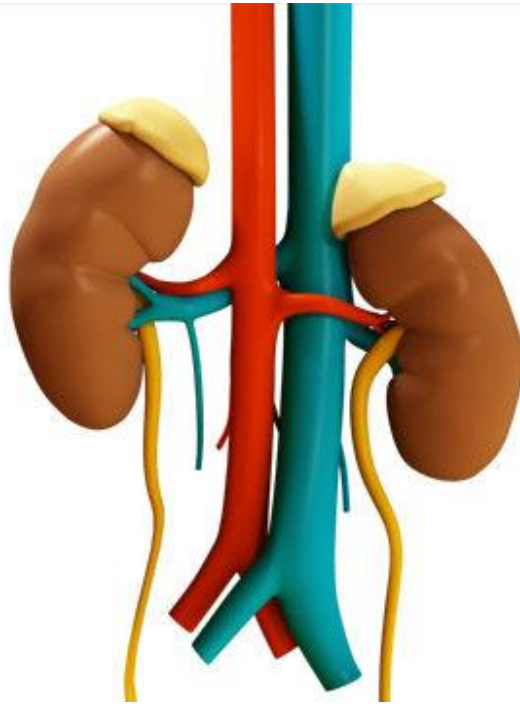




## The Renal Block

### Chapter I



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First of all,,

### The functions of kidneys consist of :

\* Clear the body from waste products :

- urea
- uric acid
- creatinine
- drugs
- metabolic wastes .. as rapidly as they are produced.

\* *Homeostatic function* : maintain the body fluids in regular amount :

↑ intake = ↑ excretion

\* Regulate the arterial pressure in two manners:

- Long term regulation by : blood pressure and rennin.
- Short term regulation by : nervous system.

\* Regulate the acid-base balance by : excreting acids and regulating the body fluid buffer stores.

\* Erythrocytes production , **how ?**

When kidneys are exposed to hypoxia , they secrete **erythropoietin** (90% of erythropoietin is from the kidneys )

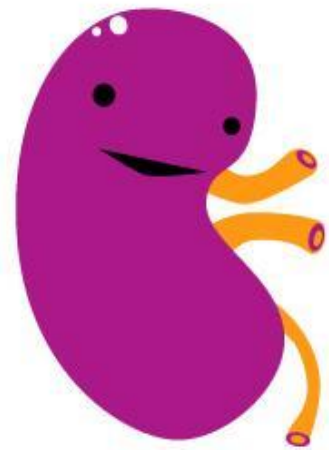
\* Regulate vitamin D production by hydroxylating it at

- number 1 position.

⚡ Functions of vitamin D :

- Deposition of Ca in bone.
- Absorption of Ca from GIT
- Regulating of Ca and phosphate

\* Glucose synthesis during fasting by gluconeogenesis



⚡ : extra knowledge

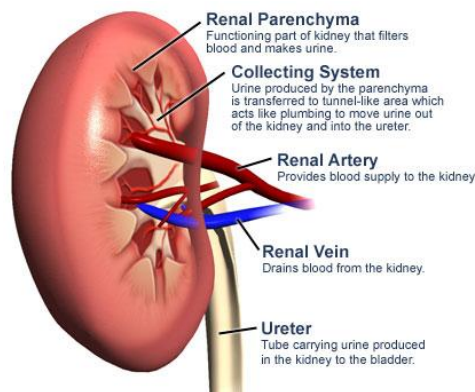
## Physiological Anatomy of the Kidney

Kidney is located in the lumbar region in the posterior wall of the body

NUMB3RS of kidney :

- 12 cm long
- 6 cm wide
- 3 cm thick
- 150 gm weight

The renal artery and vein, lymphatic, nerve supply and ureter pass through The medial side which called the *hilum*



### Nephron:

- .. is *usually* the structural function unit of the kidney
- we have 1- 1.3 million nephrons in each kidney .
- each decade we lose 10% of nephrons ,that happens after the age of 40
- Kidneys cannot regenerate new nephrons

### Types of nephron :

- Cortical nephrons: **taxt**
- Juxtamedullary nephrons



**Nephron consist of :**

→ **Glomerular corpuscle :**

### ● Glomerulas

↪ **Afferent arterioles :**

- Has larger diameter than efferent that's why blood pressure is high in glomerulus.
- The elevated ( high) Blood pressure is needed to force fluid out of bloodstream into the nephron.

