

Intermediate brain (paleopallium)

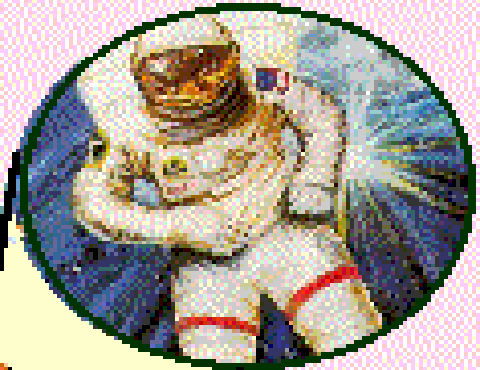
Limbic system

Emotions



**Rational brain
Neocortex (neopallium)**

Intellectual tasks

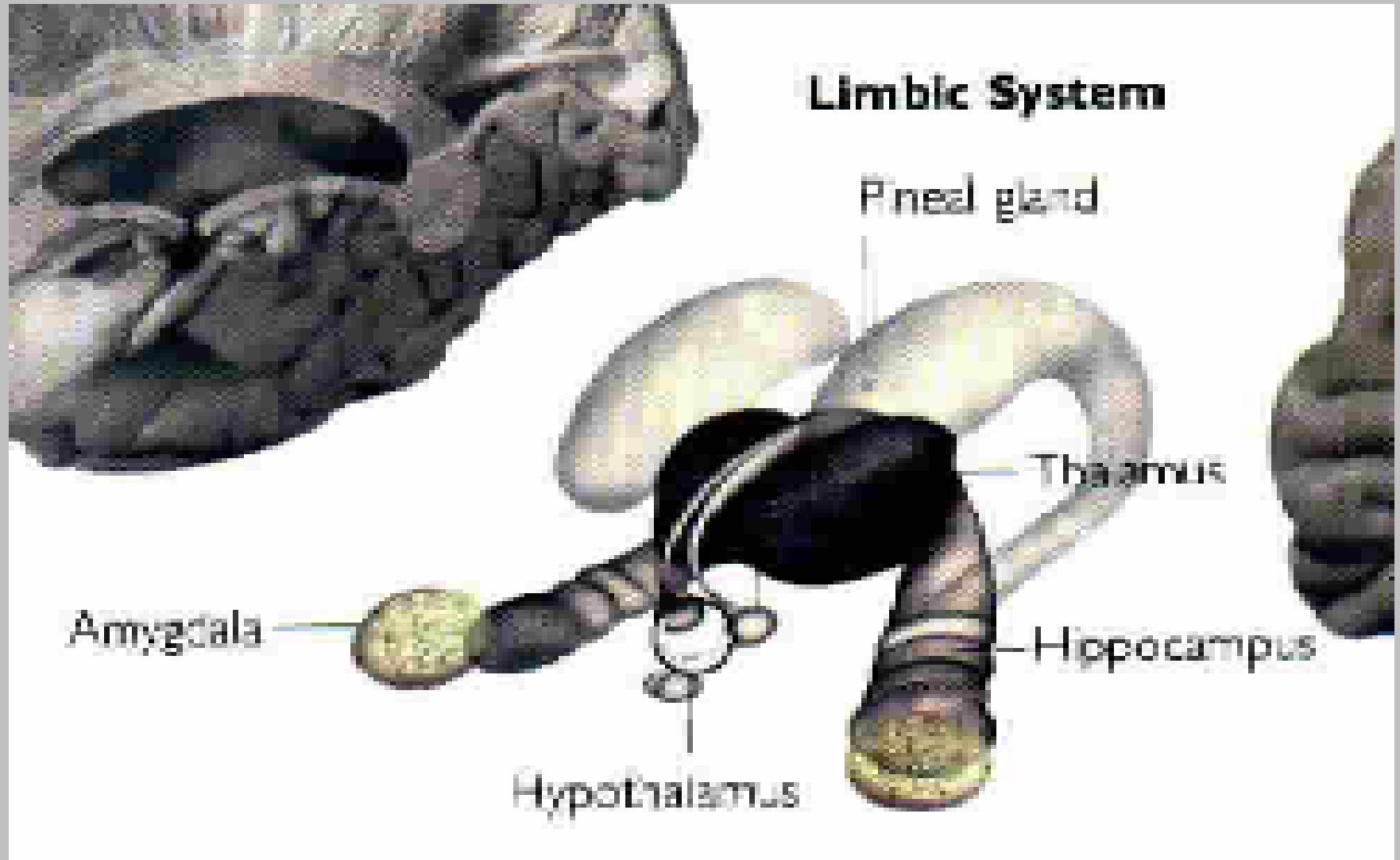


Primitive brain (archipallium)

Self preservation, aggression



LIMBIC SYSTEM





Sensory stimulus

Stimulus perceived



James-Lange theory

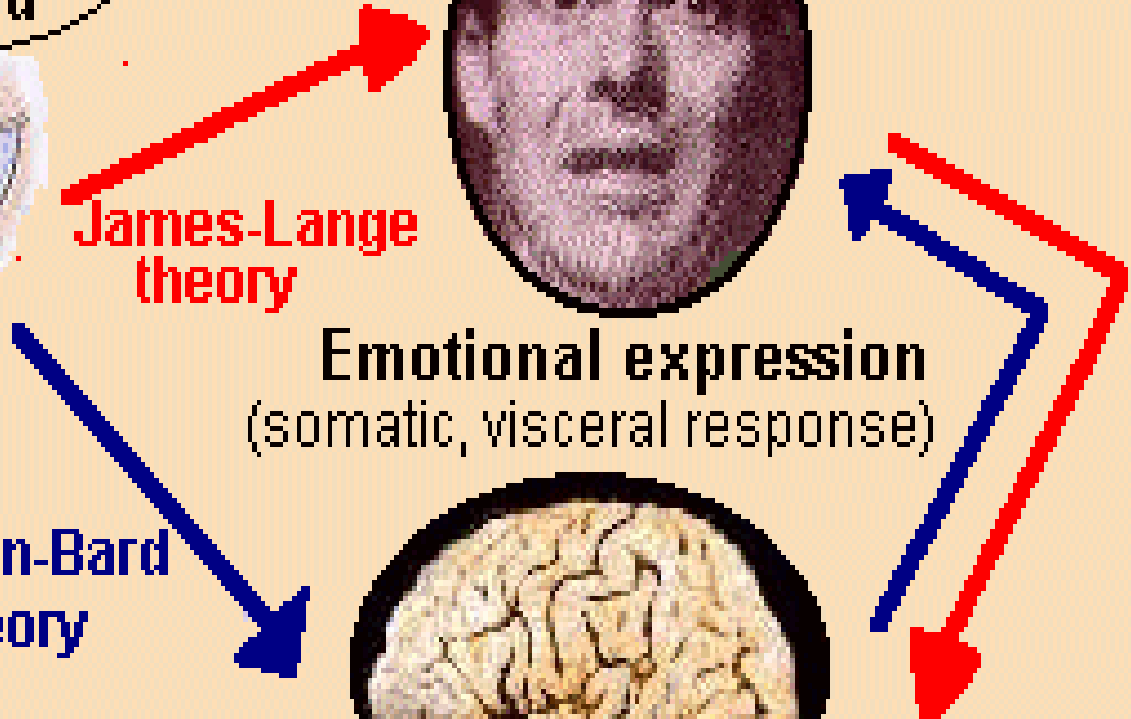


Emotional expression
(somatic, visceral response)

