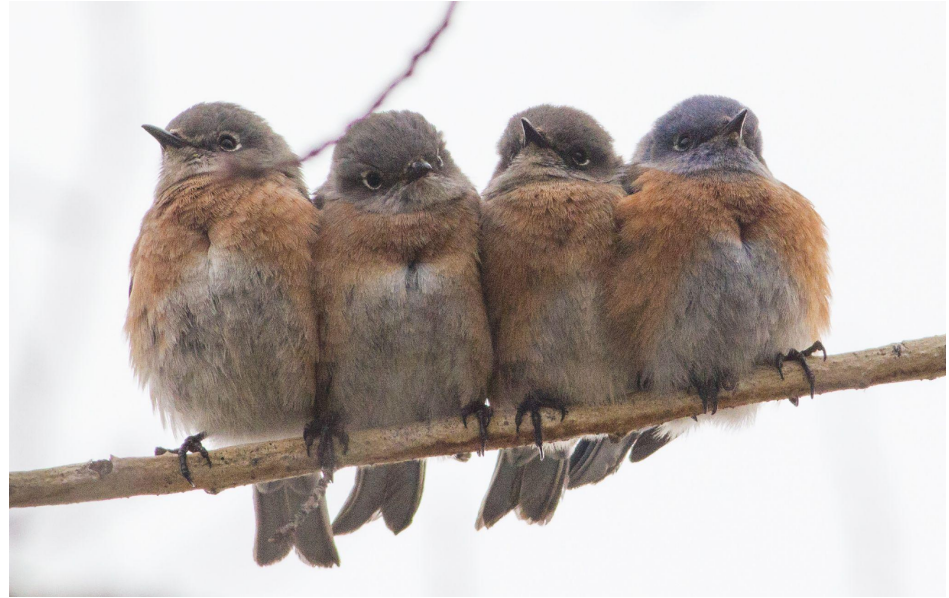
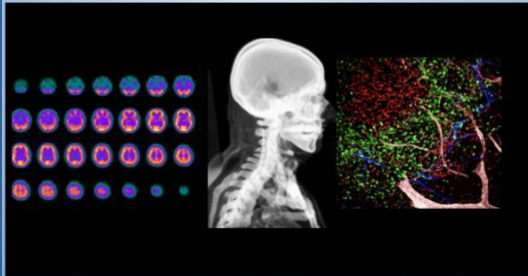


Organization and Homeostasis of the Human Body: Homeostasis

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Lesson 2: Homeostasis

Learning Objectives:

- Define homeostasis and describe the multiple levels of homeostatic maintenance in physiology.
- Compare and contrast positive and negative feedback regarding the relationship between stimulus and response.

See the Body Organization & Homeostasis Wordlist!

- Can be found in accompanying materials to this lecture
- Materials are available in Spanish, Russian, Vietnamese, Filipino, East African French, Kiswahili (Swahili) and Chinese.

Module 1 Body Organization and Homeostasis Word List

Body Planes/Sections

Coronal
Oblique
Sagittal
Transverse

Directional Terms

Anterior vs Posterior
Deep vs Superficial
Distal vs Proximal
Dorsal vs Ventral
Inferior vs Superior
Lateral vs Medial

Body Regions

Abdominal
Acromial
Antecubital
Axillary
Brachial
Buccal
Carpal
Cephalic
Cervical
Coxal
Crural
Cranial
Digital
Facial
Femoral
Fibular
Frontal
Genital
Gluteal
Hallux
Inguinal
Lumbar
Mammary
Mental
Nasal
Occipital
Oral
Orbital/Ocular

Otic
Palmar
Patellar
Pectoral
Pedal
Pelvic
Perineal
Plantar
Popliteal
Pollex
Pubic
Sacral
Sternal
Tarsal
Thoracic
Umbilical
Vertebral

Cavities

Dorsal Cavity
Cranial Cavity
Spinal Cavity
Ventral Cavity
Thoracic Cavity
Mediastinum
Pericardial Cavity
Pleural Cavity
Abdominopelvic Cavity
Abdominal Cavity
Pelvic Cavity

Membranes

Visceral vs Parietal
Peritoneum

Body Systems (general function)

Cardiovascular System
Digestive System
Endocrine System
Integumentary System
Lymphatic/Immune System

Muscular System
Nervous System
Reproductive System
Respiratory System
Skeletal System
Urinary System

Homeostasis

Control Center
Homeostasis
Effector
Negative Feedback
Positive Feedback
Receptor
Set Point

General Terminology

Anatomy
Gross Anatomy
Microscopic Anatomy
Regional Anatomy
Systemic Anatomy
Physiology

Techniques

Palpation
Auscultation
Percussion

Homeostasis Definition

What is
homeostasis?

