



5&6. Tubular Reabsorption & Tubular Secretion (TUBULAR PROCESSING)

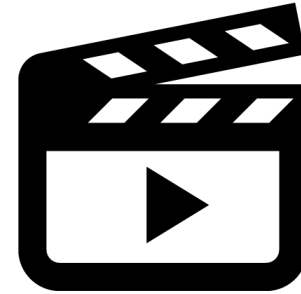
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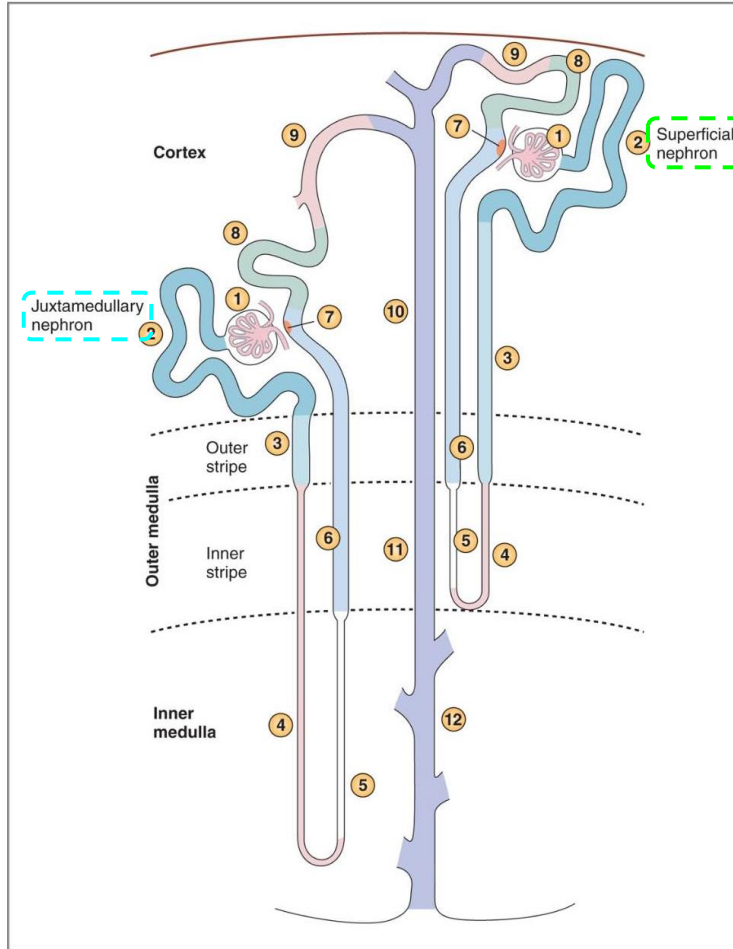
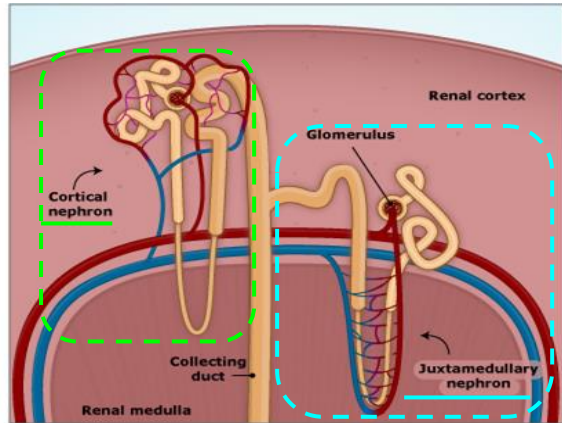
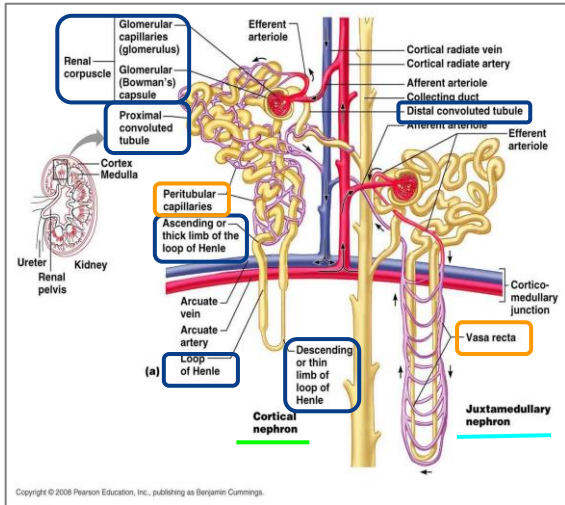
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Juxtamedullary Nephrons VS Cortical Nephrons



Segments of the Nephron

- 1 Glomerular capillaries and Bowman's space
- 2 Proximal convoluted tubule
- 3 Proximal straight tubule
- 4 Thin descending limb
- 5 Thin ascending limb
- 6 Thick ascending limb
- 7 Macula densa
- 8 Distal convoluted tubule
- 9 Connecting tubule
- 10 Cortical collecting duct
- 11 Outer medullary collecting duct
- 12 Inner medullary collecting duct

Steps of Urine Formation

① Glomerular filtration

Creates a plasma-like filtrate of the blood

② Tubular reabsorption

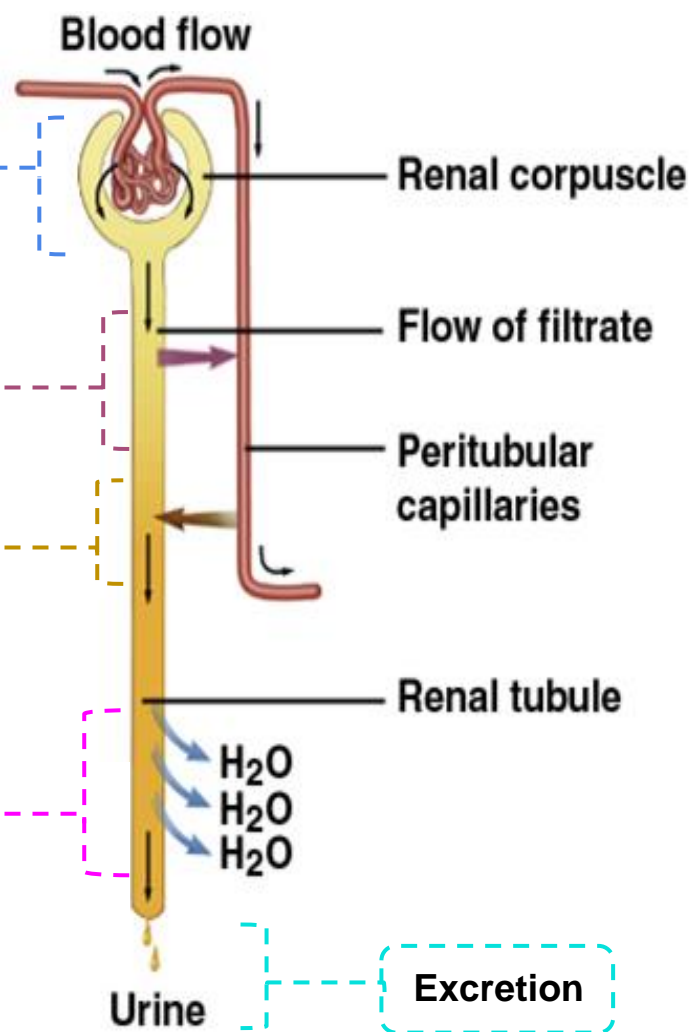
Removes useful solutes from the filtrate, returns them to the blood

③ Tubular secretion

Removes additional wastes from the blood, adds them to the filtrate

④ Water conservation

Removes water from the urine and returns it to blood, concentrates wastes



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Introduction

Urinary Excretion = Glomerular Filtration - Tubular reabsorption + Tubular secretion.

TO RENAL TUBULE

TO BLOOD

TO RENAL TUBULE

✧ Tubular secretion means:

The net movement of solutes from peritubular capillaries into the tubules.

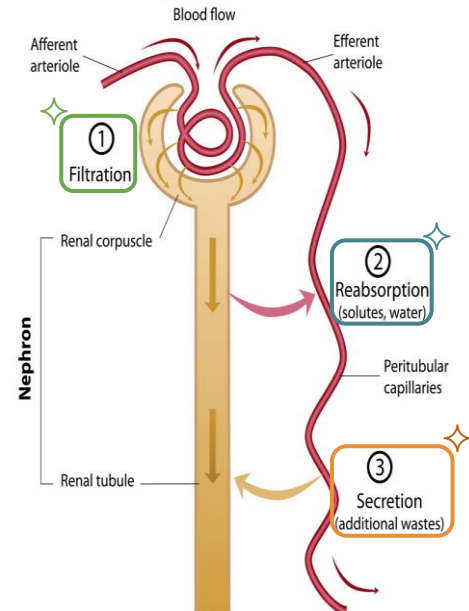
✧ Glomerular Filtration means:

Is the process by which the [kidneys](#) filter the [blood](#), removing excess wastes and fluids into the tubules.

