

Components of the Urinary System

Kidneys Ureters

Urinary Bladder

Urethra

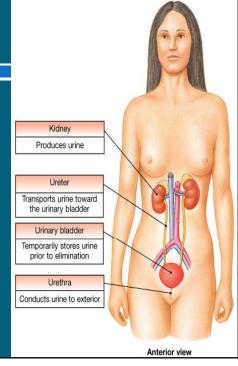
Kidney Anatomy External

The **renal artery**, **renal vein** and **ureter** enter the kidney via the **hilus**. The kidney and it's vessels are embedded in a mass of fatty tissue called the **perirenal fat** which extends into a central cavity, the **renal sinus**.

Functions of the urinary system

Excretion

- The removal of organic waste products from body fluids
- Elimination
 - The discharge of waste products into the environment
- Homeostatic regulation of blood plasma
 - Regulating blood volume and pressure
 - Regulating plasma ion concentrations
 - Stabilizing blood pH
 - Conserving nutrients



Functions of the Urinary System

- > Elimination urine & toxic metabolites from the blood
- > Conservation salts, glucose, proteins & H_2O
- Regulation blood pressure, hemodynamics & acid-base balance
- Endocrine produces renin, erythropoietin and prostaglandins

Function

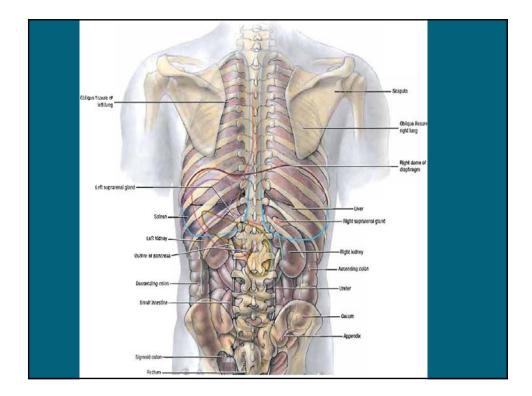
- Regulating blood ionic composition
- Regulating blood pH
- Regulating blood volume
- Regulating blood pressure
- □ Produce calcitrol and erythropoietin
- □ Regulating blood glucose
- Excreting wastes

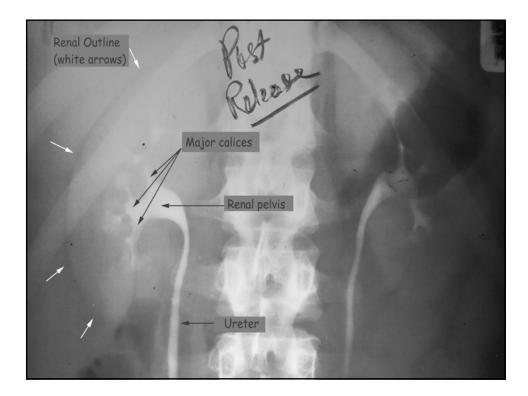
Kidney Functions

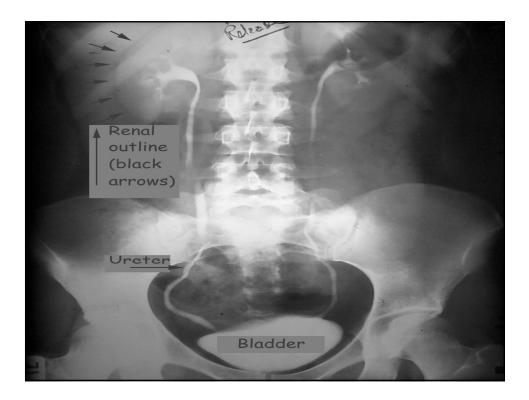
- Filter 200 liters of blood daily, allowing toxins, metabolic wastes, and excess ions to leave the body in urine
- Regulate volume and chemical makeup of the blood
- Maintain the proper balance between water and salts, and acids and bases
- Gluconeogenesis during prolonged fasting
- Production of rennin to help regulate blood pressure and erythropoietin to stimulate RBC production
- Activation of vitamin D

