

Female reproductive system 2



Ovarian hormones:

ESTROGEN	PROGESTERONE
Synthesis and secretion	
Transport and metabolism	
Mechanism of action	
Actions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="178 913 968 992">• On primary sex organs<li data-bbox="178 999 1006 1078">• On secondary sex organ<li data-bbox="178 1085 980 1163">• Other systemic actions	

ESTROGEN

PROGESTERONE

Synthesis and secretion

Forms: estradiol, estrone, estriol

Cholesterol $\xrightarrow{\text{LH (theca cells)}}$ androstenedione
Androstenedione $\xrightarrow[\text{(granulosa cells)}]{\text{aromatase +FSH}}$ estradiol

Growing follicles, graafian follicle, corpus luteum
Placenta
Adrenal cortex
Ovarian stroma cells
Adipose tissue, bone and brain

2 peaks:

- Maximum pre-ovulatory peak 380ug/day
- Moderate luteal peak 250ug/day

Corpus luteum, small amount by the follicular cells
Placenta
Adrenal cortex

1 peak:

- Mid-luteal peak 18ng/ml (20 folds!)

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Synthesis and secretion

Transport and metabolism:

2% free

98% bound: albumin 60%

sex hormone binding globulin 38%

- Conjugation in the liver to glucuronide and sulfate--
----excretion in urine and in bile to a lesser extent
- Converted to lesser potent estrone and estriol

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sex hormone binding globulin 18%

Metabolised in liver
Converted to pregnandiol----- excretion in urine

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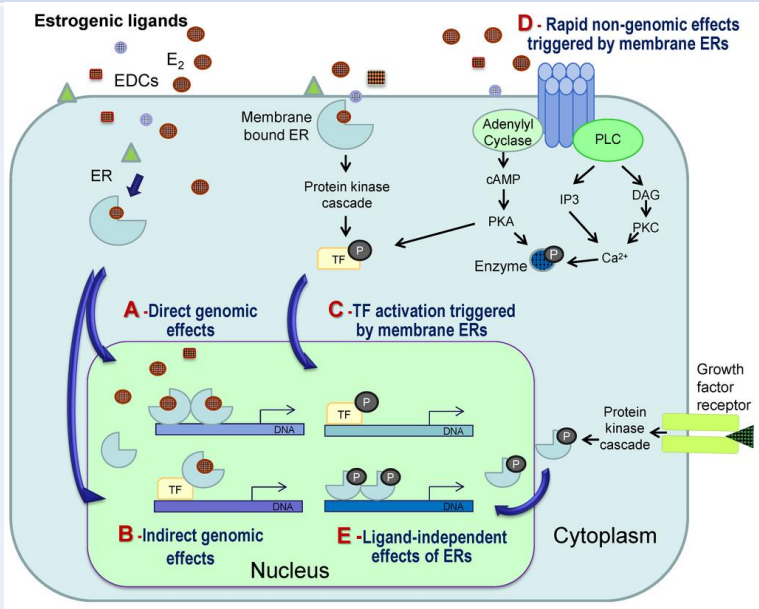
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Synthesis and secretion

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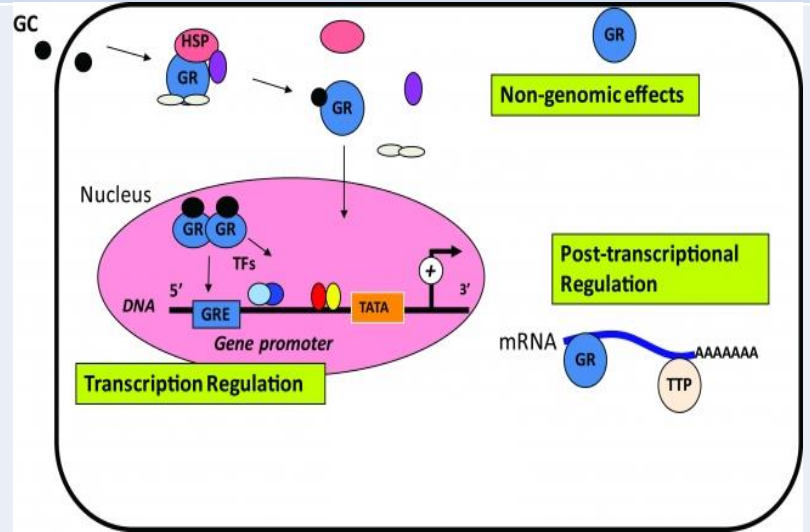
Mechanism of action

Genomic:
ER alpha and beta



Non genomic:
GPR 30 ----- Ca²⁺ and NO

Genomic:
Receptors A & B



Non genomic:
MPRs
Cytoplasmic fraction of nuclear receptor

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Actions:

On primary sex organs:

- Growth of ovarian follicles
- LH surge therefore ovulation and corpus luteum formation

