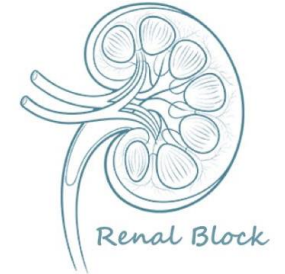




Renal Transport Process 2: Tubular Secretion



Red: very important.

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Pink: formulas.

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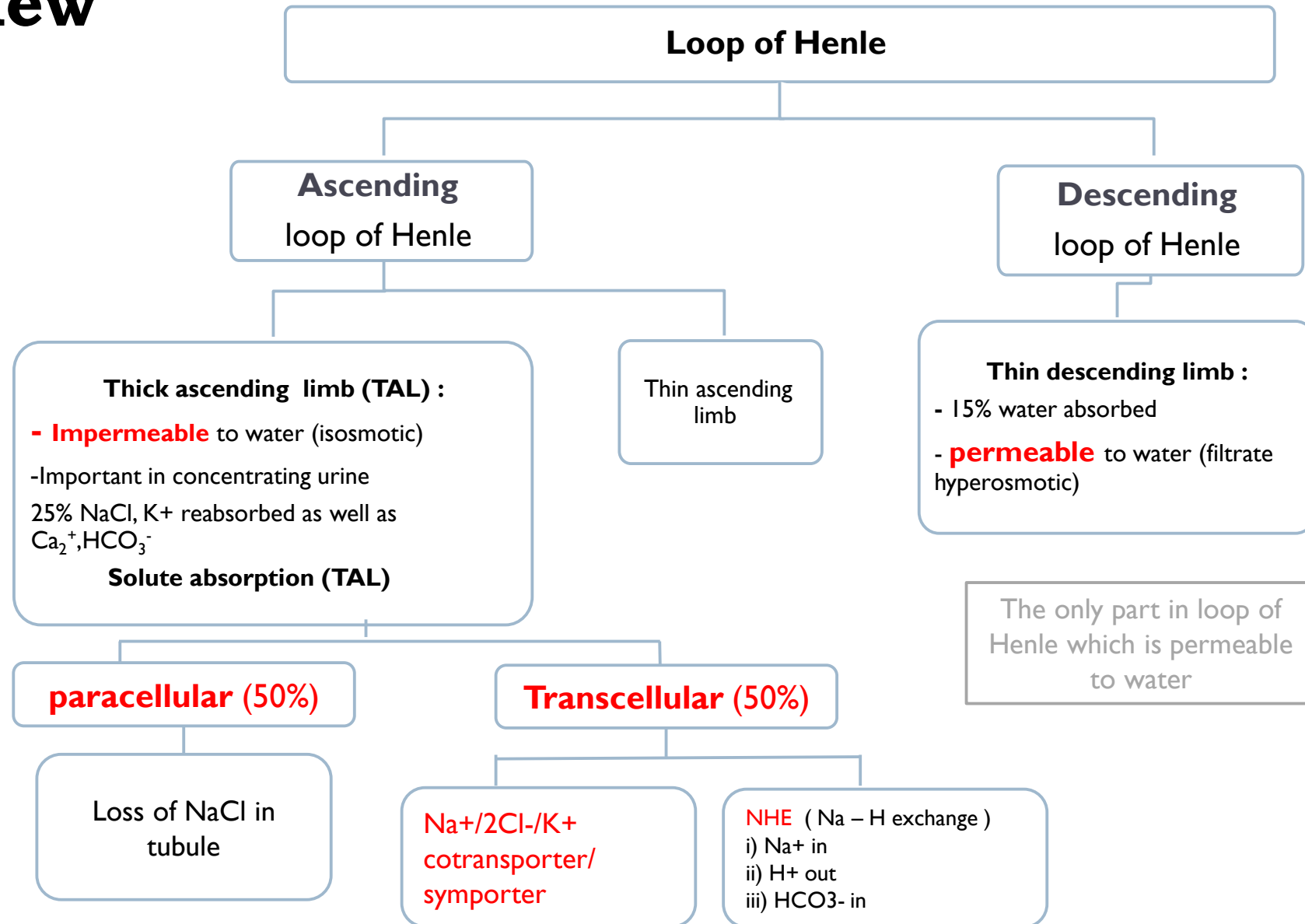
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Objectives

- Describe tubular secretion with PAH transport and K^+
- Identify and describe the characteristic of loop of Henle, distal convoluted tubule and collecting ducts for reabsorption and secretion
- Identify the site and describe the influence of aldosterone on reabsorption of Na^+ in the late distal tubules.

Overview



Loop of Henle

▶ Thin descending limb :

- 15% water reabsorbed
- **permeable** to water (filtrate **hyperosmotic**)
to allow simple diffusion

▶ Thick ascending limb :

- **Impermeable** to water (*isosmotic*) Thin Ascending Limb Hyposmotic
- Important in concentrating urine (more details in next lecture)
- 25% NaCl, K⁺ reabsorbed as well as Ca₂⁺ and HCO₃⁻

Mechanisms of Solute reabsorption (in TAL):

I- Transcellular needs to enter the cell (50%)

- 1) Na⁺/2Cl⁻/K⁺ cotransporter*/ symporter**
- 2) NHE (Na, H exchange)

Na⁺ in \ H⁺ out \ HCO₃⁻ in

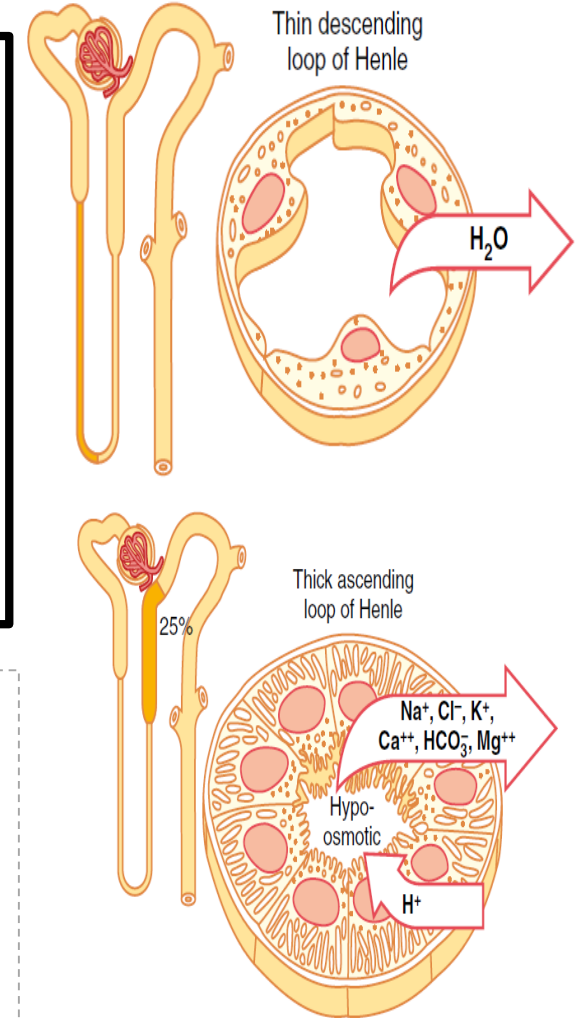
2- Paracellular (50%)

