



DIGESTION PROCESS

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Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of this presentation, you will be able to:



Basic and accessory of digestive system

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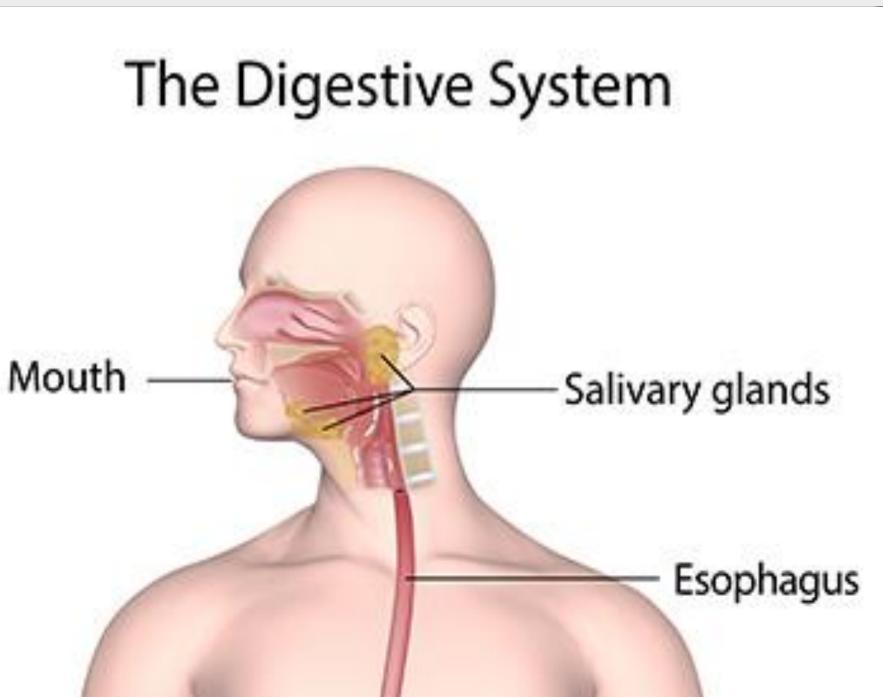
Pathologies that affect the digestive organs

The Basic Digestive system Consists of:

- Mouth, Pharynx
- Esophagus
- Stomach
- Small Intestine
- Large Intestine
- Rectum and Anus

Accessory organs include:

- Tongue and Teeth
- Salivary glands
- Pancreas
- Liver
- Gall bladder and biliary tract



