

# Water & electrolyte disturbances



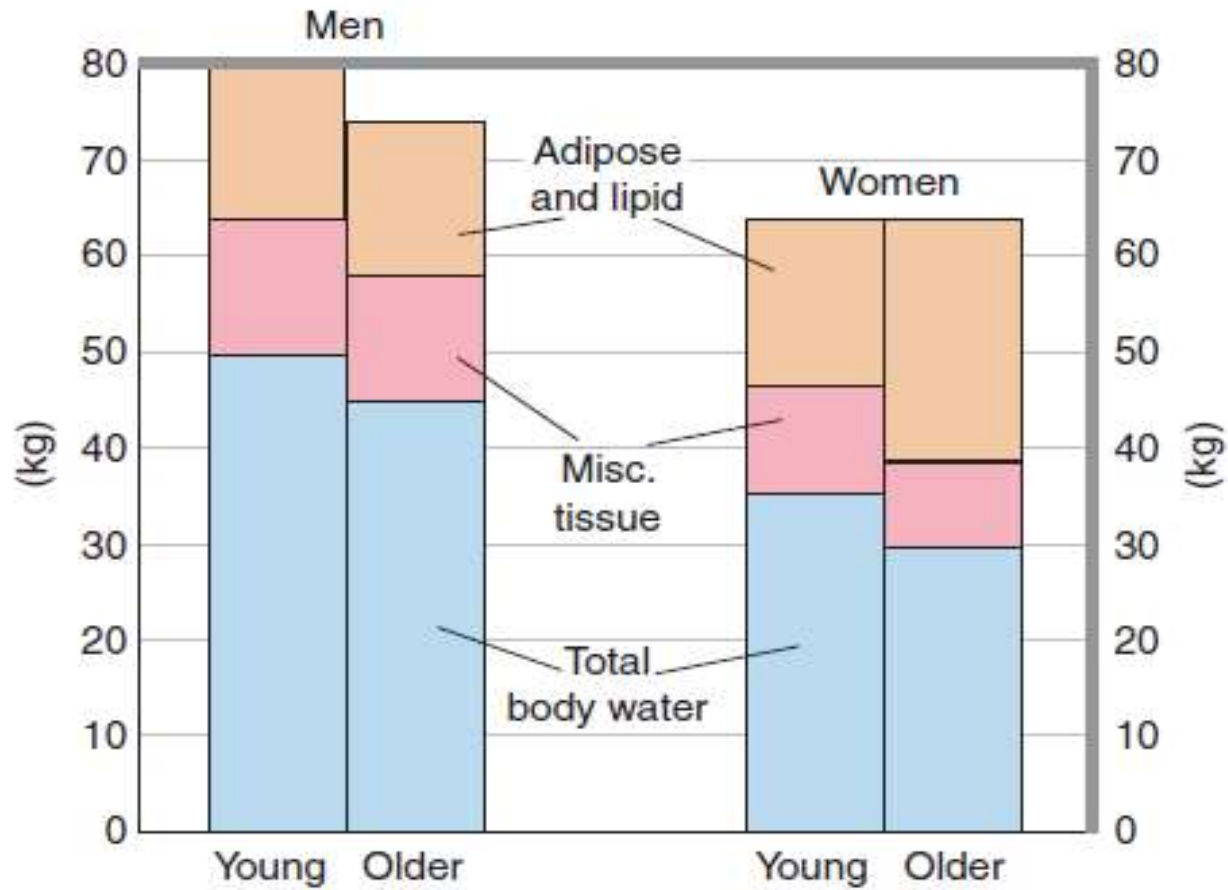
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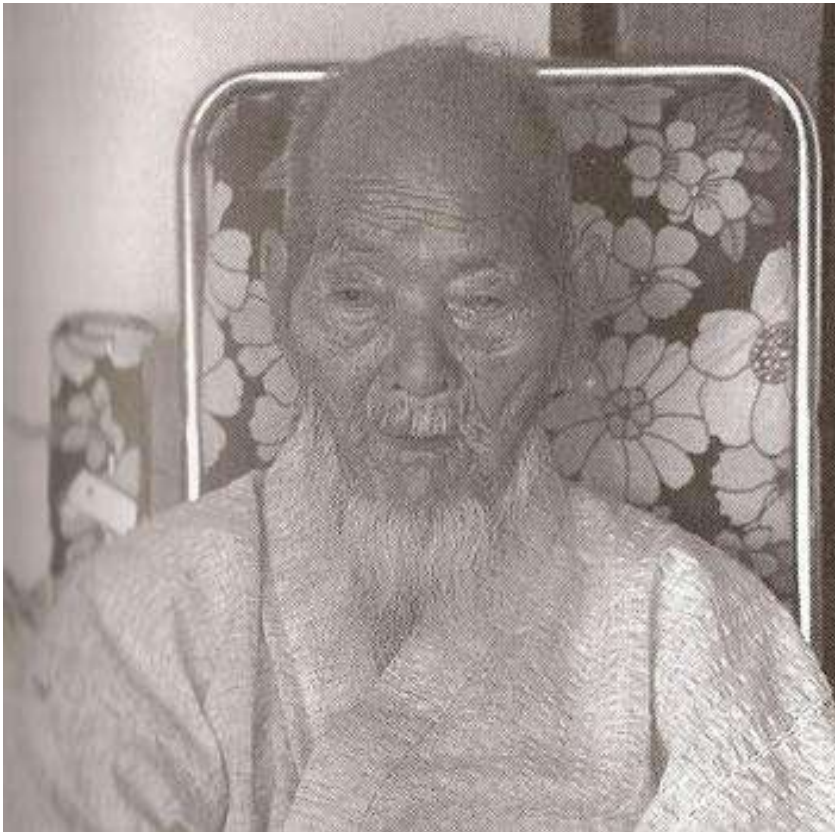
# Total body water TBW

- **60% men, if 70kg TBW = 600ml/l = 42kg**
- **50% women**
- **Age dependent**





**Shigechyo Izumi born June 1965, lived 120 years +  
237 days**



- **Worked until 105 yars**
- **Drank sake**
- **started to smoke at 70yrs**



# TBW age dependent







# Growing old



# TBW compartments

- **Intracellular  $\frac{2}{3}$  total water = 40% total body weight**
- **Extracellular  $\frac{1}{3}$  = 20% total body weight**

- **Intravascular 5% total body weight**
- **Interstitial fluid 15% total body weight**
- Transcellular – part of extracellular 1-10l**

**Plasma + red cells = blood volume = 7% total body weight**



**Osmolarity = tonicity = nr of particles in solution = 280-295mOsm/l**

**Osmolality = mOsm/kg**

**Measured osmometers**

**Depression of the freezing point**

**Vaporization**

**Calculated**

**$2 \times \text{Na}^+ + \text{BUN}/2.8 + \text{glicemia}/18 = 280-295$**



# Urine osmolality

**50 – 1200mOsm/kg**



# Hel imbalances

- **Compartment volume – regulated by aldosteron**
- **Fluid concentration– regulated by ADH**



# Tonicity regulation

AVP arginine vasopressin = ADH

## Dependency:

Water intake

Hormone output

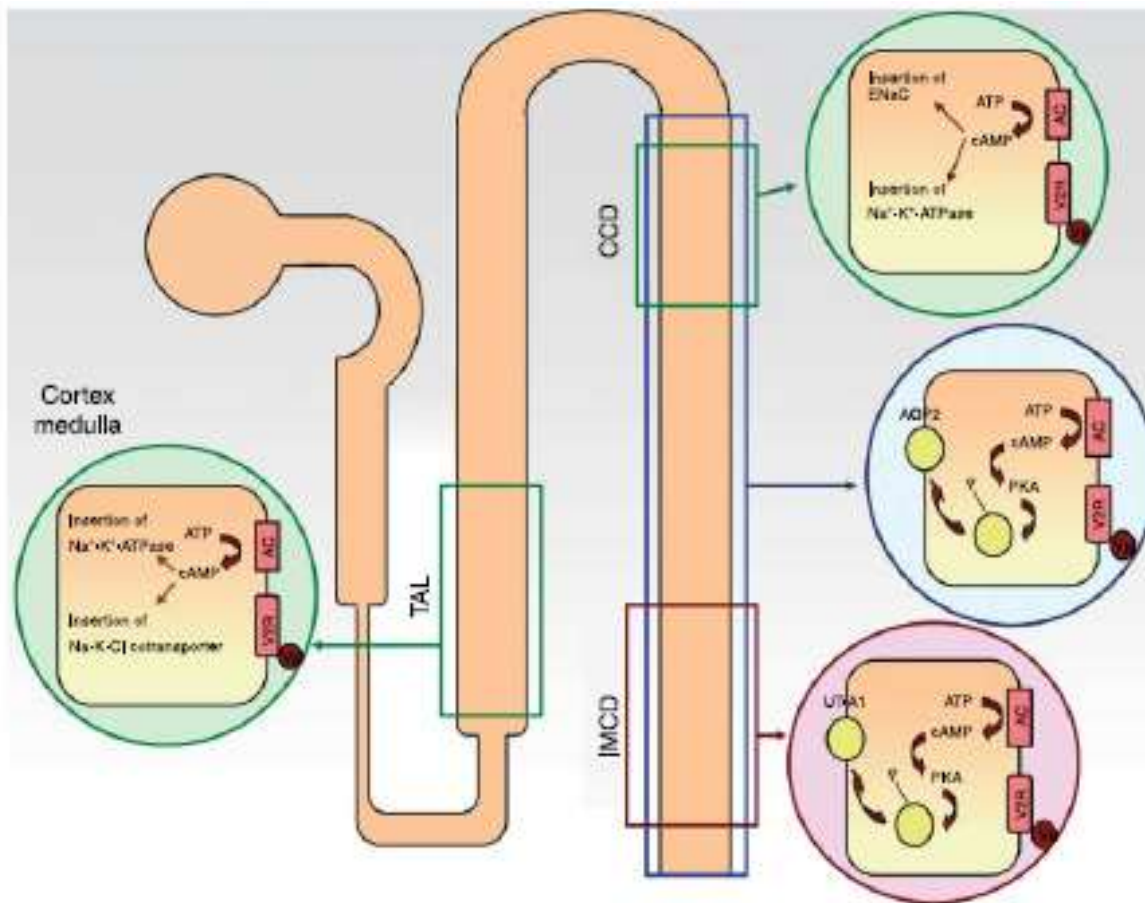
**Small changes of osmolality 1-2% osmoreceptors ant hypothalamus**

**Mean BP/blood volume baroreceptors – Ao arch, carotid bodies**

# Vasopressin-independent mechanisms in controlling water homeostasis

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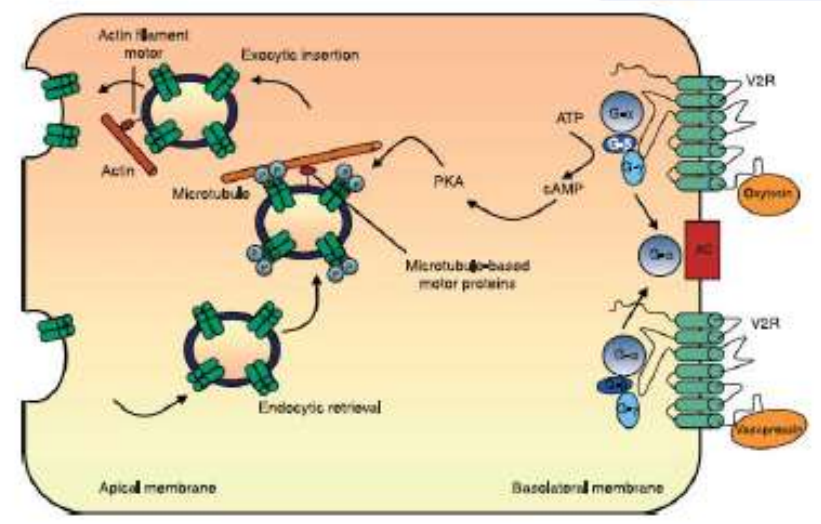
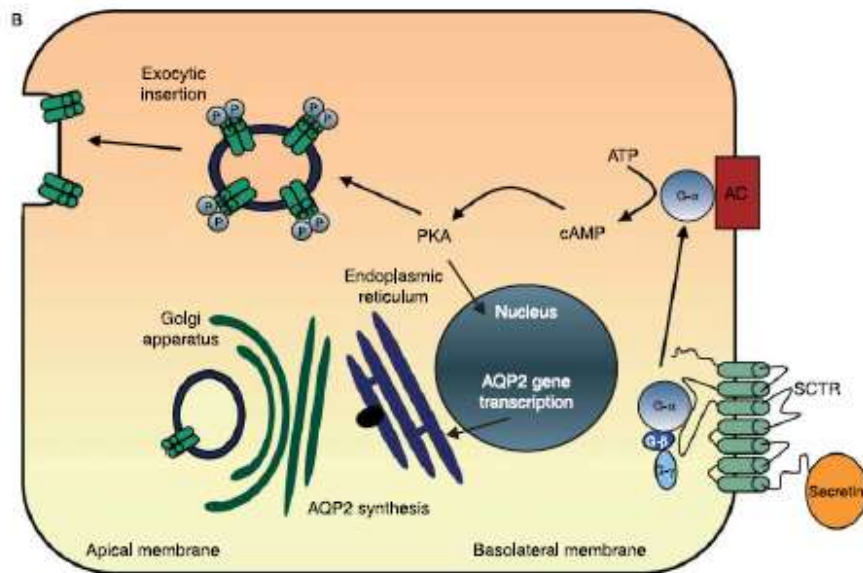
ADH → ↑AQP-2 channels:

- Free water reabsorption
- antidiuresis





# Secretin & oxytocine contribution to water regulation



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<p><b>As today, we are unable to assess intracellular electrolytes at the bedside.</b></p>		

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**$\sigma$**  Explains why in capillary leak (shock, ARDS), colloids cannot maintain the oncotic pressure difference and leak into the interstitium.



# Principles of fluid resuscitation

- **Intravascular hypovolemia should be replaced with isotonic fluids which tend to distribute in the ECF (3:1) intravascular: interstitium.**
- **Hipotonic fluids will distribute evenly between all body compartments.**
- **The endpoint of fluid resuscitation !?**
  - **Surrogate markers: BP, HR, urine output, parameters of perfusion and cardiac function.**

# Hyponatremia ser $\text{Na}^+ < 135 \text{mE/l}$

Water  $\gg \gg$  / Na

Clinical signs: Cerebral edema

**Mild: 130-135** - asimptomatic

**Moderate: 125-130:** fatigue, malaise, nausea, unsteadiness

**Severe: 115-120** headache, restlessness, obtundation, lethargy, seizures, coma, brainstem herniation, respiratory arrest, death



# Truisms about Na

- **Na is a relative fixed solute 136-140**
  - K follows...should be closely monitored and replaced or opposed
- **Disturbances in serum Na reflect disorders in water balance**
- **Administration of water to a patient with impaired water excretion can lead to hyponatremia.**

# Water intake and excretion/regulation

<p><b>Hyper Na</b></p>	<p>Thirst stimulated → ↑water intake</p> <p>ADH release ↑ → Concentrated urine</p>	<p><b>Free water retention</b></p>
<p><b>Normo Na</b></p>		<p><b>Free water intake = free water excretion</b></p>
<p><b>Hypo Na</b></p>	<p>ADH suppressed → Dilute urine</p>	<p><b>Free water excretion</b></p>



# States of impaired water excretion in the ICU leading to Hyponatremia

## Volume depleted states

Volume depletion

Diuretics

## Normal volume states

SIADH

Pain

Postoperative state

Nausea

Hypothyroidism

## Volume-expanded states

Congestive heart failure

Renal failure

Cirrhosis



# Hypo-osmolar hyponatremia

## ECV

### Hypovolemic

Simultaneous loss of solute & water → ↓ECV → nonosmotic release of ADH. If water intake → hNa

Cerebral salt-wasting syndrome

### Isovolemic

SIADH ser Osm < 275, Urine > 100 mOsm/l

Adrenal insufficiency – nonosmotic ADH release due to cortisol deficiency

Pregnancy - chorionic GDT ↑

### Hypervolemic

Congestive heart failure

Cirrhosis

Chronic kidney disease



# Dehidration

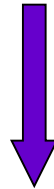
- Dehidration – ambiguous term, unable to differentiate between simple water loss and Na loss
- A simple water deficit proportionally reduces ECF and ICF
- A NaCl deficit always reduces ECF

**Water deficit (l) =  $0,6 \times G \times \text{Na plasmatic} / (140 - 1)$**

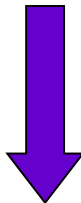


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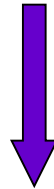


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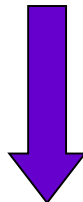


