## 27 Urine Formation by the Kidneys: II. Tubular Processing of the Glomerular Filtrate



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## OBJECTIVES

At the end of this lecture you should be able to describe:

Absortive Characteristics of different parts of nephrons

- Transport Mechanisms operating in nephrons
- Tubular Reabsoprtion and Secretion







#### CLASSIFICATION OF TRANSPORT MECHANISMS

- SIMPE DIFFUSION
- FACILITATED DIFFUSION
- BULK TRANSPORT
- PRIMARY ACTIVE TRANSPORT
- SECONDARY ACTIVE TRANSPORT
- ENDOCYTOSIS
- PINOCYTOSIS

#### **TRANPORT PATHWAYS**

PARACELLULARTRANSCELLULAR

#### **REABSORTION PATHWAYS**

#### REABSORPTION PATHWAYS









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#### REABSORPTION OF WATER IN DIFFERENT SEGMENTS OF TUBULES

| PART OF NEPHRON    | PERCENTAGE |  |
|--------------------|------------|--|
|                    | REABSORBED |  |
| Proximal tubules   | 65         |  |
| Loop of Henle      | 15         |  |
| Distal tubules     | 10         |  |
| Collecting ducts   | 9.3        |  |
| Passing into urine | 0.7        |  |

#### REABSORPTION OF WATER IN DIFFERENT SEGMENTS OF TUBULES

| PART OF NEPHRON                     | AMOUNT<br>REABSORBED |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Glomerular Filtrate                 | 125                  |
| Flowing into the loops of Henle     | 45                   |
| Flowing into the distal tubules     | 25                   |
| Flowing into the collecting tubules | 12                   |
| Flowing into the urine              | 1                    |
|                                     |                      |

#### **TUBULAR TRANSPORT MAXIMUM**

 The Maximum limit/rate at which a solute can be transported across the tubular cells of kidneys is called TUBULAR TRANSPORT MAXIMUM

# Tm for Glucose is 375 mg/min

#### TUBULAR TRANSPORT MAXIMUM FOR DIFFERENT SUBSTANCES

| SUBSTANCE      | Tm          |
|----------------|-------------|
| Glucose        | 375 mg/min  |
| Phosphate      | 0.1 mM/min  |
| Sulfate        | 0.06 mM/min |
| Amino Acids    | 1.5 mM/min  |
| Urate          | 15 mg/min   |
| Plasma Protein | 30 mg/min   |
| Hemoglobin     | 1 mg/min    |
| Lactate        | 75 mg/min   |
| Acetoacetate   | variable    |

#### Transport Maximums for Substances That Are Actively Secreted

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

|                          | Amount<br>Filtered | Amount<br>Reabsorbe<br>d | Amount<br>Excreted | % of Filtered<br>Load<br>Reabsorbed |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Glucose<br>(g/day)       | 180                | 180                      | 0                  | 100                                 |
| Bicarbonate<br>(mEq/day) | 4,320              | 4,318                    | 2                  | >99.9                               |
| Sodium<br>(mEq/day)      | 25,560             | 25,410                   | 150                | 99.4                                |
| Chloride<br>(mEq/day)    | 19,440             | 19,260                   | 180                | 99.1                                |
| Potassium<br>(mEq/day)   | 756                | 664                      | 92                 | 87.8                                |
| Urea<br>(g/day)          | 46.8               | 23.4                     | 23.4               | 50                                  |
| Creatinine<br>(g/day)    | 1.8                | 0                        | 1.8                | 0                                   |
|                          |                    |                          |                    |                                     |

Changes in Average Concentration of Different Substances at Different Points in Tubular System Relative to Glomerular Filtrate



# Sodium Reabsorption from tubular lumen into blood involves 3 steps:

- 1. Sodium diffuses across the luminal membrane into the cell down an electrochemical gradient established by the sodium-potassium ATPase pump on the basolateral side of the membrane.
- 2. Sodium is transported across the basolateral membrane against an electrochemical gradient by the sodium-potassium ATPase pump.
- 3. Sodium, water, and other substances are reabsorbed from the interstitial fluid into the peritubular capillaries by ultrafiltration, a passive process driven by the hydrostatic and colloid osmotic pressure gradients.

