



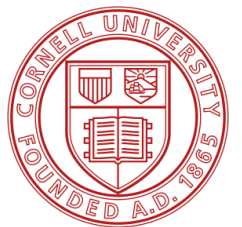
Renal electrolyte handling

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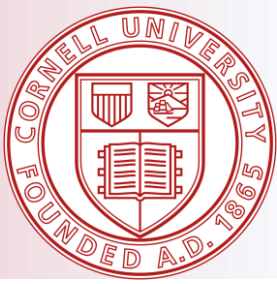
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Sodium balance

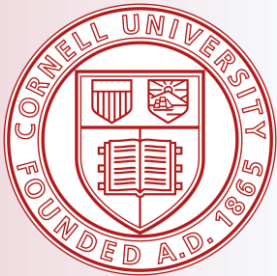
Potassium balance

Phosphate balance

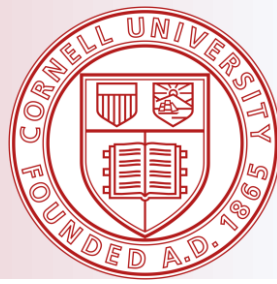
Calcium balance

Magnesium balance

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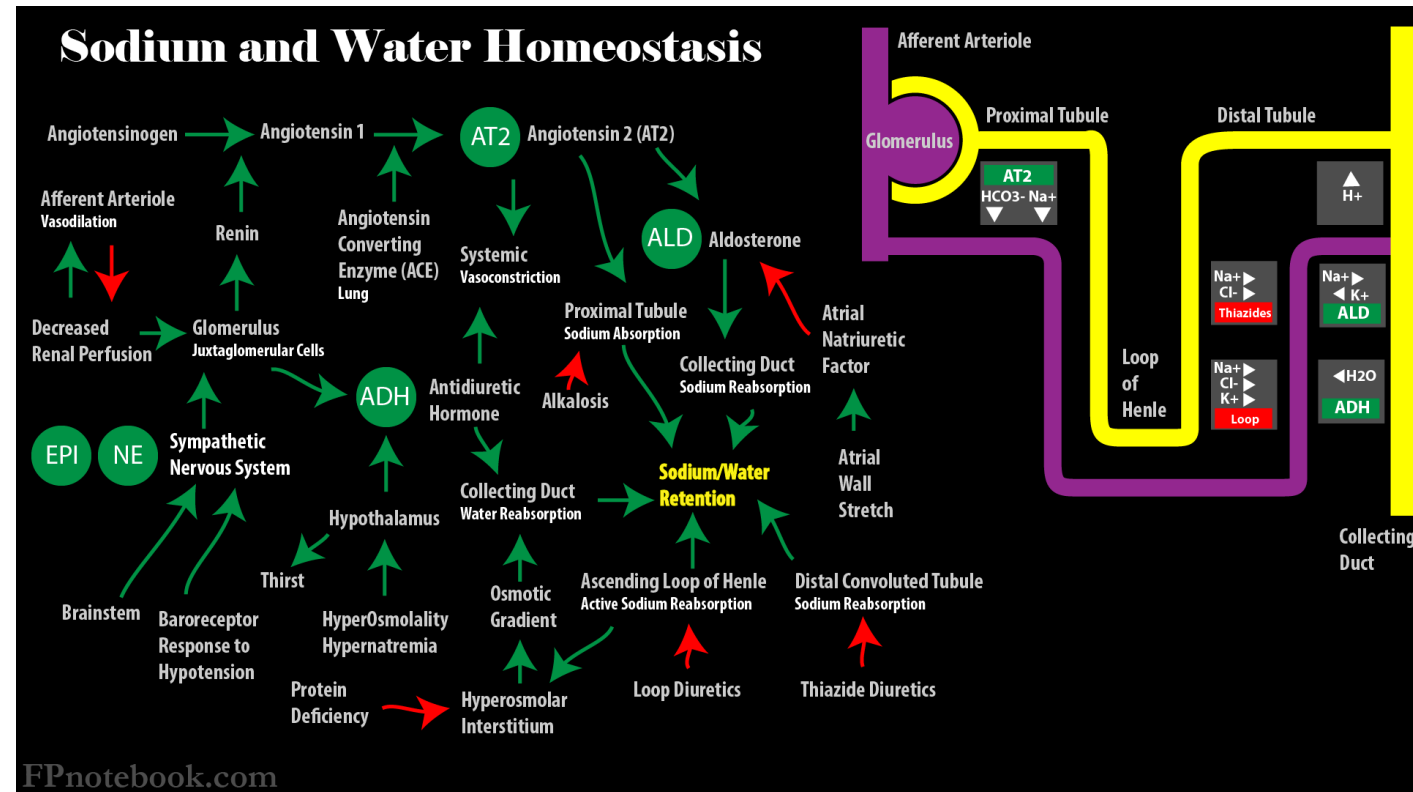


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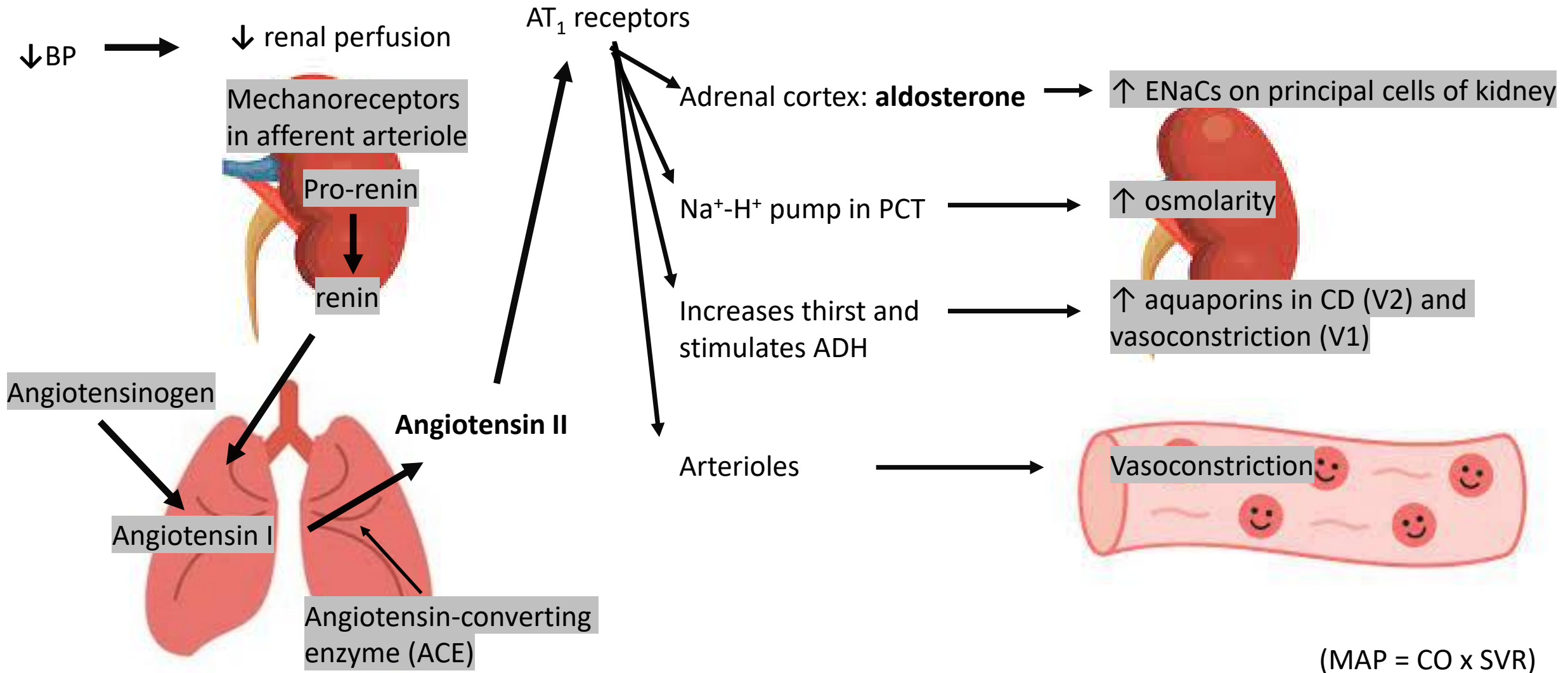
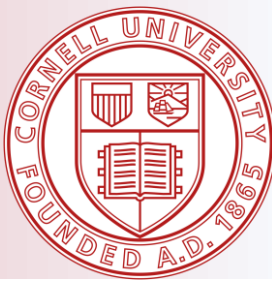
Major intracellular ion

Serum levels tightly regulated

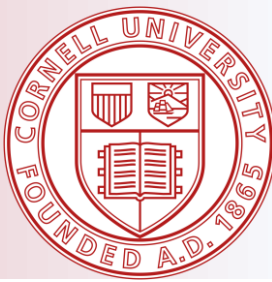
- Aldosterone
- ADH
- Angiotensin II
- PTH
- Catecholamines
- ANP



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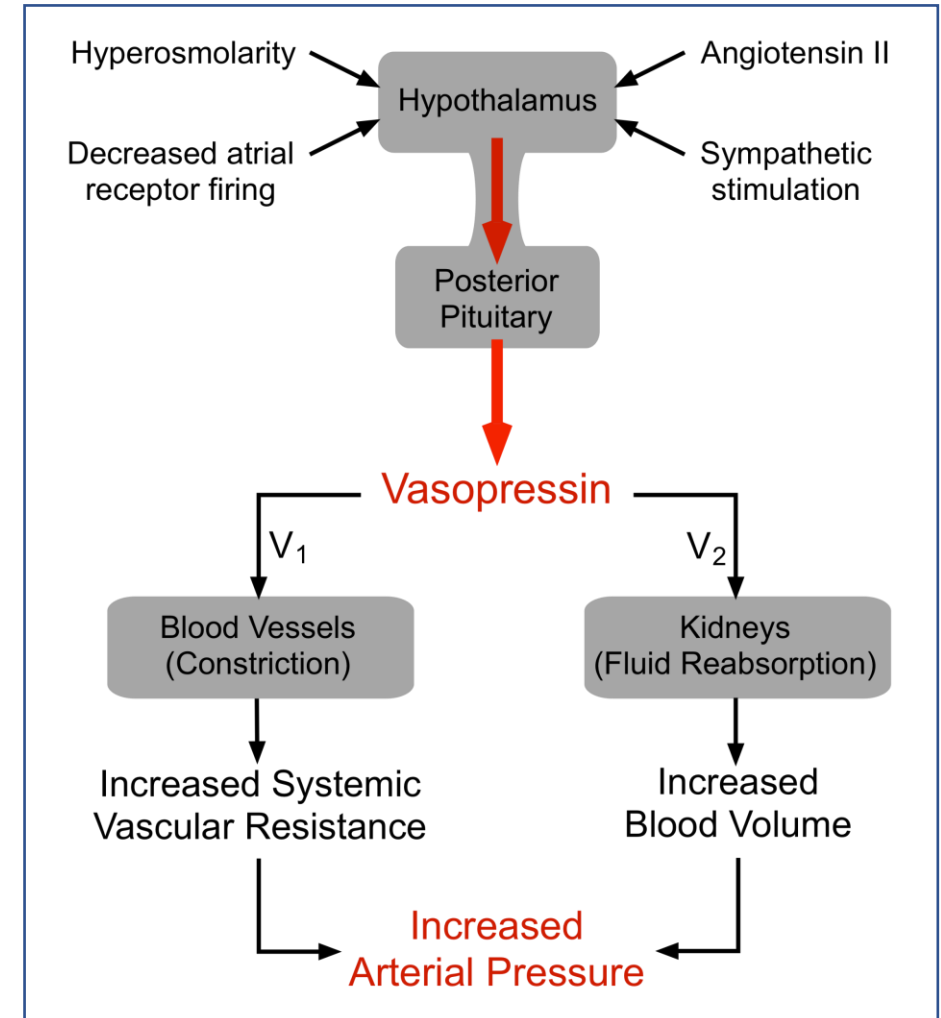
ADH

In response to 2 stimuli:

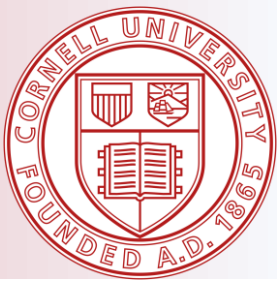
- \uparrow serum osmolarity
- \downarrow in blood volume and BP

2 receptors:

- V_1 – present in smooth muscle \rightarrow vasoconstriction $\rightarrow \uparrow$ TPR
- V_2 – principal cells in CD $\rightarrow \uparrow$ AQ1 \rightarrow H₂O reabsorption

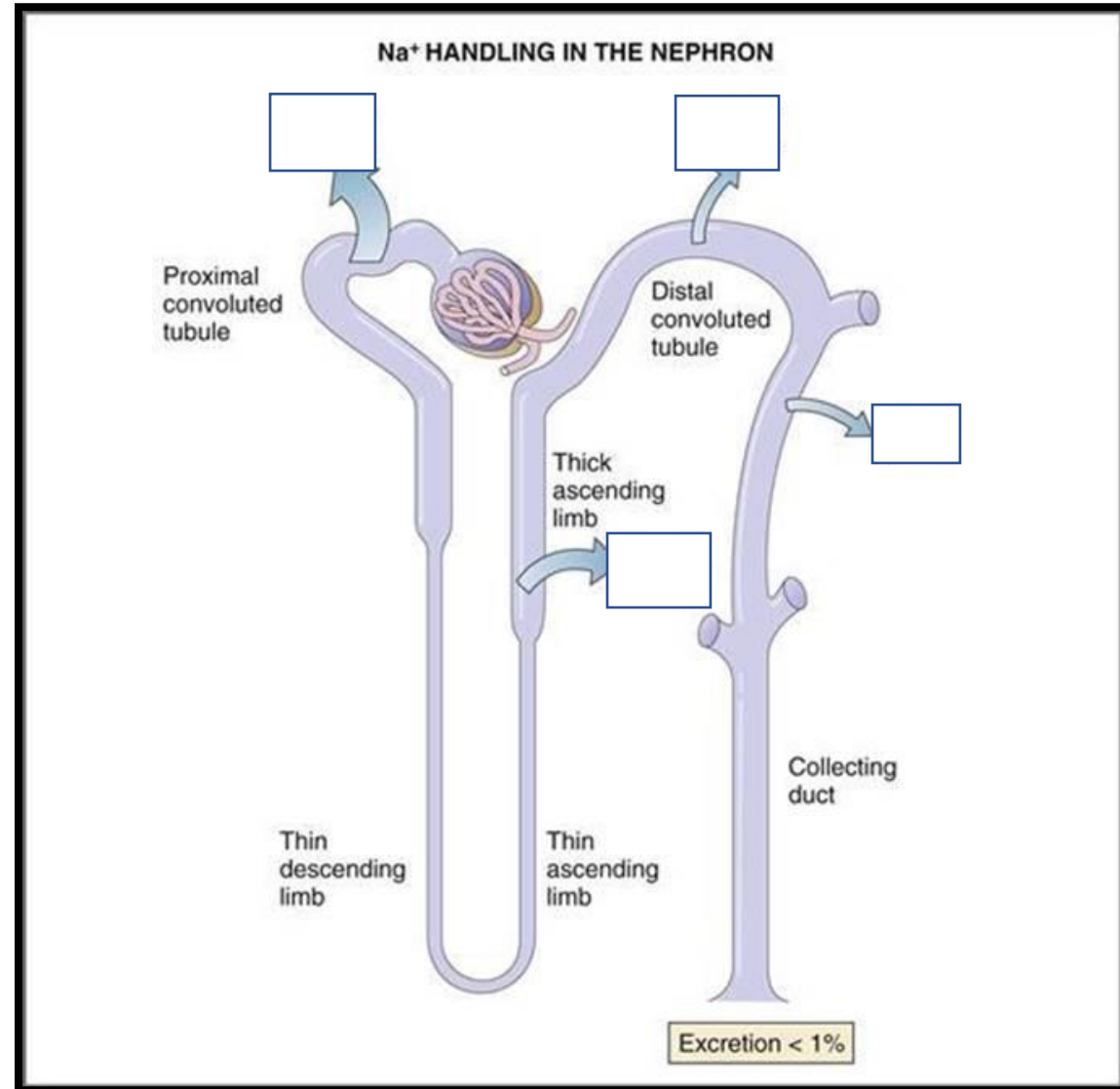


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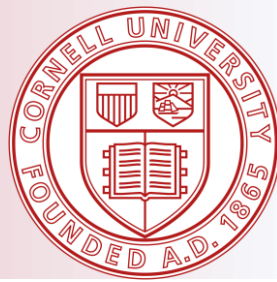


Renal handling of sodium

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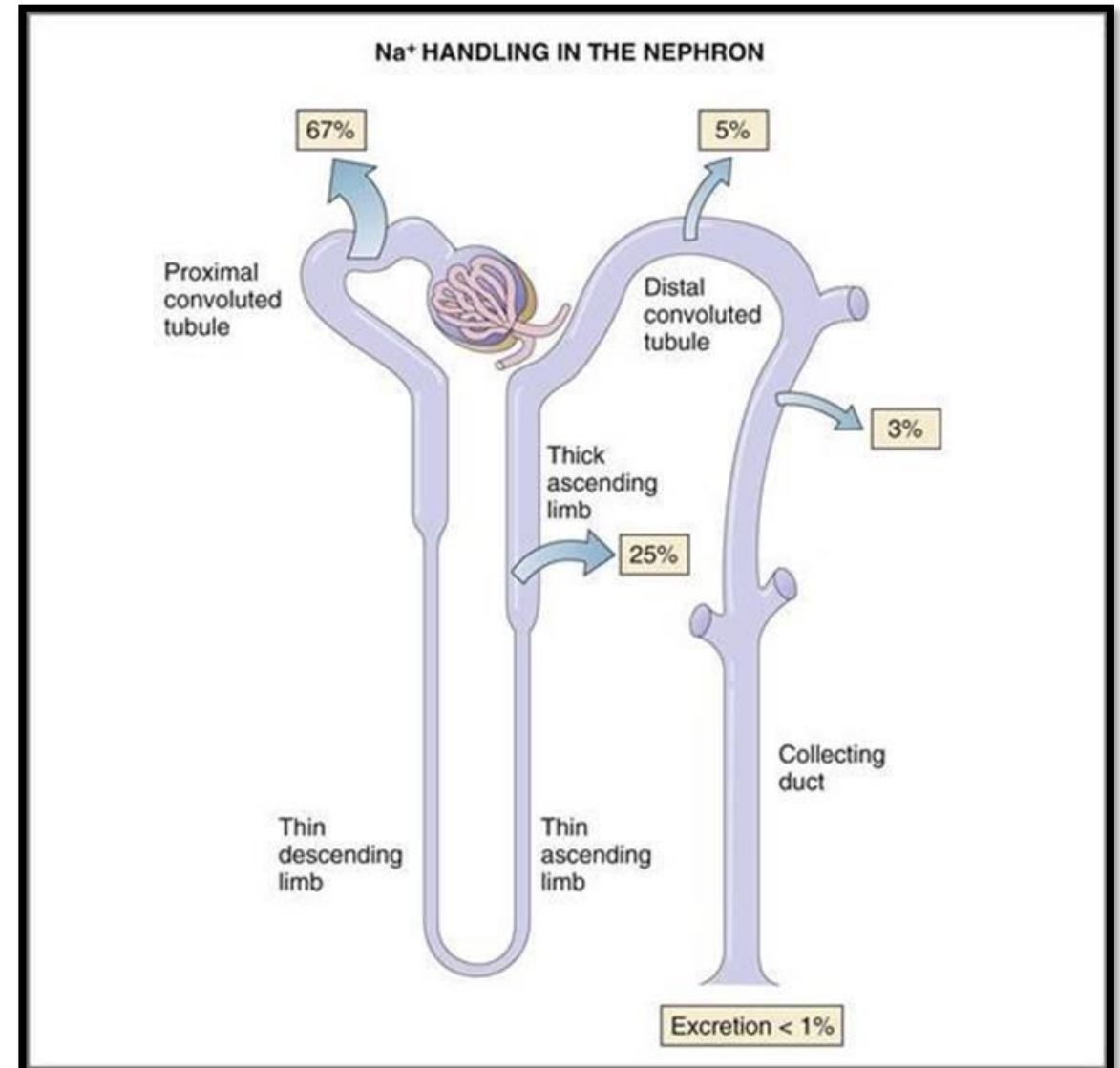


