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# Anatomy of Large Intestines

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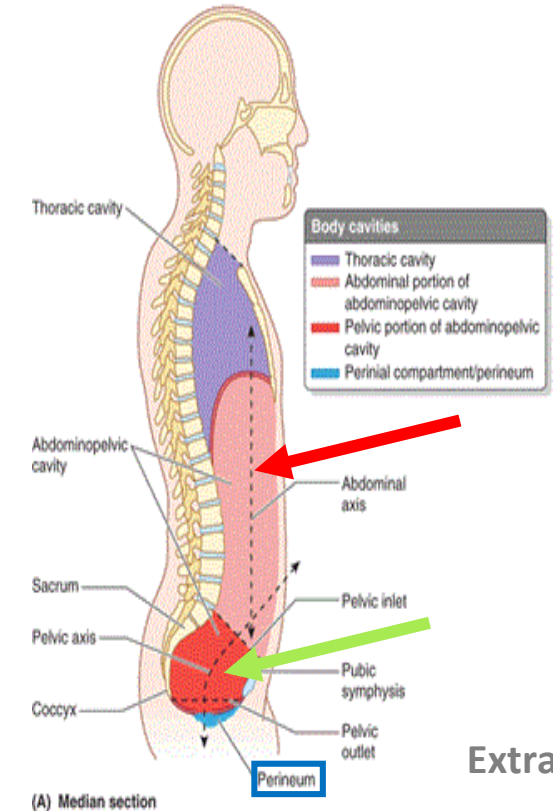
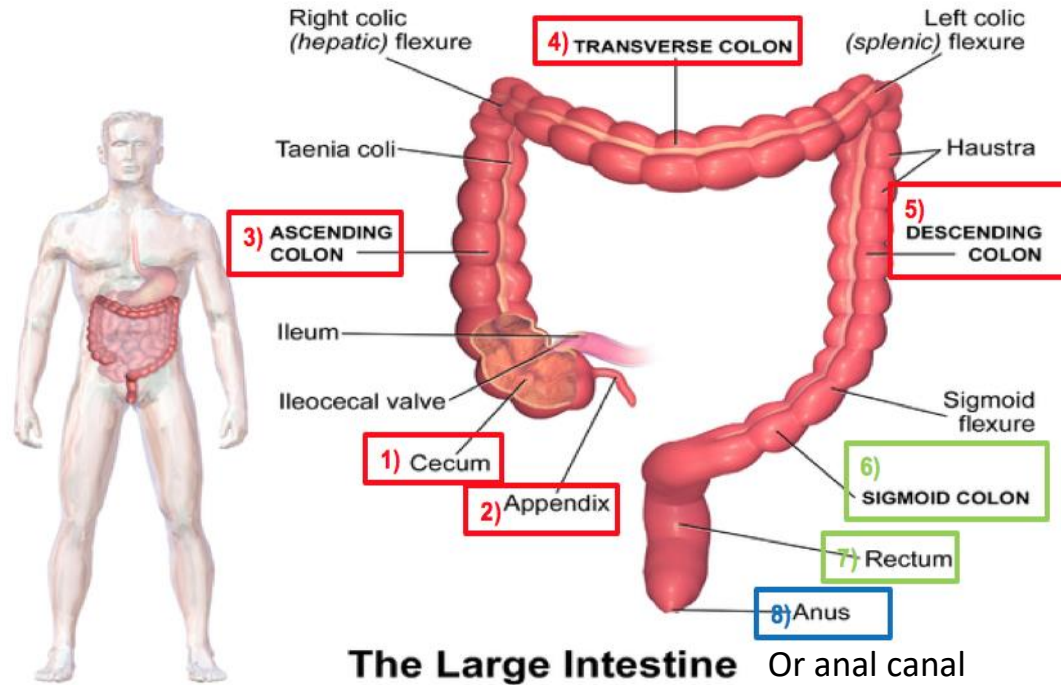
# *Objectives*

**By the end of this lecture the student should be able to:**

- ✓ List the different **parts** of large intestine.
- ✓ List the **characteristic** features of colon.
- ✓ Describe the anatomy of different parts of large intestine regarding: the **surface anatomy, peritoneal covering, relations, arterial & nerve** supply.

# Parts of the Large Intestine

- (1,2,3,4,5) are found in the **abdomen**
- (6,7) are found in the **pelvis**
- (8) is found in the **perineum**



# Characteristics of Colon (NOT found in rectum and anal canal)

## 1. Taeniae coli:

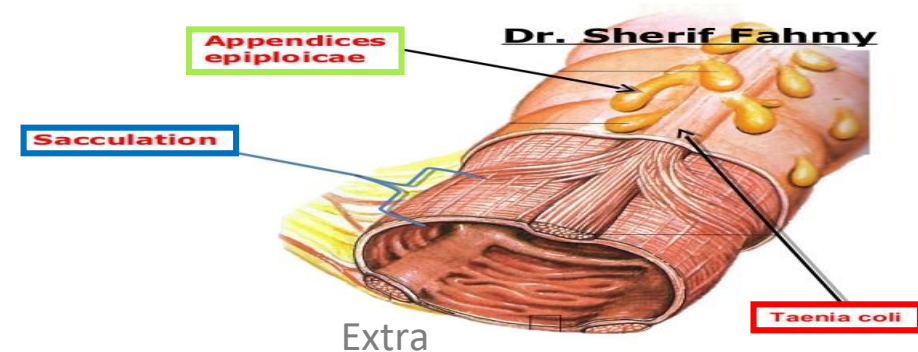
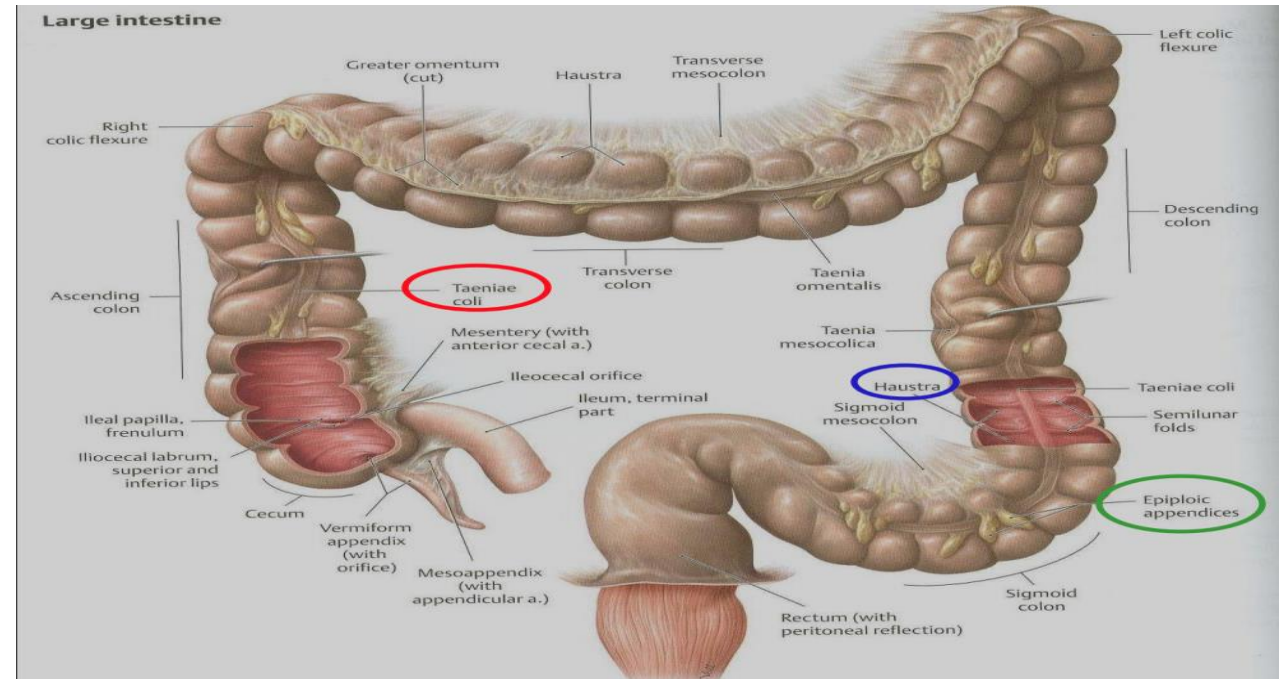
- Three longitudinal muscle bands

