

## NUTRITION, METABOLISM,

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### Nutrition

- Nutrient: a substance in food that promotes normal growth, maintenance, and repair
- Major nutrients
  - Carbohydrates, lipids, and proteins
- Other nutrients
  - Vitamins and minerals (and, technically speaking, water)



Figure 24.1a



#### Digestion

- Carbohydrate digestion starts in the mouth
- Protein digestion starts in the stomach
- Nucleic acids & fats start in the small intestine
- Everything completely digested and absorbed by the end of the small intestine

# Carbohydrates



## General characteristics

- the term carbohydrate is derived from the french: hydrate de carbone
- □ compounds composed of C, H, and O
- $\Box (CH_2O)_n \text{ when } n = 5 \text{ then } C_5H_{10}O_5$
- not all carbohydrates have this empirical formula: deoxysugars, aminosugars
- carbohydrates are the most abundant compounds found in nature (cellulose: 100 billion tons annually)

## General characteristics

- Most carbohydrates are found naturally in bound form rather than as simple sugars
  - Polysaccharides (starch, cellulose, inulin, gums)
  - Glycoproteins and proteoglycans (hormones, blood group substances, antibodies)
  - Glycolipids (cerebrosides, gangliosides)
  - Glycosides
  - Mucopolysaccharides (hyaluronic acid)
  - Nucleic acids

## Carbohydrates=4cal

- Dietary sources
  - Starch (complex carbohydrates) in grains and vegetables
  - Sugars in fruits, sugarcane, sugar beets, honey and milk
  - Insoluble fiber: cellulose in vegetables; provides roughage
  - Soluble fiber: pectin in apples and citrus fruits; reduces blood cholesterol levels

## Carbohydrates

#### Uses

- Glucose is the fuel used by cells to make ATP
  - Neurons and RBCs rely almost entirely upon glucose
  - Excess glucose is converted to glycogen or fat and stored

## Carbohydrates

- Dietary requirements
  - Minimum 100 g/day to maintain adequate blood glucose levels
  - Recommended minimum 130 g/day
  - Recommended intake: 45–65% of total calorie intake; mostly complex carbohydrates

### Functions

- □ sources of energy
- intermediates in the biosynthesis of other basic biochemical entities (fats and proteins)
- associated with other entities such as glycosides, vitamins and antibiotics)
- form structural tissues in plants and in microorganisms (cellulose, lignin, murein)
- participate in biological transport, cell-cell recognition, activation of growth factors, modulation of the immune system

Sugar	Relative Sweetness	Туре
Lactose	0.16	Disaccharide
Galactose	0.22	Monosaccharide
Maltose	0.32	Disaccharide
Xylose	0.40	Monosaccharide
Glucose	0.74	Monosaccharide
Sucrose	1.00	Disaccharide
Invert sugar	1.30	Mixture of glucose and fructose
Fructose	1.73	Monosaccharide

# Classification of carbohydrates

- Monosaccharides (monoses or glycoses)
  - Trioses, tetroses, pentoses, hexoses
- Oligosaccharides
  - Di, tri, tetra, penta, up to 9 or 10
  - Most important are the disaccharides
- Polysaccharides or glycans
  - Homopolysaccharides
  - Heteropolysaccharides
  - Complex carbohydrates

### Monosaccharides

- also known as simple sugars
- classified by 1. the number of carbons and 2. whether aldoses or ketoses
- □ most (99%) are straight chain compounds
- D-glyceraldehyde is the simplest of the aldoses (aldotriose)
- all other sugars have the ending <u>ose</u> (glucose, galactose, ribose, lactose, etc...)







Sugar cane



Sugar beet









### Lipids=9cal

#### Dietary sources

- Triglycerides
  - Saturated fats in meat, dairy foods, and tropical oils
  - Unsaturated fats in seeds, nuts, olive oil, and most vegetable oils
- Cholesterol in egg yolk, meats, organ meats, shellfish, and milk products

Essential fatty acids
Linoleic and linolenic acid, found in most vegetable oils
Must be ingested

Essential uses of lipids in the body

- Help absorb fat-soluble vitamins
- Major fuel of hepatocytes and skeletal muscle
- Phospholipids are essential in myelin sheaths and all cell membranes

Functions of fatty deposits (adipose tissue)
Protective cushions around body organs
Insulating layer beneath the skin
Concentrated source of energy

