

# \* Topic 1:- Acid-Base balance

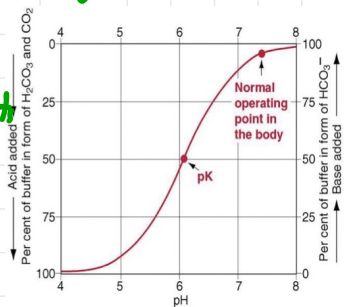
- Mechanisms of Hydrogen ion regulation:-**  $H^+$  is precisely regulated at  $3-5 \times 10^{-8}$  mole/L ( $pH = \frac{7.2}{7.4}$ )
  - Body fluid chemical buffers:- Rapid but temporary.
  - Respiratory:- Rapid, eliminate  $CO_2$  ( $\uparrow H \rightarrow \uparrow$  ventilation  $\rightarrow \uparrow CO_2$  Loss).
  - Kidney:- slow & powerful, eliminates non-volatile acids (secrete  $H$ , Reabsorb & new  $HCO_3^-$ ).

## • Buffer system

- Types**
  - Bicarbonate:- most important, ECF,  $H_2O + CO_2 \xrightleftharpoons{CA} H_2CO_3 \rightleftharpoons H^+ + HCO_3^-$
  - phosphate:- Renal,  $HPO_4^- + H^+ \rightleftharpoons H_2PO_4$
  - Ammonia:- Renal,  $NH_3 + H^+ \rightleftharpoons NH_4^+$
  - proteins:- intracellular,  $H^+ + Hb \rightleftharpoons HHb$ ,
- importance:-** Normal  $H^+$  (optimal) concentration =  $0.00004$  mmol/L. Amount of non-volatile acids produced  $\sim 60-80$  mmol/day  $\rightarrow 47,500$  times  $>$  normal  $H^+$  concentration,  $pH 6.8-8 \rightarrow$  die
  - non-volatile acids cannot be eliminated by Respiratory system.
- Equation:-**  $pH = pK + \log \left( \frac{HCO_3^-}{\alpha PCO_2} \right)$ ,  $\alpha = 0.03$ ,  $pK = 6.1$  ( $\uparrow PCO_2 \rightarrow \uparrow pH$ ,  $\uparrow PCO_2 \rightarrow \downarrow pH$ ).
  - effectiveness of buffer system depends on
    - Concentrations of Reactants.
    - pK of system & pH of Body fluids.

-60-70% of Buffering is in the cells.

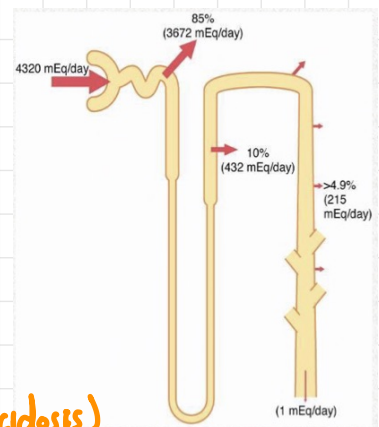
**Bicarbonate Buffer system:-** it's the most important in ECF even though the concentration of the components are low &  $pK = 6.1$ , which is not very close to normal pH (7.4), because the component of the system ( $CO_2$  &  $HCO_3^-$ ) are highly regulated by Lungs & Kidney.



- Respiratory Regulation of Acid-Base Balance:-**  $\uparrow H \rightarrow \uparrow$  ventilation  $\rightarrow \downarrow PCO_2$ 
  - $\downarrow PCO_2$  ( $\uparrow H + HCO_3^- \rightarrow H_2CO_3 \rightarrow H_2O + CO_2$ )
  - Feedback gain:- 1.0 to 3.0.
  - corrects:- 50 - 75%.

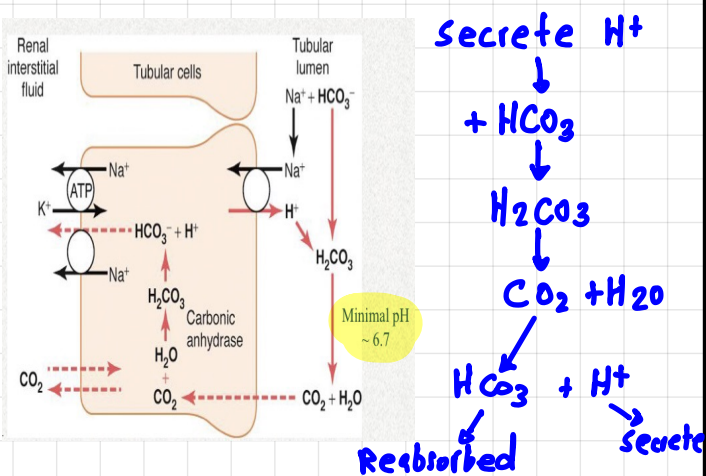
## • Renal Regulation of Acid-Base balance:- more potent.