Loss of NaCl in tubule

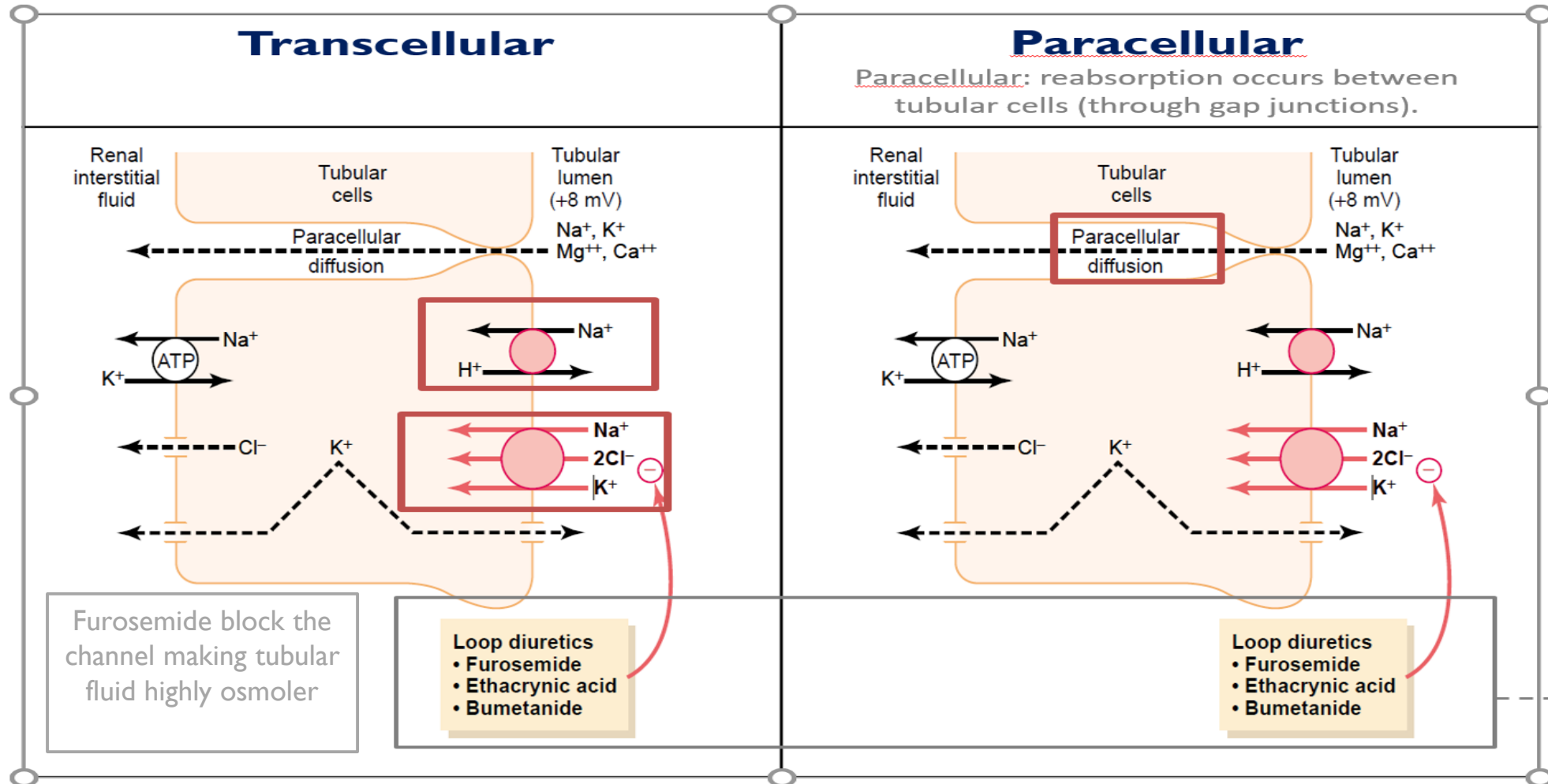
Remember:

- the beginning of the loop of henle has a similar structure to PCT
- Tubular fluid reaches early segment of loop of henle as isotonic (equal in sodium and water)
- loop of henle has 3 segments 2 of them aren't permeable to water and one is (thin descending is permeable) (thin ascending and thick ascending aren't permeable)

- The thick **ascending** limb reabsorbs 25% of NaCl and K, but the majority (70%) is reabsorbed in the proximal convoluted tubules. Transcellular is when ions enter the blood circulation after passing through tubular cells.
- Hydrogen secreted through the sodium hydrogen exchanger (NHE) is obtained from the dissociation of carbonic acid in the presence of carbonic anhydrase.



Loop of Henle



Remember from pharmacology *loop diuretics mechanism *

The thick ascending limb of the loop of Henle is the site of action of the powerful "loop" diuretics furosemide, ethacrynic acid, and bumetanide, all of which inhibit the action of the sodium, 2-chloride, potassium co-transporter.

