





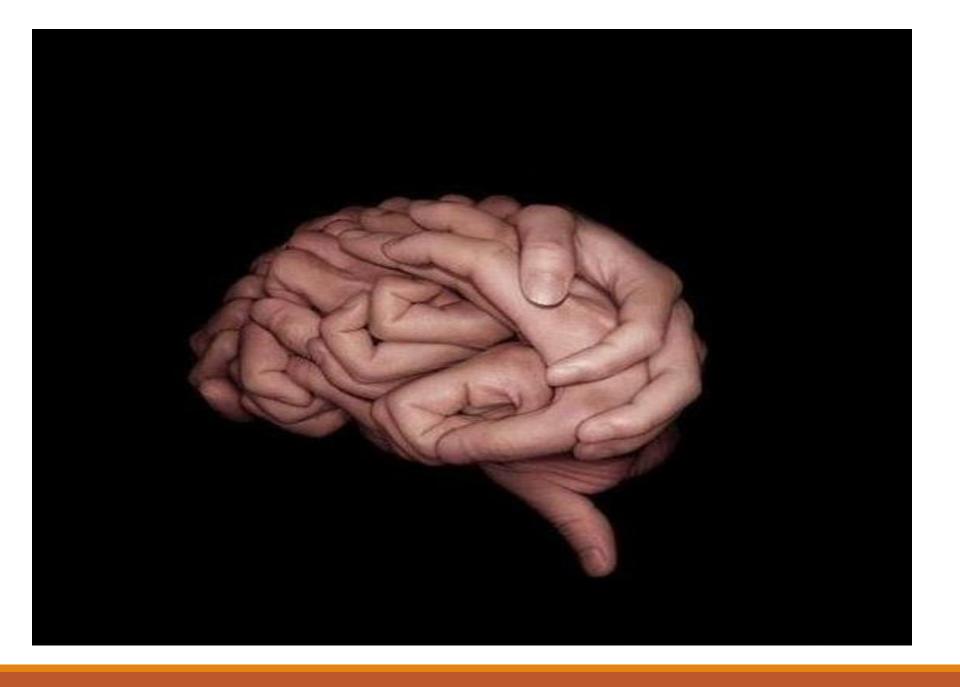
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The Enteric Nervous System: The second brain



Learning Objectives

By the end of this lecture, the student should be able to:

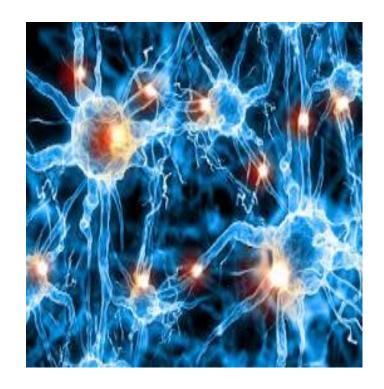
- Differentiate between mesenteric and submucosal plexus.
- 2. Enumerate the enteric nervous system neurotransmitters
- 3. Describe the role of autonomic nervous system in regulation of GIT's function
- Differentiate between sympathetic and parasympathetic modulation of the enteric nervous system and the effector organs of the GI tract

The Enteric Nervous System

Present in the entire wall of the gut.

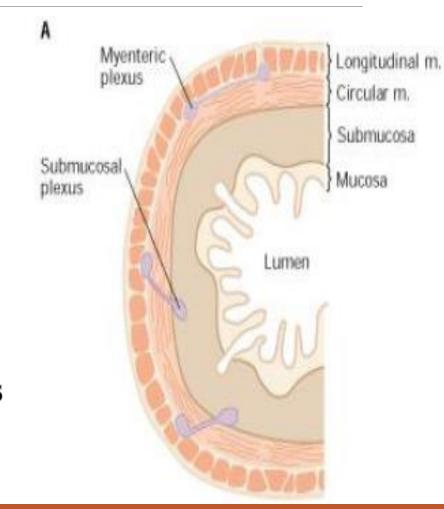
100 million neurons in the enteric nervous system.

Play important role in controlling GIT movement and secretion.



Enteric Nervous System

- Regulates digestive tract motility, secretion, and blood flow
- Composed of two ganglionated nerve networks
 - Submucosal (Meissner)
 plexus- in the submucosa
 - Myenteric (Auerbach) plexus between the two layers of the muscularis externa



The Enteric Nervous System

The enteric nervous system is composed mainly of two plexuses.

