

## From biochemistry to clinical medicine glucose in neonatal medicine

- With oxygen, glucose is the most important metabolite during « intensive situations »
- There are specific aspects during fetal life
- There are specific aspects in the distressed newborn
- Metabolic regulation is concerning several hormones ( insulin, glucagon, hGH, cortisol, NoA , A ) and tissues ( CNS, the liver, striated muscles, adipose tissue, intestines,... )
- That regulation needs to be integrated to growth and basal metabolic rate.

## **Croissance et nutrition périnatale**

- Points intéressants concernant la croissance fœtale.
- Les paramètres de la croissance et les courbes de croissance
- Les paramètres de la nutrition
- Application et aide à la compréhension dans pratique à la clinique ou comment apprécier la croissance et la nutrition d'un nouveau-né

# Les paramètres de la croissance et les courbes de croissance

## Les paramètres anthropométriques de la croissance:

### *Valeurs absolues ponctuelles ou par semaine:*

Poids, taille, PC, P et surface du thorax, P et surface de l'abdominal, P brachial, P cuisse, P jambe, H lobe frontal, D et surface du cervelet, Plis cutanés, masse musculaire, index hépatique, index splénique, index rénal, croissance du fémur, distance intervertébrale

### *Ratios calculés:*

Index pondéral, indice de masse corporelle, P du bras Gauche / PC, dP / dT, dP / dPC, dPC / dT, Pcuisse / P jambe, rapports de surface: thoracique/abdominales, cardiaque/thoracique, thoracique/céphalique, hépatique/céphalique,

→ **Comme il y en a beaucoup, lesquels choisir et pourquoi ?**

## Les courbes de croissance « in utero » et « postnatales:

- Distinguer les formes « in utero » ( de x semaines fetales: 24 ou plus à 42 semaines ) et les formes postnatales ( de x semaines fetales à 58 ou 60 semaines ).
- Tenir compte de la « complexité » des courbes et de leur « précision »;
- Les situations des jumeaux ou triplés demandent l'application de courbe de croissance PONDERALE spécifique.
- Les situations des enfants < 1000 g ou < 30 semaines au cours des 4 premières semaines demandent une analyse particulière pour le poids.
- Les situations des enfants nés avant 34 semaines et les enfants associant prématurité et retard de croissance fetal ou postnatale demandent une analyse particulière de la croissance jusqu'à 7 ans.

# Les paramètres anthropométriques cliniques de croissance

- ❏ Le poids: incontournable, facile, « résumé » tout, mais...
- ❏ La taille: incontournable, pas facile, indicateur de « choix » de la croissance;
- ❏ Le PC: incontournable, facile, résume la croissance cérébrale;
- ❏ La CBG: délaissé, intéressant, résume la croissance musculaire et adipeuse; il peut être décomposé en pli cutané tricipital et circonférence musculaire brachiale.
- ❏ Les différents ratios tentant d'apprécier l'harmonie de la croissance corporelle : index pondéral, Indice de masse corporelle,  $dP/dT$ ,  **$dP/dPC$** ,  **$CBG/PC$** ,  $dT/dPC$ ,  $CCG/CJG$  ) ;

## Les paramètres de croissance mesurés par des techniques spéciales

- Croissance du système nerveux par imagerie ( écho, RMN ): tissu cérébral ( H lobe frontal ), tissu cérébelleux ( diamètre et surface ); système ventriculaire ( index d'hauteur, de largeur, de surface ); indice d'Evans.
- Croissance musculaire: excrétion urinaire de créatinine;
- Croissance de viscères ( écho ): foie, pancréas, reins, rate,...
- Croissance des os: écho, RX ;

## Les courbes de croissance

| Auteurs                       | poids | taille | PC * | « type »: in utero au terme ou en postnatal -> 60 semaines | Autres paramètres  |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------|------|--|--|
| <b>Lubchenco<br/>1966</b>     | 22 %  | 11%    | 10 % | <b>Diagnostic</b>  | <b>Index pondéral</b>  |
| <b>Usher-Mc Lean<br/>1969</b> | 26 %  | 8 %    | 6 %  | <b>Diagnostic</b>  |  |
| <b>Babson<br/>1970-1976</b>   | 14 %  | 8 %    | 9 %  | <b>Diagnostic</b>  |  |
| <b>Gairdiner<br/>1971</b>     | 17 %  | 4 %    | 4 %  | <b>Diagnostic<br/>Et postnatale</b>                        |  |
| <b>Battisti<br/>1990</b>      | 13 %  | 7 %    | 6 %  | <b>Diagnostic<br/>Et postnatale</b>                        | <b>Index pondéral,<br/>CBG, CBG/PC,<br/>Pli tricipital,<br/>index SNC,<br/>viscères,<br/>muscles</b> |
| <b>Dombrowski<br/>1996</b>    | 13 %  | 5 %    | 4 %  | <b>diagnostic</b>  |  |

Une population est « normale » si le CV < 19%, et si la moyenne = médiane = mode

## Corrélations mathématiques de la croissance postnatale selon les indice cliniques

- ☞ P g sans RCIU = 174 APC s – 3665 ( 13 % )
  - ☞ P g avec RCIU = 148 APC s – 3894 ( 18 % )
  - ☞ T cm = 0.95 APC s + 11.53 ( 7 % )
  - ☞ PC cm = 0.61 APC s + 9.72 ( 6 % )
  - ☞ CBG cm = 0.26 APCs – 1.685 ( 2% )
  - ☞ **CBGcm / PCcm** = 0.56 APCs + 6.5 ( 4% )
  - ☞ dPg / dT cm = 18.5 APCs – 404 ( 10 % )
  - ☞ **dP g / dPCcm** = 44 PCAs – 1138 ( 9.5 % )
  - ☞ dT cm / dPCcm = 0.094 APCs – 1.543 ( 6.5 % )
  - ☞ dPCcm = 0.1598 Pt in g/kg/j + 0.253
  - ☞ dTcm = 0.336 Pt in g/kg/j + 0.253
  - ☞ Index pondéral: uniquement à la naissance;
  - ☞ Index de masse corporelle: pas avant 34 s APC
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- ! protéines

## Corrélations des croissances tissulaires

- ☞ H Lobes frontaux mm =  $0.864 \text{ APC s} - 5.411$
- ☞ H foie mm/s =  $8.7$  (  $1.25$  si retard de croissance ); in utero =  $1$  (  $0.8$  );
- ☞ Volume splénique cm<sup>3</sup>/s =  $1.8$  ; in utero =  $3.9$  (  $0.6$  );
- ☞ Volume rénal cm<sup>3</sup>/s =  $14.9$  (  $2.9$  si retard de croissance ); in utero =  $1.2$  (  $0.7$  );
- ☞ Hauteur pancréatique mm/s =  $0.26$  (  $0.2$  si retard de croissance ); in utero =  $0.13$  (  $0.1$  );
- ☞ Largeur cervelet mm/s =  $1.75$  (  $1$  si retard de croissance ); in utero = idem (  $0.7$  );
- ☞ Surface cervelet mm<sup>2</sup>/s =  $110$  (  $85$  si retard de croissance ); in utero =  $6.3$  (  $5$  );
- ☞ Masse musculaire g =  $51.58 \text{ APCs} - 1299$  (  $30.46 \text{ APCs} - 70.8$  si rc ); in utero =  $44.5 \text{ APCs} - 1050$  ;



## Equivalences dans les indices des croissances tissulaires

|                            |                     |                                  |
|----------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 cm PC                    | 1200 ( 250 ) kcal   | 1 mm Lobe frontal                |
| 1 g cerveau                | 13.3 ( 9 ) kcal     | 18.6 ( 12 ) si retard croissance |
| 1 g muscle                 | 8.7 ( 1.6 ) kcal    | 19.5 ( 9 ) si rc                 |
| 1 g poids                  | 4.8 (0.6) kcal      | 8.9 ( 1 ) si rc                  |
| 1 cm taille                | 800 ( 40 ) kcal     | 1280 ( 145 ) si rc               |
| 1 mm pli cutané tricipital | 395 ( 108 ) g poids | 25-30 graisses                   |
| 1 cm CMBG                  | 445 ( 94 ) g poids  | 98 ( 21 ) g muscles              |
| 1 g poids                  | 0.086 g protéine    | 0.15 g graisse                   |

