

# CALCIUM HOMEOSTASIS

## Hormones in charge of Calcium Homeostasis

→ parathyroid hormone - peptide  
low MW  
 $t_{1/2} \rightarrow \sim 25 \text{ min}$   
no binding protein

① maintain normal serum  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  level

↳ Bone: ↑ osteoclastic activity  $\Rightarrow$  ↑  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  mobilisation

Kidney: ↑  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  reabsorption

GIT: ↑  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  absorption

② ↓ Serum  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  level

↳ inhibit  $\text{Na}^+ - \text{PO}_4^{3-}$  co-transporter

↓  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  reabsorption from PCT

↓  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  serum level

# potentially wastes  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  in urine

③ Act on both Osteoblastic & Osteoclastic activity

marker: ALP

marker: urinary hydroxyproline  
(degradation product of collagen)

PTH  $\rightarrow$  osteoclastic activity ↑



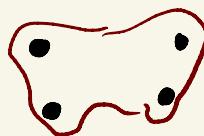
$\Rightarrow \uparrow \text{Ca}^{2+}, (\text{PO}_4^{3-})$   
retained

$\rightarrow$  excreted through kidney

free  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  never deposits on kidney  
 $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  excreted  $\rightarrow$  No  $\text{Ca}_3(\text{PO}_4)_2$  formed

No chance of deposition

- thus PTH → hypercalcemic hypophosphatemic

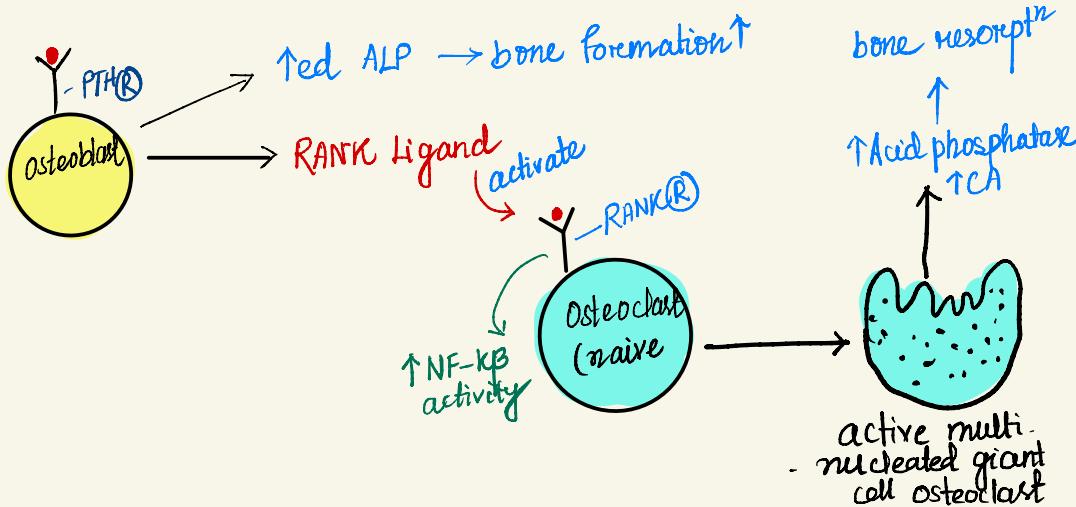


→ normally 4 parathyroid gland  
supernumerary glands upto 9 maybe +nt  
consists calcium sensitive receptors (CASR)  
(also +nt in kidney)

~~Note: In hyperparathyroidism, ↑PTH → ↑ serum  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$~~

↓  
sensed by CASR  
Protective mechanism  
↑  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  excretion

thus, ↑PTH can not cause (generally) hypercalcemia  
and in hyperparathyroidism, urinary  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  level ↑es  
although PTH ↑es  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  reabsorptn (due to CASR in kidney)



