

Ch 2, part 1: Cell Respiration & Cell Metabolism

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Objectives:

1. Understand what molecules our cells metabolize for energy.

Carbohydrates (first!)

Lipids (next) •

amino acids (routine & emergency)

lactic acid (routine & emergency)

2. Understand the basics of cell respiration.

3. Become familiar with anaerobic & aerobic cell respiration

4. Become familiar with metabolism of lipids, carbohydrates, and amino acids.

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1. Types of Cell Metabolism

i) **Carbohydrate metabolism** – making or breaking down carbohydrates (ex. Glucose and glycogen).

ii) **Lipid metabolism** – making or breaking down lipids (ex. Ketones, fatty acids, triglycerides)

iii) **Protein metabolism (amino acids)** – making or breaking down protein.

iv) **Lactic acid metabolism** – making or breaking down lactic acid.

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What conditions occur to make following happen in body?

- Lactic acid metabolism occurs when
using skeletal muscles
- **Lipogenesis** occurs when
lipids ^{to make or create}
consume food, mobilize glucose, extra glucose
in blood. Glucose in cells (liver & fat cells)
converted to fat.
- **Lipolysis** occurs
lipids ^{break down}
When you run out of glucose & glycogen,
cells use lipids for energy
- Amino acid metabolism occurs
consume & metabolize protein,
or you ran out of carbs, and lipids for energy.

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Glucose metabolism:

Glycolysis = use ^{or} ~~of~~ metabolism of glucose to
make energy (ATP)

Glycogen metabolism:

Glycogenesis ^{make} = making glycogen from glucose.

Glycogenolysis ^{break down} = breaking down glycogen into glucose
(Liver can do this in response
to Glucagon)

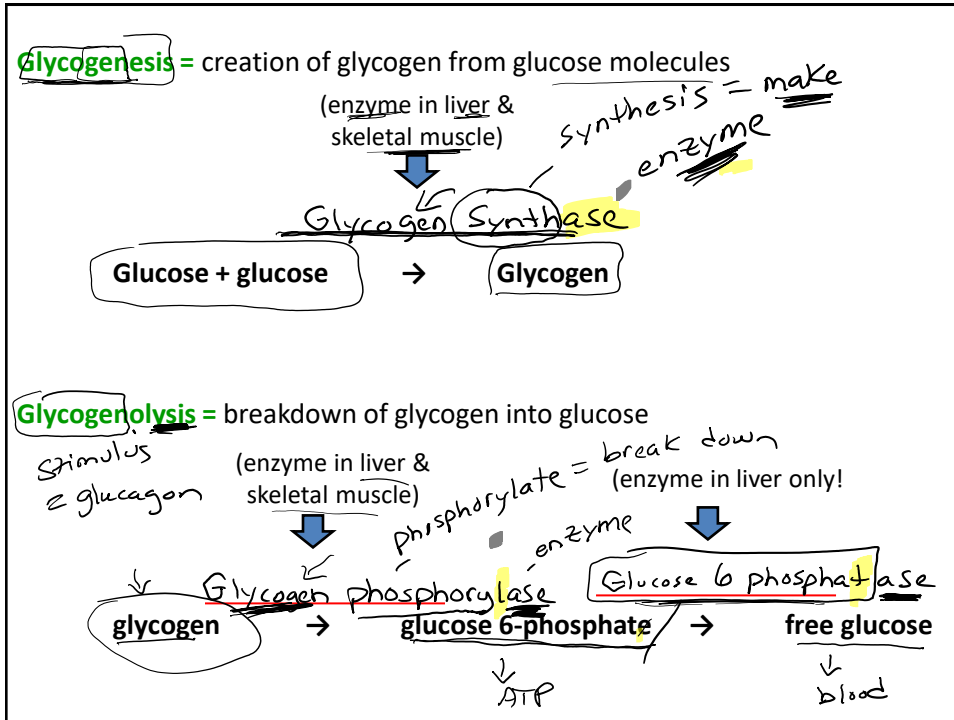
(Ques: what do you remember from Ch 1 about this process?
What pancreatic hormone can stimulate this in the liver?)

Lipid metabolism :

Lipogenesis ^{make} = making lipids from, primarily, glucose
(in liver & fat cells)

Lipolysis = breaking down lipids for energy

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Glycogen metabolism Click [HERE](#) for blank flow diagram. Click [HERE](#) for key.

If insulin is present the liver takes up blood glucose and can undergo glycogenesis.

Glucose + Glucose → Glycogen

What enzyme is needed for this to happen?

If glucagon is present, the liver can breakdown glycogen into free glucose (glycogenolysis)

Glycogen → Glucose 6 phosphate → free glucose

What enzyme is needed for this to happen?

What enzyme does the liver have (but not skeletal muscles) for this to happen?

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Diabetes (Type 2) = insulin resistance. Cells ignore insulin & don't take in glucose, so blood glucose high..

Treatments:

1. Diet & exercise (doesn't always work, especially with genetic predisposition).

2. Pharmaceuticals:

Ex.

Ozempic (semaglutide injection) OR **Rybelsus** (semaglutide pill form)
= increases insulin production AND inhibits glucagon



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2. Basics of Cell Respiration – use of glucose in cell respiration:
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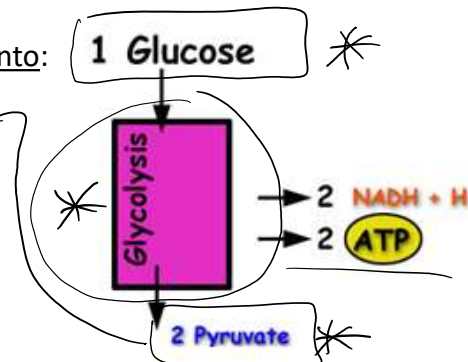
Glycolysis

= 1st step in use of glucose for cell respiration to make ATP

- Occurs in cell cytoplasm

- Conversion of 1 glucose molecule into:

- > 2 pyruvate
- > 2 NADH₂
- > 2 ATP

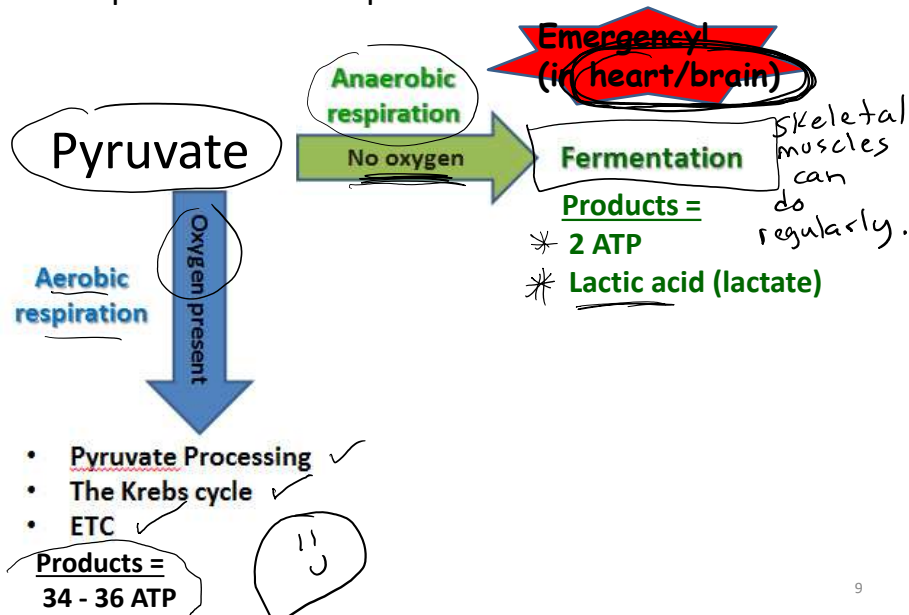


Pyruvate then can go one of 2 ways
- depends on if O^2 is present or not

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Pyruvate from glycolysis then can go one of 2 ways
 - depends on if O_2 is present or not



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Ischemia, Serum Lactate, and Heart Attack

— loss of blood flow.