Cannon-Bard theory

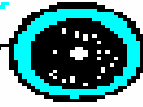


Emotional experience
(fear)

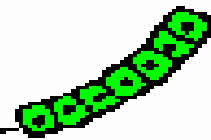


**Spinal
Cord**

Eye



**Oral/Nasal
Mucosa**



Salivary Glands



Heart



**Trachea/
Bronchi**



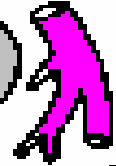
Stomach



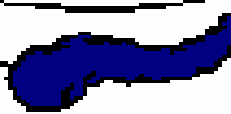
Liver



**Abdominal blood
vessels**



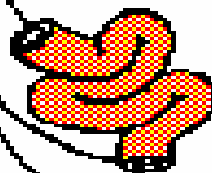
Pancreas



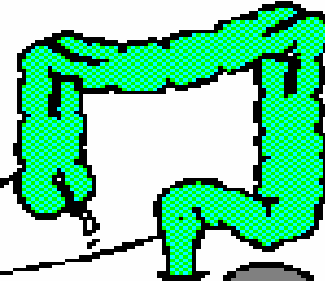
Adrenal medulla



Small intestine



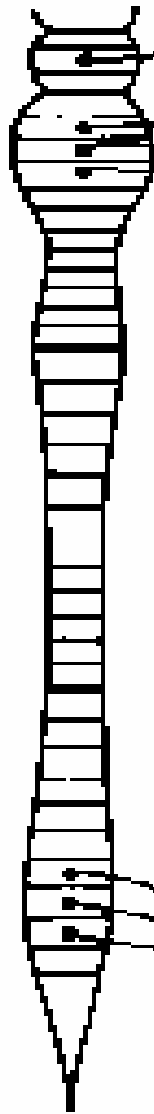
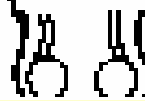
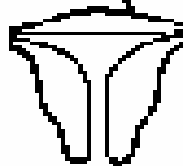
Large intestine



Kidney



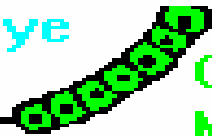
Bladder and Genitals



**Spinal
Cord**



Eye



**Oral/Nasal
Mucosa**

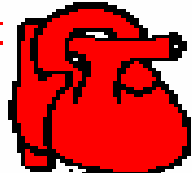


Salivary Glands



**Trachea/
Bronchi**

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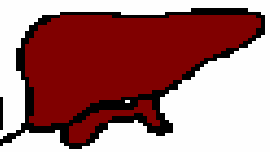


Stomach

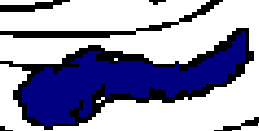


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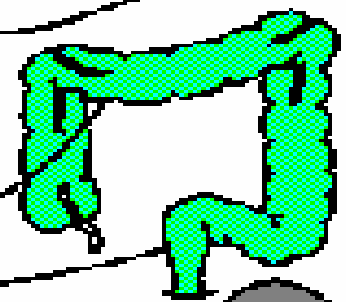
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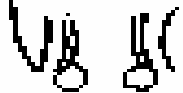
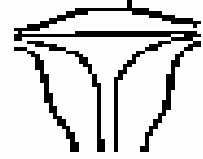
Large intestine

