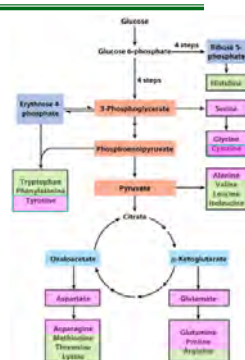


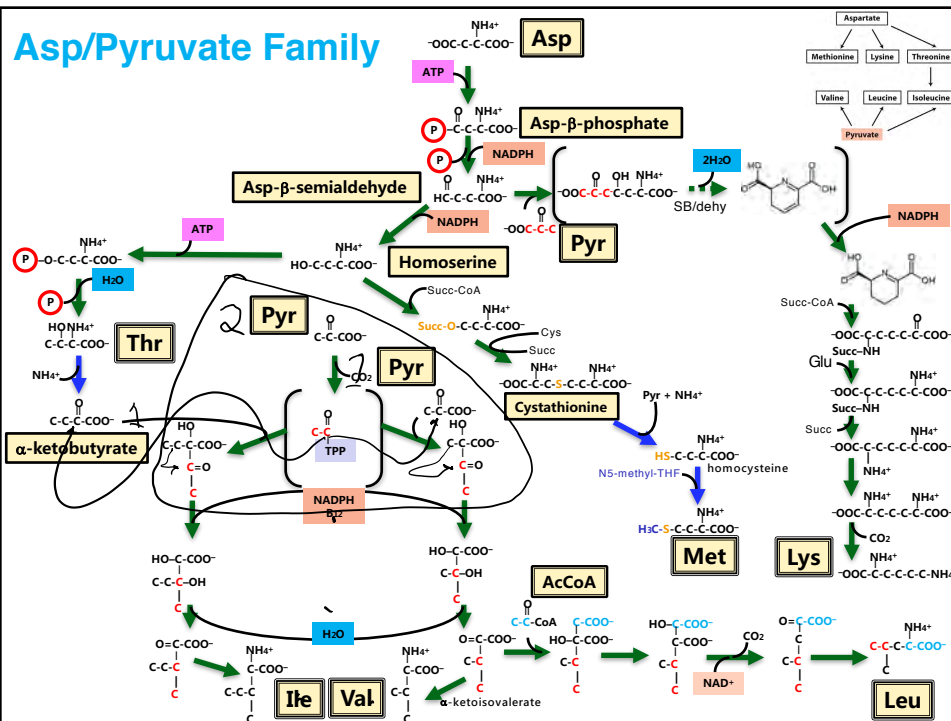
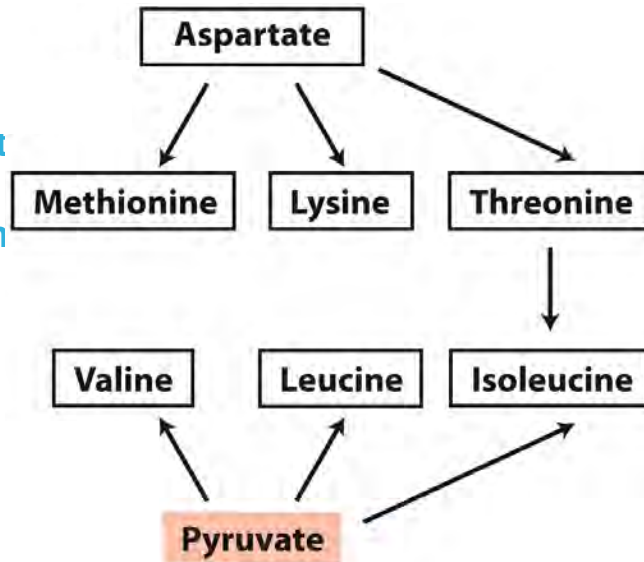
ANABOLISM III:
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Amino Acids &
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Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

Asp/Pyruvate Family

Oxaloacetate
Yields Asp,
which Yields Met
Lys, and Thr,
which along with
Pyruvate and
Acetyl-CoA
Yields Val, Leu,
and Ileu

