become hydroxylated and changed into 25- cholecalciferol .
  - By **1-alpha hydroxylase** enzyme ( from kidney) hydroxyl group added to the compound which become *1,25-dihydroxycholecalciferol (active vitamin D)* .
- Active Vitamin D **increases** the availability of calcium and phosphate for *bone mineralization and remodeling* , **through** :
  - 1) increasing calcium & phosphate absorption by the intestine .
  - 2) increasing calcium & phosphate reabsorption by the renal tubules .
  - 3) it both deposits and mobilizes calcium and phosphate in bone leading to its remodeling .

## 3) Calcitonin :

- A hormone secreted from the **parafollicular cells of the thyroid gland**.
- It's a plasma calcium **lowering** hormone , *its secretion is increased by a rise in plasma calcium level* .
- It decreases plasma calcium level **through** :
  - 1) Stimulation of osteoblasts .
  - 2) Inhibits activity of osteoclasts .
  - 3) Decreases calcium and phosphate reabsorption by the renal tubules , and increases  $\text{Ca}^{++}$  loss in urine .

## ➤ Tetany :

\*it's a condition of **increased neuromuscular excitability** caused by a **decrease of plasma ionized ( free) calcium** level which increases sodium permeability .

\*The muscle show **spasmodic contractions** .

\*it may be caused by :

1)Hypoparathyroidism .

2)Vitamin D deficiency .

3) Alkalosis ( increased ph of blood ) : decreases  $Ca^{++}$  solubility leading to a decrease in ionized  $Ca^{++}$  .

4)Renal disease : decreased calcium reabsorption .

\*فكرة حدوث المرض :

ان الكالسيوم بيشتغل زي حارس على  $Na^{+}$  channels بينظم دخولها و بالتالي اما يقل مستوى الكالسيوم في الدم هيزيد دخول الصوديوم جوه الخلايا و بتالي هيزيد ال depolarization و هتزيد ال excitability بتاعة العضلة ف هتفضل منقبضة و يحصلها شلل .

---

## ✚ The suprarenal gland ( Adrenal gland) :

• The suprarenal gland consists of two distinct parts :

**1)The central part ( adrenal medulla )** : which is considered a sympathetic ganglion supplied by preganglionic neurons .

-On activation it secretes **adrenaline and noradrenaline** (catecholamine)

-Secretion of catecholamine from suprarenal medulla cause diffusion of sympathetic action ( sympathetic over activity all over the body)

2) **The outer part ( adrenal cortex )** : is further divided into 3 zones :

-**The outer zone (zona glomeruloza)** : secretes mineralocorticoids (aldosterone) .

-**the middle zone (zona fasciculate )** : secretes glucocorticoids (mainly cortisol) .

-**The inner zone ( zona reticularis )** : secretes androgens and estrogens .

**N.B:** androgen hormone is present in males and females but with less amount in females , so when it increases than normal level it causes hirsutism ( appearance of hair in an abnormal sites in females)

### 1. **Glucocorticoids :**

- The **hypothalamus** secretes **corticotrophin releasing factor (CRF)** which stimulates the secretion of **adenocorticotrophic** hormone (ACTH) from the anterior **pituitary** .
- **ACTH** in turn stimulates the **adrenal cortex to secrete cortisol** .
- Cortisol exerts **negative feedback** inhibition on both CRF & ACTH .
- CRF secretion shows a diurnal pattern (نمط نهاري) it reaches a peak in the early morning and is lowest at night ( circadian rhythm) , this rhythm is related to the sleeping hours and is reversed if the sleeping hours is reversed .

( افراز هرمون CRF ليه نمط نهاري يعني بيزيد الصبح و بيقل بالليل لكن هو مرتبط بعدد ساعات نوم الشخص يعني لو الشخص بينام الصبح و يصحى بالليل ف معدل افراز الهرمون بيتعكس )

#### ➤ Actions of glucocorticoids ( cortisol ) :

##### 1) **On metabolism :**

-**Carbohydrate** : it **increases gluconeogenesis** especially from amino acids , so it **increases blood glucose level** .

**\*Gluconeogenesis** : is synthesis of glucose from non carbohydrates materials .

**-Proteins** : it increases **protein catabolism** and inhibits protein synthesis.

**-Lipids** : it increases **lipolysis and fat mobilization** .

( عشان كذا الناس الي بتاخذ كورتيزون بيكون عندها ترسيب دهون ف أماكن كتير و مش متساوي )

## **2)Anti inflammatory & anti allergic action :**

-stabilizes lysosomes .

