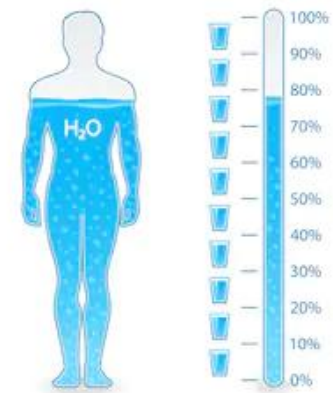


# Body fluids and body fluid compartments

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- Please refer to Vander's Human Physiology

- *Body fluid*: watery solution of dissolved substances such as oxygen, nutrients, and wastes
  - present within and around all cells of the body, and within blood vessels - *internal environment*



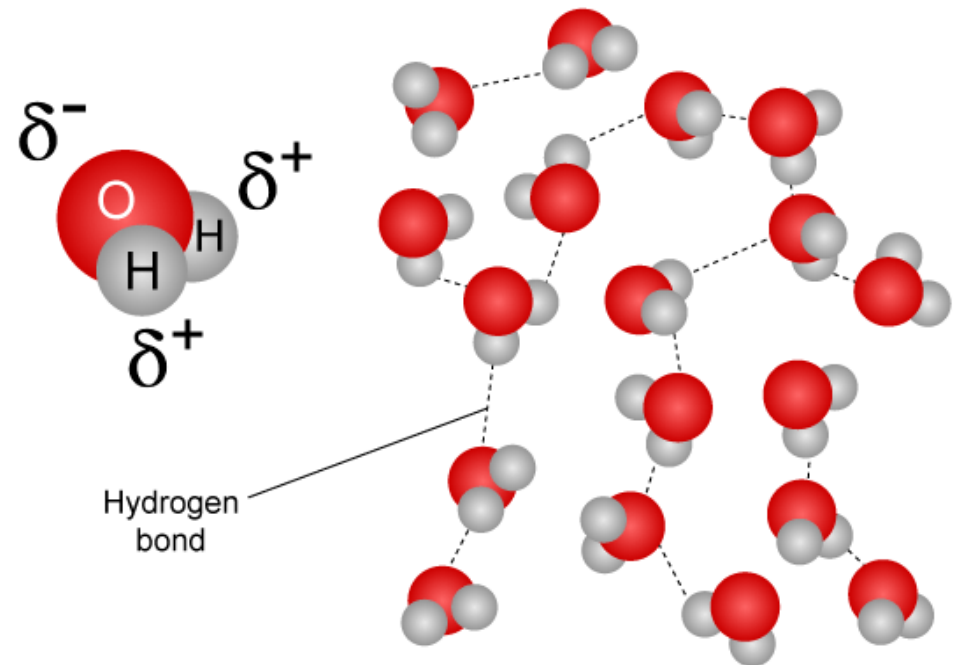
# Water

- Life on Earth began in water and evolved there for 3 billion years before spreading onto land
- All organisms are made mostly of water and live in an environment dominated by water.



# Properties of Water

- Cohesion and adhesion
- High surface tension
- High heat capacity
- Changes in density
- Universal solvent



(length appears different for perspective (3D))