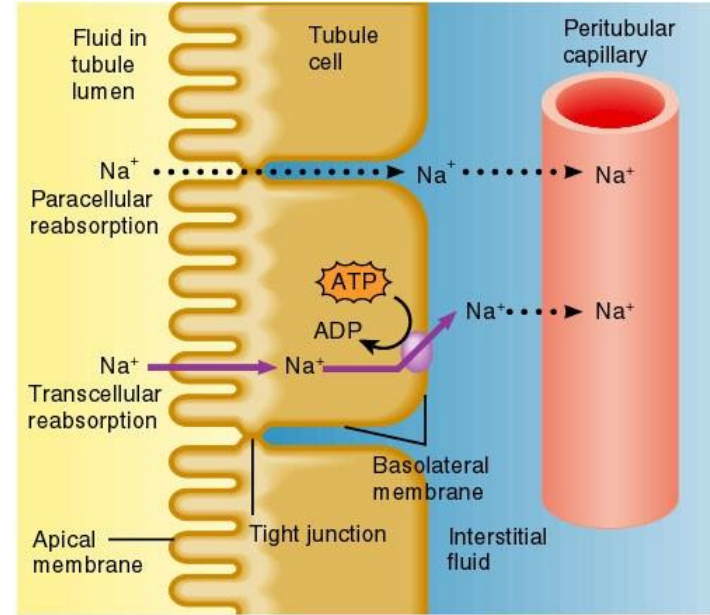
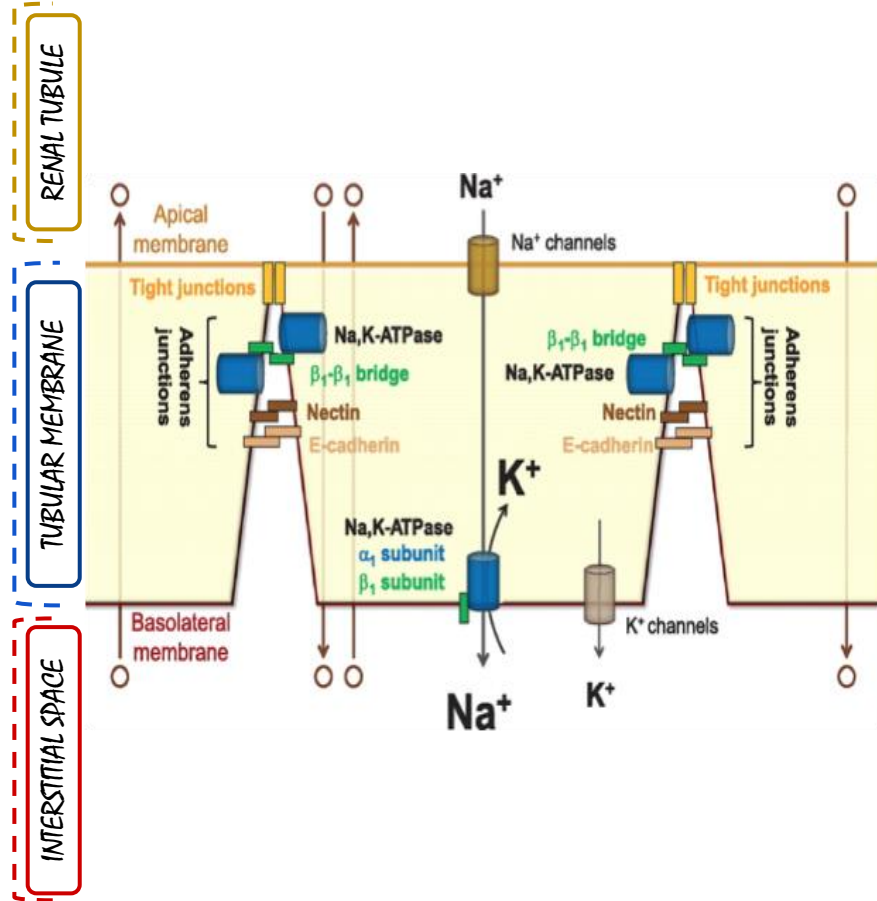
✧ Tubular reabsorption means:

Is the process by which solutes and water are removed from the tubular fluid and transported into the blood.

Basic steps in urine formation




Reabsorption & Secretion



Key:

.....> Diffusion

→ Active transport

 Sodium-potassium pump (Na⁺/K⁺ ATPase)

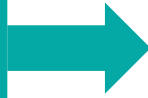
Routes of Entrance Substance Into Tubules

1- Glomerular filtration.

2- Secretion from the peritubular capillaries which occurs in two steps:

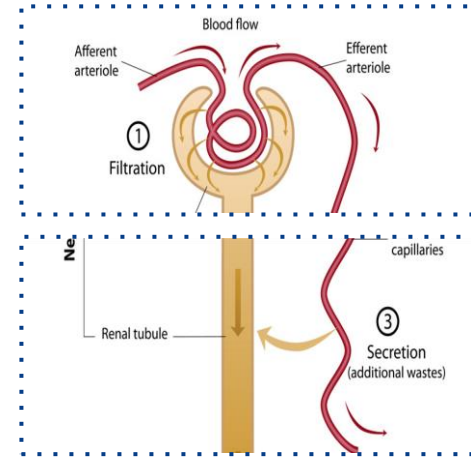
A. Simple diffusion

Of the substance from peritubular capillaries into renal interstitium.



B. Active or Passive Transport

Movement across the tubular epithelium into the lumen



Mechanisms of Tubular Transport: ** WILL BE DEFINED INDIVIDUALLY NEXT SLIDES*

❖ Active Transport

- Primary active transport:

E.g. Na-K-pump, H⁺-pump.

- Secondary active transport:

E.g. Na-K-2Cl co-transport, glucose-sodium co-transport, amino acid-sodium co-transport.

❖ Passive transport:

- Simple diffusion:

E.g. Cl, HCO₃⁻, urea.

- Facilitated diffusion:

E.g. glucose at the basal border.

❖ Osmosis

❖ Pinocytosis/ Exocytosis.

❖ Thus the molecules moves through **ion channels, transporters, pumps & exchangers.**

Active Transport

When a cell membrane moves molecules or ions “uphill” **against** an electrochemical gradient.

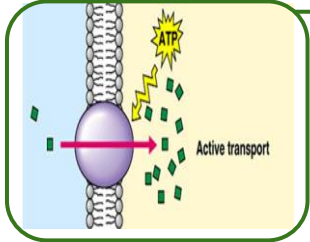
-CARRIER IS NEEDED AND AN ATP UTILIZATION-

Primary Active Transport

The energy is derived **directly** from breakdown of **adenosine triphosphate (ATP)** or of some other high-energy phosphate compound.

✧ Examples:

- ✓ Sodium potassium ATPase
- ✓ Hydrogen ATPase
- ✓ Hydrogen potassium ATPase
- ✓ Calcium ATPase.



Secondary Active Transport

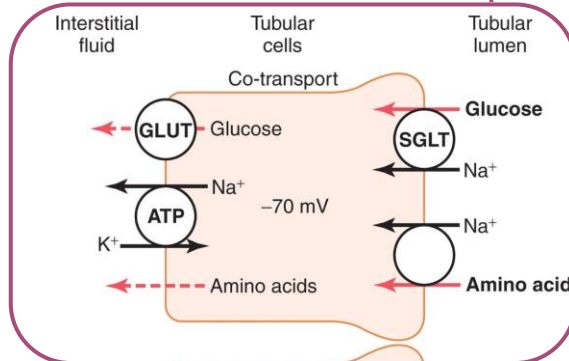
The energy is derived secondarily from energy that has been stored in the form of **ionic concentration differences** of secondary molecular or ionic substances between the two sides of a cell membrane, **created originally by primary active transport.**

One of the substances (e.g., sodium) **diffuses down its electrochemical gradient**

The energy released is used to drive another substance (e.g. glucose) against its electrochemical gradient

Both bind to one carrier protein to be transported together.

Thus, secondary active transport does not require energy directly from ATP.



Active Transport cont.

Secondary Active Transport cont.

The direct source of the energy is that
liberated by

The simultaneous facilitated diffusion of
another transported substance

Down its own
electrochemical
gradient

The electrochemical gradient for Na is
maintained by **Na/K pump**.