- Maintaining stable internal conditions
- Dynamic equilibrium
- Critical for survival



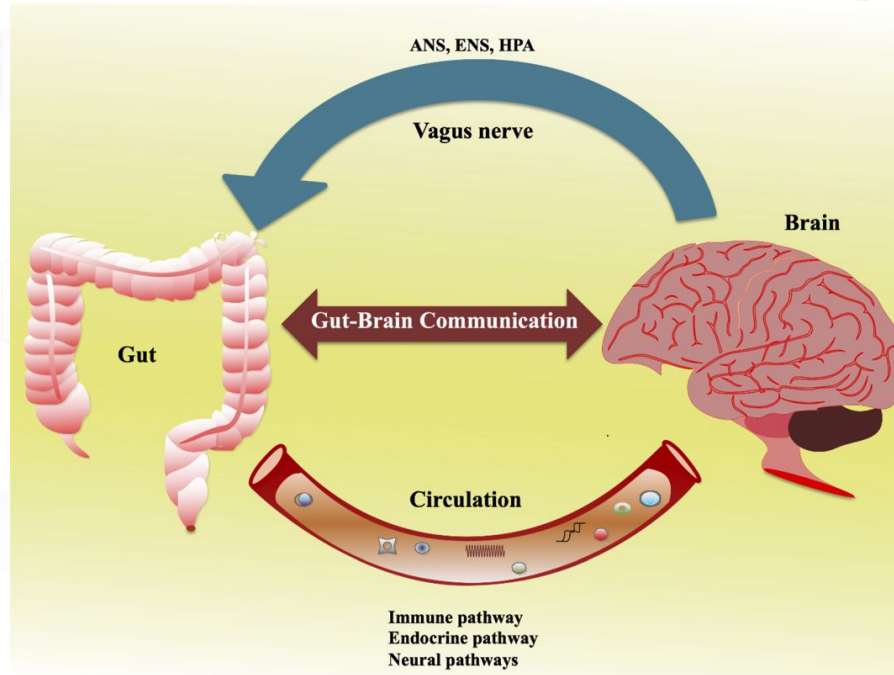
Regulators of Homeostasis

What **controls** homeostasis?

- Nervous system
- Endocrine system



Example: Gut-Brain Axis



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Homeostatic Imbalance

What happens if
there is not
homeostasis?