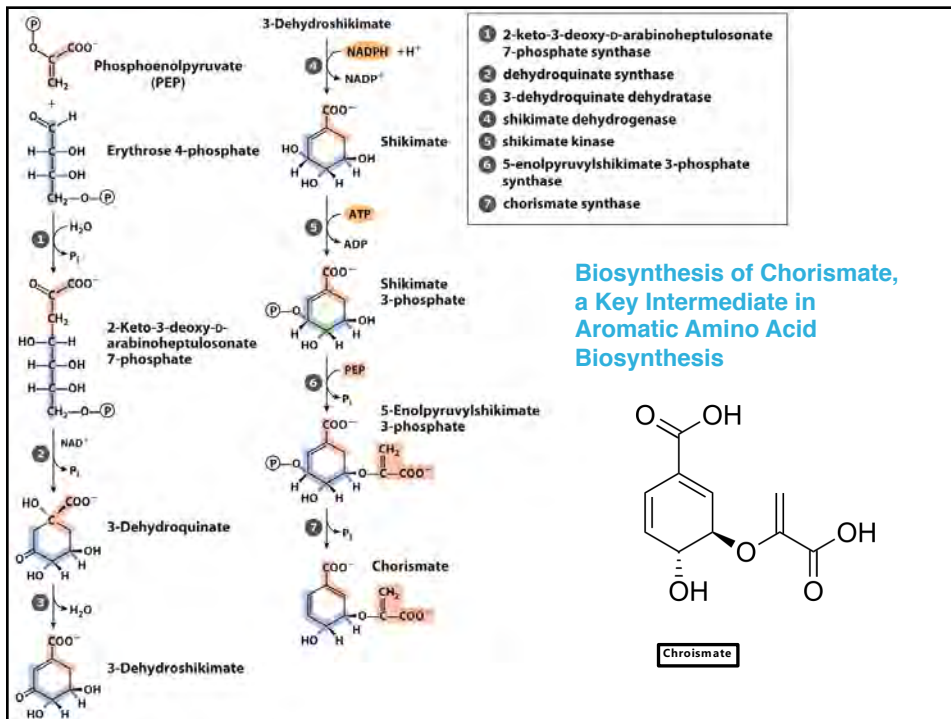
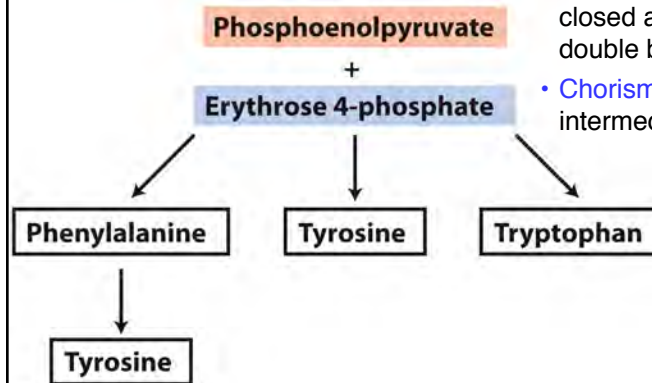


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Aromatic Family: Phe, Trp

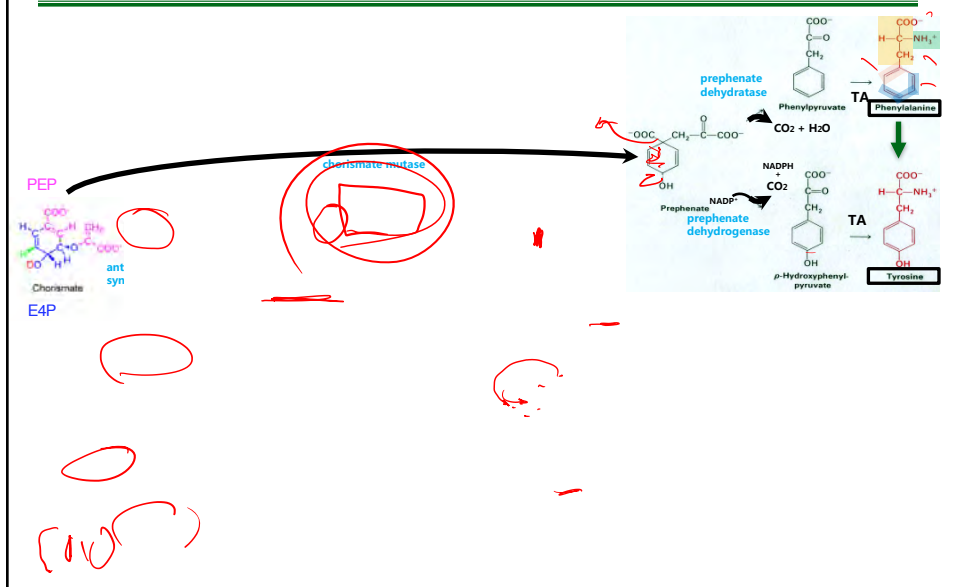
Aromatic Amino Acids Derive from PEP and Erythrose 4-Phosphate

- Very complicated and amazing chemistry!
- Rings must be synthesized and closed and then oxidized to create double bonds.
- **Chorismate** is a common intermediate.



