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Multiple HYPOs  
a transient bit of HYPER  
a lot of fun to put all this together  
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*a typical case for internists*

♀ **33 y.o.** (1)

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**-3 months: chaotic exit from her country**

**-2 months: progressive asthenia, muscle weakness  
(proximal muscles of lower limbs)**

**-1 week: can't walk anymore**

**-Day 0: Admission**

◦ **previously in good condition**

◦ **recent fatigue, loss of appetite,  
thirst +++, pollakiuria**

◦ **family: diabetes (father + 2 aunts)  
2 children (12, 10 y.o. in good cond.)**

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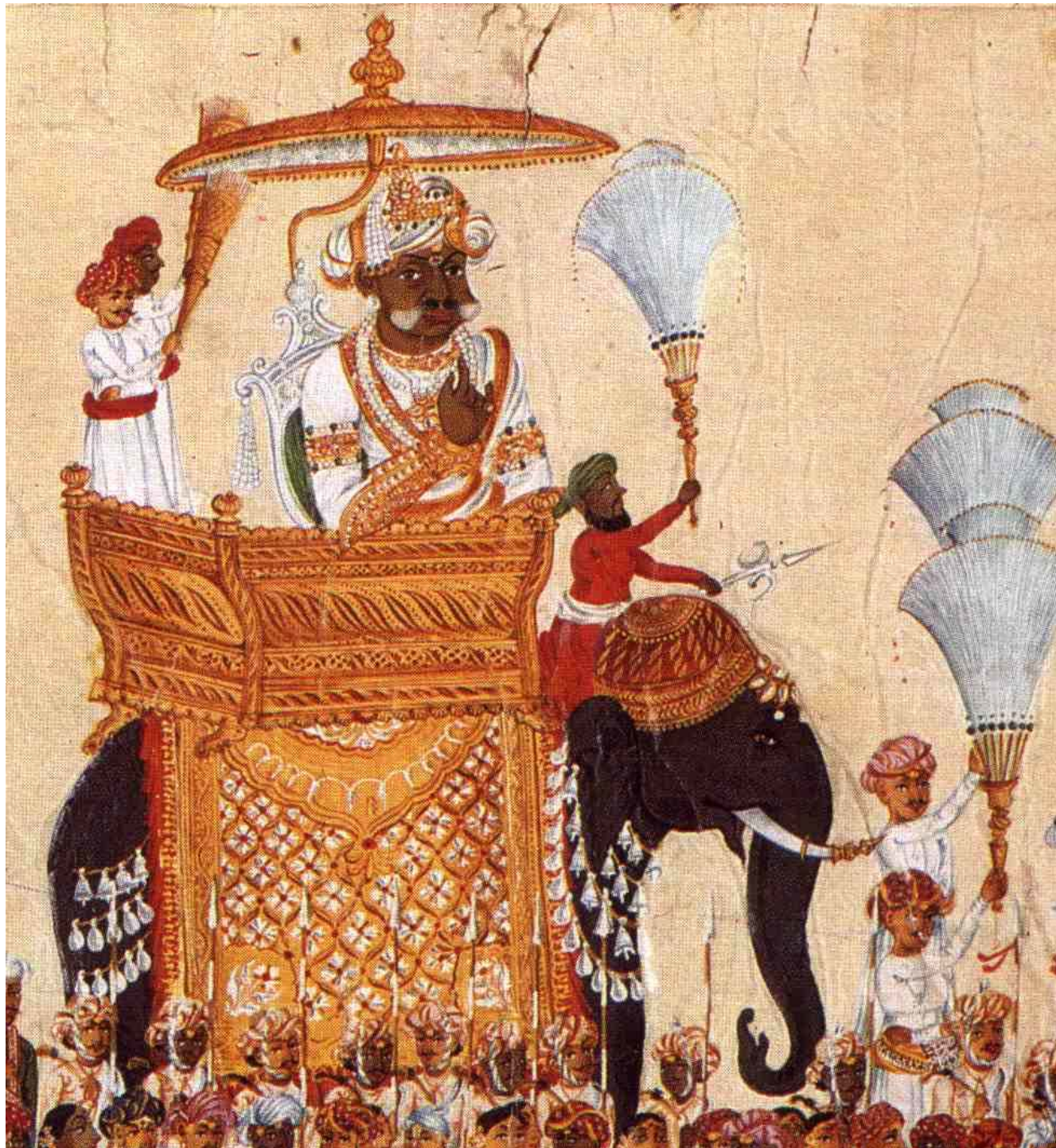
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**No Grave's opthalmopathy**

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**Young woman**

**Family history of diabetes**

**Asthenia + Muscle weakness**

**Pollakiuria + Thirst**

**Tachypnea**

***DIABETES  
MELLITUS 1***

***?***



***+ KETO-  
ACIDOSIS***

***?***

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specific gravity 1005  
U-pH **6.83**