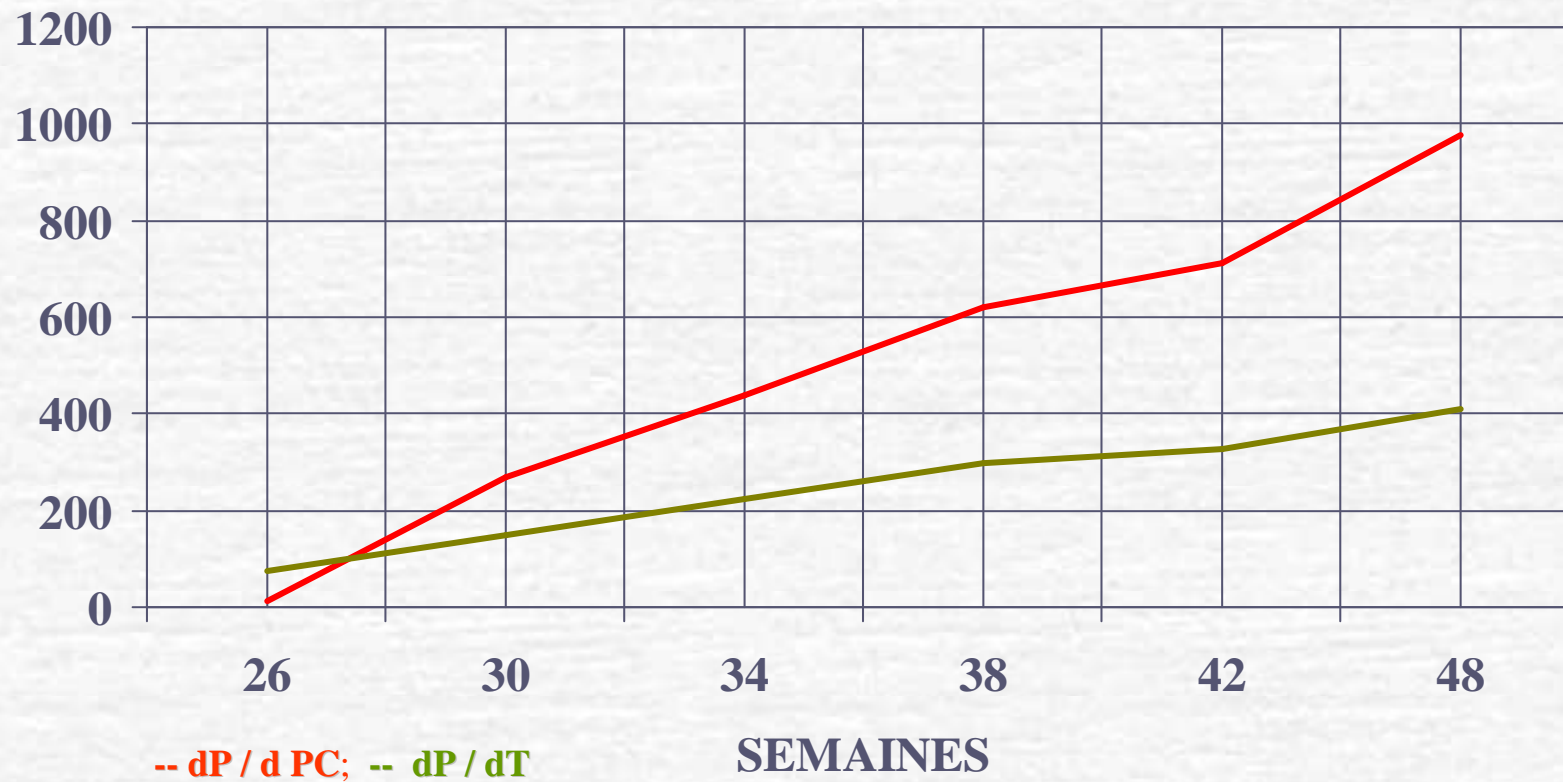
## Points intéressants concernant la croissance foetale

- La dépendance à la fonction placentaire ( CDO2 et contenu protéique et synthèse protéique; les hormones placentaires et foeto-placentaires );
- La dépendance à la glycémie maternelle
- La nourriture foetale: sa « voie » et sa composition
- Le parcours spontané de la croissance:
  - imposition du ralentissement pour les gains en PC et en taille;
  - les vitesses de croissance sont différentes suivant les tranches d'âge considérées;
- La répercussion bénéfique de la restriction placentaire après 35 semaines: **si CDO2 reste suffisant, c'est la préparation à la vie extrautérine !**

## Points intéressants de la croissance foetale

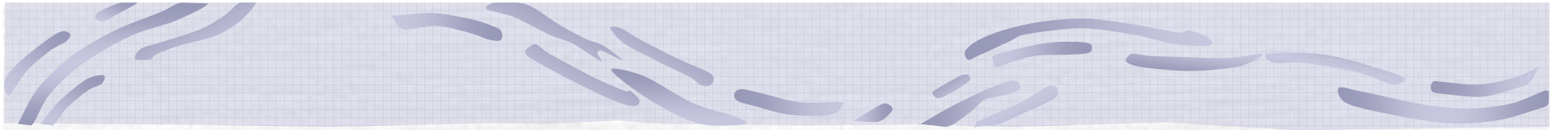
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| apports                              | AA = 25-30 %          | Glucose+lactate = 70 % | Lip = AG essentiels < 2 % |
| <b>Gains moyens sur la grossesse</b> | <b>dP = 170 g/sem</b> | <b>dT = 1 cm/sem</b>   | <b>dPC = 0.6 cm</b>       |
| < 30 semaines                        | 145g                  | 1.13 cm                | 0.9 cm                    |
| 30-32                                | 170 g                 | 1.2                    | 0.7                       |
| 32-34                                | 208                   | 1.23                   | 0.8                       |
| 34-36                                | 242                   | 1                      | 0.7                       |
| 36-38                                | 213                   | 0.8                    | 0.5                       |
| 38-40                                | 143                   | 0.7                    | 0.33                      |
| 40-42                                | 70                    | 0.25                   | 0.17                      |
| <b>Gains moyens sur ces périodes</b> | dP: variable          | Dt: variable           | dT: variable              |

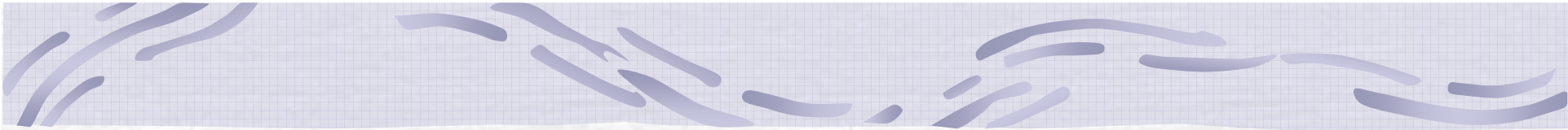
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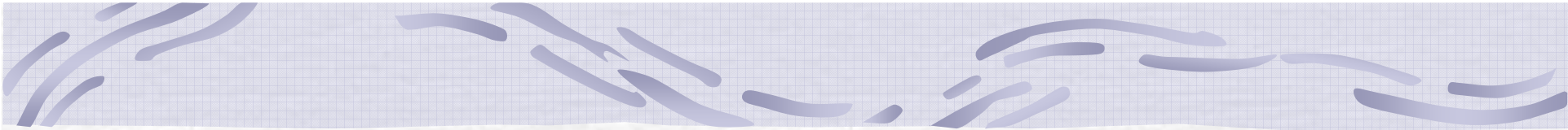


## Les « nourritures » fœtales et postnatales

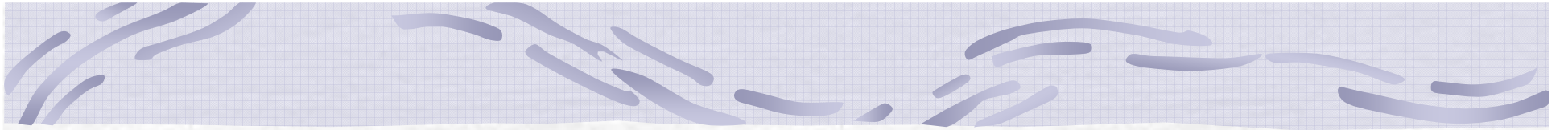
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| kcal/kg/J       | 120   | 120   |
| QO <sub>2</sub> | 6-8   | 6-8   |
| ml/kg/m<br>% Pt | 20-30 | 10-15 |
| % Lp            | < 5   | 25-30 |
| % GI            | 60-70 | 50-60 |



