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Functional morphology of kidneys Clearance

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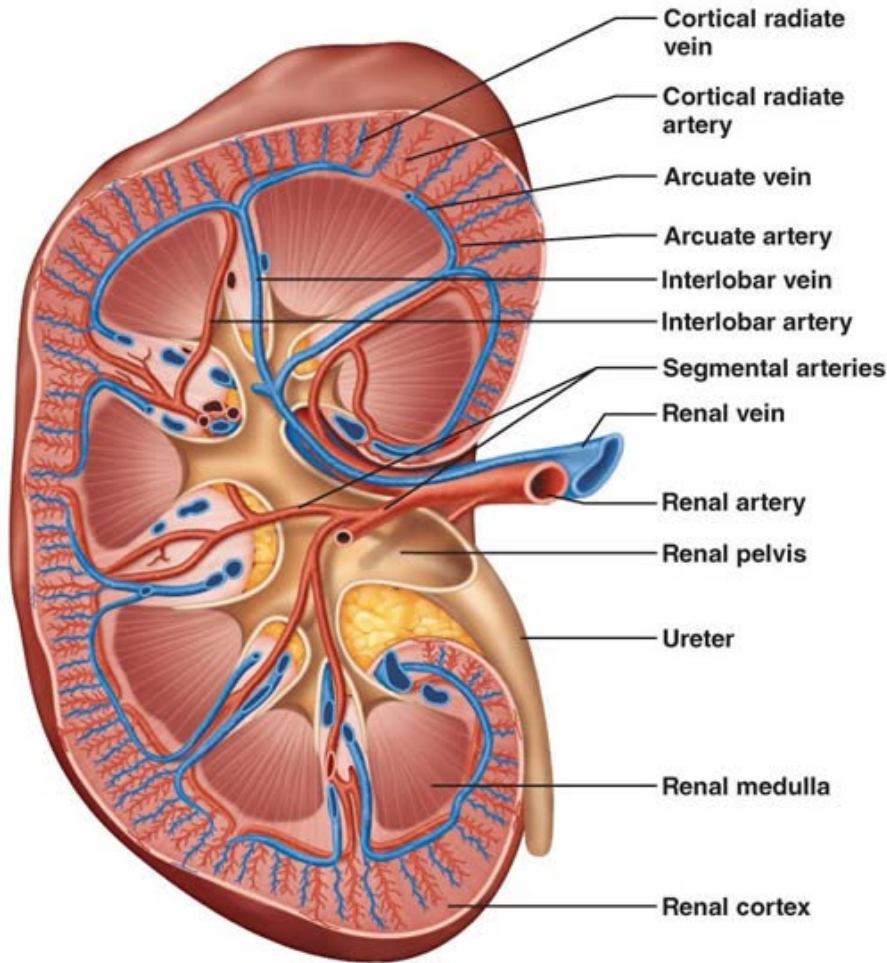
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Renal Functions

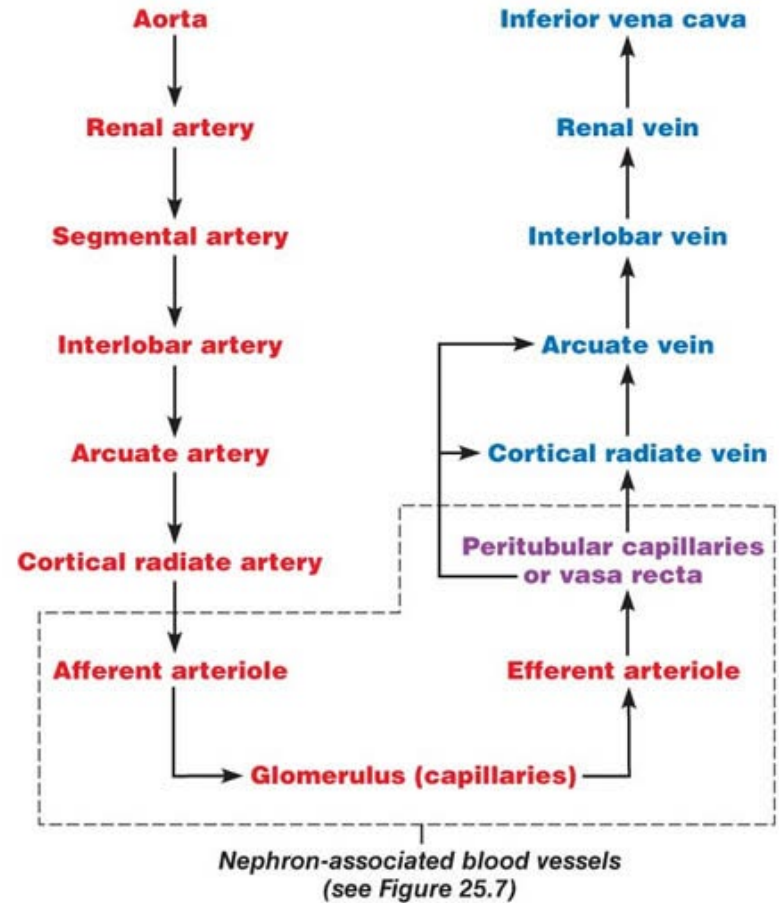
- **Excretion of Waste Products and Toxins**
(entry from the external environment or production in the course of metabolic events)
- **Control of Volume and Composition of Body Fluids, Osmolality**
- **Regulation of Acid-Base Balance**
- **Regulation of Blood Pressure**
- **Secretion, Metabolism and Excretion of Hormones**
(renin, erythropoetin, kinins, prostaglandins, 1,25-diOHcholecalciferol)
- **Glukoneogenesis**

Structure of Kidney



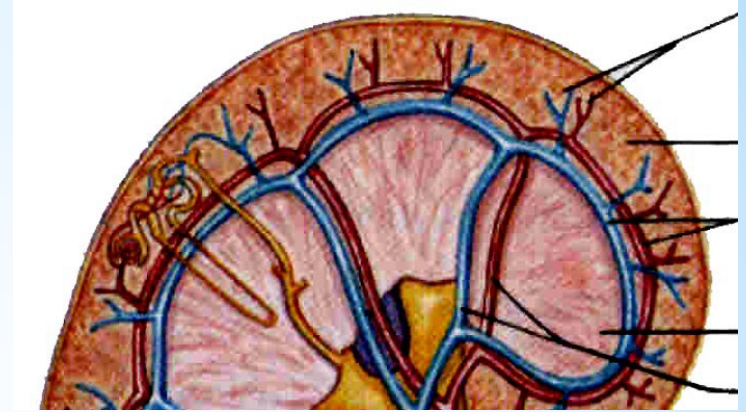
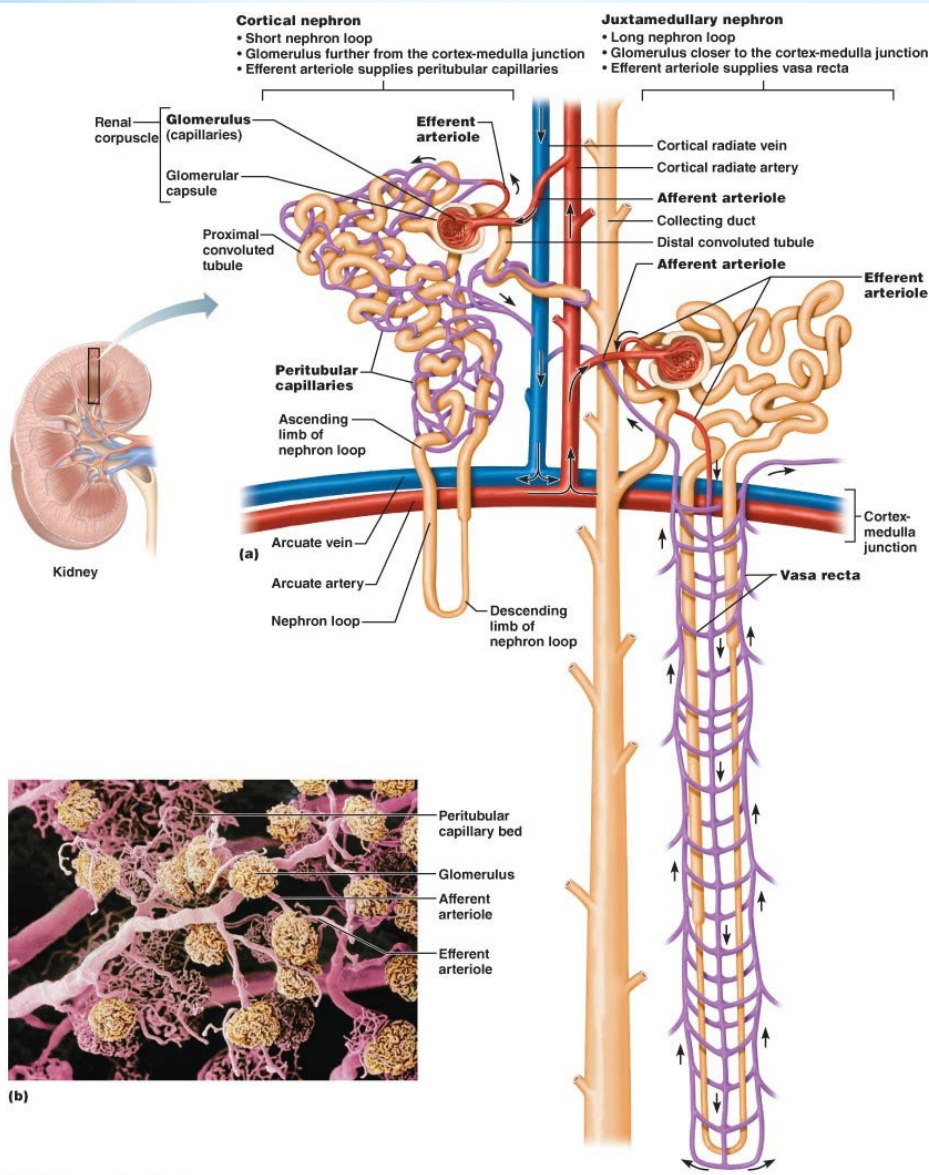
(a) Frontal section illustrating major blood vessels

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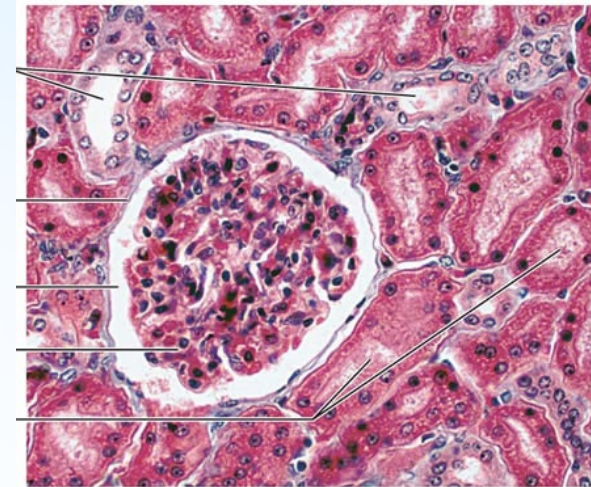
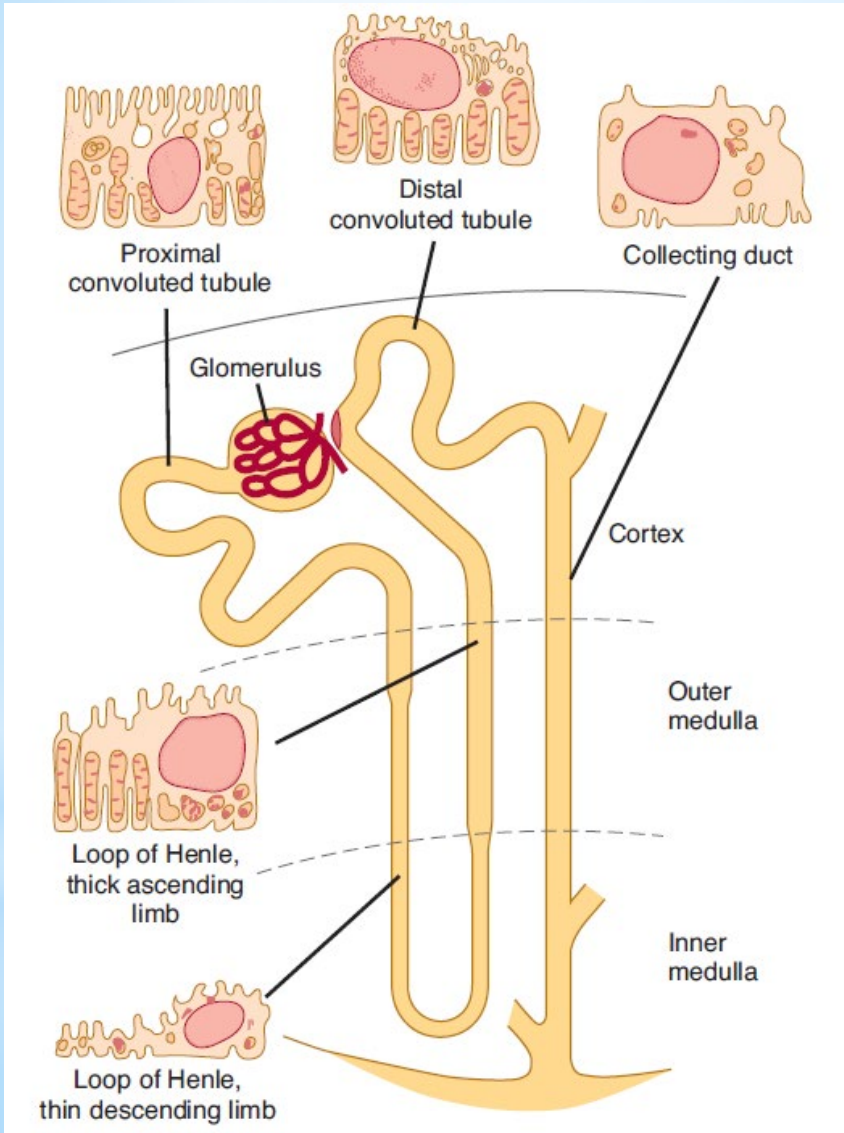
(b) Path of blood flow through renal blood vessels