<u>PTH level</u>	<u>act<sup>n</sup> on osteoblast</u>	<u>act<sup>n</sup> on osteoclast</u>	<u>funct<sup>n</sup></u>
physiological/ normal	⊕	⊕	bone remodelling
hypoparathyroidism (↓ PTH level)	⊕⊕	⊕⊕⊕⊕	bone destruction
Intermittent low dose of PTH (teriparatide)	⊕⊕⊕	⊕	bone protection

→ Vit D → can stimulate osteoblast → ↑ bone formation

- ↳ don't produce RANK Ligand → No Osteoclastic activity
- ↳ ↑ Ca<sup>2+</sup> absorption from GIT
- ↳ ↑ Ca<sup>2+</sup>, PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup> reabsorption } ↓ serum ↑ Ca<sup>2+</sup>, ↑ PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup> level

→ Calcitonin → inhibit osteoclastic activity

↓

↓ Serum Ca<sup>2+</sup> level  
also ↓ PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup> level

	Ca <sup>2+</sup> (serum)	PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>
PTH	↑	↓
Vit D	↑	↑
Calcitonin	↓	↓

Osteoclast have only calcitonin receptors.  
↳ NO PTH & Vit D receptors.

Directly acting on Osteoclast →

- Calcitonin
- Bisphosphonates (drug)
- Osteoprotogelin (natural)

(Inhibition)

IL-6, Macrophage activating protein (MAP) ↑  
 ↓ Multiple myeloma

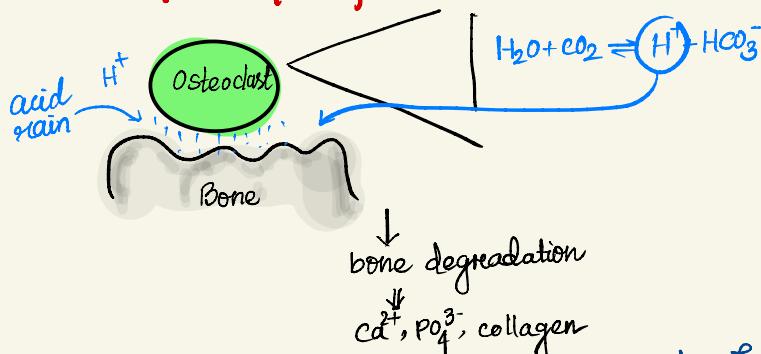
can directly activate osteoclast  
 ↳ lytic lesions

( bind to RANK Receptor and inhibit binding of RANK Ligand  
 do not stimulate osteoclast  
 ↓ bone protection)

→ Denosumab (monoclonal antibody drug similar to osteoprotogelin)

Only substance directly activating osteoblast and inhibiting Osteoclast is - Srontium

### Action of Bisphosphonates



# ↓ Carbonic anhydrase  $\rightarrow$  ↓ osteoclastic activity

thick, weak bone

↓ Osteoporosis

# ↓ bone matrix  $\rightarrow$  Osteoporosis

1<sup>st</sup> generation bisphosphonate  $\Rightarrow$  gets incorporate in bone matrix  
↓  
osteoclast can't identify bone  
• camouflage effect

Etidronate  
Tiludronate  
not used anymore

## 2<sup>nd</sup> generation / $\text{NO}_3^-$ containing bisphosphonate

Pamidronate  
(i.v./oral)  
↳ needs no dose adjustment  $\in$  renal failure

encourage osteoclast to take up the bisphosphonate  
↓

Inhibit & becomes toxic to osteoclast  
↓

osteoclast lifespan reduces

Risedronate (oral)

## 3<sup>rd</sup> generation bisphosphonate

↳ highly potent

Alendronate (oral) } - needs dose adjustment  
Zoledronate (i.v.) }  $\in$  renal failure

S/E of bisphosphonate - hypocalcemia  
pill induced Esophagitis  
(C/I - GERD)  
Kidney Injury - nephropathy  
(C/I - Renal failure)  
Aseptic osteonecrosis of jaw  
⊗ femur fracture (Paradoxical)  
↳ subtrochanteric  
(on long term use)

