

# EXCRETORY PRODUCT AND THEIR ELIMINATION

① Ammonotelic : Organism excreting ammonia are known as Ammonotelic.

→ Process of excreting ammonia is called Ammonotelism.

→ Excreted by diffusion.

eg: Bony fishes, aquatic amphibians and aquatic insect.

② Ureotelic : Organism excrete Urea

eg: Mammals, terrestrial amphibians and marine fishes.

→ Excreted out by kidneys.

③ Uricotelic : Excrete Uric acid in form of pellet or paste with a minimum loss of water and are called Uricotelic.

① Protonephridia or Flame Cells are excretory structure in platyhelminthes, rotifers, some annelids and Cephalochordate → Amphioxys.

→ Concerned with ionic and fluid volume regulation i.e. Osmoregulation.

② Nephridia tubular excretory structure of earthworm and other annelids.

→ Help to remove nitrogenous waste and in maintaining Osmoregulation.

③ Malpighian tubules excretory organ of insect [Cockroaches].

→ Help in removal of nitrogenous waste and Osmoregulation.

④ Antennal glands or green glands perform excretory function in crustaceans like prawns.

# HUMAN EXCRETORY SYSTEM

① Consist a pair of kidney and Ureters, a Urinary bladder and a Urethra.

② Kidney : Bean shaped  
 → situated b/w levels of 1st thoracic and third lumbar vertebra close to dorsal inner wall of abdominal cavity.

→ weight : 120 - 170 g

Hilum : through which Ureter, blood vessel and nerves enter.

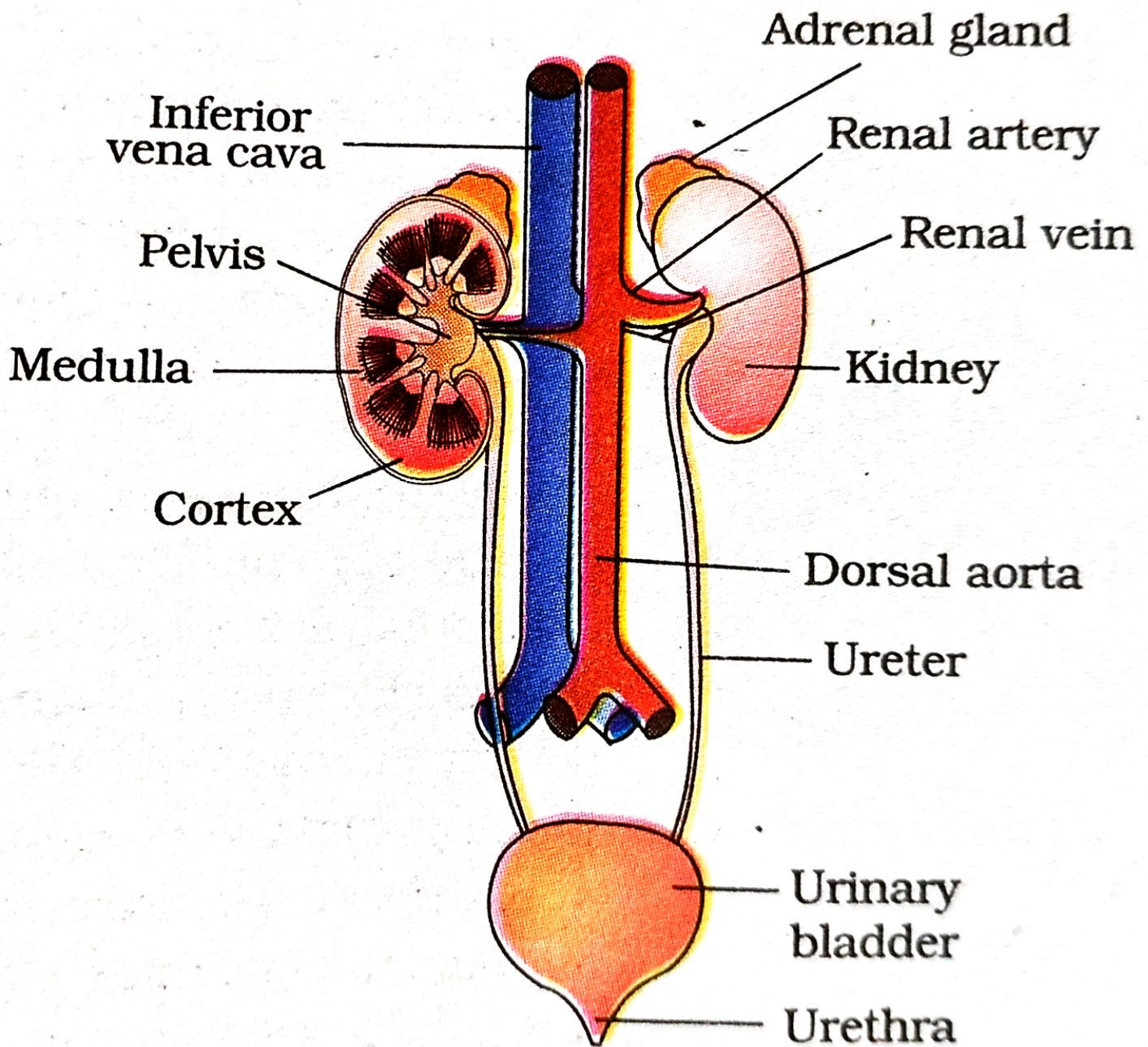
→ Inner Hilum is funnel shaped space called renal pelvis with projection called Calyces.

