

# Hormonal Control Of Calcium & Phosphate Metabolism 2 Dr Zubia Shah



Learning Objectives Explain the physiological functions of calcitonin. Briefly explain the pathophysiology of parathyroid hormone, vitamin D and bone disease.

## Calcitonin

secreted by thyroid gland → ↓ plasma calcium concentration effects opposite to those of PTH Synthesis and secretion occur in parafollicular cells, or C cells - in the interstitial fluid between the follicles of thyroid gland



Increased Plasma Calcium Concentration Stimulates Calcitonin Secretion



## Calcitonin Decreases Plasma Calcium Concentration

Immediate effect is to decrease the absorptive activities of the osteoclasts and possibly the osteolytic effect of the Osteocytic membrane throughout the bone so more deposition of calcium in bones

More prolonged effect is to  $\downarrow$  the formation of new osteoclasts  $\rightarrow \downarrow$  osteoblasts  $\rightarrow \downarrow$  osteoclastic and osteoblastic activity

### Weak effect of Calcitonin on Plasma Calcium in Adult Humans

Decrease in plasma Ca<sup>++</sup> by calcitonin → powerful PTH secretion that overrides its effect

Daily rates of absorption & deposition of calcium are small, so calcitonin has little effect

In Children, effect is ↑ as bone remodeling is rapid, 5grams or more per day (5-10 times that in ECF) Paget's disease – greater osteoclastic activity→ potent effect of Calcitonin

## Feedback Loop

- Negative feedback in calcium homeostasis. A rise in blood Ca<sup>2+</sup> causes release of calcitonin from the thyroid gland, promoting Ca<sup>2+</sup> deposition in bone and reducing reabsorption in kidneys.
- A drop in blood Ca<sup>2+</sup> causes the parathyroid gland to produce parathyroid hormone (PTH), stimulating the release of Ca<sup>2+</sup> from bone.
- PTH also promotes re-absorption of Ca<sup>2+</sup> in kidneys and uptake of Ca<sup>2+</sup> in intestines.



The First line of Defense

Buffer function of
 exchangeable calcium in
 bones

 Mitochondria of many tissues especially liver and intestine contain a significant amount of calcium The Second line of Defense

Summary of Control of Calcium

 Hormonal control of calcium ion concentration
 Within 3-5 min of ↑ in Ca++, the PTH ↓ and brings calcium levels back to normal; calcitonin ↑ and causes bone deposition of calcium

# Pathophysiology of Parathyroid Hormone, Vit D & Bone Disease

### Hypocalcemia

#### Manifestations

- Weakness/Tetany
- Positive Trousseau's or Chvostek's sign
- Laryngeal stridor
- Dysphagia
- Tingling around the mouth or in the extremities



## Chvostek Sign (Weiss Sign)

#### **Eliciting Chvostek's sign**

Begin by telling the patient to relax his facial muscles. Then stand directly in front of him, and tap the facial nerve either just anterior to the earlobe and below the zygomatic arch or between the zygomatic arch and the corner of his mouth. A positive response varies from twitching of the lip at the corner of the mouth to spasm of all facial muscles, depending on the severity of hypocalcemia.





## Hypocalcemia

#### Trousseau's Sign

Induction of carpopedal spasm by inflation of a sphygmomanometer above SBP for 3 minutes

Response: Carpopedal spasm characterized by

- Adduction of the thumb
- Flexion of the metacarpophalangeal joints
- Extension of the interphalangeal joints
- Flexion of the wrist



Chvostek's sign

Contraction of the ipsilateral facial muscles elicited by tapping the facial nerve just anterior to the ear

Response: Twitching of the lip to spasm of all facial muscles



Pathophysiology of Parathyroid Hormone, Vitamin D and Bone Disease

Hypoparathyroidism
 Hyperparathyroidism
 Rickets & Osteomalacia or Adult Rickets
 Osteoporosis

# Hypoparathyroidism

## Hypoparathyroidism

When parathyroid glands do not secrete sufficient PTH  $\rightarrow$  bone resorption decreases & osteoclasts become inactive, but bones are strong



# Hyperparathyroidism

#### Hyperparathyroidism Primary Secondary $\circ$ Tumors $\rightarrow$ osteoclastic activity Bones show decalcification $\rightarrow$ multiple fractures & $\uparrow$ • $\uparrow$ level of PTH secondary to alkaline phosphatase hypocalcemia $\circ \uparrow Ca^{++} \rightarrow 12-15 \text{mg/dl} \rightarrow \text{depression of}$ • Caused by Vit D deficiency or chronic CNS & PNS, muscle weakness, renal disease constipation, peptic ulcer, lack of appetite and depressed relaxation of heart during diastole • PT poisoning, metastatic calcification &

Kidney stones

## Hypercalcemia of Malignancy

- ° a common complication of cancer
- o About 20% have bone metastases → hypercalcemia by eroding bone
  o this erosion is produced by prostaglandins (PG E2) from the tumour include breast, kidney, ovary, and skin cancers



#### Rickets $\uparrow$ **PTH secretion** $\rightarrow$ **↑osteoclastic** Vitamin D deficiency in children activity of the bones Usually due to inadequate exposure to sun Followed by $\circ \downarrow$ Cholecalciferol $\rightarrow \downarrow$ Calcium levels **↑osteoblastic** activity **L**calcification of bones Bones are elastic and can bend under pressure Tetany sometimes develops Treatment – vitamin D and calcium, exposure to sun















# Osteomalacia

Adult Rickets
 Vitamin D deficiency

Not dietary deficiency Steatorrhea is the usual cause

- Bones are weak
- Easy pathological fracture
- Treatment calcium and vitamin D supplements



Osteoporo sis

↓ bone matrix
 ↓ osteoblastic
 activity
 ↓ Osteoid formation



Normal bone

Osteoporotic bone

Comparison of normal and osteoporotic bone. Note the reduced density of osteoporotic trabecular bone compared to normal trabecular bone.

#### **OSTEOPOROSIS**

Normally healthy bones look like a honeycomb. If they've lost density, they're easily broken. They can be called "porous bones".



#### PREVENT

You can prevent and strengthen your bones for the rest of your life by the following ways:

Workout can boost your bone health.



Take vitamins and supplements.



Eat high calcium and vitamin D foods.



Avoid smoking and drinking.



#### RISKS

Here are some factors for osteoporosis, and of course they are out of your control :



Gender

Women are likely

to get osteoporosis more than men.



The elderly aged over 45 are at high risk for the bone disease.







**Body Size** Having a small frame is considered to be at risk for porous bones.

SYMPTO

It might have no symptoms in the early stage, but here are signs of the disease gradually having weakened your bones.



Loss of height over time Because your spine has tiny fractures that're usually unnoticed and painless.

> Back pain Fractured bones in the low back can cause the severe pain,usually lasting for a week.

Low back pain

Asian Americans are likely to develop asteoporasis.

Race

omen worldwide

#### Bone fracture

People with porous bones can get more easily injured than expected if they fall or bump.



\*Sample of broken bones





Assignment

Make a flow chart showing the mechanism of action of parathyroid hormone and physiological role of Vitamin D and Calcitonin in Calcium metabolism.

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