

## XXIII. Diseases of the Endocrines

**N.B.3:**

***Hypo-pituitarism:*** Congenital deficiency of *anterior pituitary*

- ***Though not frequent but is relatively commoner than Hyperpituitarism.***
- The manifestations depend on:
  - (1) Age (child or adult),
  - (2) Whether destruction of anterior lobe or a tumour is present and
  - (3) Whether the hypothalamic region is involved.

**Simmonds's syndrome (includes hypopituitarism in children and adults):**

**1. Childhood hypopituitarism (pituitary dwarfism = infantilism)**

***The cause:***

- *Congenital deficiency of anterior pituitary → cessation of growth*

***Effects :***

1. ***Normal mental development.***
2. Retained bodily proportions without skeletal deformities.
3. General Microsplanchnia → small organs.

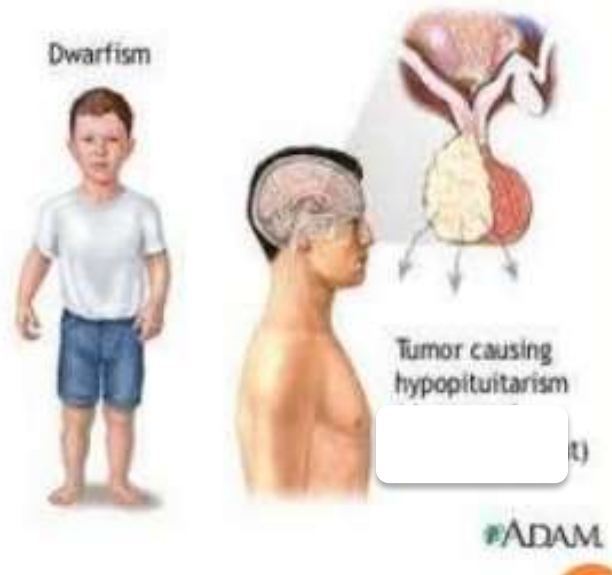


## PITUITARY DWARFISM

- The **achondroplastic dwarf** has an orthopedic reason for having short limbs and a short spinal column. The **pituitary dwarf** lacks growth hormone (an endocrine reason).

- **SYMPTOMS:**

- ✓ GH Deficiency
- ✓ Low blood sugar



### Prevention

There is no preventing pituitary dwarfism

In some cases it may be caused by traumatic injury to the pituitary gland

Children with this disorder are smaller than others however, are just as smart and can lead long healthy lives



### Below average growth rate



## **2. Adult hypopituitarism**

**(Simmonds's disease = progeria = pituitary old age = premature senility in females).**

***Causes:*** Nearly complete destruction or atrophy of the anterior lobe of pituitary as in:

1. Post-partum necrosis or infarction of pituitary at puerperium (Sheehan's syndrome).
2. Surgical removal or accidental trauma.
3. Chromophobe adenoma.
4. Craniopharyngioma.
5. Diffuse fibrosis (syphilitic or tuberculous).
6. Hypofunction (and hypoplasia) and late stages of gigantism and acromegaly.
7. Idiopathic.



***Effects:***

1. Mental depression, weakness and loss of appetite → cachexia.
2. Gradual atrophy of external and internal genitalia.
3. Loss of sexual desire; sterility.
4. Loss of axillary and pubic hair.
5. Low metabolic rate; sensitivity to cold; low blood pressure.
6. Hypoglycaemia (a flat glucose tolerance curve).
7. Associated fibrosis or atrophy of thyroid, Parathyroids, adrenal glands, ovaries and endometrium.



## **HYPOPITUITARISM**

Simmonds' disease  
[Panhypopituitarism]  
Complete absence  
of pituitary hormones  
Cachexia:  
most prominent feature  
Follows destruction  
of the pituitary  
by surgery, infection,  
injury, or a tumor

## **Sheehan's syndrome**

[Post-partum  
pituitary necrosis]  
A complication  
of delivery  
Results from severe  
blood loss and  
hypovolemia  
→ Pituitary ischemia

# THE SEVEN DWARVES OF MENOPAUSE



Itchy, Bitchy, Sweaty, Sleepy, Bloating, Forgetful, & Psycho

## *Other clinical types:*

### *3. Froehlich's syndrome (dystrophia-adiposo-genitalis).*

Common; in children and at puberty; there is a hypothalamic lesion as well.