↪ **Efferent arterioles :**

- Has narrow diameter than afferent : keeps glomerular pressure high
- carry the clean filtered blood away from the glomerulus .

### ● Bowman's Capsule

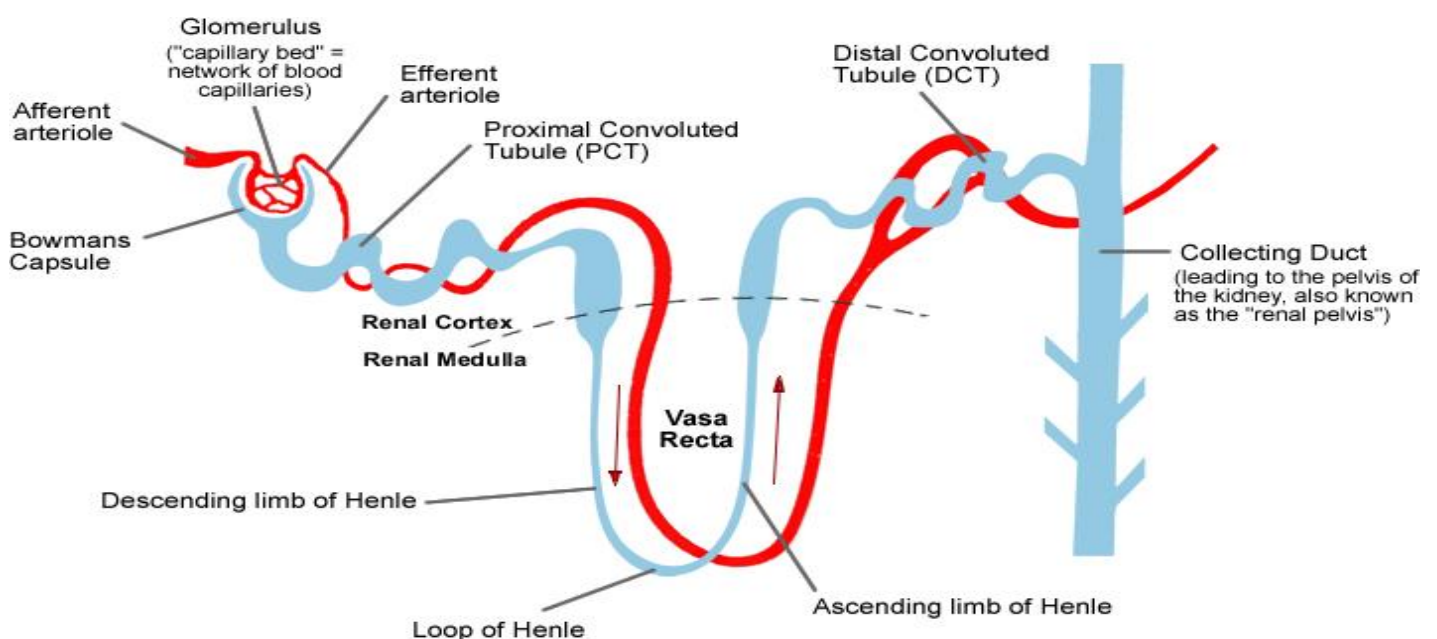
- Cup shaped structure
- It's the first portion of the nephron pathway that moves fluid out of the body

→ **Proximal Convoluted Tubules**

→ **Loop of Henle , divides into two parts :**

- Thin descending limb.
- Ascending limb, has thin and thick segments.

