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# Tubular Reabsorption & Secretion

Lecture 5, 6

## RENAL BLOCK

PHYSIOLOGY TEAM 437

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## Objectives:

by the end of this lecture you will be able to:

- Define tubular reabsorption, tubular secretion, transcellular and paracellular transport.
- Identify and describe mechanisms of tubular transport.
- Revise tubuloglomerular feedback and describe its physiological importance.
- Describe tubular reabsorption of sodium and water.
- Identify and describe mechanism involved in Glucose reabsorption.
- Study glucose titration curve in terms of renal threshold, tubular transport maximum, spillover, excretion and filtration.
- Identify the tubular site and describe how Amino Acids,  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ ,  $\text{PO}_4^-$  and Urea are reabsorbed.



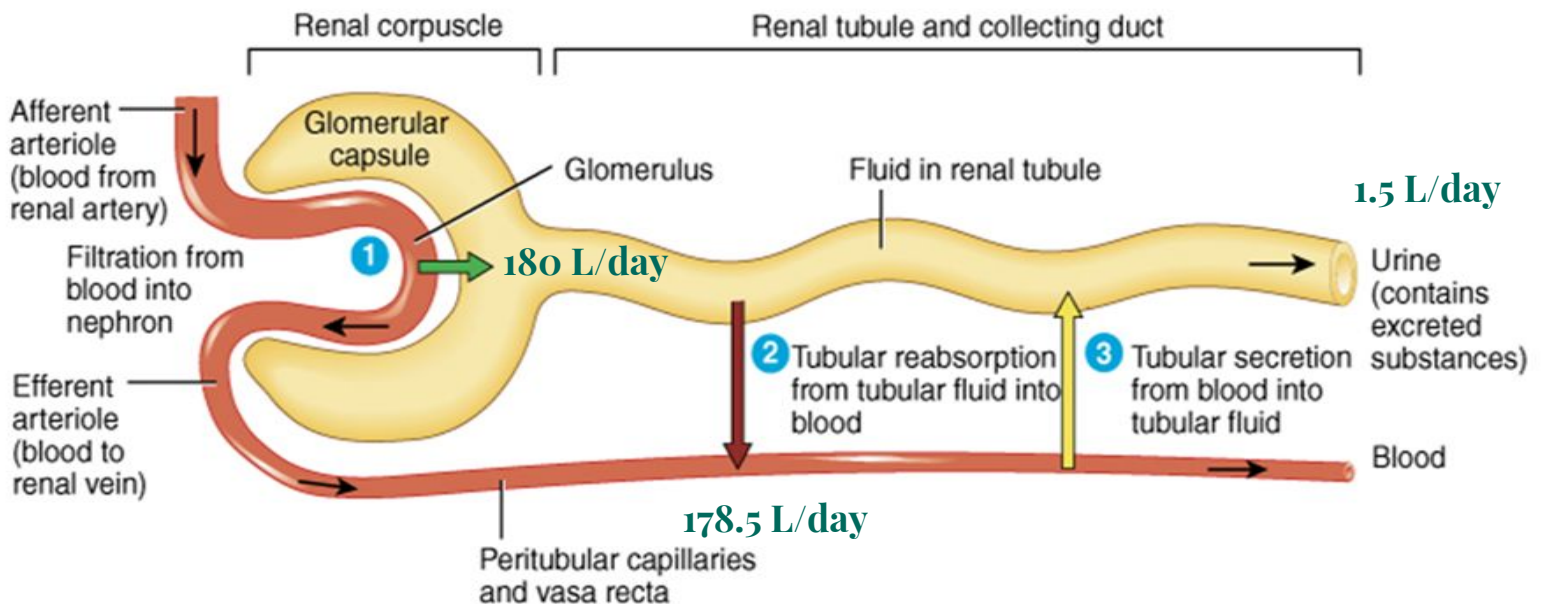
# Tubular Reabsorption

# Tubular Processing of Ultrafiltrate

- After glomerular filtration the ultrafiltrate gets modified as it passes through the tubules before it is finally excreted.
- Tubular processing includes:
  - **Tubular reabsorption** = reabsorption of substances from the glomerular filtrate into peritubular capillary blood.
  - **Tubular secretion** = secretion of substances from peritubular capillary blood into tubular fluid.
- What is the importance of tubular processing?

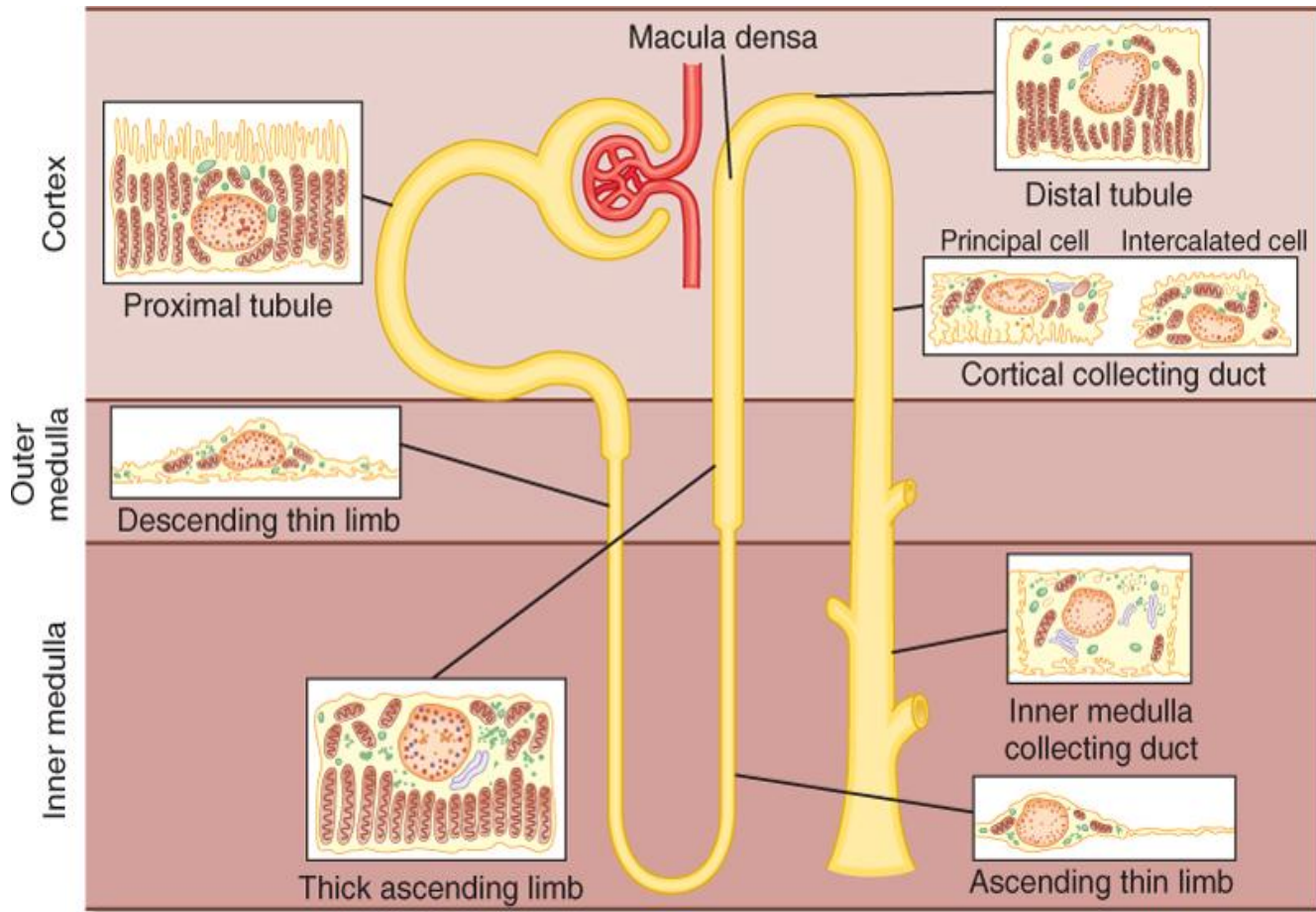
## Tubular Reabsorption

- Glomerular filtration and tubular reabsorption are quantitatively very large relative to the amount excreted!
- Glomerular filtration is non-selective whereas tubular reabsorption is highly selective.



# Differences in Renal Tubular Cells Reflect Their Function in Tubular Processing

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## Transport Mechanisms Across the Tubule

### Active Transport

- Requires energy
- Moves substances against their electrochemical gradient.

**Primary active**  
Directly coupled to energy source.

e.g.  $\text{Na}^+ - \text{K}^+$  ATPase.  
 $\text{Na}^+ - \text{H}^+$  ATPase.

**Secondary active**  
Indirectly coupled to energy source.

Carrier protein.  
e.g. Glucose & amino acid.

### Passive Transport

- Does not need energy.
- Moves substances down their electrochemical gradient.

**Passive diffusion**  
**Osmosis**  
Water Solutes like  
Cl-Urea

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# How Does the Nephron Reabsorb Substances?

Reabsorption

2 Step Process

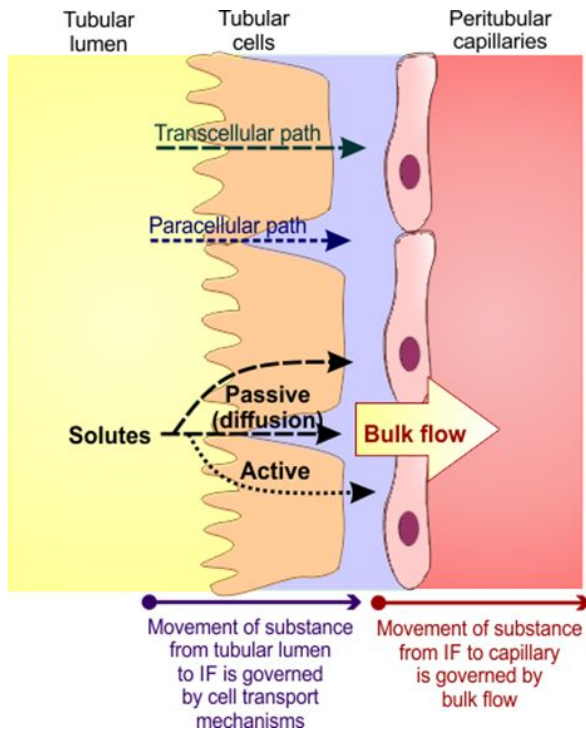
1-Transport of substances from tubular lumen to IF.

2-Transport from IF to blood.

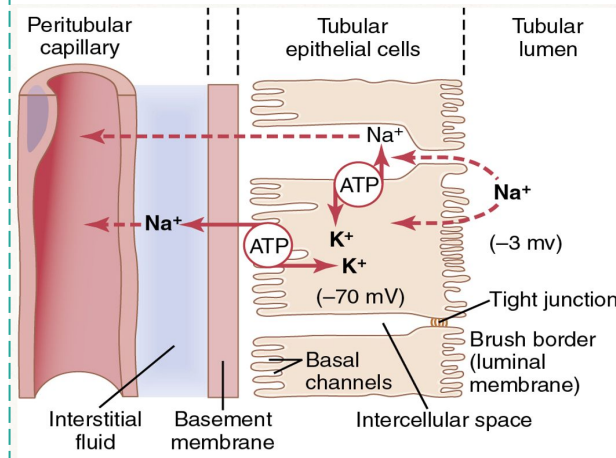
Transport involves *Active & Passive* mechanisms.

Occur through *Paracellular* and/or *Transcellular* routes.

By ultrafiltration (bulk flow).



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Bulk flow results from the imbalance of osmotic or hydrostatic forces at the **peritubular capillary**.

## Overview

TUBULAR REABSORPTION

Loops of henle

Collecting Ducts

Proximal Convoluted Tubule

Distal convoluted Tubule

Descending limb

Ascending limb

Early part

Late part

Early part

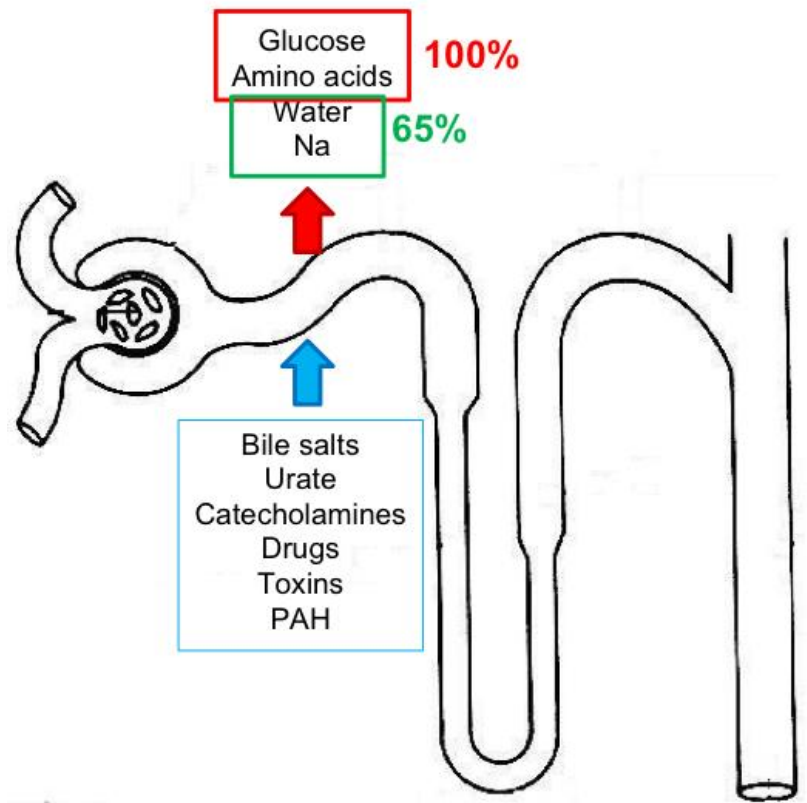
Late part

# Tubular Reabsorption in Each Part of the Nephron

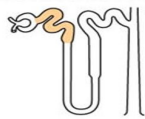
## Proximal Convoluted Tubule

Most of the reabsorption occurs in the PCT.. *Why?*

- Highly metabolic cells.
- Extensive brush border.
- Lots of mitochondria.