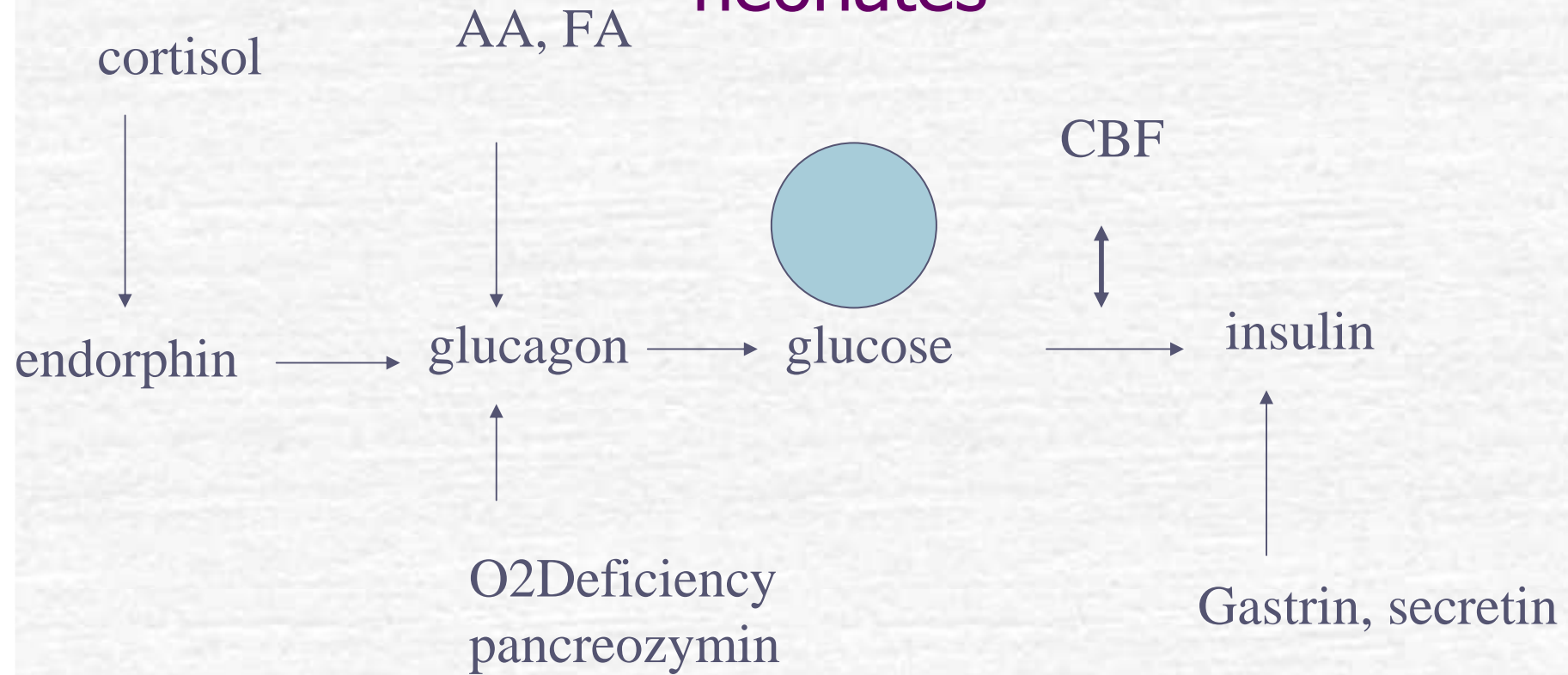








# Insulin and glucagon relationships in neonates

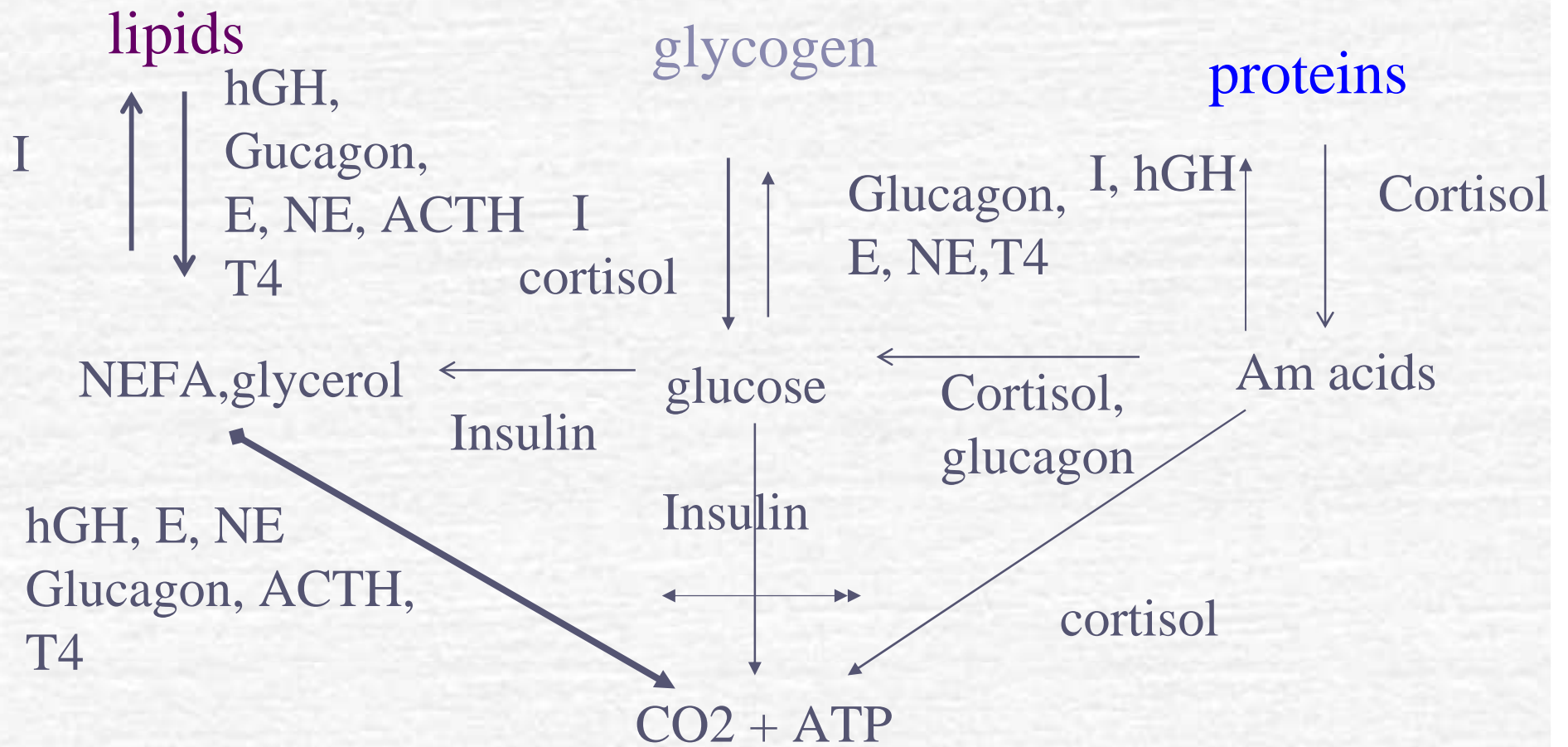


## Glucose acute route in cells

In normal cell:  $G + O_2 \longrightarrow ATP + CO_2 + H_2O$

In cell with mitochondrial impairment:  $G + O_2 \longrightarrow ATP + CO_2 + \text{lactic acid}$

# Pathways relationships



## Specific abnormalities

### **In Growth retardation:**

- increase their hemoglobin;
- Relative high cerebral mass;
- Decrease of P-pyruvate kinase

### **In very low birthweight:**

- lower effect of insulin on glycogenesis and on gluconeogenesis; these activities increase after 34-40 w;
- Limited gluconeogenesis;
- Inappropriate ( in excess ) endogenous adrenergic activity;

# From biochemistry to fetal medicine glucose

- ☞ Insulin secretion
- ☞ Insulin receptors
- ☞ Insulin function
- ☞ hGH secretion and function
- ☞ The role of placenta
- ☞ Glucose in the mother
- ☞ Drugs taken by the mother

## ☞ Global growth of the fetus:

$$< \text{BW g} = 17 \text{ GA} - 3665$$

$$< \text{BL cm} = 0.95 \text{ GA} + 11.3$$

$$< \text{HC cm} = 0.61 + 9.72$$

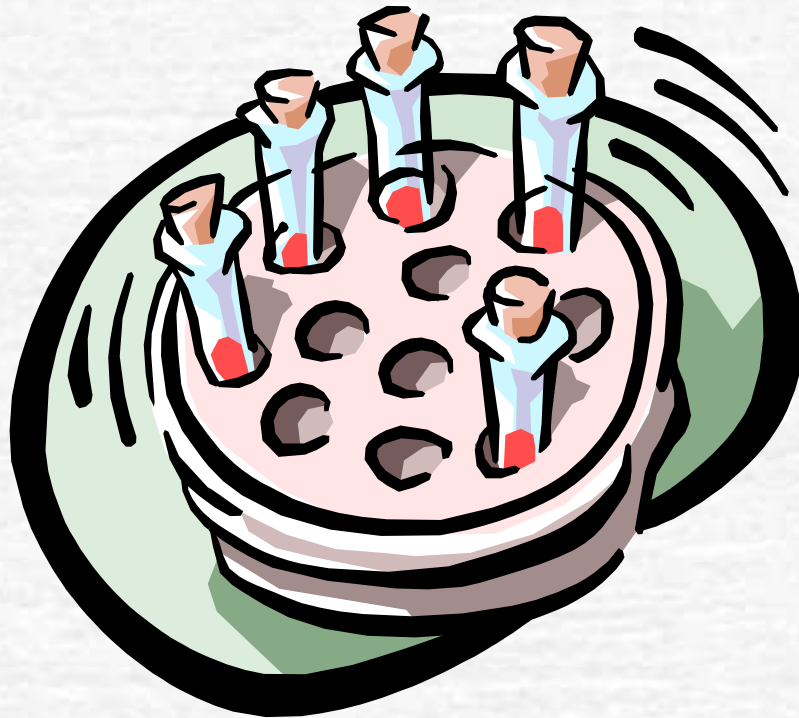
## ☞ Nutrition of the fetus: through the liver

$$- \text{AA} = 25 - 30 \%$$

$$- \text{CH} = 60 - 70 \%$$

$$- \text{LP} < 3 \%$$

# The fetal growth



- ✓ **MRO2**: 6 – 8 ml/kg/m
- ✓ **BMR and MRO2**  
increase with GA
- ✓ **CH**:  
glucose ( proportional to  
mother ) and lactate (   
from the placenta )
- ✓ **High de novo  
synthesis of lipids**

# Transition from fetal to postnatal life



Time present and time past  
Are both perhaps present in time future,  
And time future contained in time past.

*Burnt Norton*  
Thomas Stearns Eliot.

## Composition of body:

- brain : 14- 15 %
- Bones: 25 – 30 %
- Muscles: 20- 25 %
- Skin: 10-20 %
- Intestines: 15 – 20 %
- < 2 % : heart, lungs, kidneys
- Pt: 7 – 10 %;
- Lp: 2 – 15 %;
- CH: 0.7 – 1 %



## Extra-uterine life: energetic balances

| %    | retained | Expended | lost |
|------|----------|----------|------|
| Kcal | 46       | 42       | 12   |
| CH   | 11       | 88       | 1    |
| Pt   | 60       | 23       | 17   |
| Lp   | 70       | 10       | 20   |

# Extra-uterine life after IUGR: basal metabolic rate ( Sinclair JC )

|               | <b>Non<br/>growing</b> | <b>growing</b> |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
| BMR kcal/kg/d | 51.6 ( 2.3 )           | 64.5 ( 4.9 )   |
| CH %          | 66.6 ( 2.5 )           | 80.2 ( 4.6 )   |
| Lp %          | 24.1 ( 3.9 )           | 13 ( 5 )       |
| Pt %          | 9.1 ( 2 )              | 6.6 ( 0.8 )    |

## Extra-uterine life: Costs for growth

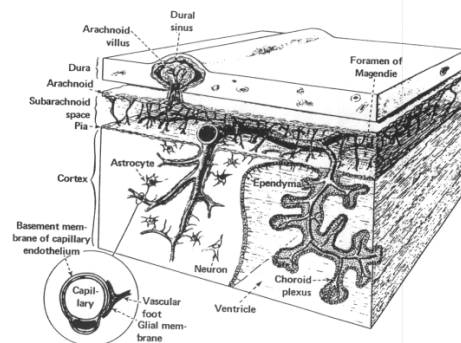
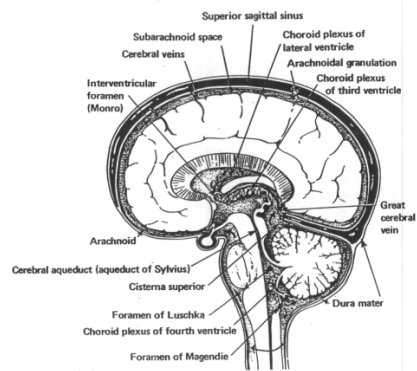
|           | Normal growth | Retarded growth |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| g BW      | 5 ( 2.7 )     | 9 ( 4.2 )       |
| G Pt      | 7.5           | 7.5             |
| G Lp      | 11.6          | 11.6            |
| Cm BL     | 800 ( 335 )   | 1280 ( 600 )    |
| Cm HC     | 1150 ( 541 )  | 1170 ( 215 )    |
| G brain   | 34 ( 18 )     | 39 ( 23 )       |
| G muscles | 18 ( 210 )    | 20 ( 9 )        |