→ Inside kidney are two zones  
 Outer → Cortex inner → Medulla

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 Divide into medullary pyramids projecting into Calyces.

• Cortex extend b/w Medullary pyramids as renal columns called Columns of Bertini.

③ Kidney has complex tubular functional unit Nephrons.



**Figure 19.1** Human Urinary system

① Nephrons has two parts :

1. Glomerules : Tuft of Capillaries formed by afferent arteriole → a fine branch of renal artery.

→ Blood from glomerulus is carried away by efferent arteriole.

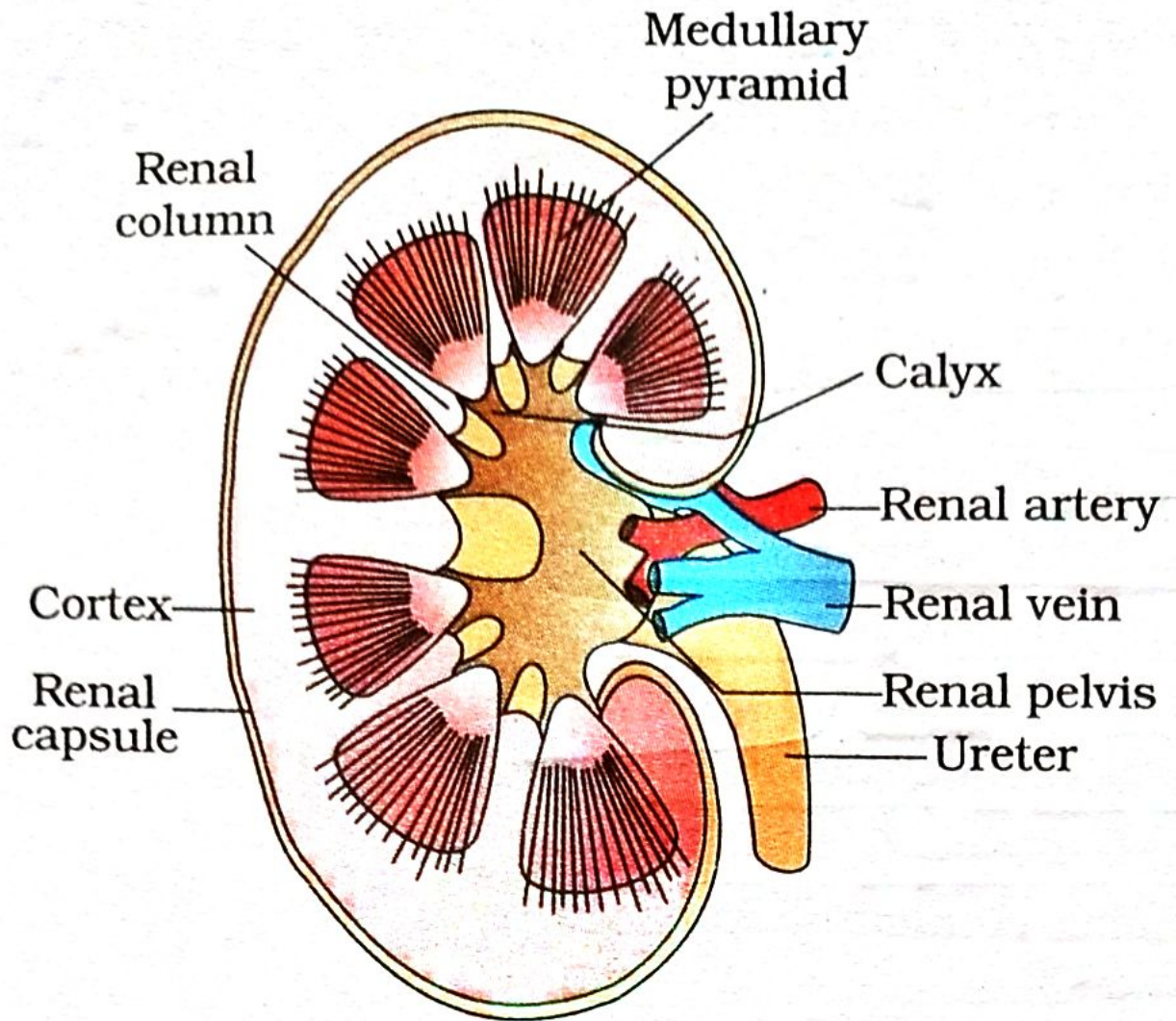
2. Renal tubule : Begins with double-walled cup like structure called Bowman's Capsule.  
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Enclose glomerules.