-decrease capillary permeability .

-inhibits release of histamine .

-inhibits the immune response by inhibiting B & T lymphocyte production , so the patient become more available for infections , but it helps patients who transplant organs to accept the new organ .

## **3) Permissive effect :**

-cortisol is important for **catecholamines** to produce their vasoconstrictor effect .

## **2. Mineralocorticoids :**

### ➤ Control of secretion :

#### **1)Renin angiotensin system :**

-Renin (secreted from the **juxtaglomerular apparatus** in the kidney in response to decreased renal blood flow ) acts on a plasma globulin (angiotensinogen) to produce **angiotensin I** .

-**Angiotensin I** is further converted in the lung to **angiotensin II** by **angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE)** .

**-Importance of angiotensin II :**

\*vasoconstrictor .

\*salt retention .

\*stimulate the **formation of aldosterone** .

**2)Hyperkalemia (increased K<sup>+</sup> blood levels): increases aldosterone secretion .**

( من وظائف الaldosterone انه يتخلص من البوتاسيوم الزيادة و ينزله ف البول و بالتالي اما تزيد نسبة البوتاسيوم في الدم هيزيد افراز الaldosterone )

➤ **Actions of aldosterone :**

-Aldosterone acts on the **distal and collecting renal tubules to increase sodium & water reabsorption and K<sup>+</sup> secretion .**

-Through sodium and water reabsorption aldosterone helps in keeping a **normal extracellular fluid volume** and **increase blood pressure** , so its considered as a compensatory reaction during shock .

➤ **Disorders of suprarenal hormone secretion :**

**1)Cushing syndrome :**

-its due to excessive secretion of **glucocorticoids** or more commonly due to pharmacologic use of cortisol .

-its characterized by :

1.Accumulation of fats in face and upper trunk (moon face & buffalo hump)

2.increased protein catabolism leading to :

\*thin and fragile skin .

\*delayed wound healing .

\*muscle wasting & weakness .

\*weakness of bones and osteoporosis .

3.Hyperglycemia (increased gluconeogenesis ) .

4.increased anti-inflammatory effect leading to increased availability to infection .

5.through the mineralocorticoid effect it causes sodium & water retention leading to hypertension .

6.through the and androgenic effect it causes hirsutism ( increased body hair in females ) .

## 2) Hyperaldosteronism ( Conn's disease ) :

-Hypertension ( الي حصل هنا اننا بنسحب صوديوم و مياه كثير و نفقد بوتاسيوم كثير )

-Hypokalemia .

## 3)Addison's disease:

-its due to **adrenal insufficiency** with **deficiency of both mineralocorticoids and glucocorticoids** resulting in :

\*Sodium loss .

\*low blood pressure ( hypotension) : due to low aldosterone .

\*Hypoglycemia .

---

## Endocrine functions of the pancreas :

### ➤ **Glucagon :**

-secreted by **alpha cells** of islets of Langerhans .

-the main stimulus for glucagon secretion is a **drop of blood glucose level below normal** . ( hypoglycemia ) .



- Actions of glucagon :

**1.On carbohydrate metabolism :**

-it increases blood glucose levels through increasing **glycogenolysis** .

\***Glycogenolysis** : is breaking down of glycogen to increase glucose level.

**2.On lipid metabolism :** it promotes lipolysis .

**3.On protein metabolism :** it's a **catabolic** hormone leading to protein breakdown .

➤ **Insulin :**

-Secreted by **Beta** cells of islets of Langerhans .

- Regulation of Insulin secretion :

-The primary stimulus for insulin secretion is a **rise in blood glucose level ( hyperglycemia )** .

- Actions of insulin :

**1.On Carbohydrate metabolism :**

-Insulin **increases glucose uptake into liver, skeletal and cardiac muscles and adipose tissue** by increasing the number of **glucose transporters** in their cell membranes which **decreasing its concentration in blood** . *(in insulin dependent cells)*

( الجلوكوز مش بيقدر يدخل الخلية الا عن طريق ناقل خاص بيه بيدخله جوه , بس الناقل دا بيكون متخزن جوه السيتوبلازم مش موجود على السطح , فلازم الانسولين يجي يمسك في مستقبلات على سطح الخلية عشان الناقل بتاع الجلوكوز يتحرك لسطح الخلية و يقدر يدخل الجلوكوز جوه و يقلل تركيزه في الدم )

-Insulin also **promotes glycogenesis** ( synthesis of glycogen) in muscle and liver cells .

