Urinary System

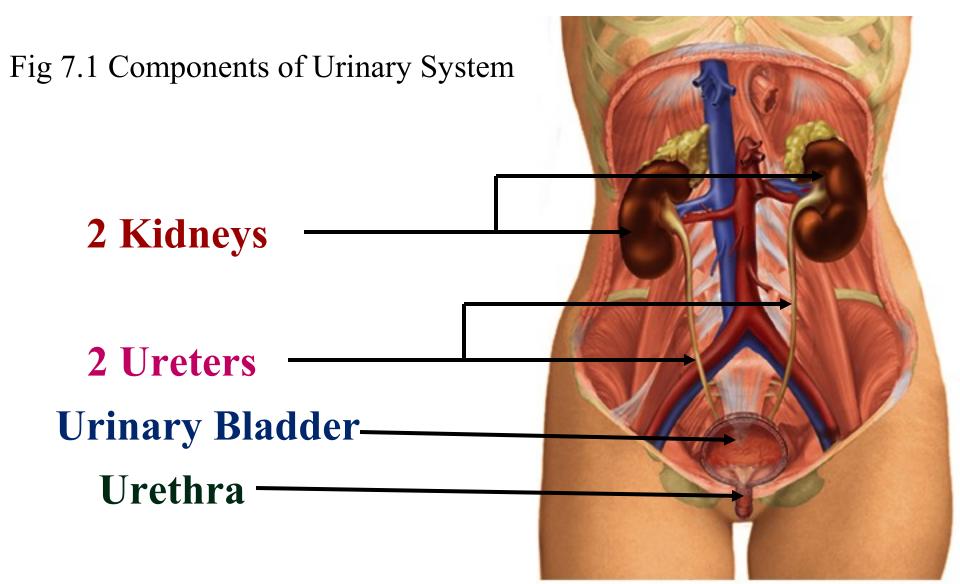


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The Urinary System

• Urinary System is one of the four excretory systems in our body. The other three are bowel, lungs & skin.

Components of Urinary System



- The kidneys remove waste products of metabolism, excess water and salts from blood and maintain the pH.
- Ureters convey urine from the kidneys to the urinary bladder.
- The urinary bladder is the muscular reservoir of urine.
- **Urethra** is the channel to the exterior.

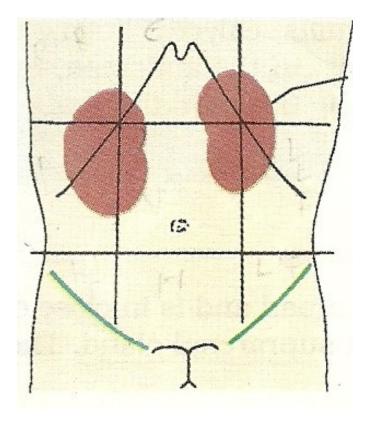
The Kidneys/Renes

• **Definition**

- The kidneys are a pair of excretory organs situated on the posterior abdominal wall, one on each side of the vertebral column, behind the peritoneum.

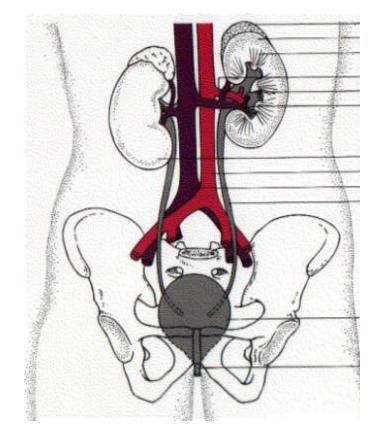
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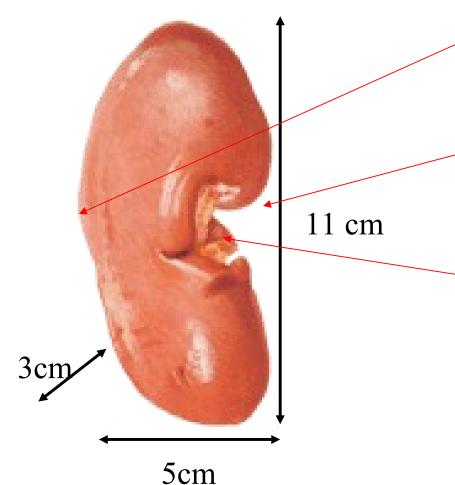
- The kidneys occupies the epigastric , hypochondriac, lumbar & umbilical regions.
- Vertically they extends from upper border of twelfth thoracic vertebra to the center of the body of third lumbar vertebra.
- The right kidney is slightly lower than the left, & the left kidney is little nearer to the median plane than the right.