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# Water in Human Body

- Solvent
- Transporter
- Heat regulation
- Buffer



# Body Fluid

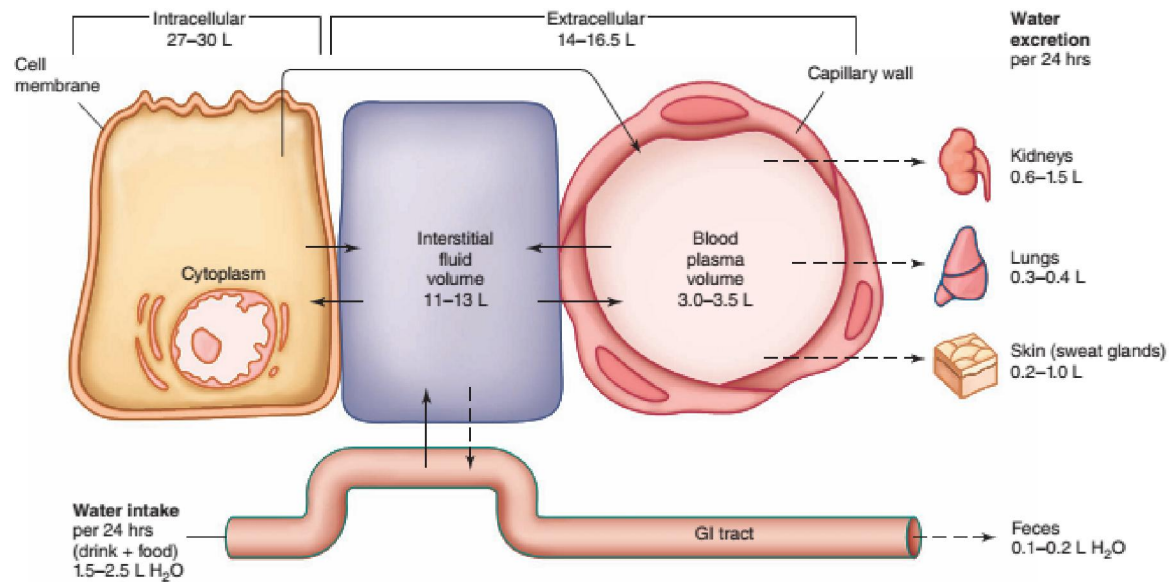
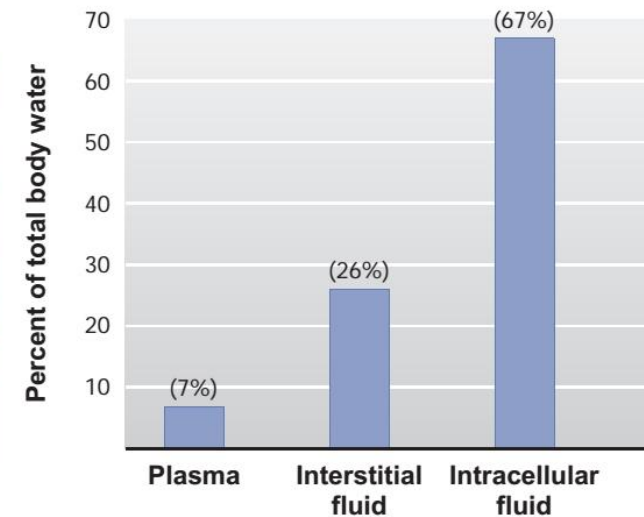
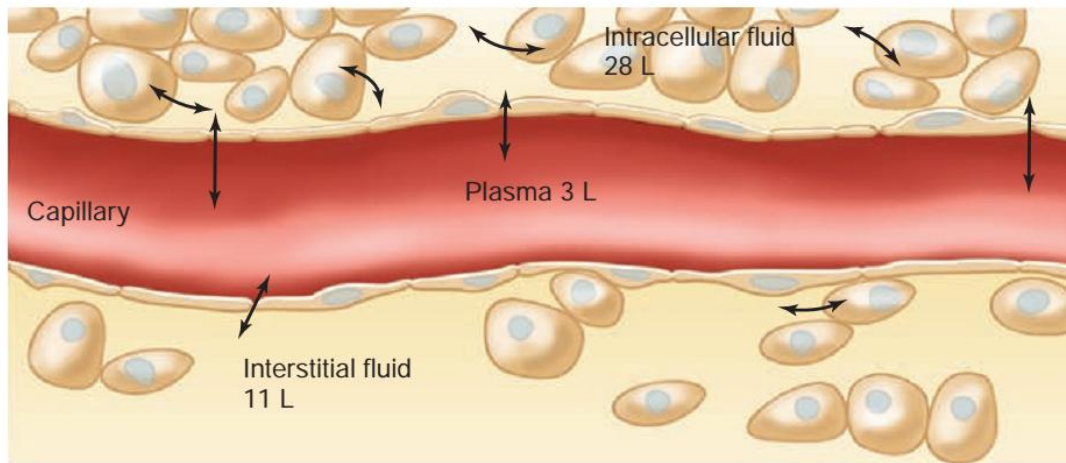


TABLE 14.3		Average Daily Water Gain and Loss in Adults
<i>Intake</i>		
In liquids		1400 mL
In food		1100 mL
Metabolically produced		<u>350 mL</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>2850 mL</b>
<i>Output</i>		
Invisible loss (skin and lungs)		900 mL
Sweat		50 mL
In feces		100 mL
Urine		<u>1800 mL</u>
<b>Total</b>		<b>2850 mL</b>

