

# Renal Topics

- 1) renal function**
- 2) renal system**
- 3) urine formation**
- 4) urine & urination**
- 5) renal diseases**

# Renal Functions

- 1) excrete metabolic wastes (blood cleaning)**
- 2) maintain water salt balance (BV & BP)**
- 3) maintain acid-base bal (blood pH)**
- 4) secrete hormones-aldosterone, renin, & ANH**
- 5) reabsorb nutrients**
- 6) syn. vit D**

# #1: Excrete Wastes (clean blood cleaning)

**remove body wastes (urea, creatinine, ammonia, uric acid)**

**urea source: protein (eg meat, soy) breakdown**

→ ammonia waste (toxic to cells)

→ liver ( $\text{CO}_2$  + ammonia → urea (less toxic))

**uremia: ↑ urea in blood → arrhythmia, vomit, resp. prob.**

**creatinine source: muscle metab. waste**

**uric acid: metabolic waste**

**gout (uric crystals in joints, esp. big toe):**

- ↑ uric acid in blood → crystals precipitate

## #2: Maint. Water-Salt Bal.

**maint. correct levels of water  
& salt/ions ( $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{CA}^{2+}$ )**

**osmosis:  $\uparrow$  salt level  $\rightarrow$  water retention  
 $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  blood volume\* &  $\uparrow$  blood pressure\***

**maint. correct salt levels  
 $\rightarrow$  correct blood volume & blood pressure**

**\* low salt diet for people with heart problems**

## #3 Maint. Acid Base Bal.

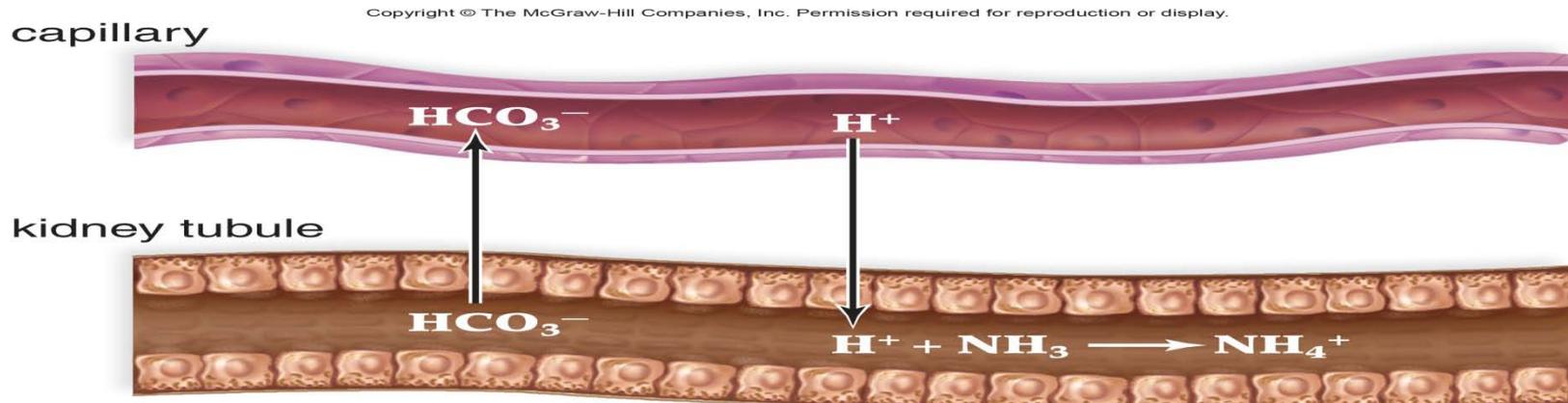
**maint. normal blood pH: 7.4**

**alkalosis: blood pH > 7.45 (diarrhea, ↓ CO<sub>2</sub>)**

**acidosis: blood pH < 7.35 (orange juice or exercise)**

**blood buffers:**

**H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (carbonic acid) & HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> (bicarbonate ion)**



## #4 Secrete Hormones

**secrete hormones: aldosterone, ADH, ANH**

**aldosterone (less urine)**

- **produced by adrenal glands**
- **↑ ion reabsorption at DCT**

**ADH (less urine)**

- **produced by hypothalamus**
- **released by pituitary**
- **↑ water reabsorption at DCT & coll. duct**