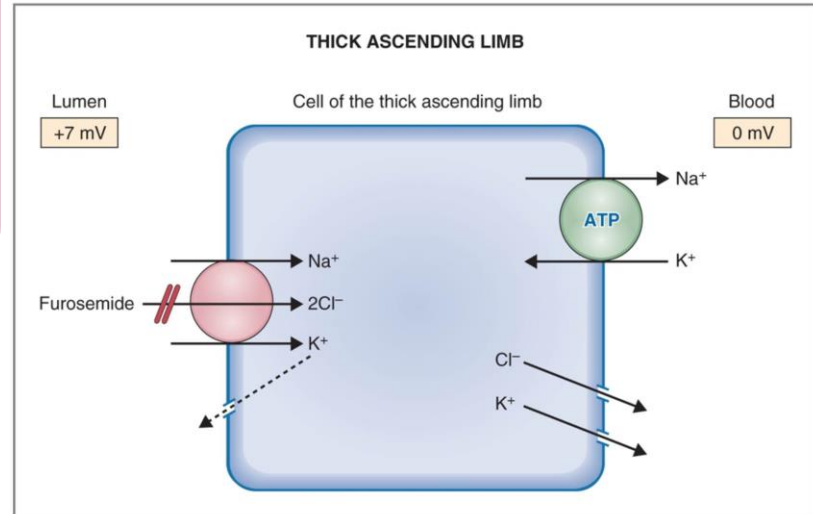
ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF A SECONDARY ACTIVE TRANSPORT IS

Na-K-2Cl Co-transport

In thick ascending limb of Henle.

RECALL FROM PHARMACOLOGY!

"loop" diuretics as furosemide,
inhibits the action of the This transporter



Secondary Active Secretion

This transport is mediated by specific protein in the brush border of the luminal membrane.

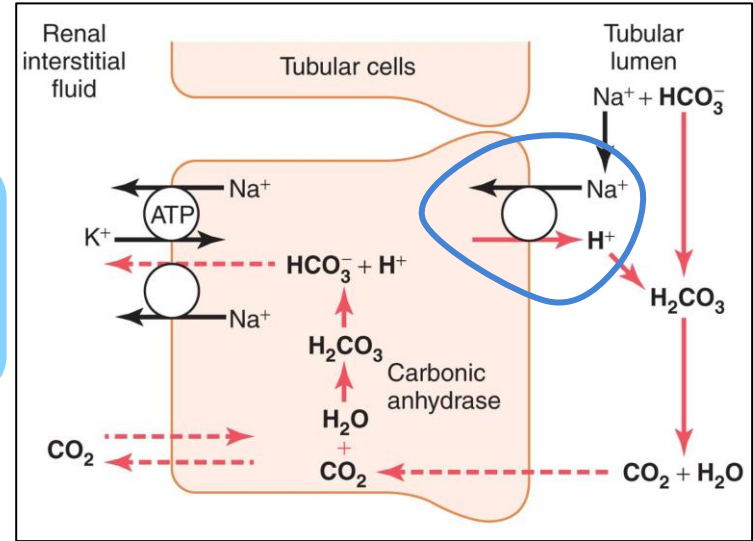
As sodium is carried inside this cell down its chemical

It takes one sodium in and one hydrogen out

This will generate an energy and we will use it

To take out H⁺ outside of the cell in the luminal side

By a counter transport called Na⁺/H⁺ counter transport



COUNTER TRANSPORT OR "ANTIPORT" MEANS CARRIED TO MOLECULE AGAINST EACH OTHER.

Simple Diffusion & Osmosis

Simple Diffusion (Passive Diffusion)

Kinetic movement of molecules or ions occurs through a membrane opening or through intermolecular spaces **without any interaction with carrier proteins in the membrane.**

Examples

Reabsorption of Chloride and Urea.

-Negative ions such as chloride are transported along with sodium because of electrical potentials.-

Urea: Inner medullary collecting duct, passive urea reabsorption is facilitated by specific urea transporters.

Osmosis

- ✧ Transport of solutes out of the tubules makes their concentration inside the cells to decrease while increase in the renal interstitium.
- ✧ **This creates a concentration difference that causes osmosis of water in the same direction that the solutes are transported,** from the tubular lumen to the renal interstitium.

Example

Water reabsorption is mainly coupled to sodium.

- ✧ Permeability differs through the nephron.

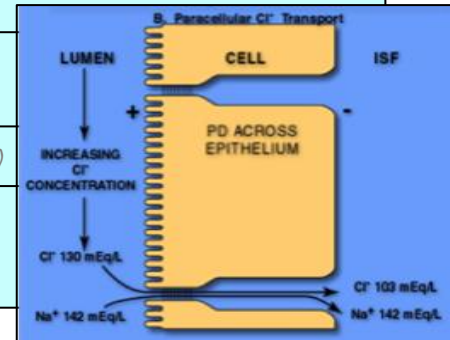
Route

Paracellular via tight junctions *(THEY'RE NOT MUCH TIGHT AS THEIR NAME INDICATES)*

Effect of ADH

Distal & collecting tubules-

Regulates the body's [retention of water](#) by acting to increase reabsorption in the collecting ducts of the nephron"



Transport Through Proximal Convoluted Tubule (PCT)

Special Criteria for PCT Cells

- ✓ Highly metabolic cells (rich in mitochondria) "SUPPORT POWERFUL ACTIVE TRANSPORT PROCESSES"
- ✓ Rich in proteins carriers and channels.
- ✓ **Wide surface area in the luminal side due to brush borders.**

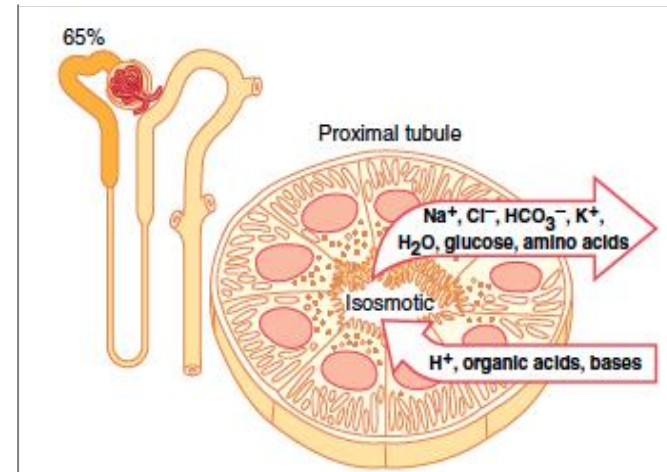
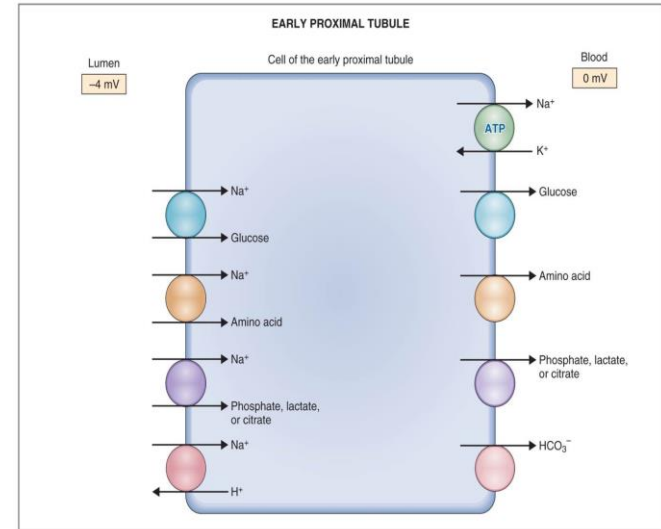
Normally, about 65 percent of the filtered load of sodium and water and a slightly lower percentage of filtered chloride are reabsorbed by the proximal tubule.

Solute reabsorption in the proximal tubule is **isosmotic** (water follows solute osmotically and tubular fluid osmolality remains similar to that of plasma = equal amount of solute and water are reabsorbed).

- ✦ 100% of glucose & amino acids is reabsorbed.
- ✦ 60-70% water and Na reabsorbed
- ✦ 90% of bicarbonate, calcium and K⁺ reabsorbed.