Stomach

Pancreas

Large intestine

Small intestine

Rectum

Anus

Liver

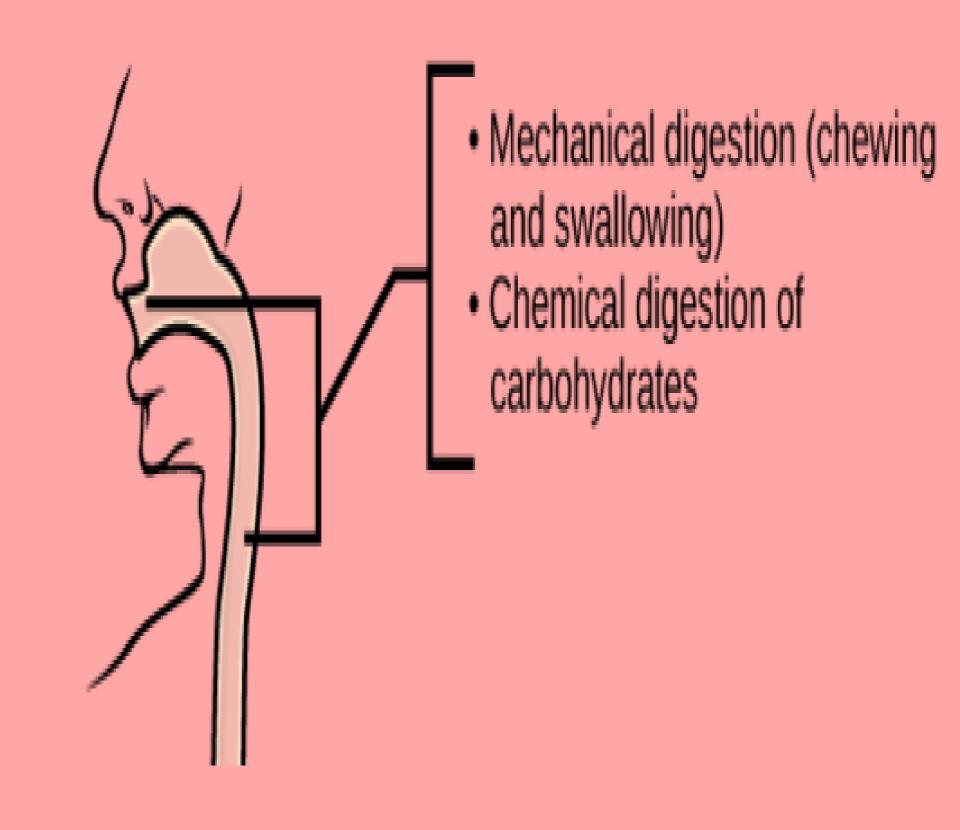
Gallbladder

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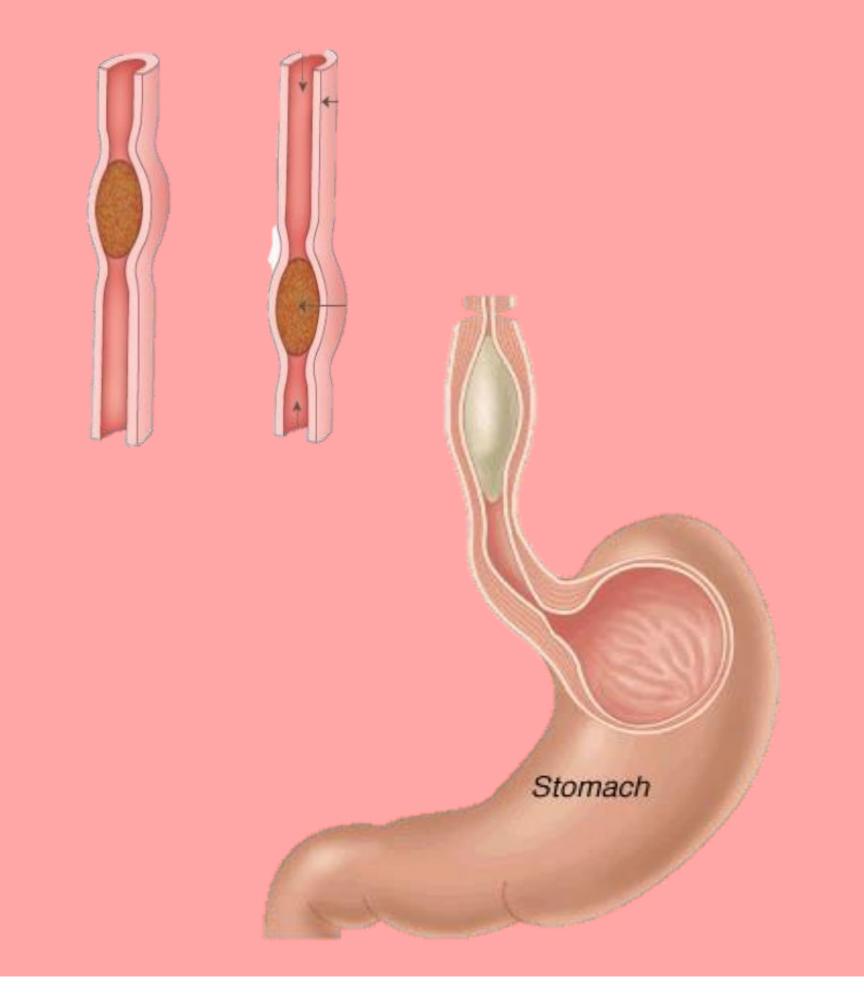
Digestive Processes

The processes of digestion include six activities: ingestion, propulsion, mechanical or physical digestion, chemical digestion, absorption, and defecation.

The first of these processes, ingestion, refers to the entry of food into the alimentary canal through the mouth. The food is chewed and mixed with saliva.



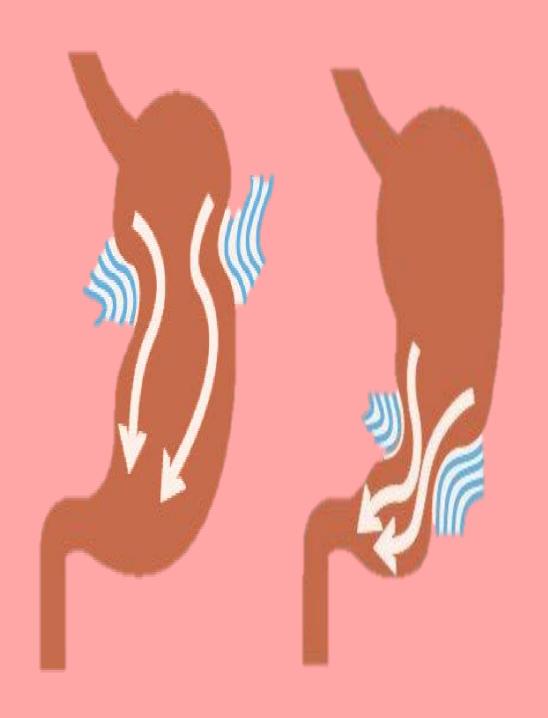
Propulsion, which refers to the movement of food through the digestive tract. It includes both the voluntary process of swallowing and the involuntary process of peristalsis. Peristalsis consists of sequential, alternating waves of contraction and relaxation of alimentary wall smooth muscles, which act to propel food along.