Ischemia & Angina Pectoris – Click [HERE](#) for Clinical App reading.

“Ischemia” = loss of Blood Flow

Loss of blood flow to heart:

- without arterial blood & O_2 heart resorts to anaerobic respiration. Loss of blood & O_2 to heart can cause ...

“angina pectoris” = pain in left chest & arm

(from lactic acid) in myocardial infarction.

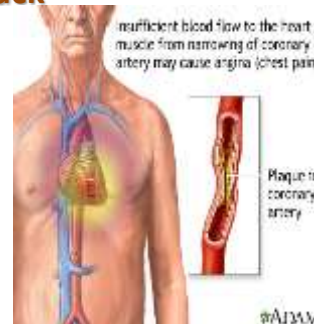
- Prelude to “myocardial infarction” (heart attack)

Normal serum lactate = 1- 0.5 mmol/L

- Hyperlactatemia = high blood lactate => 4mmol/L

Serum Lactate as a Marker of Acute Myocardial Infarction

<http://www.aafp.org/afp/1998/0415/p1993.html>



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Aerobic respiration

3 Steps of aerobic respiration (AFTER GLYCOLYSIS):

- 1. Pyruvate processing (pyruvate conversion)**
 2 pyruvate enter → 2 Acetyl CoA, 2 NADH, 2 CO₂
- 2. Kreb's cycle (citric acid cycle)**
2 Acetyl CoA enter → 2 ATP, 6 NADH, 2 FADH₂, 4 CO₂
- 3. Electron transport chain (ETC)**
2 NADH, 6 NADH, 2 FADH₂ enter → 30-32 ATP, 10 NAD⁺, 2 FAD⁺, 12 H₂O
 Plus 2 NADH from glycolysis and 2 NADH from pyruvate processing

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Click [HERE](#) for KEY to Glycolysis flow chart

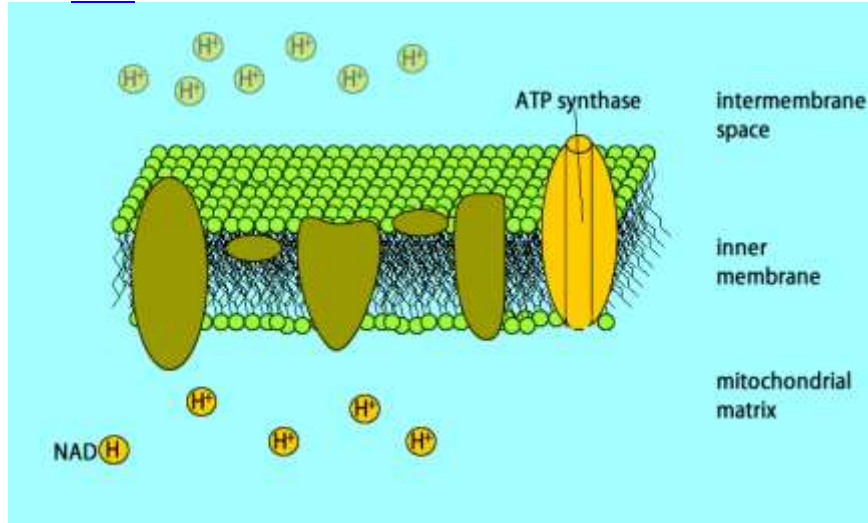
Aerobic Respiration Total = 34-36 ATP

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Electron Transport Chain within the cell mitochondria – ATP production!

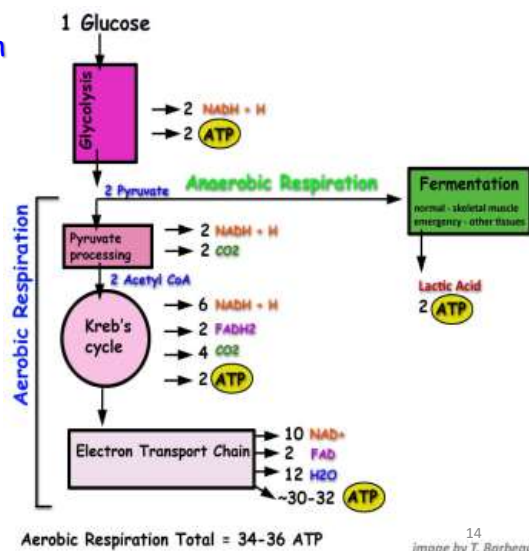
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Question:
Why do we need oxygen???