- Regulatory functions of prostaglandins
  - Smooth muscle contraction
  - Control of blood pressure
  - Inflammation
- Functions of cholesterol
  - Stabilizes membranes
  - Precursor of bile salts and steroid hormones

- Dietary requirements suggested by the American Heart Association
  - Fats should represent 30% or less of total caloric intake
  - Saturated fats should be limited to 10% or less of total fat intake
  - Daily cholesterol intake should be no more than 300 mg

## Lipid storage diseases

- □ also known as sphingolipidoses
- genetically acquired
- due to the deficiency or absence of a catabolic enzyme
- □ examples:
  - Tay Sachs disease
  - Gaucher's disease
  - Niemann-Pick disease
  - Fabry's disease

#### Dietary sources

- Eggs, milk, fish, and most meats contain complete proteins
- Legumes, nuts, and cereals contain incomplete proteins (lack some essential amino acids)
- Legumes and cereals together contain all essential amino acids

#### Uses

- Structural materials: keratin, collagen, elastin, muscle proteins
- Most functional molecules: enzymes, some hormones

- Use of amino acids in the body
  - 1. All-or-none rule
    - All amino acids needed must be present for protein synthesis to occur
  - 2. Adequacy of caloric intake
    - Protein will be used as fuel if there is insufficient carbohydrate or fat available

- 3. Nitrogen balance
  - State where the rate of protein synthesis equals the rate of breakdown and loss
  - Positive if synthesis exceeds breakdown (normal in children and tissue repair)
  - Negative if breakdown exceeds synthesis (e.g., stress, burns, infection, or injury)

- 4. Hormonal controls
  - Anabolic hormones (GH, sex hormones) accelerate protein synthesis



#### Dietary requirements

#### Rule of thumb: daily intake of 0.8 g per kg body weight

## Vitamins

- Organic compounds
- Crucial in helping the body use nutrients
- Most function as coenzymes
- Vitamins D, some B, and K are synthesized in the body
### Vitamins

- Two types, based on solubility
  - 1. Water-soluble vitamins
    - B complex and C are absorbed with water
    - B<sub>12</sub> absorption requires intrinsic factor
    - Not stored in the body

#### Vitamins

- 2. Fat-soluble vitamins
  - A, D, E, and K are absorbed with lipid digestion products
  - Stored in the body, except for vitamin K
  - Vitamins A, C, and E act as antioxidants

#### Minerals

- □ Seven required in moderate amounts:
  - Calcium, phosphorus, potassium, sulfur, sodium, chloride, and magnesium
- Others required in trace amounts
- Work with nutrients to ensure proper body functioning
- Uptake and excretion must be balanced to prevent toxic overload

#### Minerals

#### Examples

Calcium, phosphorus, and magnesium salts harden bone
Iron is essential for oxygen binding to hemoglobin
Iodine is necessary for thyroid hormone synthesis
Sodium and chloride are major electrolytes in the blood

#### Metabolism

- Metabolism: biochemical reactions inside cells involving nutrients
- Two types of reactions
  - Anabolism: synthesis of large molecules from small ones
  - Catabolism: hydrolysis of complex structures to simpler ones

#### Metabolism

- Cellular respiration: catabolism of food fuels and capture of energy to form ATP in cells
- Enzymes shift high-energy phosphate groups of ATP to other molecules (phosphorylation)
- Phosphorylated molecules are activated to perform cellular functions

## Stages of Metabolism

- Processing of nutrients
  - 1. Digestion, absorption and transport to tissues
  - 2. Cellular processing (in cytoplasm)
    - Synthesis of lipids, proteins, and glycogen, or
    - Catabolism (glycolysis) into intermediates
  - 3. Oxidative (mitochondrial) breakdown of intermediates into CO<sub>2</sub>, water, and ATP



Figure 24.3

#### **Oxidation-Reduction (Redox) Reactions**

Oxidation; gain of oxygen or loss of hydrogen
 Oxidation-reduction (redox) reactions
 Oxidized substances lose electrons and energy
 Reduced substances gain electrons and energy

#### **Oxidation-Reduction (Redox) Reactions**

Coenzymes act as hydrogen (or electron) acceptors
 Nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (NAD+)
 Flavin adenine dinucleotide (FAD)

# ATP Synthesis

- Two mechanisms
  - 1. Substrate-level phosphorylation
  - 2. Oxidative phosphorylation

### Substrate-Level Phosphorylation

- High-energy phosphate groups directly transferred from phosphorylated substrates to ADP
- Occurs in glycolysis and the Krebs cycle



Figure 24.4a

### **Oxidative Phosphorylation**

#### Chemiosmotic process

Couples the movement of substances across a membrane to chemical reactions

## **Oxidative Phosphorylation**

- In the mitochondria
  - Carried out by electron transport proteins
  - Nutrient energy is used to create H<sup>+</sup> gradient across mitochondrial membrane
  - H<sup>+</sup> flows through ATP synthase
  - Energy is captured and attaches phosphate groups to ADP



Figure 24.4b

#### Carbohydrate Metabolism

- Oxidation of glucose
   C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub> + 6O<sub>2</sub> → 6H<sub>2</sub>O + 6CO<sub>2</sub> + 36 ATP + heat
   Glucose is catabolized in three pathways
   Glycolysis
   Krebs cycle
  - Electron transport chain and oxidative phosphorylation



(1) During glycolysis, each glucose molecule is broken down into two molecules of pyruvic acid in the cytosol. (2) The pyruvic acid then enters the mitochondrial matrix, where the Krebs cycle decomposes it to  $CO_2$ . During glycolysis and the Krebs cycle, small amounts of ATP are formed by substratelevel phosphorylation (3) Energy-rich electrons picked up by coenzymes are transferred to the electron transport chain, built into the cristae membrane. The electron transport chain carries out oxidative phosphorylation, which accounts for most of the ATP generated by cellular respiration Figure 24.5

# Glycolysis

- 10-step pathway
- □ Anaerobic
- Occurs in the cytosol
- □ Glucose  $\rightarrow$  2 pyruvic acid molecules
- Three major phases
  - 1. Sugar activation
  - 2. Sugar cleavage
  - 3. Sugar oxidation and ATP formation

# Phases of Glycolysis

- **1**. Sugar activation
  - Glucose is phosphorylated by 2 ATP to form fructose-1,6-bisphosphate

# Phases of Glycolysis

- 2. Sugar cleavage
  - Fructose-1,6-bisphosphate is split into 3-carbon sugars
    - Dihydroxyacetone phosphate
    - Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate

# Phases of Glycolysis

- 3. Sugar oxidation and ATP formation
  - 3-carbon sugars are oxidized (reducing NAD<sup>+</sup>)
  - Inorganic phosphate groups (P<sub>i</sub>) are attached to each oxidized fragment
  - 4 ATP are formed by substrate-level phosphorylation





Figure 24.6 (2 of 3)



Figure 24.6 (3 of 3)

# Glycolysis

#### Final products of glycolysis

- 2 pyruvic acid
  - Converted to lactic acid if O<sub>2</sub> not readily available
  - Enter aerobic pathways if O<sub>2</sub> is readily available
- 2 NADH + H<sup>+</sup> (reduced NAD<sup>+</sup>)
- Net gain of 2 ATP

Occurs in mitochondrial matrix
 Fueled by pyruvic acid and fatty acids

- Transitional phase
  - Each pyruvic acid is converted to acetyl CoA
    - 1. Decarboxylation: removal of 1 C to produce acetic acid and  $CO_2$
    - Oxidation: H<sup>+</sup> is removed from acetic acid and picked up by NAD<sup>+</sup>
    - 3. Acetic acid + coenzyme A forms acetyl CoA

- Coenzyme A shuttles acetic acid to an enzyme of the Krebs cycle
- Each acetic acid is decarboxylated and oxidized, generating:
  - **3** NADH + H<sup>+</sup>
  - 1 FADH<sub>2</sub>
  - **2** CO<sub>2</sub>
  - 1 ATP

- □ Does not directly use O<sub>2</sub>
- Breakdown products of fats and proteins can also enter the cycle
- Cycle intermediates may be used as building materials for anabolic reactions



**Animation: Krebs Cycle** 



Figure 24.7

# Electron Transport Chain and Oxidative Phosphorylation

- □ The part of metabolism that directly uses oxygen
- Chain of proteins bound to metal atoms (cofactors) on inner mitochondrial membrane
- Substrates NADH + H<sup>+</sup> and FADH<sub>2</sub> deliver hydrogen atoms

# Electron Transport Chain and Oxidative Phosphorylation

- □ Hydrogen atoms are split into H<sup>+</sup> and electrons
- Electrons are shuttled along the inner mitochondrial membrane, losing energy at each step
- Released energy is used to pump H<sup>+</sup> into the intermembrane space

