# Endocrine Function, Homeostasis, and Metabolism Module - 2012/13 Batch

**Year 2 Semester 1** – **Time SBM** [58 (L) + 13(CCR – 5 + SGD - 8)] = 71 hours CLM 23 hrs (total 94 hrs)

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| **2012-2/SBM-8/1 Introduction** | 1 hr | **Student should be able to:**  
1. Explain the significance of homeostasis.  
2. Explain the role of the Endocrine system in relation to homeostasis and metabolism  
3. Understand the importance of endocrinology in Medicine | Medicine | Head/ Medicine | Lecture 1 hr |
| **Homeostasis** | | 1. Explain the term “internal environment”  
2. Explain the role of organ systems in maintaining homeostasis  
3. Explain the characteristics of feedback systems  
Recall from Foundation Module 2008-1/SBM 1/12 b | | | |
| **Body Fluids** | | 1. Recall the composition of the body in terms of body water, lean body mass and body fat and describe variations in body composition with age and sex.  
2. Recall the body fluid compartments and state the percentages of water, concentration of electrolytes and osmolalities of each compartment  
3. List the routes of fluid intake and output and recognize that in health, intake equals output.  
4. Recognize that the regulatory mechanisms are adjusted to maintain the internal environment constant (homeostasis)  
5. Explain the basis for compartmentalization in terms of the following: cell membrane structure and permeability characteristics osmosis, diffusion and facilitated diffusion, and active transport | | | |
| **a. Body fluid compartments** | | 1. Recall the regulatory mechanisms which maintain extracellular fluid (ECF)  
Volume with reference to: renin-angiotensin-aldosterone mechanism, osmo receptors and antidiuretic hormone (ADH), thirst mechanism, atrial natriuretic peptide (ANP), low pressure stretch receptors (“volume reflex”) | | | |
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a. pH
- Concept of pH
- Buffers
- Regulation of pH

b. Acid Base Balance
Anion gap

c. Electrolyte imbalance and its effects

1. Recall the terms pH and buffers.
2. State the normal body pH and variations in health
3. Explain the terms acidosis, alkalosis, acidaemia and alkalaemia
4. Explain the basis of the Henderson-Hasselbalch equation
5. Explain the term acid-base buffer system
6. Explain the function of the following buffer systems
   - bicarbonate
   - phosphate
   - protein, ammonia

1. Explain the terms: respiratory acidosis and alkalosis, metabolic acidosis and alkalosis, indicate the causes of each abnormality and explain the basis of the pH-bicarbonate diagram
2. Be able to calculate the normal anion gap
   - List causes of raised anion gap metabolic acidosis
   - List causes of normal anion gap metabolic acidosis
   - State the compensatory mechanisms that occur in the above conditions.
   - Explain the basis of clinical effects in the conditions listed

Describe the causes and effects of
- Hypo and hypernatraemia
- Hypo and hyperkalaemia
- Hypo and hypercalcaemia
- Hypo and hypermagnesaemia

2012-2/SBM-8/2
Thermoregulation

a. Introduction
1 hr
1. Recognise that man is a homeothermic animal.
2. Explain what is meant by normal body temperature.
3. State the methods and the sites of measurement of core and superficial temperatures of the body.
4. Describe the routes of heat gain and heat loss
5. Discuss the factors affecting heat gain and heat loss
State the percentages of heat loss from the different routes in a thermoneutral environment and discuss the changes that take place in different thermal environments.

Physiology  Head/Physiology  Lecture 1 hr

2012-2/SBM-8/3
b. Mechanisms of regulation of body temperature
2 hr
1. Explain the role of sweating, vasodilatation and shivering in maintaining body temperature.
2. Explain the role of non-shivering thermogenesis in heat balance in infants.
### 3. Describe the role of behavioral factors in the control of body temperature.
4. Explain the role of the hypothalamus in body temperature regulation.

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| c. Measurement of body temperature | 2 hr | 1. Measure oral and axillary temperature using a clinical thermometer
2. Measure temperature at different sites (ear drum, axilla, skin) | Physiology | Head/Physiology | Practical 2 hr |
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### d. Structure and function of the skin

1. Describe the structure of the skin
2. Correlate the structure of the skin with its function.
3. Identify the layers of skin, under the light microscope.
4. List cell types found in epidermis and describe their functions, including: keratinocytes, melanocytes, Langerhan cells, and Merkel cells.
5. Compare thick skin and thin skin giving examples
6. Describe the appendages of the skin.
7. Name and state the functions of the sensory receptors of the skin.