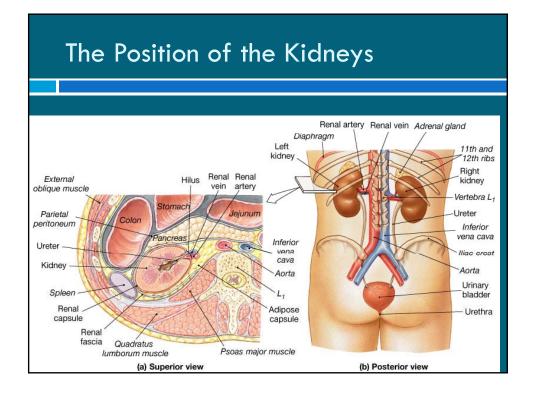


- Paired ureters transport urine from the kidneys to the bladder
- Urethra transports urine from the bladder out of the body









Move as much as 1 inch during respiration

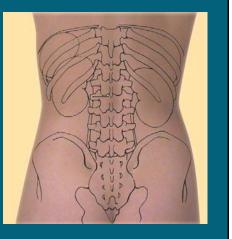
- The kidneys lie in a retroperitoneal position on the posterior abdominal wall in the superior lumbar region T11-T2
- The right kidney is lower than the left
- The lateral surface is convex; the medial surface
- is concave hilum
- Renal vein, 2 branches of the renal artery, the ureter, another branch of renal artery (VAUA)

• Lymph vessels and sympathetic fibres also pass through hilum

Location and Relations – Right Kidney

• <u>Anteriorly</u>

- Adrenal gland, the liver, 2nd duodenum, right colic flexure
- Posteriorly
- Diaphragm (and costodiaphragmatic recess), 12th rib, psoas,
- subcostal (T12) iliohypogastric and ilioinguinal nerves (L1) run downwards and laterally



ocation and Relations - Left Kidney

• Anteriorly

- Adrenal, spleen, stomach, pancreas, left colic flexure • Perirenal fat – fatty mass that

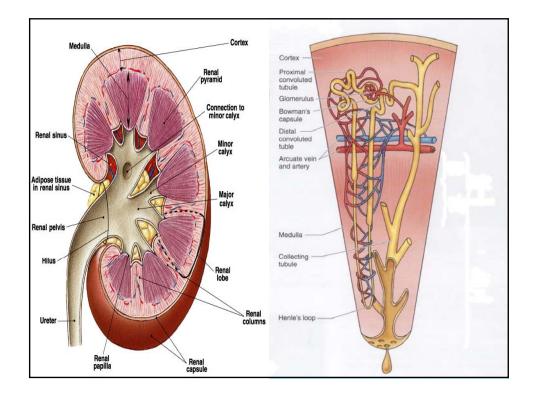
Posteriorly

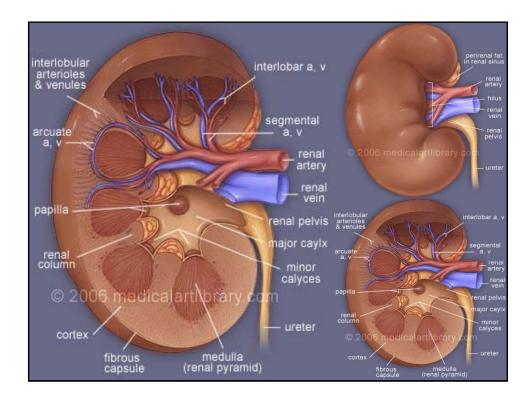
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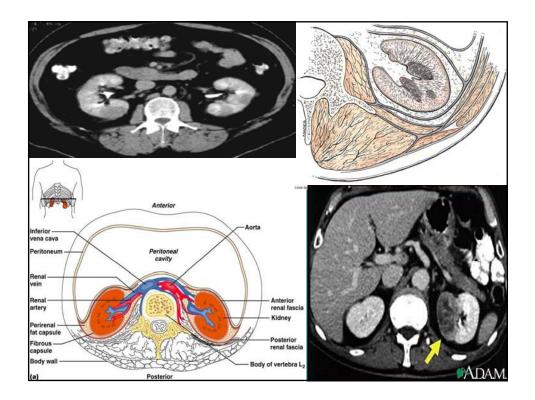
Coverings of the Kidneys