**ANH (more urine)**

- **produced by heart**
- **released with ↑ blood volume**

## #6: Syn. Vitamin D

### **3 ways to synthesize Vitamin D:**

- 1) skin - UV rays (sun)**
- 2) liver - inactive**
- 3) kidney - active**

### **assignment:**

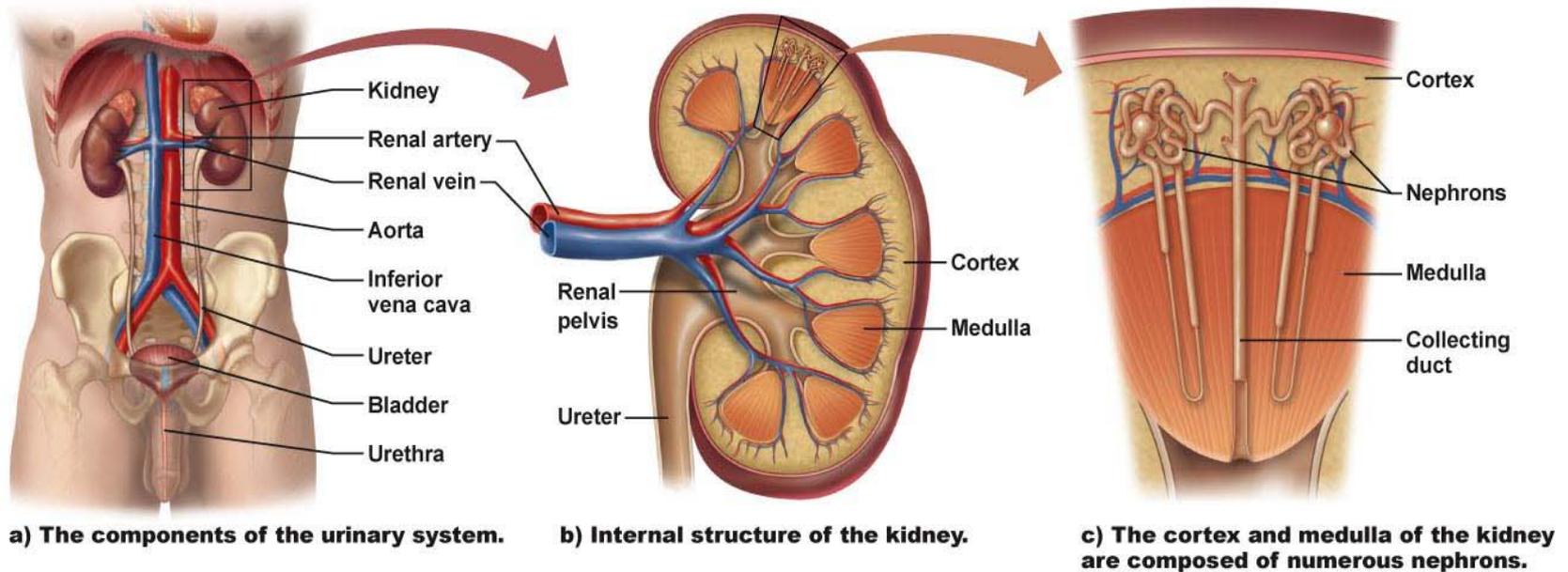
- 1) short description of Vit. D synthesis**
- 2) Why do lab tests show insufficient Vit. D levels in most people?**