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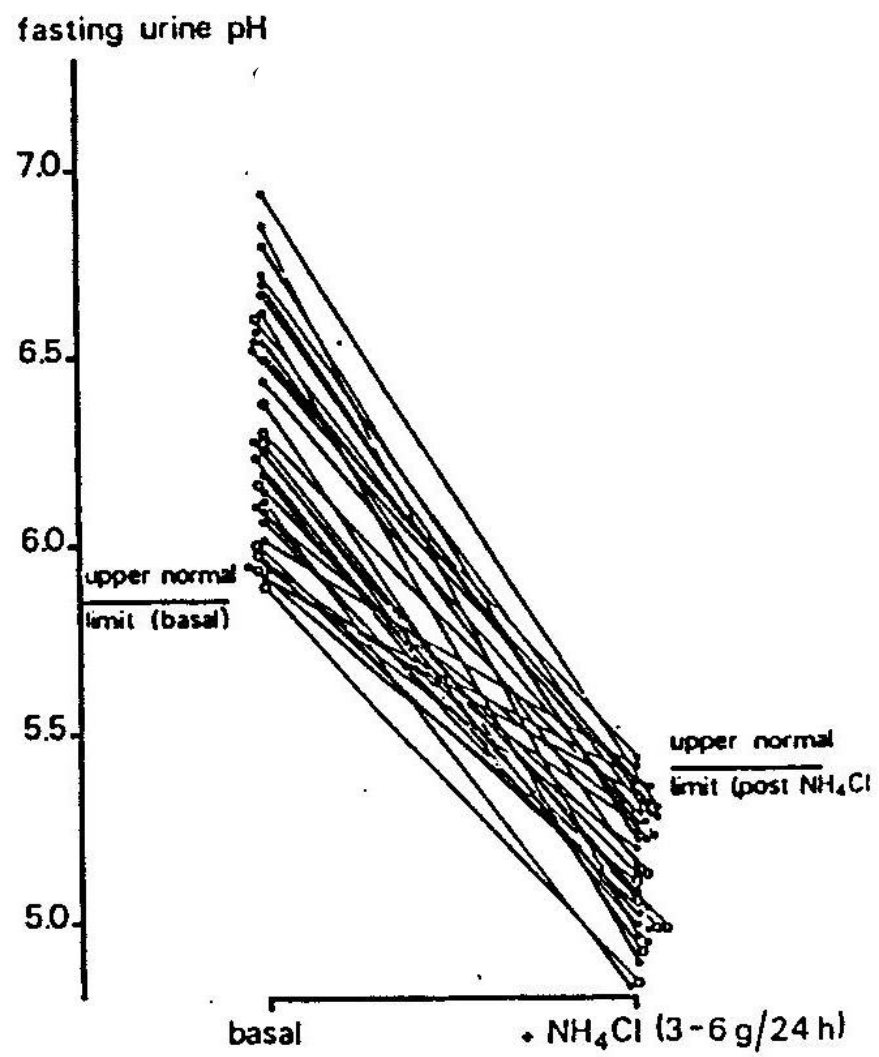
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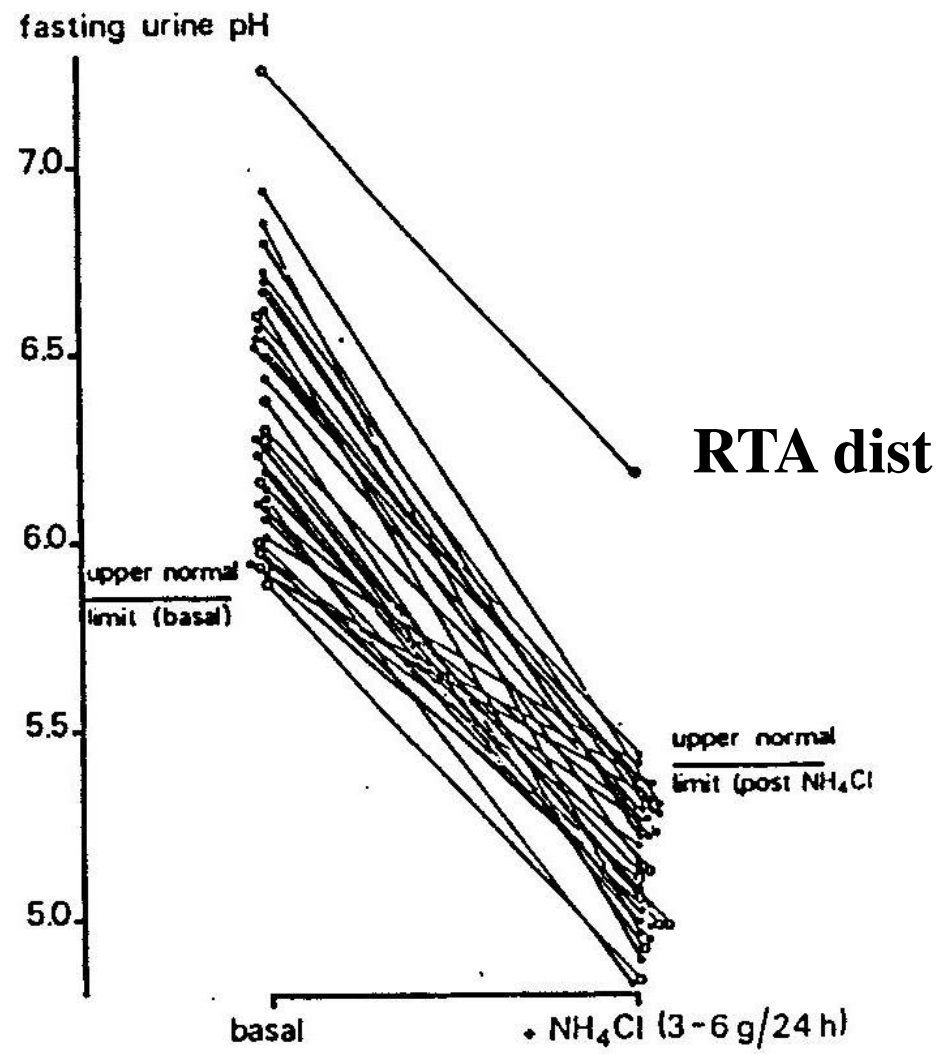
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**NH<sub>4</sub>Cl loading 0.1 g/kg/30 min**

**U-pH 6.88**

**S-HCO<sub>3</sub> 7.9 mM**

**RTA dist**

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***Hypo-P ?***

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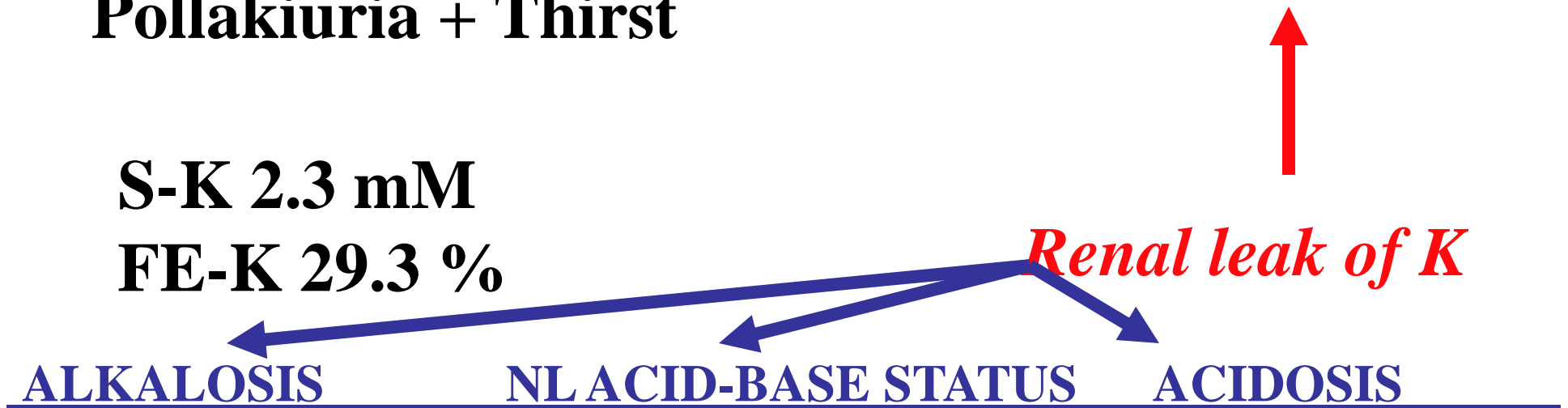
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**diuretics**