→ **Late ( distal ) convoluted tubules**



### **Juxta Glomular Apparatus JGA**

It's combination of cells lying close to the glomerulus.

#### **it is composed of :**

- afferent arteriole cells
- cells of the angle between afferent and efferent arterioles

#### **it 's structure consist of :**

- Macula densa
- Lacis cells
- JG cells



### **Macula densa**

- It's a group of modified epithelial cells in the portion of the distal convoluted tubule lying in contact with afferent g vessels to the same nephrons
- It works as sensory cells detects the changes in NACL

### **Lacis Cells**

*AKA* : Polkissen cells or Goor maghtigh's cells

- Formed mainly by : granular
- they lie close contact with the macula densa , within the vascular pole

### **JG Cells**

- It's a group of modified epithelial cells in the portion of the distal convoluted tubule lying in contact with afferent g vessels to the same nephrons
- It related to Renin secretion

#### **JGA plays a role in the control of :**

- blood pressure
- renal blood flow
- electrolytes balance
- erythropoiesis

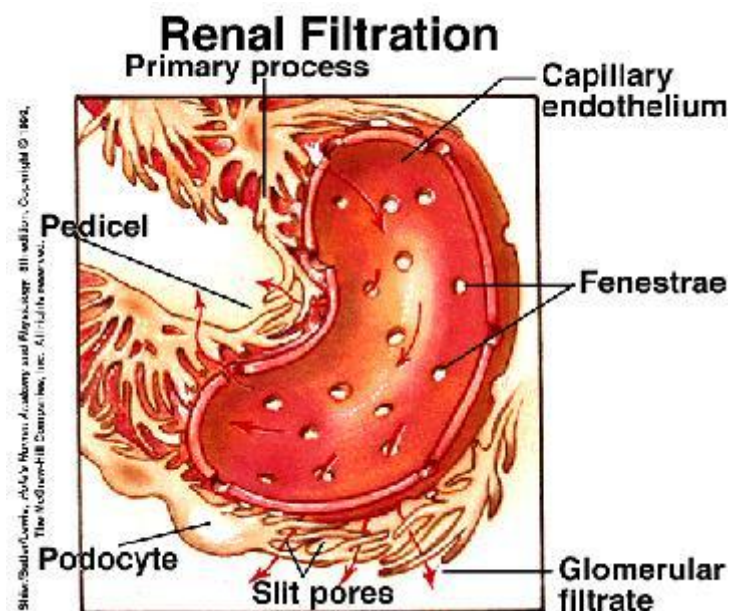
## Glomerular membrane

Ordinary capillary membrane has **2** layers , but Glomerular membrane has **3** layers :

- 1<sup>st</sup> layer : **endothelial** , has a fenestrae
- middle layer : **the basement membrane** : -ve charged associated with protoglycans
- outer layer : **epithelial cells** ( podocytes ) on the surface which have pores

■ **Fenestrea** : small pores (holes) that perforate the capillary endothelial cells , there are thousands of them .

■ **Slit** : fingerlike projections that cover the basement membrane



✍ The differences between filtration and osmosis is :

- **filtration**: solid and liquids are both move in kidney
- **osmosis**: only solid moves.

## Glomerular permeability

Filtration passes through **3** layers as we mentioned before ,each of them is several hundred times as porous as usual capillary membrane .

It has extremely high degree of selectivity . it's permeability is about **50** times more than the capillaries in skeletal muscles .

### Depends on:

🏠 **Size of the pores** : 8 nm . the pore can easily allow molecule up to 8 nm to pass through

- Less than 4 : freely filtered
- More than 8 : no chance

↑ Diameter = ↓ filtration

🏠 **Electrical charge** ( more than size ) : basement membrane are lined with proteoglycans that have very strong **-ve** charge .

It keeps virtually all protein molecules less than **69,000** molecular weight from passing through .

*e.g.* Albumen ( plasma protein ) is only about **6** nm , but it doesn't pass through the membrane , **why ?**

● Because of it's charge !

