

## Urinary System

### 1. Urinary System

#### A. Functional Unit: Nephron

- i. Number of nephrons per kidney
- ii. Cardiac Output and kidney
- iii. Homeostasis

### 2. Location and External Anatomy

#### A. Retroperitoneal

#### B. Hilus

#### C. Protective Coverings / Structures

- i. Ribs
- ii. Renal Capsule
- iii. Adipose Capsule
- iv. Renal Fascia
- v. Pararenal Fat

### 3. Internal Anatomy

#### A. Renal Medulla

- i. Renal Pyramids
  - a. Papilla
- ii. Renal Columns

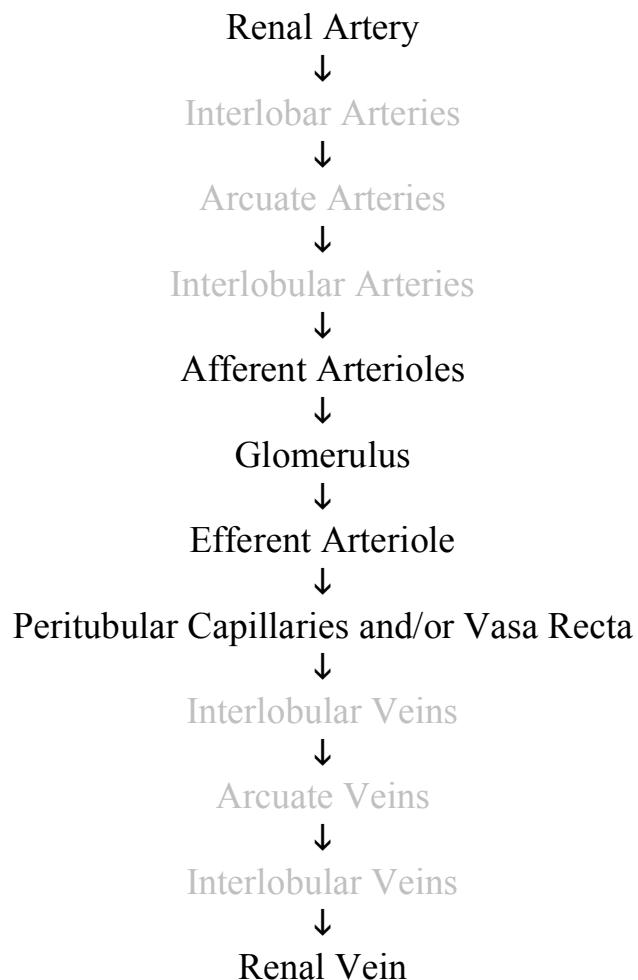
#### B. Renal Cortex

- i. Cortical Region
- ii. Juxtamedullary Region

C. Renal Pelvis

- i. Major Calyces
- ii. Minor Calyces

4. Blood Supply (you do not need to know vessels in gray, as usual)



5. Nerve Supply: Sympathetic Branch of the Autonomic NS, only.

- Renal Plexus

6. The Nephron (General Anatomical Overview)

A. Nephron Types

- i. Cortical Nephrons
- ii. Juxtamedullary Nephron

B. Vascular Component

- i. Afferent Vessel
- ii. Glomerulus
- iii. Efferent Vessel
- iv. Peritubular Capillaries
- v. Vasa Recta (juxtamedullary Nephrons, only)

C. Tubular Component

- i. Glomerular Capsule
- ii. Proximal Convolute Tubule
- iii. Nephron Loop
- iv. Distal Convolute Tubule
- v. Collecting Duct

7. The Nephron (DETAILED OVERVIEW)

(Note, this may be included in “8” below, ask prof.)

A. Renal Corpuscle or Glomerular (Bowman’s) Capsule

- i. Glomerular (Bowman’s) Capsule
- ii. Capsular Space
- iii. Parietal Layer
- iv. Visceral Layer
  - a. Podocytes
- v. Glomerulus Histology
  - a. Fenestrated Endothelia
  - b. Basement Membrane
  - c. Podocytes
    - Pedicels
    - Filtration Slit
- vi. Filtration
  - a. Arteriole diameter differences
  - b. Hydrostatic pressure vs. Osmotic Pressure
  - c. Glomerular Filtrate

B. Proximal Convoluted Tubule and Tubular Reabsorption

i. Histology

ii. Function

a. Sodium

- Active and Passive Transport Mechanisms
- Electrostatic Attraction
- Osmosis
- “Obligatory Water Reabsorption”

b. Glucose and Amino Acids

- Sodium Co-Transport

C. Vasa Recta and Maintenance of Medullary Concentration Gradient

a. Physiology/permeability

b. Counter Current Mechanism or Multiplier

c. Water/salt reabsorption, continued

D. Loop of the Nephron (Loop of Henle) and Production of “Working Volume”

i. Descending Limb

a. Physiology/permeability

b. Water reabsorption, continued

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### ii. Ascending Limb

- a. Physiology/permeability
- b. Counter Current Mechanism or Multiplier (with Vasa Recta)
- c. “Working Volume” production

## E. Distal Convolute Tubule and Regulation

### i. Histology

- a. Sodium and Potassium
  - Sodium / Potassium Exchange Pumps
  - Potassium
  - ADH and Water Absorption

## F. Collecting Duct and Regulation

### i. Hypothalamus, osmoreceptors, and ADH

G. Juxtaglomerular Apparatus and Regulation

i. Regions

a. Juxtaglomerular Cells

b. Macula Densa

ii. Water / Salt Regulation

a. Hypothalamus, osmoreceptors, and ADH

• ADH and Water Absorption

\* Aquaporins

iii. Blood Pressure Regulation

a. Renin-Angiotensinogen system

\* Diameter Changes

\* Pressure Changes

• Aldosterone

\* Sodium / Potassium Exchange Pumps

\* Water movement and Blood Pressure Changes

8. Accessory Excretory Structures

A. Ureters

- i. Mucosa
  - a. Transitional epithelium
  - b. Lamina propria
- ii. Muscularis
  - a. Circular Muscle
  - b. Longitudinal Muscle
- ii. Adventitia (Not Serosa)

B. Urinary Bladder

- i. Rugae
- ii. Mucosa
  - a. Transitional epithelium
  - b. Lamina propria
- iii. Muscularis
  - a. Detrusor Muscle
- iv. Adventitia
- v. Internal Urethral Sphincter
- vi. External Urethral Sphincter
- vii. Micturition

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### C. Urethra

- i. Female Urethra
- ii. Male Urethra
  - a. Prostatic Portion
  - b. Membranous Portion
  - c. Penile or spongy Portion

## 9. Urine and Micturition

### A. Composition of Urine

- i. Normal Constituents
- ii. Abnormal Constituents