# Renal System

urinary system

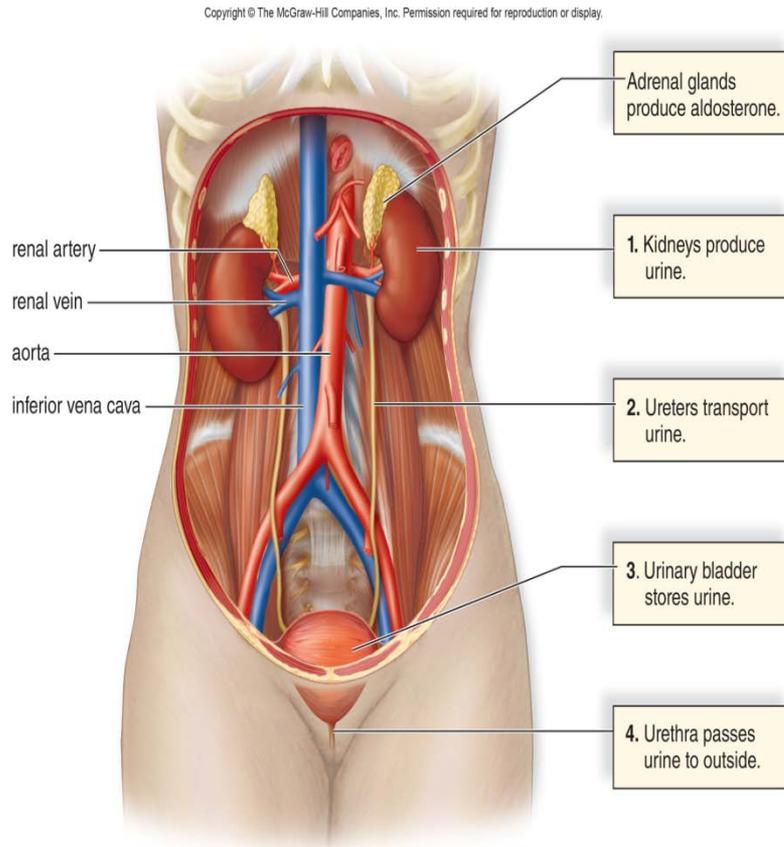
kidney

nephron



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# Urinary System Flows



## Urine Flow

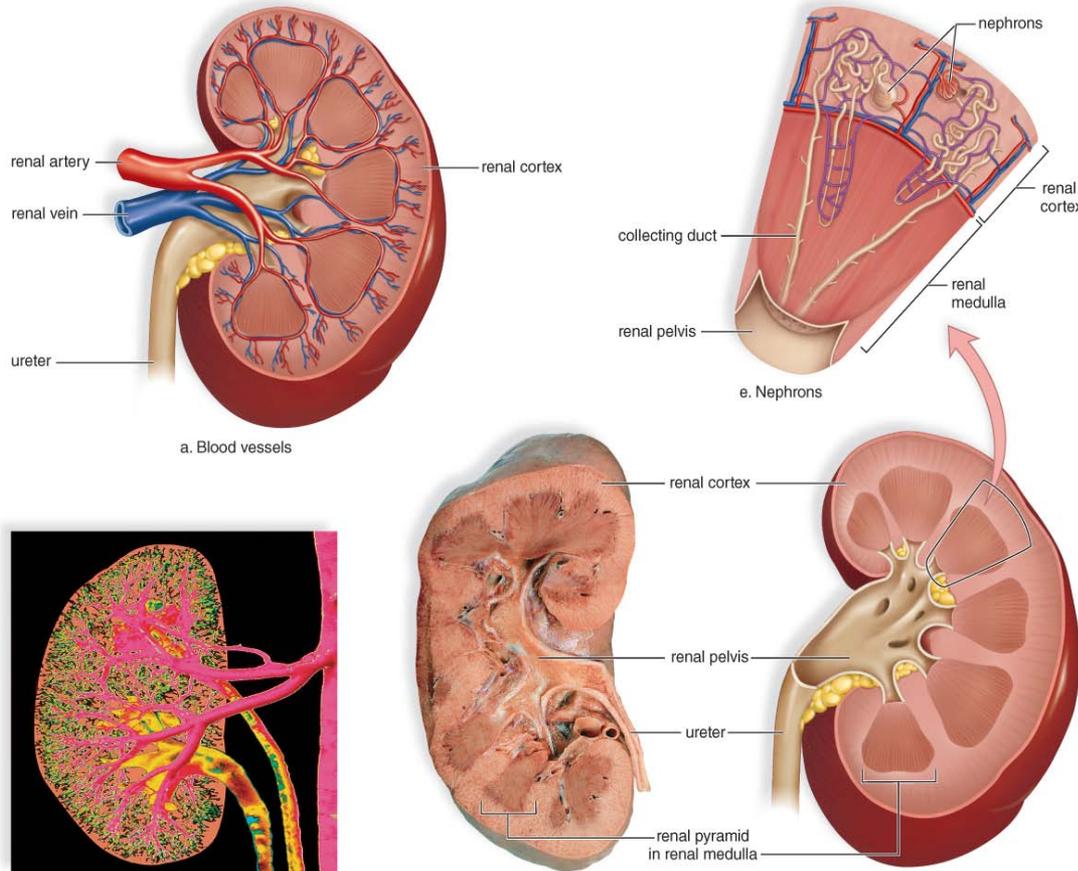
- 1) kidney
- 2) ureter
- 3) urinary bladder
- 4) urethra

## Blood Flow

- 1) aorta
- 2) renal artery
- 3) renal vein
- 4) inferior vena cava

# Kidney Flows

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a. Blood vessels

b. Angiogram of kidney

c. Gross anatomy, photograph  
d. Gross anatomy, art  
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## Urine Flow