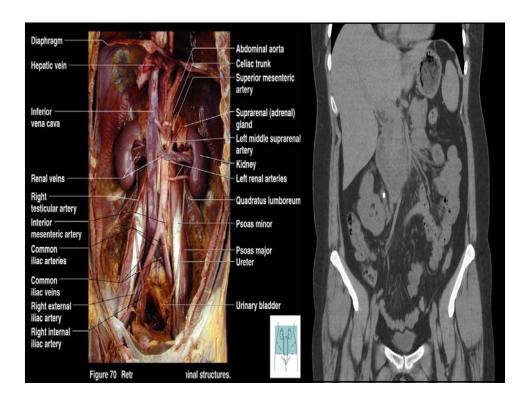
- <u>Renal / fibrous capsule</u> that prevents kidney infection
- Perirenal fat fatty mass that cushions the kidney and helps attach it to the body wall
- Renal fascia outer layer of dense fibrous connective tissue that anchors the kidney
- Pararenal fat external to the renal fascia

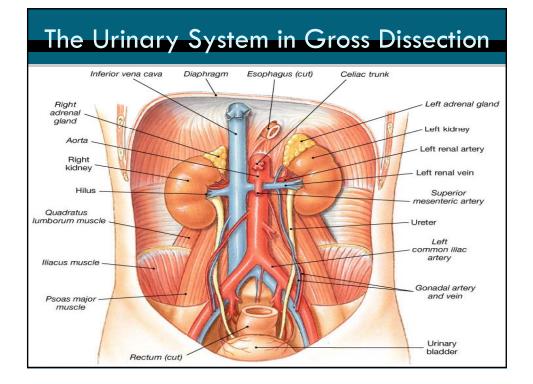
Perirenal Fat	A layer of adipose tissue (fat) partially surrounds the kidney. It is usually a radilogy finding but occassional a tumor can arise from it.
Renal Capsule	The thin but tough covering of the kidney. It helps protect the kidney. During a kidney biopsy, may feel a "pop" as the needle goes through the renal capsule
Renal Cortex	The outer shell of the kidney between the renal capsule and the renal medulla. The renal cortex contains the renal corpuscles (particularly the glomeruli) and most of the renal tubules (except for the loop of Henle). It is about 1 centimeter thick and also goes down between the renal pyramids. Many kidney diseases affect the glomeruli so the goal of a kidney biopsy is to sample this area.
Renal Medulla	The innermost area of the kidney. It is separated into 8 to 18 cone-shaped sections called the medullary pyramids. If the biopsy needle goes in too far, you may only get medulla and the biopsy will likely have to be repeated.
Medullary Pyramid	An important part of the inner kidney. It consists primarily of collecting tubules as well as loops of Henle. The base of the medullary pyramid is next to the cortex and it tapers to form the renal papillae. There are between 8 to 18 medulla pyramids in each kidney.
Calyx	An extension of the renal pelvis that surrounds the renal papillae. It collects urine from the papillary ducts. Several minor calyces drain into a major calyx and then onto the renal pelvis.
Renal Pelvis	The area where the urine collects before entering the ureters. Two or three major calices come together to enter the renal pelvis. Cancers and kidney stones can form in renal pelvis and cause blood to be lost in the urine.
Renal Sinus	A cavity in the kidney that contains the calices and the renal pelvis. It also contains the blood vessels, nerves, and fat.