Loop of Henle

▶ Solute absorption (TAL):

1) **Transcellular** (50%)

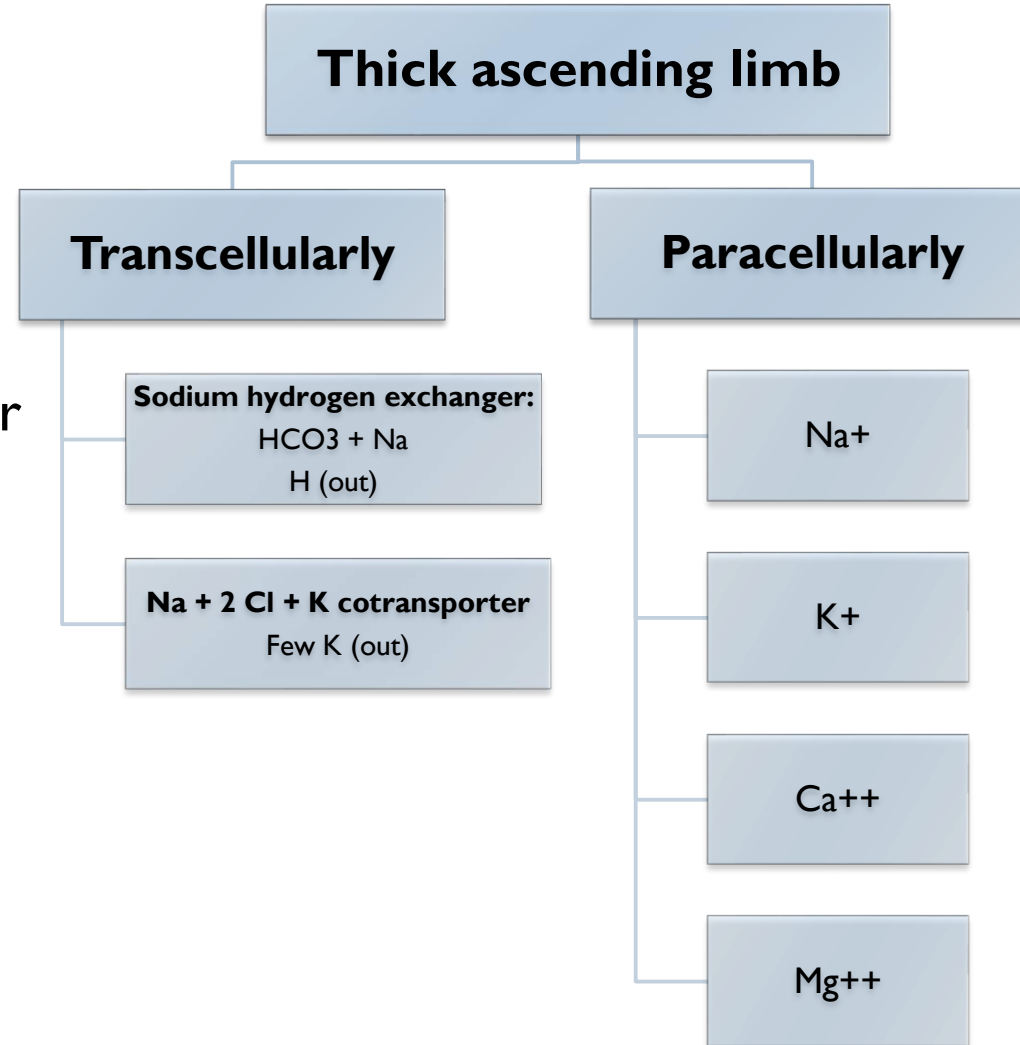
a) $\text{Na}^+ / 2\text{Cl}^- / \text{K}^+$ cotransporter/ symporter

