

Hormones Basics

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Hormones are
chemical
messengers that
travel through
blood to reach
and affect target
cells.

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Classification of hormones

- Based on Structure
- Based on Solubility
- Based on distribution to sites of action





HORMONE SECRETION

Neural

Endocrinological

Biological

Environment and Photoperiod

PULSATILE AND SURGE LIKE RELEASE

Rate of production

Positive and Negative Feedback

HORMONE SYNTHESIS

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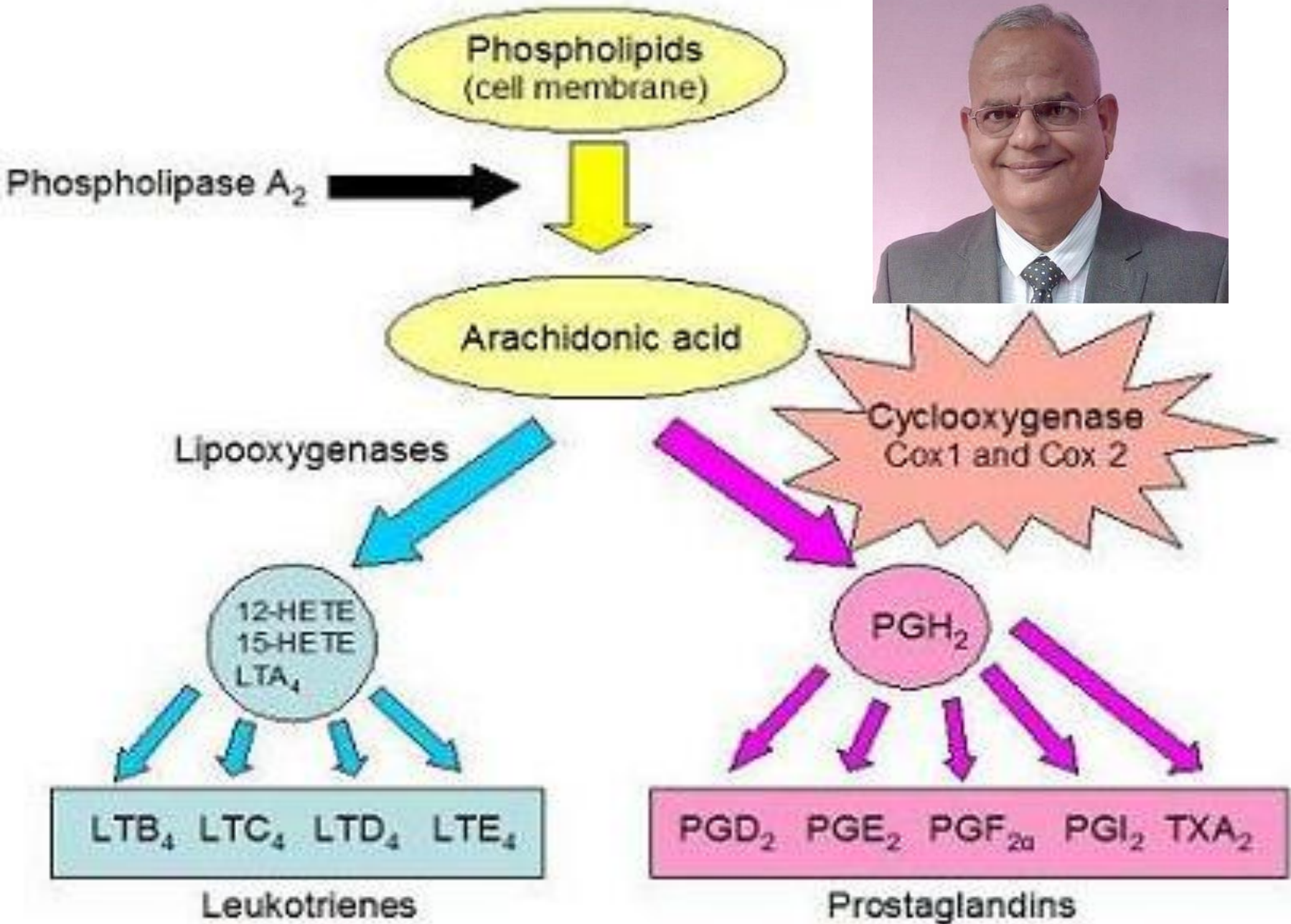
Proteins and peptides from amino acids according to mRNA transcripts

Steroids from cholesterol

Prostaglandins from arachidonic acid
(Fatty acids)