1) Myenteric plexus (Auerbach's plexus)

outer plexus lying between the longitudinal and circular muscle layers Controls mainly the gastrointestinal movements.

2) <u>Submucosal plexus (Meissner's plexus)</u>

an inner plexus that lies in the submucosa Controls mainly gastrointestinal secretion and local blood flow.

General Organization of the Gastrointestinal Tract

Epithelium

Mucosa

Lamina Propria

Muscularis Mucosa

Submucosa

Meissner's (Submucosal) Plexus

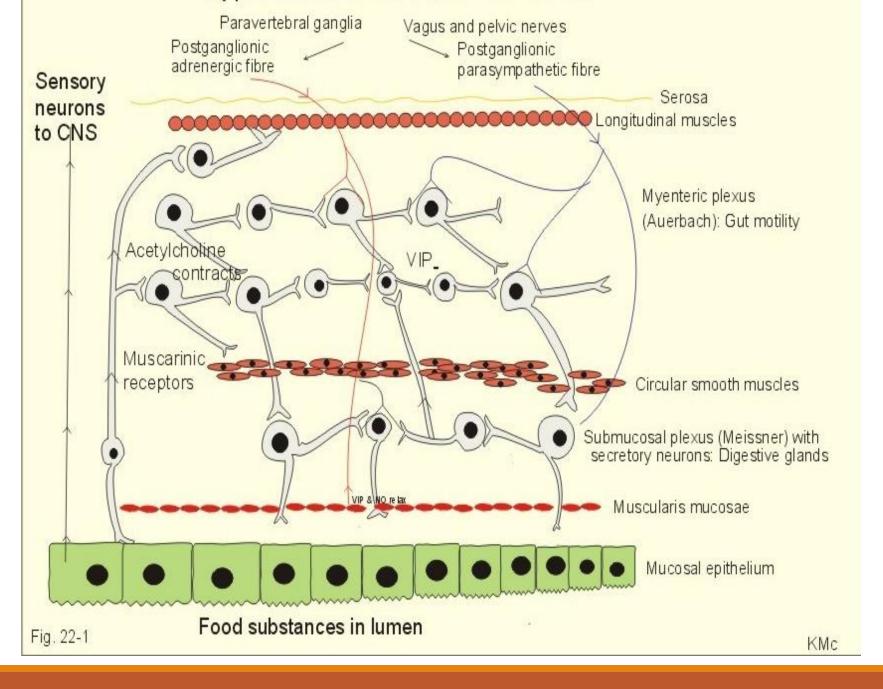
Muscularis Propria

Circular Muscle

Auerbach's (Myenteric) Plexus

Longitudinal Muscle

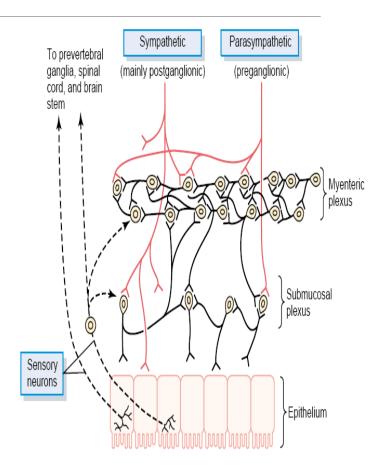
Serosa or Adventitia



Differences Between the Myenteric and Submucosal Plexuses

The myenteric plexus consists mostly of a linear chain of many interconnecting neurons that extends the entire length of the gastrointestinal tract.

concerned mainly with controlling muscular activity along the length of the gut.



The Law of the Intestine

"Local stimulation of the gut produces excitation above and inhibition below the excited spot. These effects are dependent on the activity of the local nervous mechanism."

Bayliss and Starling. The movements and innervation of the small intestine. J Physiol 24: 99-143, 1899.

Freely available at onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1113/jphysiol.1899.sp000752/pdf

Stimulatory Function of the Myenteric Plexus

Stimulation of the myenteric nerves effects:

- 1) Increase tonic contraction, of the gut wall.
- 2) Increase intensity of the rhythmical contractions.
- 3) Increase rate of the rhythm of contraction.
- 4) Increased velocity of conduction of excitatory waves along the gut wall, causing more rapid movement of the gut peristaltic waves.