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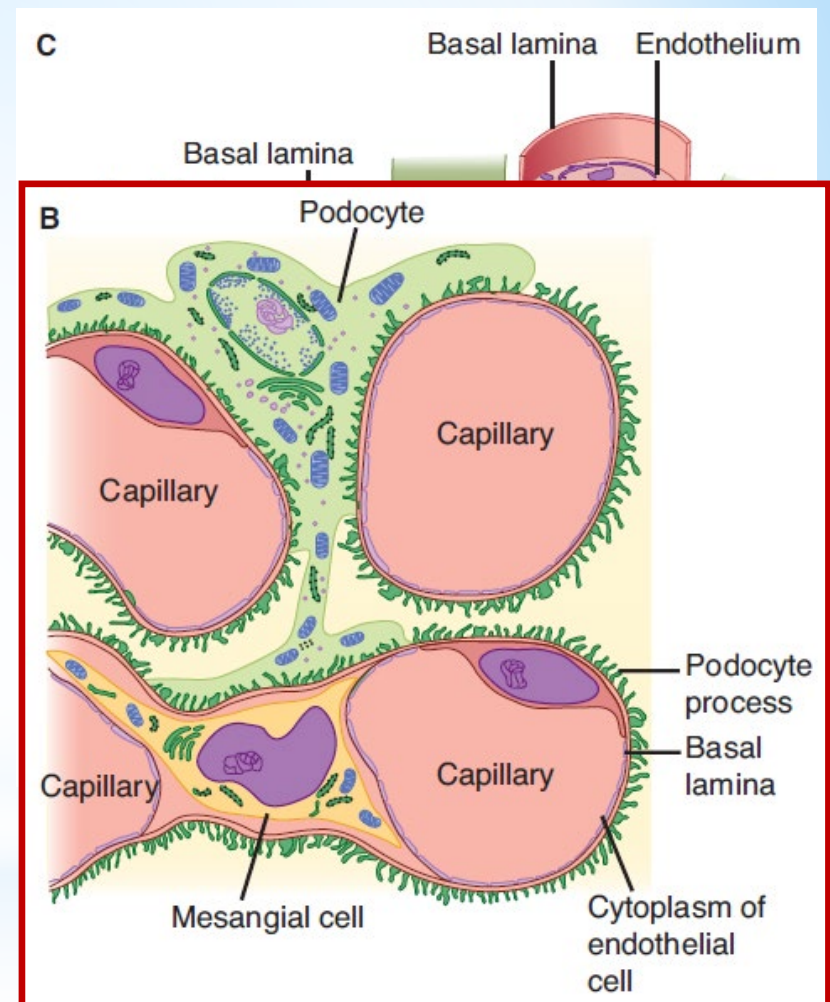
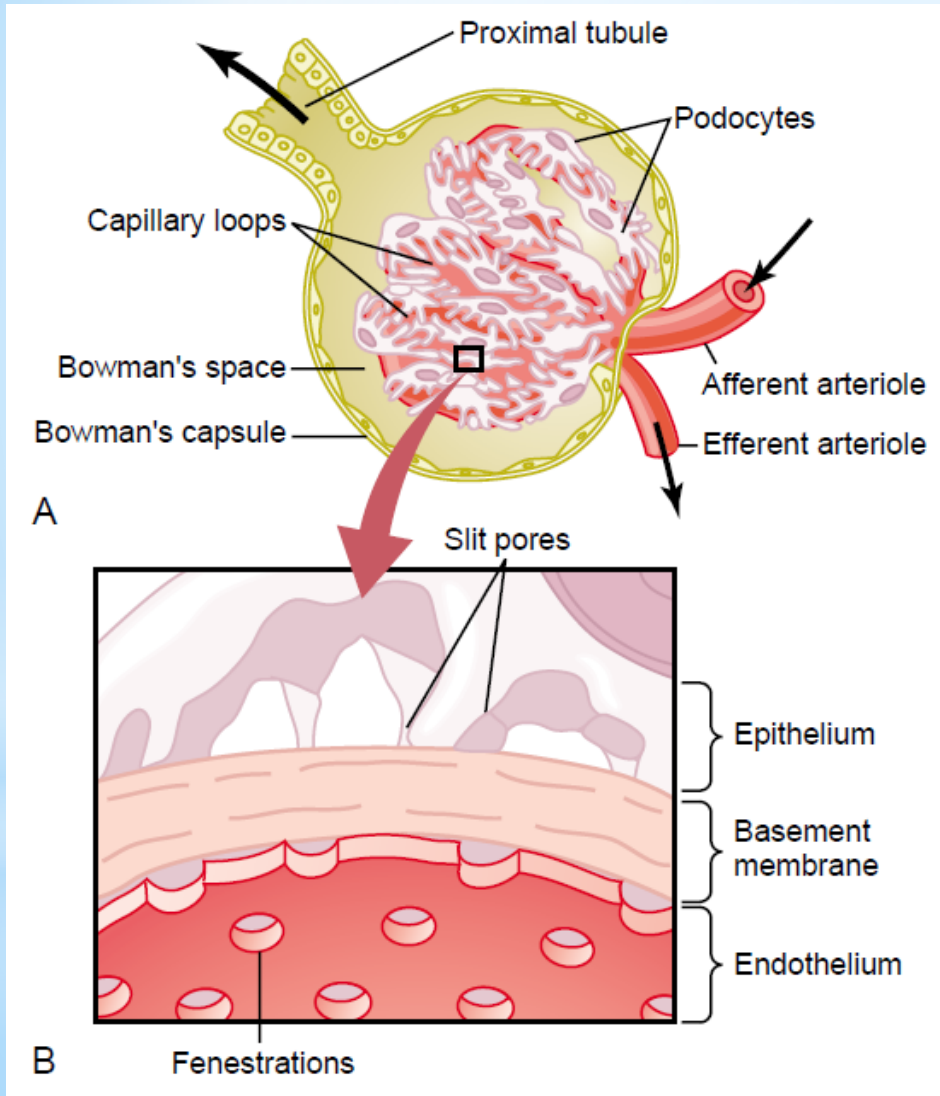
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Structure of Nephron



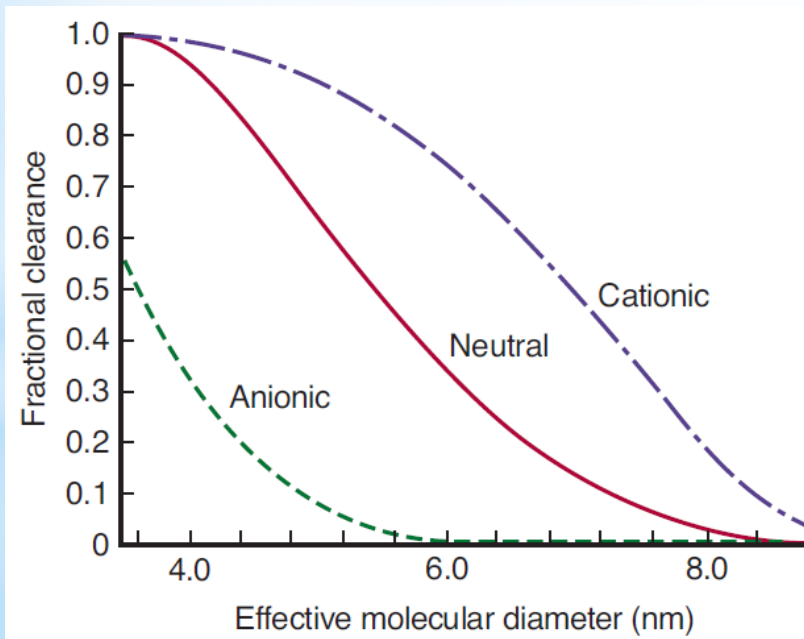
f renal cortical tissue (180×)

Structure of Nephron - Glomerulus



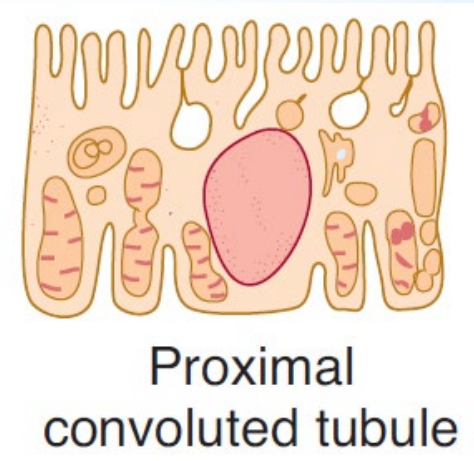
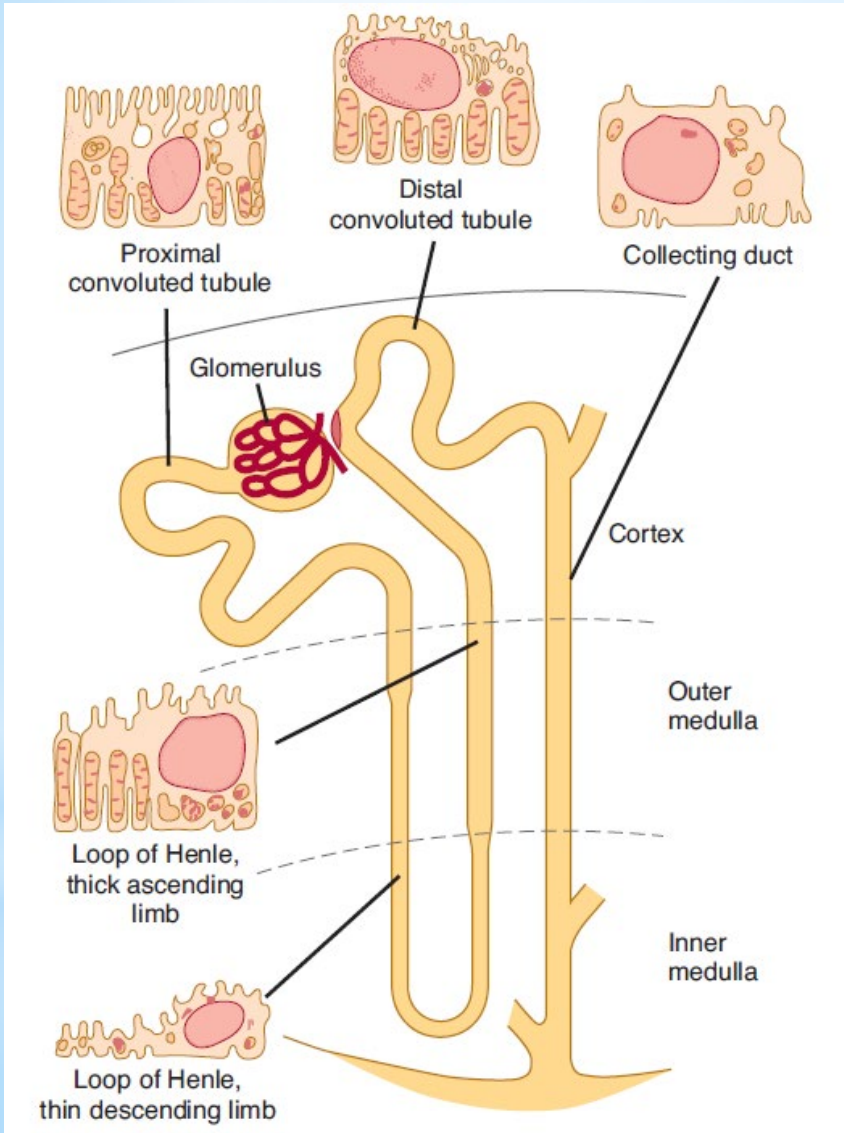
Structure of Nephron - Glomerulus

- High filtration rate in glomeruli
provided by high permeability of glomerular membrane (structure of glomerular membrane - fenestrations, slit pores)
- Protein passage barrier
negative charge of all layers of glomerular membrane



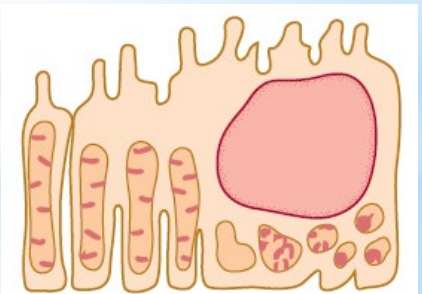
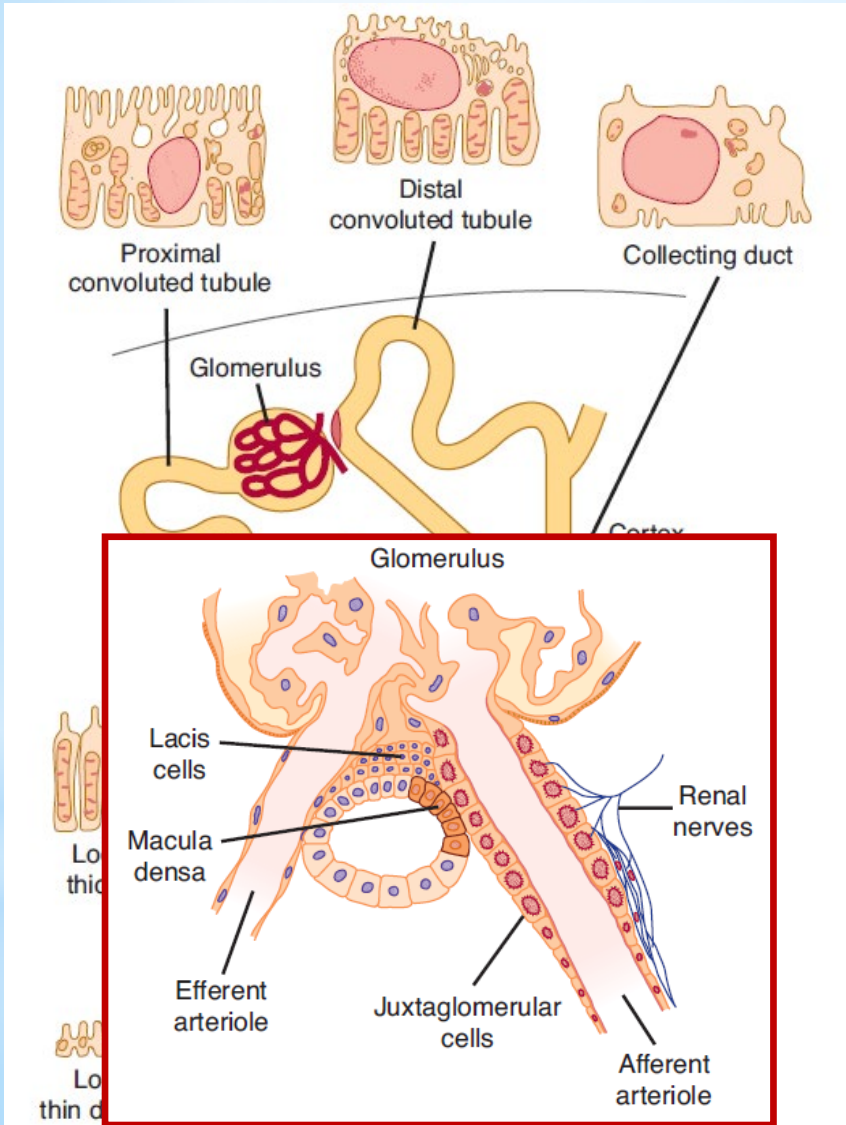
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- glomerulus
- proximal convoluted tubule