The re reabsorption here = **Coarse adjustment** ¹

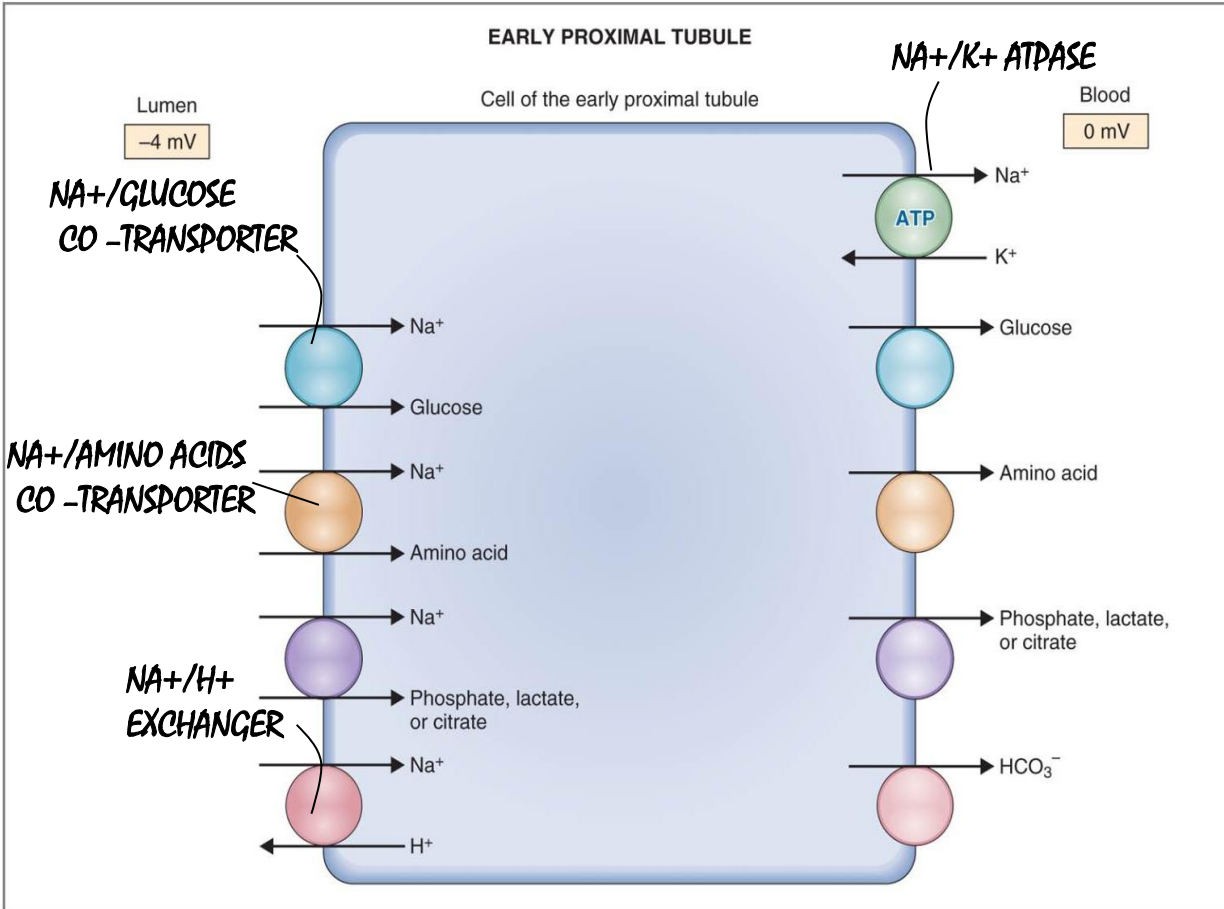
MEANING THAT WHATEVER THE CONDITION IS AND WHATEVER YOUR BODY NEED THIS REABSORPTION IS HAPPENING ALLWAYS!



Transport Through Proximal Convoluted Tubule (PCT) cont.

Reabsorption		Secretion
Transporters		
1) Na ⁺ /K ⁺ ATPase <i>"NEEDED FOR DECREASING THE TUBULAR CELLS SODIUM"</i> 2) Sodium glucose co-transporters. 3) Sodium amino acid co-transporters. 4) Sodium-hydrogen exchanger (counter-transport) 5) Sodium-chloride co-transport.		
In the first half of the PCT	In the second half of the PCT	
Sodium is reabsorbed by co-transport along with Glucose, Amino acid..etc	Sodium is reabsorbed with chloride . The second half has high concentration of chloride compared with early segment. <i>Because when sodium is reabsorbed ,it preferentially carries with it glucose, bicarbonate, and organic ions in the early proximal tubule, leaving behind a solution that has a higher concentration of chloride.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Organic acids and bases: ✓ Bile salts. ✓ Oxalate. ✓ Urate. ✓ Catecholamines. ✧ Certain drugs: ✓ Penicillin ✓ Salicylates.

Transport Through Proximal Convoluted Tubule (PCT) cont.



Transport Through Loop of Henle

Descending Loop of Henle

***H₂O permeable**, allow absorption of 25% of filtered H₂O.

***Solutes (NaCl) impermeable.**

Accordingly water leaves behind solutes increasing their concentration in tubular fluid thus osmolarity increases the fluid become hyper-osmolar.

Thin Ascending Loop of Henle

* **H₂O impermeable**

***Solutes (NaCl) permeable, absorbed passively.**

Thick Ascending Loop of Henle

***Solutes (NaCl) permeable**, allow 25% of the filtered sodium to be reabsorbed.

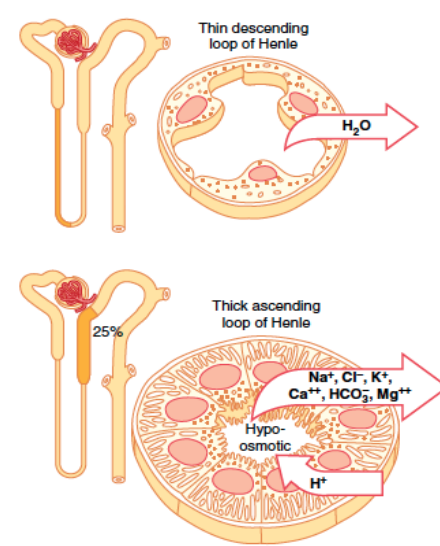
***H₂O impermeable** → The filtrate becomes very dilute as it flows toward the distal tubule (hypo-osmolar fluid)

Special carrier the **1Na,2Cl,1K co-transport.**

“This co-transport protein carrier in the luminal membrane uses the potential energy released by downhill diffusion of sodium into the cell to drive the reabsorption of potassium into the cell against a concentration gradient”

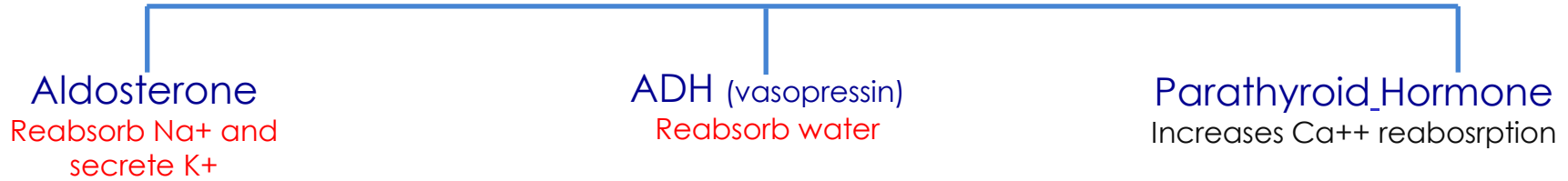
- **The filtrate is hypo-osmotic due to the absorption of solute without water.**
- Significant paracellular reabsorption of cations, such as Mg⁺⁺, Ca⁺⁺, Na⁺, and K⁺.

“ there is a slight backleak of potassium ions into the lumen, creating a positive charge of about +8 millivolts in the tubular lumen. This positive charge forces cations such as Mg⁺⁺ and Ca⁺⁺ to diffuse from the tubular lumen through the paracellular space and into the interstitial fluid.”



Transport Through Distal Convoluted Tubule (DCT)

What happens here depends on hormonal control:

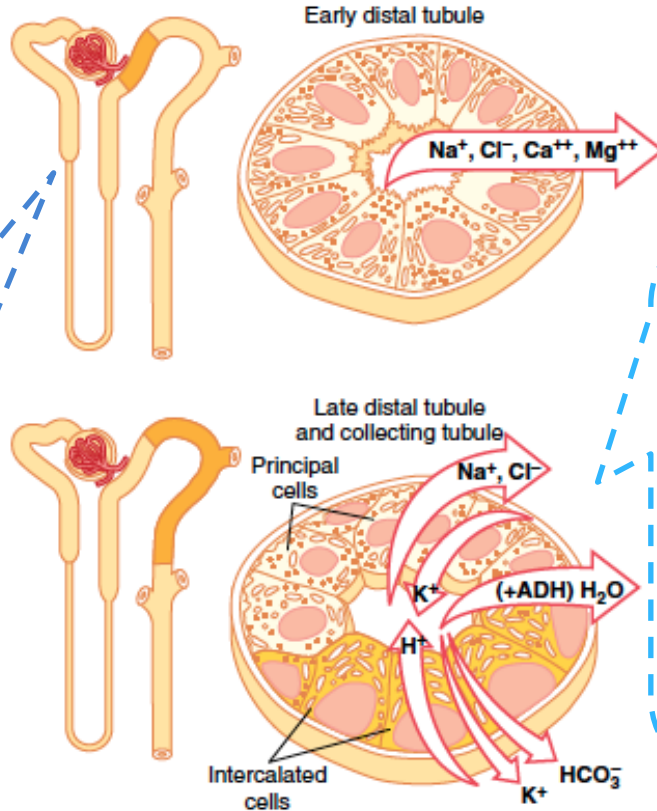


Early Portion	Late Portion of DCT & Cortical Collecting Tubules	
<p>*Fine adjustment of tubular filtrate takes place here according to body needs.</p> <p>* The <u>first portion</u> of the distal tubule forms the macula densa → provides feedback control of GFR and blood flow in this same nephron.</p> <p>*Same characteristics as ascending limb of Henle: -H₂O Impermeable -Solute (NaCl) permeable</p> <p>So it is called the diluting segment & the osmotic pressure of the fluid ~ 100 mOsm/L.</p>	Principal Cells	Intercalated cells
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Absorb Na⁺ & H₂O ○ Secrete K 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Absorb K⁺ ○ Secrete H⁺ Which is mediated by a hydrogen-ATPase transporter.
	Impermeable to urea	

Transport Through Distal Convoluted Tubule (DCT) cont.