- The amount of protein in the urine is normally less than **100** mg/d
- The presence of albumen in urine called : **abuminurea**
- **In Nephritis** : **-ve** charges in Glomerular wall are dissipated , then , albumen will shows up in the urine causing abuminurea without changing the size of the pores !



Low molecular weight substances such as **Calcium** and **fatty acid** are not freely filtered , **why ?**

Because they are partially Bound to plasma protein



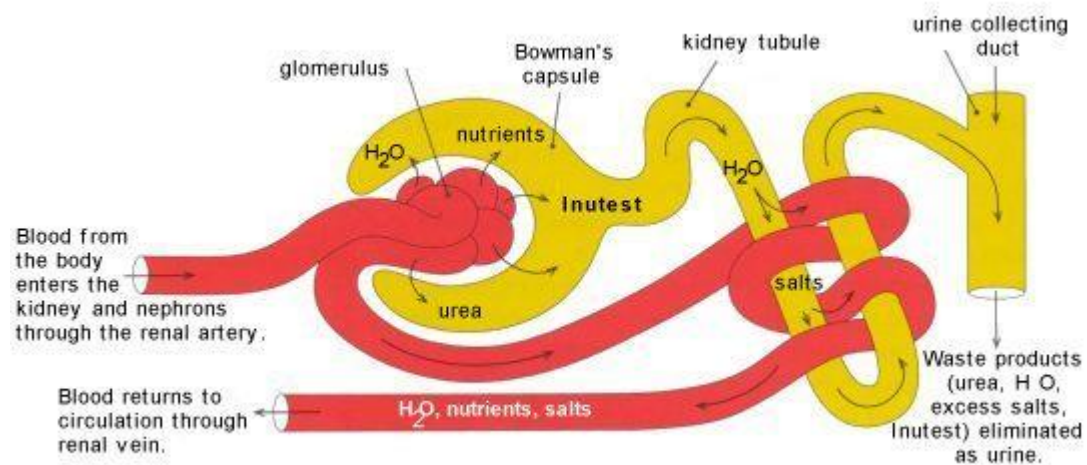
Urine formation begins with filtration of large amounts of fluid through the glomerular capillaries into Bowman's capsule.

- The glomerular filtrate is essentially **protein-free** , cellular element ( red blood cells ) are also not found
- Blood flow to kidney is 22% of Cardiac Output ( 1100 ml/min )

### The urine formation steps :

- 1 Filtration : between glomerular and bowman's space.
- 2 Reabsorbtion : from nephron to blood capillary
- 3 Secretion : from capillary to nephron
- 4 Excretion