- Regulate folliculogenesis

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<p>Uterus:</p> <p>Endometrium: Regeneration of the functional layer (proliferative phase)</p> <p>Myometrium:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase blood flow Increase contractile proteins Increase excitability and spontaneous contractility Increase number and sensitivity to oxytocin <p>Cervix: thin alkaline mucus (sperm transport)</p> <p>Vagina: stratification</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> glycogen deposition and lactic acid production <p>Fallopian tubes: motility of tube</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> activity and number of cilia <p>Mammary glands: growth of ducts nipples and areola</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> deposition of fats blood flow 	<p>Uterus:</p> <p>Endometrium: secretory phase- help implantation and placenta formation- convert endometrial cells into secreting decidual cells</p> <p>Myometrium:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> decrease excitability and inhibit contractility decrease number of estrogen receptors Decrease sensitivity to oxytocin action <p>Vagina: thick vaginal secretion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> epithelial proliferation with leucocytic infiltration <p>Fallopian tubes: secretion of mucus necessary for the nutrition of fertilized ovum</p> <p>Mammary glands: development of lobules and alveoli</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> differentiation of estrogen prepared ductal tissue supports the secretory function during lactation

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Synthesis and secretion

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Mechanism of action

Actions:

- On primary sex organs
- On secondary sex organ
- On secondary sex characters
- **BODY CONFIGURATION**
- **VOICE:** keep children voice
- **HAIR:** less body/more scalp hair
distribution of pubic hair
(growth of pubic and axillary hair
due to androgen)
- **SKIN:** inhibit acne and comedones
- **BEHAVIOR**

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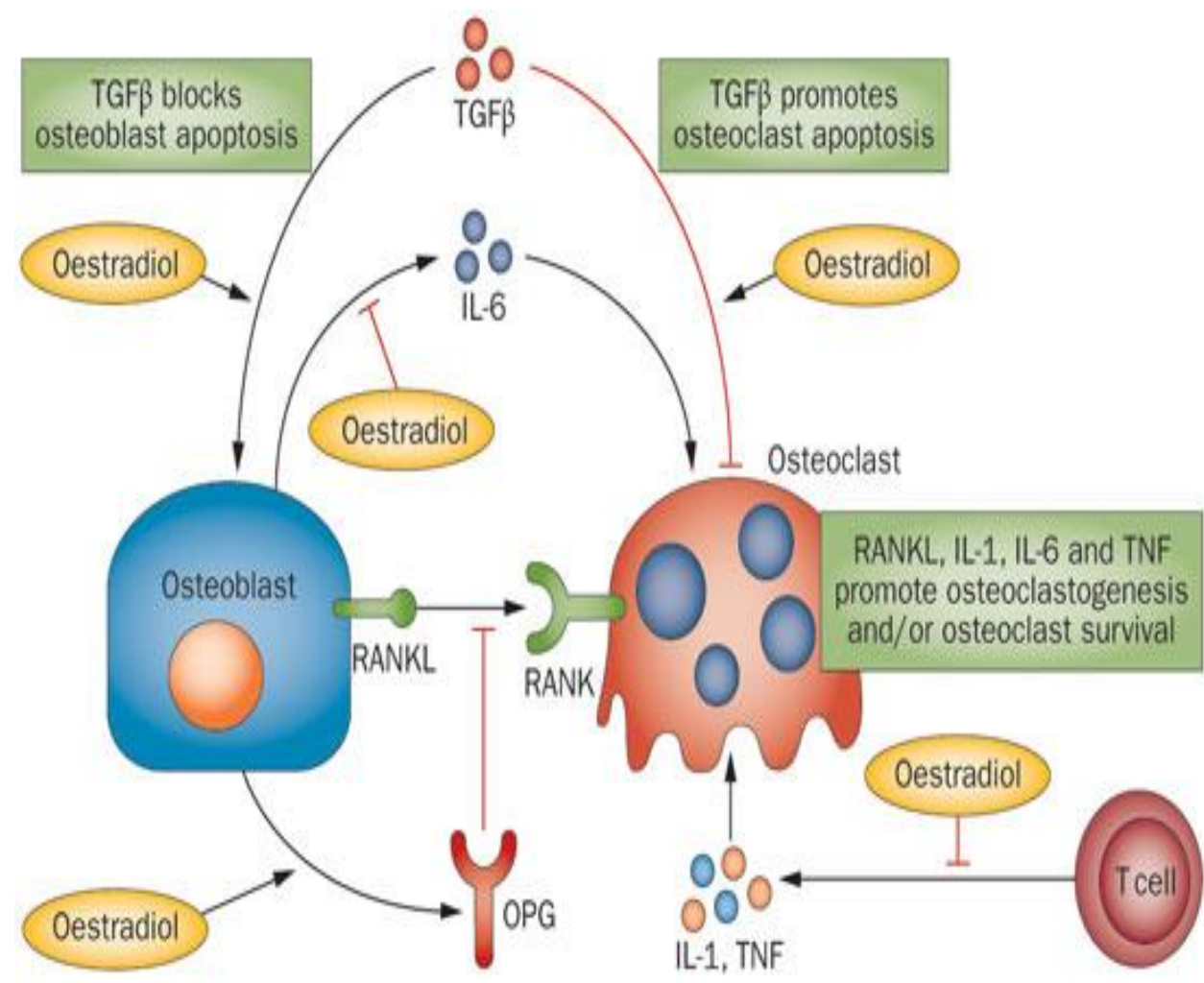
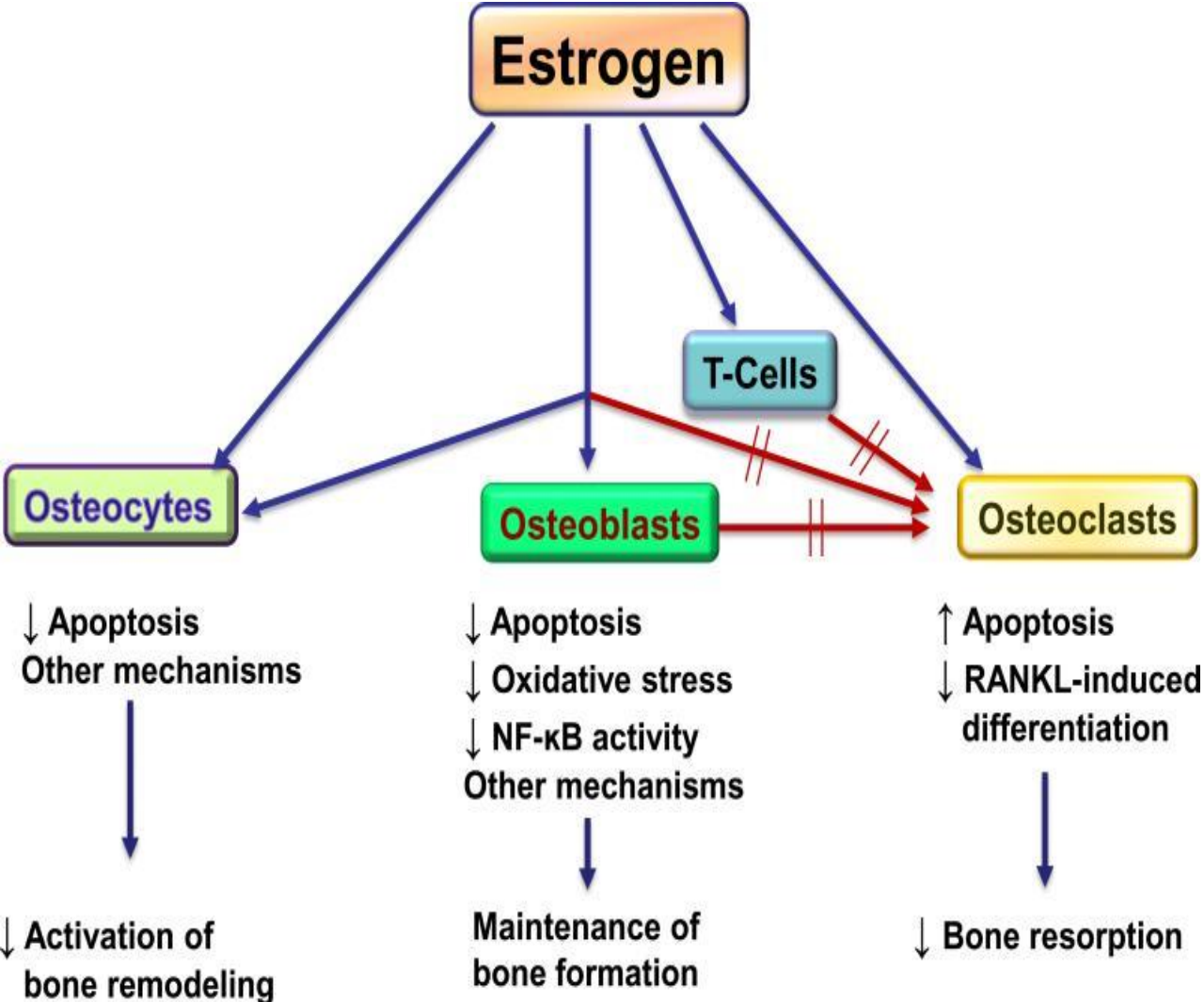
Transport and metabolism

