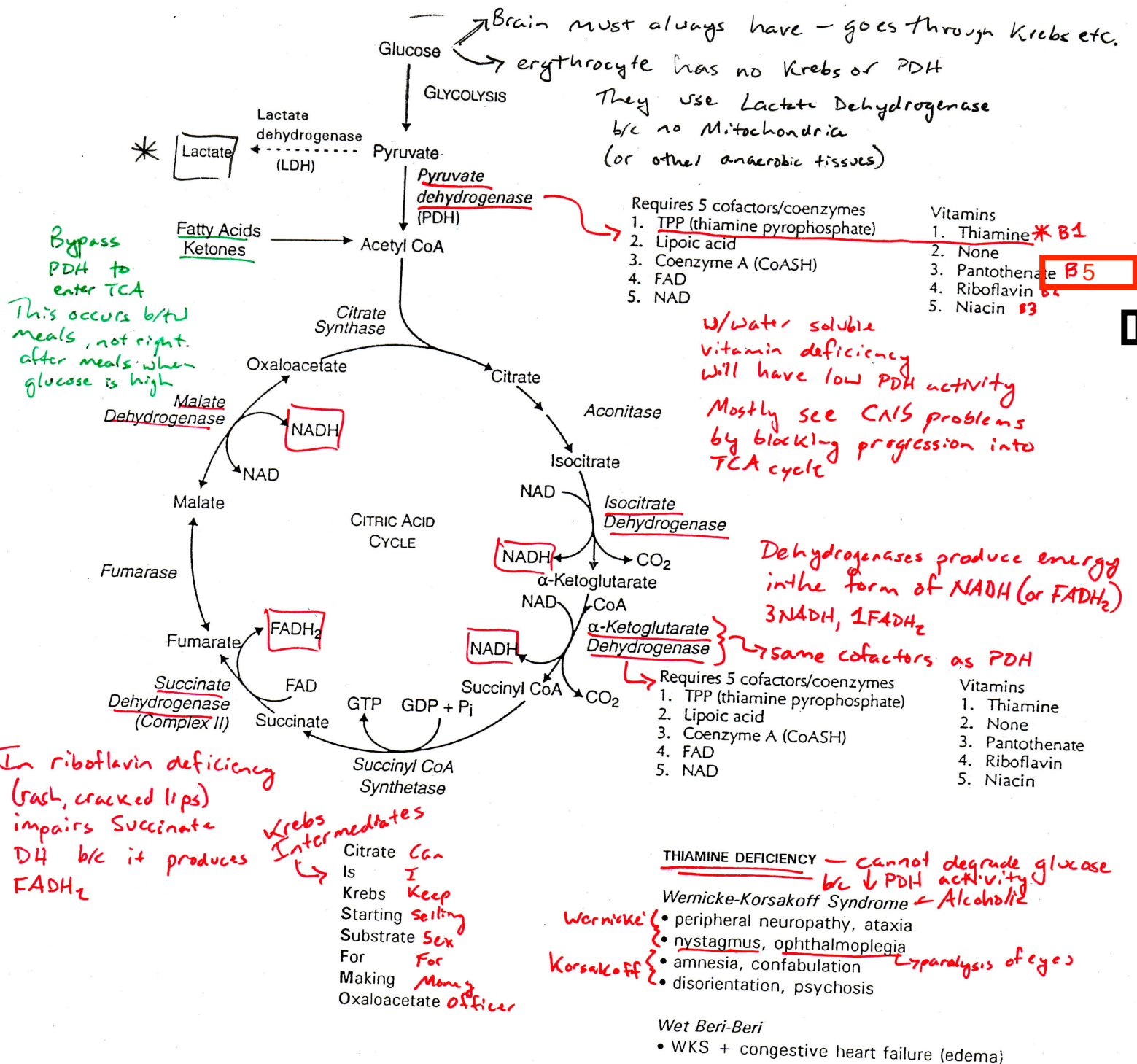


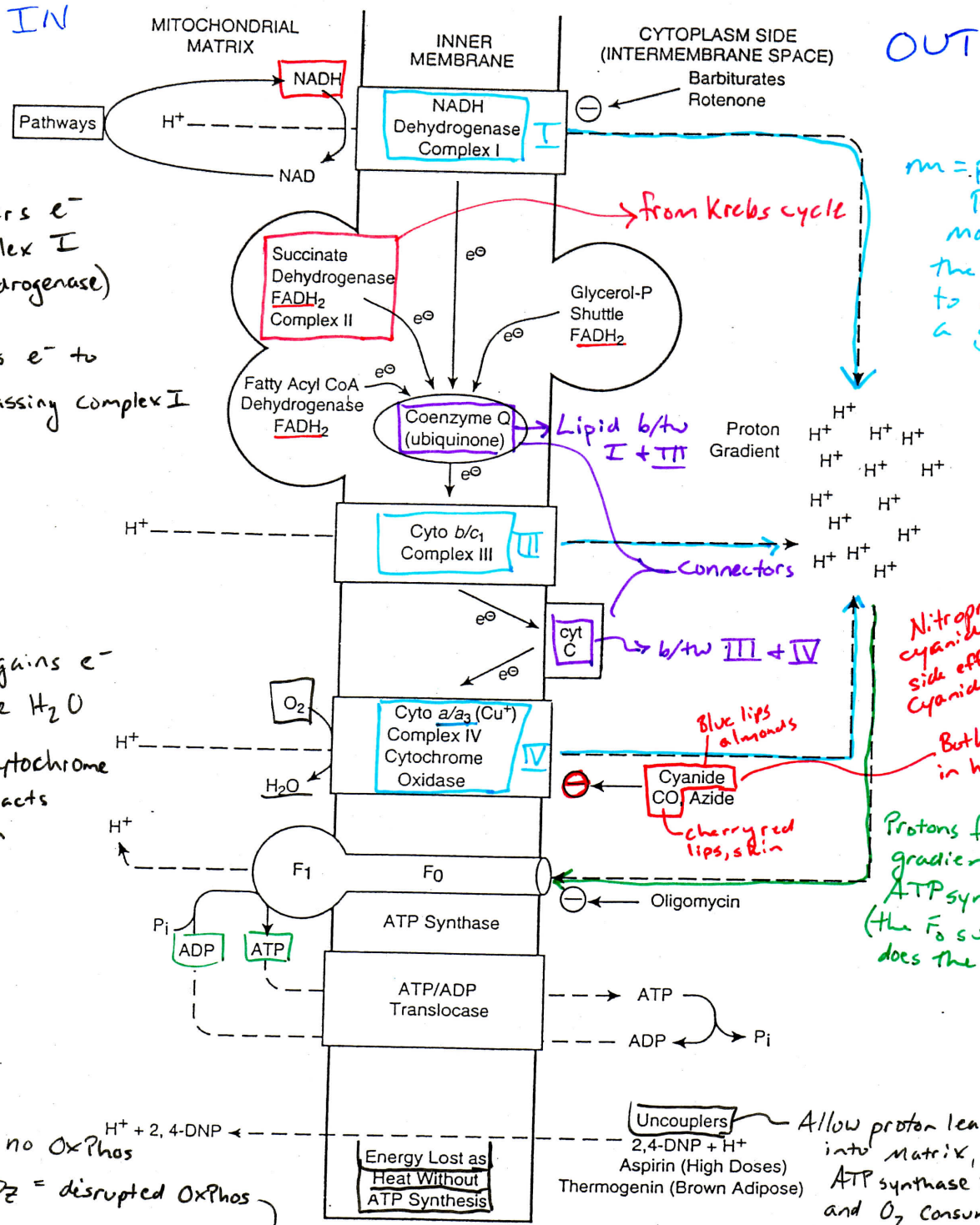
# AEROBIC OXIDATION OF FUELS FOR ENERGY PYRUVATE DEHYDROGENASE & THE CITRIC ACID (KREBS) CYCLE



Mitochondrial Dz's

During Ischemic event → everything becomes Anaerobic (LDH)

# OXIDATIVE PHOSPHORYLATION — uses NADH from Krebs



NADH delivers  $e^-$  into Complex I (NADH dehydrogenase)

$FADH_2$  delivers  $e^-$  to CoQ, bypassing complex I

Oxygen gains  $e^-$  to become  $H_2O$   
Complex IV (Cytochrome oxidase) interacts with Oxygen

Lack of  $O_2$  = no OxPhos  
Mitochondrial  $D_2$  = disrupted OxPhos

$m =$  Proton Pumps move  $H^+$  into the cytoplasm to create a gradient

Nitroprusside has cyanide as a side effect. Treat cyanide w/ thiosulfate  
Both generated in house fires  
Protons flow down gradient via ATP synthase (the  $F_0$  subunit,  $F_1$  does the synthesis)

Uncouplers — Allow proton leakage back into matrix, bypassing ATP synthase =  $\downarrow$  ATP prod and  $O_2$  consumption increases b/c try to reestablish gradient  
2,4-DNP +  $H^+$   
Aspirin (High Doses)  
Thermogenin (Brown Adipose)

Mitochondrial Diseases — mitochondrial gene mutations — esp Complexes I, III, IV  
• Leber hereditary optic neuropathy = LHON  
• MELAS: mitochondrial encephalomyopathy, lactic acidosis, and stroke-like episodes  
• Myoclonic epilepsy with ragged red muscle fibers  
Maternal Inheritance  
↳ mother always passes on

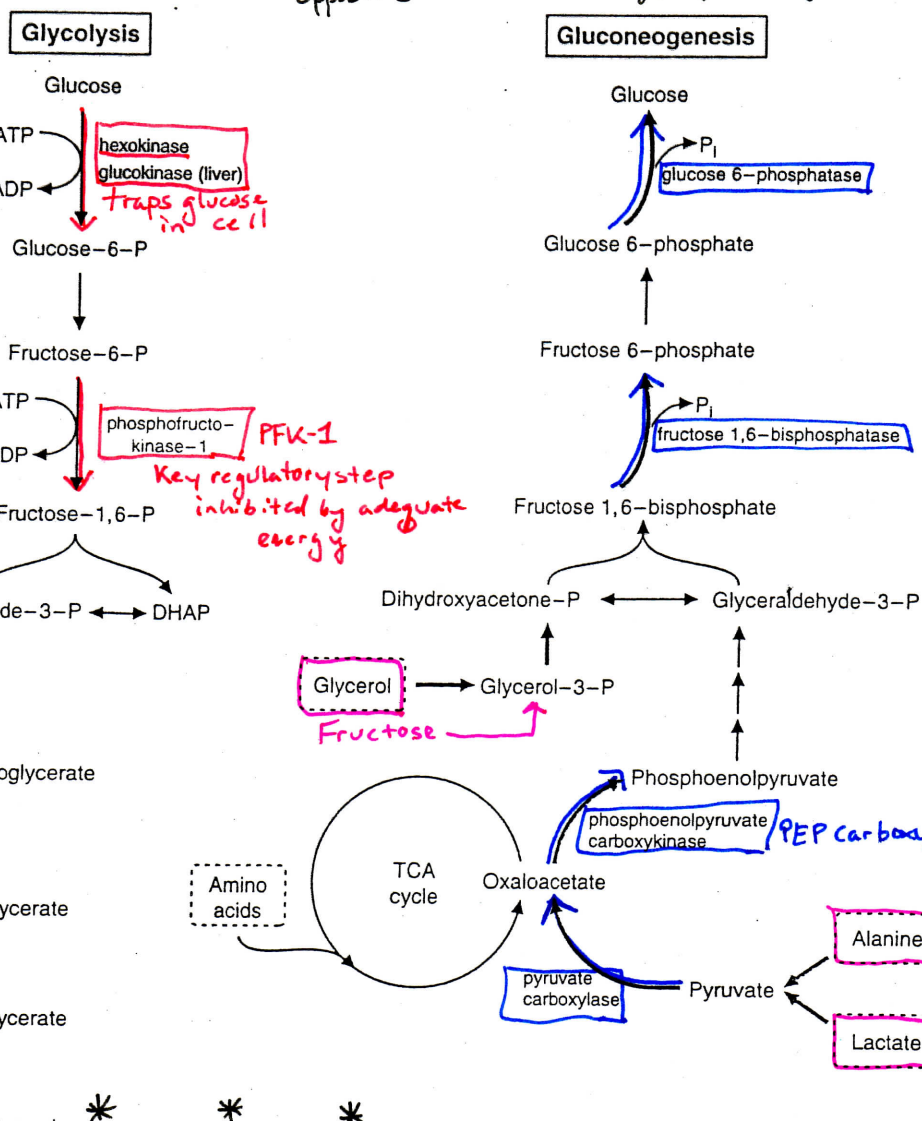
ATP synthase

# GLYCOLYSIS & GLUCONEOGENESIS

opposites

↳ strictly liver during fasting - esp overnight fast

Irreversible —



2,3-BPG ← RBCs only  
Aids O<sub>2</sub> unloading in tissues  
↑ when Pyruvate Kinase is deficient  
Shifts O<sub>2</sub> binding curve right b/c favors unloading

**PYRUVATE KINASE DEFICIENCY**  
 • chronic hemolytic anemia  
 • elevated erythrocyte 2,3-BPG  
 • no Heinz bodies — indicative of oxidative damage in erythrocytes

**GLUCONEOGENIC ENZYME DEFICIENCY**  
 • fasting hypoglycemia with lactic acidosis  
 • hyperlipidemia/ketosis secondary to the hypoglycemia (low insulin)  
 • hyperuricemia/gout secondary to the lactic (metabolic) acidosis  
 • alanine infusion does not increase plasma glucose  
 ↳ interferes w/ uric acid excretion in kidney

**Differential Diagnosis**  
 • Glycerol or fructose infusion increases blood glucose  
 pyruvate carboxylase or PEP carboxykinase deficiency  
 • Glycerol or fructose infusion does not increase blood glucose  
 fructose 1,6 bisphosphatase or glucose 6-phosphatase deficiency

