

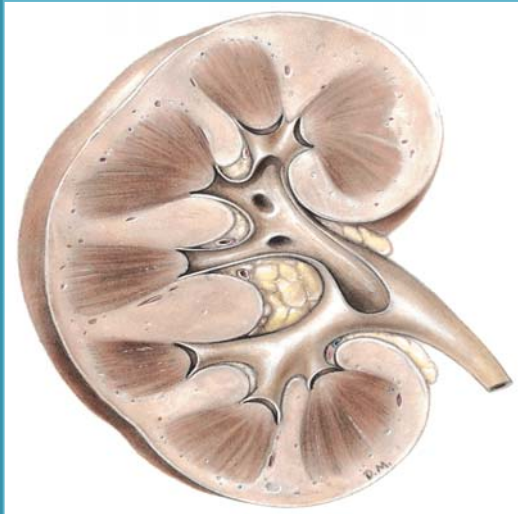
# URINARY SYSTEM LECTURE PART 2

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**Cortex**

**Medulla**





Minor calyces



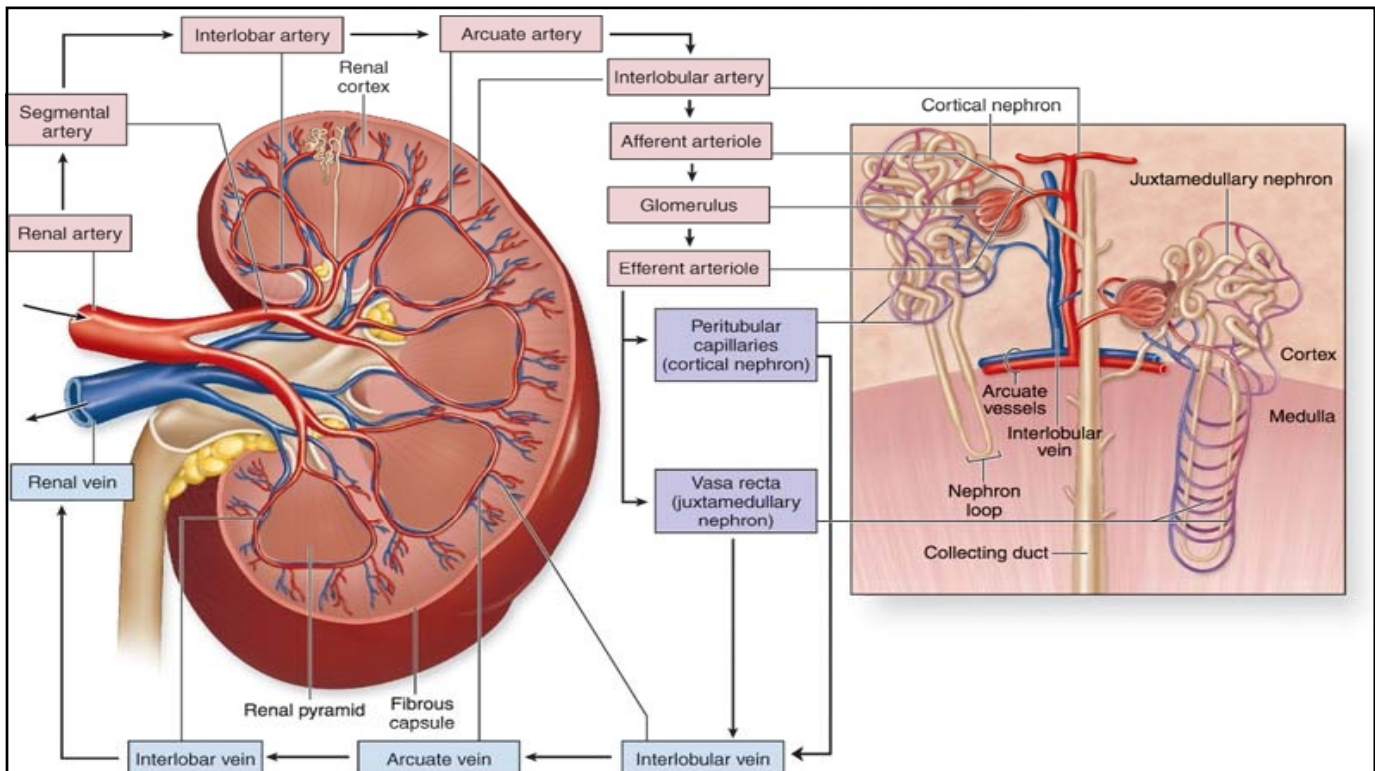
Major calyces



Renal pelvis

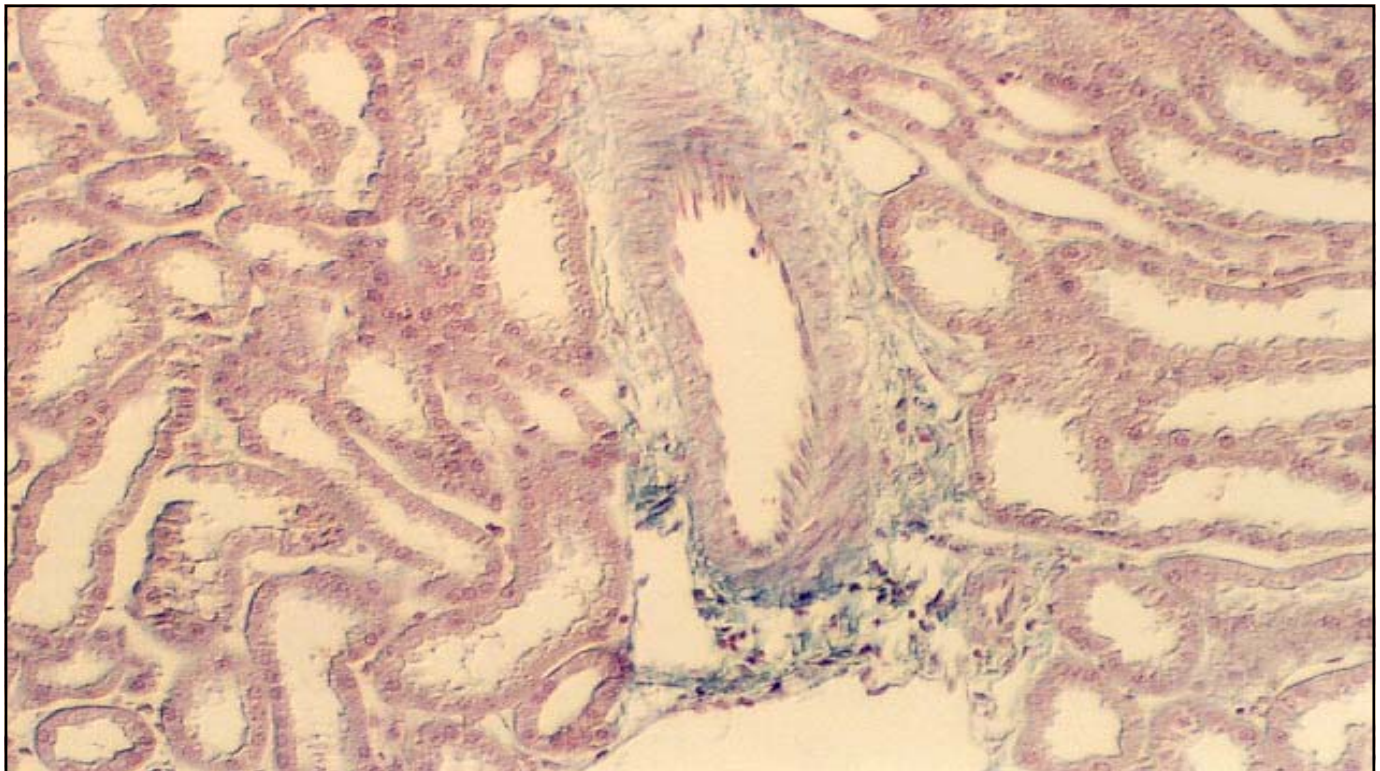
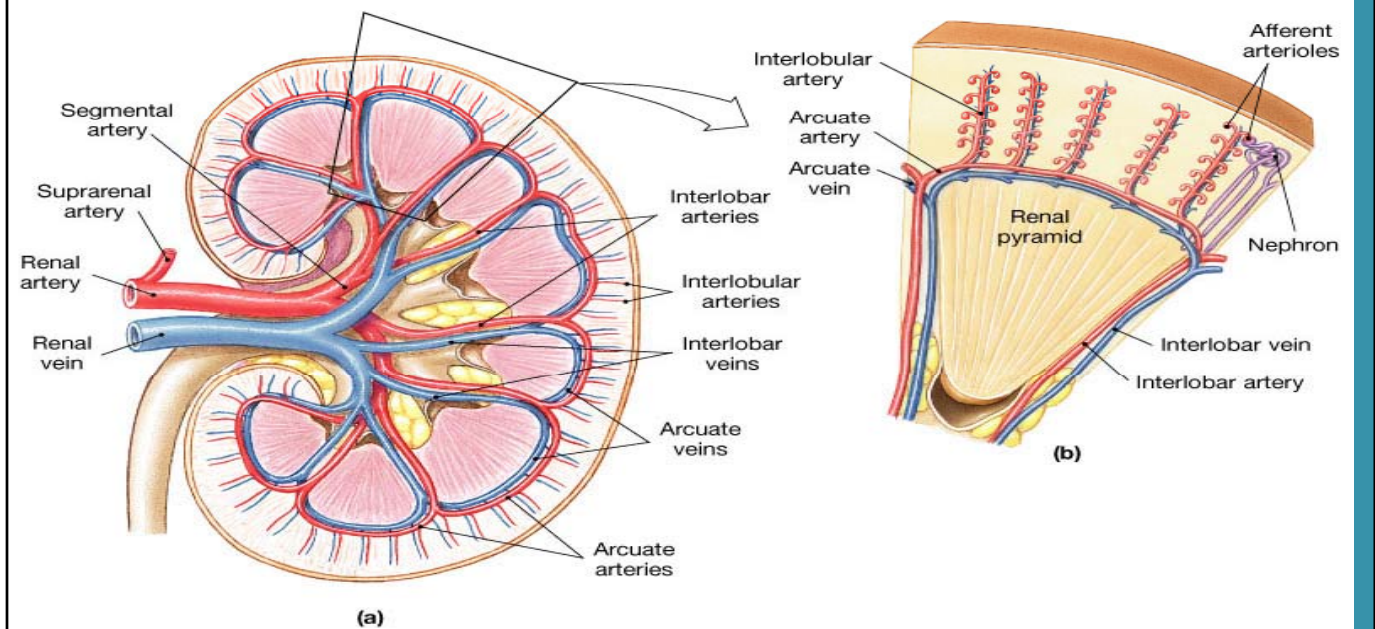