Mechanism of action

Actions:

- On primary sex organs
 - On secondary sex organ
 - Other actions
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- Secondary sex characters
 - **Bones:** anabolic- antiosteoporotic- maturation of ossific centers and union of epiphysis
 - Cardiovascular
 - CNS
 - Endocrine glands

- Thermogenic effect
- Respiration
- CNS



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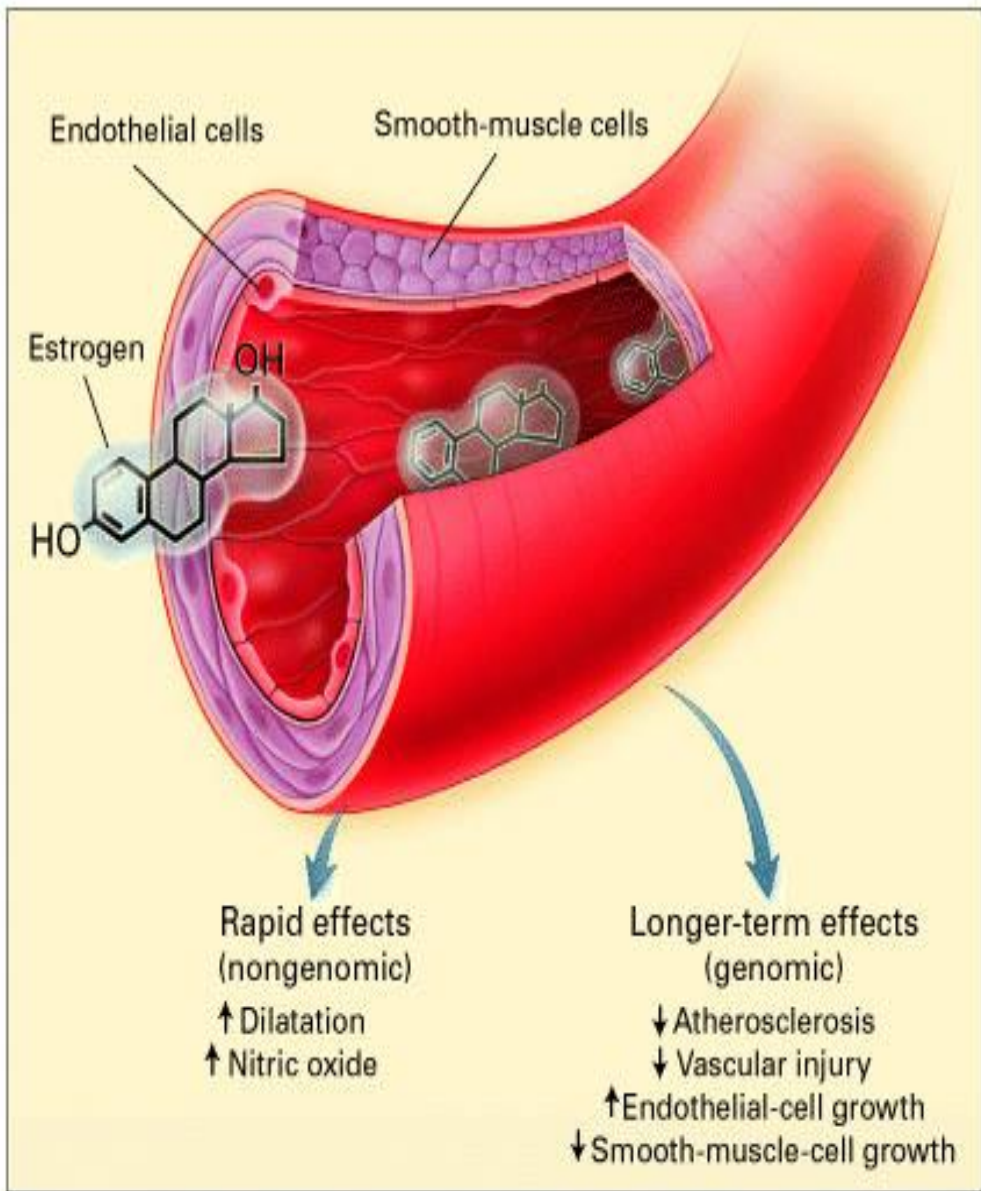
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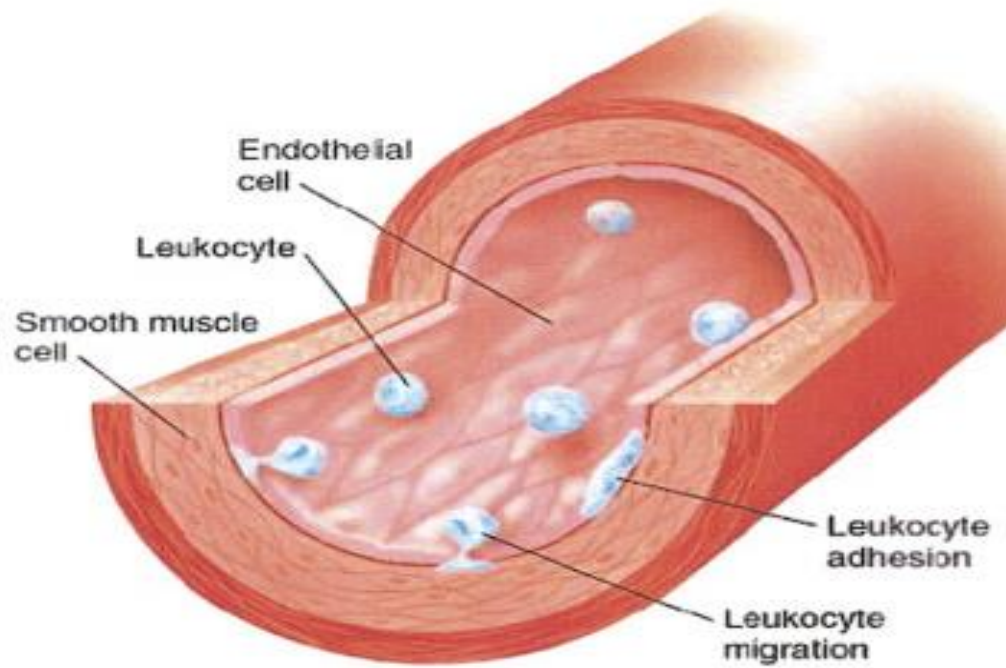
- On primary sex organs
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- **Cardiovascular:** antiatherosclerosis
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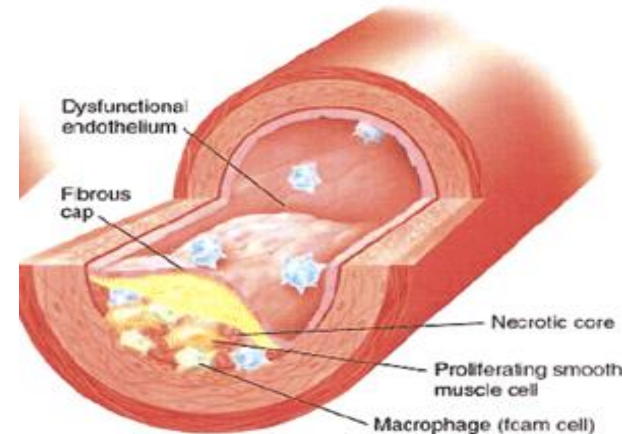
Early atherogenesis