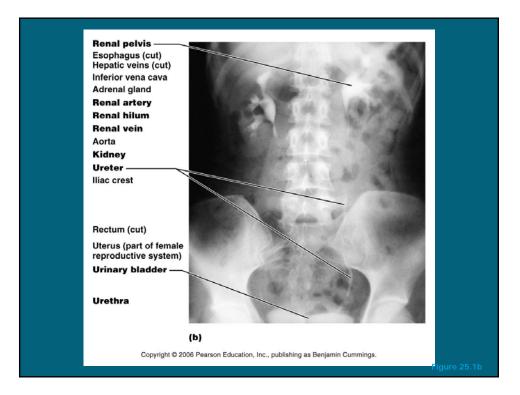












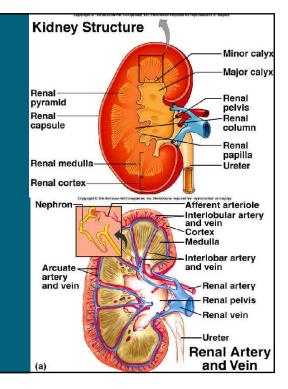
KIDNEY

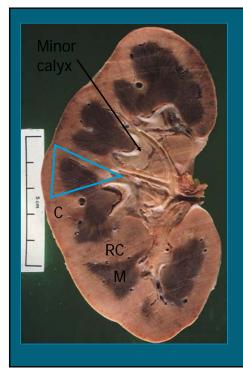
- Basic structural unit = <u>nephron</u> (renal tubule or kidney tubule)

<u>Hilum</u> = depression thru which urine exits and blood vessels enter (and exit) the kidney

<u>Renal Pelvis</u> = expansion of upper part of ureter within the hilum, divided into large and small cups (major and minor <u>calyces</u>).

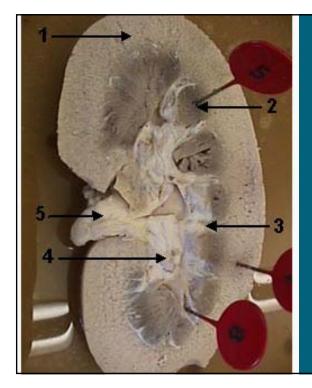
<u>Collecting Ducts</u> = empty into calyces, these are structures into which renal tubules drain



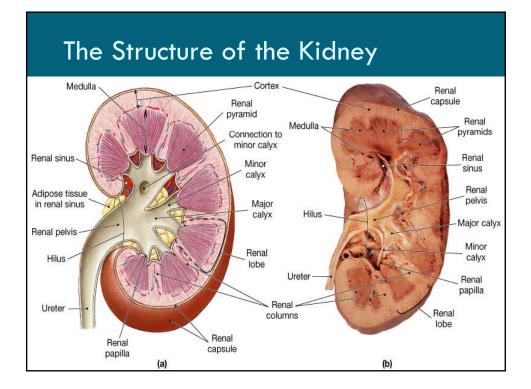


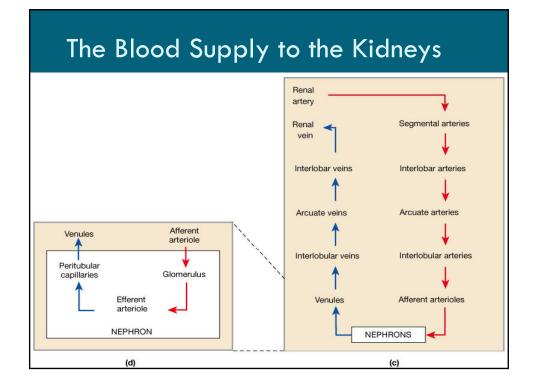
Cortex renal columns

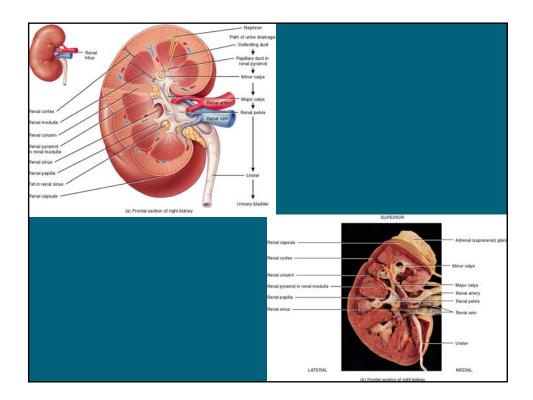
Medulla medullary pyramids minor calyx medullary rays