-In insulin in-dependent cells , insulin **doesn't increase** glucose uptake because **their glucose transporters are already present at the cell membrane** , as :

\*RBC's .

\*brain cells .

\*intestinal cells .

\*renal tubular cells .

## 2.On protein metabolism :

-Insulin is an **anabolic** hormone , it **increases** transport of amino acids into cells and increases protein synthesis .

## 3.On lipid metabolism :

-Insulin is the **only lipogenic** hormone ( it promotes fat synthesis )

## 4. On growth :

-Due to its anabolic action insulin is essential for normal growth .

## ➤ **Diabetes Mellitus (poly urea) :**

-A disease caused by a **deficiency in insulin** secretion .

-**Type I ( insulin dependent diabetes mellitus):** is mainly due to **destruction of the beta cells by autoimmune disease** with a resulting lack of insulin .

\*its usually develops early in life ( **in children** ) .

\*patients should take insulin injections throughout life .

-**Type II (non-insulin dependent diabetes mellitus) :** it's the common form of diabetes and is characterized by **impaired insulin secretion plus decreased insulin sensitivity (insulin resistance)** .

\*it usually occurs after the age of 40 .

\***obesity** is a major cause of insulin resistance and main cause of type II diabetes .

\*patients are treated by **oral hypoglycemic drugs** until their pancreas get exhausted then they take **insulin injections** .

( في النوع الثاني من مرض السكري المريض عنده حساسية قليلة للانسولين يعني الخلايا مش بتحس بيه ع الرغم من وجوده ف هنا بيبدأ المريض ياخذ ادوية تزود انتاج البنكرياس للانسولين عشان يزيد إحساس الخلايا بيه لحد اما يحصل اجهاد للبنكرياس ف يبدأ المريض ياخذ حقن انسولين )

**-Manifestation :** (علامات الإصابة بالمرض)

**1.Hyperglycemia :** a high blood glucose level .

**2.Glucosuria :** the appearance of glucose in urine .

\*when the blood glucose level exceeds 180mg\dl ( renal threshold) it starts to appear in urine .

**3.polyuria :** producing a large volume of urine .

\*increased water excretion due to increased urinary osmotic pressure caused by increased glucose in renal tubules .

**4.polydipsia :** drinking a large volume of water .

\*polyuria causes dehydration , resulting in an increased thirst sensation and drinking a large water volume .

**5.Hyperphagia :** increased appetite and food intake .

\*decreased glucose utilization **inhibits the satiety center** (مركز الشبع) *“which is the only insulin dependent cells in the brain “* causing an increased activity of the feeding center .

( مركز الشبع هو الجزء الوحيد في المخ الي بيعتمد ع الانسولين عشان يستخدم الجلوكوز , ف اما يقل الانسولين هيجصل خمول ف مركز الشبع و بالتالي المريض هيفضل ياكل كتير )

\*in spite of increased food intake there is loss of weight due to increased lipolysis . (more fat is used as a source of energy )

**6.diabetic coma** : which may result due to the acidosis resulting from increased fat breakdown with increased ketone body production (ketoacidosis) , this type of coma is associated with **increased blood glucose levels .(hyperglycemic coma)**

\***hypoglycemic coma** may also occur in diabetics treated with insulin due to **insulin overdose** .

### ➤ **Glucose Homeostasis :**

-blood glucose should be maintained within a certain range .

#### ▪ Mechanisms controlling blood glucose level :

##### 1)Glucostatic role of the liver :

-After meals the absorbed glucose passes to different body organs to be utilized , the unused glucose is either **transformed to glycogen in the liver or converted into lipids in adipose tissues** .

-Between meals , as the blood glucose level decreases the liver glycogen is changed back into glucose and released in the blood to prevent hypoglycemia .

***-So the liver acts as a blood glucose buffer preventing both hyper and hypoglycemia .***

##### 2)Hormonal control :

-Hormones decreasing blood glucose level : **INSULIN**

-Hormones increasing blood glucose level : **anti-insulin effect , growth hormone , adrenaline , glucocorticoids and glucagon** .