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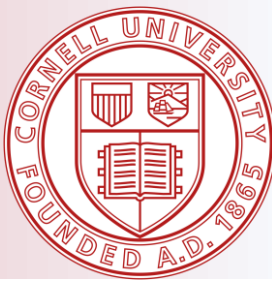
Na^+ is freely filtered

Net reabsorption 99%

- PCT – 67%
- Thick ascending LOH – 25%
- Early DCT – 5%
- Late DCT and CD – fine tuning - 3%

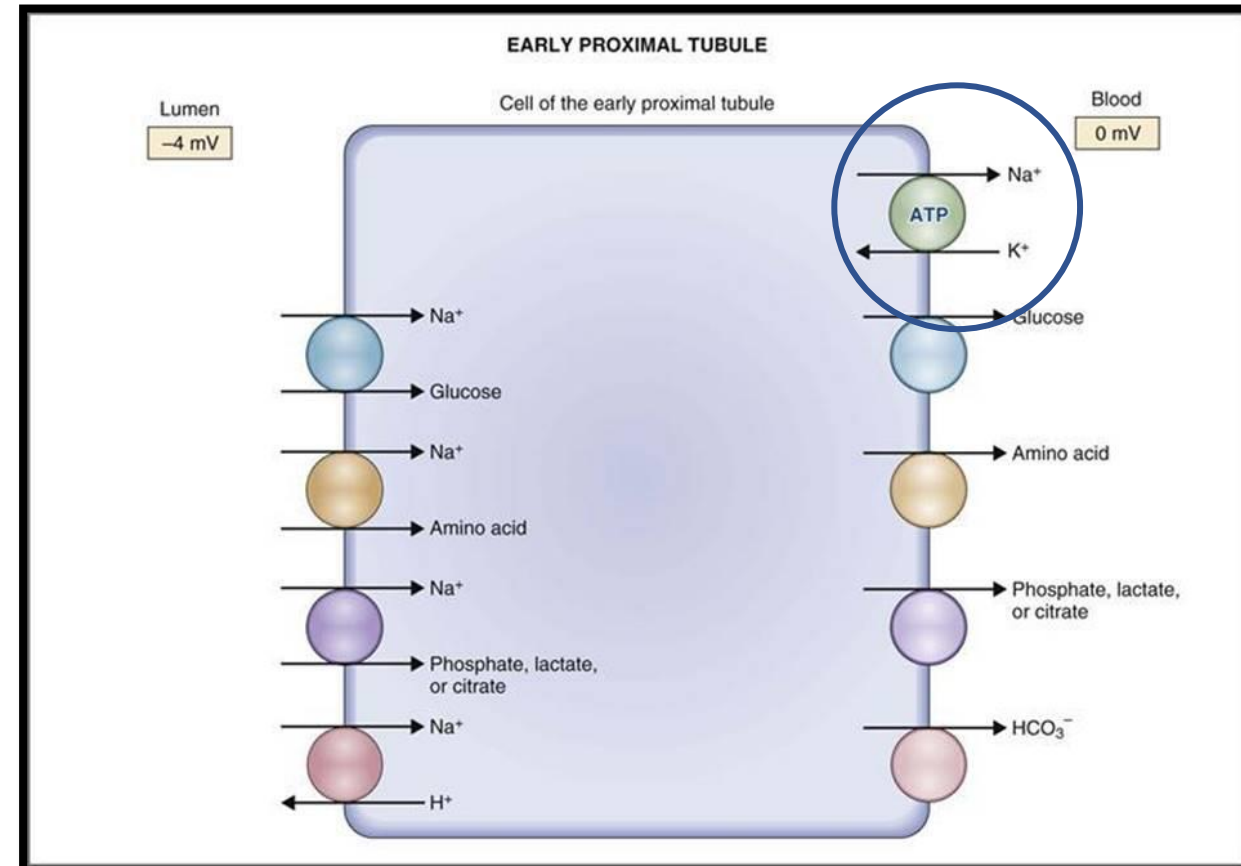


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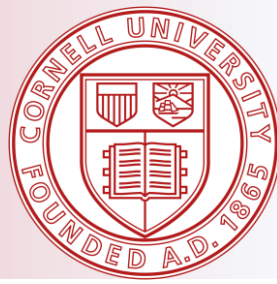


Na⁺-K⁺ pump

- Basolateral membrane
- Na⁺ out of the cell
- Keeps intracellular Na⁺ lower than lumen
- Maintains **lumen positive potential**
- Key provider of energy for other transport mechanisms



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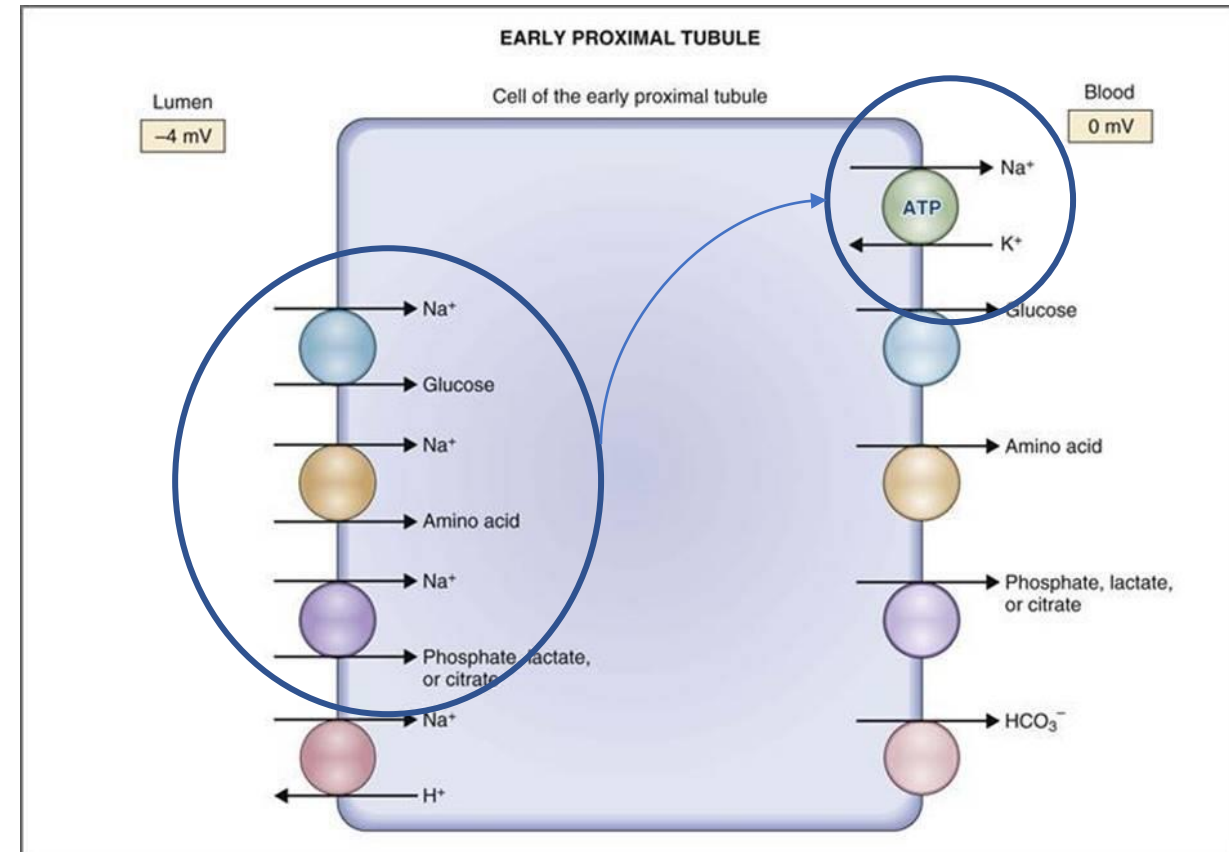


Proximal convoluted tubule

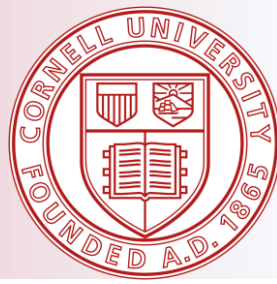
- 67% of Na^+
- Water always follows – isosmotic reabsorption

Early PCT

- Cotransport with glucose, Amino acids, P^+ , lactate and citrate
- Na^+ into the cell down electrochemical gradient
- Then extruded into bloodstream via Na^+ - K^+ ATPase



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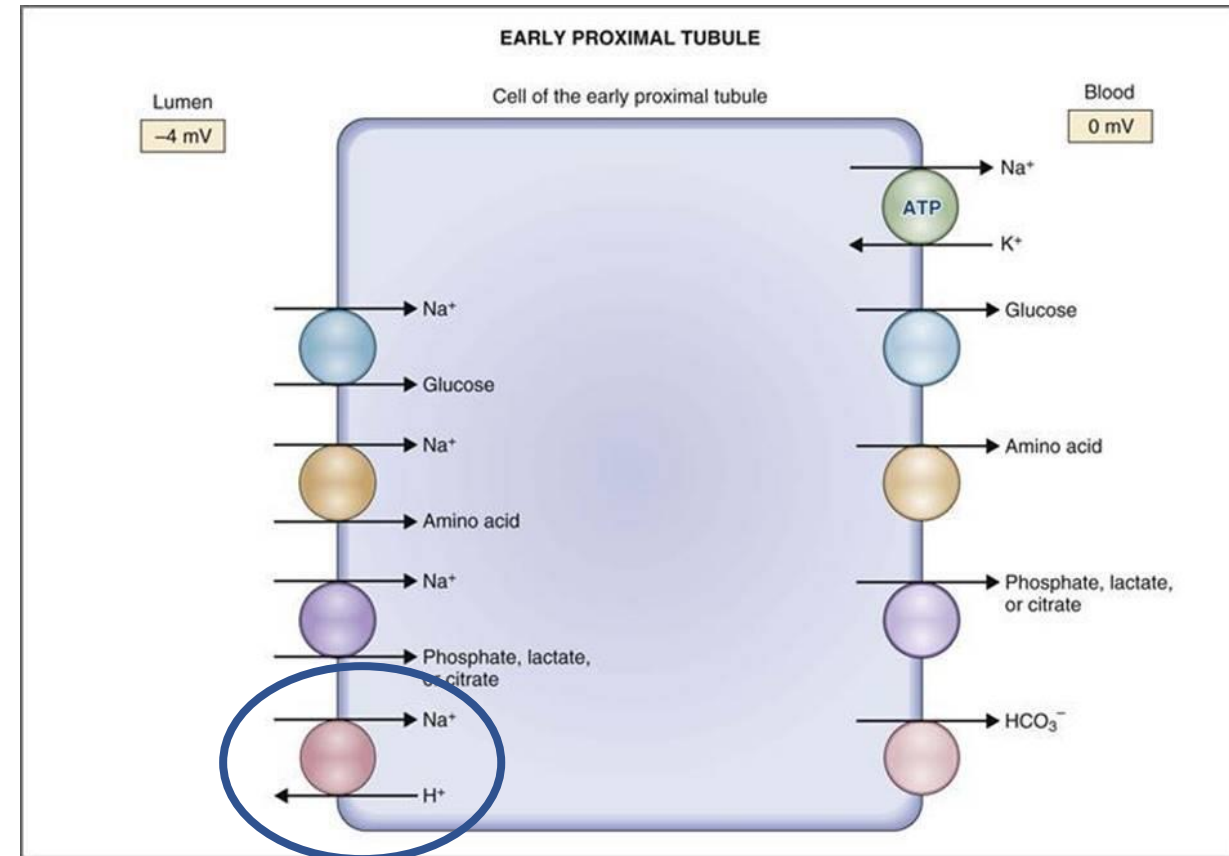


Na⁺- H⁺ pump

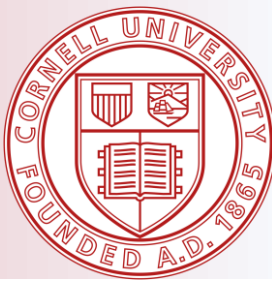
- H⁺ into lumen and combines with HCO₃⁻ → CO₂ and H₂O → back into cell → converts into H⁺ and HCO₃⁻
- HCO₃⁻ reabsorbed, H⁺ is pumped back out by Na⁺- H⁺
 - Result - Reabsorption of filtered HCO₃⁻

Result of these transport mechanisms:

- 100% glucose and amino-acids reabsorbed
- 85% HCO₃⁻ is reabsorbed
- Most P⁺, Lac and citrate reabsorbed
- **Lumen-positive potential difference** across the cells created by Na⁺

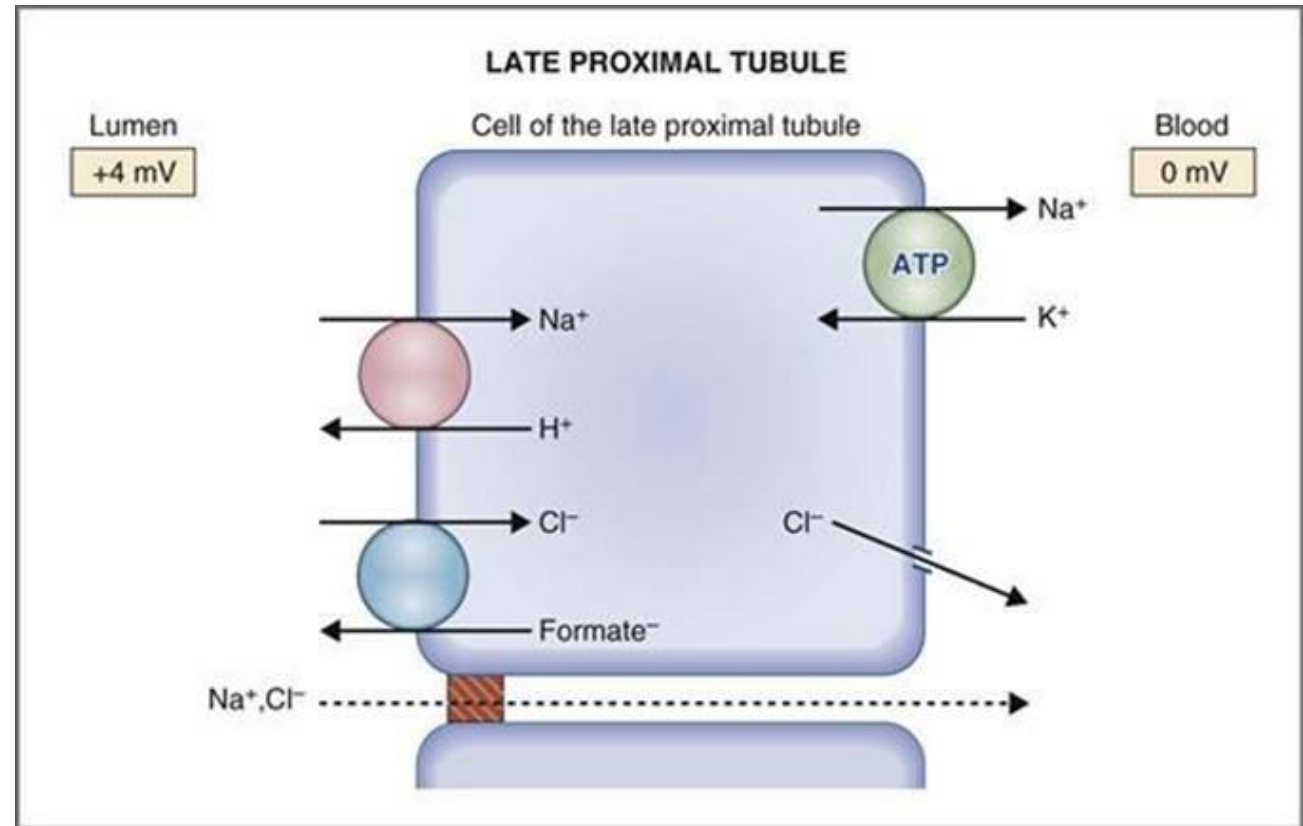


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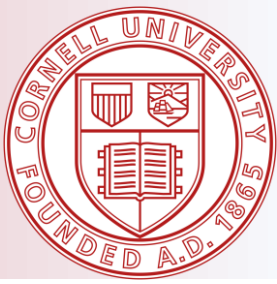


Late PCT

- High Cl^- concentration since HCO_3^- and H_2O have been preferentially absorbed
- This segment absorbs primarily NaCl by 2 mechanisms:
 - Na^+ - H^+ exchanger
 - Cl^- -formate anion exchanger
- Both transport NaCl in
 - Na^+ extruded into blood via Na^+ - K^+ ATPase and Cl^- by diffusion

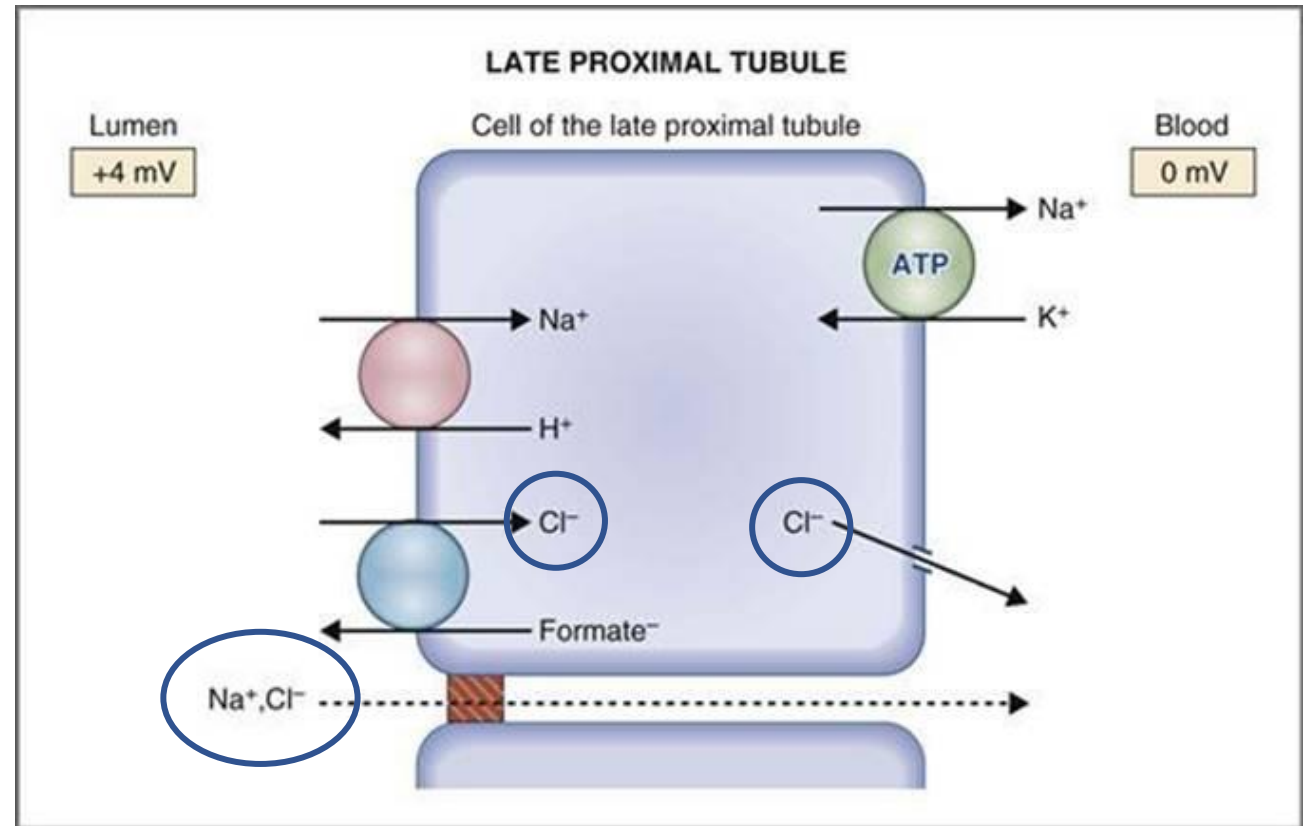


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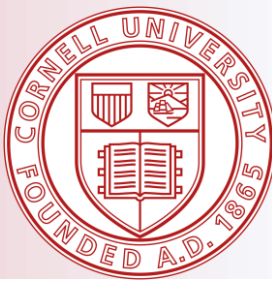