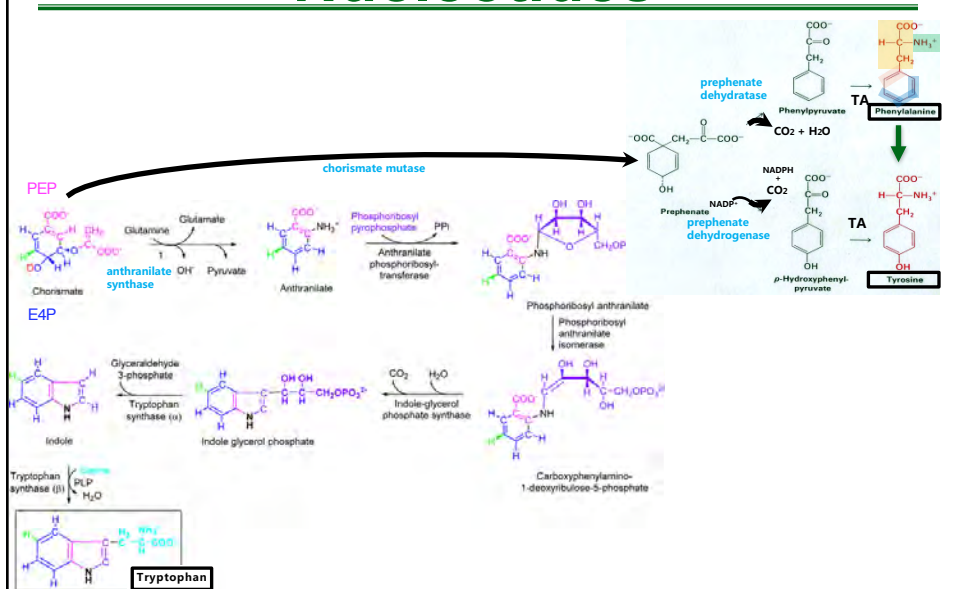
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Biosynthesis of Amino Acids & Nucleotides

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Trp Synthase

PEP

E4P Indole

Tryptophan synthase (II) + H_2O

Tryptophan

An aldol cleavage produces indole and glyceraldehyde 3-phosphate. PLP is not required.

Indole traverses tunnel between α and β subunits.

Dehydration of serine forms a PLP-aminocryptate intermediate.

Indole condenses with the aminocryptate intermediate (2 steps).

Indole-3-glycerol phosphate

Indole-3-phosphate

PLP-aminocryptate adduct

Quinonoid intermediate

Aldimine with tryptophan

Tryptophan

Trp Synthase

The enzyme is a complex of α and β subunits. The α subunit contains the PLP-dependent tryptophan synthase (E1) and the indole-3-phosphate decarboxylase (E2). The β subunit contains the indole-3-phosphate decarboxylase (E2) and the tryptophan synthase (E1).

The α subunit is shown in blue, and the β subunit is shown in red. The tunnel between the subunits is labeled "Tunnel".

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- Synthesized from ribose 5-phosphate via *ribose phosphate pyrophosphokinase*

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Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

Essential vs. Nonessential and Conditionally Essential Amino Acids

Asp	1	*	OAA
Glu	1	*	α -KG
Ala	1	*	Pyr
Asn	1	—	Asp
Gln	1	—	Glu
Pro	3(1)	(*)	Glu/Arg
Ser	3	—	3PGA
Gly	1	*	Ser
Cys	2	*	Ser/Met
Tyr	1	*	Phe

Red=biosynthesis specific; *reverse of degradation

- Essential amino acids must be obtained as dietary protein.
- Nonessential amino acids are easily made from central metabolites.
- Consumption of a **variety** of foods supplies all the essential amino acids.

TABLE 18-1 Nonessential and Essential Amino Acids for Humans and the Albino Rat		
Nonessential	Conditionally essential ^a	Essential
Alanine	Arginine \leftarrow urea	Histidine
Asparagine	Cysteine \leftarrow Met	Isoleucine
Aspartate	Glutamine	Leucine
Glutamate	Glycine	Lysine
Serine	Proline \leftarrow Arg	Methionine
	Tyrosine \leftarrow Phe	Phenylalanine
		Threonine
		Tryptophan
		Valine