# Body Fluid Compartments

- Intracellular Fluid (ICF)
- Extracellular Fluid (ECF)
  - Interstitial Fluid: surrounds the cells but does not circulate.  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the ECF
  - Plasma: circulated as the extracellular component of blood.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the ECF



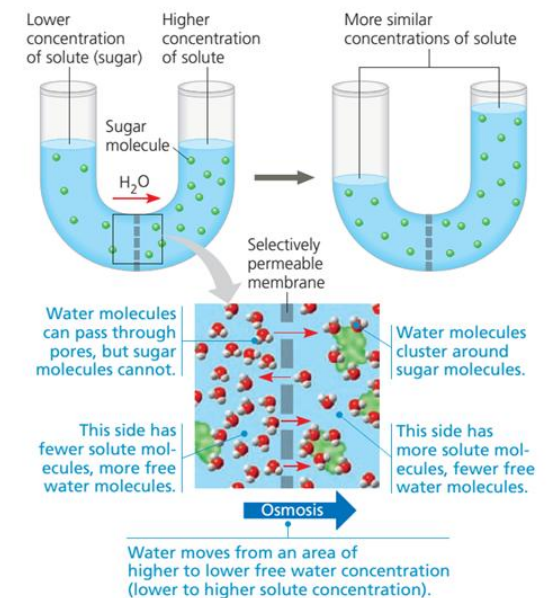


# Homeostasis

- The internal environment is made up of the ECF
  - Cells that are isolated from the external environment can still exchange materials with the ECF
- **Homeostasis** is the maintenance of constant conditions in fluid surrounding cells (extracellular fluid) or internal environment by the integrated actions of various organs within the organism

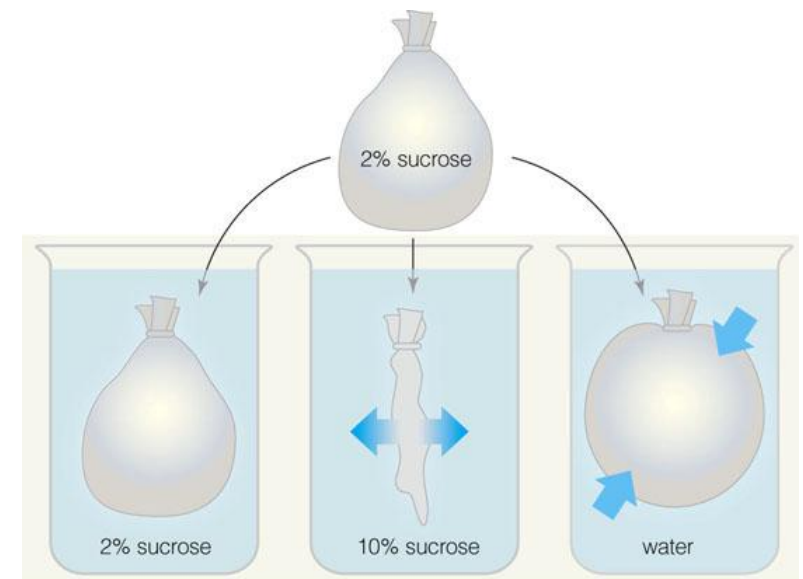
# Osmosis

- Net diffusion of water across a membrane
- Osmolarity: the total solute concentration of a solution
  - 1 osmol (osm) = 1 mol of solute particles
    - 1 M glucose = 1 osm
    - 1 M NaCl = 2 osm
- Osmolarity  $\uparrow$  water concentration  $\downarrow$

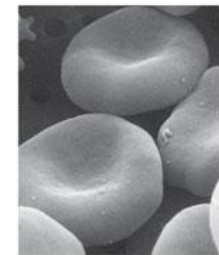


# Tonicity

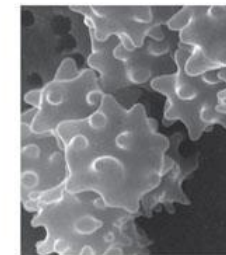
- For two fluids separated by a semipermeable membrane, the one with lower solute concentration is *hypotonic*, and the one with higher solute concentration is *hypertonic*
  - Water diffuses from hypotonic to hypertonic
- *Isotonic* fluids have the same solute concentration
- Osmolarity of the intracellular fluids 300 mOsm
  - Isotonic = 300 mOsm
  - Hypertonic > 300 mOsm
  - Hypotonic < 300 mOsm



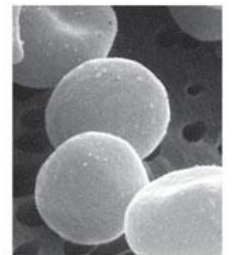
**A** What happens to a semipermeable membrane bag when it is immersed in an isotonic, a hypertonic, or a hypotonic solution?



