

Nephron: functional unit of the kidney

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Nephron Tubular Segments

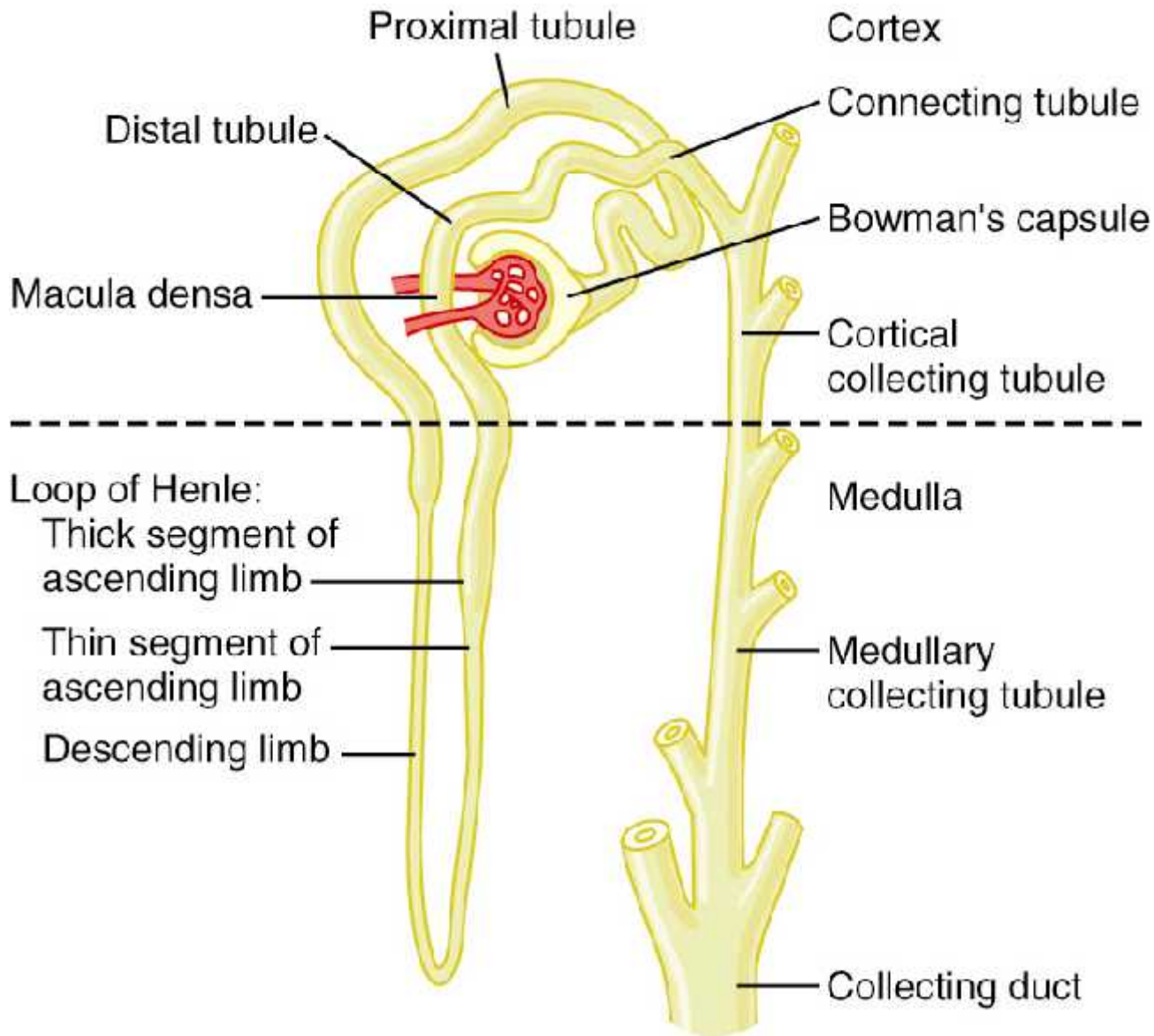
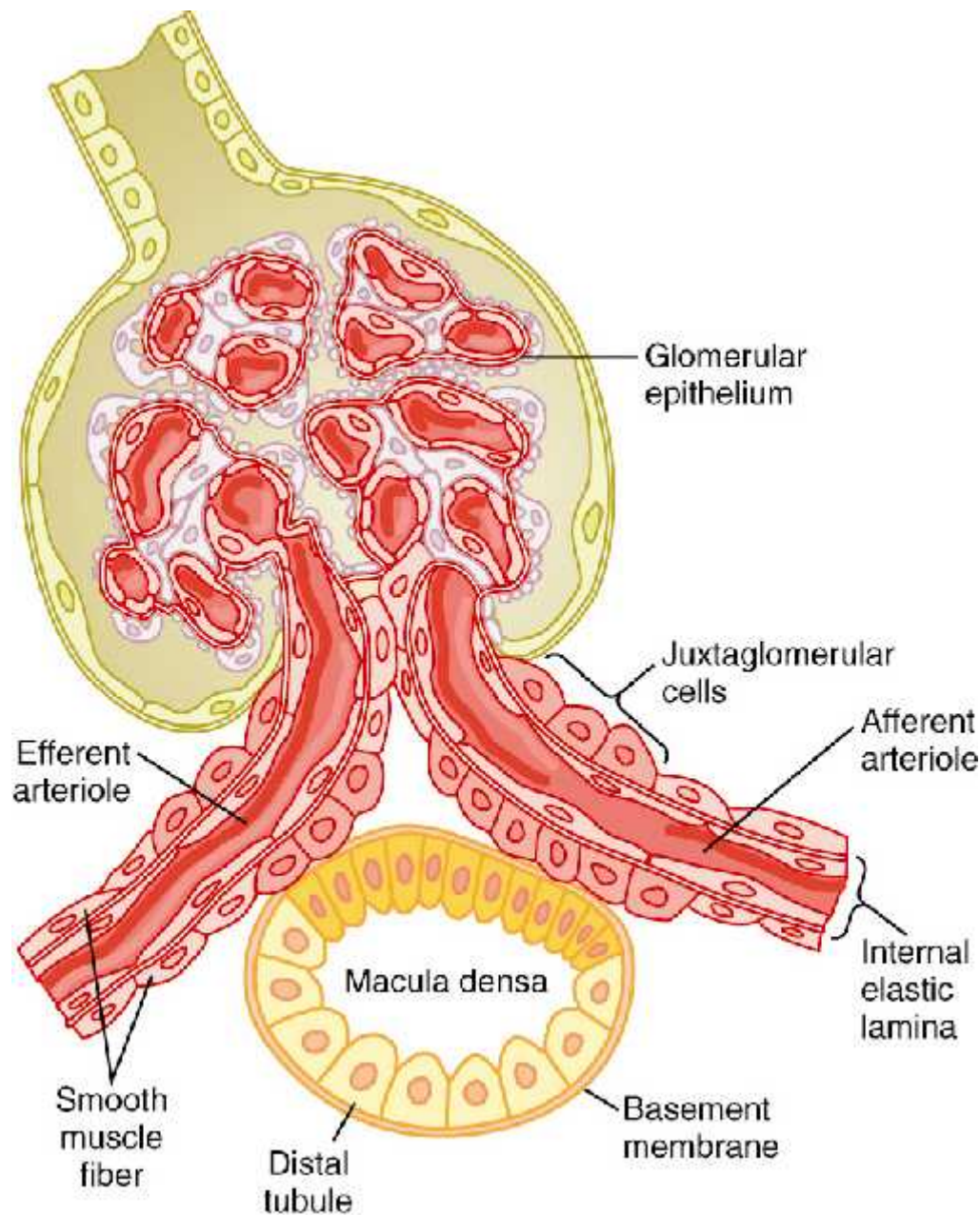