## Early PCT



PCT Duration 4:34 mins

- 70% of  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{K}^+$  and water.

1. **NHE:**

( $\text{Na}^+$  for  $\text{H}^+$ ),  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  reabsorbed. how?\*

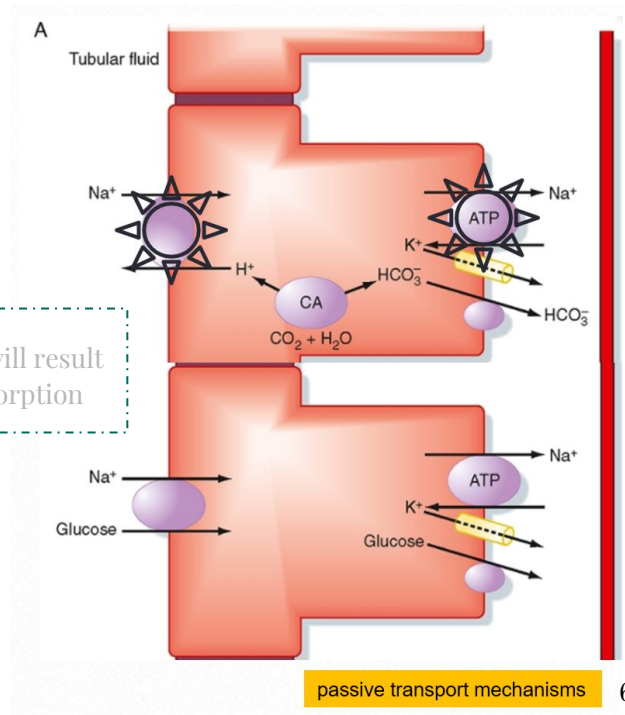
2. **Symporters (Cotransporters):**

$\text{Na}^+$ -glucose,  $\text{Na}^+$ -amino acid,

$\text{Na}^+$ -Pi(Phosphate),  $\text{Na}^+$ -lactate.

- Organic molecules will be completely removed from the filtrate in the first half of the PT

\* $\text{H}^+$  formation will result in  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  reabsorption

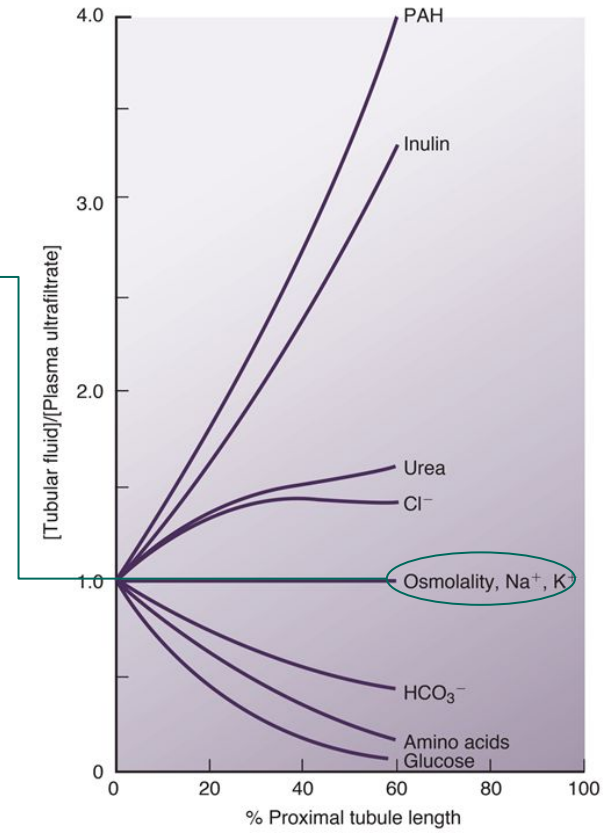


passive transport mechanisms

# Absorption in PCT

- The *amount* of  $\text{Na}^+$  in the tubular fluid  $\downarrow\downarrow$  along PCT.
- The  $[\text{Na}^+]$  (and total osmolality) remains relatively **constant**.
- Because water permeability of PCT is so great  $\rightarrow$  **water reabsorption keeps pace with  $\text{Na}^+$  reabsorption.**

Inulin and PAH are less reabsorbed than Na or K. Bicarbonate, Amino Acids, and glucose are more reabsorbed than Na or K



# Late PCT

$\text{Na}^+$  Reabsorbed with  $\text{Cl}^-$ . Why?

- Due to different transport mechanisms in late PCT.
- Lack of organic molecules.

By two methods

Paracellular  
"Directly"

Transcellular  
"Indirectly"

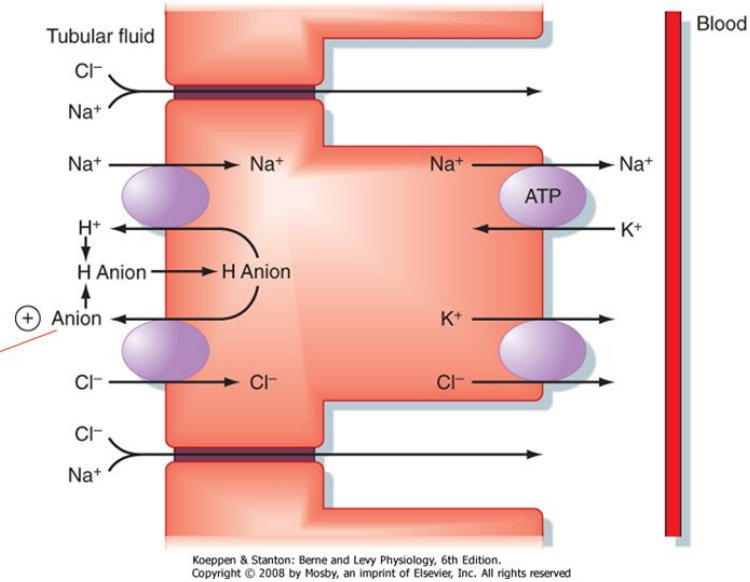
$\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{Cl}^-$  will be absorbed passively.

**H anion complex:** this is reabsorbed by the tubules into the cell, when it become inside, it will disseminate to **H** and **anion**, Here we need to get rid of them to the tubular lumen again and that by:

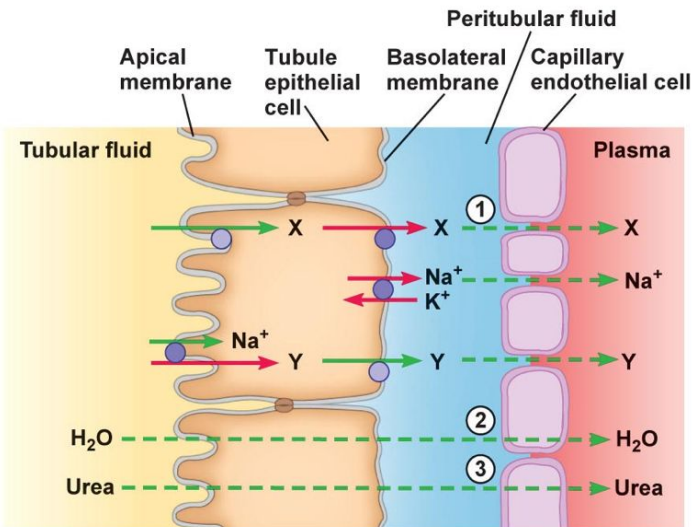
Why the complex have to be formed outside?  
Because **H** and **Anion** are not permeable to the membrane, so the complex help them to be reabsorbed again.

**$\text{Na}^+ - \text{H}^+$  Exchanger:**  
 $\text{Na}^+$  inside the cell and  $\text{H}^+$  outside cell.

**Anion -  $\text{Cl}^-$  Exchanger:**  
**Anion** outside the cell and  $\text{Cl}^-$  inside it.



# Water Reabsorption in the PCT

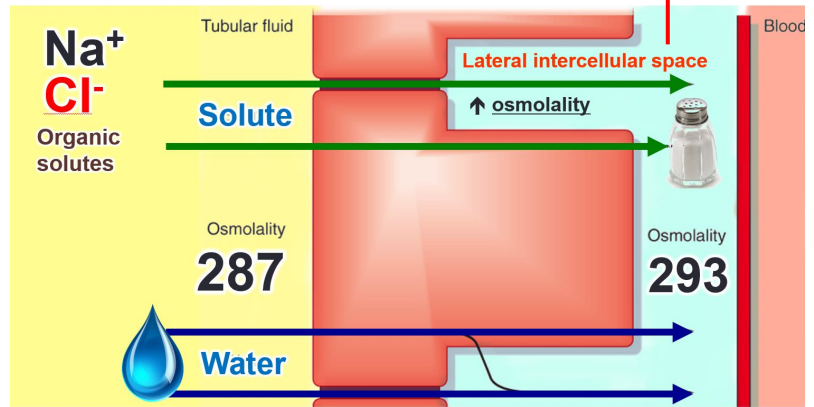


Steps for water and urea reabsorption:

- ① Solutes ( $\text{Na}^+$ , X, Y) are actively reabsorbed, increasing the osmolarity of peritubular fluid and plasma.
- ② Water is reabsorbed by osmosis.
- ③ Urea (permeating solute) is reabsorbed passively.

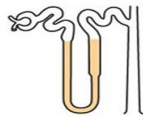
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The driving force for osmotic water reabsorption.



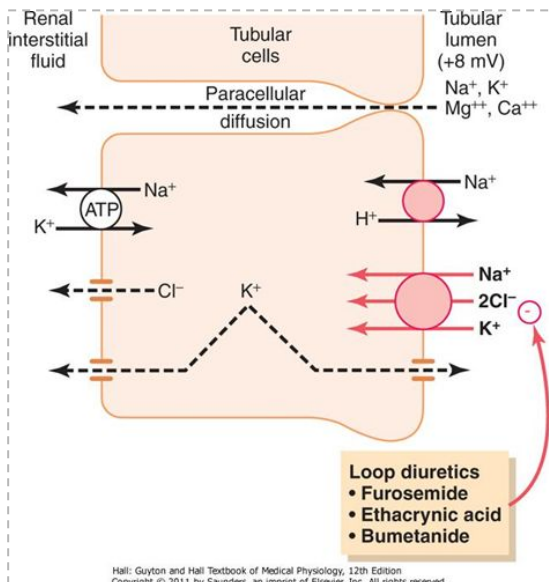
**Passive**, due to osmotically active substances that are absorbed.

## Loop of Henle

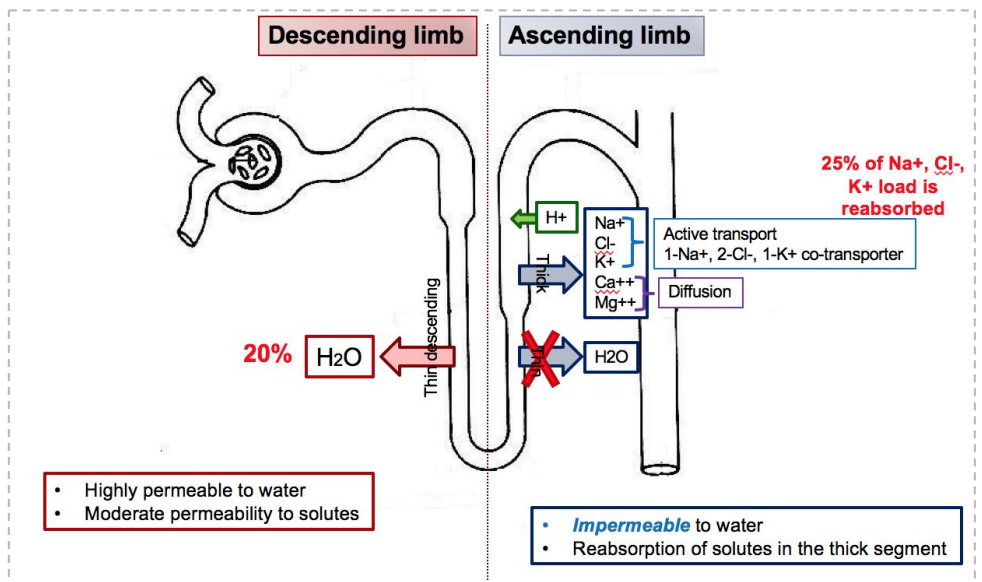


[Sodium regulation in the thick ascending limb](#)  
Duration 6:06 mins

- 25% of filtered  $\text{NaCl}$  and  $\text{K}^+$  is reabsorbed as well as  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  in thick ascending limb (TAL)
- The ascending limb is **impermeable to water (diluting segment)**.
- 15% water absorbed in thin descending limb (**permeable to water**)
- The descending thin limb **does not reabsorb  $\text{NaCl}$** .



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# Solute Absorption

Ascending limb

## 1) Transcellular (50%)

- $1\text{Na}^+ - 2\text{Cl}^- - 1\text{K}^+$  co-transporter
- NHE Na-H Exchange transporter

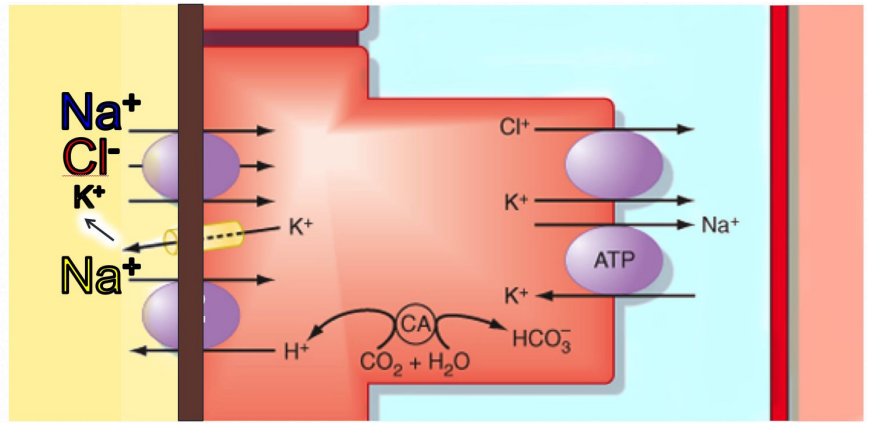
Bridge to pharma:

Loop diuretics work on this cotransporter.