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Hyperglycemia, mannitol, glycerol, ethanol, sorbitol infusions





# Iso-osmolar hNa

- **↑↑ECS by isotonic non-Na containing fluid**
- **↑↑ serum proteins & lipids**



# Hypernatremia $>145\text{mmol/l}$

- **Brain shrunk, collapsed**→vascular damage + intracerebral or SAH
- **Osmotic myelinosis = late, but following rapid hNa correction:**  
Lethargy, muscle weakness, nausea, hyperreflexia, seizures, coma



# HNa

## Diabetes insipidus

- **Central diabetes** = ADH deficiency: TBI, pituitary surgery, brain death, aneurismal SAH, autoimmune
- **Nephrogenic**  
renal resistance to ADH
- **Osmotic diuresis** – excess nonresorbable urinary solute
  - Hyperglycemia, mannitol, ↑↑serurea, hypertonic medication

# HNa

- **Sea water ingestion**
- **Use of hypertonic saline for cerebral edema**
- **Use of  $\text{NaHCO}_3$  iv**
- **Overdose of tricyclic antidepressants**



# K<sup>+</sup>

- 98% IC = 3 000mEq 140-150mmol/l
- EC <2% 60ml ser 3.5-4.5mEq/l
- Cellular access ; active Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>-ATP ase
- Cellular exit: passive diffusion



# $hK < 3.5$

- $\downarrow$  K intake
- $\uparrow$  renal losses
- Redistribution ECS  $\rightarrow$  ICS