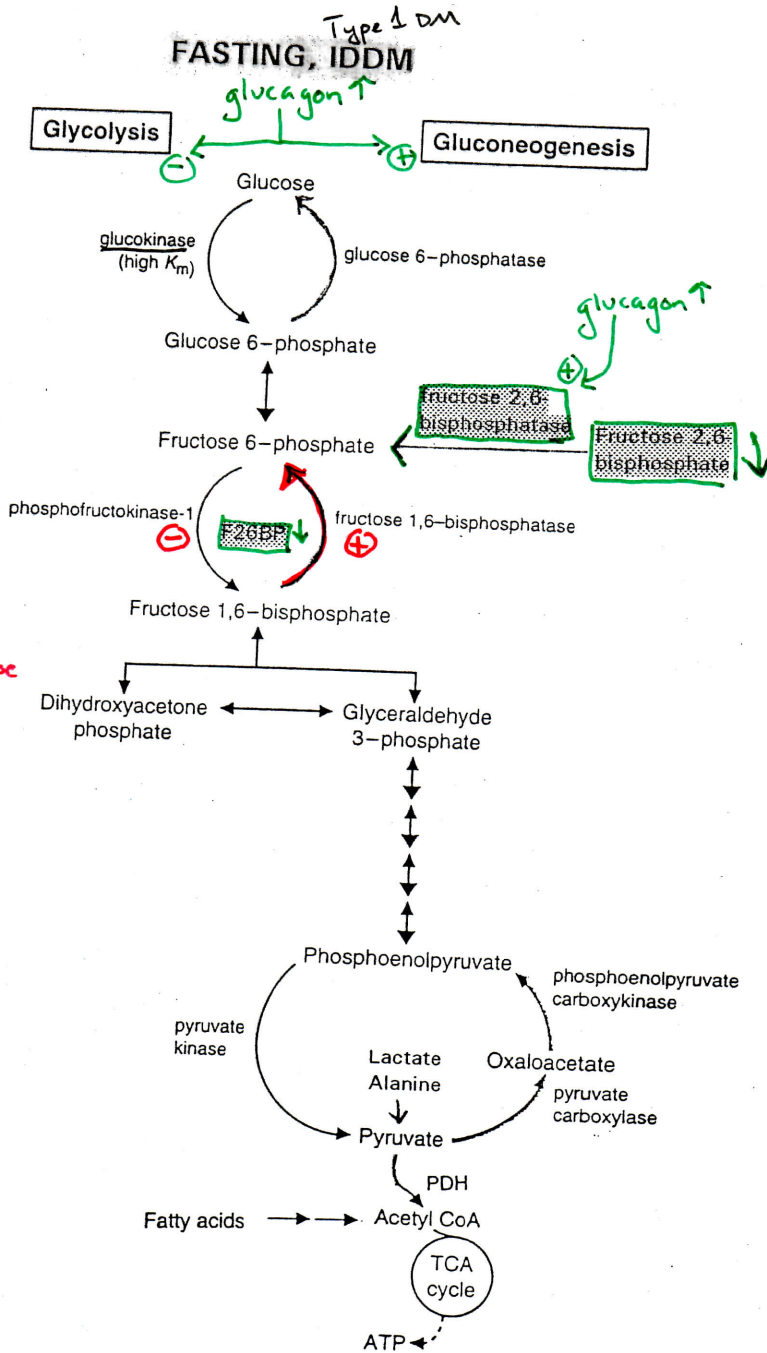
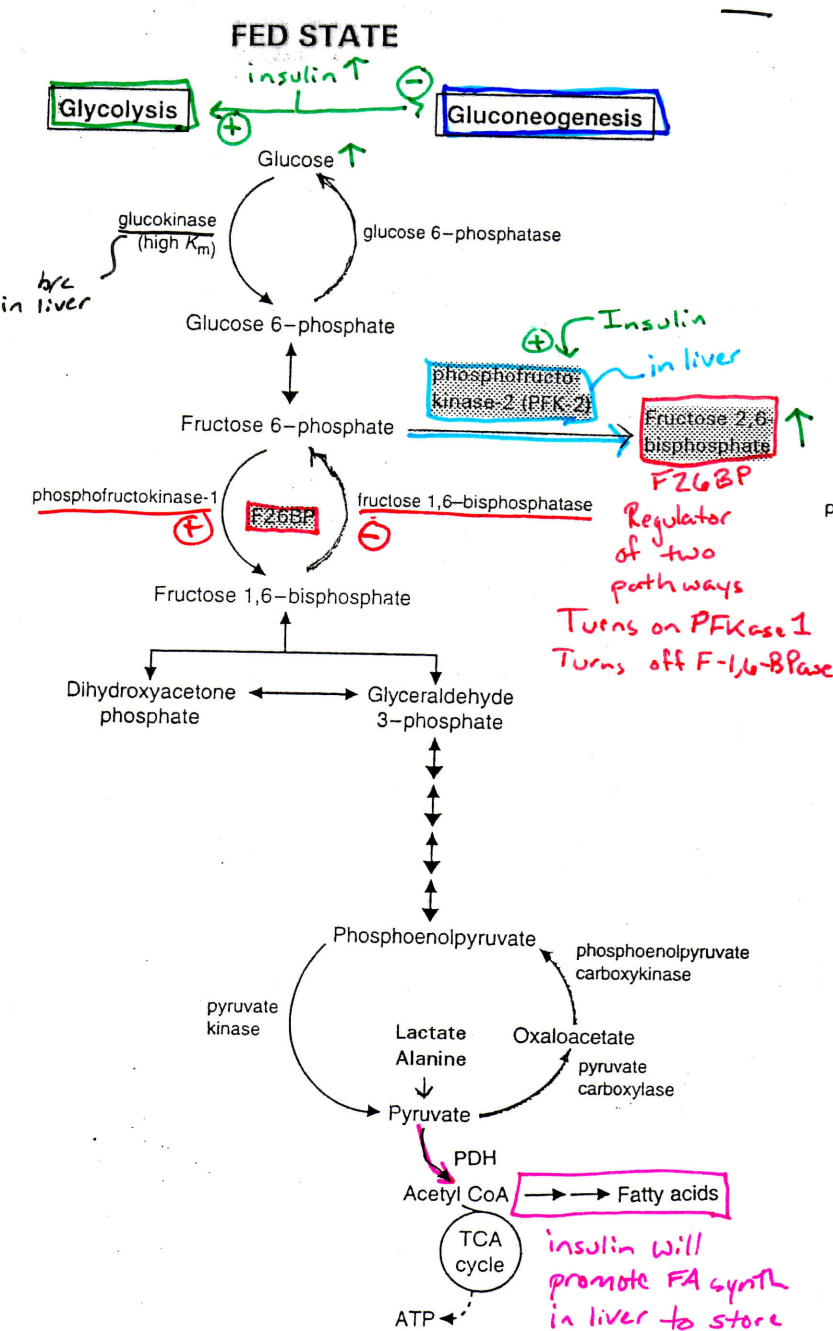
Liver glycogen only lasts for 24 hrs of fasting. After that use gluconeogenesis.

## Glucogenic and Ketogenic Amino Acids

| Ketogenic *  | Ketogenic and Glucogenic   | Glucogenic          |
|--|--|---------------------|
| Leucine<br>Lysine<br>Cannot be converted to Glucose in Liver | Phenylalanine<br>Tyrosine<br>Tryptophan<br>Isoleucine<br>Threonine | All others esp. Ala |



# RECIPROCAL REGULATION OF HEPATIC GLYCOLYSIS & GLUCONEOGENESIS

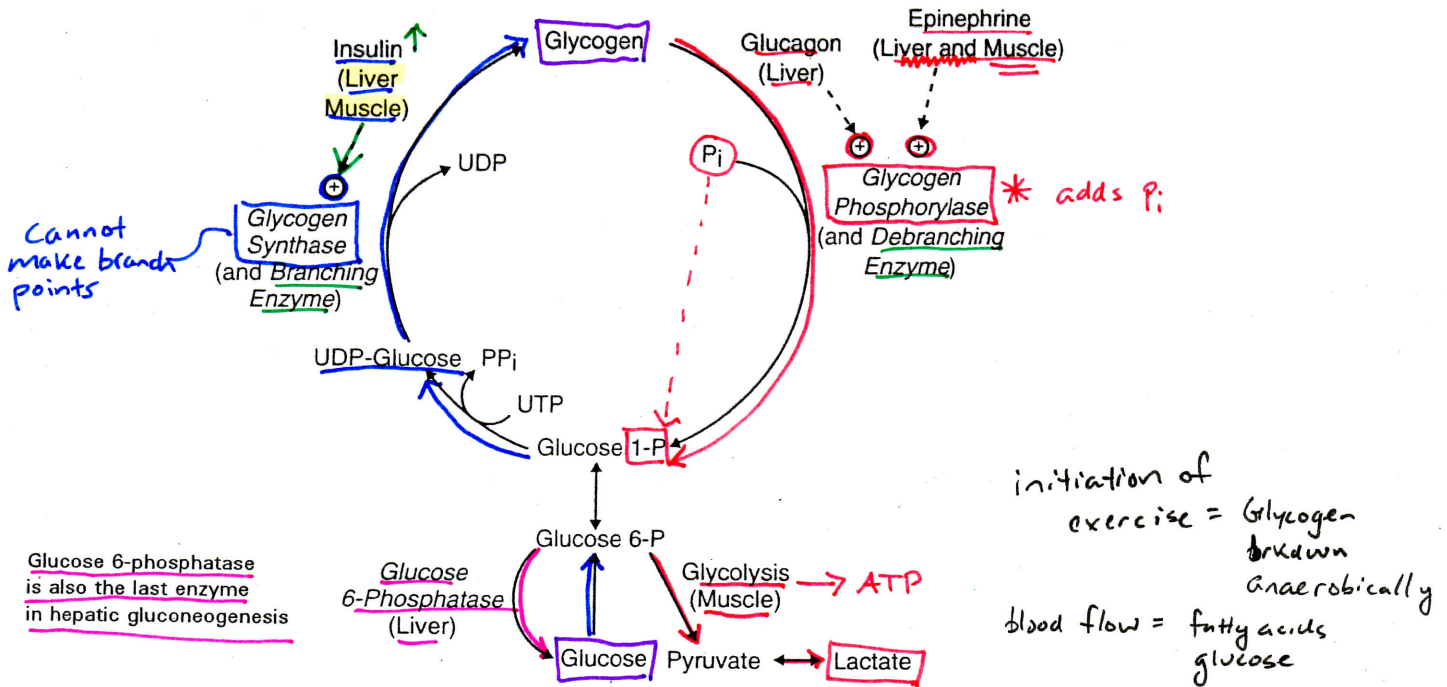


Uncontrolled DM1 has injected insulin → F26BP levels increase in liver

F26BP levels follow insulin levels



# GLYCOGENESIS & GLYCOGENOLYSIS



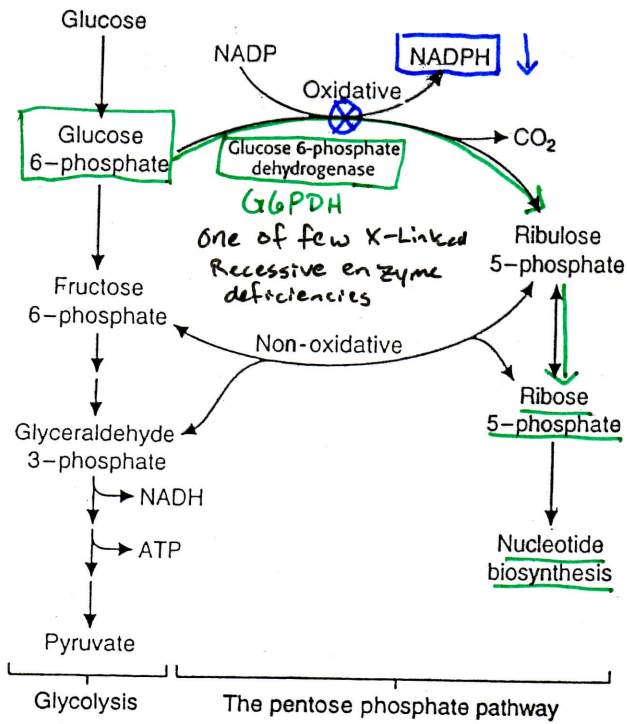
## Glycogen Storage Diseases

| Type   | Deficient Enzyme   | Cardinal Clinical Features <sup>when fasting</sup>  | Glycogen Structure   |
|--|--|---|--|
| I: von Gierke<br><i>skinny arms/legs<br/>Doll like facial features</i> | Glucose-6-phosphatase<br><i>Liver → glycogenolysis<br/>gluconeogen</i> | Severe hypoglycemia, lactic acidosis, hepatomegaly, hyperlipidemia, <sup>2° to</sup> hyperuricemia, short stature | Normal hypoglycemia  |
| II: Pompe<br><i>glycogen/Lysosomal</i>                                 | Lysosomal α-1,4-glucosidase  | Cardiomegaly, muscle weakness, death by 2 years   | Glycogen-like material in inclusion bodies                     |
| III: Cori  | Glycogen debranching enzyme  | Mild hypoglycemia, liver enlargement  | Short outer branches<br>Single glucose residue at outer branch |
| IV: Andersen (amylopectinosis)   | Branching enzyme   | Infantile hypotonia, cirrhosis, death by 2 years  | Very few branches, especially toward periphery                 |
| V: McArdle<br><i>"myophosphorylase"</i>                                | Muscle glycogen phosphorylase  | Muscle cramps and weakness on exercise <i>myoglobinemia/uria</i>  | Normal <i>Child w/ exercise intolerance</i>                    |
| VI: Hers   | Hepatic glycogen phosphorylase   | Mild fasting hypoglycemia, hepatomegaly, cirrhosis  | Normal   |

*2° to lactic acidosis* (pointing to von Gierke)

*fasting hypoglycemia + Lactic acidosis = problem in gluconeogenesis* (pointing to von Gierke)

# THE PENTOSE PHOSPHATE PATHWAY & DISACCHARIDE METABOLISM



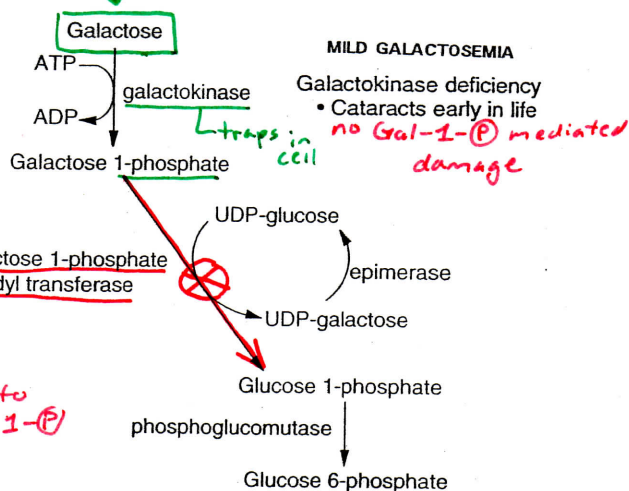
NADPH IS CONSUMED (AND NADP RECYCLED) IN ANABOLIC PATHWAYS

- ERYTHROCYTE - synthesis of reduced glutathione *Critical oxidative stress protection*
- PHAGOCYTE - synthesis of superoxide anion
- LIVER - synthesis of fatty acids and cholesterol
- ADRENAL CORTEX, OVARY, TESTIS - synthesis of steroid hormones