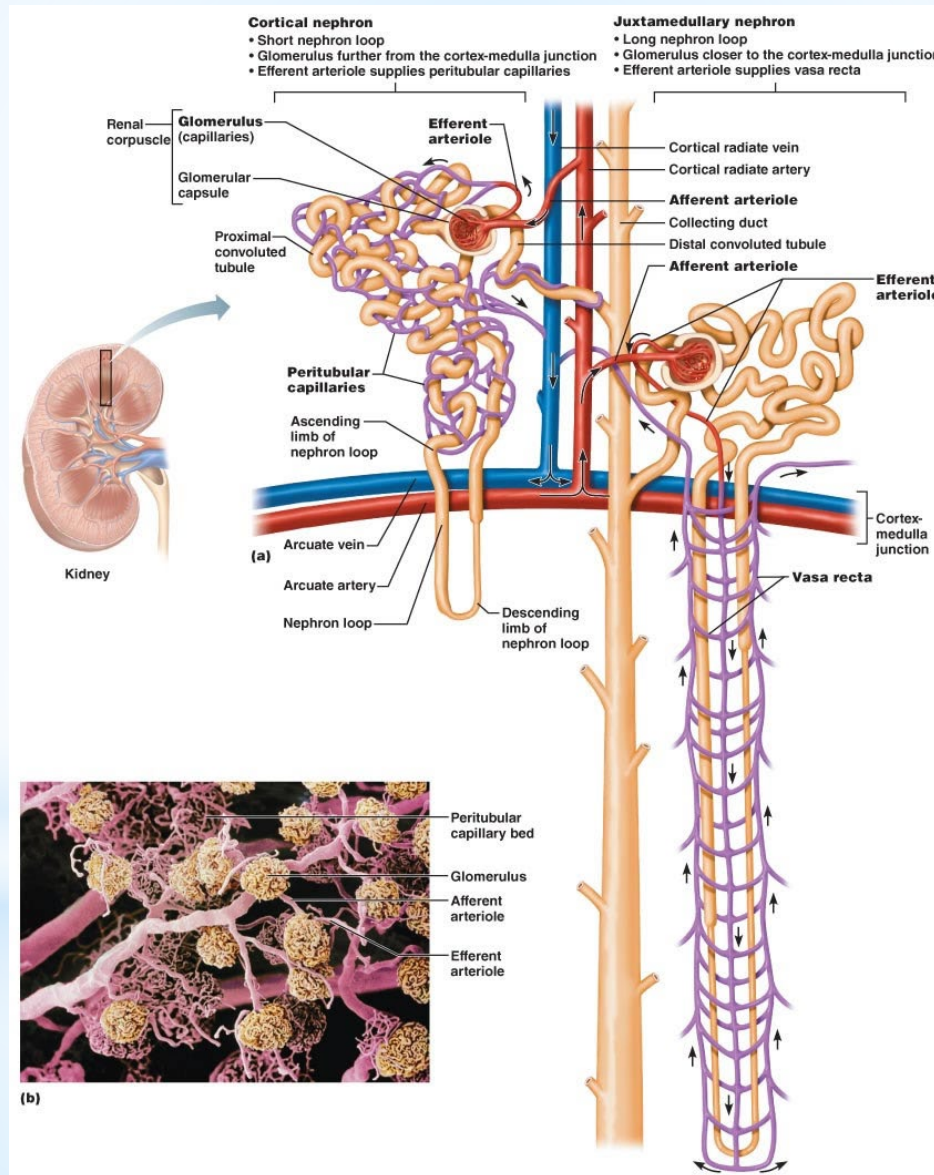


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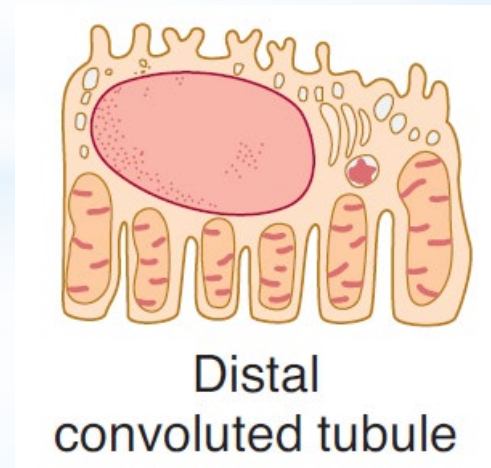
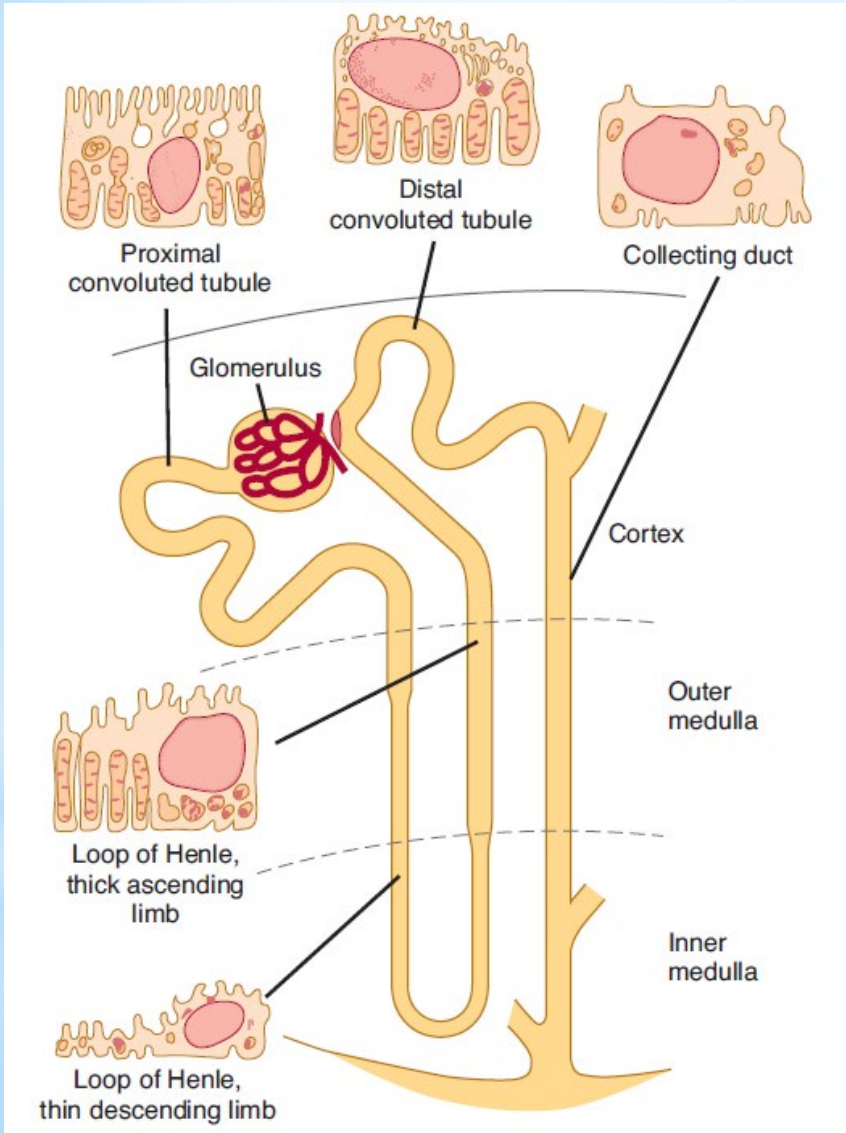
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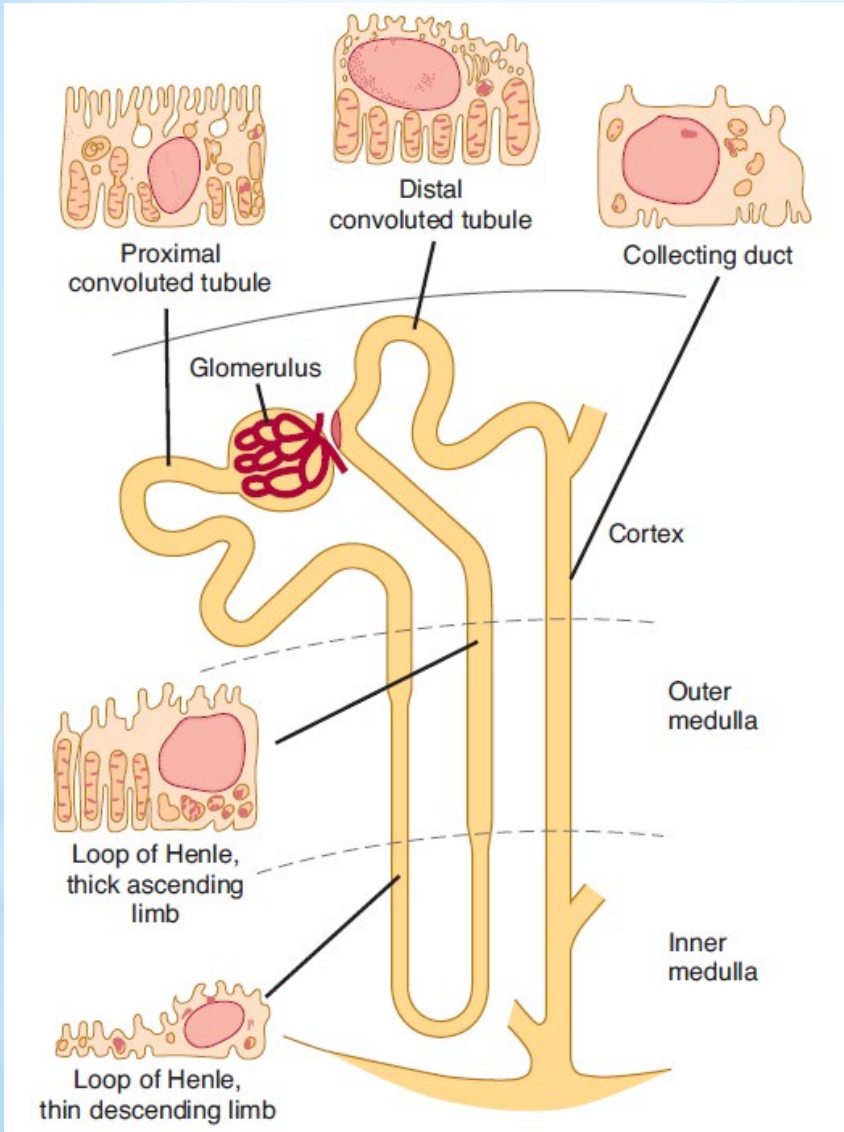
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- proximal convoluted tubule
- loop of Henle
- distal convoluted tubule

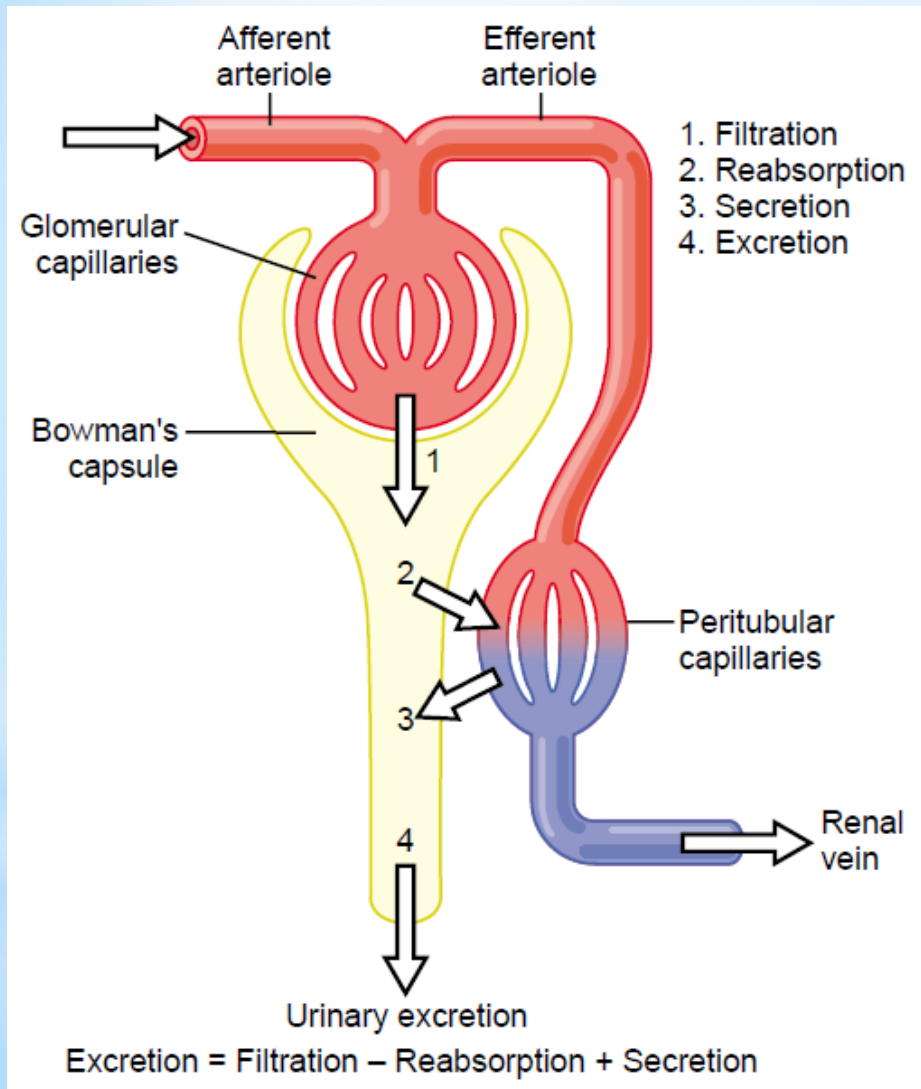


Structure of Nephron - Tubulus

- glomerulus
- proximal convoluted tubule
- loop of Henle
- distal convoluted tubule
- collecting duct



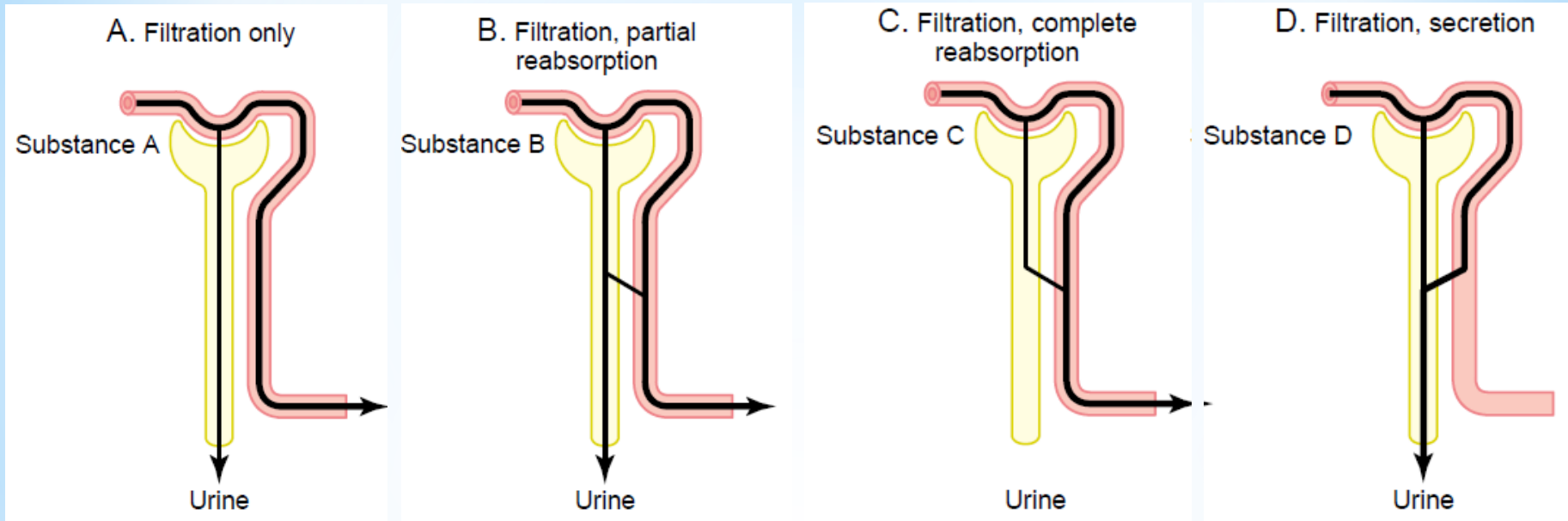
Urine Formation



- 1) Glomerular filtration
- 2) Tubular reabsorption
- 3) Tubular secretion
- 4) Urine excretion

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Urine Formation



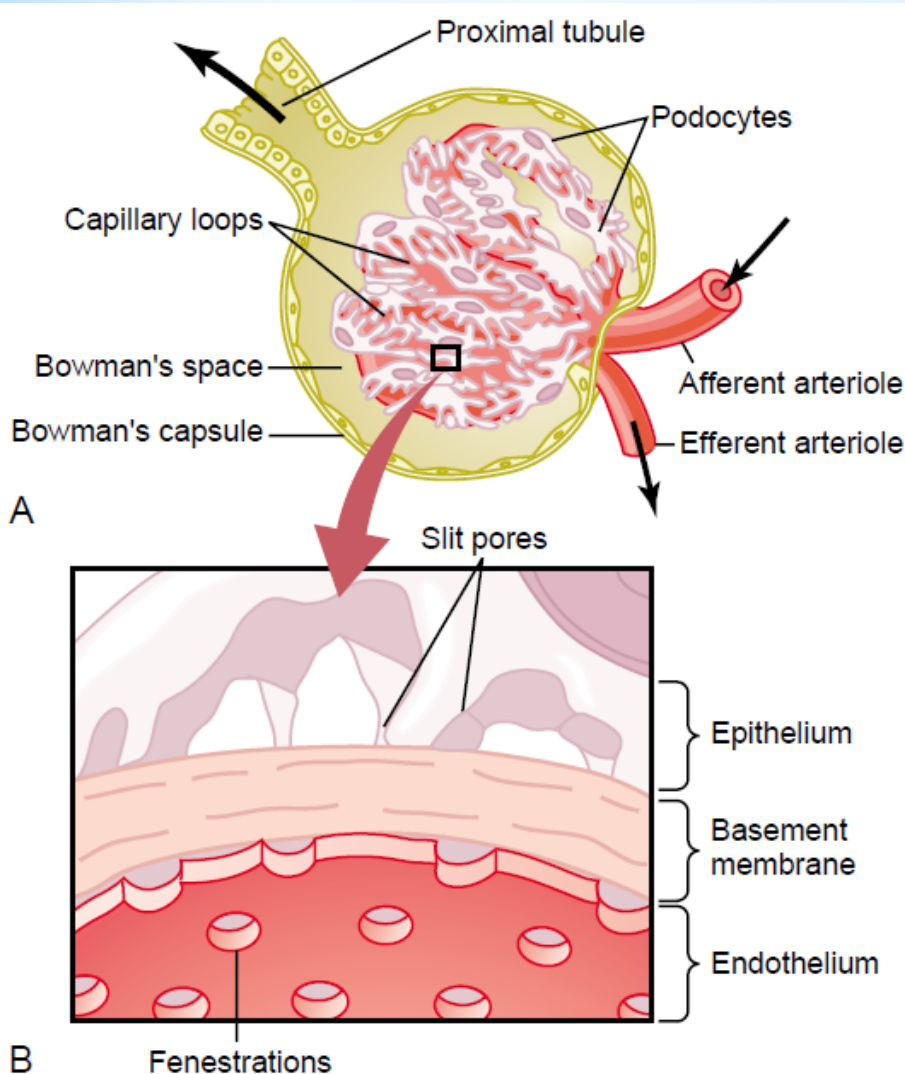
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- creatinine
- other waste products

