

[lecture 2]

# Chemical Examination of Urine



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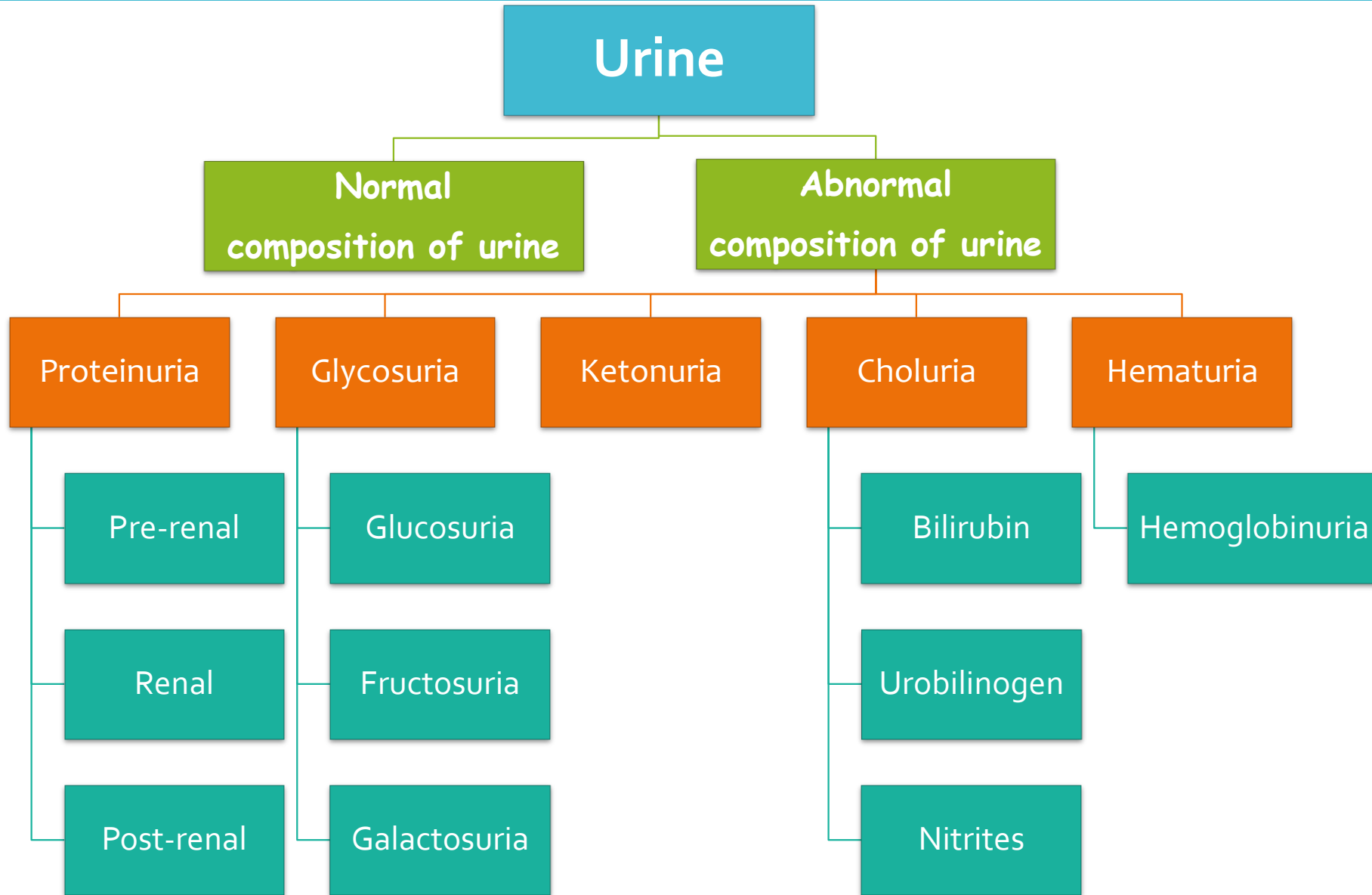
## The Objectives

- Introduction
- Normal composition of urine
- Abnormal composition of urine
- Proteinuria:
  - Pre-renal (multiple myeloma)
  - Renal
  - Post-renal
- Glycosuria: fructosuria, galactosuria
- Ketonuria
- Hematuria: hemoglobinuria