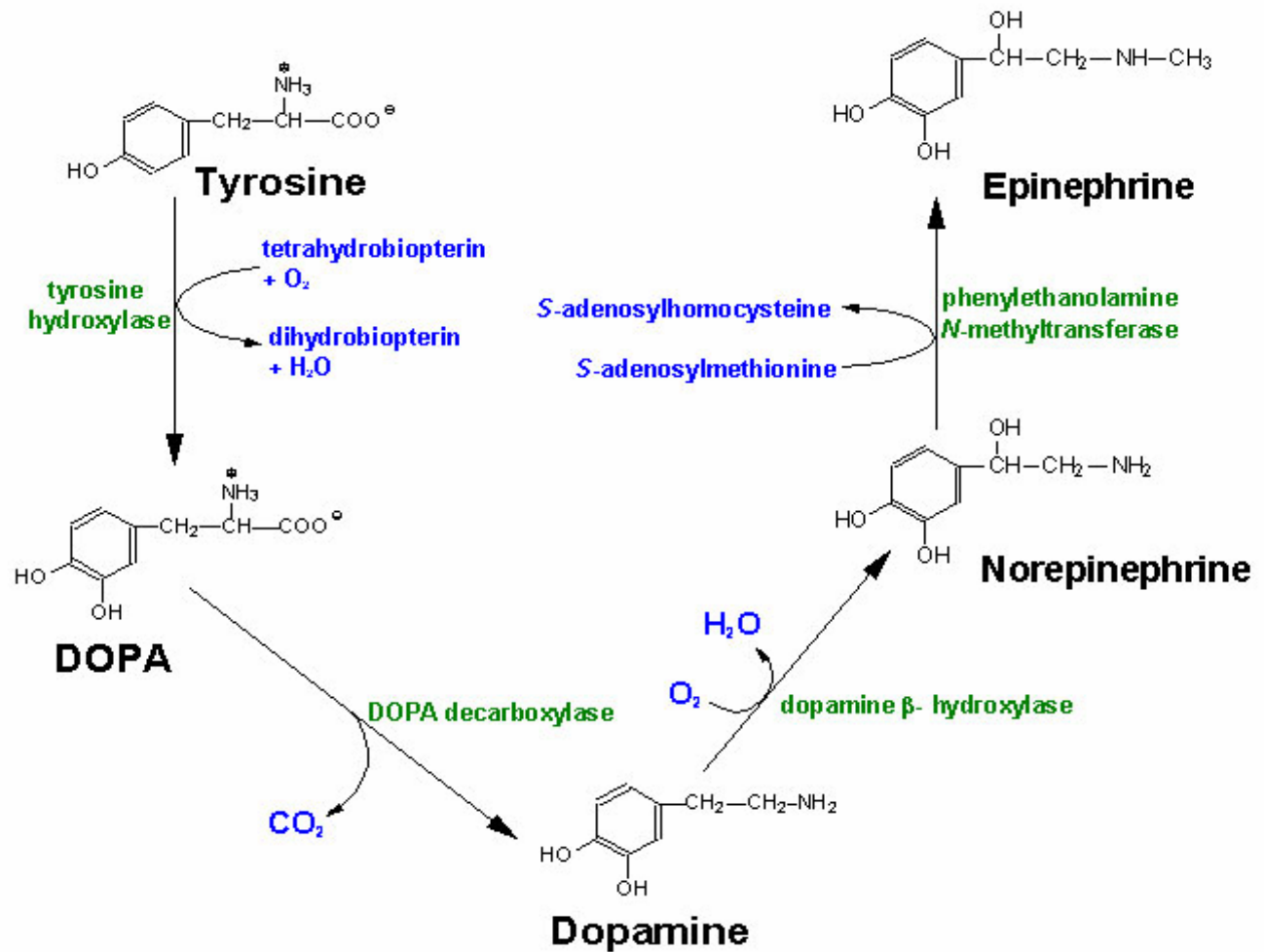


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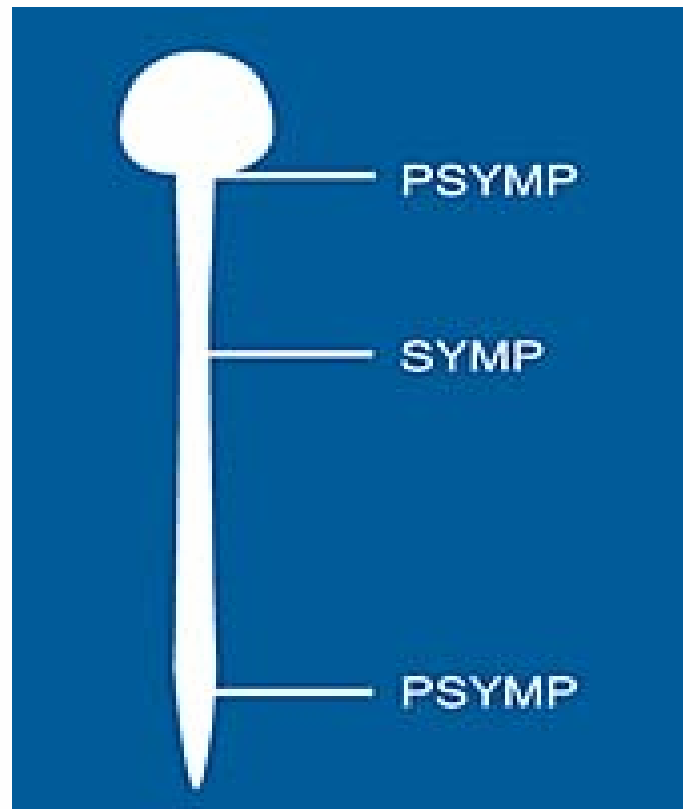


Bladder and Genitals



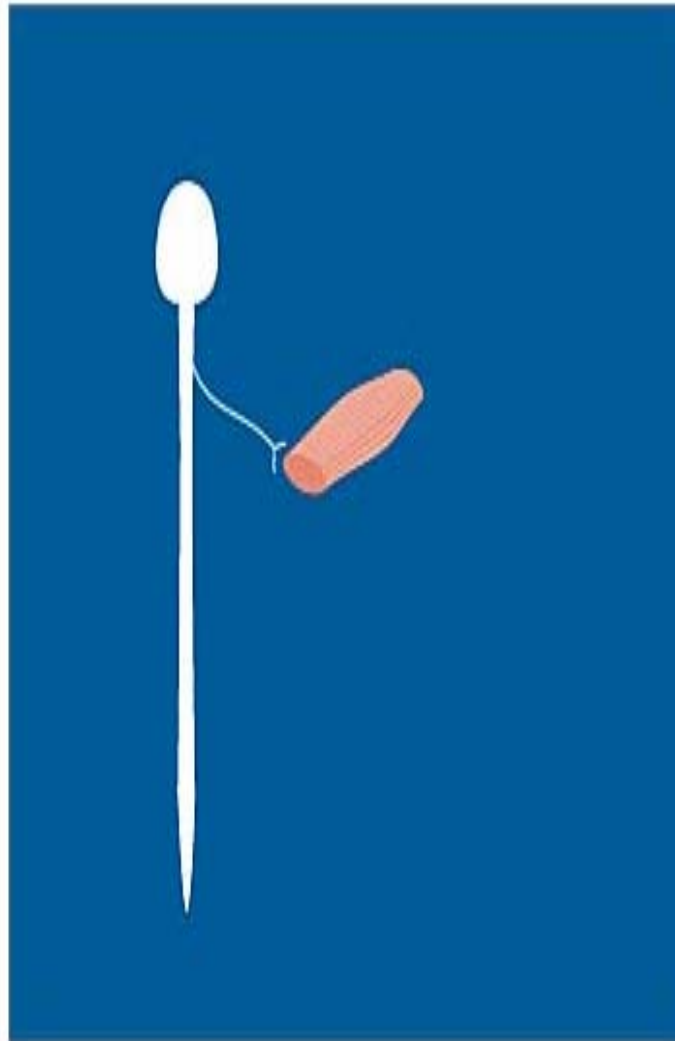


Synthesis of the catecholamines from tyrosine.



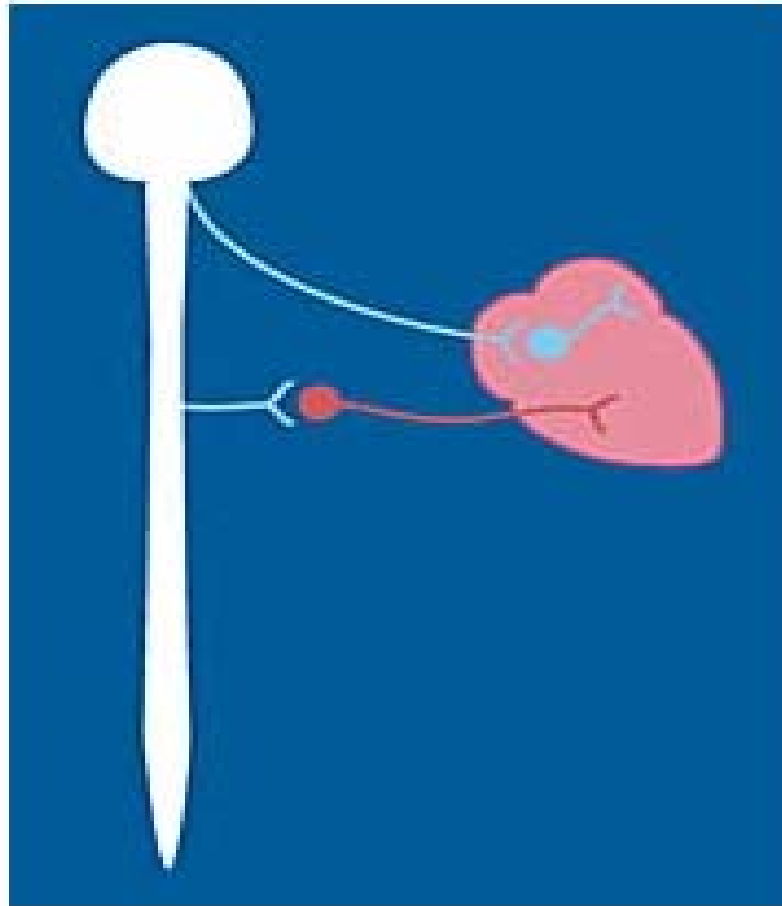
The efferent autonomic nervous system is divided into sympathetic and parasympathetic outflows based on the origins in the CNS and spinal cord. The sympathetic outflow arises in the thorax and lumbar spinal cord, and the parasympathetic outflow arises in both cranial and sacral parts of the CNS/spinal cord.