Substance	Concentration in		
	Urine (U)	Plasma (P)	U/P Ratio
Glucose (mg/dL)	0	100	0
Na ⁺ (mEq/L)	90	140	0.6
Urea (mg/dL)	900	15	60
Creatinine (mg/dL)	150	1	150

- PAH
- toxins
- organic base and acids

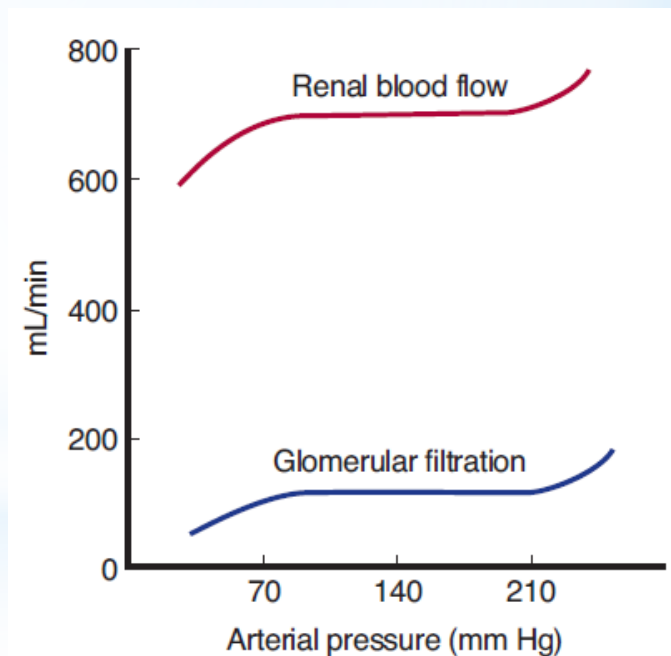
Urine Formation - Glomerular Filtration



$GFR = 125 \text{ ml/min} = 180 \text{ l/day}$

$FF = 0.2$

20% of plasma filtered!



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Urine Formation - Glomerular Filtration

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- 1) Capillary filtration coefficient K_f
(permeability and area of glomerular membrane)
- 2) Balance of hydrostatic and colloid osmotic forces

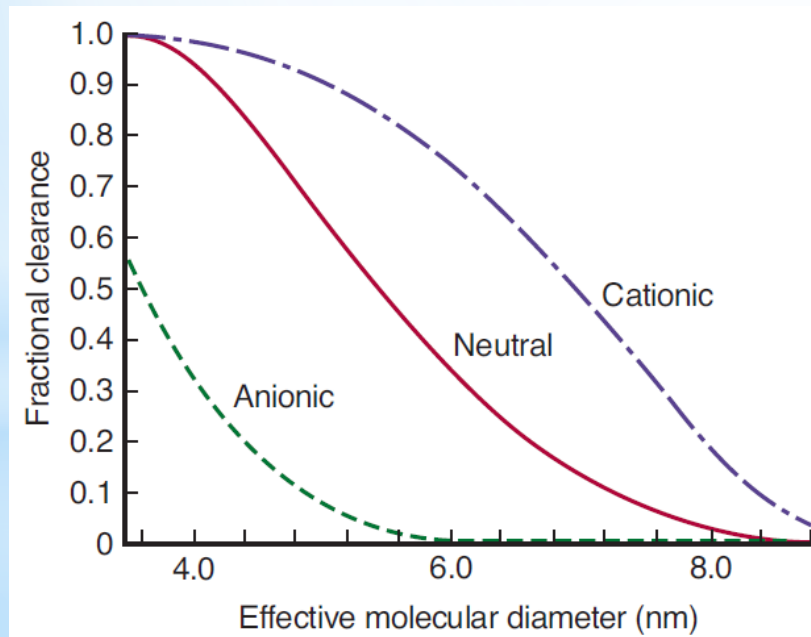
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albumin: diameter ~ 7 nm

loss of negative membrane charge



proteinuria (albuminuria)

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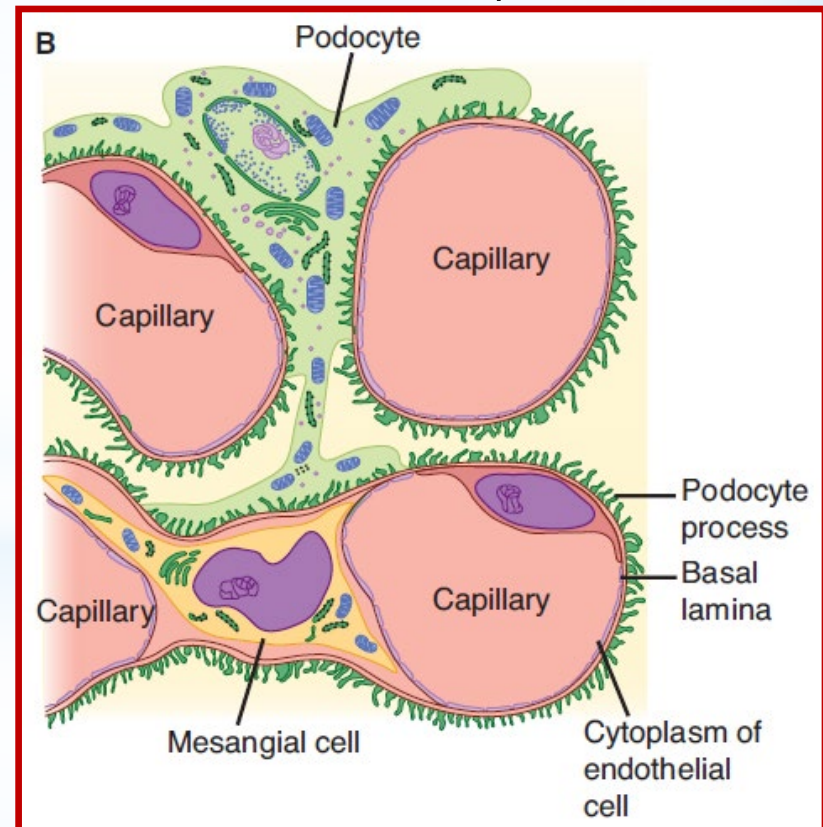
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Permeability

Area of capillary bed

mesangial cells:

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of filtration area $\rightarrow \downarrow K_f$
 $\rightarrow \downarrow$ GFR



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Contraction	Relaxation
Endothelins	ANP
Angiotensin II	Dopamine
Vasopressin	PGE ₂
Norepinephrine	cAMP
Platelet-activating factor	
Platelet-derived growth factor	
Thromboxane A ₂	
PGF ₂	
Leukotrienes C ₄ and D ₄	
Histamine	

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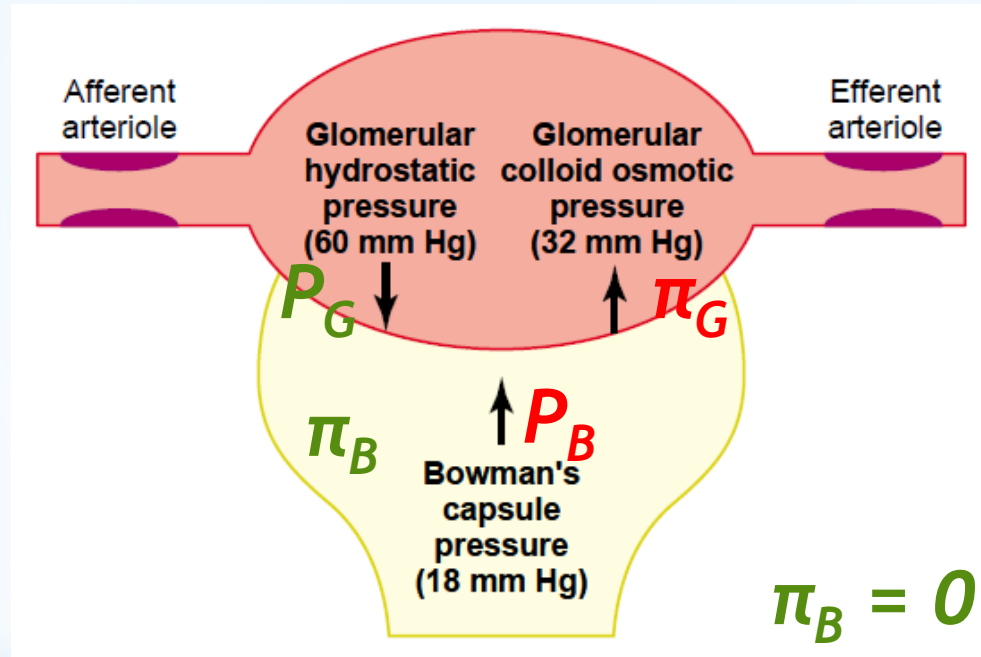
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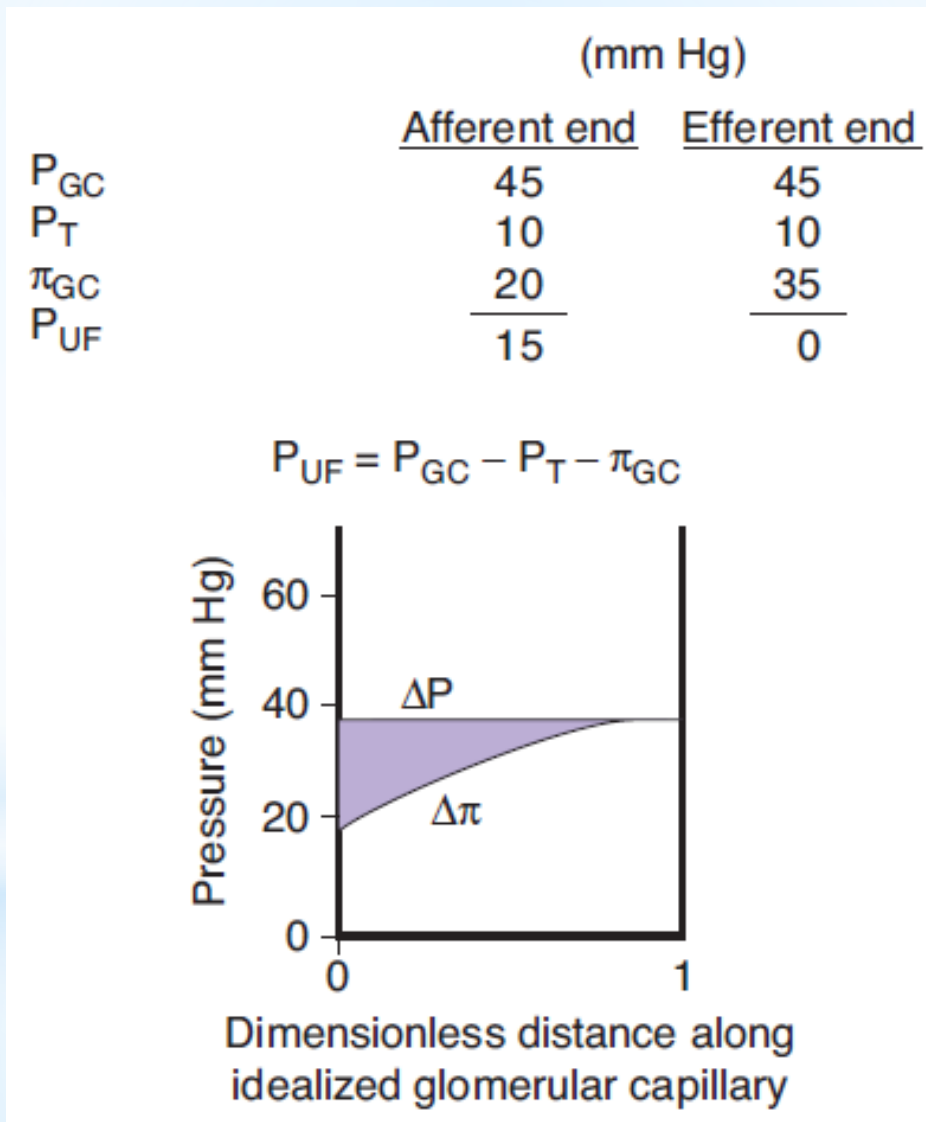


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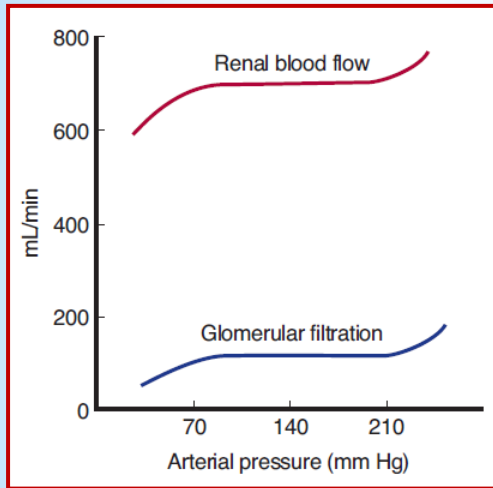
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Urine Formation - Glomerular Filtration

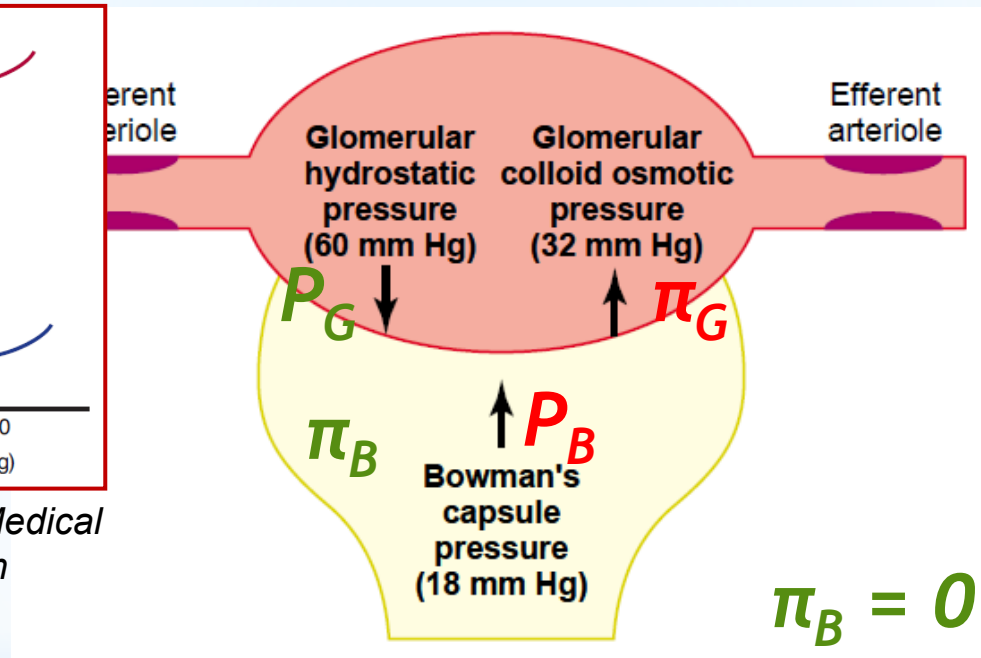


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Urine Formation - Glomerular Filtration