## 2) Paracellular (50%)

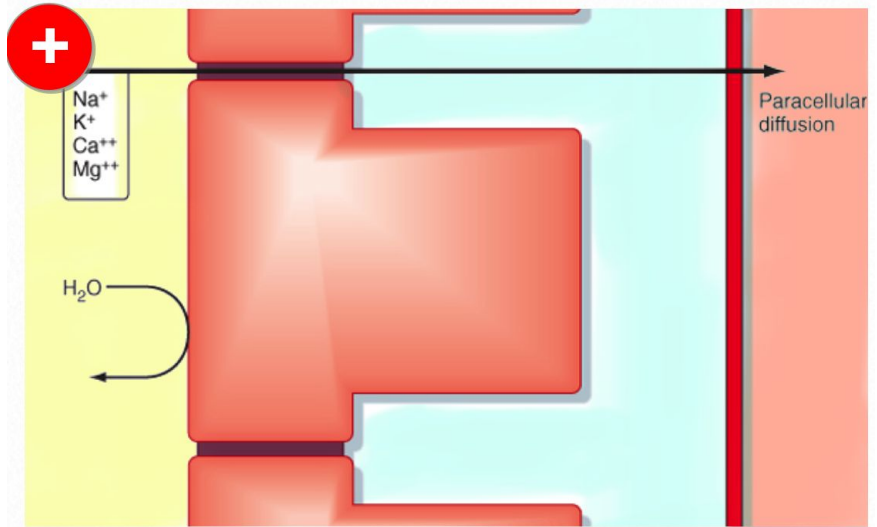
Loss of NaCl in tubule  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  +ve compared to blood drives absorption

- $\uparrow$  Salt transport by the thick ascending limb  $\uparrow$  - the magnitude of the positive charge in the lumen.

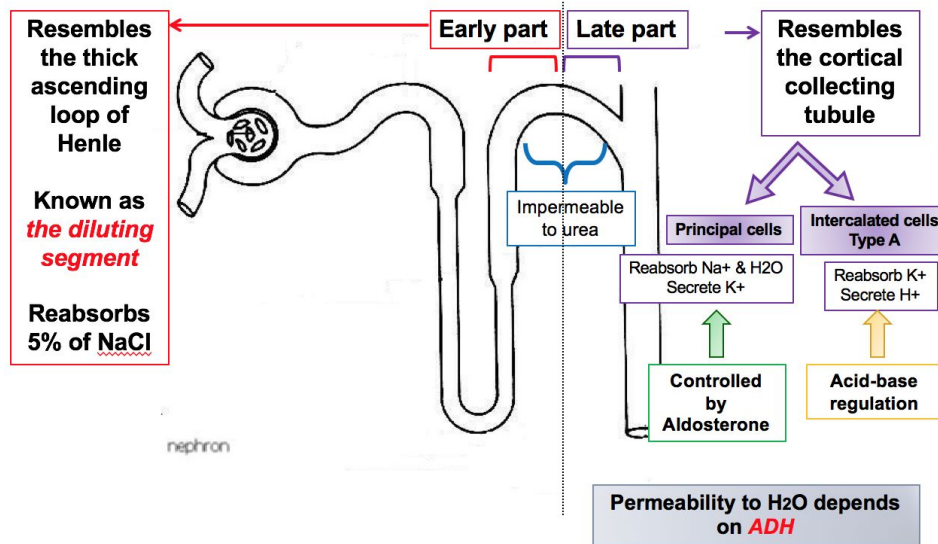


Transport mechanisms for NaCl reabsorption in the thick ascending limb of Henle's loop.

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# Distal convoluted tubule & collecting ducts

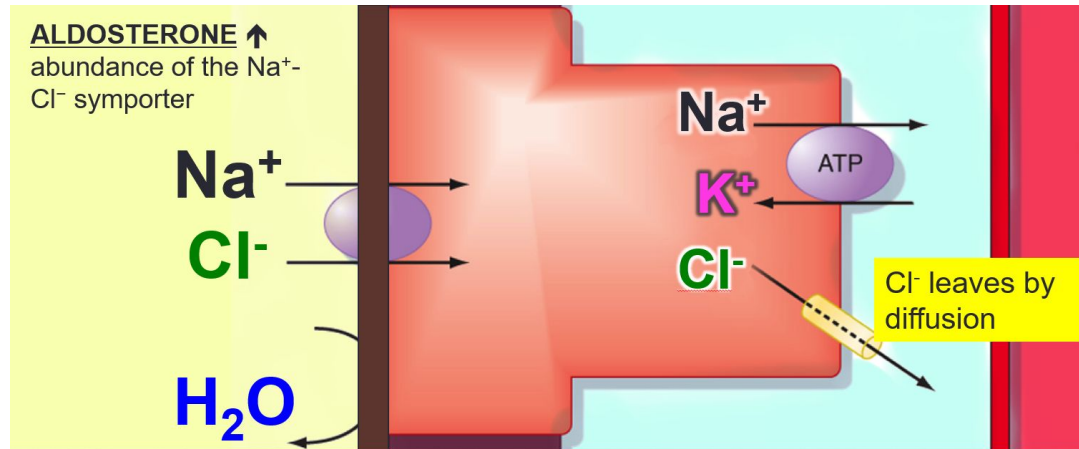


- Reabsorb 8% of filtered NaCl, ~10% water (needs ADH).
- Some  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{H}^+$  secreted *into* tubule.

# Early DCT

- This segment is impermeable to water.
- Reabsorbs  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$  and  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$

Bridge to pharma:  
Thiazide diuretics work on Na/Cl transporter



# Late DCT

1) **Principle cells:** reabsorb  $\text{Na}^+$ , water, secrete  $\text{K}^+$

2) **Intercalated cells:** secrete or reabsorb  $\text{H}^+$  (opposite for  $\text{HCO}_3^-$ ) [important for acid base], reabsorb  $\text{K}^+$

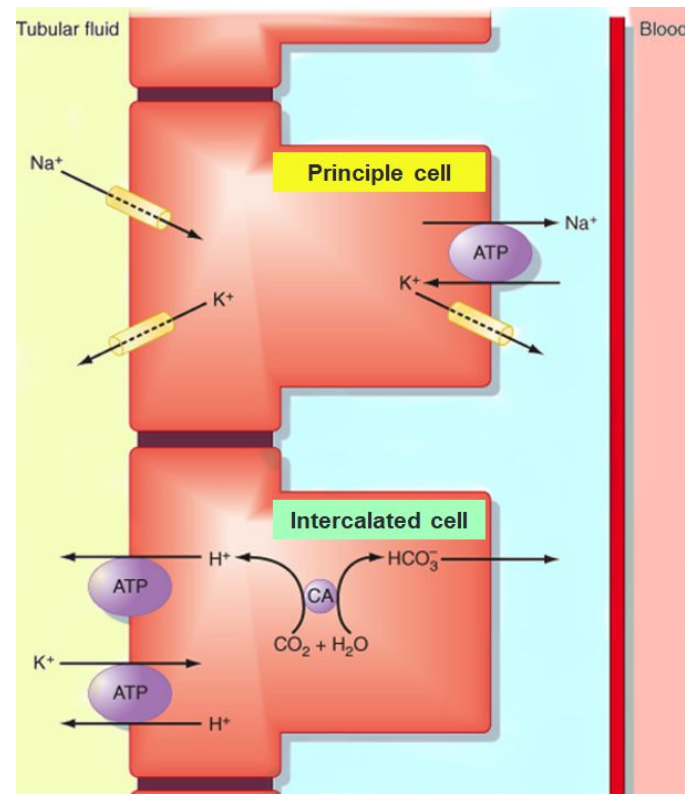
•  $\text{Na}^+$  diffuses via selective channels

•  $\text{K}^+$  secreted down concentration, reabsorbed by an  $\text{H}^+/\text{K}^+$ -ATPase located in the apical (luminal membrane) cell membrane.

**ALDOSTERONE** increase  $\text{NaCl}$  reabsorption, **How?** increase the amount of  $\text{Na}^+/\text{K}^+$ -ATPase in the basolateral membrane.

↑ expression of the ENaC\* in the apical cell membrane.

\*: Epithelial Sodium Channels



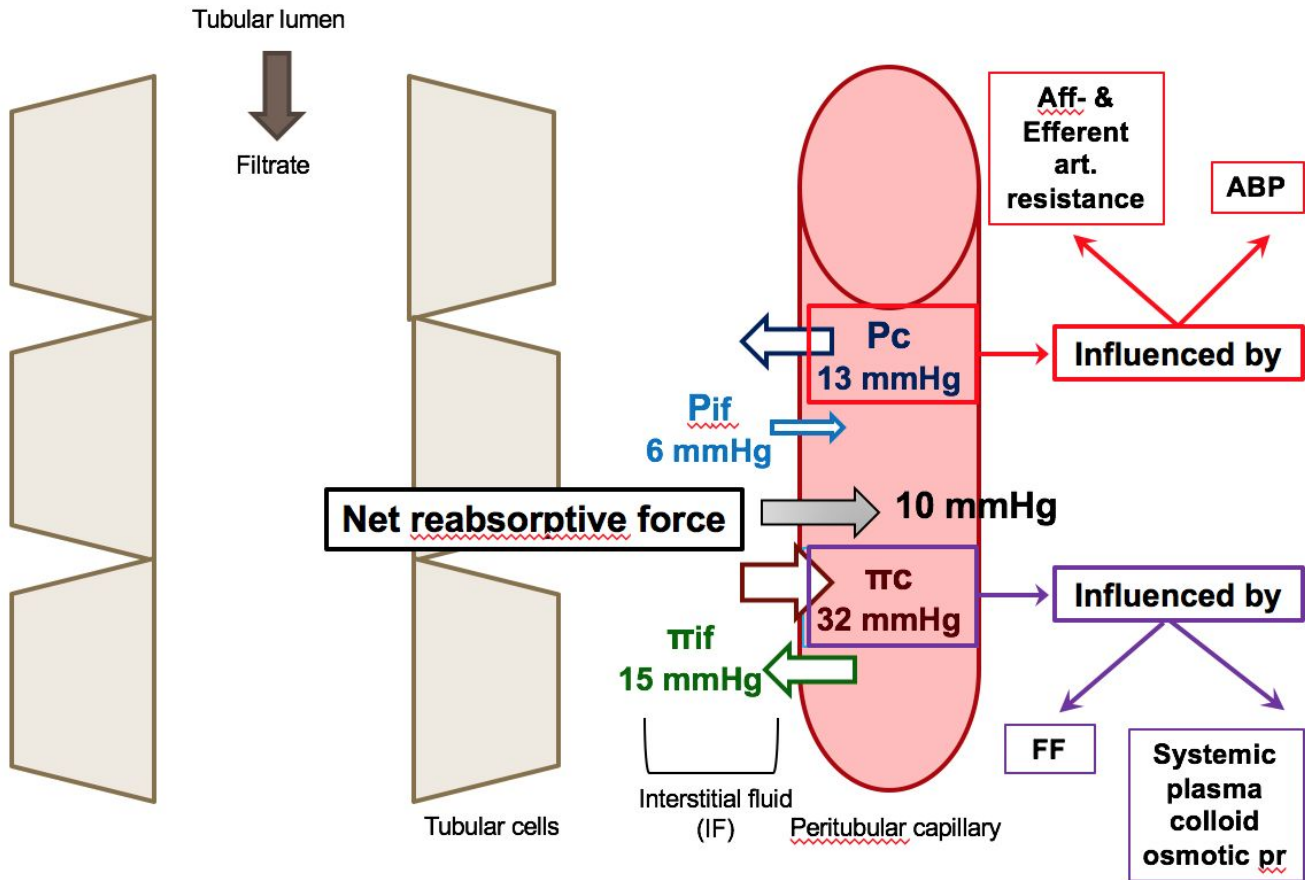
Bridge to pharma:

K sparing diuretics work in this segment of the nephron.