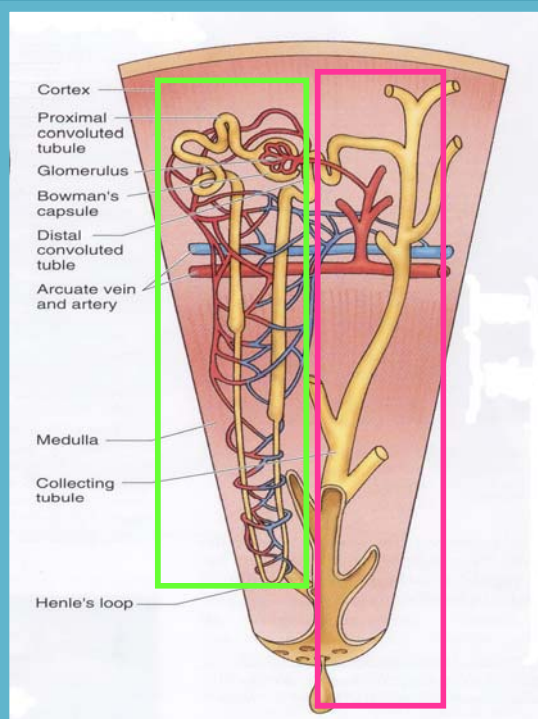
Ureter





# The Blood Supply to the Kidneys



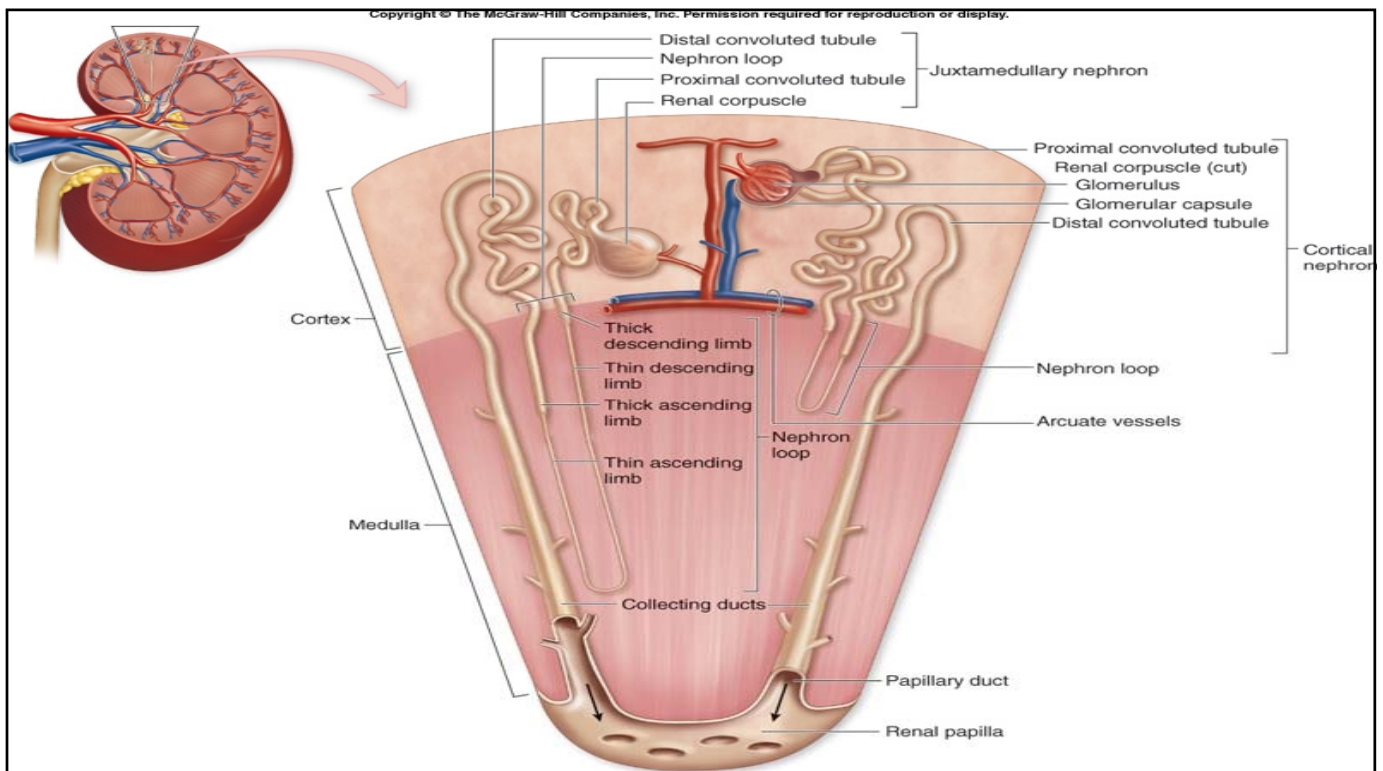


