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Unlocking the Symptom Profile of Hashimoto's Thyroiditis

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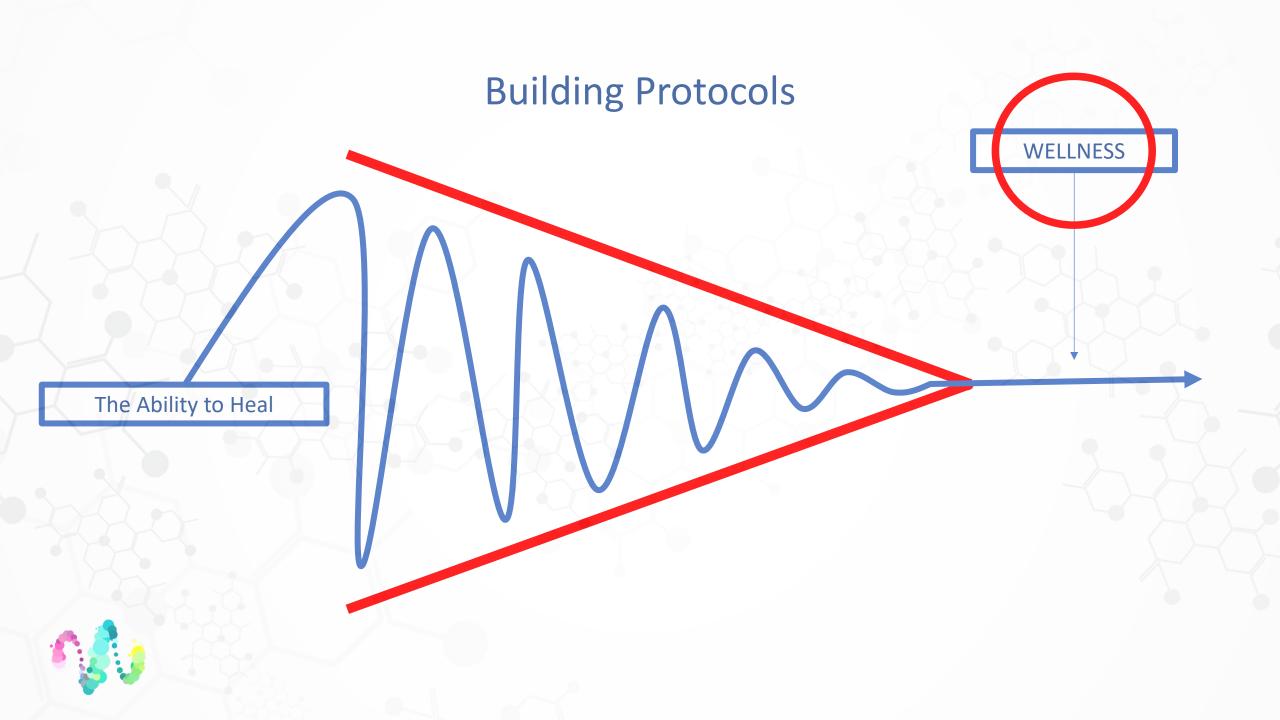
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The Hashimoto's Profile

•Fatigue and sluggishness Increased sensitivity to cold Increased sleepiness •Dry skin Constipation •Muscle weakness •Muscle aches, tenderness and stiffness •Joint pain and stiffness Irregular or excessive menstrual bleeding Depression

Problems with memory or concentration
Swelling of the thyroid (goiter)
A puffy face
Brittle nails
Hair loss
Enlargement of the tongue

Review > Hormones (Athens). 2021 Dec;20(4):613-621. doi: 10.1007/s42000-021-00312-3. Epub 2021 Aug 24.

Subclinical thyroid dysfunction and major depressive disorder

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reflecting a possible effect of SCH in lowering the threshold for the emergence of MDD. The relationship between SCH and MDD is, however, not clear, with large and well-designed studies investigating possible links between reference-range thyroid hormone levels and MDD having as yet found no relation between the two.



 Review
 > J Endocrinol Invest. 2021 Nov;44(11):2341-2347. doi: 10.1007/s40618-021-01600-w.