b) NHE

i) Na^+ in

ii) H^+ out

iii) HCO_3^- in

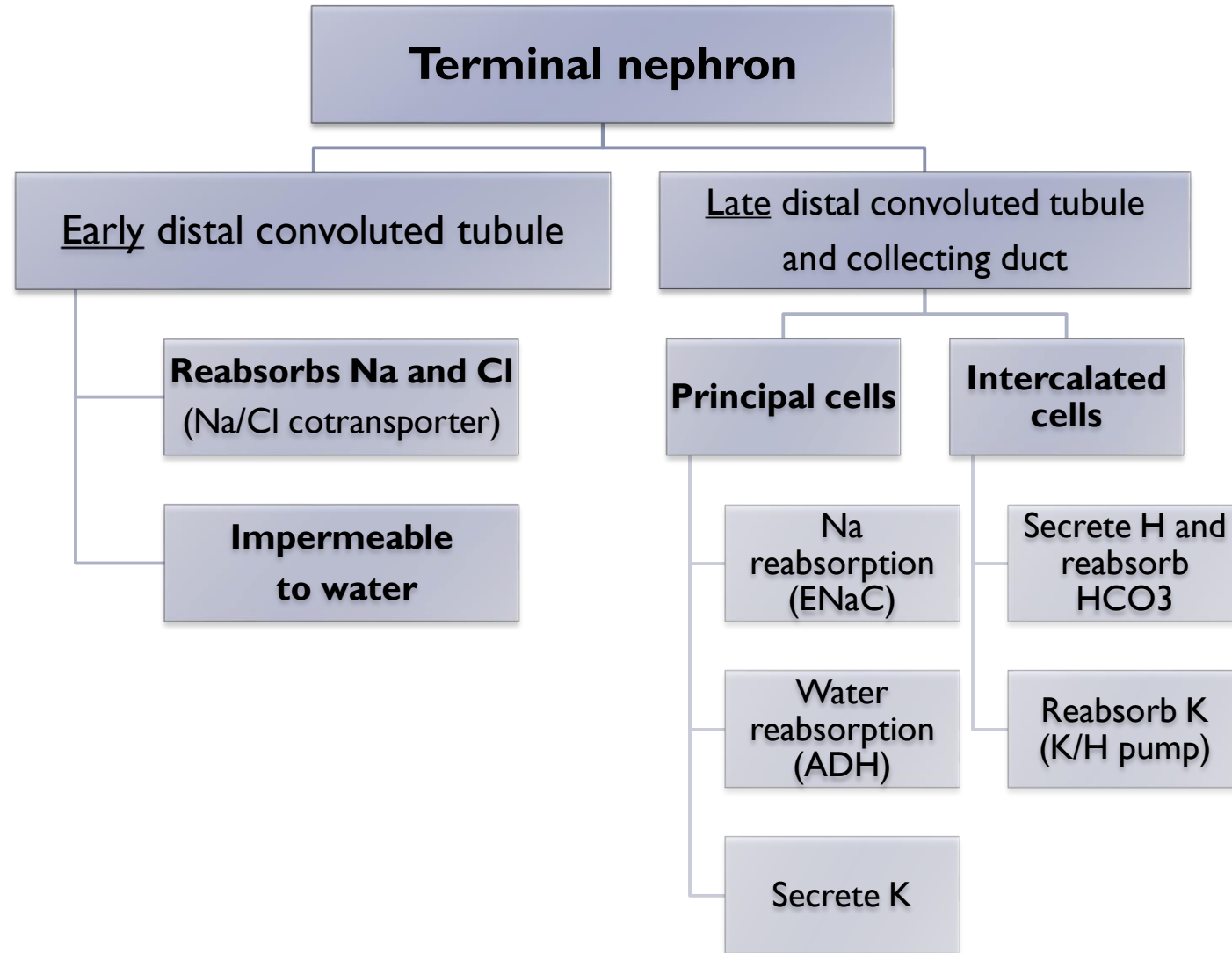


2) **Paracellular** (50%)

▶ Loss of NaCl in tubule
 $\Rightarrow \uparrow$ positive charge compared to blood drives absorption

NaCl moves from lumen to interstitium this leaves behind positive charged molecules, positivity will increase in tubular fluid so equilibrium must be met in tubular fluid $\rightarrow \text{Ca} \text{ K} \text{ Mg}$ follows NaCl

Overview



Distal convoluted tubule (DCT) & collecting duct (CD)

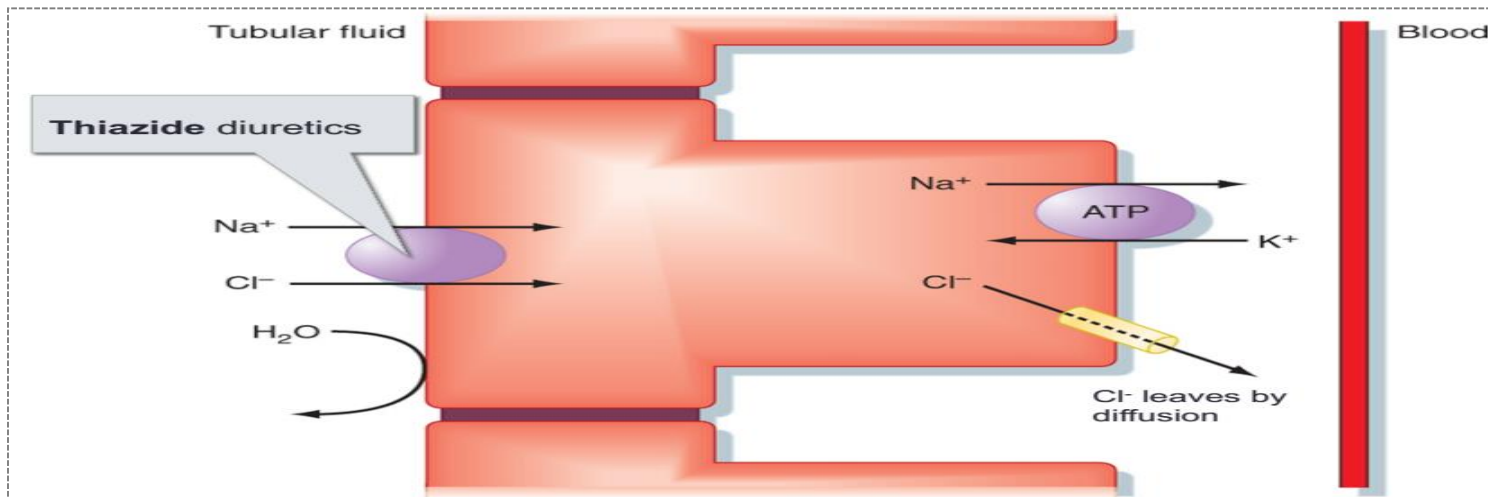
- ▶ **7% NaCl reabsorbed** مهمة النسبة ومقارنتها مع البروكسميل
- ▶ **8 – 15 % water reabsorbed (needs ADH)**
- ▶ Some K^+ , H^+ **secreted** into tubule

Early DCT

- ▶ Reabsorbs Na^+ , Cl^-
- ▶ **Impermeable** to water.

Diuretics:

- Mannitol is a hyperosmolar material so it will attract huge amounts of water
 - A less powerful diuretic is Furosemide (loop of henle)(blocks NKCC pump)
 - Least powerful is thiazide (early DCT) (blocks Na Cl pump)
- Thiazides are most commonly used in HTN



Distal convoluted tubule (DCT) & collecting duct (CD)

Late DCT

Principle cells:

- ▶ **Reabsorb** Na^+ , Na^+ diffuses via selective channels.
- ▶ Reabsorb water
- ▶ **Secrete** K^+ down the conc gradient

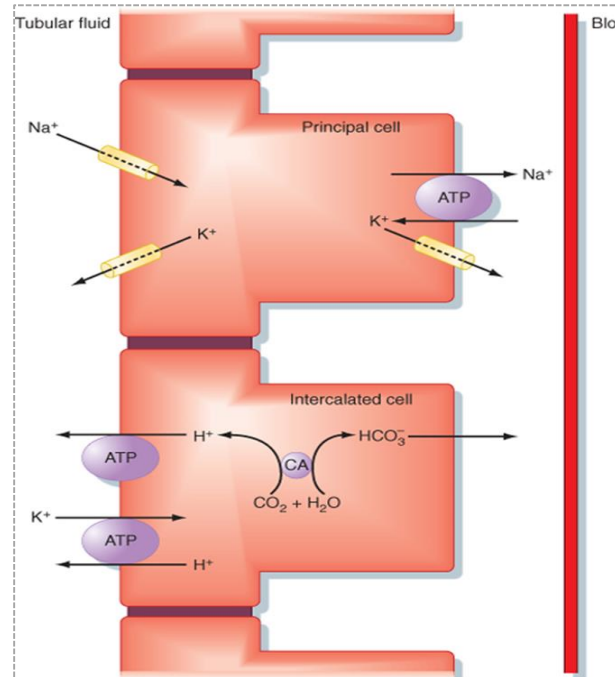
Intercalated cells:

- ▶ Secrete H^+
- ▶ Reabsorb HCO_3^-
- ▶ **Reabsorb** K^+ (by K, H exchanger)

this area is under control of hormones:

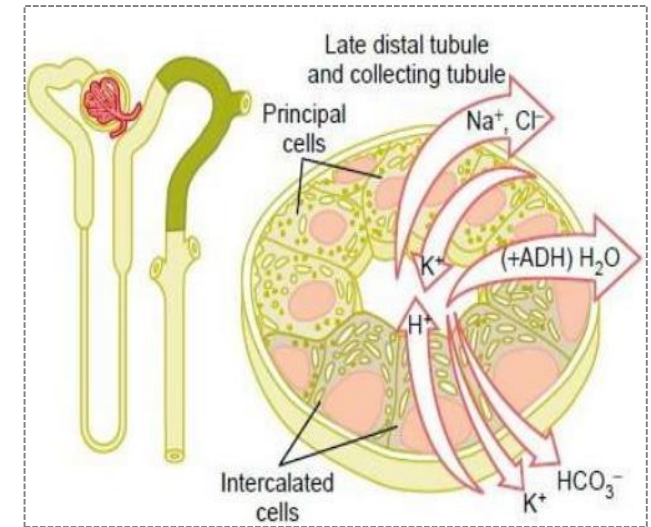
Aldosterone:

- ▶ \uparrow Na reabsorption by principle cells,
- ▶ \uparrow K⁺ secretion



▶ Intercalated cells :

- if blood is acidic; reabsorbs bicarbonate secretes H^+ .
- If blood alkaline; reabsorbs H^+ secretes bicarbonate



Secretion is most at the distal end of nephron

- ▶ Secretion in collecting duct is higher than secretion in DCT and so on...

- Principal and intercalated cells are both hormonally regulated.
- The intercalated cells reabsorb K by the K/H pump (active transport).

Factors Affecting Na Reabsorption

1. GFR: when increased causes an increase in filtration of Na which sensitise the macula densa.
2. Aldosterone.
3. Estrogen: Increase reabsorption of Na and decrease Na excretion.
4. Natriuretic hormone.
5. Osmotic diuresis (Increase Glucose, Mannitol and Urea) increase their conc. In the filtered load then causes a decrease in water reabsorption and Na.
6. Diuretic Drugs (Lasix)
7. Poorly reabsorbed anions causes retention of equal amount of Na.

1- More GFR > more filtration > more excretion
less GFR > less filtration > more reabsorption

2- Aldosterone secreted by adrenal gland in zona glomerulosa
Functions: Sodium/water retention and Potassium secretion

3- Estrogen: Why is there edema in pregnancy > elevated estrogen > increase reabsorption of Na

4- ANP's functions are opposite to aldosterone; sodium/water excretion and potassium reabsorption

5- Osmotic diuresis: increase osmolality of tubules > so they pull water with them (negative effect on reabsorption)

6- Lasix = furosemide

7- Anions negatively charged, so Na will be attracted to these anions in the tubules and won't be reabsorbed

Transport of potassium K^+

▶ Most abundant cation (+) in the body

▶ 98% is intracellular [150mM]

Regulates intracellular function such as Cell volume, Acid/base status, cell growth & division

▶ 3,500-4,000 mmol in blood. قليل ولازم يظل قليل ولا أدى الى اعراض خطيرة مميته منها اريثميا

▶ 2 % K extra-cellular [3.5-5mM]

This regulates membrane potentials in excitable cells and diffusion potentials in transporting epithelia.

If extracellular K is increased massively or decreased → hyper-excitation / paralysis / arrhythmia

K^+ Intake 80-120 mmol/day

Tissue damage leading to cell lysis increases plasma $[K^+]$

Both extracellular $[K^+]$ and total body potassium are tightly regulated.



HOW?

- **INTERNAL DISTRIBUTION**

(This regulates extracellular $[K^+]$)

- **RENAL K^+ EXCRETION**

(This regulates total body potassium)

Internal potassium distribution

Potassium content of average meal is **30-40 mmol**.

This is *rapidly absorbed*.

Renal elimination is slow. It can take up to **six hours** eliminate this load.

If nothing happened then this absorbed load would cause Plasma [K⁺] to rise by **2-5 mmol** which is potentially lethal.

Buffering of the load occurs by **increased** intracellular uptake via Na⁺/K⁺ pump into Skeletal Muscle, Liver, Bone RBCs etc.

Loss of K⁺ from exercising muscle can seriously **increase** plasma K⁺, trained athletes show accelerated uptake after exercise

Why can exercise increase plasma K levels?

- More action potentials > more K efflux
- some cells are damaged (not very common)

B-blocker are contraindicated in exercise > they increase K level (increase uptake of cells even more)

Renal excretion of potassium

- ▶ 90-95% of Dietary K^+ excreted via the kidneys .
- ▶ 5-10% in *Sweat & Feces* (This is unregulated and may become significant in diarrheas).
- ▶ In normal individual intake is matched by excretion and potassium balance is maintained.
- ▶ Filtered load of potassium ~ 720 mmol/day .
- ▶ Bulk reabsorbed by *proximal tubule and loop of Henle*.

Renal K⁺ Transport mechanisms كلها اخذناها قبل بس هنا مرتبة للبوتاسيوم

✓ Cell membrane transporters :