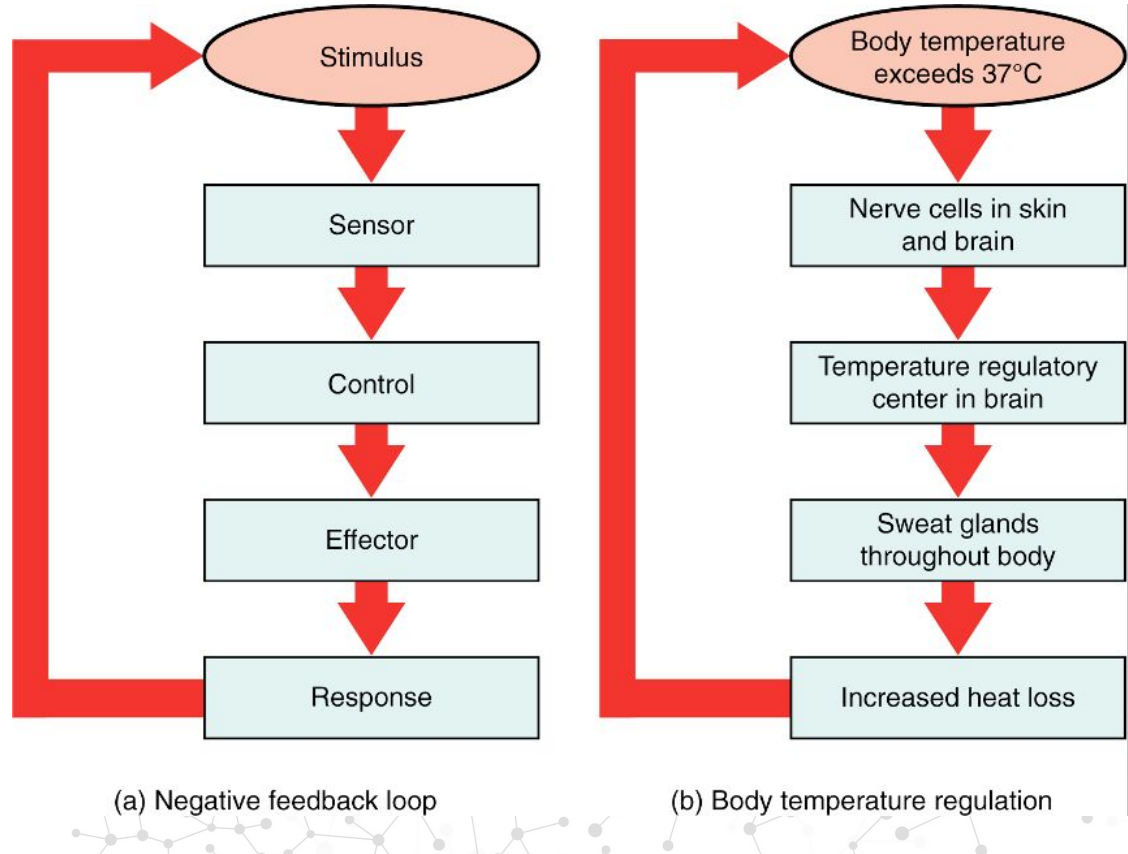
Disease



Feedback Mechanisms: Negative Feedback Thermostat

Negative Feedback

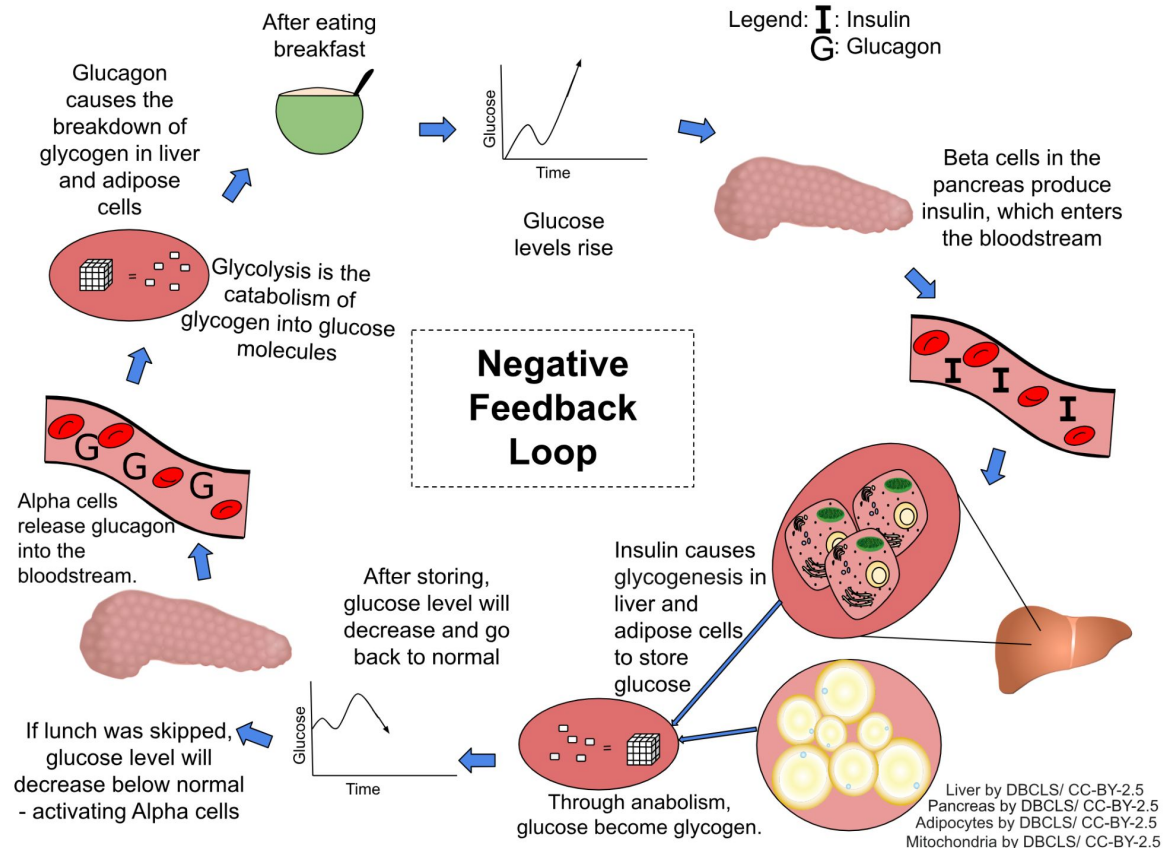
- Most homeostatic control mechanisms
- Shuts off or reduces original stimulus
- Similar to household thermostat