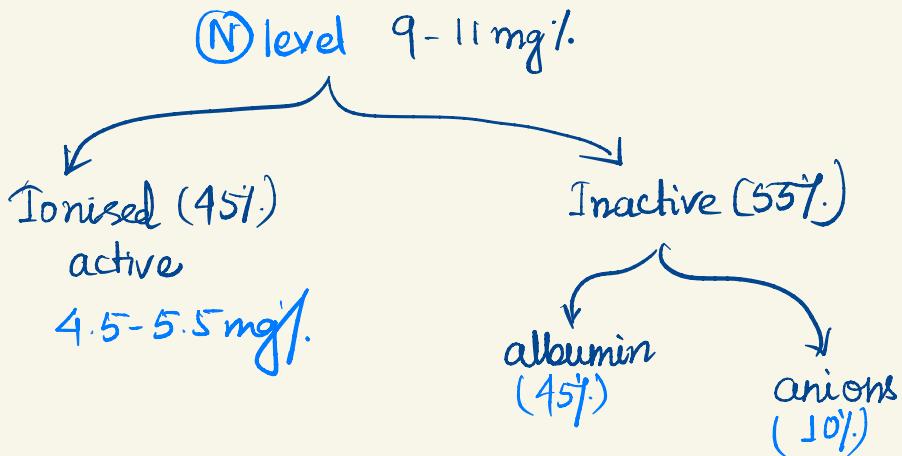
uses of Bisphosphonate - Osteoporosis

- Hypercalcemia of malignancy
- Bone metastasis.

Advise-

- lot of water w/ pills to avoid sticking at GIT
- do not lie down for 1-2 hrs.

# CALCIUM



1g albumin binds to 0.8 mg of calcium.

$$\text{Corrected calcium} = \text{Serum } \text{Ca}^{2+} + 0.8 [4 - \text{albumin}]$$

Example  $\Rightarrow$  Serum  $\text{Ca}^{2+} = 7.5 \text{ mg}/\text{dl}$   
                  albumin =  $2 \text{ mg}/\text{dl}$

