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# **Homeostasis**

#### Homeostasis

The ability of all organs and tissues of the body to maintain a relatively stable internal environment in an ever-changing outside world. Ex: The lungs provide oxygen to compensate the oxygen used by the cells. The kidneys maintain constant ion concentrations .



#### **Homeostatic Imbalance**

Disturbance of homeostasis (body's normal equilibrium) caused by :

- 1. Diseases
- 2. Anesthesia

Which cause :

- a. Fluid- electrolytes imbalance
- b. Acid-base disturbance
- c. Metabolic disturbance

Lecture.1



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## **Body Fluids**

Body Fluids are divided into :

I. The intracellular fluid (ICF) which exists inside the cells accounts for a 40% bwt).

2. Extracellular fluid (ECF): Cells exist in it .From which, they take up O2 and nutrients into it, they discharge Metabolic waste products

The ECF is divided into two components :

a. The interstitial fluid (3/4) = 15% bwt

The part of ECF outside the vascular system ,bathing the cells .

b. The circulating blood plasma(1/4)=5% bwt Plasma and the cellular elements of the blood which fill the vascular system .

- 1/3 of total body water is extracellular .
- the remaining 2/3 is intracellular fluid.





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## **Differences Between Extracellular and Intracellular Fluids**

- The extracellular fluid contains large amounts of
- -Sodium, chloride, and bicarbonate ions
- -Nutrients for the cells, such as glucose, fatty acids, and amino acids .
- -Oxygen & Carbon dioxide gasses
- -Cellular waste products The intracellular fluid contains :
- -Large amounts of potassium, magnesium, and phosphate ions.

|   | Ions                              | ECF    | ICF    |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|
| ٢ | Na+                               | 145 mM | 10 mM  |
|   | <b>K</b> +                        | 5 mM   | 135 mM |
| 0 | CI⁻                               | 120 mM | 10 mM  |
|   | <b>Proteins</b> <sup>-</sup> 0 mM |        | 100 mM |

#### Water balance

• Normal balance is maintained with intake and losses of 2.5—3 litres per day .

• Intake from ingested fluid (1300 ml), solid food800) ml) and metabolic waste (400 ml).



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This is balanced by insensible fluid losses of 0.5 ml kg-l h-l (850 ml) from skin and lungs; plus losses from urine (1500 ml) and faeces (100 ml) These values are in health, normo-thermia & rest.

#### Sodium Balance

- ✓ Sodium balance is related to ECF volume and water balance .
  Daily ingestion has a range (50—300 mmol ).
- $\checkmark$  It is regulated by the kidneys depending on :
- a. Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR).

b. Sympathetic tone and Renin-Angiotensin system (Stimulation of Aldosterone secretion )

c. ADH and Aldosterone Hormones (Retention of Na+ & Excreting of K+)





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#### <u>Na+ Imbalance</u>

- Sodium, must be tightly regulated to avoid osmosis and cell damage.
- The renal system maintains ECF volume by regulating sodium and osmotic concentration by retaining or excreting water.
- Measurement of urine and plasma osmolalities helps in diagnosing electrolyte disturbances.

♦ (Normal Plasma osmolality ranges from 280 to 295 mOmol / litre).

# <u>Hypernatraemia & Hyponatraemia</u>

#### Hypernatraemia:

Leads to pyrexia (fever), nausea, vomiting, convulsions, coma and focal neurological signs.

Correction is advisable over 48—72 h with 5% dextrose.





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## Hyponatraemia:

symptoms depend on the cause, magnitude and pidity. the aim of treatment is to raise plasma Na+ concentration to 125 mmol per litre gradually over a period of no less than 12 h while treating the underlying cause.