Somatic
vs.
Autonomic
Neuronal
Differences



The outflow of the somatic nervous system is broad. A significant anatomical distinction between somatic and autonomic fibers is that the cell body of the final efferent neuron of the somatic system is located in the ventral horn of the spinal cord (i.e., within the CNS). For autonomic fibers, the final neuronal cell body is located outside the CNS. The neuron from the CNS is a preganglionic neuron; the final neuron innervating the target organ is a postganglionic neuron.

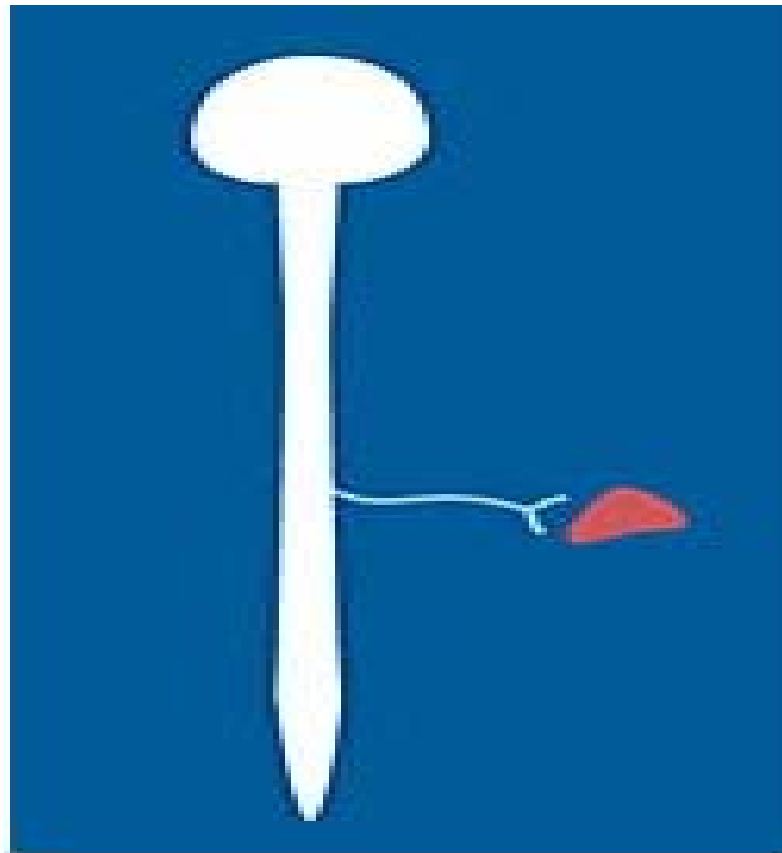
**Parasympathetic =
discrete regulation
of organs**



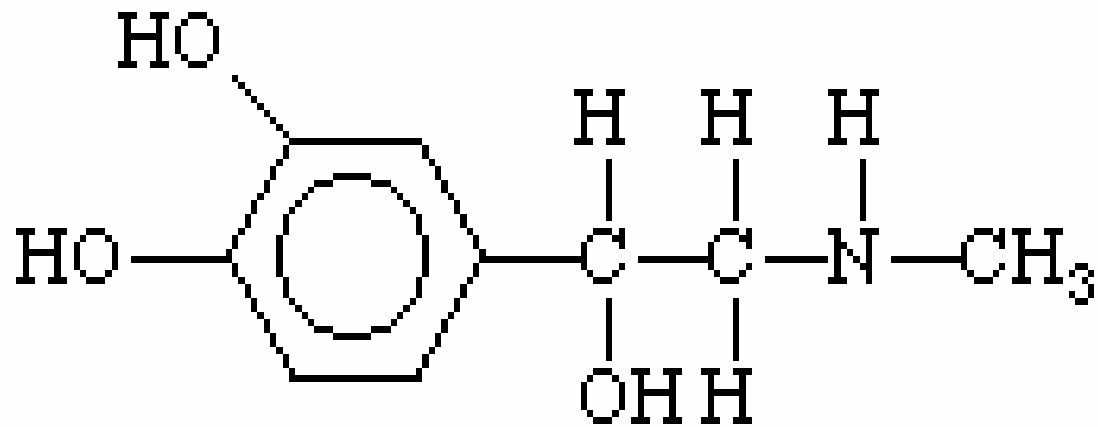
**Sympathetic =
amplification and
widespread
discharge for
fight or flight**

Typically, parasympathetic preganglionic fibers are long and synapse in rather diffuse ganglia usually located in or near the innervated organ. Usually there are a small number of postganglionic fibers innervated by preganglionic fibers. Thus, this is a system set up for discrete regulation of organ function and conservation of resources (feed or breed). Typically, sympathetic preganglionic fibers are short and synapse in paravertebral ganglia. The typical postganglionic sympathetic fiber is long and sends its endings into organs throughout the body from the paravertebral ganglia. Usually there are a large number of postganglionic fibers innervated by preganglionic fibers. Thus, this is a system set up for amplification of outflow and widespread discharge during times of stress, fear, anger, etc. (fight or flight).

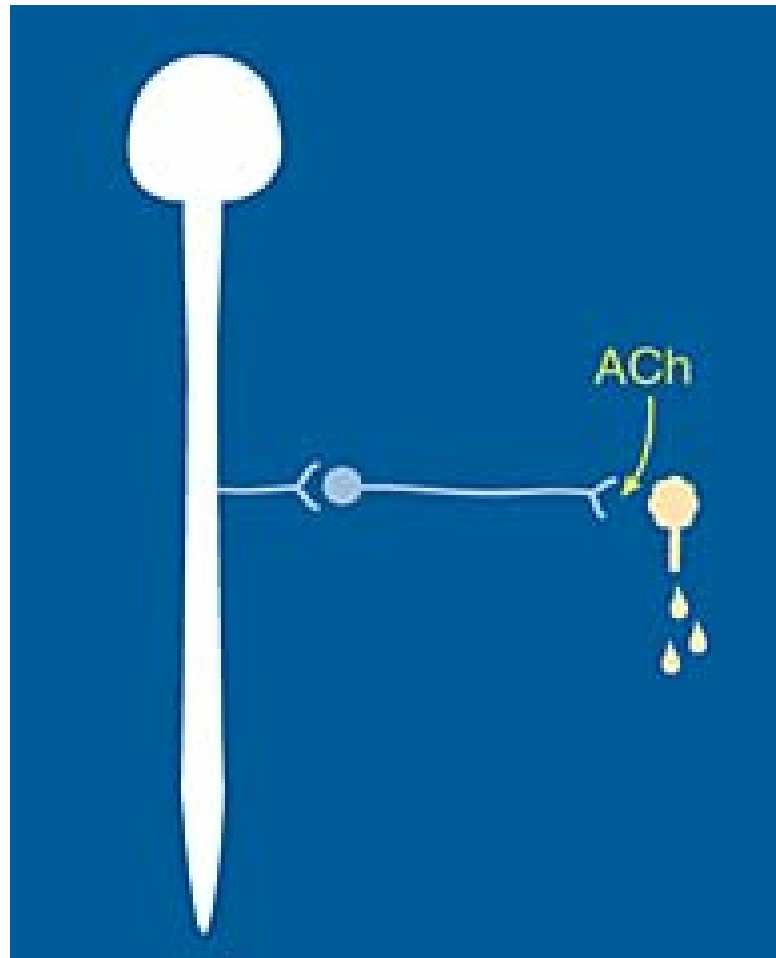
The adrenal releases hormones rather than neurotransmitters