- Eliminate non-volatile acids ( $H_2SO_4, H_3PO_4$ )  $\sim 80$  mmol/day.
- Filtration of  $HCO_3^- \sim 4320$  mmol/day
- Secretion of  $H^+ \sim 4400$  mmol/day
- Reabsorption of  $HCO_3^- \sim 4319$  mmol/day } needs
- production of new  $HCO_3^- \sim 80$  mmol/day
- Excretion of  $HCO_3^- \sim 1$  mmol/day
- 1  $HCO_3^-$  Reabsorbed  $\rightarrow$  1  $H^+$  secreted ( $\uparrow$  in alkalosis,  $\downarrow$  in acidosis)

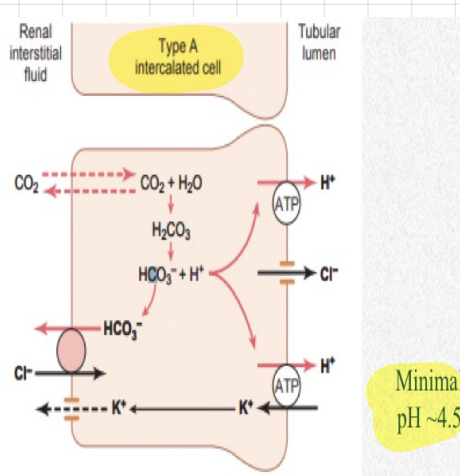


## Proximal tubule & thick Henle

## Late distal & collecting tubules



secrete  $H^+$   
 $+ HCO_3^-$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $H_2CO_3$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $CO_2 + H_2O$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $HCO_3^- + H^+$   
 $\downarrow$   
 Reabsorbed       $H^+$  secreted

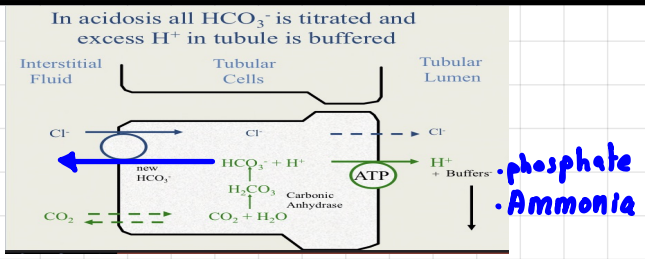


**H<sup>+</sup>ATPase:-** powerful agent against large gradient (4.5)  
 •  $H^+/K^+$ :- stimulated by hypokalemia.

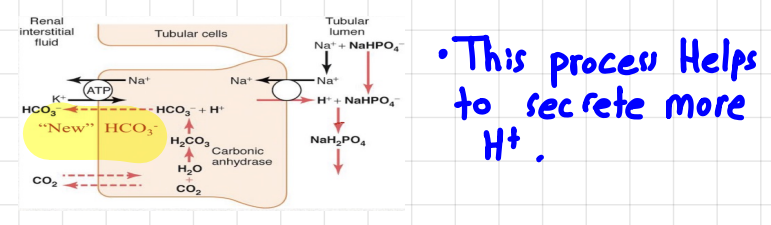
- Regulation of H<sup>+</sup> secretion; -  $H_2O + CO_2 \leftrightarrow H_2CO_3 \leftrightarrow H^+ + HCO_3^- / PH = PK + Log(HCO_3^- / \alpha PCO_2)$ 
  - respiratory acidosis: -  $\uparrow PCO_2 \rightarrow \uparrow H^+$  secretion
  - metabolic ( $\downarrow$  Buffer,  $\downarrow HCO_3^-$ ) or respiratory acidosis
    - $\uparrow H^+$  extracellular  $\rightarrow \uparrow H^+$  secretion.
    - $\uparrow$  Buffer  $\rightarrow \uparrow H^+$  secretion.

- Renal compensation for Acid-Base disorders
  - Acidosis: -  $\uparrow H^+$  secretion,  $\uparrow HCO_3^-$  Reabsorption, production of new  $HCO_3^-$ .
  - Alkalosis: -  $\downarrow H^+$  secretion,  $\downarrow HCO_3^-$  Reabsorption, Loss of  $HCO_3^-$  in urine ( $\downarrow$  Reabsorption  $\rightarrow \uparrow$  secretion).

