Functional Anatomy and Urine Formation by the Kidneys

Functions of Kidney

- Excretion of wastes, foreign chemicals, drugs, hormone metabolites, food additives, pesticides
- Maintaining the proper osmolarity of body fluids
- *Regulating the quantity and concentration of most ECF ions*
- Excreting the end products of bodily metabolism, such as urea (from proteins), uric acid (from nucleic acids), creatinine (from muscle creatine), bilirubin (from hemoglobin)

- Regulation of
 - Water & electrolytes
 - Arterial pressure (by maintaining plasma volume)
 - Acid-Base balance

Producing ertytrpoeitin

Producing renin

1,25-Dihydroxycholecalciferol production

• Glucose synthesis

Physiological Anatomy of Kidneys



- Two kidneys lying on post. Abd. wall
- Each weighing **150gms**
- Enclosed in a thin, tough capsule
- Medial indentation called Hilum
- On Cross sectional view Kidney has two zones
 Outer CORTEX & inner MEDULLA
- Renal pyramids
- Major & Minor Calyces
- Renal pelvis

The functional unit of the kidney: Nephron







REGIONAL DIFFERENCES IN NEPHRON STRUCTURE

CORTICAL

- 60-70%
- Glomeruli lie in cortex
- Short loops of Henle penetrating partly into medulla
- PTC surround the entire tubular system
- Smaller Glomruli
- Afferent arterioles are larger

JUXTAMEDULLARY

- 20-30%
- Glomeuli lie deep in cortex near medulla
- Long loops of Henle penetrating deep into medulla
- Efferent arterioles extend deep into medulla to give specialize PTC called VASA RECTA
- Larger Glomeruli
- Efferent arterioles are larger
 - Fenestrations present in Ascending VASA RECTA
- VASA RECTA are important in formation of concentrated urine
- Descending (non fenestrated)



Renal Blood Supply





- Kidneys have excellent blood supply:
 0.5% total body weight but ~22% of C.O.
 (1100ml)
- Renal artery direct branch of Abd. Aorta
- Renal artery → Segmental A. → Interlobar A.
 → Arcuate A. → Interlobular A. (Radial A.) →
 Afferent arterioles → Glomerular capillaries
 → Efferent arterioles → Peritubular capillaries
- Renal circulation is unique ---- Has **TWO** capillary beds.

- Glomerular capillary hydrostatic pressure --- 60 mmHg
- Peritubular capillary hydrostatic pressure --- 13 mmHg
- Pressure regulated by resistance of afferent & efferent arterioles

VENOUS DRAINAGE

Interlobular vein → Arcuate vein → Interlobar vein → Renal vein.

URINE

- Daily production --- 1-2 liters/day
- Anuria: less than 100ml/day
- Oliguria: less than 400ml/day
- Polyuria: More than 2.5L/day
- Color: Colorless to deep yellow (effected by drugs, chemicals, disease conditions)
- PH: 5-6 (maximum 4.5-8)
- Glucose & Proteins: Present only in Pathological states

Normal concentrations

- Glucose : NIL
- Proteins : NIL
- Sodium :
- Potassium :
- Calcium :
- Magnesium :
- Chloride :
- Ammonium :
- Urea :
- Creteanine :

90 mEq/L (50-130)

- 20-70 mEq/L
- 5-12 mEq/L
- 2-18 mEq/L
 - 50-130 mEq/L
 - 30-50 mEq/L
- 900 mg/dL
- 150 mg/dL

The three basic renal processes

- Glomerular filtration
- Tubular reabsorption
- Tubular secretion
- Urinary excretion rate

Filtration rate - Reabsorption rate + Secretion rate







- The three basic processes involved in urine formation are regulated as per body needs
- Increase or decrease in sodium intake changes its rate of filtration, reabsorption
- For example, 10% increase in GFR from 180 to 198 L/Day may increase urine volume to 13 fold keeping reabsorption same
- Advantages of high GFR
 - Efficient removal of wastes
 - Maintainance of homeostasis (whole plasma is filtered 60 times each day)

Glomerular Filtration—The First Step in Urine Formation

- Free filtration of large amounts of fluid
- Glomrular capillaries are impermeable to proteins
- Conc. of other constituents same as plasma except :
 - Calcium
 - Fatty acids
 - One half of these are bound to plasma proteins
- Normal GFR : 125ml/min or 180 L/Day
- GF is 20% of Renal Plasma Flow
- Determined by forces across the membrane & filtration coefficient

FILTRATION FRACTION

Fraction Of Renal Plasma That Is Filtered Each Minute FF = GFR/Renal Plasma Flow Normal FF = 0.2 or 20%

• Glomerular capillaries have high filtration coefficient

Glomerular Capillary Membrane

- Have 3 instead of 2 layers
 - Endothelium
 - Basement membrane
 - Layer of epithelial cells
 (Podocytes) surrounding the outer surface of B.M.
- Despite these three layers free filtration occurs except for proteins
- Endothelium has pores (Fenestrations) like liver
- Endothelium has -ve charge
- B.M. has a meshwork of collagen & proteoglycan (Gives –ve charge) {Mesangial Cells}
- Outer epithelial layer has foot like processes called Podocytes separated by gaps (slit pores)





Filterability of Solutes Is Inversely Related to Their Size

Filterability of Substances by Glomerular Capillaries Based on Molecular Weight

Substance	Molecular Weight	Filterability
Water	18	1.0
Sodium	23	1.0
Glucose	180	1.0
Inulin	5,500	1.0
Myoglobin	17,000	0.75
Albumin	69,000	0.005

- Negatively charged large molecules are filtered less easily than positively charged molecules of equal molecular size
- Mol. Size of Albumin 6nm
- Dextrans
- Size of pores 8nm
- Minimal change Nephropathy
- Proteinuria or Albuminuria



DETERMINANTS OF GFR

- 1. Net filtration Pressure
- 2. Glomerular capillary filtration coefficient

 $GFR = K_f \times Net$ filtration pressure

Net filtration Pressure:

- Glomerular capillary Hydrostatic pressure (PG)
- Bowman's capsule Hydrostatic pressure (PB)
- Glomerular capillary colloid osmotic pressure (π_G)
- Bowman's capsule colloid osmotic pressure (π_B)