## 2. Sacculations (Haustra):

- Because the Taeniae coli are shorter than large intestine

## 3. Epiploic Appendices :

- Short peritoneal folds filled with fat



# Peritoneal Covering

- **Parts with mesentery\*:**

1. Transverse colon
2. Sigmoid or pelvic colon
3. Appendix
4. Cecum

- **Retroperitoneal parts\*\*:**

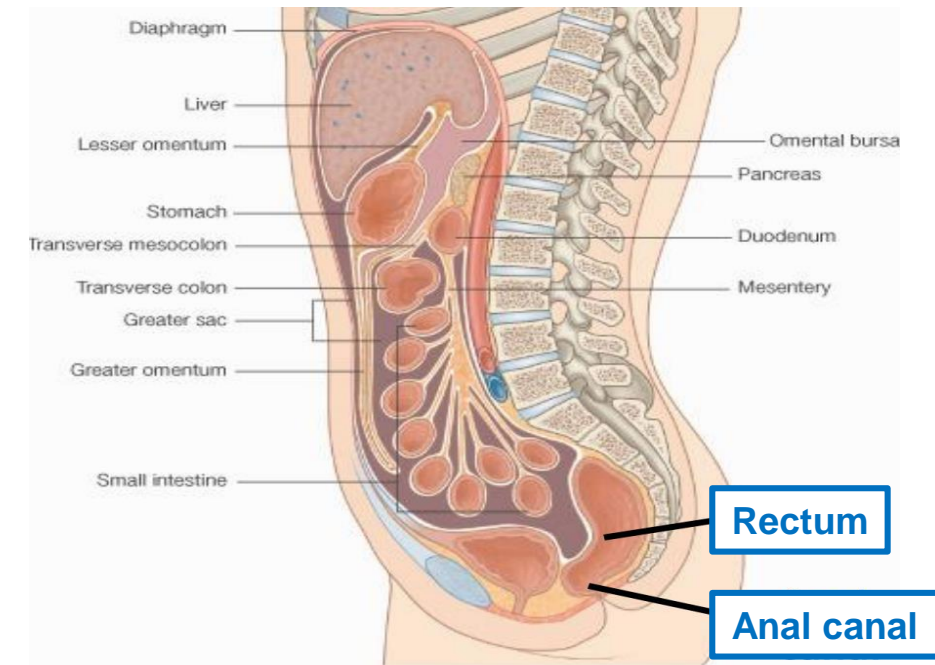
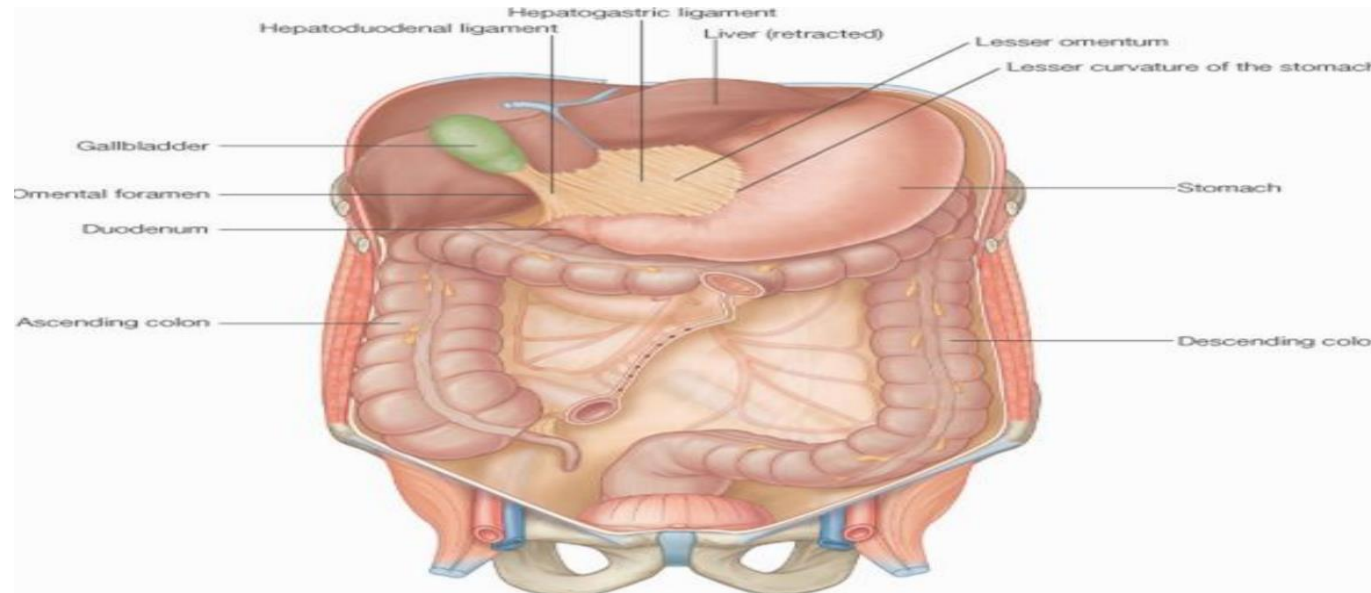
1. Ascending colon
2. Descending colon
3. Upper 2/3 of rectum

- **Parts devoid (بدون) of peritoneal covering:**

1. Lower 1/3 of rectum
2. Anal canal

\* The peritoneum covers the anterior and posterior surfaces.

