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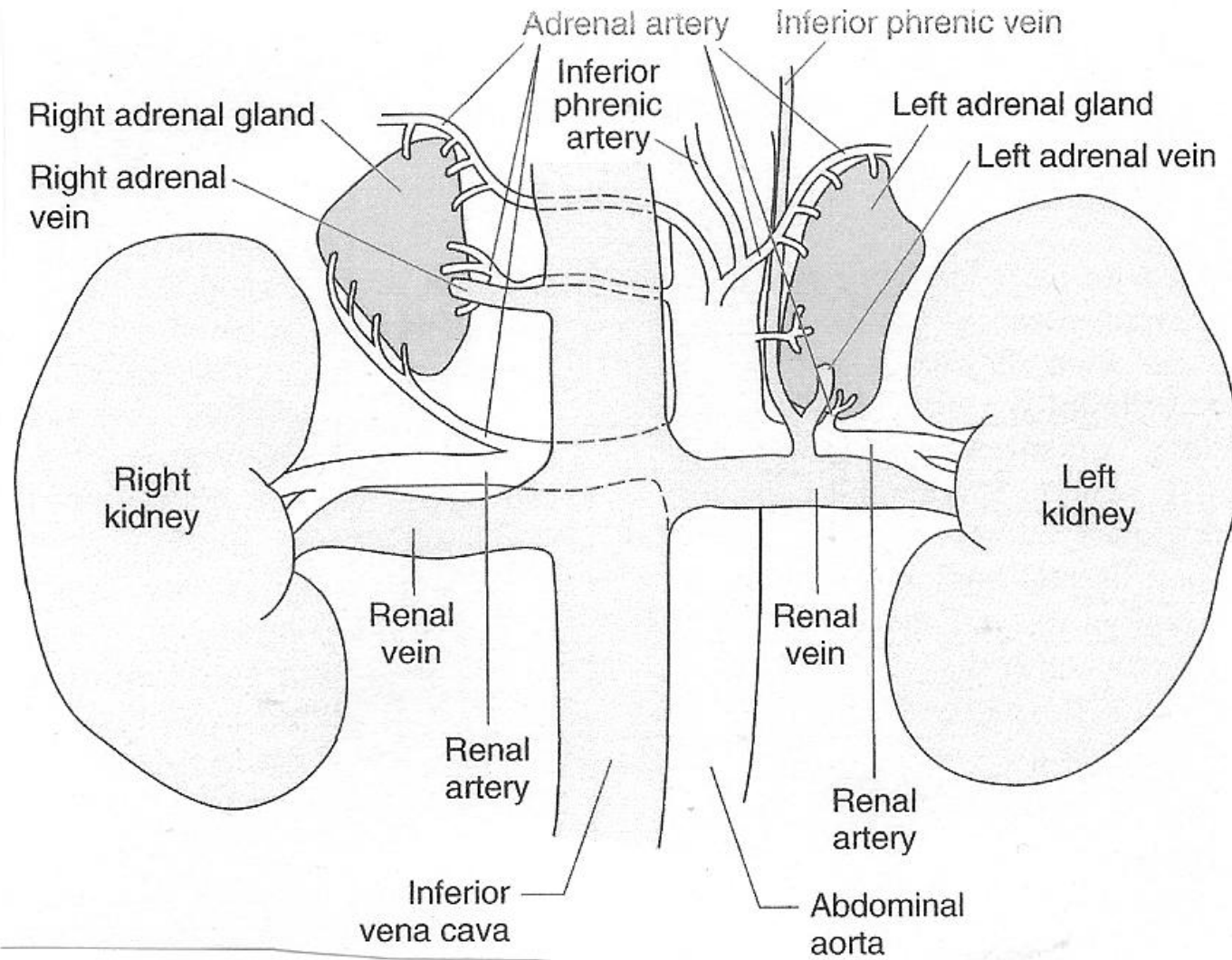
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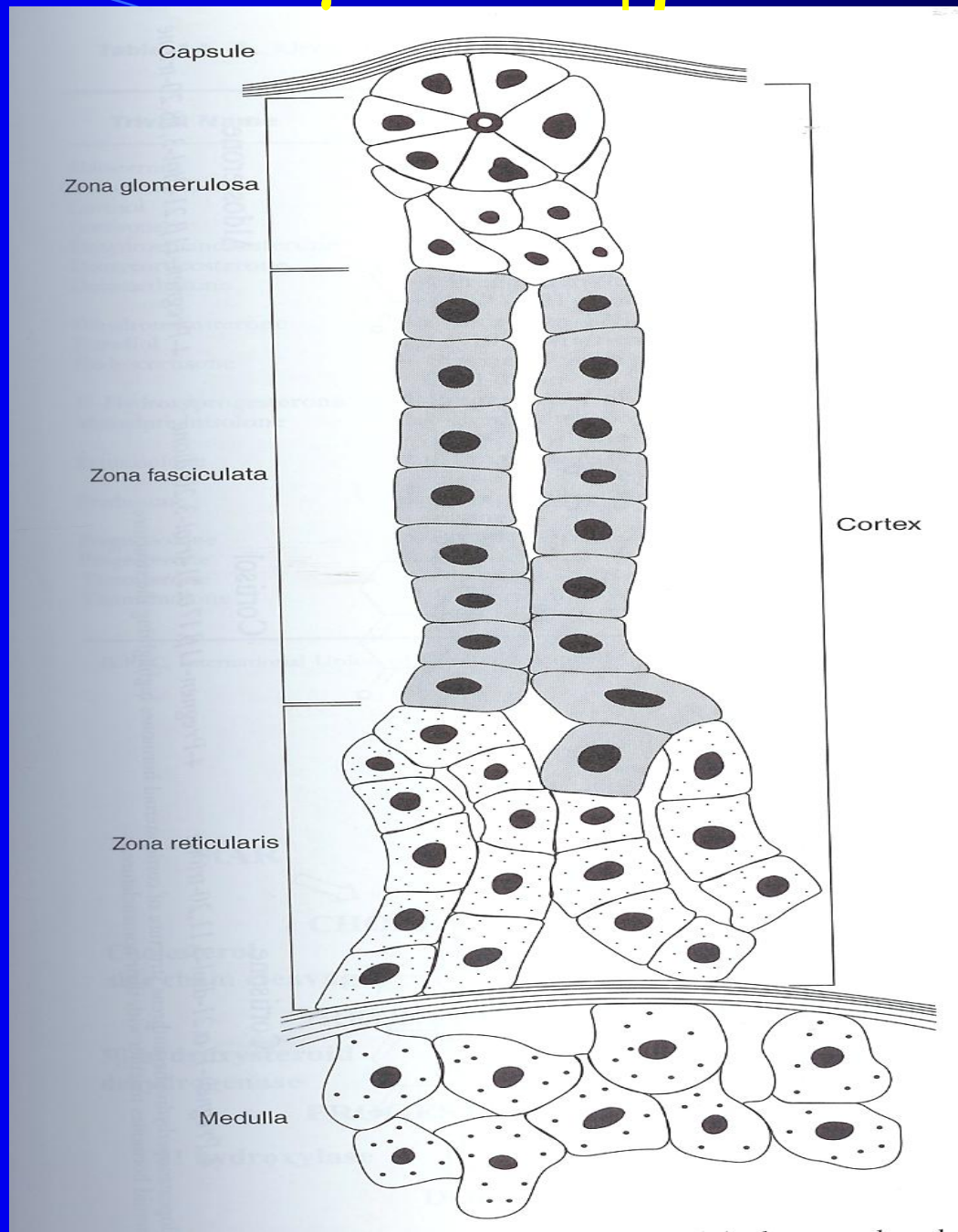
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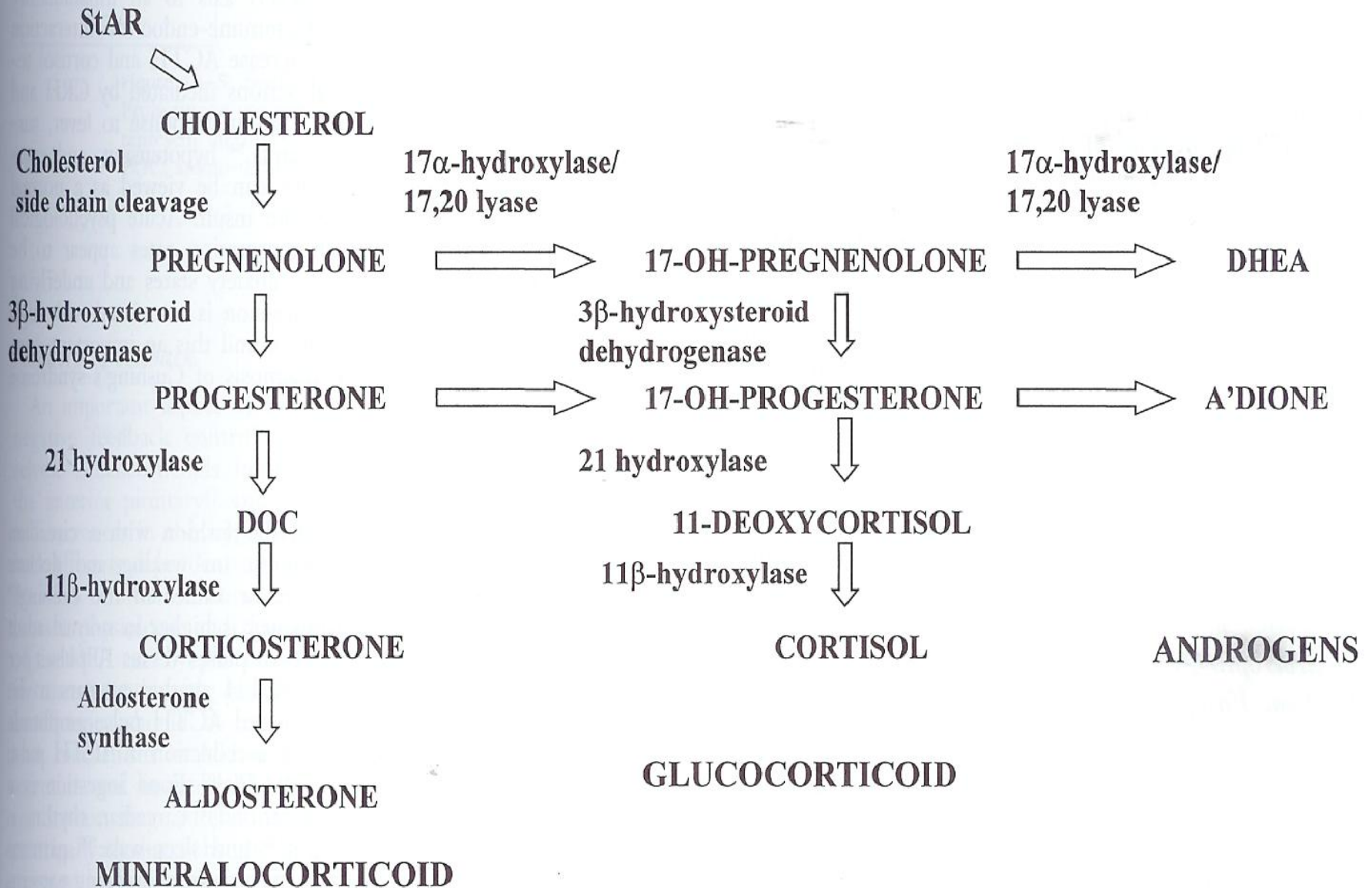
# Ανατομική επινεφριδίου