**Urinary excretion rate = filtration rate – reabsorbtion rate + secretion rate**



## Glomerular Filtration Rate GFR

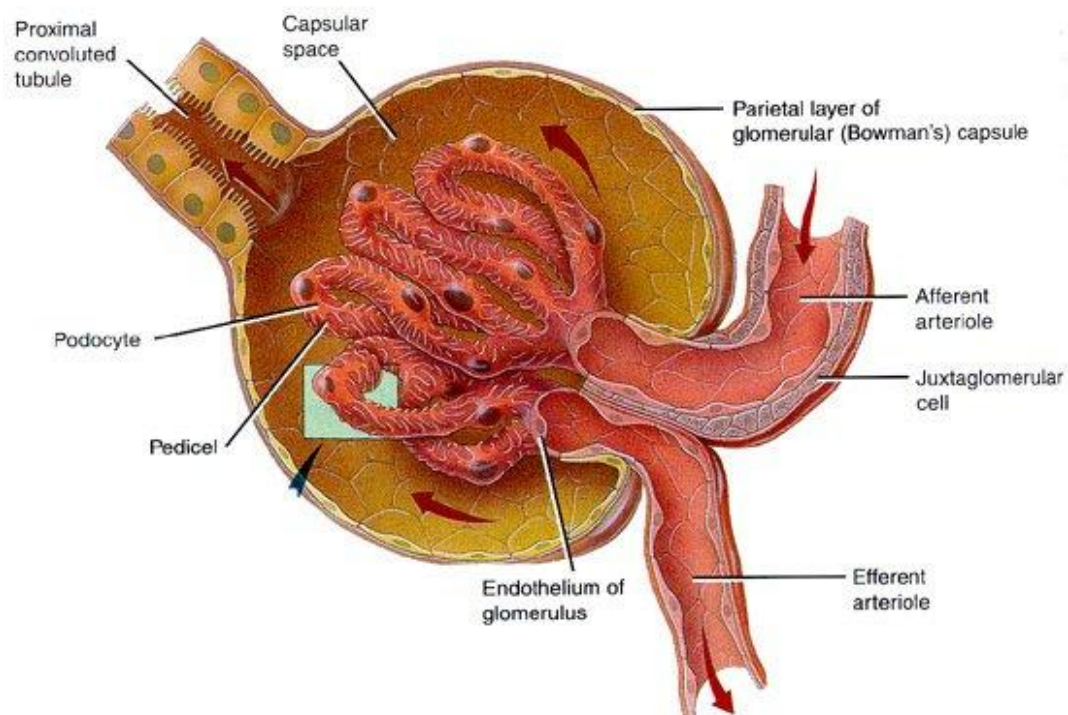
Is the fluid filtered through the glomerulus into Bowman's capsule per minute

▼ Normal value : **120** ml/min or **180** L/day , but the normal urine volume is : **1** L/ day

.. that's mean : **99%** of glomerular filtrate is normally reabsorbed in the renal tubules .

▼ In females , GFR is **10% lower** than males even after correction for surface area.

▼ Every **5** minutes the kidneys clear the whole blood.



**Determinates of the GFR:**

- ▼ Any disease leads to **increase** the plasma protein will **decrease** GFR
- ▼ Afferent arteriole constriction = **↓** GFR
- ▼ Efferent arteriole constriction:
  - if it is mild or moderate = **↑** GFR
  - if it is severe constriction = **↓** GFR , due to accumulation of plasma protein (Biphasic effect)
- ▼ Stone in proximal tubule = **↓** GFR

*Note :* **Angiotensin II** has effect (constriction) on efferent more than afferent arteriole.

**Filtration Fraction FF :**

It's the fraction of the renal plasma flow that becomes glomerular filtrate .

- plasma flow = **650** ml/min
- the ratio of :  $\frac{GFR \text{ (Glomerular Filtration Rate )}}{RPF \text{ (Renal Plasma Flow )}} = \mathbf{16 - 20 \%}$

**Q** when there is a fall in systemic blood pressure : the GFR become less then RPF , **why ?**  
 because of efferent arteriolar constriction , and consequently the FF **↑**

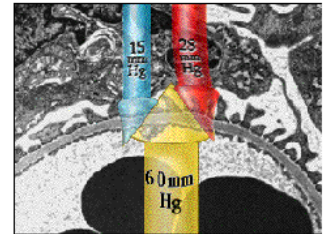


## Pressure role in Glomerular Filtration

It's the force that drives the fluid and it's dissolved substances through the glomerular filter.

There are **4** pressures affecting glomerular filtration:

- ① Glomerular hydrostatic pressure = 60 mm Hg →
- ② Bowman's capsule colloid osmotic pressure = 0 mm Hg →
- ③ Bowman's capsule hydrostatic pressure = 18 mm Hg ←
- ④ Glomerular capillary colloid osmotic pressure = 32 mm Hg ←