\*\* The peritoneum only covers the anterior surface



# Relations of (CECUM – ASCENDING & DESCENDING COLONS)

## Anterior:

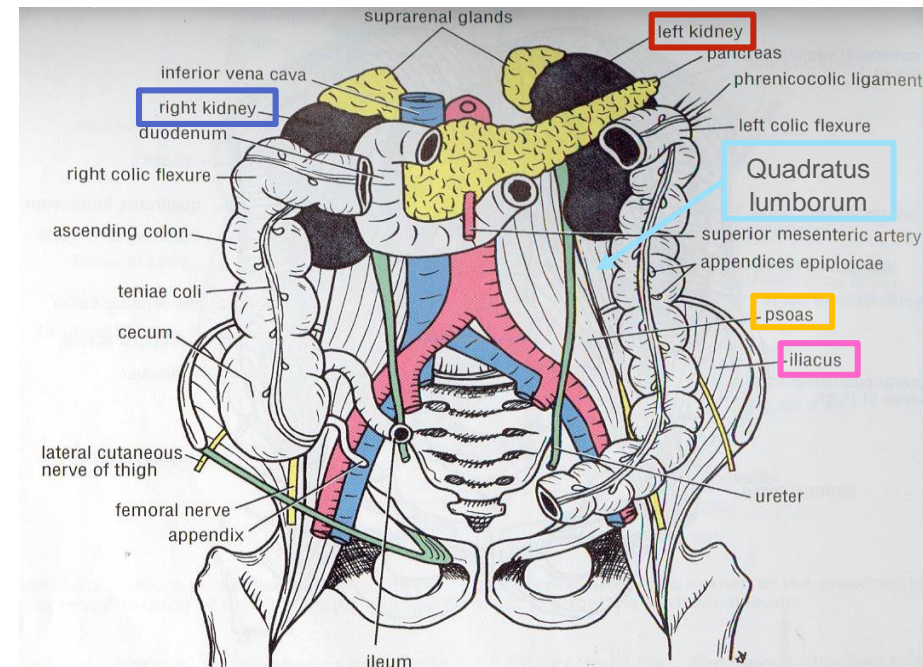
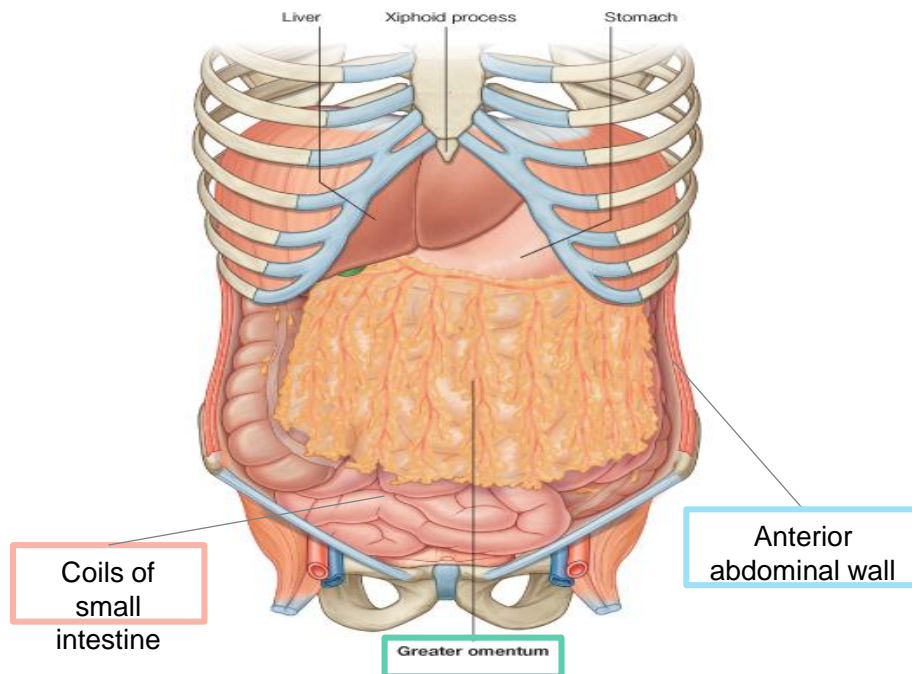
- Greater omentum
- Coils of small intestine
- Anterior abdominal wall

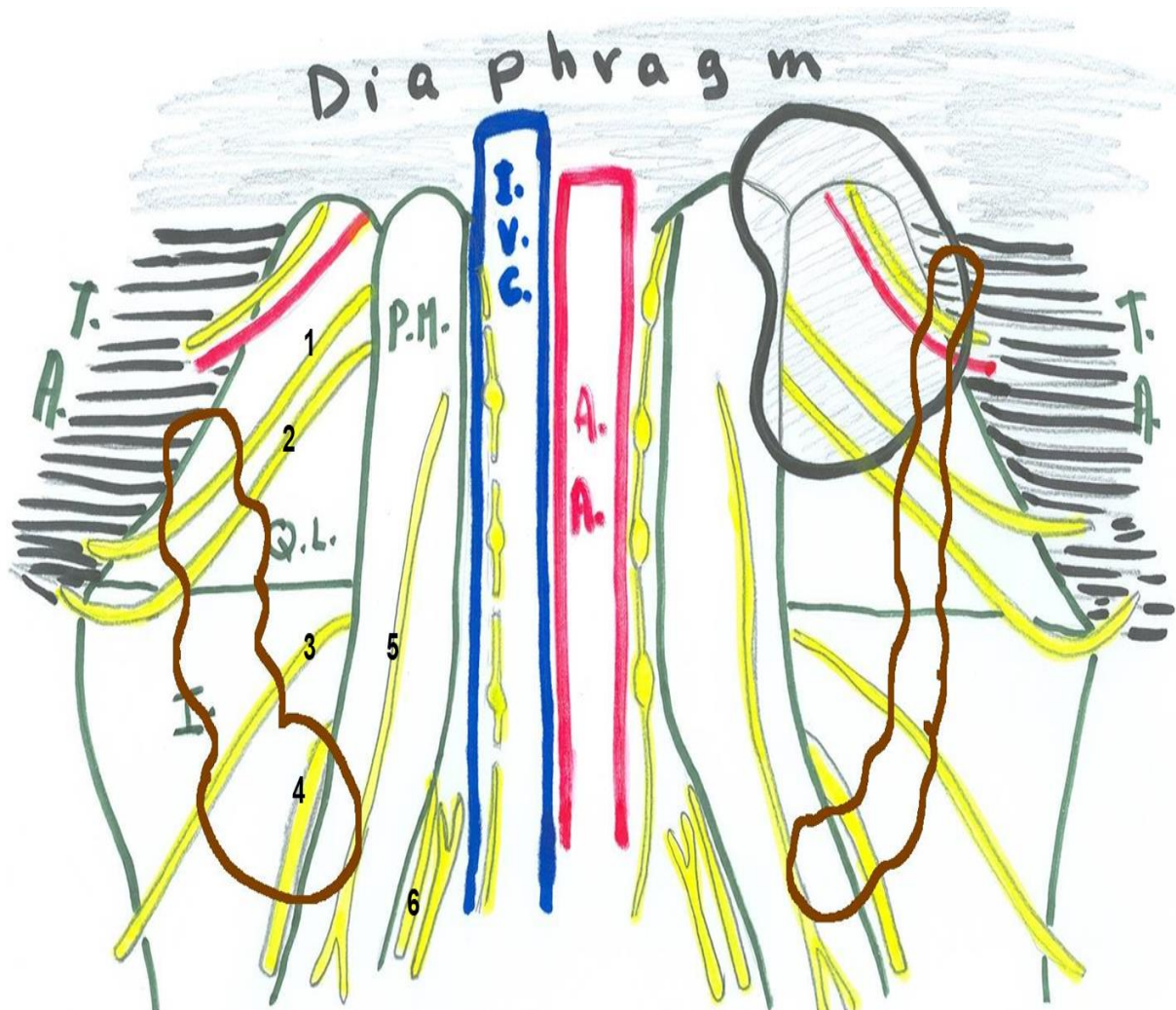
## Posterior:

**Cecum:** Psoas major , Iliacus

**Ascending colon:** Iliacus , Quadratus lumborum , Right kidney.

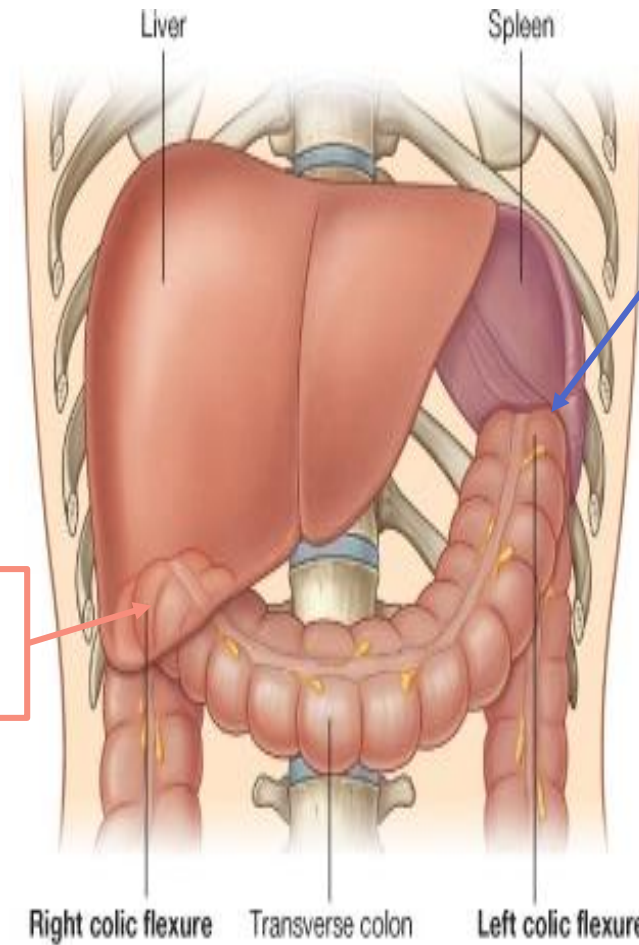
**Descending colon:** Left kidney , Quadratus lumborum , Iliacus , psoas major