# Ιστολογία επινεφριδίου



# Επινεφριδιακή στεροειδογένεση



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## **Glucocorticoid Excess**

Cushing's syndrome  
Pseudo-Cushing's syndromes

## **Glucocorticoid Resistance**

## **Glucocorticoid Deficiency**

Primary hypoadrenalism  
Secondary hypoadrenalism  
Post-chronic corticosteroid replacement therapy

## **Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia**

21-Hydroxylase, 3 $\beta$ -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase, 17 $\alpha$ -hydroxylase,  
11 $\beta$ -hydroxylase, and StAR deficiencies

## **Mineralocorticoid Excess**

## **Mineralocorticoid Deficiency**

Defects in aldosterone synthesis  
Defects in aldosterone action  
Hyporeninemic hypoaldosteronism

## **Adrenal Incidentalomas, Adenomas, and Carcinomas**

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# Υπερκορτιζολαιμία – σ. Cushing

## Box 1. Frequency of the causes of Cushing's syndrome

### ACTH-dependent CS

Pituitary-dependent CS: 68%

Ectopic ACTH syndrome: 12%

Ectopic CRH syndrome: rare (< 1%)

### ACTH-independent CS

Adrenal adenoma: 10%

Adrenal carcinoma: 8%

Macronodular adrenal hyperplasia: rare (1%)

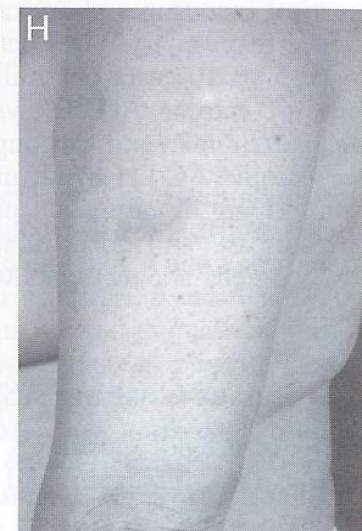
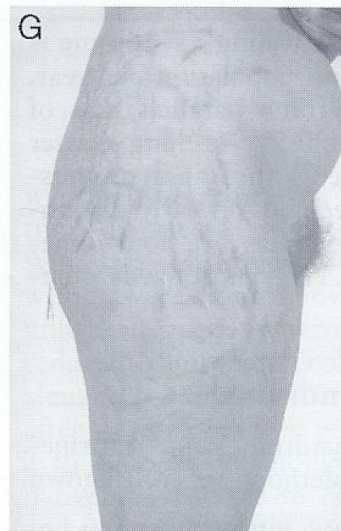
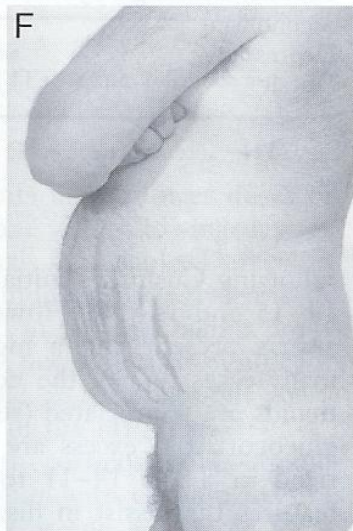
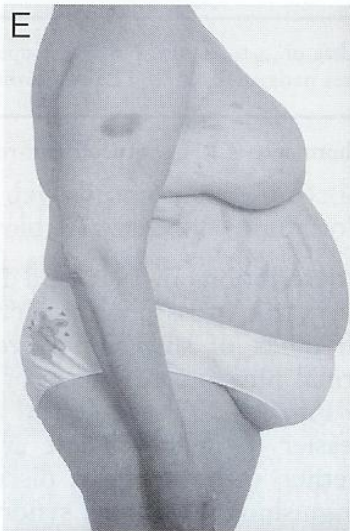
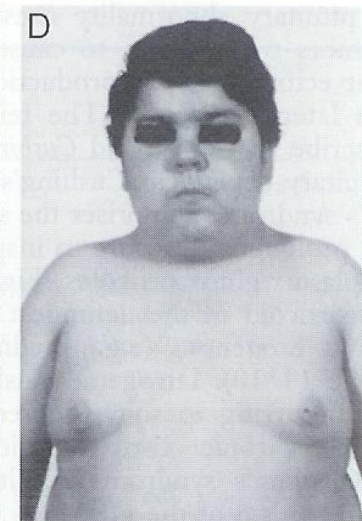
Micronodular adrenal hyperplasia: rare (< 1%)

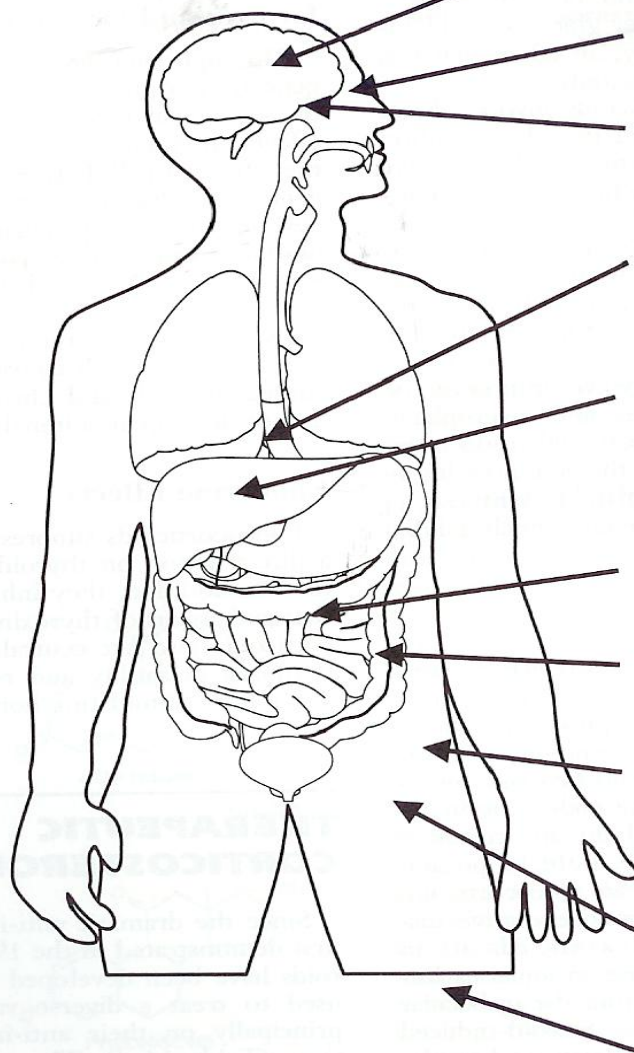
# Εκτοπο σ. Cushing

<b>Tumor Type</b>	<b>Approximate Incidence (%)</b>
Small cell lung carcinoma	50
Non-small cell lung carcinoma	5
Pancreatic tumors (including carcinoids)	10
Thymic tumors (including carcinoids)	5
Lung carcinoids	10
Other carcinoids	2
Medullary carcinoma of thyroid	5
Pheochromocytoma and related tumors	3
Rare carcinomata of prostate, breast, ovary, gall-bladder, colon	10



# Κλινική εικόνα





*Brain/CNS:*

Depression  
Psychosis

*Eye:*

Glaucoma

*Endocrine system:*

↓ LH, FSH release  
↓ TSH release  
↓ GH secretion

*GI tract:*

Peptic ulcerations

*Carbohydrate/lipid metabolism:*

↑ hepatic glycogen deposition  
↑ peripheral insulin resistance  
↑ gluconeogenesis  
↑ free fatty acid production  
Overall diabetogenic effect

*Adipose tissue distribution:*

Promotes visceral obesity

*Cardiovascular/Renal:*

Salt and water retention  
Hypertension

*Skin/muscle/connective tissue:*

Protein catabolism/collagen breakdown  
Skin thinning  
Muscular atrophy

*Bone and calcium metabolism:*

↓ bone formation  
↓ bone mass and osteoporosis

*Growth and Development:*

↓ linear growth

*Immune system:*

Anti-inflammatory action  
Immunosuppression

## **Box 1. Who should be screened for Cushing's syndrome?**

### *Signs and symptoms*

Central obesity with:

- Facial rounding with plethora
- Increased supraclavicular and dorsocervical fat
- Cutaneous wasting with ecchymoses
- Wide violaceous striae (greater than 1 cm)
- Proximal myopathy
- Increased lanugo hair
- Superficial fungal infections
- Growth retardation (in children)

### *Clinical diagnosis*

Metabolic syndrome X

- Diabetes mellitus (Hgb A1C > 8%)
- Hypertension
- Hyperlipidemia
- Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS)

### *Hypogonadotropic hypogonadism*

- Oligomenorrhea/amenorrhea/infertility
- Decreased libido and impotence

### *Osteoporosis (especially rib fracture)*

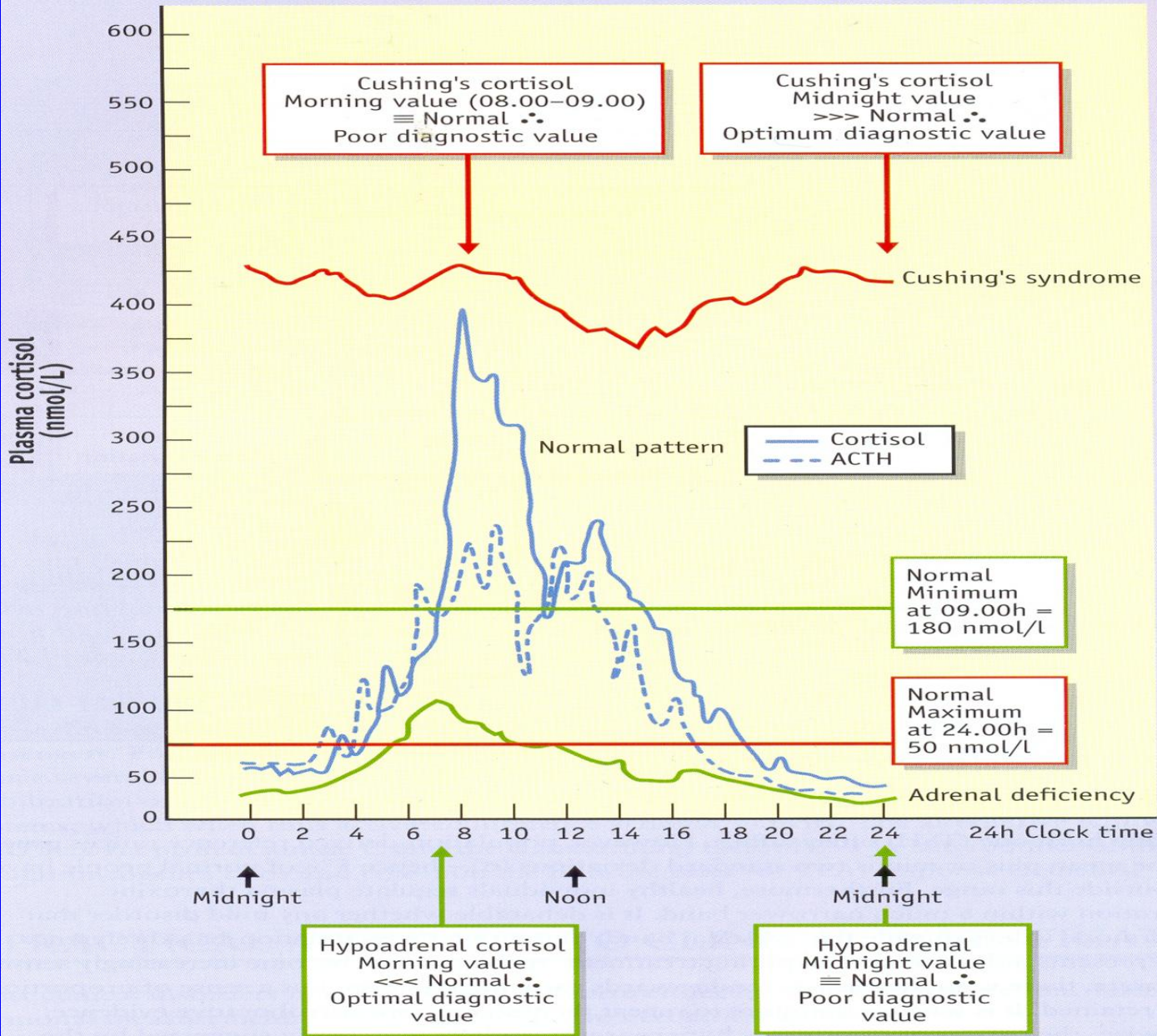
- Patients aged < 65 y

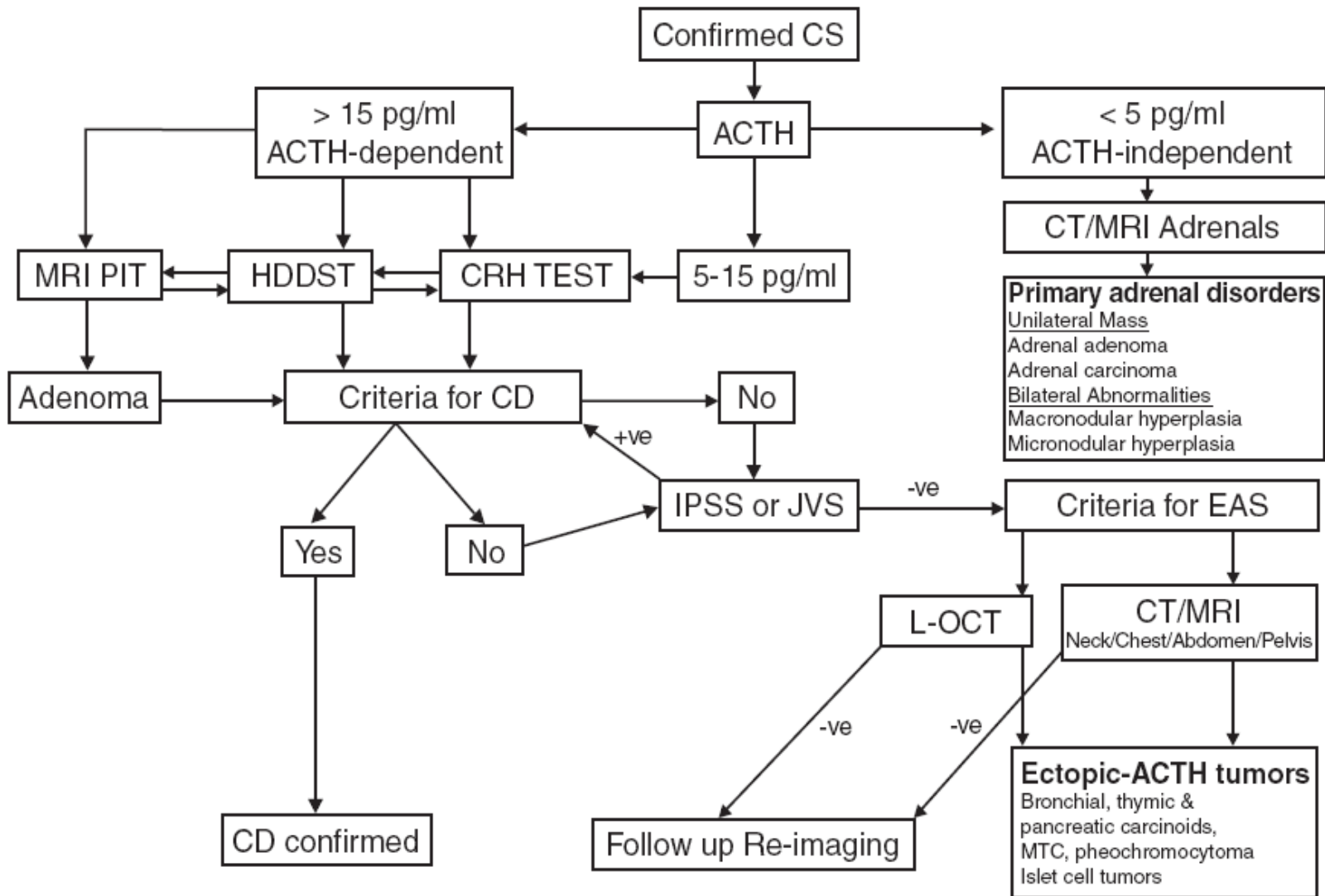
### *Incidental adrenal mass*

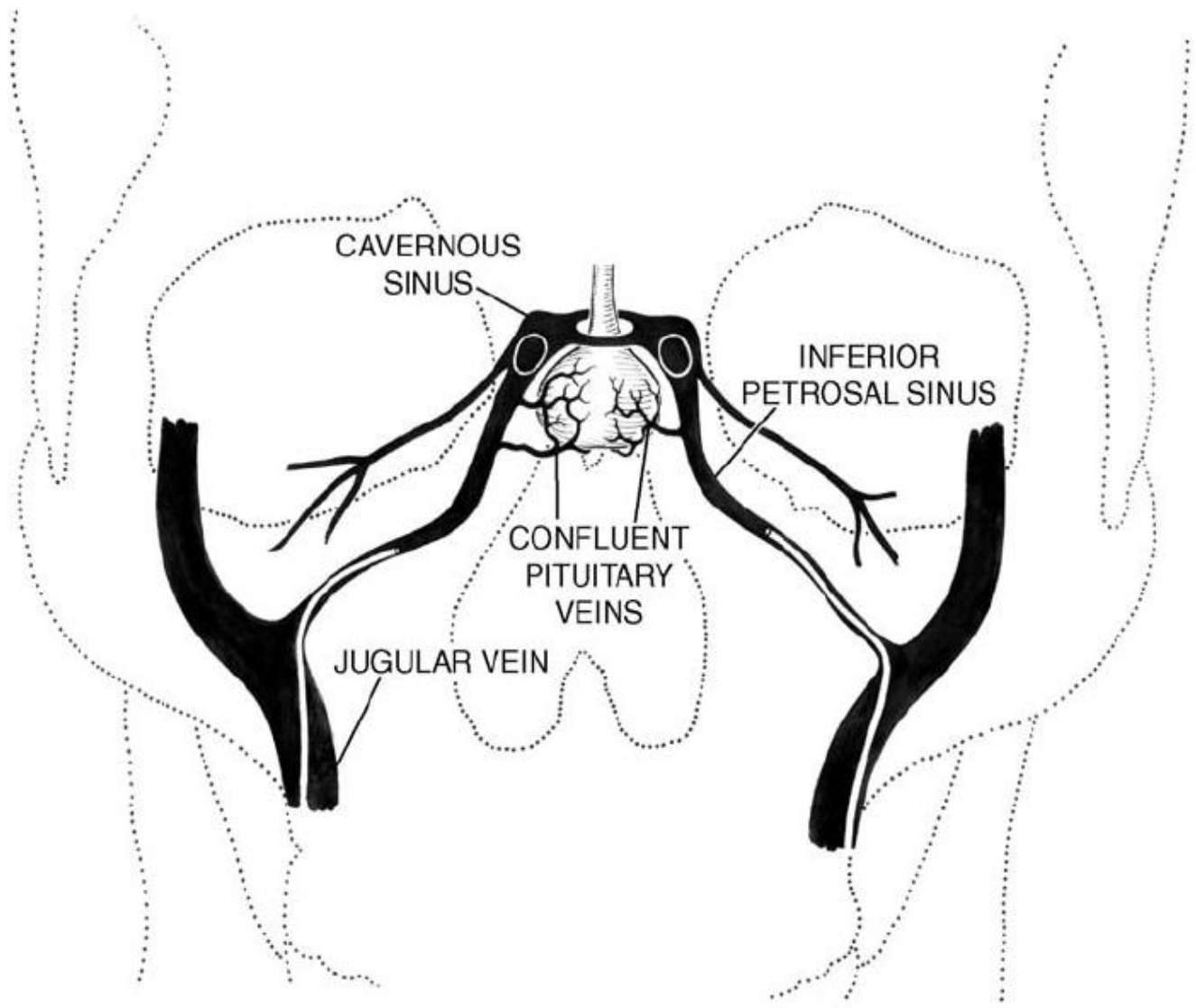
# Screening

- Ελεύθερη κορτιζόλη ούρων
- Κιρκάδιος ρυθμός κορτιζόλης (ορού-σιέλου) –ACTH
- Ταχεία ή μικρή αναστολή με δεξαμεθαζόνη

