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Electrolytes

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Substances that ionize into anions and cations in body fluids. Electrolytes regulate nerve and muscle function and water distribution between cells, plasma, and interstitial fluid. Imbalances can cause serious physiologic effects, including seizures, cardiac arrhythmias and convulsions.