= As final electron acceptor in ETC in production of ATP!



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When aerobic respiration goes wrong!

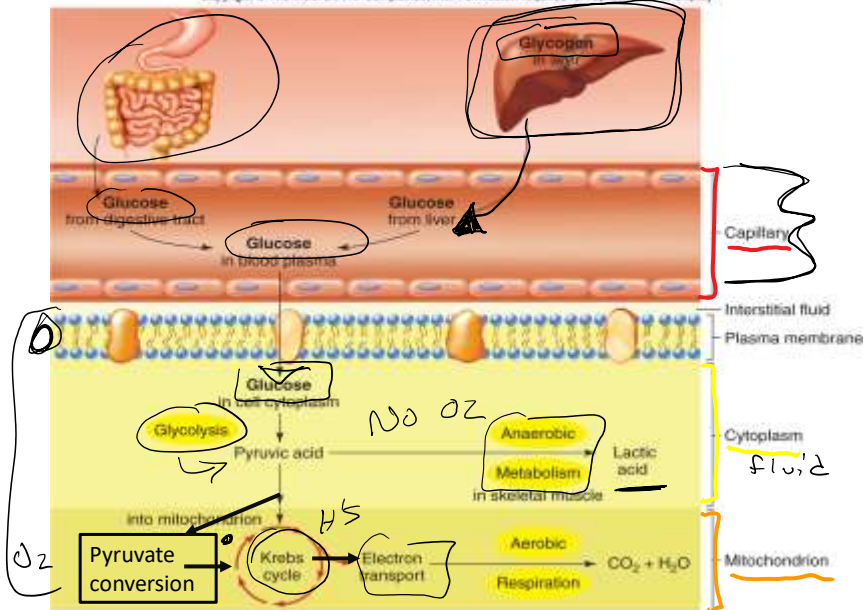
Read online Clinical App: cyanide



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Where Cell Respiration Occurs

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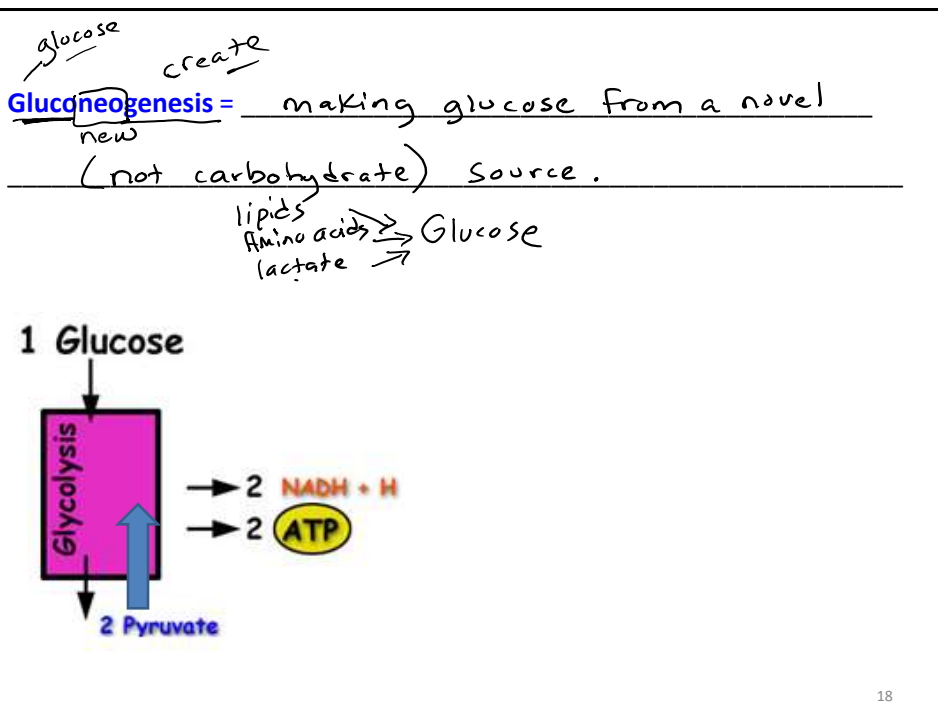


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Review (Whew! That's a lot!)