# Circadian rhythm of ACTH/cortisol levels in normal individuals and relationship to values in states of disordered secretion







# Υπεραλδοστερονισμός



## Box 1. Causes of primary hyperaldosteronism

Aldosterone-producing adenoma (APA), 60%<sup>a</sup>

Idiopathic hyperaldosteronism (IHA), 34%<sup>a</sup>

Angiotensin-II responsive adenoma, 5%

Unilateral primary adrenal hyperplasia (PAH), <1%

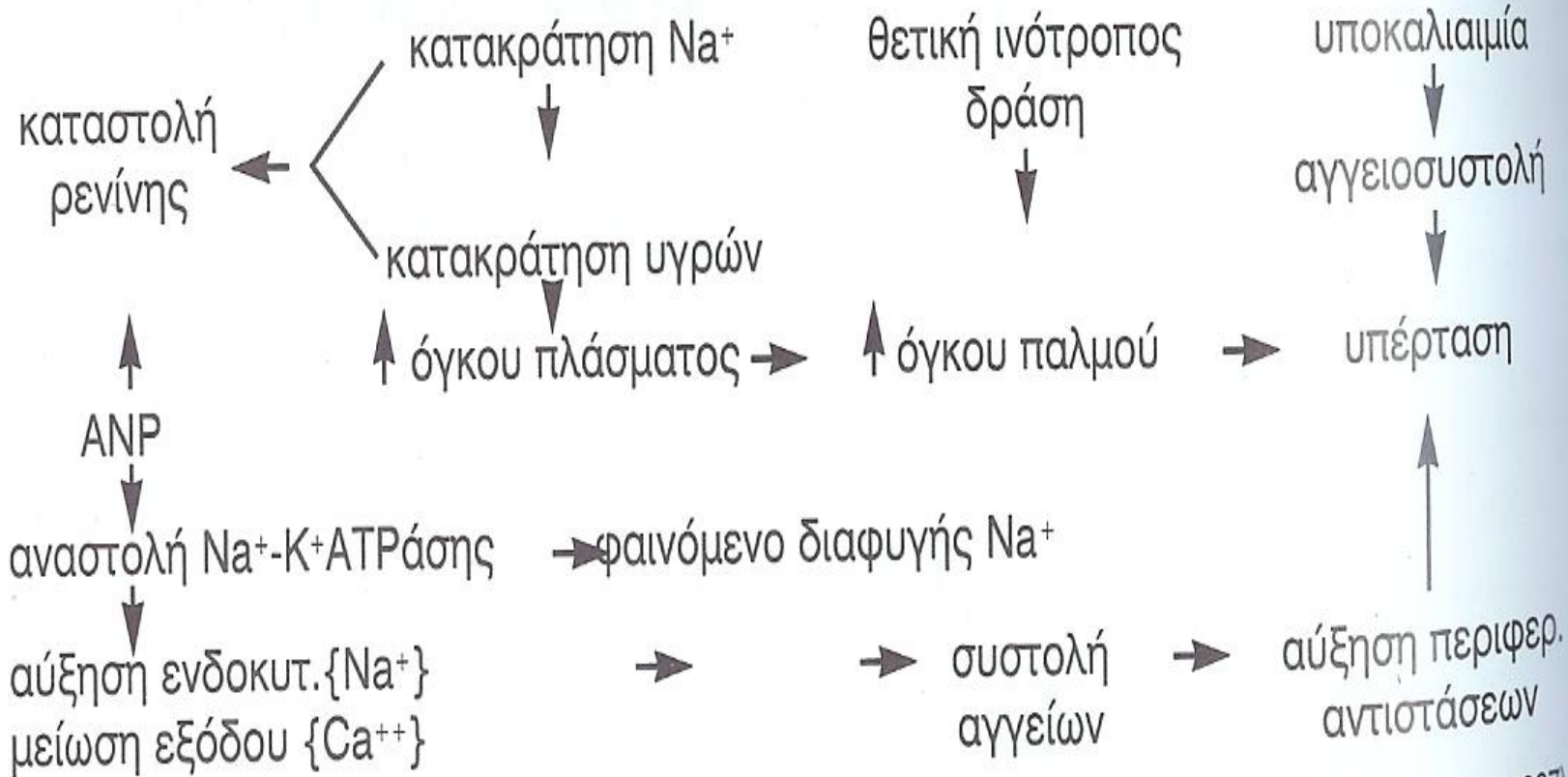
Glucocorticoid-remediable aldosteronism (GRA), <1%

Aldosterone-producing adrenocortical carcinoma, <1%

Familial hyperaldosteronism, Type II, (FH-II), very rare

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<sup>a</sup> Recent reports suggest that the frequency of APA is lower and the frequency of IHA is higher in populations screened for primary hyperaldosteronism.



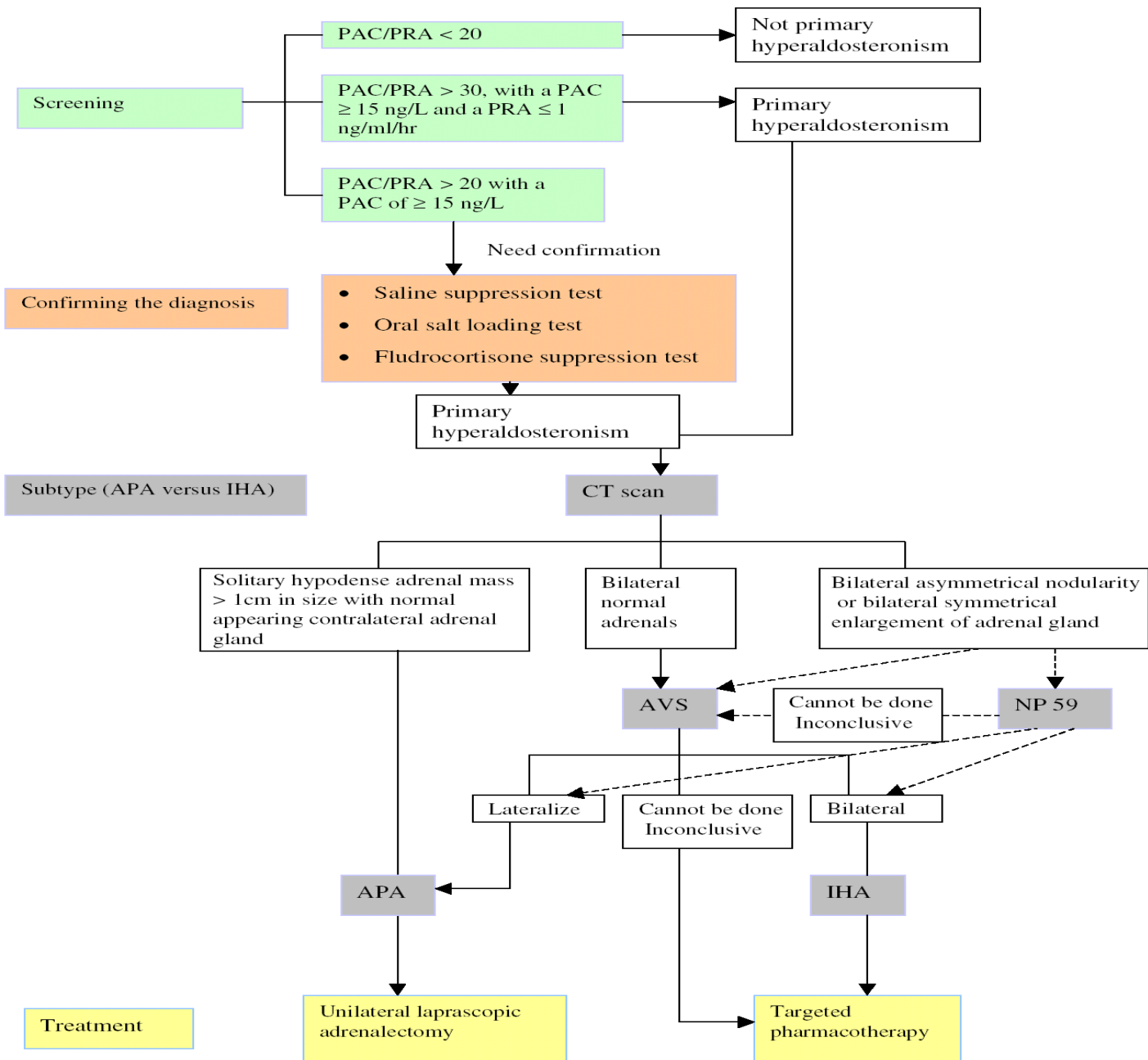
(Basic & Clinical Endocrinology, F. Greenspan, 1997)