# Electron Transport Chain and Oxidative Phosphorylation

- Respiratory enzyme complexes I, III, and IV pump H<sup>+</sup> into the intermembrane space
- □ H<sup>+</sup> diffuses back to the matrix via ATP synthase
- ATP synthase uses released energy to make ATP

#### PLAY Animation: Electron Transport



Figure 24.8

#### Electron Transport Chain and Oxidative Phosphorylation

Electrons are delivered to O, forming O<sup>-</sup>
 O<sup>-</sup> attracts H<sup>+</sup> to form H<sub>2</sub>O






## **Electronic Energy Gradient**

- Transfer of energy from NADH + H<sup>+</sup> and FADH<sub>2</sub> to oxygen releases large amounts of energy
- This energy is released in a stepwise manner through the electron transport chain

# ATP Synthase

- Two major parts connected by a rod
  - 1. Rotor in the inner mitochondrial membrane
  - 2. Knob in the matrix
- Works like an ion pump in reverse





# Glycogenesis and Glycogenolysis

- Glycogenesis
  - Glycogen formation when glucose supplies exceed need for ATP synthesis
  - Mostly in liver and skeletal muscle
- □ Glycogenolysis
  - Glycogen beakdown in response to low blood glucose



#### Gluconeogenesis

- Glucose formation from noncarbohydrate (glycerol and amino acid) molecules
- Mainly in the liver
- Protects against damaging effects of hypoglycemia

- Fat catabolism yields 9 kcal per gram (vs 4 kcal per gram of carbohydrate or protein)
- Most products of fat digestion are transported as chylomicrons and are hydrolyzed by endothelial enzymes into fatty acids and glycerol

- Only triglycerides are routinely oxidized for energy
  The two building blocks are oxidized separately
  Glycerol pathway
  - Glycerol pathway
  - Fatty acid pathway

Glycerol is converted to glyceraldehyde phosphate
 Enters the Krebs cycle
 Equivalent to <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> glucose

□ Fatty acids undergo beta oxidation, which produces

- Two-carbon acetic acid fragments, which enter the Krebs cycle
- Reduced coenzymes, which enter the electron transport chain



#### Lipogenesis

- Triglyceride synthesis occurs when cellular ATP and glucose levels are high
- Glucose is easily converted into fat because acetyl CoA is
  - An intermediate in glucose catabolism
  - A starting point for fatty acid synthesis

# Lipolysis

#### □ The reverse of lipogenesis

- Oxaloacetic acid is necessary for complete oxidation of fat
  - Without it, acetyl CoA is converted by ketogenesis in the liver into ketone bodies (ketones)



# Synthesis of Structural Materials

- Phospholipids for cell membranes and myelin
- Cholesterol for cell membranes and steroid hormone synthesis
- □ In the liver
  - Synthesis of transport lipoproteins for cholesterol and fats
  - Synthesis of cholesterol from acetyl CoA
  - Use of cholesterol to form bile salts

#### Protein Metabolism

When dietary protein is in excess, amino acids are
 Oxidized for energy
 Converted into fat for storage

## Oxidation of Amino Acids

- □ First deaminated; then converted into
  - Pyruvic acid
  - A keto acid intermediate of the Krebs cycle
- Events include transamination, oxidative deamination, and keto acid modification



Excreted in urine

During

## Protein Synthesis

- Is hormonally controlled
- Requires a complete set of amino acids
  - Essential amino acids must be provided in the diet

## Catabolic-Anabolic Steady State

- □ A dynamic state in which
  - Organic molecules (except DNA) are continuously broken down and rebuilt
  - Organs have different fuel preferences

#### Nutrient Pools

- Three interconvertible pools
  - Amino acids
  - Carbohydrates
  - Fats

## Amino Acid Pool

- Body's total supply of free amino acids
- □ Source for
  - Resynthesizing body proteins
  - Forming amino acid derivatives
  - Gluconeogenesis



## Carbohydrate and Fat Pools

- Easily interconverted through key intermediates
- Differ from the amino acid pool in that:
  - Fats and carbohydrates are oxidized directly to produce energy
  - Excess carbohydrate and fat can be stored



## Absorptive and Postabsorptive States

- Absorptive (fed) state
  - During and shortly after eating
  - Absorption of nutrients is occurring
- Postabsorptive (fasting) state
  - When the GI tract is empty
  - Energy sources are supplied by breakdown of reserves