Paracellular route

- High Cl^- in lumen creates a gradient that stimulates diffusion
- This creates a Cl^- diffusion potential making the lumen more positive
- Na^+ follows driven by the lumen positive potential difference



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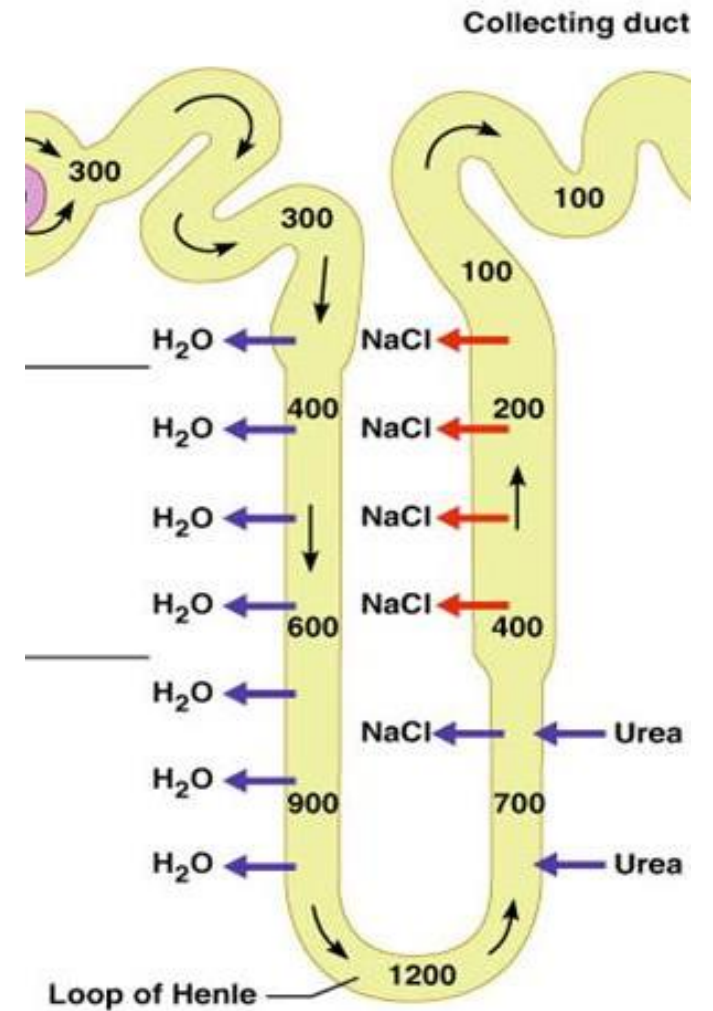
Loop of Henle

Thin descending limb

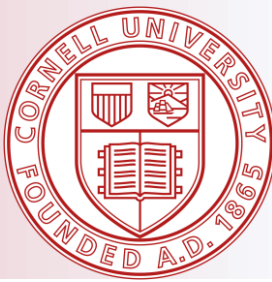
- High permeability to Na^+ , urea and H_2O
 - Na^+ and Cl^- are passively reabsorbed
 - Concentrating segment

Thin ascending limb

- Impermeable to H_2O



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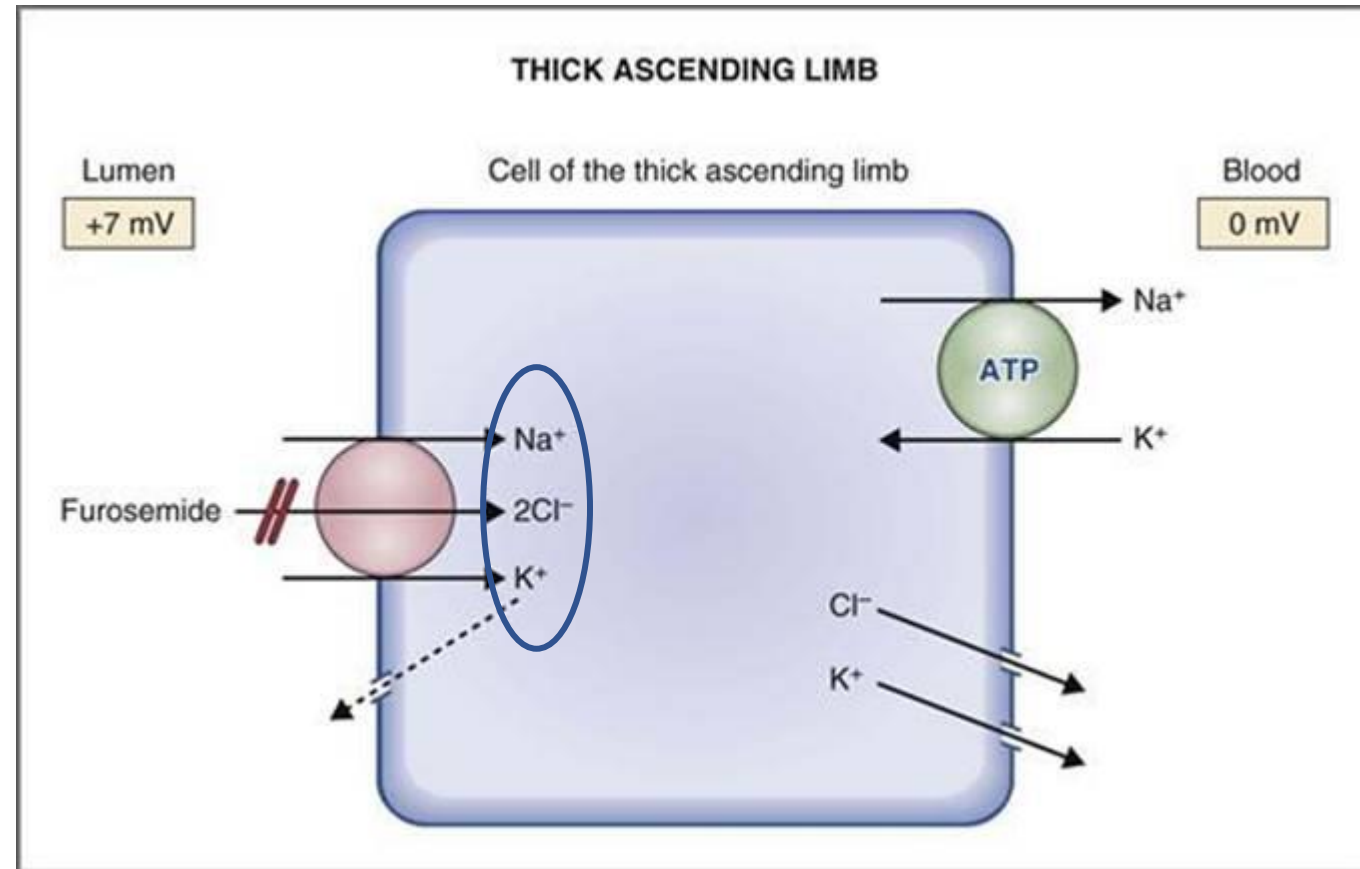


Thick ascending limb

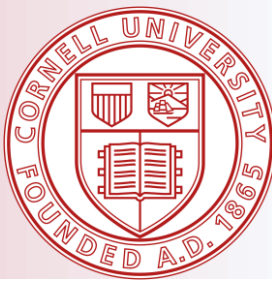
- Reabsorbs 25% of Na^+
- Load dependent mechanism

Na-K-2Cl⁻ pump

- Secondary active pump
- All 3 ions into the cell
 - Na^+ out via Na^+ - K^+ ATPase
 - Cl^- and K^+ diffuse via basolateral channels following gradients
 - Some K^+ diffuses back into the lumen
- Net effect: slightly more positive charge into the cell
- Maintains lumen positive potential
 - Driving force for Ca^+ and Mg^+



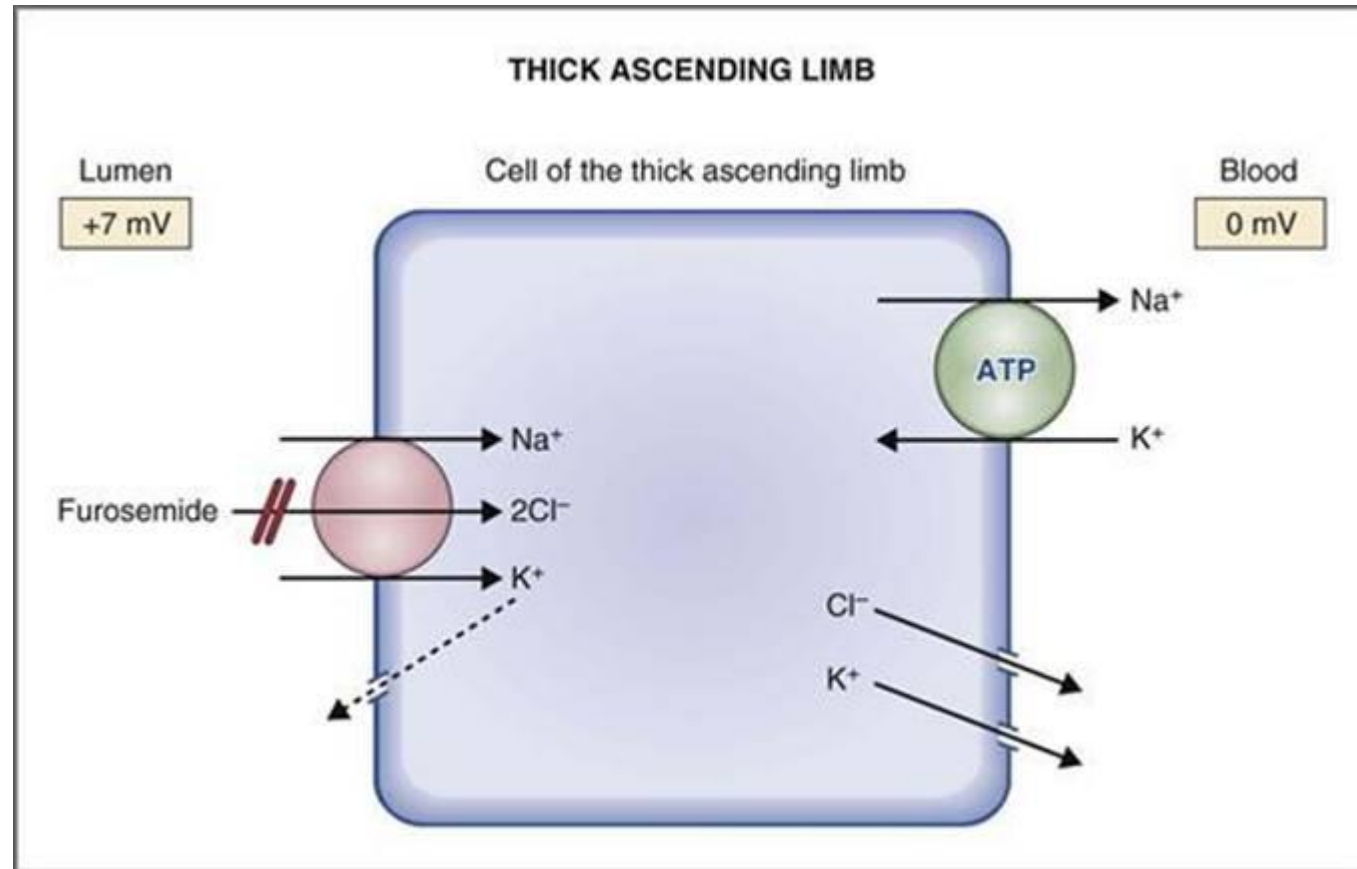
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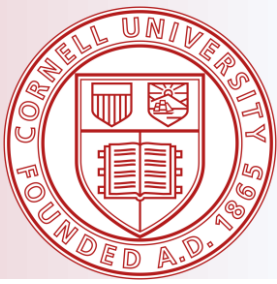
$\text{Na}^+\text{-K}^+\text{-2Cl}^-$ pump

Loop diuretics and $\text{Na}^+\text{-K}^+\text{-2Cl}^-$ pump

- Attach to Cl^- binding site – all 3 cotransporters stop working
- Maximal dosages – all reabsorption stops



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State-of-the-Art Review

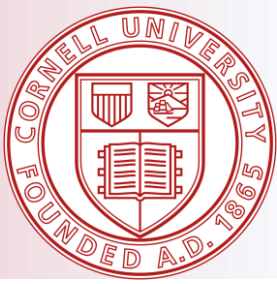
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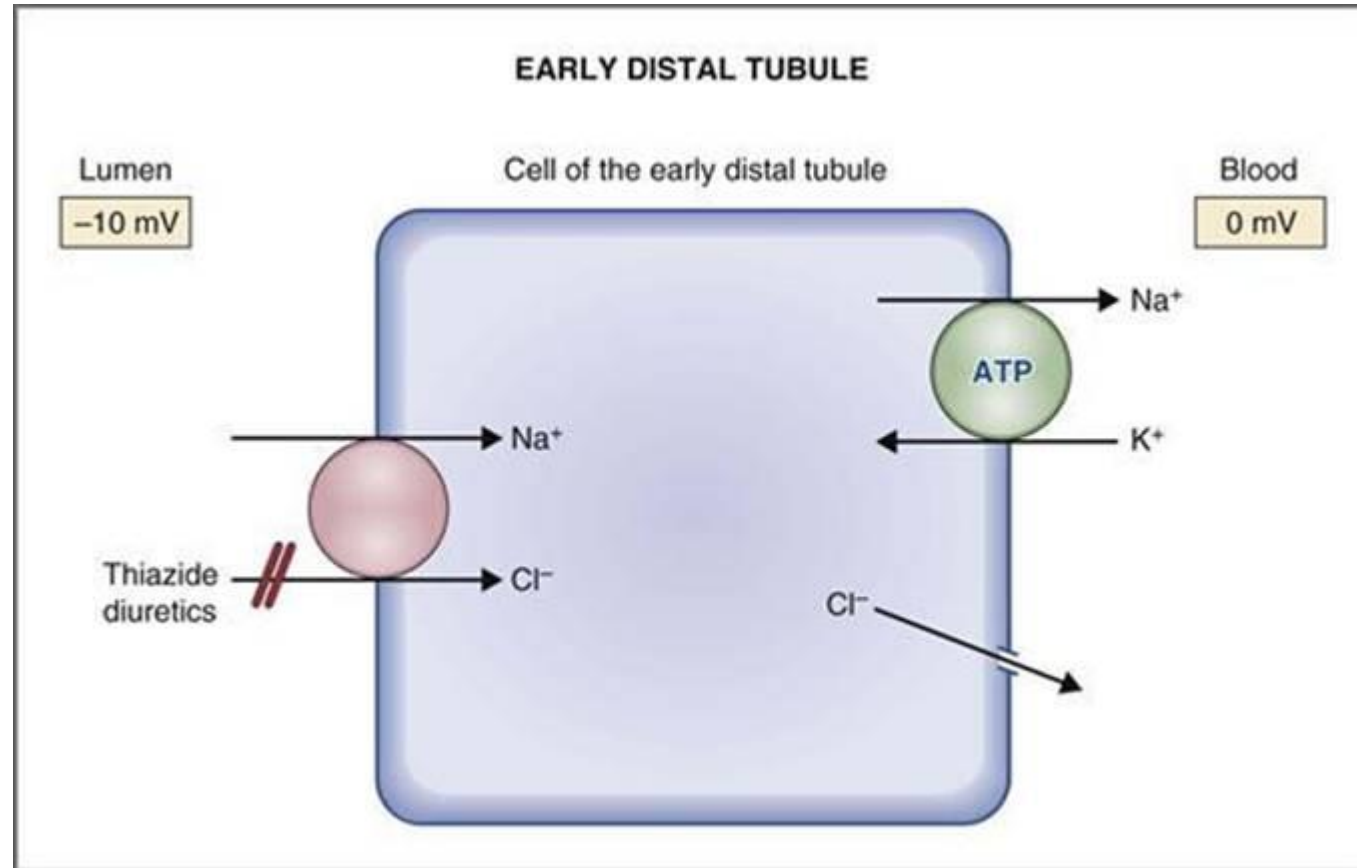


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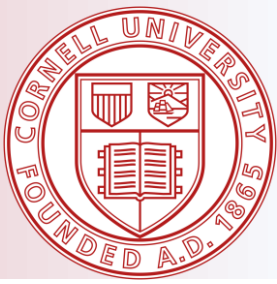
- Reabsorbs 8%
- Reabsorption load dependent

Early DCT

- Impermeable to H_2O
- Reabsorbs 5% of Na^+ via $NaCl$ cotransporter
- The energy derives from the Na^+ gradient
- Both ions enter the cell
- Na^+ into blood via Na^+-K^+ ATPase
- Cl^- diffuses via basolateral channel
- Electroneutral pump
- Inhibited by thiazide diuretics (Cl^- site)



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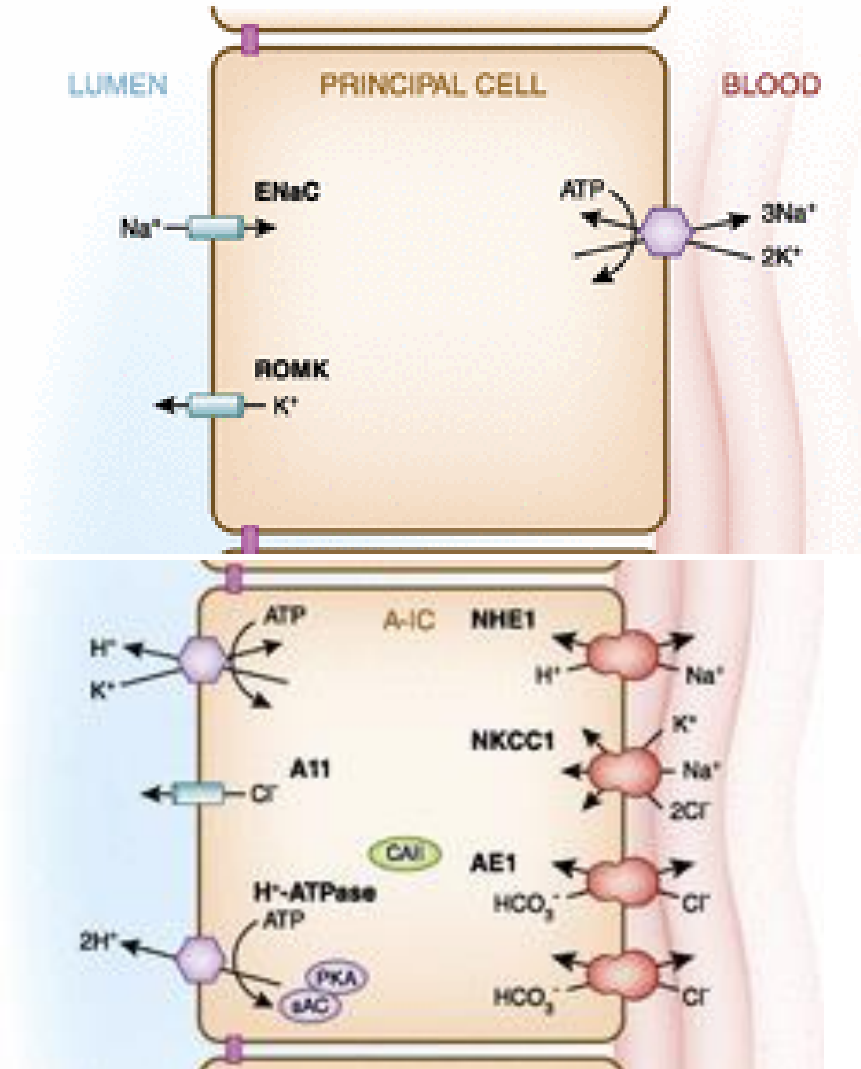