**Buffers  $\rightarrow$  new  $HCO_3^-$**



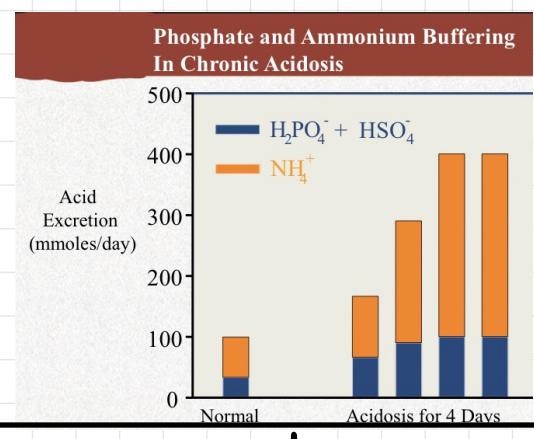
**Buffered by phosphate  $\rightarrow$  New  $HCO_3^-$**



This process helps to secrete more H<sup>+</sup>.

- importance of Buffers
  - min urine pH = 4.5 ( $3.5 \times 10^{-5}$  mole/L).
  - max H<sup>+</sup> of urine = 0.03 mmol/L.
  - Kidney must excrete 60 mmol of non-volatile acids each day, to excrete this as free H<sup>+</sup>  $\rightarrow \frac{60}{0.03} \rightarrow 2000$  L/day.

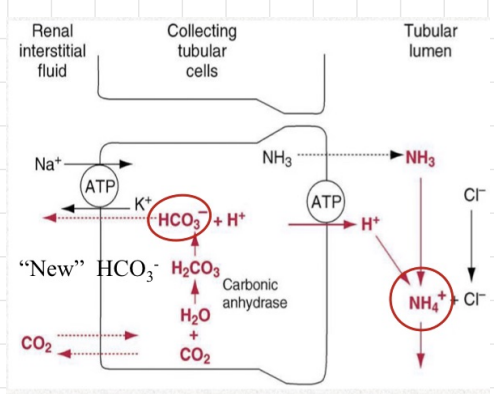
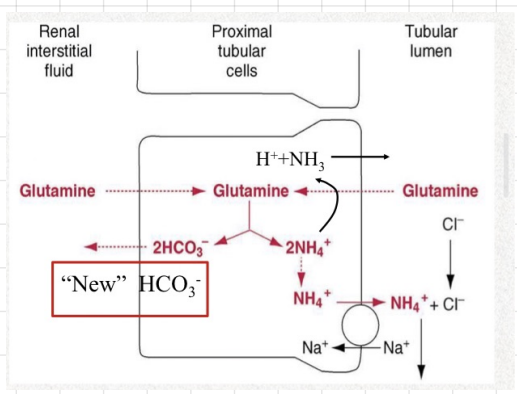
- phosphate as a tubular fluid buffer
  - $\uparrow$  concentration of phosphate, PK = 6.8 (close).
  - Buffers about 30 mmol/day H<sup>+</sup> (100 mmol/day phosphate is filtered but 70% reabsorbed).
  - not major in chronic acidosis: - Buffering capacity does not change much with acid-base disturbance
  - $NaH_2PO_4 + H^+ \rightarrow NaH_2PO_4$



Acidosis  $\downarrow$   
 more ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>) by the body glutamine.  
 $\downarrow$   
 more useful in chronic.

- production & secretion of NH<sub>4</sub> & HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> by PCT DCT, thick Loop of Henle

- Buffering of H<sup>+</sup> secretion by NH<sub>3</sub> in collecting tubules.



# ★ Topic 2 :- Acid-base balance - 2.

non-volatile

• **Total H<sup>+</sup> secretion** = H<sup>+</sup> secreted (HCO<sub>3</sub> reabsorption) + titratable acid (NaHPO<sub>4</sub>) + NH<sub>4</sub> excretion  
 = 4320 + 30 + 30 = 4380

• **Net H<sup>+</sup> excretion = Net HCO<sub>3</sub> addition =**  
 H<sup>+</sup> excreted by buffers not HCO<sub>3</sub> (new HCO<sub>3</sub>) - New H<sup>+</sup> (HCO<sub>3</sub> excreted)  
 ↳ titratable acids + NH<sub>4</sub> (30 + 30) - HCO<sub>3</sub> excretion (1) = 59.

• **Renal compensation** → Acidosis: ↑ HCO<sub>3</sub> addition = ↑ H<sup>+</sup> excretion (can increase to 500 mmol/d).  
 ↳ Alkalosis: ↑ HCO<sub>3</sub> excretion = ↑ H<sup>+</sup> addition.