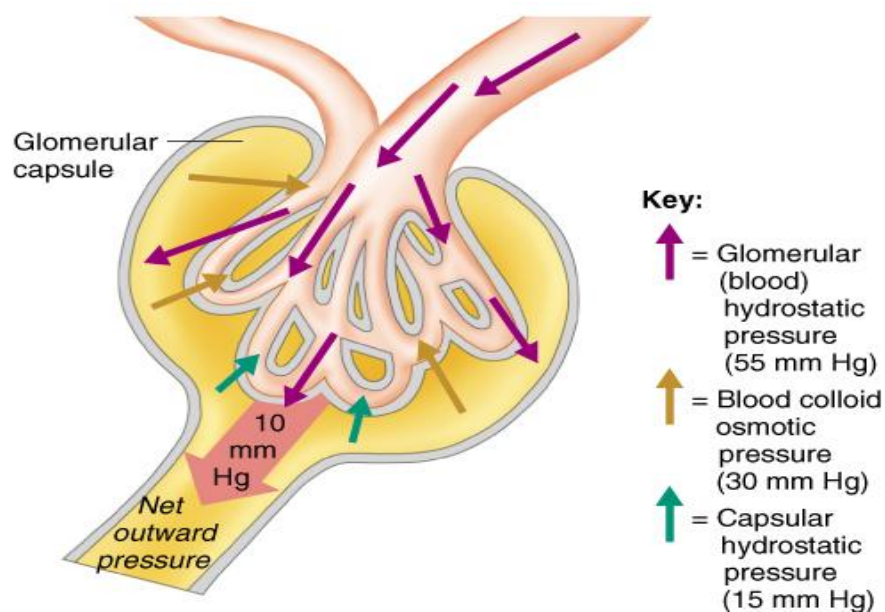


### Net filtration pressure NFP :

Is the different between three pressures :

- Glomerular Hydrostatic pressure GHP , GBHP = **60**
- Bowman's Capsular pressure CHP = **18**
- Blood Osmotic pressure = **32**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{NPF} &= \text{GBHP} - (\text{CHP} + \text{BCOP}) \\
 &= 60 - (18 + 32) \\
 &= 19 \text{ mmHg}
 \end{aligned}$$



## GFR regulation

There are **3** mechanisms control GFR :

- ① Renal autoregulation
- ② Neural control
- ③ Renin-angiotensin system ( hormonal mechanism )

↑ arterial pressure = ↑ GFR

if the mean arterial pressure between **75 – 160** = GFR remains constant

if the mean arterial pressure below **75** = ↓ GFR

$$\text{GFR} = K_f \{ P_{GC} - P_t \} - ( \pi_{GC} - \pi_T ) \}$$

\*  $K_f$  : is the glomerular ultrafiltration coefficient , is the product of the glomerular capillary wall

$K_f$  depends on :

- Permeability : affected by negative charge & size of particle
- surface area : affected by mesangial cell & loss of nephrons

$K_f$  ↓ by :

- ↓ Capillary filtration
- ↑ Thickness

\*  $P_{GC}$  : hydrostatic pressure in the glomerular capillaries

\*  $P_t$  : hydrostatic pressure in the tubule

\*  $\pi_{GC}$  : osmotic pressure of the plasma in the glomerular capillaries

\*  $\pi_T$  : osmotic pressure of the filtrate in the tubule

## Renal Autoregulation

### ① intrinsic factors:

- myogenic : change pressure in renal blood vessels
- tubuloglomerular feedback : senses change in the Juxtaglomerular apparatus

GFR is autoregulated by tubuloglomerular feedback :

#### ~~afferent arteriolar vasodilator~~ feedback mechanism :

- decrease ionic concentration causes afferent arteriolar dilation
  - increase blood flow
  - increase glomerular pressure
  - increase GFR

#### ~~efferent arterioles~~ vasoconstrictor :


- low concentration of ions causes Juxtaglomerular cells to release renin
  - angiotensin II
  - constrict efferent arterioles and that will lead to **increase** glomerular pressure
  - GFR will return back normal

### ② extrinsic factors :


sympathetic innervations. Angiotensin II and nitric oxide “NO”

## Neural regulation

### Sympathetic :

 When SNS (sympathetic nervous system) is at rest :

- renal blood vessels maximally dilated
- Autoregulation mechanism prevails

 Under stress :