# Absorptive State

- Anabolism exceeds catabolism
- Carbohydrates
  - Glucose is the major energy fuel
  - Glucose is converted to glycogen or fat

## **Absorptive State**

Fats

- Lipoprotein lipase hydrolyzes lipids of chylomicrons in muscle and fat tissues
- Most glycerol and fatty acids are converted to triglycerides for storage
- Triglycerides are used by adipose tissue, liver, and skeletal and cardiac muscle as a primary energy source

#### **Absorptive State**

Proteins

- Excess amino acids are deaminated and used for ATP synthesis or stored as fat in the liver
- Most amino acids are used in protein synthesis





(b) Principal pathways of the absorptive state

Figure 24.19b

## Absorptive State: Hormonal Control

Insulin secretion is stimulated by
 Elevated blood levels of glucose and amino acids
 GIP and parasympathetic stimulation

#### Insulin Effects on Metabolism

- Insulin, a hypoglycemic hormone, enhances
  - Facilitated diffusion of glucose into muscle and adipose cells
  - Glucose oxidation
  - Glycogen and triglyceride formation
  - Active transport of amino acids into tissue cells
  - Protein synthesis


#### Postabsorptive State

- Catabolism of fat, glycogen, and proteins exceeds anabolism
- Goal is to maintain blood glucose between meals
  Makes glucose available to the blood
  - Promotes use of fats for energy (glucose sparing)

### Sources of Blood Glucose

- 1. Glycogenolysis in the liver
- 2. Glycogenolysis in skeletal muscle
- 3. Lipolysis in adipose tissues and the liver
  - Glycerol is used for gluconeogenesis in the liver

### Sources of Blood Glucose

- Catabolism of cellular protein during prolonged fasting
  - Amino acids are deaminated and used for gluconeogenesis in the liver and (later) in the kidneys



(a) Major events of the postabsorptive state



(b) Principal pathways of the postabsorptive state

Figure 24.21b

#### Postabsorptive State: Hormonal Controls

Glucagon release is stimulated by
 Declining blood glucose
 Rising amino acid levels

# Effects of Glucagon

□ Glucagon, a hyperglycemic hormone, promotes

- Glycogenolysis and gluconeogenesis in the liver
- Lipolysis in adipose tissue
- Modulation of glucose effects after a high-protein, lowcarbohydrate meal



Figure 24.22

### Postabsorptive State: Neural Controls

- In response to low plasma glucose, or during fightor-flight or exercise, the sympathetic nervous system and epinephrine from the adrenal medulla promote
   Fat mobilization
  - Glycogenolysis

### Metabolic Role of the Liver

- Hepatocytes
  - Process nearly every class of nutrient
  - Play a major role in regulating plasma cholesterol levels
  - Store vitamins and minerals
  - Metabolize alcohol, drugs, hormones, and bilirubin

### Cholesterol

- Structural basis of bile salts, steroid hormones, and vitamin D
- Major component of plasma membranes
- Makes up part of the hedgehog signaling molecule that directs embryonic development
- Transported in lipoprotein complexes containing triglycerides, phospholipids, cholesterol, and protein

### Lipoproteins

- Types of lipoproteins
  - HDLs (high-density lipoproteins)
    - The highest protein content
  - LDLs (low-density lipoproteins)
    - Cholesterol-rich
  - VLDLs (very low density lipoproteins)
    - Mostly triglycerides
  - Chylomicrons



Figure 24.23

## Lipoproteins

- VLDLs
  - Transport triglycerides to peripheral tissues (mostly adipose)
- □ LDLs
  - Transport cholesterol to peripheral tissues for membranes, storage, or hormone synthesis
- □ HDLs
  - Transport excess cholesterol from peripheral tissues to the liver to be broken down and secreted into bile
  - Also provide cholesterol to steroid-producing organs

#### Lipoproteins

- High levels of HDL are thought to protect against heart attack
- High levels of LDL, especially lipoprotein (a) increase the risk of heart attack

- □ The liver produces cholesterol
  - At a basal level regardless of dietary cholesterol intake
  - In response to saturated fatty acids

Saturated fatty acids
 Stimulate liver synthesis of cholesterol
 Inhibit cholesterol excretion from the body
 Unsaturated fatty acids
 Enhance excretion of cholesterol