Inhibitory Function of the Myenteric Plexus

The fiber endings secrete an inhibitory transmitter, possibly vasoactive intestinal polypeptide or some other inhibitory peptide.

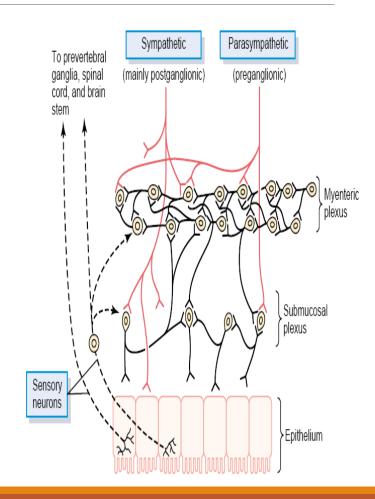
The inhibitory signals are especially useful for inhibiting some of the intestinal sphincter muscles such as the *pyloric sphincter*, which controls emptying of the stomach into the duodenum,

and the *sphincter of the ileocecal valve, which* controls emptying from the small intestine into the cecum.

Function of the Submucosal Plexus

The sensory nerves arising from GI epithelium together with submucosal plexus control

- 1) Intestinal secretion.
- 2) Intestinal absorption.
- 3) Contraction of the submucosal muscle that causes various degrees of infolding of the gastrointestinal mucosa.



Types of Neurotransmitters Secreted by Enteric Neurons

Different neurotransmitter substances that are released by the nerve endings of different types of enteric neurons.

(1) Acetylcholine

- (2) Norepinephrine
- (3) Adenosine Triphosphate
- (4) Serotonin

(5) Dopamine

(6) Cholecystokinin

- (7) Substance P (8) Vasoactive Intestinal Polypeptide
- (9) Somatostatin

(10) Leu-enkephalin

(11) Metenkephalin

(12) Bombesin

Table 1. Putative Neurotransmitters Found in the Enteric Nervous System.

Amines Acetylcholine Norapinaphrina Serotonin (5-hydroxytryptamine) Amino acids y-Aminobutyric acid Purines ATP Gases Nitric oxide Carbon monoxide Paptidas Calcitonin gene-related peptide Cholecystokinin Galanin Gastrin-releasing peptide Neuromedin U Neuropeptide Y Neurotensin Opioids Dynorphin Enkephalins Endorphins Paptida YY Pituitary adenylyl cyclase-activating peptide Somatostatin Substance P Thyrotropin-releasing hormone Vasoactive intestinal contractor (an endothelin) Vasoactive intestinal polypeptide

Autonomic control of the gastrointestinal tract



9.I. Tract

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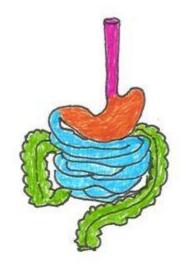
Rest and DIGEST

Or

Emergency - no time to digest!



Canal



In G. I. Tract Motility

In G. I. Tract Secretions

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Autonomic Control of the Gastrointestinal Tract

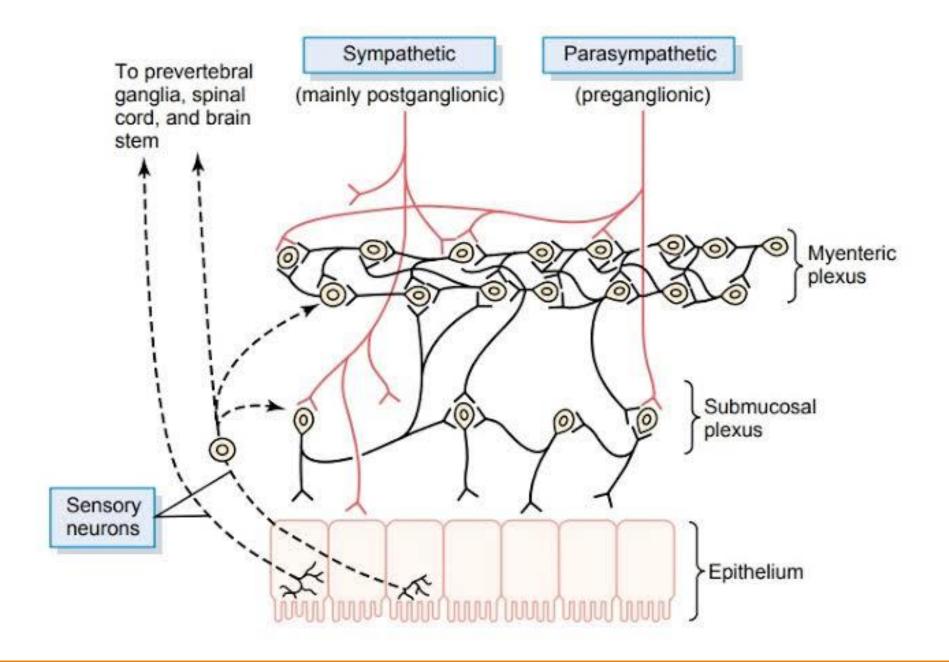
Parasympathetic Innervation.

