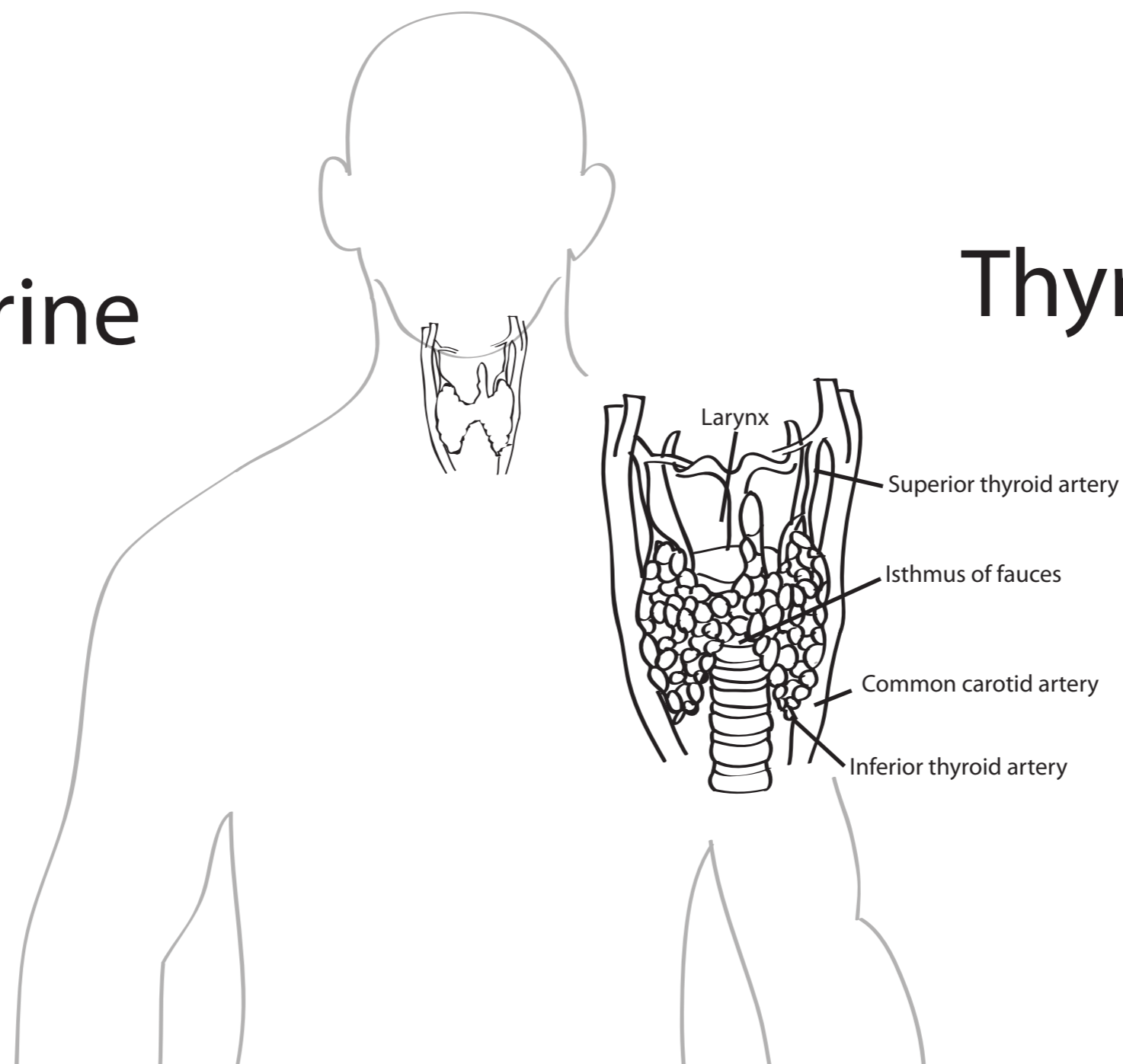


# The Endocrine System

## Thyroid



The thyroid gland is the largest of all glands. Shaped around the larynx it is actually made up of two main layers. The gland is how the body uses and creates proteins and hormones. It regulates metabolism. The gland also produces hormones that determine heart rate too.