Late DCT and collecting duct

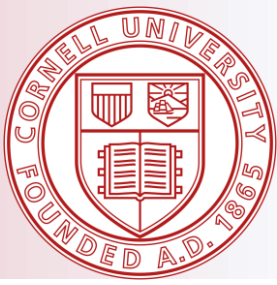
- Reabsorb 3% of Na^+
- Fine tuning of Na^+ in urine

2 types of cells:

- 1) Principal cells
- 2) α -intercalated cells

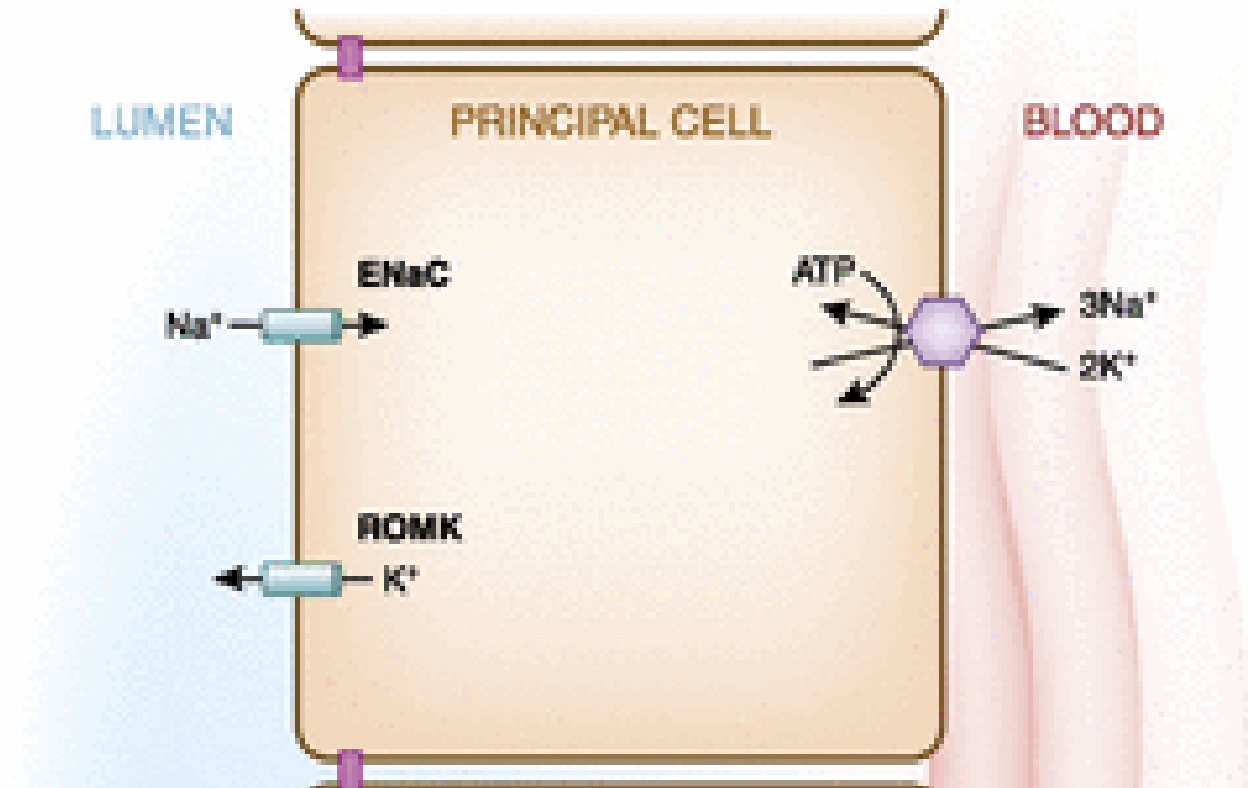


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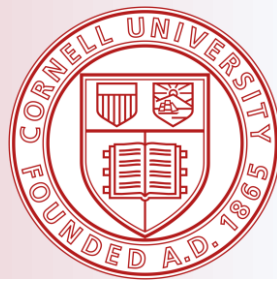


1) Principal cells

- Na^+ reabsorption, K^+ excretion and H_2O reabsorption
- Aldosterone-responsive
- ADH-responsive
- ENaCs and ROMK Channels

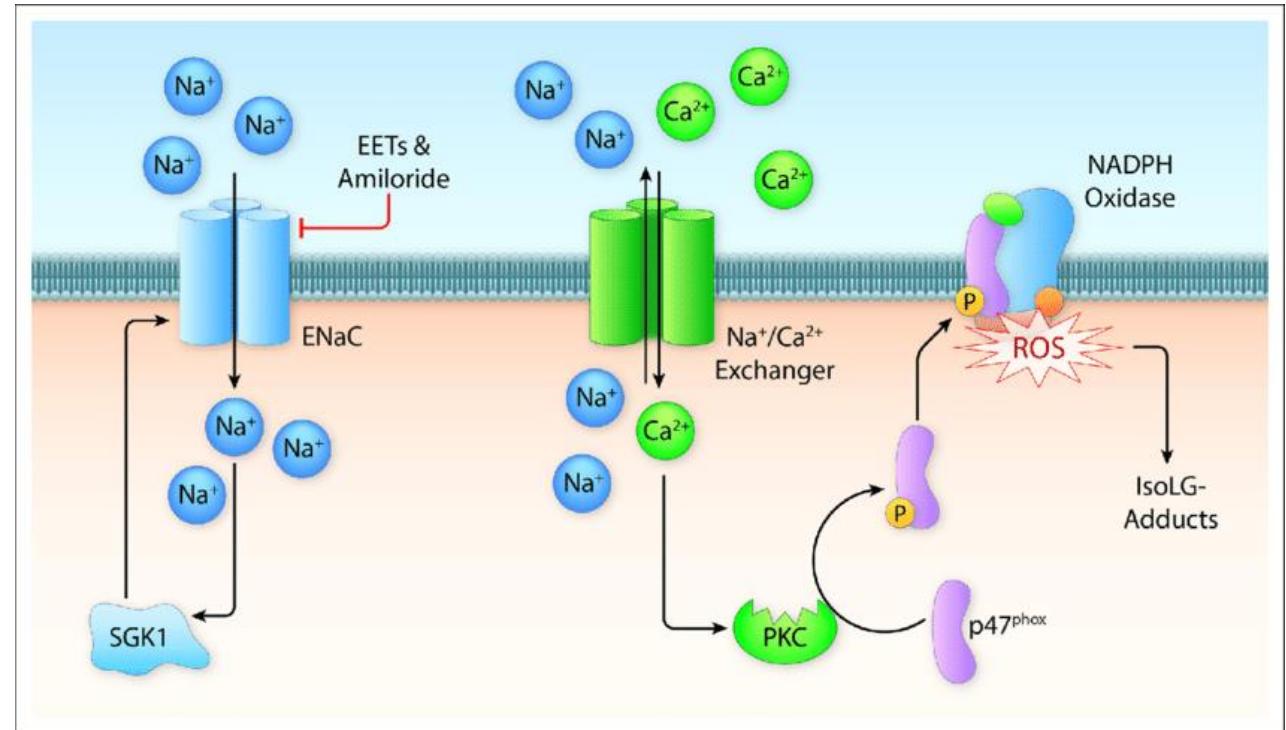


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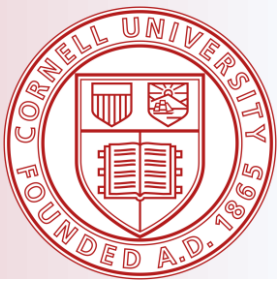


Epithelial Na^+ channels (ENaC)

- Also present in colon, skin and lungs
- Action is regulated by aldosterone, steroids and ADH
 - Downregulation of ENaC – Liddle Syndrome
- Na^+ diffuses into cell down its gradient
- Pumped out Na^+ - K^+ ATPase
- Cl^- might accompany Na^+ in these segments



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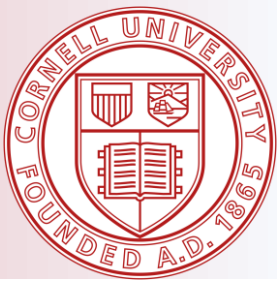
Activation of the epithelial Na⁺ channel in the collecting duct by vasopressin contributes to water reabsorption

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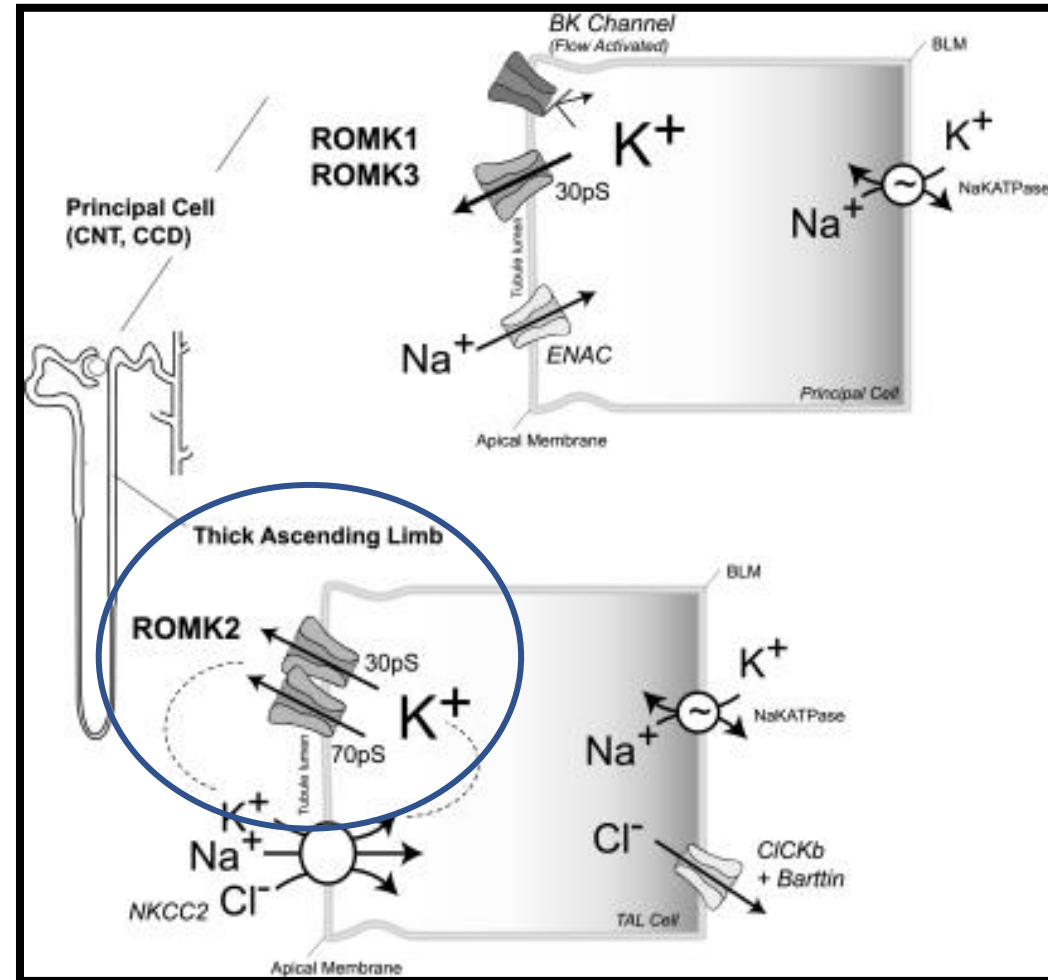
- Not only aldosterone, but ADH also stimulates Na⁺ reabsorption

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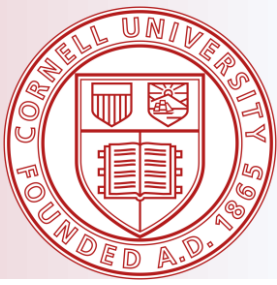


Renal outer medullary K^+ channel (ROMK)

- Predominant and highly regulated K^+ secretory pathway
- Required to safeguard the efficient turnover of the $Na^+ - K^+ - 2Cl^-$

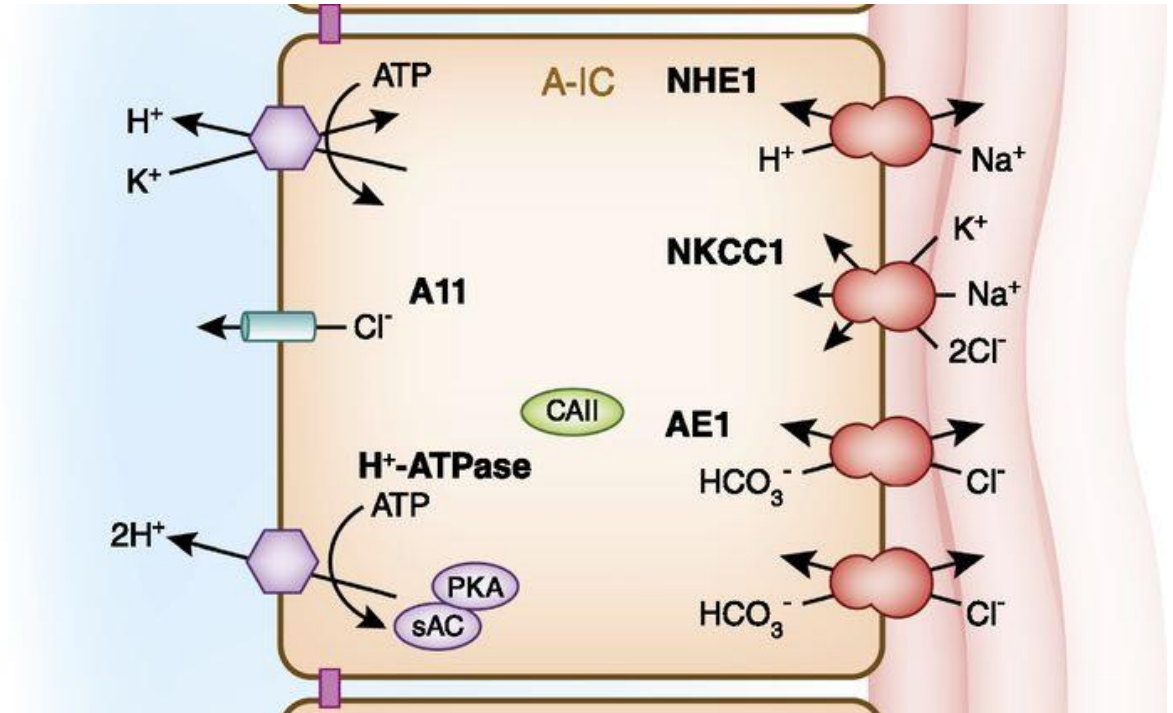


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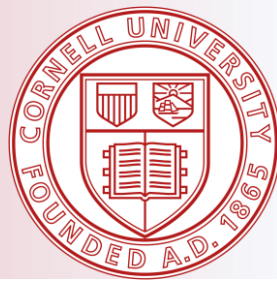


2) α -intercalated cells:

- K^+ reabsorption and H^+ secretion
- Acid secretion



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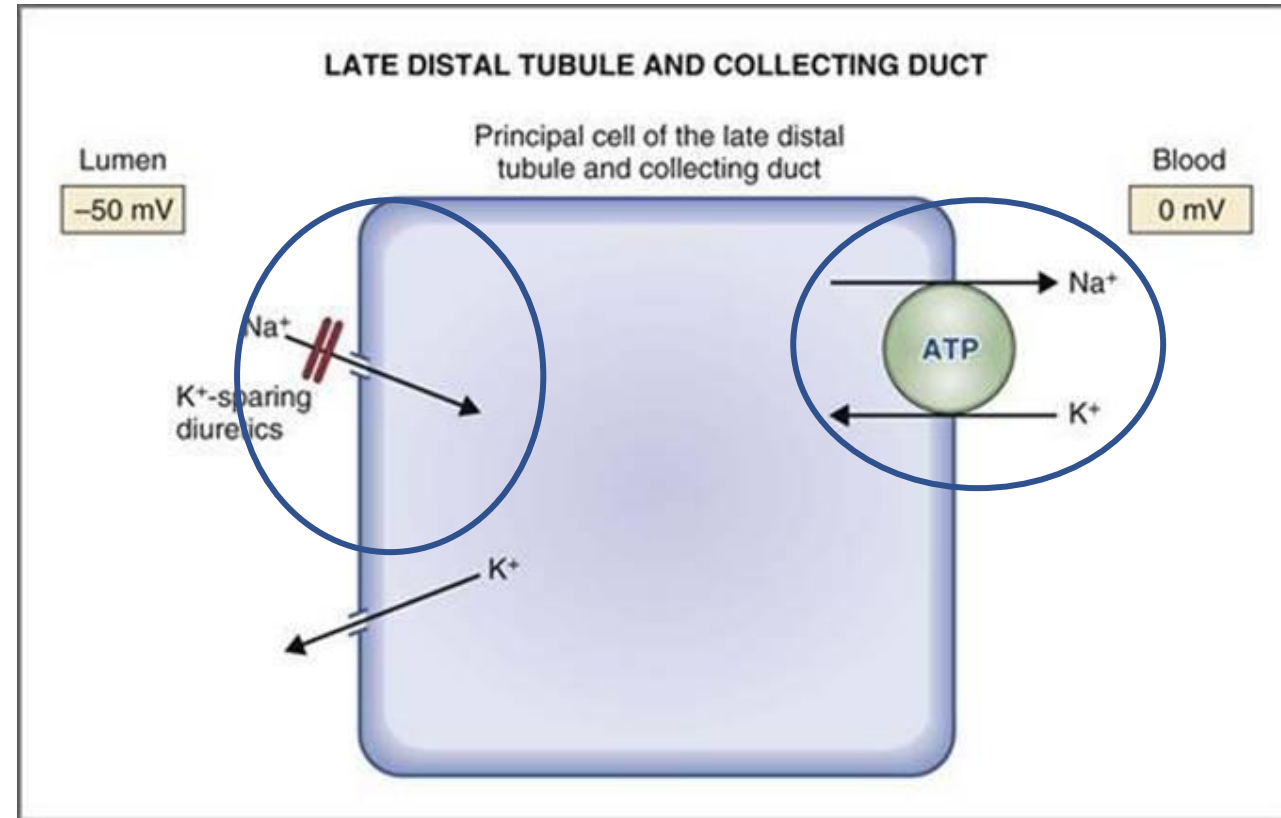


Aldosterone

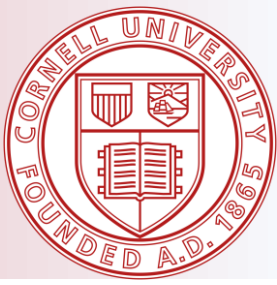
- Increases Na^+ reabsorption by inducing more ENaCs along with the Na^+ - K^+ ATPase

K^+ sparing diuretics

- Spironolactone – prevents aldosterone from entering the nucleus
- Amiloride and triamterene – Bind to the luminal membrane Na^+ channels and inhibit Na^+ reabsorption

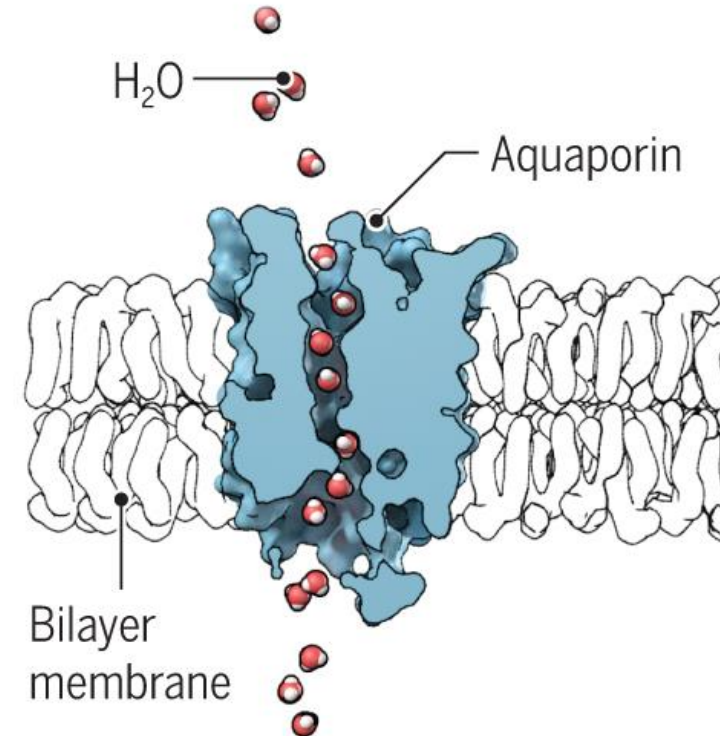


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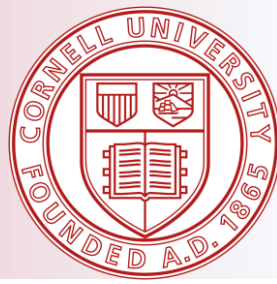