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Structure of the juxtaglomerular apparatus: macula densa

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Cortical and Juxtamedullary Nephron Segments

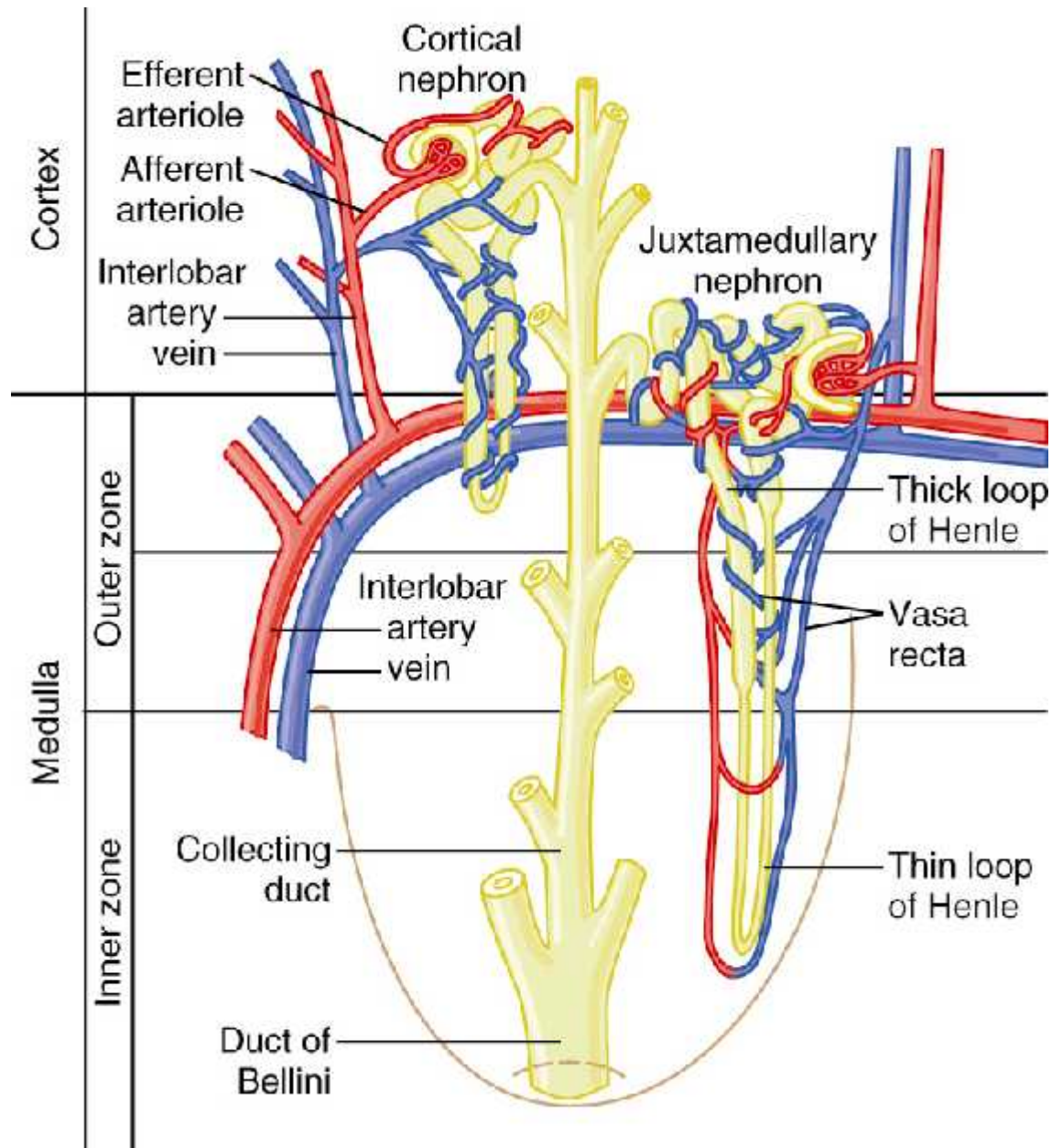
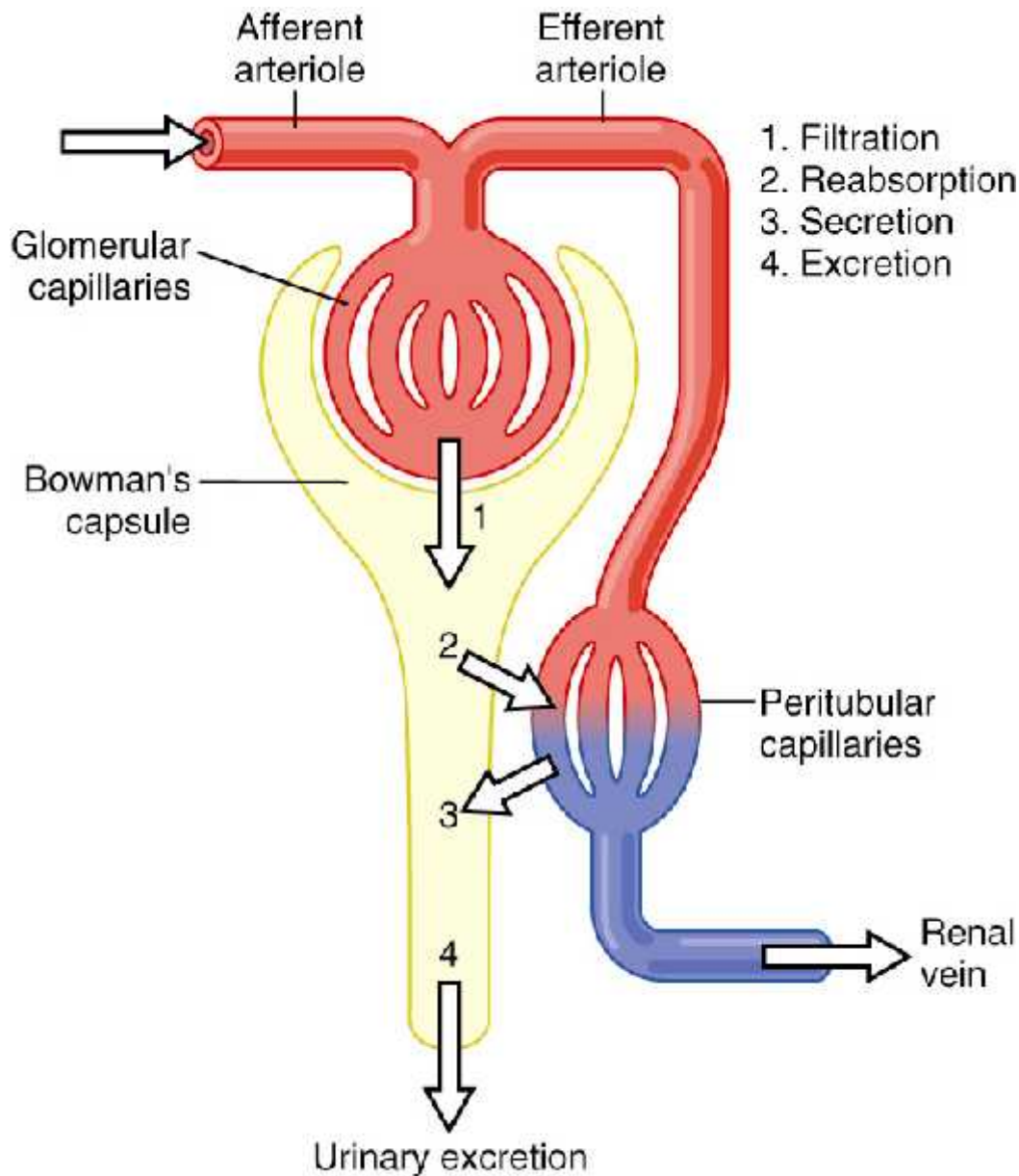