GLUCOSE 6-P DEHYDROGENASE DEFICIENCY - Most Common Worldwide

- Partial**
- acute episodes of oxidant-induced hemolytic anemia (infections, drugs or fava beans) *in acute episodes*
  - jaundice, hemoglobinuria
  - Heinz bodies - oxidative *antimalarials + sulfa drugs*
  - normal erythrocyte 2,3-BPG
  - bite cells
- Severe**
- chronic hemolytic anemia + immunodeficiency
  - CGD-like symptoms (which is an NADPH oxidase deficiency)

Lactose (milk sugar)



CLASSIC GALACTOSEMIA

Gal 1-P uridylyltransferase deficiency

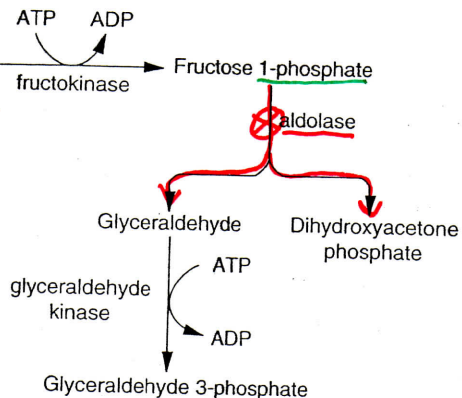
- Cataracts early in life 1-2 wks post delivery
- Vomiting, diarrhea following lactose ingestion
- Lethargy
- Liver damage, hyperbilirubinemia
- Mental retardation

*aldose reductase metabolism in lens*

*due to Gal-1-P*

Table Sugar (Sucrose)

Fruits



FRUCTOSE INTOLERANCE

Aldolase B (fructose 1-P aldolase activity) deficiency:

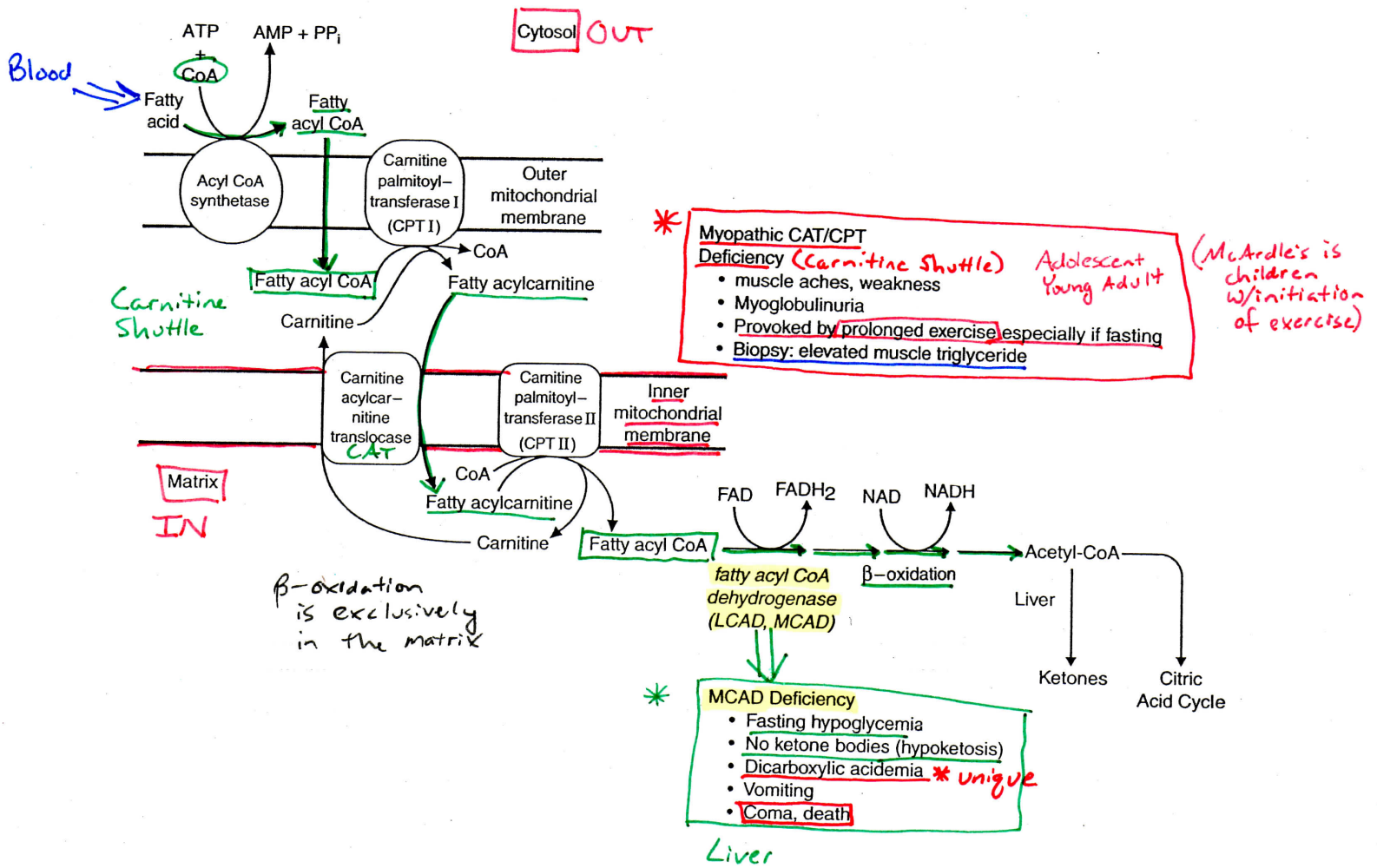
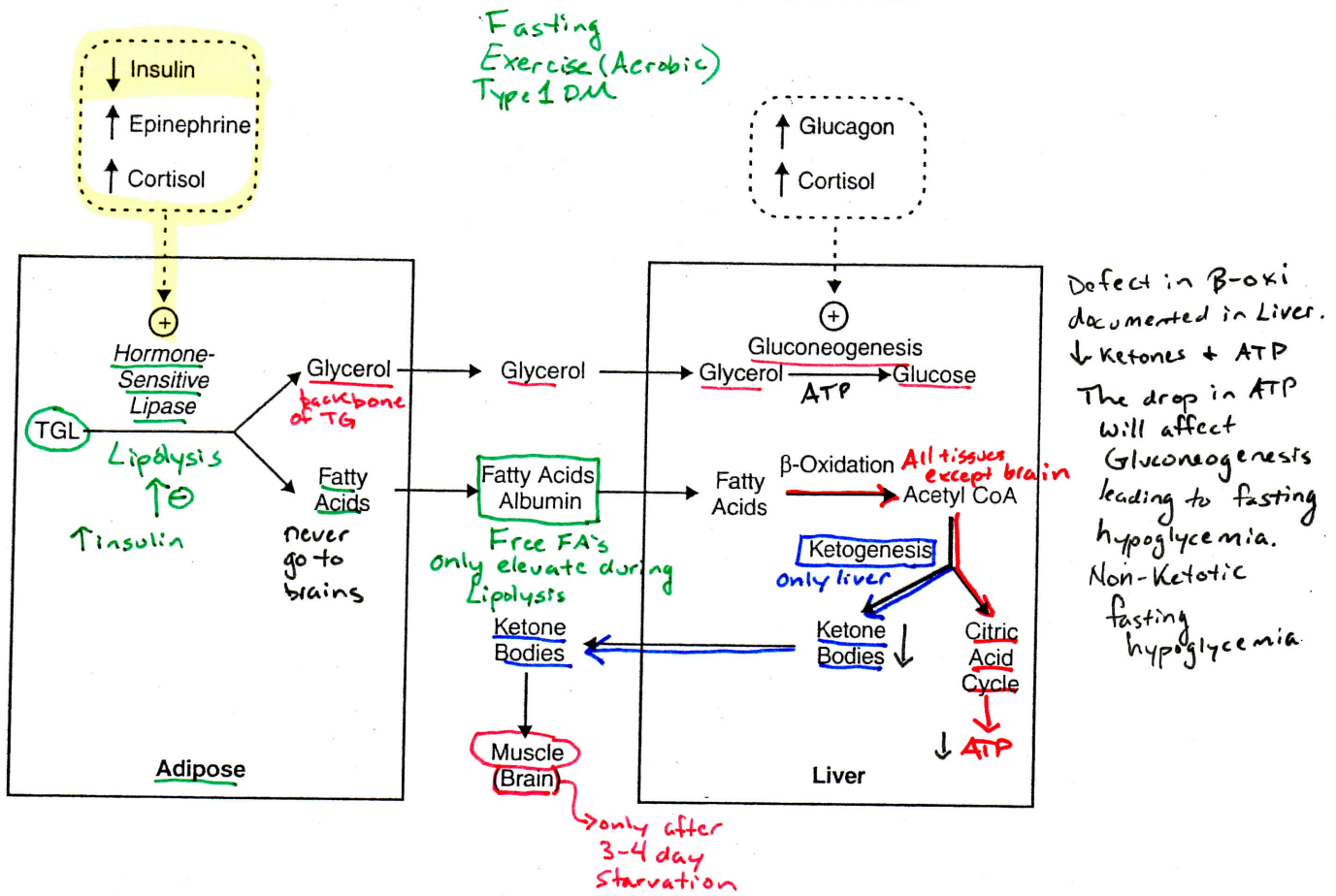
- Lethargy, vomiting
- Liver damage, hyperbilirubinemia
- Hypoglycemia
- Hyperuricemia

**NO CATARACTS**

*No neuro problems bc not metabolized by brain*

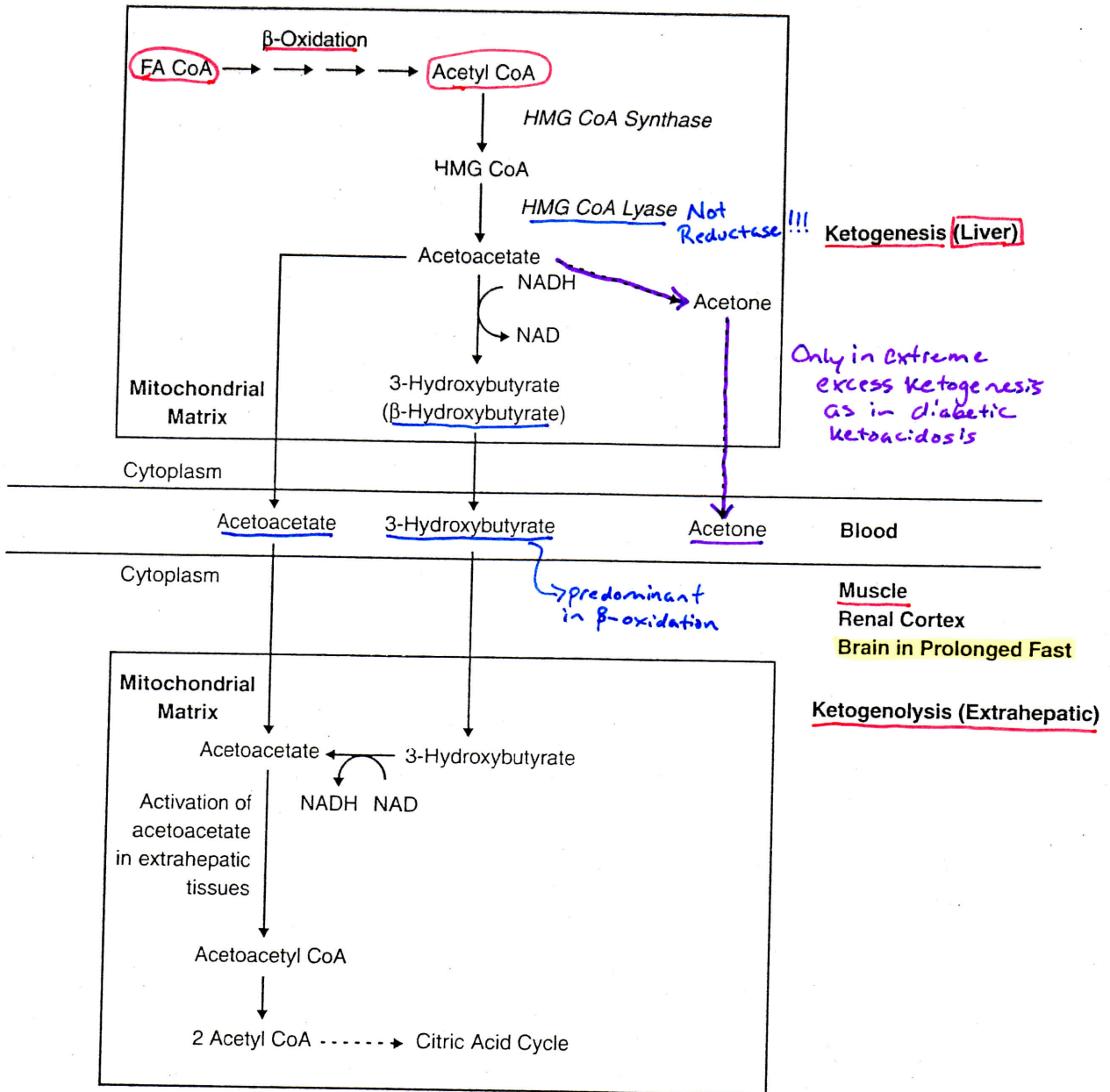
*Classically seen in child being weaned from milk*