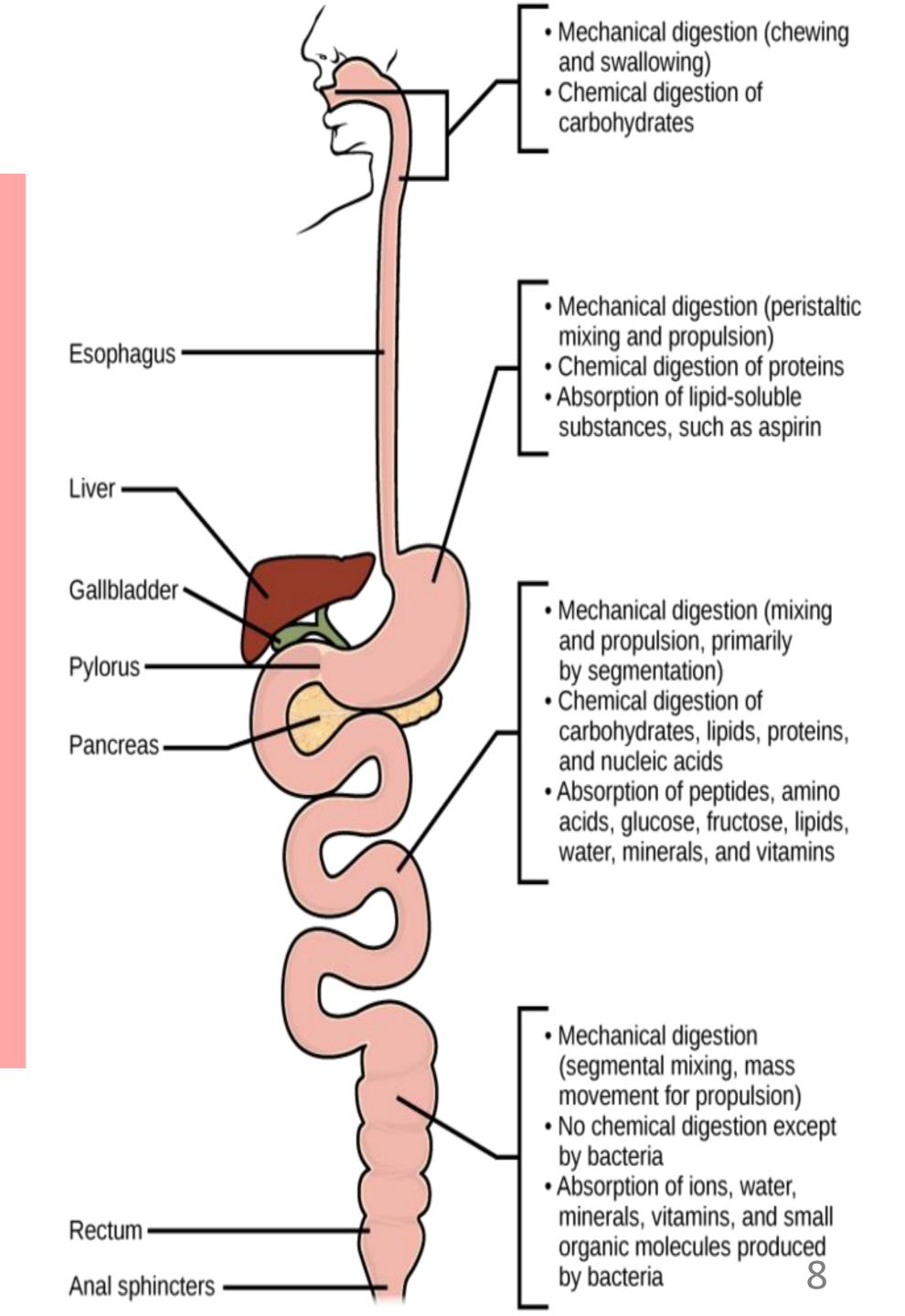
Mechanical digestion is makes the food smaller to increase both surface area and mobility. It includes chewing in the mouth , as well as tongue movements that help break food into

smaller bits and mix food with saliva.

In the stomach serves to further break it apart and expose more of its surface area to digestive juices.



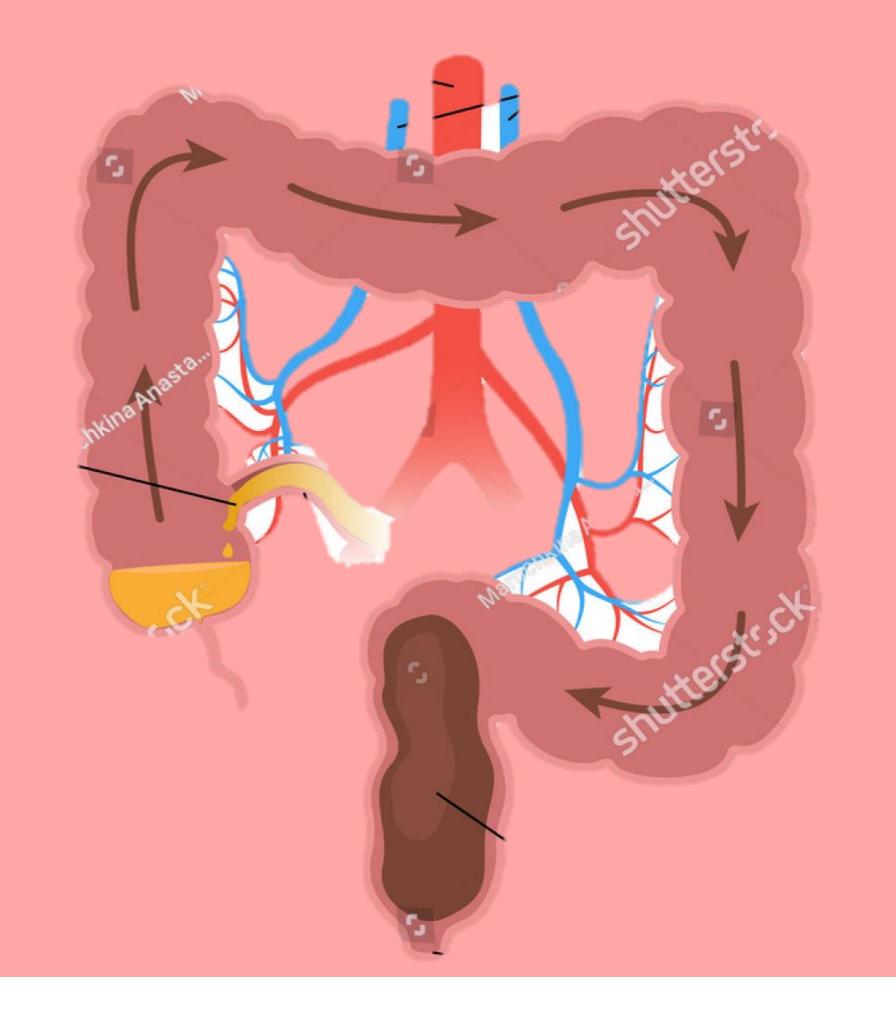
In chemical digestion, starting in the mouth, digestive secretions break down complex food molecules into their chemical building blocks (for example, proteins into separate amino acids). The process is completed in the small intestine.