**B** Red blood cells in an isotonic solution do not change in volume.





**C** Red blood cells in a hypertonic solution shrivel because water diffuses out of them.

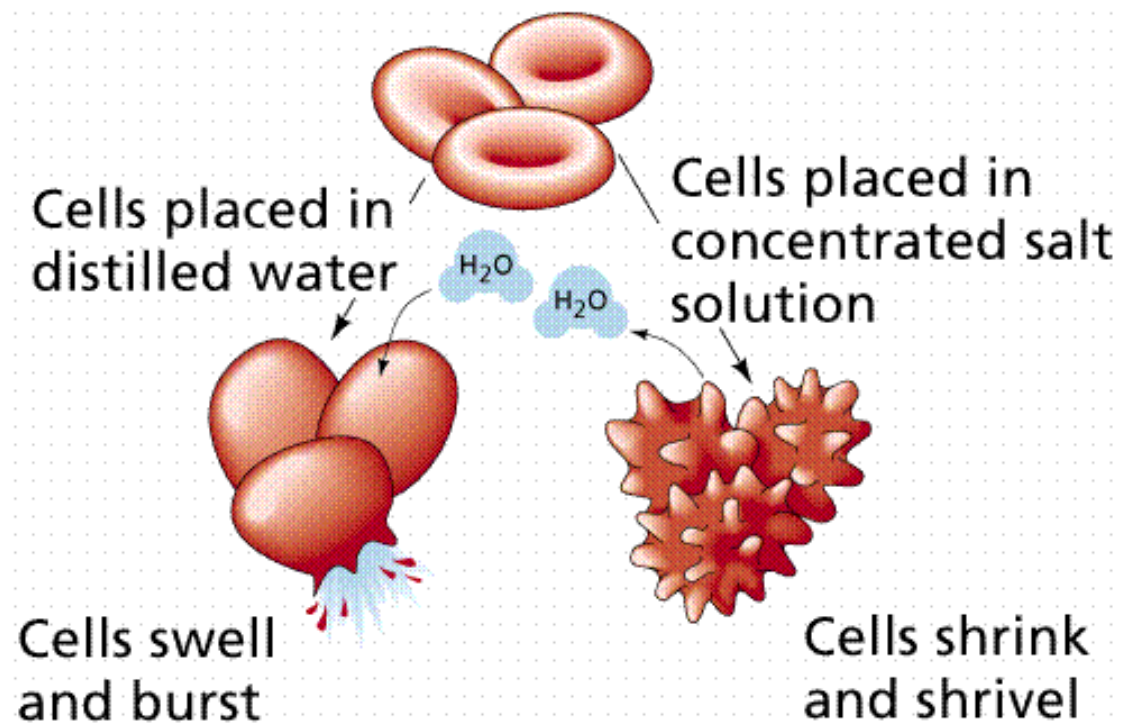


**D** Red blood cells in a hypotonic solution swell because water diffuses into them.

# Osmotic Pressure

- When a solution containing solutes is separated from pure water by a *semipermeable membrane* (a membrane permeable to water but not to solutes), the pressure that must be applied to the solution to prevent the net flow of water into it is known as the *osmotic pressure* of the solution.
- Osmolarity  Osmotic pressure 
- Represents the amount of pressure that would have to be applied to a solution to prevent the net flow of water into the solution by osmosis

# Cytolysis & Plasmolysis



- *Cytolysis*

*Plasmolysis*

# Isotonic Solutions

150 mM NaCl

300 mOsm NaCl (0.9% NaCl)

