# **BODY FLUIDS**



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# **Body Water Content**

- Infants: 73% or more water (low body fat, low bone mass)
- Adult males: ~60% water
- Adult females: ~50% water (higher fat content, less skeletal muscle mass)

- Adipose tissue least hydrated of all

• Water content declines to ~45% in old age.

# **Fluid Compartments**

- Total body water = 40 L
- Two main fluid compartments
  - Intracellular fluid (ICF) compartment: 2/3 in cells
  - Extracellular fluid (ECF) compartment: 1/3 outside cells
    - Plasma: 3 L
    - Interstitial fluid (IF): 12 L in spaces between cells
      - Usually considered part of IF: lymph, CSF, humors of the eye, synovial fluid, serous fluid, and gastrointestinal secretions

#### **Total body water** Volume = 40 L 60% of body weight



### **FLUID COMPARTMENTS**



# Amniotic Fluid

- Liquid produced by membranes and fetus
- Volume of fluid increases with gestational age
- Clear with some desquamated fetal cell and a little lipid.

### Functions of AF

Physical protection to the fetus
Medium for exchange of various
chemicals



### Sweat

- Secretion of <u>sweat</u> gland
- Regulates body temperature by cooling and evaporation
- Sweat glands controlled by <u>ANS</u>, Adrenal cortical steroid - which affect the quantity of electrolyte present
- Insensible perspiration amounts to 800-1200ml/day
- Volume of sweat produced/day during muscular exercise at elevated temperature may lead to water and electrolyte imbalance
- Water content of sweat varies from 99.2-99.7%



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▶ pH – 4.7 to 7.5

### Tears

- Produced by lachrymal glands
- Isotonic but becomes hypertonic due to evaporation as fluid passes over the cornea
- When the tear flow is copius, fluid is isotonic
- Under stimulus with a slow rate of tear flow, the fluid is about 25m osm hypertonic {Copius = Rapid tear flow}
- ✤ pH 7 to 7.6 due to loss of CO2
- Protein content is 0.6 to 0.18 g/dl
- Lysozyme lyses the cells of a number of micro-organisms by breaking down the polysaccharides of their outer layer



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# **Functions of Tears**

- Lysozyme protects eye from infectious agents
- Lubricate the surface of the cornea
- Fill the irregularities of the corneal surface to improve optical properties
- Protects eyes from injury

### **Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)**

- Clear, colorless liquid formed within the cavities of brain and around spinal cord
- 100 ml CSF is formed everyday
- At any given time, there is 120-150 ml CSF in the system
- CSF is completely replaced about three times a day.

#### Functions of CSF

- Hydrolic shock absorber
- Regulation of intracranial pressure
- Influences the hunger sensation and eating behaviours



### Aqueous Humor

- Fluid that fills the anterior chamber of eye
- Secreted by ciliary body, enters anterior chamber
- Blockade in the flow of aqueous humor causes glaucoma due to increased intraocular pressure.
- Posterior chamber of eye is filled with vitrous humor which contains a gel (vitrous body of hyaluronic acid secreted by retina)



#### <u>MILK</u>

- > It is the secretion of mammary glands in human and animals after labour.
- ▶ Milk secretion is stimulated by *Prolactin*.
- Milk flow is decreased by *Estrogen* and *Progesterone* while increased by *Thyroxin*. Also *Squalene* present in HELBA increase milk flow.
- Oxytocin (posterior pituitary hormone) responsible for milk ejection.
- Milk is considered as a <u>complete diet</u> as:- It contains all of the components necessary for growth, maintenance of life and reproduction.
- But it is <u>deficient</u> in: Vitamin C, Vitamin D, Vitamin K, Iron, Copper.

# **Physical Properties of Milk**

#### <u> 1- Color:</u>

<u>White color</u>  $\rightarrow$  due to presence of:

- **Fat globules in emulsion form.**
- **Protein in colloidal form.**
- **Ca. phosphate and Ca. Casinate.**
- <u>\* Yellowish (creamy) color</u>  $\rightarrow$  due to:
- Presence of Carotene and Xanthophyll pigments specially in cow's milk and colostrums.

#### 2- Reaction:

- Fresh milk is <u>amphoteric</u> in reaction as it contains acid and base.
- \*\* PH of fresh milk:
- 6.6 6.8 Cow's milk.
  - 6.8 7.4 Human's milk

Milk pH changed to alkaline in case of:

Mastitis

> Late period of lactation.

**<u>3- Specific Gravity:</u>** 

It is the ratio between weight of a given volume of milk compared with the same volume of water at a specific temperature.

It measure total solids of milk, and determine if any constituent added or removed from milk..

Normal specific gravity:
 1020 - 1030 : Cow's milk.
 1030 - 1035 : Human's milk.

- Fat is the only constituent in milk with specific gravity lower than 1000, so, when fat present in milk in high amount, specific gravity decrease than normal values.
- When milk is skimmed (removal of fat content), the specific gravity increased <u>due to:</u> Removal of light constituents of milk.
- *When* water is added to milk (adulteration) the specific gravity decreased due to dilution of total solids.

#### 4- Taste:

- Normal characteristic milky taste. changed in case of :
- Souring: due to increased acidity. Mastitis: inflammation of udder
- Boiling: due to certain biochemical changes and evaporation of volatile fatty acids.
- Late stage of lactation: due to increase chloride percent.
  - **Odor:** Characteristic milky odor.

## **<u>6- Freezing point of milk:</u>**

- The freezing point of cow or buffalo milk ranges from (-0.53) to (-0.57) °C with average (-0.55) °C
- Milk freezes at a temperature slightly <u>lower</u> than that of water due to the soluble constituents in milk.

### **7- Boiling Point:**

Milk boiling point is 100.5 °C, more than water due to presence of dissolving substances **Chemical composition:** 

Milk is formed of:

1) Water: form 87%.

**A- Organic Constituents** 

1- Protein:

Milk protein less in human than in cow's milk.
<u>Characterized by:</u>

1- Protein of high biological value as:

► It contains all essential amino acids.

► Easily digested, absorbed, metabolized

2- Contain moderate amount of <u>non essential amino</u> acids to decrease stress on body cells.

2) Solids: form 13%.

3- Essential to keep positive nitrogen balance (nitrogen intake more than nitrogen output).

#### <u>Types of Milk Proteins are:</u>

Casein.,Lactalbumin.,Lactglobulin.,Milk enzymes.

#### <u>1) Casein</u>

- It is the main and most dominant milk protein. represents 25% in human's milk and 83% in cow's milk.
- It is a compound protein (Phospho-protein) of high biological value.
- The high phosphate content of casein allows it to associate with calcium and form calcium phosphate salts.
  - So, at normal PH of fresh milk (6.6 PH) casein present as insoluble Ca. caseinate phosphate complex.
  - Casein is <u>deficient</u> in cystiene and cystin so give negative result with sulpher test.
  - Casein is the only milk protein that <u>not coagulated</u> on boiling.

### <u>2- Lactalbumin:</u>

- Simple protein, Soluble, Easily digested, Represent 87% of whey protein.
  - PPT by full saturation with ammonium sulphate.
    - Rich in cystein and cystin *so* give +ve result with sulpher test.
    - Consists of two fractions:
    - $\alpha$  Lactalbumin: 32% of whey protein.
    - β lactglobulin: 55% of whey protein.

#### <u>3- Lactglobulin:</u>

- Simple protein, Soluble, Easily digested ,Represent 13% of whey protein.
- PPT by <u>half saturation</u> with ammonium sulphate solution.
  - <u>Rich</u> in cystein and cystin so give +ve result with sulpher test.
    - They carry <u>antibodies</u> causing immunity so called immunoglobulins.
      - They present in <u>higher</u> concentration in <u>colostrum</u>.

### 4- Milk enzymes:

Catalase.Peroxidase,Xanthinoxidase,Alkaline,phophatase. Amylase, Lipase, Aldehyde oxidase.

# <u>2- Lipid:</u>

Human's and cow's milk contain <u>the same amount 3.5</u> gm/dl <u>but</u> buffalo's milk is a little higher 7 gm/dl.
Easily separated on standing.
Responsible for white color of milk
It consists mainly of <u>triacylglycerol</u> distributed as coarse emulsion which contains oleic, myristic, palmitic and stearic fatty acids.

Also contain small amounts of:

▶ phospholipids 0.1%.

• Milk phospholipids are lecithin, cephalin, sphingomyelin (9:5:1).

Phospholipids in cow's milk twice that of human milk.

► Cholesterol 0.01%.

Cow's milk contains higher proportion (mainly free form) than human milk mainly (ester form)

### **<u>3- Carbohydrates:</u>**

- Lactose (milk sugar) is the <u>only</u> carbohydrate of milk.
- It is a reducing <u>disaccharide</u> consists of glucose and galactose.
  - Human's milk contains 7% lactose while cow's milk contains 5% lactose.

Lactose may be excreted in urine during last third of pregnancy physiologically so it should be differentiated from glucose by osazon test.

# <u>Importance of lactose:</u>

- 1. It is <u>less sweet</u> than sucrose so allow the baby to take large amount of milk without causing nausea.
- 2. It is <u>non fermentable</u> carbohydrate so it doesn't produce  $CO_2$  in GIT and the baby doesn't suffer from abdominal colic or distention.
- 3. Lactose help growth of lactic acid producing bacteria so help in absorption of Ca, P, Fe, Cu which prefer acidic medium for their absorption.
- 4. Lactose <u>inhibits</u> growth of putrefactive bacteria which cause abdominal distention by increasing the acidity of the intestine.

### *N.B*:

If the milk is taken by the adult in large amount result in *diarrhea* due to decrease in lactase enzyme so lactose is hydrolyzed by intestinal bacteria to glucose and galactose.

Glucose is fermented producing CO<sub>2</sub> and abdominal distention.

Non fermentable galactose and unhydrolyzed lactose increase osmotic pressure of the intestine leads to diarrhea.

# -Inorganic constituents of milk

# **<u>1-Minerals:</u>**

Human milk contain <u>less</u> mineral elements (0.4%) than cow's milk (0.8%). Milk <u>rich</u> in Ca and P which are present in their proper ratio for absorption (2:1) in human milk while in cow's milk (1:2) which is not suitable for their maximum absorption. Milk is <u>deficient</u> in Fe and Cu which are supplied by their storage in liver during prenatal life (*this store is sufficient till weaning time*).
N.B:

Milk is deficient in **Iron** but it is more in human milk than cow's milk *Thus* anaemia in breast feeding is less common.

Milk contain adequate amount of Na, K, Mg.
Human milk contains Na:K (1:2) which is suitable for the optimal growth of newborn.

# <u>2- Vitamins:</u>

- Milk is <u>deficient</u> in :Vitamin C., D.,K.
- Milk contain adequate amount of vitamin B complex which are sufficient for first week of life *e.g.* Pantothenic acid, Riboflavin (gives the whey the greenish tint in sunlight).
  - Vitamin C must be <u>supplied</u> to the growing baby in the form of fruit juices to withstand infection.
  - Fortified vitamin D milk is used in order to supply the baby with vitamin D requirement which is added from cod liver oil.
  - Exposure to sunlight in the early morning or before sunset help in formation of active vitamin D from cholesterol.