

RENAL MECHANISMS OF HYPERTENTION

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The kidneys are both the culprit and the victim in hypertension

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EXCESS SODIUM INTAKE

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Excess Sodium Intake:

TABLE 3-2 How Sodium Retention Can Elevate BP	
Volume-dependent mechanisms Autoregulation Production of endogenous ouabain-like steroids ^a Volume-independent mechanisms Angiotensin-mediated CNS effects Increase in sympathetic nervous system activity Hypertrophy in cardiac myoblasts and contractility of vascular smooth muscle cells Increase in production of NF-κB Increase in expression of AT1r in renal tissue Increase in TGF-# production	

Volume-Dependent Mechanisms:

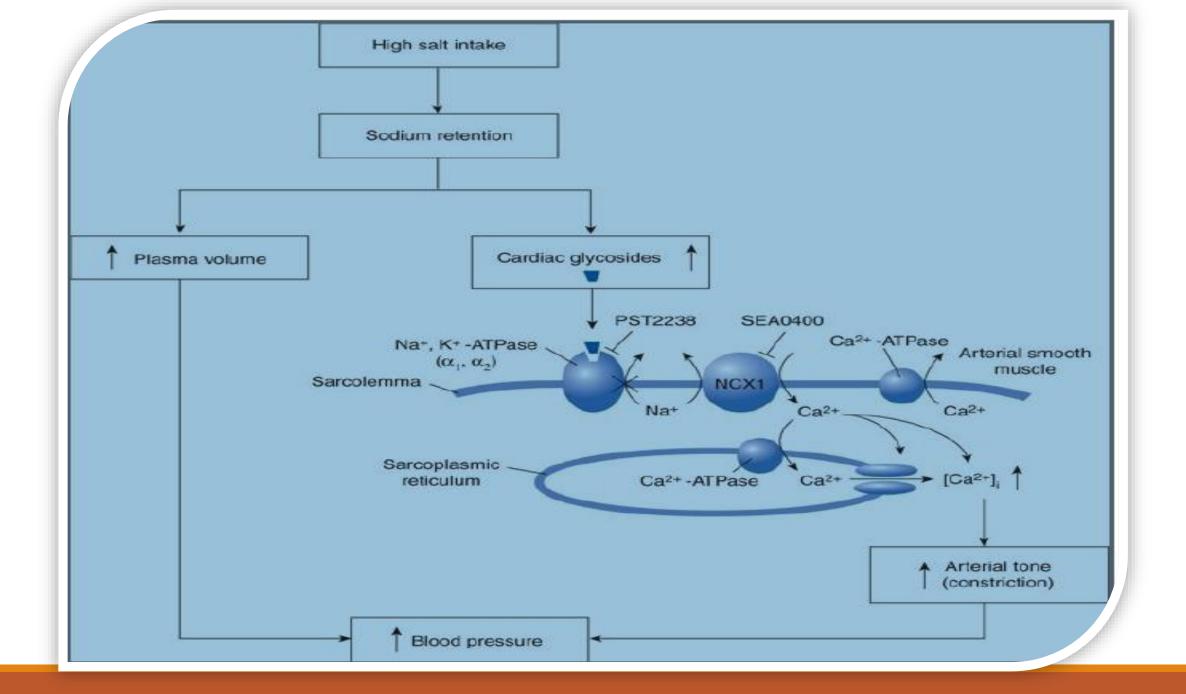
Autoregulation:

renal sodium retention is the inciting event in all hypertensive states, The expanded blood volume increases cardiac preload and thus cardiac output, which increases perfusion of peripheral tissues, As tissue perfusion exceeds metabolic demands, the resistance arteries constrict, thereby stopping overperfusion but at the expense" of increases in systemic vascular resistance and BP. The resultant increase in cardiac afterload returns cardiac output to normal.

The term autoregulation implies that the vasoconstrictor response is an intrinsic property of vascular smooth muscle and does not require hormonal or neural inputs.

OUBAIN LIKE STEROIDS:

Ouabain inhibits the Na-K-ATPase membrane pump, resulting in an increase in intracellular sodium and calcium concentrations. Increased intracellular concentrations of calcium may promote activation of contractile proteins (e.g., actin, myosin).



Salt Sensitivity and Salt Resistance:

Weinberger et al ,evaluated in 378 normotensive and 198 hypertensive humans by two approaches.

Blood pressure was measured after an intravenous infusion of 2 L of normal saline (0.9%) and after sodium and volume depletion induced by a low sodium diet and furosemide administration. They arbitrarily separated the population into two groups, those in whom mean arterial blood pressure decreased by at least 10 mmHg after sodium and volume depletion were considered sodium-sensitive, and those with a decrease of 5 mmHg or less (including an increase in pressure) were considered sodium resistant.