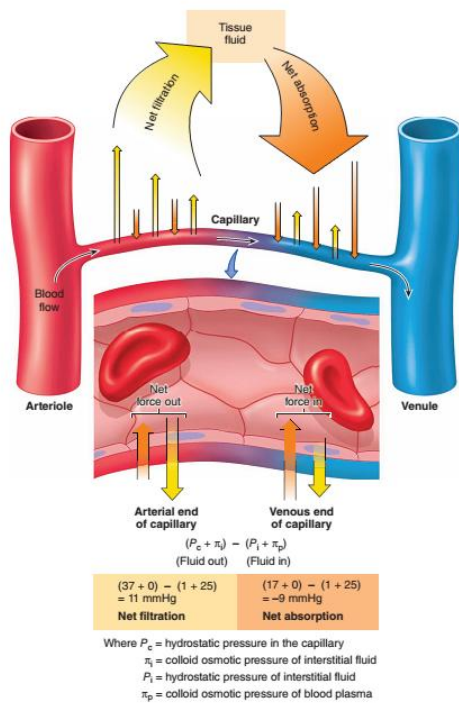
300 mM glucose

300 mOsm glucose (5% glucose)

Ringer lactate

- Treatment of fluid loss

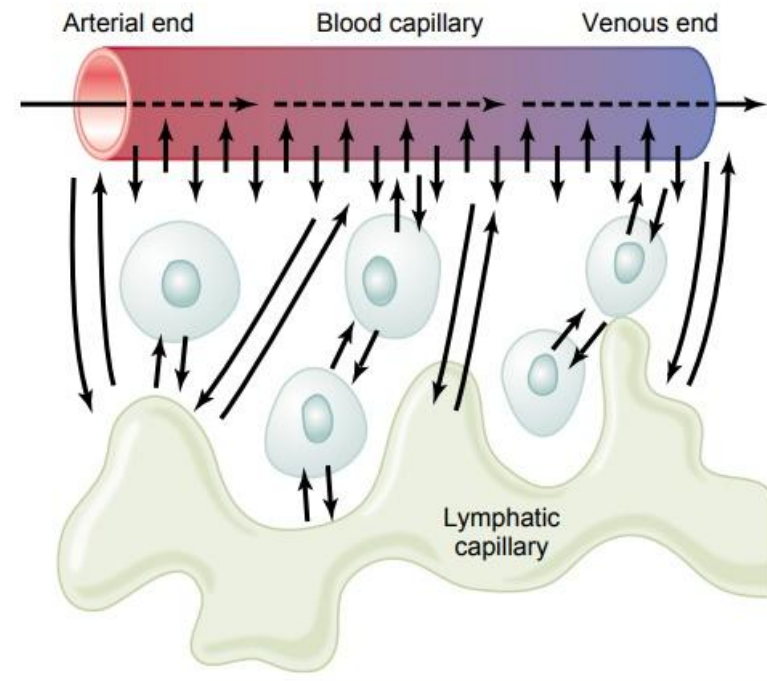
# Distribution of Fluid Across the Walls of Capillary



- Interstitial fluid
  - formed by filtration as a result of blood pressures at the arteriolar ends of capillaries
  - Returned to the venular ends of capillaries by the colloid osmotic pressure of plasma proteins

# Interstitial Fluid Return by the Lymphatic System

- Network of tiny vessels intermingled among capillaries
- After entering the lymphatic system by diffusion, the fluid is called lymph; its composition is about the same as that of interstitial fluid
- Disruptions in lymph flow often result in fluid accumulation, or edema



Diffusion of fluid molecules and dissolved substances between the capillary and interstitial fluid spaces.



# Blood components

- Blood is a connective tissue consisting of cells suspended in a liquid matrix called *plasma*
- Similar composition to interstitial fluid (protein is absent in interstitial fluid)

Plasma 55%	
Constituent	Major functions
<b>Water</b>	Solvent
<b>Ions (blood electrolytes)</b> Sodium Potassium Calcium Magnesium Chloride Bicarbonate	Osmotic balance, pH buffering, and regulation of membrane permeability
<b>Plasma proteins</b> Albumin  Immunoglobulins (antibodies) Apolipoproteins Fibrinogen	Osmotic balance, pH buffering  Defense  Lipid transport Clotting
<b>Substances transported by blood</b> Nutrients (such as glucose, fatty acids, vitamins) Waste products of metabolism Respiratory gases (O <sub>2</sub> and CO <sub>2</sub> ) Hormones	

Separated blood elements

Cellular elements 45%		
Cell type	Number per $\mu\text{L}$ ( $\text{mm}^3$ ) of blood	Functions
<b>Leukocytes (white blood cells)</b> 	5,000–10,000	Defense and immunity
<b>Platelets</b> 	250,000–400,000	Blood clotting
<b>Erythrocytes (red blood cells)</b> 	5,000,000–6,000,000	Transport of O <sub>2</sub> and some CO <sub>2</sub>