1: Iliohypogastric nerve; 2: Ilioinguinal nerve; 3: lateral cutaneous nerve of thigh  
 4: Femoral nerve; 5: Genitofemoral nerve; 6: Obturator nerve  
 P.M.= psoas major; Q.L.=quadratus lumborum; I.=iliacus;  
 T.A.= transversus abdominis; I.V.C.=inferior vena cava; A.A.=abdominal aorta

## COLIC FLEXURES



**Splenic flexure**  
 Position: higher  
 Angle: more acute

**Hepatic flexure**

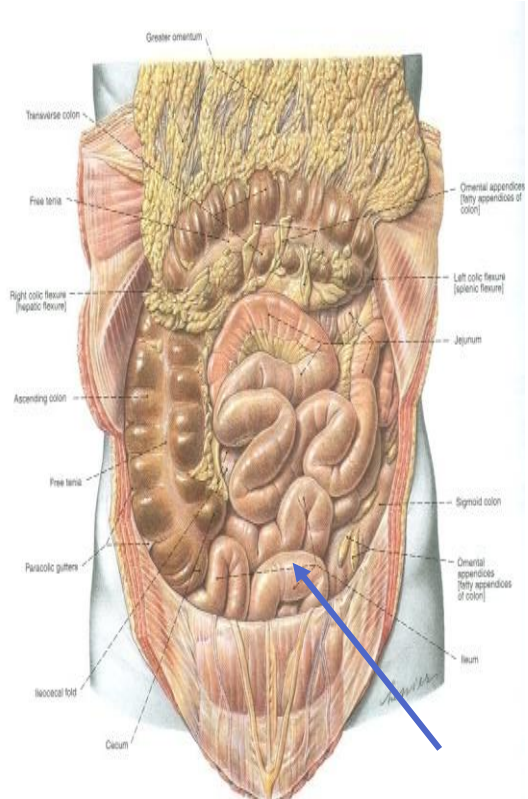
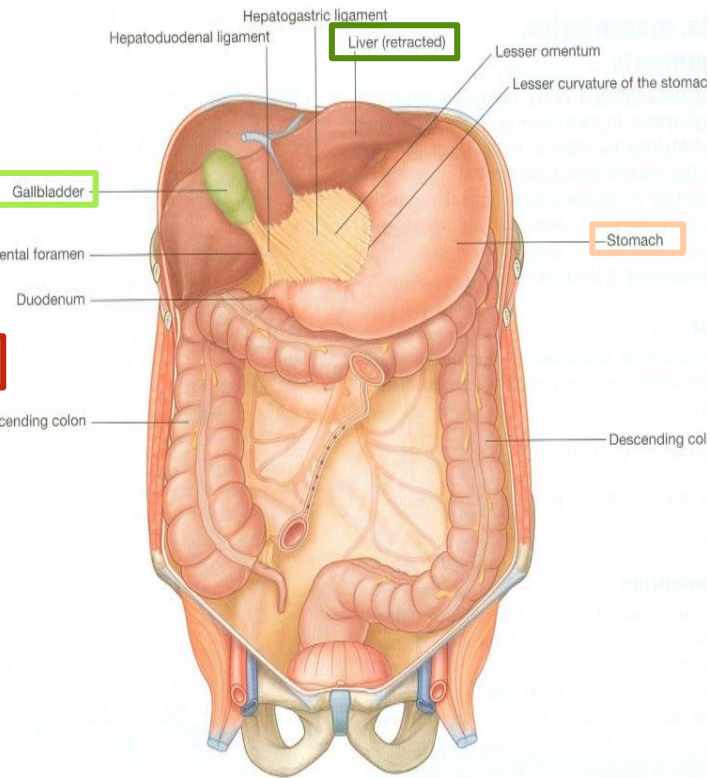
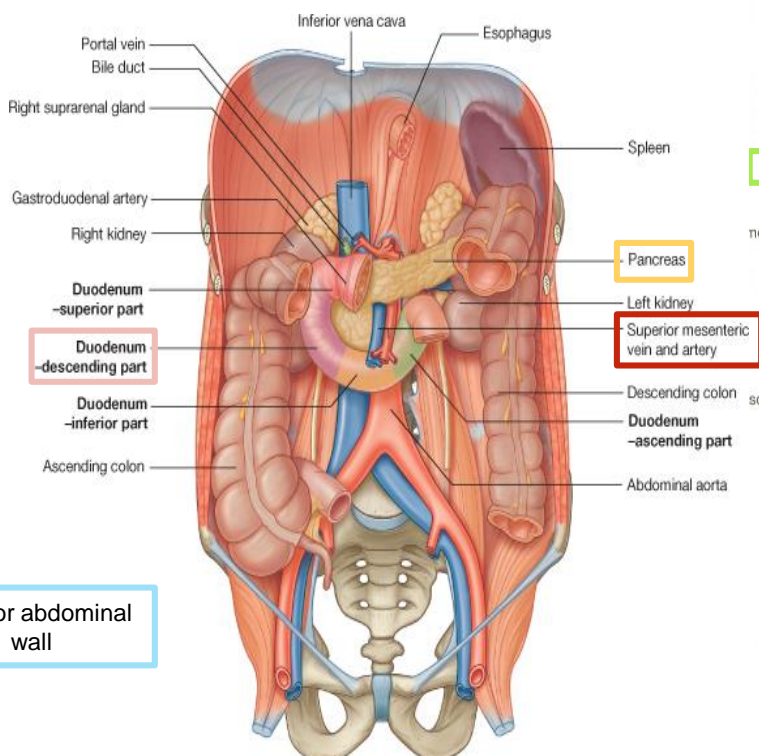
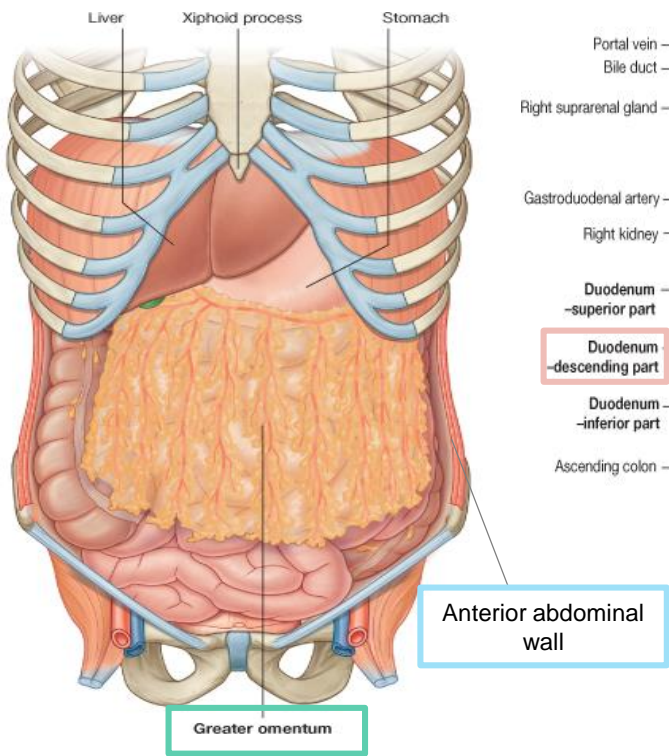
# Relations of Transverse Colon

