**Table 11-5** 

| TABLE 11-5 Comparison of Somatic and Autonomic Divisions |                                   |   |  |  |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|--|--|
|  | SOMATIC                           | AUTONOMIC   |  |  |
| Number of neurons in efferent path                       | 1                                 | 2   |  |  |
| Neurotransmitter/receptor at neuron-<br>target synapse   | ACh/nicotinic                     | ACh/muscarinic or NE/ $\alpha$ - or $\beta$ -adrenergic                                       |  |  |
| Target tissue  | Skeletal muscle                   | Smooth and cardiac muscle; some endocrine and exocrine glands; some adipose tissue            |  |  |
| Neurotransmitter released from                           | Axon terminals                    | Varicosities and axon terminals   |  |  |
| Effects on target tissue                                 | Excitatory only: muscle contracts | Excitatory or inhibitory  |  |  |
| Peripheral components found outside the CNS              | Axons only                        | Preganglionic axons, ganglia, postganglionic neurons  |  |  |
| Summary of function                                      | Posture and movement              | Visceral function, including movement in internal organs and secretion; control of metabolism |  |  |

Figure 11-1

Homeostasis is a dynamic balance between the autonomic branches. Parasympathetic Sympathetic

Rest-and-digest: Parasympathetic activity dominates. Fight-or-flight: Sympathetic activity dominates.

**Table 11-4** 

| TABLE 11-4 Comparison of Sympathetic and Parasympathetic Branches |   |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|
|   | SYMPATHETIC   | PARASYMPATHETIC                                |  |  |
| Point of CNS origin   | 1st thoracic to 2nd lumbar segments   | Midbrain, medulla, and 2nd–4th sacral segments |  |  |
| Location of peripheral ganglia                                    | Primarily in paravertebral sympathetic chain; 3 outlying ganglia located alongside descending aorta | On or near target organs                       |  |  |
| Structure of region from which neuro-<br>transmitter is released  | Varicosities  | Varicosities                                   |  |  |
| Neurotransmitter at target synapse                                | Norepinephrine (adrenergic neurons)   | ACh (cholinergic neurons)                      |  |  |
| Inactivation of neurotransmitter at synapse                       | Uptake into varicosity, diffusion   | Enzymatic breakdown, diffusion                 |  |  |
| Neurotransmitter receptors on target cells                        | Adrenergic  | Muscarinic                                     |  |  |
| Ganglionic synapse  | ACh on nicotinic receptor   | ACh on nicotinic receptor                      |  |  |
| Neuron-target synapse   | NE on $\alpha\text{-}$ or $\beta\text{-}adrenergic$ receptor  | ACh on muscarinic receptor                     |  |  |