Vas afferens, vas efferens

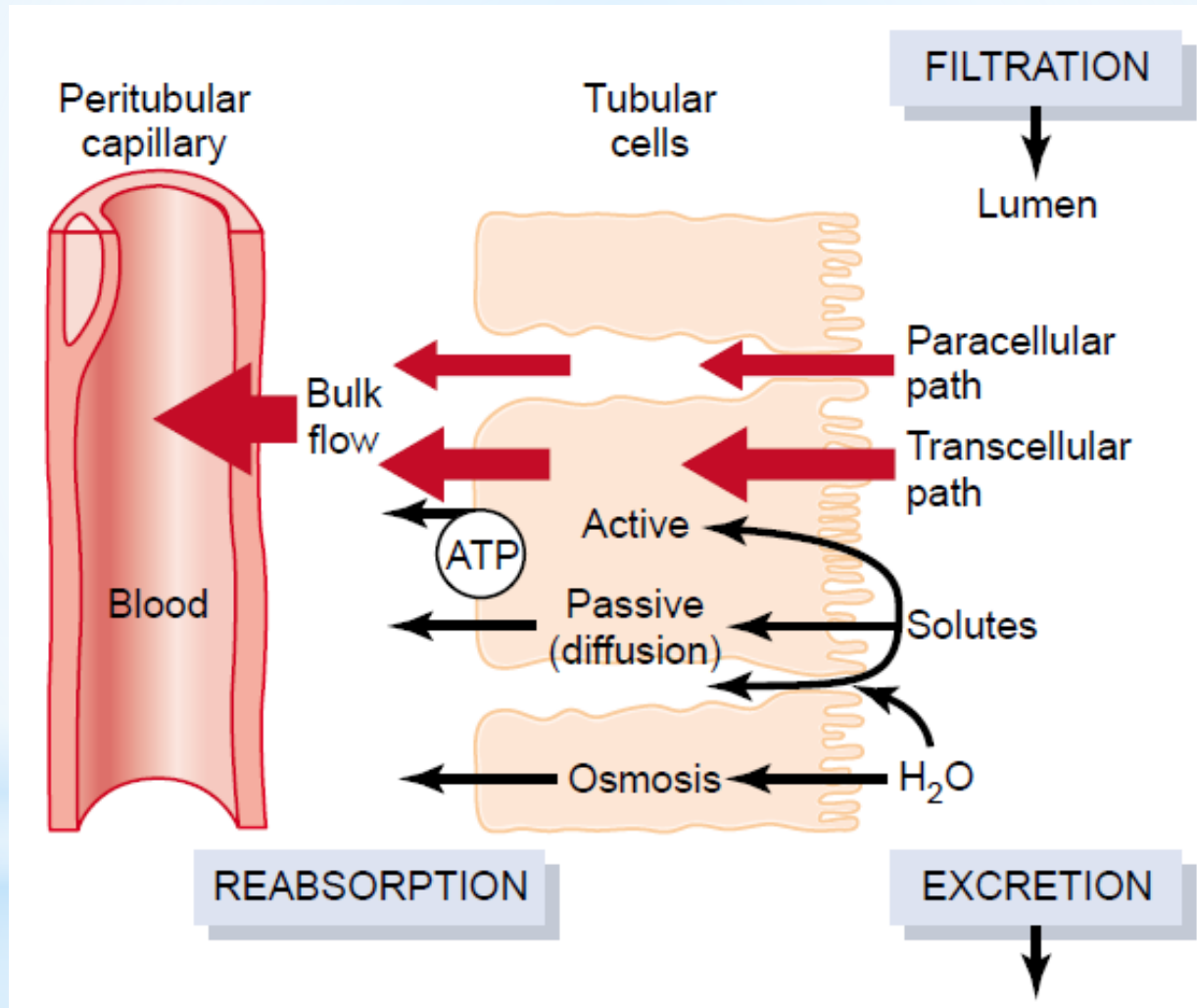
- input and output of high-pressure glomerular capillary net

- glomerular blood flow =
$$\frac{P_{v.a.} - P_{v.e.}}{R_{v.a.} + R_{v.e.} + \cancel{R_{g.k.}}}$$

- **↑ resistance** of *vas aff.* or *vas eff.* → **↓ renal blood flow** (if the arterial pressure is stable)
- **control the glomerular filtration pressure:**

constriction of *vas aff.* → ↓ glomerular pressure → ↓ filtration
constriction of *vas eff.* → ↑ glomerular pressure → ↑ filtration

Urine Formation – Tubular Processes



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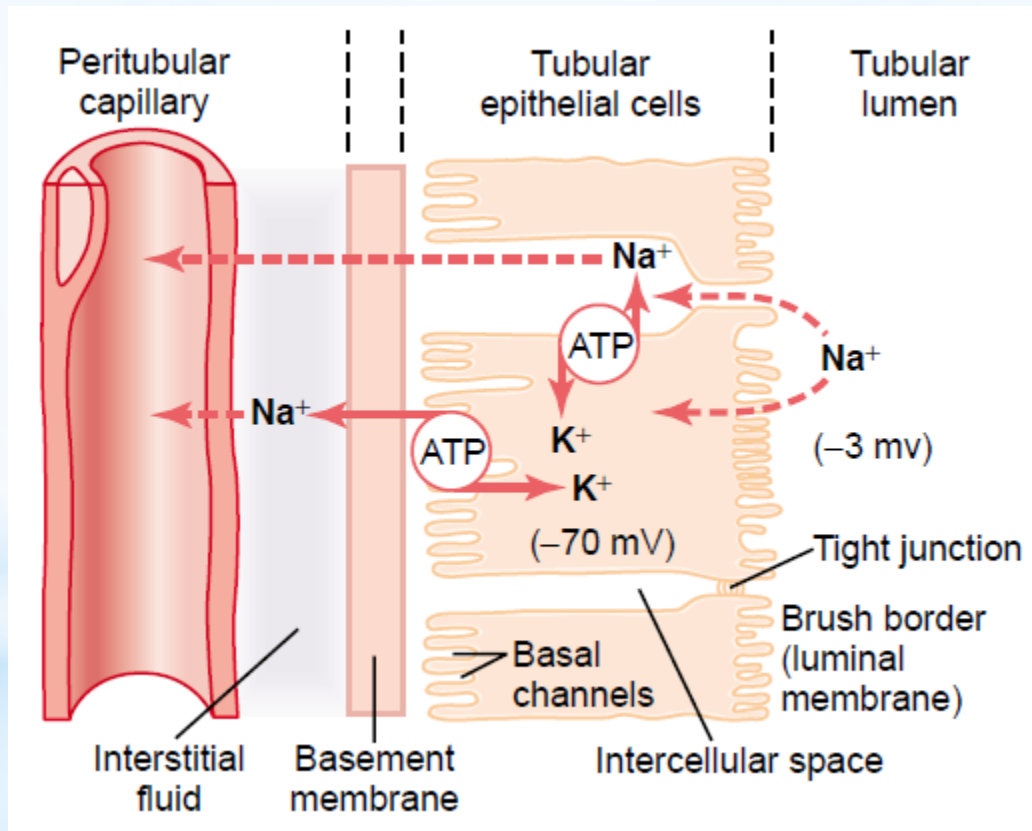
Active Transport Mechanisms

- 1) Primary active transport
- 2) Secondary active transport
- 3) Pinocytosis
(big molecules, e.g. proteins, namely in the proximal tubule)

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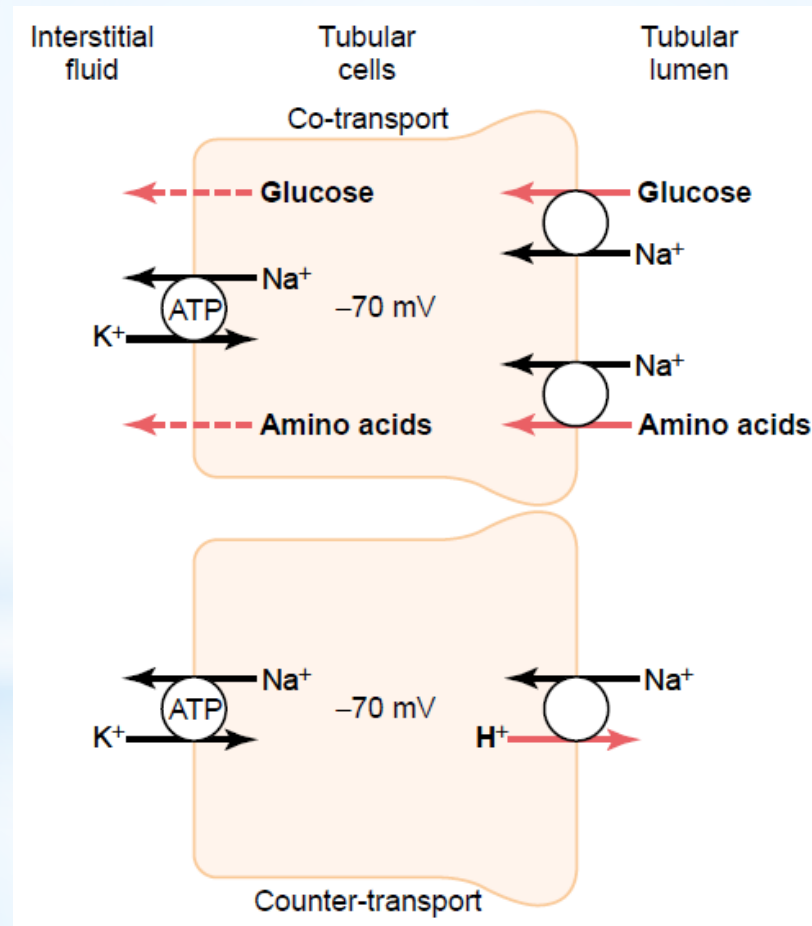
1) Primary active transport

- Na^+/K^+ ATPase
- H^+ ATPase
- Ca^{2+} ATPase

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Active Transport Mechanisms

2) Secondary active transport



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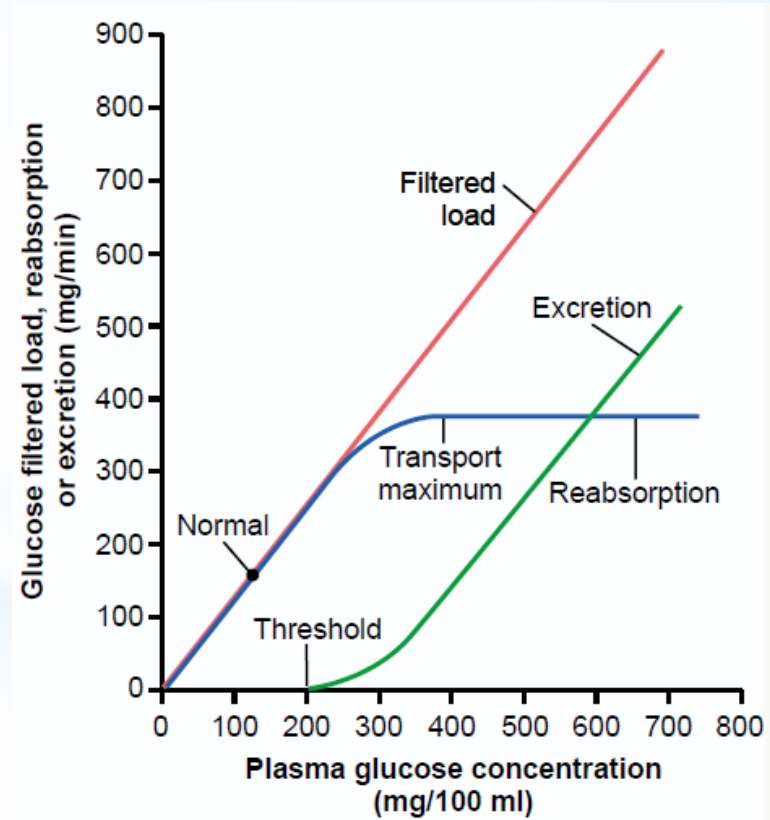
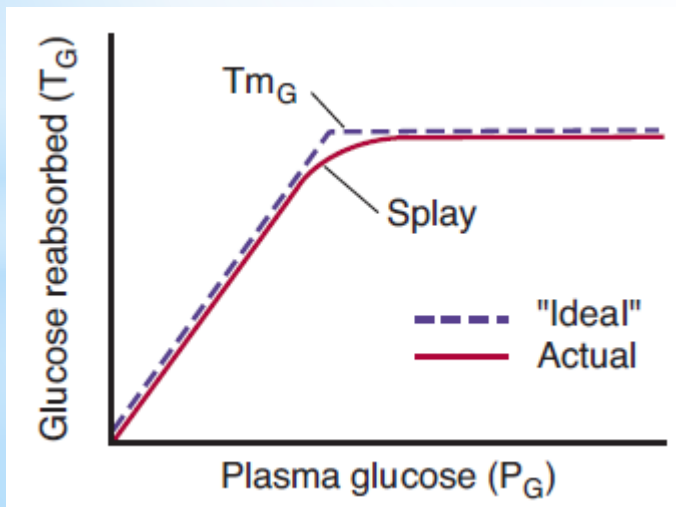
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Active Transport Mechanisms

Substances using active transport show the so called **transport maximum** (given by saturation of the transporter).

for example **glucose transport maximum**:
~320 mg/min



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reabsorption

Substance	Transport Maximum
Glucose	375 mg/min
Phosphate	0.10 mM/min
Sulfate	0.06 mM/min
Amino acids	1.5 mM/min
Urate	15 mg/min
Lactate	75 mg/min
Plasma protein	30 mg/min

secretion

Substance	Transport Maximum
Creatinine	16 mg/min
Para-aminohippuric acid	80 mg/min

Urine Formation – Tubular Processes

Active Transport Mechanisms

Substances using active transport **without the transport maximum** (the gradient-time transport).

- reabsorption of Na^+ in the proximal tubule



The higher concentration of Na^+ in the proximal tubule, the higher velocity of its reabsorption.

The slower flow of fluid in the proximal tubule, the more Na^+ is reabsorbed.

In the distal parts of tubule, Na^+ reabsorption shows the transport maximum (non-leaky tight junctions, smaller transport) – may be increased, e.g. by aldosteron.