## The basal metabolic rate



- Correlated to HR and  $\text{CRO}_2$ , which are correlated to cellular levels of activities
- Correlated to proteins turnover, which is correlated to enzymes turnover ( high in brain and liver, low in muscles )

# Specific aspects in brain



- Total body's requests are due to brain for 40 % from caloric and O<sub>2</sub> needs, and 56 % from proteic needs.
- Role of insulin and hGH
- Particular relationship between flow and cells

# Specific aspects for liver , pancreas and intestines

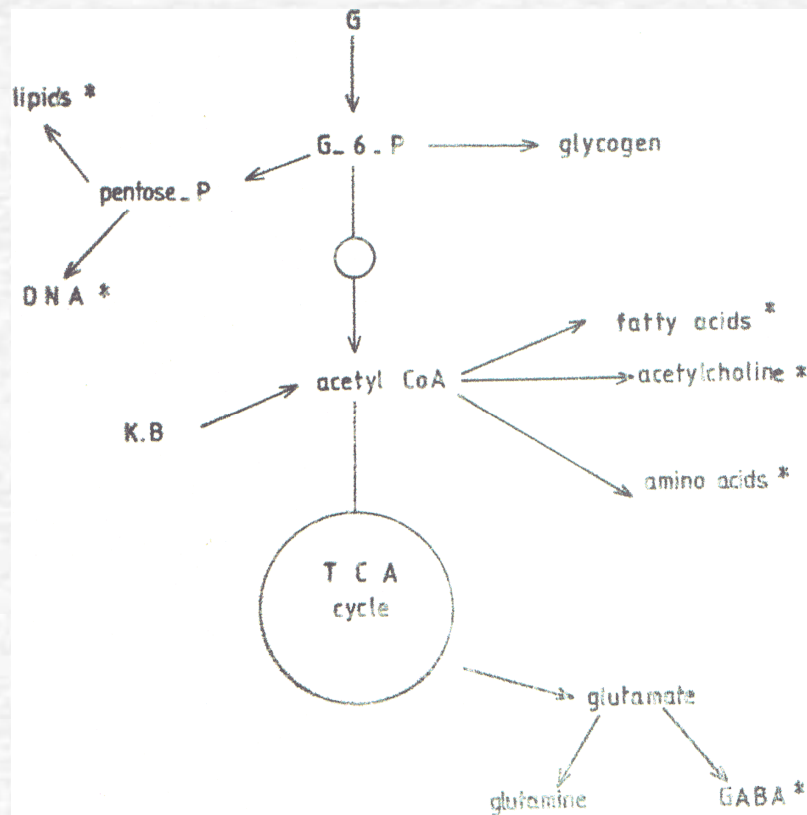


- Blood flow autoregulation
- Biochemical activities in liver
- Biochemical activities in intestines
- Biochemical activities in pancreas

# Control of insulin secretion

| -   | +  | +  |
|---|--|--|
| <b>secretion</b><br>secretagogues,<br>somatostatin  | <b>secretion</b><br>fructose                     | <b>resistance</b><br>cortisol, T4,<br>HPL, glucagon,<br>endorphins |
| Hypo-K+   | AA, Leu, ILeu                                    | KB, acidosis,<br>hypoxia, FFA                                      |
| Beta-blockers,<br>chlorpromazine,<br>DPH, diazoxide | Kupfer cells, Xth<br>nerve, beta-<br>stimulators | Prematurity,   |
|   | Glucagon,<br>pancreozymin                        |  |
| rest  | exercise   |  |

# Central role of glucose for energy and synthesis



- ATP and 5-Pentose;
- In- and out-cells composition
- Defenses against FR and EAA
- BMR
- Muscles ( FFA ) and intestines ( glutamine and KB ) have alternatives

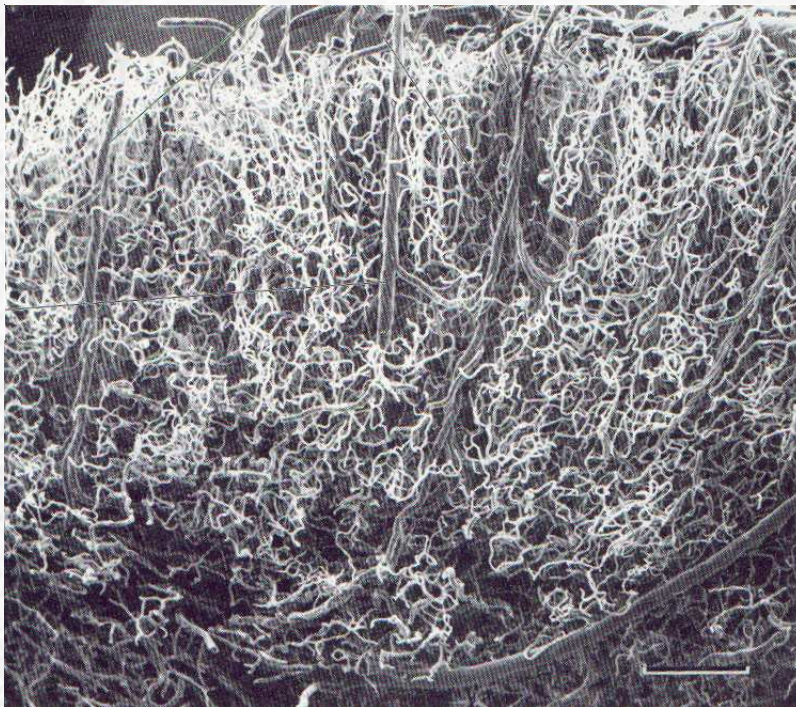


## Influence of gestational age on CRO2 and CRG

- Fetal glucose uptake
- Insulin receptors: number and affinity
- CMR O<sub>2</sub>, glucose; CBF; SBP
- Hb level
- Enzymes level and turnover
- Adipose tissue
- Placenta competence

# glycaemia

## importance of quantitative and velocity of variations



- ☞ **Hypoglycaemia:** loss of CBF autoregulation, isoelectric EEG from energy failure and enhanced vulnerability, concerned structures are layers 3,5,6 and thalamus,...
- ☞ **Hyperglycaemia:** CBF, pH, diuresis
- ☞ **Attention to high Hb levels !**
- ☞ **Attention to «large heads»**

# Treatments of glucose unstability: hypoglycaemia

- **Searching the specific explanation**
- **Glucose administration iv:** 1 cc /kg G5% will increase glycaemia of 10 mg/dL
- **Stimulating neogluco-genesis:** glucagon IV or IM ( bolus 200 microg/kg, continuous infusion of 8 microg/kg/hr )
- **Antagonizing insulin:** hydrocortisone 5 mg/kg/12h
- **Correct parameters:** pH, respiratory and circulatory functions, liver function, mode of feeding, brain requirements

# Glucose and O<sub>2</sub> needs in the distressed brain

| Cbf<br>ml/100g/<br>m | [ aG ] -<br>>I | [ aG ]-><br>W | [ aO <sub>2</sub> ]-<br>>I | [aO <sub>2</sub> ]-><br>W |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 20                   | 21             | 36            | 10                         | 22                        |
| 15                   | 30             | 50            | 13                         | 29#                       |
| 10                   | 40             | 72            | 19                         | 44#                       |
| 2                    | 82             | 143           | 28#                        | 62#                       |

## Treatments of glucose instability: hyperglycaemia

- **Searching for a specific explanation**
- **Insulin continuous infusion:** 0.5-0.8  
iu/kg/h
- **Decrease glucose input down to  
calculated required amounts for  
brain:**  
first calculate brain mass according to head  
circumference, then plot glucose input to brain  
demands ( 3-5mg/100g/m )

## Elements of perinatal nutrition

- The proteins
- The carbohydrates and lipids
- Outside metabolic balance
- Placing these aspects in clinics



## Taking into account the body weight progress in the neonatal period and infancy for later mental development

- **IQ global at 7.5 – 8 years** =  $\text{dBWg/kg/day} + 84.5$  ; this should be comprised between 14.5 and 17 g / kg / day.
- **IQ verbal at 7.5 – 8 years** =  $1.29 \text{ dBW/kg/day} + 79$ .
- But also other parameters ... ( i.e. head circumference at 9 months, mother status, ...)

# The place of proteins in perinatal and neonatal growth

- Proteins have a central role in nutrition and in growth. There is none storage, even if their turnover is high.
- $d \text{ BW g/kg/d} = 3.44 \text{ Pt intake g/kg/d} + 7.34$  ( Rahia, 1994 )
- $\text{Pt needs g/kg/d} = 3.5 - 0.00354 \text{ GA}$  ( Rahia, 1994 )
- $\text{Pt synthesis} = 0.0269 \text{ GA} + 0.785$  ( Widdowson, 1977 )
- $\text{Pt synthesis} = 0.173 \text{ BMR} - 2.56$  ( Beaufrère, 1990 )
- $d \text{ BW g} = 3.6 \text{ Pt intake} + 0.095 \text{ Energy intake} - 0.0047 \text{ BW} + 1.7$  ( Heird, 1989 )
- $d \text{ PC} = 0.1598 \text{ Pt intake} + 0.253$  ( Battisti, 1990 )
- $d \text{ BL} = 0.336 \text{ Pt intake} + 0.253$  ( Battisti, 1990 )
- $\text{Pt content \% BW} = 0.7 \text{ GA} + 1.86$  ( Widdowson, 1977 ):
- VO<sub>2</sub> directly correlated to body content in proteins ( Battaglia, 1997 )



## Proteins in the fetus and in the newborn

- Proteins are the main component in nutrition;
- Even if proteins are done of aminoacids, proteins and aminoacids need to be considered in different ways;
- Proteins turnover is linked to metabolic rate and to oxygen consumption