#### *Causes:*

- Chromophobe cell adenoma producing pressure-atrophy of eosinophil and basophil cells; and, implicating the posterior pituitary (& hypothalamus).

#### *Effects:*

1. Sexual infantilism and external hypoplasia → **impotence and amenorrhea.**
2. Excessive **sudden adiposity** with fluctuations (in breasts, hips and abdomen).
3. Atrophy of dermal connective tissue → **hairless thinned out skin.**
4. Some mental retardation.
5. Low basal metabolic rate.



Judith M. Froehlich

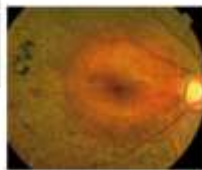
Hanna Froehlich

**4. Laurence-Moon-Biedl syndrome:**  
***A variation of Froehlich's syndrome.***

- **In addition to :**
  1. Adiposity.
  2. Genital dystrophy.
- There are:
  3. *Poly-dactylism (six fingers and six toes).*
  4. *Retinitis pigmentosa → partial blindness.*
  5. *Retarded mental development.*
  6. *A familial tendency.*

**Laurence-Moon-Biedl (LMS)  
Syndrome**

- 1-Obesity.
- 2-Moderate short stature.
- 3-Hexadactyly.
- 4-Intellectual disability.
- 5-Hypogonadism.
- 6-Rod-cone dystrophy  
Central retinal degeneration  
& blindness.
- 7-Renal abnormalities,  
Diabetes insipidus



Asmaa Usama





**Laurence-Moon-Biedl  
syndrome or Laurence-Moon-Biedl-  
Bardet**



1. Obesity, hypogenitalism like in patients with Babinsky-Frelych's disease.
2. Decreased mental activity or debility.
3. Pigmental retinitis.
4. Bones or inner organs abnormalities (polydactylia, syndactylia and others)





### 5. The Lorain Syndrome (Peter-Pan).

- A graceful attractive child who does not seem to grow up:
  1. Genital hypoplasia (undeveloped sexually).
  2. Small stature but the body is of **normal proportions**.
  3. **Bright mentally**.



### Pituitary Dwarfism (Lorain-Levi syndrome)

- This is caused by severe deficiency of GH, and possibly of other hormones, in childhood.
- The individual is of small stature, height of adult is 3 ft. but is well proportioned, head is slightly larger in relation to body.
- Mental development is not affected.
- Puberty is delayed and there may be episodes of hypoglycaemia..

### 6. Brissaud's syndrome.

- Dwarfism + thyroid deficiency.

### N.B. 4

### Hypo-function of the posterior pituitary:

- This results in diabetes insipidus with
  - a. Polyuria at first (dilute urine up to 10 liters/day and
  - b. Sp. Gr. 1.002; with no sugar or albumin) and
  - c. Polydipsia (thirst) later on.

### *Causes of diabetes insipidus:*

1. Hypofunction of the posterior pituitary.
2. Traumatic injury of hypothalamus or interruption of its nerve-tracts (by operation).
3. Degeneration or disuse.
4. **Tumours:**
  - **Primary** (Chromophobe adenoma; craniopharyngioma).
  - **Secondaries** (from cancer of lung or breast).
5. Congenital (hereditary) or idiopathic.
6. Meningitis; encephalitis.
7. Tuberculosis; sarcoidosis.
8. Hand-Schuller-Christian disease.