 $GFR = K_f \times (P_G - P_B - \pi_G + \pi_B)$



Force	Effect	Magnitude (mm Hg)
Glomerular Capillary Blood Pressure	Favors filtration	55
Plasma-Colloid Osmotic Pressure	Opposes filtration	30
Bowman's Capsule Hydrostatic Pressure	Opposes filtration	15
Net Filtration Pressure (Difference between Force Favoring Filtration and Forces Opposing Filtration)	Favors filtration	10 55 - (30 + 15) = 10

Forces Favoring Filtration (mm Hg)

Glomerular hydrostatic pressure = 60 Bowman's capsule colloid osmotic pressure = 0

Forces Opposing Filtration (mm Hg)

Bowman's capsule hydrostatic pressure = 18 Glomerular capillary colloid osmotic pressure = 32

Net filtration pressure = 60 - 18 - 32 = +10 mm Hg

Increased Glomerular Capillary Filtration Coefficient Increases GFR

K_f = Product of hydraulic conductivity & Surface Area

K_f = GFR/Net filtration pressure

Kf = 125/10

= 12.5 ml/min/mm Hg

In terms of per 100gms

Kf = 4.2 ml/min/mm Hg

K_f of other tissues is 400 times less than that of kidney = 0.01 ml/min/mmHg

Increased Bowman's Capsule Hydrostatic Pressure Decreases GFR

- Normal pressure = 18 mm Hg
- Increased pressure reduces GFR
- Normally remains constant
- Not a primary mean of GFR regulation
- Increased in urinary tract obstruction
- E.g. Precipitation of Ca or Uric acid may lead to stone formation in urinary tract leading to obstruction

Increased Glomerular Capillary Colloid Osmotic Pressure Decreases GFR

- Conc. of proteins increases by 20% as blood passes from afferent arterioles to efferent
- Colloid osmotic pressure in afferent arterioles = 28 mm Hg
- Colloid osmotic pressure in efferent arterioles = 36 mm Hg
 Average Colloid osmotic pressure in
 Glomerular capillaries = 32 mm Hg
- Two factors change the COP :
 - » The arterial plasma colloid osmotic pressure
 - » Fraction of plasma filtered by the glomerular capillaries (filtration fraction)

Increased Glomerular Capillary Hydrostatic Pressure Increases GFR

- Normal pressure = 60 mm Hg
- Primary mean for physiological regulation of GFR
- Determined by three main factors:

» Arterial pressure

- » Afferent arteriolar resistance
- » Efferent arteriolar resistance

Factors That Can Decrease the Glomerular Filtration Rate (GFR)

Physical Determinants*
$\downarrow K_{\rm f} \rightarrow \downarrow \rm GFR$
$\uparrow P_B \rightarrow \downarrow GFR$
$\uparrow \pi_G \rightarrow \downarrow GFR$
$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{G}} \rightarrow \downarrow \mathbf{GFR} \\ \downarrow \mathbf{A}_{\mathbf{P}} \rightarrow \downarrow \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{G}} \end{array}$
$\downarrow \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{E}} \rightarrow \downarrow \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{G}}$
$\uparrow \mathbf{R}_{\mathbf{A}} \to \downarrow \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{G}}$

Physiologic/Pathophysiologic Causes

- Renal disease, diabetes mellitus, hypertension
- Urinary tract obstruction (e.g., kidney stones)
- Renal blood flow, increased plasma proteins
- Arterial pressure (has only small effect due to autoregulation)
- Angiotensin II (drugs that block angiotensin II formation)
- Sympathetic activity, vasoconstrictor hormones (e.g., norepinephrine, endothelin)
Physiological Control of GFR & RBF

- Glomerular capillary Hydrostatic pressure
- Bowman's capsule Hydrostatic pressure
- Glomerular capillary colloid osmotic pressure
- Bowman's capsule colloid osmotic pressure

FACTORS AFFECTING CAPILLARY HYDROSTATIC & ONCOTIC PRESSURE

- Sympathetic nervous system
- Hormones
- Autacoids --- vasoactive substances that are released in the kidneys act locally
- Intrinsic renal feedback mechanisms





SYMPATHETIC STIMULATION DECREASES GFR

- Renal blood vessels especially the afferent & efferent arterioles have abundant sympathetic nerve supply
- Strong sympathetic stimulation → Renal arteriolar constriction → Decreased RBF & GFR
- Mild to moderate sympathetic stimulation → Little or no influence on RBF & GFR

Autoregulation of GFR and Renal Blood Flow

- Relative constancy of RBF & GFR is referred as AUTOREGULATION
- Intrinsic renal feedback back mechanisms that keep the RBF & GFR relatively constant despite marked changes in Arterial blood pressure
- Major function of autoregulation is to maintain adequate GFR
 & precise control of renal excretion of salt & water
- GFR remains relatively constant in a wide range of Arterial pressure (75 mmHg --- 160 mmHg)



Role of Tubuloglomerular Feedback in Autoregulation of GFR

- Changes in NaCl conc at MACULA DENSA & control of arteriolar resistance
- TG feedback mechanism autoregulates RBF & GFR
- TG feedback mechanism has two components
 - AFFERENT ARTEROLAR
 FEEDBACK MECHANISM &
 - EFFERENT ARTEROLAR FEEDBACK MECHANISM
- JUXTAGLOMERULAR APPARATUS









Blockade of Angiotensin II Formation Further Reduces GFR During Renal Hypoperfusion

Myogenic Autoregulation of Renal Blood Flow and GFR

MYOGENIC MECHANISM

Renal Blood Flow

- 22% of Cardiac Output (1100ml)
- 0.4-0.5% of total body weight
- On per gram basis kidney consumes oxygen twice the rate of brain but has blood supply 7 times that of brain
- Most of the oxygen consumed is utilized for Na reabsorption
- Increased RBF → Increased GFR → Increased Na Reabsorption → Increased oxygen consumption

Determinants of Renal Blood Flow

- Determined by pressure gradient across the renal vasculature divided by total renal vascular resistance
- Renal artery pressure = systemic pressure
- Renal vein pressure = 3-4 mm Hg
- Main resistance lies in the interlobular arteries, afferent & efferent arterioles
- Resistance in these channels is controlled by sympathetic nervous system
- Changes in systemic blood pressure does effect the RBF but this effect is minimized by autoregulatory mechanisms
- RBF remains almost same in blood pressure b/w 80-170 mmHg