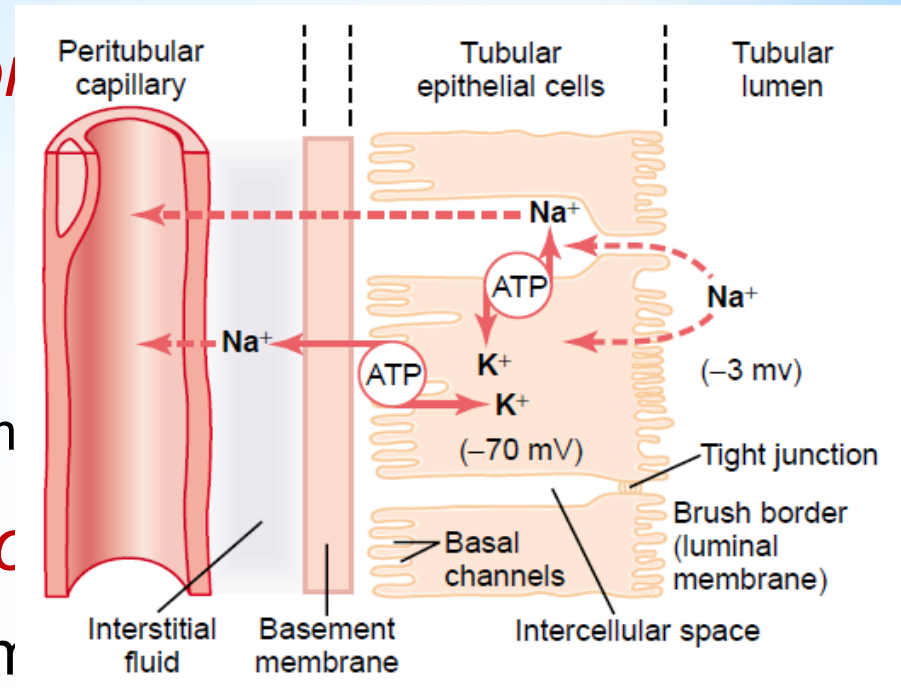
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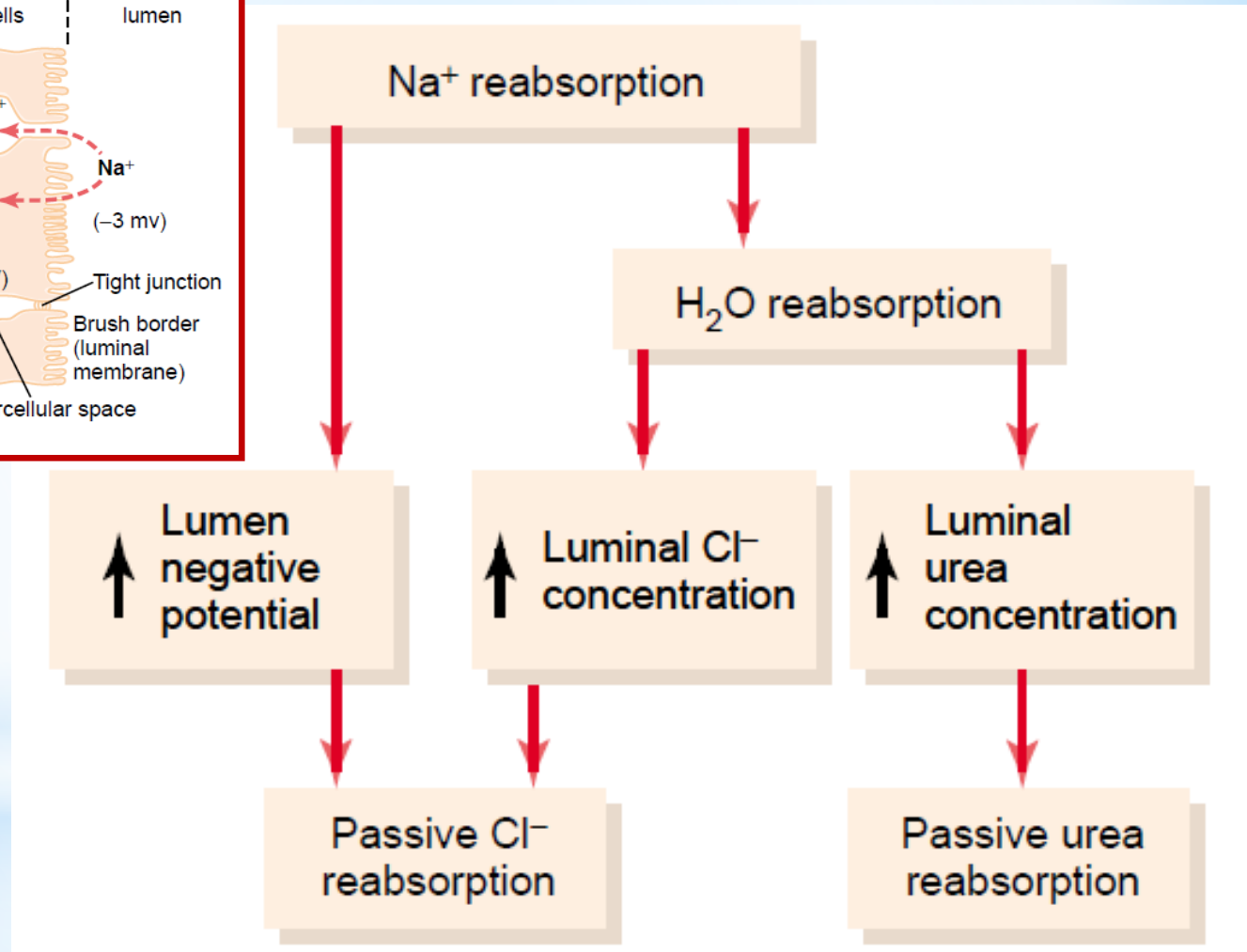
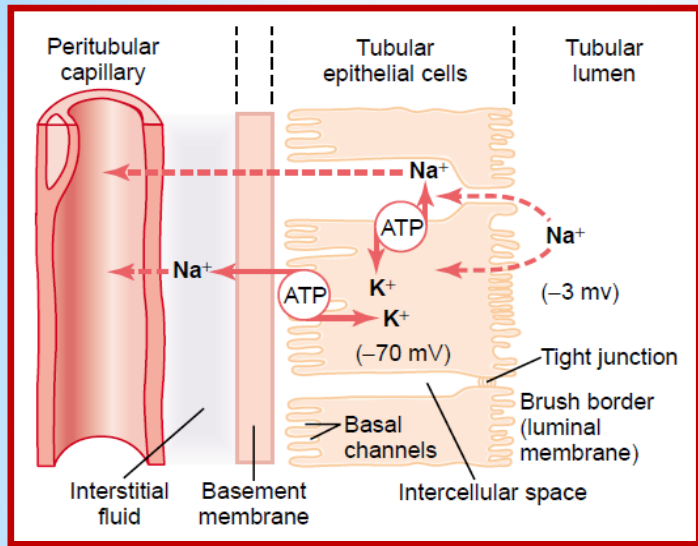
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Passive Transport

- 1) Reabsorption of H_2O by osm
 - in the proximal tubule (highly permeable for H_2O)
 - active reabsorption of solutes → lumen-intersticium concentration gradient → H_2O osmosis into intersticium
- 2) Reabsorption of solutes by diffusion
 - Cl^- (Na^+ into intersticium, reabsorption of H_2O by osmosis)
 - urea (reabsorption of H_2O by osmosis)

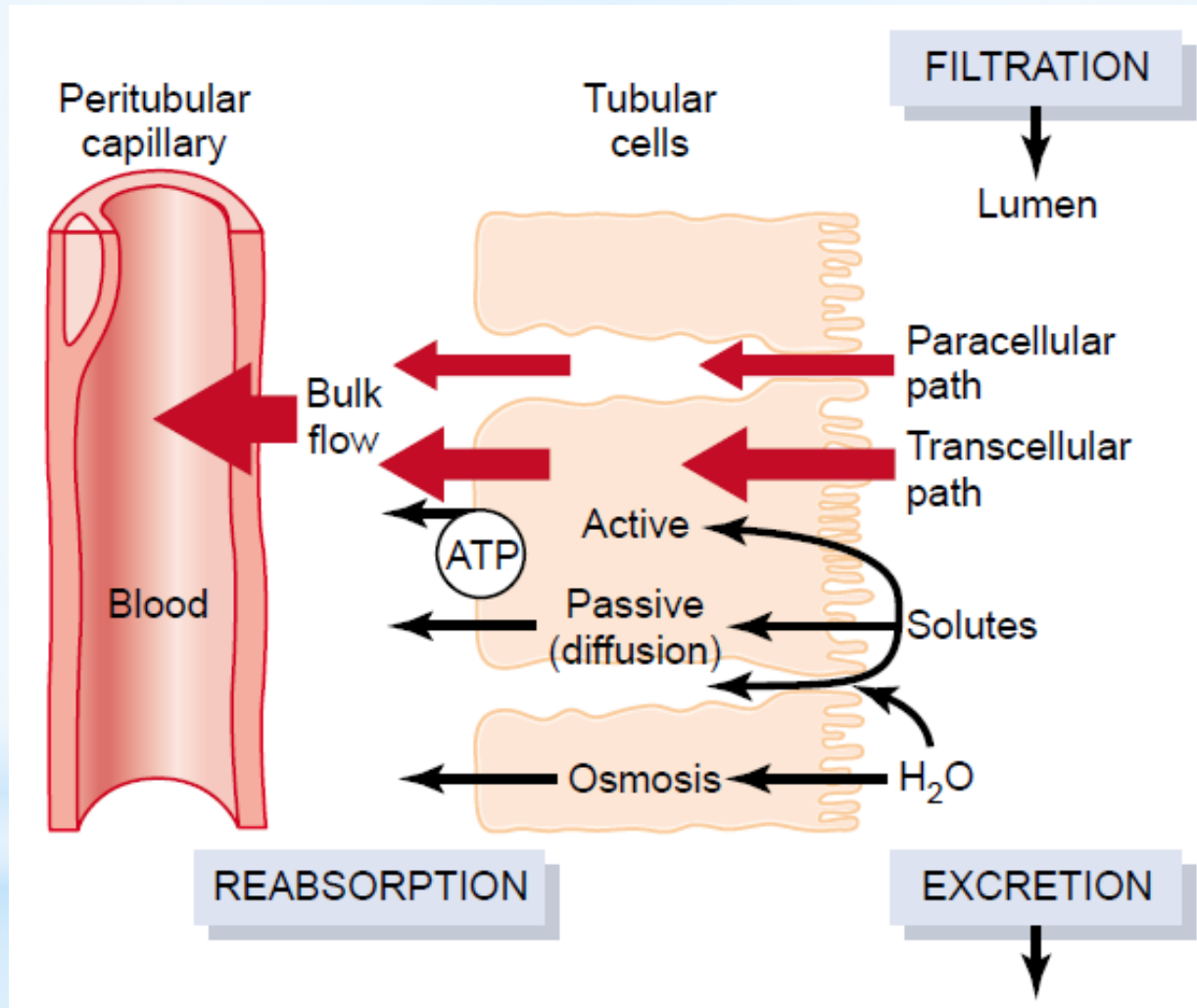


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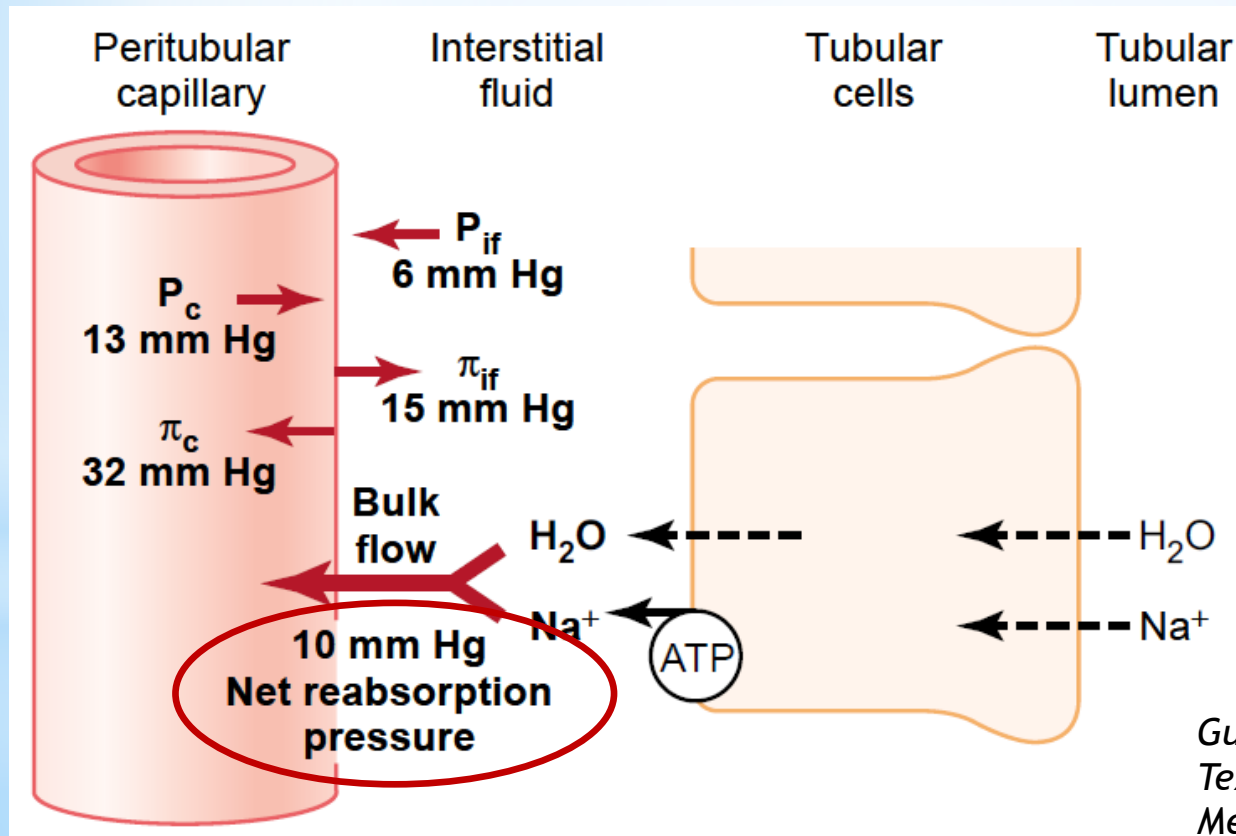
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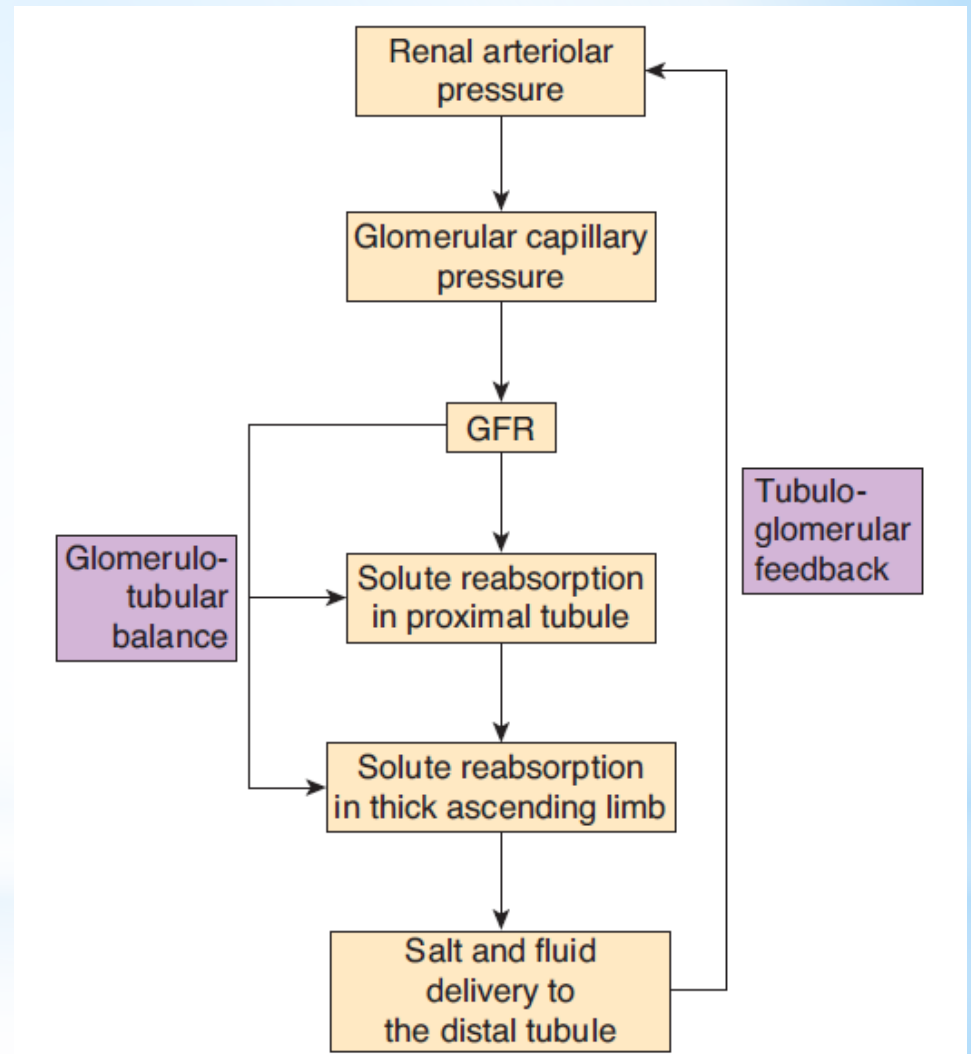
Urine Formation – Tubular Processes

Tubuloglomerular feedback

↑ GFR → ↑ flow of water and solutes to macula densa → constriction of aff. arteriole (thromboxane A₂ ?) → ↓ GFR

Glomerulotubular balance

↑ GFR → ↑ oncotic pressure in peritubular capillaries → ↑ reabsorption in tubules



