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Team 434

# *Urinalysis*

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# **\*important to know:**

## **Physical Examination Of Urine:**

**appearance, color, odor, and deposition, and PH of urine for each case.**

## **Chemical Examination Of Urine:**

**to know the level of protein, glucose, ketone, bilirubin, nitrite, urobilinogen and blood in the urine.**

usually it is a given but just in case memorize the normal values so you can know the abnormal ones.

# Urine

## Definition..?

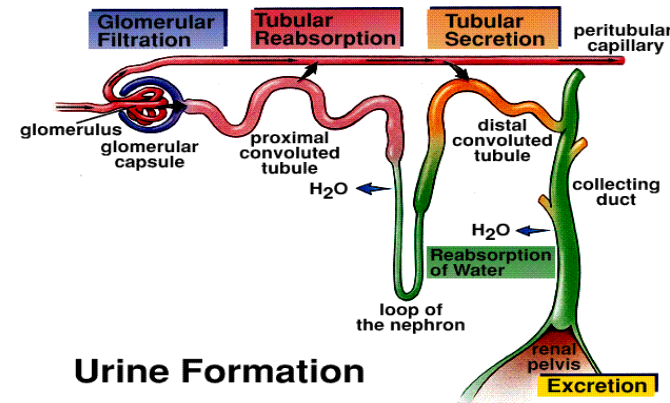
Urine is a fluid excreted by most of mammals including humans.

## Formation..?

- It is formed in the kidneys (renal glomeruli).
- The fluid undergoes chemical changes before it is excreted as urine.

## Amount..?

Normal urine excretion by a healthy person is about **1.5 L/day**.



# Physical Properties of urine:



PARAMETER	NORMAL	ABNORMAL	POSSIBLE CAUSES
<b>Volume</b>	0.4-2.0 L/day	<b>Polyuria</b>	Diabetes, chronic renal failure
		<b>Oligouria</b>	Dehydration, Acute renal failure
<b>Appearance</b>	Clear	Cloudy	Presence of pus cells, bacteria, salt or epithelial cells
<b>Colour</b>	Pale Yellow	<b>Colorless</b>	Excessive fluid intake, uncontrolled DM, DI, chronic renal failure
		<b>Orange</b>	Dehydration, carotenoid ingestion
		<b>Yellow-Green</b>	Jaundice
		<b>Red</b>	Blood, drugs etc
		<b>Dark brown-black</b>	Methemoglobin, alkaptonuria, melanoma, black water fever
		<b>smoky</b>	glomerulonephritis
<b>Odor</b>	Urineferous	<b>Fruity</b>	Diabetic ketoacidosis
		<b>Ammoniacal</b>	Contaminated and long standing exposed urine
		<b>Mousy</b>	Phenylketonuria
		<b>Burnt sugar</b>	Maple syrup urine disease
<b>Deposits</b>	None	Crystals, salts or cells	Blood clots, necrotic tissues and urinary stones
<b>Reaction (pH)</b>	4.6 - 7.0	<b>Acidic</b>	ketosis (diabetes mellitus & starvation), severe diarrhea, metabolic and respiratory acidosis, excessive ingestion of meat and certain fruits
		<b>Alkaline</b>	Respiratory and metabolic alkalosis, Urinary tract infection, Vegetarians

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# Chemical Properties of urine:



PARAMETER	NORMAL	ABNORMAL	POSSIBLE CAUSES
<b>Protein</b>	< 200mg/day	Proteinuria	Nephrotic syndrome, glomerulonephritis,, multiple myeloma, lower UTI, tumors or stones
<b>Glucose</b>	None	Glucosuria	Uncontrolled DM, gestational diabetes, Fanconi's syndrome
<b>Ketones</b>	None	Ketonuria	Diabetic ketoacidosis, Glycogen storage disease, starvation, Prolonged vomiting, Unbalanced diet: high fat & Low CHO diet
<b>Nitrite</b>	None	Detected	UTI
<b>Bilirubin</b>	None	Detected	Hepatic and post-hepatic jaundice
<b>Urobilinogen</b>	Normal Trace (1mg/dl)	> 2 mg/dl	Jaundice
<b>Blood</b>	None	Hematuria	Acute & chronic glomerulonephritis, <i>Trauma</i> , <i>cystitis</i> , <i>renal calculi and tumors</i> , Bleeding disorders ( <i>Hemophilia</i> ).
		Hemoglobinuria	<u>Hemoglobinopathies</u> , Malaria, Transfusion reaction ( <i>Blood Incompatibility</i> )

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## Proteins:

Normally less than 200 mg protein is excreted in the urine daily; more than this level leads to condition called “**Proteinuria**”.