#### Role of Vitamins and Minerals in metabolism

1. Describe the role of fat-soluble vitamins in various biochemical reactions.
2. Describe the role of water-soluble vitamins as cofactors of metabolic events.
3. Describe the role of minerals in various functions. E.g.: Structural (Ca, P), membrane (Na, K), Catalytic: as prosthetic groups in enzymes (Fe, Cu), regulatory Ca, Se

#### 2012-2/SBM-8/4

| 2012-2/CLM-8/2 Functional organization of the endocrine system | 4 hr | 1. Recognise that the endocrine system is concerned with regulation of different metabolic functions of the body.
2. Recognise that there is a close interaction between the two control systems of the body, viz. the nervous system and the endocrine system.
3. Define the term 'hormone'.
4. List the biochemical types of hormones.
5. What is a signal transduction pathway?
6. Explain hormone-receptor interaction and list the sites of hormone receptors.
7. Explain the mode of actions of a steroid hormone and a peptide hormone. | Biochemistry | Head/Biochemistry | Lecture 2 hr | SGD 2 hr |

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8. Explain giving examples the terms: local hormones and general hormones.
9. Explain the terms first messenger and second messenger and explain the role of G proteins, cyclic AMP, cyclic GMP, Tyrosine kinase, Ca\textsuperscript{2+}, and other second messenger systems in controlling cell function.
10. List the hormones of the following: Hypothalamus, Pituitary, Thyroid, Parathyroid, Adrenal cortex and medulla, Gonads and placenta, Endocrine pancreas Gastrointestinal system, Kidney, Heart and vascular endothelium, Pineal gland

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<td>5. State the cell types and the functions of the cells in the anterior and posterior pituitary.</td>
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**Development of the endocrine glands**

1. Describe the development of the pituitary gland.
2. Describe the development of the thyroid gland.
3. Describe the development of the adrenal gland.
4. State the development of islets of Langerhans.

**Student should be able to:**

**Hypothalamus and Pituitary (Anterior and Posterior)**

1. Recognise that the hypothalamic factors/hormones are synthesised in hypothalamic neurones, transported via axons and secreted at nerve endings in posterior pituitary.
2. List the hypothalamic releasing factors/hormones involved in regulating the secretions of the anterior pituitary gland.
3. Describe the functions of each of these hormones.
4. Explain the mechanisms of regulation of the hypothalamic hormones.
5. Describe the modes of transport of these hormones in the blood.
6. Describe the function of the hypothalamo-hypophysial portal system.
7. State the different types of cells responsible for their secretion.
8. Describe their actions on target tissues, glands and organs.
9. Describe the regulation of secretion of Anterior pituitary hormones.
10. Describe the role of somatomedins in mediating the actions of growth hormone.
11. List the hormones of the posterior pituitary gland.
12. Describe their synthesis and transport to the post pituitary gland.
13. Describe their actions on target tissues, glands and organs.
14. Describe the regulation of these hormones.

**Hypopituitarism and hyperpituitarism**

1. Describe the effects of hypo and hyper secretion of the hormones secreted by the pituitary gland.
2. Describe the effects of the enlargement of the gland.

**Radiology**

Lecture 1 hr – development of glands

**Practical 3 hr**

**Biochemistry**

Lecture 1 hr

**Physiology**

Lecture 4 hr

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| 2012-2/SBM-8/8 | Thyroid | 2 hr | 1. Recall the gross anatomy of the thyroid gland  
2. Recall the microscopic anatomy of the thyroid gland  
3. Recall the structural differences in the thyroid gland in relation to the state of activity  
4. List the hormones secreted  
5. Describe the steps involved in the synthesis and storage of thyroid hormones  
6. Describe the process of release of thyroid hormone into the blood.  
1. List the proteins that bind thyroid hormones in plasma.  
2. State the relationship between bound and free thyroid hormones in blood.  
3. Explain the mechanism of action of thyroid hormones at a cellular level.  
4. Describe how thyroid hormones are catabolised.  
5. Explain the mechanisms by which the secretion of thyroid hormones is regulated  
6. Describe the actions of thyroid hormones on metabolism, development and on organs and systems. | Biochemistry | Head/Physiology | Lecture 1 hr |
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| 2012-2/SBM-8/9 | Derangement of thyroid function | 1 hr | 1. Physiological basis in hyper and hypo function of the thyroid gland  
List the anti thyroid substances that effect the thyroid function and describe their mechanism of action | Physiology | Head/Physiology | Lecture 1 hr |

| Parathyroid | 1 hr | 1. Describe the role of the parathyroid hormone in calcium, phosphate and bone metabolism.  
2. Describe the interaction of parathyroid hormone with calcitonin and 1,25-dihydroxycholecalciferol.  
3. Describe the effects of parathyroid hormone on the kidneys, bone, intestine  
4. Describe the control of parathyroid hormone secretion  
Describe the clinical features and their physiological basis in hyper and hypo function of the parathyroid gland  
Describe the derangements of vitamin D and Calcium metabolism | Physiology | Head/Physiology | Lecture 1 hr |

| 2012-2/SBM-8/10 | Adrenal cortex | 2 hr | 1. Recall the development of the adrenal gland  
2. Recall the gross anatomy of the adrenal gland  
3. Recall the blood supply of the adrenal gland  
4. Recall the microscopic anatomy of the adrenal gland  
5. List the hormones secreted by each layer of the adrenal cortex  
6. Describe the regulation of secretion of adrenocortical hormones | Physiology | Head/Physiology | Lecture 2 hr |
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<td>7. Describe how they are transported in blood</td>
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<td>8. State the cyclical pattern of secretion of glucocorticoids and their regulatory hormones</td>
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<td><strong>1. Recall the gross anatomy of the pancreas</strong></td>
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<td><strong>2. Describe the actions of the catecholamines including the effect on metabolism.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>3. List the principal metabolites of adrenaline and noradrenaline</strong></td>
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<td>3. Discuss the interaction between the adrenal medullary hormones and the sympathetic nervous system</td>
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<td>7. List the hormones secreted by the pancreatic islets</td>
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<td>11. List the cells which do not require insulin for glucose uptake</td>
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**2012-2/SBM-8/11 Adrenal medulla**