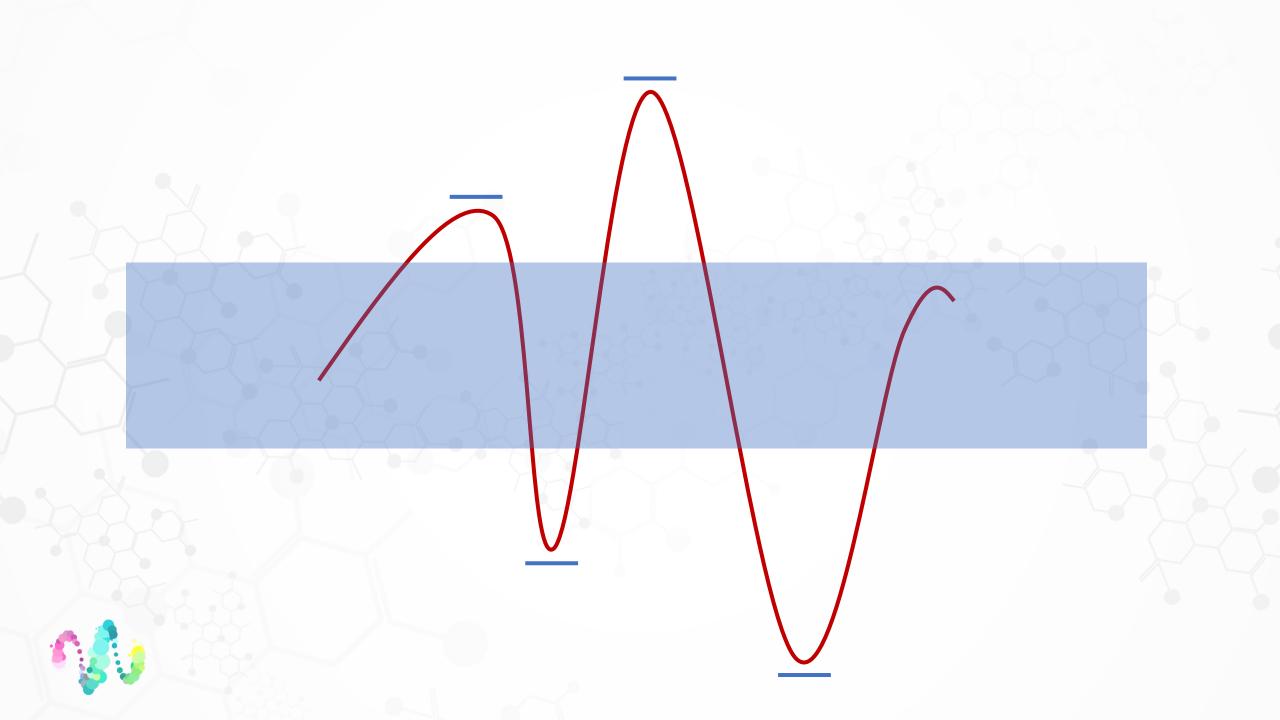
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Role of thyroid hormone therapy in depressive disorders

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The successful modification of mood disorders with thyroid hormone underscores the association between endocrine and cerebral systems in these disorders. Thyroid hormones have a profound influence on behavior and appear to be capable of modulating the phenotypic expression of major mood disorders. In fact, there is evidence that triiodothyronine (LT3) may accelerate the antidepressant response to antidepressants, and studies suggest that LT3 also may augment the response to antidepressants in refractory depression. Add-on treatment with supraphysiologic doses of levothyroxine (LT4) has shown efficacy in open-label and in placebo-controlled studies, including in rapid cycling and prophylaxis-resistant bipolar disorder, and with acute refractory uni- or bipolar depression. Functional brain-imaging studies (PET) demonstrated that administration of supraphysiologic LT4 improves depressive symptoms in patients with bipolar depression by modulating cerebral activity in the anterior limbic network.

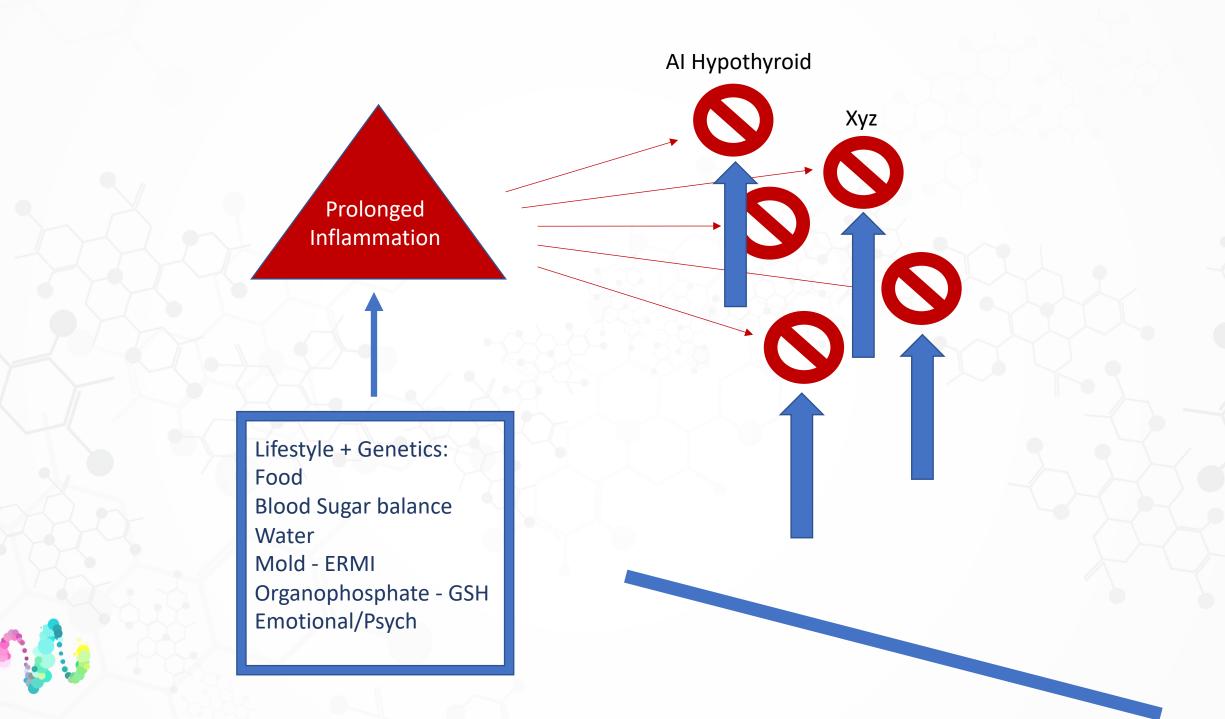


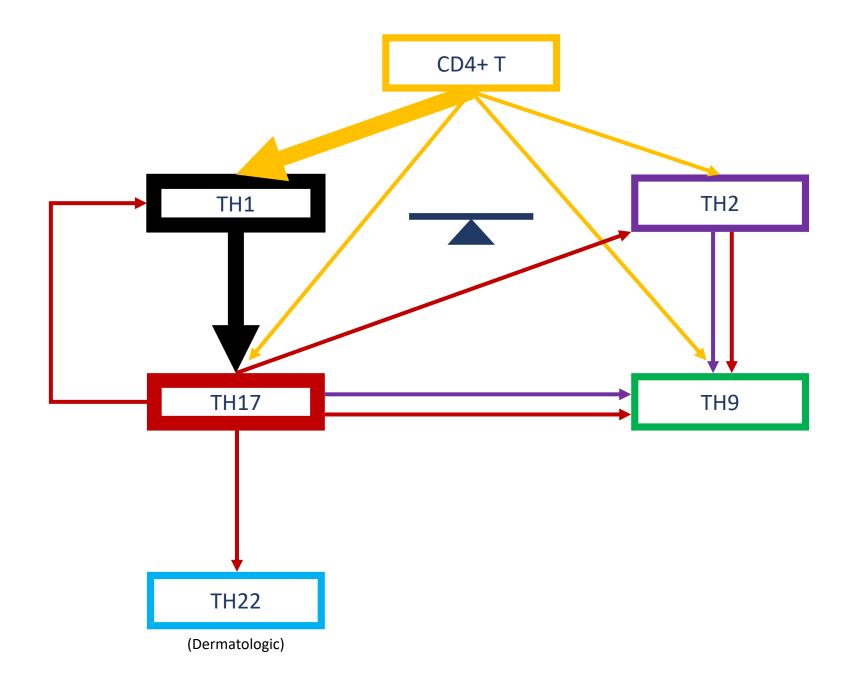


Shifts in the TH1/TH2 balance during human pregnancy correlate with apoptotic changes

An important prerequisite for a successful pregnancy is that the maternal immune system does not reject the fetus. Down-regulation of the T helper 1 (TH1) associated cellular immune response could therefore be essential. With flow cytometric techniques, we show on a single cell level that both CD4+ and CD8+ T cells from peripheral blood produce less TH1 cytokines (i.e. IFN-gamma and IL-2) and more TH2 cytokines (i.e. IL-4) during normal human pregnancy and shortly after delivery than during non-pregnancy. The TH1/TH2 cytokine ratio in T cells of women during pregnancy and after delivery was significantly decreased. In contrast the TH1/TH2 ratio was elevated to near normal in women with recurrent spontaneous abortions, indicating a marked shift towards TH1 immunity. Fas antigen (CD95) on T cells was significantly elevated during pregnancy and in the post-delivery phase whereas the intracellular expression of anti-apoptotic protein Bcl-2 remained unchanged. Nevertheless Fas-mediated apoptosis in T cells was markedly reduced during normal