**Anterior:** greater omentum, anterior abdominal wall

**Posterior:** 2nd part of duodenum, pancreas & superior mesenteric vessels.

**Superior:** liver, gall bladder, stomach

**Inferior:** coils of small intestine





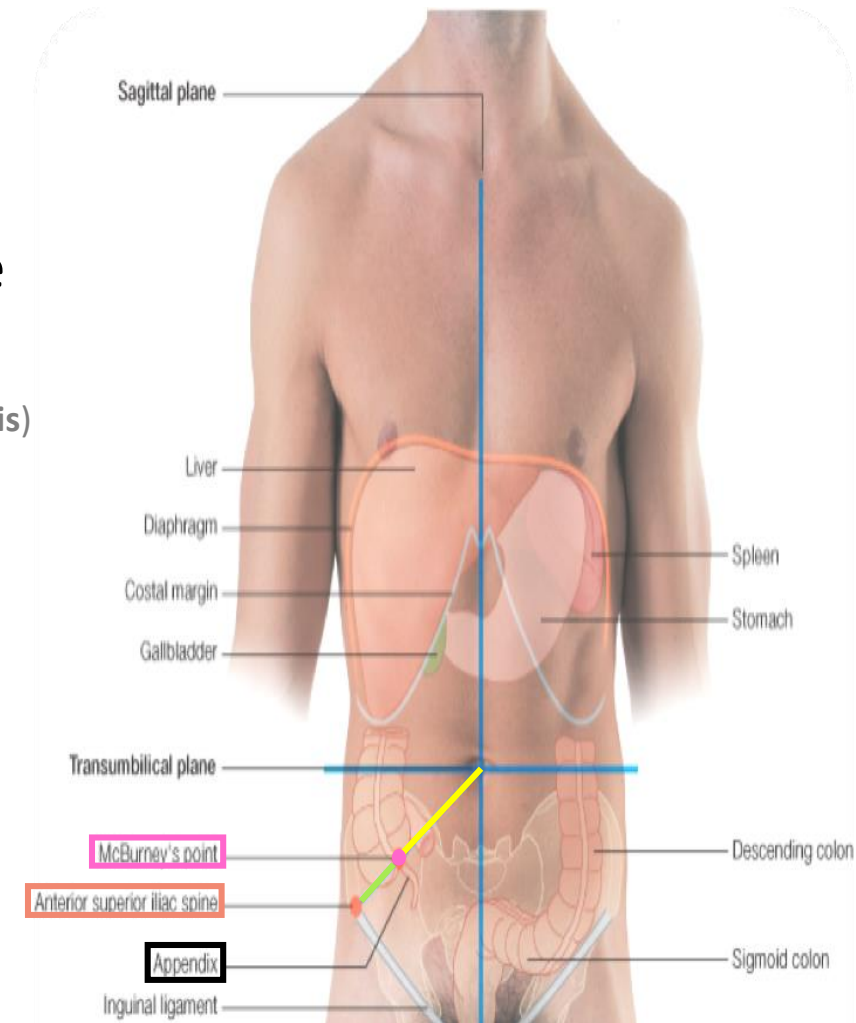
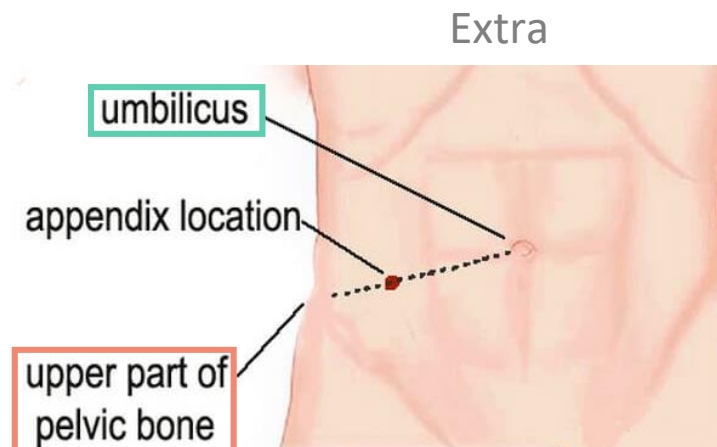
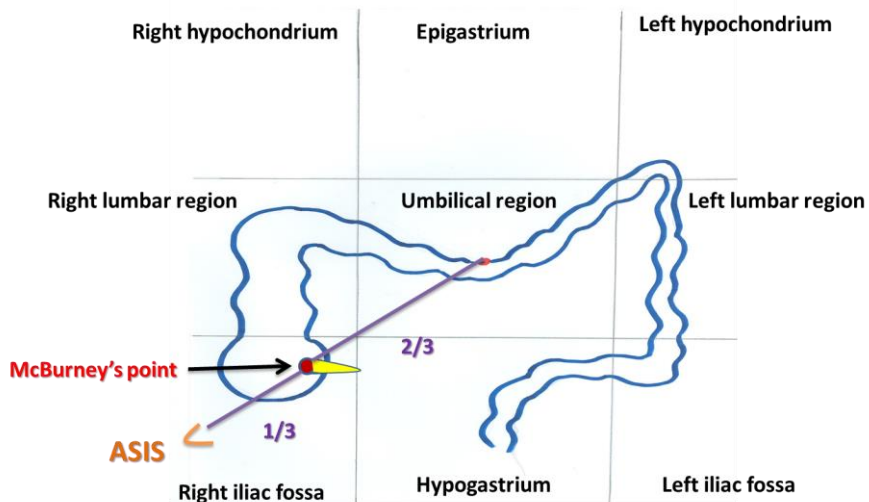
# Appendix Surface Anatomy Important

- The appendix is a lymphoid tissue for immunity.
- The base of appendix is marked by McBurney's point:

A point at the junction of lateral 1/3 & medial 2/3 of a line traced from right anterior superior iliac spine to umbilicus.

(Its importance lies in the fact that tenderness and rebound at this point is suggestive of **appendicitis**)

لما الدكتور يفحص المريض يحط اصبعين على المكان واذا شالها بسرعه حيصرخ المريض من الالم اذا كانت ملتتهبه



