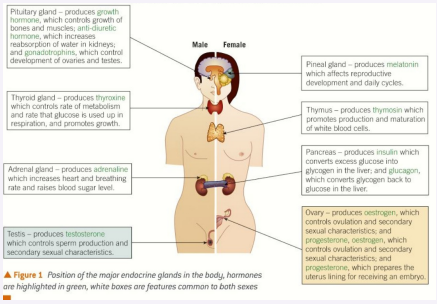
Endocrine Glands

-Makes up the **endocrine system**.
-A gland is a group of cells which are specialised to secrete chemicals (aka hormones) and are secreted directly into the bloodstream.

The Glands



▲ Figure 1 *Position of the major endocrine glands in the body, hormones are highlighted in green, white boxes are features common to both sexes*

Hormones

-Carry information from one part of the body to another.
-Can be steroids, proteins, glycoproteins, polypeptides, amines, or tyrosine derivatives.
-Secreted directly into the blood when a gland is stimulated.
-Once secreted, the hormones are transported in the blood plasma.
-Hormones diffuse out of the

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