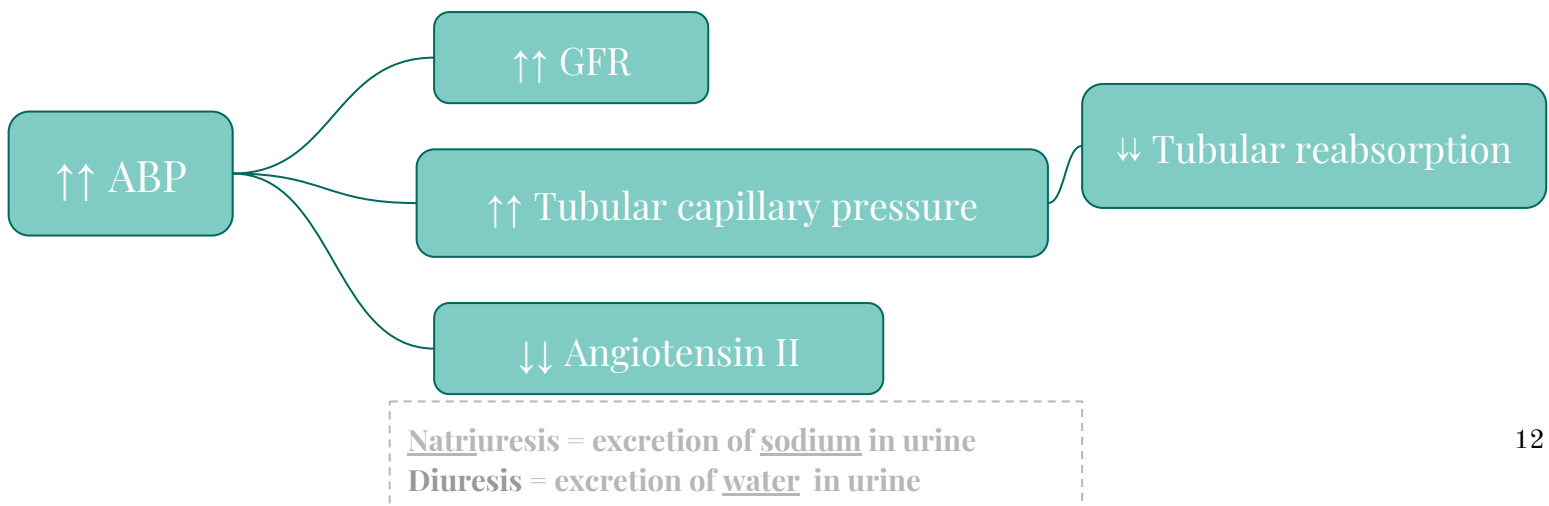
# 1- Physical Forces that Govern Tubular Reabsorption

P=hydrostatic pressure π=osmotic C=capillary if=interstitium



## Pressure Natriuresis & Pressure Diuresis

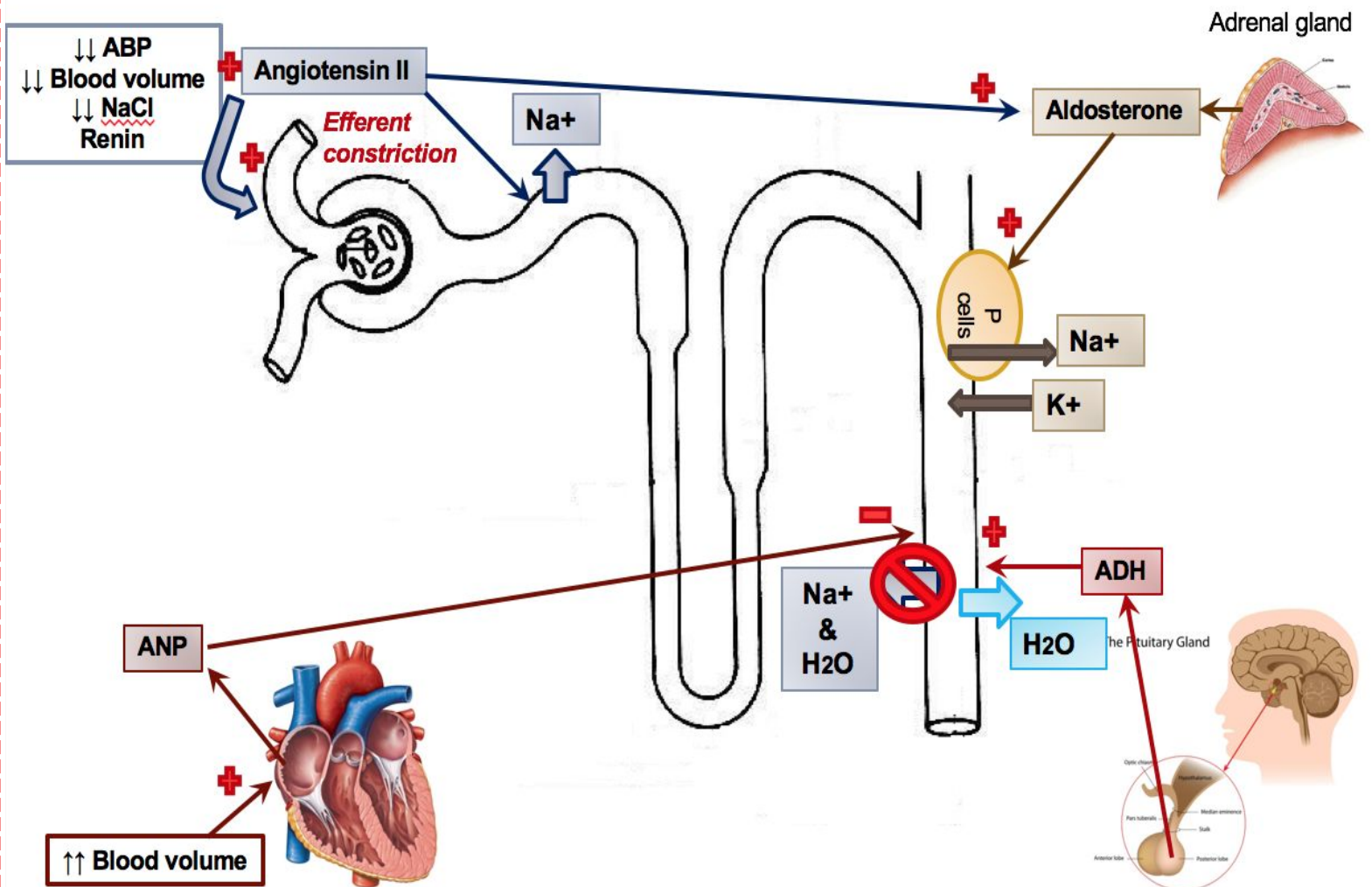
- Increasing urinary excretion of  $\text{Na}^+$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in response to increases in ABP.
- Autoregulation should limit this! *What happens if autoregulation is impaired?*



## 2- Hormonal Regulation of Tubular Reabsorption

Hormones are:

- Renin
- Angiotensin ii
- Aldosterone
- ANP
- ADH



# Organic Anion/Cation Secretion

Here just memorize them and know that they secreted to PCT

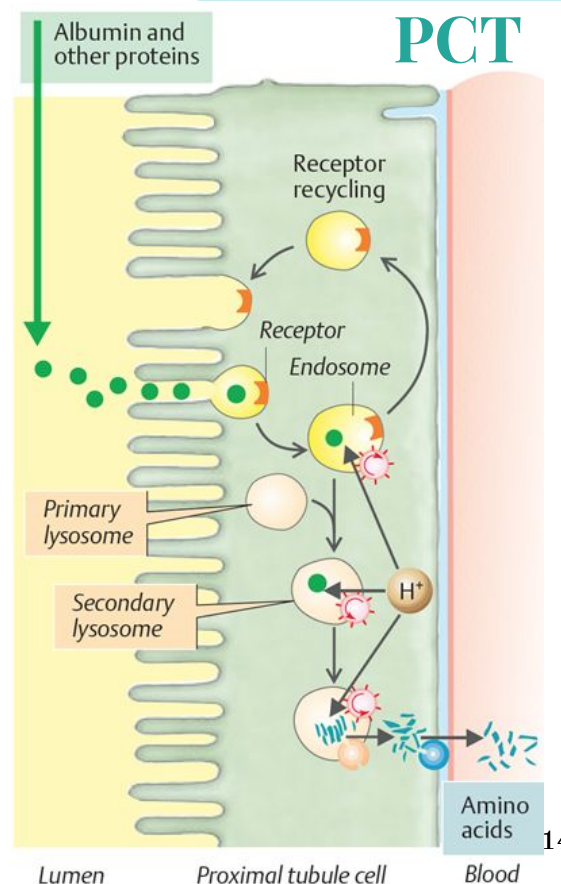
Organic Anions	Organic cations
<p><b>1-Endogenous:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bile salts.</li> <li>• Oxalate.</li> <li>• Urate.</li> <li>• Vitamins (ascorbate, folate).</li> </ul> <p><b>2-Exogenous:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Acetazolamide.</li> <li>• Furosemide.</li> <li>• Salicylates.</li> <li>• Penicillin.</li> </ul>	<p><b>1-Endogenous:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creatinine.</li> <li>• Dopamine.</li> <li>• Epinephrine.</li> <li>• Norepinephrine.</li> </ul> <p><b>2-Exogenous:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Atropine.</li> <li>• Morphine.</li> <li>• Amiloride.</li> <li>• Procainamide</li> </ul>

Many of these organic compounds can be bound to plasma proteins and are not readily filtered. Therefore, excretion by filtration alone eliminates only a small portion of these potentially toxic substances from the body. Such substances are also secreted from the peritubular capillaries into the tubular fluid. These secretory mechanisms are very powerful and remove virtually all organic anions and cations from the plasma entering the kidneys. Hence, these substances are removed from the plasma by both filtration and secretion.

# Protein Reabsorption

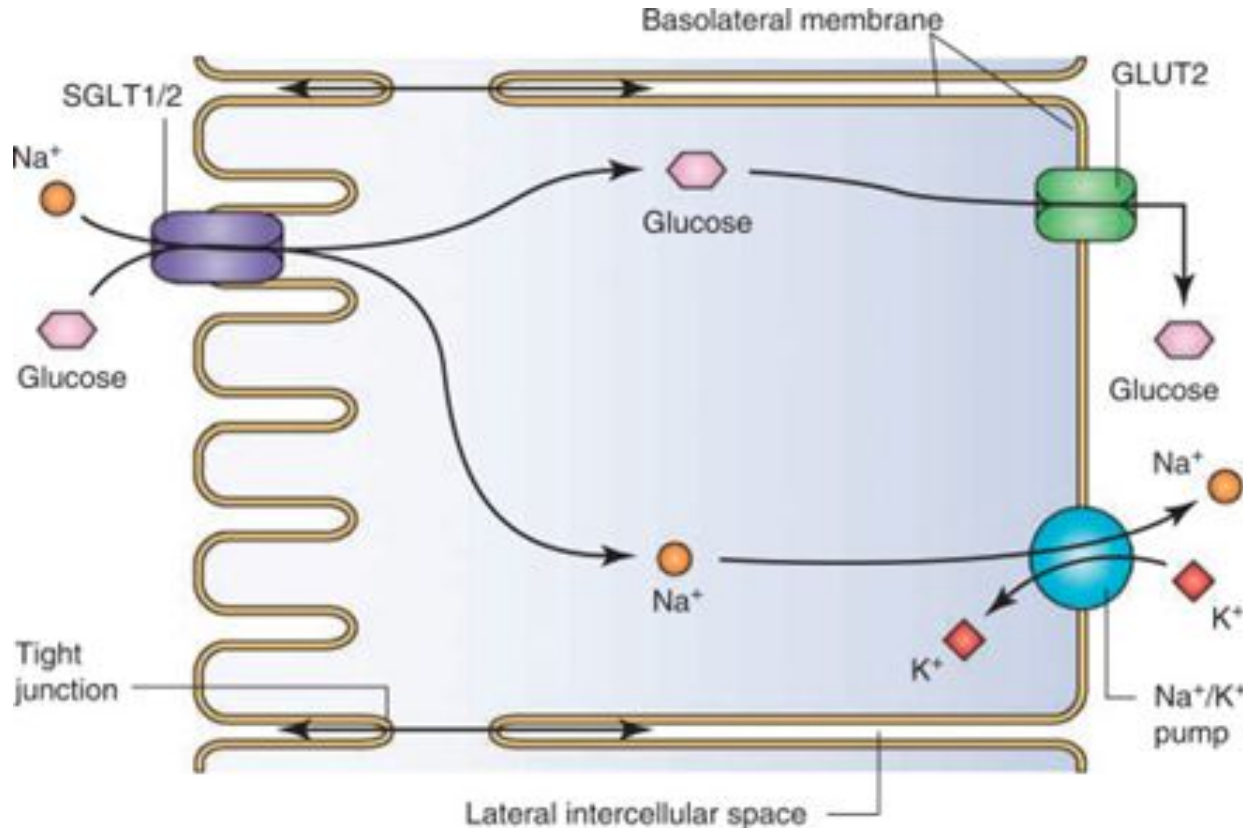
- Peptide hormones, small proteins & amino acids
- **Endocytosis** either intact or after being partially degraded by enzymes.
- Has a maximum capacity - too much protein filtered = **proteinuria**

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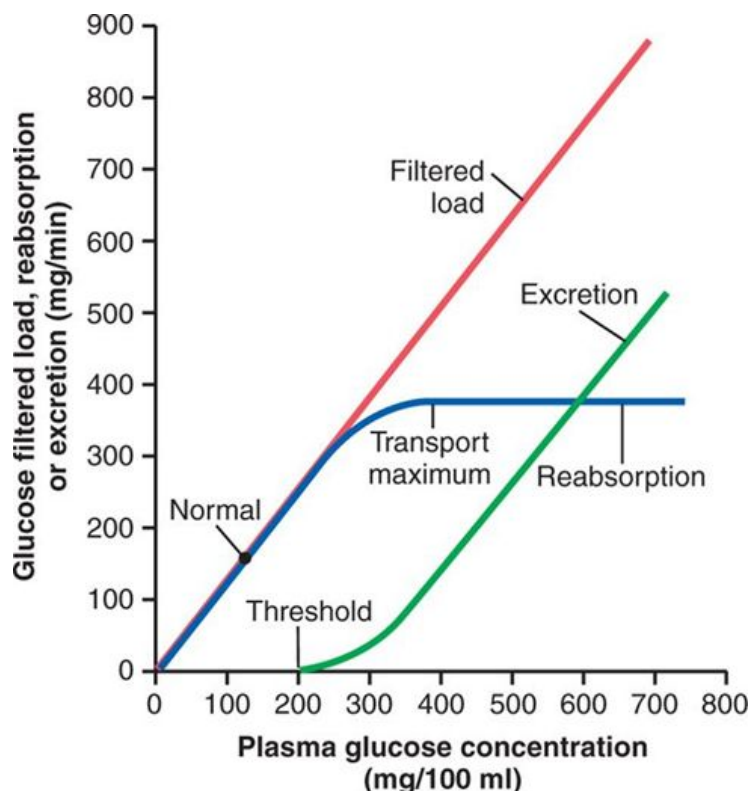


# Glucose Reabsorption

Mentioned Previously  
in Lecture 3



## Transport Maximum for Glucose



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### What is meant by transport maximum?

It is the maximal amount of a substance (in mg) which can be transported (reabsorbed or secreted) by tubular cells/min.