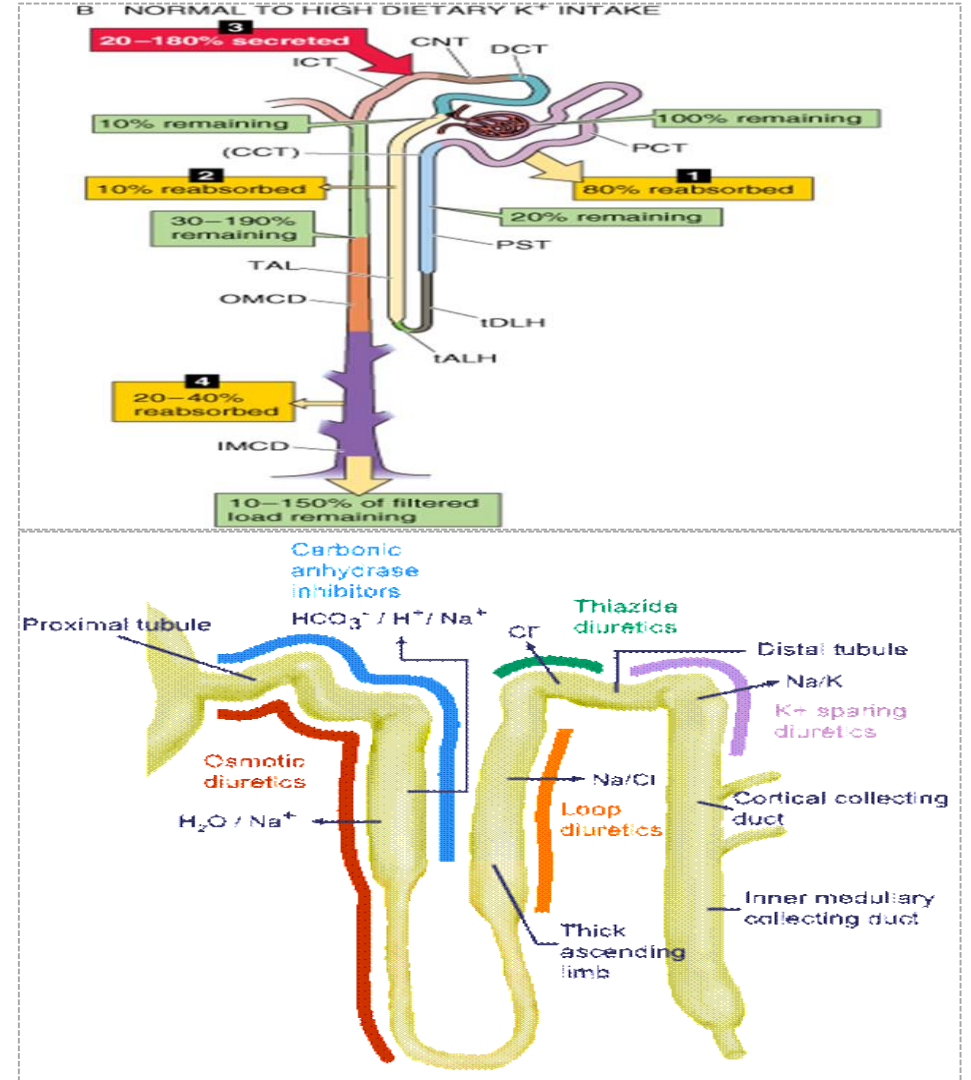
- Na-K ATPase, H-K ATPase
- K⁺ channels, K:Cl cotransport
- Na:K:2Cl cotransport

✓ K⁺ is Reabsorbed in :

- PT (Proximal tubules) **by solvent drag**
- TAL (**thick** Ascending limb of loop of Henle) **NKCC** (luminal membrane)
- Intercalated cell in CCD (cortical collecting duct)

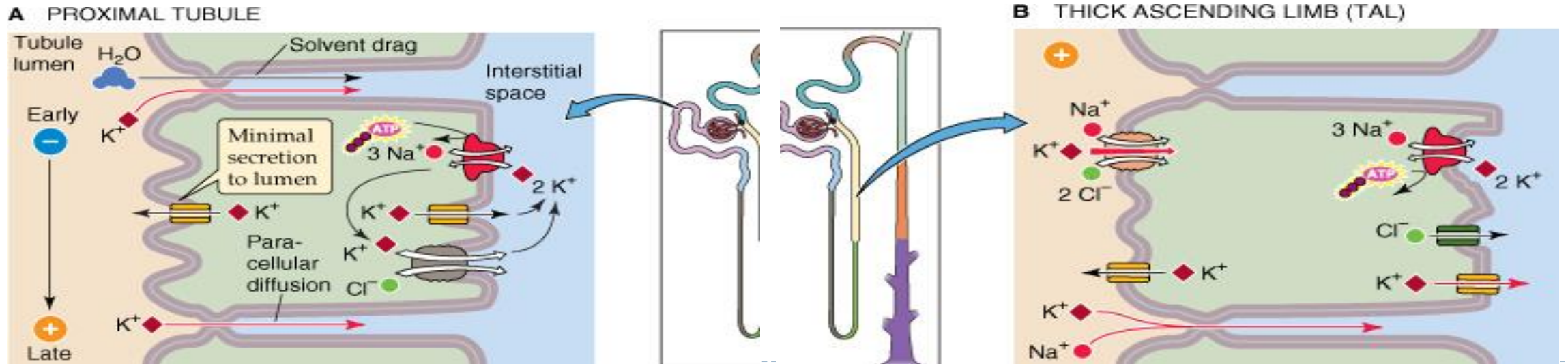
✓ K⁺ Secreted in :

- Late distal tubule
- principal cells of late DT (Distal Tubules)
- CCD (cortical collecting duct)

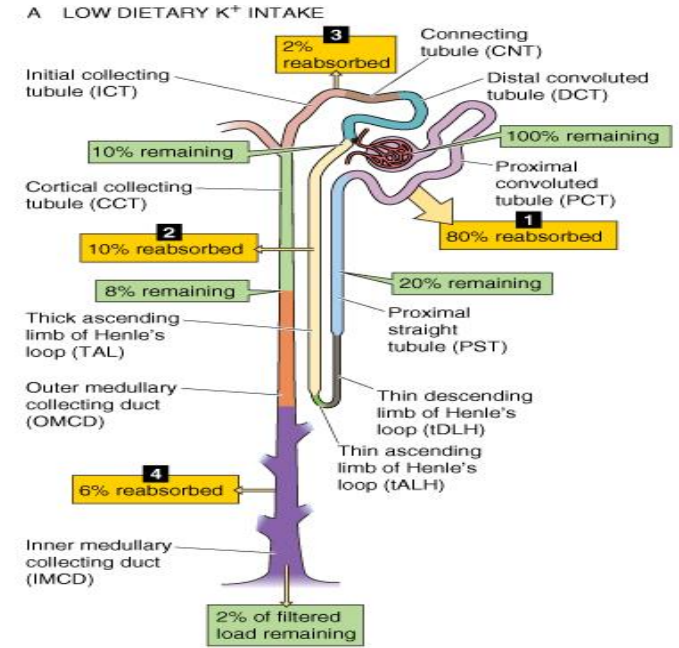


Renal K⁺ Transport mechanisms كلها إعادة

- ▶ **Proximal Tubule:** K⁺ is absorbed by intercellular solvent drag whereby fluid movement driven by Na⁺ absorption entrains K⁺ ions. في المحاضرة السابقة.
- ▶ **TAL:** Na:K:2Cl in luminal membrane.
- ▶ **K:Cl** co-transport in Baso-lateral membrane
- ▶ **CD:**
 - K reabsorption is by the intercalated cells via a luminal H-K ATPase.
 - K⁺ secretion in the principal cells (via luminal K channels and basolateral Na-K ATPase).



