

Anatomy of the kidney

Renal block-Anatomy-Lecture 1







By the end of this course you should be able to discuss :

- Components of the urinary system
- Kidney :
 - 1. Shape & Position
 - 2. Surface anatomy
 - 3. External features
 - 4. Hilum & its contents
 - 5. Relation
 - 6. Internal features
 - 7. Blood supply
 - 8. Lymph drainage
 - 9. Nerve supply

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Introduction

- Every day, each kidney filters **liters** (around 150 L per day) of fluid from the <u>bloodstream</u>.
- Although the **lungs** and the **skin** also play roles in excretion, The kidneys bear the major responsibility for eliminating nitrogenous (nitrogen-containing) wastes, toxins, and drugs from the body.





The kidney :

- Kidneys are **reddish brown** in color.
- Lie behind the peritoneum (retroperitoneal) on the posterior abdominal wall on either side of the <u>vertebral column</u>.
- They are largely under cover of the costal margin. kidney lies between T12-L3
- With contraction of the diaphragm (during inspiration) the kidney moves downward as much as 2.5 cm.

Comparison between :

	Right kidney	Left kidney
Location	lies slightly lower than the left due to the large size of the right lobe of the liver.	Upper than the right
Upper border of the kidney	Lies at the level of 11th intercostal space	Lies at the level of 11th rib







Describe the shape of kidney?

• The lateral border is <u>convex</u>, while the <u>medial</u> border is <u>convex</u> at both ends but it is concave at its middle where it shows a vertical slit called the <u>hilum</u>.

Hilum:

- The hilum extends into a large cavity called the renal sinus.
- The hilum transmits the from the front backward V.A.U.A.
 - 1. Renal vein (most anterior)
 - 2. 2 branches of renal artery
 - 3. Ureter. ("we consider ureter as most posterior")
 - 4. **3rd** branch of renal artery

Covering of the kidney

* The last 3 structures support the kidney in position.



1. Fibrous capsule: 3. Renal fascia: ephric fat 2. Perirenal 4. Pararenal fascia It encloses the kidneys It surrounds the (perinephric) fat : (paranephric) fat : Renal fascia -It lies external to the It covers the fibrous and suprarenal glands kidney (but the suprarenal renal fascia, and forms capsule Paranephric fat qlands is in special part of the compartment) retroperitoneal fat. Quadratus lumborum muscla

Renal structure:



- Extending from the bases of the renal pyramids into the cortex are striations known as medullary rays.
- The renal sinus within the hilum, contains the upper expanded end of the ureter(dilated part of ureter), the renal pelvis.
- Renal pelvis divides into two or three major calyces, which divides into two or three minor calyces.

Posterior relations to the kidney



Anterior relations to the kidney



Small intestine

- → The renal artery arises from the aorta at the level of the 2nd lumbar vertebra.
- → Each renal artery divides into : **5 segmental arteries** that enter the hilum of the kidney, <u>f</u>our in <u>f</u>ront and one behind the renal pelvis. They are distributed to different segments of the kidney.
- → Lobar artery arises from each segmental artery, one for each renal pyramid.
 - \rightarrow Each lobar artery gives off **2** or **3** interlobar arteries.
 - \rightarrow The interlobar arteries run <u>toward the cortex</u> on each side of the renal pyramid.
- → Interlobar arteries give off the **arcuate arteries** at the junction of the cortex & medulla.
- → The arcuate arteries give off several interlobular arteries.
- → Interlobular artery gives off afferent glomerular arterioles.

Each **nephron** is associated with 2 capillary beds:
The **glomerulus** & The **peritubular** capillary bed.
The glomerulus is both fed and drained by

arterioles.

- 1. The afferent arteriole, which arises from an interlobular artery, is the "feeder vessel"
- 2. the efferent arteriole receives blood that has passed through the glomerulus.



Segments of the :

Renal artery

Divides into **5** segmental branches:

- 1. Apical
- 2. Anterior superior
- 3. Posterior
- 4. Anterior inferior
- 5. Caudal



The kidney

consists of **5** segments each has its own blood supply:

- 1. Apical (superior)
- 2. Anterior superior
- 3. Posterior
- 4. Anterior inferior
- 5. Caudal (inferior)



1. Venous Drainage

- Renal vein emerges from the hilum in front of the renal artery and <u>drains into the IVC.</u> The L. renal vein enters the IVC a little above the R. vein.
- The **LEFT** renal vein
- It's (7.5cm) three times longer than the right (2.5 cm). So, for this reason the left kidney is the preferred side for live donor nephrectomy.
- 2. It's receives the left gonadal "enters the left renal vein from below" & the left suprarenal "enters the left renal vein from above" veins.
- 3. It runs from its origin in the renal hilum, from left to right behind: Splenic vein, Body of pancreas. Then it across anterior to the abdominal aorta, just below the origin of the superior mesenteric artery.
- The **RIGHT** renal vein

lies behind the 2nd part of the duodenum. Sometimes it lies behind the lateral part of the head of the pancreas.

2. Lymph Drainage

• Lateral aortic (lumbar) lymph nodes around the origin of the renal artery.

3. Nerve Supply

- Renal sympathetic plexus.
- The afferent fibers that travel through the renal plexus enter the spinal cord in the 10th, 11th, and 12th thoracic nerves.









C. Liver

D.Psoas major

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Question 1: The upper border of the R. Kidney lies at the level of: A. 12th intercostal space B. 11th intercostal space C. 12th rib D. 11th rib Question 2: The area where the renal artery enters the kidney and the renal vein and ureter exits the kidney is called the _____. A.Renal hilum B. Renal medulla C. juxtamedullary area D.Renal papilla **Question 3:** The most anterior structure in the Hilum: A. 2 branches of Renal artery B. 3rd branch of renal artery C. Ureter D.Renal vein Question 4: which of these isn't one of posterior relation of the kidney? A. Ilioinguinal nerve B. Subcostal nerve

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