## Who should we screen?

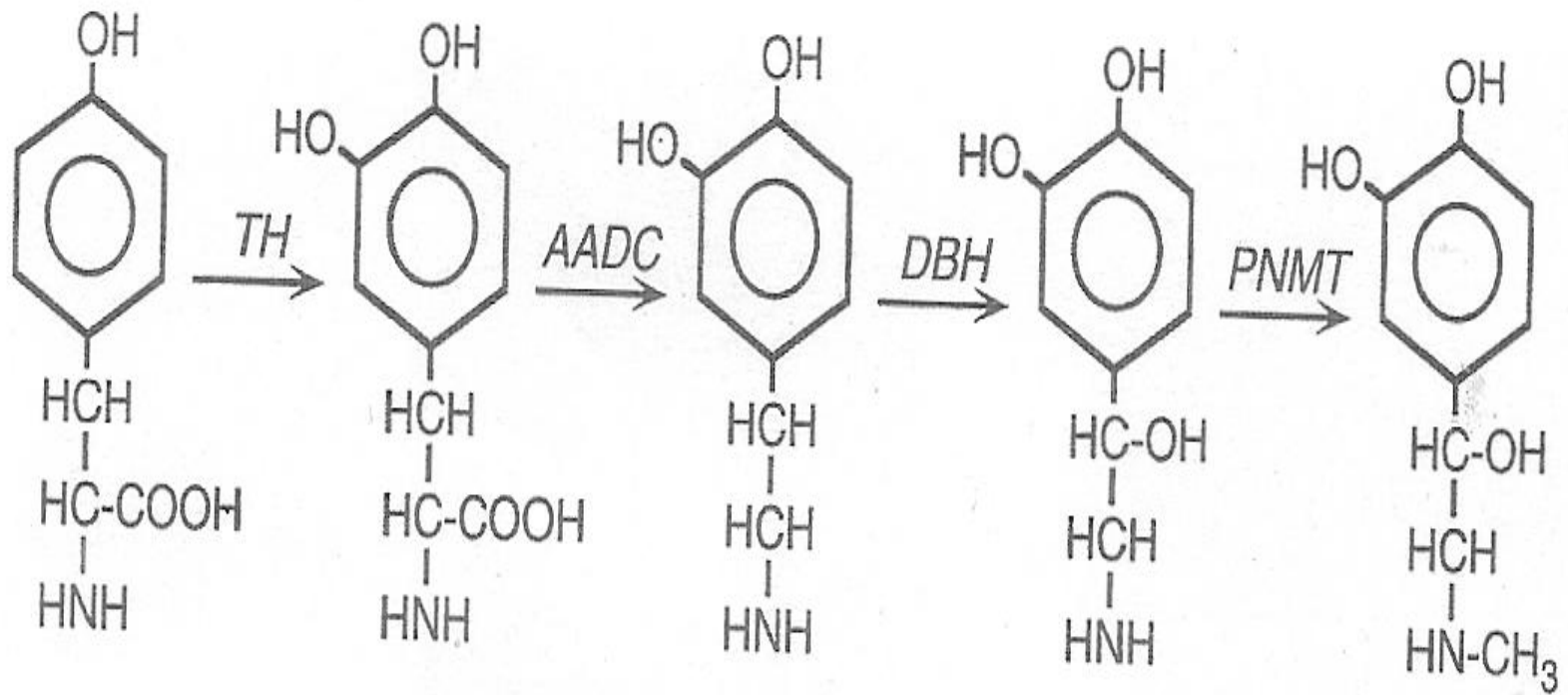
The following individuals should be screened for PA.

- Those affected with unexplained ‘spontaneous’ hypokalemia or with diuretic-induced hypokalemia. (Although as a group individuals with PA have reduced serum potassium, it is now established that less than 30% of these individuals have biochemical hypokalemia. Nevertheless, when hypokalemia is present further screening tests are mandatory).
- Those who remain hypertensive despite triple anti-hypertensive therapy (including a diuretic).
- Those with a history of hypertension or stroke in immediate family members less than 50 years of age.
- Those with an adrenal incidentaloma.

Screening individuals with stage 2 and stage 3 ‘essential’ hypertension might also increase the number of people who test positively for PA [20]. In fact, a recent study has shown that the prevalence of PA rises with the increasing severity of hypertension: in individuals with hypertension grade 1, the prevalence of PA is 2%, whereas in individuals with hypertension grade 2 and 3, the prevalence of PA is 8% and 13%, respectively [20].



# Φαιοχρωμοκύττωμα



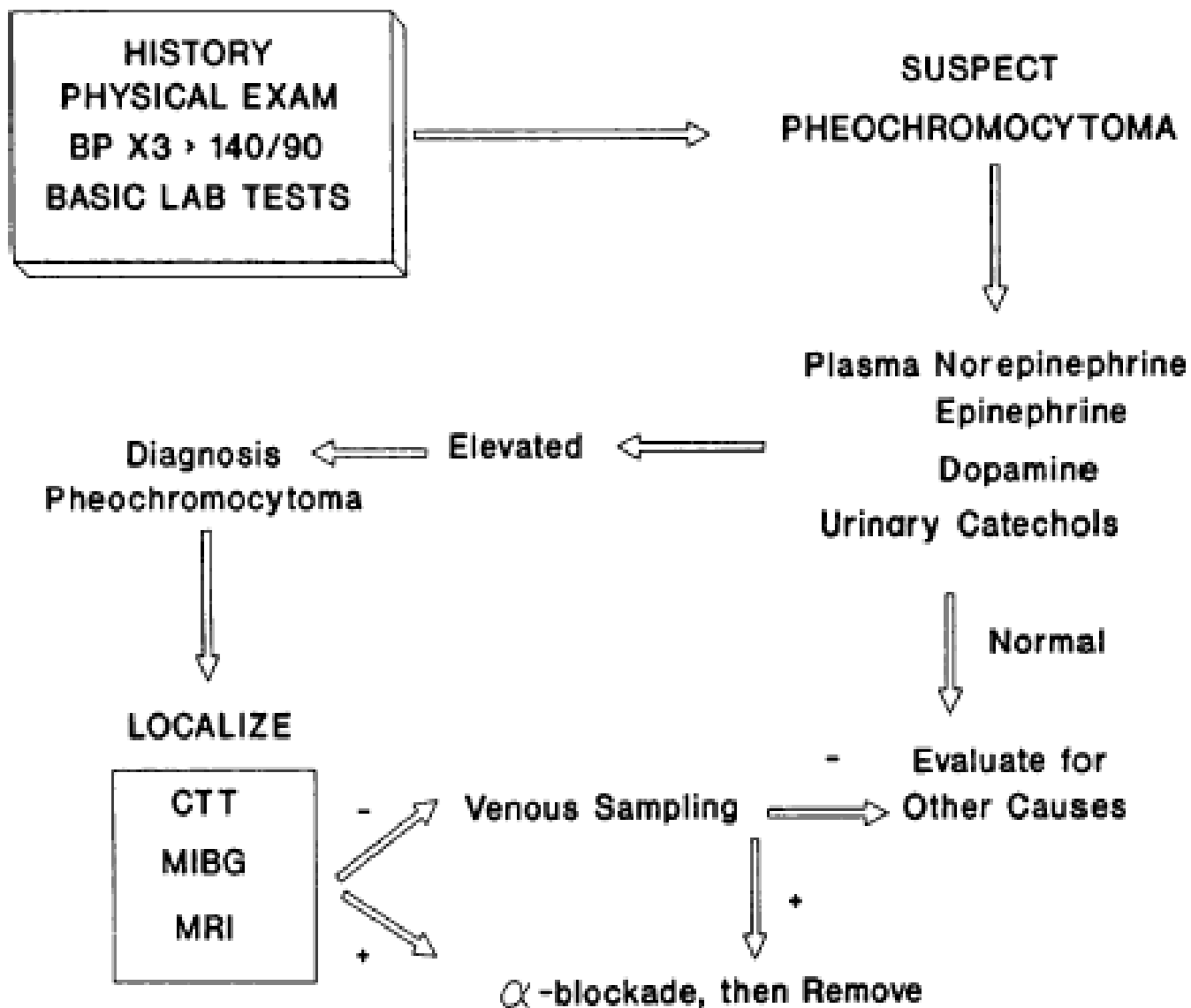
L-Tyrosine

L-DOPA

Dopamine

L-Norepinephrine

L-Epinephrine



	Frequency
Headache	60–90%
Palpitations	50–70%
Sweating	55–75%
Pallor	40–45%
Nausea	20–40%
Flushing	10–20%
Weight loss	20–40%
Tiredness	25–40%
Psychological symptoms (anxiety, panic)	20–40%
Sustained hypertension	50–60%
Paroxysmal hypertension	30%
Orthostatic hypotension	10–50%
Hyperglycaemia	40%

Table adapted from references 17, 20, and 21. \* Frequency in patients tested because of signs and symptoms.