## Uriniferous Tubule

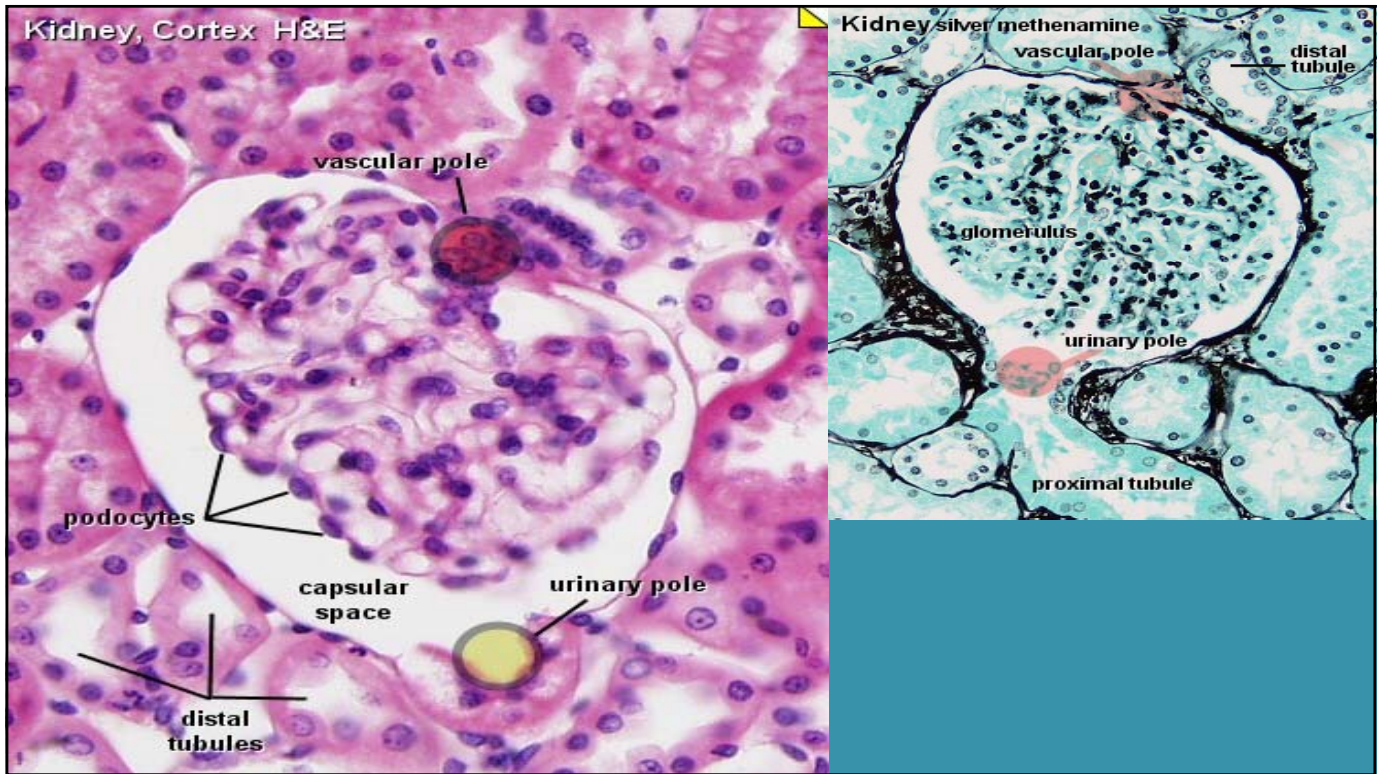
Functional unit of the kidney.