The Kidneys- Surface Anatomy

- External Features
 - Each kidney is bean shaped.
 - It has upper & lower poles, medial and lateral borders, and anterior and posterior surfaces.
 - The upper pole is broad & is in close contact with the corresponding suprarenal glands.
 - The lower pole is pointed.





- The lateral border is convex.
- The medial border is concave.
- The middle part of the medial border is depressed and is known as hilum (hilus)

Measurements

- Color
- Length : About 11 cm long(the left kidney is little longer & narrower than right)
- Width
- Thickness

: 6cm broad

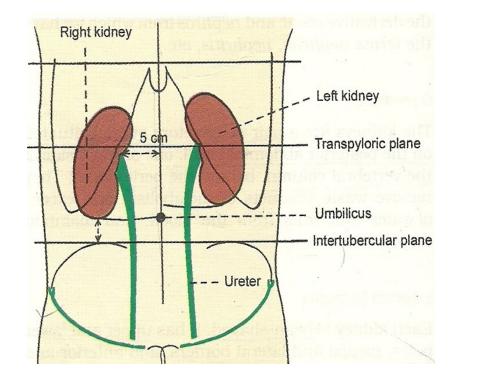
: Reddish Brown

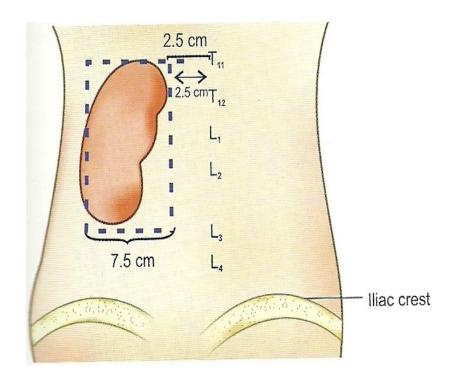
: 3cm thick

- Weight
 - Males : 150gmFemales : 135gm

(In fetus the kidney is lobulated & is made up of about 12 lobules. After birth the lobules fuse, so that in adults the kidney is uniformly smooth)

Surface Marking- Morris Parallelogram





Anterior aspect

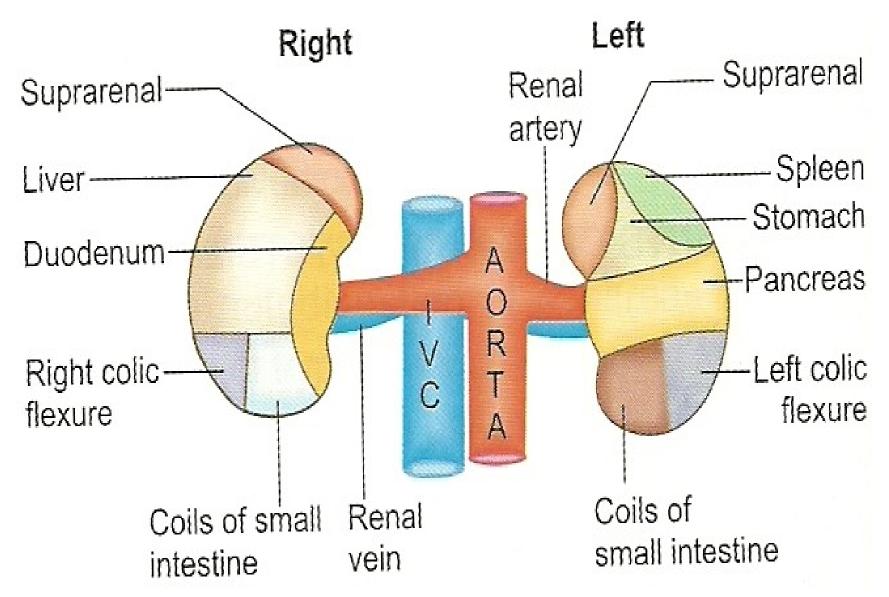
Posterior aspect

Coverings

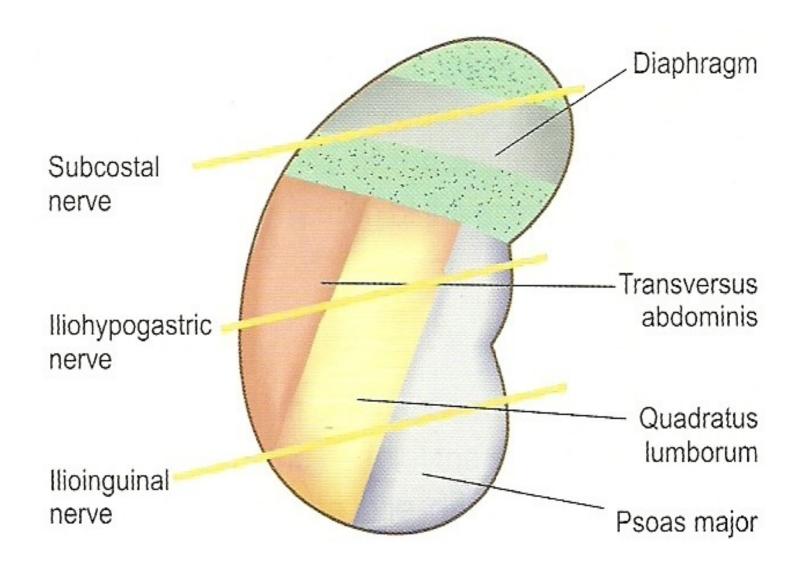
- It has 3 coverings
 - 1. Innermost fibrous capsule or true capsule
 - 2. Middle fatty capsule / perinephric fat-it is a collection of fatty tissue. (It acts as a shock absorber & helps to maintain the kidney in its position)
 - 3. The false capsule made of renal fascia .It has two layers-*Anterior & Posterior*.

(Superiorly the two layers enclose the supra renal gland & then merge with diaphragmatic fascia, that is why the kidneys move with respiration)

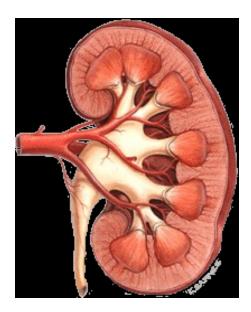
Relations - Anterior



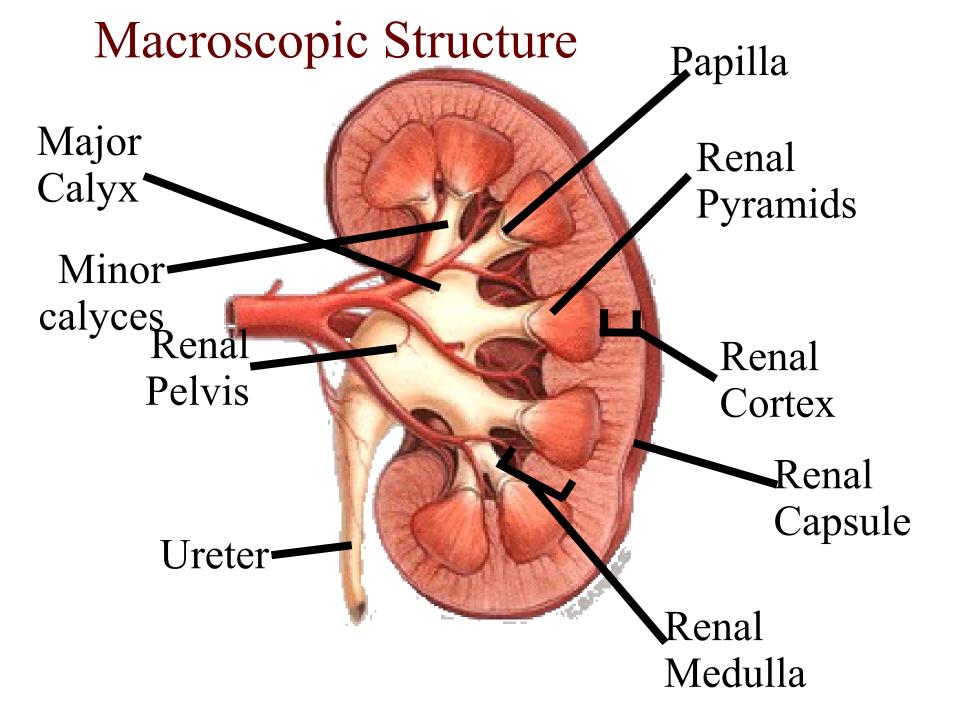
Relations - Posterior



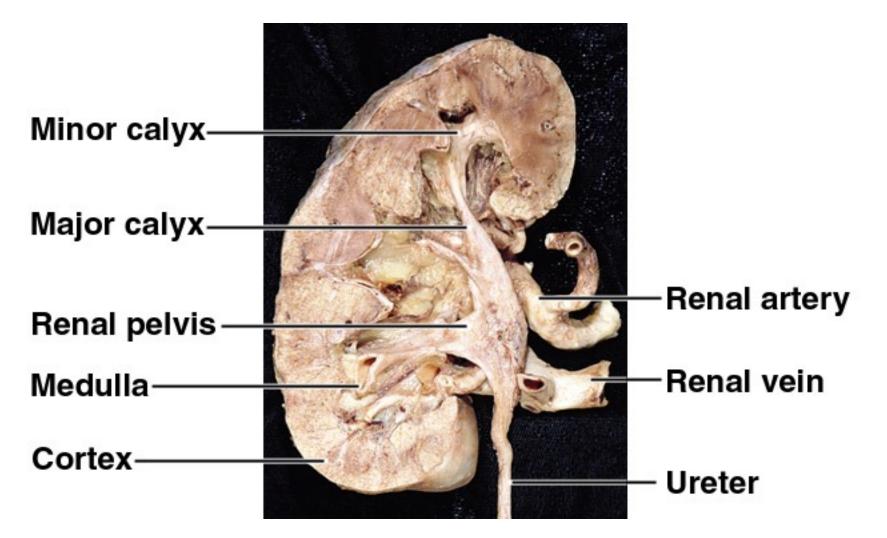
Anatomy of Kidney



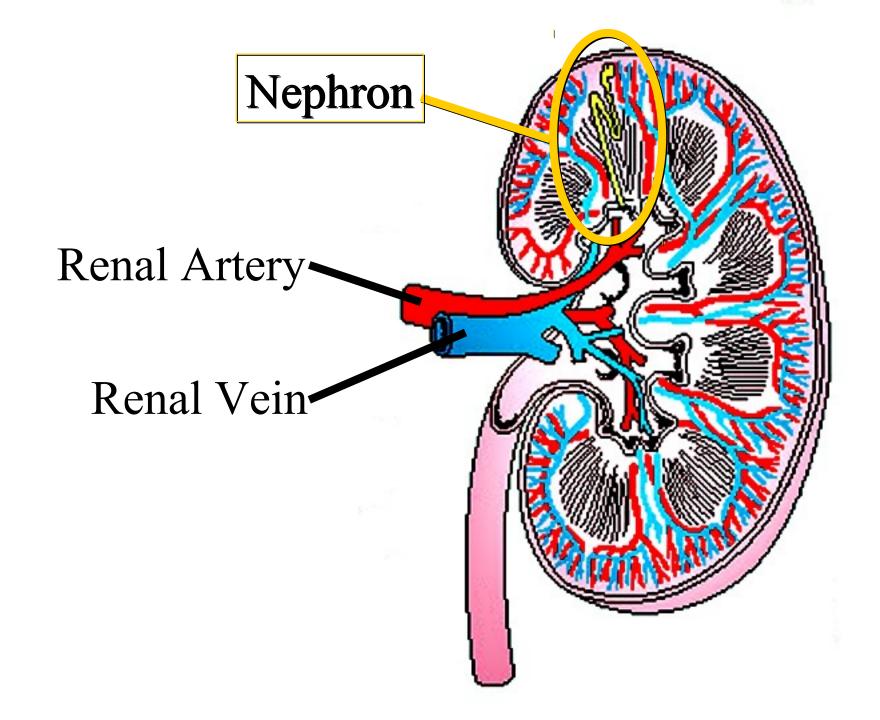
Macroscopic Structure



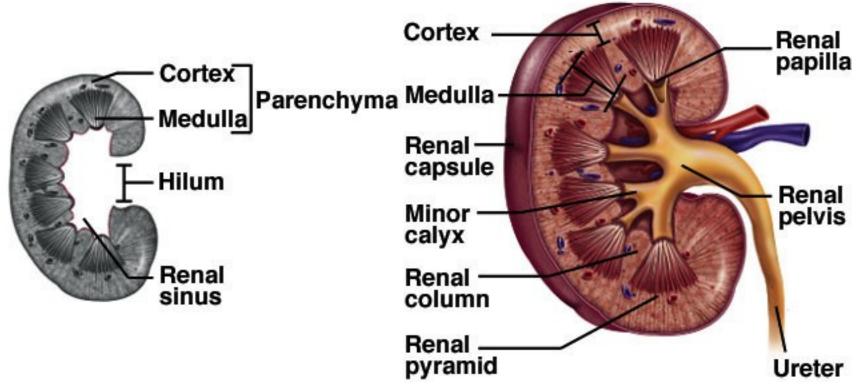
Kidney: Frontal Section



• Minor calyx: cup over papilla collects urine



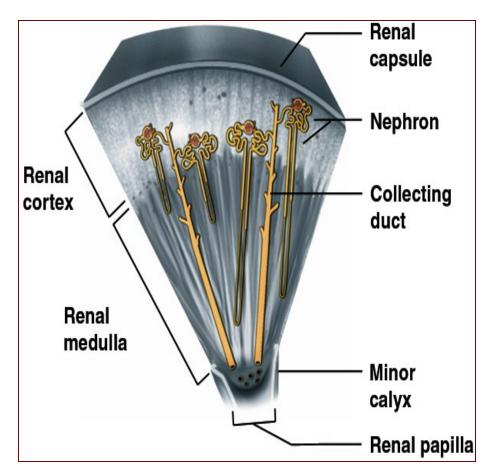
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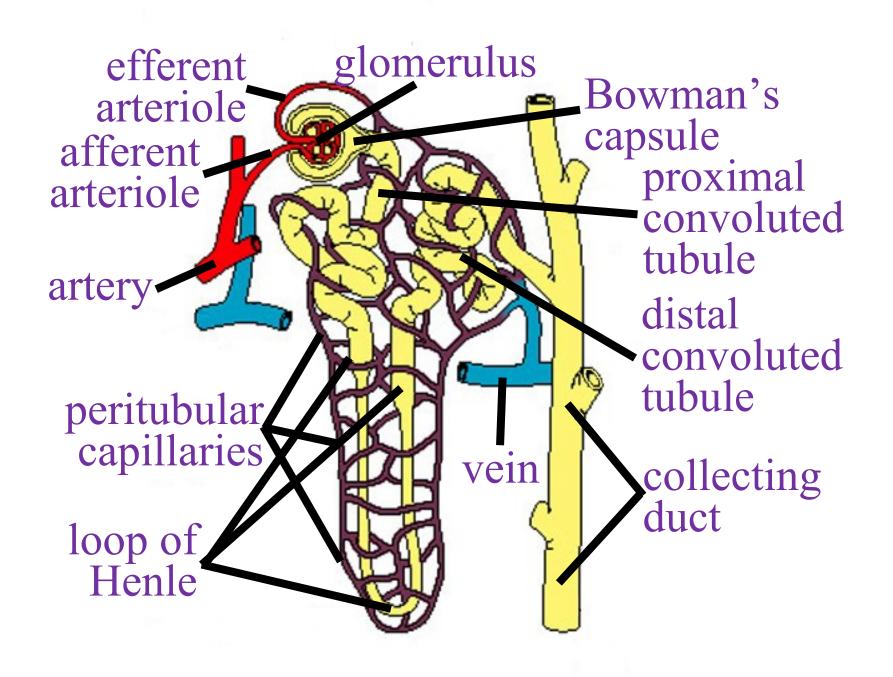
- Renal cortex: outer 1 cm
- Renal medulla: renal columns, pyramids papilla
- Lobe of kidney: pyramid and it's overlying cortex

Microscopic Structure(Histology)

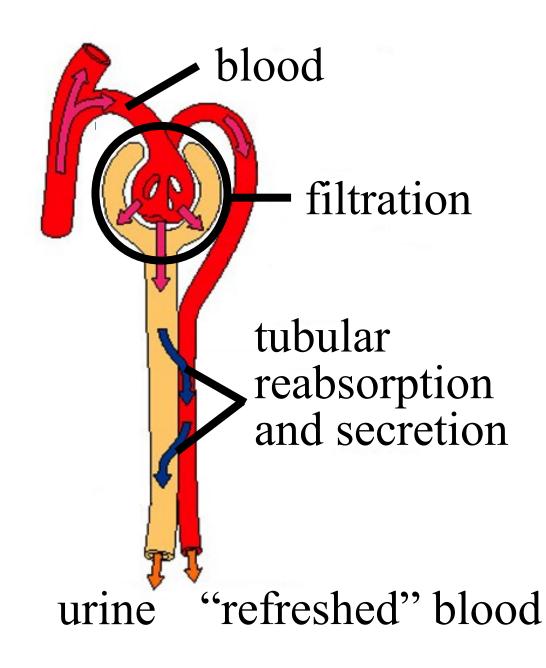
- The kidney may be regarded as a collection of millions of uriniferous tubules.
- Each uriniferous tubule consists of an excretory part called *nephron* and of a collecting tubule.
- Each kidney contains over 1(1-2 millions) million nephrons and thousands of collecting ducts