## Aminoacids in fetal life

- Aminoacids coming from mother: the sources are her intakes and her muscles;
- From these sources, 70 % go to the fetus and 20 % to the placenta;
- [ Fetus / Mother ] AA ratio is 1.5 - 2
- Three types of transporters for AA in the placenta = A, L, ASC;
- This transport is depending on delivery of O<sub>2</sub> to the fetus;

**when O<sub>2</sub> delivery the fetus decreases, AA delivery of AA also decreases.**

## Aminoacids and tissues preferences

|   |                                   |  |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Liver:</b><br>Phe, Try, Thre,<br>Lys, Met, His,<br>Arg | <b>Muscles:</b><br>Leu, Ileu, Val | <b>shared:</b><br>Glu+ glutamic<br>acid, Gly, Pro,<br>Aspartic acid,<br>Tyr, Ala |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|

**Alanine:** from muscles and intestines to liver;

**Glutamine:** important for intestines and kidneys;

**Some AA are toxic, other protect the brain**

- ## Difficulties in neonatal nutrition
- ☞ «fetal milk» contains 25-30 % of AA, 60-70 % of carbohydrates ( glucose and lactate ) and less than 3 % of EFA; and that fetal milk is passing essentially through the liver.
  - ☞ After birth, the offered nutrition is very different from fetal period;
  - ☞ Enteral feeding should always be encouraged: from minimal or trophic feeding to total feeding;
  - ☞ A transitional phase of IV feeding is frequently needed;
  - ☞ Babies below 30 weeks, IUGR and some other conditions may present difficulties during the first week of life;
  - ☞ About 30 % of babies below 30 weeks have IUGR; and many of these experience growth retardation during the neonatal period;

## Requirements according to gestational age: values / KG / day

| GA | TMR <sub>kcal</sub> | BMR <sub>kcal</sub> | needs g | Pt <sub>syn g</sub> |
|----|---------------------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|
| 24 | 82                  | 35                  | 3.42    | 1.43                |
| 28 | 84                  | 38                  | 3.40    | 1.54                |
| 32 | 86                  | 41                  | 3.38    | 1.65                |
| 36 | 88                  | 44                  | 3.36    | 1.76                |
| 40 | 90                  | 47                  | 3.34    | 1.87                |
| 44 | 92                  | 50                  | 3.32    | 1.98                |

## Cerebral requirements ( values / 100g CM )

|      | Pt g  | Lp g    | Kcal |
|------|-------|---------|------|
| IUGR | 2.8-4 | 4.2-6   | 82   |
| AGA  | 2.1-3 | 3.2-4.5 | 67   |

## Proteins synthesis in the body

|                        | 25  | 30  | 35  | 40  | % VO2 |
|------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| <b>Brain</b> ( 14 )    | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.4 | 1.3 | 9     |
| <b>Heart</b> ( 0.4 )   | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 6     |
| <b>Lungs</b> ( 0.8 )   | 0.6 | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.8 | ?     |
| <b>Muscles</b> ( 24 )  | 35  | 34  | 33  | 33  | 14    |
| <b>Liver</b> ( 4 )     | 14  | 14  | 14  | 15  | 16    |
| <b>Intestines</b> (20) | 30  | 29  | 28  | 28  | 11    |

↑  
% body weight

# The proteins turnover

## ☛ 3 Purposes of that turnover:

- primary protection,
- losses replacements,
- degradations of peptides;

## ☛ Within tissues:

in fetus and neonate, the proteins turnover is very high in the liver ( 50 % ) and in the brain ( 44 % ); Proteins turnover is low in the other tissues ( in muscles= 3.2 % ).

These values are different in the adult: 57 % in liver, 50 % in kidney, 17 % in brain, 18 % in heart, 15 % in skeletal muscles.

## ☛ Within body:

proteins turnover is mainly represented by the muscles and intestines;



# Qualitative perinatal growth

## Overall:

|                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| 1 g tissue growth = 3 – 3.5 kcal; | 1 g brain <- 0.67 kcal ( 0.89 if IUGR ); |
| 0.086 g P/;                       | 1 g muscles <- 0.69 kcal                 |
| 0.105 G Lp;                       |  |

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can be estimated to values comprised between 2.5 ( TPN ) to 3.5 ( EN ) g/kg/d and these should be accompanied by 35 kcal/g of proteins;

## The qualitative needs of proteins

should contain 48 % essential AA ( mixture of casein and albumin ).

## Ongoing difficulties

### Questions and choices:

- immediate or early minimal or trophic feeding;
- prokinesis ( erythromycin, cisapride );
- glutamine, IV lipids, multivitamins;
- oral stimulation;

### Ongoing difficulties:

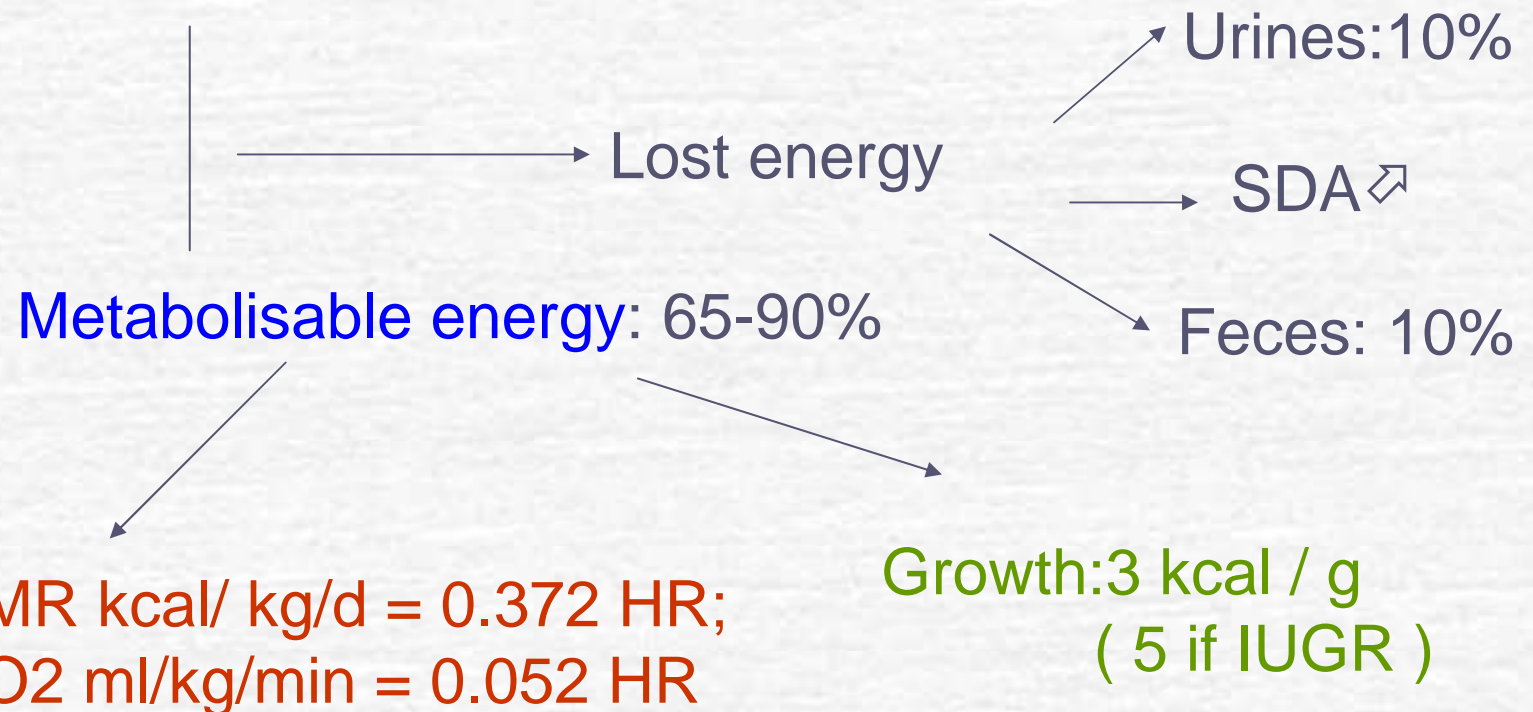
- growth retardation;
- osteopenia;
- oxydative stress;
- infection;
- hormones;

**Not all proteins have the same values**

| Types of milk:<br>Efficiency → | d BW g / g Pt | d Length<br>Cm / 100g<br>Pt | d HC<br>Cm / 100g Pt |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Breast Milk                    | 10.5          | 4                           | 3.9 *                |
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### • Ratio $\delta$ BWg / $\delta$ HC cm

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i.e: at 28 PCA, this ratio = 94 or 94 g of BW gain = 1 cm HC gain;

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$$= [ 0.56 \text{ PCA w} + 6.5 ] / 100$$

i.e: at 28 PCA, this ratio = 22.2 or a HC of 25 cm should correspond to a LAC of 5.6 cm

Please, keep my nutrition as good as possible, thank you...



# Glimses to perinatal nutrition

- ☛ The proteins
- ☛ The aminoacids
- ☛ Metabolic balance
- ☛ Placing these aspects in clinics



## Proteins in the fetus and in the newborn

- Proteins are the main component in nutrition;
- Even if proteins are done of aminoacids, proteins and aminoacids need to be considered in different ways;
- Proteins turnover is linked to metabolic rate and to oxygen consumption



# The place of proteins in growth

- Proteins have a central role in nutrition and in growth. There is none storage, even if their turnover is high.
- $d\text{ BW g/kg/d} = 3.44 \text{ Pt intake g/kg/d} + 7.34$  ( Rahia, 1994 )
- $\text{Pt needs g/kg/d} = 3.5 - 0.00354 \text{ GA}$  ( Rahia, 1994 )
- $\text{Pt synthesis} = 0.0269 \text{ GA} + 0.785$  ( Widdowson, 1977 )
- $\text{Pt synthesis} = 0.173 \text{ BMR} - 2.56$  ( Beaufrère, 1990 )
- $d\text{ BW g} = 3.6 \text{ Pt intake} + 0.095 \text{ Energy intake} - 0.0047 + 1.7$  ( Heird, 1989 )
- $d\text{ PC} = 0.1598 \text{ Pt intake} + 0.253$  ( Battisti, 1990 )
- $d\text{ BL} = 0.336 \text{ Pt intake} + 0.253$  ( Battisti, 1990 )
- $\text{Pt content \% BW} = 0.7 \text{ GA} + 1.86$  ( Widdowson, 1977 )
- $\text{VO}_2 = 62 + 2 \text{ ml/kgProtein/min}$  ( Battaglia, 1997 )

## Aminoacids in fetal life

- Aminoacids coming from mother: the sources are her intakes and her muscles;
- From these sources, 70 % go to the fetus and 20 % to the placenta;
- [ Fetus / Mother ] AA ratio is 1.5 - 2
- Three types of transporters for AA in the placenta = A, L, ASC;
- This transport is depending on delivery of O<sub>2</sub> to the fetus; when O<sub>2</sub> delivery to the fetus decreases, AA delivery decreases also.