Early Distal Tubules

Approximately 5% of the filtered load of NaCl is reabsorbed here
The Na-Cl co-transporter moves sodium chloride from the tubular lumen into the cell → and the Na/K pump transports sodium out of the cell across the basolateral membrane



Late Portion of DCT & Cortical Collecting Tubules

The permeability water is controlled by the concentration of ADH

High levels of ADH

These tubular segments are **permeable to water**

Absence of ADH

They are virtually **impermeable to water.**

Transport Through Medullary Collecting Ducts

Reabsorb <10% of sodium & H₂O.

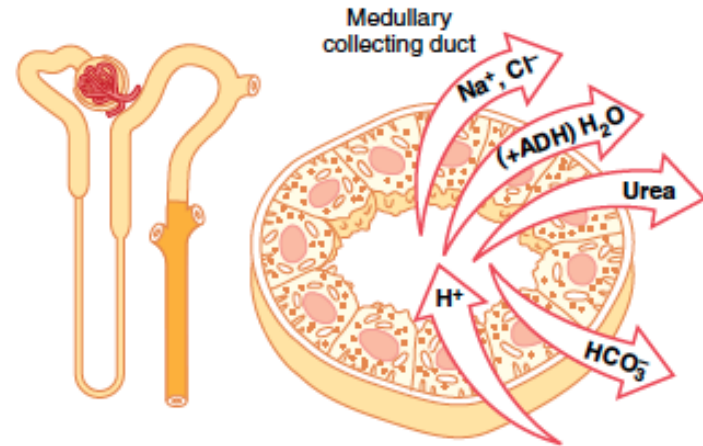
The permeability of the medullary collecting duct to water is **controlled by the level of ADH**.

Highly permeable to urea

Special urea transporters that facilitate urea diffusion across the luminal and basolateral membranes. Therefore, some of the tubular urea is reabsorbed into the medullary interstitium, helping to raise the osmolality *(WE WILL TAKE THIS MECHANISM IN DETAIL IN LECTURE)*

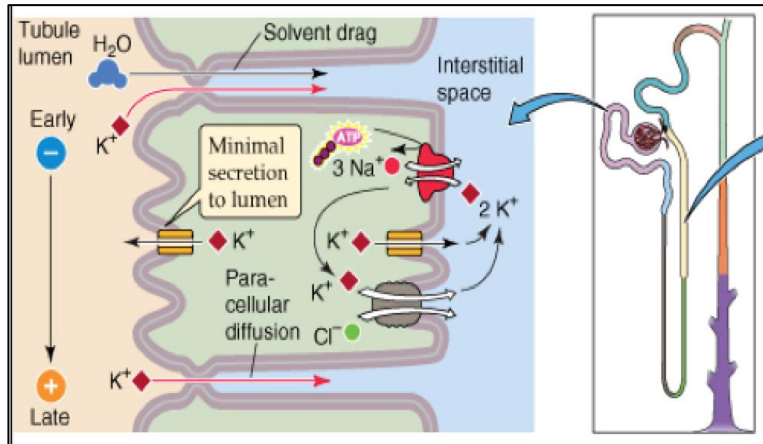
It has a role in acid base balance by secreting H⁺ against concentration gradient.

Final site for processing urine so determine final urine output of H₂O and solutes.

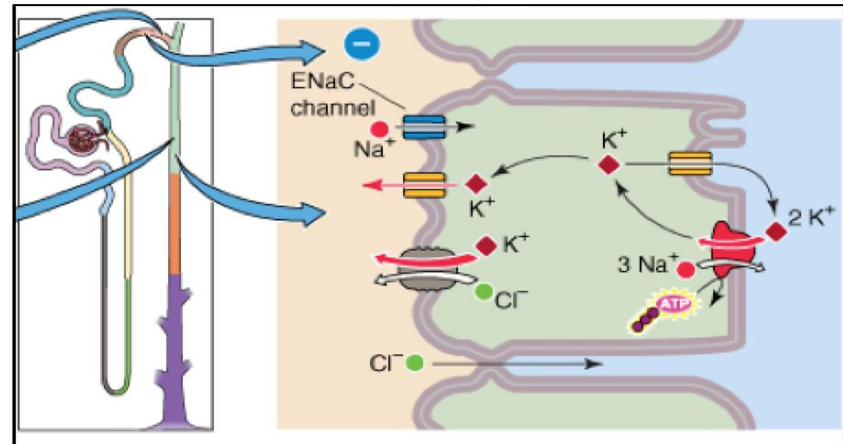


Potassium (K⁺) Handling

Notes	Reabsorption of K ⁺	Secretion of K ⁺
<p>*K⁺ is the major cation in cells and its balance essential for life.</p> <p>*Small change from 4 to 5.5 mmoles/L will lead to hyperkalemia</p>	<p>Reabsorbed at proximal tubules largely passive and follows the movement of Na and fluid.</p>	<p>Occurs in cortical collecting tubule (principal cells), and relies upon active transport across basolateral membrane and passive exit across apical membrane into tubular fluid.</p>



Proximal convoluted tubules

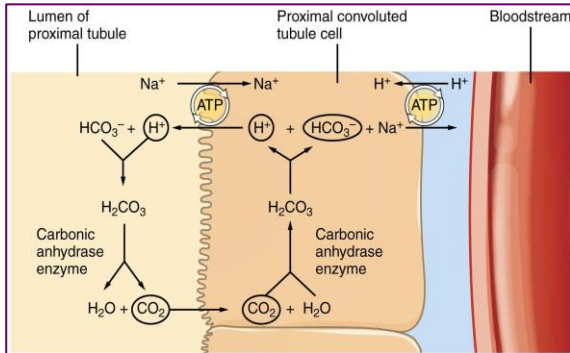
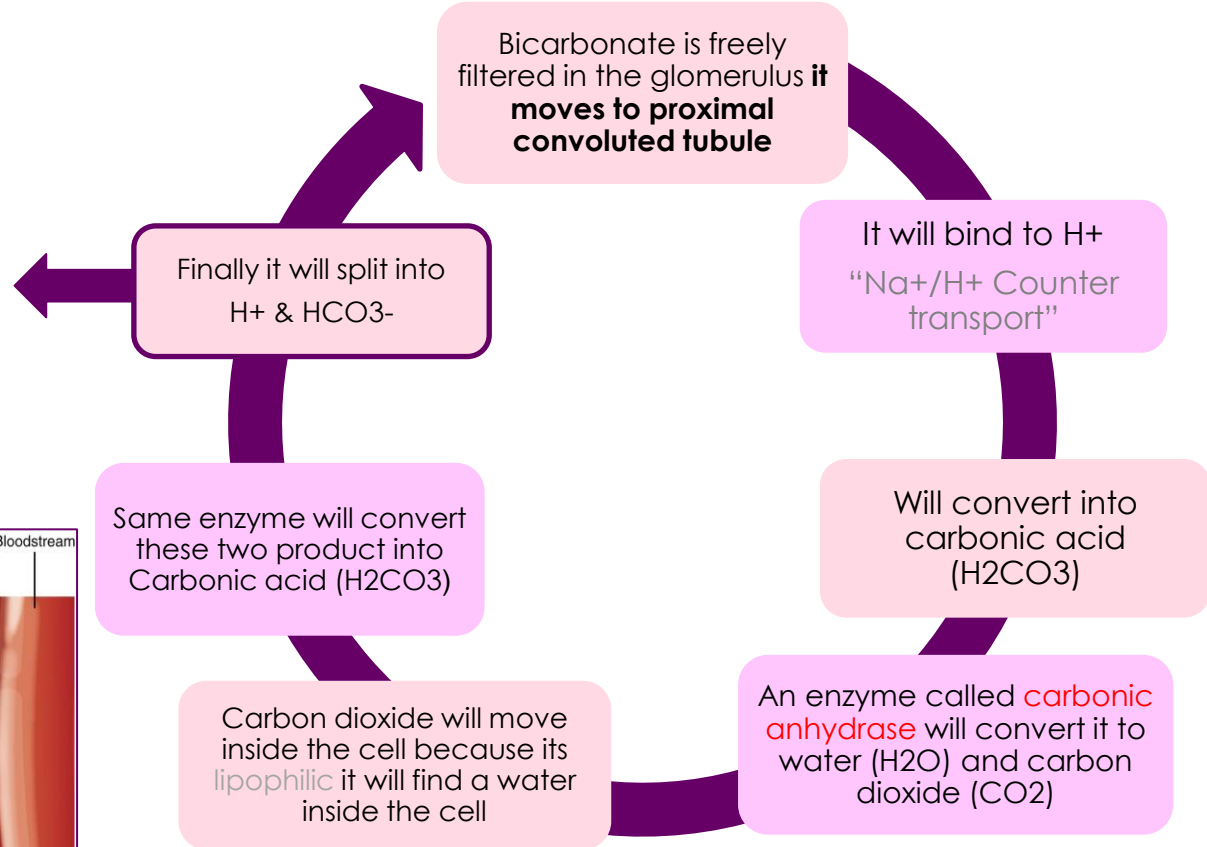


Cortical collecting tubules

Reabsorption of Bicarbonate (HCO_3^-)

As we know that one of the essential products of our body which maintain alkalinity we have to reabsorb it!

