D. Increased [UN] in serum or plasma (azotemia) (Table 8.2)

E. Decreased [UN] in serum or plasma (Table 8.4)

1. Disorders that cause decreased urea synthesis
   a. Hepatic insufficiency
      (1) Extensive hepatocellular disease that results in marked reduction in functional hepatic mass (> 80% loss) and thus sufficient decrease in urea synthesis to cause a decreased [UN] and a corresponding increase in \([\text{NH}_4^+]\)
      (2) Portosystemic shunt (congenital or acquired)
         (a) Less \([\text{NH}_4^+]\) is delivered to hepatocytes from the intestines.
         (b) There is less uptake of \([\text{NH}_4^+]\) by hepatocytes because of decreased functional hepatic mass due to atrophy, necrosis, or fibrosis.
   b. Urea cycle enzyme deficiencies (congenital, extremely rare)

2. Disorders that cause increased renal excretion of urea
   a. When less \(\text{H}_2\text{O}\) is resorbed in the proximal tubules (e.g., due to glucosuria), less of the filtered urea is resorbed in the proximal tubules because the resorption of \(\text{H}_2\text{O}\) creates the concentration gradient for urea resorption.
   b. In central and nephrogenic diabetes insipidus, reduced ADH activity or response in the medullary collecting tubules results in decreased resorption of both urea and \(\text{H}_2\text{O}\).

3. Consequence: The amount of urea in the renal interstitial fluid may diminish. Because about 50% of the medullary hypertonicity is normally due to urea, the urea deficit may contribute to a reduced concentration gradient, impaired renal concentrating ability, and thus polyuria.

**Correction:** reduction in one outline level for this section

III. Increased [UN] in serum or plasma (azotemia) (Table 8.2)

IV. Decreased [UN] in serum or plasma (Table 8.4)

   A. Disorders that cause decreased urea synthesis
      1. Hepatic insufficiency
         a. Extensive hepatocellular disease that results in marked reduction in functional hepatic mass (> 80% loss) and thus sufficient decrease in urea synthesis to cause a decreased [UN] and a corresponding increase in \([\text{NH}_4^+]\)
         b. Portosystemic shunt (congenital or acquired)
(1) Less \( \text{NH}_4^+ \) is delivered to hepatocytes from the intestines.

(2) There is less uptake of \( \text{NH}_4^+ \) by hepatocytes because of decreased functional hepatic mass due to atrophy, necrosis, or fibrosis.

2. Urea cycle enzyme deficiencies (congenital, extremely rare)

B. Disorders that cause increased renal excretion of urea

1. When less \( \text{H}_2\text{O} \) is resorbed in the proximal tubules (e.g., due to glucosuria), less of the filtered urea is resorbed in the proximal tubules because the resorption of \( \text{H}_2\text{O} \) creates the concentration gradient for urea resorption.

2. In central and nephrogenic diabetes insipidus, reduced ADH activity or response in the medullary collecting tubules results in decreased resorption of both urea and \( \text{H}_2\text{O} \).

C. Consequence: The amount of urea in the renal interstitial fluid may diminish. Because about 50% of the medullary hypertonicity is normally due to urea, the urea deficit may contribute to a reduced concentration gradient, impaired renal concentrating ability, and thus polyuria.

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