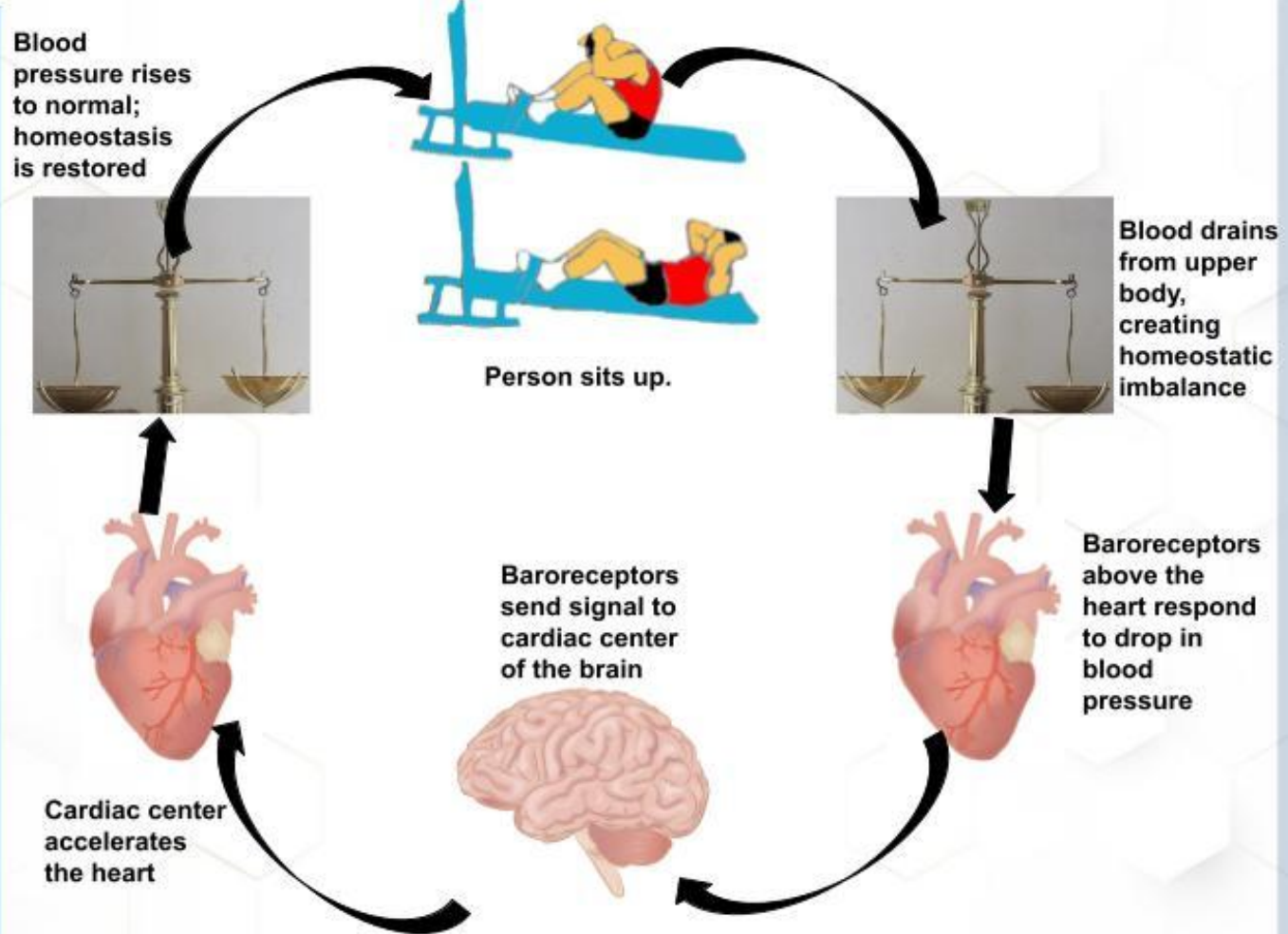
Negative Feedback Loop: Regulation of Blood Glucose