Structure of Nephron



Nephron Functioning



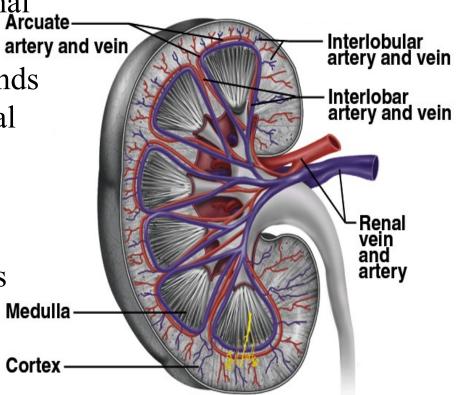
Kidney Functions

- Filters blood plasma, eliminates waste, returns useful chemicals to blood
- Regulates blood volume and pressure
- Regulates osmolarity of body fluids
- Secretes renin, activates angiotensin, aldosterone
 controls BP, electrolyte balance
- Secretes erythropoietin, controls RBC count
- Regulates $P_{0,1}$ and acid base balance
- Detoxifies free radicals and drugs
- Gluconeogenesis



Blood Supply Diagram

Arterial Supply: Renal arteries which are the direct branches of abdominal Arcuate aorta & are large in size. **Venous Drainage:** Renal veins, ends in inferior vena cava. The left renal vein is longer than the right. **Nerve Supply:** Sympathetic fibers derived from $T_{10}L_1$ segments and parasympathetic fibers from vagus Medulla nerve. *Lymphatic drainage:* into lateral Cortex aortic nodes.



Applied Anatomy

1. Congenital Anomalies

- 1. Unilateral/Bilateral agenesis
- 2. Horse shoe kidney
- 3. Congenital poly cystic disease
- 4. Ectopic kidney
- 5. Abnormal renal arteries may arise from aorta or superior mesenteric artery

2. Infections

3. Renal Failure

THE URETERS

• Definition

The Ureters are a pair of narrow, thick walled muscular tubes which convey urine from the kidneys to urinary bladder.

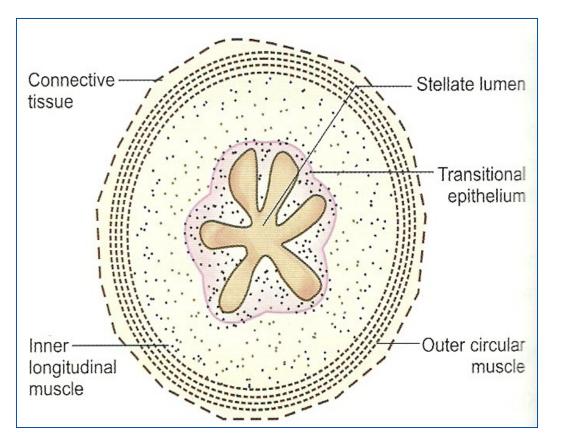
Dimensions

- Each Ureters is about 25cm (10 inch)long.
- The upper half lies in the abdomen and the lower half in the pelvis.
- It measures 3mm diameter, but it slightly constricted at three places.
 - At the pelviureteric junction
 - At the brim of lesser pelvis
 - At its passage through the bladder wall

Parts

- For the purpose of description, ureter is divided into 2 parts
 - From the site of origin to pelvic brim- abdominal part
 - From pelvic brim to entry into urinary bladder- pelvic part

Ureter- Cross Section



- 3 layers of tissue
 - Outer layer
 - Fibrous tissue
 - Middle layer
 - Muscle
 - Inner layer
 - Epithelium

• Blood Supply

– Ureter is supplied by branches of

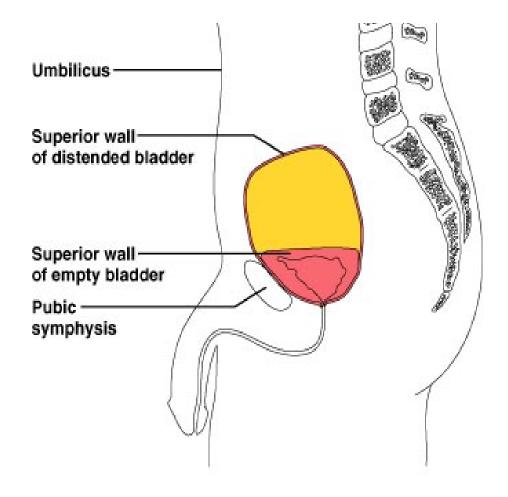
- » Renal artery
- » Abdominal aorta
- » Gonadal artery
- » Common iliac artery
- » Internal iliac artery
- » Inferior vesical artery

• Nerve Supply

- Autonomic nervous system

Urinary Bladder

• The urinary bladder is a hollow , muscular organ, which functions as the reservoir for the urine received from the kidneys and to discharge it out periodically