Aquaporins:

- Inserted in the luminal membranes of the principal cells
- In the presence of ADH water is reabsorbed with NaCl

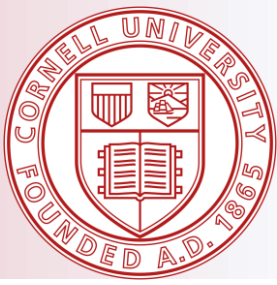


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Segment/Cell Type	Major Functions	Cellular Mechanisms	Hormone Actions	Diuretic Actions
Early Proximal Tubule	Isosmotic reabsorption of solute and water	Na ⁺ -glucose, Na ⁺ -amino acid, Na ⁺ -phosphate cotransport Na ⁺ -H ⁺ exchange	PTH inhibits Na ⁺ -phosphate cotransport Angiotensin II stimulates Na ⁺ -H ⁺ exchange	Osmotic diuretics Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors
Late Proximal Tubule	Isosmotic reabsorption of solute and water	NaCl reabsorption driven by Cl ⁻ gradient	—	Osmotic diuretics
Thick Ascending Limb of the Loop of Henle	Reabsorption of NaCl without water Dilution of tubular fluid Single effect of countercurrent multiplication Reabsorption of Ca ²⁺ and Mg ²⁺ driven by lumen-positive potential	Na ⁺ -K ⁺ -2Cl ⁻ cotransport	ADH stimulates Na ⁺ -K ⁺ -2Cl ⁻ cotransport	Loop diuretics
Early Distal Tubule	Reabsorption of NaCl without water Dilution of tubular fluid	Na ⁺ -Cl ⁻ cotransport	PTH stimulates Ca ²⁺ reabsorption	Thiazide diuretics
Late Distal Tubule and Collecting Ducts (principal cells)	Reabsorption of NaCl K ⁺ secretion Variable water reabsorption	Na ⁺ channels (ENaC) K ⁺ channels AQP2 water channels	Aldosterone stimulates Na ⁺ reabsorption Aldosterone stimulates K ⁺ secretion ADH stimulates water reabsorption	K ⁺ -sparing diuretics
Late Distal Tubule and Collecting Ducts (α-intercalated cells)	Reabsorption of K ⁺ Secretion of H ⁺	H ⁺ -K ⁺ ATPase H ⁺ ATPase	— Aldosterone stimulates H ⁺ secretion	— K ⁺ -sparing diuretics

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Diseases that affect Na^+ handling

Diabetes insipidus

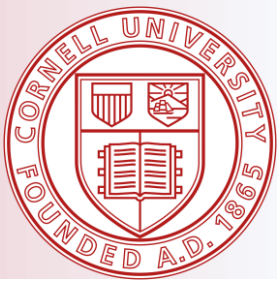
- Lack of vasopressin
- Lack of renal receptor to the hormone
- Lack of response by the receptors

Final concentration of urine depends on ADH – hyposthenuria hallmark

2 types:

- Central
- Nephrogenic

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1) Central DI

- Complete or partial lack of secretion of ADH

Causes

- Neoplasia
- Trauma
- Inflammatory
- Congenital

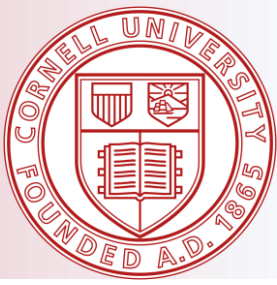
2) Nephrogenic DI

- Failure of the kidney to respond to ADH
- Most common type in our patients
- Transient

Causes

- Pyometra – gram negative sepsis
- Hypercalcemia
- Hypokalemia
- Liver failure
- Congenital

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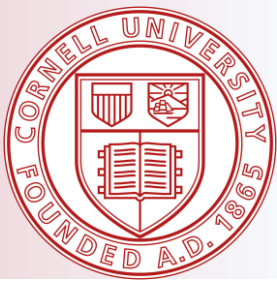
Diagnosis of DI

- PU/PD
- Hyposthenuric urine
- Full blood panel
- UA/Culture

Top 2 differentials

- Cushing's – Measure UPCs or LDDST
- Primary psychogenic polydipsia
 - Usually overhydrated
 - Low Na⁺
 - Low osmolality

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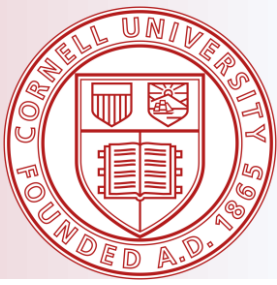
Modified H₂O deprivation test

- DI patients not be able to concentrate urine even under moderate dehydration
- USG raises over time – not DI

Desmopressin Acetate trial

- Measure baseline USG over a few days
- Begin desmopressin trial
- USG will steadily increase if CDI
- If no increase at all NDI or psychogenic polydipsia

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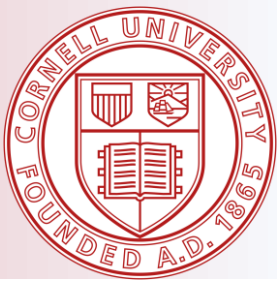
Syndrome of Inappropriate antidiuretic hormone

- Excess of ADH – free water excess
- Na^+ is lost to urine despite hyponatremia
 - Normovolemia inhibits aldosterone and renin secretion

Causes

- Head trauma
- Brain tumors
- Pulmonary tumors
- Aspergillosis
- Mechanical ventilation
- Drugs – opioids, chemo drugs

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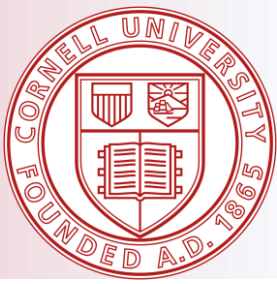
Diagnosis

- Hyponatremia
- Hypoosmolality
- Urine osmolality > 150 mOsm/kg
- Urine $\text{Na}^+ > 20$ mEq/L (increased Na wasting)
- Plasma ADH unreliable

Treatment

- Hypertonic saline in emergencies vs slow correction of Na^+
- Demeclocycline inhibits action of ADH

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Renal response to Hypernatremia

Infusions of 5% NaCl solutions

- Tubular reabsorption of Na^+ per unit filtrate volume positively correlated with plasma Na^+ despite hypernatremia
- The proportions of Na^+ reabsorbed were inappropriate
 - Na^+ concentration in the reabsorbate was in excess of that in contemporary ultrafiltrate

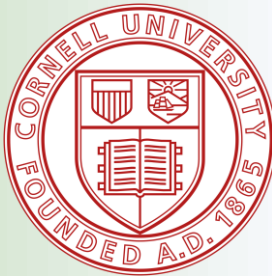
Glomerulotubular balance **holds** when the filtered load of Na^+ is increased by an increment in Na^+ as well as GFR

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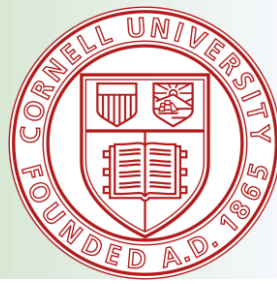
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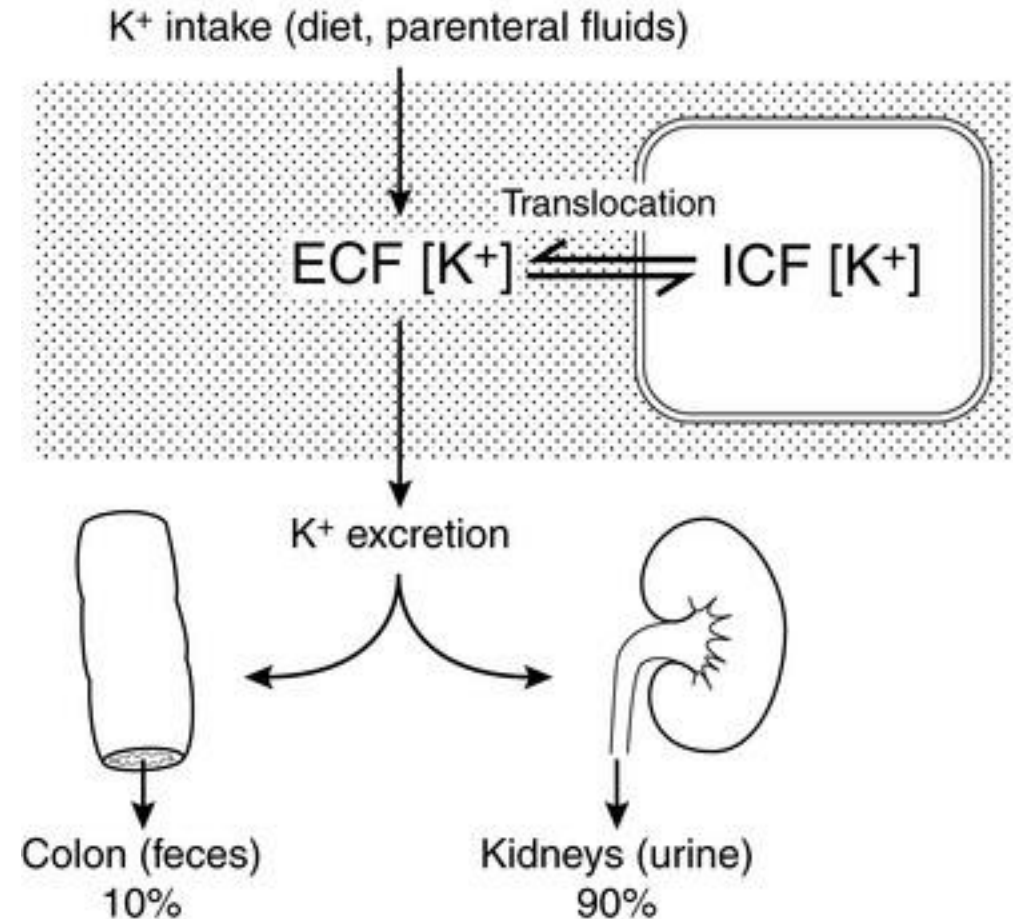


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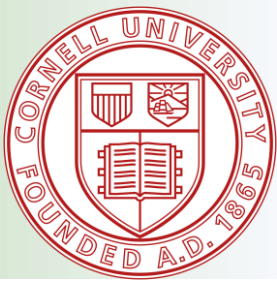


Potassium homeostasis

- Most of K^+ in intracellular fluid (98%)
- Intracell K^+ 150 mEq/L
 - Vs 4.5 mEq/L



Potassium handling



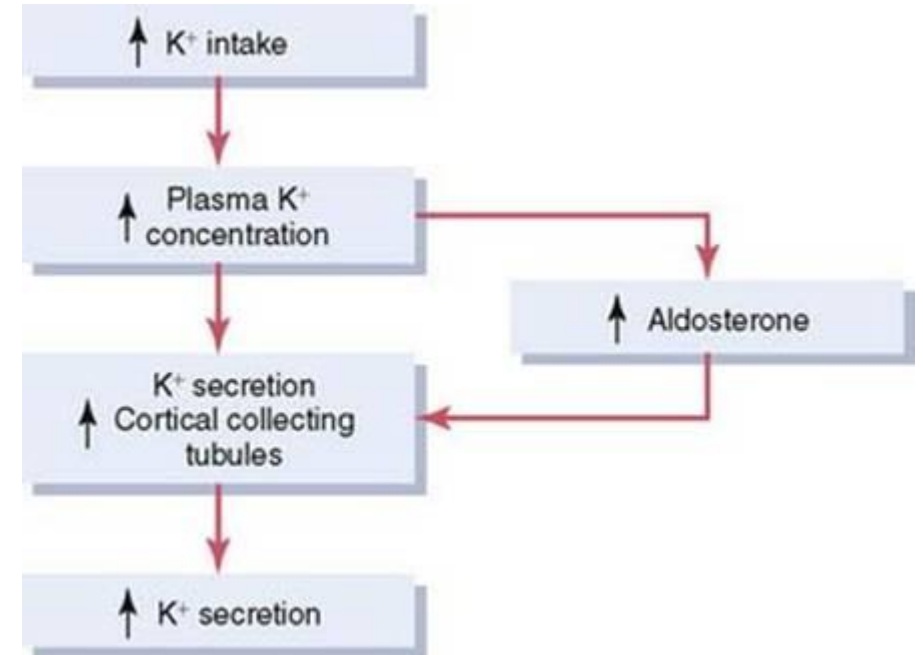
Regulation of kalemia

Aldosterone

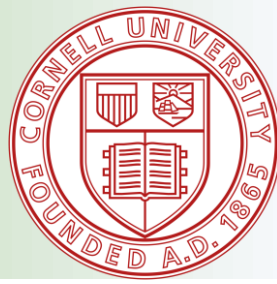
- Increases Na^+ reabsorption, K^+ secretion, H^+ secretion

Regulation of aldosterone secretion

- Changes in volume and RAAS activation
- K^+ concentration
 - Increase in K^+ stimulate opening of Ca^+ channels in adrenal glands that generate more aldosterone

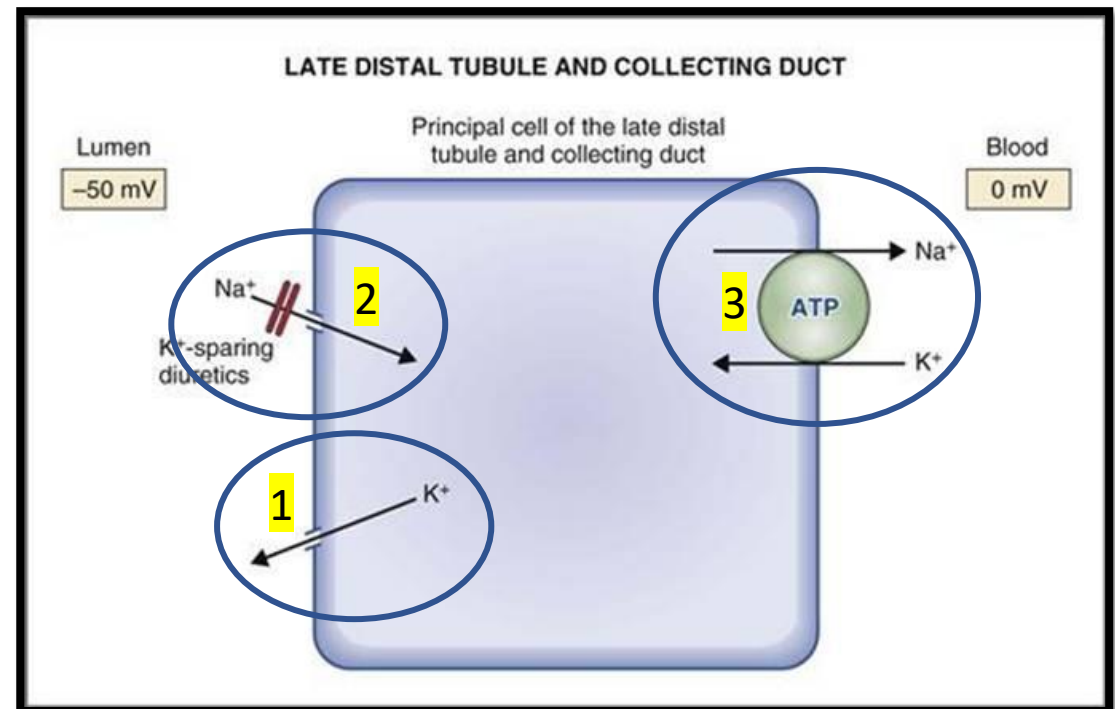


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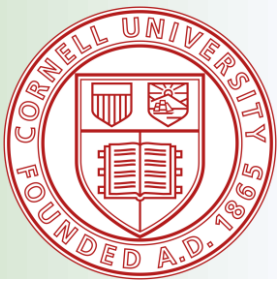


Aldosterone

1. Increases K^+ secretion by principal cells (ROMK⁺)
 2. Increases Na^+ reabsorption via new ENaCs
 3. Induced Na^+-K^+ ATPase
- Increases intracellular Na^+ for Na^+-K^+ ATPase to use
 - As more Na^+ is pumped out of the cell, more K^+ comes into it
 - Raising intracellular K^+ , which increases driving force for K^+
 - Increases the number of ROMK⁺



Potassium handling

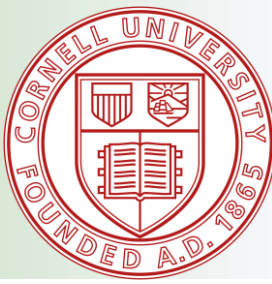


Diuretics and K^+

Loop diuretics and thiazides

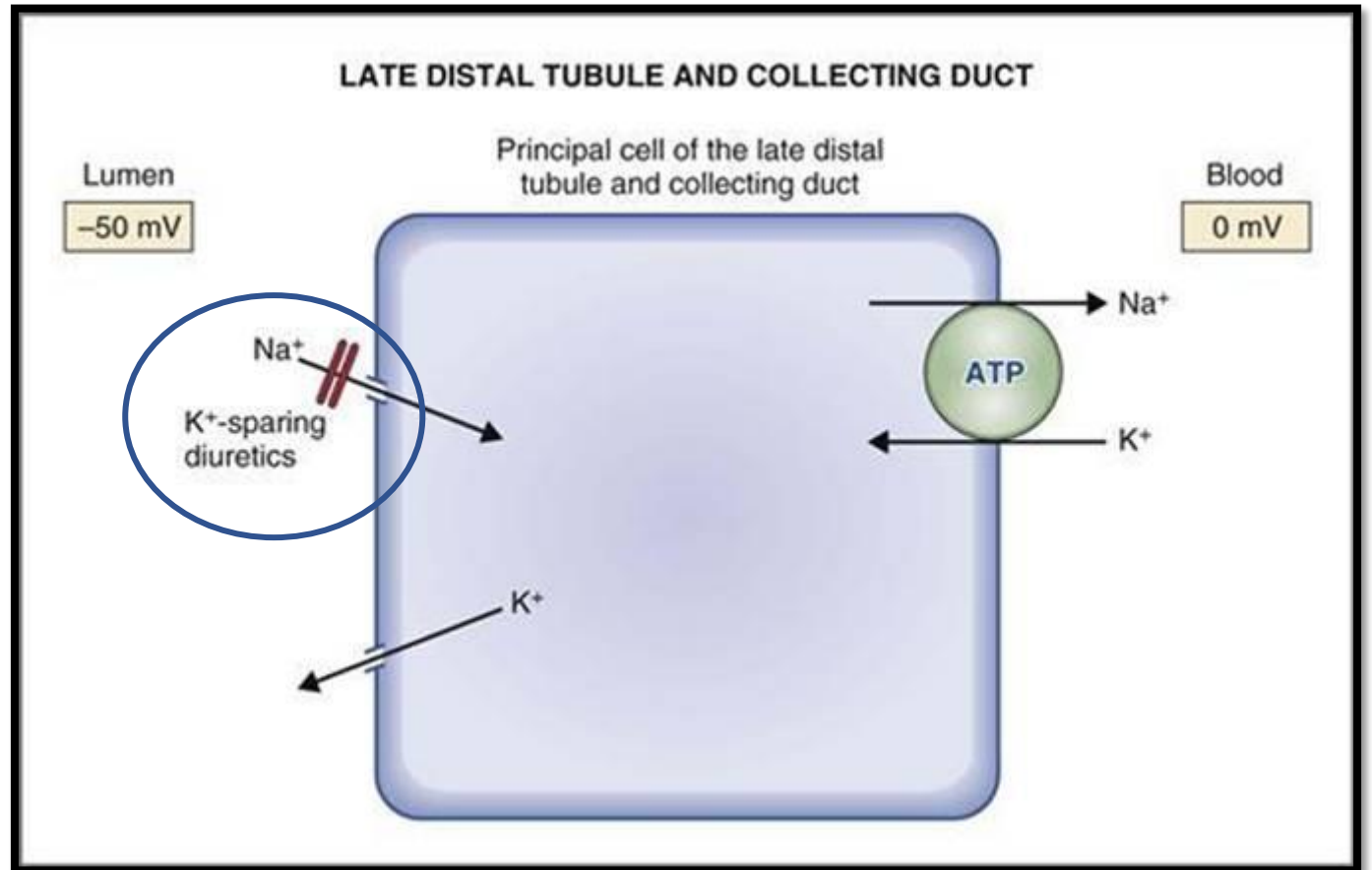
- Inhibit Na^+ and K^+ reabsorption upstream to the site of K^+ secretion thereby delivering more Na^+ to principal cells
- More Na^+ enters the cells, more Na^+ is extruded via Na^+-K^+ ATPase
- More K^+ is pumped into the cells, higher driving force for secretion
- The increase in flow rate keeps luminal gradient active by diluting luminal K^+
- Loop diuretics also inhibit K^+ absorption via pump