HCO_3^- has a basolateral receptor so **it will move into the interstitium.**



Sodium Absorption (Na⁺)

*Na & Cl reabsorption plays **a major role** in body electrolyte and water metabolism.

Na⁺ transport is also **coupled to the movement of H⁺, K⁺, glucose, amino acids.**

Mechanisms

Active Transport

Collecting tubules and ducts

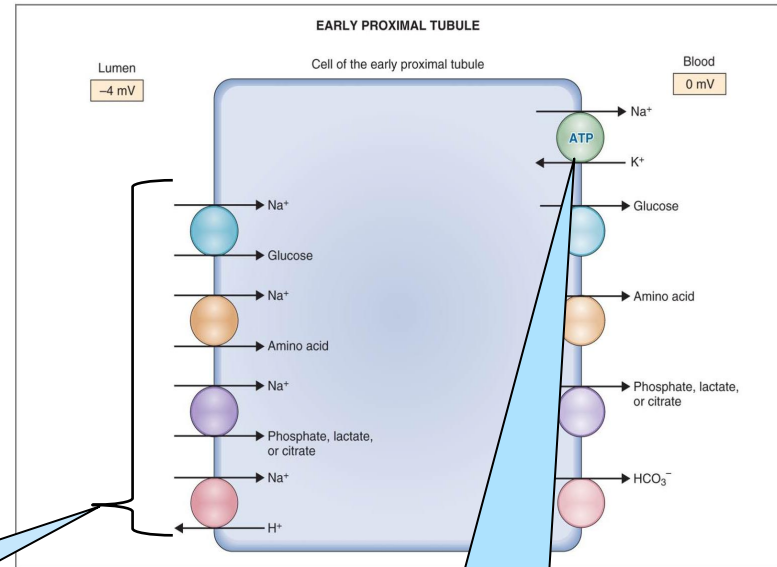
Passive Transport

Thin ascending limb

Co-Transport¹

Thick ascending limb

Na⁺ is pumped into the interstitium by **Na⁺-K⁺ ATPase**



Na moves by exchanger co transport. which help in reabsorption of nutrients

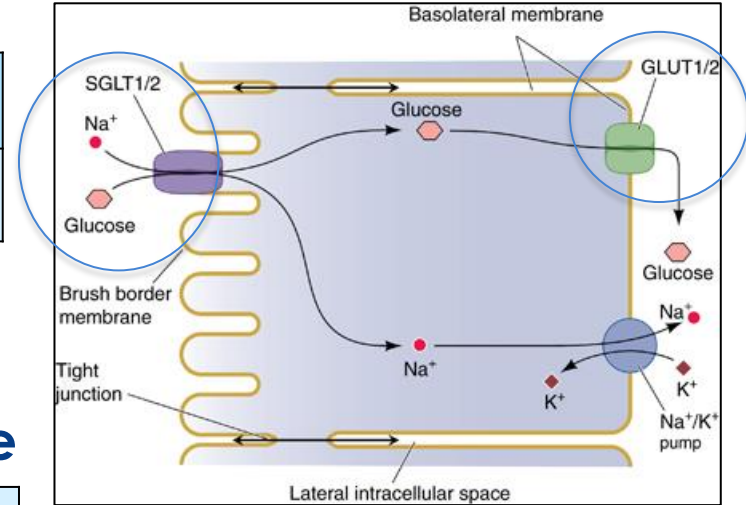
Na is pumped into the interstitium by Na/K ATPase

1: Co-transport is the name of a process in which two substances are simultaneously transported across a membrane by one protein, or protein complex which does not have ATPase activity

Glucose Absorption & Handling

Glucose absorption also **relies upon the Na⁺ gradient**. It is absorbed by **Na-glucose co-transport**.
Mostly at the proximal tubule.

Apical Membrane	Na-Glucose co transporter Rely upon Na
Basolateral Membrane	Glucose transporters (GLTs) Does NOT rely on Na



Tubular Transport Maximum for Glucose

Essentially (100%) all glucose is reabsorbed

Tubular Maximal Transport

Men : 375 mg/min

Women : 300 mg/min

Threshold

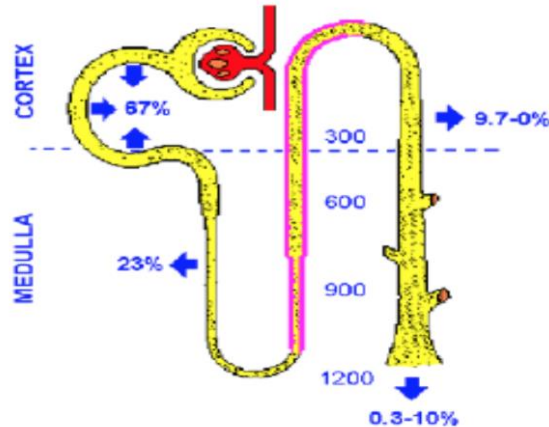
180 mg/dl

Handling of glucose is limited by **saturation of the transport mechanism** i.e. carriers

Water Reabsorption

Percentages Of Reabsorbed Filtered Water Across The Nephron

Structure	Percentage
Proximal convoluted tubule	65 %
Descending loop of Henle	20 -25 %
Ascending limb	Zero
Distal tubules & collecting tubules	Under ADH control



Regulation of Tubular Reabsorption

There must be balance between glomerular filtration and tubular reabsorption.

“**Why?** because if you increase the glomerular filtration this mean that some of the important solutes will pass away and it won't reabsorbed because it runs too fast. In the other hand, if Glomerular filtration decreased this will accumulate the solutes and waste will be reabsorbed”

This balance will be controlled locally either by

Hormonal Mechanisms

Nervous Mechanisms

Aldosterone	↑Na ⁺ reabsorption and K ⁺ , H ⁺ excretion
Ang II	↑ The synthesis of aldosterone
ADH	↑Water reabsorption in distal segments
ANP	↑Na ⁺ excretion and diuresis.
PTH	↑Ca reabsorption & ↓ PO reabsorption

Sympathetic → Increases reabsorption of Na⁺

Glomerulotubular balance

Prevents Overloading of Distal Part When GFR Increases.

How?

Glomerulotubular balance ensures that a constant fraction of filtered load is reabsorbed by the PCT, even if the filtered load increases or decreases. This constant fraction (or percentage) is normally maintained at 65-67% of the filtered load.

Regulation of Tubular Reabsorption cont.

Peritubular Capillaries Reabsorption are regulated by Hydrostatic Pressure and Oncotic Pressure

How?

When we increase the **hydrostatic pressure** in the peritubular capillary → Capillary will has a pressure more than the interstitium → Will keep the fluid and the solutes in the interstitium → Decreases reabsorption.

When we increase the **oncotic pressure** inside the capillary → Pull the water and the solutes toward it → Increases reabsorption.

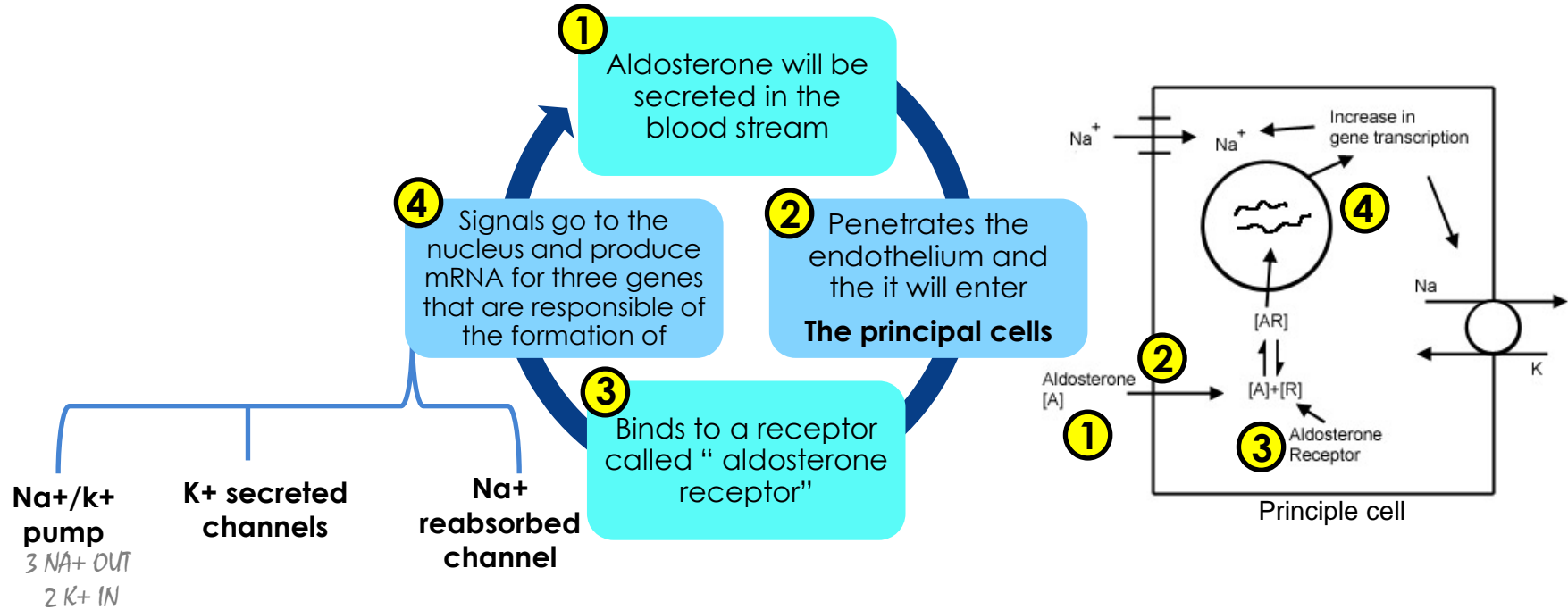
Arterial blood pressure on Reabsorption Mechanism

An **increase in arterial blood pressure** will **decrease the reabsorption** mechanism

How?

