URINARY SYSTEM

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Generates, maintains opt’m cond’ns (homeostasis) in body by selective retention, excretion.

REGULATES plasma composition EXCRETES variety of metabolic products:
- blood volume
- pH
- ionic concentration (electrolytes)
- urea (21 g/d),
- uric acid (0.5 g/d),
- creatinine (1.8 g/d) (breakdown of muscles)

First in anterior: mesonephros: pronephric duct drains (later: mesonephric duct)

METANEPHROS: forms in 5th week, out pockets from mesonephric duct.
cloaca develops into bladder

ANATOMY: R kidney is lower than L due to liver, both retroperitoneal: (p 976 & 977)
adipose capsule mass of perirenal fat (brown fat): cushion, collagen fibers support
renal fascia: 2x layer (ant.= peritoneum), attaches to abdominal wall
renal capsule layer of collagen fibers surround organ
renal hilus medial indentation contains renal arteries, veins and ureter
cortex extensions called renal columns pass into medulla
(p. 977) arcuate arteries and veins separate the cortex from medulla
medulla consists of renal pyramids, tips called papillae.
minor and major calyces, renal pelvis receive and direct urine into ureter
Ureter retroperitoneal, attached to rear abdominal wall
Bladder derived from cloaca; urinary trigone; transitional epithelium;
internal & ext. urinary sphincters
Urethra mucous membrane, it and bladder lined with transitional epithelium. Urethritis

KIDNEY FUNCTION:
Three ways solutes in blood might be treated: 1) excrete, 2) discard part, 3) save

NEPHRON STRUCTURE: functional unit of the kidney  (p 978-979, 981)
renal corpuscle combination of capsule and glomerulus
bowman’s capsule cup shaped, receives filtrate, parietal v visceral layer
glomerulus 20% of blood becomes filtrate, pushed thru by heart filtration membrane: podocytes, filtration slits,
fenestrated endothelium (“windowed”) pores thru which filtrate is passed
proximal conv’d tbls (P 980)possesses microvilli, most solutes resorbed
establishes salt gradient
descending limb thin, permeable to water
ascending limb thick, imperm. to water, Na/K pump Na+ out
distal convoluted tubule ions saved/thrown
(form juxtaglomerular complex with afferent arteriole)
collecting tubule water retained/thrown, osmolarity adjusted
peritubular capillaries pick up saved solutes and water
vasa recta surround loop of Henle, pick up water and NaCl

FUNCTION: (p table 985-987)
All blood in body filtered 60x /day,
45 gallons filtrate produced,
1 to 1½ gallons urine produced per day,
released by micturition

Water diffuses freely thru walls of nephron except:
1) ascending loop of Henle,
2) collecting duct in absence of antidiuretic hormone