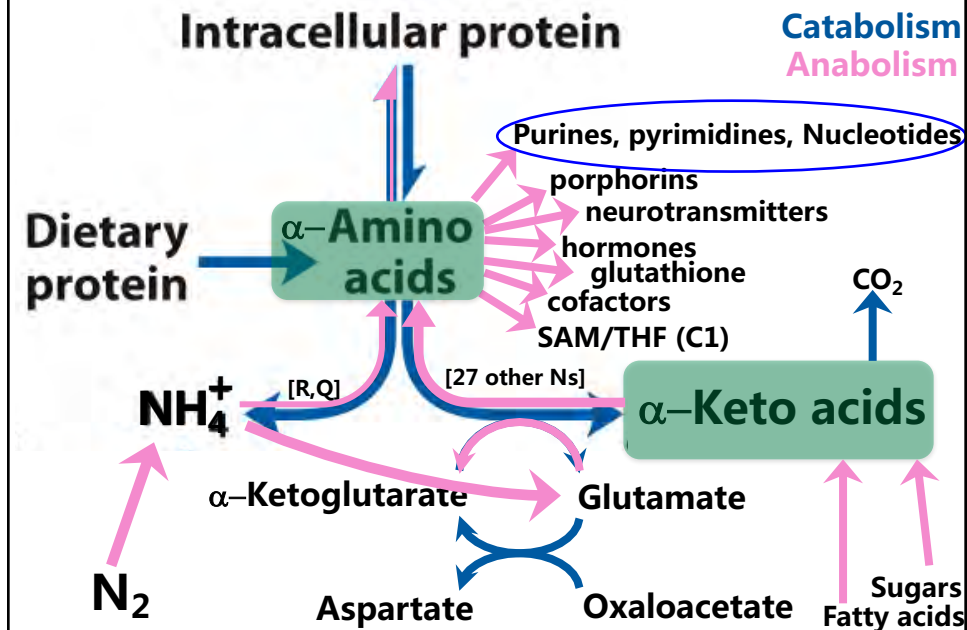
^aRequired to some degree in young, growing animals and/or sometimes during illness.

- Conditionally Essential amino acids are made from essential, or become essential in certain physiological conditions.

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- 1) Nitrogen fixation: $N_2 \rightarrow NH_4$
- 2) Nitrogen assimilation: incorporation of ammonia into biomolecules
- 3) Biosynthesis of amino acids
 - a) non-essential
 - b) essential
- 4) Biosynthesis of nucleotides
- 5) Control of nitrogen metabolism
- 6) Biosynthesis and degradation of heme; other 2° products of amino acids

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Nucleotide Biosynthesis

Bases

✓ Purines (as nucleotides*)

✓ Pyrimidines (as bases)

Adding the Ribose (PRPP)

Making the deoxy-ribose

— Making the triphosphate precursors

Regulating the levels for DNA synthesis

*Bases synthesized *while* attached to ribose; products are RMP

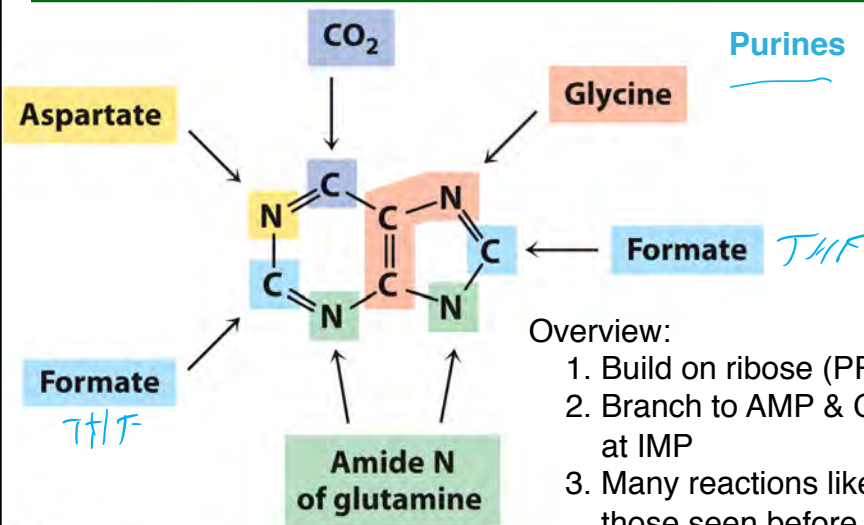
(R is one-letter code for purine, Y is one letter code for pyrimidine)

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Two major sources of Nucleotides:

1. They can be synthesized **de novo** ("from the beginning")
 - Purine nucleotides: from **Gly**, **Gln(NH₃)**, **Asp(NH₃)**, **THF**, and **CO₂**, and ribose-5-phosphate (PRPP)
 - Pyrimidine nucleotides: from **Asp**, **carbamoyl-phosphate**, and ribose-5-phosphate (PRPP)
2. Nucleotides can be **salvaged** from RNA, DNA, and cofactor degradation.
 - Recall purines are degraded to uric acid (no energy) but pyrimidines can be oxidized to acetyl-CoA and Succinyl-CoA
 - Purine salvage is a significant contribution (80-90%)
 - Interesting: Many parasites (e.g., **malaria**) lack **de novo** biosynthesis and rely exclusively on salvage. Therefore, compounds that inhibit **salvage** pathways are promising **antiparasite drugs**.
3. Because **ATP/ADP** are involved in so many reactions and regulation mechanisms, the [nucleotide] are kept low; so cells must continually synthesize them.
 - This synthesis may actually limit rates of transcription and replication.
4. Unlike amino-acid biosynthesis, conserved in all organisms studied.