### Why does it occur?

Due to saturation of the carriers. If  $T_m$  is exceeded, then the excess substrate enters the urine.

### What happens if blood glucose level increased to 400 mg/dl?

If plasma [glucose] = 400 mg/dl, 400 mg/dl will be filtered, 180 mg/dl reabsorbed and 220 mg/dl excreted.

# Sodium Reabsorption

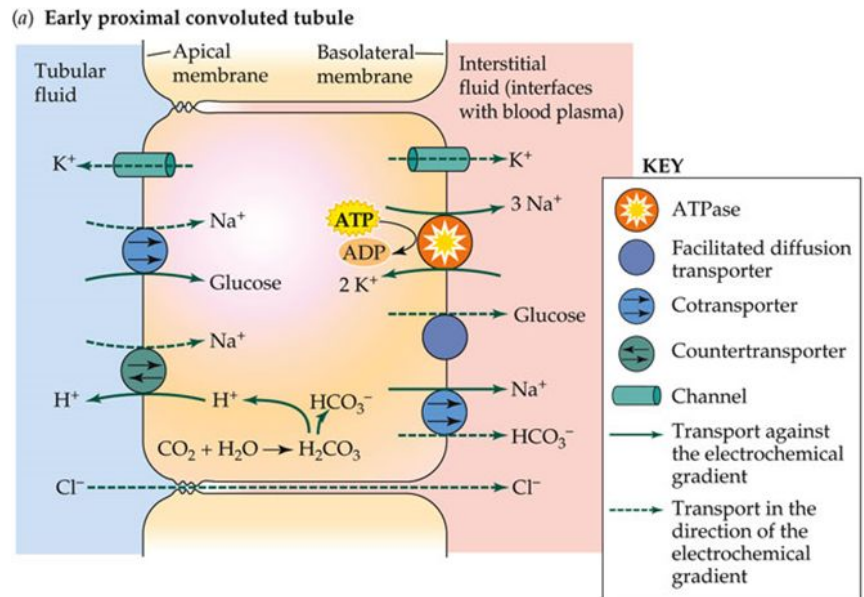
Basolateral  $\text{Na}^+ - \text{K}^+$  ATPase pumps  $3\text{Na}^+$  out and  $2\text{K}^+$  into the cell



Results in low  $[\text{Na}^+]$  inside the cell



This gradient favours  $\text{Na}^+$  entry across the apical membrane via transporter proteins.



## Factors Affecting Na Reabsorption

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GFR	Aldosterone	Estrogens	Osmotic diuresis
Natriuretic hormone	Diuretic Drugs (Laxis)	Poorly reabsorbed anions	

- When GFR increased causes an increase in filtration of Na which sensitise the macula densa.
- Poorly reabsorbed anions causes retention of equal amount of Na.
- Estrogens cause Increase reabsorption of Na and decrease Na excretion.
- Osmotic diuresis such as Glucose, Mannitol and Urea when their conc. Increase in the filtered load then causes a decrease in water reabsorption and Na.



# HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> Reabsorption

- The renal tubules are poorly-permeable to HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>. However, it is still reabsorbed but in the form of CO<sub>2</sub> (to which the tubules are very highly permeable).

This occurs through the following steps:

- H<sup>+</sup> is formed inside the cells then secreted in the tubular fluid.
- H<sup>+</sup> combines with HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> in the tubular fluid forming H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>.
- By activity of the **carbonic anhydrase enzyme (C.A.)** in the tubular cells, H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> dissociates into CO<sub>2</sub> & H<sub>2</sub>O.
- CO<sub>2</sub> diffuses into the cells where it combines with H<sub>2</sub>O (by activity of an intracellular C.A.), forming H<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> which dissociates into HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> & H<sup>+</sup>.

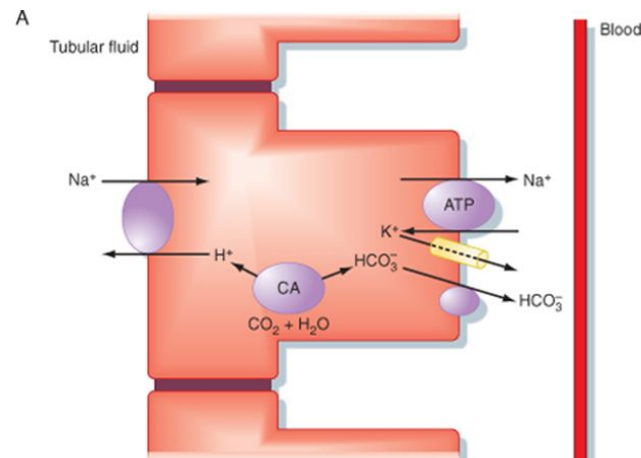
HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> passively diffuses into the interstitial fluid (then to the blood) while H<sup>+</sup> is secreted into the tubular fluid to help more reabsorption of HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>.

- Factors affecting HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup> reabsorption:

- Arterial Pco<sub>2</sub>
- Plasma[K<sup>+</sup>]\*
- Plasma Aldosterone.\*
- Plasma [Cl<sup>-</sup>]\*\*

\*They will affect H level.

\*\*Chloride depletion enhances Bicarbonate reabsorption by inhibition of Chloride/Bicarbonate exchanger.

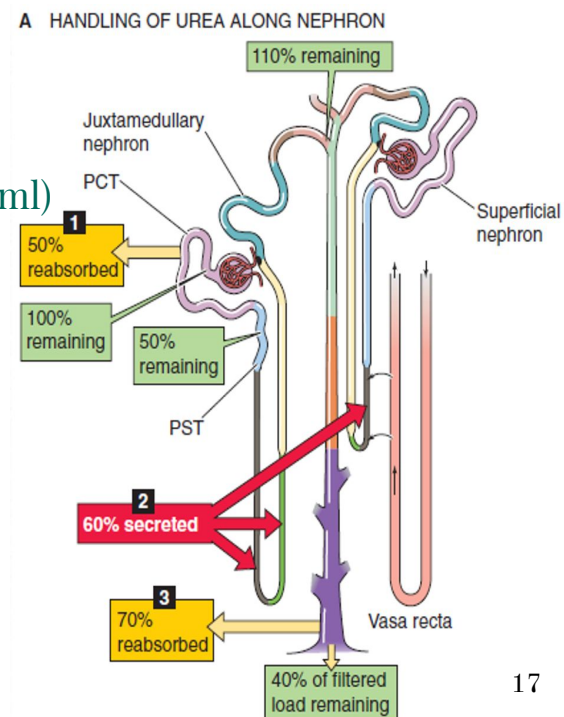


# Urea Reabsorption

- Normal plasma level of urea 2.5-6.5 mM/L (15-39 mg/100ml)

## Mechanism of urea reabsorption:

- About **40-70%** of filtered load of urea is reabsorbed in:
  - Second half of PCT.
  - Medullary CT and CD (ADH dependent)
- Due to water reabsorption in the first half of PCT, the conc. of urea is increased in the second half and urea is reabsorbed by simple diffusion (downhill)



# Transport Process in the Nephron

Know the transport mechanisms at each point and the percentage of Na Reabsorption at each point.

**Na<sup>+</sup>-H<sup>+</sup> exchanger (NHE)**

**Na<sup>+</sup>-glucose**  
**Na<sup>+</sup>-amino acid**  
**Na<sup>+</sup>-Pi**  
**Na<sup>+</sup>-lactate**

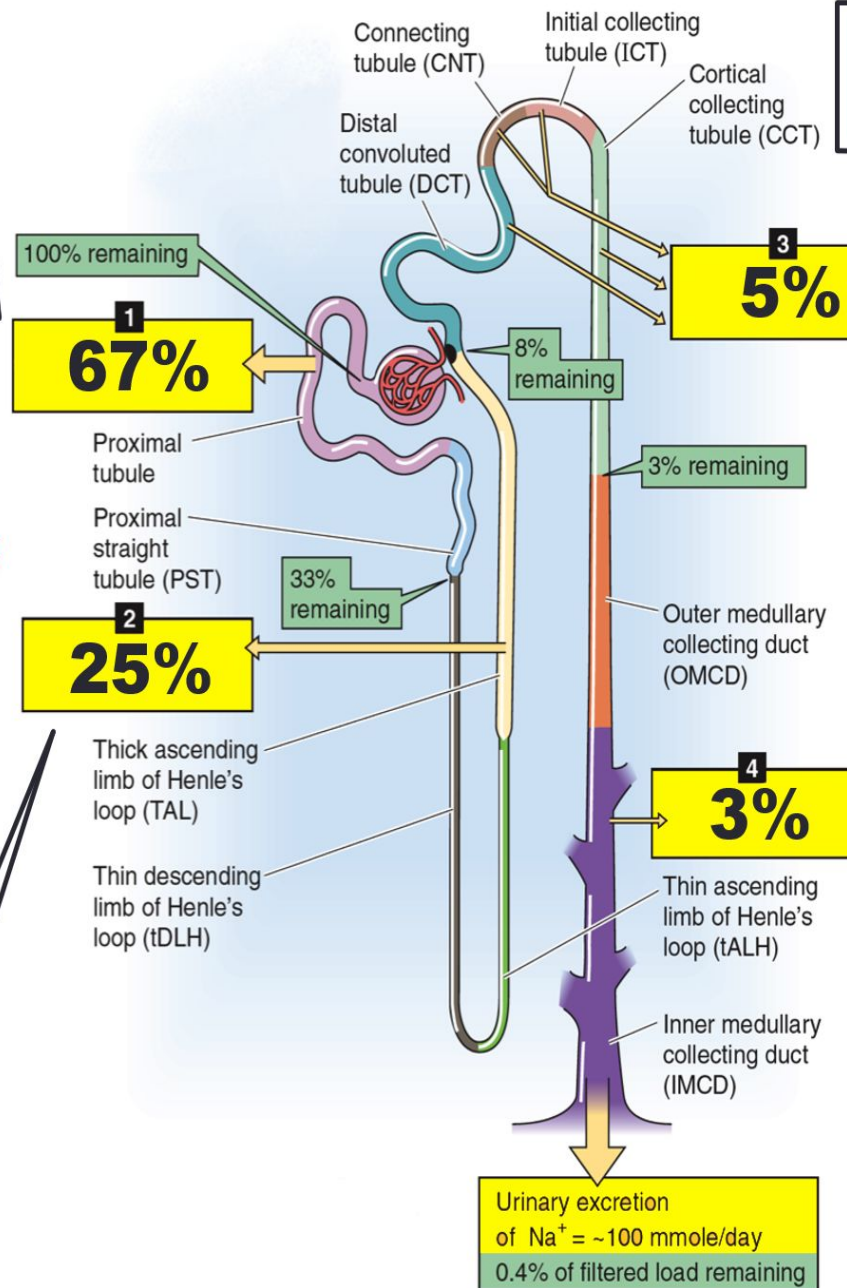
# Na<sup>+</sup>

**Na<sup>+</sup>-H<sup>+</sup> exchanger (NHE)**


**Na<sup>+</sup>-2Cl<sup>-</sup>-K<sup>+</sup> symporter**


**Na<sup>+</sup>/Cl<sup>-</sup> cotransporter**

**Na<sup>+</sup> Channels (ENaC)**

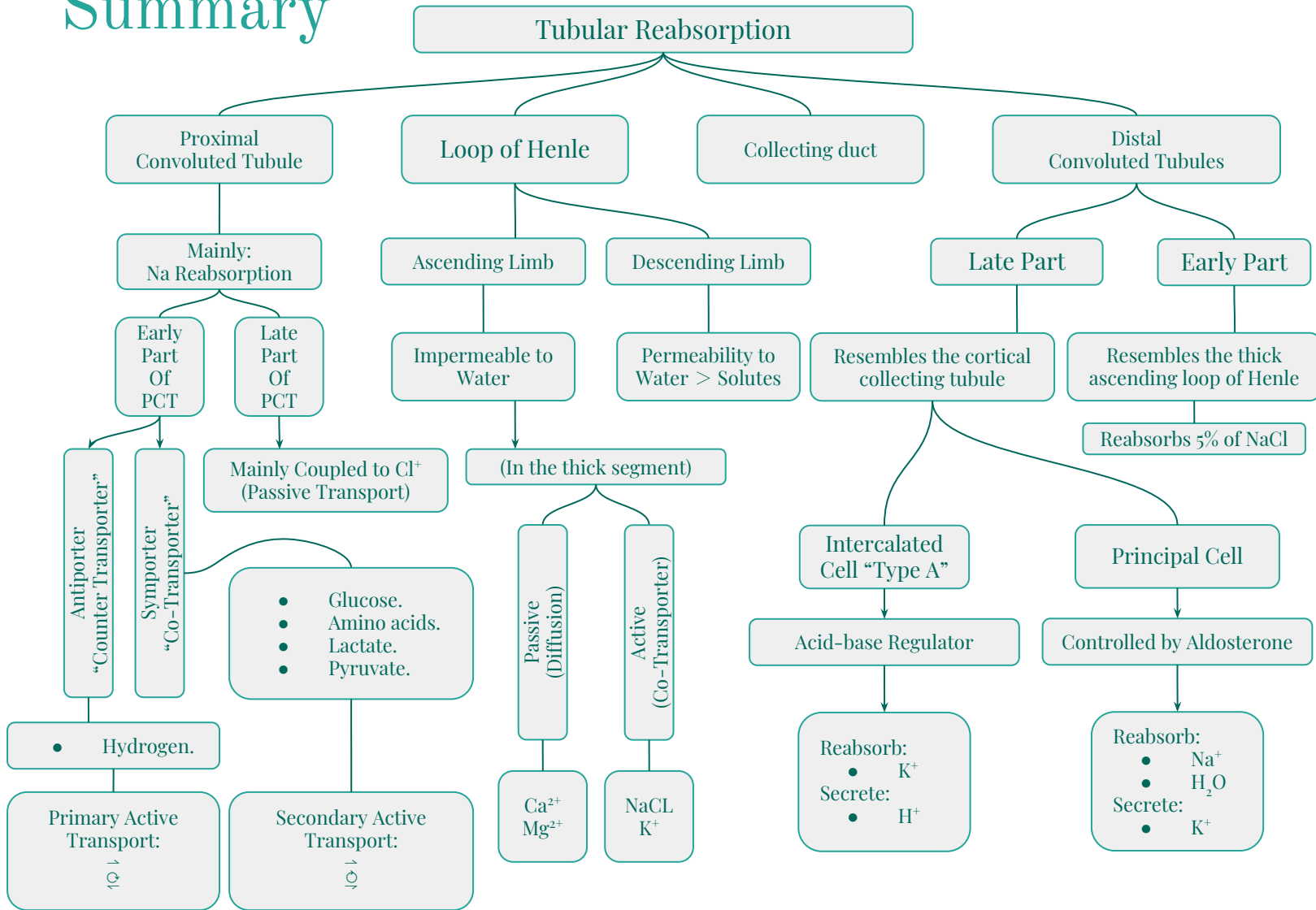


# Tubular Secretion

[Summary of reabsorption and secretion in PCT & DCT](#)  
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[Review of reabsorption and secretion \(armando\)](#)  
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# Summary



