Hexose Monophosphate Shunt (Pentose Phosphate Pathway)

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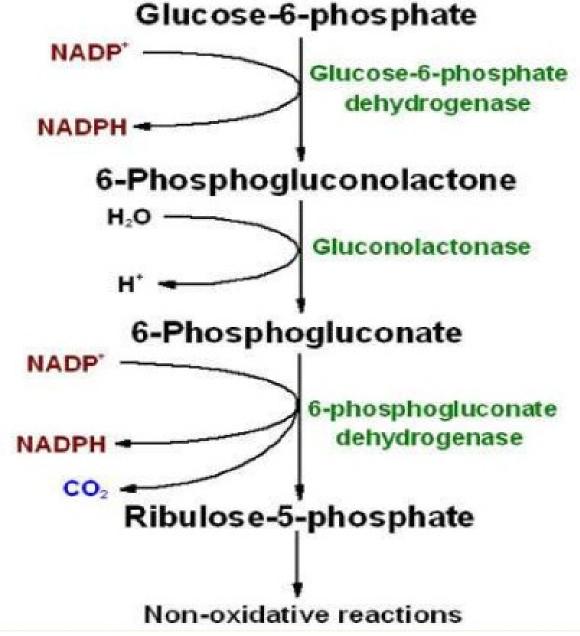
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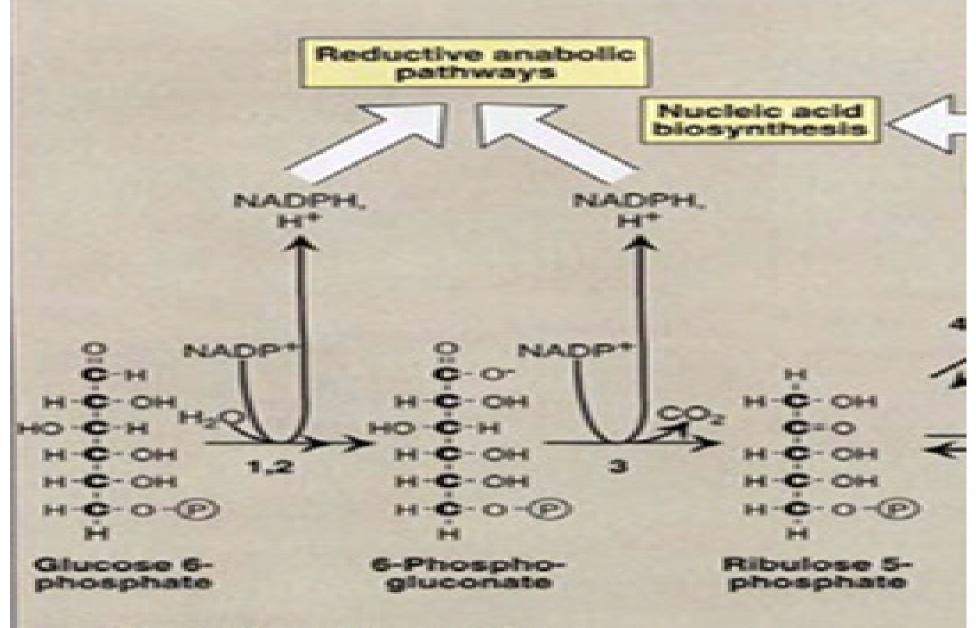
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HMP Pathway has two main functions