- Norepinephrine is released by SNS
- 2-Epinephrine is released by adrenal medulla
- 3-afferent arterioles constrict and filtrate is inhibited

*Note* : SNS also stimulates ~~renin-angiotensin~~ mechanism

## Hormonal

### Renin angiotensin mechanism :

- angiotensin is triggered when JG cells release renin
- renin acts on Angiotensinogen , that will release **angiotensin I**
- **angiotensin I** → **angiotensin II**

**angiotensin II** **increase** arterial blood pressure and release **aldosterone** →

**aldosterone** **increase** systemic and hydrostatic glomerular pressure

Regulation	Stimulated when :	Mechanism	Effect on GFR
<b>Angiotensin II</b>	↓ Blood Volume ↓ Blood Pressure	Constriction of : Afferent & Efferent arterioles	↓
<b>Atrial Natriuretic peptide</b>	Arterial wall stretch (due to blood Volume)	Relaxation of Mesangial cells Leading to ↑ filtration surface	↑

↘ Hormonal factors **Decrease** GFR :

- Norepinephrine
- Epinephrine
- Endothelin
- Angiotensin II

↗ Hormonal factors **Increase** GFR :

- Endothelial-derived nitric oxide
- Prostaglandins

## Factors affecting GFR :

Increase	Decrease
↑ Renal blood flow	↑ Plasma colloid osmotic pressure
↑ Glomerular pressure	↑ Bowman's capsule
↑ Blood pressure	Afferent constriction
↑ Efferent constriction	Sympathetic stimulation

## Pathological Factors decrease the glomerular filtration rate :

- Renal diseases , diabetes mellitus , hypertension
- Urinary tract obstruction ( Kidney stones )
- Decreased renal blood flow , increased plasma proteins
- Decreased arterial pressure ( small effect )
- Decreased angiotensin II ( due to drugs that block it's formation )
- Increased sympathetic activity , vasoconstrictor hormones





## Measuring GFR

There are **4** possibilities of filtration in a normal person:

- ① Freely filtered, not reabsorbed, not secreted. Ex. : Inuline
- ② Freely filtered, all reabsorbed, not secreted. Ex. : Glucose
- ③ Freely filtered, partially reabsorbed, not secreted. Ex. : Urea
- ④ Freely filtered, not reabsorbed, secreted. Ex. : creatinine

The ideal substance used for measuring GFR should be :

- ① Must be freely filtered and not reabsorbed or secreted
- ② Non-toxic and not metabolized by the body

*Note* : the benefit of secretion is may be there are substances not filtered, so they are secreted instead

Urea is reabsorbed 50%

**Inulin** is the substance that meet the criteria so it is used for measuring GFR . plasma and urine Inulin concentration are determined and the clearance is calculated

## Plasma Clearance:

- 20% of plasma filtered
- plasma flow = 650 ml/min

**3** things are important in plasma clearance :

- ① plasma concentration
- ② urine concentration
- ③ urinary flow rate

Clearance formula:

**Volume of plasma to be cleared × plasma concentration = volume of urine × urine concentration**

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

$$C_s = U_s \times \frac{v}{p_s}$$

- *Note* : volume of plasma to be cleared = GFR.
- plasma clearance is done in 24 hrs of urine.

**Inuline clearance:**

$$P \text{ Inuline} \times GFR = U \text{ inuline} \times V$$

Filtered inuline = excreted inuline

$$\downarrow GFR = \downarrow \text{Clearance of inuline}$$

NUMB3RS :

- $U_{IN}$  (Inulin in urine) = 35 mg/ml
- $V$  (urine flow per unit of time) = 0.9 ml/min
- $P_{IN}$  (Inulin arterial plasma level) = 0.25 mg/ml
- $C_{IN}$  (clearance of Inulin) = 126 ml/min

*Note*: in the labs they don't measure inuline because it is a synthesis substance. So it must be injected. Creatinine is the best substance to be measured.

That's all :)