**Table 1: Frequency of signs and symptoms (%) of pheochromocytoma\***



	Sensitivity	Specificity
Plasma-free metanephrines	99%	89%
Plasma catecholamines	84%	81%
Urinary catecholamines	86%	88%
Urinary-fractionated metanephrines	97%	69%
Urinary total metanephrines	77%	93%
VMA	64%	95%

Sensitivity values of all tests for familial pheochromocytoma are lower than that for sporadic pheochromocytomas; the reverse is the case for specificity values. Table adapted from reference 64.

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**Table 3: Sensitivity and specificity of biochemical tests for diagnosis of pheochromocytoma**

BIOCHEMICALLY-PROVEN  
DISEASE\*

ANATOMICAL IMAGING

#1

CT of the abdomen  
(MRI of the abdomen)

(+)ve or (-)ve

FUNCTIONAL IMAGING SPECIFIC FOR  
THE CATECHOLAMINE UPTAKE  
MECHANISM\*\*\*

#2

[123I]-MIBG  
PET with [18F]-F-DA  
PET with [18F]-F-DOPA

(-)ve

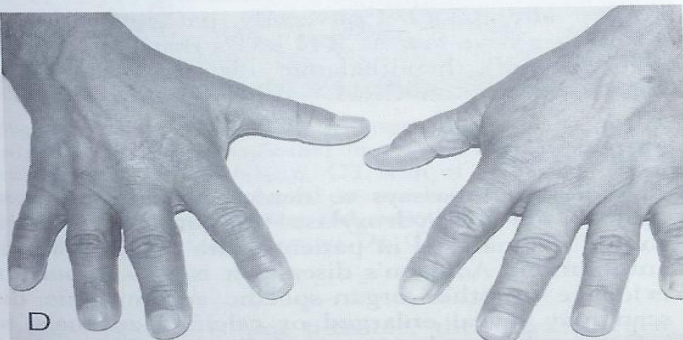
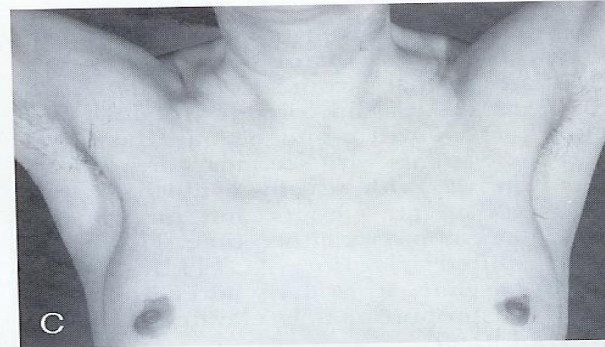
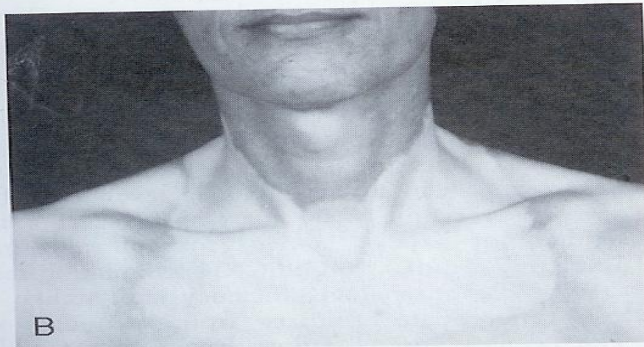
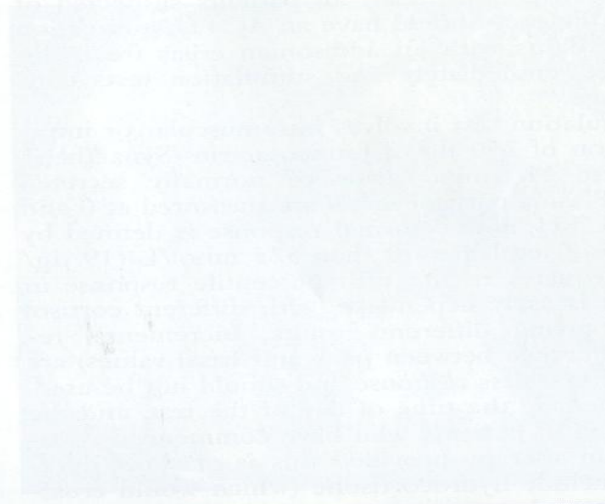
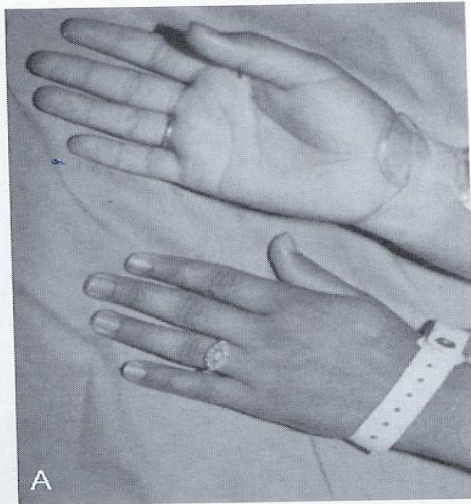
NON-SPECIFIC  
FUNCTIONAL IMAGING

#3

SRS  
PET with [18F]-FDG

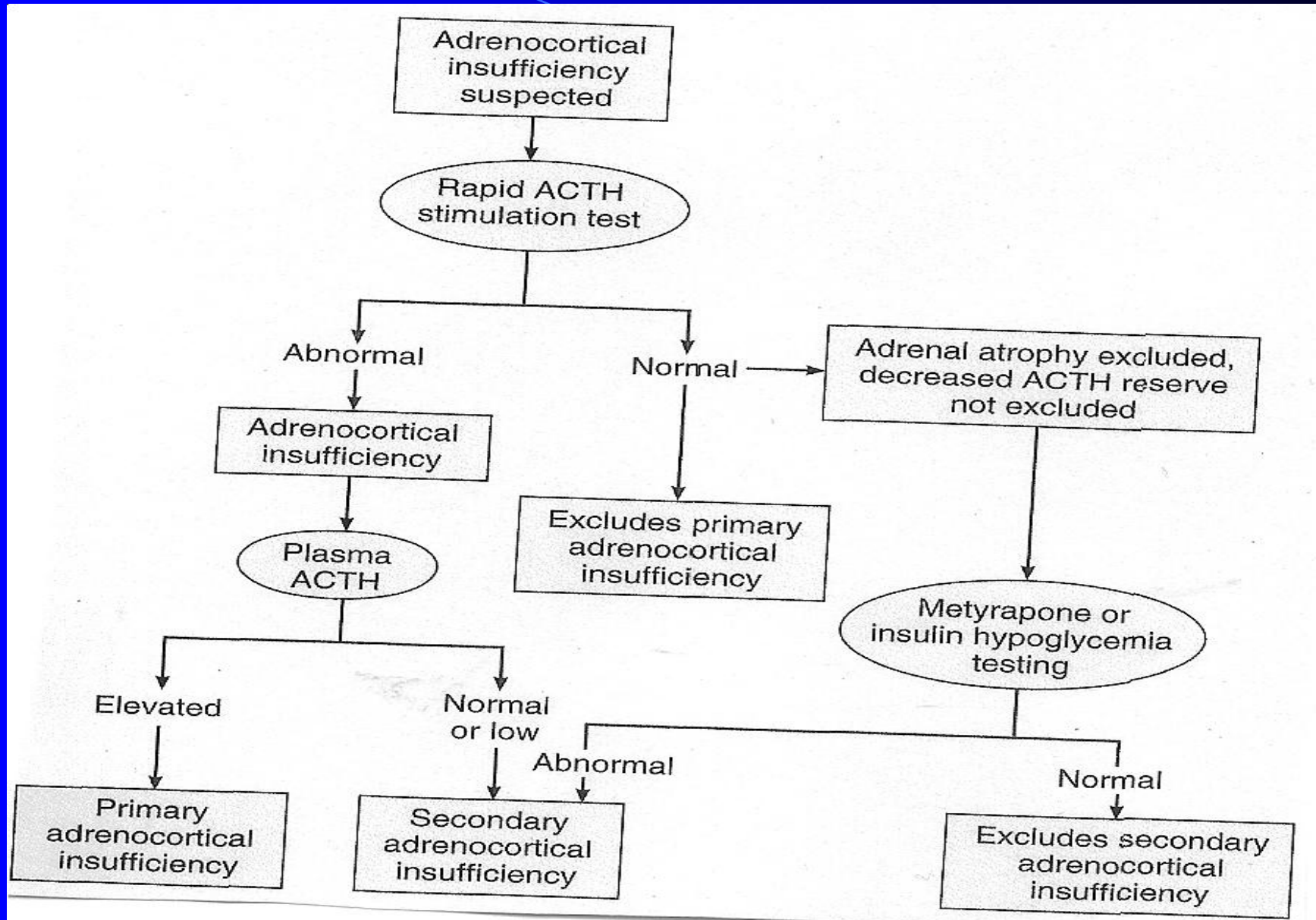


# Επινεφριδιακή Ανεπάρκεια



Symptom, Sign, or Laboratory Finding	Frequency (%)
<i>Symptom</i>	
Weakness, tiredness, fatigue	100
Anorexia	100
Gastrointestinal symptoms	92
Nausea	86
Vomiting	75
Constipation	33
Abdominal pain	31
Diarrhea	16
Salt craving	16
Postural dizziness	12
Muscle or joint pains	6-13
<i>Sign</i>	
Weight loss	100
Hyperpigmentation	94
Hypotension (<110 mm Hg systolic)	88-94
Vitiligo	10-20
Auricular calcification	5
<i>Laboratory Finding</i>	
Electrolyte disturbances	92
Hyponatremia	88
Hyperkalemia	64
Hypercalcemia	6
Azotemia	55
Anemia	40
Eosinophilia	17