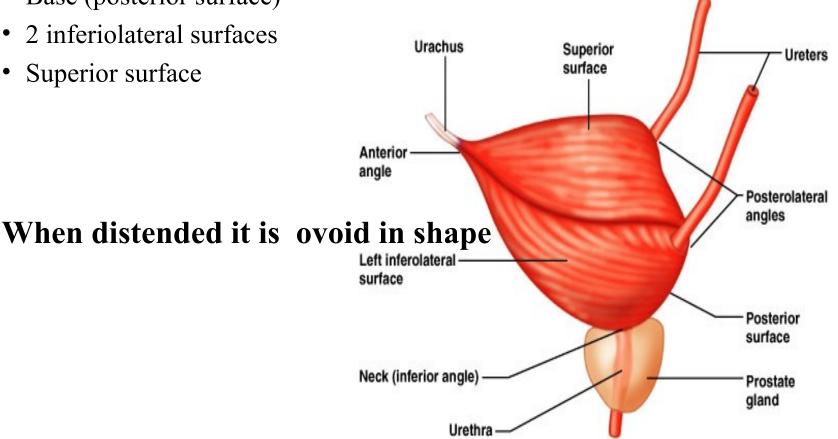


Position

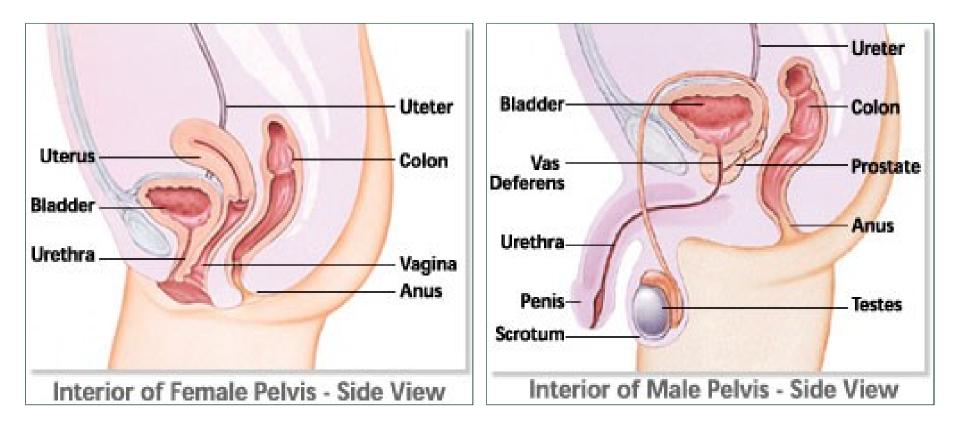
- Empty bladder, in the adult situated within the pelvis. When distended, it rises up to the abdominal cavity and becomes an abdominopelvic organ.
- Capacity
 - The mean capacity of the bladder is 220 ml, filling beyond 220ml causes a desire to micturate. Filling upto 500ml may be tolerated, buut it becomes painful.

Shape

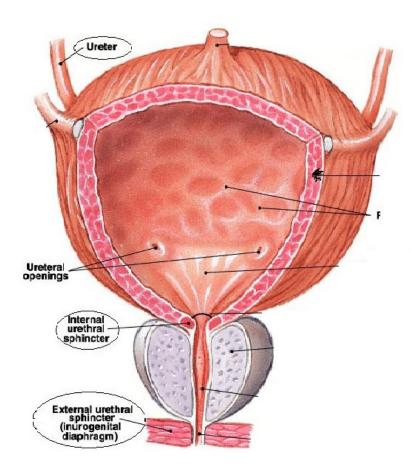
- An empty bladder is 4 sided pyramid in shape and has
 - 4 angles an apex, neck & 2 lateral angles
 - -4 surfaces
 - Base (posterior surface)
 - 2 inferiolateral surfaces
 - Superior surface