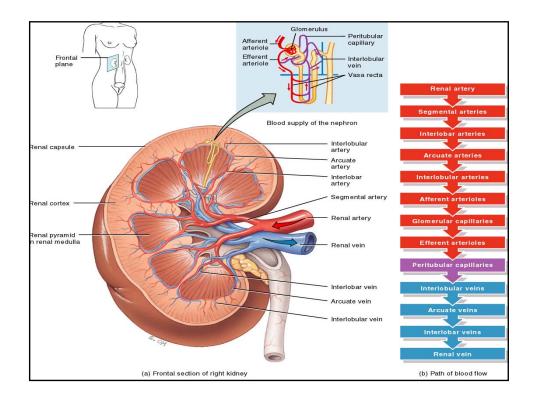


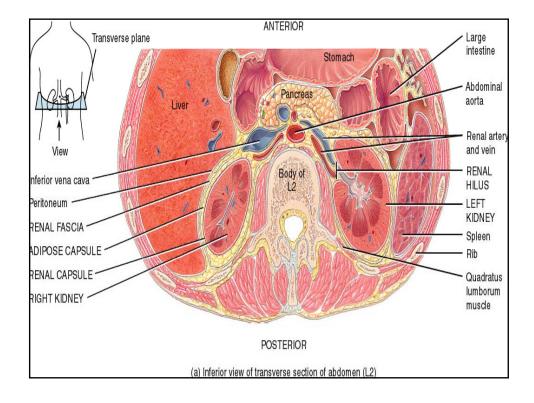
1renal cortex 2renal pyramid 3renal column 4renal pelvis 5ureter