$$\text{calcium} = 7.5 + 0.8 \times [4 - 2]$$

$$= 9.1 \text{ mg}/\text{dl}$$

$\rightarrow$  normal but appear hypocalcemic due to low albumin

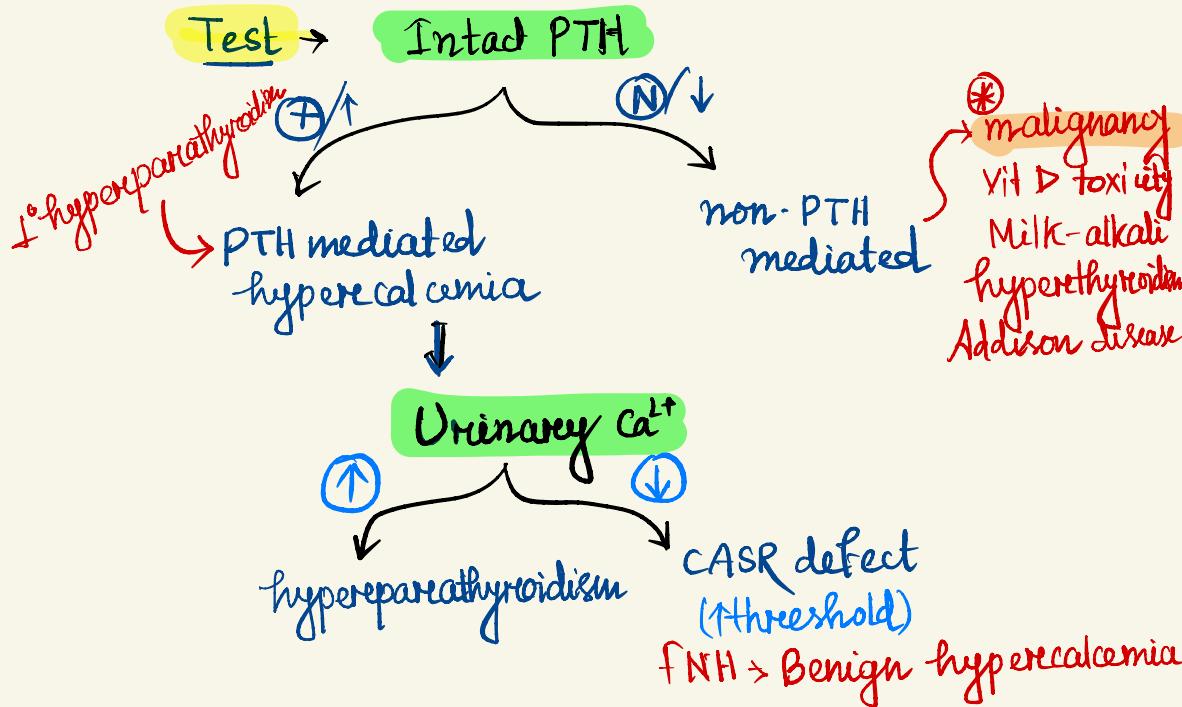
# Hypercalcemia

Mild  $10.5/11 - 12 \text{ mg/dL}$

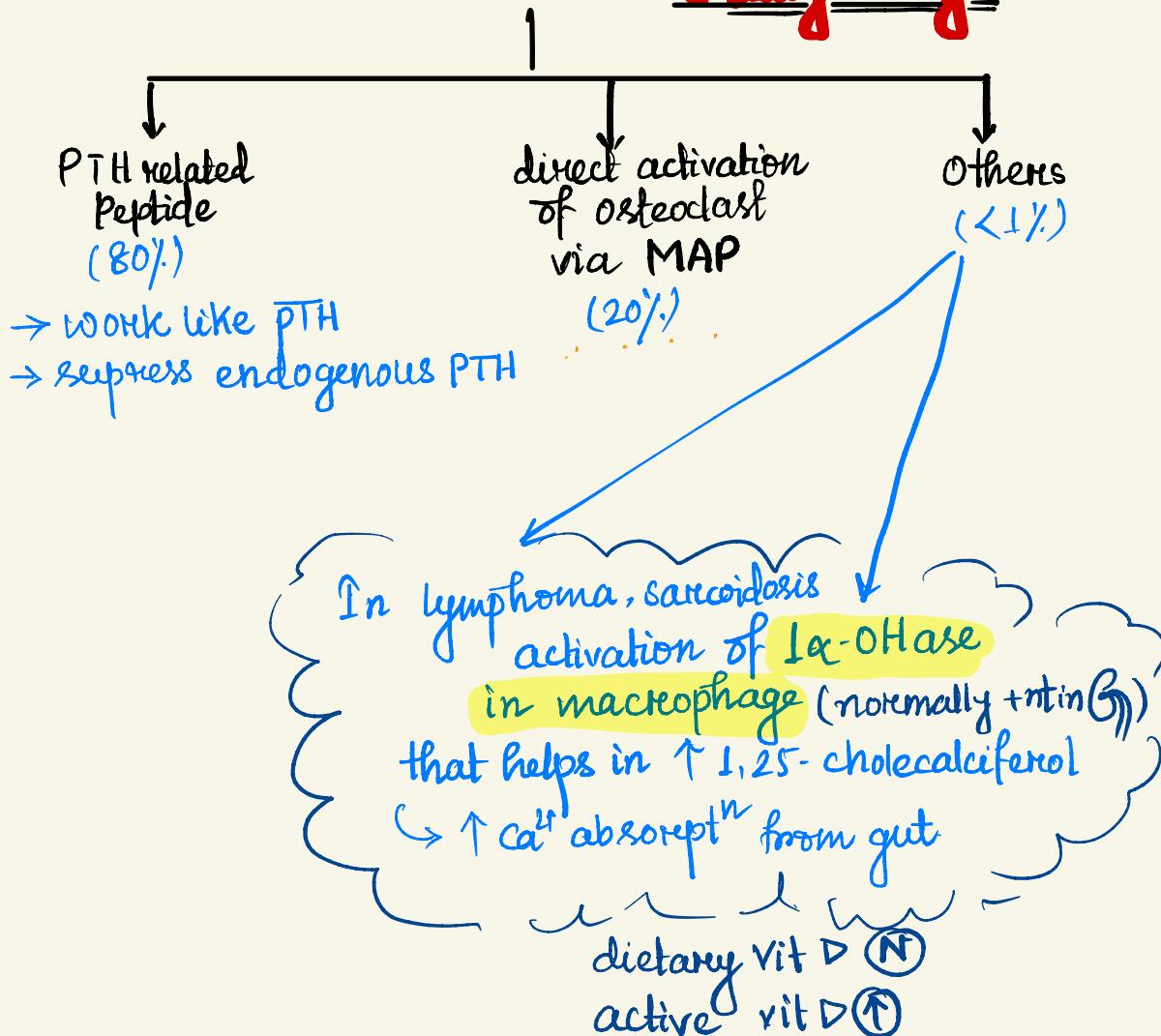
moderate  $12 - 13.5 \text{ mg/dL}$

Severe  $> 13.5 \text{ mg/dL}$

$\hookrightarrow$  M/c cause - malignancy



# Mechanism Hypercalcemia of Malignancy



## TREATMENT of Hypercalcemia

i.v. fluid (hypercalcemia induce dehydration, kidney injury, polyuria)

A  
B  
C

**TOC** ↓  
Bisphosphonate (to reduce calcium level)  