# Εκτίμηση επινεφριδιακής ανεπάρκειας



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## Secondary

- Exogenous glucocorticoid therapy
- Hypopituitarism
- Selective removal of ACTH-secreting pituitary adenoma
- Pituitary tumors and pituitary surgery Craniopharyngiomas
- Pituitary apoplexy
- Granulomatous disease (tuberculosis, sarcoid, eosinophilic granuloma)
- Secondary tumor deposits (breast, bronchus)
- Postpartum pituitary infarction (Sheehan's syndrome)
- Pituitary irradiation (effect usually delayed for several years)
- Isolated ACTH deficiency
- Idiopathic
- Lymphocytic hypophysitis
- POMC processing defect
- POMC gene mutations



1. Cortisol, 15-20 mg in am and 10 mg at 4-5 PM.
2. Fludrocortisone, 0.05-0.1 mg orally in am.
3. Clinical follow-up: Maintenance of normal wieght, blood pressure, and electrolytes with regression of clinical features.
4. Patient education plus identification card or bracelet.
5. Increased cortisol dosage during "stress."

<b>APS, Type I</b>	<b>Prevalence (%)</b>
<b>Endocrine</b>	
Hypoparathyroidism	89
Chronic mucocutaneous candidiasis	75
Adrenal insufficiency	60
Gonadal failure	45
Hypothyroidism	12
Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus	1
Hypopituitarism	<1
Diabetes insipidus	<1
<b>Nonendocrine</b>	
Malabsorption syndromes	25
Alopecia totalis or areata	20
Pernicious anemia	16
Chronic active hepatitis	9
Vitiligo	4

<b>APS, Type II</b>	<b>Prevalence (%)</b>
<b>Endocrine</b>	
Adrenal insufficiency	100
Autoimmune thyroid disease	70
Insulin-dependent diabetes mellitus	50
Gonadal failure	5-50
Diabetes insipidus	<1
<b>Nonendocrine</b>	
Vitiligo	4
Alopecia, pernicious anemia, myastheniagravis, immune thrombocytopenia purpura, Sjogren's syndrome, rheumatoid arthritis	<1

## **Primary: Addison's Disease**

### **Autoimmune**

Sporadic

Autoimmune polyendocrine syndrome type I

Autoimmune polyendocrine syndrome type II

### **Infections**

Tuberculosis

Fungal infections

Cytomegalovirus

HIV

### **Metastatic tumor**

### **Infiltrations**

Amyloid

Hemochromatosis

### **Intra-adrenal haemorrhage** (Waterhouse-Friderichsen)

### **Adrenoleukodystrophies**

### **Congenital adrenal hypoplasia**

DAX-1 mutations

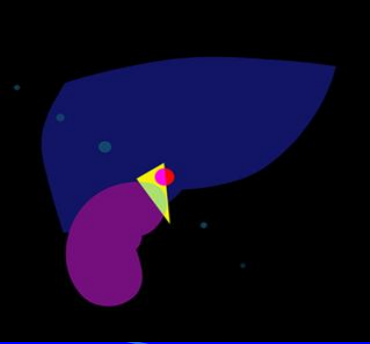
SF-1 mutations

### **ACTH resistance syndromes**

Mutations in *MC2-R*

Triple A syndrome

### **Bilateral adrenalectomy**



# Τυχαιώματα επινεφριδίων

## Adrenal incidentalomas



# Τυχαιώματα επινεφριδίων Ορισμός

Τυχαίως ανευρισκόμενοι όγκοι στα επινεφρίδια κατά την διάρκεια απεικονιστικού ελέγχου για την διερεύνηση σημειολογίας άσχετης με το επινεφρίδιο.

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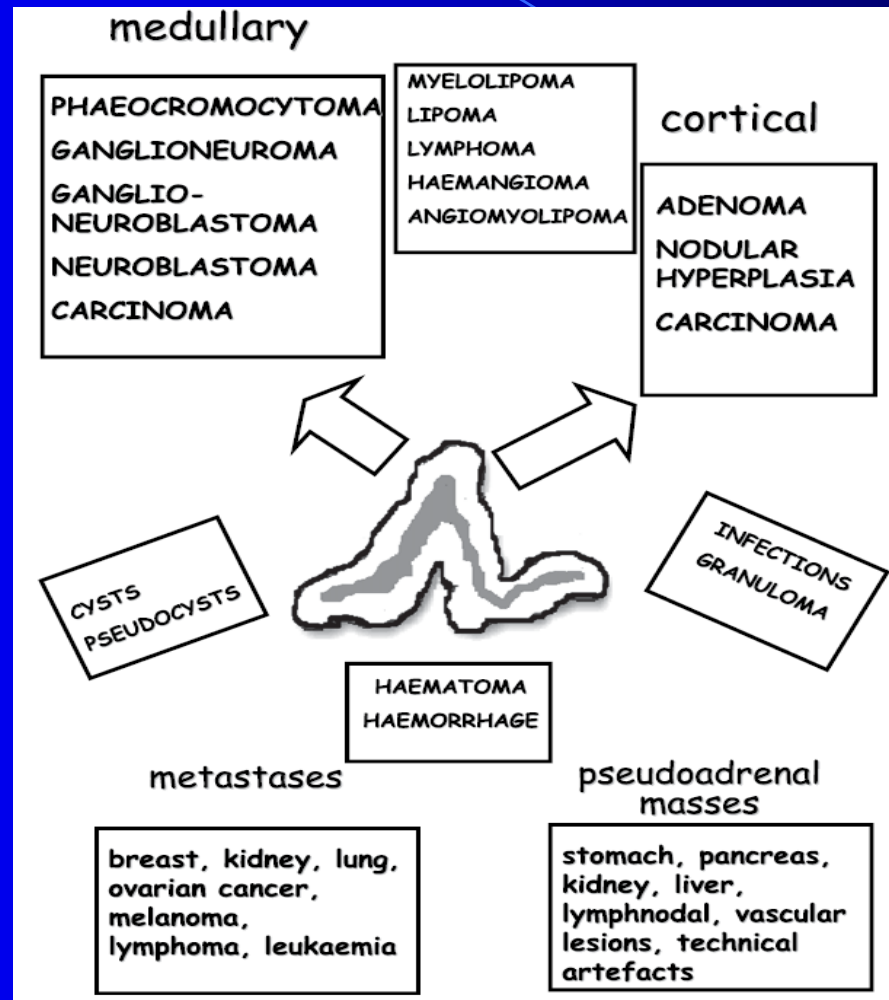


# Τυχαιώματα επινεφριδίων Επίπτωση

- 1-8.7%, σύμφωνα με μαρτυρίες από αυτοψίες
- 0.5-4%, σύμφωνα με μελέτες απεικονιστικού ελέγχου, αύξηση της επίπτωσης με την ηλικία (>70έτη)
- 6-20%, σε καρκινοπαθείς