human pregnancy. We hypothesize that TH1 cells undergo predominantly Fasmediated apoptosis during pregnancy as has been shown in some TH2-prone diseases (e.g. SLE, HIV) where an elevated Fas expression on peripheral T cells is observed. This could explain the exacerbated occurrence of TH2-associated diseases in pregnancy.







Thyroglobulin Antibody

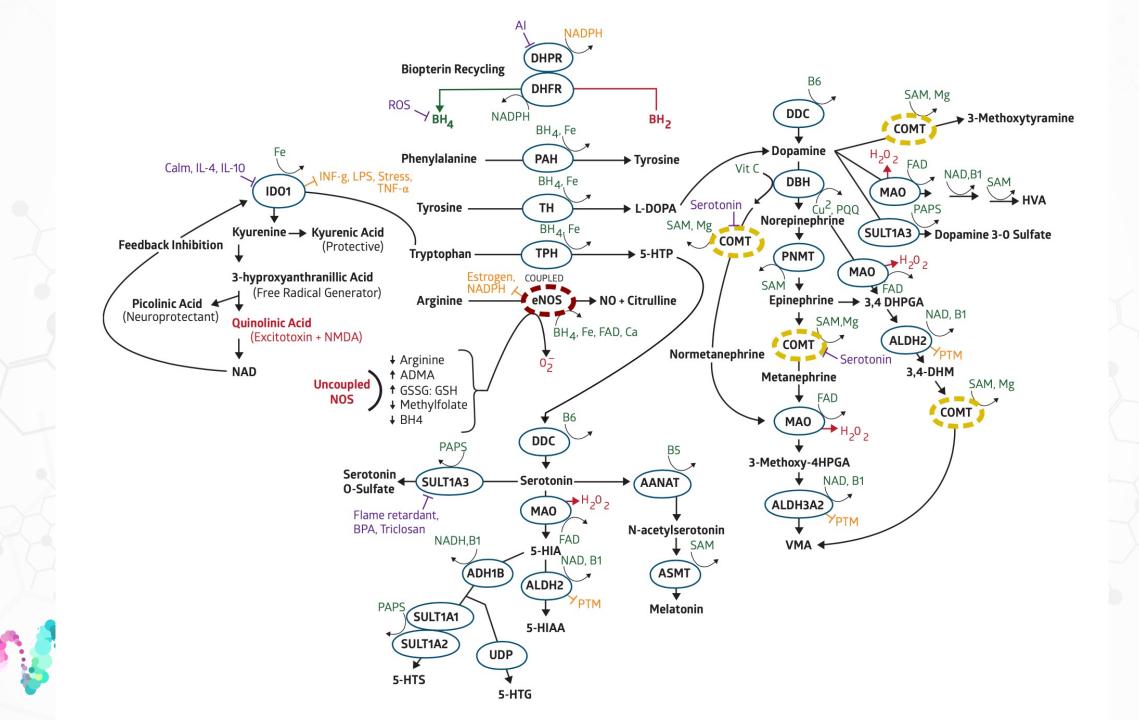
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A Thyroglobulin Antibody 01	558.8	High	631.1	05/12/2021	IU/mL	0.0-0.9
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ſSH						
Test	Current Result and Flag		Previous Result and Date		Units	Reference Interva
TSH ⁰¹	0.013	Low	0.075	07/28/2021	ulU/mL	0.450-4.500
۲hyroxine (T4)						
Test	Current Result and Flag		Previous Result and Date		Units	Reference Interva
Thyroxine (T4) ⁰¹	8.4		6.1	07/28/2021	ug/dL	4.5-12.0
3 Uptake						
Test	Current Result and Flag		Previous Result and Date		Units	Reference Interva
T3 Uptake ⁰¹	28		25	07/28/2021	%	24-39
Free Thyroxine Index	2.4		1.5	07/28/2021		1.2-4.9
Triiodothyronine (T3)						
Test	Current Result and Flag		Previous Result and Date		Units	Reference Interva
▲ Triiodothyronine (T3) ⁰¹	193	High	92	07/28/2021	ng/dL	71-180