Example

- Regulation of glucose levels in the blood
- Similar to household thermostat



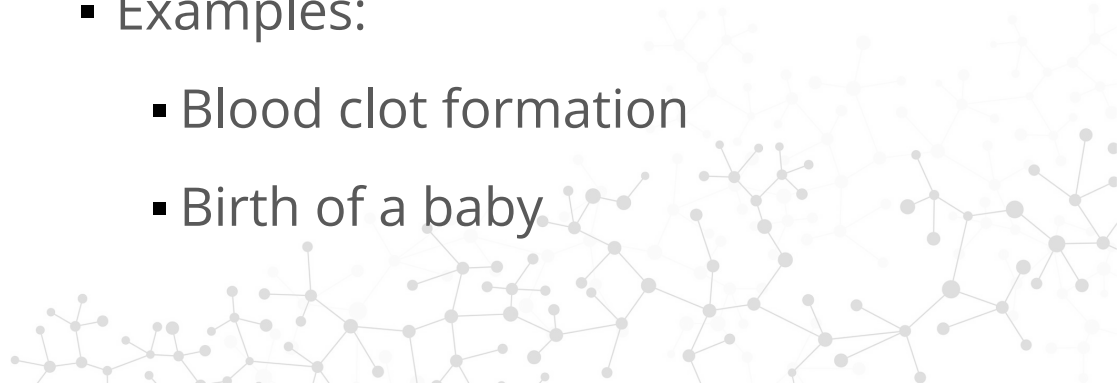
Negative Feedback: Body Posture and Blood Pressure



Feedback Mechanisms

Positive Feedback

- Rare in the human body
- Increases the original stimulus to push the variable farther
- Reaction occurs at a faster rate
- Examples:
 - Blood clot formation
 - Birth of a baby