### *A pituitary tumour may be associated with a hypothalamic syndrome:*

1. Polyuria.
2. Adiposity.
3. Pathological sleep (hypersomnolence).



**Types of DI:-**

two types of DI- Central and nephrogenic

1. **Central DI**:-Is a lack of ADH production and is due to damage to the pituitary gland or hypothalamus where ADH is produced.
  1. **Nephrogenic DI**:-Is lack of response of the kidney to the fluid-conserving action of ADH
- ↳ It also can be due to diseases of the kidney (such as **polycystic kidney disease**), certain drugs (such as **lithium**)

**Diabetes Mellitus & Diabetes Insipidus Differences**

Sugar Diabetes	Water Diabetes
Sweet Urine	Bland/pale/insipid Urine
Insulin from Pancreas Controls glucose utilization	Vasopressin from Hypothalamus Regulates Body's water retention

**Similarities**

Excessive Thirst (more in Insipidus)  
Depended on hormones for control



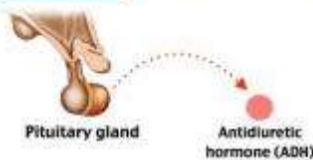
Pee a lot

**Diabetes Insipidus**

Urine: Dilute (Low sodium concentration)  
Serum: Concentrated (High sodium concentration)