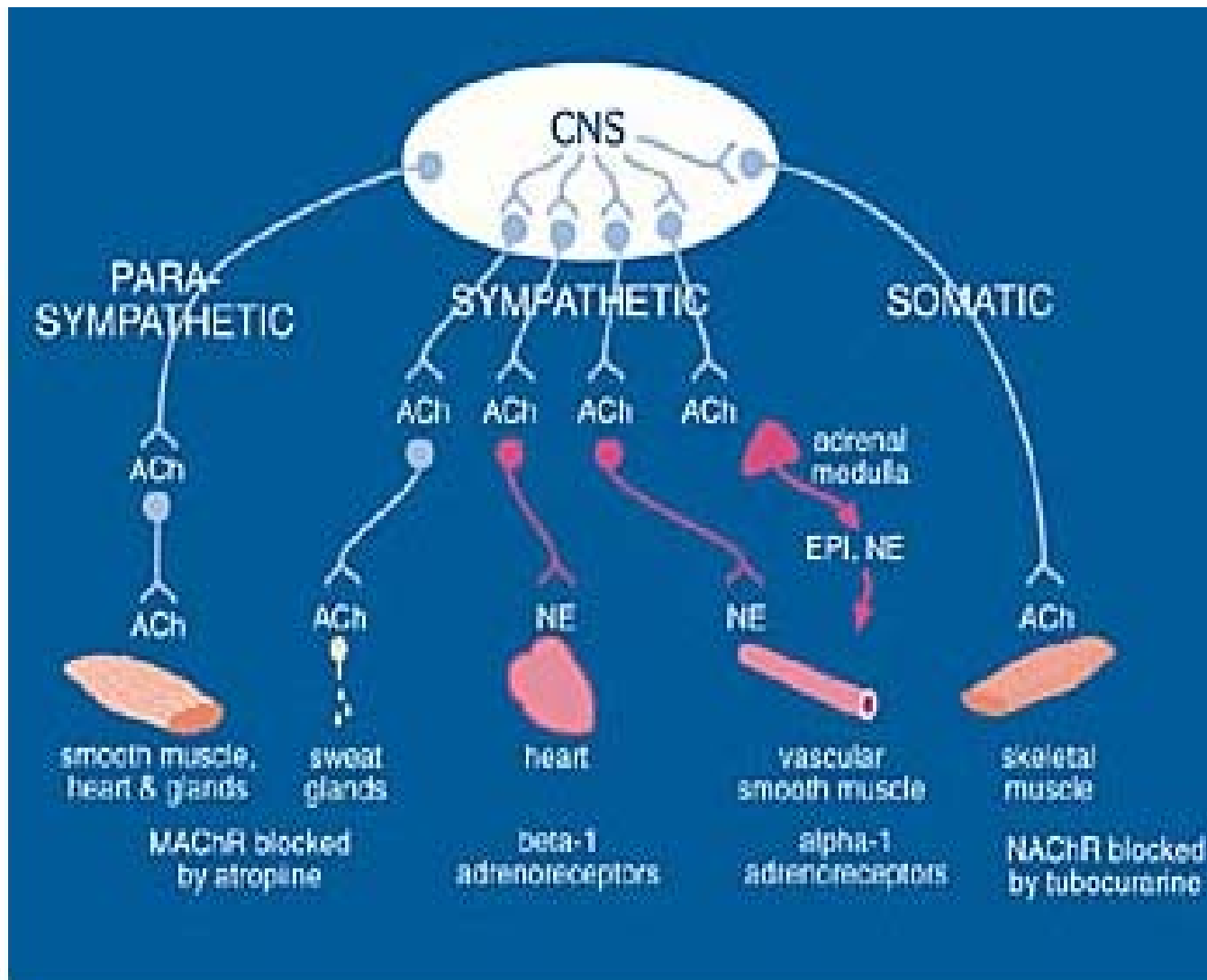
The adrenal medulla is an important and unique part of the SNS. It is useful to think of the adrenal medulla as a population of postganglionic sympathetic fibers that did not send axons to any particular organ. Instead, they are set up to release hormones rather than neurohormones or neurotransmitters.



In adrenal medulla cells, NE in the cytosol is acted upon by phenylethanolamine-N-methyltransferase. This adds a methyl group to the amino nitrogen and forms epinephrine (EPI). Most of the EPI formed in this process is taken into synaptic vesicles and stored for subsequent release into the blood. In humans, about 80% EPI and 20% NE is the mix of catecholamines released during the fight or flight response.



Another exception to the general rule that postganglionic sympathetic fibers release NE is the fibers that innervate sweat glands. Although they are anatomically sympathetic (the preganglionic fibers emerge from the thoracolumbar region of the spinal cord), the fibers are functionally cholinergic (that is, they release ACh at the neuroeffector junction of sweat glands). Because different drugs affect cholinergic and adrenergic transmission, the effects of drugs on sweat glands do not always match effects on other sympathetically innervated organs.