Glomerules + Bowman's Capsule = Malpighian body.

→ Tubule continues further to form a highly coiled network Proximal Convoluted tubule.

→ Henle's loop :- Hairpin shaped  
→ has Ascending and descending limb

→ Ascending limb continue as another highly coiled tubule called Distal Convoluted tubule.  
↳ Open into Collecting Duct.



**Figure 19.2** Longitudinal section (Diagrammatic) of Kidney



○ Malpighian Corpuscle, PCT and DCT of nephron situated in Cortical region of kidney.

○ Henle's loop dips into Medulla.

\* Cortical nephron: Nephron in which Henle's loop is too short and extend very little into medulla.

\* Juxta medullary nephrons: In which Henle's loop is too long and dips deep in medulla.

○ Peritubular Capillaries: Efferent arteriole forms a capillary network around renal tube.

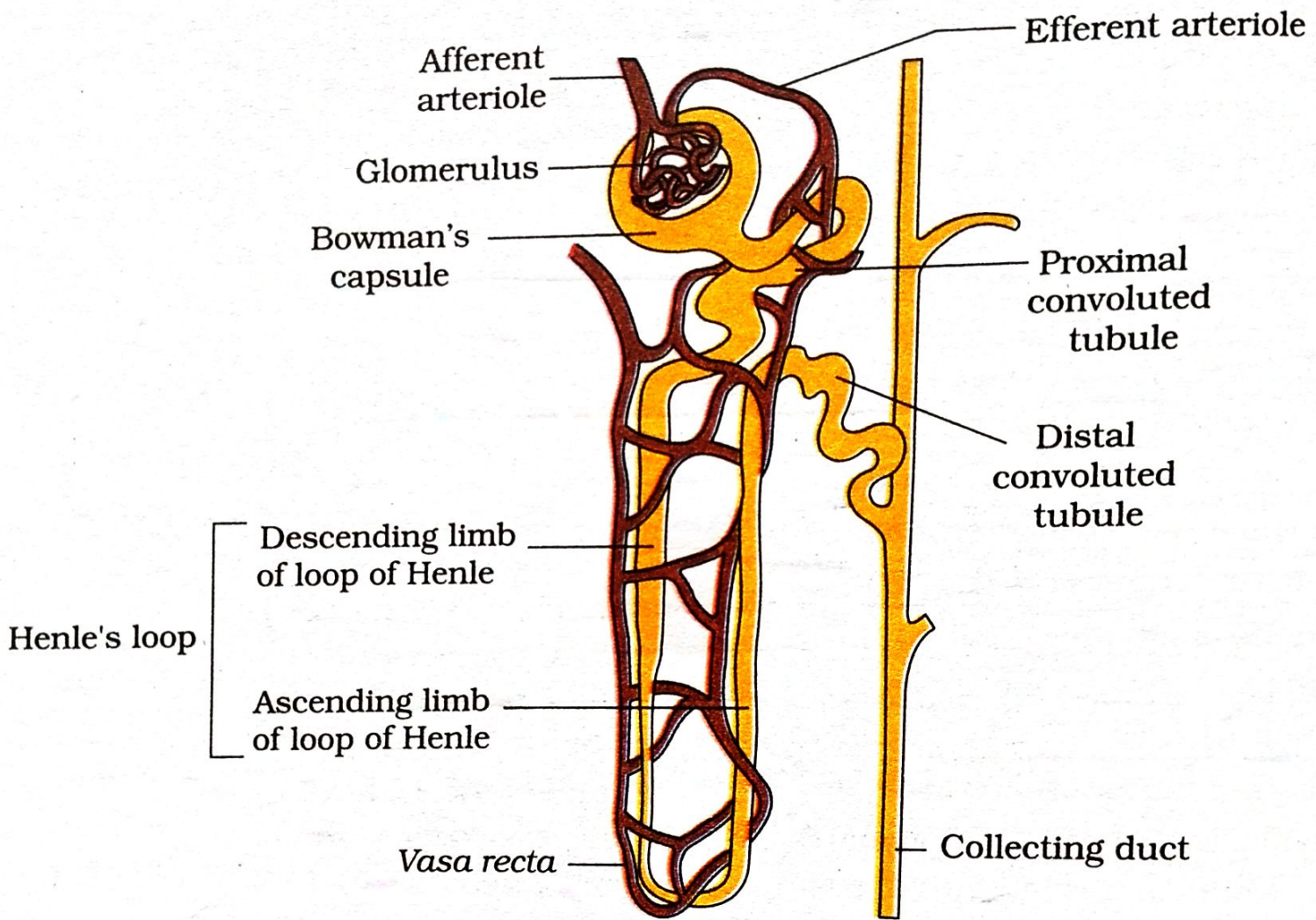
→ Vasa recta: Minute vessel of capillary network around Henle's loop which runs parallel.