(i.v.)  
pamidronate

↪ at emergency condition because requires no dose adjustment

Zoledronate

↪ c/I - CKD

other options - Calcitonin  
Denosumab

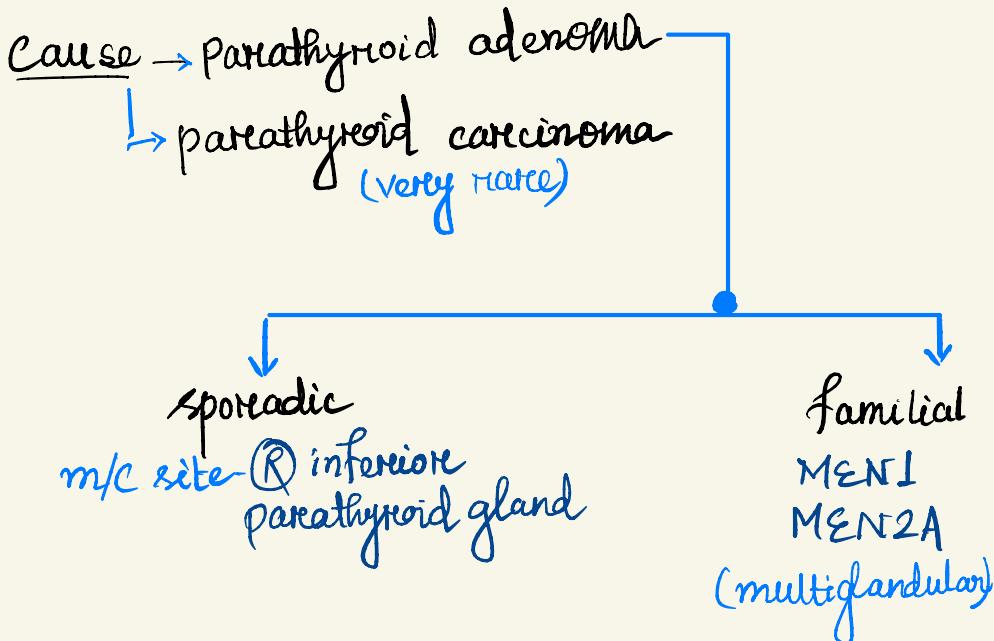
Adjuvant therapies - Steroids

↪ lymphoma,  
granulomatous condition

useful in PTH mediated → cinacalcet → calcimimetic  
stimulate CASR  
reduce PTH

↓  
If cancer is diagnosed,  
then proper therapy  
should be done

# Primary Hyperparathyroidism



clinical features . commonly asymptomatic  
if symptomatic - m/c - renal stones  
→ abdominal groans  
Peptic ulcer  
→ psychic moans.