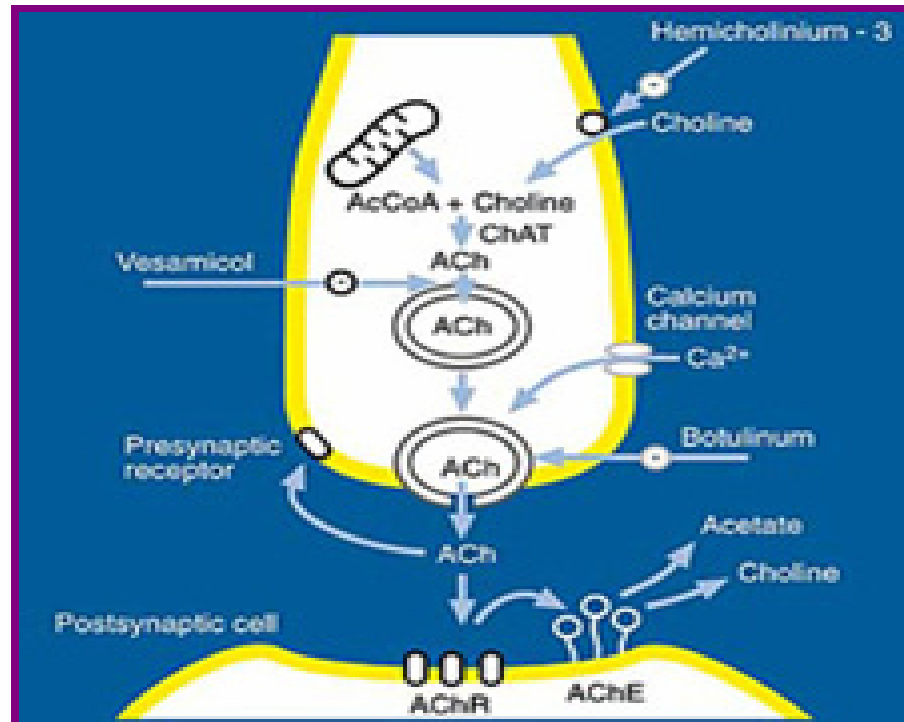


Familiarity with this diagram and the transmitters, responses, receptors, agonists and antagonists at each different site will be useful in your quest.

ANS Nerve Functions

Like all nerves, ANS fibers engage in certain fundamental processes. Knowing these processes and drugs that affect them is very useful. Each nerve uses one (or more) transmitters, and for each there is:

- synthesis
- storage
- release
- postsynaptic (& presynaptic) action
- inactivation



Storage of ACh in synaptic vesicles requires its uptake into synaptic vesicles. [Vesamicol](#) is a drug that prevents the uptake pump for ACh in synaptic vesicles. Similar to the effects of HC-3, once a cholinergic nerve is depleted of preformed ACh, then transmission fails.

The release of synaptic vesicles from cholinergic nerve terminals is blocked by [botulinus toxin](#) (Botox®). This effect is useful both experimentally and clinically.

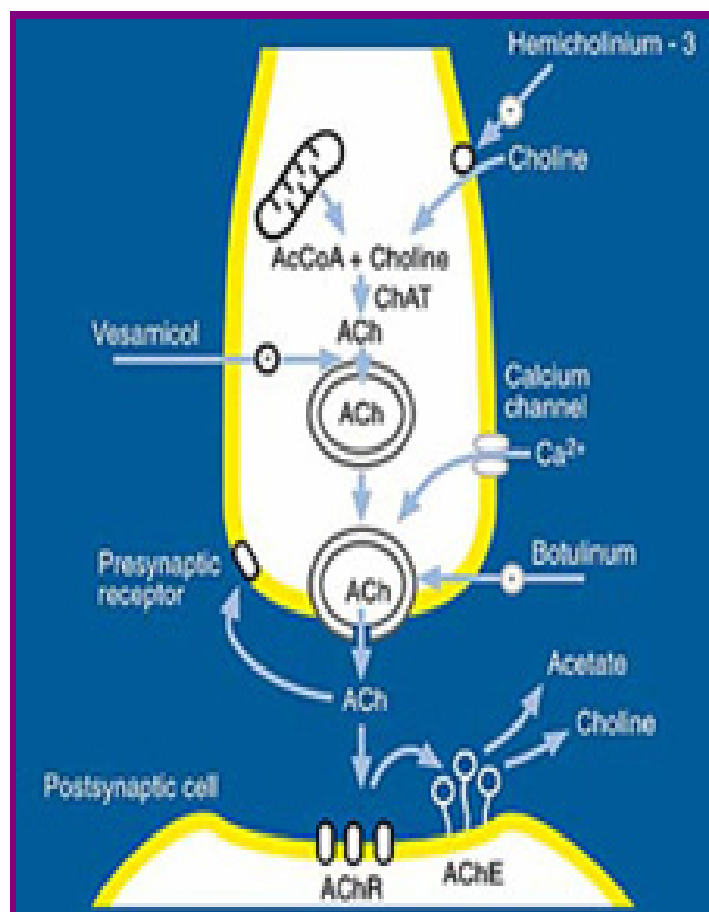
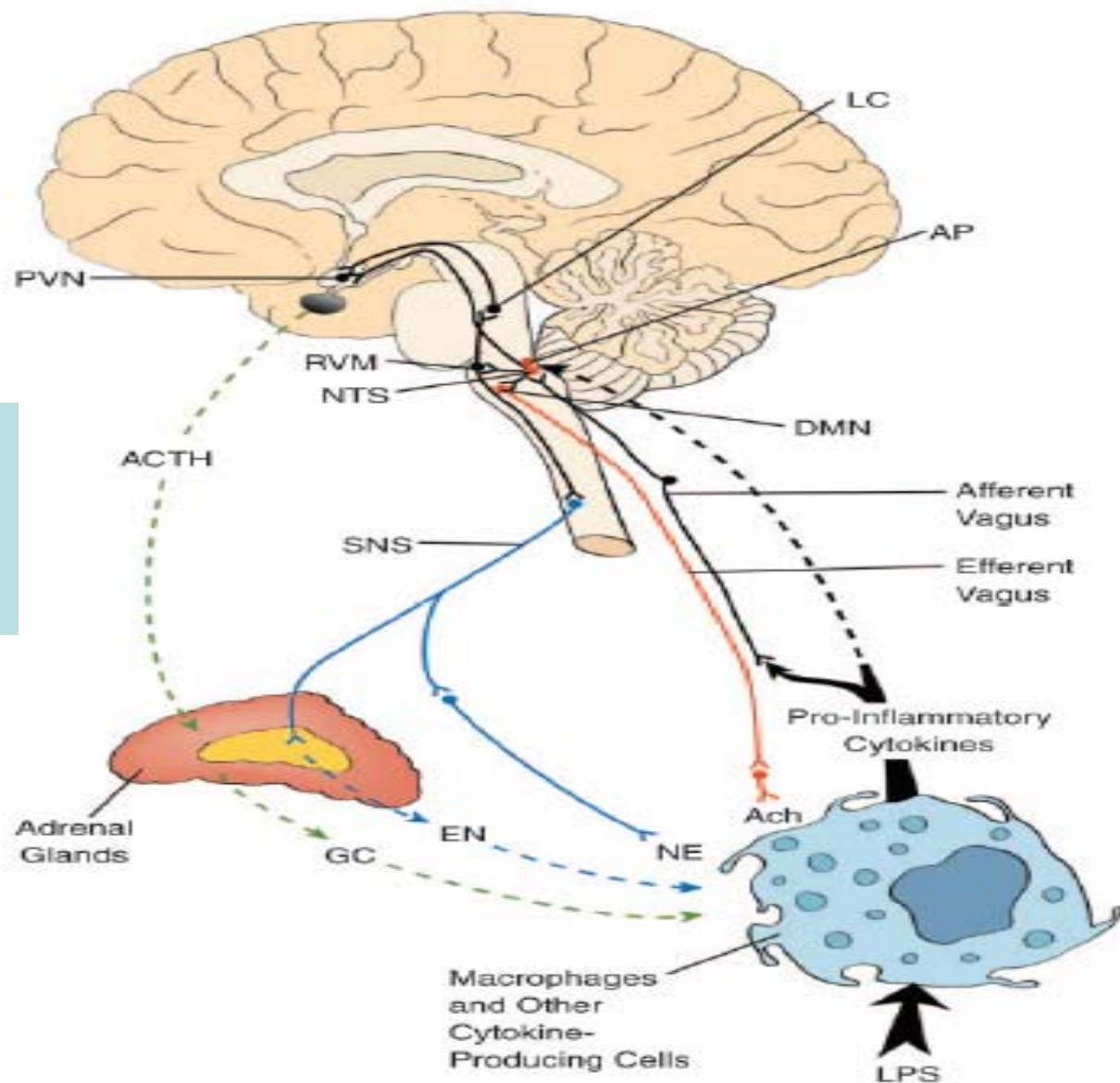