- **a. Functional anatomy**
- **b. Biochemistry of hormones**

**2012-2/SBM-8/12 Derangement of adrenal function**

1 hr

**2012-2/SBM-8/13 Endocrine pancreas**

- **a. Functional anatomy**
- **b. Hormones**

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2. Discuss the role of hormones in glucose homeostasis  
3. Describe the mode of action of insulin, insulin receptor and glucose transporters |
| 2012-2/SBM-8/15 | Derangement of glucose metabolism | 1 hr | 1. Describe the causes of hyper and hypoglycaemia  
2. Describe the effects of hyper and hypoglycaemia on different organs and tissues |
| 2012-9/CLM-8/3 | Tests for glucose homeostasis | 3 hr | 1. Measure glucose in blood and urine  
2. Test for ketone bodies in urine  
3. Interpretation of laboratory reports |
| 2012-2/SBM-8/16 | Derangement of glucose homeostasis | 7 hrs | Define and explain, Impaired glucose tolerance Impaired fasting glucose Diabetes, Diabetic ketoacidosis  
Describe the laboratory diagnosis of the above conditions  
Describe the oral glucose tolerance test  
Describe the significance of the analysis of glycated Hb in blood and microalbumin in urine |
| 2012-2/SBM-8/17 | Glucose homeostasis | 1 hr | 1. Recall the gonadal hormones and state the sources from which they are secreted.  
2. Recall the effects of Testosterone, Oestrogens and Progesterone on primary and secondary sexual organs and the rest of the body |
| 2012-2/SBM-8/18 | Other hormones | 3 hr | 1. Describe the role of the gut, kidney, heart, pineal gland and vascular endothelium as endocrine organs |
| 2012-2/SBM-8/19 | Endocrine function and dysfunction | 3 hrs | Round up on endocrine function  
Round up on endocrine dysfunction |
| 2012-2/SBM-8/20 | Measurement of Endocrine Function | 5 hr | a. Quantitative tests  
b. Functions of target organs  
c. Suppression and stimulation tests  
List the biochemical investigations used to assess the functions of the endocrine organs  
List dynamic endocrine tests  
Be able to interpret the results of the above tests |
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<td>Basis of Testing endocrine function</td>
<td><strong>Student should be able to:</strong> 1. List the tests which are based on  a. negative feedback mechanism  b. measurement of serum levels of the hormones  c. measurement of by-products of hormones  2. Explain the physiological basis of interpretation of the above tests</td>
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<td>3 hrs</td>
<td>Interpret deranged thyroid function test results (T3 T4 TSH, Iodine up take studies)</td>
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<td>4 hrs</td>
<td>Describe the derangements of lipid metabolism, and their molecular basis  Classify the lipid disorders according to the molecular defect  Describe the effects on target organs</td>
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<td>5 hrs</td>
<td>Impact of obesity on health  Know the Prevalence  Describe the biology of obesity, brown adipose tissue (BAT) and white adipose tissue (WAT) - Distribution, Cells &amp; fat, Thermogenesis in BAT)  Adipocyte function- Energy regulation via endocrine, paracrine and autocrine signals (Signals include: Leptins, Agouti, Eicosanoids, Angiotensin II), Leptin concentration &amp; Obesity Other protein signals Eg. Adiponectin, Resistin, IL-6, TNFa  Adiponectin &amp; resistin and insulin sensitivity/resistance  Distribution of fat in the body- Central distribution, Peripheral distribution, Waist: hip circumference  Treatment- Role of dietary composition, Effect of exercise Prevention Complications of obesity</td>
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2. Describe the process of replication.  
3. Describe the organization of RNA  
4. Describe the process of transcription.  
5. Explain why regulated expression of genes is required.  
6. Describe how the gene expression is regulated |
| 2012-2/SBM-8/25 | Protein synthesis, effect of antibiotics on protein synthesis, Post translational Modifications | 2 hr | 1. Describe the properties of the genetic code.  
2. Describe the steps involved in protein synthesis.  
3. List the differences between prokaryotic and eukaryotic protein synthesis.  
5. Explain the effect of antibiotics on protein synthesis  
1. Describe the post-translational modifications that occur on nascent proteins  
2. State the importance of these modifications  
3. Describe the relevance of these modifications in the formation of functional proteins |
| 2012-2/SBM-8/26 | Gene expression | 2 hr | 1. Explain how the information required for life is carried in genes. |
| 2012-2/SBM-8/27 | Inborn errors of metabolism | 3 hrs | 1. Explain the genetic causes of inborn errors  
2. Explain the phenylalanine metabolism and its derangements  
List the types of amino acidurias  
Describe their effects on normal function |
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