#### **SODIUM HANDLING**

| SITE                 | APICAL TRANSPORTER | FUNCTION                                      |
|----------------------|--------------------|---|
| Proximal Tubule      | •Na/Gluc CT        | Na & Gluc Uptake                              |
|                      | •Na/Pi CT          | <ul> <li>Na &amp; Pi Uptake</li> </ul>        |
|                      | •Na/Amino Acid     | •Na & AA Uptake                               |
|                      | •Na/Lactate        | <ul> <li>Na &amp; Lactate Uptake</li> </ul>   |
|                      | •Na/H Exchanger    | <ul> <li>Na Uptake and H Extrusion</li> </ul> |
|                      | •Cl/Base Exchanger | •CI Uptake                                    |
| Thick Ascending Limb | • Na, 2 Cl,, K CT  | •Na, 2 CI,, K Uptake                          |
|                      | •Na/H Exchanger    | <ul> <li>Na Uptake and H Extrusion</li> </ul> |
|                      | •K Channels        | •K Extrusion                                  |
| DCT                  | NaCI CT            | Na & Cl Uptake                                |
| Collecting Duct      | Na Channel (ENaC)  | Na Uptake                                     |
|                      |                    |   |









#### **GLUCOSE REABSORPTION**



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# Albumin Excretion in health and disease

|   | Normal | Nephrotic<br>syndrome |
|---|--------|-----------------------|
| Albumin in plasma to be<br>filtered (g) | 8000   | 8000                  |
| Albumin actually filtered (g)           | 36     | 65                    |
| Albumin reabsorbed (g)                  | 36     | 45                    |
| Albumin lost in urine (g)               | 0      | 20                    |

#### HYDROGEN

 Secreted in Proximal Tubule by Counter Transport with Na and also by H ATP ase

## **Na-H COUNTER TRANSPORT**

#### PCT LUMINAL MEMBRANE ACTIVITY



Secretion of a hydrogen ion by countertransport molecule depends on the simultaneous reabsorption of a sodium ion.

Countertransport molecules can only function from the concentration gradient created by primary active transport pumps of basolateral membrane.





### CALCIUM

- Ionized Calcium is freely filtered and reabsorbed in PCT
- It moves into tubular cells passively (downhill)
- It moves out of the cell by Ca/Na Counter Transport or Actively by Ca ATP ase Mechanism
- Its reabsorption is Hormonally controlled

#### PHOSPHATE

- It is reabsorbed by cotransport with Na in PCT in luminal border
- Its reabsorption is Hormonally controlled
- It is increased by Vit D and decreased by Parathyroid Hormone



## UREA

- Plasma concentration is 2.5 7.5 mmol/L
- 50 % is reabsorbed in PCT passively with water
- It is the only waste to be reabsorbed
- Creatinine and Phenol are not reabsorbed at all.

#### POTASSIUM

- It is both reabasorbed and secreted
- 67% of filtered load is reabsorbed by PCT

   solvent drag
- secreted by distal tubule / collecting duct
  - correlated with dietary intake
    - 80% of filtered load appears in urine if dietary content high
    - 1% if dietary content low

#### Peritubular Capillary and Renal Interstitial Fluid Physical Forces



#### **DESCENDING LIMB OF LOOP OF HENLE**

#### REABSORPTION IN THIN DESCENDING LOOP OF HENLE



Epithelium transitions from cuboidal epithelial cells to simple squamous epithelial cells.

Membranes are permeable to water but not to NaCI.



Few membrane proteins serving as channels or transporter molecules.

Net result is increased osmolarity of filtrate.

#### REABSORPTION IN ASCENDING LOOP OF HENLE AND EARLY DCT: LUMINAL MEMBRANE



Carrier molecule cotransports a potassium ion, two chloride ions, and a sodium ion.

Intracellular potassium concentration changes little because potassium returns to the filtrate and interstitium through its channels.

Imported chloride ions follow sodium ions to the basolateral membrane and diffuse into interstitium.