# Appendix

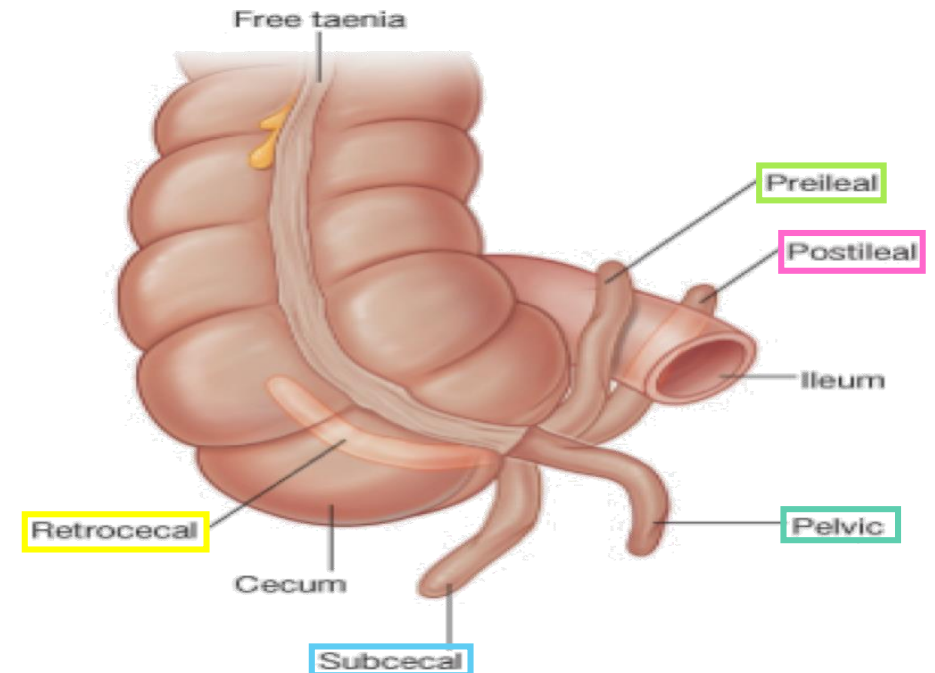
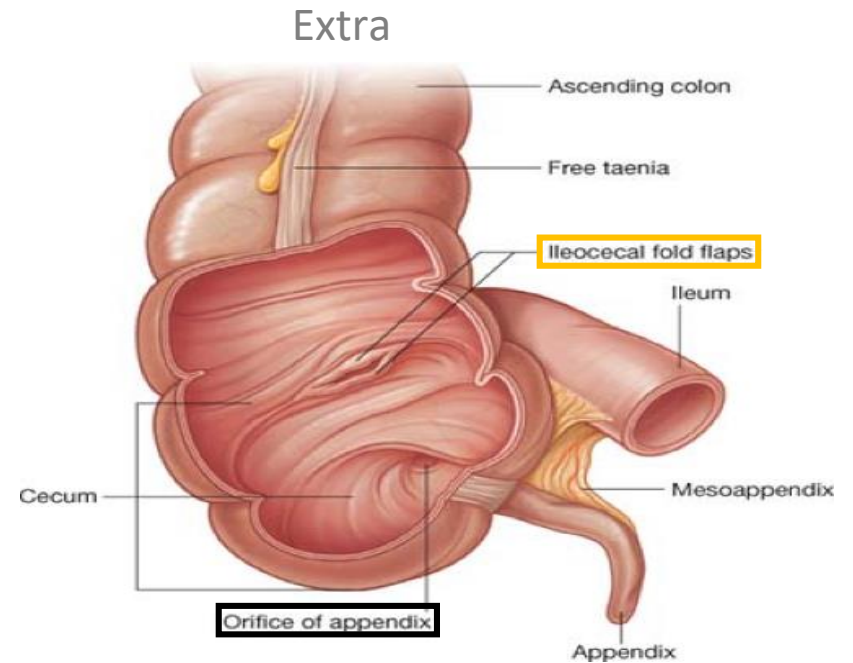
- **Opening:** (opens into cecum)

At posteromedial aspect of cecum, 1 inch below ileocecal junction.

- **Positions:** The free end is mobile so it moves and we may find it in the following positions:

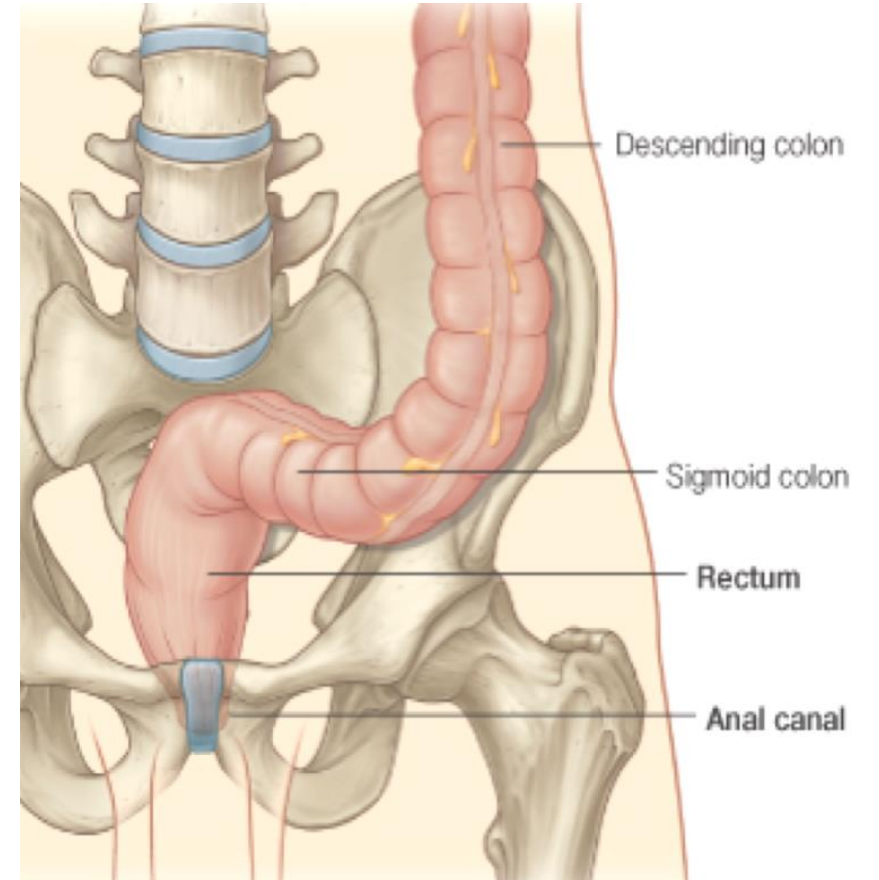
1. **Retrocecal** (most common)
2. **Pelvic** (may be misdiagnosed with ovovitis)
3. **Subcecal** (below)
4. **Preileal**
5. **Postileal** (least common)

مهم نعرفها عشان اذا كان عندنا التهاب في الزائدة وجئنا نبي نشيلها اول شيء لازم ندورها وري السيكم اذا ما لقيناها نبدأ ندور في الاماكن الثانية



# Rectum

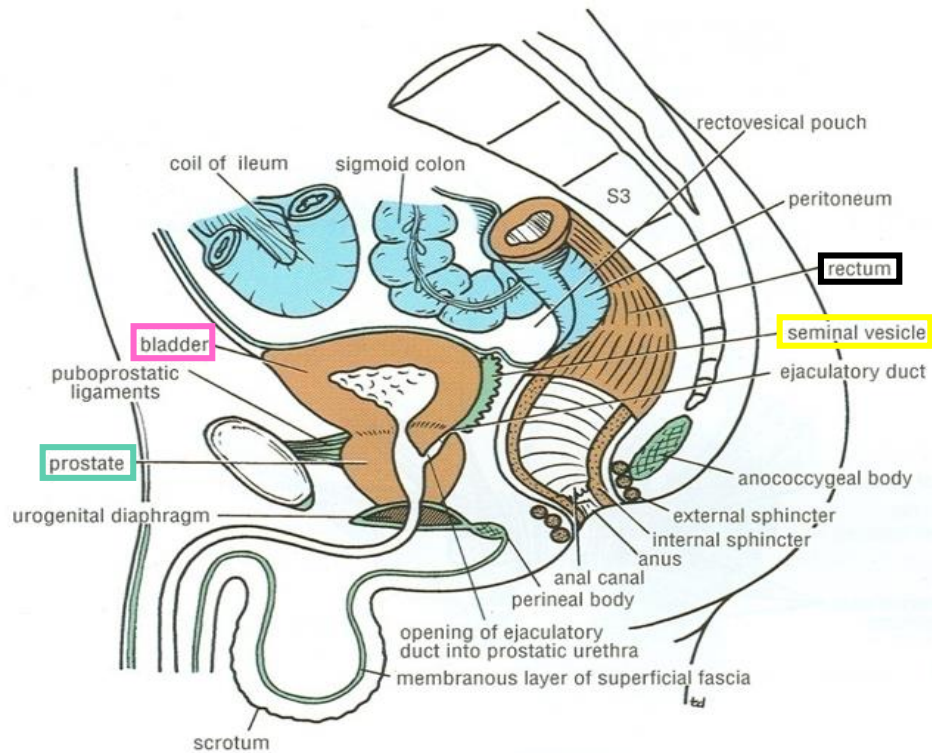
- **Beginning:** as a continuation of sigmoid colon at level of **S3** in front.
- **Termination:** continues as anal canal, one inch below & in front of tip of coccyx. Its end is dilated to form the rectal ampulla.
- **Length:** 13 cm (5 inches)