Red = Important

Blue = explain

Green = addition notes



## Urine..

- Urine is a fluid excreted by most animals including humans
- It is formed in the kidneys (renal glomeruli)
- The fluid undergoes chemical changes before it is excreted as urine
- Normal urine excretion by a healthy person is about **1.5 L per day**

## Normal composition of urine..

*Urine contains organic and inorganic constituents:*

- Major inorganic constituents:
  - Sodium.
  - Potassium.
  - Chloride.
  - Small amounts of Ca, Mg, sulfur and phosphates.
  - Traces of Fe, Cu, Zn, I.
- Major organic constituents:
  - Non-protein nitrogen (NPN) compounds.
  - Organic acids.
  - Sugars (normal amount).
  - Traces of proteins, vitamins, hormones, pigments.

## Abnormal composition of urine..

*Proteins:*

- Normal urine contains small amount of protein:
  - < 200 mg/day
- Excretion of more than this level causes proteinuria

*Proteinuria:*

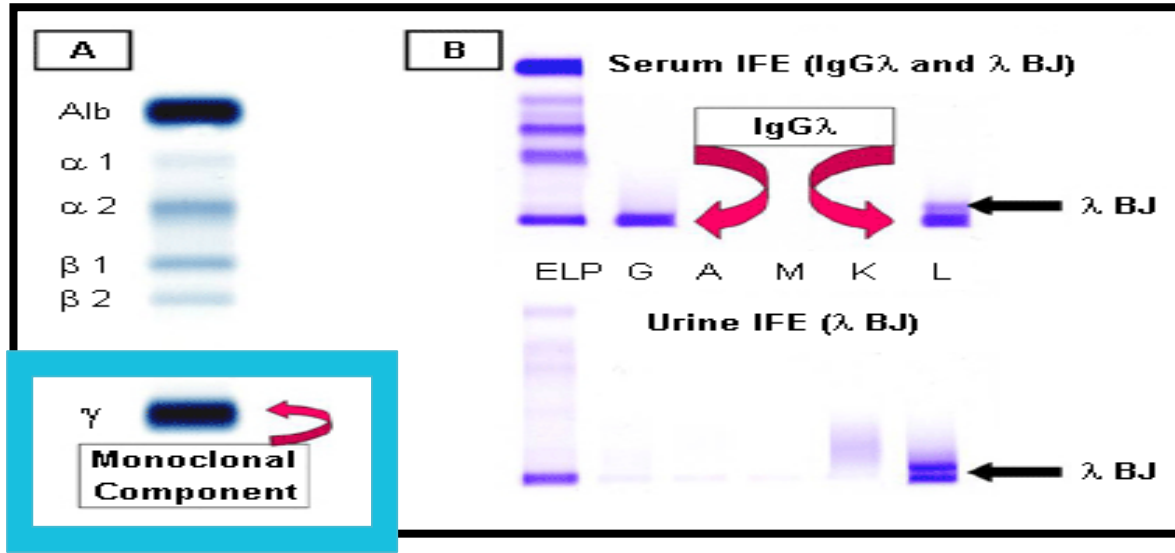
- Excretion of abnormal amounts of protein in urine
- Proteinuria has three types:
  - Pre-renal
  - Renal
  - Post-renal