	Glomerular proteinuria	Tubular proteinuria
Cause..?	Due to ↑ glomerular permeability → filtration of <b>Proteins</b>	As a result of ↓ tubular reabsorption with <b>NORMAL</b> glomerular permeability → excretion of <b>Proteins</b>
Size of filtered proteins..?	<b>High</b> molecular weight proteins	<b>Low</b> molecular weight proteins
Example	Glomerulonephritis	Chronic nephritis

## Nephrotic syndrome

- ❖ Large amounts of protein are lost in the urine.
- ❖ Hypoproteinemia develops.

Increase protein excretion in urine can be one of the following two types:

# Urinalysis

## (using the DIPSTICKS):

### Principle..?

Are plastic strips impregnated with chemical reagents which react with specific substances in the urine to produce color-coded visual results.

### Benefits..?

They provide quick determination of :

- pH,
- Glucose
- Ketones
- Nitrite
- Protein
- Urobilinogen
- Bilirubin
- Blood
- hemoglobin
- Specific gravity

### Color codes..?

- The depth of color produced relates to the concentration of the substance in urine.
- Color controls are provided against which the actual color produced by the urine sample can be compared .The reaction times of the impregnated chemicals are standardized.

# Procedure

Finally:

- ◆ Match the color changes to the color scale provided.
- ◆ Give a full report about:
  - Physical examination
  - Chemical examination



Match the color changes to the color scale provided.



Read the color produced within 30-60 seconds (*Color changes after more than 2 minutes are of no significance*).



Remove the excess urine and keep the strip in a horizontal position.

Dip the strip in the urine sample provided then remove it immediately.





## Case I(Urine Sample I)

A 12-year-old girl, a known patient with T1DM, presented to Emergency drowsy with short history of vomiting and abdominal pain. On examination:

- Tachycardia
- Tachypnea with a **fruity smell of breath.**
- BP: 85/50 mmHg (Ref range: 100/66-135/85 mmHg)
- Blood sugar: **26.7** mmol/L (Ref range: 3.9-5.6 mmol/L)
- HbA1C: 9.9% (Ref range: 5.7-6.4%)
- Blood pH: **7.1** (Ref range: 7.35–7.45)
- **Circulating Ketone bodies: positive**

A mid stream Urine sample was collected for complete urinalysis.

**1- Do urinalysis using dipsticks and give a full report regarding:**

**A- Physical examination.**

**B- Chemical examination.**

**2- What is the most likely diagnosis?**

Diabetic with ketonuria  
(diabetic ketoacidosis)

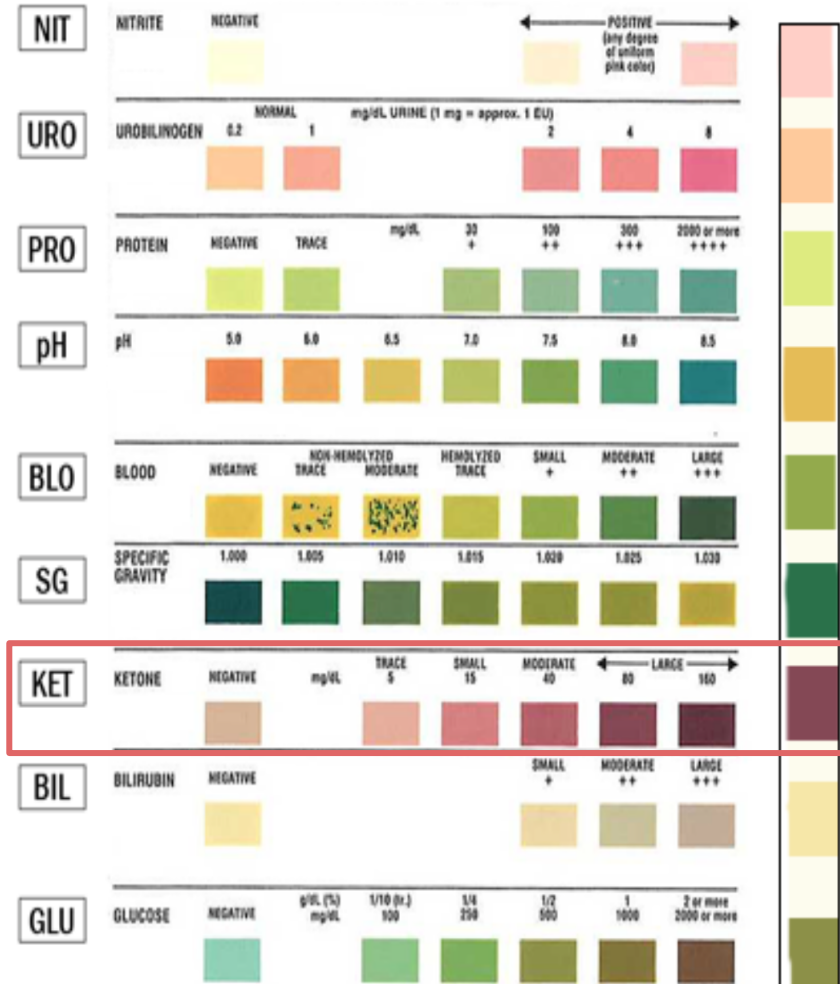
Important characteristics:

-What are the Physical Properties of Urine..?  
(Polyuria, **Fruity Odor**, Acidic PH, colorless)  
(usually the rest is normal)

-What are the Chemical Properties of urine..?  
(**Ketonuria ,Glucosuria**)  
elevated amount of keton and glucose in urine. (the rest is normal)



Usually under 25 years patient with **type I diabetes** When there is no enough Insulin, the patient can not use the glucose as a fuel so the body breaks down fat instead, lead to acid (ketones) build up.



## Case II (Urine Sample II)

- A 49-old woman came to hospital with **fever**, weakness and **dysuria** (pain during urination) for the last three days.
- The results of her laboratory tests were as follows:

Test	Result	Reference range
Fasting blood glucose	5.0	3.9-5.8 mmol/L
Creatinine	75	55-120 mmol/L
Urea	3.7	2.5-6.4 mmol/L
Sodium	140	135-145 mmol/L
Potassium	3.9	3.5-5.1 <u>mmol/L</u>

- A mid stream Urine sample was collected for complete urinalysis.
- Microscopic examination of urine showed:-
  - **WBCs: over 100/HPF** (Ref range: 2-3/HPF)
  - **RBCs: 10 /HPF** (Ref range: 0-2/HPF)

**1- Do urinalysis using dipsticks and give a full report regarding:**

**A- Physical examination.**

**B- Chemical examination.**

**2- What is the most likely diagnosis?**

UTI

**Important characteristics:**

-What are the Physical Properties of Urine..?

(**Alkaline**, cloudy)

(usually the rest is normal)

-What are the Chemical Properties of urine..?

(Proteinuria, Hematuria,

**Nitrate detected** )

(usually the rest is normal)



# UTI patients usually have:

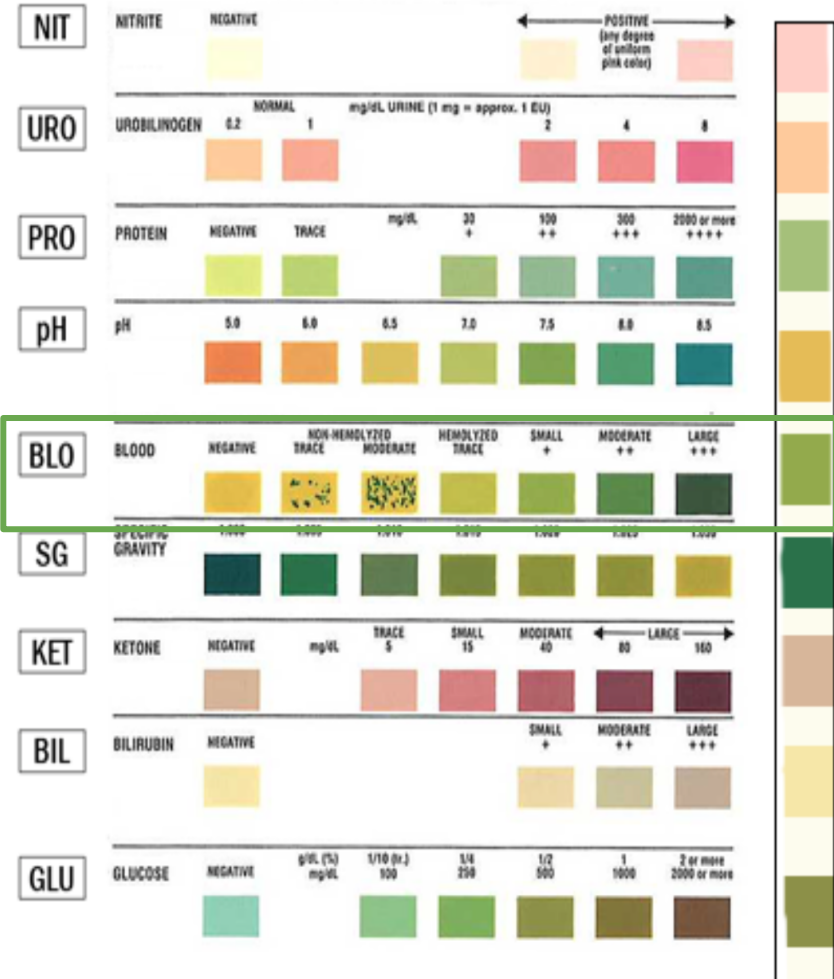
1-Pain or a burning feeling during urination.