Figure 11-2

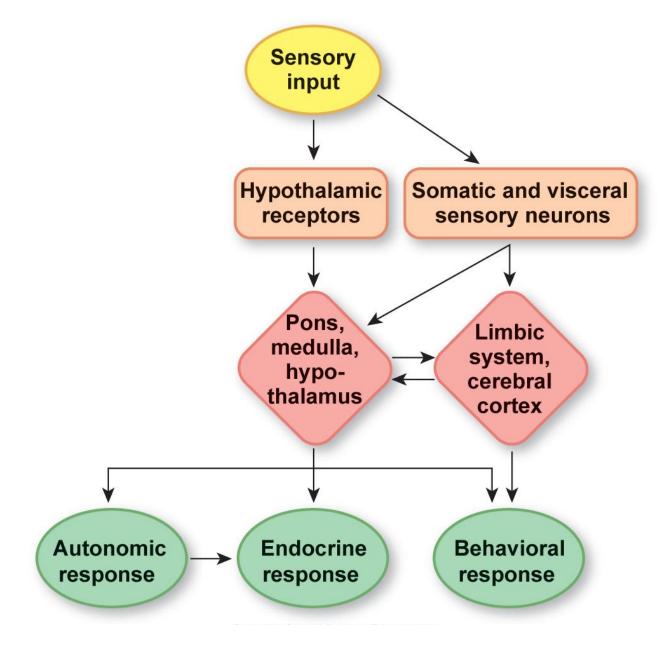


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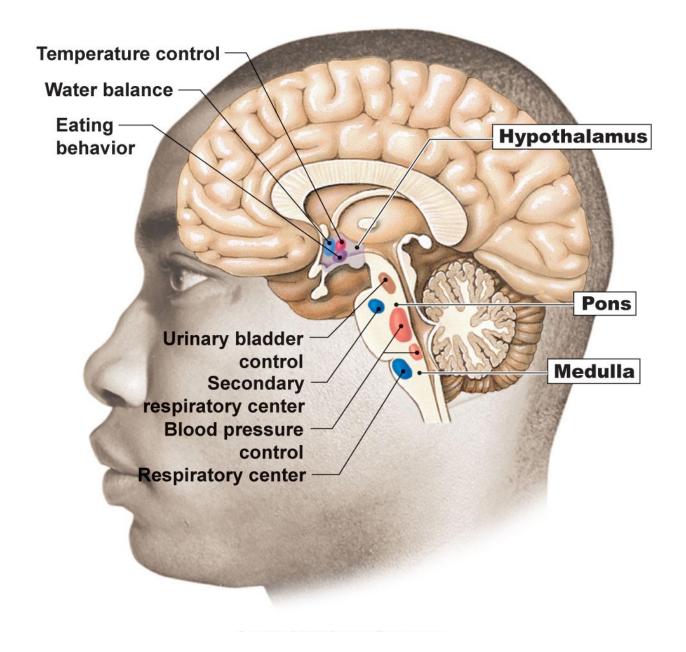


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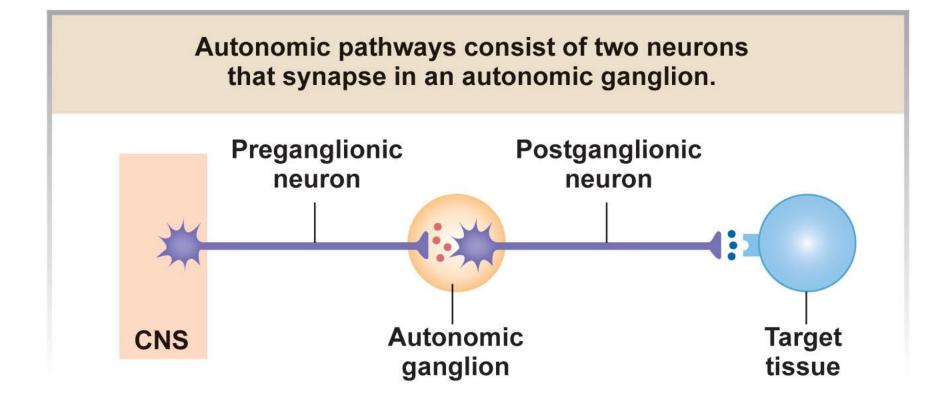
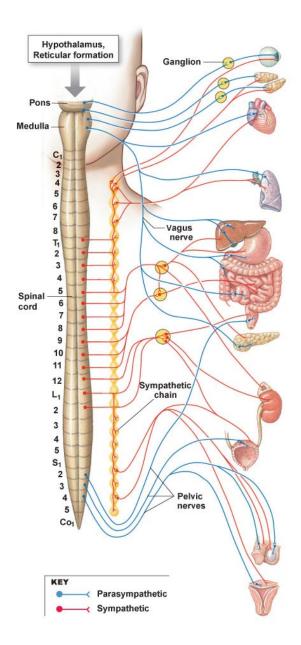