## Hormones acting on kidney

### Atrial natriuretic peptide

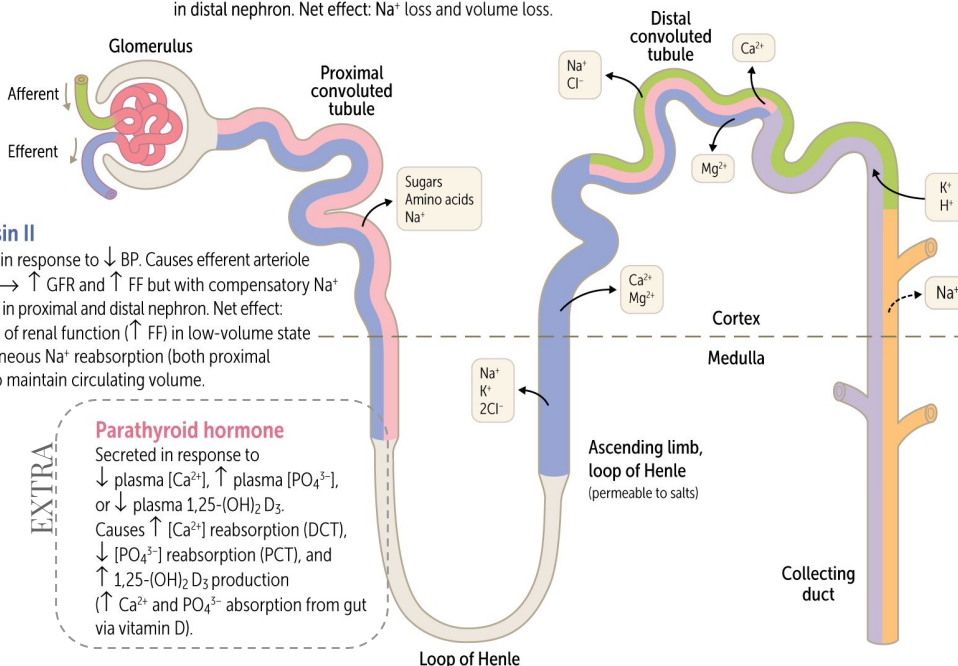
Secreted in response to  $\uparrow$ atrial pressure. Causes  $\uparrow$ GFR and  $\uparrow$   $\text{Na}^+$  filtration with no compensatory  $\text{Na}^+$  reabsorption in distal nephron. Net effect:  $\text{Na}^+$  loss and volume loss.

### Angiotensin II

Synthesized in response to  $\downarrow$ BP. Causes efferent arteriole constriction  $\rightarrow$   $\uparrow$  GFR and  $\uparrow$  FF but with compensatory  $\text{Na}^+$  reabsorption in proximal and distal nephron. Net effect: preservation of renal function ( $\uparrow$  FF) in low-volume state with simultaneous  $\text{Na}^+$  reabsorption (both proximal and distal) to maintain circulating volume.

### Parathyroid hormone

Secreted in response to  $\downarrow$  plasma  $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$ ,  $\uparrow$  plasma  $[\text{PO}_4^{3-}]$ , or  $\downarrow$  plasma  $1,25\text{-(OH)}_2\text{D}_3$ . Causes  $\uparrow$   $[\text{Ca}^{2+}]$  reabsorption (DCT),  $\downarrow$   $[\text{PO}_4^{3-}]$  reabsorption (PCT), and  $\uparrow$   $1,25\text{-(OH)}_2\text{D}_3$  production ( $\uparrow$   $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and  $\text{PO}_4^{3-}$  absorption from gut via vitamin D).



### Aldosterone

Secreted in response to  $\downarrow$  blood volume (via AT II) and  $\uparrow$  plasma  $[\text{K}^+]$ ; causes  $\uparrow$   $\text{Na}^+$  reabsorption,  $\uparrow$   $\text{K}^+$  secretion,  $\uparrow$   $\text{H}^+$  secretion.

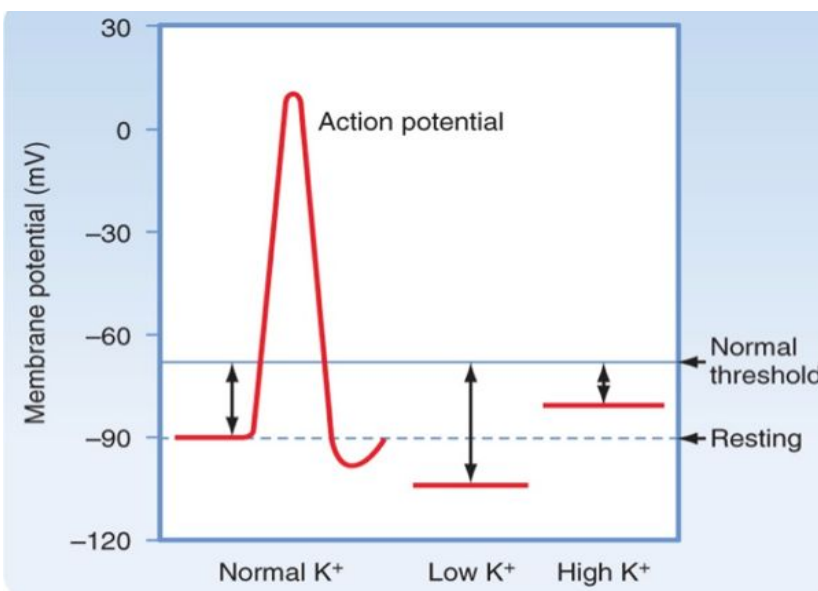
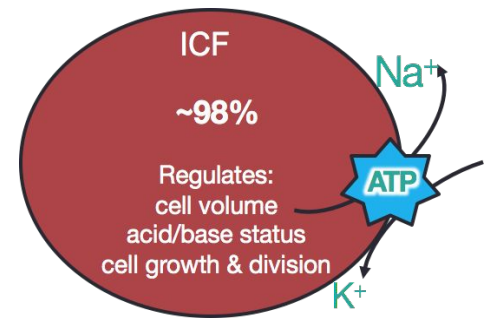
### ADH (vasopressin)

Secreted in response to  $\uparrow$  plasma osmolarity and  $\downarrow$  blood volume. Binds to receptors on principal cells, causing  $\uparrow$  number of aquaporins and  $\uparrow$   $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  reabsorption.

# K<sup>+</sup> is the most abundant cation in the body

- K<sup>+</sup> concentrations in equilibrium → Equal diffusion into and out of cell
- **Decrease EC K<sup>+</sup> → increase** diffusion of K<sup>+</sup> out of cell → cells **hyperpolarized**
- **Increase EC K<sup>+</sup> → decrease** diffusion of K<sup>+</sup> out of cell → cells **partially depolarized**

- K is the major determinant of the resting membrane potential and plays a crucial role in the normal functioning of all cells, especially those with inherent excitability.  
 - K 98% intracellularly, 2% extracellularly.  
 - This very high concentration difference is maintained by Na-K-ATPase enzyme that actively pumps potassium into the cell while moving sodium out of the cell.



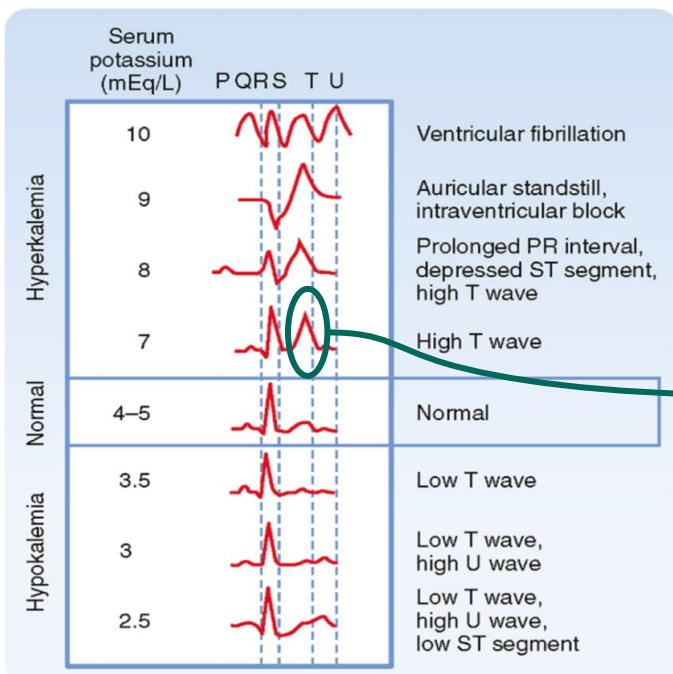
## precise control mechanisms



Plasma [K<sup>+</sup>] 3.5-4.8 mmol/L

Regulates:  
**membrane potentials in excitable cells**

## ECG Changes due to Serum K Changes



Changes in plasma K<sup>+</sup> affect the ECG wave form

P wave disappears, QRS broadens, (**sine wave**)

Prolong PR, depress ST, and lengthen QRS

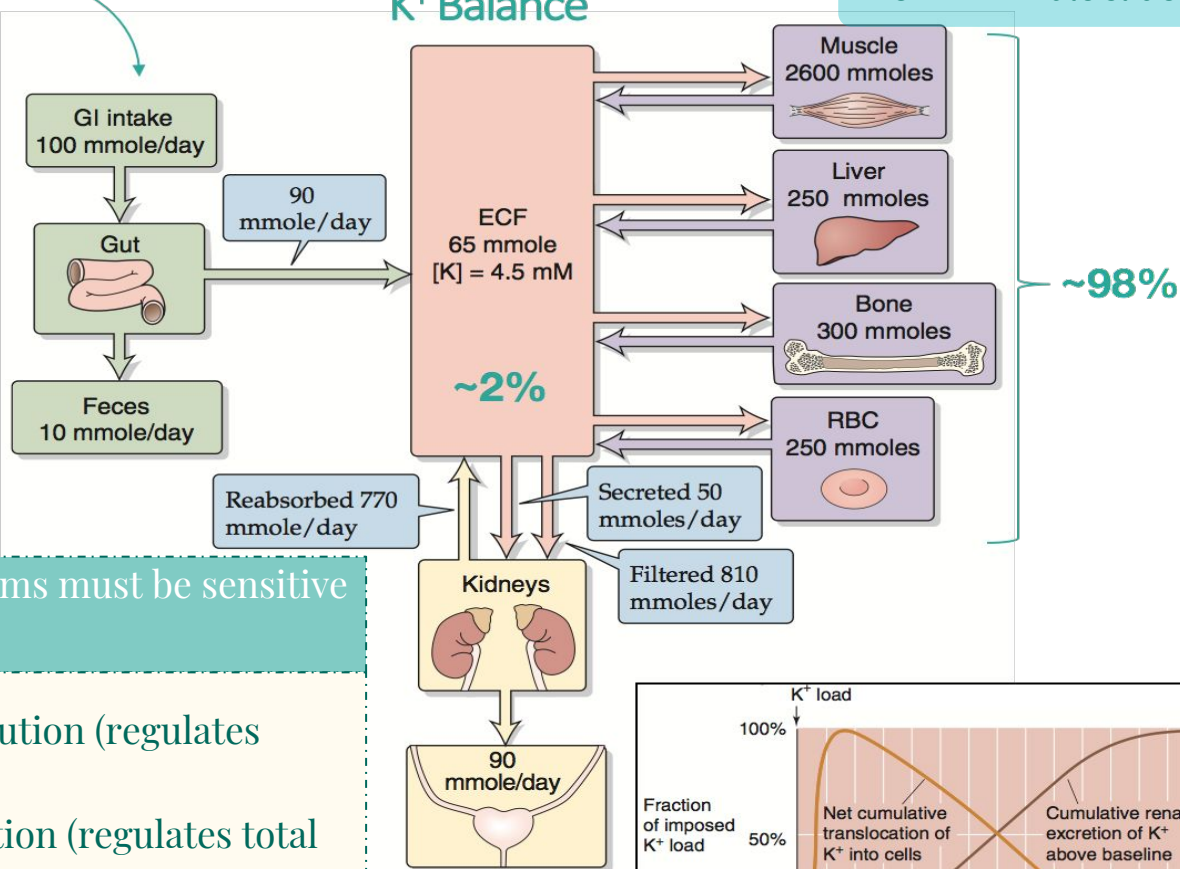
The **first sign of hyperkalemia** is a tall, thin T waves

Hypokalemia prolongs the QT interval, inverts the T wave, and lowers the ST segment



## K<sup>+</sup> Balance

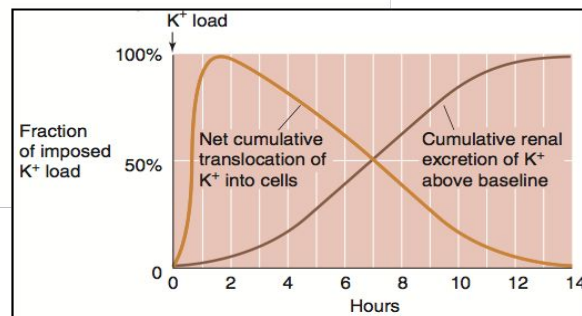
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Control mechanisms must be sensitive and rapid:

- 1- Internal distribution (regulates extracellular [K<sup>+</sup>])
- 2- Renal K<sup>+</sup> excretion (regulates total body K<sup>+</sup>)

Renal K<sup>+</sup> excretion may need 6 hours to correct the situation, so it takes long time not like the first one.