- Our cells can metabolize **carbohydrates, lipids, protein, and lactic acid**
- Carbohydrate metabolism includes:
 - Glucose metabolism for ATP (**glycolysis** during cell respiration)
 - Glycogen metabolism
 - Making glycogen (**glycogenesis**), requires enzyme glycogen synthase
 - Breaking down glycogen (**glycogenolysis**), requires enzyme **glycogen phosphorylase** in skeletal muscle & liver, and **glucose 6 phosphatase** in liver.
- Glycolysis is conversion of glucose into 2 ATP, 2 NADH₂, and 2 pyruvate
- Pyruvate can either go through aerobic respiration or anaerobic respiration
- In aerobic respiration, **pyruvate** goes thru **pyruvate conversion** to make 2 Acetyl CoA, 2 NADH₂, 2 CO₂
- **2 Acetyl CoA** enters **Krebs cycle** to make 6 NADH₂, 2 FADH₂, 4 CO₂
- **H ions** enter **electron transport chain** to make ~ 30 – 32 ATP, 6 NADH⁺, 2 NADH⁺, and 12 H₂O.
- Altogether aerobic respiration of 1 glucose yields 34 – 36 ATP
- Glycolysis occurs in cytoplasm, but pyruvate conversion, Krebs cycle, and ETC occurs in mitochondria

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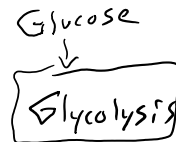
Lactic acid (lactate) metabolism = "The Cori cycle"

= lactic acid (from skeletal muscle activity & anaerobic respiration) can cause metabolic acidosis and drive blood pH ↓.

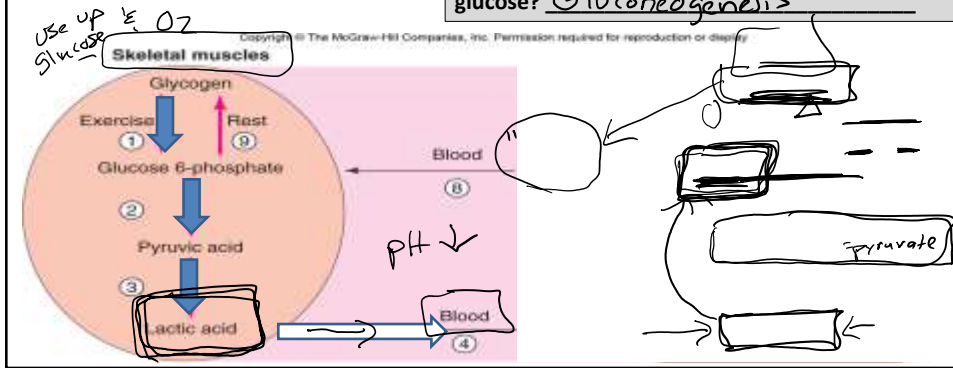
- Cori cycle

Liver "recycles" lactic acid in blood into:

- Free glucose (to be returned to blood stream) (due to enzyme only in liver – **glucose 6 phosphatase**)
- Stored **glycogen** (for future need)
- Reverses metabolic acidosis



What is the term for when non-carbohydrate molecules (like lactic acid) are turned into glucose? Gluconeogenesis = pyruvate



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Lipid Metabolism:

"Lipogenesis" = making lipids.

"Lipolysis" = breaking down lipids.