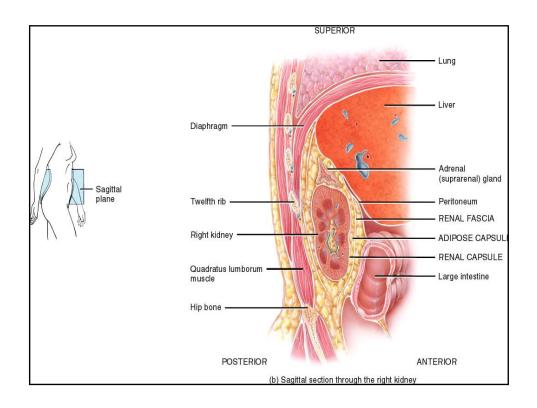


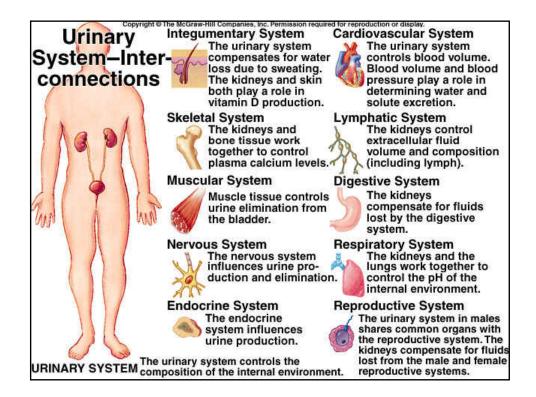


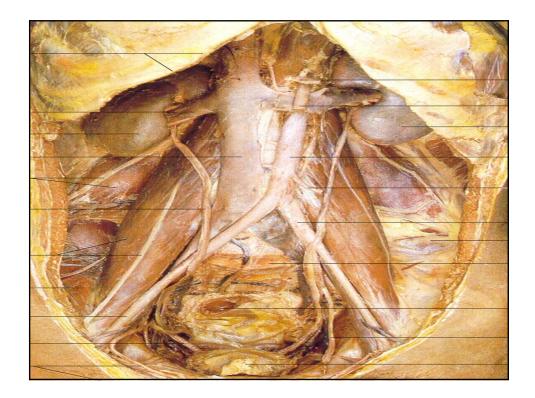


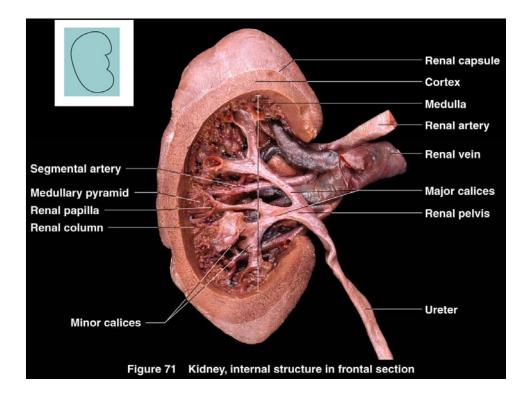








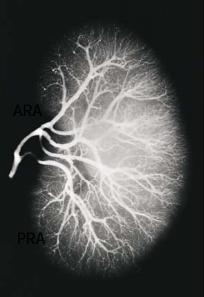




KIDNEY: BLOOD SUPPLY

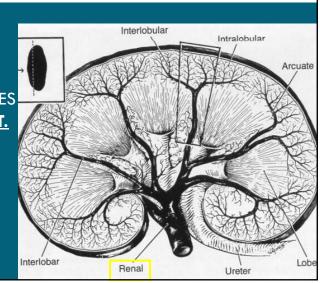
•AS A BLOOD-FILTERING ORGAN, THE KIDNEY'S BLOOD SUPPLY IS CRUCIAL TO ITS FUNCTION...

Renal artery

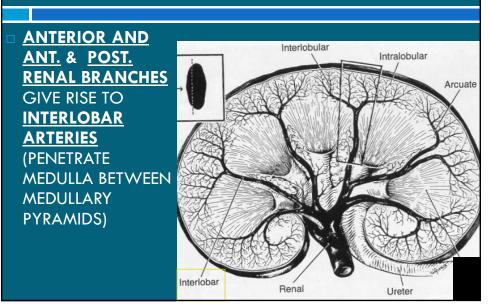


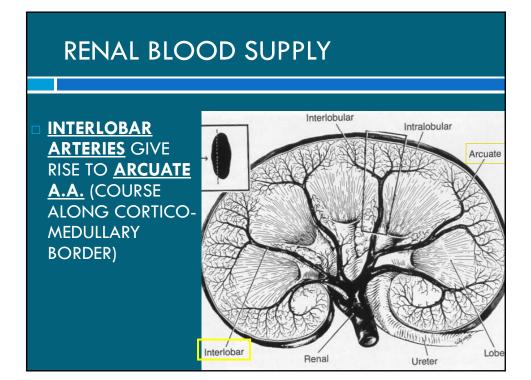
RENAL BLOOD SUPPLY

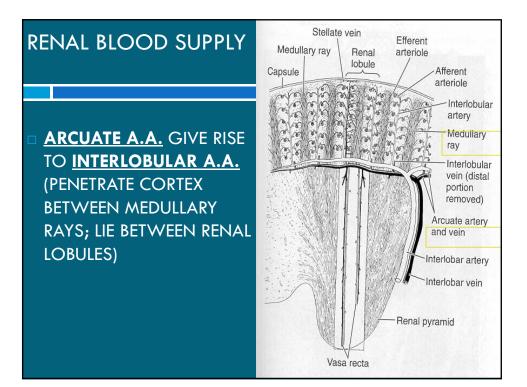
- RENAL ARTERY SUPPLIES EACH KIDNEY
- RENAL A. BRANCHES INTO ANT. & POST. BRANCHES NEAR HILUM