A) Low dietary K intake (not normal)

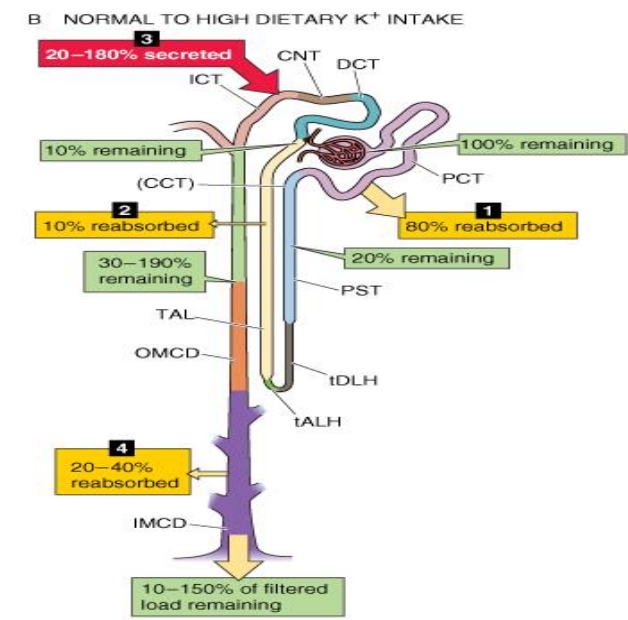


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100% is filtered
 80% is reabsorbed in PCT
 10% reabsorbed in thick ascending
 2% reabsorbed along the DCT
 6% reabsorbed in medullary part of collecting duct
 2% excreted

(notice how there's no secretion of potassium)

B) Normal to high K intake

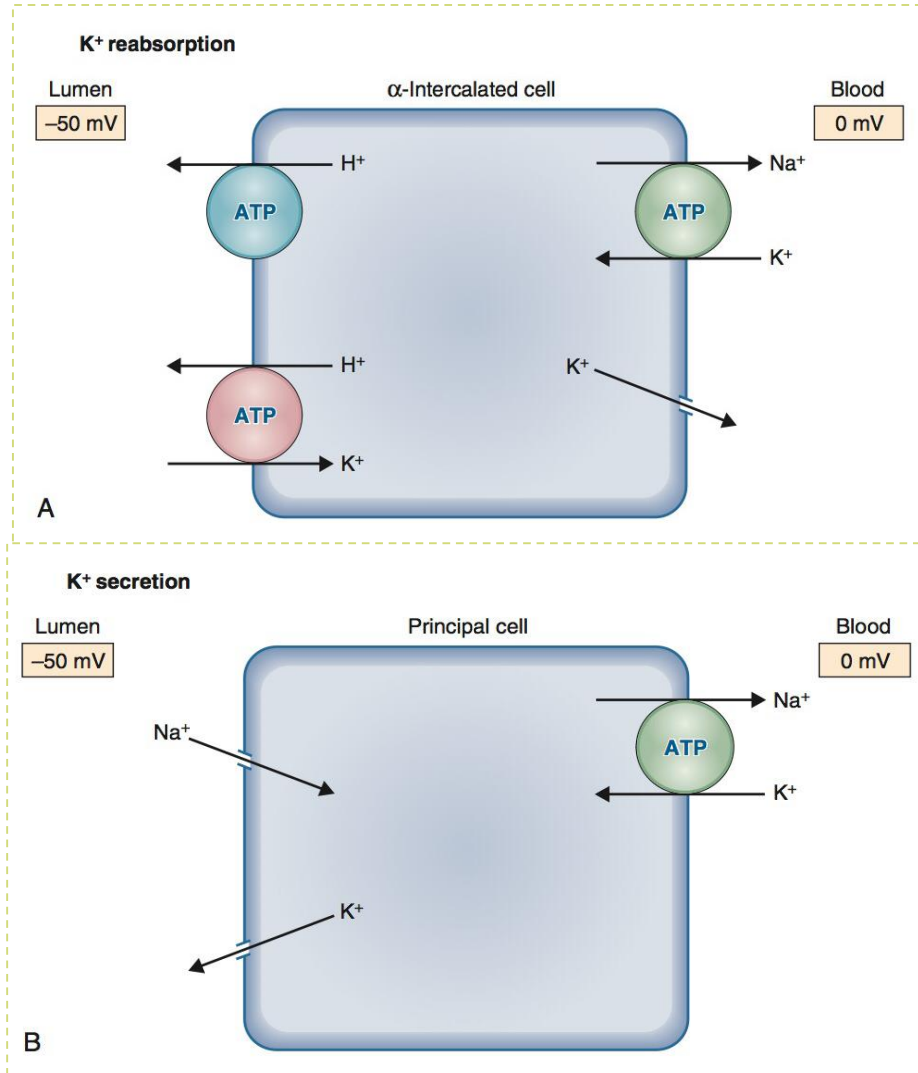


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100% filtered
 80% is reabsorbed in PCT
 10% reabsorbed in thick ascending
 20-180% secretion in Principal cells
 20-40% reabsorbed in medullary collecting duct
 10-150% eliminated in urine

20-180% is NOT a range (this is just an example)

Renal K⁺ transport mechanism



When a person is on a low K⁺ diet



K⁺ reabsorption is by the intercalated cells via a luminal H-K ATPase (primary active transport)

K⁺ secretion in the principal cells (via luminal K channels and basolateral Na-K ATPase)

Factors affecting potassium secretion/reabsorption

Peritubular factors (change inside tubular cells.)
(All **Increase** the secretion and excretion of potassium)

