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## **Example Questions for Dr. Lyons' Amino Acid Lectures**

Here's a fairly simple question. There's usually a couple of these on each test. My intent is that you should be able to go through the answers and tick them off pretty quickly:

1. Degradation of each of the following amino acids starts with transamination, EXCEPT ONE. Choose the exception.

- A. Alanine
- B. Phenylalanine
- C. Isoleucine
- D. Valine

Some questions will be more complex questions - they require you to think about each answer, and each one might test you on different specific points:

2. Which one of the following statements is FALSE?

- A. A burn victim may show a negative nitrogen balance..
- B. The classic 'fight-or-flight' response hormone is a derivative of tyrosine.
- C. Methionine is an essential amino acid.
- D. Glycine can be converted to serine by a single enzymatic reaction.
- E. We synthesize Leucine from a THF derivative.

An example of a somewhat more difficult question:

3. Which one of the following statements regarding Urea Cycle Defects is TRUE?

- A. Citrulline is a substrate in the argininosuccinase reaction.
- B. A patient with AD will need supplementary arginine in the diet.
- C. A patient with N-acetyl glutamate synthetase deficiency will show orotic aciduria.
- D. None of the UCD's cause higher citrulline levels in the urine.
- E. Intravenous sodium benzoate will help a UCD patient eliminate excess nitrogen.