

ADH: To Pee or Not to Pee, That is the Question.

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Objectives

ADH Introduction

What does ADH do?

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ADH and CIRS

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ADH Introduction

ADH, aka arginine vasopressin

Made in the Hypothalamus
Supraoptic nucleus and Paraventricular nucleus

Transport to posterior Pituitary via the portal system Transport in the axon itself

Stored in the posterior pituitary

ADH Introduction

Adjusts fluid balance (tonicity homeostasis)

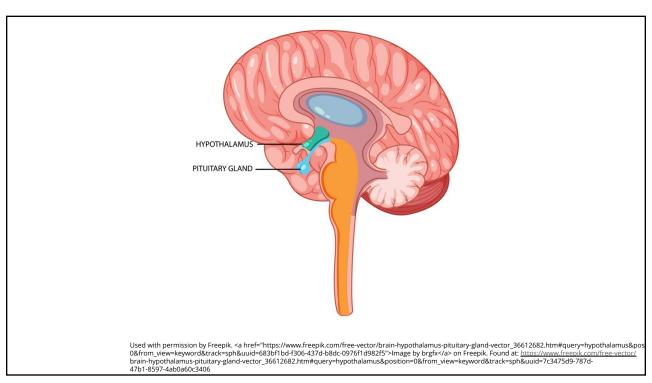
Modulates blood pressure - vasoconstricts arterioles

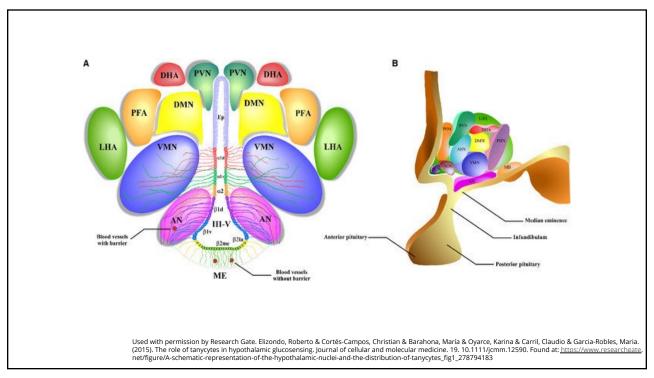
Sodium homeostasis

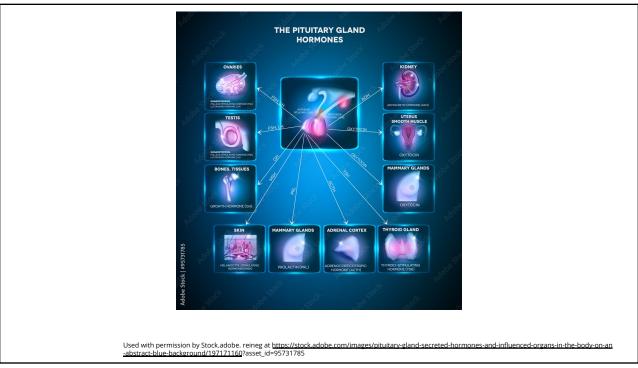
Hemostasis – activates V1a + extra-renal V2 receptors Leads to release of coagulation factors

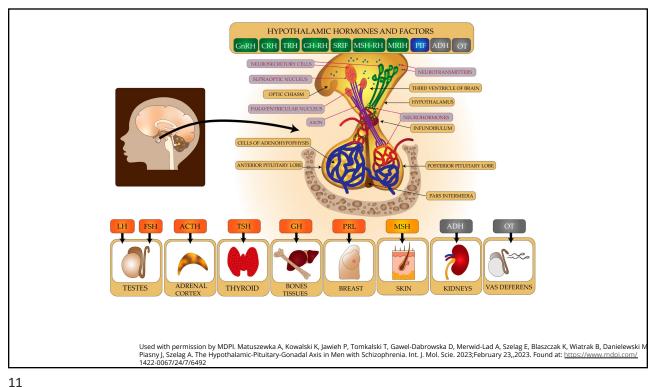
Regulates circadian rhythm - timekeeper, (\$\square\$ thirst)