## Control Mechanisms of Potassium K

Late

### Renal Excretion

The internal regulation mechanism function by distributing excess amount of K to the cells until the renal excretion mechanism begins to function.

Rapid

### Internal Regulation

Factors that shift K **out** of the cell

1- **Acidosis**: ICF K<sup>+</sup> is "exchanged" for extracellular H<sup>+</sup>.

2- Increased **Osmolality** → K<sup>+</sup> moves out secondary to H<sub>2</sub>O movement out of cells

3- **Exercise** → loss of K<sup>+</sup> from muscles

4- **Cell lysis** → release of cellular contents

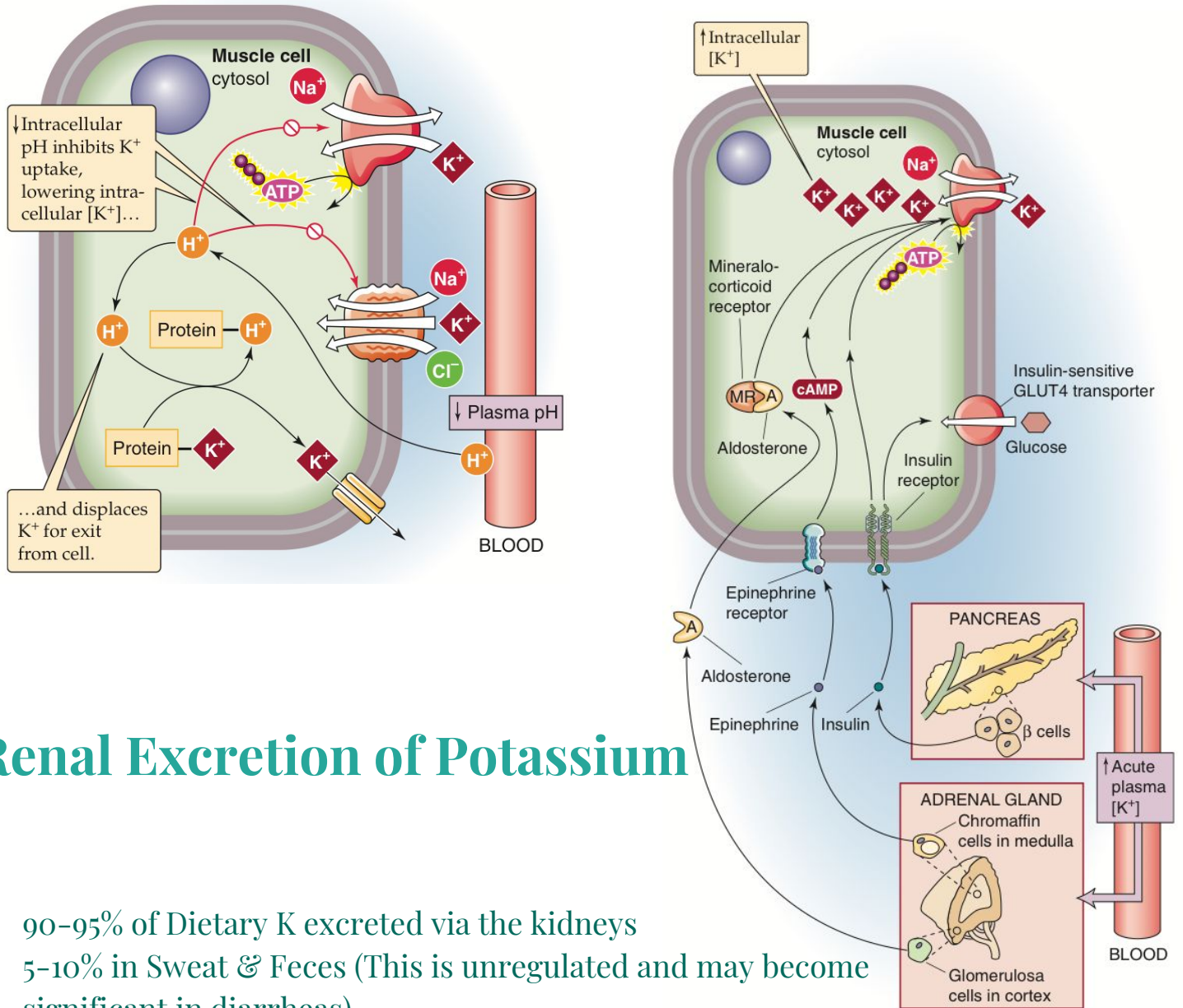
Factors that shift K **into** the cell

1- **Insulin**: after high K<sup>+</sup> meal **Insulin + glucose conc. Increase to treat hyperkalemia.**

2- **Catecholamines (Adrenaline)**: Via stimulation of b<sub>2</sub>, b blockers increase plasma K<sup>+</sup> after a meal or an exercise

3- **Aldosterone**

4- **Alkalosis**: H<sup>+</sup> is exchanged for extracellular K<sup>+</sup>.



## 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 absorbed by proximal tubule and loop of Henle.

# Renal K<sup>+</sup> Transport Mechanisms

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- Cell membrane transporters:

Na<sup>+</sup>-K<sup>+</sup> ATPase, H<sup>+</sup>-K<sup>+</sup> ATPase.

K<sup>+</sup> channels, K:Cl cotransport.

Na:K:2Cl cotransport.

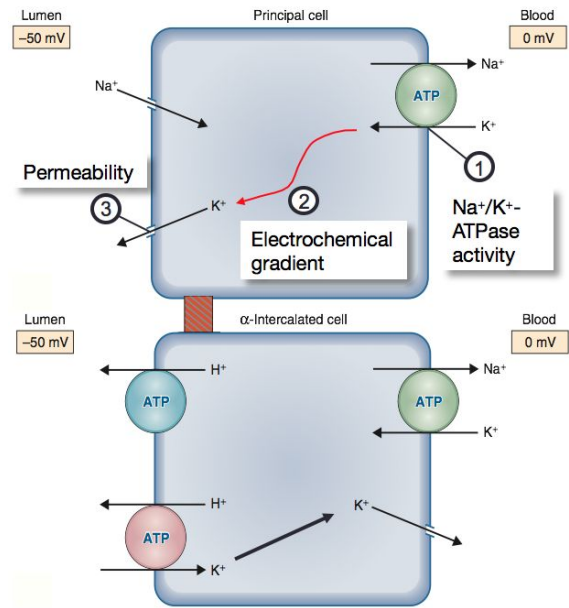
- K<sup>+</sup> is Reabsorbed in PT, TAL and **intercalated cell in CCD**
- K<sup>+</sup> Secreted in late distal tubule and in principal cells of late DT and CCD

## Plasma [K<sup>+</sup>]

Hyperkalemia stimulates secretion of K<sup>+</sup> within minutes  
**How?**

1. Stimulates Na/K-ATPase → ↑ K<sup>+</sup> uptake (*basolateral*) → ↑ electrochemical gradient.
2. ↑ permeability to K<sup>+</sup> (*apical*).
3. ↑ aldosterone → ↑ secretion of K<sup>+</sup>.

Hypokalaemia produces an opposite effect.



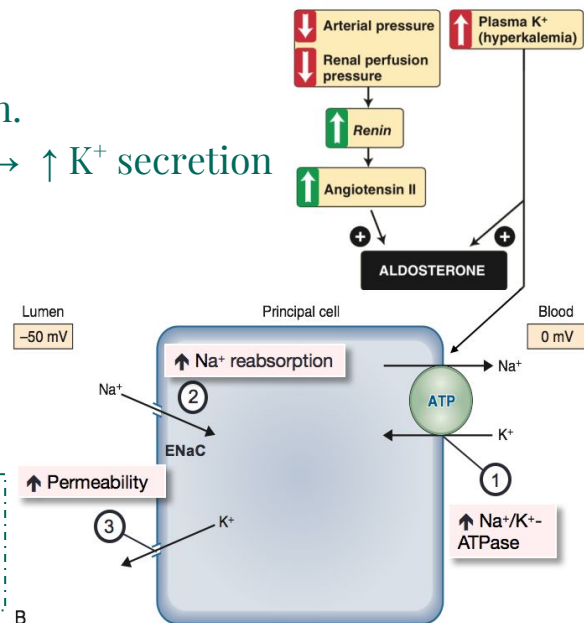
## Aldosterone

↑ K<sup>+</sup> secretion by:

1. ↑ Na/K ATPase → ↑ Na<sup>+</sup> reabsorption → ↑ K<sup>+</sup> secretion.
2. ↑ Na<sup>+</sup> reabsorption\* (↑ ENaC) → -ve lumen potential → ↑ K<sup>+</sup> secretion
3. ↑ permeability of apical membrane → ↑ K<sup>+</sup> secretion

Conn's syndrome (↑ aldo) → hypokalaemia

Addison's disease (↓ aldo) → hyperkalaemia



\*المقصود هنا أن قناة الصوديوم هذي راح تدخل الصوديوم للخلية وبالتالي راح تقل الشحنة الموجبة في الخارج وهذا يساعد في إخراج البوتاسيوم



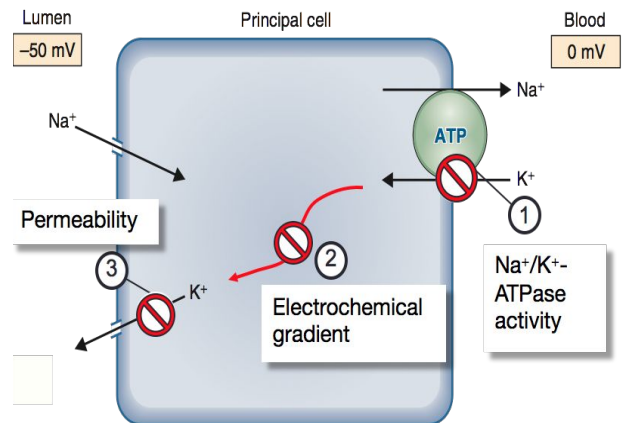
# Acid-base Balance

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Acidosis inhibits  $K^+$  secretion in principal cells by INHIBITING:

- $Na^+/K^+$  ATPase  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$   $K^+$  uptake from blood  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$  conc. gradient for  $K^+$  efflux into the lumen.
- $K^+$  channels (*apical*)  $\rightarrow$   $\downarrow$   $K^+$  secretion directly  $\rightarrow$  hyperkalemia.

Alkalosis has the opposite effect, promoting  $K^+$  secretion and hypokalemia.



Effects of acidosis on  $K^+$  secretion

## Factors Affecting Potassium Secretion

Briefly: Aldosterone, Insulin, Epinephrine, ECF pH and Luminal flow (Diuresis)

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### Luminal factors:

**1- Diuresis:** increase volume of urine and decrease conc of K in lumen which causes secretion via chemical gradient. (increase secretion and excretion)

**2- Increased urinary excretion of Na:** increase in Na-K exchange at luminal membrane causes an increase in secretion and excretion of K.

**3- Increased urinary excretion of bicarbonate, phosphate, sulphate and ketone acids:** increase negativness of lumen then increase electrochemical gradient between cell and lumen causes secretion and excretion of K.

2- when the sodium excretion in PCT increase, more Na arrive to DCT and that will stimulate  $Na^+/K^+$  ATPase, so more K secretion.

### Peritubular factors:

**1- Hyperkalemia:** increase K in tubular cells, increase chemical gradient of K between tubular cell and tubular lumen which lead to increase in the secretion and excretion of K.

**2- Hyper-aldoosteronism:** increase aldosterone will increase secretion and excretion of K.

**3- Alkalosis:** increase H-K exchange at baso-lateral membrane then increase secretion and excretion of K.

3- in case of alkalosis, more H is needed so the exchanger in the basolateral membrane will allow more H to blood and more K to tubular cell.

# Regulation of Potassium

## Body Potassium Balance

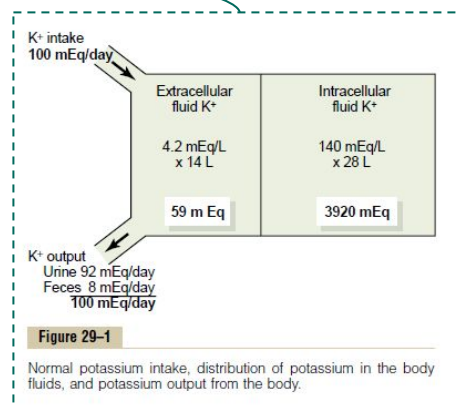
### Input:

- Dietary intake = 80-120 mmol/day.
- The ECF K<sup>+</sup> content ≈ 70 mmol.

### Output:

- GI loss ≈ 5-10%
- Renal excretion ≈ 90-95%.

**Control**  
**External**  
**balance**  
Between  
body and  
environment



**Internal balance** (within the body) is regulated by modifying the distribution of K<sup>+</sup> between the ICF & ECF.