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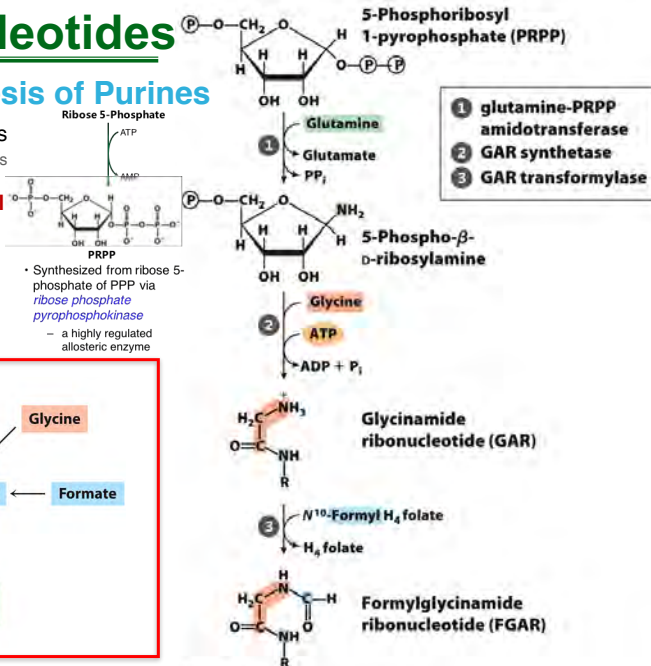
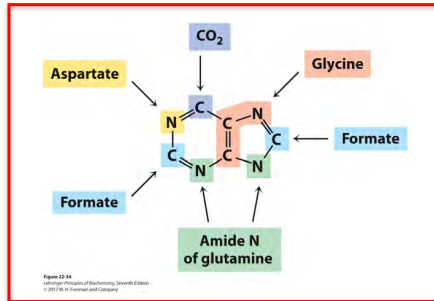
De Novo Biosynthesis of Purines

0. Begins with PRPP synthesis

1. PRPP reacts with Gln (like His with ATP NH₂, or anthranilate in Trp synthesis-very common). **Committal Step**

2. Addition of three carbons from glycine by making amide (like Asn).

3. Add C1 from THF

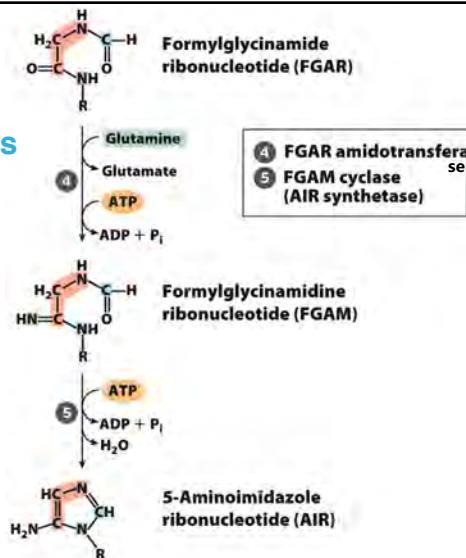
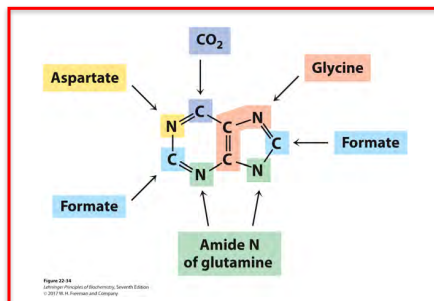


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4. FGAR reacts with Gln (just saw in Trp (chorismate) and first step here (aldehyde of ribose in PRPP).

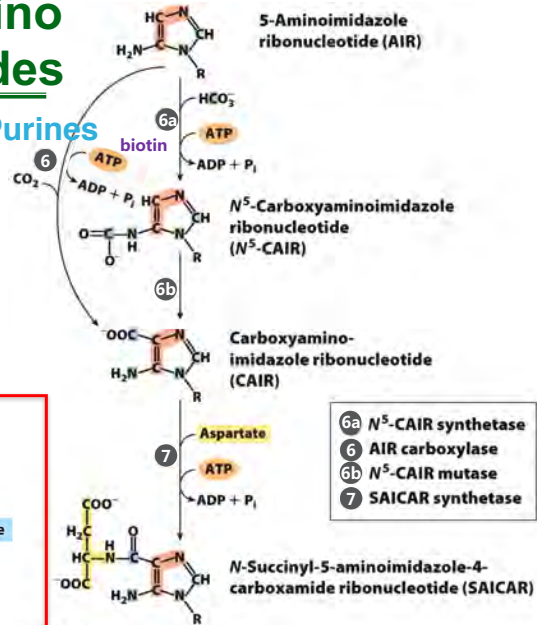
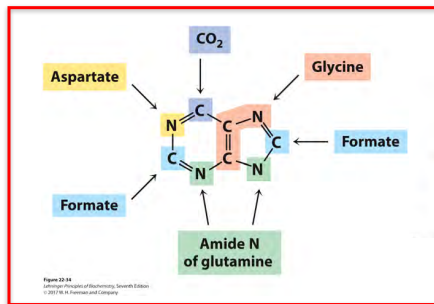
5. Looks like Schiff base, but its an elimination after phosphorylation.