## Aminoacids in fetal life: the placenta transport systems

- **A** : GABA, glycine ( return from serine\*, leucine, isoleucine and valine ), serine\*, threonine\*, glutamine\* and alanine\*;
- **L**: proline, serine\*, threonine\*, glutamine\*, alanine\*, leucine, isoleucine, valine, phenylalanine;
- **ASC**: serine\*, threonine\*, glutamine\*, alanine\*
- \* use the three types of transporters;
- Remember that « **fetal milk** » contains 25-30 % of AA, 60-70 % of carbohydrates ( glucose and lactate ) and less than 3 % of EFA; and that fetal milk is passing essentially through the liver.

## Aminoacids and tissues preferences

|   |                                   |  |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| <b>Liver:</b><br>Phe, Try, Thre,<br>Lys, Met, His,<br>Arg | <b>Muscles:</b><br>Leu, Ileu, Val | <b>shared:</b><br>Glu+ glutamic<br>acid, Gly, Pro,<br>Aspartic acid,<br>Tyr, Ala |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|

**Alanine:** from muscles and intestines to liver;

**Glutamine:** important for intestines and kidneys;

**Some AA are toxic, other protect the brain**

## Aminoacids in the cells

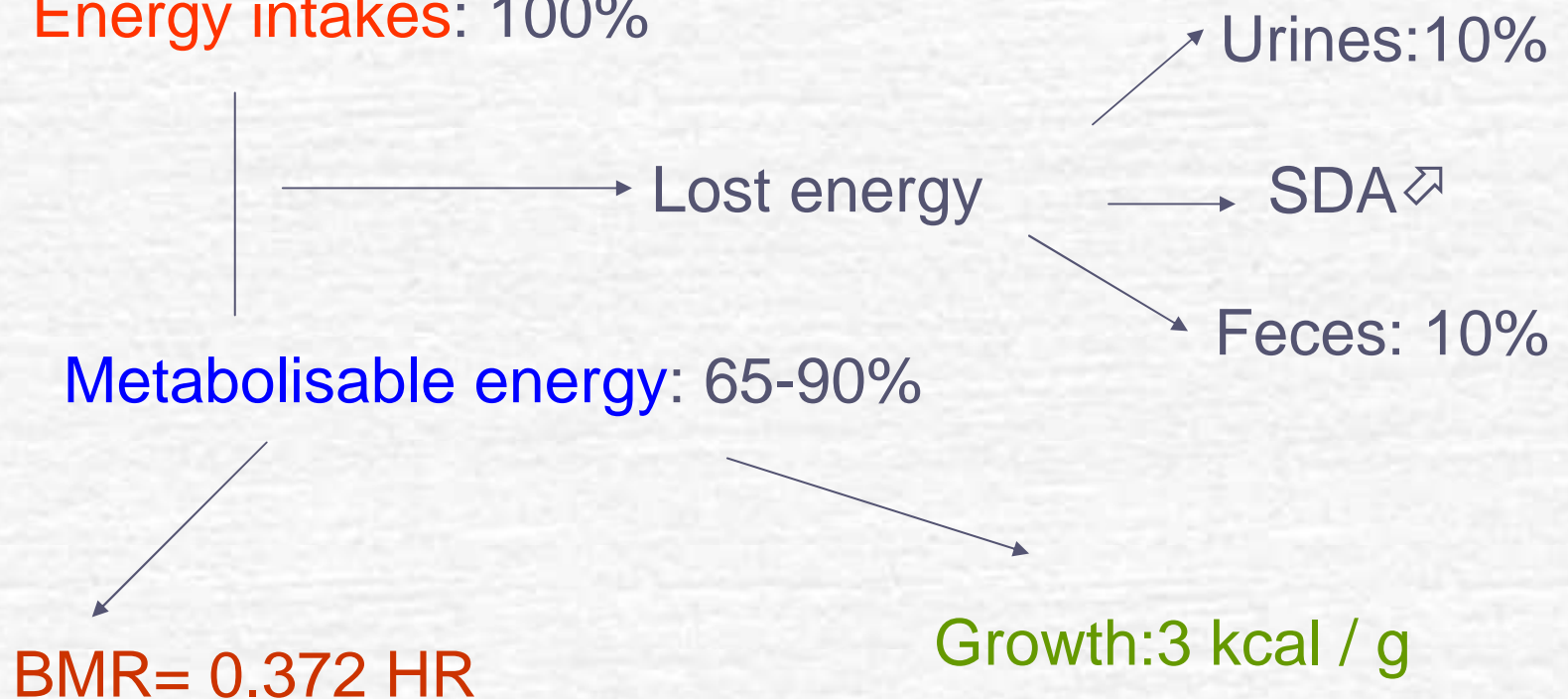
- The monitors are the liver and the muscles;
- **The possible biochemical routes in a cell are:**
  - NH<sub>3</sub>, urea;
  - Lactate, pyruvate;
  - Proteins;
  - ATP, glucose;
  - Hormones;
  - Neurotransmitters;
  - 3-methyl-histidine

**Not all proteins in the intakes are the same**

| Source            | EF<br>BW<br>g/g Pt | EP<br>BL<br>Cm /<br>100g<br>Pt | EP<br>HC<br>Cm /<br>100g Pt |
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## The «at bed » metabolic balance

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## **Taking into account the body weight progress in the neonatal period and infancy for later mental development**

- IQ global at 7.5 – 8 years =  $\text{d BWg/kg/day} + 84.5$  ; this should be comprised between 14.5 and 17 g / kg / day.
- IQ verbal at 7.5 – 8 years =  $1.29 \text{ d BW/kg/day} + 79$ .
- But also other parameters ... ( i.e. head circumference at 9 months, mother status, ...)



# The proteins turnover

## ☛ 3 Purposes of that turnover:

- primary protection,
- losses replacements,
- degradations of peptides;

## ☛ Within tissues:

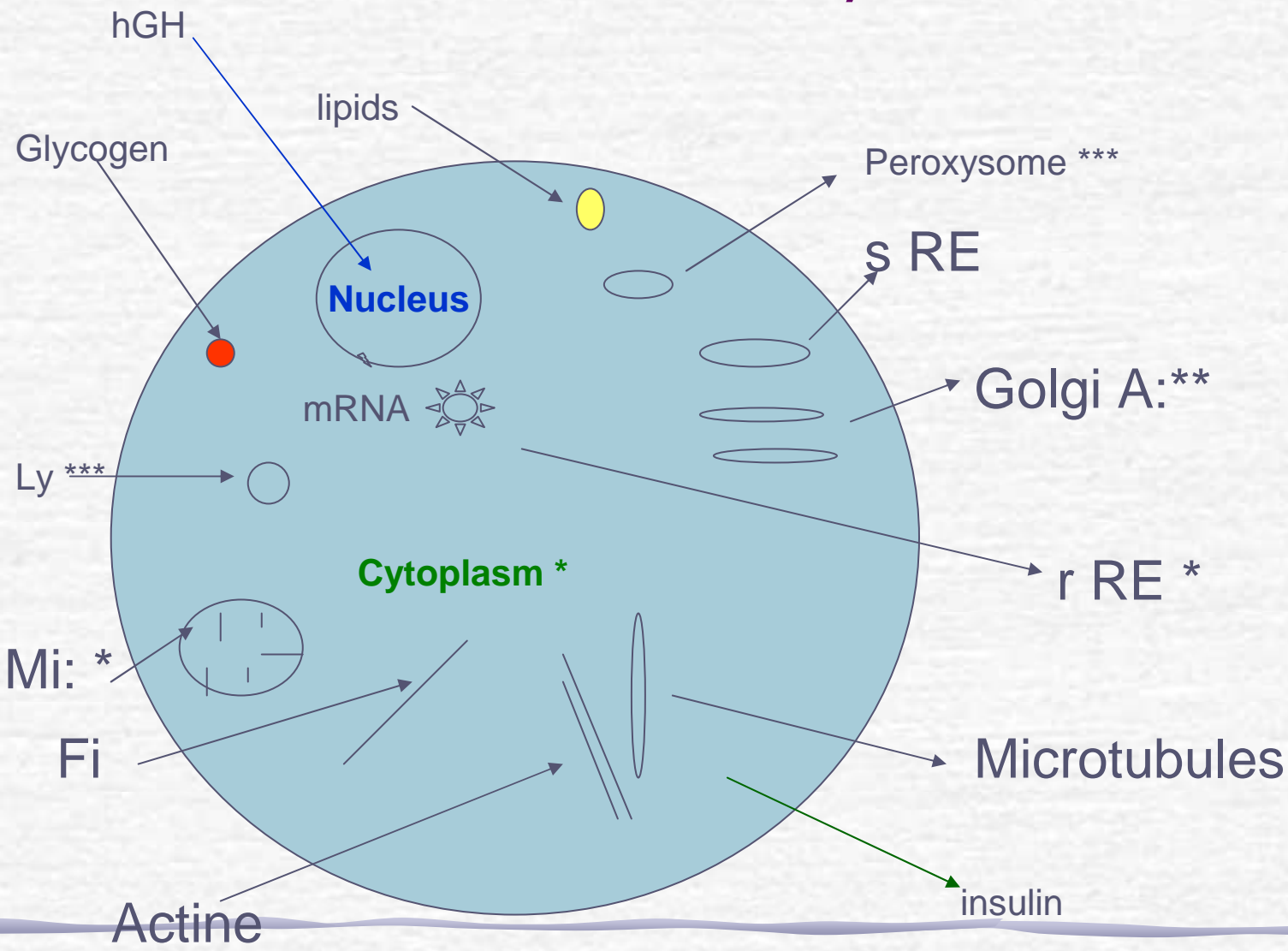
in fetus and neonate, the proteins turnover is very high in the liver ( 50 % ) and in the brain ( 44 % ); Proteins turnover is low in the other tissues ( in muscles = 3.2 % ).