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Lipid Metabolism:

"Lipogenesis" = conversion of excess glucose into white fat (triglycerides) in adipose & liver. Stimulus = "insulin"

1. Extra blood Glucose enters glycolysis to produce pyruvate

2. Pyruvate goes through pyruvate conversion into Acetyl CoA (Gallstones, cholelithiasis)

3. Acetyl CoA used by liver to make:

a) cholesterol - used to make 1. cell membranes, 2. steroid hormones, 3. Bile

b) ketones -

c) fatty acids - which will be converted to triglycerides (stored white fat)

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Lipid Metabolism:

"Lipolysis" = conversion of white fat (triglycerides) into molecules that can be used for energy (ATP).

A) Triglycerides turned into Ketones by liver

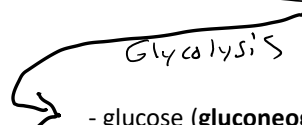
Process of making ketones = Ketogenesis

Ketones metabolized for energy (ATP) if no carbs

Process of using ketones for energy, or ketones in blood = Ketosis

B) Triglycerides turned into fatty acids, if needed, can be converted back into Acetyl CoA & enter kreb's cycle to make ATP & H's

OR Acetyl CoA can be converted back into Pyruvate, and then changed into:



- glucose (gluconeogenesis)

- glucose can be stored as glycogen (glycogenesis)

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SODIUM	21
POTASSIUM	16
CHLORIDE	1.04
CARBON DIOXIDE	15
UREA NITROGEN	6.1
CREATININE	3.0
BUN/CREATININE RATIO	9.7
URIC ACID	
PHOSPHORUS	64
CALCIUM	3.7
CHOLESTEROL, TOTAL	
HDL CHOLESTEROL	
CHOLESTEROL/HDL RATIO	112
LDL CHOL, CALCULATED	72.6
See footnote 1	
TRIGLYCERIDES	8
PROTEIN, TOTAL	

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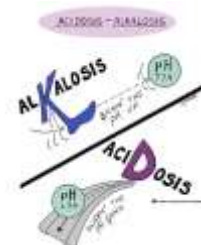
Lipid Metabolism, contin...

Ketogenesis = making ketones

Ketosis = ketones in blood
Click [HERE](#) for clinical app on ketosis.

Ketoacidosis = ↓ blood pH from ketosis

Metabolic acidosis = metabolism of substances that
Ex. diabetic ↓ blood pH.
Ketoacidosis



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Nutritional Ketosis vs Diabetic Ketoacidosis

Nutritional Ketosis

1. Carbohydrates are restricted
2. Insulin levels lower
3. Stored fats enter the bloodstream
4. Fat is broken down in the liver and converted to ketones
5. Blood glucose is low and blood ketones are elevated

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Diabetic Ketoacidosis

1. Insulin is chronically elevated
2. The cell loses the ability to communicate with insulin to let glucose in
3. The body senses starvation and rapidly produces ketones
4. Blood glucose and ketones are elevated

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Ketosis (new slide 5/29)

SYMPTOMS OF KETOSIS	SYMPTOMS OF KETOACIDOSIS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Fatigue » Weakness » Headache » Intense sugar or carb cravings » Bad breath ("keto breath") » Digestive issues » Insomnia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Nausea » Vomiting » Abdominal pain » Rapid and shallow breathing » Thirst and dehydration » Dry mouth » Confusion » Tiredness

Ketosis compounds

$$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}-\text{CH}_3$$

Acetone

$$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}-\text{CH}_2-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}-\text{CH}_3$$