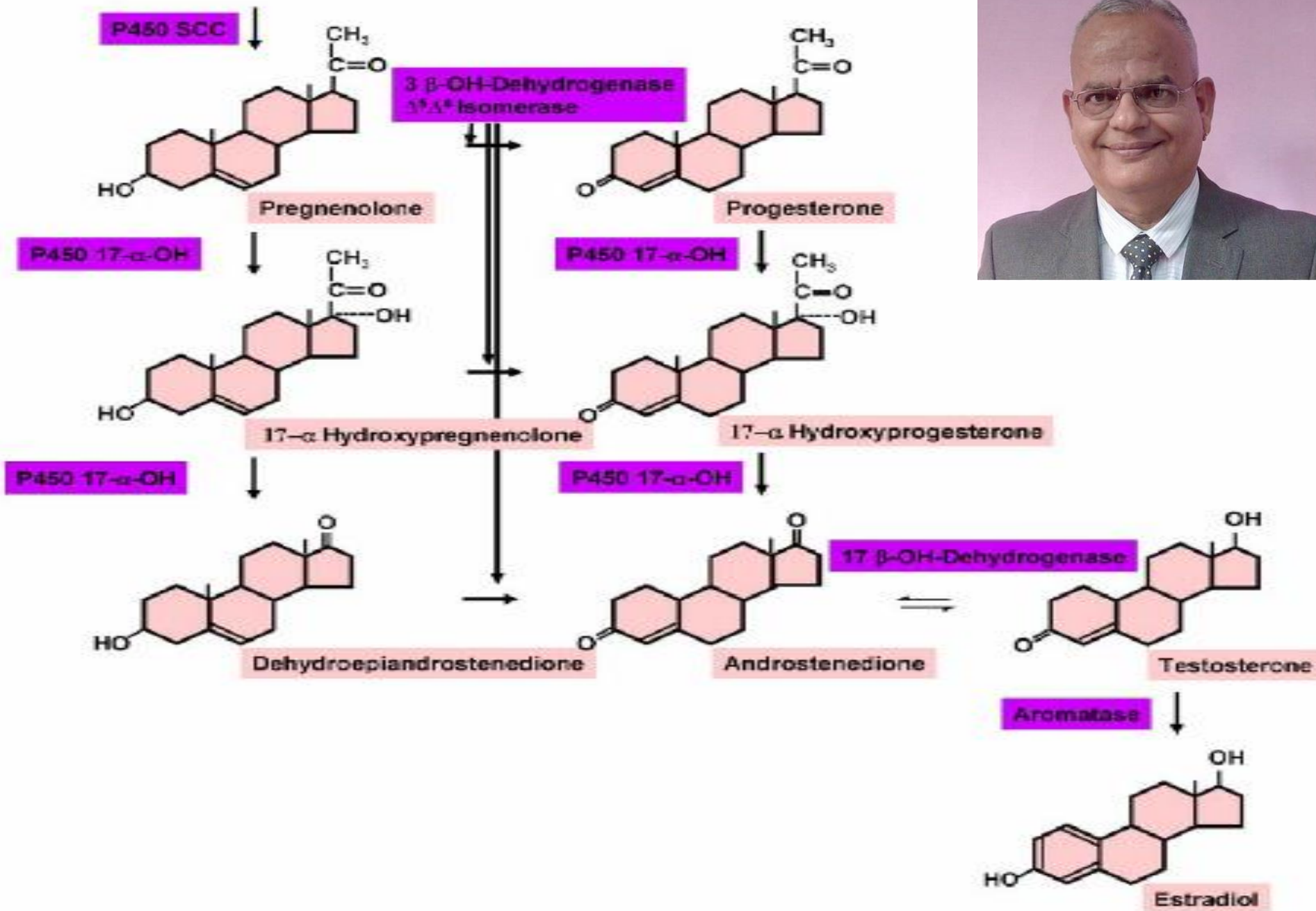
Biosynthesis of Eicosanoids

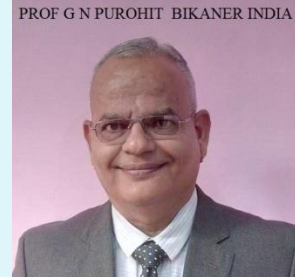
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CHOLESTEROL