1- Hyper-kalemia	2- Hyper-aldosteronism	3- Alkalosis
Increase K in tubular cell and increase chemical gradient of K between tubular cell and tubular lumen which lead to increase in the secretion and excretion of K.	Increase aldosterone increases the secretion and excretion of K. (Its main action is reabsorb Na and secretion of K)	Alkalosis = $\uparrow \text{pH} = \downarrow \text{H}^+$ ions Increase H-K exchange at basolateral membrane then increase in the secretion and excretion of K. فعشان ادخل هيدروجين لازم اطلع بوتاسيوم

Luminal factors

Diuresis: increase volume of urine and decrease concentration of K in lumen which causes secretion via chemical gradient (increase secretion and excretion) (has a negative impact on sodium reabsorption)

Increased urinary excretion of Na : increase in Na-K exchange at luminal membrane causes an increase in secretion and excretion of K. فإذا زاد اخراج الصوديوم لأي سبب راح يزيد معها اخراج البوتاسيوم

Increased urinary excretion of bicarbonate, phosphate, sulphate and ketone acids: increase negativity of lumen then increase electrochemical gradient between cell and lumen causes secretion and excretion of K. بسبب الشحنة

NaCl Transport along the Nephron (summary)

Segment	Percentage of Filtrate reabsorbed	Mechanism of Na ⁺ Entry across the apical Membrane	Major Regulatory Hormones
Proximal tubule	67%	Na ⁺ -H ⁺ antiporter, Na ⁺ symporter with amino acids and organic solutes, 1 Na ⁺ -1 H ⁺ -2Cl ⁻ -anion antiporter, paracellular	Angiotensin II , (Norepinephrine , Epinephrine) Dopamine <small>()= sympathetic</small>
Loop of Henle	25%	1 Na ⁺ -1 K ⁺ -2Cl ⁻ symporter	Aldosterone, Angiotensin II
Distal tubule	≈ 5%	NaCl symporter (early) Na ⁺ channels (late)	Aldosterone, Angiotensin II
Collecting ducts	≈ 3%	Na ⁺ channels	(Aldosterone, ANP), BNP, urodilatin, uroguanylin, guanylin, (angiotensin II)

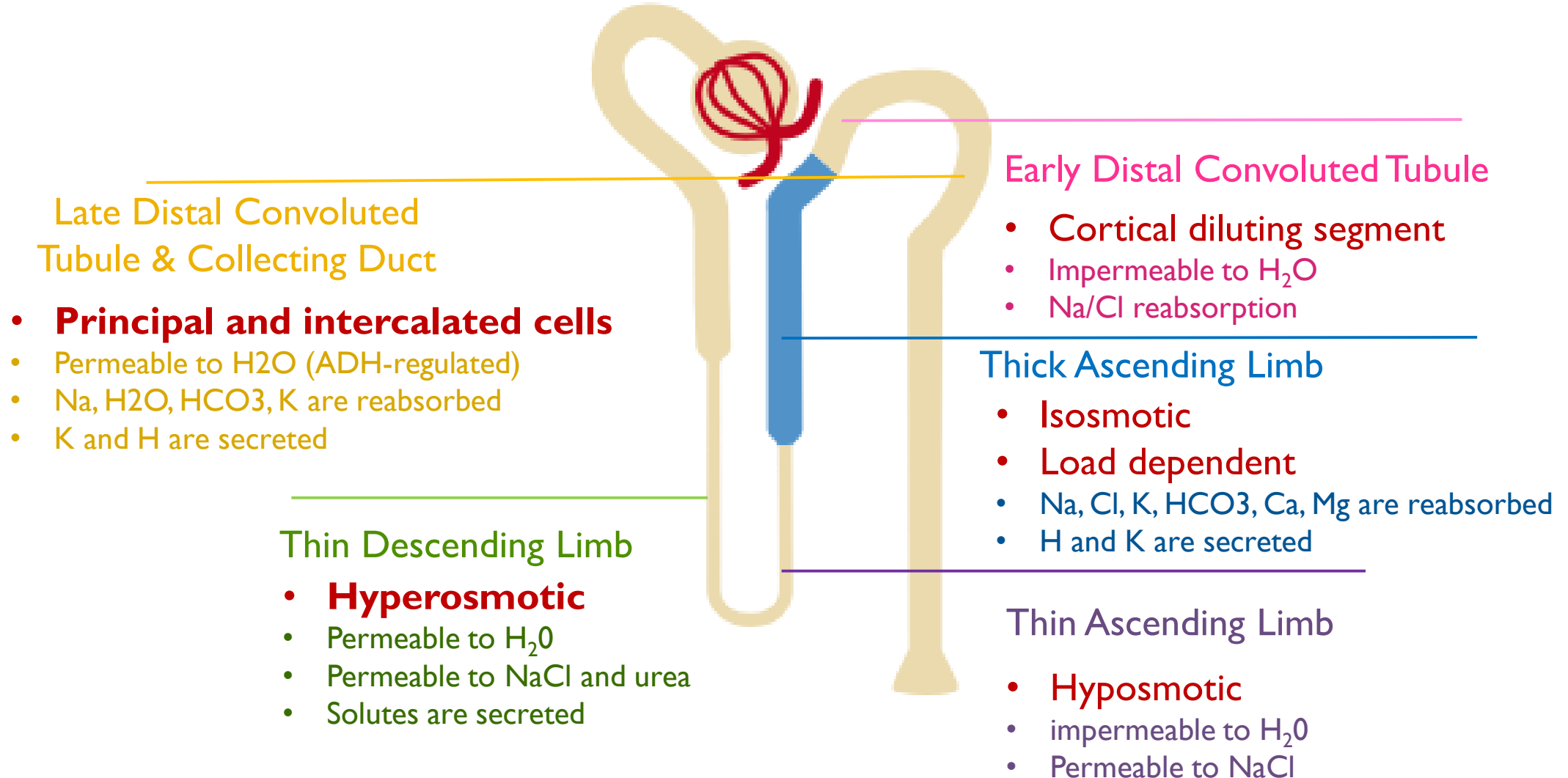
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Water Transport along the Nephron (summary)

Segment	Percentage of Filtrate reabsorbed	Mechanism of Water Reabsorption	Hormones That Regulate Water Permeability
Proximal tubule	67%	Passive	None
Loop of Henle	15%	Descending thin limb only; passive	None
Distal tubule	0%	No water reabsorption	None
Late distal tubule 20 and collecting duct	≈ 8% - 17%	Passive	(ADH, ANP), BNP*

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Summary



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