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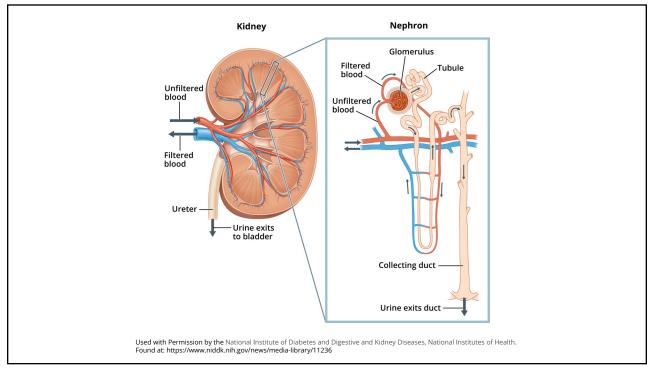


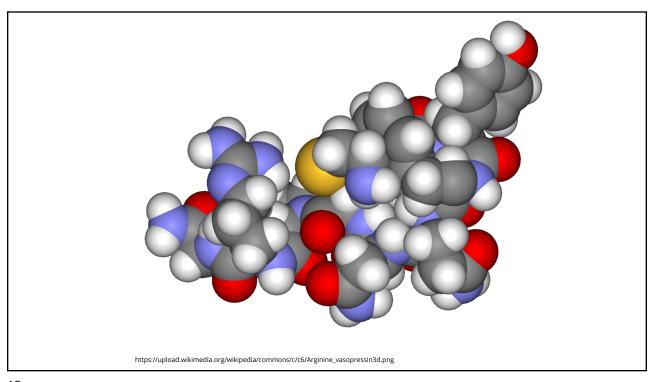
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ADH works by increasing water reabsorption in the late distal tubule and collecting duct

The ultimate result is reabsorbing more free water, making less urine and increasing blood volume.

This decreases serum osmolality





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What does ADH do?

The Hypothalamus measures serum osmolality
Osmoreceptors are in the anterior hypothalamus

When osmolality is elevated (becoming dehydrated, more concentrated solute or less water)

ADH increases, urine output decreases

Fluid volume increases, ser osmolality decreases

When ser osmolality is low (becoming waterlogged)

ADH decreases, urine output increases

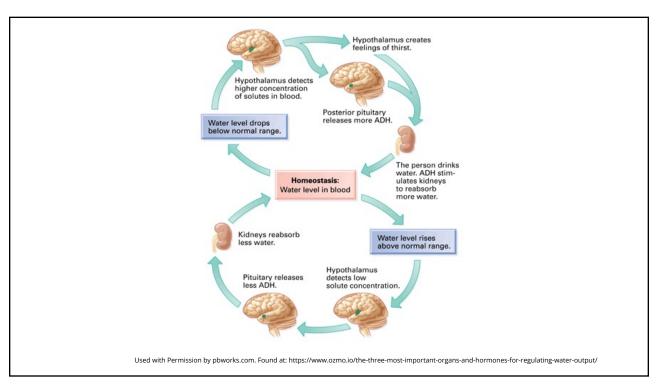
Fluid volume decreases, osmolality increases

What does ADH do?

Negative feedback loop

- Anterior Hypothalamus has osmoreceptors→ if osmolality is increasing → nerve signals
- 2) In response, posterior Pituitary secretes ADH
- 3) ADH works on kidney at collecting ducts
 Increases water reabsorption
 Decreases urine output, concentrates urine
 Increases free water back to the blood
 Decreases serum osmolality
- 1) Hypothalamus detects osmolality

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What does ADH do?