Beneficial effects of HRT

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| ↑ Vasodilation | ↓ Inflammatory activation |
| ↑ Nitric oxide | ↑ Nitric oxide |
| ↓ Endothelin | ↓ CAMs |
| ↑ Cox-2 | ↓ MCP-1, TNF- α |
| ↓ Lesion progression | |
| ↑ Nitric oxide | ↓ Platelet activation |
| ↓ Inflammatory cell adhesion | ↓ VSMC proliferation |
| ↓ LDL oxidation/binding | |

Established atherosclerosis



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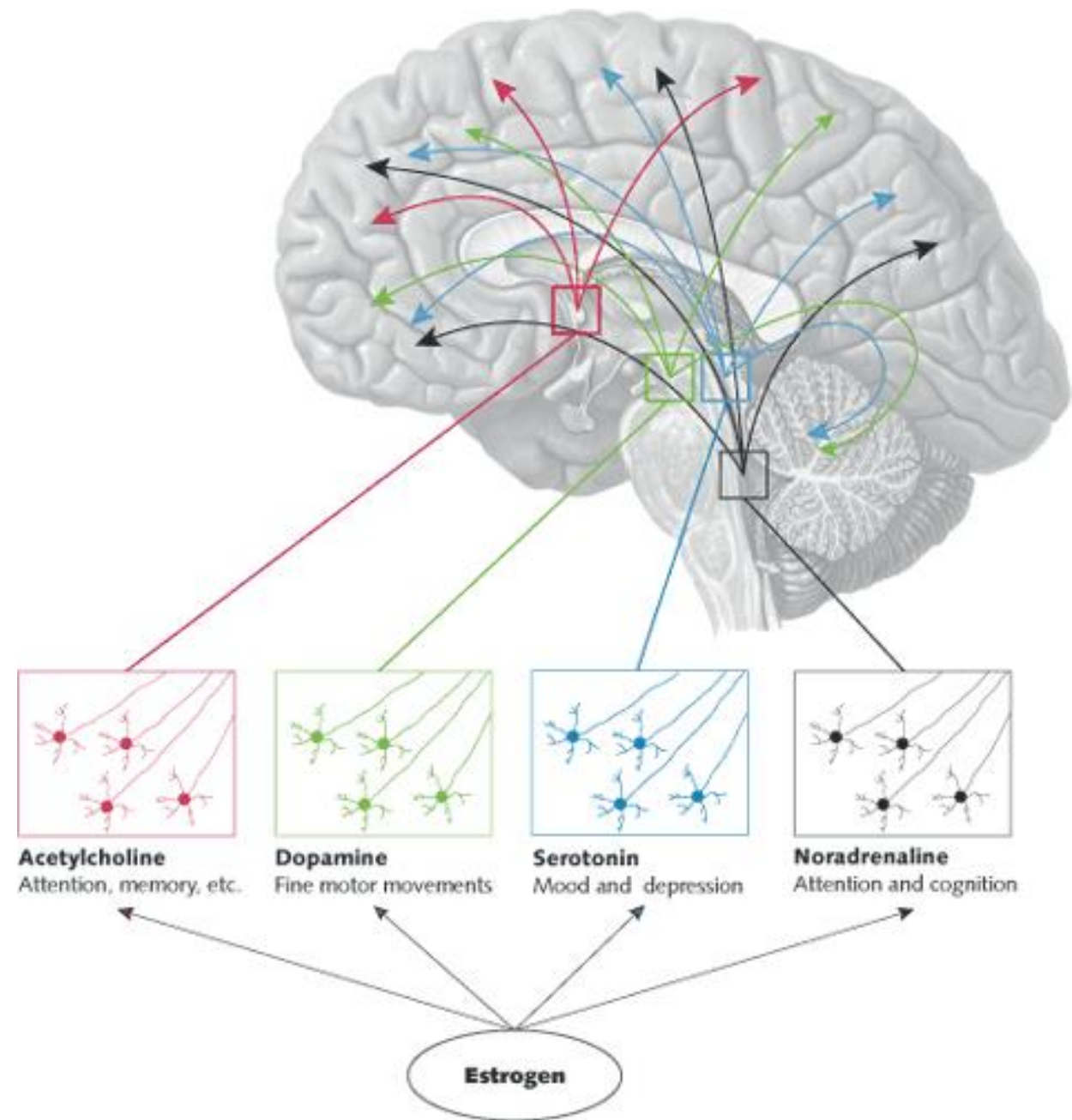
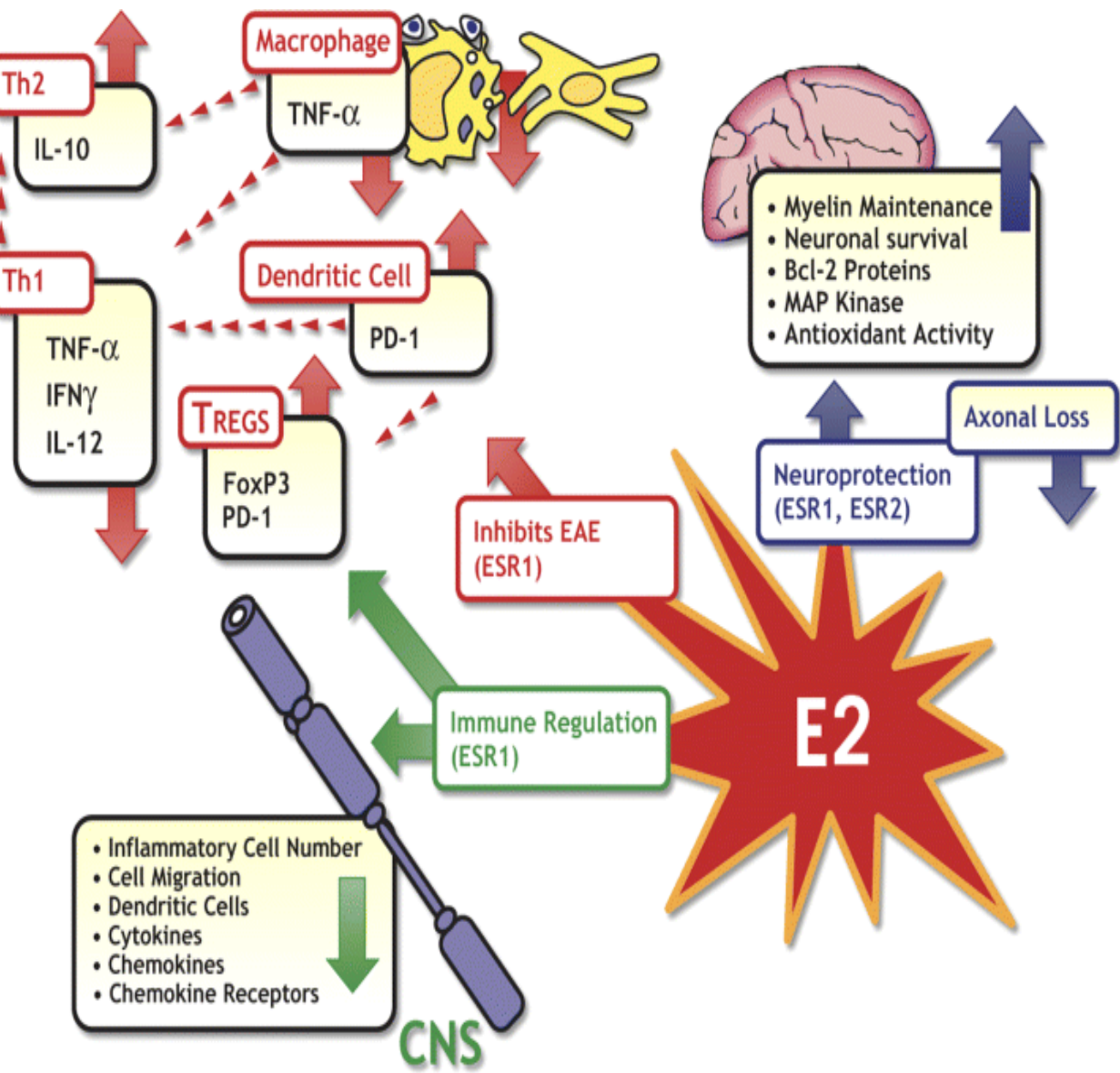
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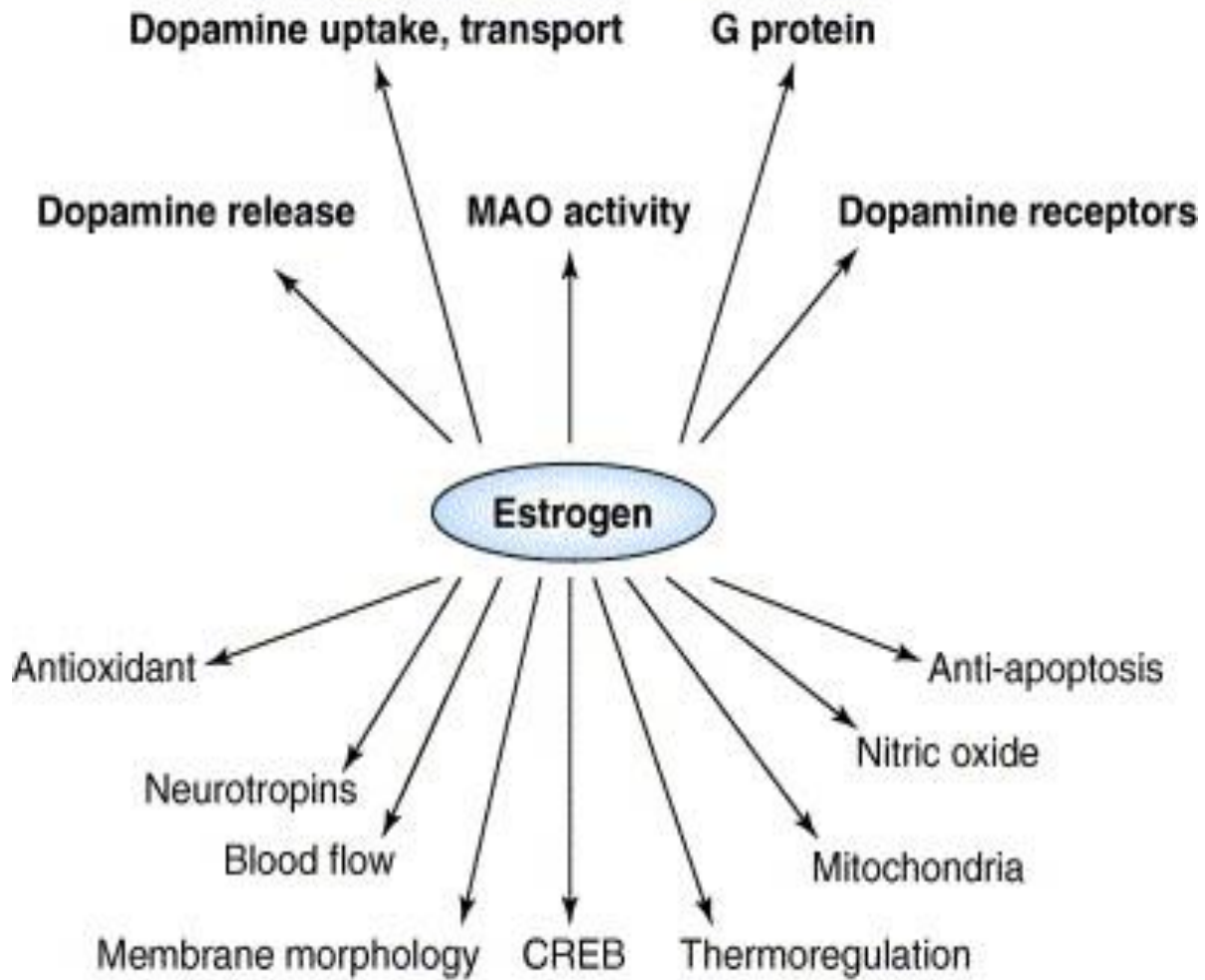
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- Bones
- Cardiovascular
- **CNS:** neuroprotection- cognitive functions
- Endocrine glands