Cranial parasympathetic nerve fibers

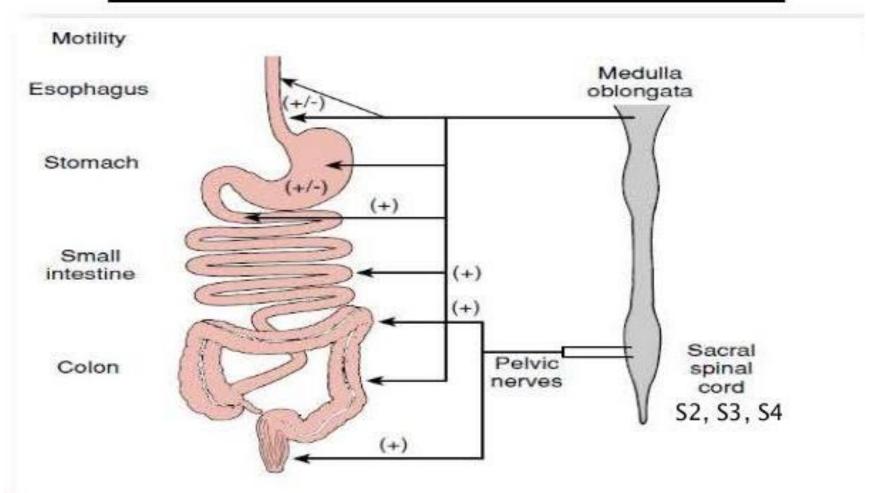
Provide innervation to the esophagus, stomach, pancreas and to the intestines.

Sacral parasympathetic nerve fibers

The sigmoidal, rectal, and anal regions. These fibers function in the defecation reflexes.



PARASYMPATHETIC INNERVATION



Autonomic Control of the Gastrointestinal Tract

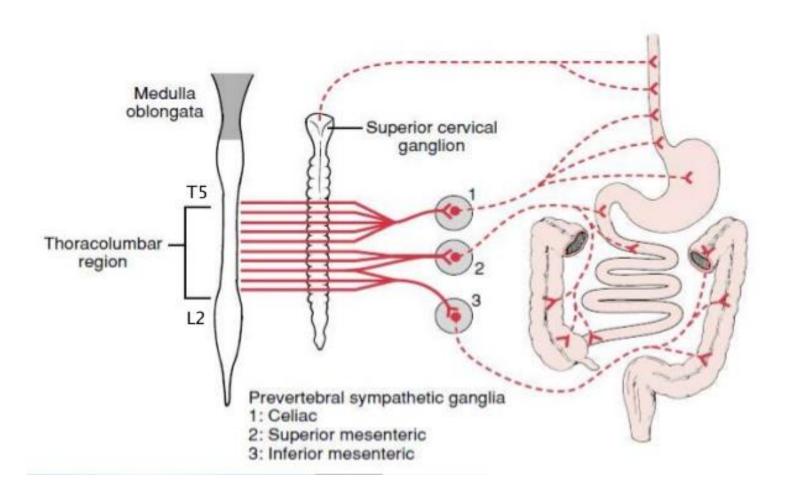
Sympathetic Innervation.

The sympathetic nerves innervate all of the gastrointestinal tract.

Stimulation of the sympathetic nervous system *inhibits* activity of the gastrointestinal tract.