## • Classification

Disturbance	Plasma			Compensation
	pH	HCO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup>	pCO <sub>2</sub>	
metabolic acidosis	↓	↓	↓	↑ ventilation renal HCO <sub>3</sub> production
respiratory acidosis	↓	↑	↑	↑ renal HCO <sub>3</sub> production
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respiratory alkalosis	↑	↓	↓	↑ renal HCO <sub>3</sub> excretion

### Metabolic Acidosis (↓ pH < 7.4, ↓ HCO<sub>3</sub> < 24)

- ↳ **Causes:** aspirin poisoning (↑ H<sup>+</sup> intake), DM (↑ H<sup>+</sup> production), diarrhea (HCO<sub>3</sub> loss), Renal tubular acidosis (↓ H<sup>+</sup> secretion = ↓ HCO<sub>3</sub> Resb), CA inhibitor (↓ H<sup>+</sup> secretion).
- ↳ **Renal Response:** ↓ HCO<sub>3</sub> filt. → ↑ HCO<sub>3</sub> Reab → ↑ Buffers → ↑ New HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>
- ↳ **Respiratory Compensation:** ↑ ventilation → ↓ PCO<sub>2</sub>.

↑ volume → ↓ Aldosterone

### Respiratory Acidosis (↓ pH < 7.4, ↑ PCO<sub>2</sub> > 40 mmHg)

- ↳ **Causes:** Brain damage, pneumonia, emphysema, Lung disorders.
- ↳ **Renal Response:** ↑ H<sup>+</sup> secretion → ↑ HCO<sub>3</sub> Resb → ↑ Buffers → ↑ New HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>.

### metabolic Alkalosis (↑ pH > 7.4, ↑ HCO<sub>3</sub> > 24)

- ↳ **Causes:** ↑ Base intake (NaHCO<sub>3</sub>), vomiting, mineralocorticoid excess, diuretics overuse
- ↳ **Renal Response:** ↑ HCO<sub>3</sub> filtration → ↓ HCO<sub>3</sub> Resb → ↑ HCO<sub>3</sub> excretion = ↓ H<sup>+</sup> excretion.
- ↳ **Respiratory Compensation:** ↓ ventilation → ↑ PCO<sub>2</sub>.
- ↳ **↑ Aldosterone:** ↑ K secretion → ↓ K → ↑ H secretion = ↑ HCO<sub>3</sub> Resb → new HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>.
- ↳ **Diuretics overdose** → ↓ volume → ↑ RAAS → ↑ H secretion = ↑ HCO<sub>3</sub> Resb → new HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> → metabolic alkalosis

### Respiratory alkalosis (↑ pH > 7.4, ↓ PCO<sub>2</sub> < 40 mmHg).

- ↳ **Causes:** ↑ altitude, psychic (fear, pain).
- ↳ **Renal Response:** ↓ H<sup>+</sup> secre. → ↓ HCO<sub>3</sub> Resb → ↑ HCO<sub>3</sub> excretion = ↓ H<sup>+</sup> excretion (↑ Resb).

↳ **mixed Acidosis:** ↑ PCO<sub>2</sub> + ↓ HCO<sub>3</sub>.

↳ **mixed Alkalosis:** ↓ PCO<sub>2</sub> + ↑ HCO<sub>3</sub>.

• **Anion Gap (Dx) = unmeasured anions = Na<sup>+</sup> - Cl<sup>-</sup> - HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> (8-16 mEq/L)**

↳ in body fluids :- total cations = total anions (electrical balance)

↳ **Hyperchloremic metabolic acidosis**

↳ normal anion gap = Na<sup>+</sup> - ↑ Cl<sup>-</sup> - ↓ HCO<sub>3</sub>

↳ **Causes:** Diarrhea (HCO<sub>3</sub> loss), Renal tubular acidosis & CA inhibitors & Addison's (↓ H<sup>+</sup> secretion).

↳ **normochloremic metabolic acidosis**

↳ ↑ unmeasured anions = ↑ anion gap = Na<sup>+</sup> - normal Cl<sup>-</sup> - ↓ HCO<sub>3</sub>

↳ **Causes:** DM (Ketoacidosis), Lactic acidosis, aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid) poisoning, methanol poisoning, starvation.

• Buffering of H<sup>+</sup> by something other than HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> → new HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>

• titratable acid is H<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> not NH<sub>4</sub> because pKa of NH<sub>4</sub> is 9.1 far away from urine pH so it won't dissociate from H<sup>+</sup>.