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6. Typical carboxylase (6a/b in microorganisms)
7. Add Nitrogen of Asp (recall Urea Cycle).

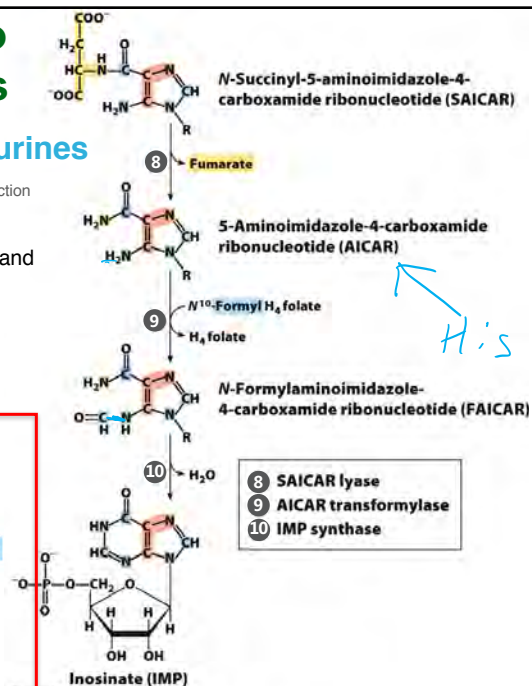
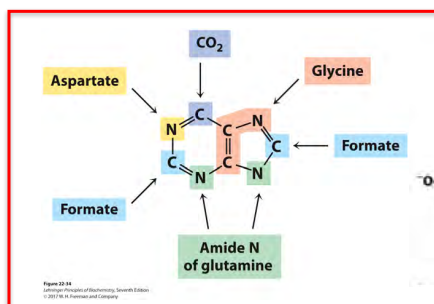


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8. Removal of formate (can act as anaplerotic reaction to keep ATP synthesis)
9. Add C1 from THF
10. Schiff base formation gets ring closure and IMP

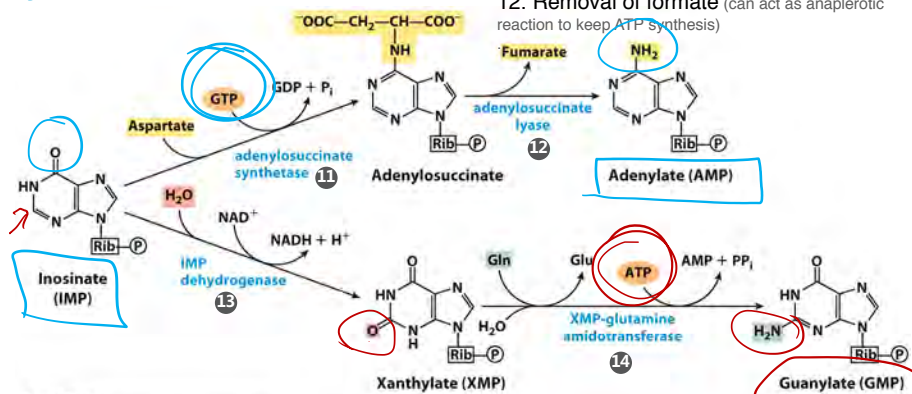
Total ATP=10 (2 for N10-formyl(THF))



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Synthesis of AMP and GMP from IMP

11. Add Nitrogen of Asp (recall Urea Cycle)
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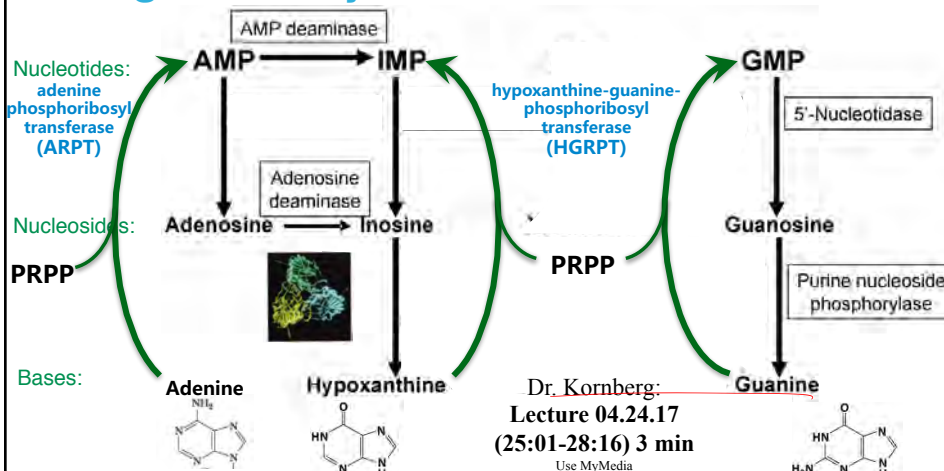
13. Add water cross imine and oxidize to keto (recall fatty acid oxidation, except at imine not alkene)

