

EXAM NOTES
PATHOPHYSIOLOGY & PHARMACOLOGY 1

Endo patho

Hypothalamus -> Pituitary -> target glands

Posterior pituitary hormones: Antidiuretic Hormone (ADH), prolactin and oxytocin

Anterior pituitary hormones: Growth hormone, Adrenocorticotrophic hormone, thyroid stimulating hormone, luteinizing hormone

Diabetes Insipidus

ADH: increased plasma osmolarity -> increased ADH -> increased water retention by kidneys

ADH Hyposecretion

Causes: head trauma, tumors, infection, radiation damage

Effects: water loss in urine, decreased reabsorption

-Polyuria usually nocturia

-Urine composition increased H₂O dilutes other components, low SG (~1.0)

-Extreme thirst, polydipsia, high risk for dehydration

-Hypernatraemia, hypokalaemia, no hyper/oglycaemia, no glycosuria

Adrenal cortex hormones

-Mineralocorticoids (aldosterone): secreted from zonae glomerulosa, reabsorption of Na⁺, promotes K⁺ and H⁺ excretion, water retention increase BP

-Sex hormones (androgens): secreted from zonae fasciculata and reticularis, regulate reproductive function

-Glucocorticoids (cortisol): secreted from zonae fasciculata and reticularis, diurnal pattern – high in morning low at night.

-Regulates stress response essential for survival

-Regulates metabolism

-Increases BGL: counteract insulin, stimulate liver glucose production, reduce glucose uptake

-Promotes protein breakdown to transfer to liver for gluconeogenesis

-Promotes lipolysis, mobilization of fat store

-Increased gastric acid secretion

-Anti inflammatory and immunosuppressive effects

Cushings Disease/syndrome- hypercortisolism

-Diurnal pattern disappeared

Effects: affects control of glucose protein and fat metabol.

-Increased BGL gluconeogenesis by liver -> overload of pancreatic B cells -> insulin burnout

-Breakdown of protein -> muscle and bone wasting, loss of collagen makes skin thinner, bruise easily

-Conversion of excess glucose into lipids -> weight gain deposition on trunk and face -> moon face, hump back, extended abdomen

-Dampen immune response, delayed healing

-Gastric ulcer and bleeding

-Emotional disturbance

-Excessive cortisol -> same effects of mineralocorticoids (aldosterone) – excess Na⁺, Cl⁻, water retention, weight gain -> increased BP

-Hypersecretion into urine of H⁺ -> alkalosis

-Hypersecretion into urine of K⁺ -> hypokalemia -> arrhythmias

-Women also hypersecretion of adrenal glands -> menstrual cessation/irregularities and masculinization

Thyroid hormones

-Thyrotropin-release hormone (TRH)

-Thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH)

Target most cells in body, stimulates basal metabolic rate BMR, promote fat mobilization, glucose catabolism, enhance effects of sympathetic nervous system, required for child development, normal functioning of CNS, CVS, GIS, musculoskeletal systems and sex maturation

Thyroid hypersecretion-

Causes: >Graves disease most common, autoimmune disease where autoantibodies mimic TSH -> permanently bind to and stimulate TSH receptors on thyroid gland

-Hyperplasia (increased follicle cell numbers)

-Hypertrophy (increased follicle cell size)

-Stimulate synthesis and release of thyroid hormones

-**Goitre:** enlargement of thyroid due to increased thyroid follicular cell size

-Increased secretion of thyroid hormone -> hyperactivity of target tissue

Effects: >Increased BMR: increased heat production -> sweating + heat intolerance, hyperventilation to remove increased CO₂ levels, muscle breakdown -> weight loss, thin, fatigue

-Protruding eyeballs (weak eye muscles)

-Neural excitability-> anxiety, excessive activity, insomnia, emotional instability

-Increased SNS activity- cardiac excitability-> tachycardia, ectopics, weakened myocardium

Thyroid storm: acute life threatening thyroid hyperactive crisis, dramatic increase in metabolism

Treatment: -Antithyroid hormones, inhibit production/conversion of hormone (20-30% effective)

-Radioactive iodine (I-131) destroys part or all thyroid gland

-Subtotal thyroidectomy- remove most of thyroid gland, incapable of hypersecretion

Hypothyroidism/Thyroid hyposecretion

Causes: Hashimotos thyroiditis- most common, autoimmune destruction of thyroid follicles or thyroglobulin, circulating antithyroid antibodies and infiltration of lymphocytes

-Dietary iodine deficiency, reduce T₃ T₄ synthesis

-Thyroid cancer, destroys follicle cells

-Congenital, deficiency of thyroid tissue/hormone due to enzyme deficiency

-Deficiency of anterior pituitary gland or hypothalamic function – decreased TRH/TSH

Adult effects: **myxedema**, decreased metabolism, sensitive to cold, oedema to face eyes hands and feet, thickened dry skin, lethargy, mental slowness, slow speech

Child effects: **cretinism**, all adult effects, stunted growth, abnormal proportions, mental retardation

Goitre: enlargement of thyroid gland, protrudes from neck

Cause: hyper and hypothyroidism, iodine deficiency, food, drug, nodules, cancer

Symptoms: enlargement of throat, swallowing problems if push on oesophagus, breathing problems if push on trachea

Endemic: whole community, iodine deficient

Sporadic: individual, family history, diet, age, gender

Treatment: depends on underlying cause

-**Iodine deficiency:** iodine rich food, seafood, iodized salt

-**Hypothyroidism:** lifelong hormone replacement therapy

-**Hyperthyroidism:** drugs, surgery, radioactive iodine

-**Benign nodules:** drugs, surgery, radioactive iodine

-**Cancer:** thyroidectomy, radioactive iodine