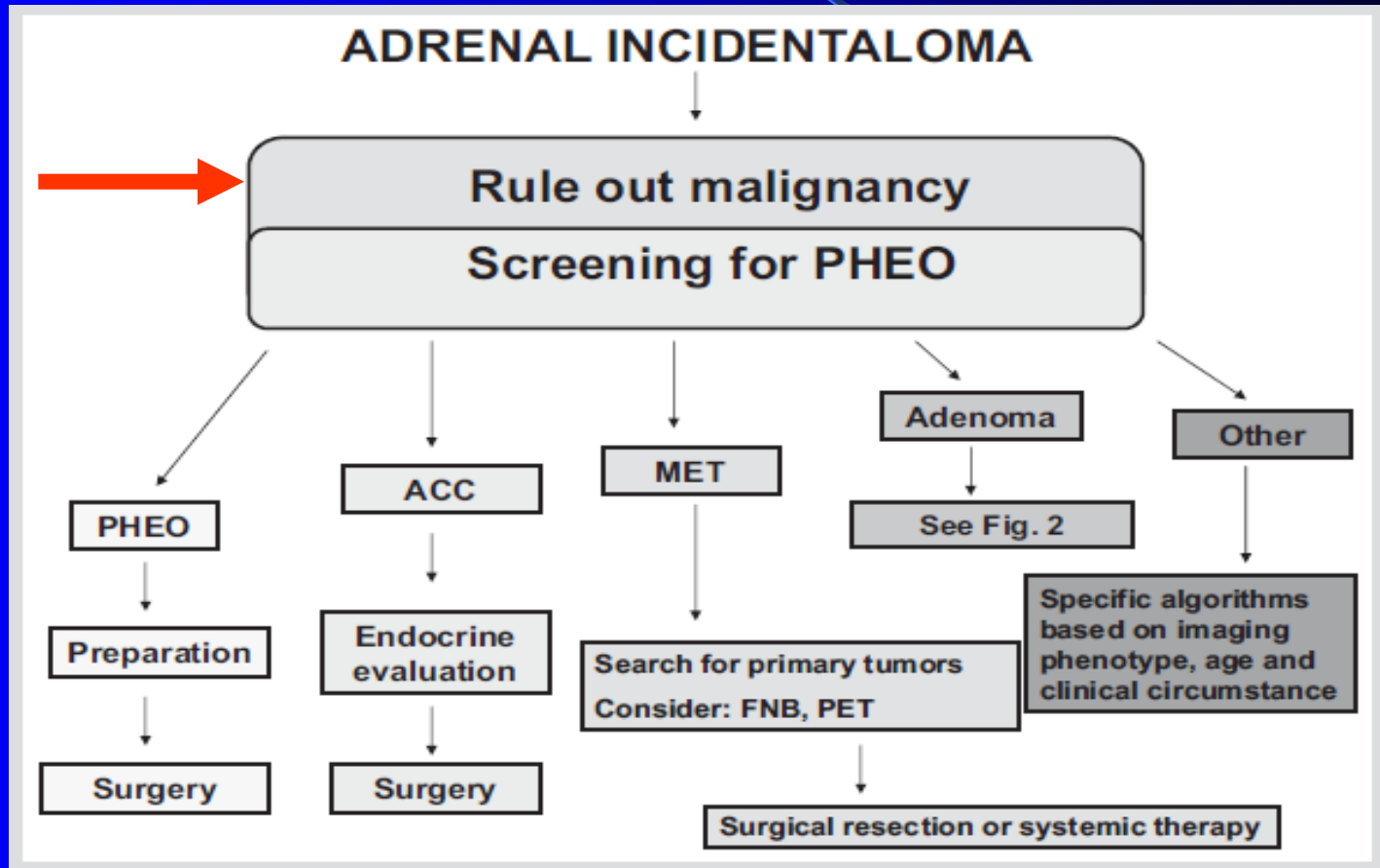
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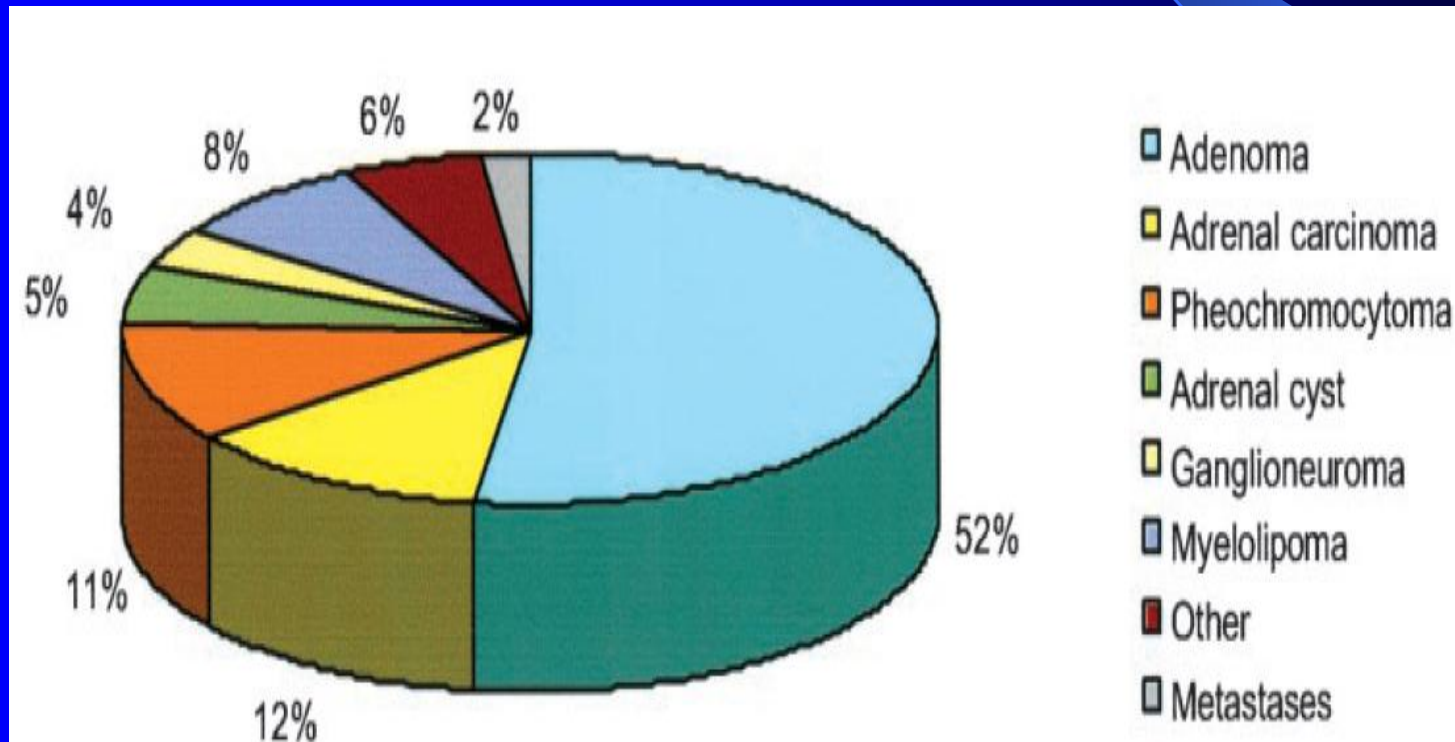




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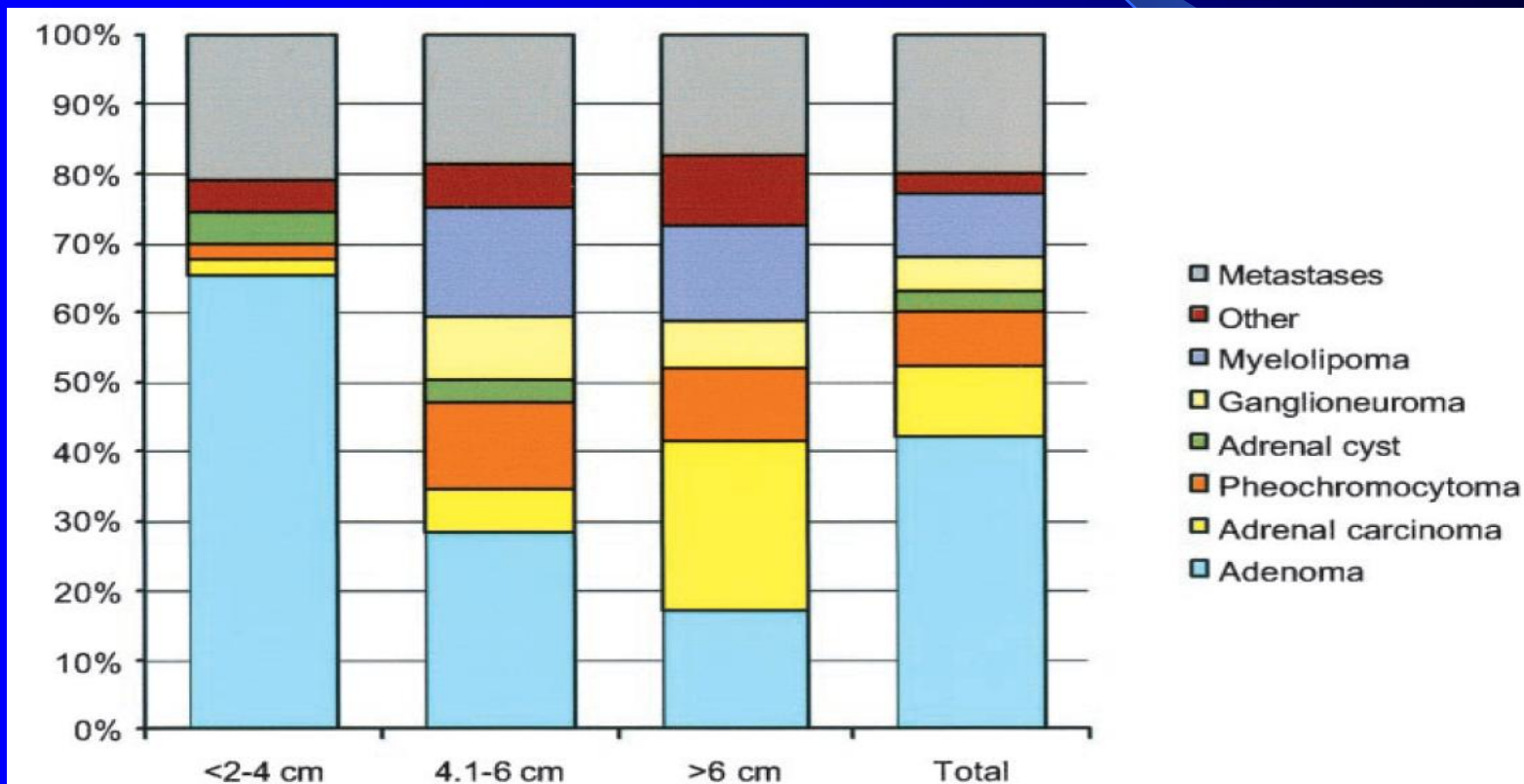
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## Δίλημμα 1

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# Τυχαιώματα επινεφριδίων

## Δίλημμα 1

Καλόηθες???? Κακόηθες????

- Μεγάλο μέγεθος
- Εστίες νέκρωσης και αιμορραγίας
- Ανώμαλα όρια, ακανόνιστο σχήμα
- Αυξημένη αγγείωση
- Αυξημένη πυκνότητα (>10μονάδες H)
- Καθυστερημένη έκπλυση σκιαγραφικού



# Τυχαιώματα επινεφριδίων

## Δίλημμα 2

- Οποιοδήποτε μέγεθος (συνήθως  $>3\text{εκ}$ )
- Συνήθως ομαλά όρια
- Αυξημένη πυκνότητα (ίσως  $>10\text{HU}$ )
- Καθυστέρηση έκπλυσης του σκιαγραφικού

# Τυχαιώματα επινεφριδίων

## Αλγόριθμος διερεύνησης