Positive feedback example: the Oxytocin Loop

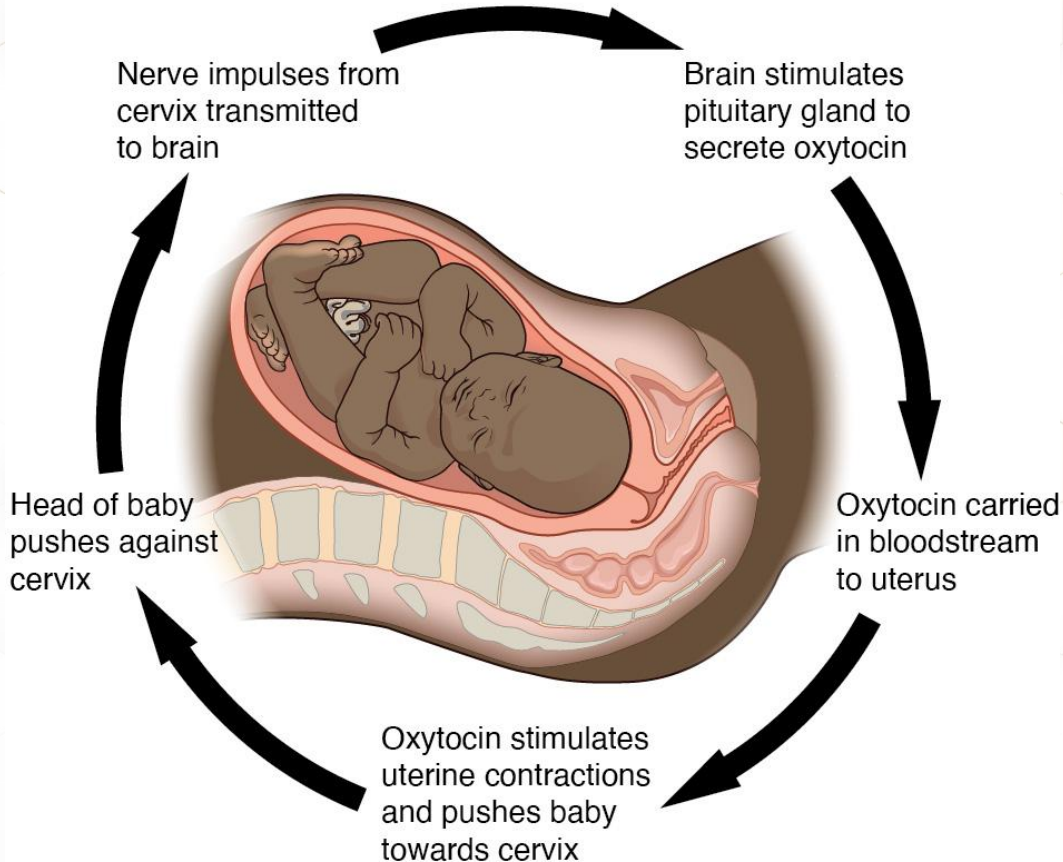
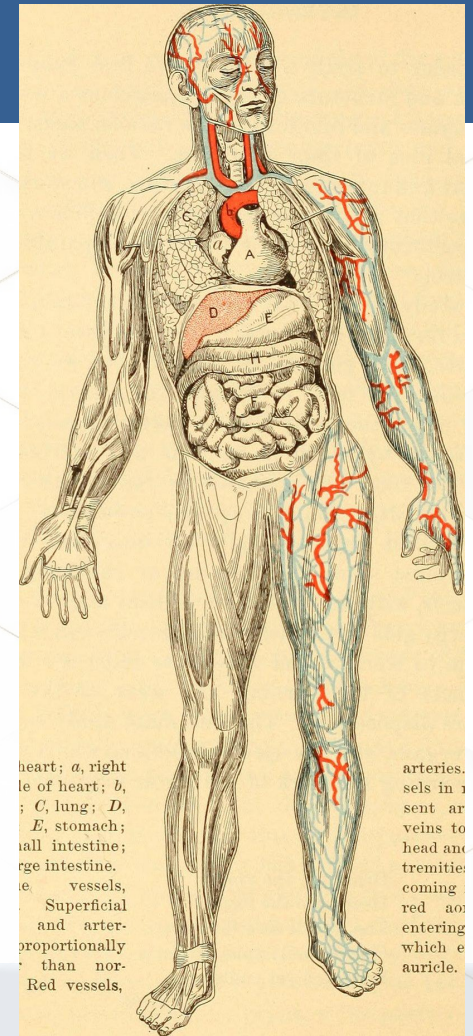


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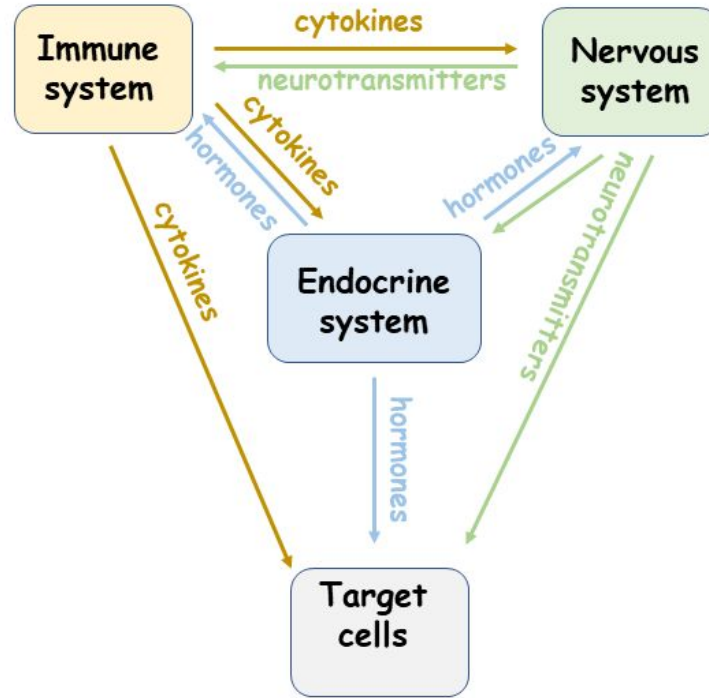
Summary

- Homeostasis keeps the body in balance
- Negative feedback loops are most common and turn off the original stimulus
- Positive feedback loops are least common and perpetuate the original stimulus

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Immune, Neural, and Endocrine Interactions



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