Table 1: Responses of major organs to autonomic nerve impulses

Organ	Sympathetic Stimulation	Parasympathetic Stimulation
Heart	Increased heart rate β_1 (& β_2)	Decreased heart rate
	Increased force of contraction β_1 (& β_2)	Decreased force of contraction
	Increased conduction velocity	Decreased conduction velocity
Arteries	Constriction (α_1)	Dilation
	Dilation (β_2)	
Veins	Constriction (α_1)	
	Dilation (β_2)	
Lungs	Bronchial muscle relaxation (β_2)	Bronchial muscle contraction
		Increased bronchial gland secretions
Gastro-intestinal tract	Decreased motility (β_2)	Increased motility
	Contraction of sphincters (α)	Relaxation of sphincters
Liver	Glycogenolysis (β_2 & α)	Glycogen synthesis
	Gluconeogenesis (β_2 & α)	
	Lipolysis (β_2 & α)	

**The Brain
(Autonomic)
Immune
Connection**



Macrophages have Angiotensin II (Ang II) and catecholamine receptors (NE) on their cell surface which turn on the inflammatory process, and Cholinergic (NR) and beta-adrenergic receptors that turn inflammation off

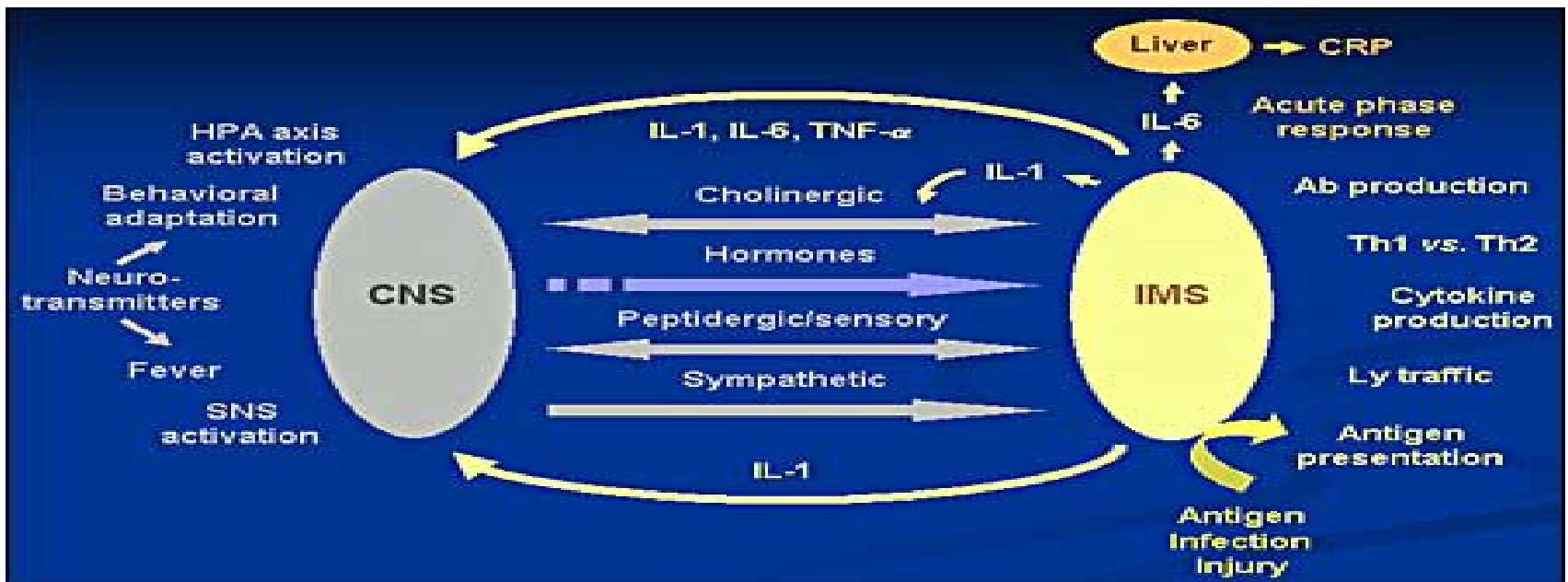


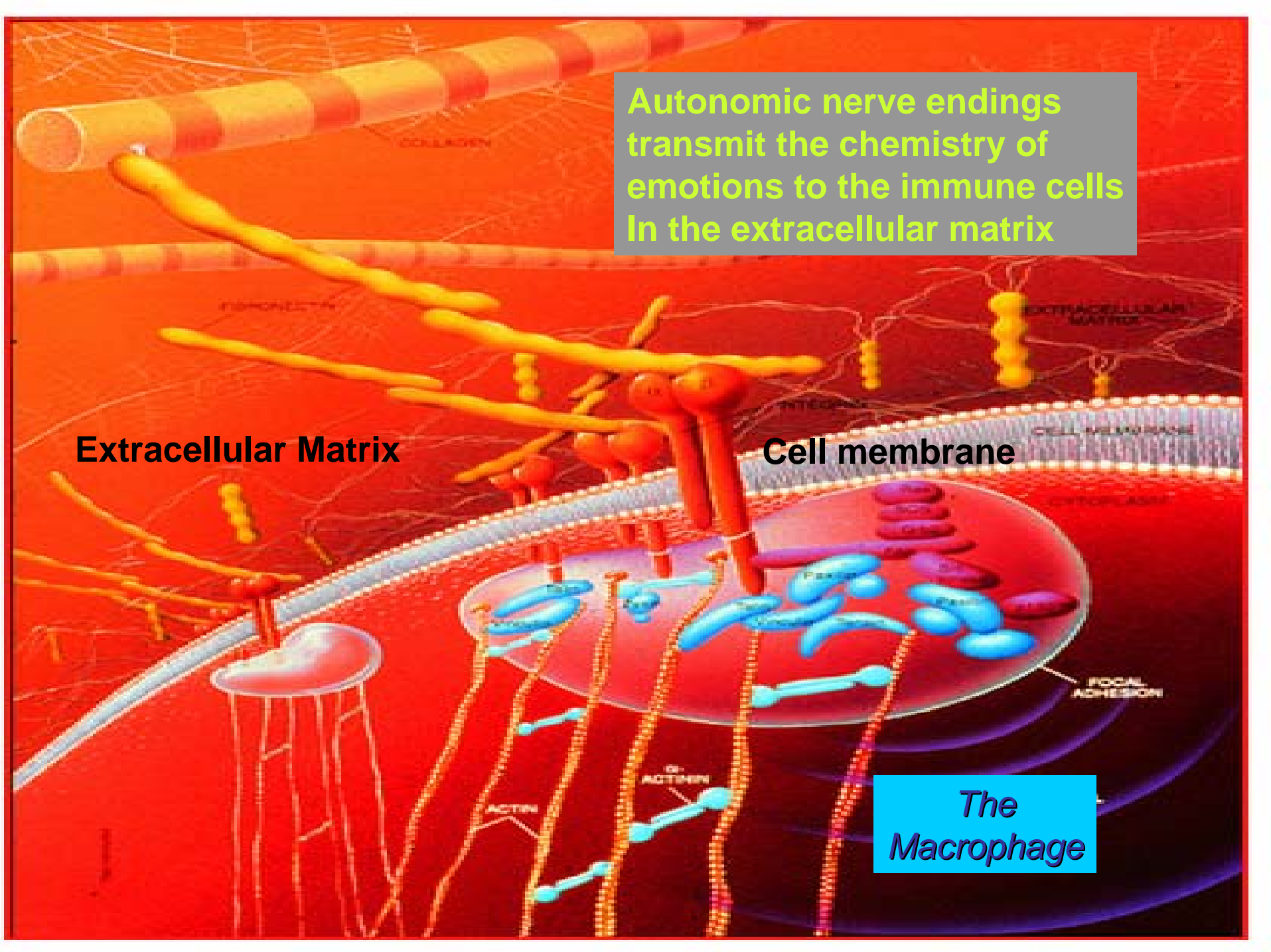