# Relations of Rectum in Pelvis

## Male Pelvis

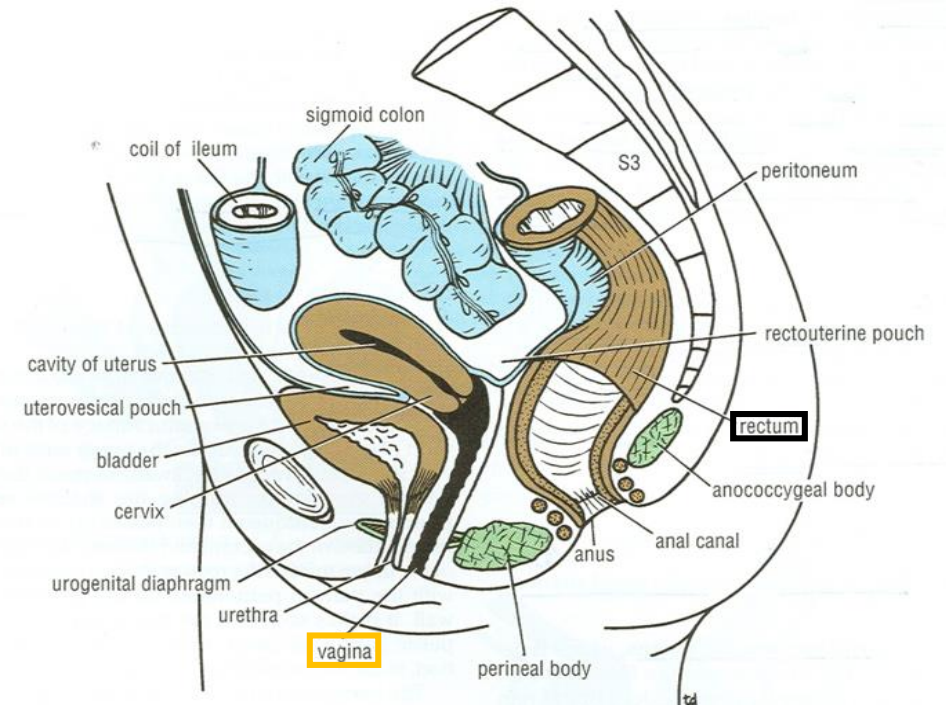
- Anterior: seminal vesicles, posterior surfaces of urinary bladder & prostate gland\*
- Posterior: sacrum, sacral plexus\*\* & coccyx



- \* Due to its relation to the rectum, the easiest way to diagnose prostate enlargement is by examining it per rectal.
- \*\* Also prostate cancer may spread backwards and press on the sacral plexus causing symptoms of sciatica

## Female Pelvis

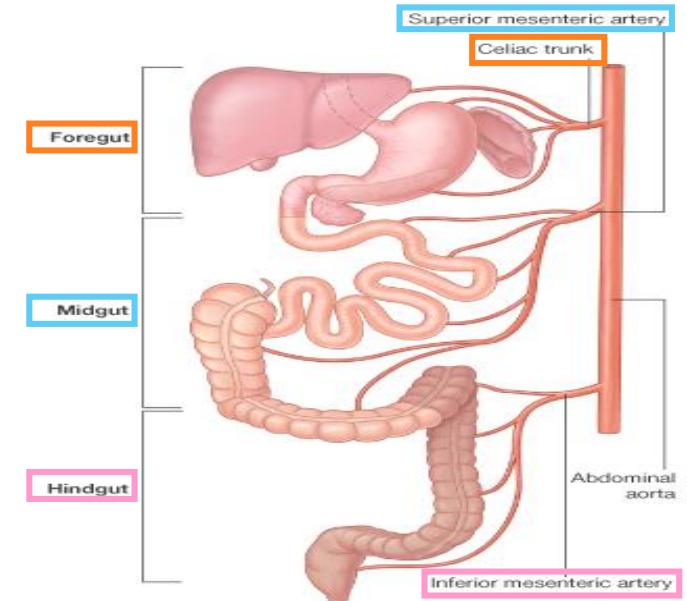
- Anterior: posterior wall of vagina
- Posterior: sacrum, sacral plexus & coccyx  
(posterior relations are the same in male and female)



# Relation Between Embryological Origin of GIT & its Arterial Supply

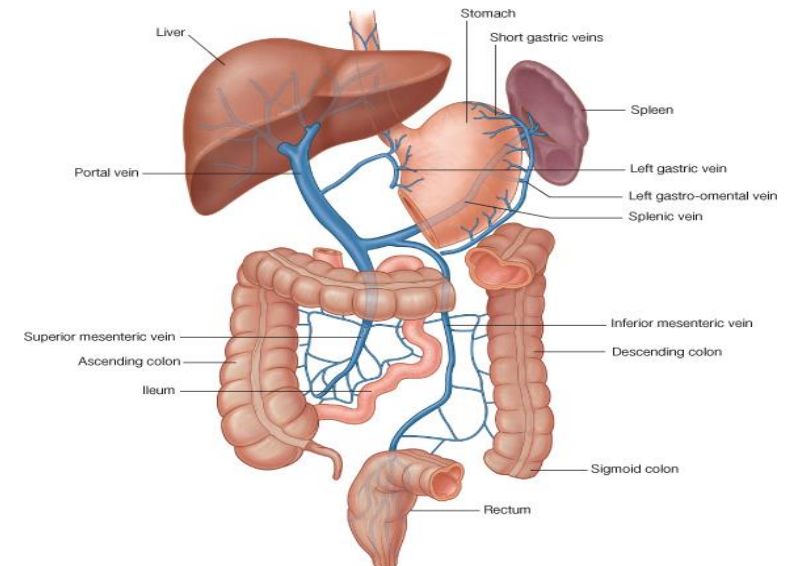
GIT is developed from foregut, midgut and hindgut. Each of which has its own blood supply:

<b>Foregut</b> ●	from esophagus → proximal duodenum at major duodenal papilla	<b>Celiac trunk</b>
<b>Midgut</b> ●	from distal duodenum after opening → right 2/3 of transvers colon	<b>Superior mesenteric artery</b>
<b>Hindgut</b> ●	from left 1/3 of transvers colon → anal canal	<b>Inferior mesenteric artery</b>



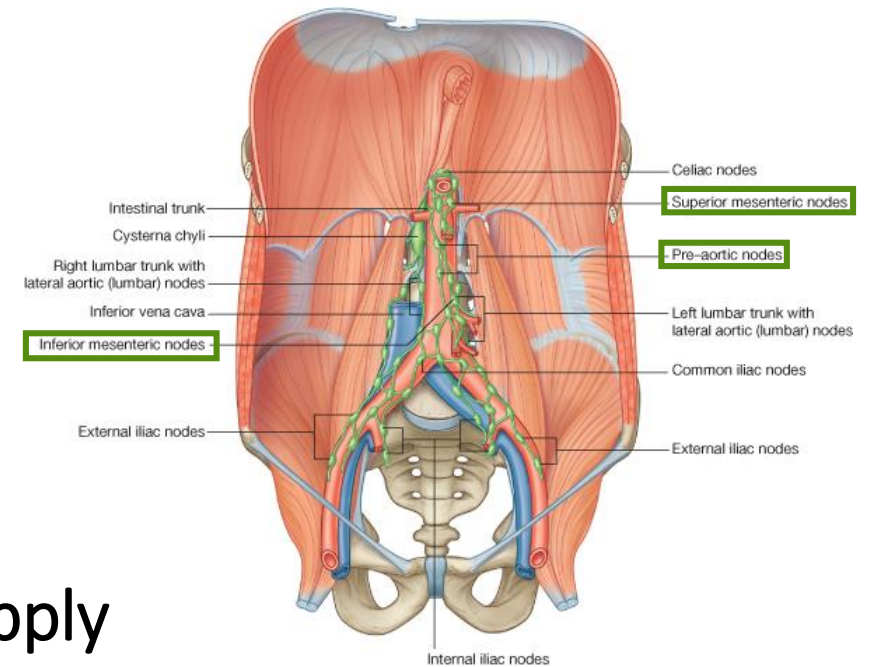
## Venous Drainage Of GIT

The veins of the gut form the tributaries of the portal vein which enters the liver and drains into the **portal circulation**.