Blood Flow in the Vasa Recta of the Renal Medulla Is Very Low Compared with Flow in the Renal Cortex Cortex --- 98-99% of RBF Medulla --- 1-2% of RBF

HORMONAL AND AUTACOID CONTROL OF RENAL CIRCULATION

Nor-epinephrine & Epinephrine

- Released from adrenal medulla & sympathetic nerve endings during stressful conditions
- Potent constrictor of Afferent & Efferent arterioles
- Reduce RBF & GFR
- Blood levels of these hormones are parallel to sympathetic stimulation
- Have no influence under normal conditions

ENDOTHELIN

- **Peptide** in nature
- Released from damaged vasular endothelial cells of kidney & other tissues
- Contributes in hemostasis when endothelial cells are damaged
- Plasma endothelin levels are raised in Pre-eclampsia (Toxemia of Pregnancy), ARF, Chronic Uremia (leading to renal vasoconstriction & decreased GFR in these conditions)

ANGIOTENSIN II

- Overful vasoconstrictor of Efferent arterioles
- Increased Angiotensin II → Increased GFR & decreased RBF
- Reduced AP or Volume depletion → Angiotensin II → Increased efferent arteriolar tone → prevents decrease in GFR & decreases RBF → Increased tubular reabsorption (due to reduced blood flow in PTC) of Na & water → restoration of depleted blood volume & AP

Endothelial-Derived Nitric Oxide

- Released by vascular endothelium throughout the body
- Decreases renal vascular resistance
- Basal level of NO important in maintaining the normal renal perfusion
- Drugs inhibiting formation of NO \rightarrow increased renal vascular resistance \rightarrow Decreased GFR & urinary Na excretion
- Impaired NO production cause of HYPERTENSION in some patients

Prostaglandins and Bradykinin

- Cause vasodilatation of renal vessels & increase the RBF & GFR
- Role in RBF regulation not important normally
- PG may help to prevent vasoconstriction of Afferent arterioles caused by sympathetic stimulation
- NSAIDs given in stressful conditions may reduce the renal perfusion and GFR

Other Factors That Increase Renal Blood Flow and GFR High Protein Intake and Increased Blood

Glucose



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TUBULAR REABSORPTION

Tubular Processing of the Glomerular Filtrate

Tubular Reabsorption Includes Passive and Active Mechanisms



For a substance to be reabsorbed it must pass through



Proximal Tubular Reabsorption

- Reabsorption of 65% of filtered load (Na & water)
- Special cellular arrangement
- Large no of mitochondria
- Extensive brush-border
- Large no of carrier proteins for co-transport & countertransport of Na
- Difference b/w reab. of Na in 1st & 2nd part of PT



Sodium reabsorption









Passive reabsorption of urea at the end of the proximal tubule



Concentration of solutes along PT


Secretion of organic acid & Bases

- Secretion of Bile salts, oxalate, urate & catecholamines
- Drugs & Toxins
- Rapid clearance of drugs may be a problem in maintaining adequate therapeutic levels
- PAH is also rapidly secreted by PT

Loop of Henle

- Has three segments
 - Thin Descending segment
 - Thin Ascending segment
 - Thick Ascending segment

Thin Descending segment

- 20% of filtered load of water is reabsorbed
- Thin membrane
- Permeable to water, urea & Na

Thin Ascending segment

 Impermeable to water & very low permeability for solutes



Thick Ascending segment

- Reab of 25% of filtered load of Na, Cl, K
- Impermeable to water
- Thick, metabolically active cells
- Na-K ATPase Pump
- 1-Na, 2-Cl, 1-K
 Co- Transporter
- Site of action for Loop Diuretics (Frusemide, Bumetanide, Ethacrynic acid)



- Reabsorption of ions through paracellular pathway due to increased no of +ve charges
- Counter-transport of Na-H
- Due to reabsorption of large no of solutes the tubular fluid becomes dilute in the ascending segment



Distal Tubule

- Early part of DT has same reabsorptive properties as Thick segment
- Impermeable to water
- Reab of 5% of filtered load of Na & Cl
- Na-Cl Co-Transport
- Site of action for thiazide diuretics



Late Distal Tubule & Cortical Collecting Ducts

- Similar cellular anatomy & functions
- Two specialized types of cells
 - Principal Cells
 - Intercalated Cells



Principal Cells

- Reabsorb Na & secrete
 K ions
- Site of action for Ksparing diuretics



Intercalated Cells

Reabsorb K & secrete H ions

Carbonic Anhydrase

- Summary:
 - Reabsorption of Na & secretion of K ions in Late DT & CCD is Aldosterone dependant
 - Water Reabsorption is ADH dependant
 - Impermeable to Urea

Medullary Collecting Ducts

- Reabsorption of less than 10% of filtered of Na & water
- Cuboidal cells, smooth surface, very few mitochondria
- Permeability to water is controlled by ADH secretion
- High permeability for urea
- Can secrete H ions



Regulation of Tubular Reabsorption

Intrinsic Renal Regulation Hormonal Regulation Nervous Regulation

PTC & Renal I.F. Physical Forces

Reabsorption = K_f × Net reabsorptive force

Net absorptive force is the sum of:

- Peritubular capillary hydrostatic pressure (Pc)
- Interstitial fluid hydrostatic pressure (Pif)
- Interstitial fluid colloid osmotic pressure (\Box if)
- Normal rate of Reabsorption : 99% of GFR or 124ml/min





Regulation of forces across PTC

- PTC hydrostatic & COP directly influenced by Renal hemodynamic changes
- PTC hydrostatic pressure is regulated by
 - Arterial Pressure &
 - Afferent & Efferent arteriolar resistance
- PTC Colloid Osmotic Pressure is regulated by
 - Systemic Plasma COP
 - Filtration Fraction
- Filtration coefficient increases Reabsorption



Factors That Can Influence Peritubular Capillary Reabsorption

 $\begin{array}{c} \uparrow P_{c} \rightarrow \downarrow Reabsorption \\ \bullet \downarrow R_{A} \rightarrow \uparrow P_{c} \\ \bullet \downarrow R_{E} \rightarrow \uparrow P_{c} \\ \bullet \uparrow Arterial \ Pressure \rightarrow \uparrow P_{c} \\ \bullet \uparrow Arterial \ Pressure \rightarrow \uparrow P_{c} \\ \uparrow \pi_{c} \rightarrow \uparrow Reabsorption \\ \bullet \uparrow \pi_{A} \rightarrow \uparrow \pi_{c} \\ \bullet \uparrow FF \rightarrow \uparrow \pi_{c} \\ \uparrow K_{f} \rightarrow \uparrow Reabsorption \end{array}$