Food that has been broken down is of no value to the body unless it enters the bloodstream and its nutrients are put to work. This occurs through the process of absorption, which takes place primarily within the small intestine.

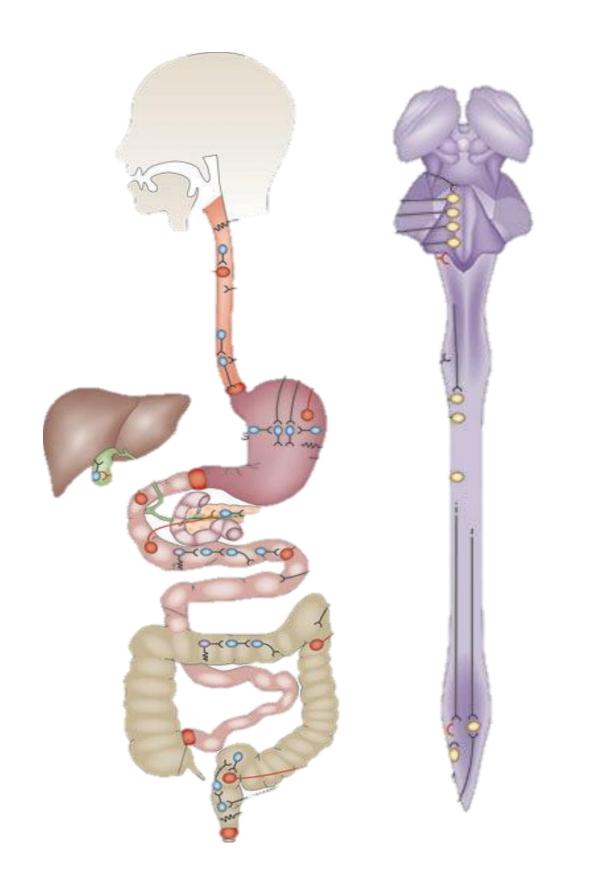


In defecation, the final step in digestion, undigested materials are removed from the body as feces.

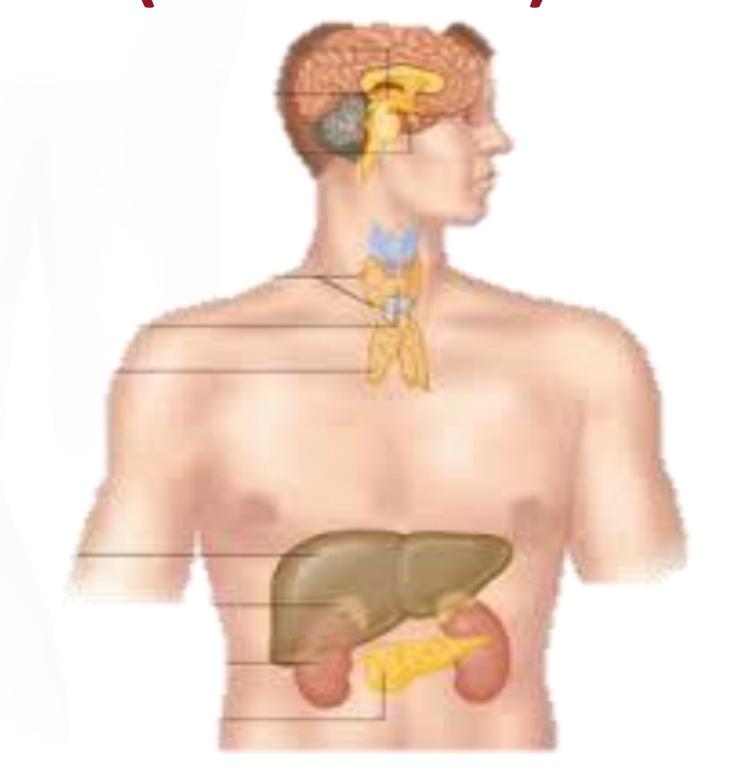


Regulatory Mechanisms

Neural Controls



Hormonal Controls (endocrine)





Neural Controls

Salivation: Seeing a plate of food triggers the secretion of saliva in the mouth and the production of hydrochloric acid in the stomach.