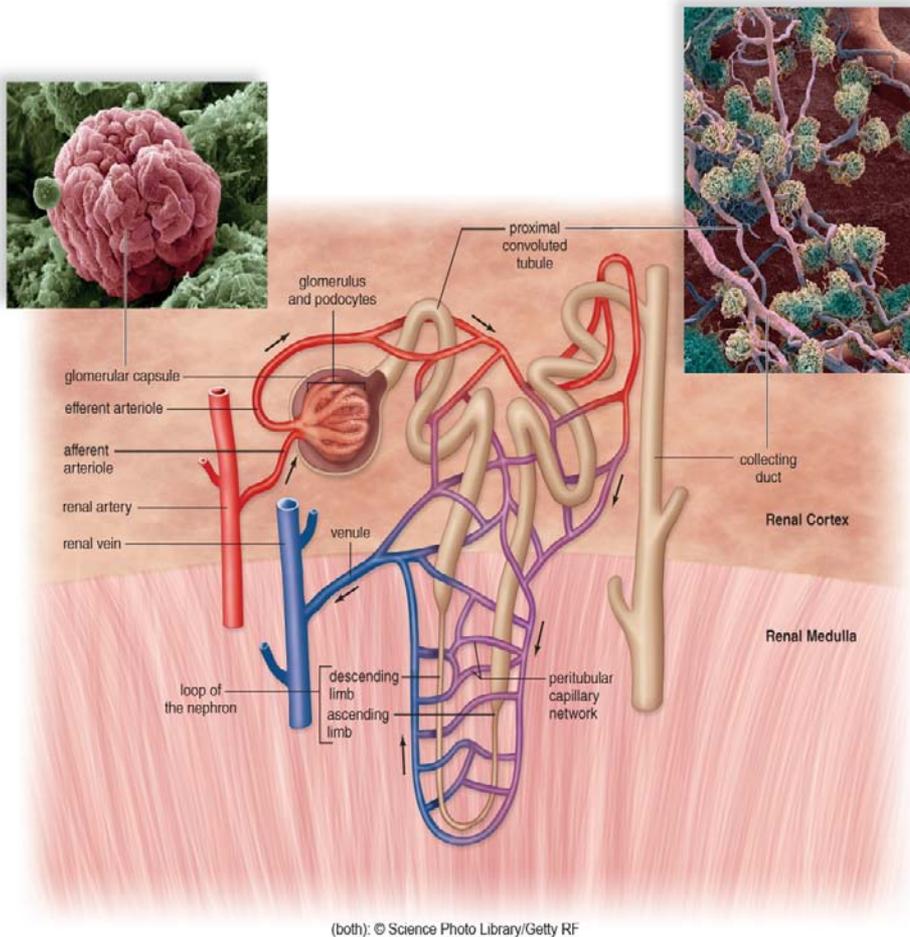
- 1) cortex
- 2) medulla
- 3) renal pelvis
- 4) ureter

## Blood Flow

- 1) renal artery
- 2) renal vein

# Nephron Urine Flow

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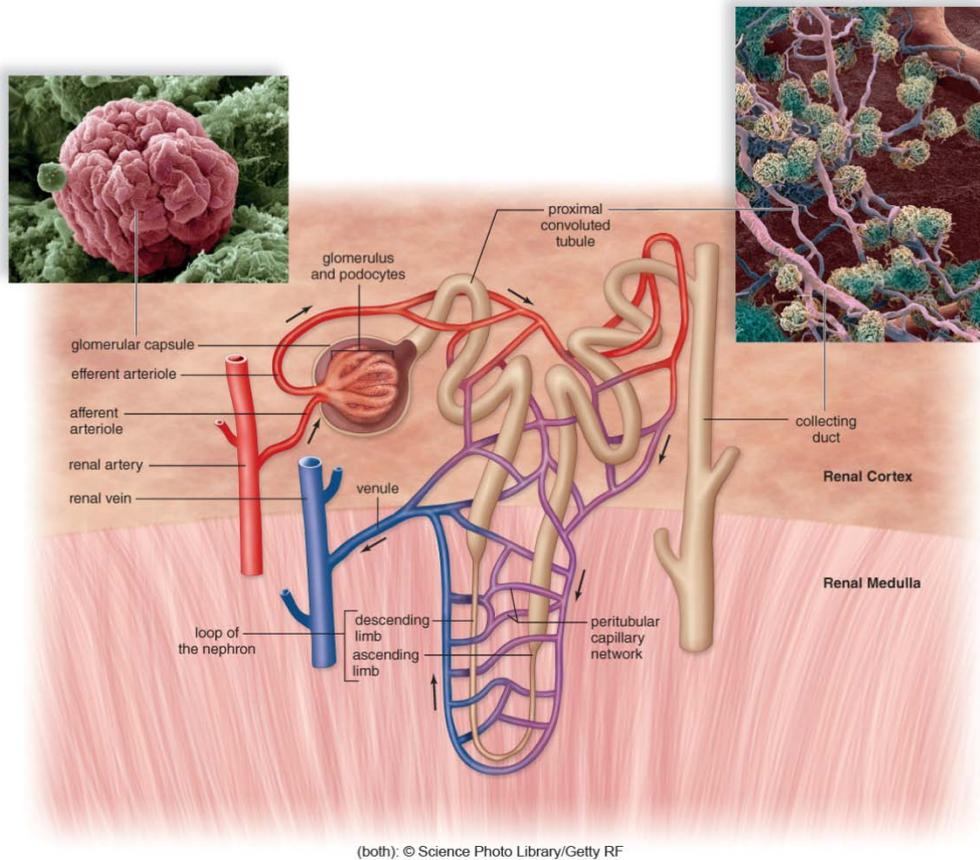


- 1) glomerular\* cap.
- 2) prox. conv. tubule
- 3) descending limb
- 4) ascending limb
- 5) distal conv. tubule
- 6) collecting duct