Renal Interstitial hydrostatic & COP



Hormonal Regulation of reabsorption

ALDOSTERONE

- Zona glomerulosa cells of adrenal cortex
- Increases reabsorption of Na & secretion of K ions
- Site of action: Principal cells of CCT
- Mechanism: Increased Na-K ATPase activity & Increased Na permeability on luminal side
- Addison's Disease: Reduced or absent secretion
- Conn's Syndrome: Increased secretion

Angiotensin II

- Most potent Na retaining Hormone
- Increases Na & water reabsorption
- Mainly acts by three ways
 - Increases ALDOSTERONE secretion
 - Constriction of efferent arterioles
 - Stimulates Na reabsorption in PT, LOH, CT

Antidiuretic Hormone

- Realeased from Posterior Pituitary
- Site of action: DT, CT, CCT, MCD
- Specific receptors V₂ in epithelial cells
- Aquaporins --- Intracellular protein
- AQP-2, AQP-3, AQP-4

ANP

- Released from cardiac Atria
- Stimulus for release --- Increased Atrial strech due to increased plasma plasma volume or raised AP
- Inhibits reasorption of Na & water from CD

PTH

- Most powerful Ca regulating Hormone
- Increases tubular reabsorption of Ca from DT & LOH
- Also inhibits Phosphorus reabsorption from PT & increase s reabsorption of Mg

Sympathetic Nervous System

- Decreases Na & water excretion by constricting renal arterioles
- Also increases Na reabsorption from PT, Ascending thick segment of LOH, Distal tubules
- Increases renin & Angiotensin release



Hormone	Site of Action	Effects
Aldosterone	Collecting tubule and duct	^ NaCl, H_2O reabsorption, $\uparrow K^*$ secretion, $\uparrow H^*$ secretion
Angiotensin II	Proximal tubule, thick ascending loop of Henle/distal tubule, collecting tubule	↑ NaCl, H ₂ O reabsorption, ↑ H ⁺ secretion
Antidiuretic hormone	Distal tubule/collecting tubule and duct	↑ H₂O reabsorption
Atrial natriuretic peptide	Distal tubule/collecting tubule and duct	↓ NaCl reabsorption
Parathyroid hormone	Proximal tubule, thick ascending loop of Henle/distal tubule	↓ PO ₄ ⁻ reabsorption, ↑ Ca ⁺⁺ reabsorption

Renal Physiology; Secretion

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Gastrointestinal system

- Overview
- Digestion of nutrients
- Absorption of nutrients and water
- Principles of GI regulation
- GI secretion and regulation
- GI motility and regulation
- Disorders of GIT



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Factors That Shift K* Into Cells (Decrease Extracellular [K*])	Factors That Shift K ⁺ Out of Cells (Increase Extracellular [K ⁺])
Insulin	Insulin deficiency (diabetes mellitus)
Aldosterone	Aldosterone deficiency (Addison's disease)
β-adrenergic stimulation	β-adrenergic blockade
Alkalosis	Acidosis
	Cell lysis
	Strenuous exercise
	Increased extracellular fluid osmolarity

Regulation of extracellular K



Potassium Secretion



Potassium secretion is controlled by Aldosterone



Factors affecting K secretion





Hydrogen ion secretion in Proximal tubular cells



Hydrogen ion secretion in type A intercalated tubular cells



Hydrogen ion secretion in type B intercalated tubular cells



Secretion of organic anions


Secretion of organic cations



Ca, Mg, Phosphate Transport

Urine Excretion

Water Reabsorption and Excretion



KIDNEYS EXCRETE EXCESS WATER BY FORMING DILUTE URINE

- Variation in renal excretion rate of water
- Urine osmolarity varies between 50-1200 mOsm/liter
- Regulation of water excretion independent of solute loss in urine
- ROLE OF ANTIDIURETIC HORMONE IN CONTROLLING URINE CONCENTRATION



Formation of concentrated urine

- Two Basic requirements:
 - High ADH Levels &
 - High osmolarity of renal medullary interstitium
- COUNTER CURRENT MECHANISM
 - Counter Current Multiplier
 - Counter Current Exchanger
- ROLE OF VASA RECTA

Vertical osmotic gradient in medulla



COUNTERCURRENT MECHANISM

- Osmolarity of interstitial fluid
- Osmolarity of renal medullary interstitium is very high --- 1200-1400 mOsm/L
- Factors responsible:
 - Active transport of Na & co-transport of other ions from ascending thick segment of LOH
 - Active transport of ions from CD
 - Facilitated diffusion of urea from inner MCD
 - Diffusion of small amount of water from MT





3 Countercurrent exchange (heat) in loop







COUNTERCURRENT MULTIPLIER



ROLE OF DT & CD



COUNTERCURRENT EXCHANGE SYSTEM

- Formed by vasa recta
 - provide blood supply to medulla
 - do not remove NaCl from medulla
- Descending capillaries
 - water diffuses out of blood
 - NaCl diffuses into blood
- Ascending capillaries
 - water diffuses into blood
 - NaCl diffuses out of blood

VASA RECTA

- Help preserve the hyperosmolarity
- Two special features of medullary blood flow:
 - Low blood flow --- less than 5%
 - Vasa recta serve as countercurrent exchanger



MAINTENANCE OF OSMOLARITY IN RENAL MEDULLA





ROLE OF UREA IN CONCENTRATING URINE

- Urea very useful in concentrating urine.
- High protein diet = more urea = more concentrated urine.
- Kidneys filter, reabsorb and secrete urea.
- Urea excretion rises with increasing urinary flow.