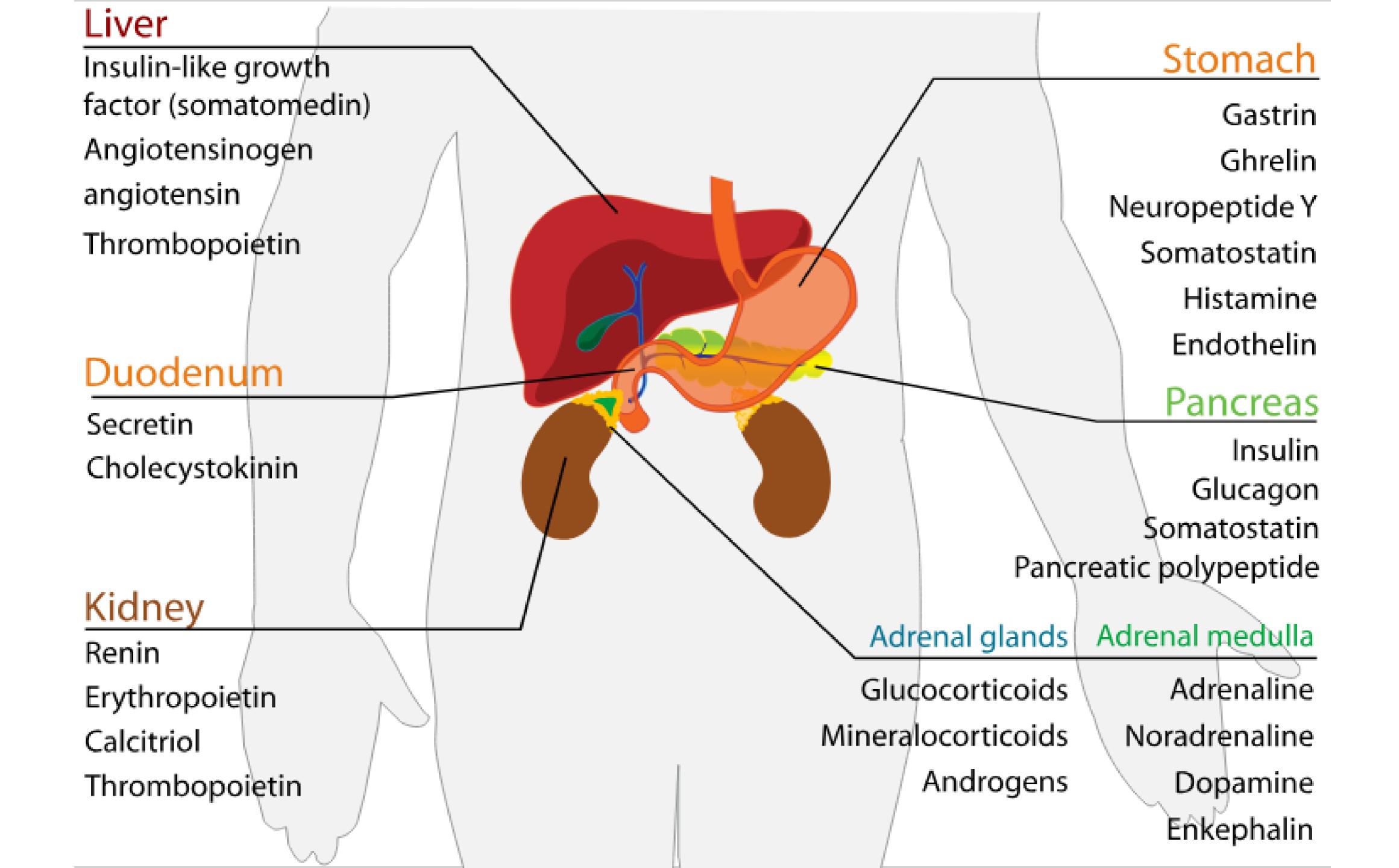
There are three overlapping phases of gastric control:

- * the cephalic phase
- the gastric phase
- * the intestinal phase

Hormonal Controls (endocrine)

Hormones, play important roles in digestive processes. These hormones are released from endocrine tissue to generate specific controls in the digestion of chyme.

The endocrine system's effects are slow to initiate, but prolonged in their response, lasting from a few hours up to weeks.