Investigation →  $\uparrow \text{Ca}^{2+}$  →  $\uparrow \text{cPTH}$  →  $\uparrow \text{urinary calcium}$

supports I<sup>'</sup> hyperparathyroidism

[www.whitecoatwritings.com](http://www.whitecoatwritings.com)

4DCT, USG, MIBI scan to localise which gland is problematic

Uniglandular

Observe or surgery

Multiglandular

[test for MEN]

surgery is only option  
Total/subtotal parathyroidectomy

if +nt, treatment extend.

little part of gland  
can be implanted  
in forearm - under  
brachioradialis  
muscle  
leg - tibialis anterior  
muscle

age < 50y

serum  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  > 11 mg/dL

Renal failure  
(eGFR - 60 mL/min)

Osteoporosis  
(Tscore -2.5)

Indication

Minimally invasive  
parathyroidectomy

# X-Ray - lytic lesion - m/c - radial side of middle phalanx

- 24 hr urinary  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  > 100 mg/dL

- $\text{FECA} < 0.01 \rightarrow \text{PTH}$

# ECG change in hypercalcemia -

- short QT
- $\pm$  J waves  
(Osbourne waves)
- ST change

Hypocalcemia

$\uparrow$  PTH

$\downarrow$

$\uparrow$

1° hypoparathyroidism

cause - parathyroidectomy /

Auto-immune disease

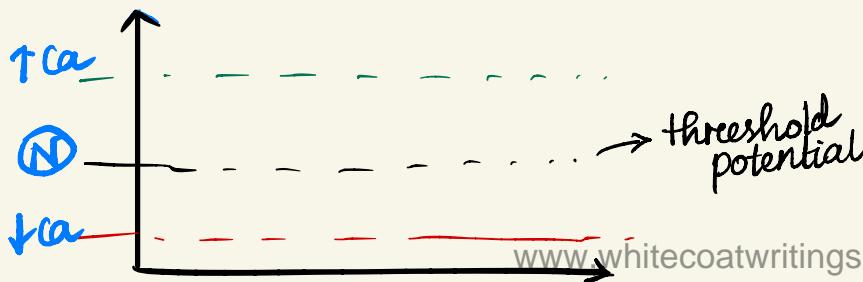
↳ APS-1

2° hypoparathyroidism

(can occur in Vit D def.)

Rickets

clinical feature - Neuromuscular irritability  
Bone problems      ↳ trousseau sign  
                            tetany



ECG change - long QT  
(can lead to torsades de pointes)