## The Importance of Regulating K<sup>+</sup>

**Table 37-1** Physiological Role of K<sup>+</sup> Ions

### A. Roles of Intracellular K<sup>+</sup>

Cell-volume maintenance	Net loss of K <sup>+</sup> → cell shrinkage Net gain of K <sup>+</sup> → cell swelling
Intracellular pH regulation	Net loss of K <sup>+</sup> → cell acidosis Net gain of K <sup>+</sup> → cell alkalosis
Cell enzyme functions	K <sup>+</sup> dependence of enzymes (e.g., some ATPases, succinic dehydrogenase)
DNA/protein synthesis, growth	Lack of K <sup>+</sup> → reduction of protein synthesis, stunted growth

### B. Roles of Transmembrane [K<sup>+</sup>] Ratio

Resting cell membrane potential	Reduced [K <sup>+</sup> ] <sub>i</sub> /[K <sup>+</sup> ] <sub>o</sub> → membrane depolarization Increased [K <sup>+</sup> ] <sub>i</sub> /[K <sup>+</sup> ] <sub>o</sub> → membrane hyperpolarization
Neuromuscular activity	Low plasma K <sup>+</sup> : muscle weakness, muscle paralysis, intestinal distention, respiratory failure High plasma K <sup>+</sup> : increased muscle excitability; later, muscle weakness (paralysis)
Cardiac activity	Low plasma K <sup>+</sup> : slowed conduction of pacemaker activity, arrhythmias High plasma K <sup>+</sup> : conduction disturbances, ventricular arrhythmias, and ventricular fibrillation

Secretion of K<sup>+</sup>  
Duration 6 mins



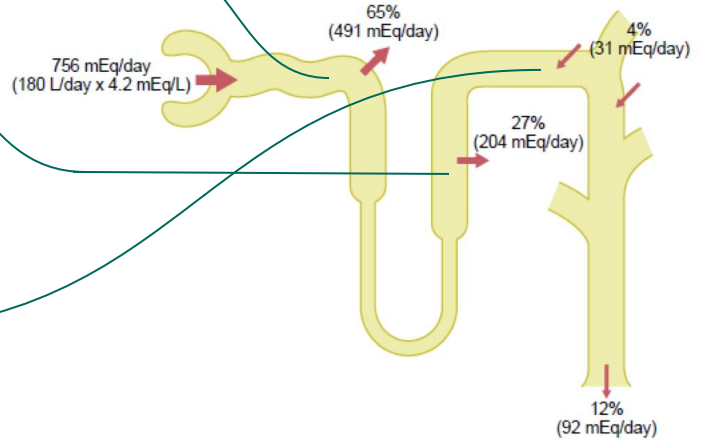
Reabsorption of K<sup>+</sup>  
Duration 4 mins



# Renal Potassium Handling

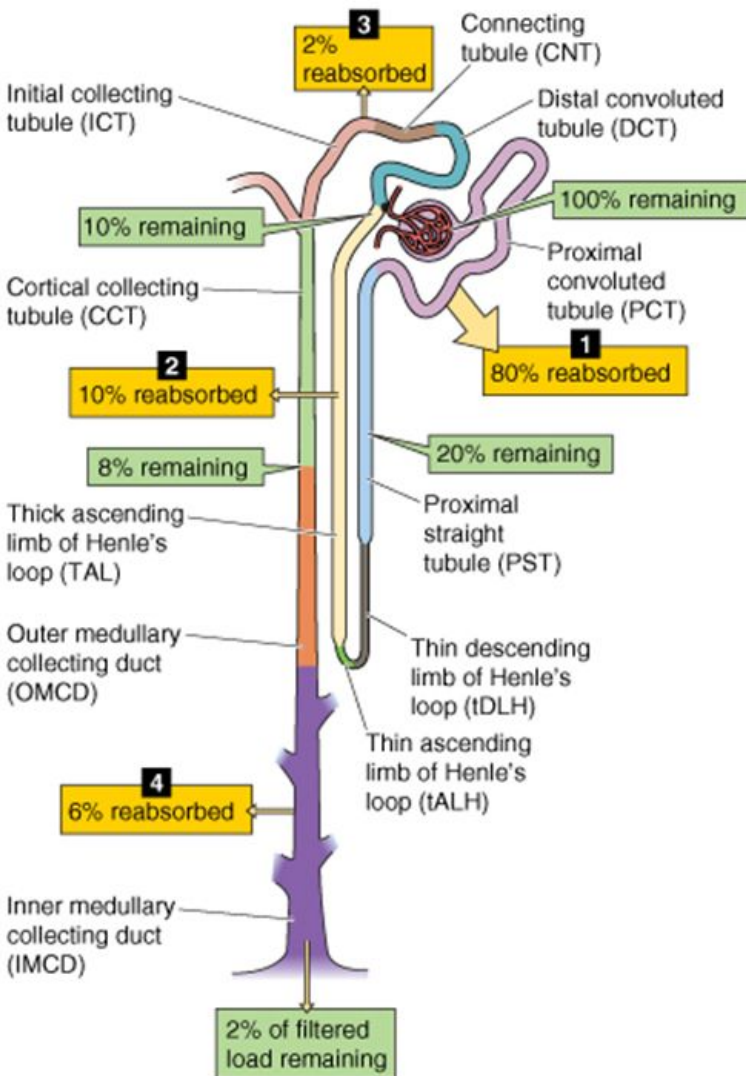
- $\approx 90\%$  of  $K^+$  is reabsorbed in the PCT & TAL.

- $\approx 10\%$  enters the distal portions of the nephron.
  - **If  $K^+$  intake is low** only 1-3% of filtered  $K^+$  will be excreted.
  - **If  $K^+$  intake is normal/high**, 10-15% of filtered  $K^+$  will be excreted.

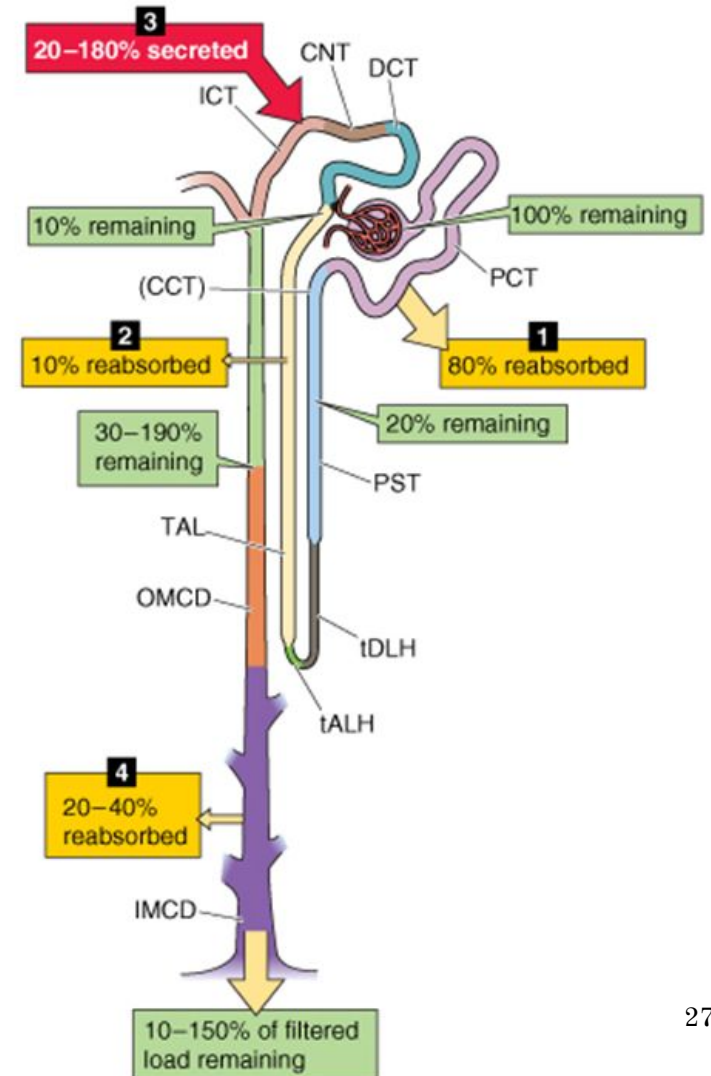


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A LOW DIETARY  $K^+$  INTAKE



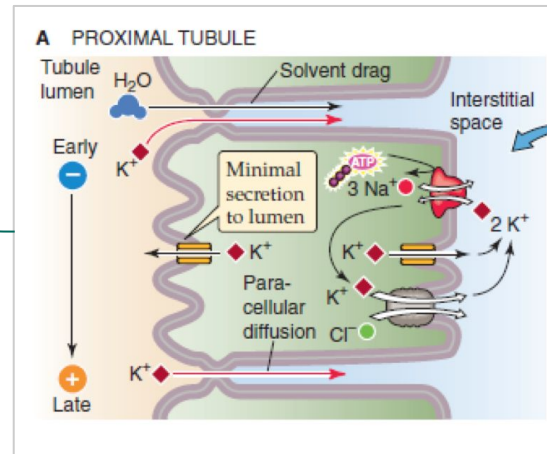
B NORMAL TO HIGH DIETARY  $K^+$  INTAKE



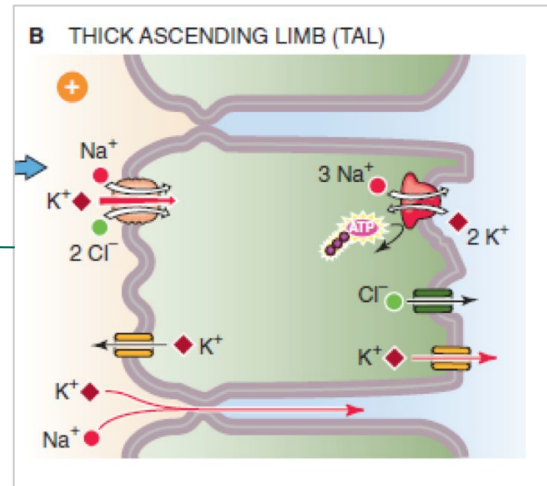
# Potassium Handling by the kidney

It is the sum of = filtration – reabsorption + secretion

- In the PCT →  $K^+$  reabsorption is a passive process. **How?**
- Water reabsorption (driven by  $Na^+$  absorption) through the paracellular route drags  $K^+$  with it (**solvent drag**).



- In the TAL → By secondary active transport using the apical triple transporter ( $Na:K:2Cl$ ).
- $K:Cl$  co-transport in baso-lateral membrane.

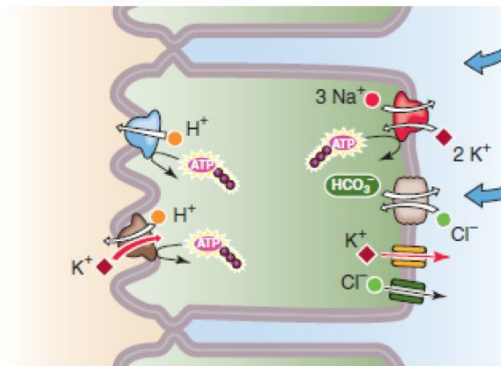


# Potassium Handling by the CT

Alpha-Intercalated cells

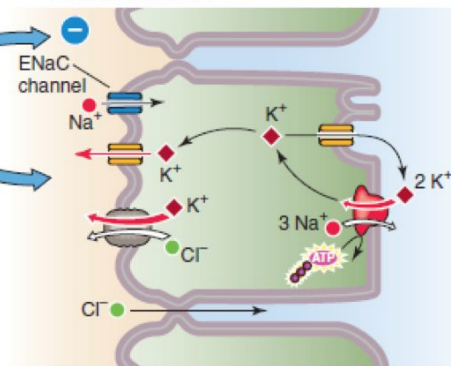
Principal cells

C CORTICAL COLLECTING TUBULE (CCT):  
α INTERCALATED CELL



Secrete  $H^+$  and reabsorb  $K^+$  via a luminal  $H-K$  ATPase

D CORTICAL COLLECTING TUBULE (CCT):  
PRINCIPAL CELL



Reabsorb  $Na^+$  and water & secrete  $K^+$  via luminal  $K$  channels and basolateral  $Na-K$  ATPase

# Quiz

1- Which of the following is true about glucose reabsorption from the tubular lumen to the tubular cell?

- A. It is done by carrier-mediated passive transport.
- B. Direction of transport is downhill.
- C. No energy is consumed in the process.
- D. It is done by secondary active transport of sodium

2- Which of the following is false about sodium reabsorption?

- A. Sodium is reabsorbed in the early proximal convoluted tubule.
- B. Sodium enters the tubule at the luminal membrane
- C. Sodium is passively transported out using the Na-K ATPase pump.
- D. All of the above are correct

3- Which change tends to increase peritubular capillary fluid reabsorption?

- A. Increased blood pressure
- B. Increased efferent arteriolar resistance
- C. Decreased angiotensin II
- D. Increased renal blood flow

4- The primary renal site for the secretion of organic ions e.g urate, creatinine is :

- A. proximal tubule
- B. loop of Henle
- C. distal tubule
- D. collecting duct

5- Principal cells are responsible for reabsorption of?

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

6- Which of the following tubules never reabsorbs water?

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

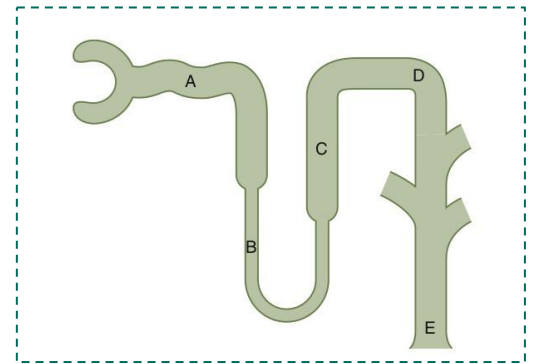
7- Where is Sodium-potassium specific pumps?

- A. Basement membrane
- B. Basolateral membrane
- C. Interstitial wall
- D. Cytoplasmic membrane

For Questions 8-10 choose the appropriate nephron site in the above figure.67.

8- In a person on a very low potassium diet, which part of the nephron would be expected to reabsorb the most potassium?

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D



9- Which part of the nephron normally reabsorbs the most water?

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D

10- In a normally functioning kidney, which part of the tubule has the lowest permeability to water?

- A. A
- B. B
- C. C
- D. D

# Thank you for checking our work

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