Digestion and Absorption

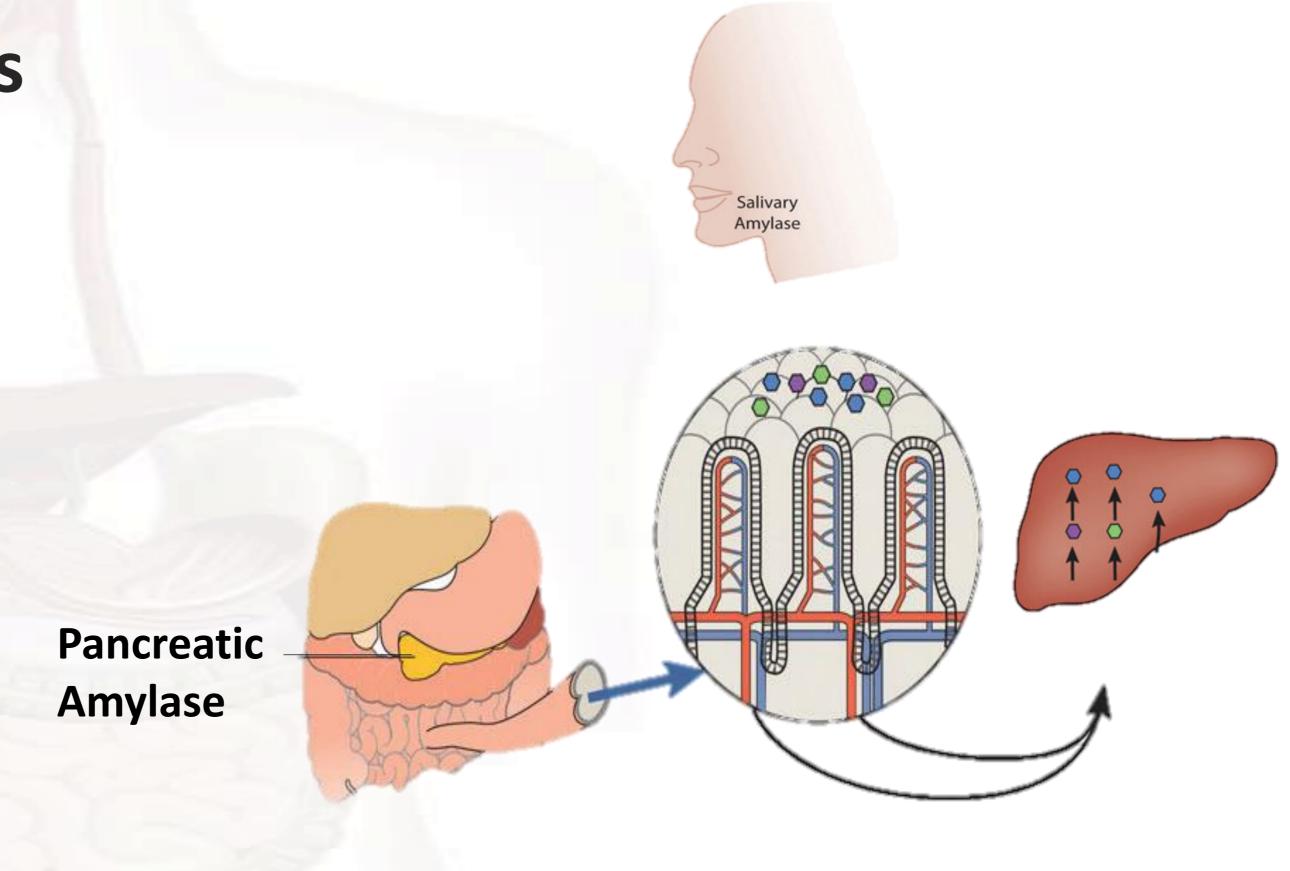
Digestive enzymes are diverse and are found in the saliva, in the stomach, in the pancreatic juice secreted by pancreatic exocrine cells, and in the intestinal (small and large) secretions. Intestinal bacteria also play a role in synthesizing vitamin B and vitamin K.



Carbohydrates

The digestion of carbohydrates begins in the mouth (maltose), duodenum. The chyme from the stomach enters the duodenum and mixes with the digestive secretions(maltases, sucrases, and lactases).

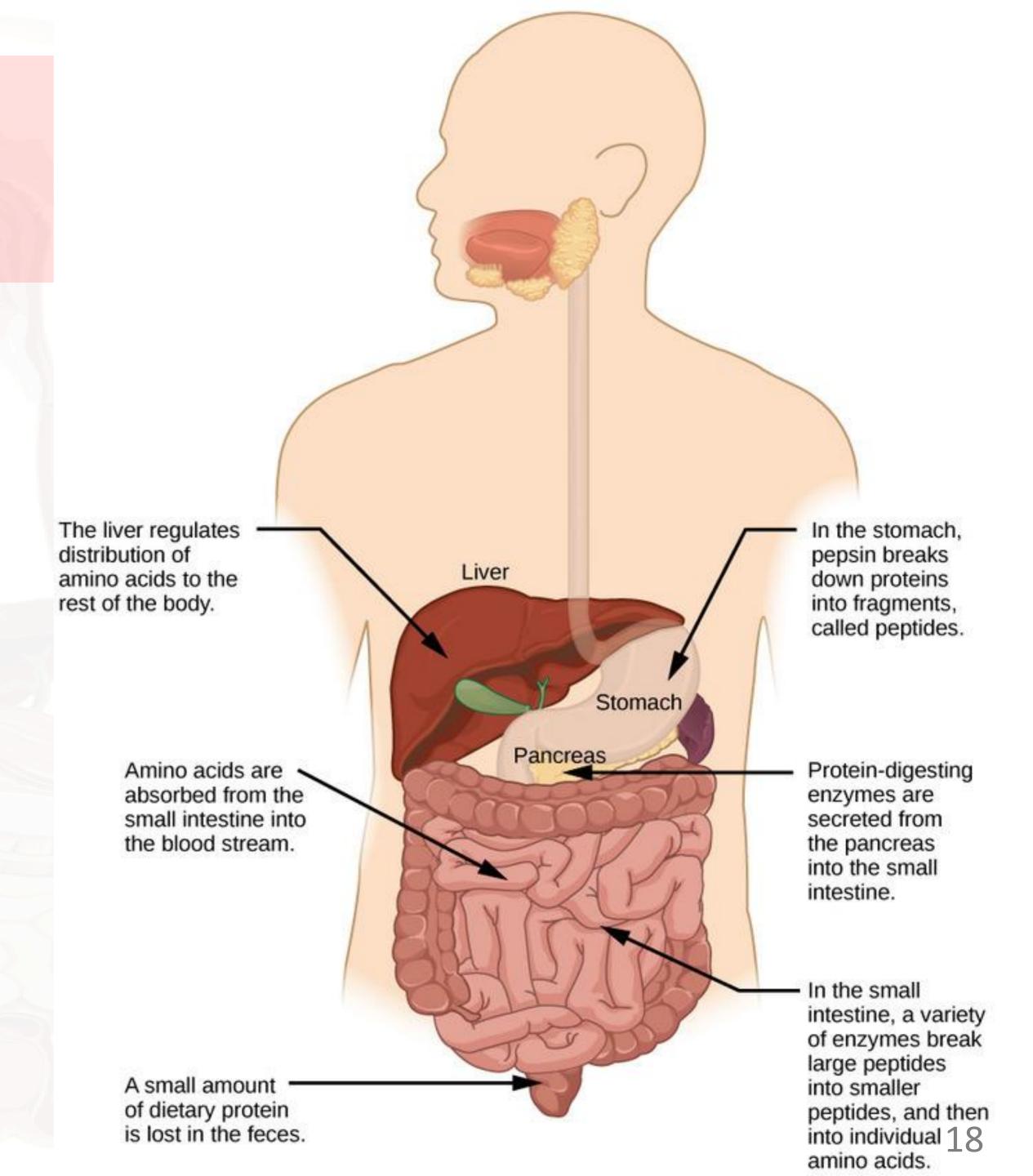
They are absorbed across the intestinal epithelium into the bloodstream to be transported to the different cells in the body.