CONTRIBUTION OF UREA (Urea Recycling)

- Urea contriutes about 40-50% in forming hyperosmolar interstitium
- Passively reabsorbed from tubules
- Dependant on ADH
- main site: Medullary ducts
- Urea transporters: UT-A I & AIII
- Activated by ADH
- Dietary protein intake important in forming concentrated urine
- High urea levels in impaired renal function



Role of Vassopressin











Concentration of urine may be as low as 100 mOsm as it leaves collecting tubule

Control of ADH secretion

Increase ADH	Decrease ADH
↑ Plasma osmolarity	↓ Plasma osmolarity
↓ Blood volume	↑ Blood volume
↓ Blood pressure	↑ Blood pressure
Nausea	
Hypoxia	
Drugs:	Drugs:
Morphine	Alcohol
Nicotine	Clonidine (antihypertensive)
Cyclophosphamide	Haloperidol (dopamine blocker)

Mictuirition

Micturition is the process by which the urinary bladder empties when it becomes filled

- Progressive filling of bladder
- Mictuirition Reflex (Emptying of reflex)
- Autonomic Reflex
- Can be controlled by higher centres

Physiologic Anatomy of Urinary Bladder



Physiologic Anatomy of Urinary Bladder

- Composed of Smooth muscles
 - Body
 - Neck (posterior urethra)
- Detrusor muscle --- Smooth muscles of U.B.
- Low resistance pathways b/w muscle cells
 - Trigone
 - Rugae
 - Ureters enter through trigone
- Internal Sphincter (Lies in bladder neck)
- External sphincter (lies in urogenital Diaphragm)

Nerve supply of Urinary Bladder

• Pelvic nerves from sacral plexus

- S-2--- S-3

- Sensory & Motor fibers
- Motor nerves --- Parasympathetic (Long Preganglionic part)
- Skeletal motor fiber
 - Pudendal Nerve (External sphincter)
- Sympathetic Supply

— L-2

- Supply blood vessels
- Sensory- pain, fullness sensation

- Transport of urine from kidneys to bladder through ureter
- Collecting Ducts > Calyces > Renal Pelvis > Ureter
- Ureters
 - Smooth muscles
 - Sympathetic & parasympatheic nerve supply
 - Intramural nerve supply
- Ureters enter bladder through **TRIGONE**
- VESICOURETERAL REFLEX
- URETERORENAL REFLEX

CYSTOMETROGRAM



Figure 26-7

Normal cystometrogram, showing also acute pressure waves (dashed spikes) caused by micturition reflexes.

Mictuirition Reflex

- Mictuirition Reflex is a single complete cycle of:
 - Progressive & rapid increase of pressure
 - Period of sustained pressure
 - Return of pressure to basal level
- Basal tone of detrusor muscle
- Mictuirition Contractions
 - Superimposed contractions of detrusor muscle initiated by sensory strech receptors
- Mictuirition reflex is self generative

Control of Mictuirition by Brain

- Facilitative & inhibitory center in brain stem (Pons)
- Cerebral cortex
- Higher centers keep:
 - -mictuirition reflex partially inhibited
 - Can prevent mictuirition
 - -Can initiate mictuirition
- Voluntary Mictuirition

Abnormalities of Mictuirition

ATONIC BLADDER

- Destruction of sensory nerve fibers from bladder to spinal cord
- Causes
 - Injury to spinal cord at sacral level
 - Syphilis (Tabes Dorsalis) Tabetic Bladder
- Overflow Incontinence
Automatic Bladder

- Spinal cord injury above sacral segments
- Sacral segments intact
- Mictuirition reflexes suppressed during early days after injury because of spinal shock
- Return of mictuirition after few days is bladder is empties properly
- Unannounced periodic emptying of bladder
- Some patients can control urination by stimulation of skin in genital area

Uninhibited Neurogenic Bladder

- Frequent & uncontrolled emptying of urinary bladder
- Cause: Loss of inhibitory signals from higher centers
- Spinal cord or brain stem damage

RENAL PHYSIOLOGY

CLEARANCE METHODS & TUBULAR MAXIMUM

Transport Maximum

- Most substances that are actively reabsorbed or secreted, there is a limit to the rate at which the solute can be transported known as the transport maximum or TMax
- Saturation of specific transport systems involved when tubular load exceeds the carrier protein or enzyme capacity
- Glucose reabsorption in proximal tubules exhibits Tmax.
- □ Tmax for Glucose is 365mg/min



Passively reabsorbed substances do not demonstrate a transport maximum as their rates of transport is determined by:

- 1. Electrochemical gradient for diffusion across the membrane
- 2. The permeability of the membrane for the substance
- 3. The time that the fluid containing the substance remains within the tubule. (Gradient-time transport)

Some actively transported substances also exhibit Gradient-time transport. E.g. Sodium

- Increased Na concentration gradient or
- Reduced blood flow in PTC
- Tmax of Na can be increased by ALDOSTERONE

Renal threshold for glucose



Renal Clearance

Volume of plasma that is completely cleared of the substance per unit time by the kidneys

- Clearance rate(ml/min) = urine concentration (quantity/ml urine) × urine flow rate (ml/min)/plasma concentration of the substance (quantity/ml plasma)
- Used to assess the excretory functions of kidneys.
 GFR, Tubular Reabsorption & Secretion can also be estimated.

Clearance Rate= Excretion Rate Plasma Conc. $C_s = U_s \times V$ P_s

- □ GFR = Clearance of a substance that is freely filtered, neither reabsorbed nor secreted
- RBF = Clearance of a substance that is completely cleared from the plasma

Inulin Clearance CAN BE USED TO ESTIMATE GFR

- Polysaccharide molecule
- Molecular weight = 5200
- Not produced in the body
- Freely filtered
- No reabsorption or secretion
- Its clearance rate = GFR



Creatinine Clearance CAN BE USED TO ESTIMATE GFR

- By product of muscle metabolism
- Cleared thru GF mainly
- Can be used to assess the GFR
- Partly secreted
- Error in plasma conc. calculation



PAH Clearance CAN BE USED TO ESTIMATE RPF

- About 90% is cleared from the plasma by the kidneys
- Can be used to assess the RBF
- PAH Clearance is also known as Extraction Ratio

Total renal plasma flow = Clearance of PAH/Extraction ratio of PAH



Filtration Fraction

FF = GFR (inulin clearance)/RPF (PAH clearance = 125/650 = 0.19=20%

Tubular Reabsorption & Secretion

Urine flow rate = 1 ml/min Urine concentration of sodium (U_{Na}) = 70 mEq/L = 70 µEq/ml Plasma sodium concentration = 140 mEq/L = 140 µEq/ml GFR (inulin clearance) = 100 ml/min

Clearance of different substances

Substance	Clearance Rate (ml/min)
Glucose	0
Sodium	0.9
Chloride	1.3
Potassium	12.0
Phosphate	25.0
Inulin	125.0
Creatinine	140.0

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BODY FLUID COMPARTMENTS ECF & ICF FLUIDS

• HARMONY IN BODY FLUID CONCENTRATION IS VERY VITAL FOR HOMEOSTASIS

• Maintenance of nearly constant conditions in the internal environment.