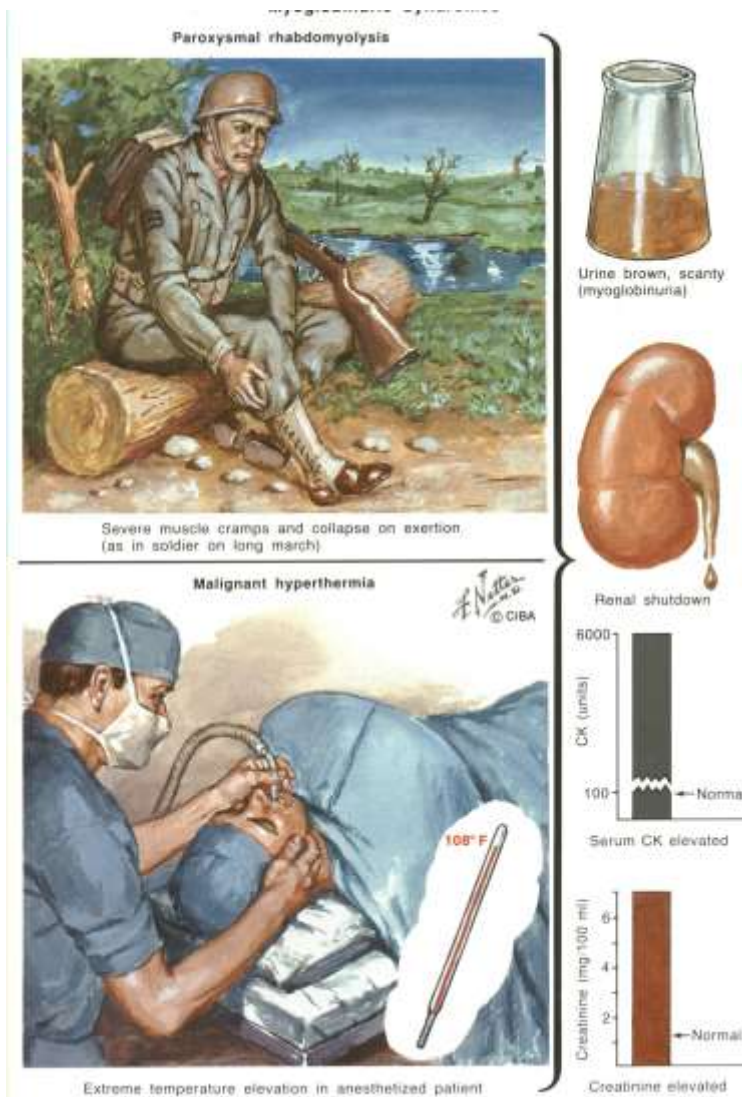
# HK+>5.0

- Exogenous
- Endogenous



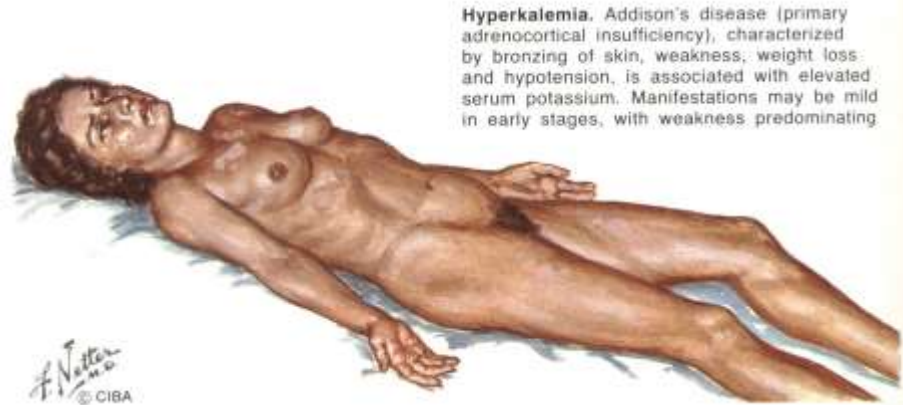
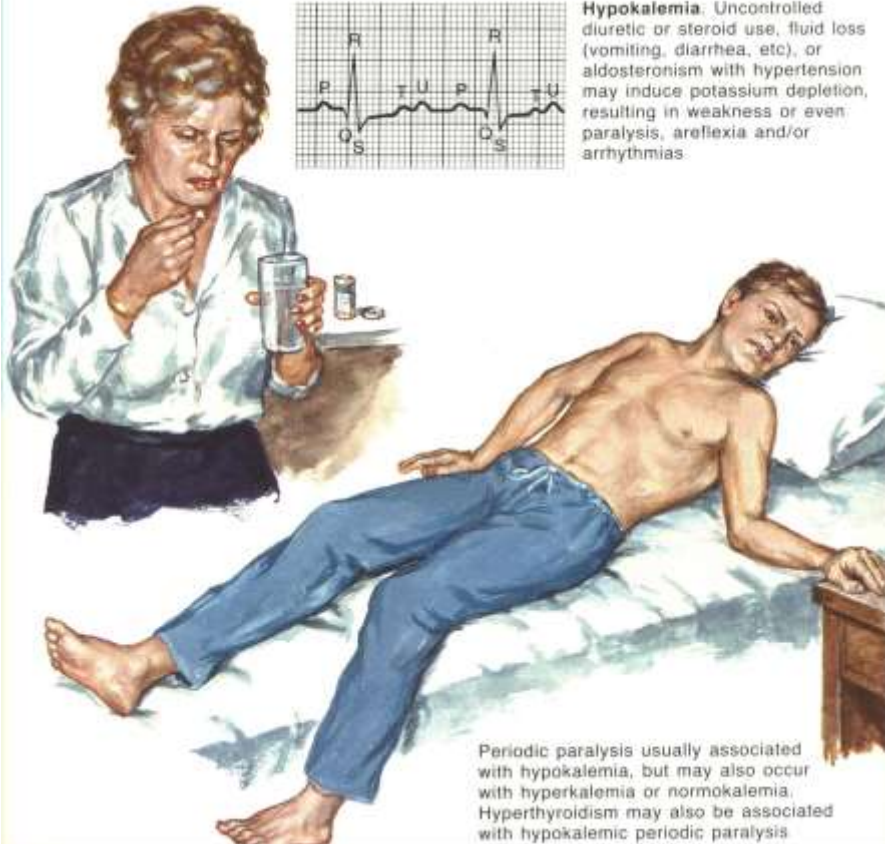


# Myoglobinuria syndromes



- Paroxistic rhabdomyolysis: severe muscle pain, exercise collaps
  - Malignant hyperthermia
  - Rhamdomiolysis due to heroin overdose
- (Kumar, BJA 1999;83:496-498)

# PPF periodic familial paralysis



# HEL status assessment

## Volemia assessment

BP supine + sitting

HR

Mucosal Humidity

Skin fold

Urinary output

## Assessment of plasmatic concentration

Na serum

serum osmolality

## Assessment of electrolyte composition

Serum electrolytes, BUN, glycemia, ABG, pH