Acetoacetate

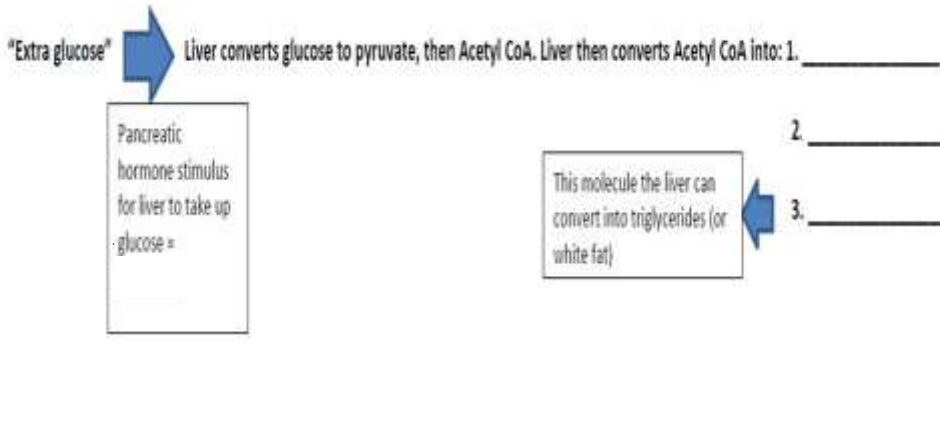
$$\text{H}_3\text{C}-\text{CH}(\text{OH})-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}-\text{CH}_3$$

2-Hydroxybutyric acid

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Lipogenesis pathway



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Amino acid metabolism

- Amino acids = building blocks of protein
- Essential a.a. = that which we need to consume in diet because body doesn't make
- Nonessential a.a. = ones our body can make.
- **Excess a.a. converted by liver into pyruvate or other acids. These can be used:**
 - 1) in Kreb's cycle for ATP (when pyruvate goes thru conversion to make Acetyl CoA)
 - 2) a.a. converted into fat (process called lipogenesis)
or a.a. converted into glucose (process called gluconeogenesis)
- **Un-used a.a. (excess or what body absolutely cannot use)**
 - > liver converts a.a. into Urea, which is excreted by kidneys.
 - blood panels include BUN (blood urea nitrogen) to determine kidney function.
 - Normal BUN = 10 – 20 mg/dl. Higher BUN called "azotemia" and can indicate excess a.a. metabolism and/or kidney failure.

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Amino acid metabolism pathway

"Extra amino acids"

Liver converts to:

pyruvate

Extra amino acids that even the liver can't metabolize, liver converts to:

Kidneys then excrete it in urine.

1. How can pyruvate be used to make ATP? _____

2. What else can pyruvate be changed into?

A) _____ (process called _____)

B) _____ (process called _____)

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Ques:
Metabolism of what molecules can lead to metabolic acidosis?

Answer:

- > - ketones
- > - fatty acids
- > - triglyceride
- > - amino acids
- > - lactic acid
- >

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Disorder in amino acid metabolism:

Phenylketonuria (PKU) – [Read online Clinical App:](#)

Genetic condition of mutation in gene for enzyme Phenylalanine hydroxylase (PAH).

[Need PAH to metabolize amino acid "phenylalanine". Without PAH phenylalanine builds up in body and is converted to "phenylketone", which is excreted in urine.

Phenylketone is toxic, causes seizures.

Treatment:

Restrict phenylalanine in diet.
(nutrition labels have a warning)



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Review

- Metabolism of **lactic acid, lipids, and protein**
- **Lactic acid metabolism** occurs all the time due to skeletal muscle activity
 - Lactic acid in blood causes metabolic acidosis.
 - Liver recycles lactic acid into glucose & glycogen thru the **Cori cycle**. (**Gluconeogenesis**)
- **Lipid metabolism** includes making lipids (**lipogenesis**) and breaking them down (**lipolysis**)
 - **Lipogenesis** involves converting excess glucose into pyruvate (thru glycolysis), and then into Acetyl CoA (thru pyruvate conversion)
 - Acetyl CoA used by liver to make: cholesterol, ketones, & fatty acids.
 - fatty acids converted to triglycerides (white fat) for storage
 - **Lipolysis** is simply going backwards biochemically from triglycerides to fatty acids & ketones, which can be metabolized for energy OR converted to glucose (**gluconeogenesis**)
- **Amino acids** can be converted by liver to urea for excretion by kidneys as ammonia,
 - Liver can also convert excess a.a. into pyruvate and then to glucose (**gluconeogenesis**)
 - If kidneys not functioning, urea build up in the blood causing **azotemia**.
 - **PKU** = genetic problem metabolizing a.a. phenylalanine. Must avoid phenylalanine in diet because body cannot process it and turns it into toxic phenylketones.

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