# Lymph Drainage of GIT *Only on the girls' slides*

- The lymph vessels follow the arteries.
- Ultimately, all the lymph is collected at the **Preaortic lymph nodes** (Superior & Inferior mesenteric).



## Relation Between Embryological Origin & Nerve Supply

Origin: **Midgut** (endoderm) ●

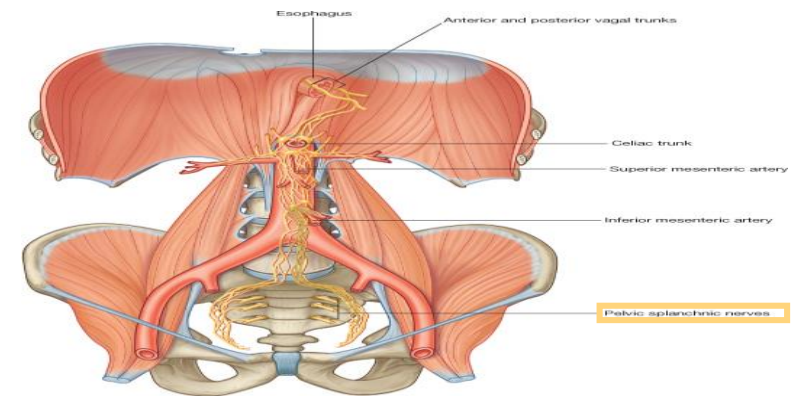
Nerve supply: (Autonomic): Sympathetic (**celiac**) + **Vagus**

Origin: **Hindgut** (endoderm) ●

Nerve supply: (Autonomic): Sympathetic + **pelvic splanchnic nerves**

Origin: **ectoderm** (lower 1/3 of anal canal) ●

Nerve Supply: **Somatic** (**inferior rectal**)



Peritoneal Covering	CECUM – ASCENDING & DESCENDING COLONS	Transverse Colon	APPENDIX	Rectum	Venous, lymph, nerve supply
<p><b>PARTS with MESENTERY:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Transverse colon</li> <li>2. Sigmoid colon</li> <li>3. Appendix</li> <li>4. Cecum</li> </ol> <p><b>RETROPERITONEAL PARTS:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ascending colon</li> <li>2. Descending colon</li> <li>3. Upper 2/3 of rectum</li> </ol> <p><b>PARTS DEVOID OF PERITONEAL COVERING:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lower 1/3 of rectum</li> <li>2. Anal canal</li> </ol>	<p><b>Anterior Relations:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Greater omentum</li> <li>-Coils of small intestine</li> <li>-Anterior abdominal wall</li> </ul> <p><b>Posterior Relations:</b></p> <p><b>Cecum:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Psoas major</li> <li>2. Iliacus</li> </ol> <p><b>Ascending colon:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Iliacus</li> <li>2. Quadratus lumborum</li> <li>3. Right kidney.</li> </ol> <p><b>Descending colon:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Left kidney</li> <li>2. Quadratus lumborum</li> <li>3. Iliacus</li> </ol>	<p><b>COLIC FLEXURES:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-Hepatic flexure</li> <li>2-Splenic flexure: higher + more acute angle</li> </ol> <p><b>Relations:</b></p> <p><b>Anterior:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-greater omentum, - anterior abdominal wall.</li> </ul> <p><b>Posterior:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-2nd part of duodenum ,</li> <li>-pancreas &amp; -superior mesenteric vessels.</li> </ul> <p><b>Superior:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-liver, - gall bladder, - stomach</li> </ul> <p><b>Inferior:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-coils of small intestine</li> </ul>	<p><b>Surface anatomy:</b></p> <p>the base of appendix is marked by <b>Mc'Burney's point.</b></p> <p><b>Opening:</b>At posteromedial aspect of cecum.</p> <p><b>Positions:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.Retrocecal <b>most common</b></li> <li>2.Pelvic</li> <li>3.Subcecal</li> <li>4.Preileal</li> <li>5.Postileal: <b>least common</b></li> </ol>	<p><b>Beginning:</b> at level of S3.</p> <p><b>Termination:</b> continues as anal canal, one inch below &amp; in front of tip of coccyx.</p> <p><b>Length:</b> 13 cm(5 inches)</p> <p><b>Relations</b></p> <p><b>Posterior:</b> sacrum , sacral plexus &amp; coccyx</p> <p><b>Anterior:</b></p> <p><b>MALE PELVIS:</b> seminal vesicles, posterior surfaces of urinary bladder &amp; prostate gland.</p> <p><b>FEMALE PELVIS:</b> posterior wall of vagina.</p>	<p><b>Venous drainage:</b> Portal circulation.</p> <p><b>Lymph drainage:</b> Preaortic lymph nodes.</p> <p><b>Nerve supply:</b></p> <p><b>Origin: Midgut</b> Nerve supply: (Autonomic): Sympathetic + Vagus</p> <p><b>Origin: Hindgut</b> Nerve supply: (Autonomic): Sympathetic + pelvic splanchnic nerves</p> <p><b>Origin: ectoderm</b> (lower 1/3 of anal canal) Nerve Supply: <b>Somatic</b> (inferior rectal)</p>

# MCQs

1. The taeniae coli found in which of the following structure ?

- A- Transverse colon
- B- Small intestine
- C- Rectum
- D- Anal canal

2. Which of the following part is with mesentery ?

- A- Lower 1/3 of rectum
- B- Appendix
- C- Ascending colon
- D- Upper 2/3 of rectum

3. Which of the following structure is an anterior relation of cecum ?

- A- Psoas major
- B- Iliacus
- C- Quadratus lumborum
- D- Coils of small intestine

4. The superior mesenteric vessels relate to Transverse colon ?

- A- Anteriorly
- B- Posteriorly
- C- Superiorly
- D- inferiorly

5. Which one of the following is the nerve supply of the Hindgut (endoderm):

- A- Sympathetic + pelvic splanchnic nerves
- B- Somatic (inferior rectal)
- C- Sympathetic + Vagus

6. All the lymph in the GIT is collected at the:

- A- Preaorticlymph nodes (Superior & Inferior mesenteric).
- B- Preaorticlymph nodes (anterior & Inferior mesenteric).
- C- postaorticlymph node

7. The termination of the rectum is:

- A- as a continuation of sigmoid colon at level of S3.
- B- continues as anal canal, one inch below & in front of tip of coccyx.
- C- sacral plexus & coccyx

8. Which one of the following parts of large intestine is found in the pelvis?

- A- Transverse colon
- B- Anal canal
- C- Rectum
- D- Cecum

9. Its surface anatomy is marked by Mc'Burney's point:

- A- Rectum
- B- Colon
- C- Appendix
- D- Pancreas

Answers:

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|-------|-------|-------|------|-----|-----|
| 1. A, | 2. B, | 3. D, | 4. B | 5.A | 6.A |
|       |       | 7.B   | 8.C  | 9.C |     |



# SAQ

## 1. What are the Characteristics of COLON ?

- 1) Taeniae coli
- 2) Sacculations
- 3) Epiploic appendices

## 2. What are the Anterior Relations of (CECUM – ASCENDING & DESCENDING COLONS)

- 1) Anterior abdominal wall
- 2) Coils of small intestine
- 3) Greater omentum

## 3. What are the Posterior Relations (CECUM – ASCENDING & DESCENDING COLONS)

- **Cecum:** 1. Psoas major 2. Iliacus
- **Ascending colon:** 1. Iliacus 2. Quadratus lumborum 3. Right kidney.
- **Descending colon:** 1. Left kidney 2. Quadratus lumborum 3. Iliacus



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