- Thermogenic effect
- Respiration
- **CNS:** neuroprotection- BBB

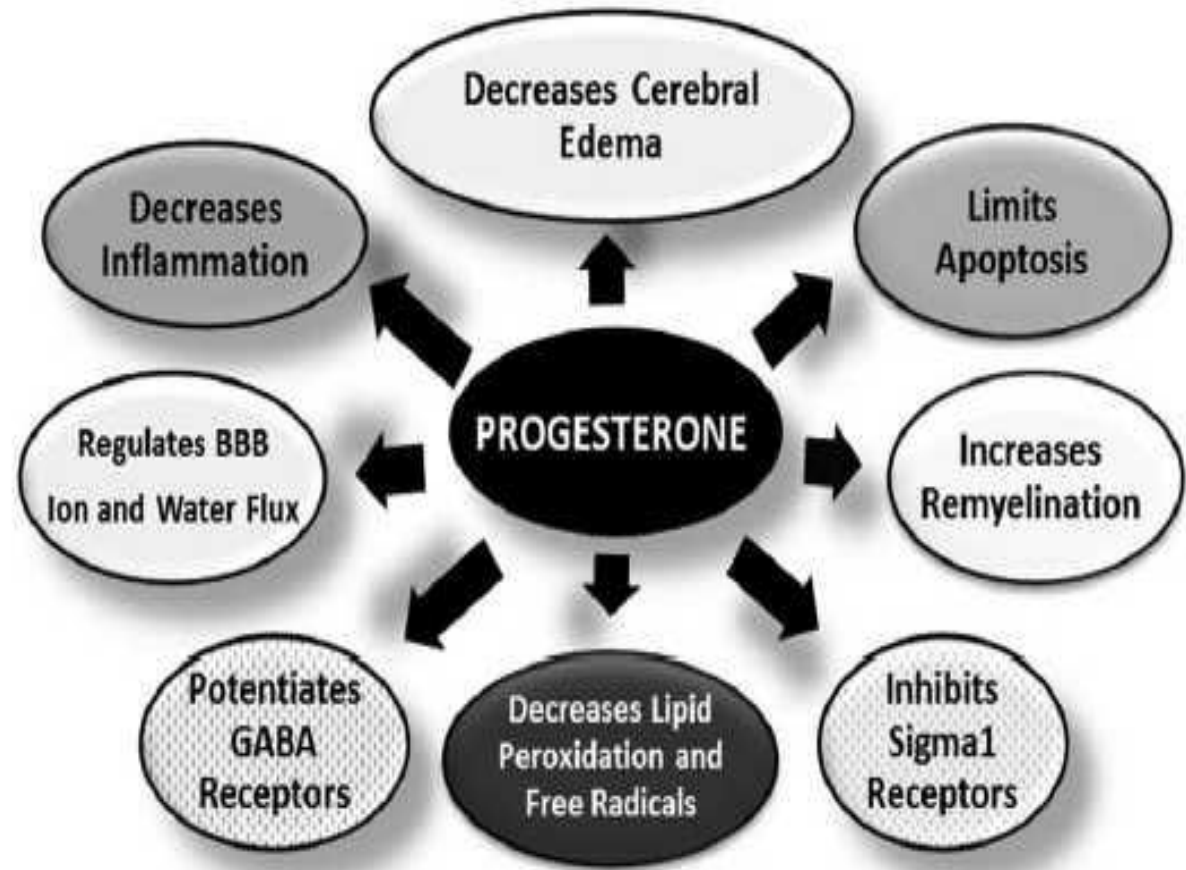


Estrogen effects on NSDA systems



Estrogen effects on CNS

TRENDS in Pharmacological Sciences



Medscape

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- **Endocrine glands:** regulate gonadotropins secretion- stimulate angiotensinogen, thyroxine binding globulin, CBG

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- **Thermogenic effect:** 0.5°C (central effect)
- **Respiration:** $\uparrow \text{RR} \rightarrow \downarrow \text{PCO}_2$
- **CNS:** neuroprotection- BBB