Modify filtrate to form urine.

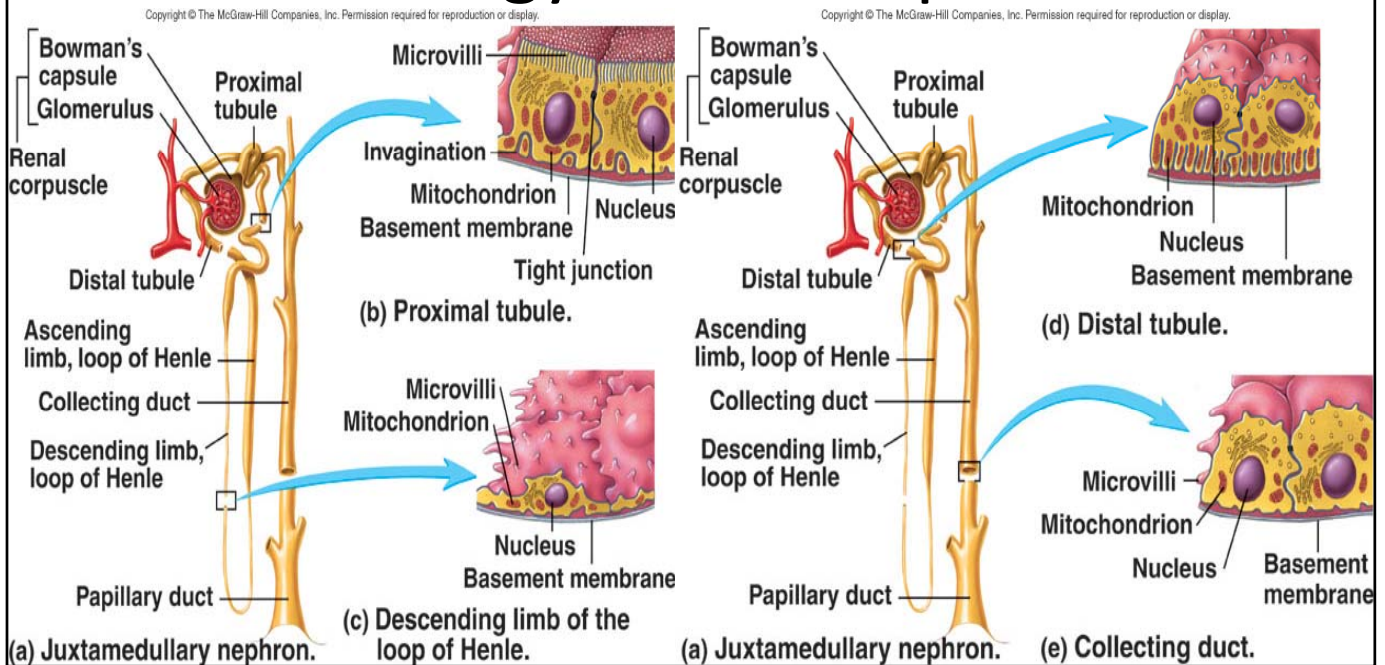
Composed of a nephron  
& a collecting tubule  
(embryologically distinct).