	Pre-renal proteinuria..	Renal proteinuria..	Post-renal proteinuria..
Location of the disease	Some diseases or conditions increase plasma protein levels <u>not involving the kidneys</u> .	<u>Associated with renal disease "kidneys"</u>	Proteins are added to the urine <u>after kidney</u> filtration.
Properties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Causes increased filtration of these proteins in the kidneys → exceeds the normal reabsorptive capacity of renal tubules → overflow of proteins in the urine.</li> </ul>	<p><b>FOUR TYPES:</b></p> <p><b>1- Glomerular proteinuria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High glomerular permeability → filtration of <u>high molecular weight</u> proteins</li> </ul> <p><b>2- Tubular proteinuria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low tubular reabsorption with normal glomerular permeability → excretion of <u>low mol. wt. proteins</u></li> </ul> <p><b>3- Orthostatic (postural) proteinuria: (ortho:stright) , (static: position)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A form of <u>benign or physiological proteinuria</u></li> <li>Occurs frequently in young adults due to periods spent in a vertical posture (<u>body position</u>) or during muscular exercise</li> <li>Disappears in <u>horizontal posture</u></li> </ul> <p><b>4-Microalbuminuria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presence of small amounts of albumin in the urine <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>20–200 mg/L</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cannot be detected by ordinary urine testing, needs special tests for detection.</li> </ul>	Proteins are added to the urine while passing through the <u>lower urinary tract</u> (ureters, bladder, urethra, prostate, vagina).
Due to	<p><b>1- Multiple myeloma (a disease):</b></p> <p>➤Cancer of the antibody-producing plasma cells.</p> <p>"The serum contains elevated levels of light-chain monoclonal antibodies called <u>Bence-Jones protein</u></p> <p>→ filtered in the kidneys in high amounts → Exceeding the tubular reabsorption capacity → Hence excreted in the urine"</p> <p>➤ <u>Bence-Jones protein coagulates at 40–60 °C and dissolves at 100 °C</u> (old way for diagnosis).</p>	<p><b>1- Glomerular proteinuria due to:</b> Glomerulonephritis</p> <p><b>2- Tubular proteinuria due to:</b> Chronic nephritis</p> <p><b>3- Orthostatic (postural) proteinuria due to:</b> Increased pressure on the renal vein in the vertical position causes orthostatic proteinuria.</p> <p><b>4-Microalbuminuria :</b> Early indicator of glomerular dysfunction due to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uncontrolled diabetes mellitus</li> <li>Hypertension</li> </ul>	<p>1- Lower urinary tract infection (<u>because the infection leads to tissue damage</u>)</p> <p>2- Trauma</p> <p>3- Tumors</p> <p>4- Stones</p>

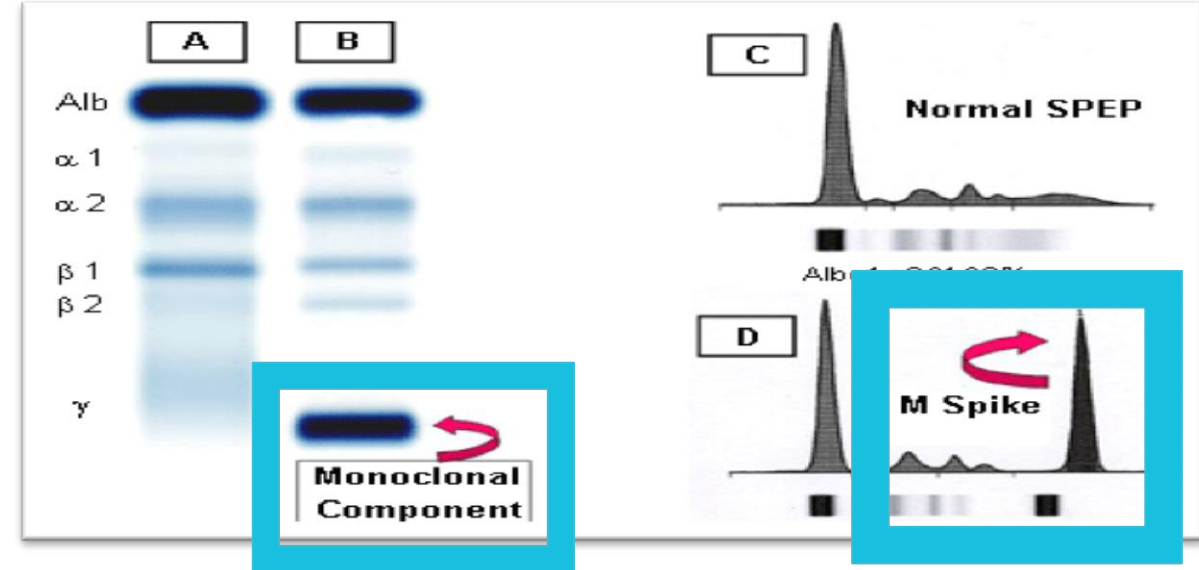
**electrophoresis** : migration of a mixture of substances in electrical field and depends on (charge-shape-size) of the molecule.