Protein

Protein digestion is a multistep process that begins in the stomach and continues through the intestines.

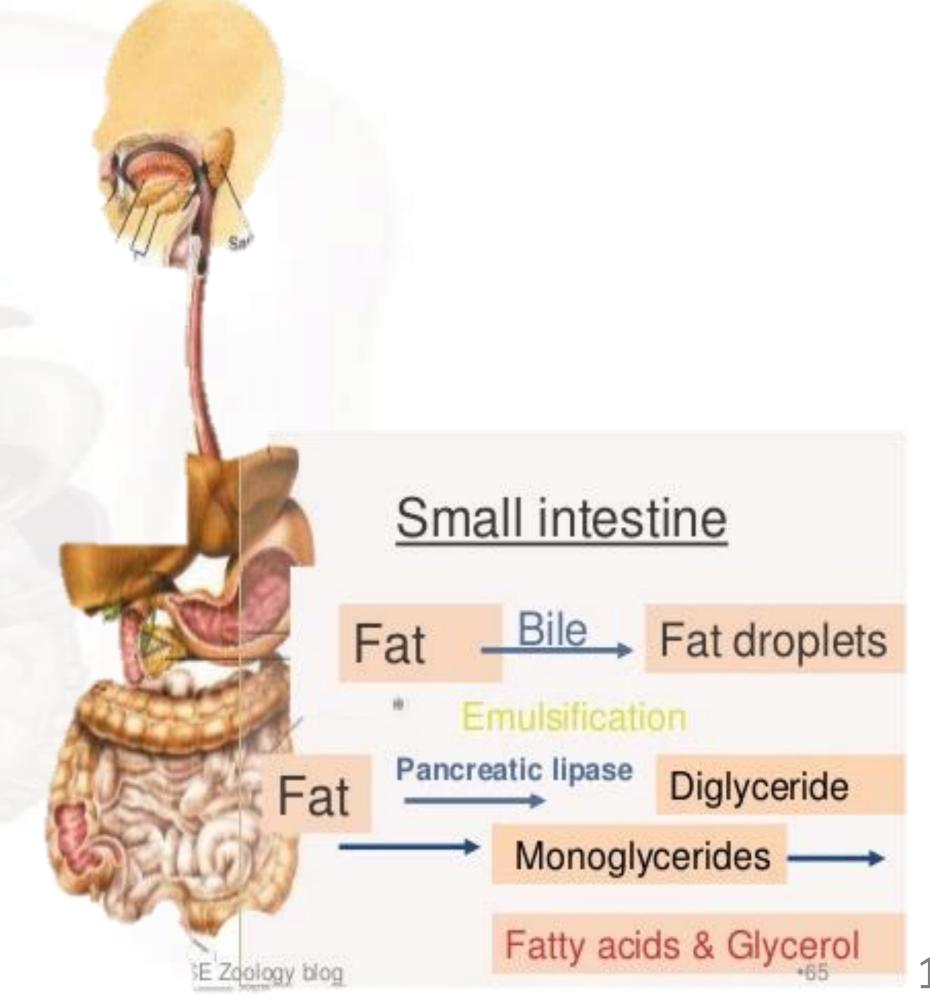
Proteins are absorbed into the blood stream by the small intestine.



Lipid

Lipid (fat) digestion begins in the stomach with the aid of lingual lipase and gastric lipase. the bulk of lipid digestion occurs in the small intestine due to pancreatic lipase.

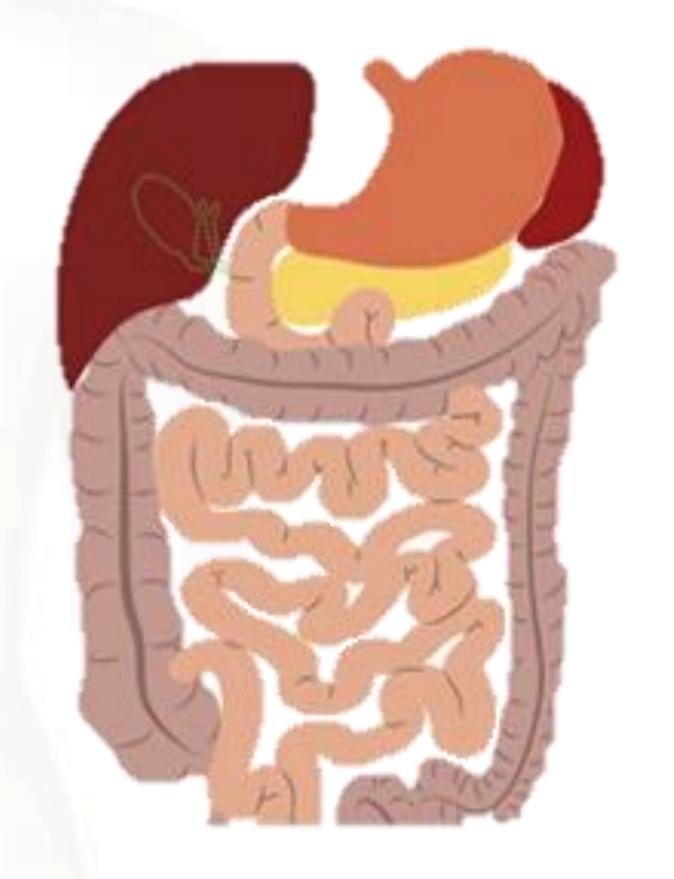
Emulsification is a process in which large lipid globules are broken down into several small lipid globules.