• FLUID INTAKE AND OUTPUT ARE BALANCED DURING STEADY STATE CONDITIONS

INTAKE = OUTPUT



DAILY WATER INTAKE

- Two Sources
 - 1. Ingested Food & water = 2100ml/ day
 - 2. Synthesized in the body = 200ml/ day

Total Intake = 2300ml/ day

- Intake is highly variable
 - Climate
 - Habits
 - Level of physical activity

DAILY LOSS OF BODY WATER

Insensible losses from:

- Skin (350 ml/day)
- Respiratory Tract (350 ml/day)
- Total = 700 ml/day
- Insensible loss of water from skin is independent of sweating.
- Minimized by cholesterol filled cornified layer of epithelium.
- Increased loss in cases of burns

- Water loss through respiratory tract is utilized in humidification of inspired air
- Air is humidified to a vapor pressure of 47mmHg
- Vapor pressure of atmosphere reaches ommHg during winter

FLUID LOSS IN SWEAT

- Normal fluid loss in sweat is 100ml/day
- Increased up to liters in:
 - Exercise
 - Hot Weather

FLUID LOSS IN FECES

- Normal = 100ml/day
- Increased up to liters in patients of severe diarrhea

FLUD LOSS BY KIDNEYS

- Most important in regulation of water and electrolyte balance
- Is highly variable.
- Urine volume is variable ---o.5L/day to 20L/day.
- Salt intake highly variable ---Na intake 20mEq/day to 500mEq/day.



Daily Intake and Output of Water (ml/day)

	Normal	Prolonged, Heavy Exercise
Intake		
Fluids ingested	2100	?
From metabolism	200	200
Total intake	2300	?
Output		
Insensible-skin	350	350
Insensible—lungs	350	650
Sweat	100	5000
Feces	100	100
Urine	1400	500
Total output	2300	6600

Body Fluid Compartments

Two main compartments:

- Extracellular compartment
- Intracellular compartment
- Transcellular fluid (1-2 liters)
 - Synovial fluid
 - Peritoneal fluid
 - Pericardial fluid
 - CSF
 - aqueous humor
 - Specialized type of ECF (1.5% of B.Wt.)
- In a 70kg adult TBW is 60% of B.Wt. i.e. 42liters
 - Percentage changes with age, gender, degree of obesity

Intracellular Fluid Compartment

- 2/3 of body water (40% body weight) is present in the 75 trillion cells.
- Fluid in each cell is a mixture of several constituents but concentration of these is almost same in all cells.

Extracellular Fluid Compartment

- 1/3 of body water (20% body weight)
- 14 liters in a 70kg adult
- Two compartments
 - 1/4th the blood plasma (water=4.5% body weight)
 - 3/4th interstitial fluid and lymph (water=15% body weight)
- Plasma
 - Non-cellular part of blood
 - Continuous exchange of fluids b/w plasma and interstitial fluid
 - Same composition as interstitial fluid except proteins



Blood Volume

- Blood is a part of ECF as well as ICF
- 7% of B.Wt.
- 5 liters
- 60% of blood --- plasma
- 40% of blood --- RBC
- These %ages vary with age, gender, weight.

Hematocrit (Packed Cell Volume)

- Fraction of blood composed of RBCs
- Determined by centrifugation of blood
- Actual PCV is 3-4% less than actual
 - Normal Values
 - Males 0.40
 - Females 0.36
 - Decrease in ----- anemias
 - Increased in ----- polycythemias

Measurements of fluids in different body compartments

Indicator-Dilution Method

Principle

An indicator is placed in the compartment & allowed to disperse evenly and then analyzed extent of dilution.

• Can be used to measure volume of all body compartments as long as:

- Indicator disperses evenly throughout the compartment
- Indicator disperses only in that compartment
- Indicator is not metabolized or excreted



DETERMINATION OF VOLUMES OF SPECIFIC COMPARTMENTS OF BODY

Measurement of Total Body Water

- Radioactive water
 - Tritium or
 - Heavy water
- Antipyrine
 - Highly lipid soluble

MEASUREMENT OF ECF

 Can be measured by injecting a substance that does not permeate the cell membrane

- Radioactive sodium
- Radioactive chloride
- Radioactive iothalamate
- Thiosulfate ion
- Inulin
CALCULATION OF ICF

No method of direct measurementCan be calculated

ICF = TBW - ECF

MEASUREMENT OF PLASMA VOLUME

- Can be measured by substance that does not permeate the capillary membrane & remains in vascular system
 - Radioactive Albumin
 - Evans blue dye (Binds to Plasma proteins)

Calculation of Interstitial Fluid Interstitial fluid volume = ECF volume – Plasma volume

MEASUREMENT OF BLOOD VOLUME

- Radioactive labelled RBCs
- Can also be calaculated

Total blood volume = <u>Plasma volume</u> 1 - Hematocrit

Table 25-3. Measurement of Body Fluid Volumes		
Volume	Indicators	
Total body water	³ H ₂ O, ² H ₂ O, antipyrine	
Extracellular fluid	²² Na, ¹²⁵ I-iothalamate, thiosulfate, inulin	
Intracellular fluid	(Calculated as total body water - Extracellular fluid volume)	
Plasma volume	¹²⁵ I-albumin, Evans blue dye (T-1824)	
Blood volume	⁵¹ Cr-labeled red blood cells, or calculated as blood volume = Plasma volume/(1 - Hematocrit)	
Interstitial fluid	(Calculated as extracellular fluid volume - Plasma volume)	

- Maintenance of adequate fluids in ECF & ICF ----- Important Clinical problem
- Hydrostatic forces & Colloid osmotic forces across capillary membrane responsible for this equilibrium within ECF
- Osmotic effect of solutes responsible for equilibrium b/w ICF & ECF
- Important role of Cell membrane

Osmosis

Net diffusion of water across a selectively permeable membrane from a region of high water concentration to one that has a lower water concentration.