## URINE FORMATION

→ include three main process

1. glomerular filtration
2. Reabsorption.
3. secretion.





**Figure 19.3** A diagrammatic representation of a nephron showing blood vessels, duct and tubule



# 1. Glomerular filtration :

- Filtration of blood by glomerulus.
- Average → 1100-1200 ml blood per minute.
- Glomerular Capillary blood pressure cause blood filtration of blood by 3 layers.
  - a. Endothelium of glomerular blood vessel
  - b. Epithelium of Bowman's Capsule
  - c. Basement membrane b/w two layers.
- Epithelial cells of Bowman's capsule called podocytes are arranged in an intricate manner to leave minute space called slit pores.
- All constituent of plasma except protein pass onto lumen of Bowman's capsule.
- It is considered as process of ultra filtration.

○ Glomerular filtration rate : Amount of filtrate formed by kidney per minute.  
Average → 125 ml/minute i.e. 180L per day.

## ① Juxta glomerular apparatus [JGA]

→ Sensitive ~~organ~~ region formed by cellular modification of DCT and afferent arteriole at location of their contact.

→ fall in GFR activate JG cell to release renin which can stimulate glomerular blood flow and GFR back to normal.

## 2. Reabsorption

→ Filtrate has to be reabsorbed by renal tube.

→ perform by epithelial cells of nephron by active or passive mechanism.

Glucose, amino acid,  $\text{Na}^+$  → actively  
Nitrogenous waste → passive.

① Tubular cell secrete substance like  $\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{K}^+$  and ammonia into filtrate.

Help in maintenance of ionic and acid base balance of body.

# FUNCTION OF THE TUBULES

## 1. Proximal Convoluted Tubule [PCT]:

- Lined by cuboidal brush border epithelium which increase surface area for reabsorption.
- Essential nutrient, electrolytes and water reabsorbed.
- Help to maintain pH and ionic balance of body fluids.

## 2. Henle's Loop : Minimum Reabsorption.

- Maintain high osmolarity of medullary interstitial fluid.
- Descending limb is permeable to water but impermeable to electrolytes.
- Ascending limb is impermeable to water but allow transport of electrolyte actively or passively.

## 3. Distal Convoluted Tubule [DCT] : Conditional reabsorption of $\text{Na}^+$ and water.

- Capable of reabsorption of  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  and selective secretion of  $\text{H}^+$  and  $\text{K}^+$  and  $\text{NH}_3$  to maintain pH and Na-K balance in blood.



4. Collecting Duct: Extends from Cortex of kidney to inner part of medulla.

→ Large amount of water reabsorbed to produce a concentrated urine.