Thyroid Antibodies

Test	Current Result and Flag		Previous Result and Date		Units	Reference Interval
Thyroid Peroxidase (TPO) Ab ⁰¹	9		10	09/02/2021	IU/mL	0-34
A Thyroglobulin Antibody ⁰¹	58.8	High	180.3	09/02/2021	IU/mL	0.0-0.9
	Thyroglobulin /	Antibody measu	red by Beckman	Coulter Methodo	logy	
Test	Current Result and Flag		Previous Result and Date		Units	Reference Interval
▲ TSH ⁰¹	7.440	High	4.22	09/02/2021	ulU/mL	0.450-4.500
Thyroxine (T4) ⁰¹	6.5		6.5	09/02/2021	ug/dL	4.5-12.0
T3 Uptake ⁰¹	24		26	09/02/2021	%	24-39
Free Thyroxine Index	1.6		1.7	09/02/2021		1.2-4.9
Test	Current Result and Flag		Previous Result and Date		Units	Reference Interval
Lipids ⁰¹						
Cholesterol, Total ⁰¹	173		181	09/02/2021	mg/dL	100-199
▲ Triglycerides ⁰¹	186	High	319	09/02/2021	mg/dL	0-149
HDL Cholesterol ⁰¹	68		43	09/02/2021	mg/dL	>39
VLDL Cholesterol Cal	31		52	09/02/2021	mg/dL	5-40
LDL Chol Calc (NIH)	74		86	09/02/2021	mg/dL	0-99
T. Chol/HDL Ratio	2.5		4.2*	09/02/2021	ratio	0.0-5.0





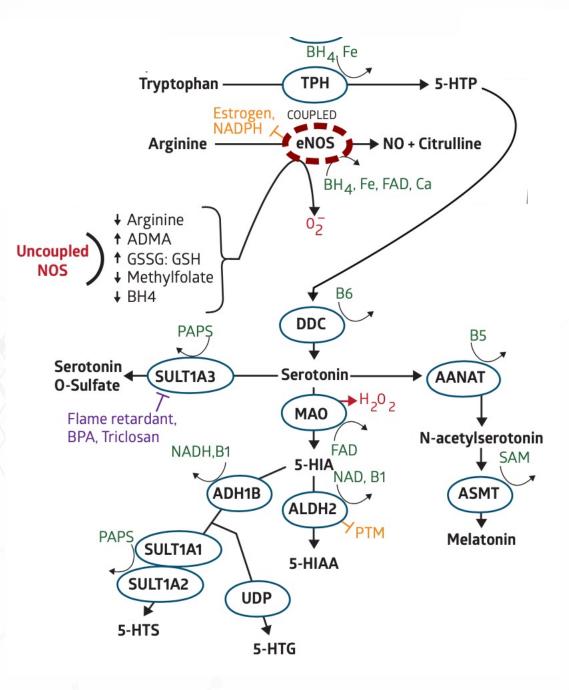
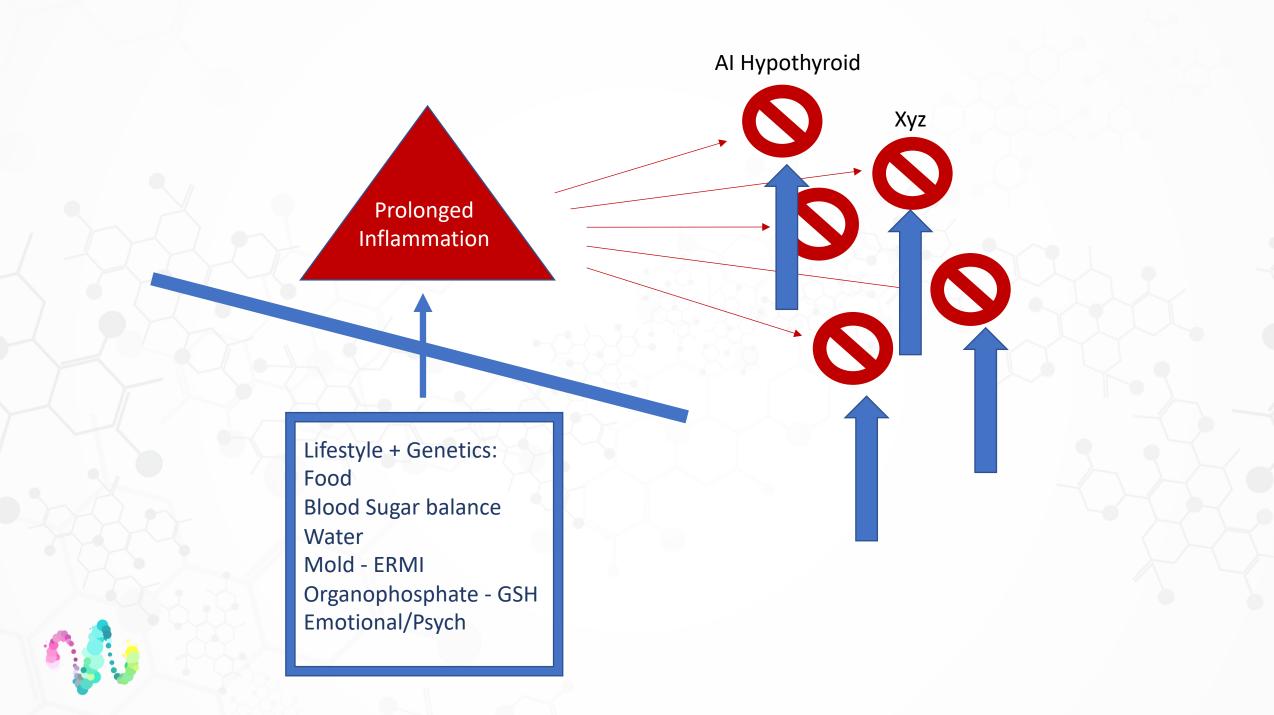


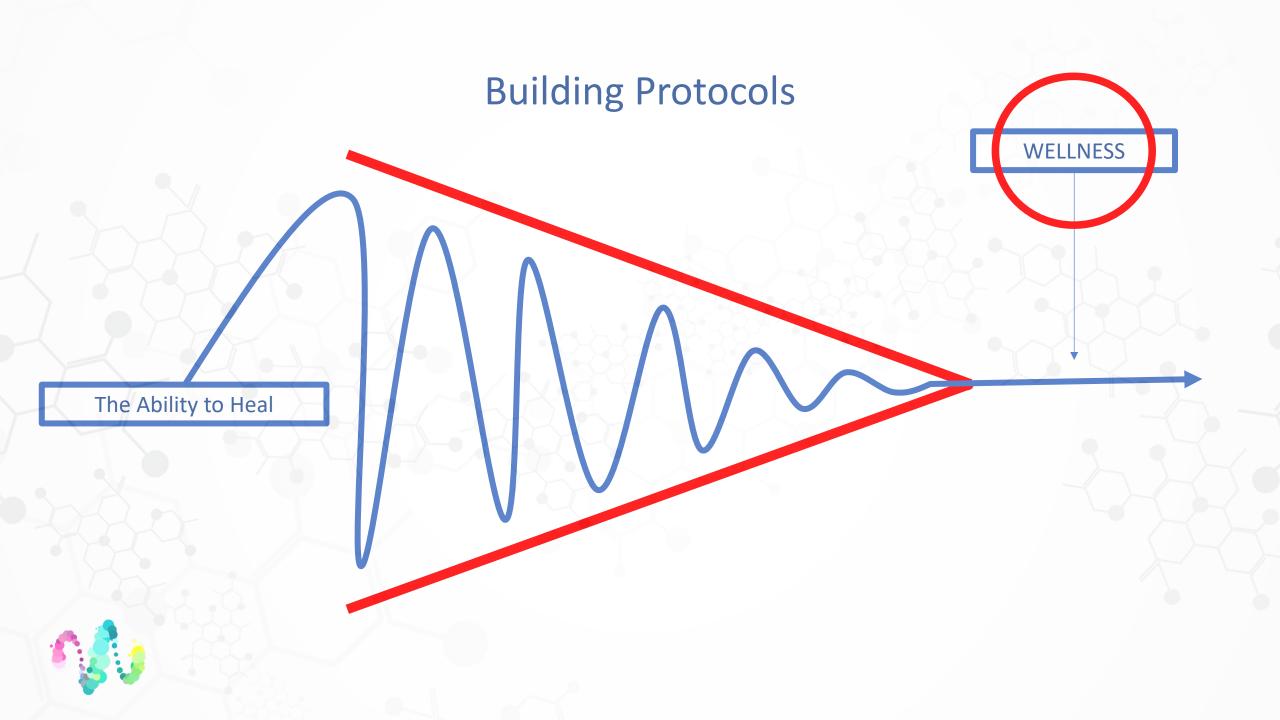


Table I. Drugs and Agents Associated with Thyroid Dysfunction

Medication or agent	Effects on Serum Thyroid Function Tests			
Glucocorticoids	- Can transiently suppress TSH without hyperthyroidism			
Dopamine and Dobutamine	 Can transiently suppress TSH without hyperthyroidism 			
Amiodarone	 Can induce either hypothyroidism or hyperthyroidism May observe a transient TSH increase in the first days and weeks following amiodarone introduction LT4 requirements in treated hypothyroid patients are increased 			
Lithium	 Can induce hypothyroidism but also less commonly, transient hyperthyroidism (similar to silent thyroiditis) 			
Interferon	 Can induce hypothyrodism (permanent or transient) but also less commonly, hyperthyroidism (similar to Graves' disease and silent thyroiditis) 			
Tyrosine kinase inhibitors (sunitimib, sorafenib, imatinib)	- Can induce hypothyroidism (permanent or transient)			
Alemtuzumab	- Hyperthyroidism (Graves' disease)			
Iodine-containing medications and agents	 Can unmask latent hyperthyroidism in iodine deficient individuals Can induce hypothyroidism in euthyroid patients with underlying thyroid disease 			
Drugs which reduce LT4 absorption (cholestyramine, calcium, sucralfate, sevelamer)	 Increases LT4 requirements in treated hypothyroid patients 			
Drugs which increase hepatic metabolism of thyroid hormones (phenobarbital, carbamazepine, phenytoin, rifampicine)	 Increases LT4 requirements in treated hypothyroid patients 			
Drugs which increase TBG levels (estrogen)	 Increases LT4 requirements in treated hypothyroid patients 			







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