Relations



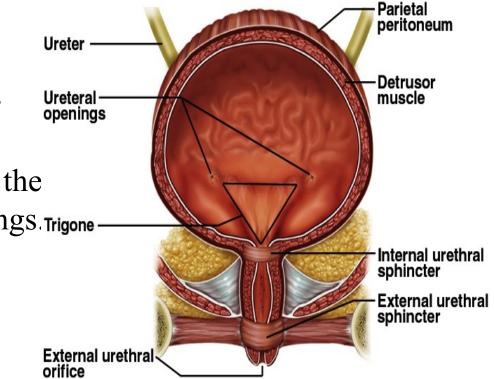
Bladder- structure of



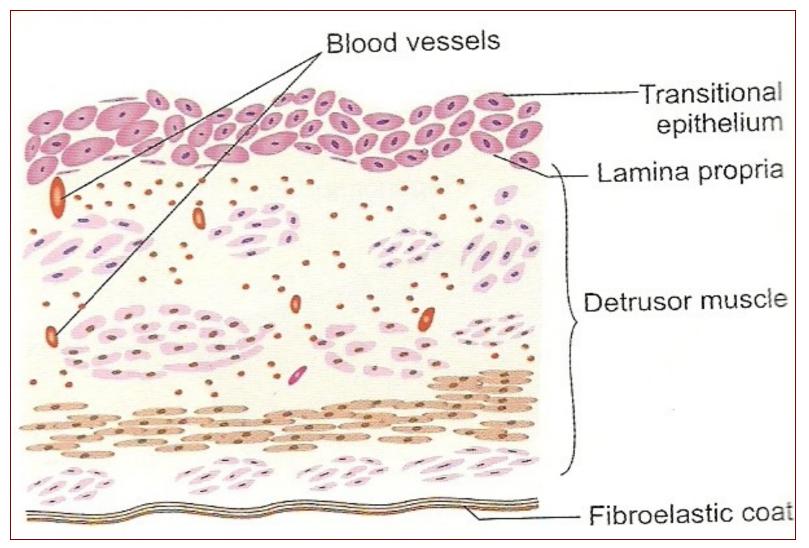
- 3 layers
 - Outer layer
 - Loose connective tissue
 - Middle layer
 - Smooth muscle and elastic fibres
 - Inner layer
 - Lined with transitional epithelium

Interior of Bladder

- The mucous membrane is straw colored & is thrown into folds.
 When bladder is distended, these folds disappear.
- The posterior wall shows a smooth triangular area called *trigone*. There are no mucous folds in this region.
- At the upper lateral angles of the trigone are the ureteric openings. Trigone
- At its inferior angle is the internal urethral orifice



Histology

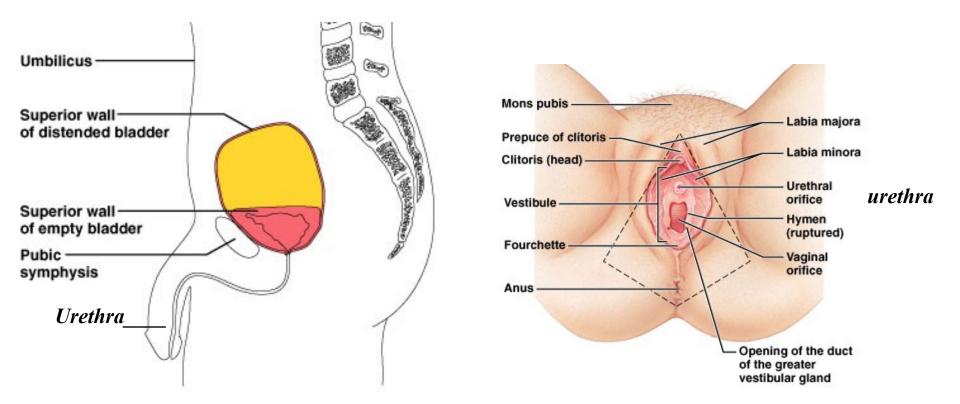


Applied Anatomy

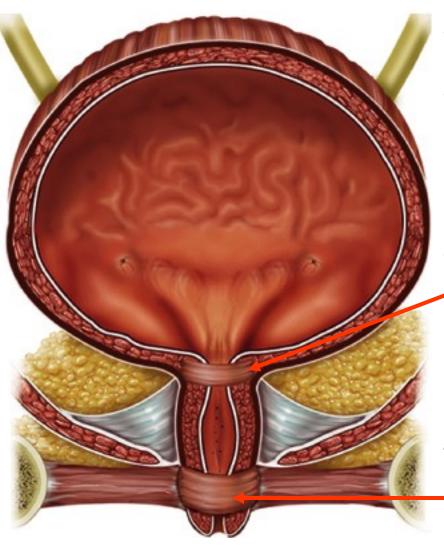
- Congenital Anomalies
 - -Ectopia vesicae
- Infection Cystitis
- Neurological lesions
- Rupture of bladder
- Cancer bladder
- Urinary Incontinence

The Urethra

- The urethra is a canal extending from the neck of the bladder to the exterior, at the external urethral orifice.
- Male: about 20 cm (8") long
- Female: 3-4 cm (1.5") long
 - Short length is why females have more urinary tract infections than males ascending bacteria from stool contamination



Female Urethra



- 3 to 4 cm long
- External urethral orifice
 - between vaginal orifice and clitoris
- Internal urethral sphincter
 - detrusor muscle thickened, smooth muscle, involuntary control
- External urethral sphincter
 - skeletal muscle, voluntary control

Male Bladder and Urethra