**\*Bowman's capsule**

# Nephron Blood Flow

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- 1) artery\*
- 2) afferent arteriole
- 3) glomerulus
- 4) efferent arteriole
- 5) peritub. cap.
- 6) vein\*

\*not renal

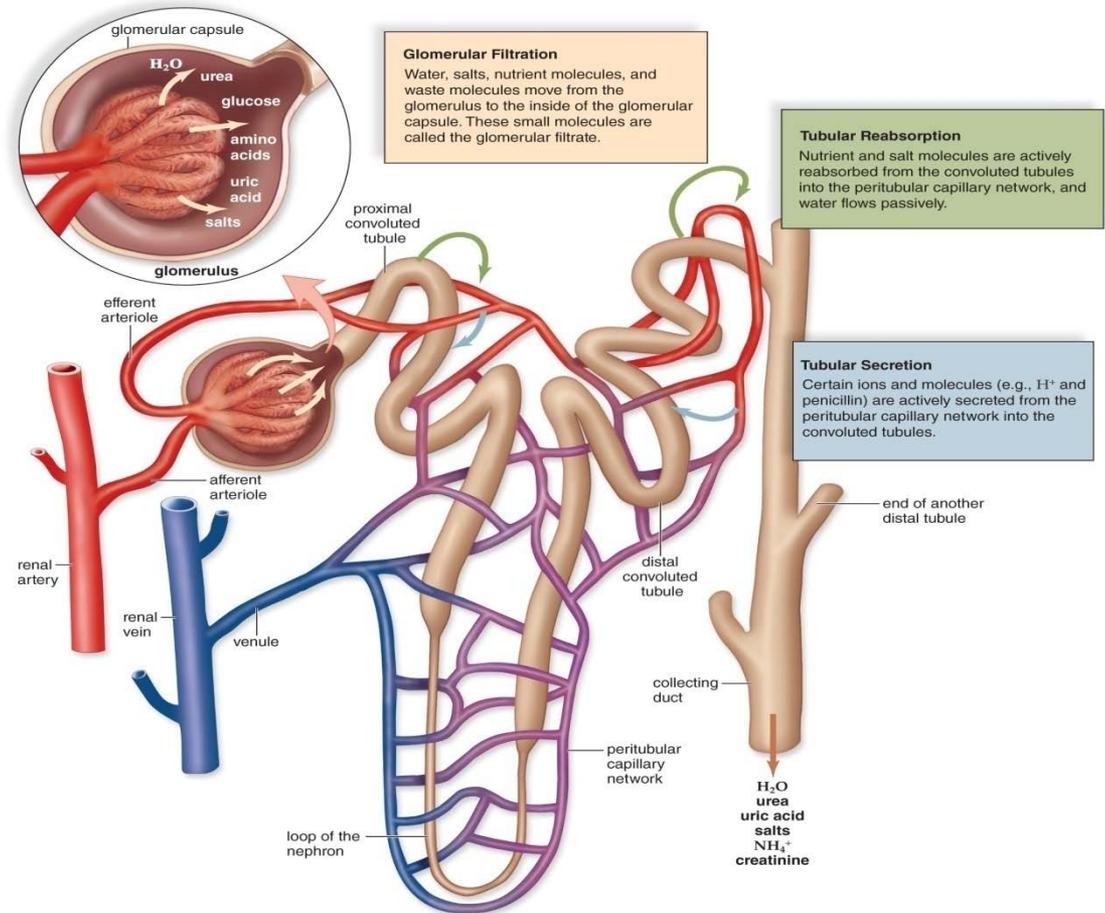
# Urine Formation

site = nephron

4 processes:

- 1) filtration (F)
- 2) reabsorption (R)
- 3) secretion (S)
- 4) excretion (E)

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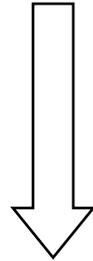