14. Add nitrogen from Gln (recall Asn Synthetase and 3rd time we saw use of Gln for this)

Note that ATP is used to phosphorylate GMP precursor, while GTP is used to phosphorylate AMP precursor.

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Salvage Pathway of Purines



- Over 90% of purine bases are from salvage pathway.
- The brain is especially dependent on salvage pathways.
- The lack of HGPRT leads to **Lesch-Nyhan syndrome** with neurological impairment and finger-and-toe-biting behavior.

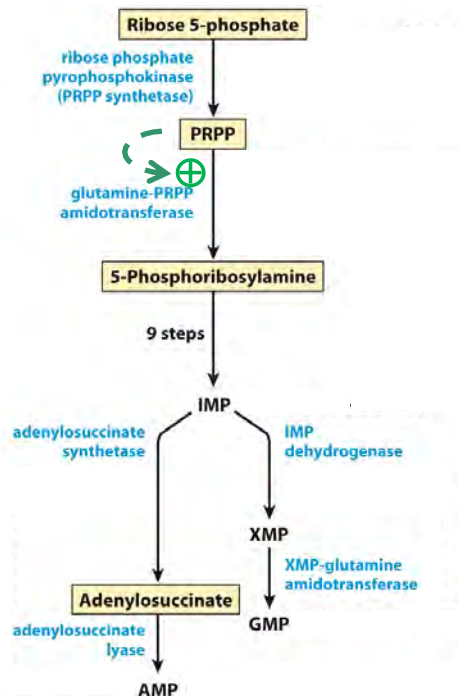
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Regulation of Purine Biosynthesis

Four Major Sites of Allosteric Regulation

1. *PRPP synthetase* is inhibited by ADP and GDP.
2. *Glutamine-PRPP amidotransferase* is inhibited by end-products IMP, AMP, and GMP.
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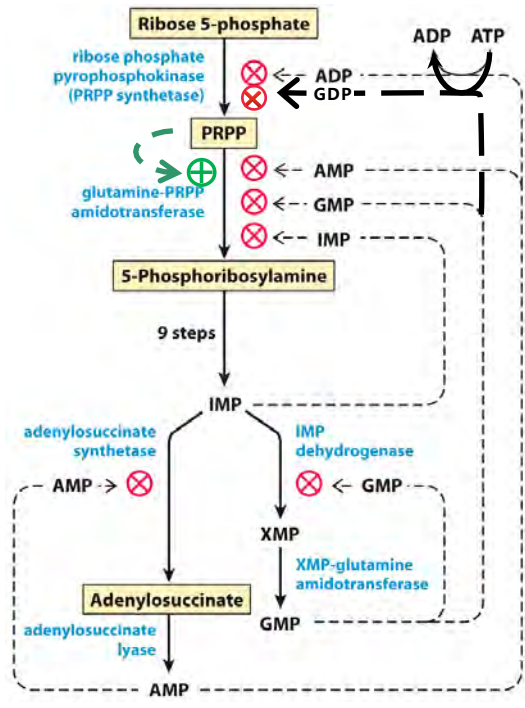