Hormone transport

Endocrine hormones → Blood → Cell

Steroids, thyroid hormones, androgens
and estrogens → Bound to SHGB

Progesterone, cortisol and

Corticosteroids → Bound to transcortin

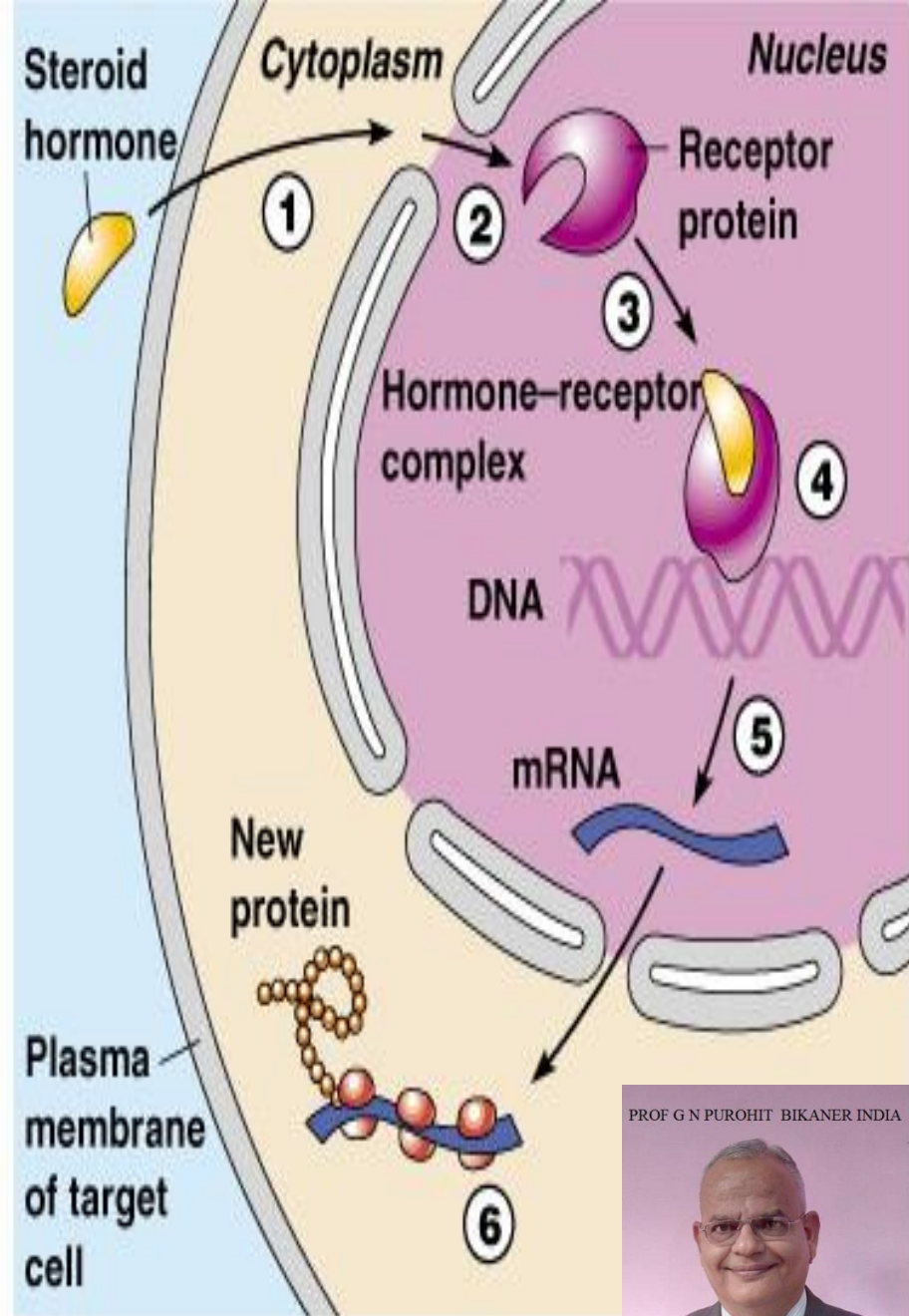
Corticoids → Bound to CBG

Mechanism of action of hormones

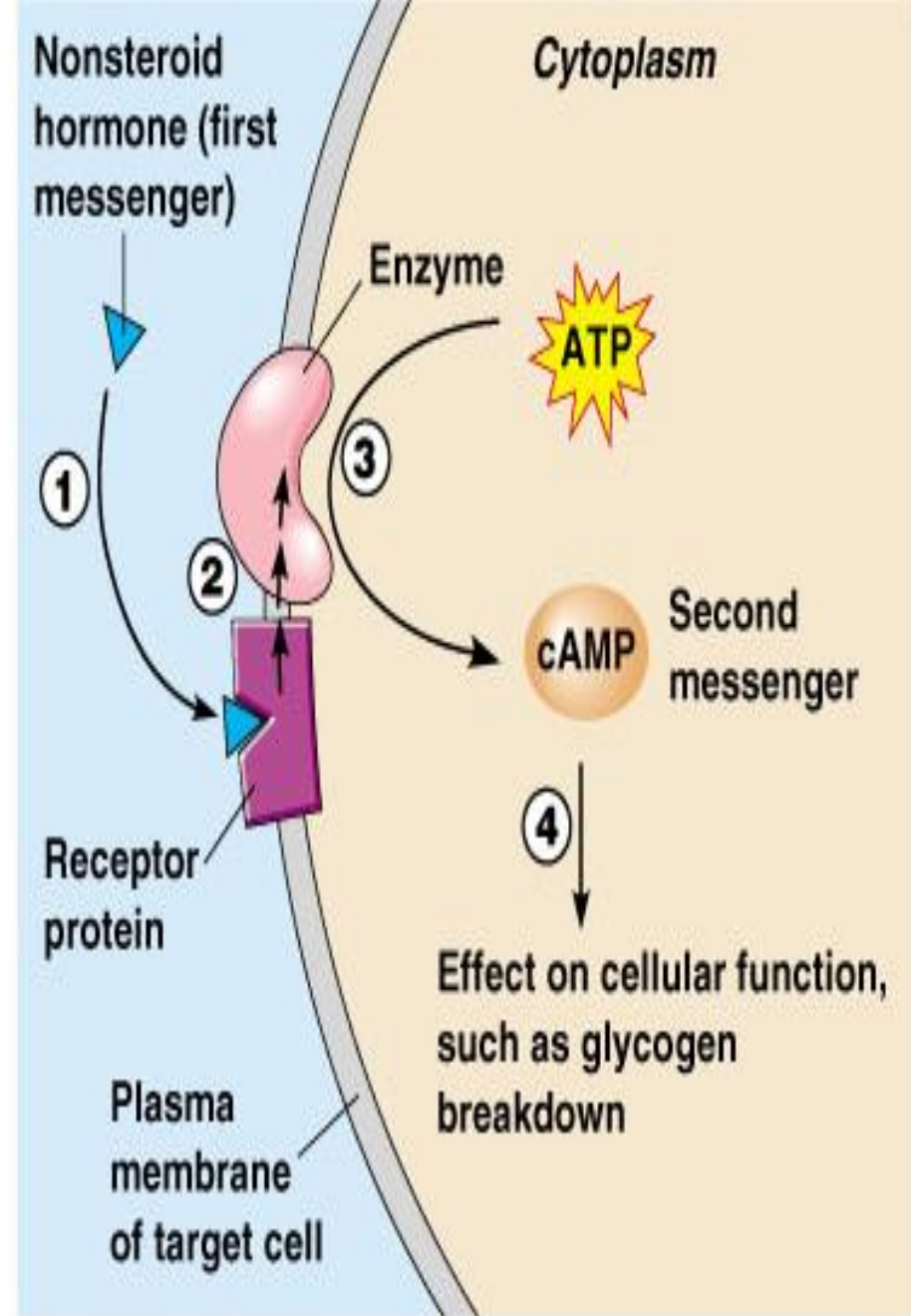
The hormones bind to their receptors on or within the cell.

Hormone receptors might be located:

1. In or on the surface of cell membrane, e.g. **protein** or **peptide** hormones and catecholamines.
2. In the cytoplasm, e.g. **steroid** hormones.
3. In the cell nucleus, e.g. **thyroxine**.



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(a) Steroid hormone action

(b) Nonsteroid hormone action

HORMONE METABOLISM

PEPTIDES AND PROTEINS \Rightarrow LIVER AND KIDNEYS \longrightarrow BROKEN TO AMINO ACIDS

GnRH \Rightarrow BROKEN DOWN BY PEPTIDASES

STEROIDS \Rightarrow LIVER \longrightarrow HYDROXYLATED AND CONJUGATED WITH GLUCURONIC OR SULFURIC ACID

↓
REDUCED BINDING TO CARRIER PROTEINS AND INCREASED URINARY AND FECAL EXCRETION

PROSTAGLANDINS $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{INACTIVATED AT SITE} \\ \text{CIRCULATION} \end{array} \right.$

\longrightarrow METABOLIZED AND REMOVED BY LUNGS AND LIVER



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- THANKS