Figure 1. A simplified scheme of the bi-directional communication between the brain and the immune system ; role of central and peripheral neuroendocrine and immune adaptive responses triggered by an immune challenge (see text). Lymphoid organs, and particularly their parenchyma, similar to smooth muscles of the vasculature, receive predominantly sympathetic/noradrenergic and sympathetic/neuropeptides Y , and peptidergic/sensory innervation; the heart and the gastrointestinal tract receive both sympathetic and parasympathetic (cholinergic) innervation. Abbreviations: Ab, antibody; CNS, central nervous system; CRP, C-reactive protein; HPA, hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (axis); IMS, immune system; IL, interleukin, Ly, lymphocyte; SNS, sympathetic nervous/adrenomedullary system; Th, T helper cell (response); TNF, tumor necrosis factor.

Autonomic nerve endings transmit the chemistry of emotions to the immune cells
In the extracellular matrix

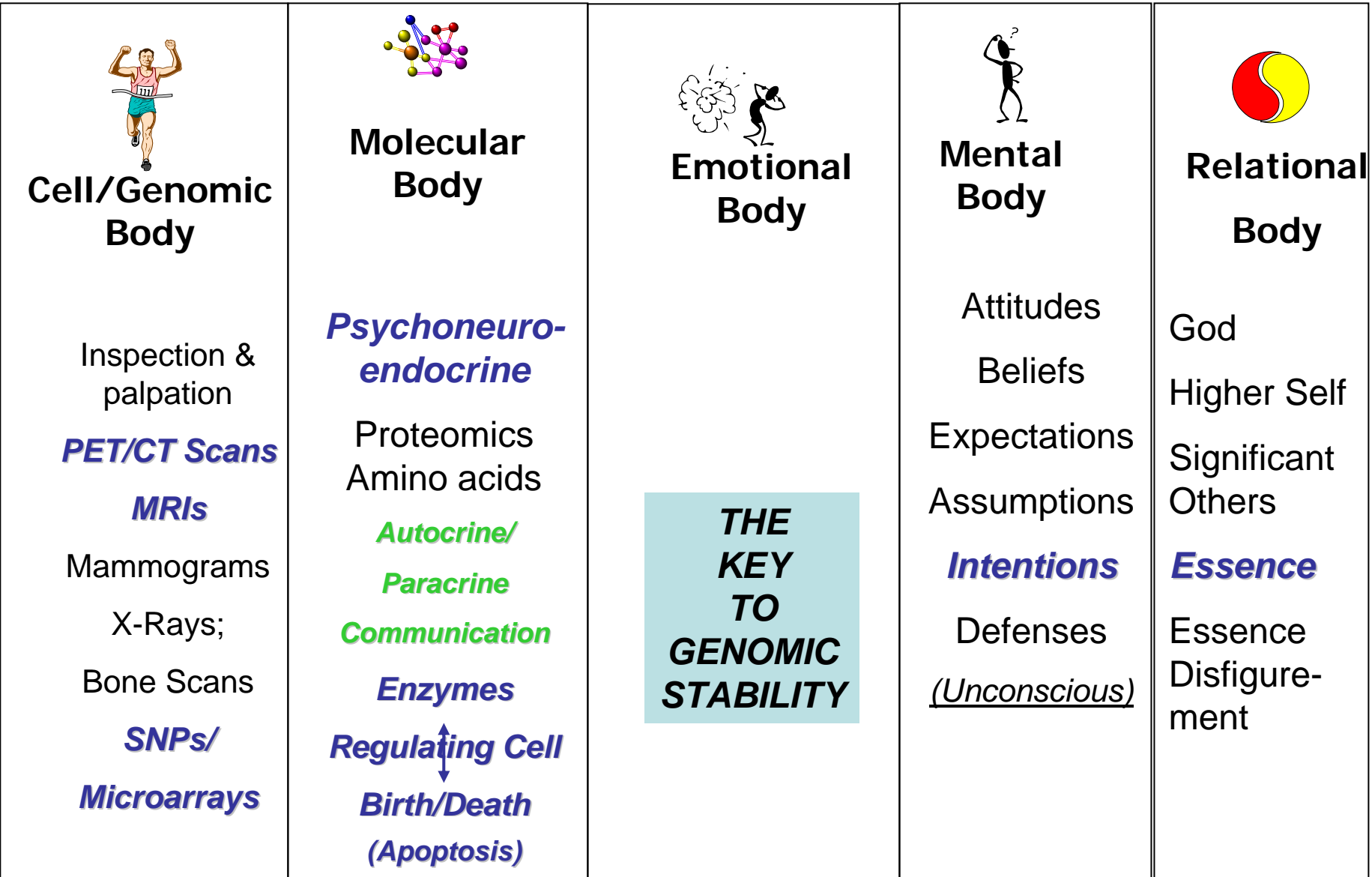
Extracellular Matrix

Cell membrane

The Macrophage



Integrative Environmental Data Relevant to Breast Cancer Prognosis



Cell – Genomic Response Elements

Limbic-Autonomic-Enteric Signals