(1) Secrete norepinephrine to inhibit intestinal tract smooth muscle neurons of the entire enteric nervous system

SYMPATHETIC INNERVATION



Afferent Sensory Nerve Fibers from the Gut

Many afferent sensory nerve fibers innervate the gut.

These sensory nerves can be stimulated by

- (1) Irritation of the gut mucosa.
- (2) Excessive distention of the gut.
- (3) Presence of specific chemical substances in the gut.

Signals transmitted through the fibers can then cause *excitation or inhibition of intestinal movements*, intestinal secretion.

Gastrointestinal Reflexes

Three types of gastrointestinal reflexes that are essential to gastrointestinal control.

Reflexes within the gut wall

Reflexes from the gut to other part within GIT

Reflexes from the gut to the spinal cord or brain

Gastrointestinal Reflexes

Reflexes within the gut wall

Local reflexes present entirely within the gut wall.

Control GI secretion such as peristalsis, mixing contractions, local inhibitory effects etc.

Gastrointestinal Reflexes

Reflexes from the gut to other part within GIT

Transmit signals long distances to other areas of the gastrointestinal tract.

3 types

- i) Gastrocolic reflexes signals from the stomach to cause evacuation of the colon
- ii) Enterogastric reflexes signals from the colon and small intestine to inhibit stomach motility and stomach secretion
- iii) Coloilial reflexes reflexes from the colon to inhibit emptying of ileal contents into the colon

Gastrointestinal Reflexes

Reflexes from the gut to the spinal cord or brain

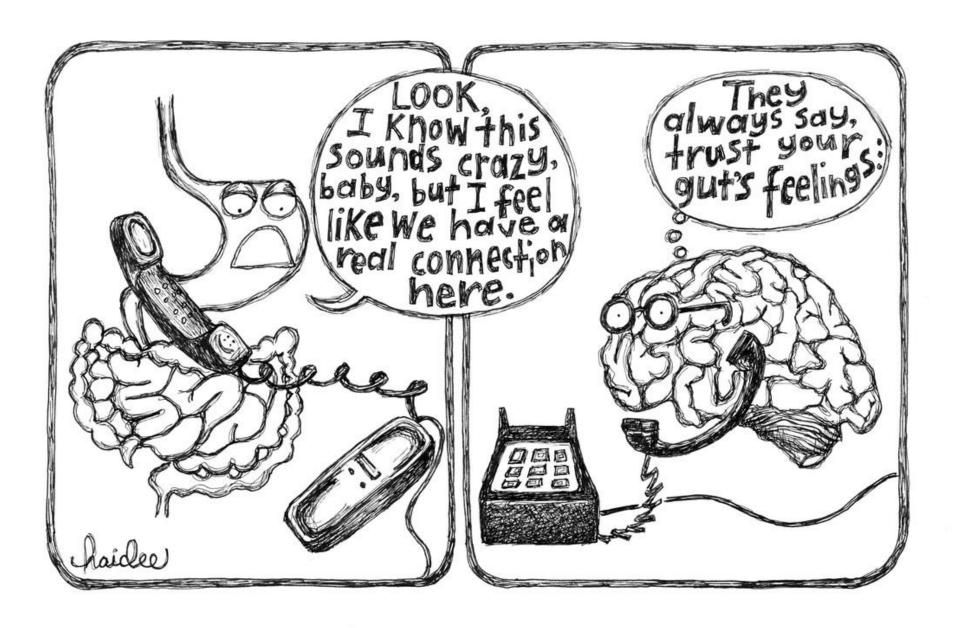
- (1) reflexes from the stomach and duodenum to the brain stem (control gastric motor and secretory activity)
- 2) pain reflexes that cause general inhibition of the entire gastrointestinal tract
- 3) defecation reflexes that travel from the colon and rectum to the spinal cord and back again to produce the powerful colonic, rectal, and abdominal contractions required for defecation reflexes.

Sight, smell, taste, thought of food Central nervous system Long reflexes Afferent impulses Efferent impulses Local Effectors: Chemoreceptors, Smooth (enteric) osmoreceptors, or muscle nerve mechanoreceptors or gland piexus Short reflexes Response: Change in Gastrointestinal contraction wall (site of short or secretory reflexes) Lumen of activity the alimentary Stimulus canal

Nervous Control of the GI Tract

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Take home points

GI smooth muscle is involuntary.