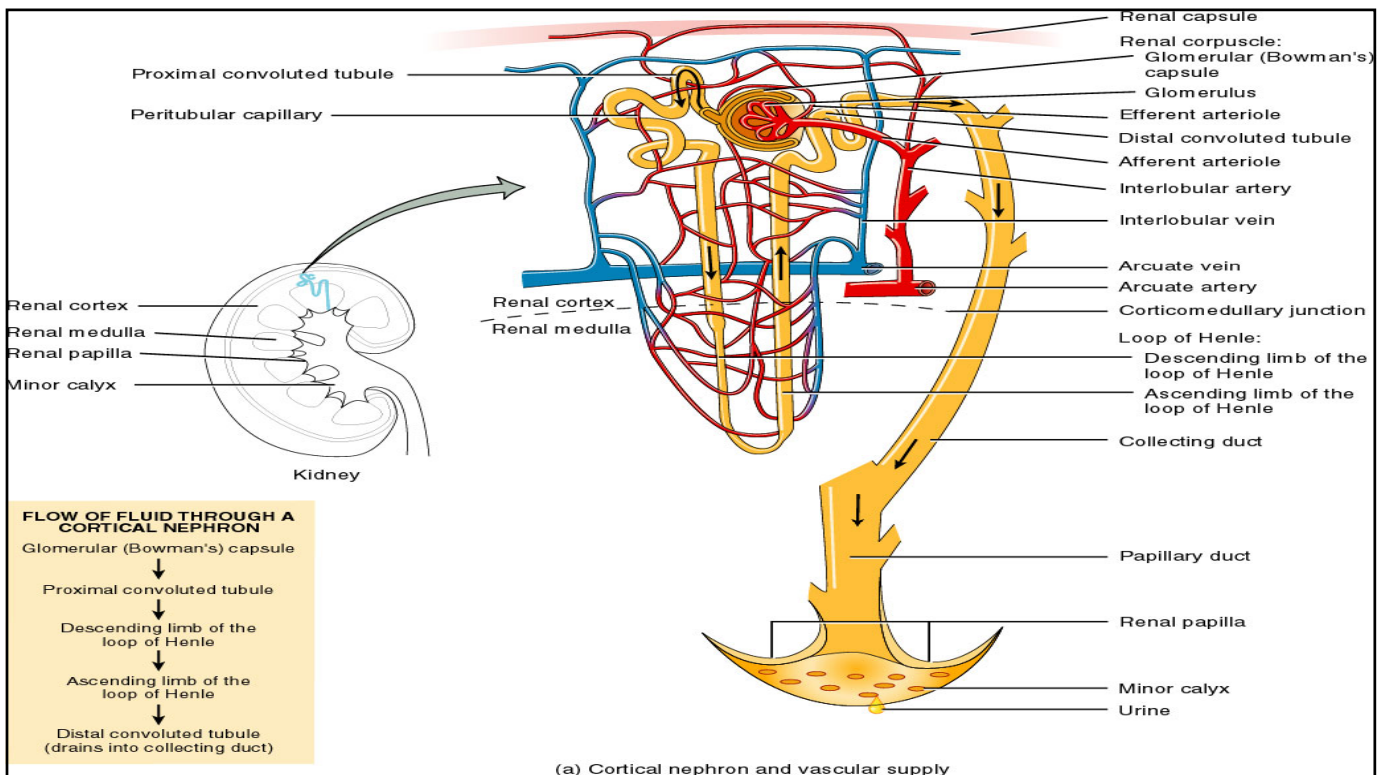
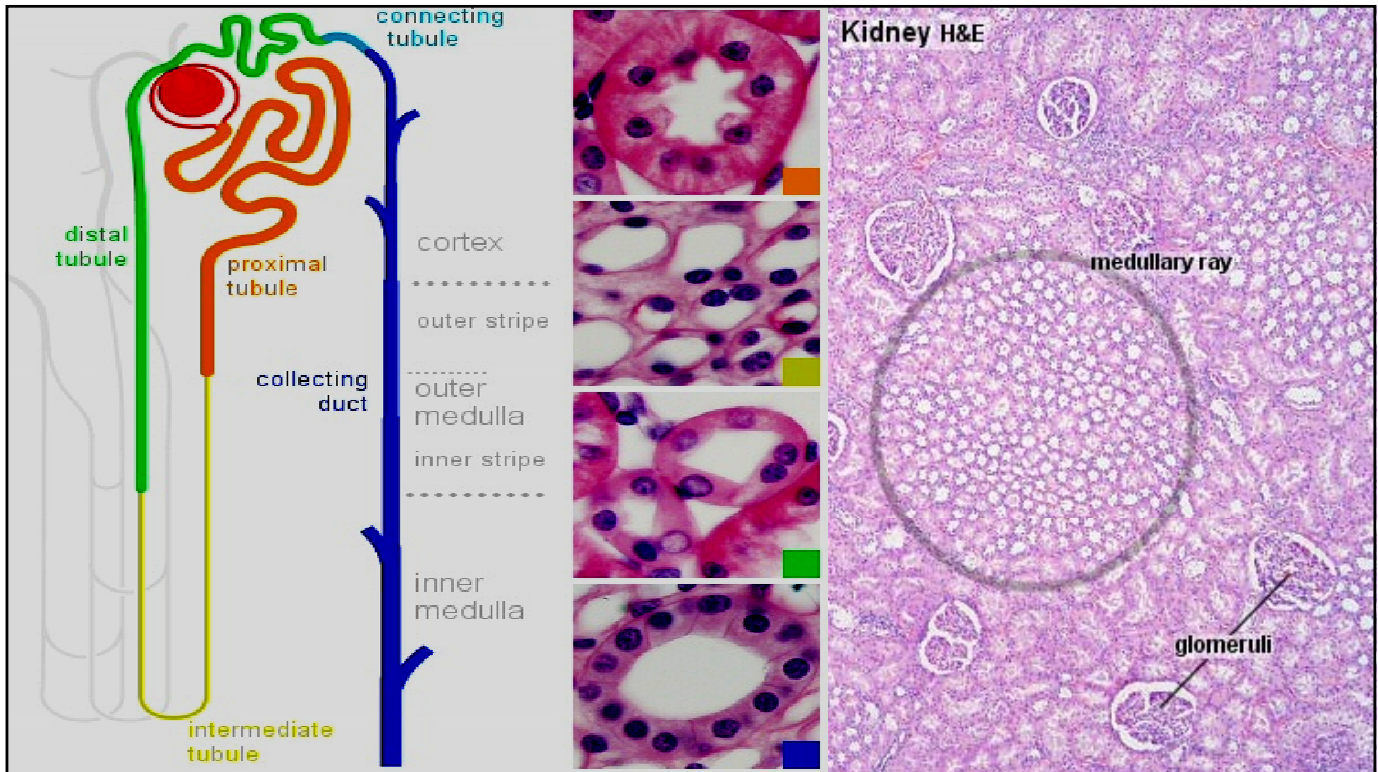