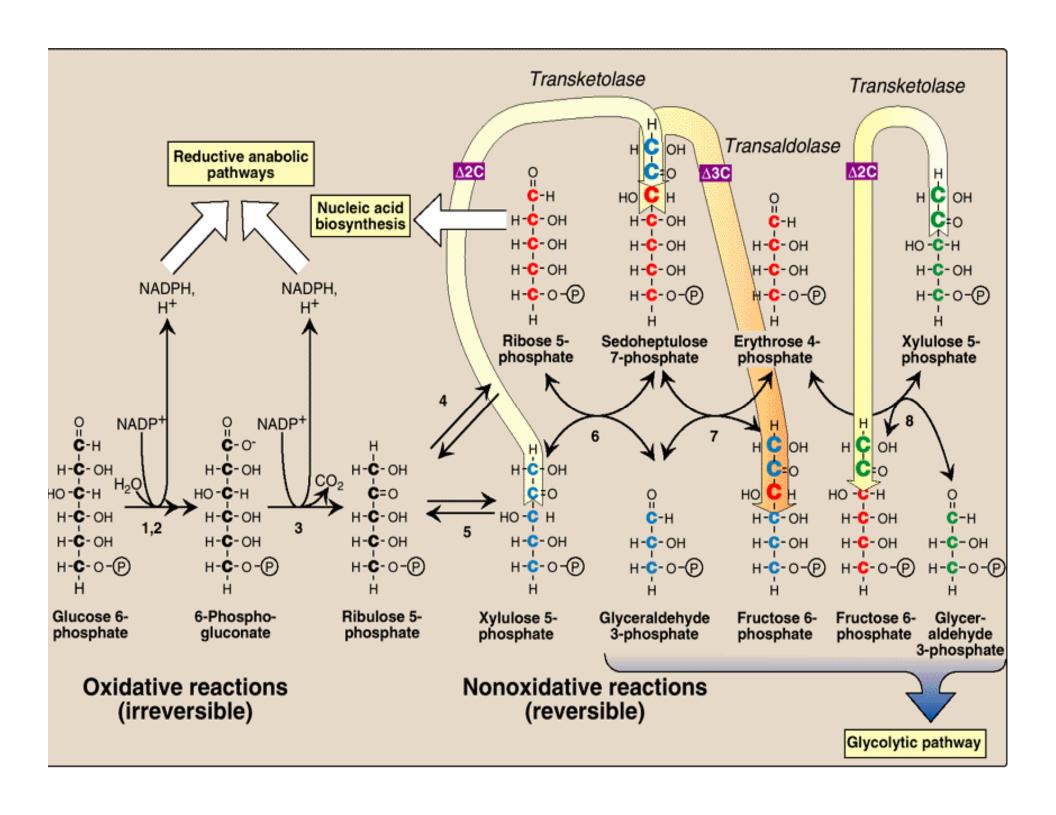
- Active in
 - liver, adipose tissue, adrenal cortex, thyroid, erythrocytes, testes.
- Production of NADPH
 - For syntheses of
 - Fatty acids,
 - Steroid hormones,
 - Cholesterol
 - Reduced glutathione for erythrocytes and other cells.
- Production of Ribose sugar
 - For nucleotide (ATP, GTP) and nucleic acid synthesis (DNA, RNA).

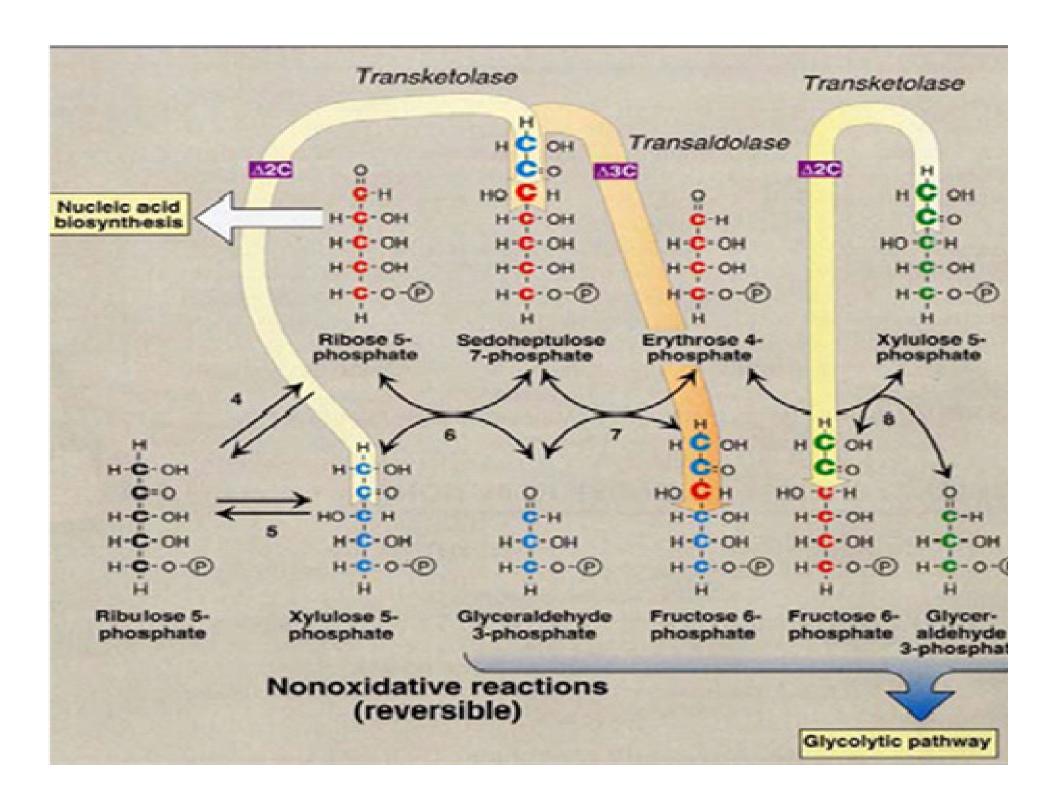
Oxidative Stage of Pentose Phosphate Pathway