As we mention before this is one of the mechanisms were hydrostatic pressure is more than interstitium pressure

Mechanism of Aldosterone Action

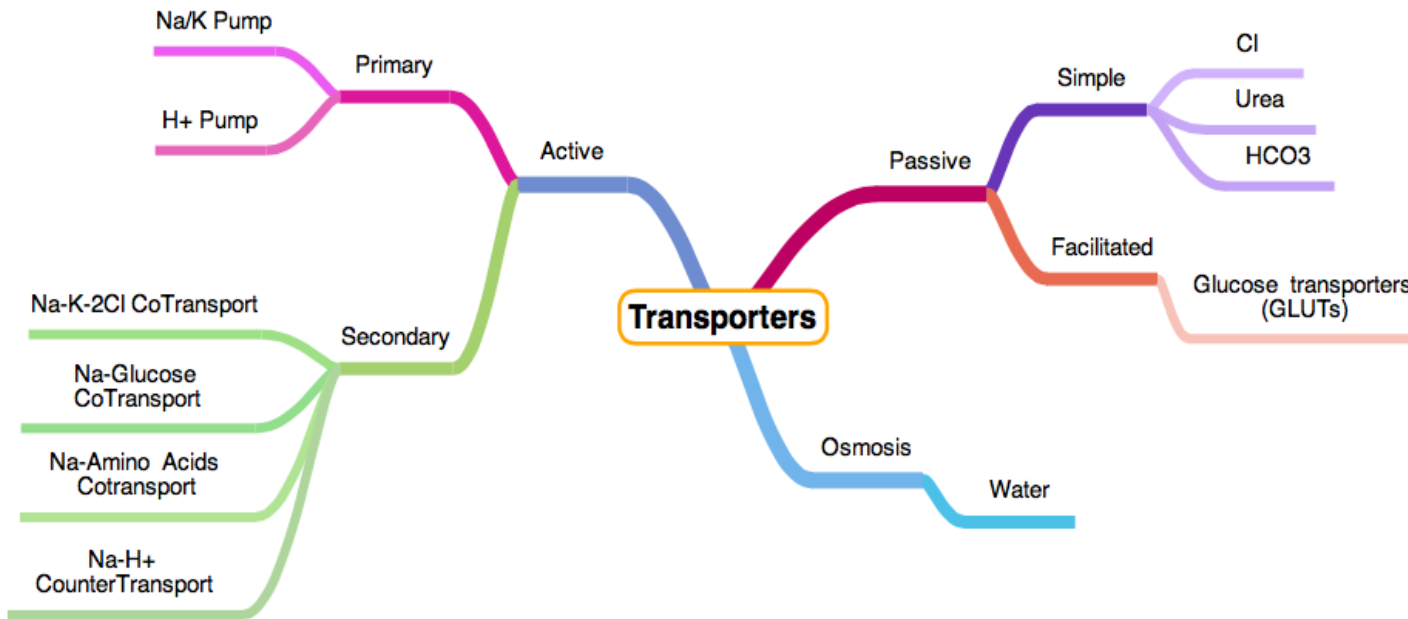


Sodium will be in **low concentration inside the cell** comparing to outside

Enhance reabsorption of Sodium

Potassium will be in **high concentration inside the cell** comparing to outside

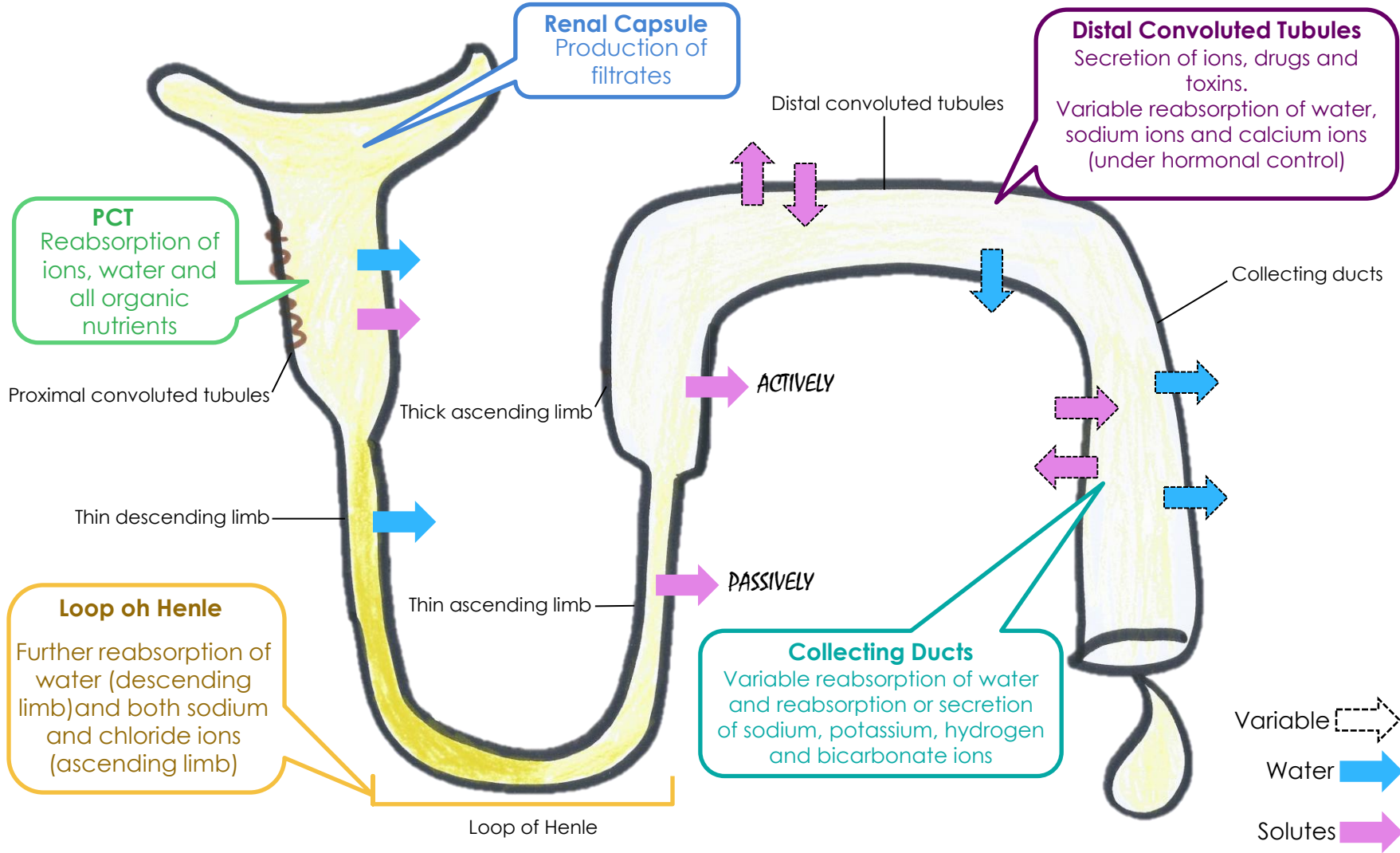
Enhance secretion of Potassium

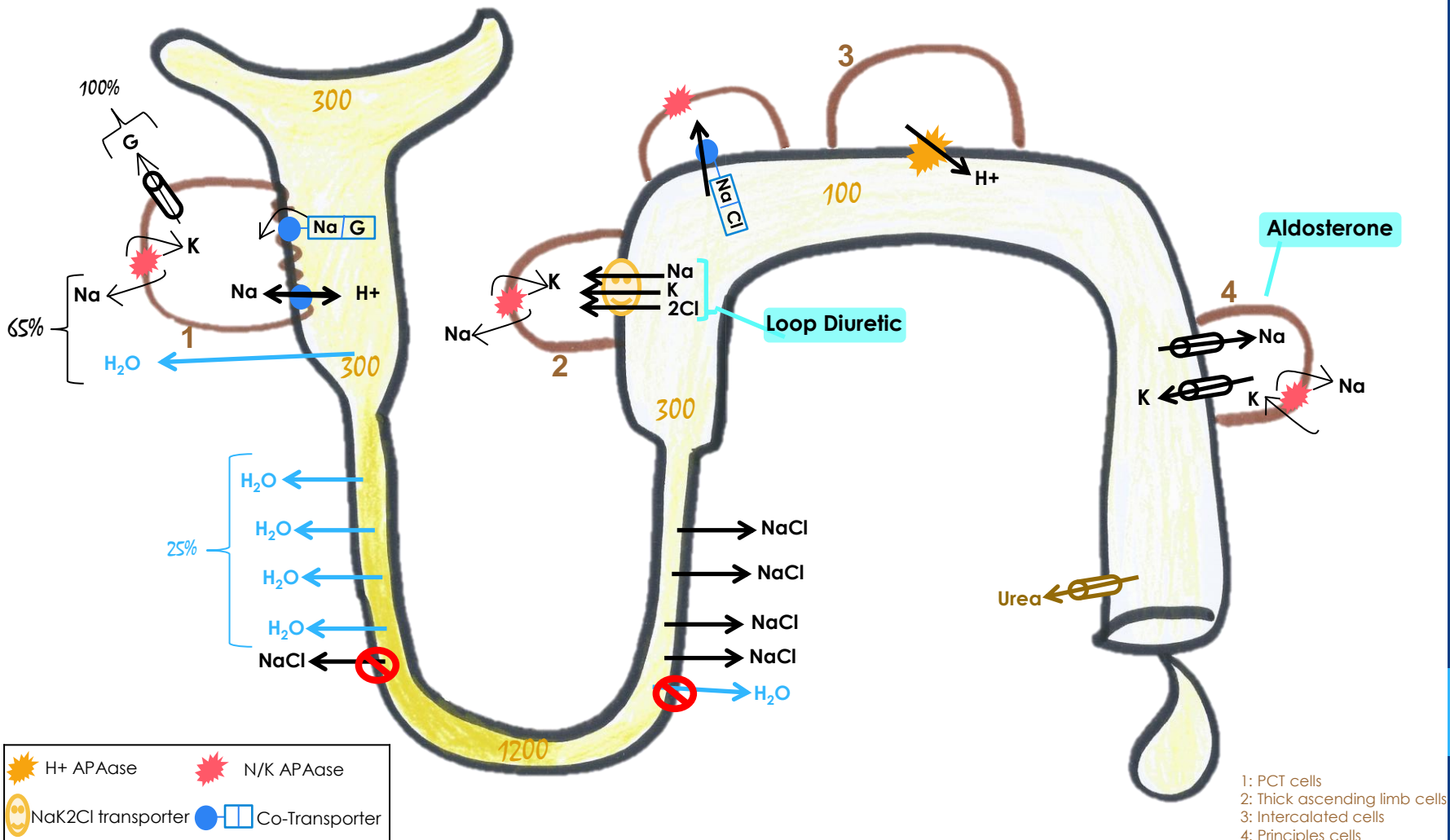


↑GFR	↑Absorption
↑Sympathetic	↑Na absorption
↑ADH	↑H ₂ O absorption
↑Aldosterone	↑Na absorption + K excretion
↑ANP	↑Na excretion

Regulation of Tubular Reabsorption

Structure	Transport	
	Reabsorption	Secretion
Proximal Convoluted Tubules	65% of Na and water 100% Glucose and amino acids	H ⁺ Urea Ammonia
Descending Loop of Henle	25% of water	-
Thin Ascending Loop of Henle	Solutes (NaCl)	-
Thick Ascending Loop of Henle	Na , K and Chloride	-
Distal Convoluted Tubules	- Na in response to aldosterone - Water in response of ADH - Calcium in response of parathyroid hormone	K in response of aldosterone
Late Distal Tubule & Cortical Collecting ducts	Principal cells	
	Absorb Na ⁺ & H ₂ O in response of ADH	Secrete K
	Intercalated cells	
	Absorb K ⁺ & HCO ₃ ⁻	Secret H ⁺ and K in response of aldosterone
Medullary Collecting ducts	Water in response of ADH - Highly permeable to urea (To maintain osmolarity of medulla)	H ⁺





Summary

- 1: PCT cells
- 2: Thick ascending limb cells
- 3: Intercalated cells
- 4: Principle cells

Glomerulus

Does not allow proteins through (due to podocytes)
Mesh of collagen and connective tissue
Filters ECF

PCT

Reabsorp all nutrients
by active transport
Secrete Urea and toxins
Absorp water driven by sodium

Cortex

Medulla

Creatinine, Antibiotics,
Diuretics, Uric acid

NaCl
K
H₂O
HCO₃⁻
Glucose,
AA

DCT

Active Transport of Na⁺ and Cl⁻ under control of Aldosterone
Ca²⁺ absorption under the control of PTH

Proximal part

Distal part

NaCl
Ca
"PTH"

K
H
Urea
NaCl
H₂O
"Aldosterone"

H₂O
Desc. limb

NaCl
NaCl
Mg
Ca

Asc. limb

Cl
HCO₃⁻
H
K
Na
H₂O
"ADH"

Collecting duct and tubules

ADH from CNS
thirst centres
due to angiotensin II
causes H₂O absorption
through increasing
Aquaporin

Loop of Henle

Thin Decending limb only reabsorbs water
Thick ascending limb co-transport Na⁺ and Cl⁻
along with passive absorption of Mg and Ca

1- Which of the following transport Na through passive diffusion:

- A. Collecting tubules
- B. Collecting duct
- C. Thin ascending limb
- D. Thick ascending

2- Which of the following tubules never reabsorbs water?

- A. Proximal convoluted tubule
- B. Descending loop of Henle
- C. Ascending limb
- D. Collecting tubules

3- The reabsorption of amino acids mainly occur in the:

- A. First half of PCT
- B. Second half of PCT
- C. Ascending part of loop of henle
- D. Descending loop of henle

4- At plasma concentrations of glucose higher than occur at transport maximum (T_m), the

- A. Clearance of glucose is zero
- B. Excretion rate of glucose equals the filtration rate of glucose
- C. Reabsorption rate of glucose equals the filtration rate of glucose
- D. Excretion rate of glucose increases with increasing plasma glucose concentration

5- H^+ ion is secreted in the distal tubules by which mechanism?

- A. K^+ / H^+ antiport
- B. Na^+ / H^+ cotransport
- C. H^+ ATPase

6- Principal cells are responsible for reabsorption of?

- A. Ca
- B. Phosphorus
- C. Hydrogen
- D. Sodium

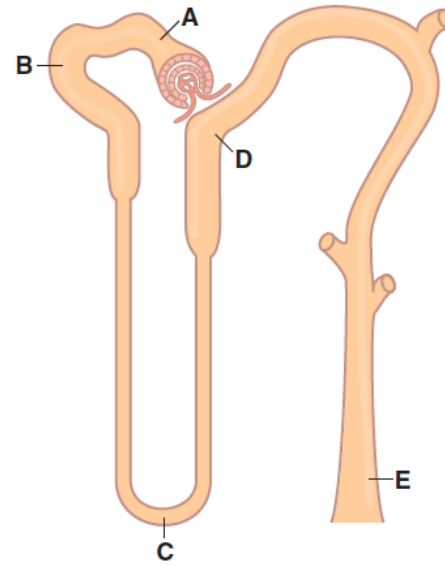
The following figure applies to Questions 5–7.

7- At which nephron site does the amount of K^+ in tubular fluid exceed the amount of filtered K^+ in a person on a high- K^+ diet?

- A. Site A
- B. Site B
- C. Site C
- D. Site D
- E. Site E

8- At which nephron site is the tubular fluid/plasma (TF/P) osmolarity lowest in a person who has been deprived of water?

- A. Site A
- B. Site B
- C. Site C
- D. Site D
- E. Site E



9- At which nephron site is the tubular fluid glucose concentration highest?

- A. Site A
- B. Site B
- C. Site C
- D. Site D
- E. Site E

- 1.C
- 2.C
- 3.A
- 4.D
- 5.C
- 6.D
- 7.E
- 8.D
- 9.A

1- What is the name of the enzyme that helps in Bicarbonate reabsorption?

Carbonic anhydrase

2- Where does the aldosterone synthesis?

Adrenal cortex

3- Tubular reabsorption regulated by two mechanism which is?

- A) Hormonal mechanism
- B) Nervous mechanism

4- What is the formula of urinary excretion?

Glomerular Filtration – Tubular reabsorption + Tubular secretion.

5- What is the energy source of sec. active transport?

From another active transporters “primary”

6- What is the function of the intercalated cells ?

Absorb K^+ & secrete H^+

7- What is the special carrier proteins found in thick ascending loop of henle?

$Na, 2Cl, 1K$ co-transport

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