Most studies find BP to be more salt sensitive among persons who are older, overweight, hypertensive, or of African descent.

Importance of Pressure–Natriuresis:

In normotensive people, when BP rises, renal excretion of sodium and water increases, shrinking fluid volume and returning The BP to normal—the phenomenon of **pressure—natriuresis**.

In patients with primary hypertension resetting of the pressure—sodium excretion curve prevents the return of BP to normal so that fluid balance is maintained but at the expense of high BP ,indicates that the resetting plays a key role in causing hypertension and is not merely an adaptation to increased BP.

Importance of Renal Inflammation

Rodent studies point to renal inflammation as both a cause and a consequence of renal medullary ischemia.

Renal inflammation—is a hallmark of both the initiation and progression of experimental salt-sensitive hypertension.

Eventually, on-going renal ischemia will kill enough nephrons to decrease GFR.

VASCULAR MECHANISMS

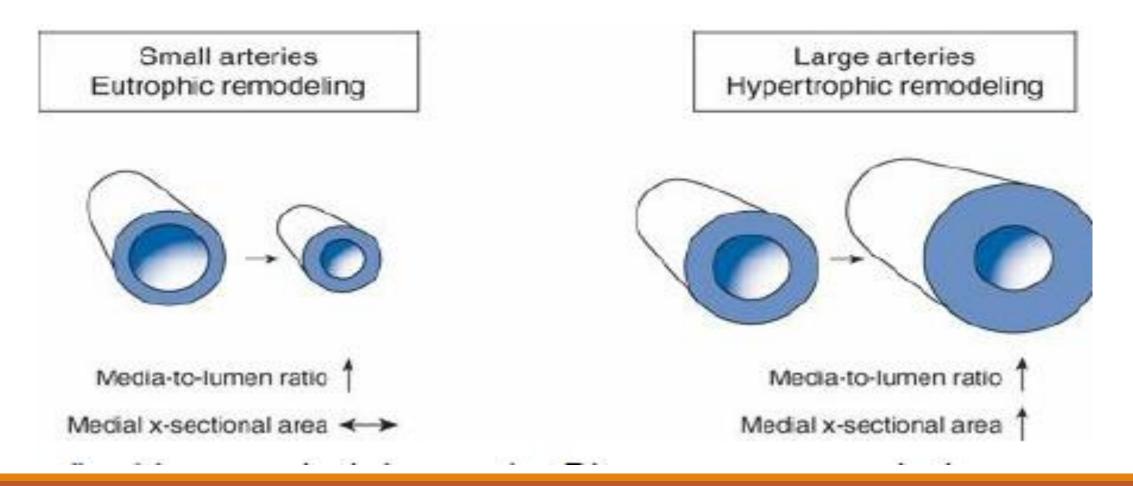
Dysfunctional endothelium, a hallmark of hypertension, is characterized by impaired release of endothelial-derived relaxing factors (NO), and enhanced release of endothelial-derived constricting, include endothelin, thromboxane, and transforming growth factor- β (TGF- β).

One of the principal mechanisms of endothelial cell dysfunction in hypertension is the production of superoxide anion and other ROS that quench NO, thereby reducing its bioavailability. The term "oxidative stress" refers to chronic elevations in ROS, which are associated with hypertension, atherosclerosis, and diabetes.

Asymmetric dimethyl arginine (ADMA) is an endogenous NOS inhibitor and, as such, is an attractive but unproven mechanismof endothelial dysfunction and hypertension.

Thus, the NO pathway is thought to be one of the most important regulatory mechanisms that protects against hypertension, and NO deficiency is thought to contribute to hypertension.

VASCULAR REMODELING:

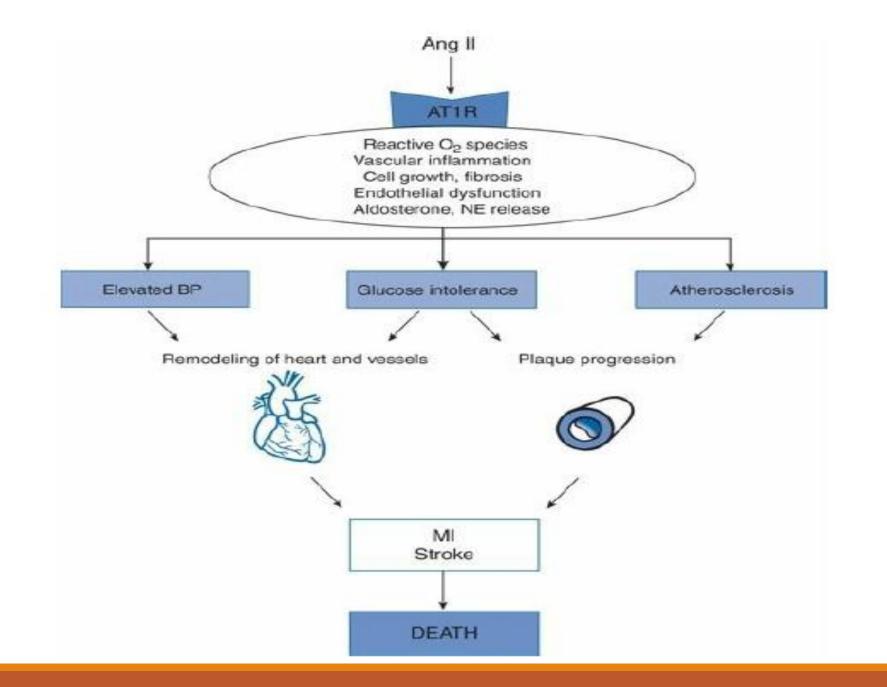


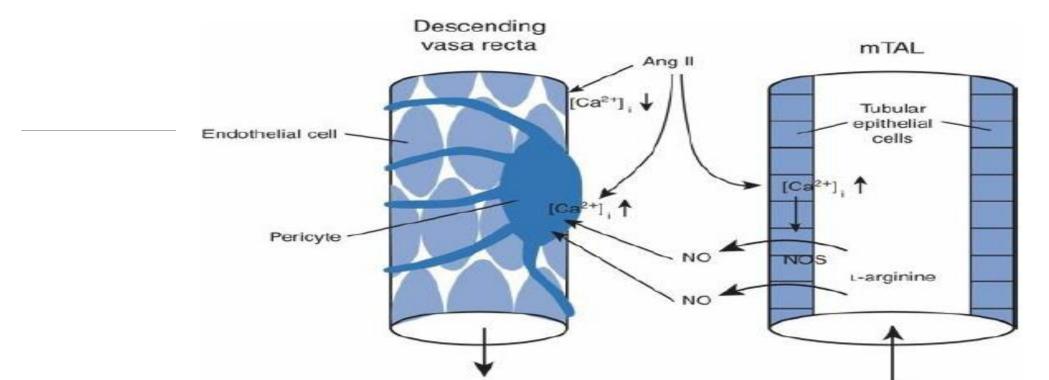
HORMONAL MECHANISMS:

INTRA RENAL RAAS:

Ag II has been shown repeatedly to cause a rightward shift in the pressurenatriuresis curve ,The effect is potent because sodium retention is greatly augmented at Ang II concentrations far below those needed to cause vasoconstriction

One reason the RAAS is so important in renal sodium handling is that Ang II is selectively concentrated in the kidney, intrarenal concentrations of Ang II are several-fold higher than circulating blood levels because the kidney actively produces and sequesters Ang II, renal Ang II levels are high even when plasma levels are normal or low.





Ang II increases [Ca2+]i in pericytes of the descending vasa recta and reduces it in endothelium of the descending vasa recta. Ang II increases [NO]i in the pericytes of the descending vasa recta but only when these cells are in proximity to the tubules surrounding the mTAL. Ang II increases [Ca 2+]i and [NO]i in mTALs even when these tubules were observed in isolation.

This indicates that Ang II exerts a constrictor effect on the descending vasa recta by its action on pericytes, and this constrictor action is buffered by NO diffusing from mTALs to the pericytes of the descending vasa recta.

Plasma Renin Activity as a Clinical Index of RAAS Activity

Decreased PRA

Increased PRA

Expanded fluid volume
Salt loads, oral or intravenous
Primary salt retention
Liddle syndrome
Gordon syndrome
Mineralocorticoid excess
Primary aldosteronism
Cushing syndrome
Congenital adrenal hyperplasia
DOC, 18-hydroxy-DOC excess
11β-Hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase
inhibition (licorice)
Sympathetic inhibition
Autonomic dysfunction
Therapy with adrenergic neuronal blockers
Therapy with β-adrenergic blockers
Hyperkalemia
Decreased renin substrate
Androgen therapy
Decrease in renal tissue
Hyporeninemic hypoaldosteronism
Chronic renal disease (volume dependent)
Anephric
Increasing age
Unknown
Low-renin primary hypertension
Black race

Shrunken fluid volume Sodium restriction Fluid losses Diuretic induced Gastrointestinal losses Hemorrhage Decreased effective plasma volume Upright posture Cirrhosis with ascites Nephrotic syndrome Decreased renal perfusion pressure Renovascular hypertension Accelerated-malignant hypertension Chronic renal disease (renin dependent) JG hyperplasia Sympathetic activation Therapy with direct vasodilators Pheochromocytoma Stress: exercise, hypoglycemia Hyperthyroidism Sympathomimetic agents (caffeine) Hypokalemia Increased renin substrate Pregnancy Estrogen therapy Autonomous renin hypersecretion Renin-secreting tumors Acute damage to JG cells Acute glomerulonephritis Decreased feedback inhibition Low A II levels (ACEI therapy) Unknown High-renin primary hypertension

Renal Medullary Endothelin System

Endothelin, discovered as a potent endothelium-derived vasoconstrictor, also is plentiful in the renal medulla where it causes vasodilation and natriuresis, thus reducing BP and protecting against salt-induced hypertension, These effects are mediated by the ETB receptor, whereas the vasoconstrictor and prohypertensive actions of endothelin are mediated by the ETA receptor.

