

INTEGUMENTARY SYSTEM

OBJECTIVE #6: Explain how the skin regulates body temperature.

D. Regulation of body temperature [Figure 6.8 pg. 121]

1. _____ **FUNCTION!!!!** Heat loss must be balanced by heat production.
2. Normal body temperature: _____
L (_____ *may be* $35.6^{\circ}\text{C} - 37.8^{\circ}\text{C} = 96 - 100^{\circ}\text{F}$)
3. Heat is a product of cellular metabolism and heat affects the _____
4. Major heat producers: _____ & _____ muscle cells and certain _____
5. Physiologic adjustments controlled by " _____ " in _____ through autonomic nervous pathways.
6. Excessive heat loss in body: (\rightarrow _____)
 - a. Skin _____ receptors stimulated and blood flow _____ by nerve impulses
 - b. _____ and _____ metabolic activity occur
 - c. Body hair muscles _____
 - d. Nervous system may stimulate muscle fibers in the skeletal muscles to contract slightly involuntary and rhythmically with greater force -- _____ -- generating more heat
 - e. Behavioral responses occur: curling up _____, huddling or cuddling, rubbing hands together, warm clothing
 - f. Conditions
 - 1) _____
 - a) Definition: _____ temp below _____
 - b) Symptoms: vital signs _____, shivering, coldness, mental confusion, _____, loss of consciousness (_____ $^{\circ}\text{F}$) / reflexes, body shuts down
 - 2) _____: skin cells chilled by internal ice crystals and deprived of O_2 and nutrients \rightarrow _____
7. Excessive heat production in body: (\rightarrow _____)
 - a. Skin _____ receptors and the blood are stimulated by nerve impulses
 - b. _____ and _____ metabolic rate result
 - c. Active muscles _____ carried away by _____ (flushing)
 - d. Eccrine glands stimulated _____ to skin surface for _____



e. Behavioral responses occur: lethargy, resting with limbs _____, wearing lighter clothing, drinking cool drinks, swimming...

f. Conditions

1) _____

a) Definition: _____ temp exceeds _____

b) Symptoms: vital signs _____, sweating

c) Physiology: _____ of hypothalamus begins a _____ in which body temp. _____, metabolic rate _____, heat production _____, temp. continues _____

2) _____: cool water immersion and fluid intake required

3) heat _____: collapse during vigorous activity from excessive fluid loss (_____), low _____, rapid _____, cool and clammy



NOTE: High humidity hinders evaporation process. Athletes beware!

8. FEVER

a. Definition: an increase in core body temperature of one to several degrees

b. Cause(s)

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

c. Injured tissue and WBC release _____

i. Blood carries pyrogens to hypothalamus _____ the set point controlling temperature which promotes _____ (vasoconstriction/shivering- AKA: chills)
New set point is maintained until body defenses/antibiotics reverse set point resulting in _____

e. Increase in body temperature can help immune system kill pathogen → high temp. causes _____ to sequester _____,

reducing the level in the blood. Bacteria/Fungi require more iron as temp ↑, _____.
Hence a low-grade fever over short-term may be desired.

f. Increased temperature for extended periods can denature proteins and cause permanent brain damage.