2- a feeling of urgency.

3- feeling the need to urinate frequently.

4-an altered appearance of the urine, either bloody (red) or cloudy.

5- pain or pressure in the rectum.



## Case III (Urine Sample III)

A 6-year-old boy, developed marked **edema** over a period of few days.

His mother had noted **puffiness** around the eyes, characteristically in the morning. She also noted that his **urine had become frothy**.

His general practitioner ordered the following investigations:

Test	Result	Reference range
Creatinine	58	55-120 <u>mmol/L</u>
Urea	3.4	2.5-6.4 <u>mmol/L</u>
Sodium	136	135-145 <u>mmol/L</u>
Potassium	4.0	3.5-5.1 <u>mmol/L</u>
Total protein	34	60-80 <u>g/L</u>
Albumin	14	35-50 <u>gmL</u>
Cholesterol	11	3.2-5.2 <u>mmol/L</u>
Triglycerides	1.5	0.5-2.27 <u>mmol/L</u>

A mid stream Urine sample was collected for complete urinalysis.

**1- Do urinalysis using dipsticks and give a full report regarding:**

**A- Physical examination.**

**B- Chemical examination.**

**2- What is the most likely diagnosis?**

nephrotic  
syndrome

Important characteristics:

-What are the Physical Properties of Urine..?

**Frothy urine**

(usually the rest is normal)

-What are the Chemical Properties of urine..?

**Proteinuria**

**(hyperalbuminemia in the urine)**

(usually the rest is normal)



# Nephrotic syndrome is a kidney disease with

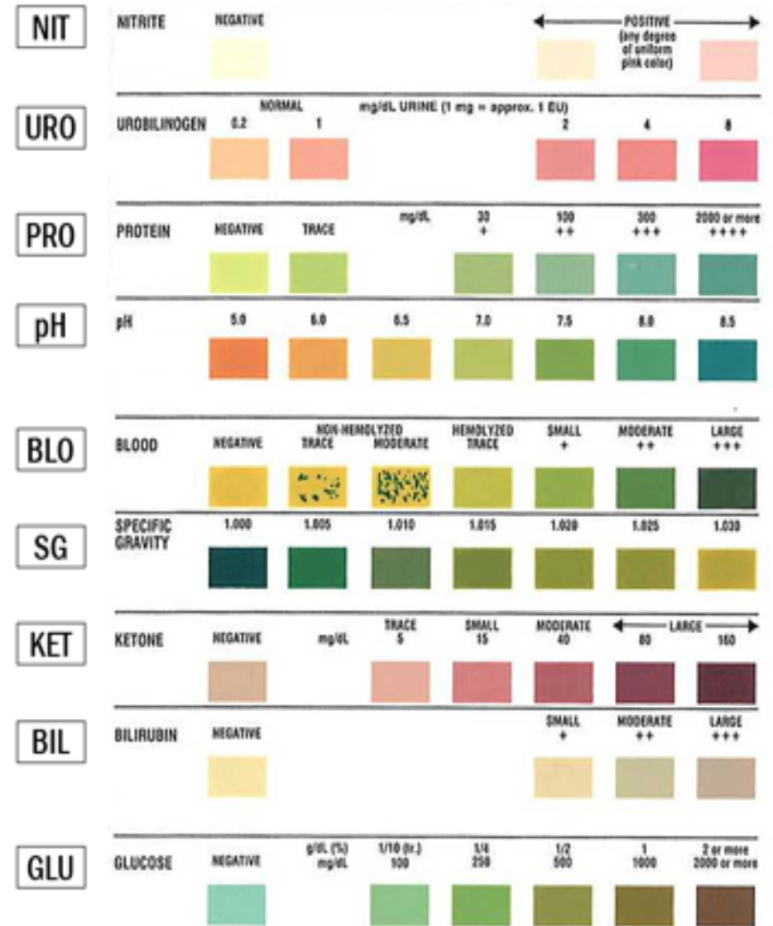
Proteinuria - Hypoalbuminemia - Edema  
 - Hyperlipidemia - Hypercholesterolemia