# TRIGLYCERIDE DEGRADATION & FATTY ACID OXIDATION

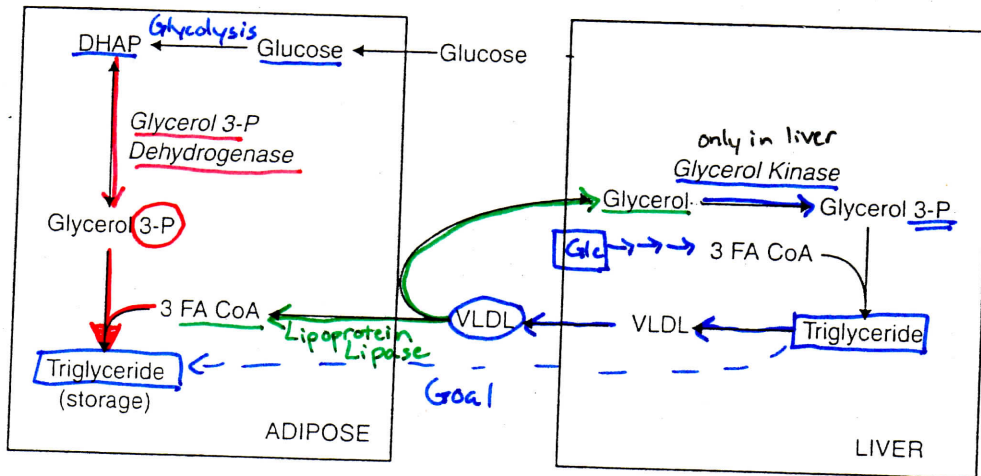
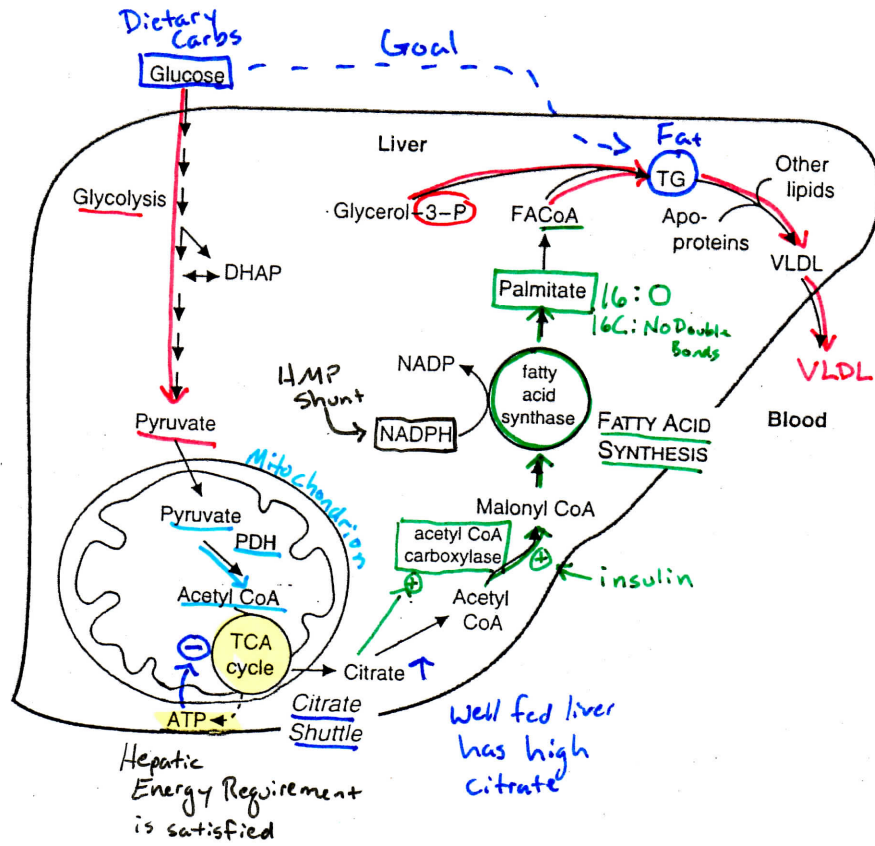




# KETONE BODY SYNTHESIS & DEGRADATION



# POSTPRANDIAL SYNTHESIS AND STORAGE OF FAT



Adipose cannot use VLDL Glycerol - it returns to liver

# LIPOPROTEIN METABOLISM

## Classes of Lipoproteins and Important Apoproteins

| Lipoprotein                | Functions  | Apoproteins                            | Functions  |
|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| <u>Chylomicrons</u>        | Transport <u>dietary triglyceride</u> and <u>cholesterol</u> from <u>intestine</u> to <u>tissues</u>   | apoB-48<br>apoC-II<br>apoE - remnants  | Secreted by epithelial cells - gets out of gut<br>Activates lipoprotein lipase - get out of blood<br>Uptake by liver of remnants |
| <u>VLDL</u>                | Transports <u>triglyceride</u> from <u>liver</u> to <u>tissues (adipose)</u>   | apoB-100<br>apoC-II<br>apoE - remnants | Secreted by liver - get out of liver<br>Activates lipoprotein lipase<br>Uptake of remnants by liver ~ IDL                        |
| <u>LDL</u>                 | Delivers <u>cholesterol</u> into cells - Liver   | apoB-100                               | Uptake by liver and other tissues via LDL receptor (apoB-100 receptor) → e.g. blood vessels                                      |
| <u>IDL (VLDL remnants)</u> | Picks up <u>cholesterol</u> from HDL to become LDL<br>Picked up by liver   | apoE                                   | Uptake by liver  |
| <u>HDL</u>                 | Picks up <u>cholesterol</u> accumulating in blood vessels<br>Delivers <u>cholesterol</u> to <u>liver</u> and <u>steroidogenic</u> tissues via scavenger receptor (SR-B1) <u>HDL-receptor</u><br>Shuttles apoC-II and apoE in blood | apoA-1                                 | Activates lecithin cholesterol acyltransferase (LCAT) to produce <u>cholesterol esters</u>                                       |

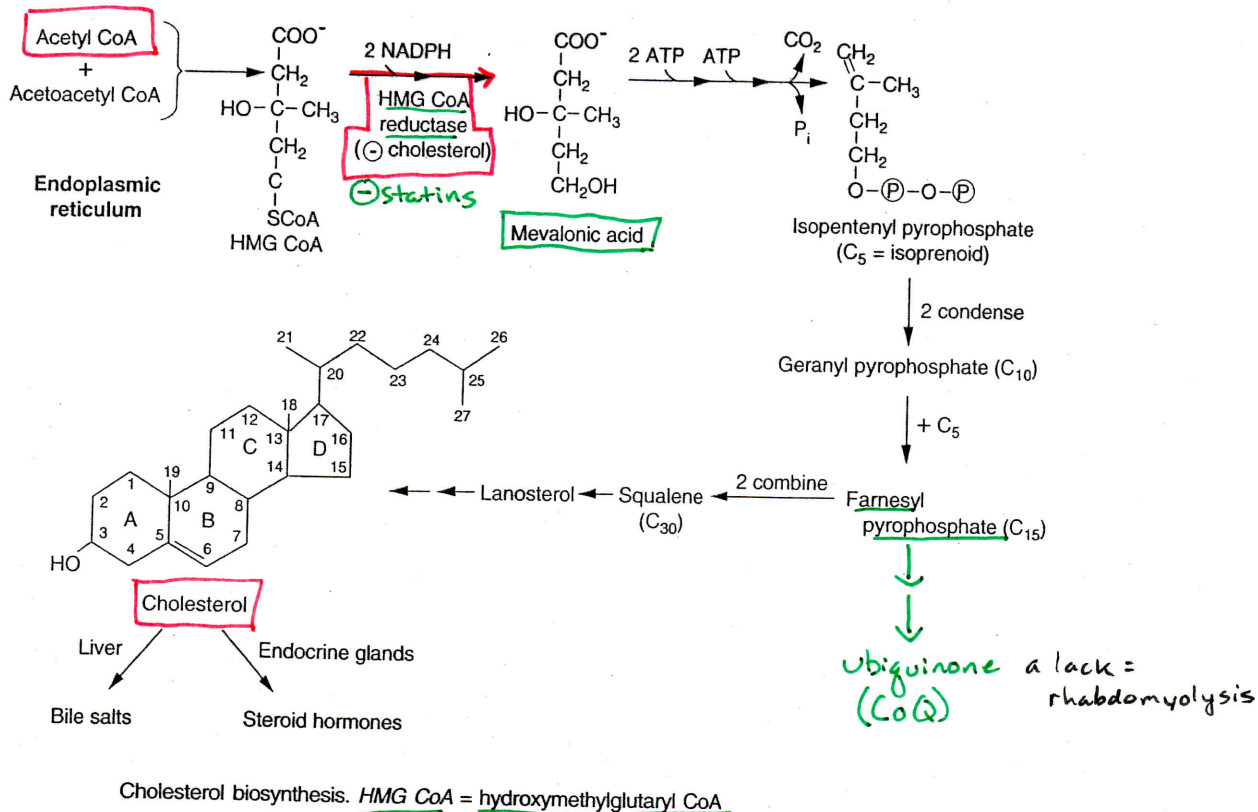
A-1 - defect = hypo HDL  
 B-48 - defect = fat malabs  
 B-100 - defect = fatty liver  
 C-II - defect = hyper TG  
 E - defect = hyper TG hypercholesterol

## Primary Hyperlipidemias

| Type | Deficiency  | Lipid Elevated in Blood | Lipoprotein Elevated in Blood | Comments   |
|------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| I    | Familial lipoprotein lipase (rare)<br>apoC-II (rare)<br>Autosomal recessive   | Triglyceride            | Chylomicrons                  | Red-orange eruptive xanthomas<br>Fatty liver<br>Acute pancreatitis<br>Abdominal pain after fatty meal  |
| IIa  | Familial hypercholesterolemia<br>Autosomal dominant<br>(Aa 1/500, AA 1/10 <sup>6</sup> )<br>** LDL (Apo B-100) Receptor Def. can't get LDL out of blood<br>Middle Age Onset | Cholesterol             | LDL                           | High risk of atherosclerosis and coronary artery disease<br>Homozygous condition usually death < 20 years<br>Xanthomas of the Achilles tendon<br>Tuberous xanthomas on elbows<br>Xanthelasmas<br>Corneal arcus - blue ring around cornea |



# CHOLESTEROL SYNTHESIS & SPHINGOLIPID STORAGE DISEASES



## Genetic Deficiencies of Sphingolipid Catabolism

| Disease             | <u>Lysosomal Enzyme Missing</u> | <u>Substrate Accumulating in Inclusion Body</u> | <u>Symptoms</u>  |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| <u>Tay-Sachs</u>    | <u>Hexosaminidase A</u>         | <u>Ganglioside GM<sub>2</sub></u>               | <u>Cherry red spots in macula</u><br><u>Blindness, startle reflex</u><br><u>Psychomotor retardation</u><br><u>Death usually &lt;2 years</u>  |
| <u>Gaucher</u>      | Glucocerebrosidase              | <u>Glucocerebroside</u>                         | <u>Type 1: Adult</u><br><u>Hepatosplenomegaly</u><br><u>Erosion of bones, fractures</u><br><u>Pancytopenia or thrombocytopenia</u> <i>tired, bruising</i><br><u>Characteristic macrophages (crumpled paper inclusions)</u>   |
| <u>Niemann-Pick</u> | Sphingomyelinase                | <u>Sphingomyelin</u>                            | <u>Hepatosplenomegaly</u><br><u>Microcephaly, severe mental retardation</u><br><u>Zebra bodies in inclusions</u><br><u>Characteristic foamy macrophages</u><br><u>Early death</u><br><u>Cherry Red Spots on Macula (40%)</u> |

# ESSENTIAL AMINO ACIDS & NITROGEN BALANCE

## Essential Amino Acids

|            |               |
|------------|---------------|
| Arginine*  | Methionine    |
| Histidine  | Phenylalanine |
| Isoleucine | Threonine     |
| Leucine    | Tryptophan    |
| Lysine     | Valine        |

\* Essential only during periods of positive nitrogen balance.

Phe → Tyr  
 Val  
 Trp  
 Thr  
 Ile  
 Met  
 His  
 Arg \*  
 Leu  
 Lys

never Tires (Tyr)

## Nitrogen Balance $N_{in} = N_{out}$ (i.e. protein $\neq$ urea<sub>out</sub>)

Nitrogen balance is the (normal) condition in which the amount of nitrogen incorporated into the body each day exactly equals the amount excreted.

$N_{in} < N_{out}$

Negative nitrogen balance occurs when nitrogen loss exceeds incorporation and is associated with:

- Protein malnutrition (kwashiorkor) → ascites + edema
- \* • A dietary deficiency of even one essential amino acid
- Starvation Marasmus (protein caloric malnutrition)
- Uncontrolled diabetes
- Infection

$N_{in} > N_{out}$

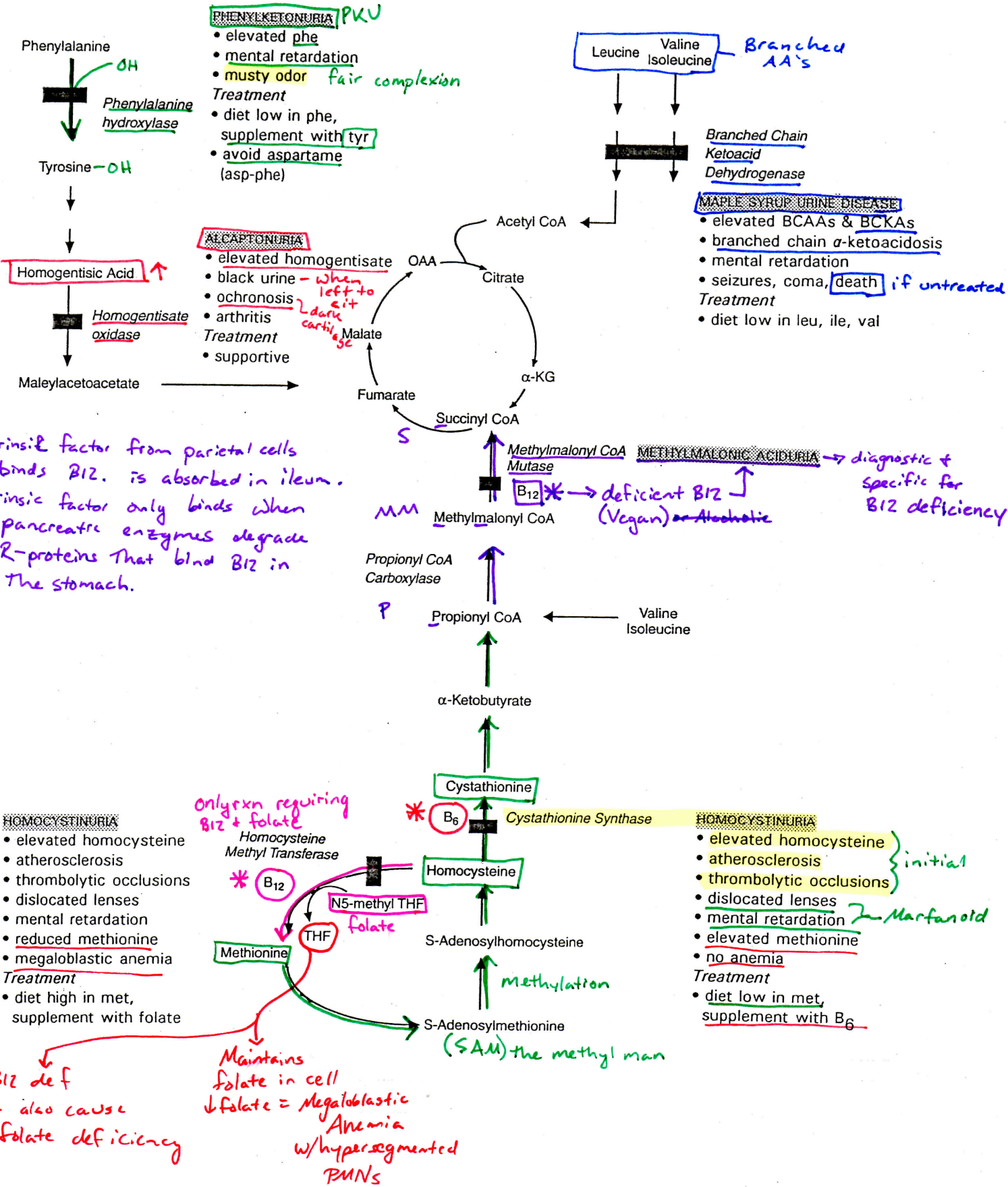
Positive nitrogen balance occurs when the amount of nitrogen incorporated exceeds the amount excreted and is associated with:

- Growth
- Pregnancy
- Recovery phase of injury or surgery
- Recovery from condition associated with negative nitrogen balance

## Products of Amino Acids

| Amino Acid | Products   |
|------------|--|
| Tyrosine   | Thyroid hormones T <sub>3</sub> and T <sub>4</sub><br>Melanin<br>Catecholamines D → NE → E |
| Tryptophan | Serotonin<br>NAD, NADP   |
| Arginine   | Nitric oxide (NO)  |
| Glutamate  | γ-Aminobutyric acid (GABA)   |
| Histidine  | Histamine  |

# AMINO ACID DEGRADATION - IMPORTANT AMINOACIDEMIAS/AMINOACIDURIAS



A B12 def can also cause a folate deficiency

Maintains folate in cell  
↓ folate = megaloblastic anemia w/ hypersegmented PMNs

initial

Marfanoid

(SAM) the methyl man



# GENETIC DISORDERS OF THE UREA CYCLE

## A. General Features

### Clinical Symptoms

- lethargy, vomiting, irritability
- hyperventilation, respiratory alkalosis
- convulsions, cerebral edema, coma

### Lab Results

- hyperammonemia
- elevated plasma and urinary glutamine
- abnormally low blood urea nitrogen (BUN)

→ compensatory for excess ammonia

## B. Differential Diagnosis

### ENZYME DEFECT

#### 1. Carbamoyl-P synthetase I - hyperammonemia Type I

- low citrulline
- no orotic aciduria
- autosomal recessive

#### 2. Ornithine transcarbamoylase - hyperammonemia Type II

- low citrulline
- orotic aciduria diagnostic
- X-linked recessive → only XLR in urea cycle

#### 3. Argininosuccinate synthetase - citrullinemia

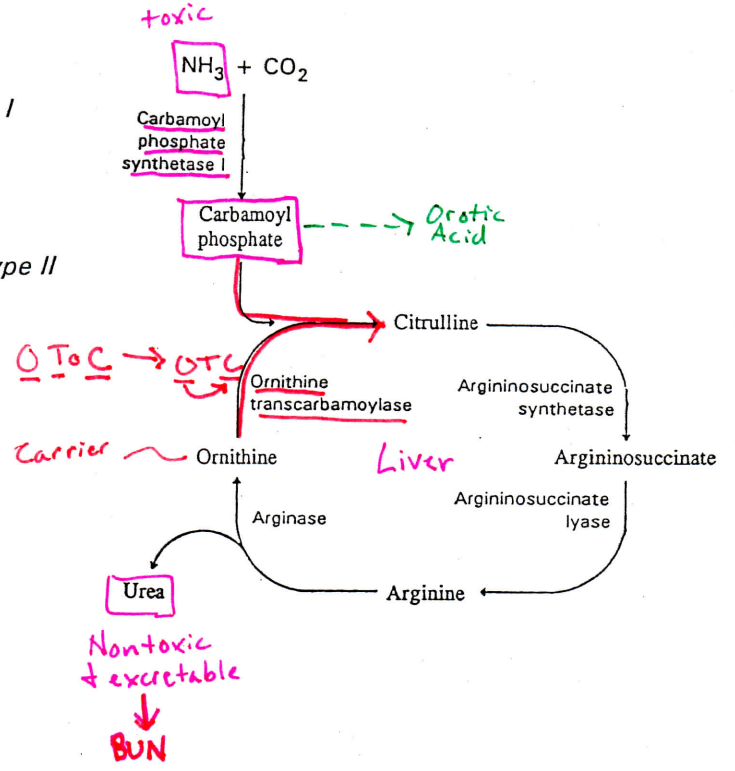
- very high citrulline
- low argininosuccinate

#### 4. Argininosuccinate lyase - argininosuccinic acidemia

- moderately high citrulline
- high argininosuccinate

#### 5. Arginase - argininemia

- high arginine



Most common

O<sub>2</sub>TC → OTC

Carrier

Liver

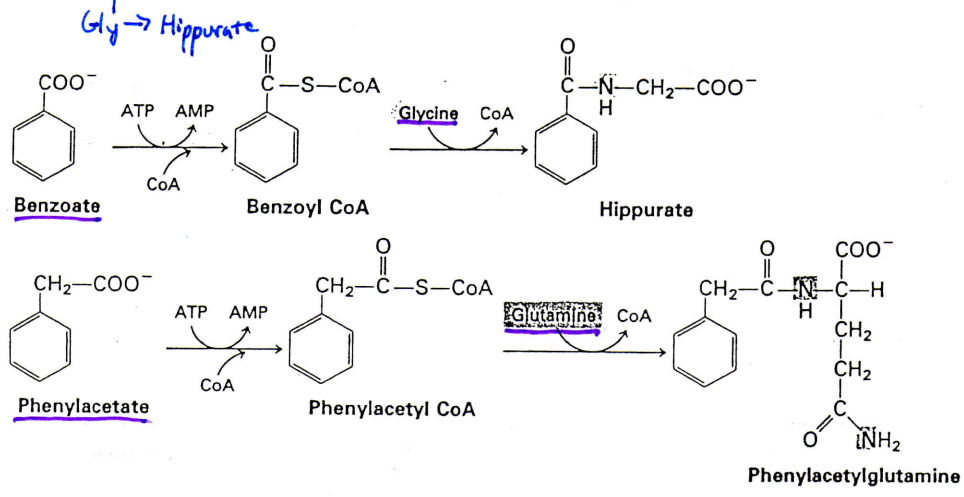
Nontoxic & excretable

BUN

## C. Treatment

### Severe Hyperammonemia

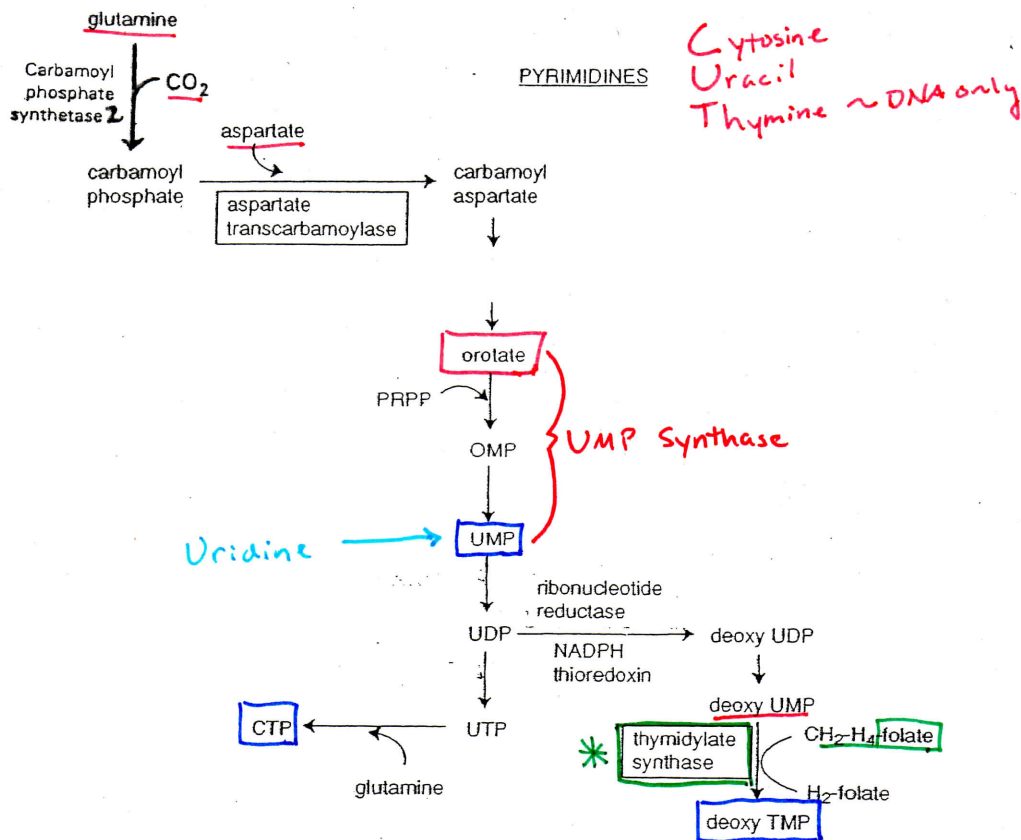
- exchange transfusion
- IV benzoate + phenylacetate → deplete Gly + Gln



### Disease Management

- low protein, high carb diet supplemented with arginine (except argininemia)
- oral phenylbutyrate, a pro-drug which is converted to phenylacetate

# PYRIMIDINE NUCLEOTIDE BIOSYNTHESIS



## Two Orotic Acidurias

### 1. Hyperammonemia

No megaloblastic anemia

• Pathway: Urea cycle

• Enzyme deficient: OTC - Ornithine Transcarbamylase

### 2. Megaloblastic anemia

No hyperammonemia

• Pathway: Pyrimidine synthesis ~ UMP Synthase Def.

• Enzyme deficient: UMP synthase

Treat w/ Uridine  
 $\downarrow$   
UMP

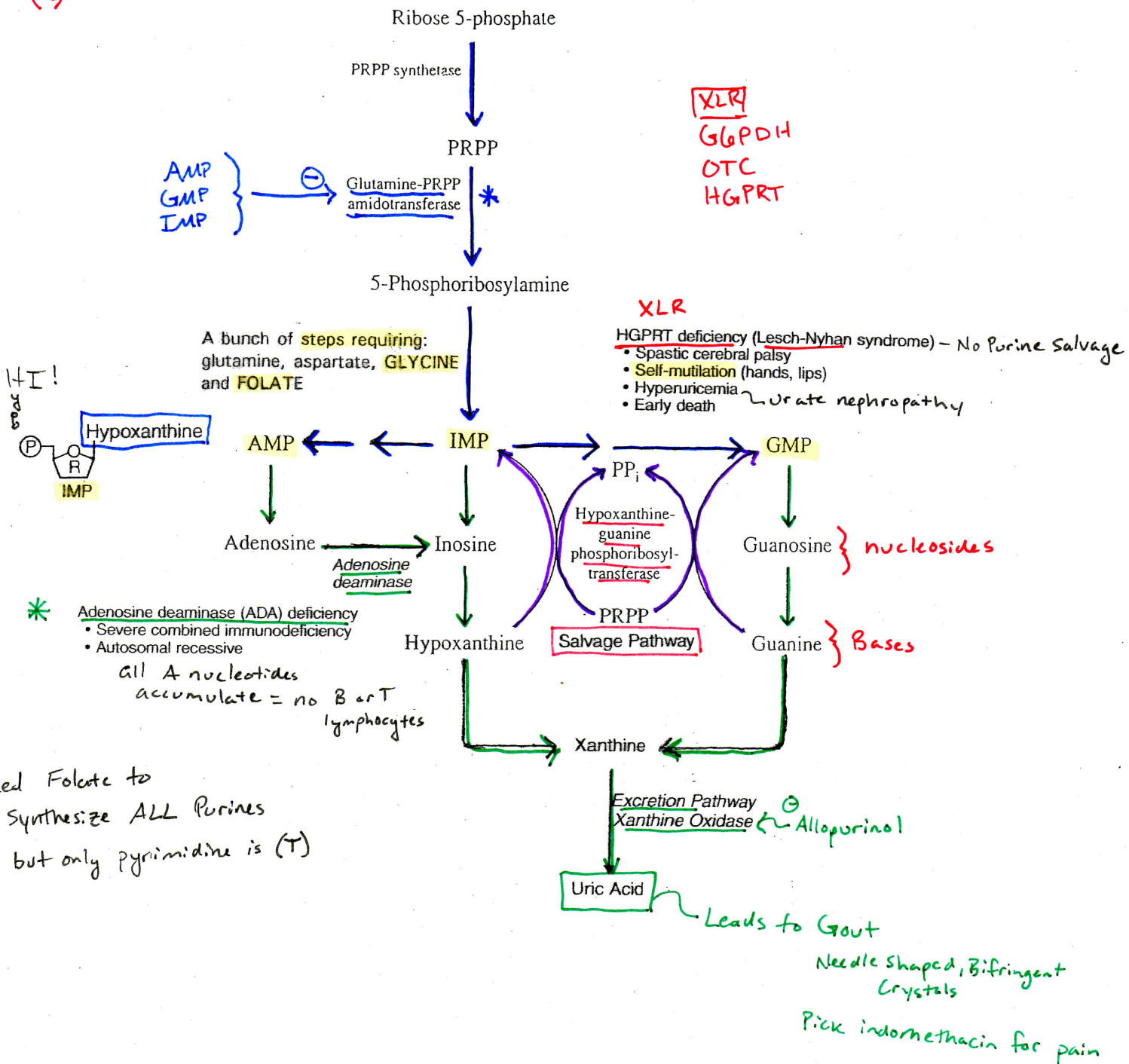
Folate deficiency =  $\downarrow$  Thymidylate Synthase  
 megaloblastic anemia