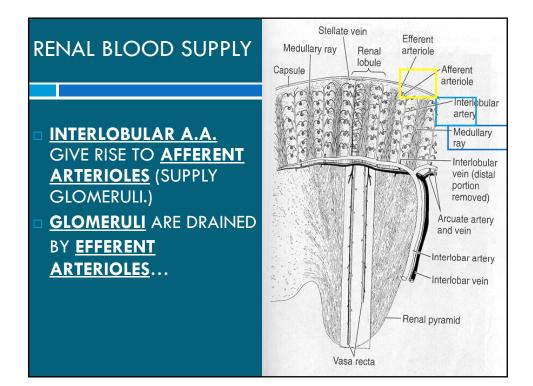


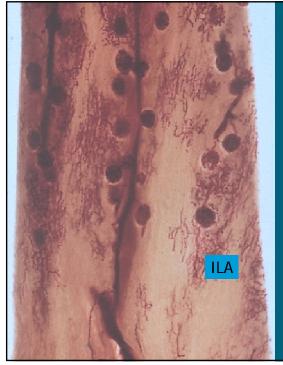
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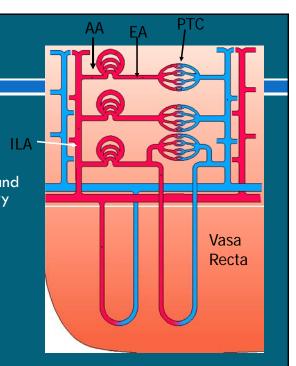


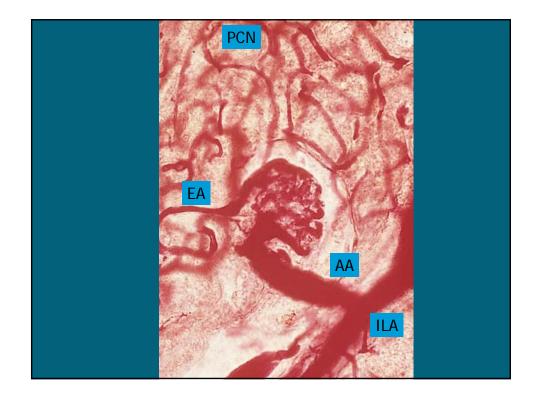
ILA - Interlobular Artery

Branches supply the glomerulus as Afferent arterioles

KIDNEY: BLOOD SUPPLY

- Efferent arterioles drain the glomeruli & form
 capillary networks
- Drain cortical nephrons and form peritubular capillary network (take up substances resorbed by tubular epithelium)
- Drain juxtamedullary nephrons and form vasa recta (countercurrent exchange system)