**deficit in Mg**

**prox RTA**

**hyperaldosteronism**

**dist RTA**



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*Distal RTA*

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*Nephro Diab Insipidus*



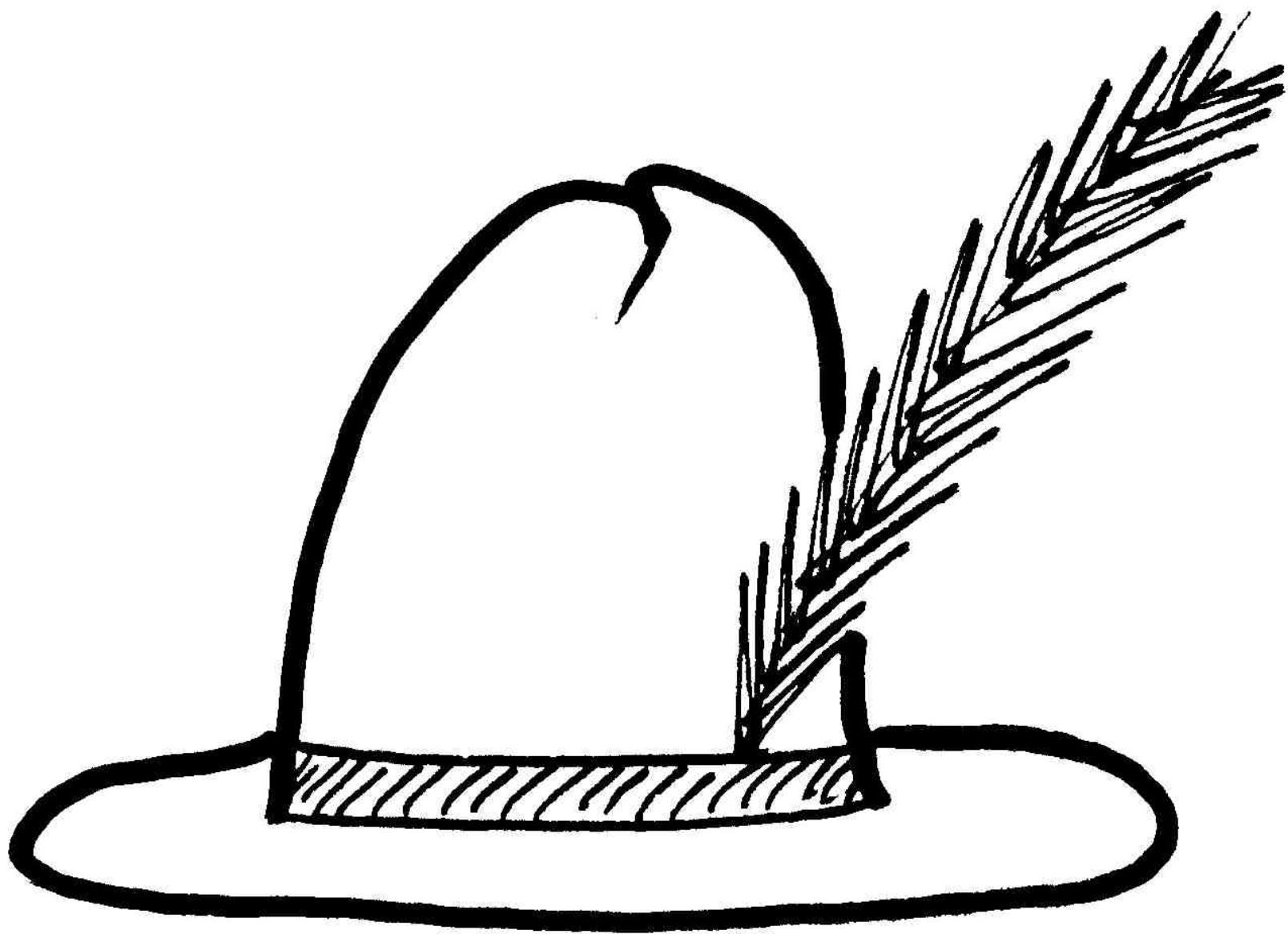
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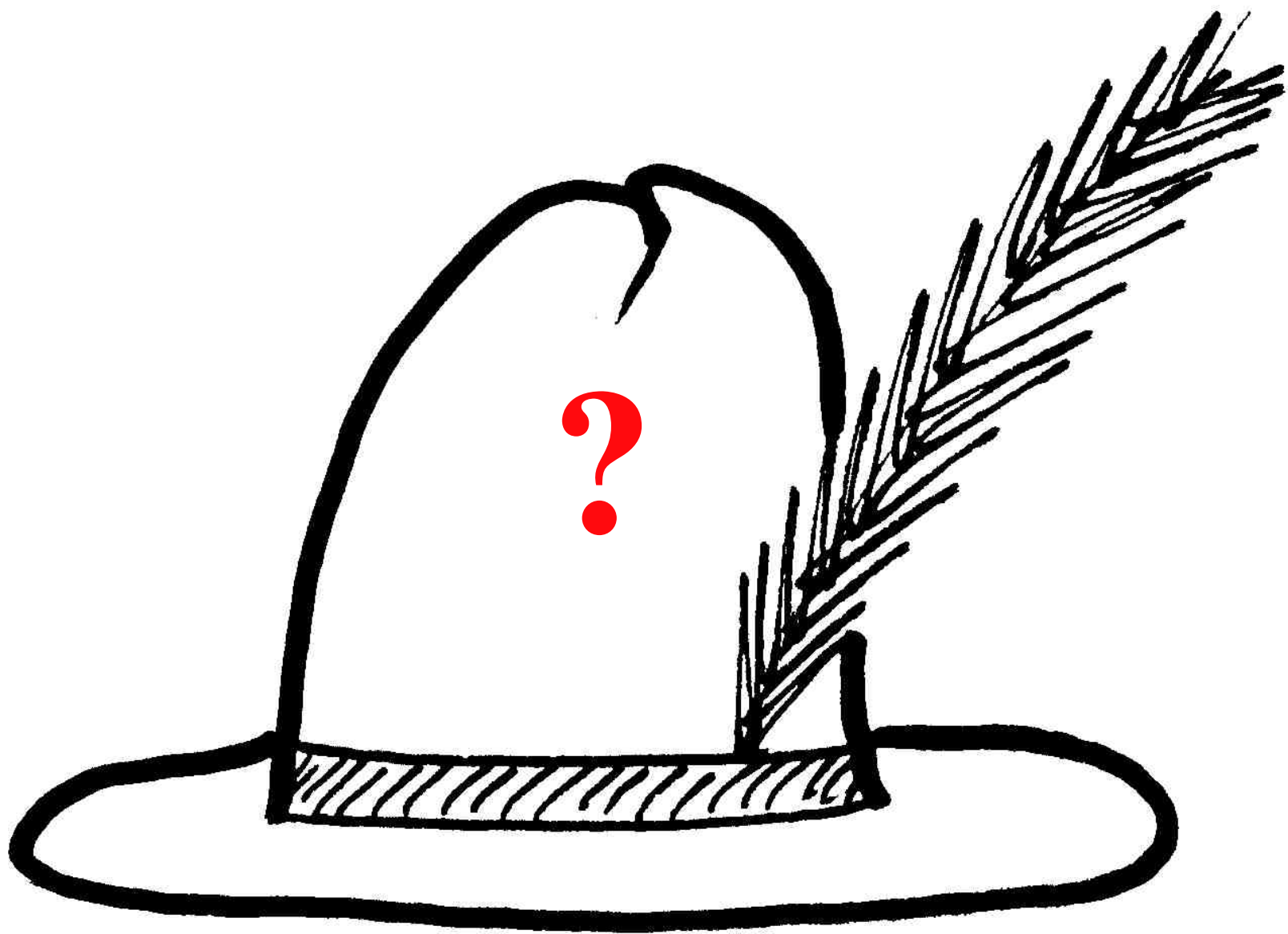


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*Silent thyroiditis*

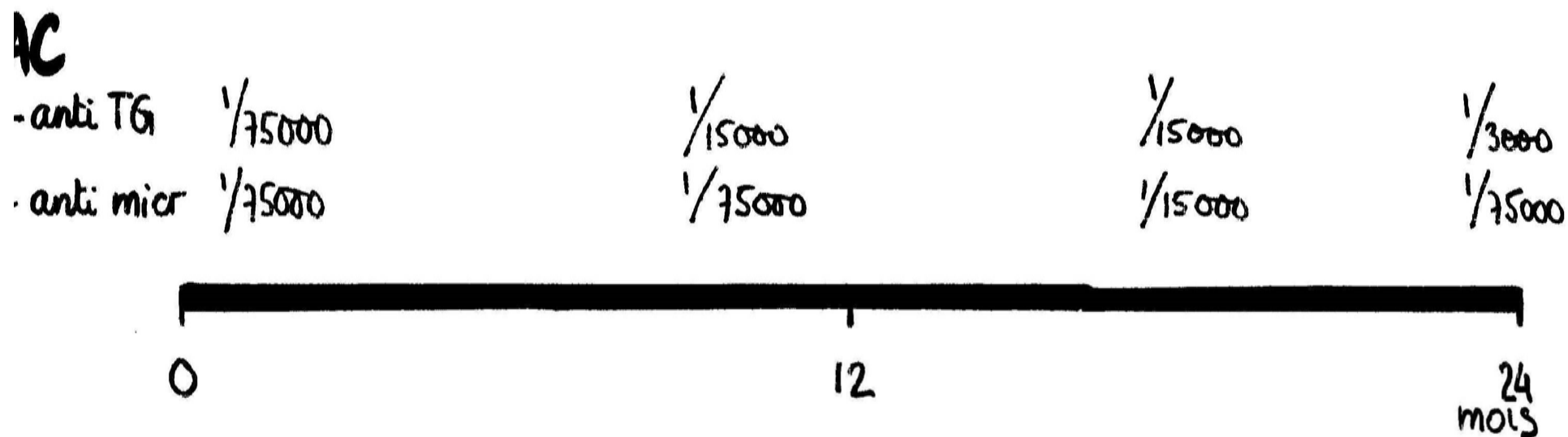
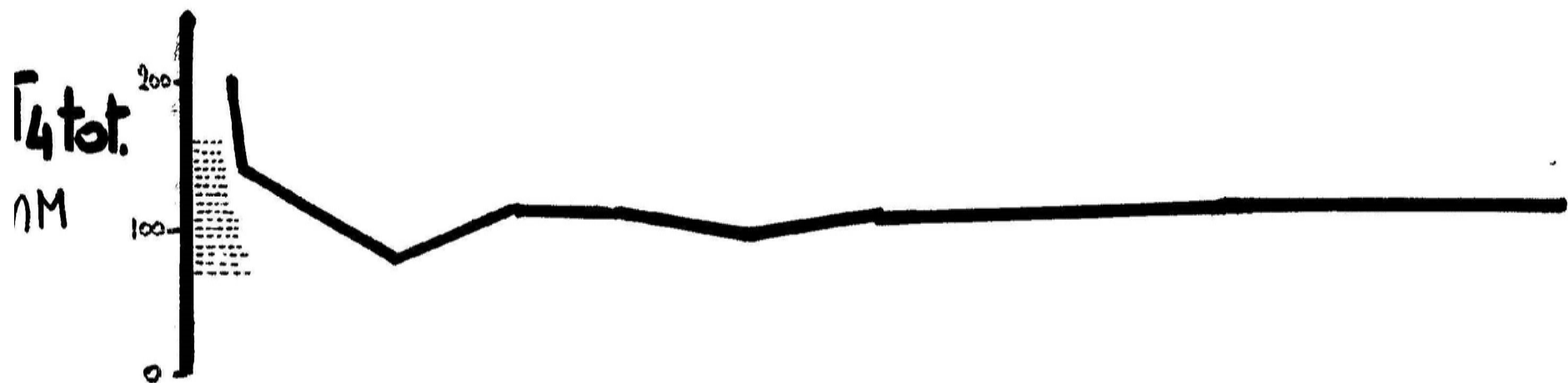
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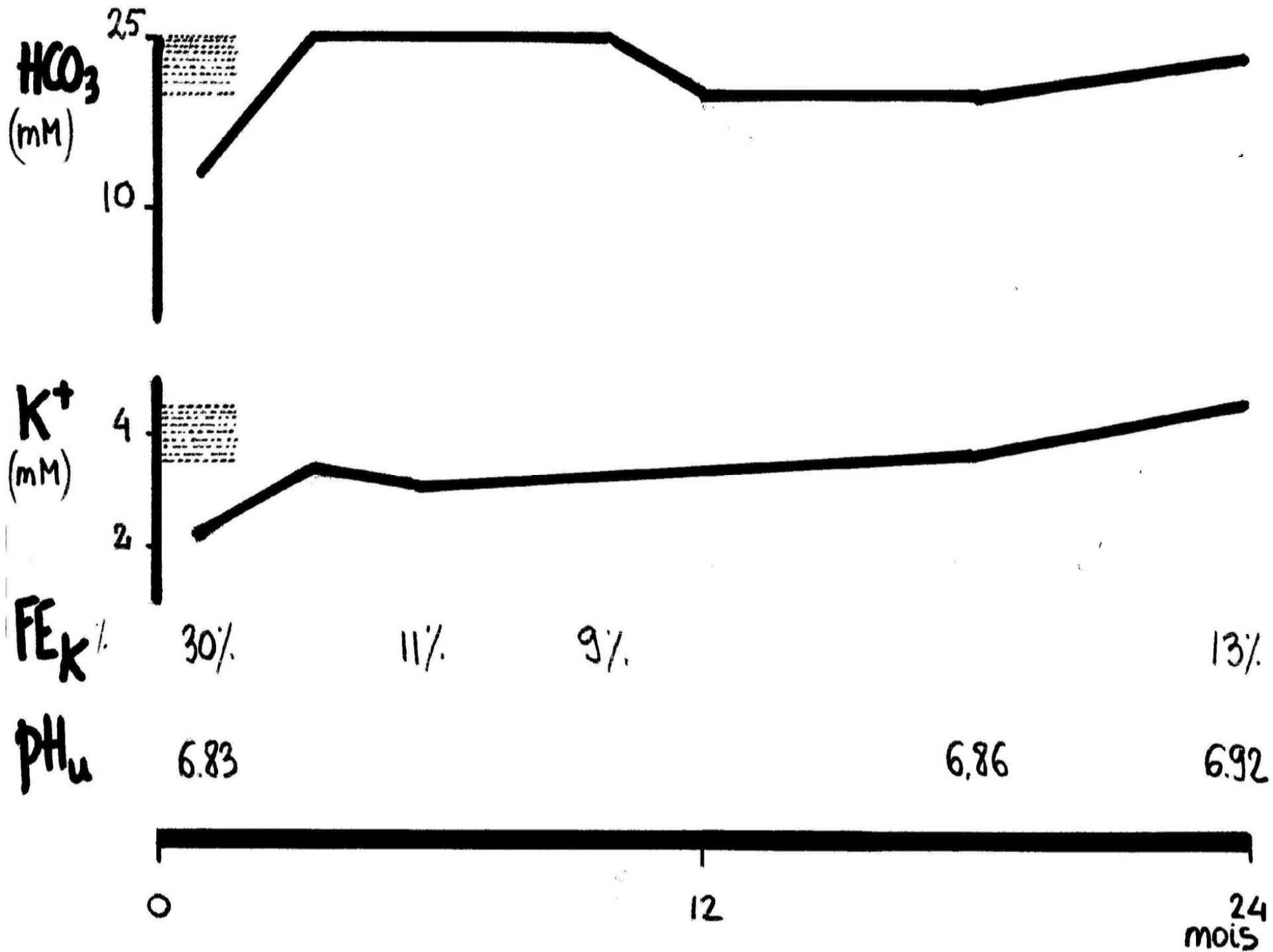
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*20 years later...*

**Hypothyroidism**

**Incomplete RTA (distal)**

**Renal stone disease**

**Suspicion of nephrocalcinosis**

**Thyroiditis**

**dist. RTA**



**HYPOKALEMIA**

**Thyroiditis**



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**dist. RTA**



**HYPOKALEMIA**

**Thyroiditis**



**Hypercalciuria**



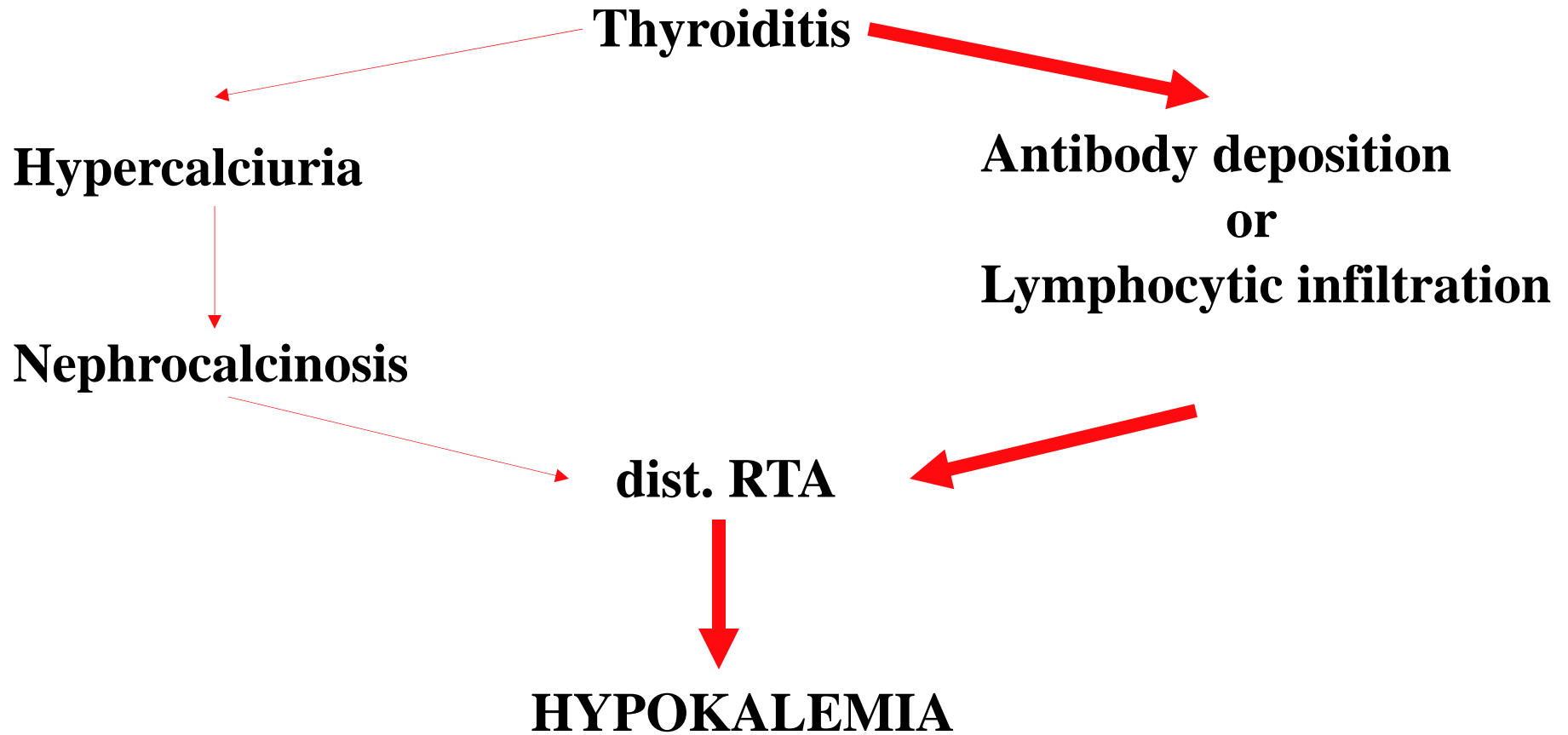
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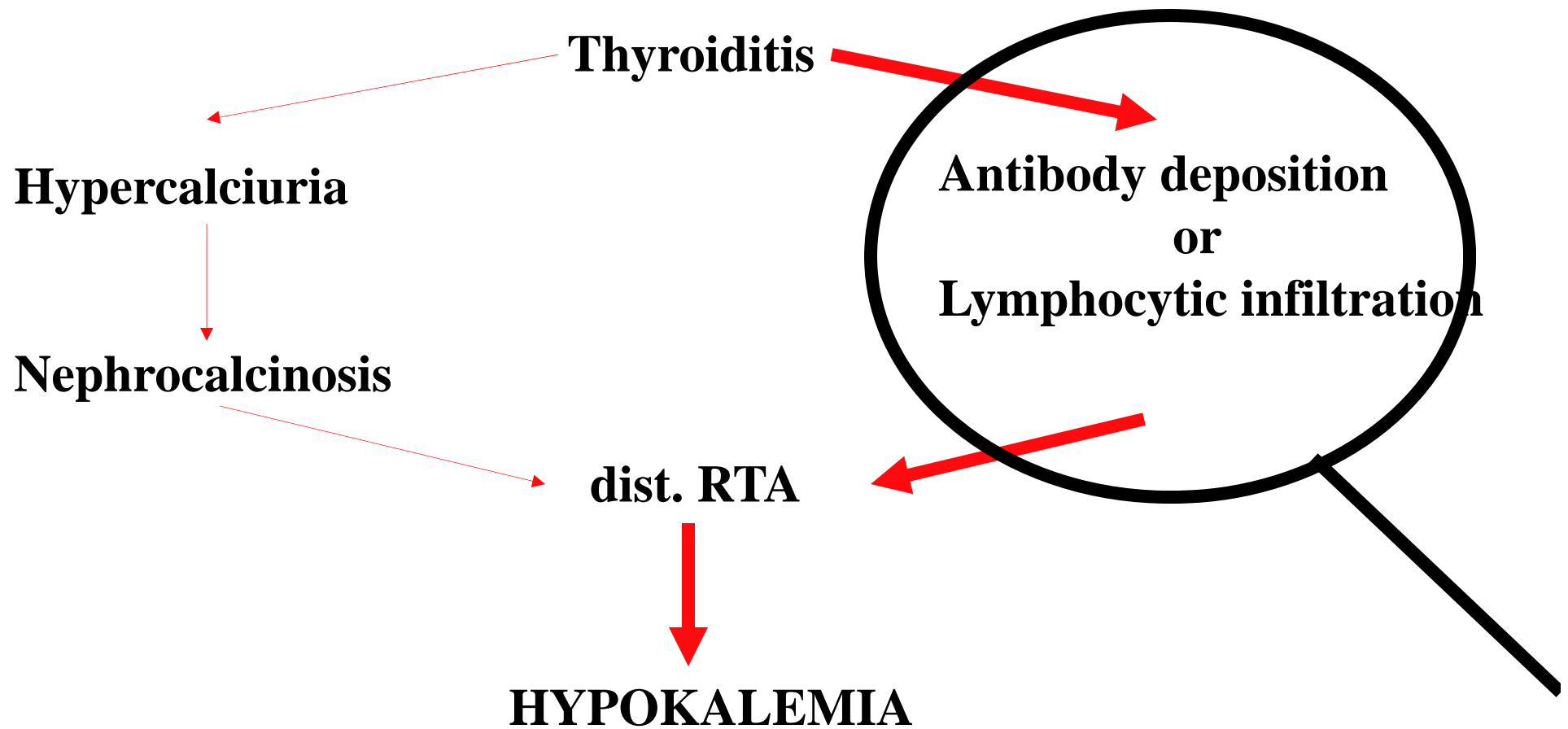


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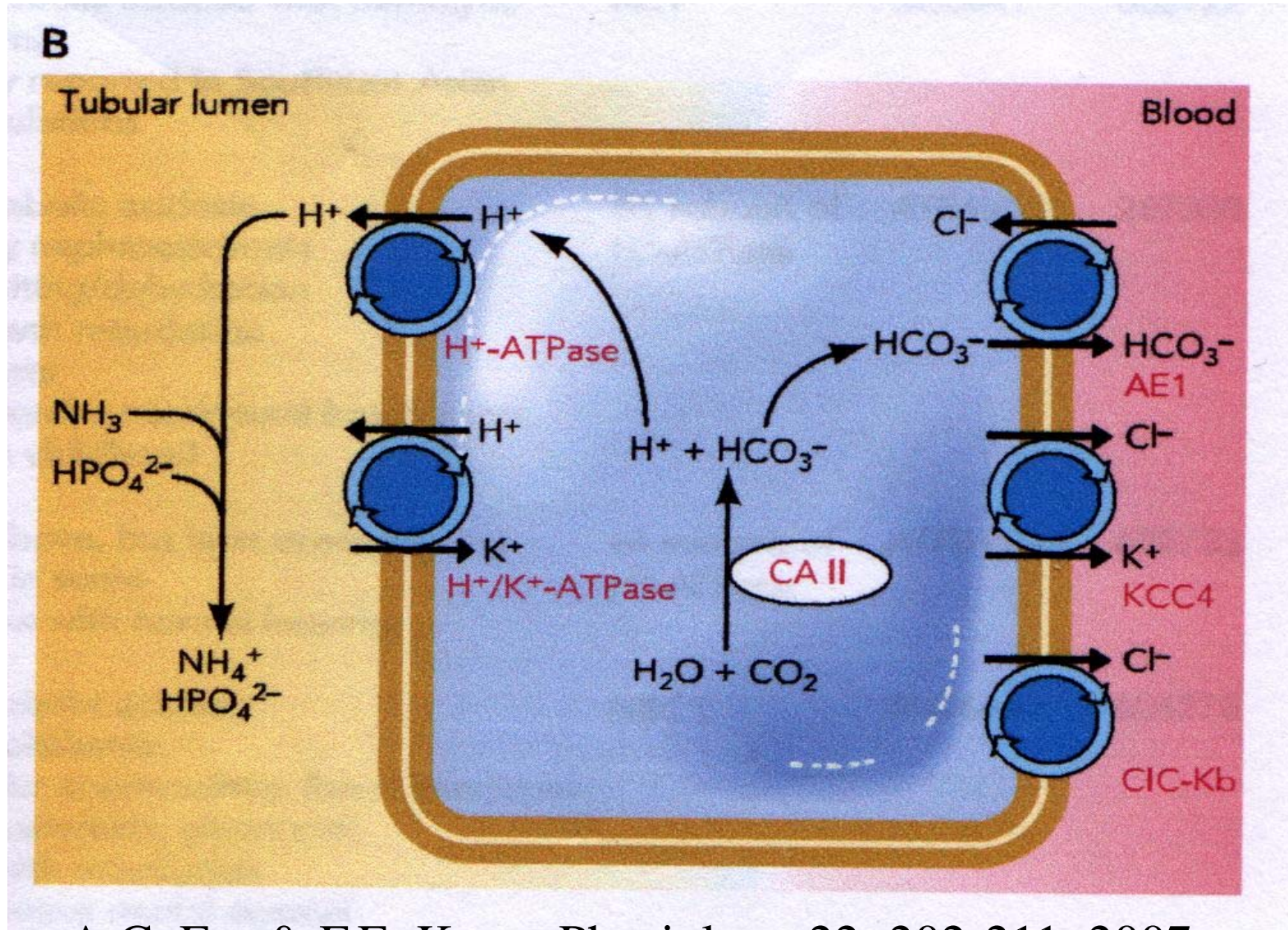


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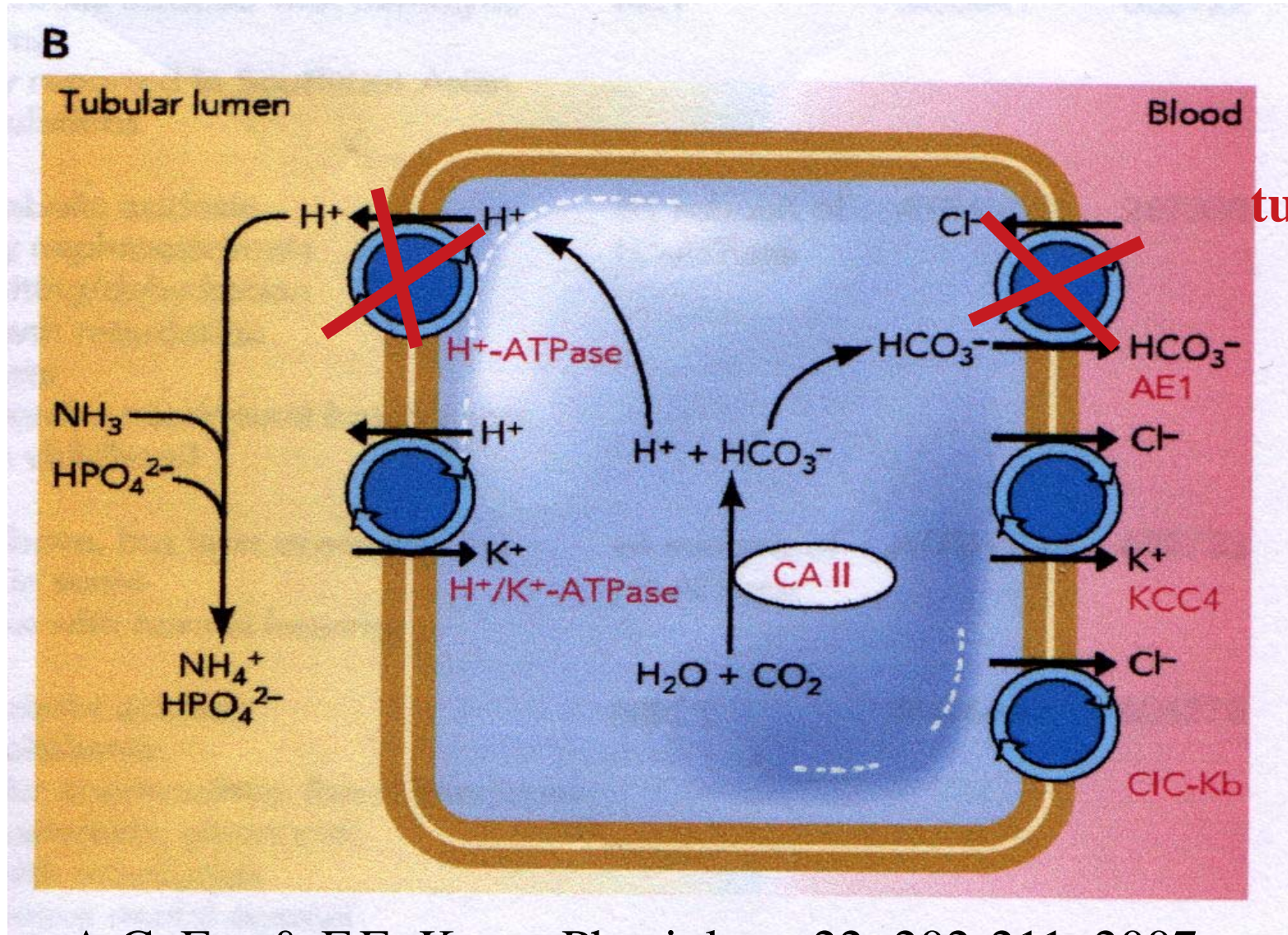
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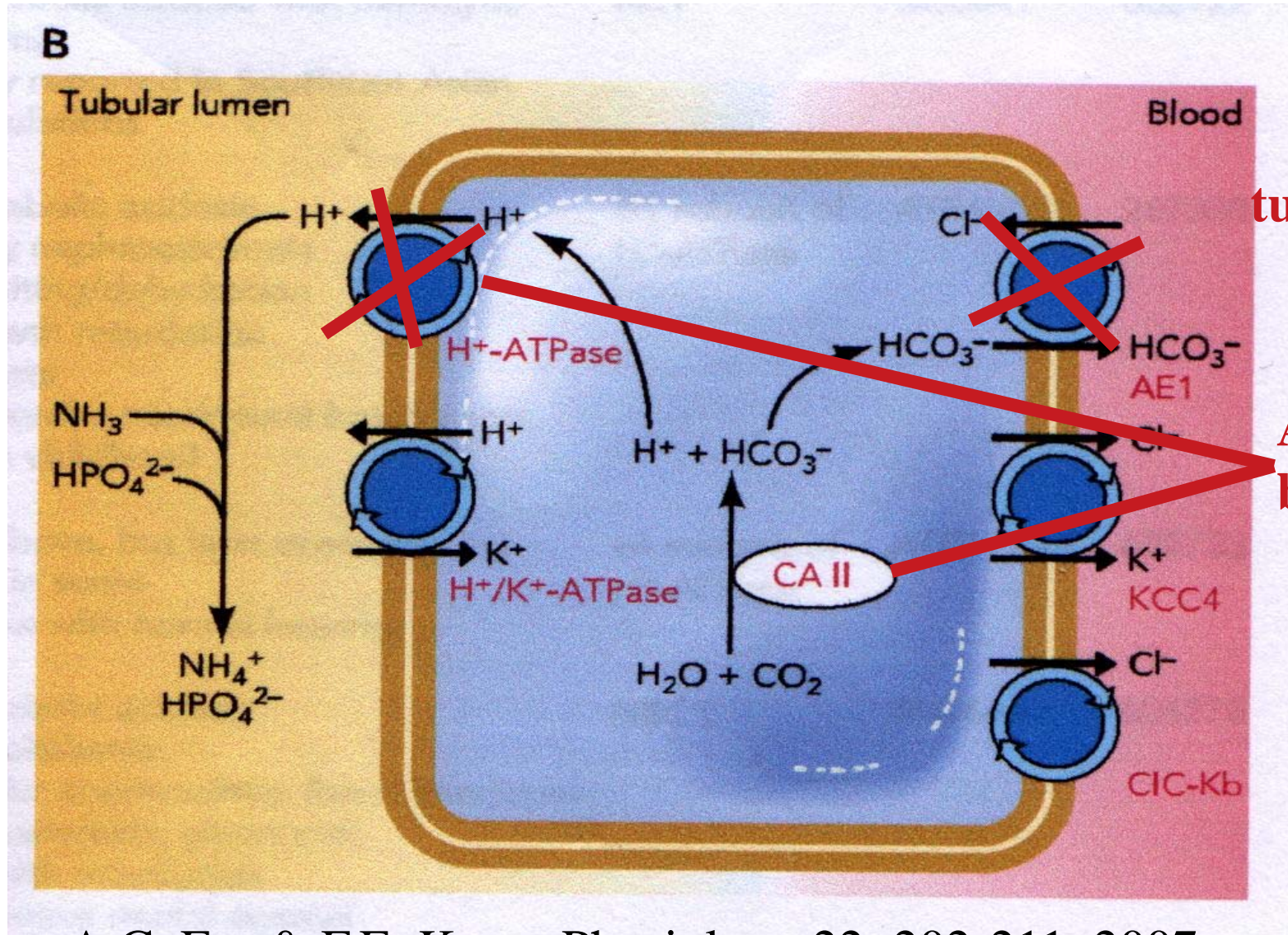