# Filtration

**filter blood (remove dirty plasma)**

**force: BP (blood pressure)**

**glomerulus: blood (becomes thicker)**



**plasma\* removed**

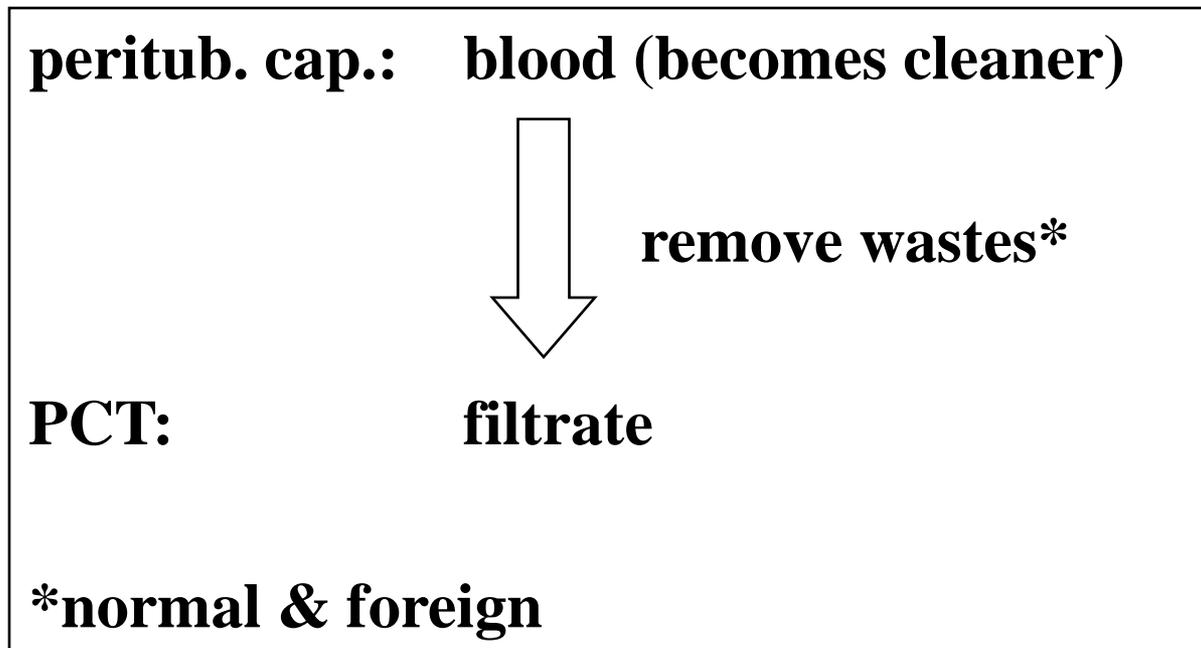
**glomerular\*\* cap.: filtrate**

**\*water, nitrogenous waste, nutrients, salts**

**\*\*Bowman's capsule**

# Secretion

**remove wastes from blood**  
**force: active transport, diffusion**



# Waste Removal

**secretion: remove wastes from blood**

**wastes:**

**1) normal - natural, prod. by body**

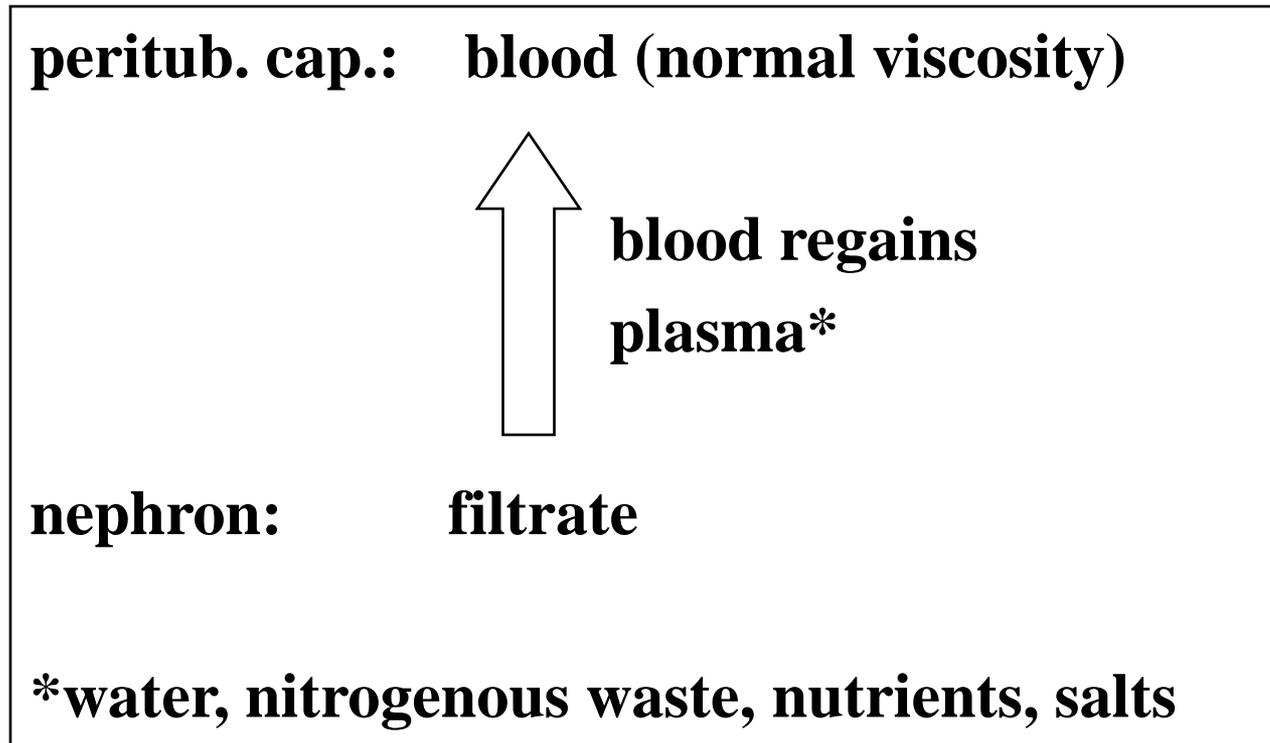
**- acid ( $H^+$ ), ammonium ( $NH_4^+$ ), potassium ( $K^+$ )**