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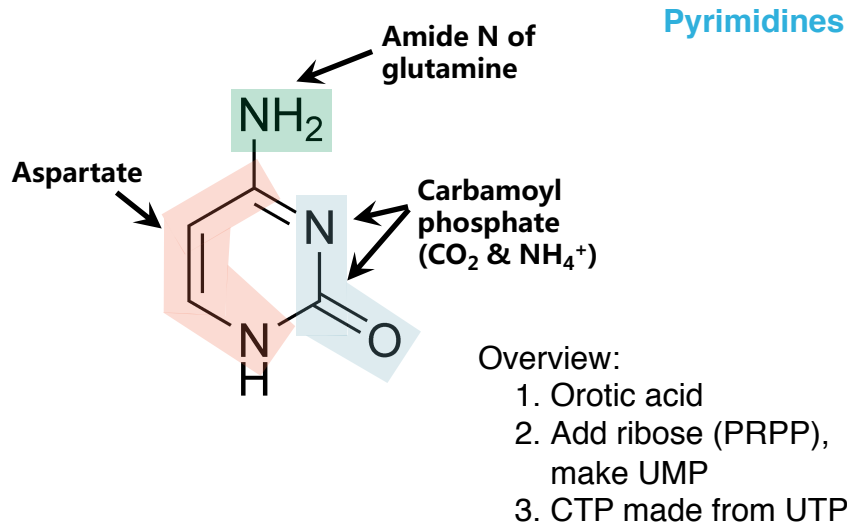
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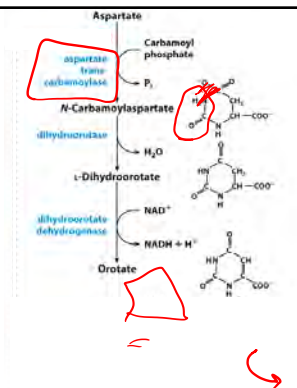
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De Novo Biosynthesis of Pyrimidines

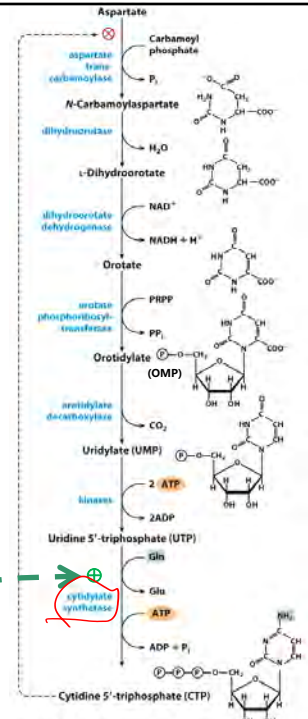
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- **Aspartate** and **carbamoyl phosphate** provide all the atoms for the heterocycle or pyrimidine. The first pyrimidine is **Orotate**.
- This is converted to a nucleotide using PRPP, resulting nucleotide (orotidylate; OMP).
- OMP is decarboxylated to form uridylate (UMP).
- The other pyrimidine nucleotide used in RNA is made at the triphosphate level; UMP is phosphorylated twice to make UTP.
- UTP is converted to CTP by amination using Gln similar to making AMP from XMP.
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De Novo Biosynthesis of Pyrimidines

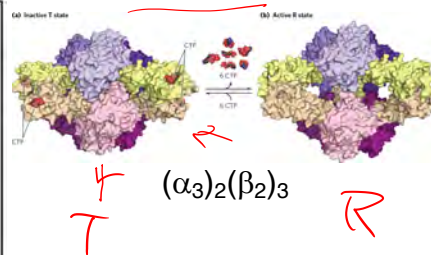
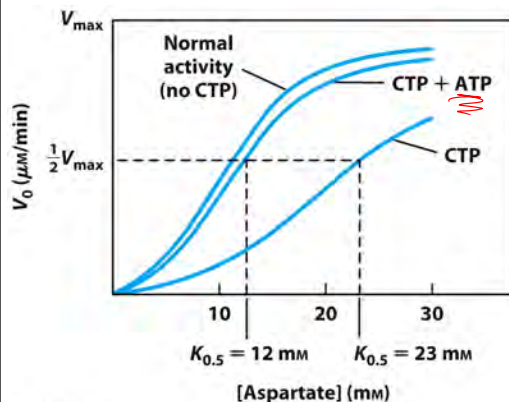
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Regulation of Pyrimidine Biosynthesis via Feedback Inhibition

Aspartate Transcarbamoylase (ATCase)



Recall from 421: ATCase is inhibited by end-product CTP and is accelerated by ATP.

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Lecture 04.26.17
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Biosynthesis Amino Acids & Nucleotides

So far:

GMP → GDP → GTP

AMP → ADP → ATP

UMP → UDP → UTP

CDP ← CTP

Specific kinases,
e.g., *UMP kinase*,
GMP kinase,
Adenylate kinase
etc.

Non-specific kinase,
*nucleoside
diphosphate kinase*
(works on both oxy- and
deoxy-ribose
nucleosides)

GDP → dGDP

ADP → dADP

UDP → dUDP

CDP → dCDP

How are Ribonucleic Acid Precursors
converted to Deoxyribonucleic Acid
Precursors?

.....and how is dTTP made?

2'-OH bond is directly reduced to 2'-H
bond ... without activating the carbon for
dehydration, etc.!

catalyzed by *ribonucleotide reductase*

Very unique enzyme in all of biochemistry - use of free
radicals

Mechanism: Two H atoms are donated
by NADPH and carried by thioredoxin or
glutaredoxin to the active site.
-Substrates are the NDPs and the products
are dNDP.