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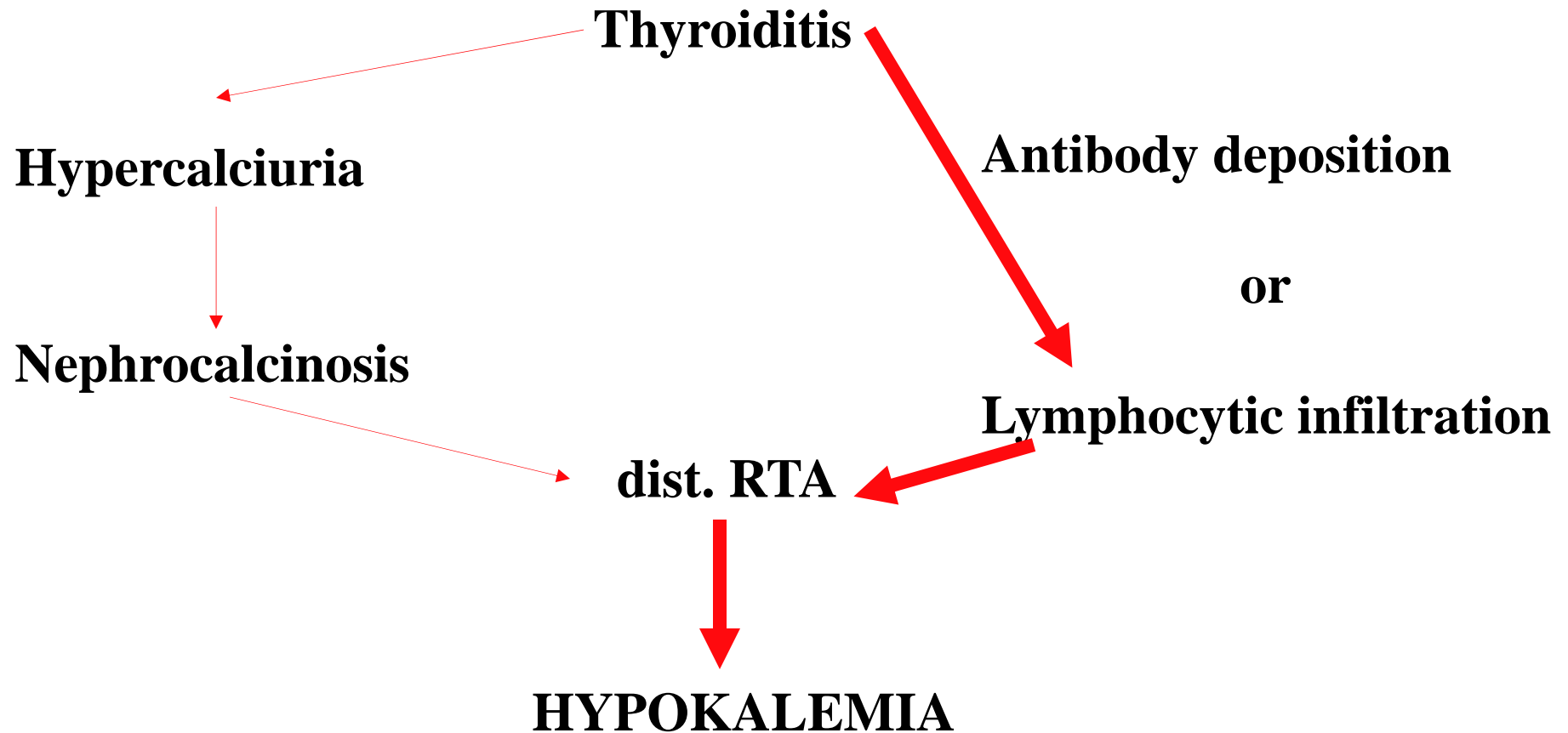
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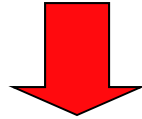
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# Renal Biopsy

- **No evidence for Nephrocalcinosis**
- **Light Microscopy:**
  - **Interstitial infiltration with lymphocytes**  
(predominantly close to the glomeruli)
- **Electron Microscopy:**
  - **NI glomeruli and TBM tubular epithelium**
- **Immunofluorescence:**
  - **No immunoreactive material along TBM**  
(anti-IgA, -IgG, -IgM, -C3, -thyroglobulin,  
no thyroglobulin-containing immun complexes)



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**Thyroiditis**

**Hypercalciuria**



**Nephrocalcinosis**



**dist. RTA**



**HYPOKALEMIA**

**Antibody deposition**

**or**

**Lymphocytic infiltration**



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**S-P 1.0 mM**

***S-K 2.3mM***

## Stressful life events and Graves' disease

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The role of stressful life events in the onset of Graves' disease (toxic diffuse goitre) is controversial. However, the numerous early clinical reports that supported such an association were not adequately controlled and specificity of the diagnosis could be questioned. Later studies have not shown a causal relation, but these studies were small, did not have proper controls, or epidemiological methods were inappropriate. To assess possible associations between life events, heredity, social support, and Graves' disease, we have done a population-based case-control study in a defined area with about 1 million inhabitants.

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negative score). Individuals who had relatives with thyroid disease (especially first-degree and second-degree relatives) were more likely to have Graves' disease (3.6, 2.2–5.9). Slightly more patients than controls were divorced (1.8, 1.0–3.3) and reported a less frequent intake of alcohol (0.4, 0.2–0.8). When results were adjusted for possible confounding factors in multivariate analyses, risk estimates were almost unchanged.

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*Lancet* 1991; **338**: 1475–79.