**2) foreign - drugs, chem. not prod. by body**

**- penicillin, cocaine, morphine, marijuana,  
food preservatives, pesticides, saccharin**

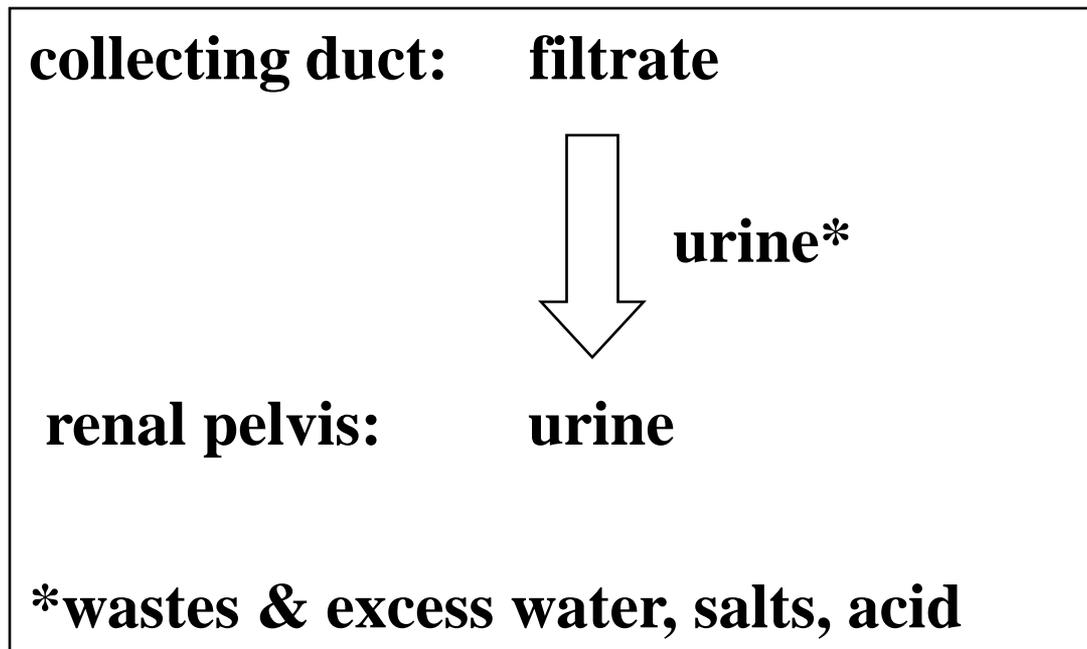
# Reabsorption

return clean plasma to blood  
force: A/T, diffusion



# Excretion

**force: vacuum & muscle (empty bladder)**



# Urine

**excretion: urine removed from body**

**force: urination (muscle contraction)**

**urine = water, wastes (natural & foreign),  
excess plasma (ions, acids, water)**

**urine types:**

**1) concentrated: ↓ vol , ↑ salt (save water)**

**2) dilute: ↑ vol , ↓ salt (remove water)**

# Urinalysis

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## 4 types:

### 1) physical exam

- color, clarity, odor

### 2) chemical exam

- specific gravity, pH, glucose, bilirubin, ketones, proteins, nitrates, WBC

### 3) microscopic exam

- sediments (stones, protein)