Potassium handling

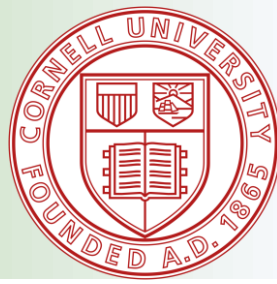


K^+ sparing diuretics

- They do not cause kaliuresis
- Inhibit all actions of aldosterone on principal cells – inhibit K^+ secretion

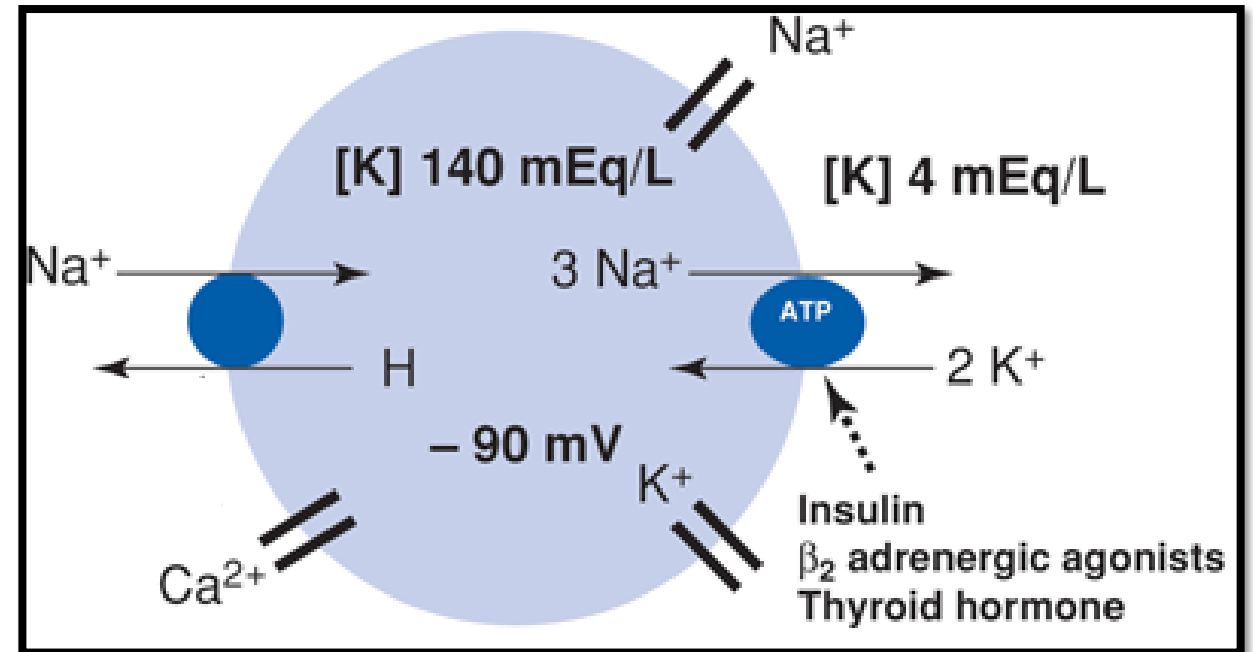


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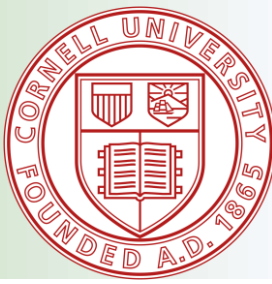


Additional regulation of kalemia

- Insulin – via Na^+ - K^+
- Acid-base status – alkalemia causes exchange between H^+ and K^+
- β -adrenergic – increasing Na^+ - K^+
- α -adrenergic agonism – K^+ out of the cell
- Osmolarity – increases in osmolarity cause K^+ out of the cell – as water leaves the cells it drags K^+ with it

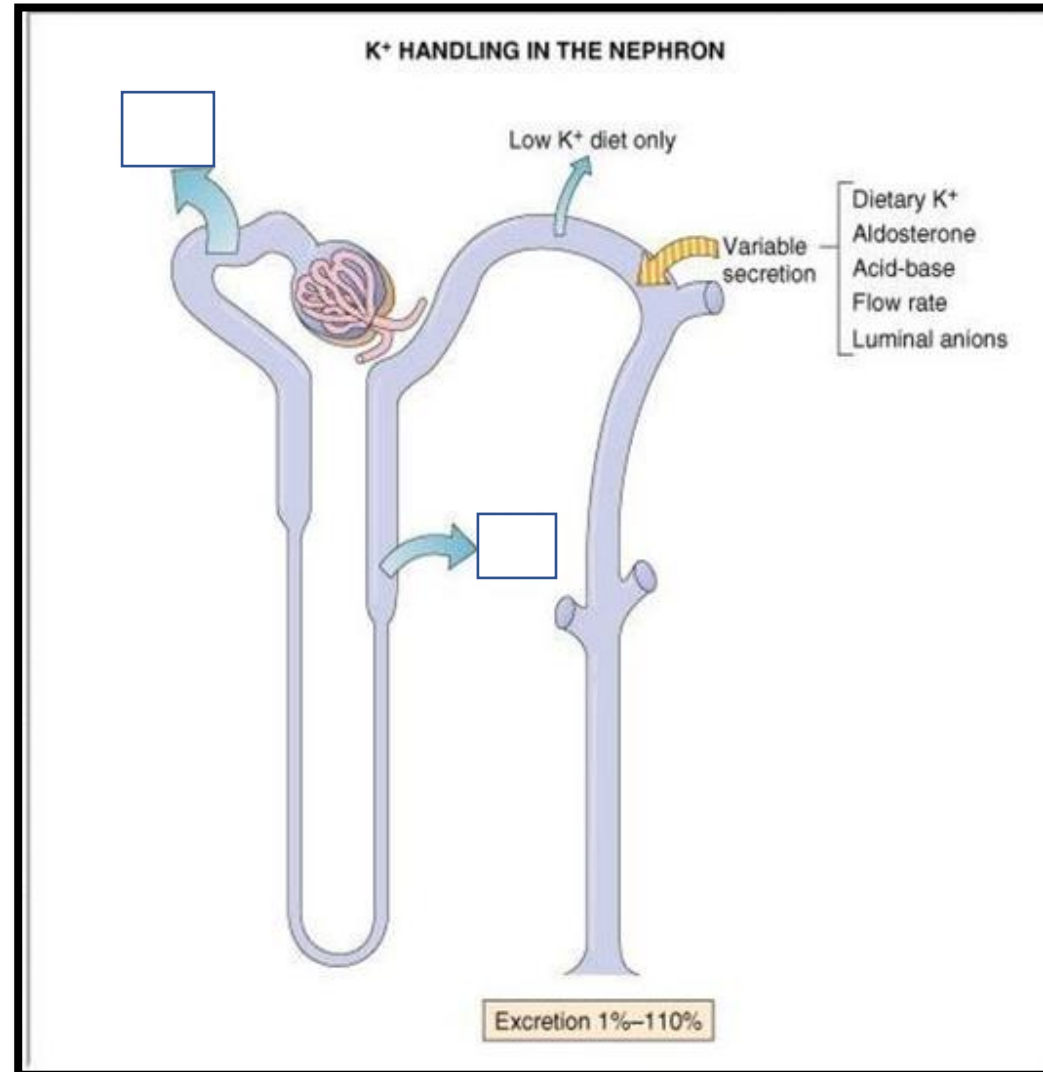


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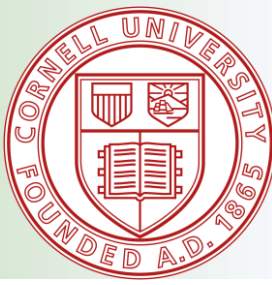


Renal regulation of potassium

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Potassium handling



Renal regulation of potassium

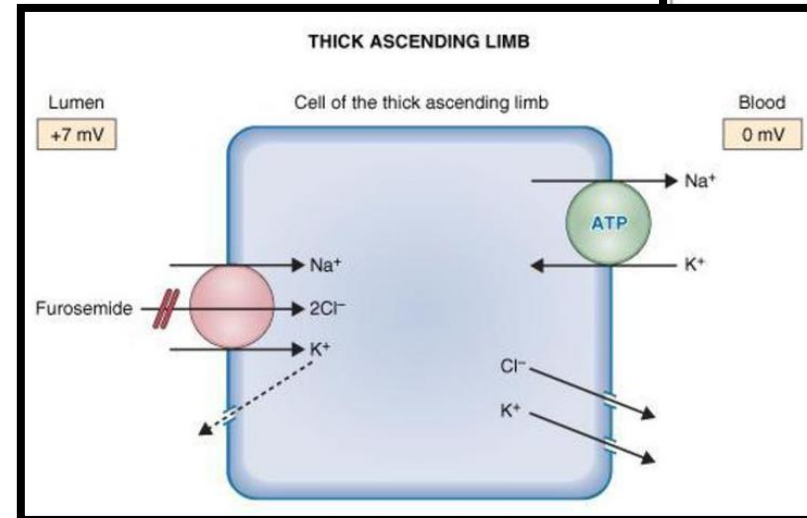
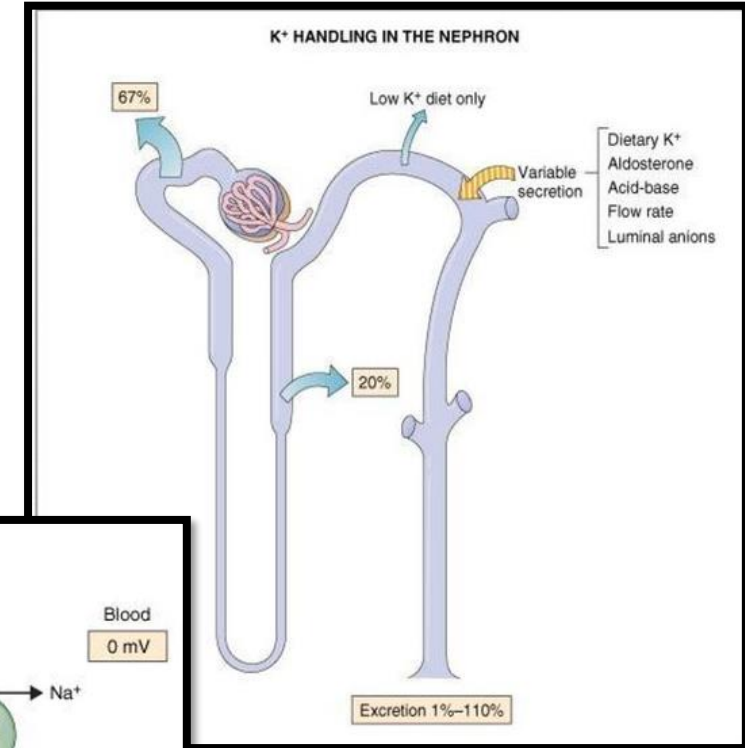
- Urinary excretion of K^+ equals dietary K^+
- K^+ is freely filtered, reabsorbed and secreted

PCT

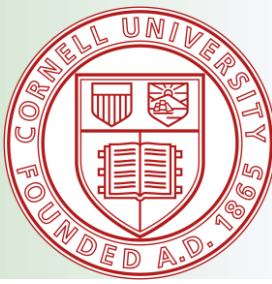
- Reabsorbs 67%
- Mainly by solvent drag (Na^+)

Thick ascending LOH

- Reabsorbs 20% $Na^+ - K^+ - 2Cl^-$
- Paracellular reabsorption

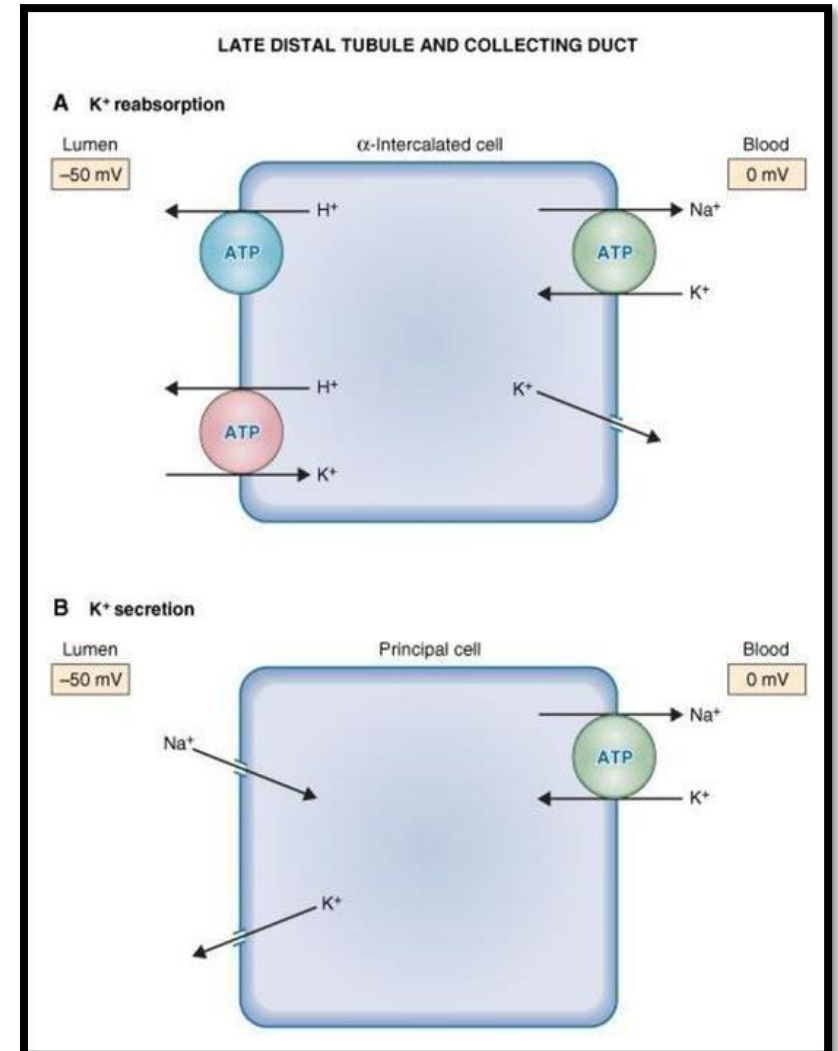


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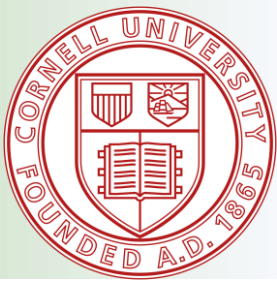


DCT and CD

- Fine tuning of K^+
- α -intercalated cells – reabsorb K^+ when hypokalemia
 - Via H^+ - K^+ ATPase in luminal membrane
 - Urinary excretion can go as low as 1%
- Principal cells - Normal or High K^+ - increase excretion
 - Via $ROMK^+$
 - Excretion can be as high as 110%



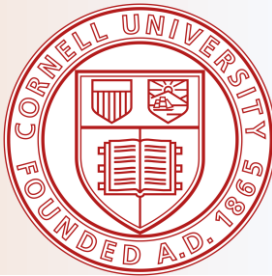
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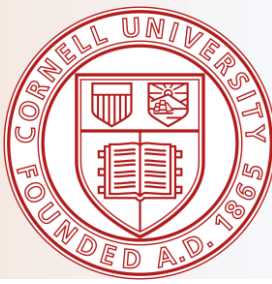
Renal response to hyperkalemia

- Na^+ - K^+ - 2Cl^- pump continue to reabsorb K^+
- Increased K^+ presented to tubular cells
- Decreased gradient for K^+ excretion

Phosphate handling

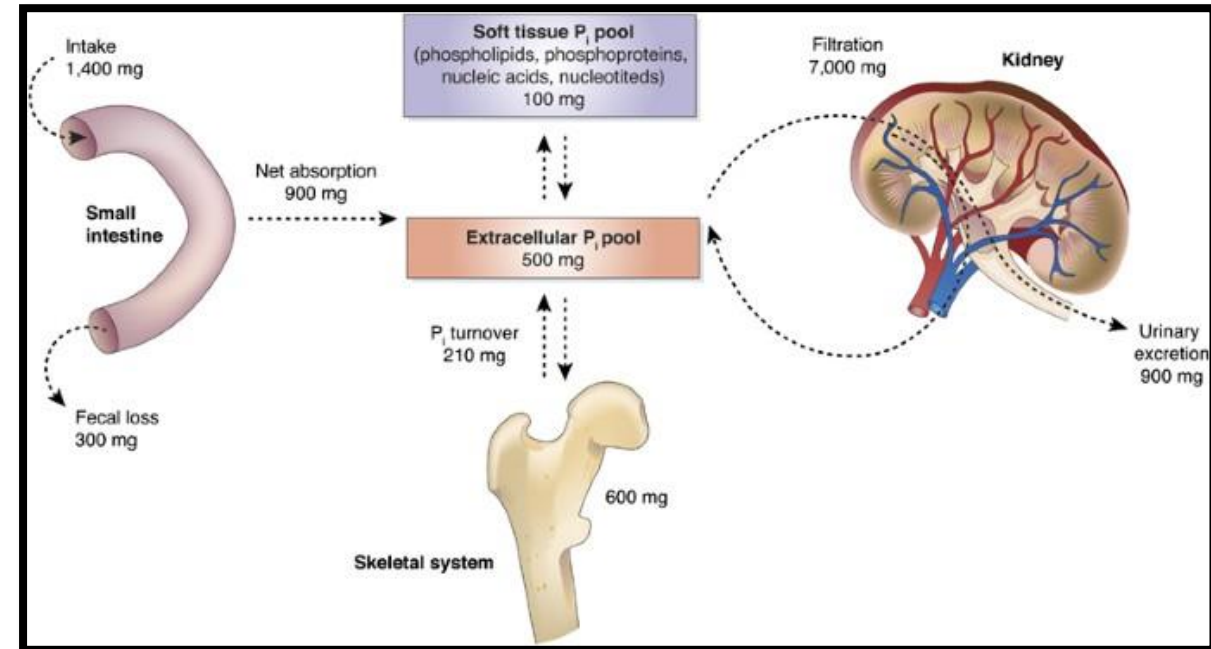


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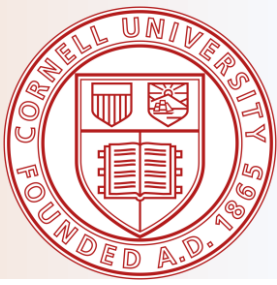


Phosphate homeostasis

- P^+ primarily localized in bone matrix (85%)
- Remainder between ICF (15%) and ECF (<0.5%)
- 90% of P^+ is not bound to plasma proteins – filtered across glomerulus