GI motility and secretions are controlled by the enteric nervous system

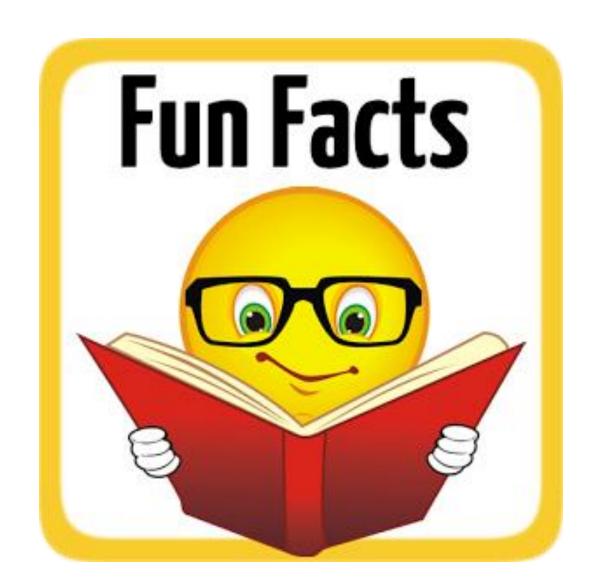
Regulation of GIT is complex and synergistic

Parasympathetic System activates the GI functions and Sympathetic slows it down.

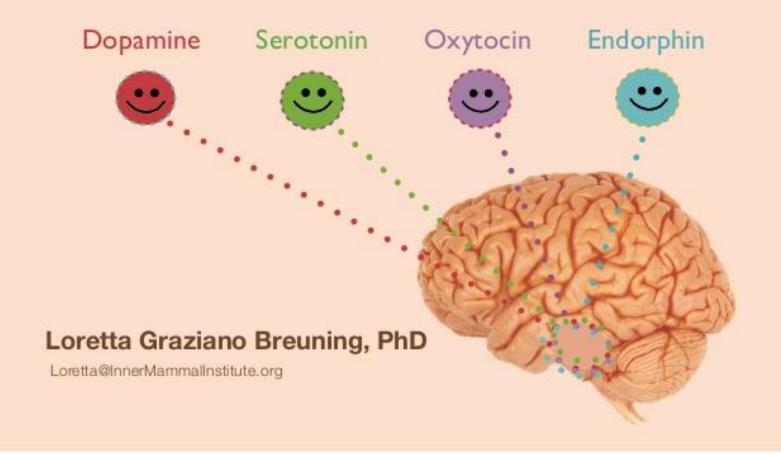
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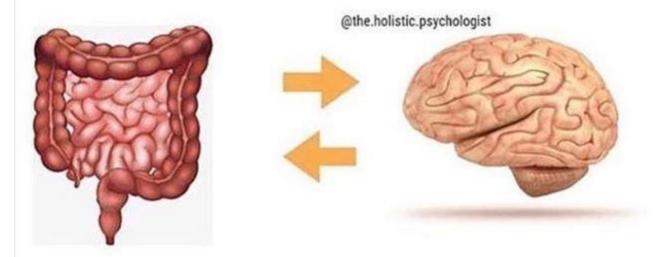




Meet Your Happy Chemicals



Mood is Made in the Gut



There is constant bi-directional communication between the brain and the GI tract. The microbes in the gut communicate with the cognitive and emotional centers of the brain. 70% of Neurotransmitters like serotonin are made in the gut then sent to the brian via the vagus nerve.

Nutrition creates mood.

12x happy Increase Serotonin



Banana boosts serotonin

Spend time in nature



Leafy Greens boost Energy



Walnuts - Omega 3 brain nutrients



Smiling releases happy hormones



Epson Salt Calming



Oats Eases Depression



Cayenne Peppers Relieves Depression



Water Hydration More Energy less stress



Green Smoothie Energy boost, zap!



Almonds Brain Food-Magnesium



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Recommended Books

Principles of Human Physiology

-Lauralee Sherwood

Guyton & Hall

Ganong's review of Medical Physiology





Ordinary Student

Medical Student





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"Because answers existonly toquestions..."

Mungara Tarou Krishnamurti

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