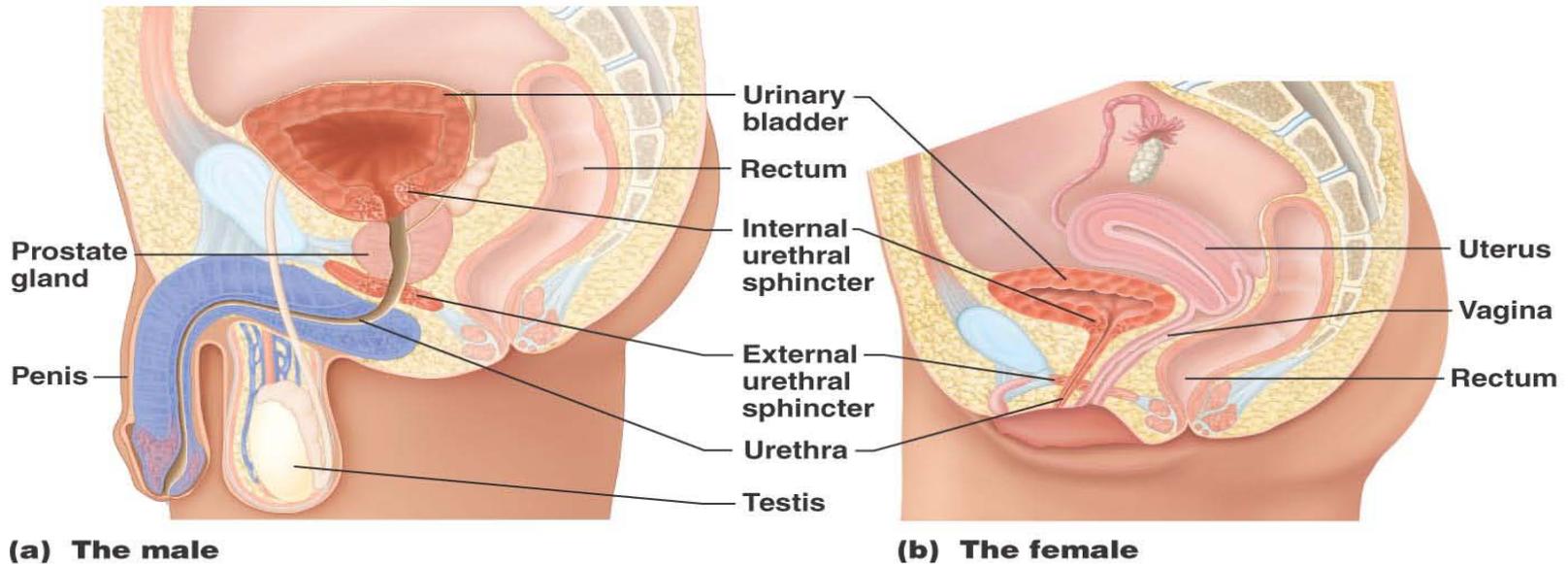
### 4) forensic exam

- illegal drugs, steroids

# Urination

**Trace the flow of urination:**

- 1) urinary bladder
- 2) internal ureth. sphincter
- 3) urethra (1st part)
- 4) internal ureth. sphincter
- 5) urethra (2nd part)
- 6) urethral opening



**(a) The male**

**(b) The female**

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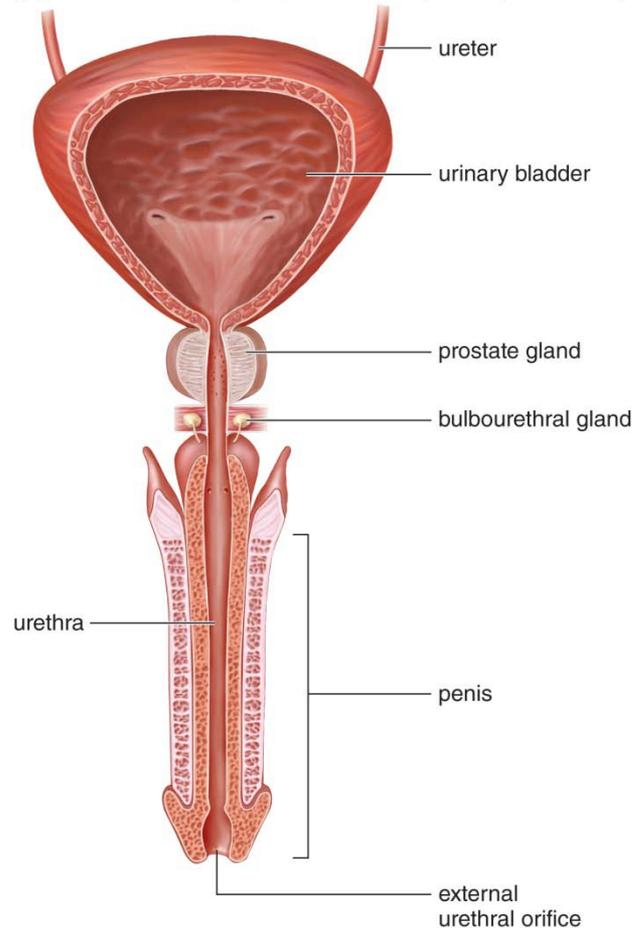
# Diabetes Mellitus

## **diabetes mellitus**

- insulin resistance or low levels**
- > high blood glucose level**
- > glucose in urine**
- > less water is reabsorbed**
- > frequent urination**
- > increased thirst**

# Enlarged Prostate

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**prostate: produce semen**

**enlarged prostate:**

- "walnut" -> lemon size

- squeezes urethra

**exiting urinary bladder**

-> **urination problem,  
bike riding problem**

**treatment:**

- **surgery to cut prostate**

- **drugs to shrink prostate**

# Renal Diseases

**Describe the cause and effects:**

- 1) urethritis/cystitis/pyelonephritis**
- 2) kidney stones**
- 3) uremia**
- 4) renal failure**
- 5) enlarged prostate**