□ Trans fats

Increase LDLs and reduce HDLs

- Unsaturated omega-3 fatty acids (found in coldwater fish)
  - Lower the proportions of saturated fats and cholesterol
  - Have antiarrhythmic effects on the heart
  - Help prevent spontaneous clotting
  - Lower blood pressure

#### Non-Dietary Factors Affecting Cholesterol

- Stress, cigarette smoking, and coffee lower HDL levels
- Aerobic exercise and estrogen increase HDL levels and decrease LDL levels
- Body shape
  - Apple": Fat carried on the upper body is correlated with high cholesterol and LDL levels
  - "Pear": Fat carried on the hips and thighs is correlated with lower cholesterol and LDL levels

# **Energy Balance**

- Bond energy released from food must equal the total energy output
- Energy intake = the energy liberated during food oxidation
- Energy output
  - Immediately lost as heat (~60%)
  - Used to do work (driven by ATP)
  - Stored as fat or glycogen

# **Energy Balance**

Heat energy

- Cannot be used to do work
- Warms the tissues and blood
- Helps maintain the homeostatic body temperature
- Allows metabolic reactions to occur efficiently

# Obesity

- Body mass index (BMI) = wt (lb) × 705/ht (inches)<sup>2</sup>
- □ Considered overweight if BMI is 25 to 30
- Considered obese if BMI is greater than 30
  - Higher incidence of atherosclerosis, diabetes mellitus, hypertension, heart disease, and osteoarthritis

### **Regulation of Food Intake**

- Two distinct sets of hypothalamic neurons
  - 1. LHA neurons promote hunger when stimulated by neuropeptides (e.g., NPY)
  - VMN neurons cause satiety through release of CRH when stimulated by appetite-suppressing peptides (e.g., POMC and CART peptides)

### **Regulation of Food Intake**

- Factors that affect brain thermoreceptors and chemoreceptors
  - Neural signals from the digestive tract
  - Bloodborne signals related to body energy stores
  - Hormones
  - To a lesser extent, body temperature and psychological factors

# Short-Term Regulation of Food Intake

- Neural signals
  - High protein content of meal increases and prolongs afferent vagal signals
  - Distension sends signals along the vagus nerve that suppress the hunger center

# Short-Term Regulation of Food Intake

- Nutrient signals
  - Increased nutrient levels in the blood depress eating
    - Blood glucose
    - Amino acids
    - Fatty acids

# Short-Term Regulation of Food Intake

Hormones

- Gut hormones (e.g., insulin and CCK) depress hunger
- Glucagon and epinephrine stimulate hunger
- Ghrelin (Ghr) from the stomach stimulates appetite just before a meal

# Long-Term Regulation of Food Intake

Leptin

- Hormone secreted by fat cells in response to increased body fat mass
- Indicator of total energy stores in fat tissue
- Protects against weight loss in times of nutritional deprivation

# Long-Term Regulation of Food Intake

Leptin

- Acts on the ARC neurons in the hypothalamus
- Suppresses the secretion of NPY, a potent appetite stimulant
- Stimulates the expression of appetite suppressants (e.g., CART peptides)



Figure 24.24

# Long-Term Regulation of Food Intake

- Additional factors
  - Temperature
  - Stress
  - Psychological factors
  - Adenovirus infections
  - Sleep deprivation

#### Metabolic Rate

- Total heat produced by chemical reactions and mechanical work of the body
- Measured directly with a calorimeter or indirectly with a respirometer

#### Metabolic Rate

- □ Basal metabolic rate (BMR)
  - Reflects the energy the body needs to perform its most essential activities

### Factors that Influence BMR

- As the ratio of body surface area to volume increases, BMR increases
- Decreases with age
- Increases with temperature or stress
- Males have a disproportionately higher BMR
- Thyroxine increases oxygen consumption, cellular respiration, and BMR

#### Metabolic Rate

- Total metabolic rate (TMR)
  - Rate of kilocalorie consumption to fuel all ongoing activities
  - Increases with skeletal muscle activity and food ingestion
# Regulation of Body Temperature

- Body temperature reflects the balance between heat production and heat loss
- At rest, the liver, heart, brain, kidneys, and endocrine organs generate most heat
- During exercise, heat production from skeletal muscles increases dramatically

### **Regulation of Body Temperature**

Normal body temperature = 37°C ± 5°C (98.6°F)
 Optimal enzyme activity occurs at this temperature
 Increased temperature denatures proteins and depresses neurons