But no orotic aciduria

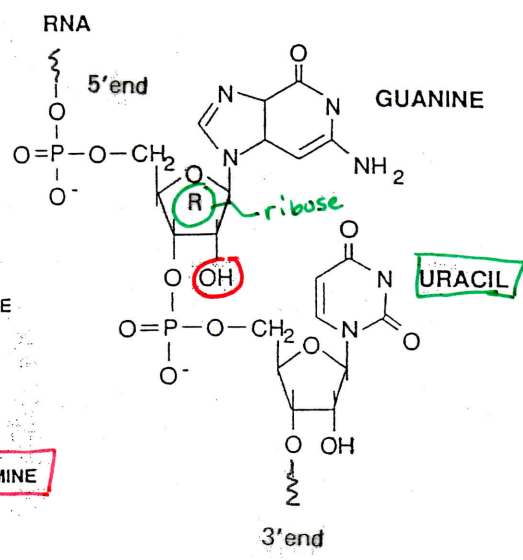
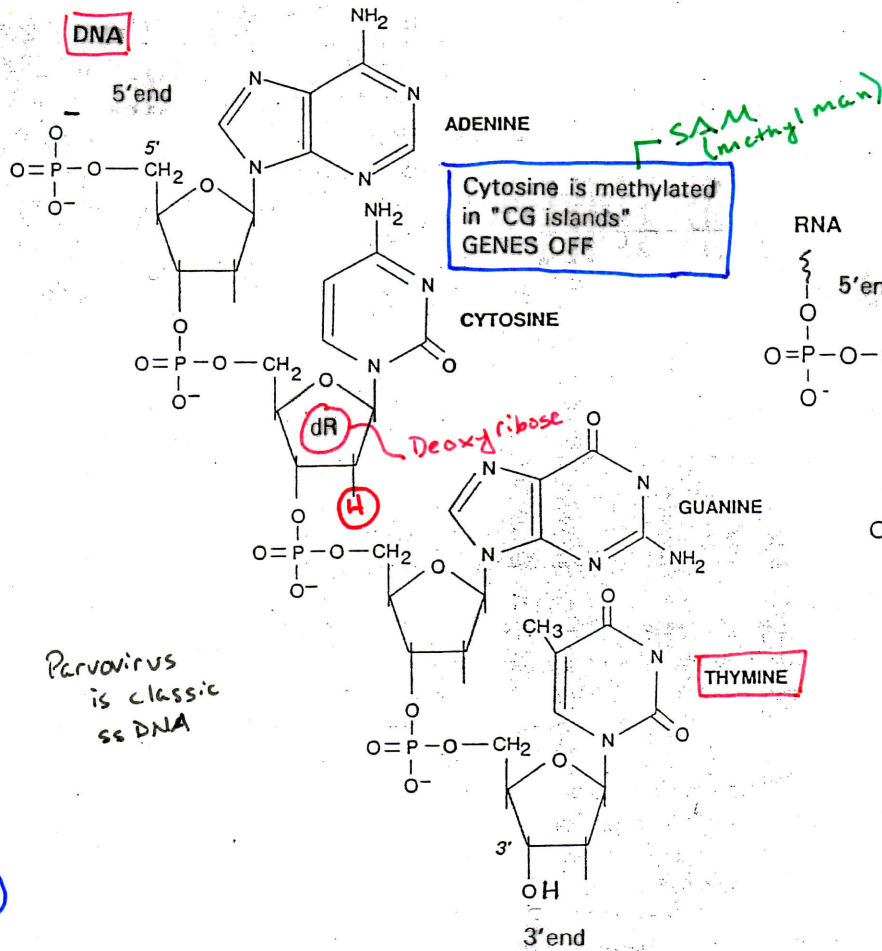
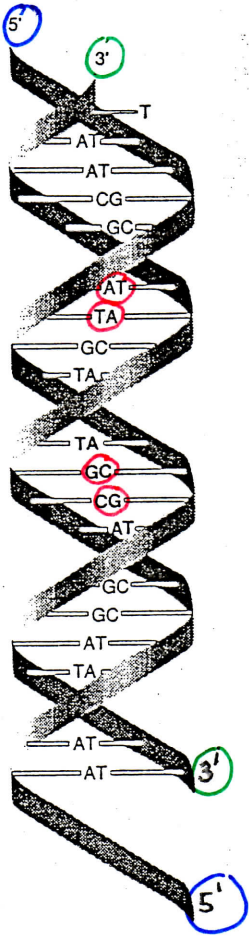
PURINE NUCLEOTIDE SYNTHESIS, DEGRADATION & SALVAGE

10% 90%

A  
G  
(I)







Parvovirus is classic ss DNA

**Strand Sequence**

5' TCGA 3' or TCGA Always 5' → 3' (L) → (R)

must assume 5' → 3' (L) → (R)

3' AGCT 5' If written backwards, end must be clearly designated.

5' pTpCpGpA 3' Sometimes the PDE bond is indicated.

\* { 5' T C G A 3' Strands must be anti-parallel to base pair. If complementary then also anti-parallel.

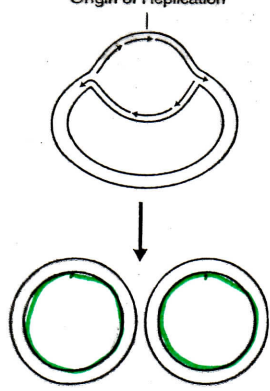
3' A G C T 5'

2H bonds = weaker

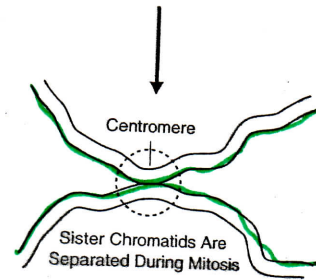
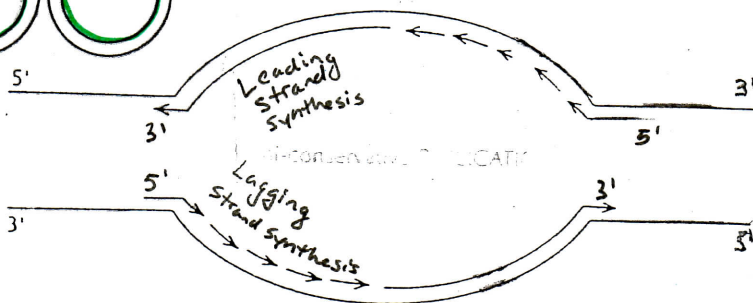
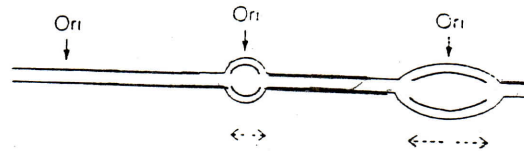
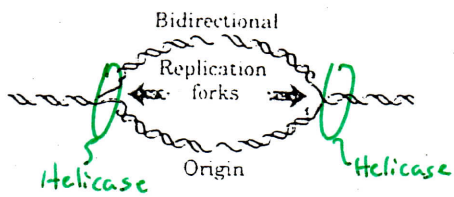
3H bonds = stronger

\* in DNA % T = % A % C = % G

purines = pyrimidines



### DNA REPLICATION



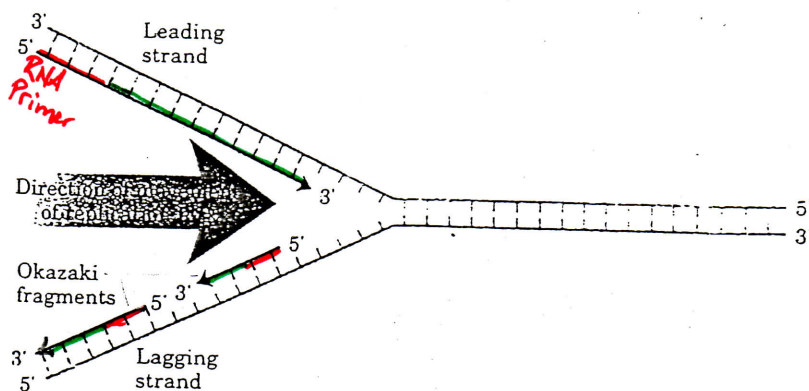
During S phase

Copied Strand = Template

Helicase separates strands at ORI

ORI's are rich in AT

Synthesis is always 5' → 3'



### Comparison of DNA and RNA Polymerases

|   | DNA Polymerase         | RNA Polymerase     |
|---|------------------------|--------------------|
| Nucleic acid synthesized (5' → 3')          | DNA                    | RNA                |
| Required template (copied 3' → 5')          | DNA*                   | DNA*               |
| Required substrates                         | dATP, dGTP, dCTP, dTTP | ATP, GTP, CTP, UTP |
| Required primer (5' end)                    | RNA (or DNA)           | None               |
| Proofreading activity (3' → 5' exonuclease) | Yes<br>↳ for PCR       | No                 |

\*Certain DNA and RNA polymerases require RNA templates. These enzymes are most commonly associated with viruses.

# The Steps and Proteins Involved in DNA Replication

|  | Prokaryotic cells  | Eukaryotic cell nuclei   |
|--|--|--|
| 1. Unwinding of DNA double-helix at replication origin(s)  | <u>Helicase</u><br>(requires ATP)  | <u>Helicase</u><br>(requires ATP)  |
| 2. Stabilization of unwound template strands   | Single-strand binding protein ( <u>SSB</u> )   | Single-strand binding protein ( <u>SSB</u> )   |
| 3. Synthesis of <u>RNA primers</u>   | <u>Primase</u>   | <u>Primase</u>   |
| 4. Synthesis of DNA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• leading strand</li> <li>• lagging strand (Okazaki fragments)</li> </ul> | DNA polymerase III<br>DNA polymerase III   | DNA polymerase $\delta + \alpha$<br>DNA polymerase $\alpha + \delta$<br><u><math>\alpha \beta \delta \epsilon</math></u><br>↳ repair in mitochondria |
| 5. Removal of RNA primers  | DNA polymerase I<br>( <u>5' - exonuclease</u> )  | Unknown  |
| 6. Replacement of RNA with DNA   | DNA polymerase I   | Unknown  |
| 7. Joining of Okazaki fragments  | <u>DNA ligase</u><br>(requires NAD)  | <u>DNA ligase</u><br>(requires ATP)  |
| 8. Removal of <sup>+</sup> supercoils ahead of advancing replication forks   | <u>Topoisomerase II</u><br>(DNA gyrase)<br><br>• inhibited by <u>nalidixic acid</u> , <u>norfloxacin</u> | <u>Topoisomerase II</u><br><br>• inhibited by <u>etoposide</u> , <u>teniposide</u>   |
| 9. Synthesis of telomeres  | Not required   | Telomerase ~ contains strand of RNA to act as primer internally<br>Loss = T cell aging<br>hyperactivity = CA   |

## Other Eukaryotic DNA Polymerases

DNA polymerase  $\gamma$  replicates mitochondrial DNA in eukaryotes.

DNA polymerases  $\beta$  and  $\epsilon$  (in eukaryotic cell nuclei) are thought to participate primarily in DNA repair. DNA pol  $\epsilon$  may substitute for DNA pol  $\delta$  in certain cases

## Reverse Transcriptase



Reverse transcriptase, an enzyme found in some viruses, is an RNA-dependent DNA polymerase. This enzyme requires an RNA template to direct the synthesis of new DNA. Retroviruses, most notably HIV, utilize this enzyme to replicate their RNA genomes.

Requires primer  
No exonuclease activity



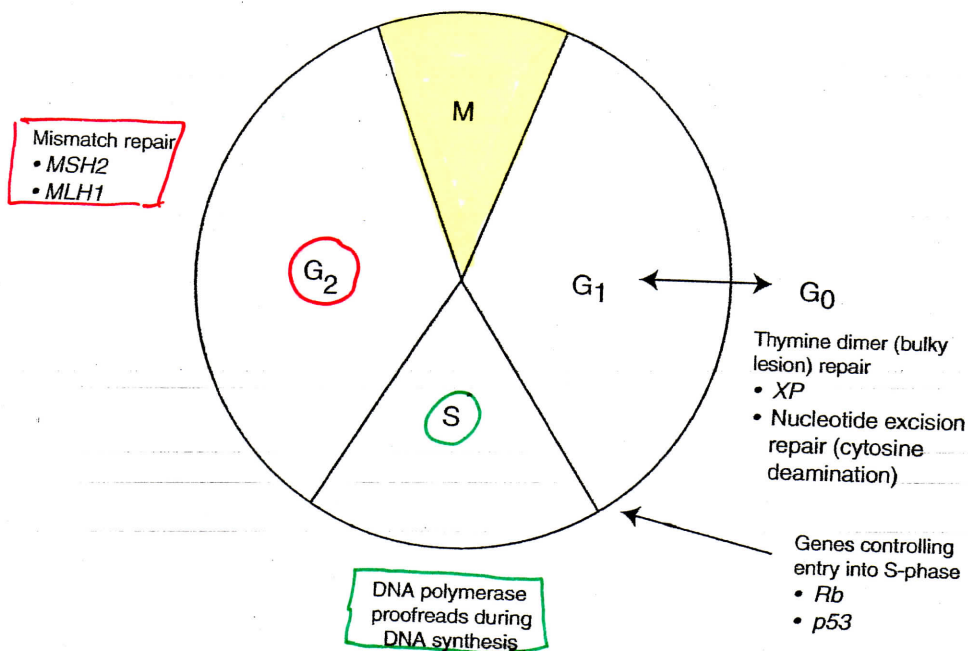
## DNA Repair

| Damage  | Cause                     | Recognition/<br>Excision Enzyme  | Repair Enzymes               |
|---|---------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| ①<br>Thymine dimers ( $G_1$ )                         | UV radiation              | Excision endonuclease<br>(deficient in Xeroderma pigmentosum)  | DNA polymerase<br>DNA ligase |
| ③<br>Cytosine deamination ( $G_1$ ) $C \rightarrow U$ | Spontaneous/<br>chemicals | Uracil glycosylase<br>AP endonuclease  | DNA polymerase<br>DNA ligase |
| Apurination<br>or apyrimidination ( $G_1$ )           | Spontaneous/<br>heat      | AP endonuclease  | DNA polymerase<br>DNA ligase |
| ②<br>Mismatched base ( $G_2$ )                        | DNA replication errors    | A mutation on one of two genes, <u>hMSH2</u> or <u>hMLH1</u> , initiates defective repair of DNA mismatches, resulting in a condition known as hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer— <u>HNPCC</u> . <u>Lynch Syndrome</u> | DNA polymerase<br>DNA ligase |

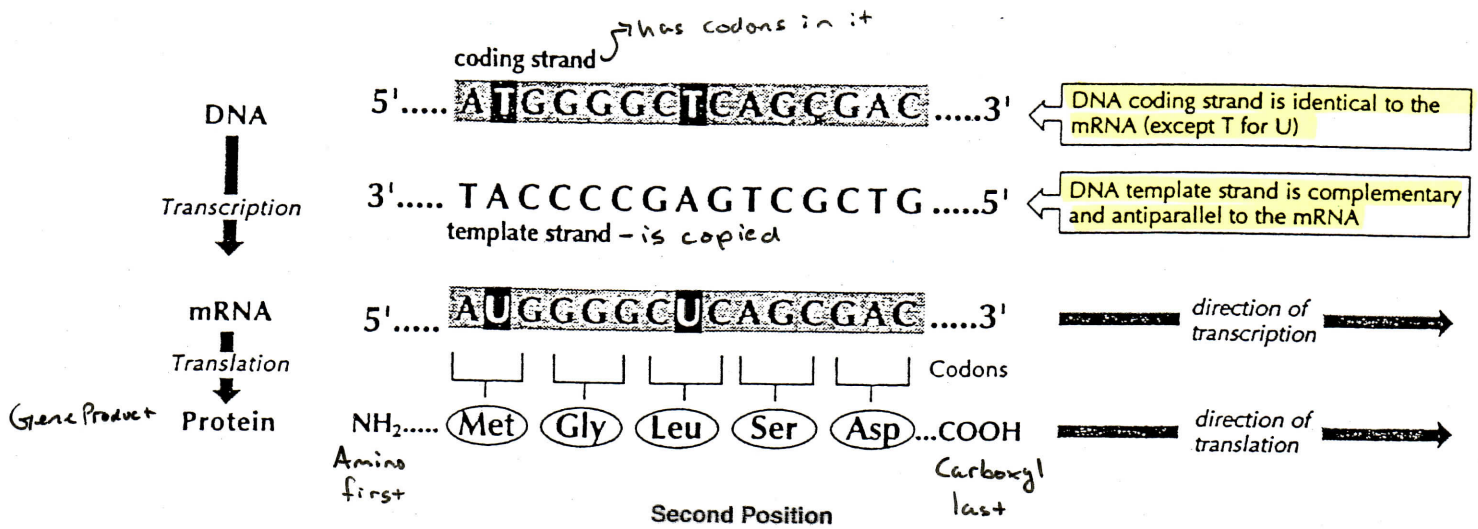
## Tumor Suppressor Genes and DNA Repair

DNA repair may not occur properly when certain tumor suppressor genes have been inactivated through mutation or deletion:

- The p53 gene encodes a protein that prevents a cell with damaged DNA from entering the S phase. Inactivation or deletion associated with Li Fraumeni syndrome and many solid tumors.
- ATM gene encodes a kinase essential for p53 activity. ATM is inactivated in ataxia telangiectasia, characterized by hypersensitivity to x-rays and predisposition to lymphomas.
- BRCA-1 (breast, prostate, and ovarian cancer) and BRCA-2 (breast cancer) required for p53 activity.
- Rb The retinoblastoma gene was the first tumor suppressor gene cloned, and is a negative regulator of the cell cycle through its ability to bind the transcription factor E2F and repress transcription of genes required for S phase.



# Flow of Genetic Information from DNA to Protein



| First Position (5' End) | U   | C                                    | A   | G   | Third Position (3' End) |
|-------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------|
| U                       | UUU } Phe<br>UUC }<br>UUA } Leu<br>UUG }          | UCU } Ser<br>UCC }<br>UCA }<br>UCG } | UAU } Tyr<br>UAC }<br>UAA } Stop<br>UAG } | UGU } Cys<br>UGC }<br>UGA } Stop<br>UGG } Trp | U<br>C<br>A<br>G        |
| C                       | CUU } Leu<br>CUC }<br>CUA }<br>CUG }              | CCU } Pro<br>CCC }<br>CCA }<br>CCG } | CAU } His<br>CAC }<br>CAA } Gln<br>CAG }  | CGU } Arg<br>CGC }<br>CGA }<br>CGG }          | U<br>C<br>A<br>G        |
| A                       | AUU } Ile<br>AUC }<br>AUA }<br>AUG } Met<br>Start | ACU } Thr<br>ACC }<br>ACA }<br>ACG } | AAU } Asn<br>AAC }<br>AAA } Lys<br>AAG }  | AGU } Ser<br>AGC }<br>AGA } Arg<br>AGG }      | U<br>C<br>A<br>G        |
| G                       | GUU } Val<br>GUC }<br>GUA }<br>GUG }              | GCU } Ala<br>GCC }<br>GCA }<br>GCG } | GAU } Asp<br>GAC }<br>GAA } Glu<br>GAG }  | GGU } Gly<br>GGC }<br>GGA }<br>GGG }          | U<br>C<br>A<br>G        |

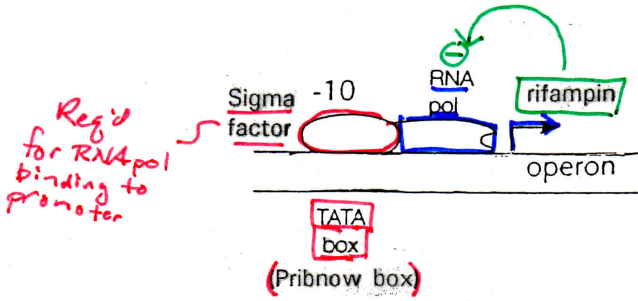
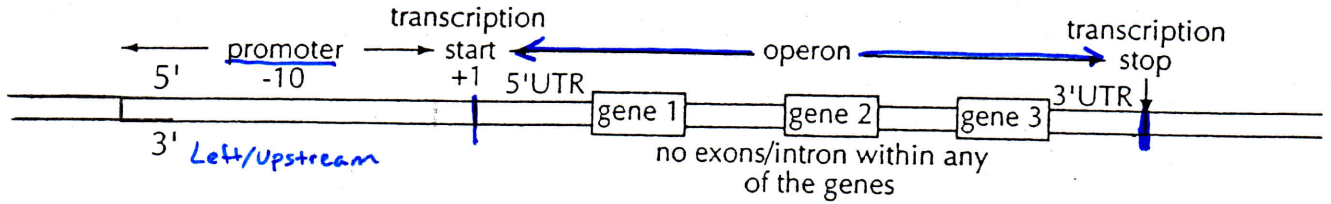
CC<sub>n</sub> = Pro, always  
 1 2 3  
 5'-ACG-3'  
 Codon  
 Stop is not an AA  
 U<sub>s</sub> Are Alien  
 U<sub>s</sub> Are Gone  
 U Go Away

## Effect of Some Common Types of Mutations on Protein Structure

| Type of Mutation   | Effect on Protein  |
|--|--|
| Silent: new codon specifies same amino acid                                  | None (wobble position substitution)  |
| Missense: new codon specifies different amino acid<br>HbA - glu<br>HbS - Val | Possible decrease in function; variable effects  |
| Nonsense: new codon is stop codon<br>TAA TGA<br>TAG                          | Shorter than normal; usually nonfunctional Premature Termination   |
| Frameshift: deletion or addition of a base<br>TAA TGA<br>TAG                 | Usually nonfunctional; often shorter than normal   |
| Large segment deletion (unequal crossover in meiosis)                        | Loss of function; shorter than normal or entirely missing  |
| Splice donor or acceptor site mutations                                      | Variable effects ranging from addition or deletion of a few amino acids to deletion of an entire exon  |
| Triplet repeat expansion<br>Huntingtons<br>Fragile X                         | Expansions in coding regions cause protein product to be longer than normal and unstable.<br><br>Disease often shows anticipation in pedigree. |

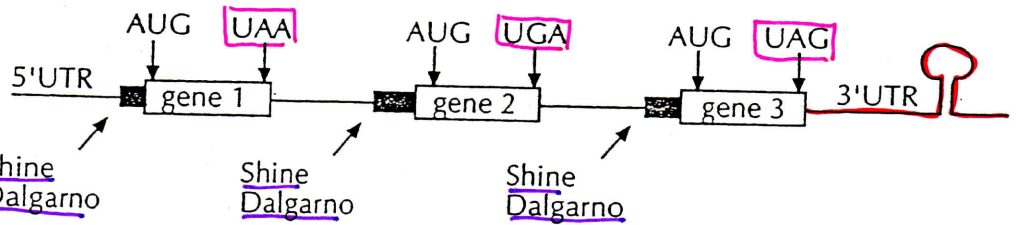
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CYTOPLASMIC EXPRESSION OF A BACTERIAL OPERON



Transcription

Multiple genes  
Polycistronic  
mRNA



Translation

Translation

Translation

H<sub>2</sub>N - protein - COOH

H<sub>2</sub>N - protein - COOH

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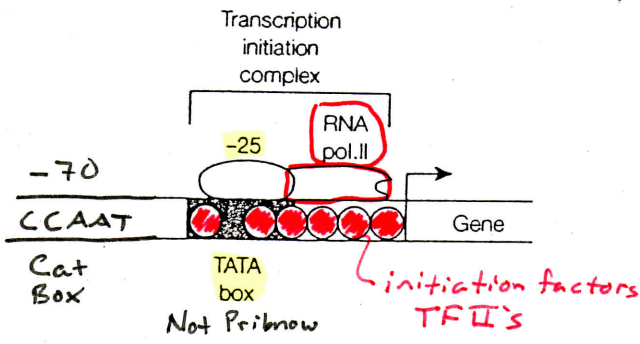
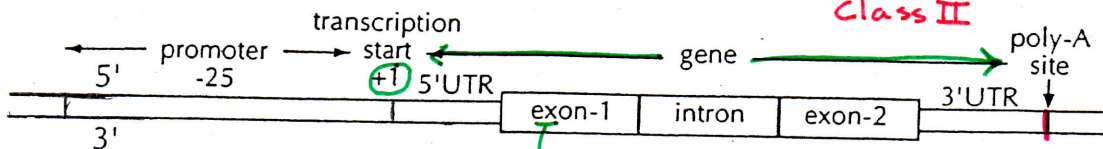
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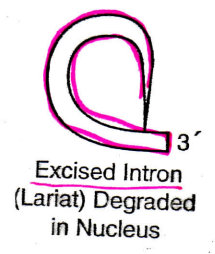
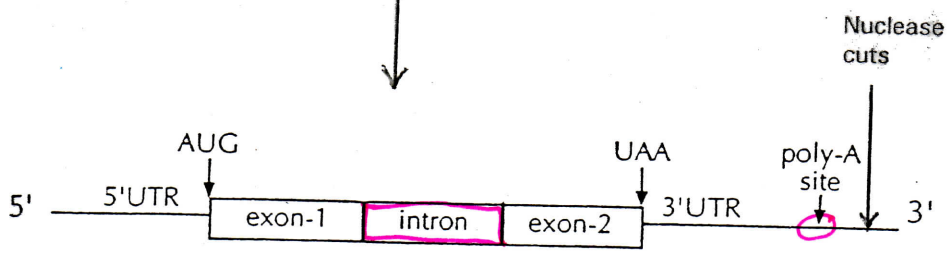


# EXPRESSION OF A NUCLEAR PROTEIN-CODING GENE



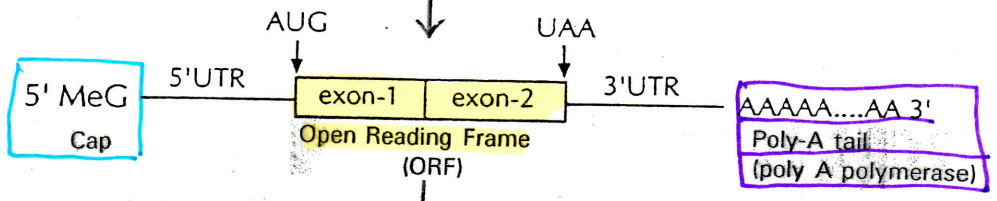
Transcription (nucleus)

pre-mRNA (hnRNA) \*  
has introns



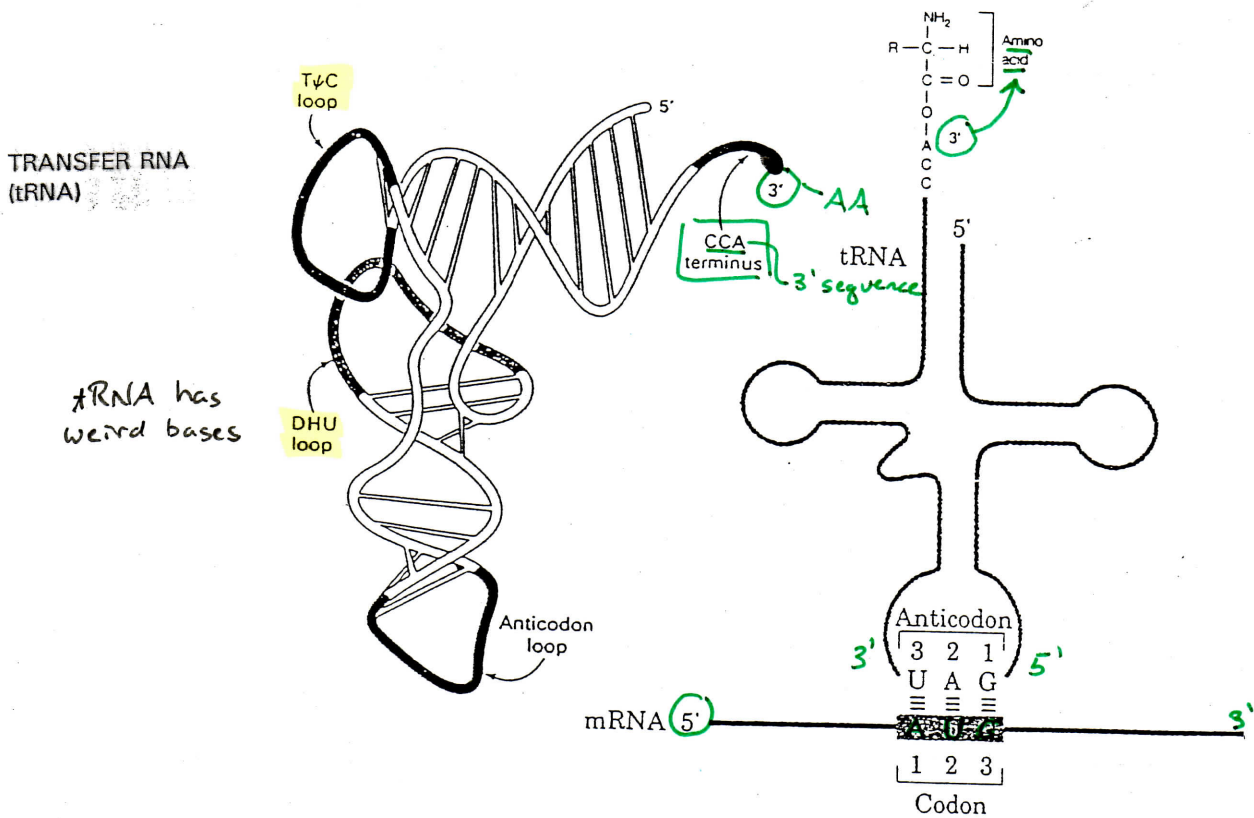
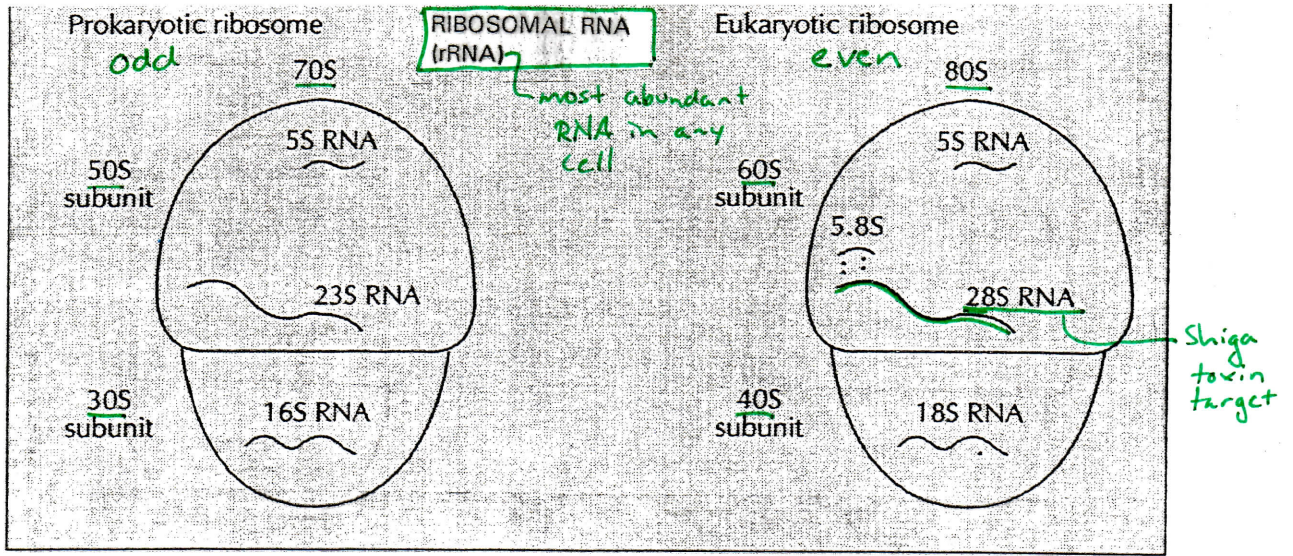
- RNA Processing (nucleus)
1. Capping (to initiate translation) — 5' end-Methyl G
  2. Tailing (to prevent RNA degradation) — 3' end
  3. Splicing (to generate an ORF) — remove introns
    - spliceosome with U-rich snRNA