If osmolality ♠, ADH ♠ ★ thirst ♠, make less urine, save free water ★ Fluid volume ♠ ★ Na⁺ down

If osmolality →, ADH → thirst →, make more urine, waste free water → Fluid volume →, → Na⁺ up

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Disorders Related to ADH

SIADH

Diabetes Insipidus

Disorders Related to ADH

SIADH – Syndrome of Inappropriate ADH

Elevated ADH – decreased urine, decreased Na⁺

Causes: Most often tumor or head injury

Rx: Treat underlying problem, fluid/water restriction

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Disorders Related to ADH

Diabetes Insipidus

Decreased ADH – excessive urine, 4 causes

Nephrogenic – decreased ADH duct sensitivity

Central – decreased ADH secretion

Dipsogenic – drinking too much water

Pregnancy – rare, excessive vasopressinase

Dx: Water deprivation test while monitoring urine volume and concentration –or- test urine specific gravity

Disorders Related to ADH

Diabetes Insipidus

Dx specific for Nephrogenic DI – Water deprivation test followed by a small dose of (IV) ADH

Rx: cause specific

Nephrogenic - Desmopressin

Central - Desmopressin

Dipsogenic - Drink less water

Pregnancy - Desmopressin, deliver baby

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Disorders Related to ADH

Other possible disorders of ADH

Polyuria – >2L per day – there are other definitions

Urinary frequency – voiding more than 3-4x/day
There are other definitions

Nocturia -

>45 years of age, >1 per night

<45 years of age, any nighttime urination

Disorders Related to ADH

1° Nocturnal Enuresis

10% of 6 y/o, 1% of 18 y/o – mostly males

Causes: Delayed maturation, genetics, deep sleepers and decreased nighttime secretion of ADH

Dx: Hx, UA, Ur C/S, ADH

Rx: DDAVP (Desmopressin)

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ADH and CIRS

Most appropriate Dx – Urinary frequency or Nocturia

Cause: Decreased ADH or dysregulation of ADH/osmo

Dx: Hx, concomitantly drawn ADH and serum osmolality

Abnormal if ADH or osmo absolutely high or low Dysregulated if: Osmo ≥292 and ADH ≥ 4.0 –or-Osmo ≤278 and ADH ≤ 2.3

ADH and CIRS

Rx: Shoemaker Protocol – 6th Step in the Pyramid

Several methods

Adults, Desmopressin 0.2 mg, qohs x 10 days, #5

Adults, Desmopressin 0.2 mg, BID x 30 days, #60

Children, DDAVP 1-4 sprays qhs x10-30 days

Super sensitive patients, DDAVP 4 sprays qhs

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Shoemaker Protocol – 6th Step in the Pyramid

10 Day protocol - check Na+, K+, ADH/osmo at end

30 Day protocol – check Na⁺, K⁺, ADH/osmo q1-2 week

Children - check Na⁺, K⁺, ADH/osmo at end

Super Sensitive patients - check Na⁺, K⁺, ADH/osmo prn

ADH and CIRS

Shoemaker Protocol – 6th Step in the Pyramid

Advise to skip dose if patient hasn't voided since the last dose

Side effects: Headaches, intensification-like reactions

Avoidable side effects: hyponatremia, seizures

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ADH and CIRS

Expected results

10 day protocol on someone voiding 8-10x a day or several times at night → durable decrease in frequency day and night

30 day protocol on someone voiding ≥18 times a day reduction to 10-12 times a day

May need a second course immediately or later

ADH and CIRS

Desmopressin vs. Vasopressin vs. DDAVP

Desmopressin

urine production

Vasopressin (Vasostrict)

urine production

NO change in BP

in BP

po, 0.1 or 0.2 <u>mg</u>/tab

Intravenous

DDAVP = 4 mcg/mL = 0.4 mcg/spray

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Takeaways

74% of CIRS patients polyuria/nocturia/Ur frequency

~88% CIRS adults with abnormal or dysregulated ADH/osmo

This may be DI but we do not do the tests to Dx: DI

Rx: standardized, does not need to be scary

Be vigilant, however!

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