# .. Multiple myeloma ..

- *Multiple myeloma cases are diagnosed by:*
- Serum electrophoresis.
  - Immunoelectrophoresis.



**A:** Serum protein electrophoresis showing the M component.  
**B:** Serum and urine immunofixation electrophoresis.



**A:** Normal serum.  
**B:** Multiple myeloma (M component in g region).  
**C:** Densitometry of "A". - NORMAL -  
**D:** Densitometry of "B" (M component is called M Spike).

## Ketonuria..

Presence of ketones, acetone, acetoacetic acid and  $\beta$ -hydroxybutyric acid in urine. = (أنواع الكيتون)

- Due to:
  - Diabetic ketoacidosis.(DKA)
  - Starvation. في حالة الجوع والجسم لا يوجد به جلوكوز ولا دهون يلجأ الجسم لتكسير الكيتون في الدم حتى يوفر طاقة
  - Dietary imbalance: high fat and low CHO diet. عند نقصان تناول الكربوهيدرات يلجأ الجسم أيضا لتكسير الكيتون في الدم لكي يوفر طاقة
  - Phenylketonuria (PKU).

## Glycosuria..

Presence of sugar in urine.

### Glucosuria:

Presence of detectable amount of glucose in urine.

- Due to diabetes mellitus: = **Hyperglycemia**
  - Plasma glucose level exceeds the renal threshold.
- Due to renal disease (renal glucosuria): = **NON-Hyperglycemia**
  - Normal plasma glucose level with proximal tubular malfunction.  
(Glucose here is ok but the renal tubules have a problem so, they don't reabsorbed the glucose then, it is excreted in the urine.)
  - Decreased renal threshold as observed in **gestational(=pregnancy) diabetes and Fanconi's syndrome.(=abnormal in renal tubules reabsorption).**

### Fructosuria:

Presence of fructose in urine.

- Nutritional cause:
  - High fructose intake.
- Metabolic cause:
  - Low fructokinase or aldolase B in the liver.

### Galactosuria:

Presence of galactose in urine.

- Nutritional cause:
  - high galactose intake.
- Metabolic cause:
  - Low galactokinase or galactose -1-PO<sub>4</sub> uridyl transferase in the liver.

## Choloria..

Presence of bile, bilirubin and bile salts in urine.

### Bilirubin:

normally **no bilirubin** is detected in urine.

- It is detected in:
  - Hepatocellular (liver) damage.
  - Obstruction of bile duct due to stones (extrahepatic) and hepatic tumors (intrahepatic).

### Urobilinogen:

normally present in trace amounts.

- High urobilinogen is found in:
  - Hemolytic anemia.
  - Hepatocellular damage.

### Nitrites:

Positive nitrite test indicates **bacteria in urine**

يصنع Bilirubin في الكبد لهذا السبب أي شيء يضر أو يؤثر على الكبد يسبب لنا Choluria سواء كان Intra or Extra - hepatic

## Hematuria..

Presence of detectable amount of blood in urine.

- Due to:
  - Acute / chronic glomerulonephritis.
  - Local disorders of kidney and genito-urinary tract.
    - ❖ Trauma, cystitis, renal calculi, tumors
  - Bleeding disorders.
    - ❖ Hemophilia.

### Hemoglobinuria:

Presence of hemolysed blood in urine .

- Due to:
  - Hemoglobinopathies.
    - ❖ Sickle cell anemia.
    - ❖ Thalassemia.
  - Malaria.
  - Transfusion reaction.
    - ❖ Blood group incompatibility.



# Questions

Q1: one of the following is an Abnormal composition of urine ?

- A. Sodium.
- B. Potassium.
- C. Chloride.
- D. Proteinuria.

Q2: if the serum contains elevated levels of light-chain monoclonal antibodies called Bence-Jones protein This indicated for ?

- A. Multiple myeloma.
- B. Glomerulonephritis.
- C. chronic nephritis.
- D. Fanconi's syndrome.

Q3: Positive nitrite test indicated for ?

- A. Bacteria in urine.
- B. Viral in urine.
- C. Fungal in urine.
- D. Non of them.

\*Answers (D,A,A)



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