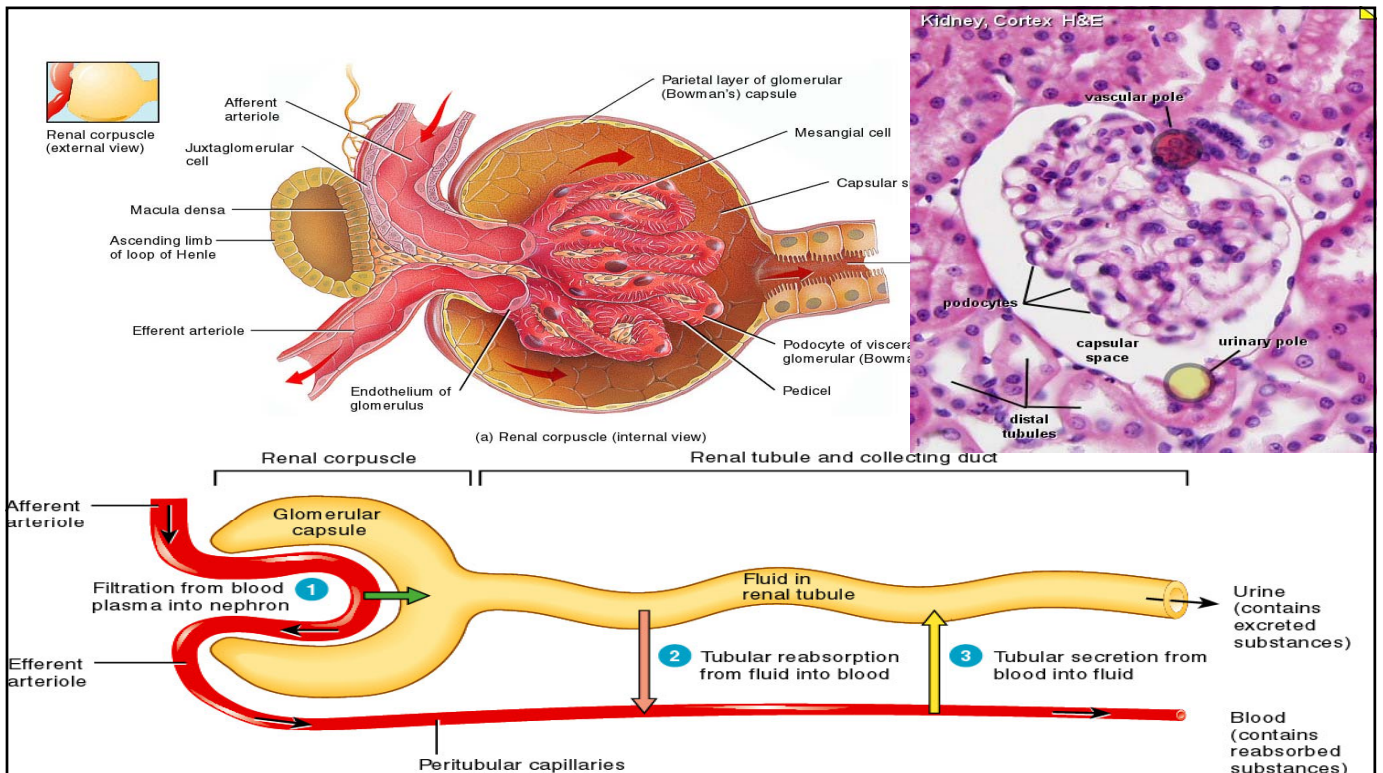