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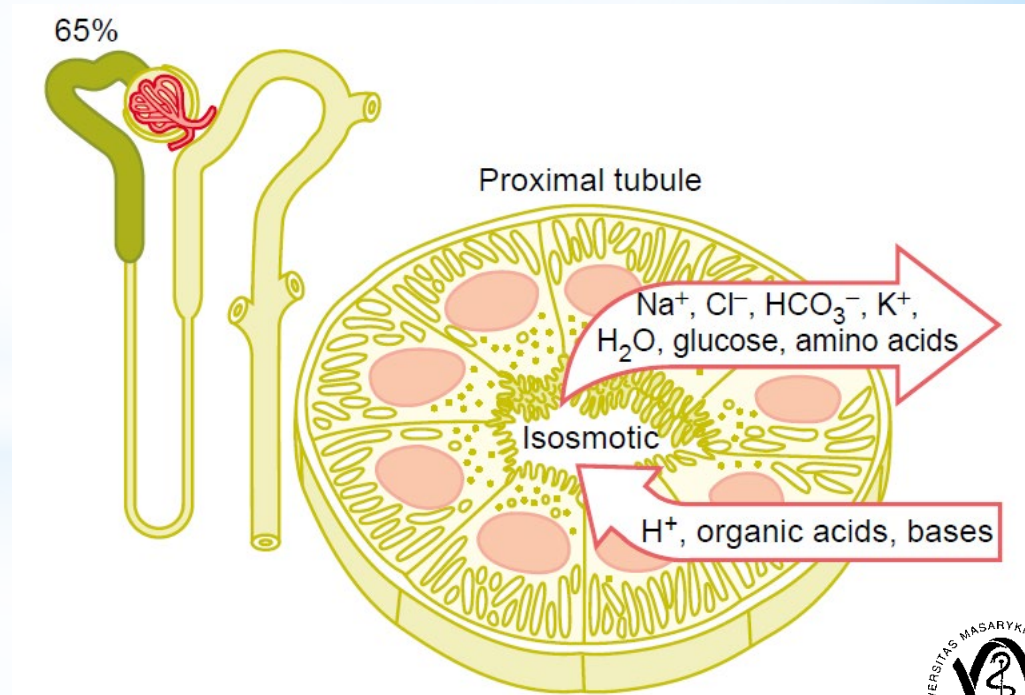
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Proximal Tubule

- 1) complete reabsorption of substances playing key roles for the organism (glucose, amino acids)
- 2) partial reabsorption of substances important for the organism (ions – Na^+ , K^+ , Cl^- , *etc.*)
- 3) reabsorption of water
- 4) secretion of H^+
- 5) reabsorption of HCO_3^-

Result:

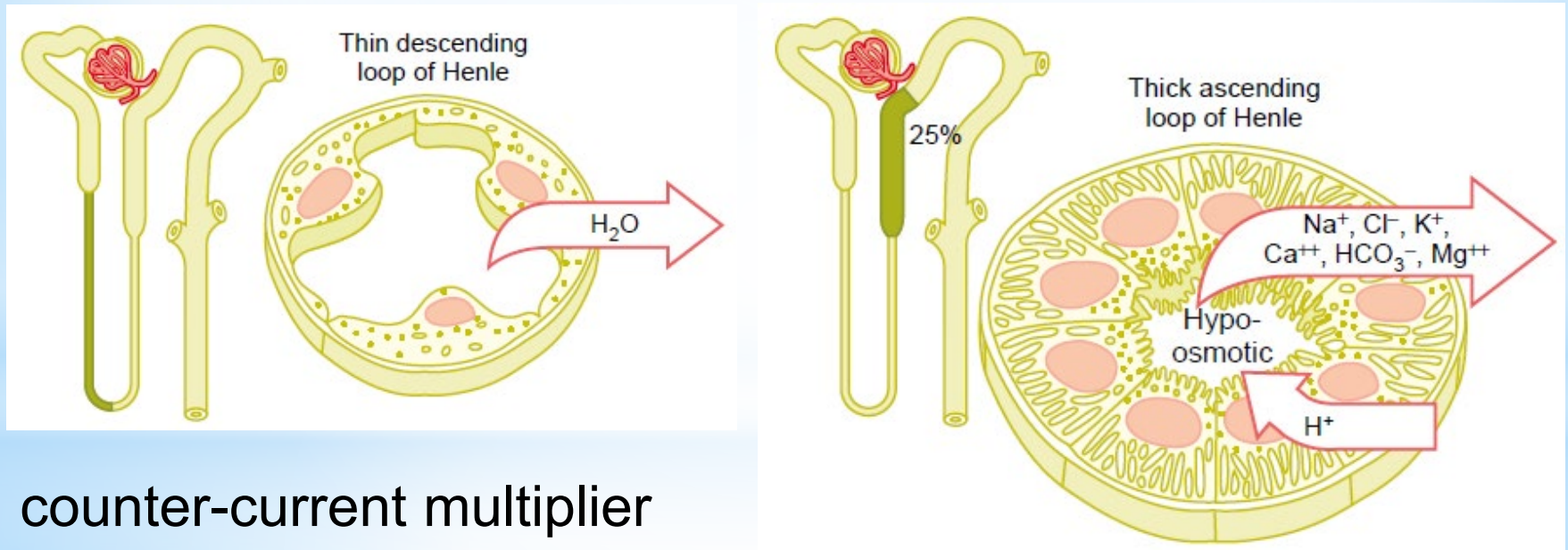
isoosmotic fluid,
notably decreased
volume



Urine Formation – Tubular Processes

Loop of Henle

- 1) **thin descending part** - passive reabsorption of water (osmosis)
- 2) **thick ascending part** - active reabsorption of ions ($\text{Na}^+/\text{K}^+/\text{2Cl}^-$ symport), secretion of H^+ , reabsorption of HCO_3^-



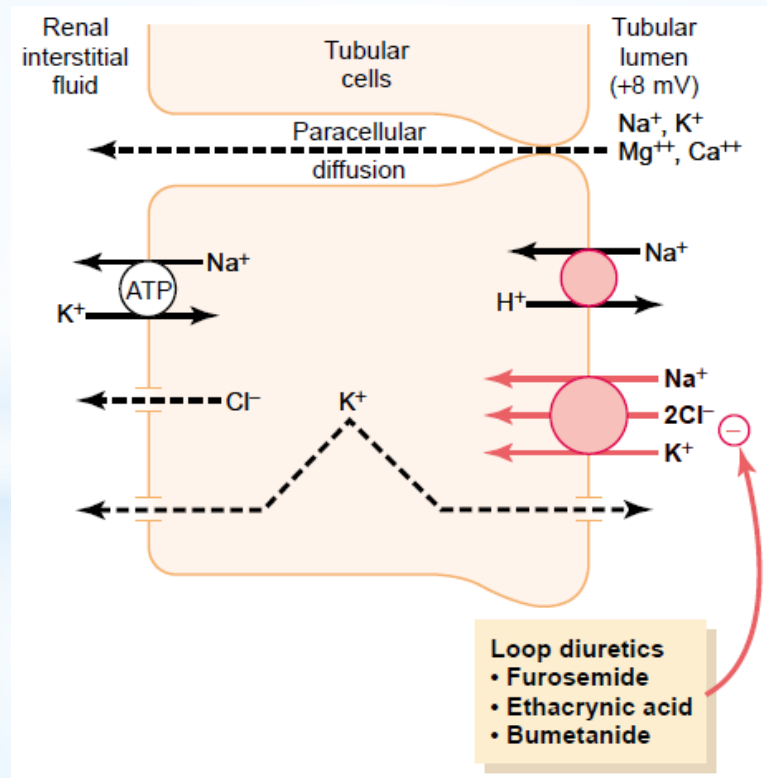
counter-current multiplier

Result: hypotonic fluid, volume further decreased

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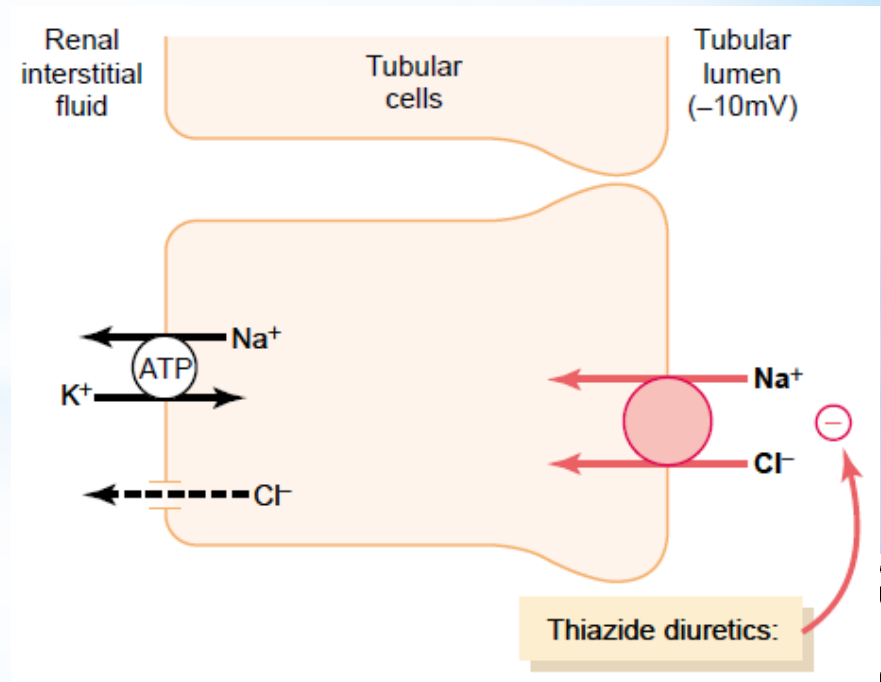
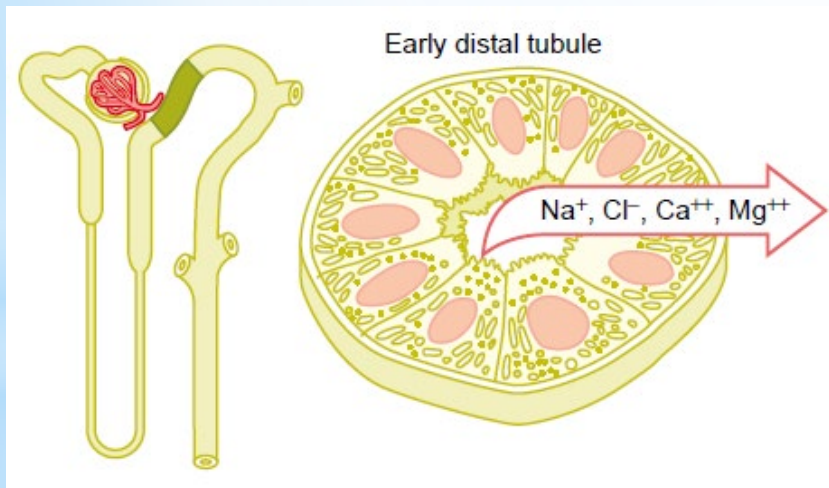
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Urine Formation – Tubular Processes

Distal tubule

- 1) juxtaglomerular apparatus
- 2) active reabsorption of solutes **similar to the thick ascending loop of Henle**, also no permeability for urea and water – the so called dilution segment (dilutes the tubular fluid)

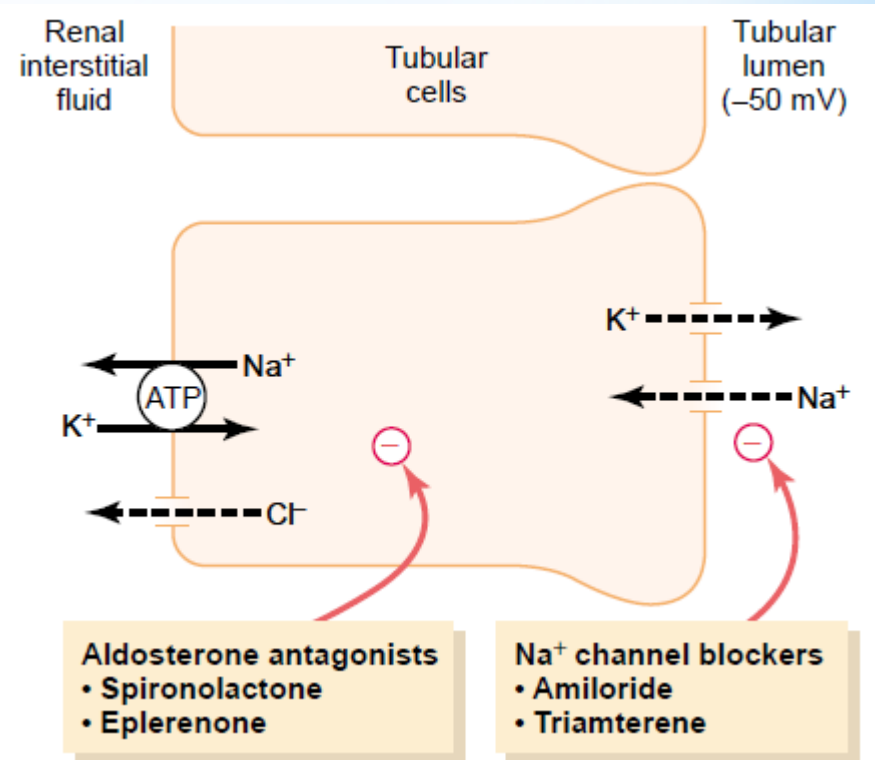
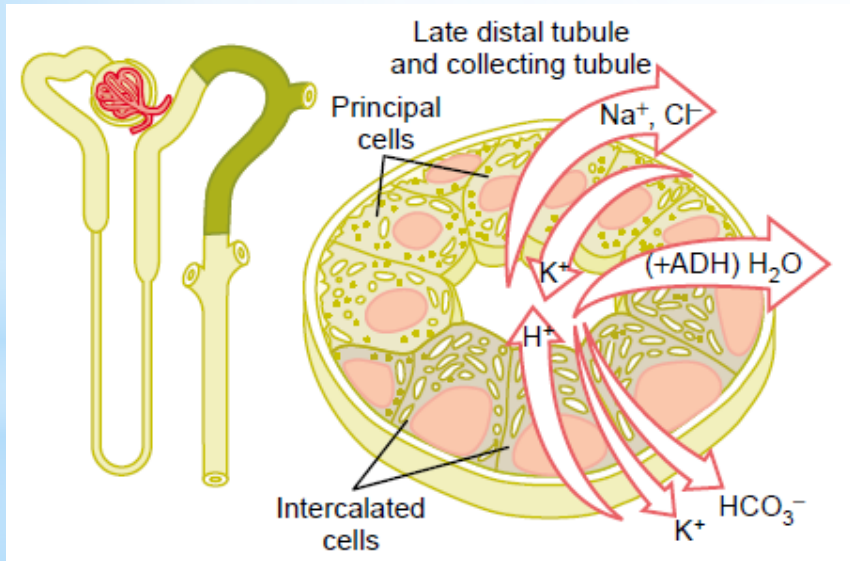


Result: hypotonic fluid

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Collecting duct (+ end of distal tubule)