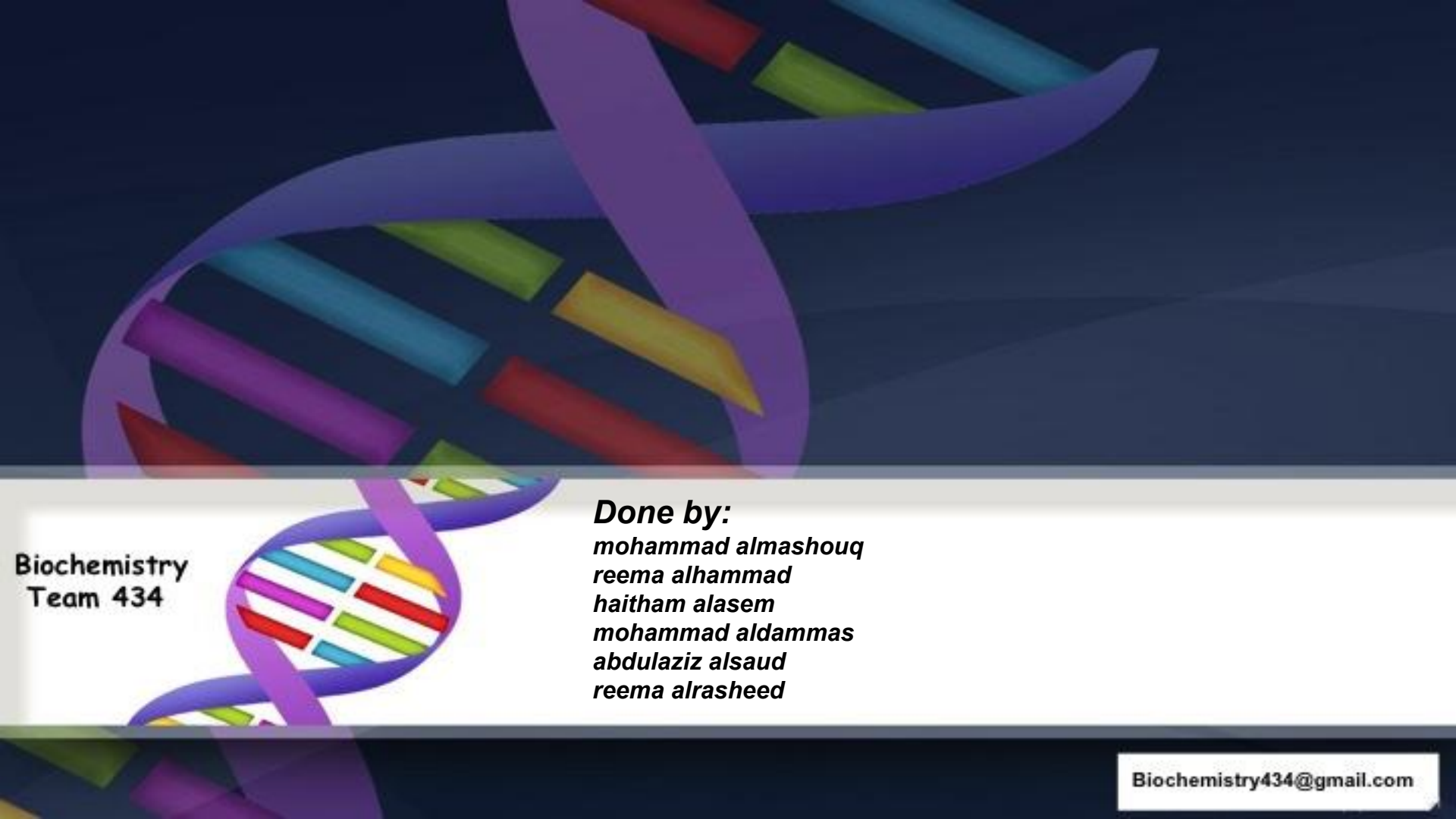
## Symptoms

Frothy urine

Puffiness around the eye

Edema





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