→ allow passage of small amounts of urine into medullary interstitium.

→ Maintain pH and ionic balance of body blood.

## MECHANISM OF CONCENTRATION OF FILTRATE

① Mammals have ability to produce a concentrated urine.

↳ Henle's Loop and Vasa Recta play significant role.

### \* Counter Current mechanism

1. Flow of filtrate in two limbs of Henle's as well as in Vasa Recta is in opposite direction and thus form a Counter Current.

2. Counter Current in them help in maintaining and increasing Osmolarity toward inner medullary interstitium



3. This  $\text{U}_{\text{sea}}$  gradient is caused by  $\text{NaCl}$  and

4.  $\text{NaCl}$  is transported by ascending limb of Henle's loop which is exchanged with descending limb of Vasa recta.

$\text{NaCl}$  is returned to interstitium by ascending portion of Vasa recta.

5. Similarly small amount of  $\text{U}_{\text{sea}}$  enter thin segment of ascending limb of Henle's loop which is transported back to interstitium by collecting tube.

## REGULATION OF KIDNEY FUNCTION

① Involve Hypothalamus, JGA and to a certain extent Heart.

② Osmoreceptors activate by change in body fluid and ionic concentration.

Excessive loss of body fluid activate receptors which stimulate hypothalamus to release Antidiuretic hormone [ADH] or Vasopressin from Neurohypophysis.

- ADH facilitates water reabsorption from tubule preventing diuresis.
- Increase in body fluid volume switch off osmoreceptors and suppress ADH release.
- ADH also affect kidney function by cause an increase in blood pressure which in turn increase glomerular blood flow and thereby GFR.

### \* Renin - Angiotensin Mechanism

- Fall in glomerular blood flow / glomerular blood pressure / GFR can activate the JG cells to release Renin
  - ↓
  - Convert Angiotensinogen to Angiotensin I and to Angiotensin II.
- Angiotensin II increase glomerular blood pressure and thereby GFR.
  - also activate adrenal cortex to release Aldosterone
  - ↳ Cause reabsorption of  $\text{Na}^+$  and water.
  - This lead to increase blood pressure and GFR.



- ① Increase in blood flow to atria of heart can cause release of Atrial Natriuretic Factor [ANF]
- ↳ Cause Vasodilation [dilation of blood vessel] and decrease the blood pressure

## MICTURITION

- ① The process of release of urine is called Micturition.

→ Neural mechanism causing it called Micturition reflex.

- ① Urine formed by nephron carried to urinary bladder and is stored till voluntary signal given by CNS.

→ Signal is initiated by stretching of urinary bladder.

→ Stretch receptors send signal to CNS.

→ CNS pass on motor messages to initiate contraction of smooth muscles of bladder and relaxation of urethral sphincter causing release of urine.

↓  
1 to 1.5 L/day  
Yellow Coloured  
acidic [pH - 6]

→ Presence of Glucose [Glycosuria] and ketones

bodies [ketonuria] in urine are indicative of diabetes mellitus.

## \* ROLE OF OTHER ORGAN IN EXCRETION

① Lung remove large amount of  $\text{CO}_2$  and significant amount of water.

② Liver: Secrete bile containing bilirubin, biliverdine, cholesterol, degraded steroid hormone, vitamins and drugs.

③ Sweat: produce by sweat gland contain NaCl small amount of urea, lactic acid etc.

→ function is to facilitates cooling effect on body surface.

④ Sebaceous gland eliminate substance like sterols, hydrocarbons and waxes through sebum.

This secretion provide protective oily covering for skin.



# DISORDERS OF EXCRETORY SYSTEM

1. Uremia: Malfunctioning of kidneys lead to accumulation of Urea in blood.

→ Urea can be removed by a process called Hemodialysis

→ Blood drained from artery is pumped into dialyzing unit after adding Heparin.

→ Unit contain a coiled Cellophane tube surrounded by fluid having same composition as plasma.

→ Porous Cellophane membrane of tube allow passage of molecule based on concentration gradient, thereby clearing the blood.

→ Cleared blood is pumped back to body through vein after adding anti-heparin.

2. Renal failure: Kidney transplantation is ultimate method correction of kidney failure.

3. Renal Calculi: Stone or insoluble mass of crystallized salt form within kidney.

4. Glomerulonephritis: Inflammation of glomeruli of kidney.