These values are different in the adult: 57 % in liver, 50 % in kidney, 17 % in brain, 18 % in heart, 15 % in skeletal muscles.

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# Structure of any cell



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## Cerebral requirements ( values / 100g CM )

|     | Pt g  | Lp g    | Kcal |
|-----|-------|---------|------|
| SGA | 2.8-4 | 4.2-6   | 82   |
| AGA | 2.1-3 | 3.2-4.5 | 67   |

## Requirements according to gestational age: values / KG / day

| GA | TMR <sub>kcal</sub> | BMR <sub>kcal</sub> | needs g | Pt <sub>syn g</sub> |
|----|---------------------|---------------------|---------|---------------------|
| 24 | 82                  | 35                  | 3.42    | 1.43                |
| 28 | 84                  | 38                  | 3.40    | 1.54                |
| 32 | 86                  | 41                  | 3.38    | 1.65                |
| 36 | 88                  | 44                  | 3.36    | 1.76                |
| 40 | 90                  | 47                  | 3.34    | 1.87                |
| 44 | 92                  | 50                  | 3.32    | 1.98                |

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## Making a biochemical protocol from aminoacids measurements

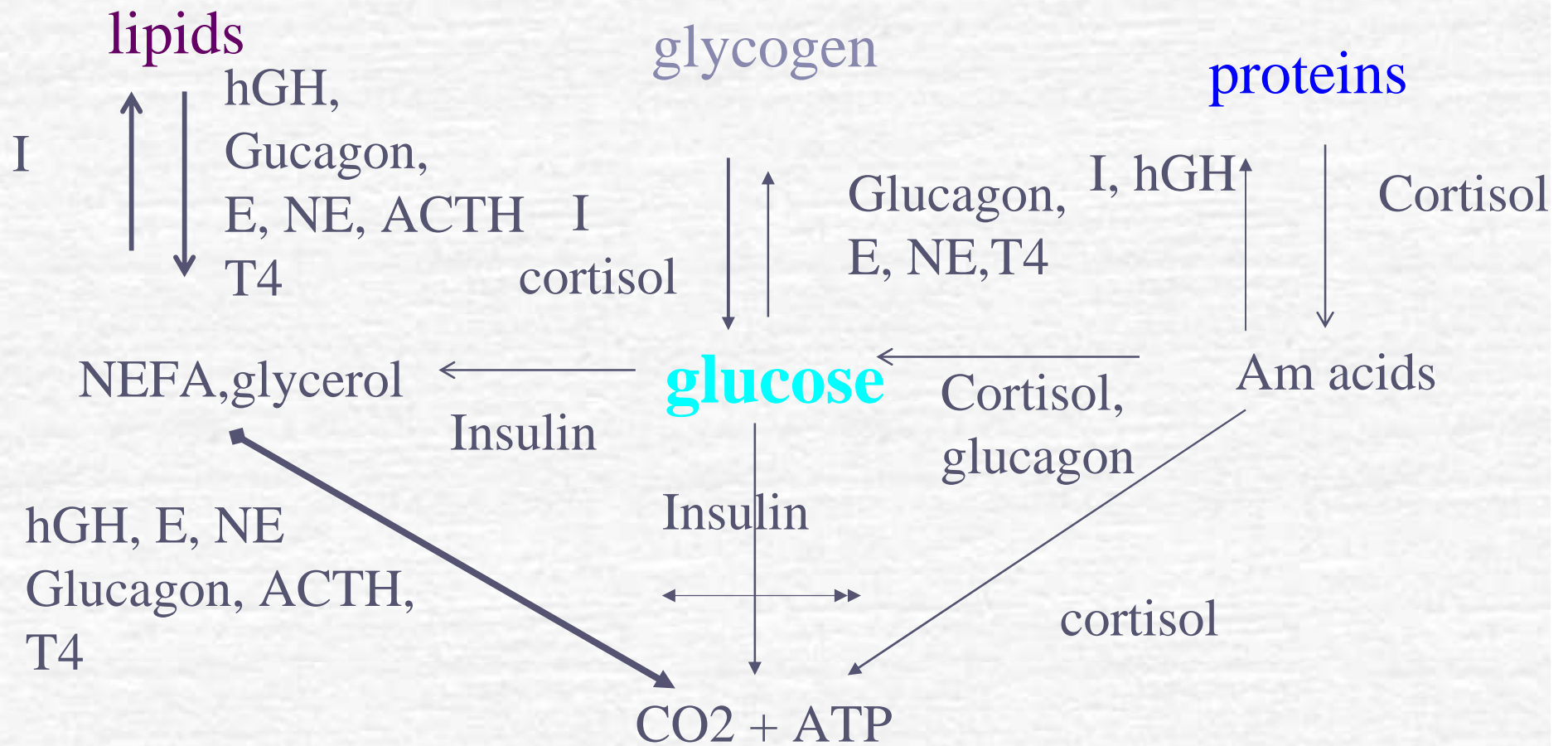
- ☞ **In blood:** first have a look at the global profile and then think on tissues preferences, mainly the brain, the skeletal muscles, the intestines. This step is important to assess the global health of patient and the adequacy of nutrition. In metabolic diseases, values are 5-10 higher than normal.
- ☞ **In CSF:** this is interesting to assess the brain hypoxia, and in some metabolic diseases ( see glycine );
- ☞ **In urines** this is interesting in presence of high blood  $\text{NH}_3$ , in some cases of muscles diseases and of renal syndromes.

# From biochemistry to clinical medicine glucose in neonatal medicine

- With oxygen, glucose is the most important metabolite during « intensive situations »
- There are specific aspects during fetal life
- There are specific aspects in the distressed newborn
- Metabolic regulation is concerning several hormones ( insulin, glucagon, hGH, cortisol, NoA , A ) and tissues ( CNS, the liver, striated muscles, adipose tissue, intestines,... )
- That regulation needs to be integrated to growth and basal metabolic rate.



# Pathways relationships



# From biochemistry to fetal medicine glucose

- ☞ Insulin secretion
- ☞ Insulin receptors
- ☞ Insulin function
- ☞ hGH secretion and function
- ☞ The role of placenta
- ☞ Glucose in the mother
- ☞ Drugs taken by the mother

## ☞ Global growth of the fetus:

$$< \text{BW g} = 17 \text{ GA} - 3665$$

$$< \text{BL cm} = 0.95 \text{ GA} + 11.3$$

$$< \text{HC cm} = 0.61 \text{ GA} + 9.72$$

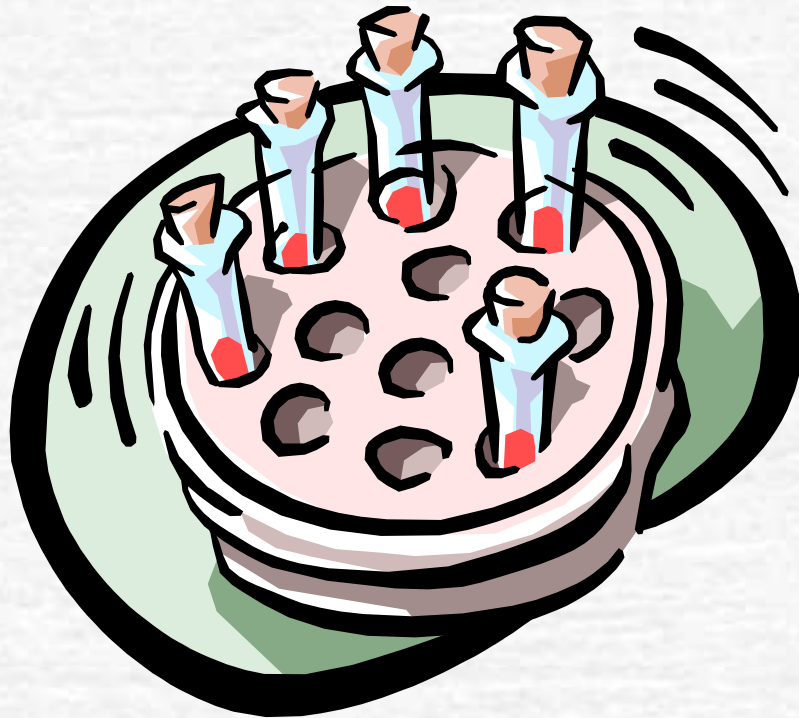
## ☞ Nutrition of the fetus: through the liver

$$- \text{AA} = 25 - 30 \%$$

$$- \text{CH} = 60 - 70 \%$$

$$- \text{LP} \leq 3 \%$$

## The fetal growth



- **MRO2**: 6 – 8 ml/kg/m
- **BMR and MRO2** increase with GA
- **CH**:  
glucose (proportional to mother) and lactate (from the placenta)
- **High de novo synthesis of lipids**

# Transition from fetal to postnatal life



Time present and time past  
Are both perhaps present in time future,  
And time future contained in time past.

*Burnt Norton*  
Thomas Stearns Eliot.