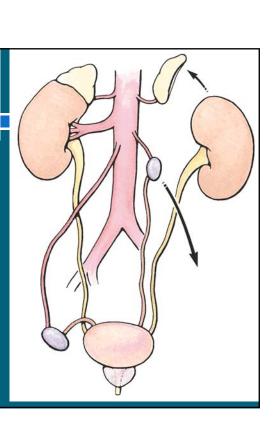


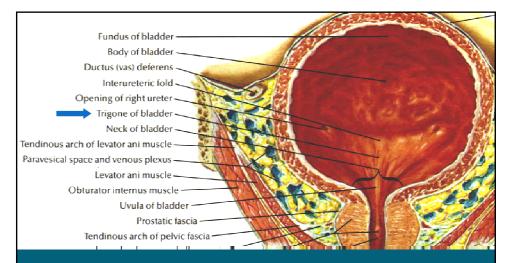




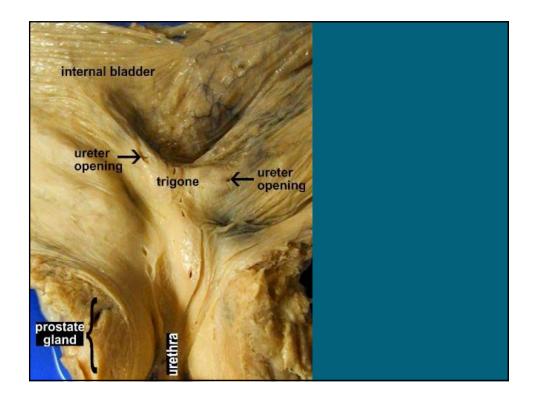
<u>URETERS</u>

- Run anterior to psoas and bifurcation of common iliac arteries to enter pelvis.
- Run retroperitoneally along posterolateral wall, anterior to the internal iliac artery.





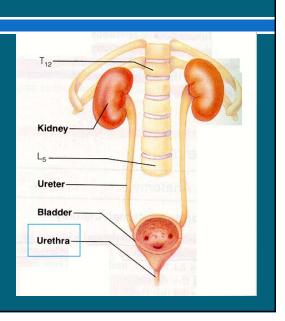
Lined by transitional epithelium over a dense lamina propria. Walls composed of detrusor muscles. Inner circular layer forms the internal urethral sphincter. Also external sphincters

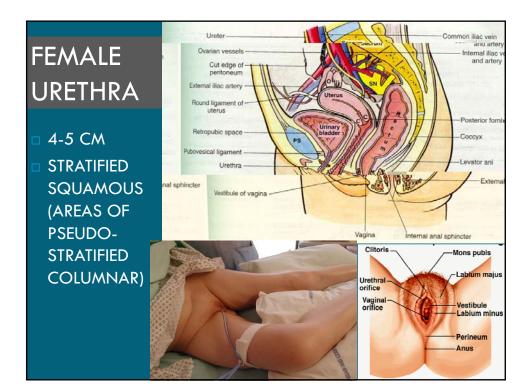


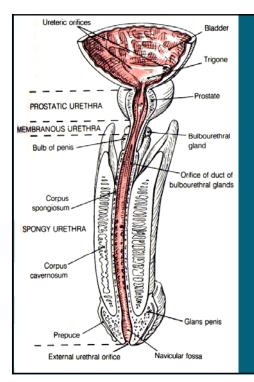


URETHRA

 DIFFERS IN LENGTH, EPITHELIUM, AND
 FUNCTION IN MALES
 AND FEMALES...





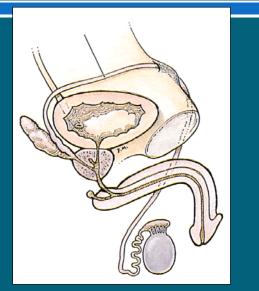


Male urethra conducts both urine and seminal fluid and consists of three parts:

Prostatic Membranous Spongy (penile, cavernous)

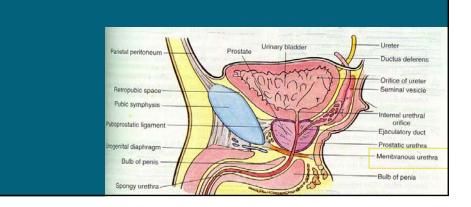
MALE URETHRA: PROSTATIC

- SURROUNDED BY PROSTATE GLAND
- LINED BY
 TRANSITIONAL
 EPITHELIUM



MALE URETHRA: MEMBRANOUS

MEMBRANOUS PART IS SHORTEST SEGMENT
 LINED BY PSEUDOSTRATIFIED COLUMNAR EPITHELIUM



MALE URETHRA: Spongy

EPITHELIAL LINING
 CHANGES IN THE
 GLANS FROM
 PSEUDOSTRATIFIED
 COLUMNAR TO
 STRATIFIED SQUAMOUS

MUCOUS GLANDS OF LITTRE IN CAVERNOUS PORTION

