

Review 04

Processing of food

Mechanical

MOUTH—chewing; increases surface area of food for digestion

STOMACH—churning; mixes food as liquefaction proceeds

SMALL INTESTINE—peristalsis (muscle contraction) continues mixing and moves food along as digestion/absorption proceed

Chemical

Non-enzymatic:

MOUTH—SALIVA [salivary glands]—liquefaction of food

STOMACH—HYDROCHLORIC ACID [stomach]

GALL BLADDER—BILE [liver]

Enzymatic

MOUTH—SALIVARY AMYLASE [in the saliva]

STOMACH—PEPSIN [from the mucosa]

SMALL INTESTINE:

examples from the pancreas

TRYPSIN, LIPASE, AMYLASE

examples from the duodenal mucosa

MALTASE, LACTASE, SUCRASE

Control over digestion--digestion doesn't just happen!

- **nervous input**
to mouth (salivary glands) and stomach
colorectal reflex
- **hormonal control (see text, p. 672)**
 - **gastrin: inc. gastric juice secretion into stomach**
 - **secretin: causes pancreas to release alkaline fluids into small intestine; liver to increase bile production**
 - **cholecystokinin: causes pancreas to release digestive enzymes; gall bladder to release bile into small intestine**

Absorption

- **alcohol in mouth and stomach**
- **water, all along the way with heavy extraction in small and large intestines**
 - × **saline cathartics**
 - × **water intoxication**

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- **organic nutrients (aa's, sugars, FA's & monoglycerides, most vitamins) in small intestine: folds, villi, microvilli**
 - × **nutrients carried into columnar epithelial cells**
 - ✓ **water soluble nutrients & fatty acids <10-12 C long moved through epithelial cells into blood supply, where circulated**
 - ✓ **fatty acids > 10-12 C long remanufactured into triglycerides, packaged with cholesterol and proteins, moved via exocytosis out of epithelial cells, picked up by lymphatic system (via lacteals) and circulated back to blood**
- **salts/minerals, various vitamins in small and large intestine**

Elimination of wastes

- **large intestine.....dehydration and compaction of fecal pellet**
 - × **fecal pellet ≈ 75% water; 25% solids**
 - × **brown color due to bile pigments (formed during breakdown of hemoglobin)**
- **rectum.....storage for elimination**
- **anus.....sphincter muscle which controls posterior opening to tract**