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Formation of PRPP: Phosphoribose pyrophosphate

PRPP Use in Purine Biosynthesis:
The First Purine: Inosine Monophosphate
(folates are involved in this synthesis)

Conversion to Adenosine:

Conversion to Guanosine:
Nucleoside Monophosphate Kinases

AMP + ATP  $\leftrightarrow$  2ADP  (adenylate kinase)

GMP + ATP  $\leftrightarrow$  GDP + ADP  (guanylate kinase)

• similar enzymes specific for each nucleotide
• no specificity for ribonucleotide vs. deoxyribonucleotide
Ribonucleotide Reductase

Hydroxyurea inhibits this enzyme: chemotherapeutic use

\[ \text{HONH}^-\text{C}^-\text{NH}_2 \]
Regulation of Ribonucleotide Reductase
Nucleoside Diphosphate Kinase

\[ N_1\text{DP} + N_2\text{TP} \leftrightarrow N_1\text{TP} + N_2\text{DP} \]

\[ dN_1\text{DP} + N_2\text{TP} \leftrightarrow dN_1\text{TP} + N_2\text{DP} \]

- No specificity for base
- No specificity for ribo vs deoxy
Feed-forward regulation by PRPP
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**Chemical Diagram:**
- PRPP
- IMP
- GMP
- ATP
- GTP
- AMP
- ATP

- PRPP → IMP
- IMP + ATP → GMP
- IMP + GTP → AMP
- AMP + ATP → GTP
- GMP + ATP → IMP
Feed-forward regulation by PRPP
Degradation of the Purine Nucleosides:
“Salvage” Pathways for Purine Nucleotides

APRT - Adenine phosphoribosyl transferase - performs a similar function with adenine.
Adenosine Deaminase Deficiency:

Deoxyadenosine → dAMP → dADP → dATP

Deoxyadenosine deaminase (ADA) → Deoxyinosine → Hypoxanthine

Hypoxanthine → Guanine → Xanthine → Uric acid
Hyperuricemia can be caused by:

Accelerated degradation of purines:

• Accelerated synthesis of purines
• Increased dietary intake of purines

Impaired renal clearance of uric acid

Gout: deposition of urate crystals in joints, “tophi” in cooler periphery

Allopurinol inhibits xanthine oxidase and reduces blood uric acid levels:
The hands of a patient with a long history of gout, including high serum urate levels
Lesch-Nyhan Syndrome: Defective HGPRT

- hyperuricemia
- spasticity
- mental retardation
- self-mutilation behavior

A defect in APRT does NOT have similar consequences
Myoadenylate Deaminase ‘Fills’ the TCA Cycle in Muscle
Carbamoyl phosphate synthetase II - a *cytoplasmic* enzyme...

\[ 2\text{ATP} + \text{HCO}_3^- + \text{glutamine} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \rightarrow \text{NH}_2\text{C}-\text{O}^2- + \text{glutamate} + 2\text{ADP} + \text{P}_i \]

carbamoyl phosphate

...used for pyrimidine synthesis

\[ \text{carbamoyl phosphate} + \text{aspartate} \rightarrow \text{orotate} \]
Orotate is linked to PRPP to form Uridine monophosphate:
Newly-synthesized uridine monophosphate will be phosphorylated to UDP and UTP, as described for the purine nucleotides.

UTP can be converted to CTP by CTP Synthetase:
Some UDP is converted to dUDP via ribonucleotide reductase.

The Thymidylate Synthase Reaction:
Methotrexate Inhibits Dihydrofolate Reductase:

Dihydrofolate builds up, levels of THF become limiting, thymidylate synthase is unable to proceed. Follow it with a dose of Leucovorin, a.k.a. formyl-THF.
FdUMP Inhibits The Thymidylate Synthase Reaction:

5-fluorodeoxyuridine monophosphate (FdUMP) inhibits the thymidylate synthase reaction, preventing the conversion of deoxyuridine monophosphate to deoxythymidine monophosphate.
Complicated Pathways for Pyrimidine Production:

This figure is primarily a study aid; you do not need to memorize it or reproduce it. The information here merely summarizes material from previous sections.
Pathologies of pyrimidine nucleotide biosynthesis:

Orotic acidurea due to OTC deficiency - please review your Urea Cycle notes.

Hereditary orotic acidurea - deficiency of the enzyme that convert orotate to OMP to UMP. Not common.
Pyrimidine degradation:

Cytidine deaminase converts cytidine to uridine

A phosphorylase removes the sugar

Degradation of the base proceeds (products are unimportant here)
Pyrimidines can be salvaged as well:

Enzyme: Pyrimidine nucleoside phosphorylases

Thymine + deoxyribose-1-phosphate  --> thymidine  
(NOT thymidine monophosphate!)

Enzyme: Thymidine kinase - adds the monophosphate back

Thymidine + ATP --> thymidine monophosphate

Herpes Simplex Virus carries its own tk gene
Certain drugs act via the pyrimidine salvage pathway:

Acyclovir

\[ \text{Acyclovir} \xrightarrow{\text{HSV thymidine kinase}} \text{AcycloGMP} \]

5-fluorouracil + deoxyribose-1-phosphate

\[ \text{5-fluorouracil} + \text{pyrimidine phosphorylase} \rightarrow \text{fluorodeoxyuridine} \rightarrow \text{fluorodeoxyuridine monophosphate (FdUMP)} \]
5-FU efficacy depends on rate of degradation vs activation

5-FU \rightarrow \text{FdUMP} \quad + \text{methylene-THF} + \text{Thymidylate Synthase} \\
\quad \rightarrow \text{inactivation of TS}

Degradation \\
(\text{via dihydropyrimidine dehydrogenase, DPD})

DPD inhibitors can potentiate 5FU activity
Capecitabine mode of action:

Cytosine arabinoside (araC) activation and inactivation: