

## Effects of the Sympathetic and Parasympathetic Divisions of Various Tissues.

Organ	Sympathetic Effect and Receptor Type	Parasympathetic Effect and Receptor Type
Adipose tissue	Fat breaking and release of fatty acids ( $\alpha_2, \beta_1$ )	None
Erector pili muscle	Contraction ( $\alpha_1$ )	None
Blood (platelets)	Increases coagulation ( $\alpha_2$ )	None
Blood vessels Arterioles (carry blood to tissues)		
-Digestive organs	Constriction ( $\alpha_1$ )	None
-Heart	Constriction ( $\alpha_1$ ), dilation ( $\beta_2$ )	None
-Kidneys	Constriction ( $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$ ), dilation ( $\beta_1, \beta_2$ )	None
-Lungs	Constriction ( $\alpha_1$ ), dilation ( $\beta_2$ )	None
-Skeletal muscles	Constriction ( $\alpha_1$ ), dilation ( $\beta_2$ )	None
-Skin	Constriction ( $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$ )	None
-Veins (carry blood away from tissues)	Constriction ( $\alpha_1, \alpha_2$ ), dilation ( $\beta_2$ )	None
Eye		
-Ciliary muscle	Relaxation for far vision ( $\beta_2$ )	Contraction for near vision (m)
-Pupil	Dilated ( $\alpha_1$ )	Constricted (m)
Gallbladder	Relaxation ( $\beta_2$ )	Contraction (m)
Glands		
-Adrenal	Release of epinephrine and norepinephrine (n)	None
-Gastric	Decreases gastric secretion ( $\alpha_2$ )	Increases gastric secretion (m)
- Lacrimal	Slight tear production ( $\alpha$ )	Increases tear secretion (m)
-Pancreas	Decreases insulin secretion ( $\alpha_2$ )	Increases insulin secretion (m)
	Decreases exocrine secretion ( $\alpha$ )	Increases exocrine secretion (m)
- Salivary	Constriction of blood vessels and slight production of a thick, viscous ( $\alpha_1$ )	Dilation of blood vessels and thin, copious saliva (m)
-Sweat		
~Apocrine	Thick, organic secretion (m)	None

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~Merocrine	Watery sweat from most of the skin (m): sweat from the palms and soles ( $\alpha_1$ )	None
Heart	Increases rate and force of contraction ( $\beta_1, \beta_2$ )	Decreases rate of contraction (m)
Liver	Glucose released into blood ( $\alpha_1, \beta_2$ )	None
Lungs	Dilates air passages ( $\beta_2$ )	Constricts air passageways (m)
Metabolism	Increases up to 100% ( $\alpha, \beta$ )	None
Sex organs	Ejaculation ( $\alpha_1$ ), erection	Erection (m)
Skeletal muscles	Breakdown of glycogen to glucose ( $\beta_2$ )	None
Stomach and intestines		
-Wall	Decreases tone ( $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_2$ )	Increases motility (m)
-Sphincter	Increases tone ( $\alpha_1$ )	Decreases tone (m)
Urinary bladder		
-Wall (detrusor)	None	Contraction (m)
- Neck of bladder	Contraction ( $\alpha_1$ )	Relaxation (m)
-Internal urinary sphincter	Contraction ( $\alpha_1$ )	Relaxation (m)

M=muscarinic  
N = nicotinic

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