Figure 11-5, overview



| Effector<br>Organ  | Parasympathetic<br>Response **         | Sympathetic<br>Response                       | Adrenergic<br>Receptor |
|--|--|---|------------------------|
| Pupil of eye   | Constricts                             | Dilates                                       | α                      |
| Salivary glands  | Watery secretion                       | Mucus, enzymes                                | $\alpha$ and $eta_2$   |
| Heart  | Slows rate                             | Increases rate<br>and force of<br>contraction | $oldsymbol{eta}_1$     |
| Arterioles and veins   | _                                      | Constricts<br>Dilates                         | $\alpha$ $\beta_2$     |
| Lungs  | Bronchioles<br>constrict               | Bronchioles<br>dilate                         | $\beta_2^*$            |
| Digestive tract  | Increases<br>motility and<br>secretion | Decreases<br>motility and<br>secretion        | $\alpha$ , $\beta_2$   |
| Exocrine pancreas  | Increases<br>enzyme<br>secretion       | Decreases<br>enzyme<br>secretion              | α                      |
| Endocrine<br>pancreas  | Stimulates insulin secretion           | Inhibits insulin secretion                    | α                      |
| Adrenal<br>medulla   |  | Secretes catecholamines                       | _                      |
| Kidney   | _                                      | Increases renin secretion                     | $\beta_1$              |
| Urinary bladder  | Release of urine                       | Urinary retention                             | $\alpha$ , $\beta_2$   |
| Adipose tissue   | <del>,</del>                           | Fat breakdown                                 | β                      |
| Sweat glands   |  | Localized sweating                            | α                      |
| Male and female<br>sex organs  | Erection                               | Ejaculation (male)                            | α                      |
| Uterus   | Depends on stage of cycle              | Depends on stage of cycle                     | $\alpha$ , $\beta_2$   |
| Lymphoid tissue (not illustrated)  |  | Generally inhibitory                          | α, β <sub>2</sub>      |
| **All parasympathetic responses are mediated<br>by muscarinic receptors. |  | *Hormonal epinephrine only                    |                        |

Figure 11-6

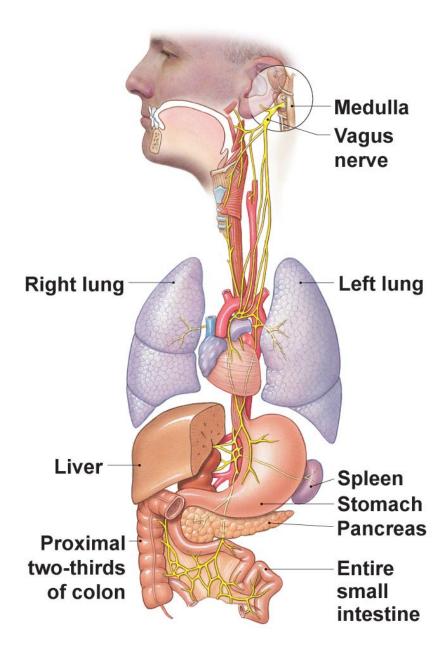


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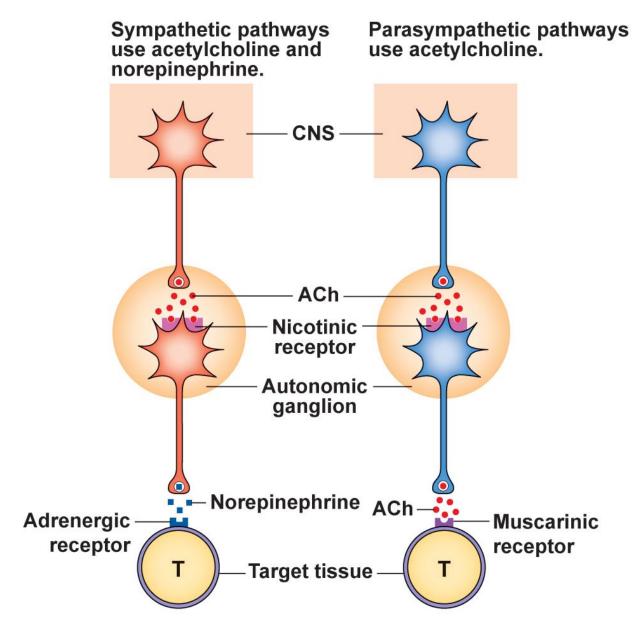


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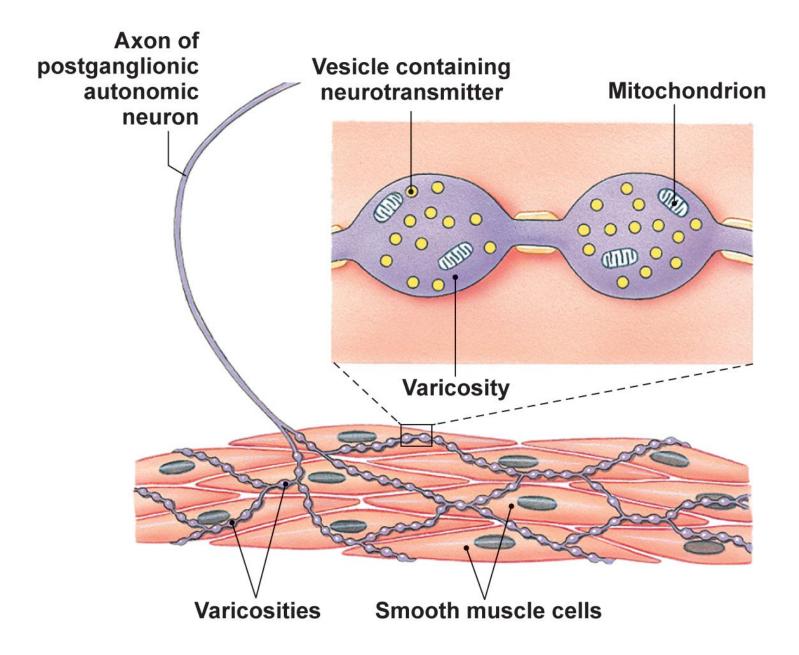
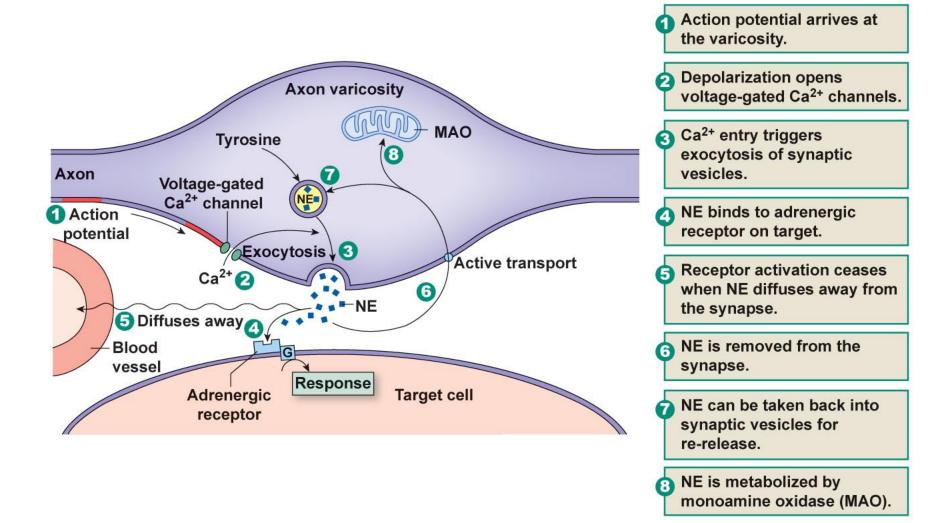


