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American biochemist who shared the 1992 Nobel Prize in medicine with Edmond H. Fischer for their discovery of how the body breaks glycogen down into glucose. This process, called reversible phosphorylation, activates and regulates various cellular processes. This discovery contributed to techniques that prevent the body from rejecting transplanted organs as well as links to investigative work in cancer, blood pressure, and inflammatory reactions research.