**Central**

Decreased secretion of ADH

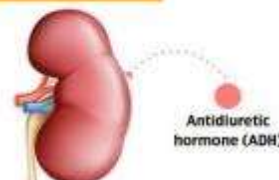


**Causes**

- Idiopathic
- Head trauma
- Pituitary tumor
- Neurosurgery

**Nephrogenic**

Kidney Resistance to ADH



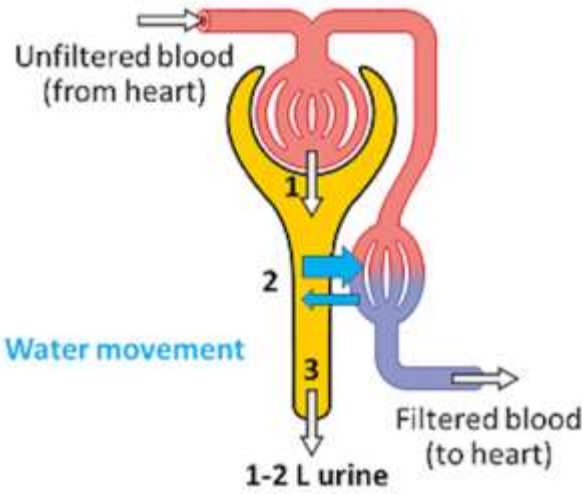
**Causes**

- Lithium toxicity
- Renal disease
- Hypokalemia
- Pregnancy
- Medications

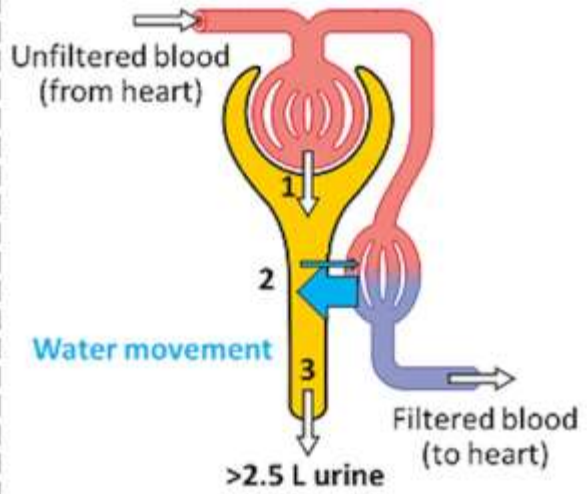




**Normal Conditions**



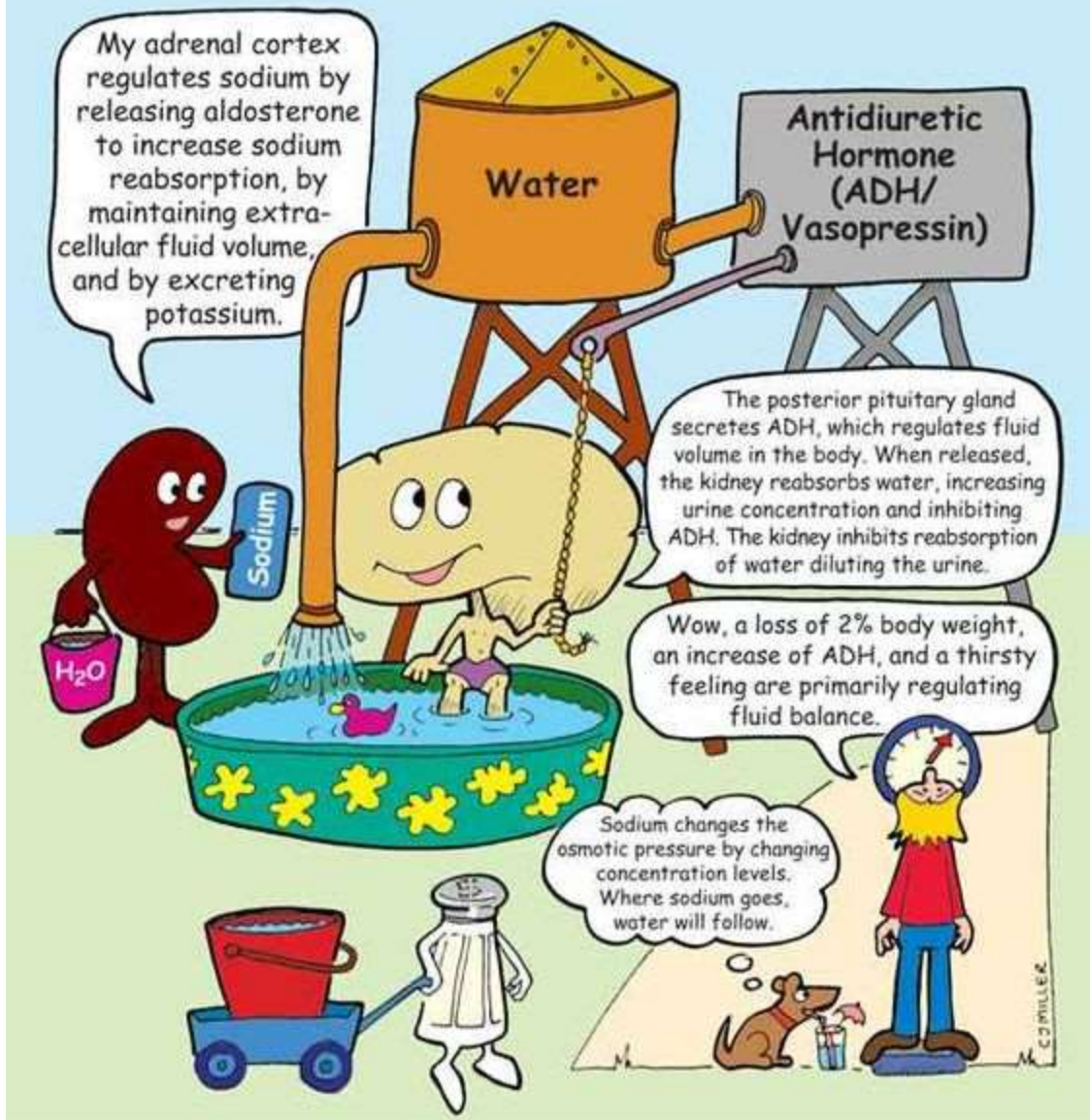
**Polyuria**



**DIABETES INSIPIDUS**

Pituitary gland produces insufficient ADH, hence the kidneys make a lot of urine.

# FLUID BALANCE: A MATTER FOR THE BRAIN AND KIDNEYS



# HYPERNATREMIA

"THE MODEL"  
(Causes of  $\uparrow$  serum sodium)



- M** Medications, meals  
(too much sodium intake)
- O** Osmotic diuretics
- D** Diabetes insipidus
- E** Excessive  $H_2O$  loss
- L** Low  $H_2O$  intake