OSMOSIS



CELL MEMBRANE

- Semipermeable membrane
- Highly water soluble
- Almost impermeable to solutes
- Addition or removal of solutes from one side results in osmosis
- Rate of diffusion of water molecules is called Rate of Osmosis

MOLES & OSMOLES

- Total no. of osmotically active particles in a solution is measured in Osmoles
- 1 OSM = 1 mole (If substance does not dissociate)
- A solution containing 1 mole of glucose in a liter has a conc. of 1 osm/liter
- 1 mole of NaCl = 2 osm/liter
- 1 mole of Na2SO4 = 3 osm/liter
- 1 milliosmole (mOsm) = 1/1000 Osm

OSMOLALITY & OSMOLARITY

- No. of osmoles per kg of water— OSMOLALITY
- No. of osmoles per liter of water is OSMOLARITY
- In dil. solutions like body fluids both are same

OSMOTIC PRESSURE

• The amount of pressure required to oppose the movement of water molecules, and to stop osmosis --- Osmotic Pressure

 It is the indirect measurement of solutes & water.

• Higher the osmotic pressure, lower the water content.

OSMOTIC PRESSURE & OSMOLARITY

- Osmotic pressure directly proportional to no. of osmotically active particles
- Independent of molecular wt
- Albumin & Glucose exert same osmotic pressure
- NaCl has double osmotic effect

- Each mOsm/Liter of a solute exerts an osmotic pressure of 19.3 mmHg
- Calculating the osmolarity & osmotic pressure of a solution
- 1 liter 0.9% NaCl solution
- 308 mosm/liter
- Osmotic pressure of 5944 mm Hg
- Correction factor(Osmotic Coefficient) 0.93
- Corrected osmolarity = 286mosm/liter

- Osmolarity of body fluids
- Na & Cl --- maintain osmolarity of ECF (80%)
- K --- maintains osmolarity of ICF
- Plasma osmolarity slightly higher than Interstitial fluid
- Corrected osmolarity --- 282 mosm/liter

COMPARISON OF ECF & ICF

Osmolar Substances in Extracellular and Intracellular Fluids

	Plasma (m0sm/L H₂0)	Interstitial (mOsm/L H₂O)	Intracellular (m0sm/L H ₂ 0)
Na ⁺	142	139	14
K^+	4.2	4.0	140
Ca ⁺⁺	1.3	1.2	0
Mg ⁺	0.8	0.7	20
CI	108	108	4
HCO ₃	24	28.3	10
$HPO_4^-, H_2PO_4^-$	2	2	11
SO ₄	0.5	0.5	1
Phosphocreatine			45
Carnosine			14
Amino acids	2	2	8
Creatine	0.2	0.2	9
Lactate	1.2	1.2	1.5
Adenosine triphosphate			5
Hexose monophosphate			3.7
Glucose	5.6	5.6	
Protein	1.2	0.2	4
Urea	4	4	4
Others	4.8	3.9	10
Total mOsm/L	301.8	300.8	301.2
Corrected osmolar activity (mOsm/L)	282.0	281.0	281.0
Total osmotic pressure at 37°C (mm Hg)	5443	5423	5423

MAINTAINANCE OF OSMOTIC EQUILIBRIUM B/W ECF & ICF

- Minute changes in solute conc. lead to large increase or decrease in osmotic pressure
- Hypertonic
- Isotonic
- Hypotonic
- o.9% NaCl solution
- 5% Glucose solution



- Isosmotic
- Hyposmotic
- Hyperosmotic
- Permeating and non-permeating solutes
- NaCl
- Urea

Osmotic equilibrium is maintained within minutes

Regulation of water and salt balance











DVLT = organum vasculosum laminae terminalis SFO = subfornical organ NTS = Nucl. tractus solitarii

VOLUME & OSMOLARITY OF ECF & ICF IN ABNORMAL STATES

- WATER INGESTION
- DEHYDRATION
- I/V INFUSION
- GIT LOSSES
- PROFUSE SWEATING
 - WATER MOVES RAPIDLY ACROSS THE MEMB.
 - CELL MEMB. IMPERMEABLE TO SOLUTES

Effect of addition of 2 Liters of 3% NaCl to ECF

Step 1. Initial Conditions

	Volume (Liters)	Concentration (mOsm/L)	Total (mOsm)
Extracellular fluid	14	280	3,920
Intracellular fluid	28	280	7,840
Total body fluid	42	280	11,760

SOLUTIONS USED FOR NUTRITIVE PURPOSES

- Glucose
- Amino acids
- Homogenized fat solution

CLINICAL ABNORMALITIES OF FLUID VOLUME REGULATION

• Hyponatremia

• Hypernatremia

Hyponatremia Defined

• Definition: Serum Na+ <135 meq/L

- Generally associated with decreased osmolality to <275
- Most common electrolyte abnormality in the US
- Occurs in 3% of hospitalized patients

Caused by retention of water

- Usually a drop in osmolality will suppress ADH to allow excretion of the excess water via dilute urine
- Most forms of hyponatremia are associated with elevated ADH (whether appropriate or inappropriate), which concentrates urine

Signs & Symptoms

- More profound when the decrease in sodium is **very large** or occurs **rapidly** (i.e. over hours)
- Generally asymptomatic if Na+ level >125
- Symptoms include:
 - Headache
 - Nausea, vomiting
 - Muscle cramps
 - Disorientation, depressed reflexes, lethargy, restlessness
 - Seizure, coma, permanent brain damage, respiratory arrest, brainstem herniation & death
 - Serious complications are more commonly seen in primary polydipsia, after surgery, and in menstruating women

Causes of hyponatremia

Decreased total body water	GI losses (diarrhea, emesis), diuretics, Addisons Disease
Increased total body water	CHF, acute renal failure, SIADH, water intoxication (dilute formula feeding), Bronchogenic CA
Normal total body water	Hyperglycemia
Pseudohyponatremia	Severe hyperlipidemia or hypoproteinemia

•Hyperglycemia leads to hyperosmolarity with translocation of fluids from intracellular to extracellular space

•Pseudohyponatremia: displacement of plasma water resulting in falsely low serum by laboratory measurement

Clinical manifestations of hyponatremia

- Neurologic symptoms related to edema caused by hypo-osmolarity
 - Children at higher risk due to higher brain-to-skull ratio
- Symptoms include headache, nausea, emesis, weakness, disorientation
- Severity worsens as edema increases leading to signs of cerebral herniation
 - Respiratory changes, posturing, pupillary changes, seizure