## Composition of body:

- brain : 14- 15 %
- Bones: 25 – 30 %
- Muscles: 20- 25 %
- Skin: 10-20 %
- Intestines: 15 – 20 %
- < 2 % : heart, lungs, kidneys
- Pt: 7 – 10 %;
- Lp: 2 – 15 %;
- CH: 0.7 – 1 %

## Extra-uterine life: energetic balances

| %    | retained | Expended | lost |
|------|----------|----------|------|
| Kcal | 46       | 42       | 12   |
| CH   | 11       | 88       | 1    |
| Pt   | 60       | 23       | 17   |
| Lp   | 70       | 10       | 20   |

# Extra-uterine life after IUGR: basal metabolic rate ( Sinclair JC )

|               | <b>Non<br/>growing</b> | <b>growing</b> |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------|
| BMR kcal/kg/d | 51.6 ( 2.3 )           | 64.5 ( 4.9 )   |
| CH %          | 66.6 ( 2.5 )           | 80.2 ( 4.6 )   |
| Lp %          | 24.1 ( 3.9 )           | 13 ( 5 )       |
| Pt %          | 9.1 ( 2 )              | 6.6 ( 0.8 )    |

# Extra-uterine life: Costs for growth

|           | Normal growth | Retarded growth |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------|
| g BW      | 5 ( 2.7 )     | 9 ( 4.2 )       |
| G Pt      | 7.5           | 7.5             |
| G Lp      | 11.6          | 11.6            |
| Cm BL     | 800 ( 335 )   | 1280 ( 600 )    |
| Cm HC     | 1150 ( 541 )  | 1170 ( 215 )    |
| G brain   | 34 ( 18 )     | 39 ( 23 )       |
| G muscles | 18 ( 210 )    | 20 ( 9 )        |

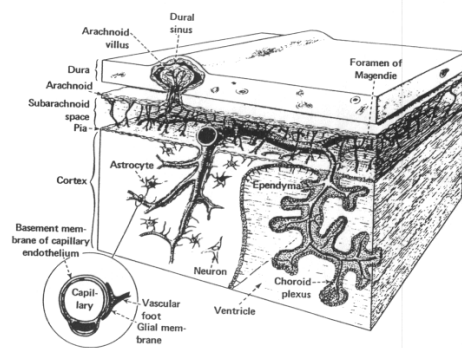
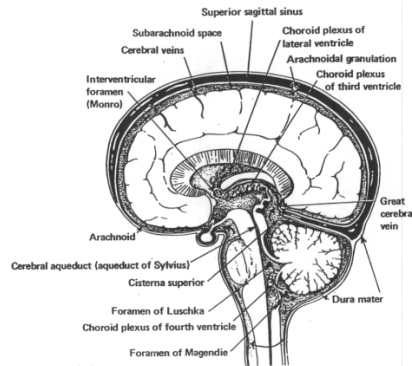
## The basal metabolic rate



- Correlated to HR and  $\text{CRO}_2$ , which are correlated to cellular levels of activities
- Correlated to proteins turnover, which is correlated to enzymes turnover ( high in brain and liver, low in muscles )



# Specific aspects in brain



- Total body's requests are due to brain for 40 % from caloric and O<sub>2</sub> needs, and 56 % from proteic needs.
- Cellular development
- Role of insulin and hGH
- Particular relationship between flow and cells

$$CMg = (HC_{cm3}/100 - (1500/HC_{cm}))$$

# Specific aspects for liver , pancreas and intestines

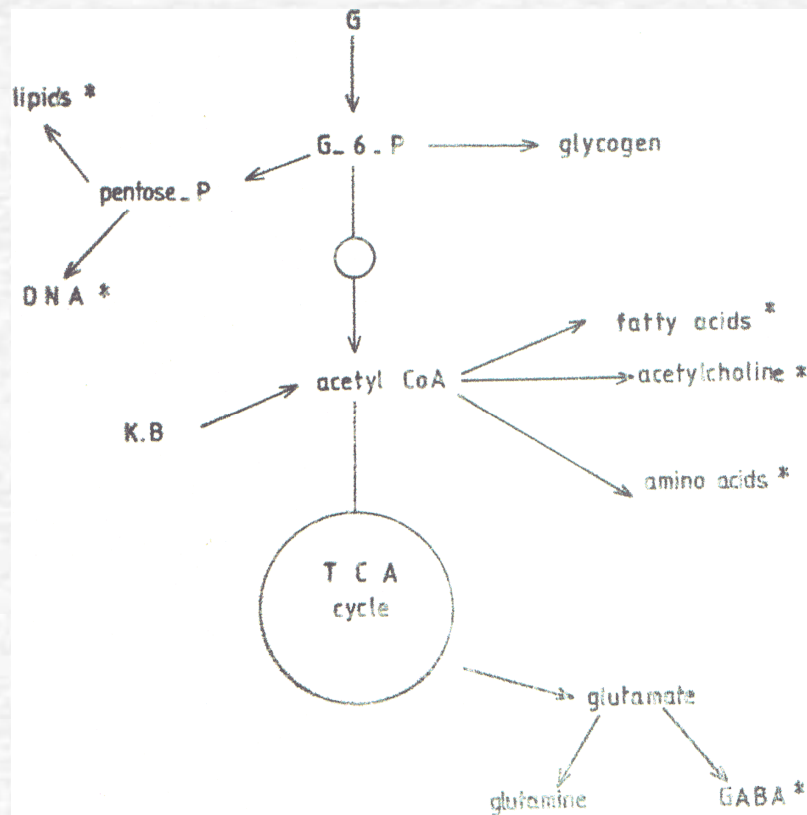


- Blood flow autoregulation
- Biochemical activities in liver
- Biochemical activities in intestines
- Biochemical activities in pancreas

# Control of insulin secretion

| -   | +  | +  |
|---|--|--|
| <b>secretion</b> ,<br>somatostatin                  | <b>secretion</b><br>fructose                     | <b>resistance</b><br>cortisol, T4,<br>HPL, glucagon,<br>endorphins |
| Hypo-K+   | AA, Leu, ILeu                                    | KB, acidosis,<br>hypoxia, FFA                                      |
| Beta-blockers,<br>chlorpromazine,<br>DPH, diazoxide | Kupfer cells, Xth<br>nerve, beta-<br>stimulators | Prematurity,   |
|   | Glucagon,<br>pancreozymin                        |  |
| rest  | exercise   |  |

# Central role of glucose for energy and synthesis



- ATP and 5-Pentose;
- In- and out-cells composition
- Defenses against FR and EAA
- BMR
- Muscles ( FFA ) and intestines ( glutamine and KB ) have alternatives

## Influence of gestational age on CRO2 and CRG

- Fetal glucose uptake
- Insulin receptors: number and affinity
- CMR O<sub>2</sub>, glucose; CBF; SBP
- Hb level
- Enzymes level and turnover
- Adipose tissue
- Placenta competence

## Specific abnormalities

### **In Growth retardation:**

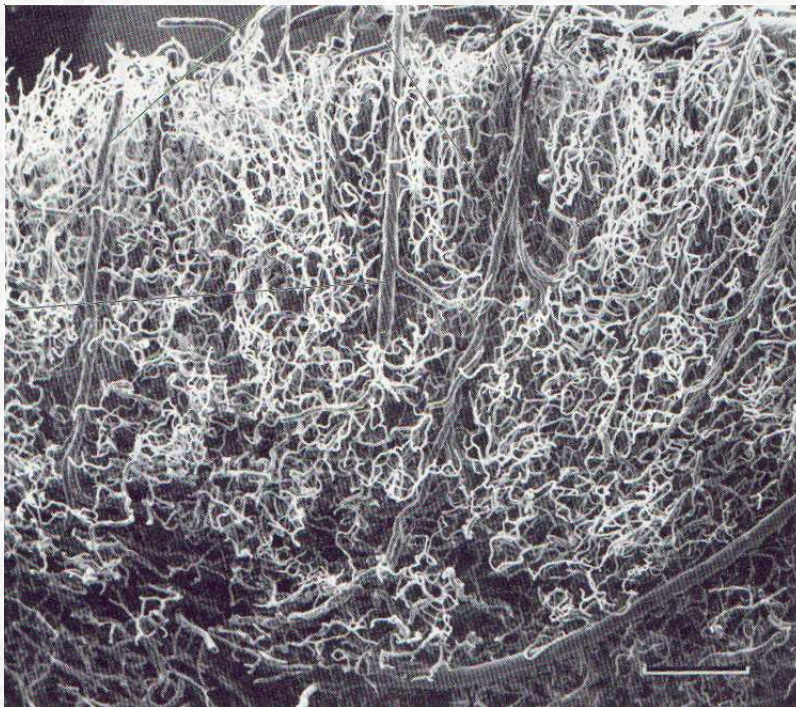
- increase their hemoglobin;
- Relative high cerebral mass;
- Decrease of P-pyruvate kinase

### **In very low birthweight:**

- lower effect of insulin on glycogenolysis and on glycogenesis; these activities increase after 34-40 w;
- Limited of gluconeogenesis;
- Inappropriate ( in excess ) endogenous adrenergic activity;

# glycaemia

## importance of quantitative and velocity of variations



- ☛ **Hypoglycaemia:** loss of CBF autoregulation, isoelectric EEG from energy failure and enhanced vulnerability, concerned structures are layers 3,5,6 and thalamus,...
- ☛ **Hyperglycaemia:** CBF, pH, diuresis
- ☛ **Attention to high Hb levels !**
- ☛ **Attention to «large heads»**

# Glucose and O<sub>2</sub> needs in the distressed brain

| Cbf<br>ml/100g/<br>m | [ aG ] -<br>>I | [ aG ]-><br>W | [ aO <sub>2</sub> ]-<br>>I | [aO <sub>2</sub> ]-><br>W |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 20                   | 21             | 36            | 10                         | 22                        |
| 15                   | 30             | 50            | 13                         | 29#                       |
| 10                   | 40             | 72            | 19                         | 44#                       |
| 2                    | 82             | 143           | 28#                        | 62#                       |



# Treatments of glucose unstability: hypoglycaemia

- **Searching the specific explanation**
- **Glucose administration iv:** 1 cc /kg G5% will increase glycaemia of 10 mg/dL
- **Stimulating neoglucogenesis and increasing resistance to insulin:** glucagon IV or IM ( bolus 200 microg/kg, continuous infusion of 8 microg/kg/hr )
- **Antagonizing insulin:** hydrocortisone 5 mg/kg/12h
- **Correct parameters:** pH, respiratory and circulatory functions, liver function, mode of feeding, brain requirements

## Treatments of glucose instability: hyperglycaemia

- **Searching for a specific explanation**

- **Insulin continuous infusion:** 0.5-0.8  
iu/kg/h

- **Decrease glucose input down to calculated required amounts for brain:**

first calculate brain mass according to head circumference, then plot glucose input to brain demands ( 3-5mg/100g/m )