A high-salt diet drives endothelin expression in the kidney, increasing renal medullary blood flow via prostaglandins and NO and inhibiting the antinatriuretic effect of vasopressin).

endothelin receptor antagonists inhibit both ETA and ETB receptors, which likely explains their disappointingly small effect on BP, despite showing much promise for treating pulmonary hypertension.

T Cells and Hypertension:

subfornical organ (SFO), have a poorly formed blood-brain barrier and are responsive to circulating ang ii and sodium., production of ROS, which provide input into hypothalamic centers including (PVN), Microglial cells are activated in this process and increase input into brainstem centers, including the (VLM) and the(NTS). These increase sympathetic outflow, causes a modest elevation in BP to levels compatible with prehypertension.

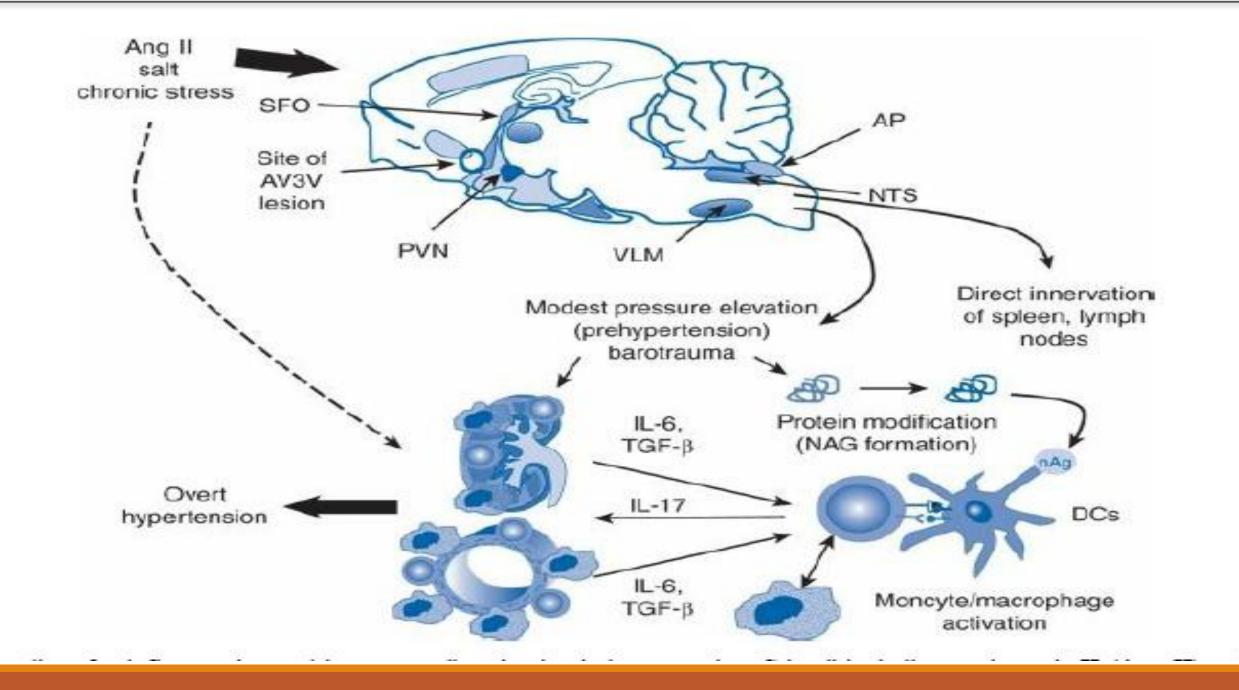
Sympathetic activation also increases renal production of IL-6 and acts on T-cell adrenergic receptors to

modify their polarization.

The elevations of pressure, direct actions, and Ang II and catecholamines activate ROS production in the kidney and vasculature, increasing chemokine production and adhesion molecule expression Neoantigens (NAG) are formed from endogenous proteins in the kidney and vasculature, which are presented by DCs to T cells.

Activated T cells interact with monocytes/macrophages, promoting macrophage transformation, and these leukocytes accumulate in the kidney.

IL-6 and TGF-β, produced in these organs, help direct T-cell IL-17 production ,promote ROS production in the vascular smooth muscle and kidney, leading to vasoconstriction, sodium retention, and ultimately severe hypertension.





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