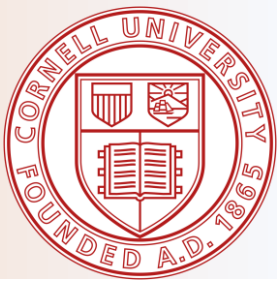
Phosphate handling



Regulation of Phosphatemia

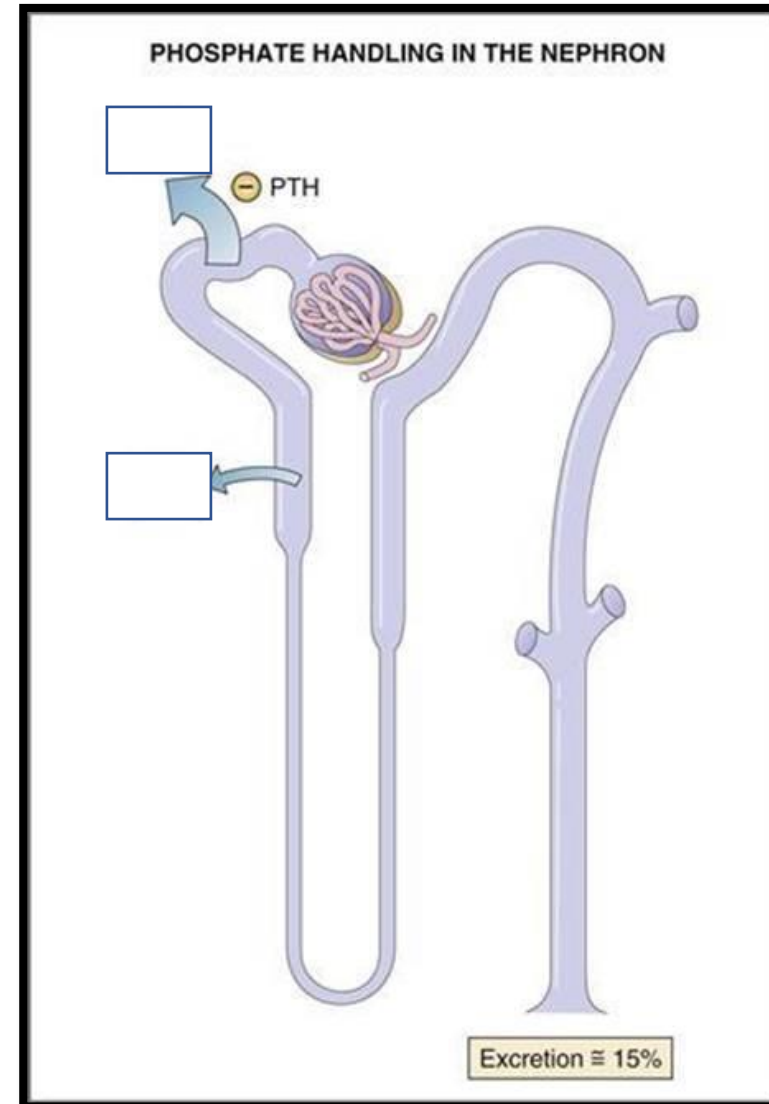
- PTH regulates P^+ reabsorption
 - Binds to its receptor on basolateral membrane of Proximal tubule
 - Inhibits Na^+ - P^+ cotransport
 - Causes phosphaturia
- GH increases P^+ reabsorption by PCT
- Insulin and thyroxine also increase reabsorption
- Calcitonin and ANP inhibit reabsorption

Phosphate handling

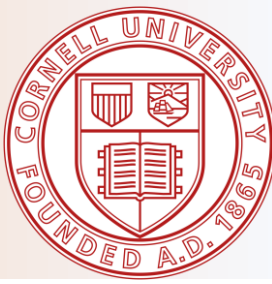


Renal handling of P^+

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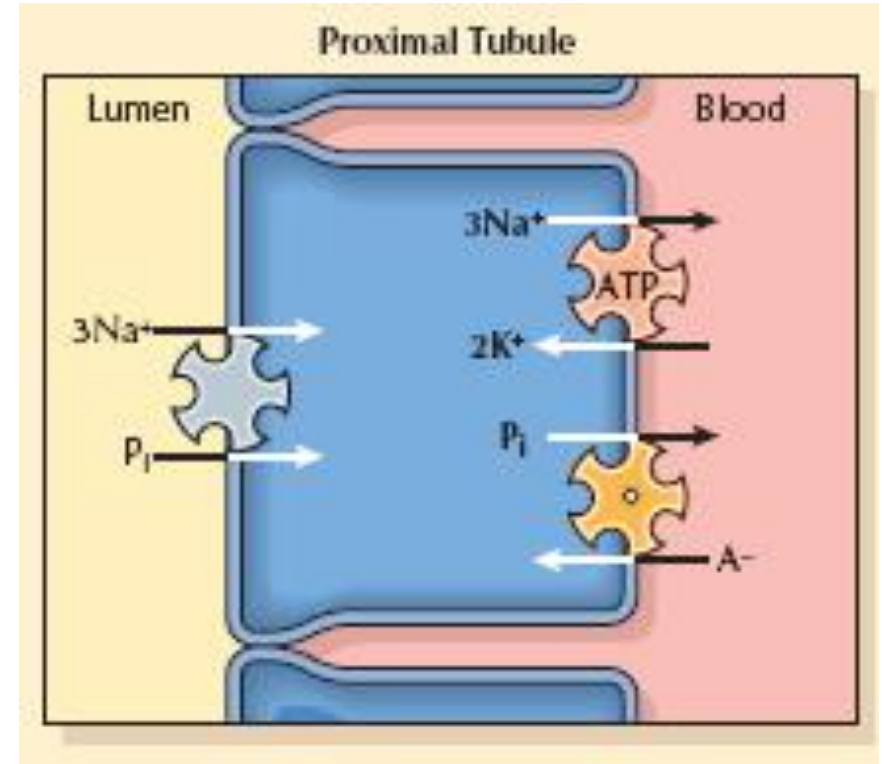


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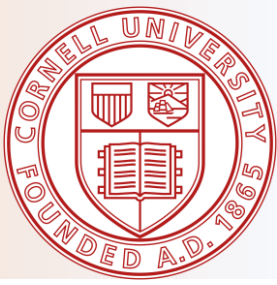


Renal handling of P^+

- PCT reabsorbs 70%
 - Proximal straight tubule reabsorbs 15%
- Via Type II Na^+-P^+ cotransporter
- Pumps that reabsorb P^+ have a max capacity (T_m)
- Non-reabsorbed P^+ serves as urinary buffer



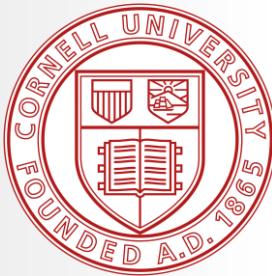
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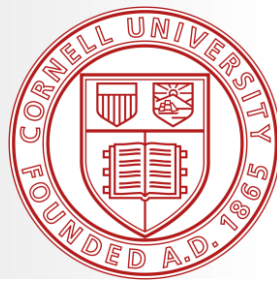
Why does kidney damage cause hyperphosphatemia?

- Decreased GFR leads to decrease in filtered P^+ loads

Calcium handling



Calcium handling

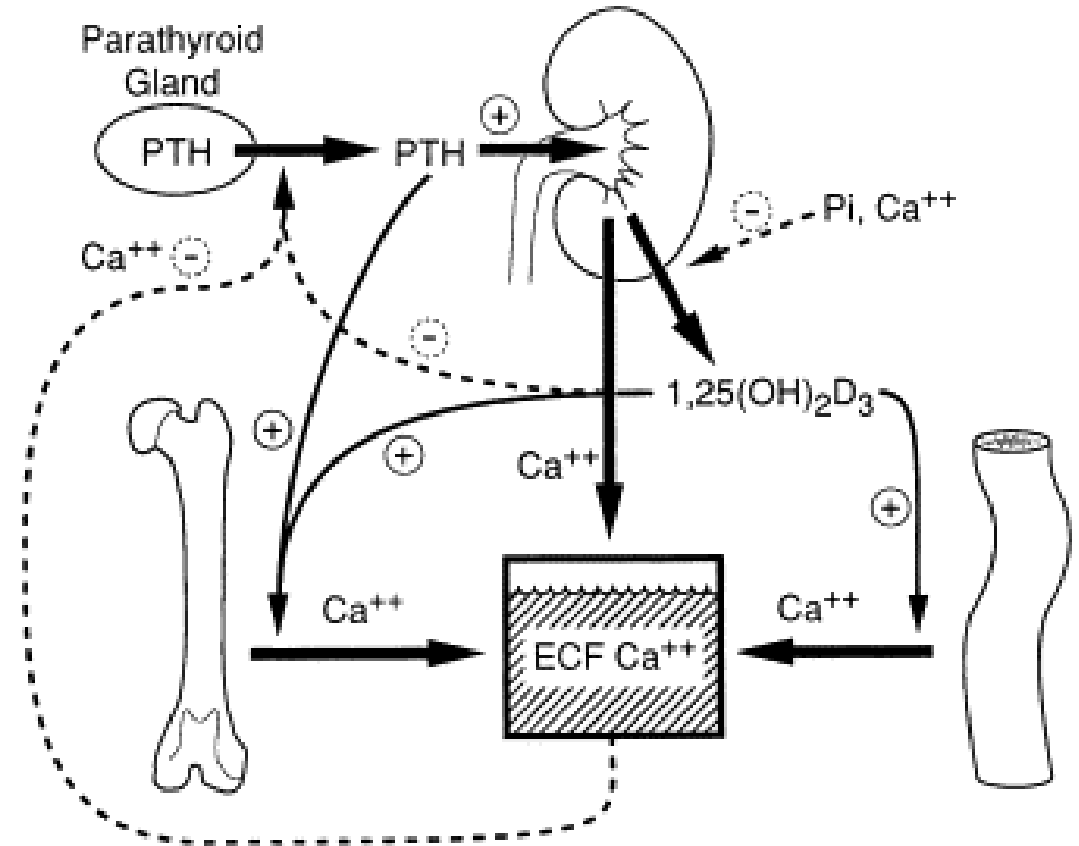


Calcium homeostasis

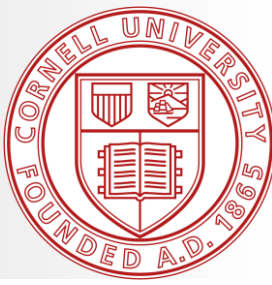
PTH responsible for minute-to-minute regulation

Calcitriol controls day-to-day regulation

- Target organs:
 - Intestine
 - Kidney
 - Bone
- 99% of Ca^+ in bone
- Remaining 1% between ECF and ICF
 - 40% of plasma Ca^+ protein bound
 - 10% bound to other ions (P^+ and citrate)
 - 50% free (ionized)



Calcium handling



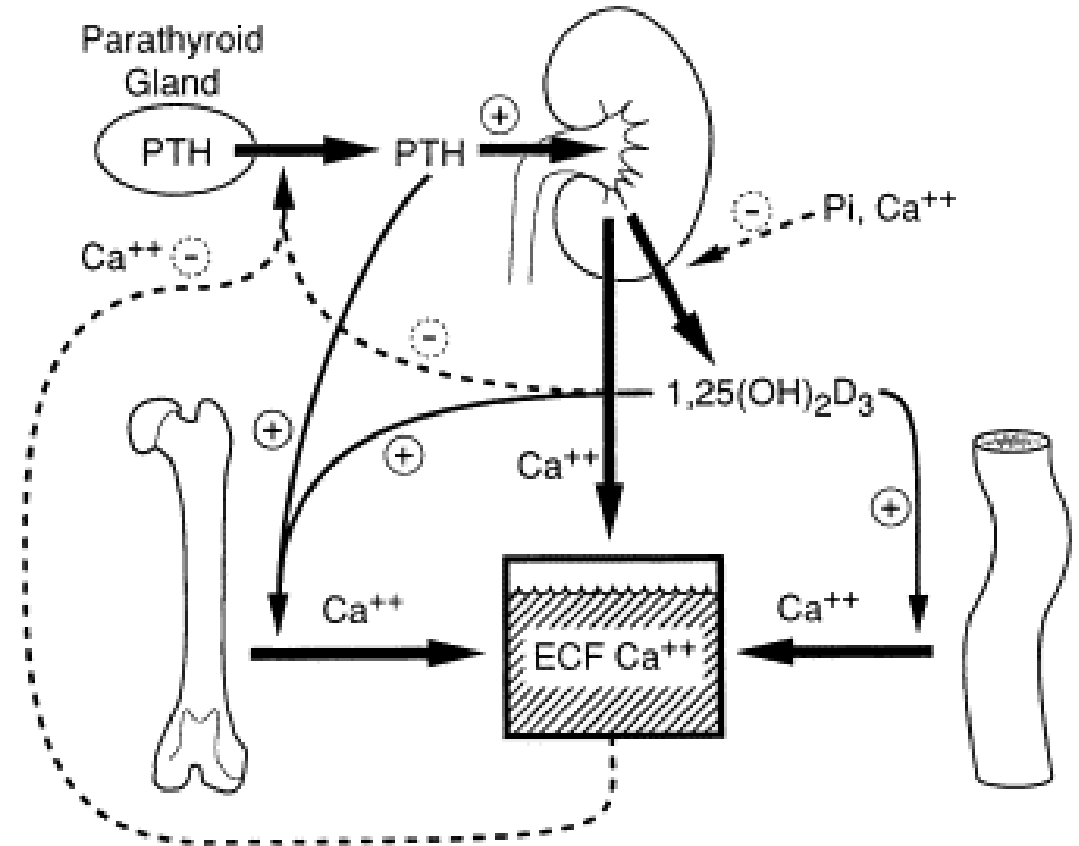
Regulation of Calcemia

PTH

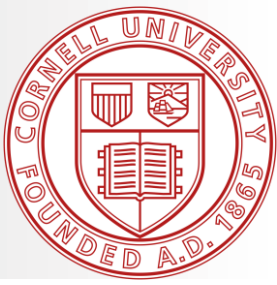
- Released during hypocalcemia
- Increase iCa^{++}
 - Mobilizing Ca^{++} from bone
 - Increase Ca^{++} reabsorption
 - Increase calcitriol synthesis

Calcitriol

- Increase intestinal absorption
- Inhibits PTH and calcitriol synthesis

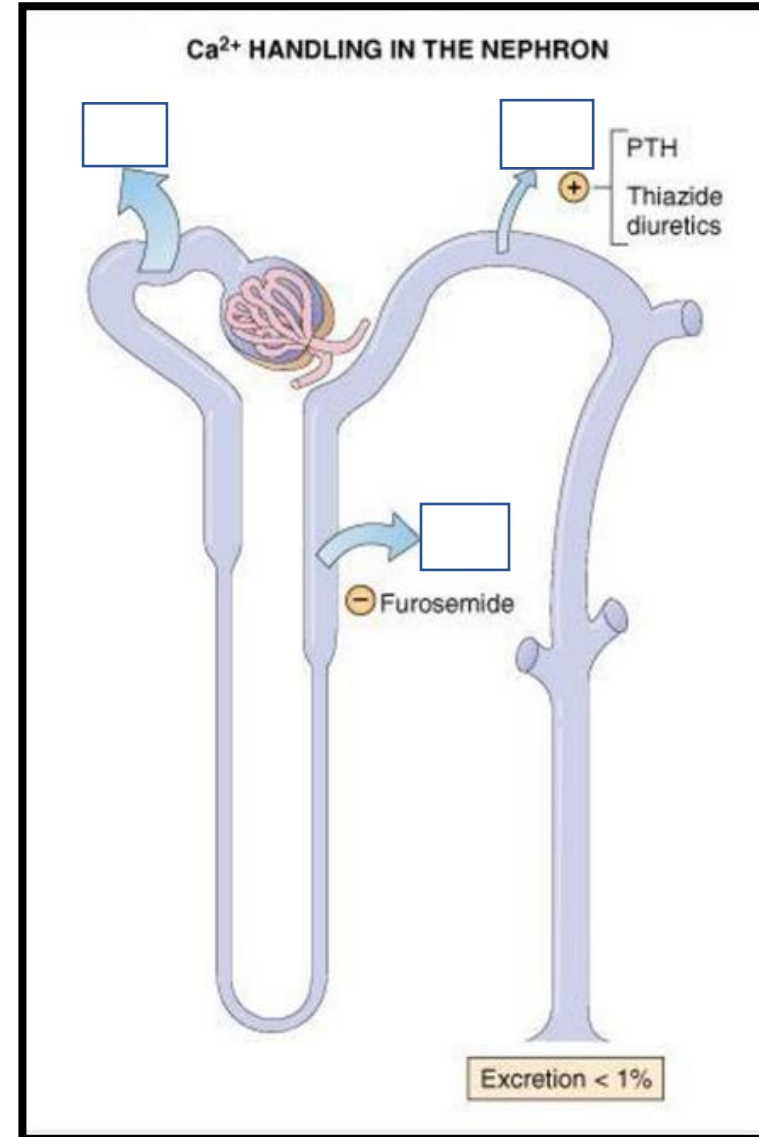


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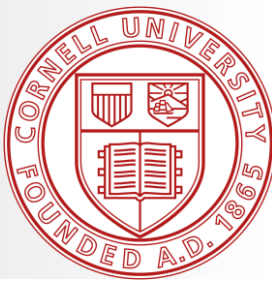


Renal handling of Ca^{2+}

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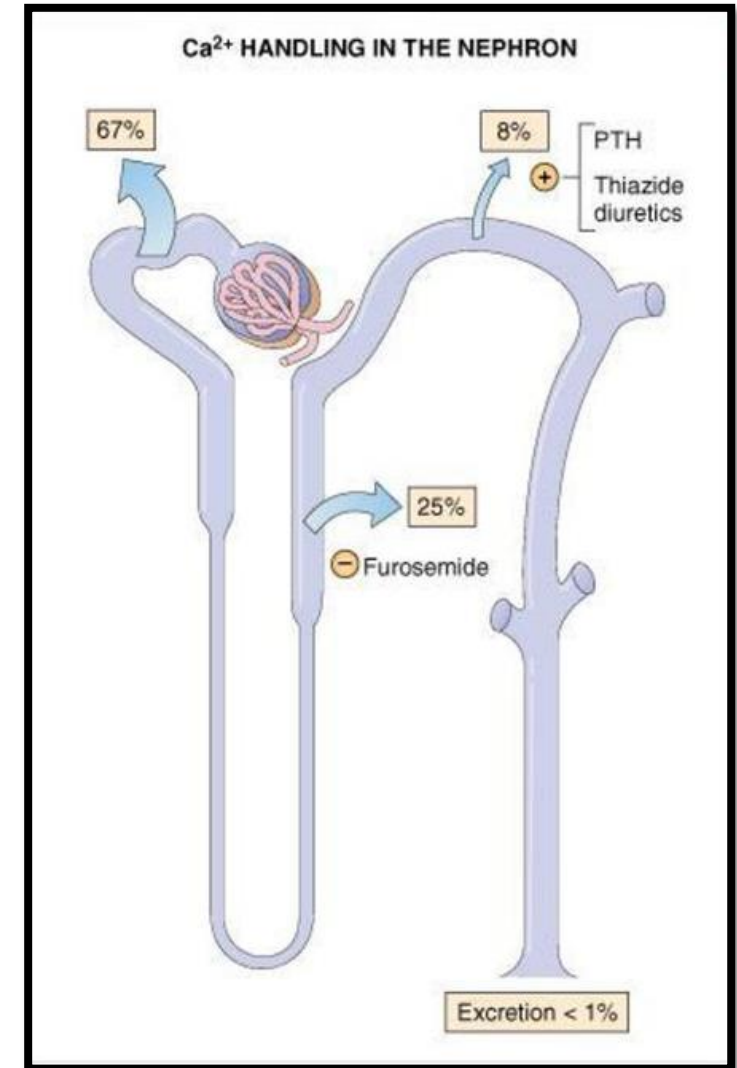