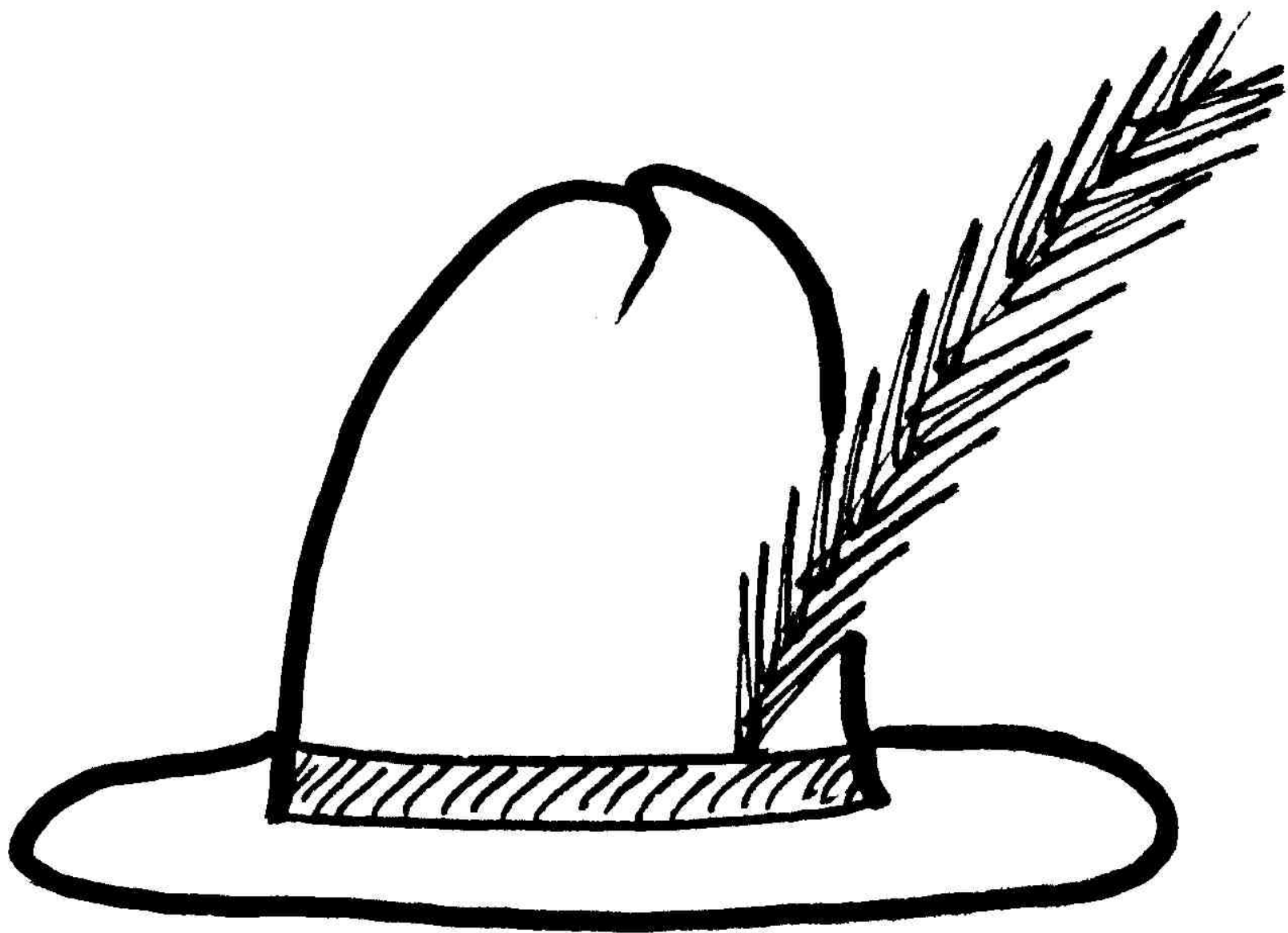
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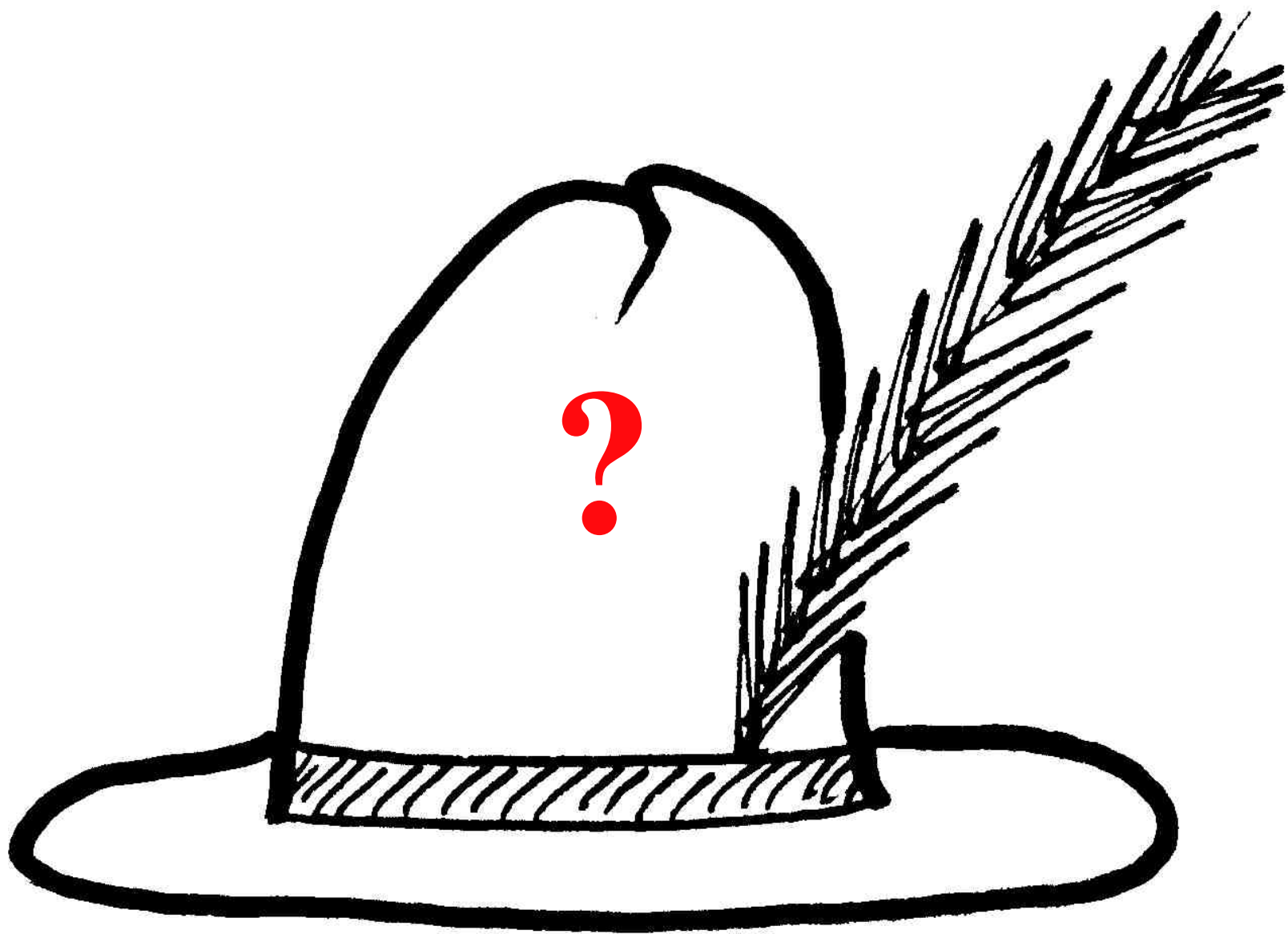
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**Thyrotoxic periodic paralysis:** *profound muscular weakness*

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**Thyrotoxic periodic paralysis:** *profound muscular weakness*  
(associated with hypo-K, evident only when patient hyperthyroid)

In summary....

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