Abnormalities in ovarian functions

PRIMARY

SECONDARY

Hypo
Hypogonadism

Hyper
Ovarian Hypersecretion

Prepubertal

Primary ammenorhea and sterility
Secondary sex organs infantile
Secondary sex characters absent
Delayed epiphysead closure

Postpubertal

Secondary amenorrhea
Secondary sex organs regress
Secondary sex characters regress
Osteoporosis and muscle wasting

Prepubertal

Precocious sexual developmentl

Postmenopausal

rare

Anovulatory cycles

- Causes:

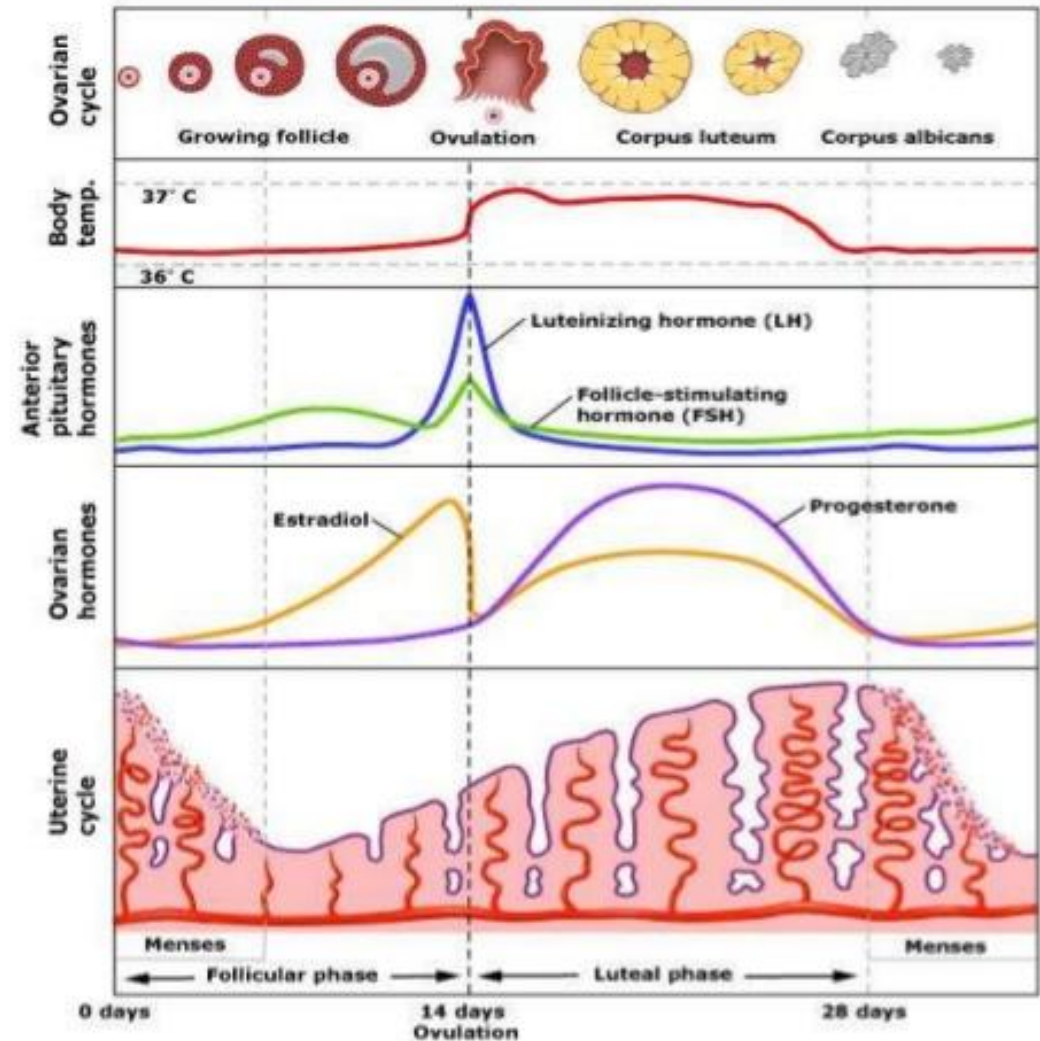
1. Lack of enough LH
2. Lack of ovarian response to LH
3. Decrease GnRH

(lactation, emotional stress....)

- When?

- Diagnosis:

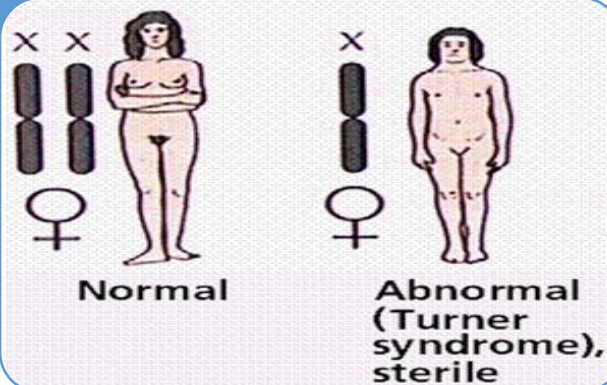
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Amenorrhea

Primary

Secondary



Physiological

- Pregnancy
- Menopause
- Lactation
- Emotional stress

Pathological

- Hypothalamic
- Pituitary
- Ovarian
- Systemic diseases