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Summary of Kidney Functions

- Excretion of metabolic waste products: urea, creatinine, bilirubin, hydrogen
- Excretion of foreign chemicals: drugs, toxins, pesticides, food additives
- Secretion, metabolism, and excretion of hormones
 - renal erythropoetic factor
 - 1,25 dihydroxycholecalciferol (Vitamin D)
 - Renin
- Regulation of acid-base balance
- Gluconeogenesis: glucose synthesis from amino acids
- Control of arterial pressure
- Regulation of water & electrolyte excretion

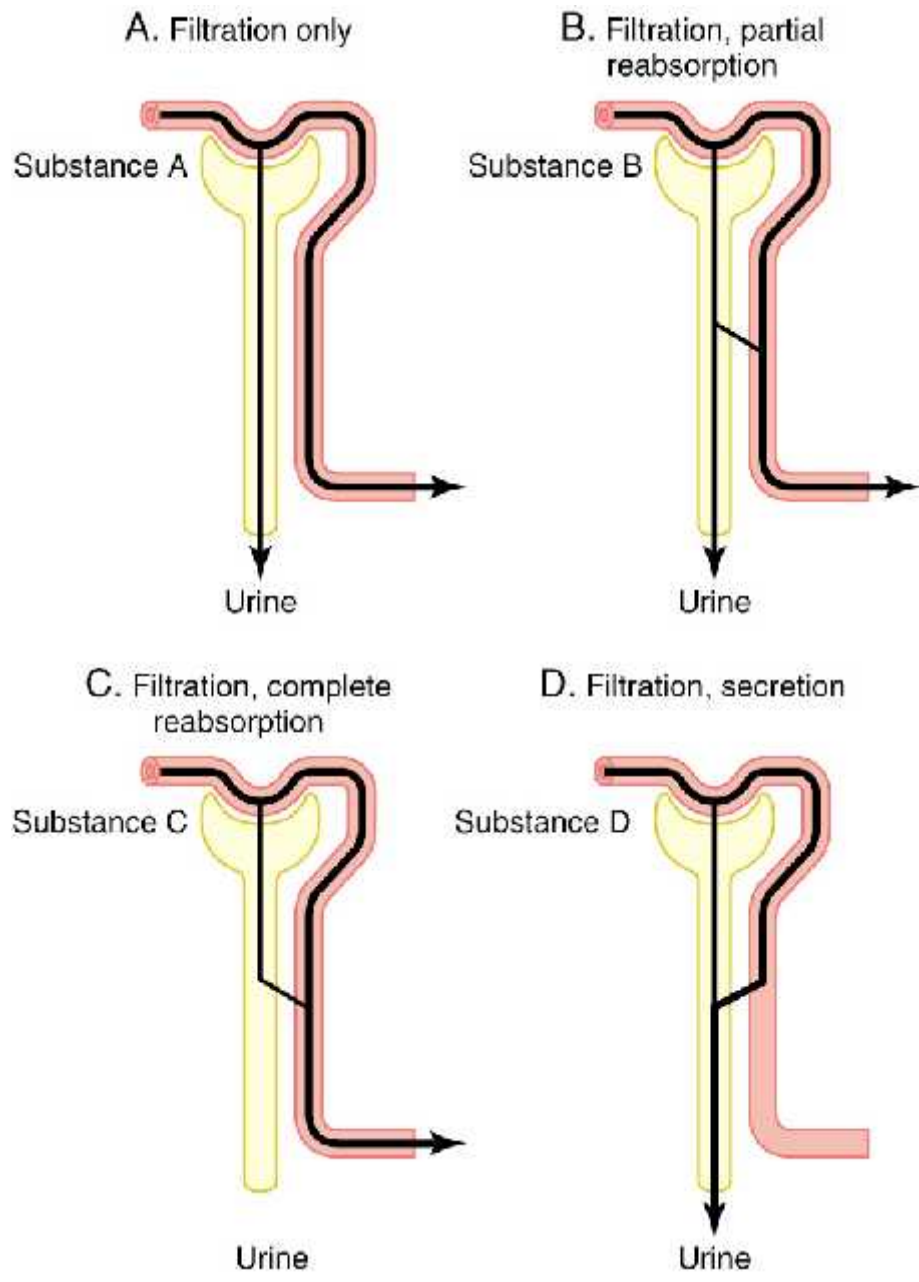


1. Filtration
2. Reabsorption
3. Secretion
4. Excretion

Basic Mechanisms of Urine Formation

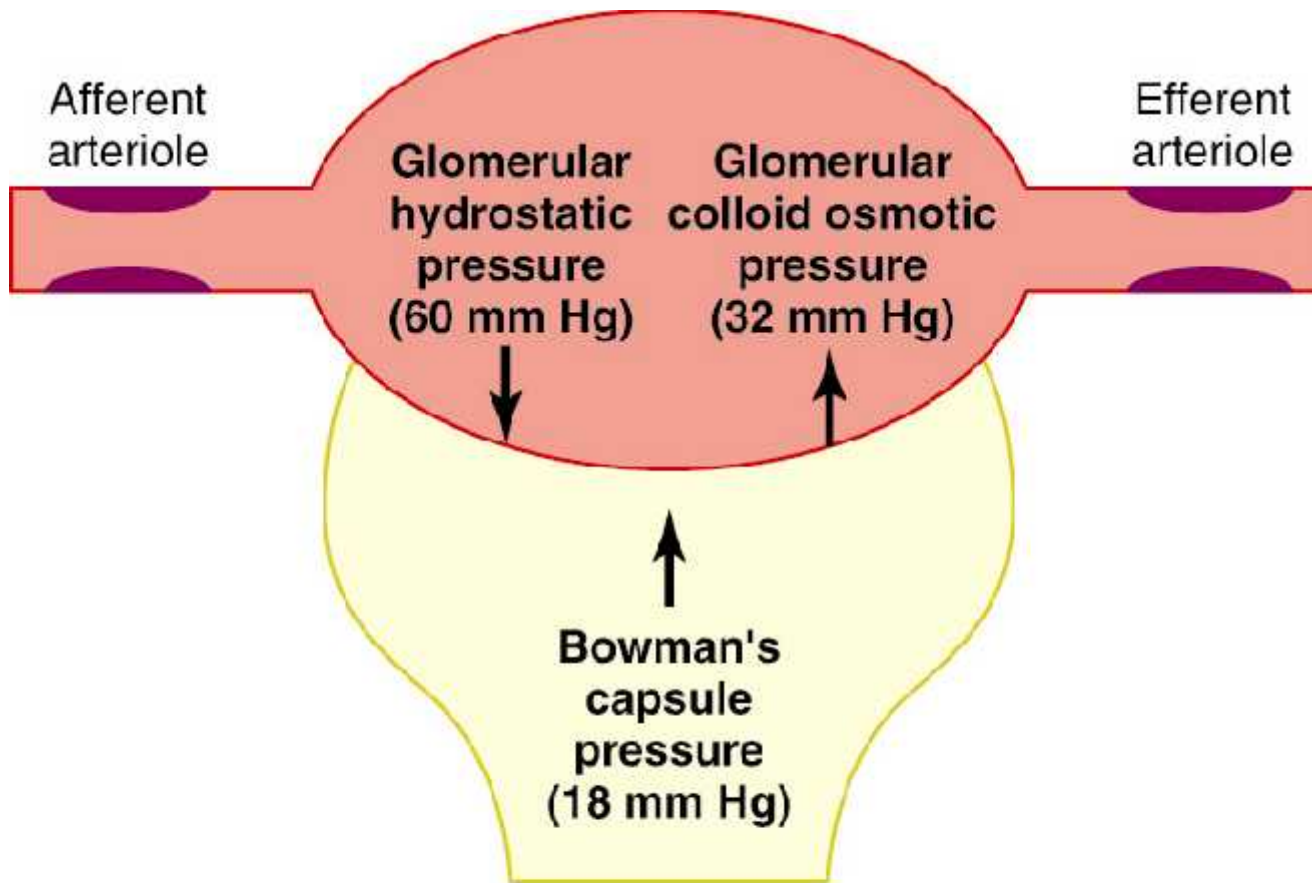
Excretion = Filtration - Reabsorption + Secretion

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Renal Handling of Different Substances

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$$\text{Net filtration pressure (10 mm Hg)} = \text{Glomerular hydrostatic pressure (60 mm Hg)} - \text{Bowman's capsule pressure (18 mm Hg)} - \text{Glomerular oncotic pressure (32 mm Hg)}$$

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ASSESSING KIDNEY FUNCTION

- Albumin excretion (microalbuminuria)
- Plasma concentration of waste products
(e.g. BUN, creatinine)
- Urine specific gravity, urine concentrating ability
- Imaging methods (e.g. MRI, PET, arteriograms,
iv pyelography, ultrasound etc)
- Isotope renal scans
- Biopsy
- Clearance methods (e.g. 24-hr creatinine clearance)
- etc

Clearance

- **Clearance** is a general concept that describes the rate at which substances are removed (cleared) from the plasma.

Clearance Technique

Renal clearance of a substance is the **volume** of plasma completely cleared of a substance per min.

$$C_s \times P_s = U_s \times V$$

$$C_s = \frac{U_s \times V}{P_s}$$

Where: **C_s** = clearance of substance S
P_s = plasma conc. of substance S
U_s = urine conc. of substance S
V = urine flow rate