Fluid management goals Hyponatremia with neurologic symptoms is a medical emergency

Clinical picture	Fluid	Rate
Seizure	3% hypertonic saline	raise serum sodium by 4-8 mEq/L/hour until seizure activity stops
No seizure activity but not at neurologic baseline	3% hypertonic saline	raise serum sodium by 1mEq/L/hour until: -patient at baseline -plasma sodium increases by 20-25mEq/L <u>OR</u> -serum sodium increases to 125-130mEq/L
Asymptomatic	o.9% normal saline	raise sodium no faster than o.5 mEq/L/hour

Hypernatremia

• Defined as serum sodium >/= 145mEq/L

• Causes:

Excess sodium intake	Concentrated formula, salt ingestion (seawater, accidental), hypertonic IV fluids, sodium bicarbonate, blood products
Increased free water losses	 Renal: diabetes insipidus, tubular disorder GI: diarrhea, vomiting, colostomy/ileostomy output, malabsorption Insensible: fever, tachypnea, burns
Decreased free water intake	Ineffective breastfeeding, poor access to water, blunted thirst mechanisms, fluid restriction

Clinical Manifestations and Evaluation of Hypernatremia

- Early neurologic signs include agitation and irritability → can progress to seizure and coma
- Neurologic exam can reveal increased tone, brisk reflexes and rigidity
- Lab evaluation can include:
 - Serum osmolarity
 - Serum glucose
 - Urine osmolarity and specific gravity

Neurologic Sequelae

- In acute phase:
 - Intracellular fluid moves to extracellular space-volume loss in brain separation from meninges
- If hypernatremia has existed for >2-3 days:
 - Neurons protect themselves by making osmolytes to maintain gradient
 - With rapid correction, neurons can swell leading to cerebral edema
- Mortality estimated at 10-16% despite correct rate of rehydration

What is this ????




- Abnormal accumulation of fluid in the body tissues
 - Intracellular Edema
 - Extracellular Edema

Intracellular Edema

- Three main causes
 - Hyponatremia
 - Depression of Metabolic systems
 - Lack of adequate nutrients
 - Lack or decrease in tissue blood supply
 - Inflammatory conditions lead to edema

Extracellular Edema

- Two general causes
 - Abnormal leakage of fluid from plasma into interstitial spaces across the capillaries
 - Failure of lymphatics to return fluid back to plasma (Lymphedema)
- Increased capillary fluid filtration is the most common cause

Organ specific:

- Brain: Cerebral edema
- Lung: Intra-alveolar=pulmonary edema, intrapleural=pleural effusion
- Peritoneum=ascites
- Severe generalized edema=anasarca

Factors increasing Capillary filtration

- Increased capillary filtration coefficient.
- Increased capillary hydrostatic pressure.
- Decreased plasma colloid osmotic pressure

Lymphatic Blockage

- Failure of lymphatics to return plasma proteins back to plasma.
- Causes
 - Infections of lymph nodes. e.g., Filaria Nematode
 - Cancers
 - Surgical removal of lymph nodes. e.g., Radical Mastectomy

SUMMARY OF CAUSES OF EXTRACELLULAR EDEMA

1. Increased capillary pressure

A. Excessive kidney retention of salt and water

- 1. Acute or chronic kidney failure
- 2. Mineralocorticoid excess

B. High venous pressure and venous constriction

- 1. Heart failure
- 2. Venous obstruction
- 3. Failure of venous pumps
 - (a) Paralysis of muscles
 - (b) Immobilization of parts of the body
 - (c) Failure of venous valves

C. Decreased arteriolar resistance

- 1. Excessive body heat
- 2. Insufficiency of sympathetic nervous system
- 3. Vasodilator drugs

II. Decreased plasma proteins

- A. Loss of proteins in urine (nephrotic syndrome)
- B. Loss of protein from denuded skin areas
 - 1. Burns
 - 2. Wounds
- C. Failure to produce proteins
 - 1. Liver disease (e.g., cirrhosis)
 - 2. Serious protein or caloric malnutrition

III. Increased capillary permeability

- A. Immune reactions that cause release of histamine and other immune products
- B. Toxins
- C. Bacterial infections
- D. Vitamin deficiency, especially vitamin C
- E. Prolonged ischemia
- F. Burns

IV. BLOCKAGE OF LYMPH RETURN

A. Cancer

B. Infections (e.g., filaria

nematodes)

C. Surgery

D. Congenital absence or abnormality of lymphatic vessels

Safety Factors Preventing Edema

- Low compliance of interstitium when I.F. pressure is in negative range
- 10-50 fold increase in lymph flow
- Wash down of interstitial fluid protein concentration

Low Compliance of Interstitium

- Normal I.F. pressure = -3mmHg
- Slight suction pressure
- Low compliance when pressure is in negative range



Importance of Interstitial Gel

- Interstitium is in the form of gel supported by proteoglycan filaments
- Accumulation of free fluid in +ve range
- Pitting Edema
- Non-Pitting Edema

Increased Lymph Flow

- 10-50 fold increase in lymph flow
- Removal of fluids and proteins from interstitium
- 7mm Hg

Washdown of I.F. proteins

- Increased I.F. volume --- Increased I.F. pressure
- Increased lymph flow
- Increased removal of proteins
- 7mm Hg

Summary of safety factors

- Low compliance=3 mmHg
- Increased lymph flow=7 mmHg
- Washdown of Plasma Proteins=7mmHg
- Total safety factor = 17mmHg

Fluids in potential spaces

- Pleural cavity
- Pericardial cavity
- Peritoneal cavity
- Synovial cavity

Effusion

- Collection of fluid in potential spaces
- Pleural effusion, pericardial effusion
- Ascites--- collection of fluid in peritoneal cavity. (May be upto 20 liters)
- Cause of effusion--- Infection, Injury, lymphatic blockage

Kidney and Acid Base Balance

- Kidneys adjust their rate of hydrogen ion excretion by varying the extent of hydrogen ion secretion
- Kidneys conserve or excrete bicarbonate ions depending on the plasma hydrogen ion concentration
- Kidneys secrete ammonia during acidosis to buffer secreted hydrogen ions
- The phosphate buffer system is an important urinary buffer