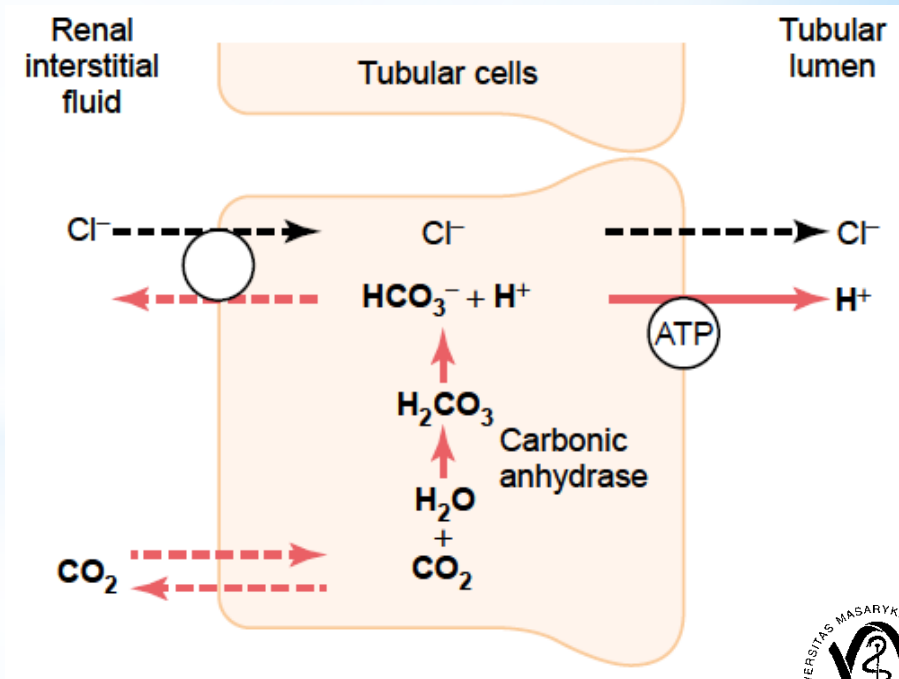
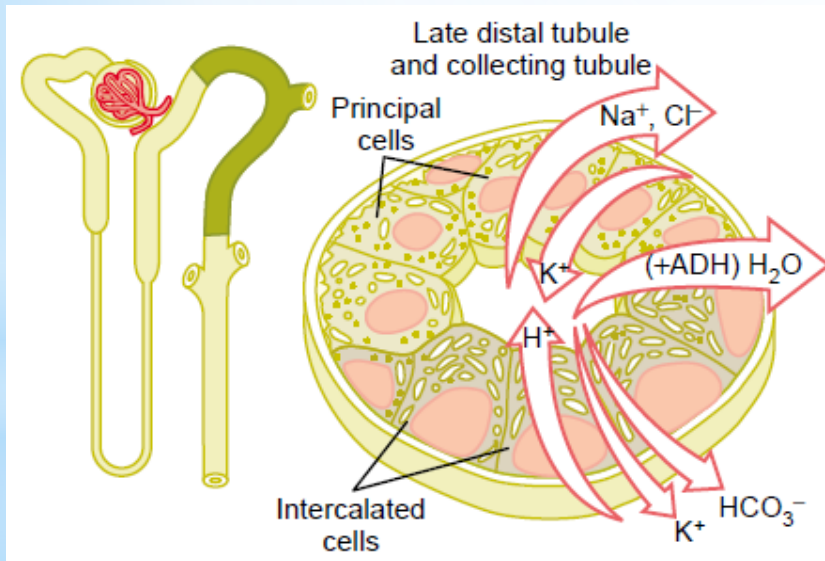
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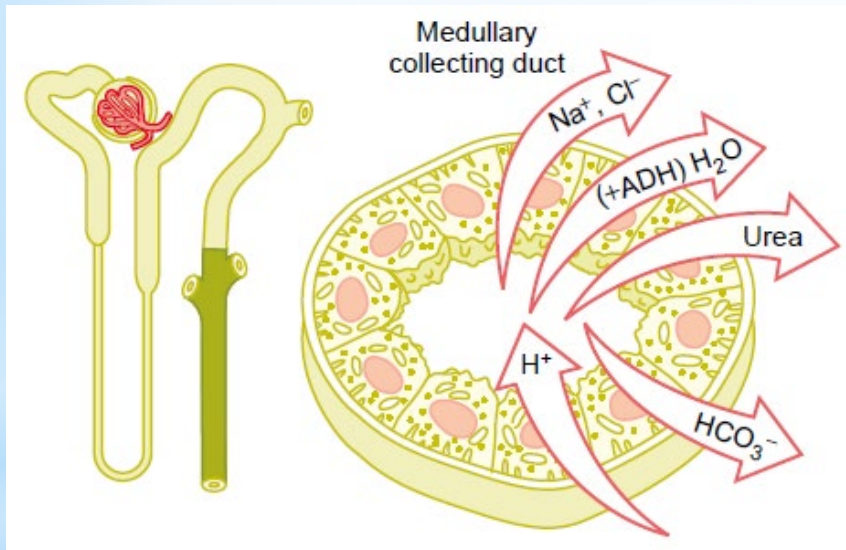
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- 2) **intercalated cells** – secretion of H^+ , reabsorption of HCO_3^- and K^+



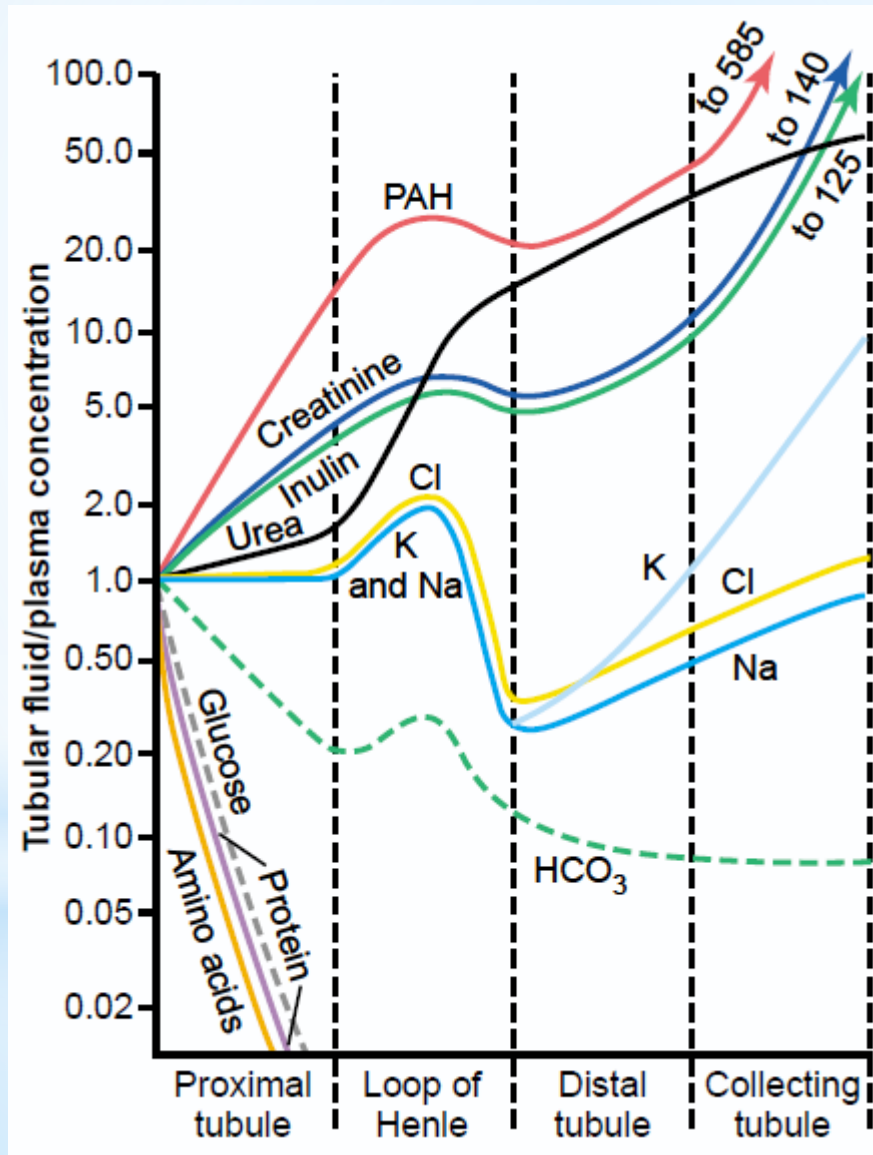
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Collecting duct – medullar part

- 1) reabsorption of Na^+ and Cl^- , water (ADH), urea
- 2) secretion of H^+ , reabsorption of HCO_3^-



Urine Formation – Tubular Processes



pronounced secretion in comparison with H₂O

pronounced reabsorption in comparison with H₂O

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Examination of renal function

- Renal clearance
- Examination of function of renal tubules
 - a) Examination of concentration ability of kidneys
 - Concentration test using thirstiness
(very unpleasant; 12 hours of thirstiness, urine sample every 4 hours – urine density and osmolality; also a blood sample)
 - Adiuretin test
(more pleasant for patient; no drinks and food during night, ADH application in the morning through the nasal mucosa – urine density and osmolality)
 - a) Examination of dilution ability of kidneys
(test of reaction on increased water intake – decreased ADH production + increased diuresis in healthy people)

Renal Clearance

= the volume of plasma that is cleared of the substance by kidneys per unit time

Using *clearance*, we can quantify the excretion ability of kidneys, the velocity of renal blood flow and even basic functions of kidneys (GFR, tubular reabsorption and secretion).

$$C_S \cdot P_S = V \cdot U_S \longrightarrow C_S = \frac{V \cdot U_S}{P_S}$$

[ml/min]

C_S – clearance of the substance S

P_S – plasma concentration of the substance S

V – velocity of urine formation

U_S – urine concentration of the substance S

($V \cdot U_S$ – velocity of urine excretion of the substance S)

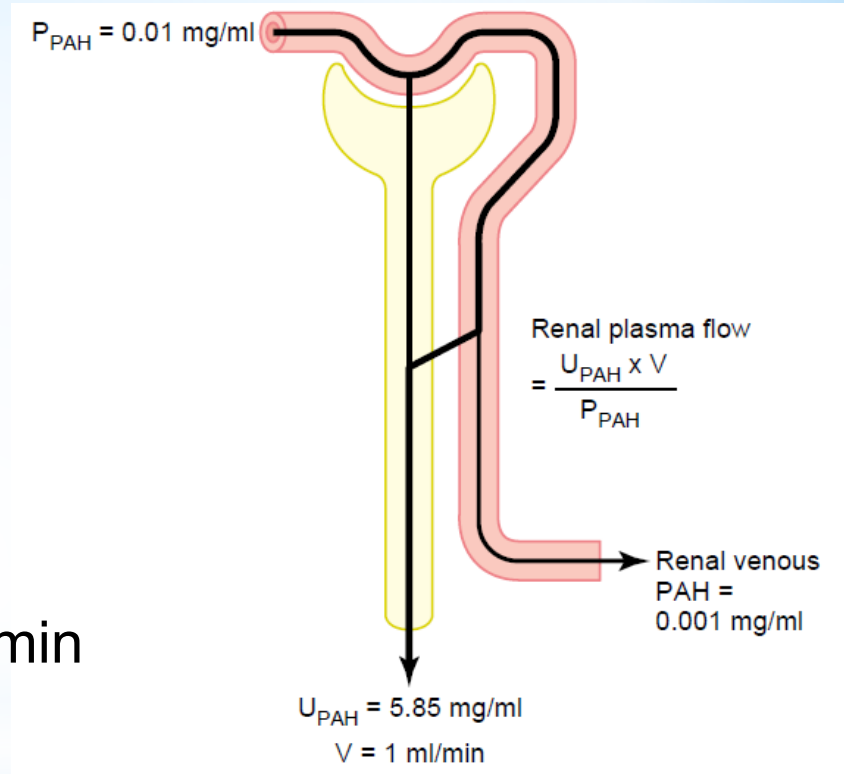
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(in juxtamedullar nephrons, *vasa recta* additionally originate from *v. efferens* – not in contact with proximal and distal tubuli → no excretion of substances)

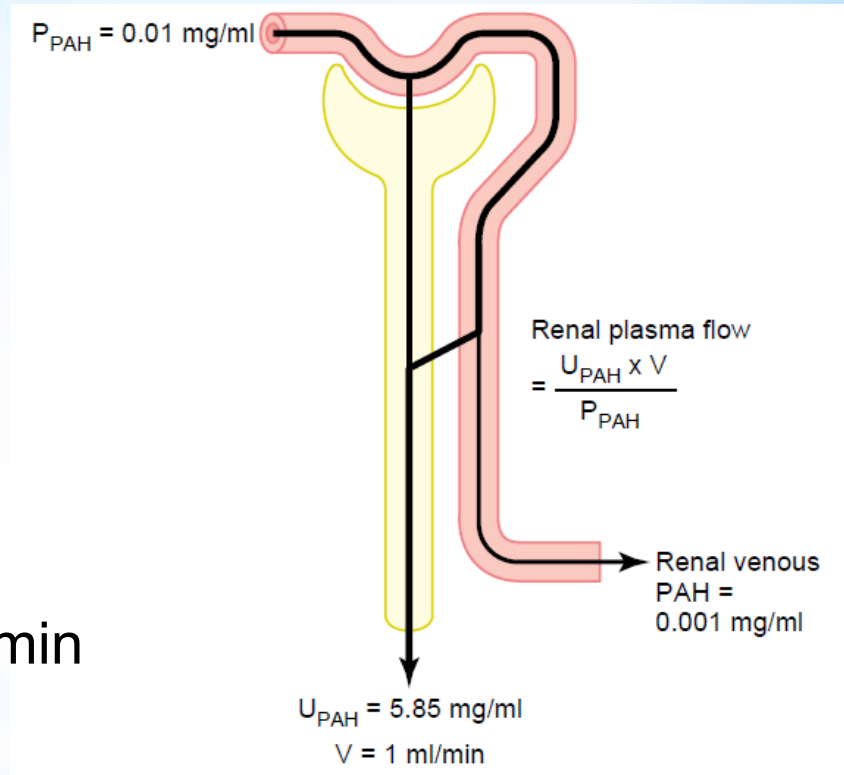
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Correction to the extraction ratio of PAH (E_{PAH}):

$$E_{PAH} = \frac{P_{PAH} - V_{PAH}}{P_{PAH}} = 0.9 \longrightarrow RPF = \frac{585 \text{ ml/min}}{0.9} = 650 \text{ ml/min}$$

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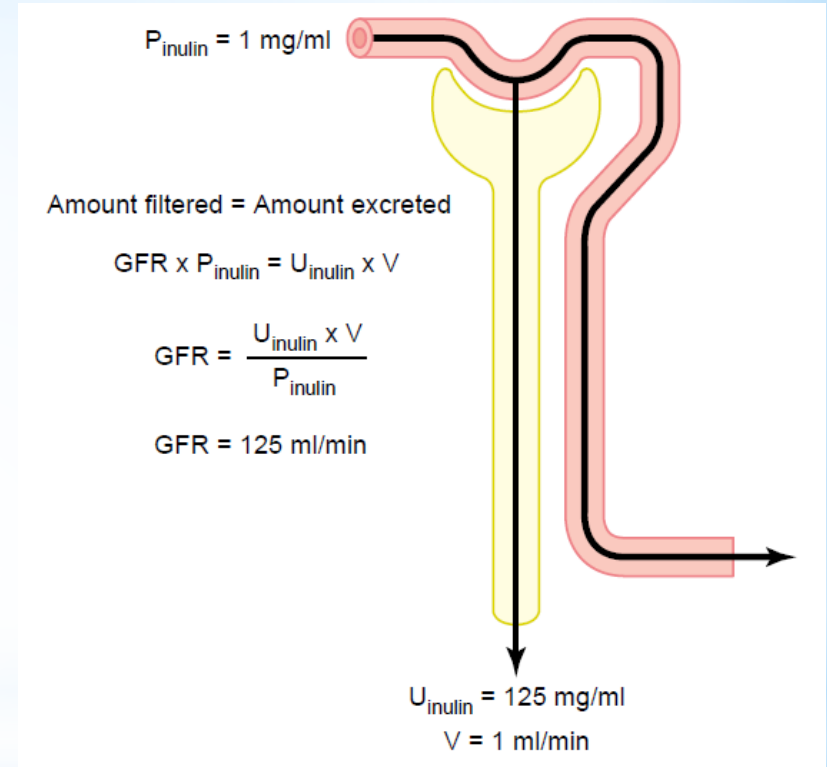
Determination of glomerular filtration rate (GFR)

Clearance of a substance that is fully filtered in the glomerulus and is not reabsorbed/secreted in tubules.

Inulin – polysaccharide that is not formed in the body, i.v. application (is present in roots of some plants)

Creatinine – waste product of muscle metabolism, in approximately constant amount in plasma (not necessary to apply i.v.)

The most often estimation of GFR in the clinical practise!



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Renal Clearance

Calculation of Filtration Fraction (FF)

FF is the fraction of plasma filtered through the glomerular membrane.

$$FF = \frac{GFR}{RPF} = \frac{125 \text{ ml/min}}{650 \text{ ml/min}} = 0.19 \rightarrow \sim 20\% \text{ of plasma is filtered in the glomerulus}$$

Calculation of Tubular Reabsorption/Secretion

- A. $GFR \cdot P_s > V \cdot U_s$ velocity of filtration of the substance $>$ its urine excretion \Rightarrow substance reabsorbed
- B. $GFR \cdot P_s < V \cdot U_s$ velocity of filtration of the substance $<$ its urine excretion \Rightarrow substance secreted