**Figure 24.25** 

### Core and Shell Temperature

- Organs in the core have the highest temperature
- Blood is the major agent of heat exchange between the core and the shell
- □ Core temperature is regulated
- Core temperature remains relatively constant, while shell temperature fluctuates substantially (20°C– 40°C)

# Mechanisms of Heat Exchange

- □ Four mechanisms
  - Radiation is the loss of heat in the form of infrared rays
  - 2. Conduction is the transfer of heat by direct contact
  - 3. Convection is the transfer of heat to the surrounding air
  - 4. Evaporation is the heat loss due to the evaporation of water from body surfaces



Figure 24.26

#### Mechanisms of Heat Exchange

- Insensible heat loss accompanies insensible water loss from lungs, oral mucosa, and skin
- Evaporative heat loss becomes sensible (active) when body temperature rises and sweating increases water vaporization

# Role of the Hypothalamus

- Preoptic region of the hypothalamus contains the two thermoregulatory centers
  - Heat-loss center
  - Heat-promoting center

# Role of the Hypothalamus

- The hypothalamus receives afferent input from
  Peripheral thermoreceptors in the skin
  - Central thermoreceptors (some in the hypothalamus)
- Initiates appropriate heat-loss and heat-promoting activities

# Heat-Promoting Mechanisms

- Constriction of cutaneous blood vessels
- □ Shivering
- Increased metabolic rate via epinephrine and norepinephrine
- Enhanced thyroxine release

# Heat-Promoting Mechanisms

- Voluntary measures include
  - Putting on more clothing
  - Drinking hot fluids
  - Changing posture or increasing physical activity

#### Heat-Loss Mechanisms

- Dilation of cutaneous blood vessels
- Enhanced sweating
- Voluntary measures include
  - Reducing activity and seeking a cooler environment
  - Wearing light-colored and loose-fitting clothing

Skin blood vessels dilate: capillaries become flushed with warm blood; heat radiates from skin surface

Activates heatloss center in hypothalamus Stimulus Increased body temperature; blood warmer than hypothalamic set point\_\_\_

Sweat glands activated: secrete perspiration, which is vaporized by body heat, helping to cool the body

Body temperature decreases: blood temperature declines and hypothalamus heat-loss center "shuts off"

set point Homeostasis: Normal body temperature (35.8°C–38.2°C)

IMBALANCE

Figure 24.27, step 1



Figure 24.27, step 2

### Homeostatic Imbalance

- □ Hyperthermia
  - Elevated body temperature depresses the hypothalamus
  - Positive-feedback mechanism (heat stroke) begins at core temperature of 41°C
  - Can be fatal if not corrected

### Homeostatic Imbalance

- Heat exhaustion
  - Heat-associated collapse after vigorous exercise
  - Due to dehydration and low blood pressure
  - Heat-loss mechanisms are still functional
  - May progress to heat stroke

### Homeostatic Imbalance

Hypothermia

- Low body temperature where vital signs decrease
- Shivering stops at core temperature of 30 32°C
- Can progress to coma a death by cardiac arrest at ~ 21°C

#### Fever

- Controlled hyperthermia
- Due to infection (also cancer, allergies, or CNS injuries)
- Macrophages release interleukins ("pyrogens") that cause the release of prostaglandins from the hypothalamus

#### Fever

- Prostaglandins reset the hypothalamic thermostat higher
- Natural body defenses or antibiotics reverse the disease process; cryogens (e.g., vasopressin) reset the thermostat to a lower (normal) level

# **Developmental Aspects**

- □ Lack of proteins in utero and in the first three years → mental deficits and learning disorders
- □ Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus and genetic disorders → metabolic problems in children
- Non-insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus may occur in middle and old age, especially in obese people
- Metabolic rate declines throughout the life span

#### **Developmental Aspects**

- Many medications for age-related problems influence nutrition:
  - Diuretics for heart failure and hypertension increase the risk of hypokalemia
  - Some antibiotics interfere with digestion and absorption
  - Mineral oil (laxative) decrease absorption of fat-soluble vitamins
  - Excessive alcohol consumption may lead to malabsorption, vitamin and mineral deficiencies, deranged metabolism, damage to liver and pancreas

### **Developmental Aspects**

Nonenzymatic binding of glucose to proteins increases with age, leading to lens clouding and general tissue stiffening