Use of Clearance to Measure GFR

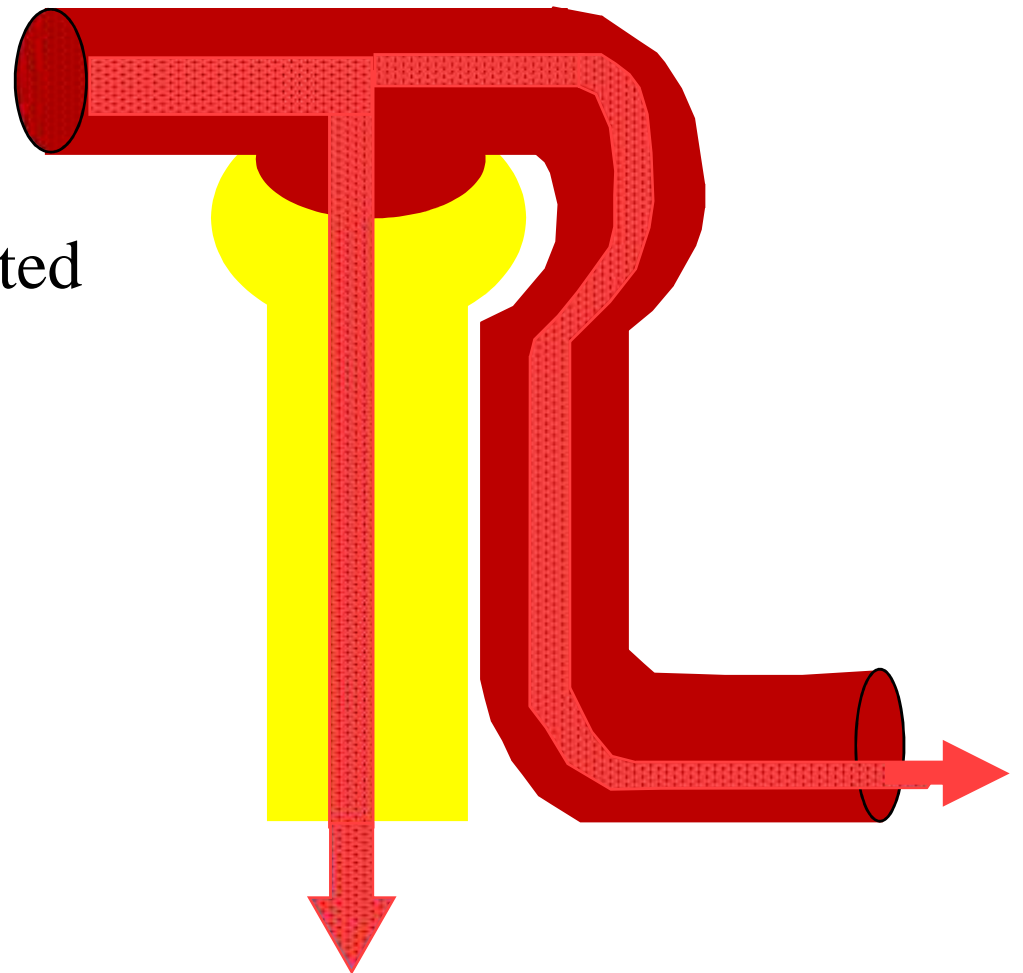
For a substance that is freely filtered, but not reabsorbed or secreted (inulin, ¹²⁵I-iothalamate, ~creatinine),

renal clearance = GFR

amount filtered = amount excreted

$$\text{GFR} \times P_{\text{in}} = U_{\text{in}} \times V$$

$$\text{GFR} = \frac{U_{\text{in}} \times V}{P_{\text{in}}}$$



PROPERTIES OF MATERIAL

- 1- easy to be taken by individual.
- 2- not digest or metabolize by the body
- 3 - it is completely filtered at the glomerulus
- 4--neither secreted nor reabsorbed by the tubules
- 5 - not naturally present in the body (because the amount infused will be known)

Calculate the GFR from the following data:

$$P_{\text{inulin}} = 1.0 \text{ mg} / 100\text{ml}$$

$$U_{\text{inulin}} = 125 \text{ mg}/100 \text{ ml}$$

$$\text{Urine flow rate} = 1.0 \text{ ml}/\text{min}$$

$$\text{GFR} = C_{\text{inulin}} = \frac{U_{\text{in}} \times V}{P_{\text{in}}}$$

$$\text{GFR} = \frac{125 \times 1.0}{1.0} = 125 \text{ ml}/\text{min}$$

CLEARANCES OF DIFFERENT SUBSTANCES

Substance	Clearance (ml/min)
inulin	125
glucose	0
sodium	0.9
urea	70

Clearance of inulin (C_{in}) = GFR

if $C_x < C_{in}$: indicates reabsorption of x

if $C_x > C_{in}$: indicates secretion of x