mRNA  
No Introns!!



Translation (cytosol)

H<sub>2</sub>N - protein - COOH



*Mushrooms*

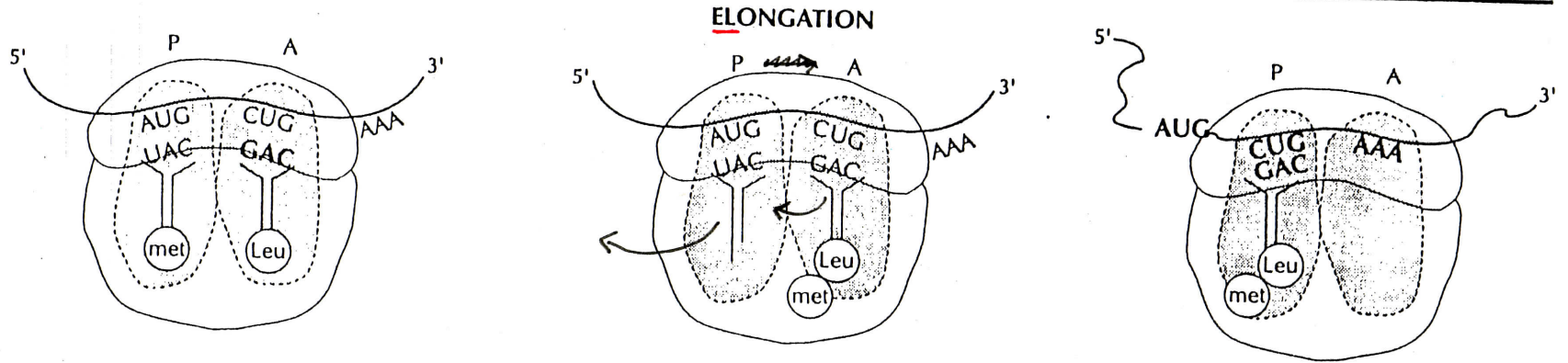
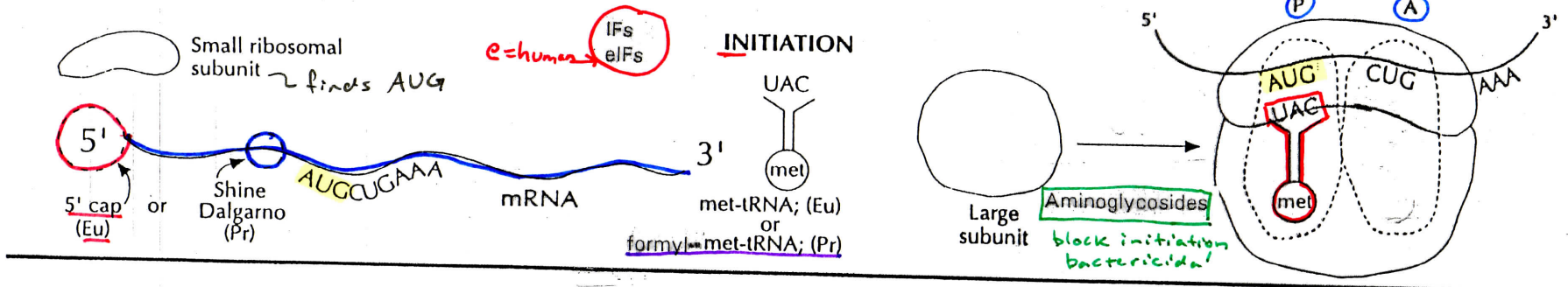
Eukaryotic Nuclear RNA Polymerases

| Type      | $\alpha$ -Amanitin Sensitivity | Subcellular Localization | RNA Product                         |
|-----------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <u>I</u>  | Insensitive                    | <u>Nucleolus</u>         | <u>45S rRNA</u>                     |
| <u>II</u> | Very sensitive to low levels   | Nucleoplasm              | <u>hnRNA (mRNA) and some snRNAs</u> |
| III       | Sensitive to high levels       | Nucleoplasm              | tRNA, 5S rRNA                       |

hnRNA = heterogeneous nuclear RNA; mRNA = messenger RNA; rRNA = ribosomal RNA; snRNAs = small nuclear RNAs; tRNA = transfer RNA.



# Steps in Translation



1. Aminoacyl-tRNA binds to A site

GTP  
EFTu and EFTs (Pr)  
eEF-1 (Eu)

Tetracyclines blocks A site  
bacteriostatic

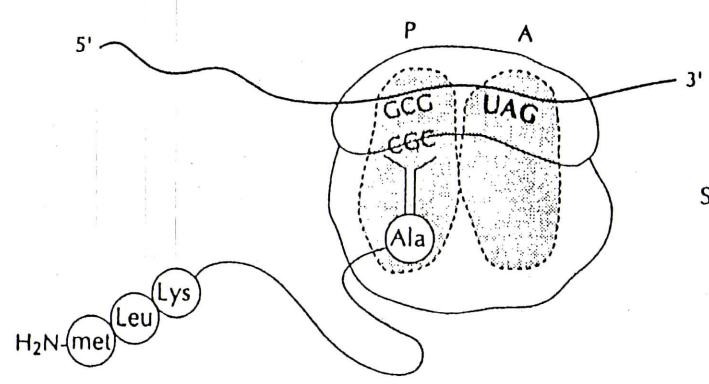
2. Peptide bond forms. Peptidyl transferase in large subunit

Chloramphenicol → gray baby syndrome w/ dose  
bacteriostatic

3. Translocation of ribosome 3 nucleotides along mRNA

GTP  
EF-G (Pr)  
eEF-2 (Eu) ← TOXINS → Diphtheria, Pseudomonas  
→ moves ribosome  
Macrolides, Clindamycin bacteriostatic

Elongation cycle repeats for each amino acid added.





→ i.e. rotavirus

A double-stranded RNA genome isolated from a virus in the stool of a child with gastroenteritis was found to contain 15% uracil. What is the percentage of guanine in this genome?

- A. 15
- B. 25
- ✓ C. 35 —
- D. 75
- E. 85

50  
15% A

70% C + G

A medical student working in a molecular biology laboratory is asked by her mentor to determine the base composition of an unlabeled nucleic acid sample left behind by a former research technologist. The results of her analysis show 10% adenine, 40% cytosine, 30% thymine and 20% guanine. What is the most likely source of the nucleic acid in this sample?

- A. Bacterial chromosome
- B. Bacterial plasmid
- C. Mitochondrial chromosome
- D. Nuclear chromosome
- ✓ E. Viral genome —

It is now believed that a substantial proportion of the single nucleotide substitutions causing human genetic disease are due to misincorporation of bases during DNA replication. Which proofreading activity is critical in determining the accuracy of nuclear DNA replication and thus the base substitution mutation rate in human chromosomes?

- A. 3' to 5' polymerase activity of DNA polymerase  $\delta$
- B. 3' to 5' exonuclease activity of DNA polymerase  $\gamma$
- C. Primase activity of DNA polymerase  $\alpha$
- D. 5' to 3' polymerase activity of DNA polymerase III
- ✓ E. 3' to 5' exonuclease activity of DNA polymerase  $\delta$  —

The proliferation of cytotoxic T-cells is markedly impaired upon infection with a newly discovered human immunodeficiency virus, designated HIV-V. The defect has been traced to the expression of a viral-encoded enzyme that inactivates a host-cell nuclear protein required for DNA replication. Which protein is a potential substrate for the viral enzyme?

- A. TATA-box binding protein (TBP) ~~✓~~
- B. Cap binding protein (CBP)
- C. Catabolite activator protein (CAP)
- D. Acyl-carrier protein (ACP)
- ✓ E. Single-strand binding protein (SSB) —

The deficiency of an excision endonuclease may produce an exquisite sensitivity to ultraviolet radiation in Xeroderma pigmentosum. Which of the following functions would be absent in a patient deficient in this endonuclease?

- A. Removal of introns
- ✓ B. Removal of pyrimidine dimers —
- C. Protection against DNA viruses
- D. Repair of mismatched bases during DNA replication
- E. Repair of mismatched bases during transcription

The anti-*Pseudomonas* action of norfloxacin is related to its ability to inhibit chromosome duplication in rapidly dividing cells. Which of the following enzymes participates in bacterial DNA replication and is directly inhibited by this antibiotic?

- A. DNA polymerase I
- B. DNA polymerase II ~~✓~~
- C. Topoisomerase I
- ✓ D. Topoisomerase II — (DNA Gyrase)
- E. DNA ligase

Cytosine arabinoside (araC) is used as an effective chemotherapeutic agent for cancer, although resistance to this drug may eventually develop. In certain cases, resistance is related to an increase in the enzyme cytidine deaminase in the tumor cells. This enzyme would inactivate araC to form

- A. cytosine
- B. cytidylic acid
- C. thymidine arabinoside
- ✓ D. uracil arabinoside —
- E. cytidine

Dyskeratosis congenital (DKC) is a genetically inherited disease in which the proliferative capacity of stem cells is markedly impaired. The defect has been traced to inadequate production of an enzyme needed for chromosome duplication in the nuclei of rapidly dividing cells. Structural analysis has shown that the active site of this protein contains a single-stranded RNA that is required for normal catalytic function. Which step in DNA replication is most likely deficient in DKC patients?

- A. Synthesis of centromeres
- B. Synthesis of Okasaki fragments
- C. Synthesis of RNA primers
- ✓ D. Synthesis of telomeres —
- E. Removal of RNA primers

5' 3'  
During RNA synthesis, the DNA template sequence TAGC would be transcribed to produce which of the following sequences?

- A. ATCG
- B. GCTA
- C. CGTA
- D. AUCG
- ✓E. GCUA —

The base sequence of codons 57-58 in the cytochrome  $\beta$ 5 reductase gene is CAGCGC. The mRNA produced upon transcription of this gene will contain the sequence:

- A. GCGCTG
- B. CUGCGC
- C. GCGCUG
- ✓D. CAGCGC —
- E. GUCGCG

A gene encodes a protein with 150 amino acids. There is one intron of 1,000 bps, a 5'-untranslated region of 100 bp, and a 3'-untranslated region of 200 bp. In the final processed mRNA, how many bases lie between the start AUG codon and the final termination codon?

- A. 1,750
- B. 750
- C. 650
- ✓D. 450 —
- E. 150

In the genetic code of human nuclear DNA, one of the codons specifying the amino acid tyrosine is UAC. Another codon specifying this same amino acid is

- A. AAC
- B. UAG
- C. UCC
- D. AUG
- ✓E. UAU —

#### Items 2 and 3

- A. ATGCAA...→ ATG**T**AA
- B. ATGAAA...→ **G**TGAAA
- C. TATAAG...→ TCTAAG
- D. CTTAAG...→ **G**TTAAG
- E. ATGAAT...→ ATG**C**AT

The options above represent mutations in the DNA with base changes indicated in boldface type. For each mutation described in the questions below, choose the most closely related sequence change in the options above.

- ✓Nonsense mutation **A**
- ✓Mutation decreasing the initiation of transcription **C**



Accumulation of heme in reticulocytes can regulate globin synthesis by indirectly inactivating eIF-2. Which of the following steps is most directly affected by this mechanism?

- A. Attachment of spliceosomes to pre-mRNA
- B. Attachment of the ribosome to the endoplasmic reticulum
- ✓ C. Met-tRNA<sup>met</sup> binding to the P-site -
- ✗ D. Translocation of mRNA on the ribosome ✗
- E. Attachment of RNA polymerase II to the promoter

A nasopharyngeal swab obtained from a 4-month-old infant with rhinitis and paroxysmal coughing tested positive upon culture for *Bordetella pertussis*. He was admitted to the hospital for therapy with an antibiotic that inhibits the translocation of peptidyl-tRNA on 70S ribosomes. This patient was most likely treated with

- ✓ A. erythromycin -
- B. tetracycline
- C. chloramphenicol ✗
- D. rifamycin
- E. levofloxacin