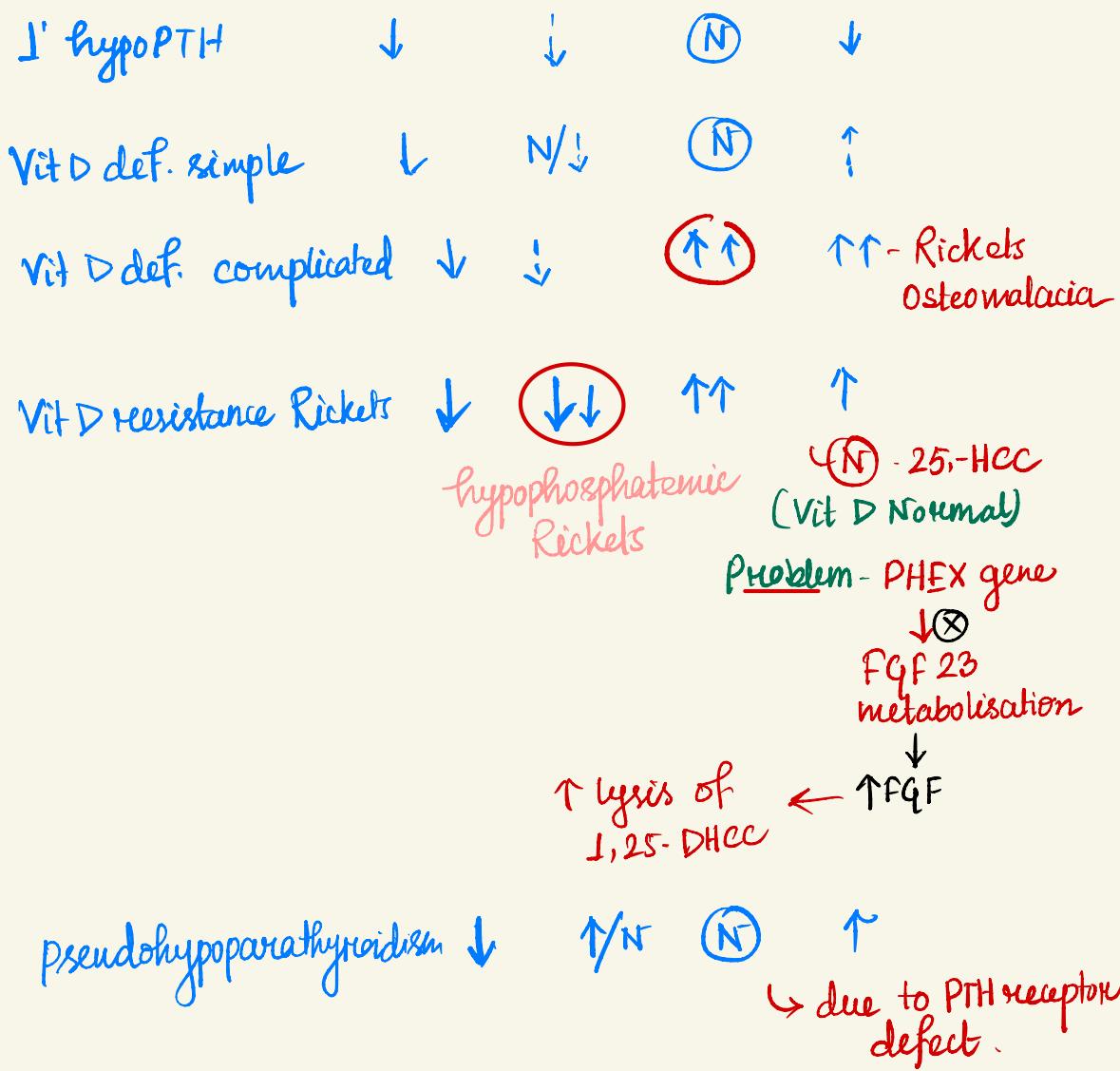
Treatment - i.v. calcium gluconate (1-2g) stat  
in CODE situation, calcium chloride  
central line has to be chosen

for severe patient

for mild / moderate case - oral calcium carbonate citrate

Vit D

Disease	S. Ca <sup>2+</sup>	S. PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3-</sup>	ALP	PTH
I HPT	↑	↓	↑	↑
Malignancy (PTH > P)	↑	↓	↑	↓ (PTH related peptide ↑) (m/c - squamous cell cancer of lung)
Malignancy (lytic)	↑	↑/N	N	↓ (m/c - breast & lung cancer)
Dietary Vit D toxicity	↑	↑/N	④/↑	↓ (25Hcc ↑)
Sarcoidosis	↑	N	N	↓ (↑ 1-α-OHase) (1,25Hcc ↑, 25Hcc ↓)



Clinical feature - short stature  
 receding face  
 brachydactyly (4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> metacarpal)  
 $\hookrightarrow$  knuckle knuckle  
 dimple dimple sign

# Pseudopseudo hypoparathyroidism

N

N

N

N

↳ Normal biochemical profile

abnormal bone remodelling

↳ Basal ganglia calcification

differentiation  
c Vit D def.

↓

↑

↑↑

↑↑

(↓ 1,25D HCC)

CKD

Osteoporosis

N

N

N

N

(matrix deficiency)  
DXA scan req