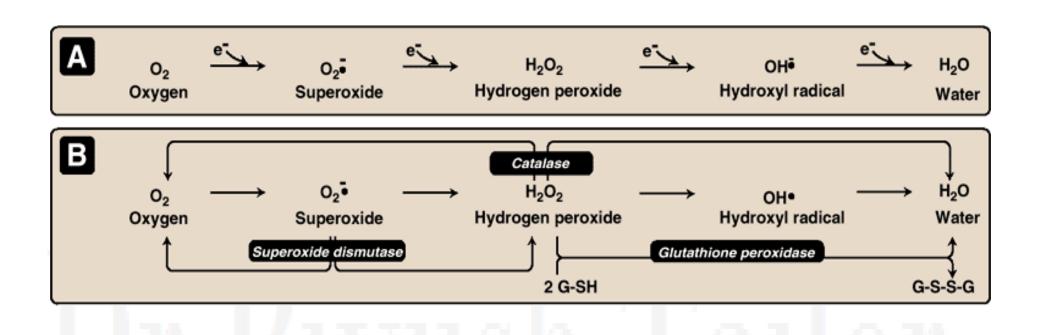


Oxidative reactions (irreversible)

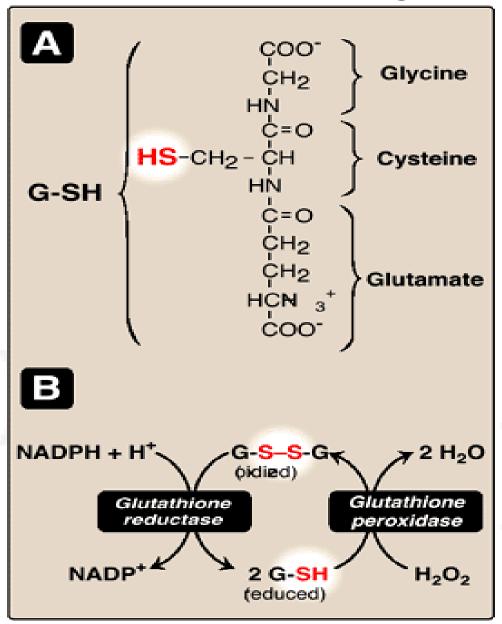




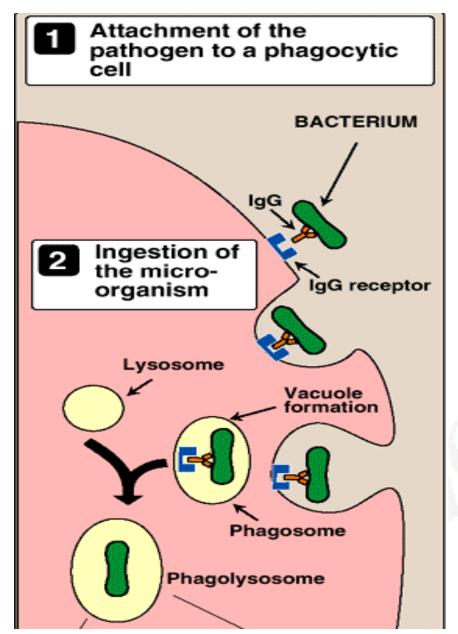
Glutathione as Anti-oxidant

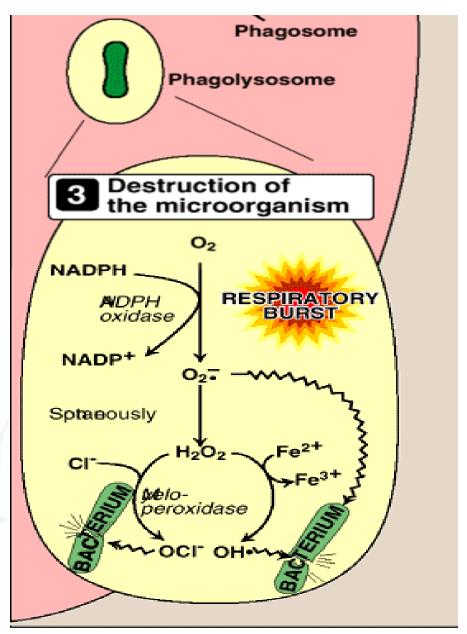


Glutathione as Reducing substance

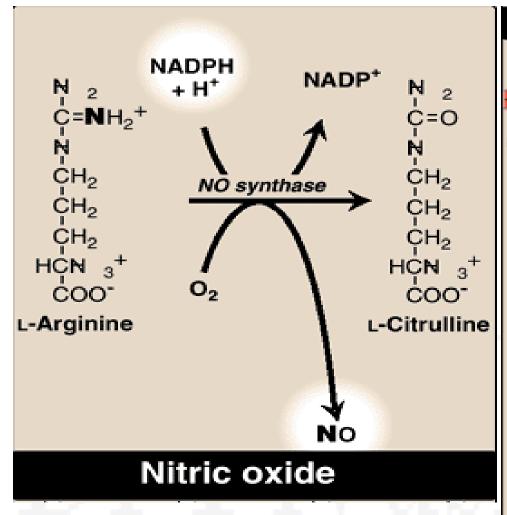


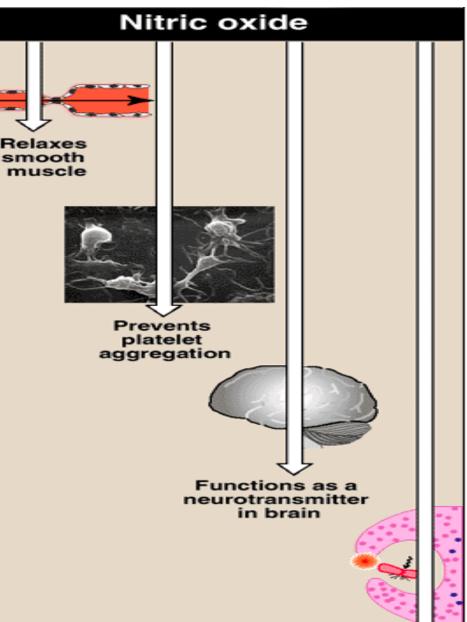
NADPH in Phagocytosis



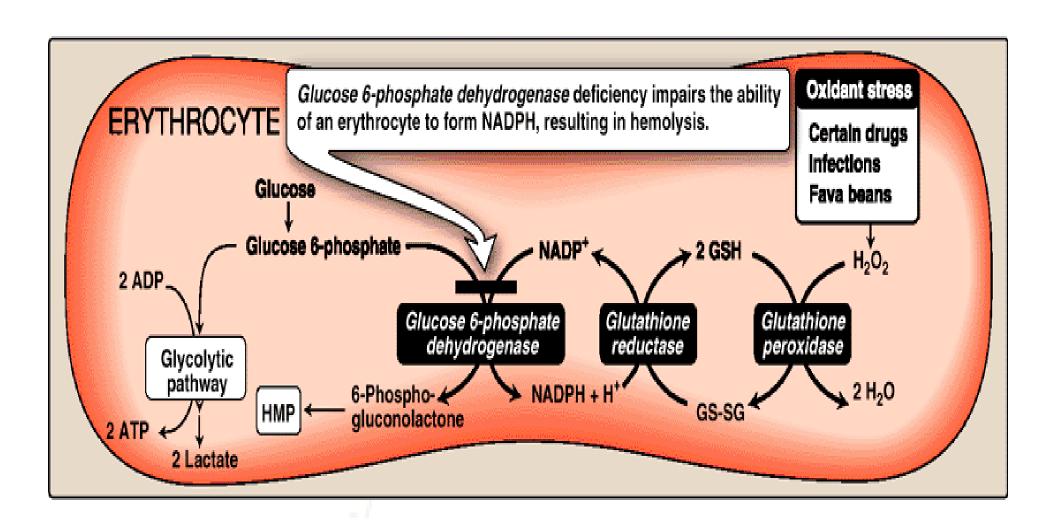


NADPH in NO synthesis





NADPH to RBC membrane



NADPH Significant

- 1. Synthesis of
 - 1. Fatty acid
 - 2. Cholesterol
 - 3. Steroidal hormones
 - 4. Reduce glutathione
 - 5. Nitric oxide
- 2. Maintaining RBC membrane integrity
- 3. Phagocytosis of bacteria
- 4. Provide anti-oxidant activity
- 5. Maintain lens transparency

G6PD deficiency

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