Renal handling of Ca⁺

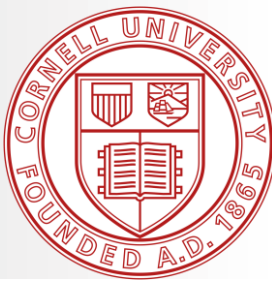
- 99% of Ca⁺ is reabsorbed
 - Tightly coupled to Na⁺ reabsorption in PCT and Loop of Henle
 - In DCT reabsorption is not coupled with Na⁺

PCT

- Ca⁺ parallels Na⁺ reabsorption
- 67% reabsorbed – coupled to Na⁺
- If Na⁺ absorption is inhibited, Ca⁺ is too

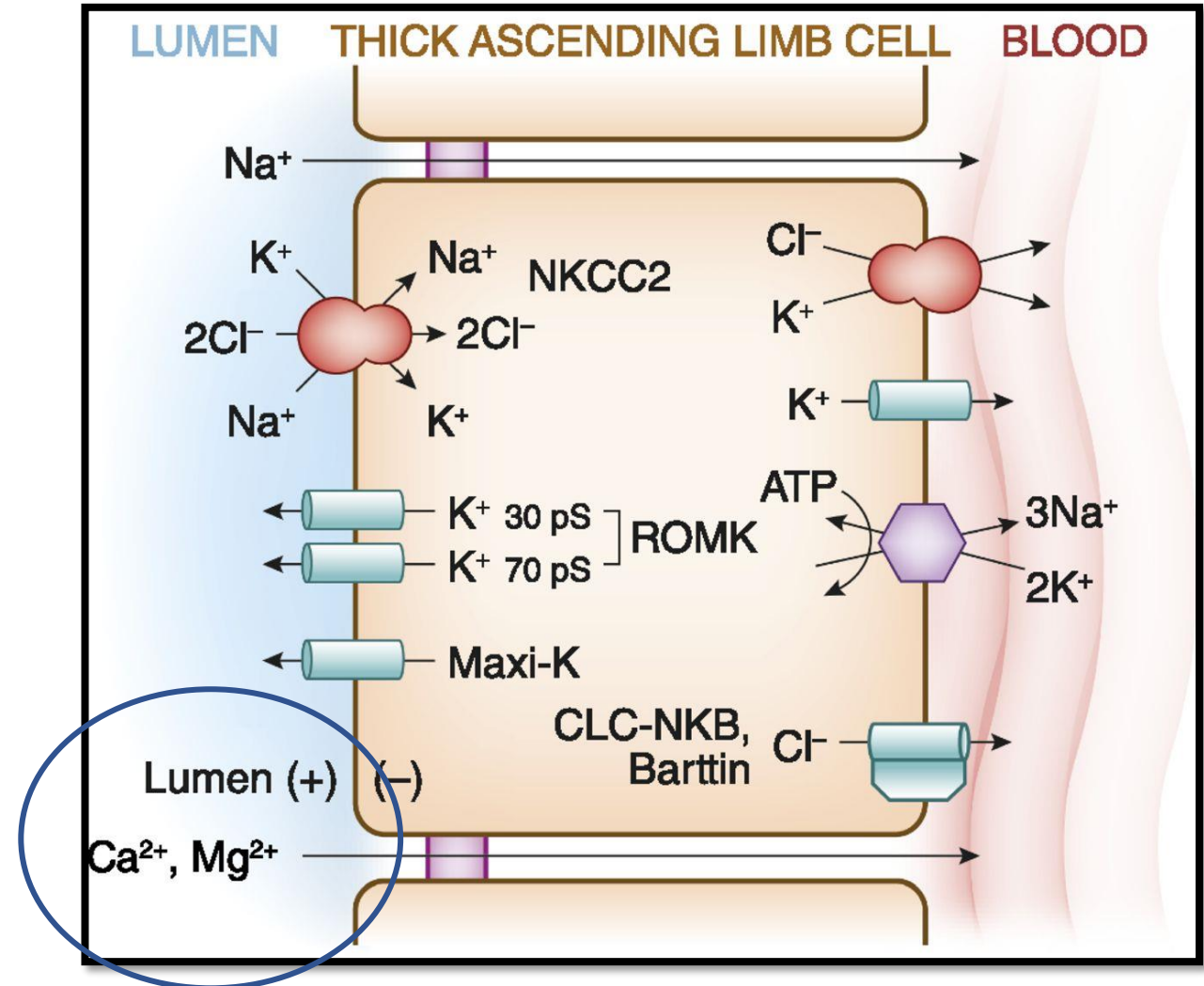


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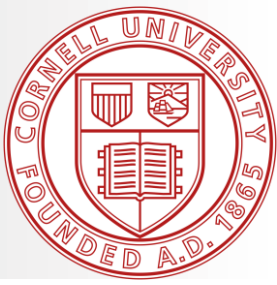


Thick ascending limb

- 25% reabsorbed
- Paracellular route
- Depends on lumen positive potential ($\text{Na}^+ - \text{K}^+ - 2\text{Cl}^-$)
- Drives reabsorption of divalent cations
- Loop diuretics inhibit Ca^{2+} reabsorption



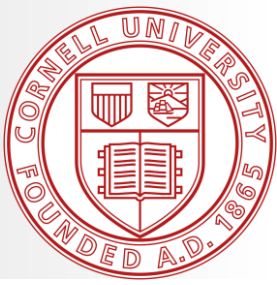
Calcium handling



Distal tubule

- 8% of Ca^+
- Site of regulation of Ca^+ reabsorption
- Ca^+ reabsorption not coupled with Na^+
- Site of action of PTH

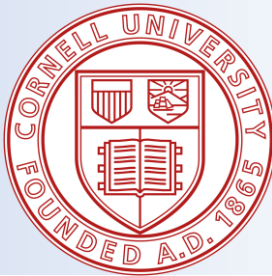
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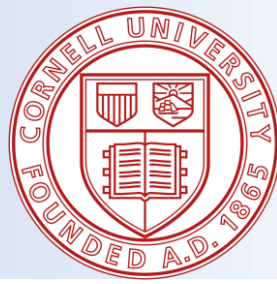
Treating hypercalcemia

1. Fluid therapy: dilutes Ca^+
 - Hypercalcemia induced nephrogenic DI
 - 0.9% NaCl – Ca^+ free and promotes Ca^+ loss in urine
 - Escape phenomenon leads to decreased Ca^+ reabsorption
 - LRS contains physiologic levels of Ca^+ and less acidifying than NaCl
2. Diuretics enhance Ca^+ loss by abolishing Na^+ gradient
3. Steroids: reduce bone reabsorption, intestinal absorption and increase renal excretion
4. Bisphosphonates: inhibit bone reabsorption

Magnesium handling

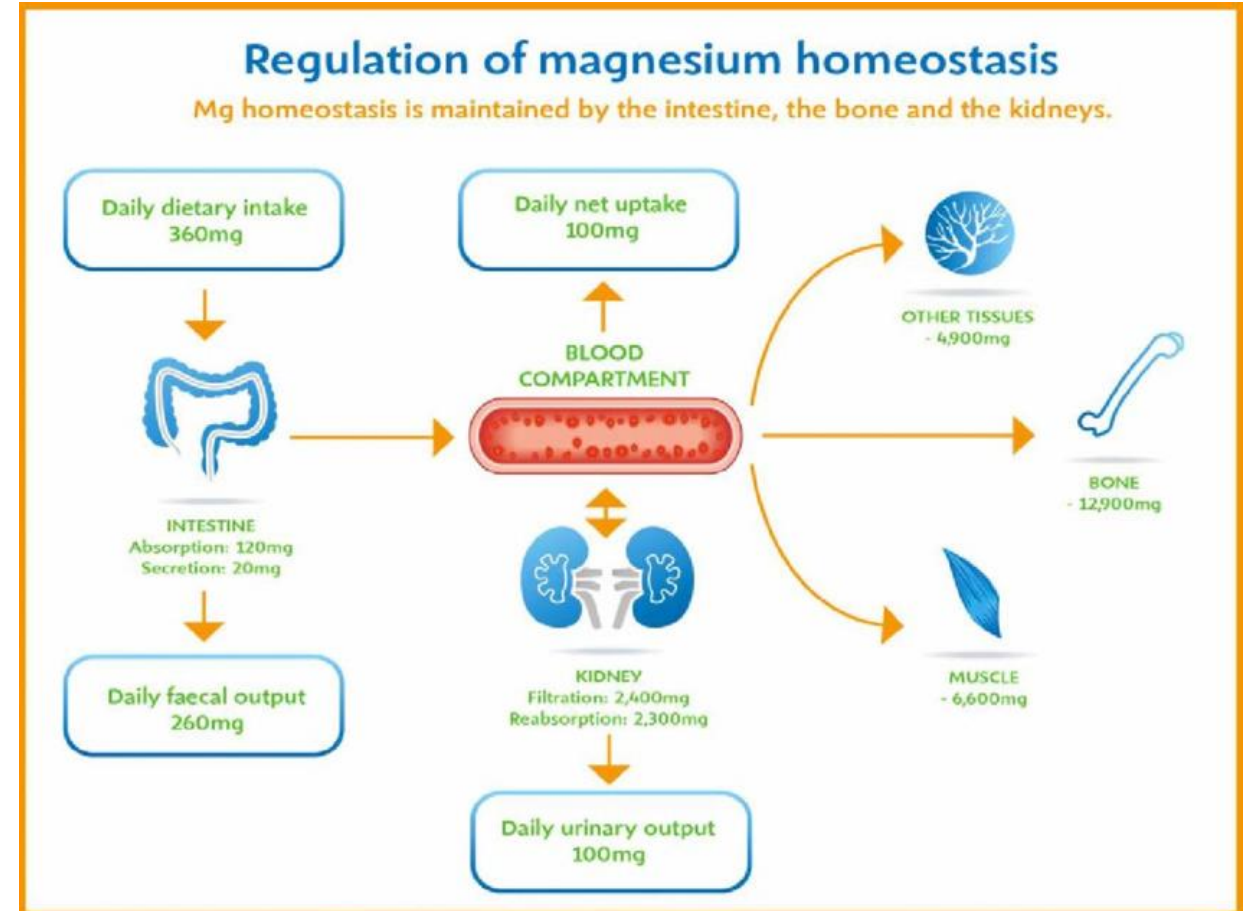


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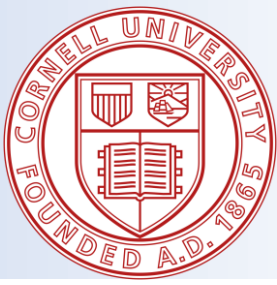


Magnesium homeostasis

- Intracellular cation
- Housekeeping functions
- 20% of plasma Mg^{+} is bound to proteins
- 80% filtrable



Magnesium handling



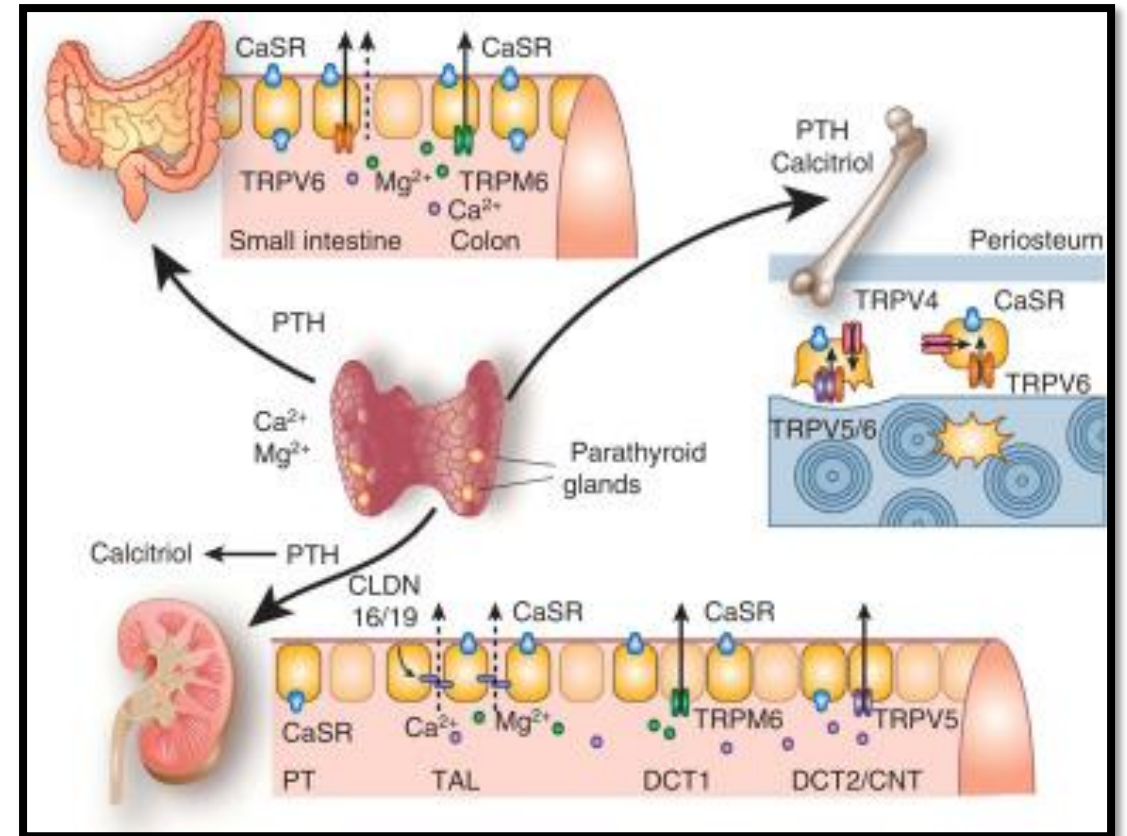
Regulation of magnesemia

Reabsorption stimulated by

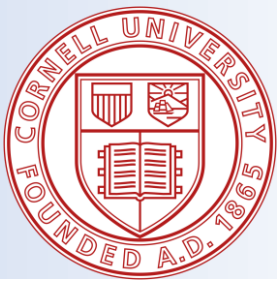
- PTH
- Calcitonin
- Glucagon
- ADH
- Aldosterone

Antagonized by

- Hypokalemia
- Hypophosphatemia
- Acidosis

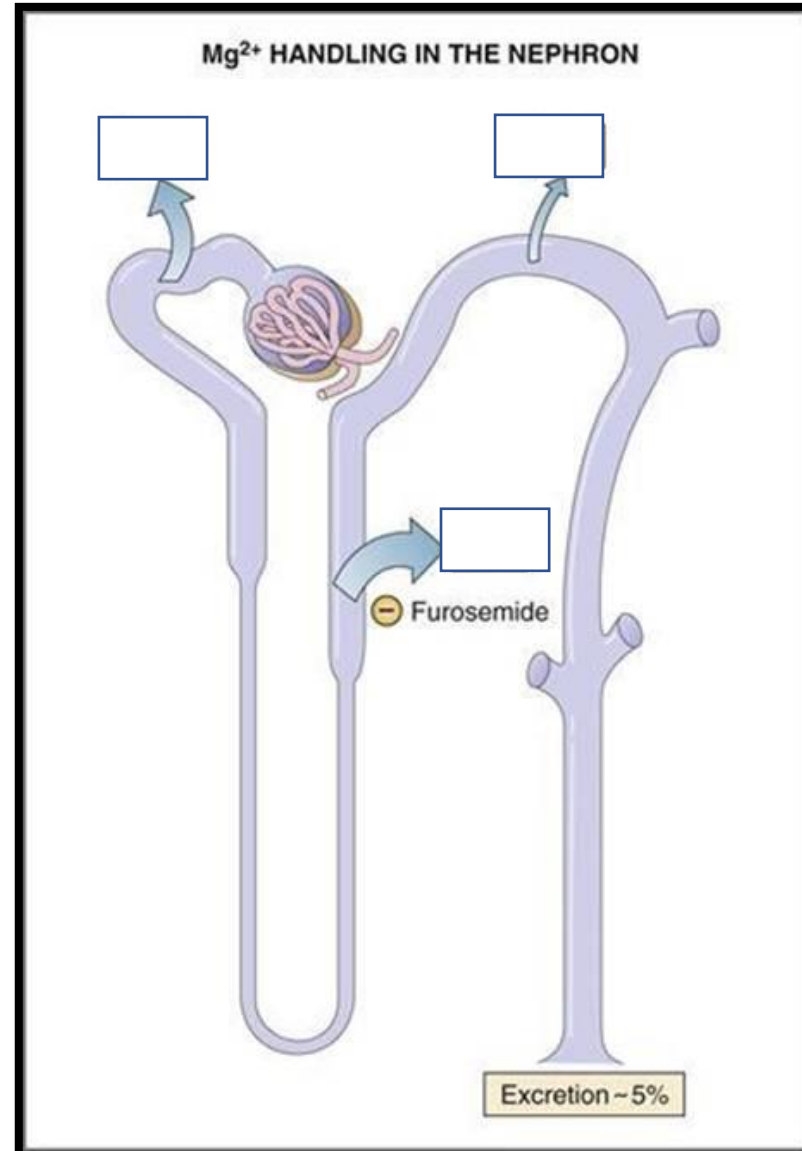


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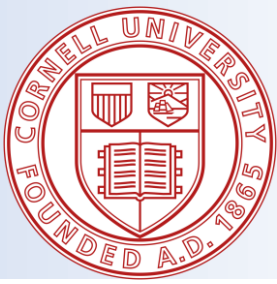


Renal handling of Mg^{2+}

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Magnesium handling



Renal handling of Mg^{2+}

PCT

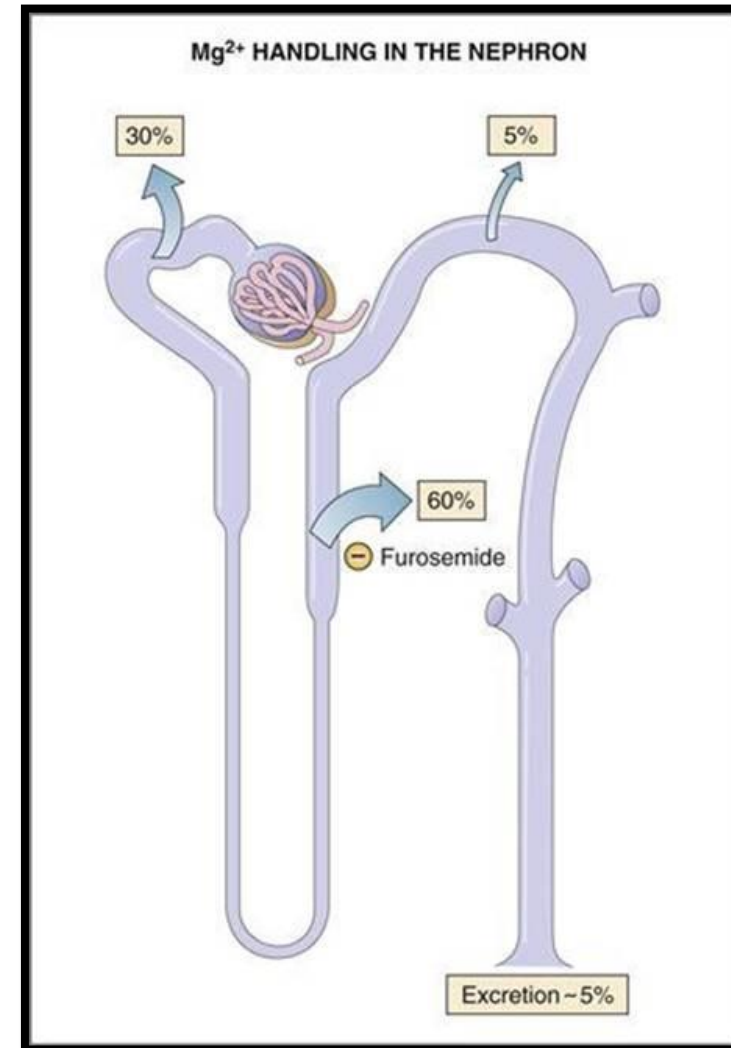
- 30% reabsorbed
 - (10-15% per DiBartola)
- Passive absorption

Thick ascending limb

- 60-70% reabsorbed
- Driven by lumen positive potential difference
- Paracellular pathway
- Loop diuretics inhibit absorption

Distal tubule

- 5% reabsorbed





Thank you!