Figure 11-9, overview



**Figure 11-10** 

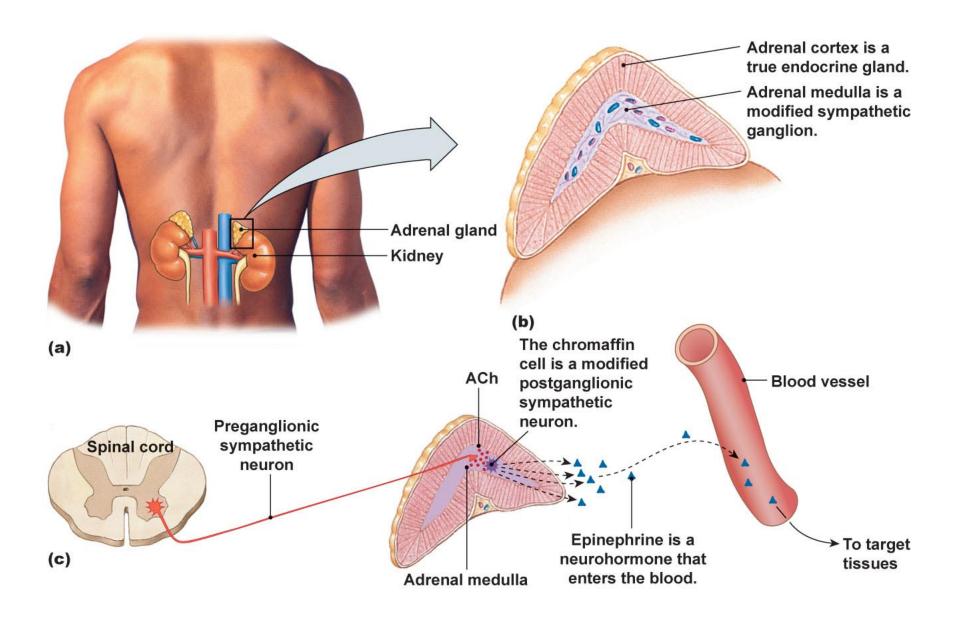
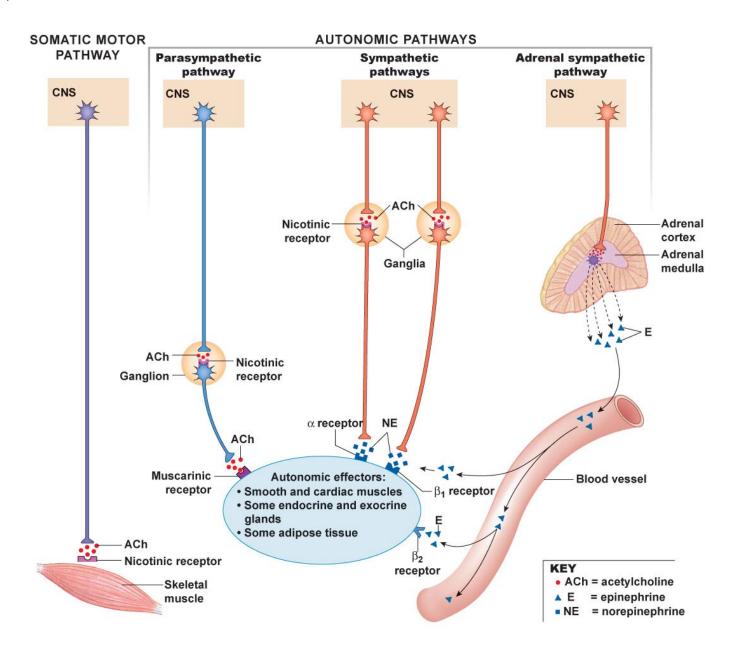


Figure 11-11, overview



**Table 11-1** 

| TABLE 11-1 Postganglionic Autonomic Neurotransmitters |   |   |  |  |
|---|---|---|--|--|
|   | SYMPATHETIC DIVISION                                  | PARASYMPATHETIC DIVISION                      |  |  |
| Neurotransmitter                                      | Norepinephrine (NE)                                   | Acetylcholine (ACh)                           |  |  |
| Receptor types  | $\alpha$ - and $\beta$ -adrenergic                    | Nicotinic and muscarinic cholinergic          |  |  |
| Synthesized from                                      | Tyrosine  | Acetyl CoA + choline                          |  |  |
| Inactivation enzyme                                   | Monoamine oxidase (MAO) in mitochondria of varicosity | Acetylcholinesterase (AChE) in synaptic cleft |  |  |
| Varicosity membrane transporters for                  | Norepinephrine  | Choline                                       |  |  |