Vitamins

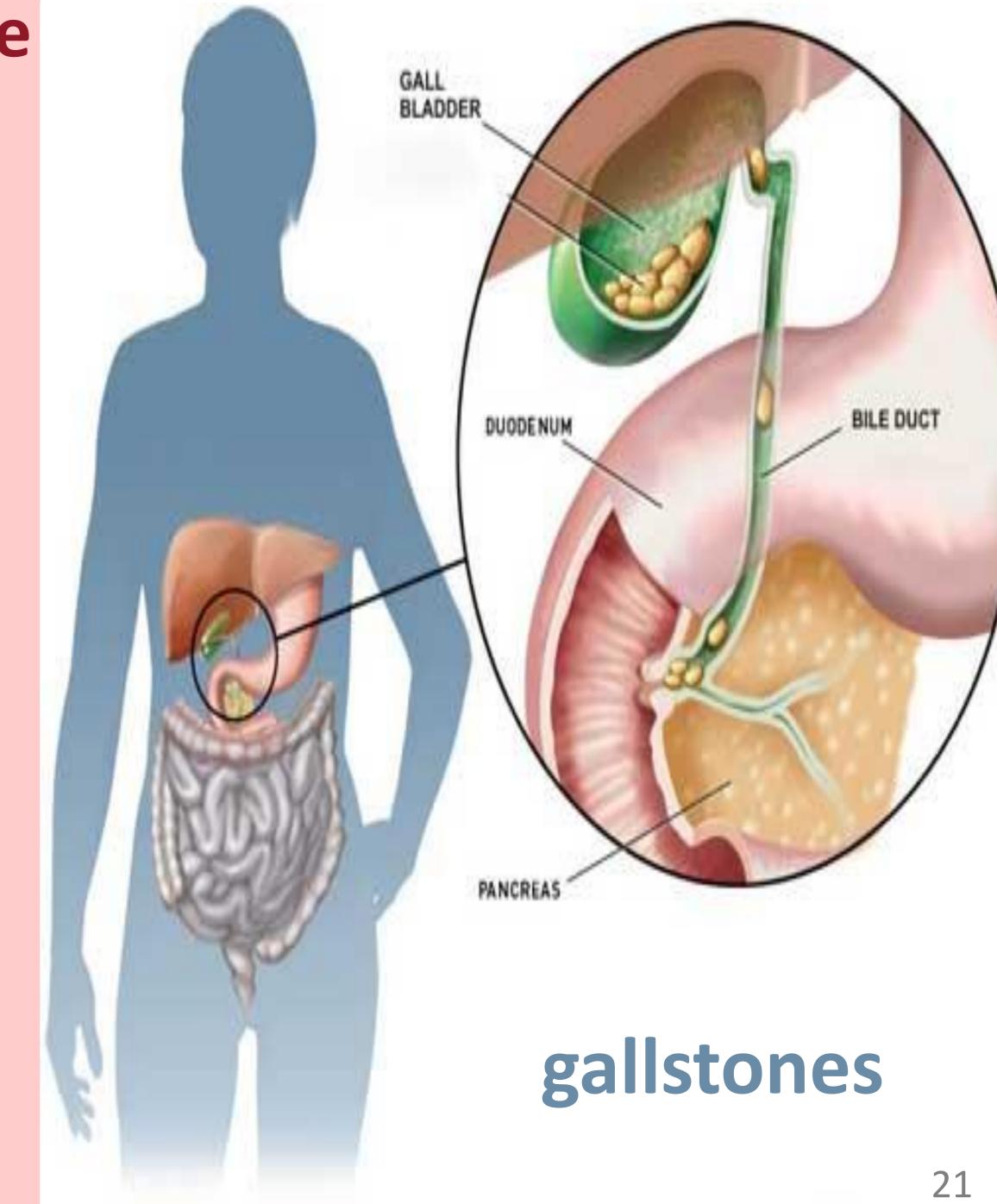
Fat-soluble vitamins are absorbed in the same manner as lipids.

Water-soluble vitamins can be directly absorbed into the bloodstream from the intestine



Pathologies that affect the digestive organs such as

- Gastritis
- peptic ulcer disease
- Maldigestion
- Malabsorption
- Constipation
- Acute pancreatitis
- Cirrhosis
- Gallstones.



Summary

The digestive system ingests and digests food, absorbs released nutrients, and excretes food components that are indigestible. The six activities involved in this process are ingestion, motility, mechanical digestion, chemical digestion, absorption, and defecation. These processes are regulated by neural and hormonal mechanisms.