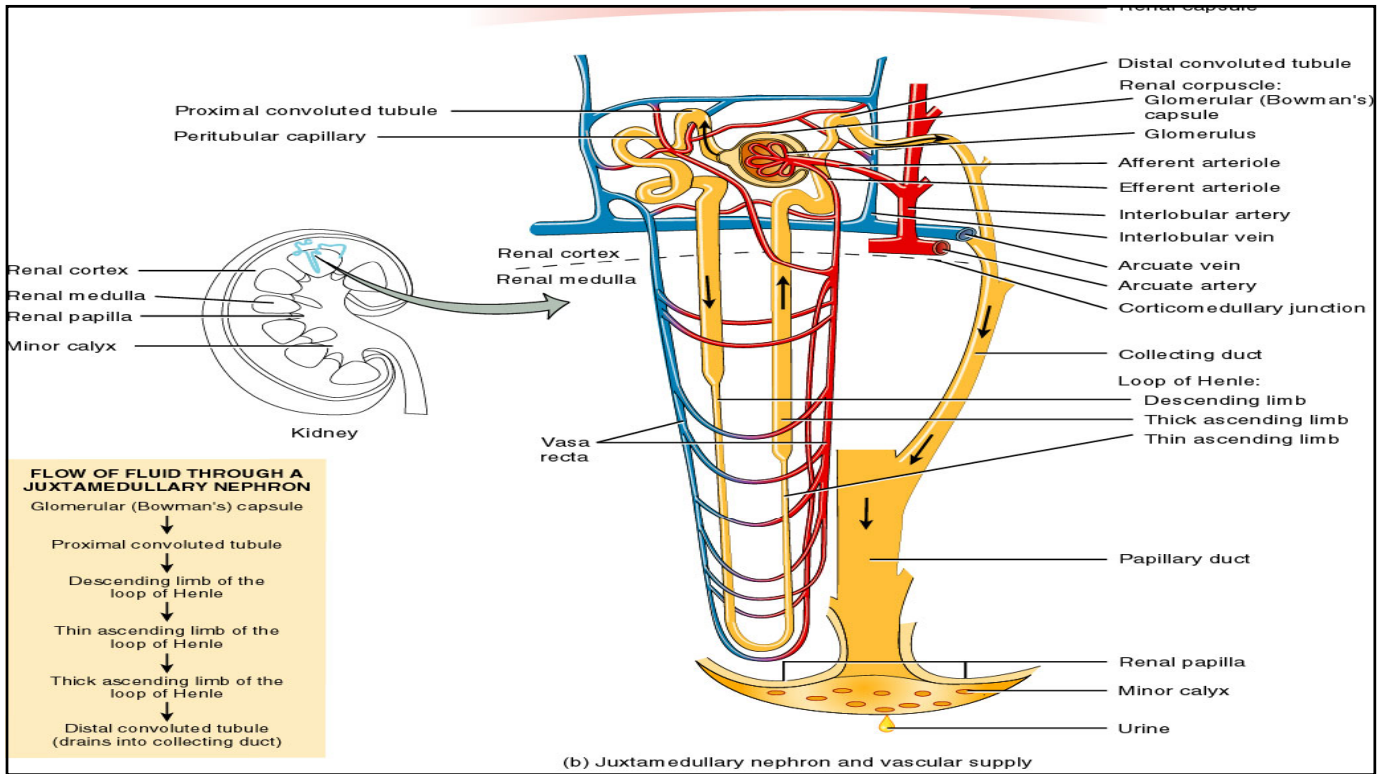
# Histology of the Nephron

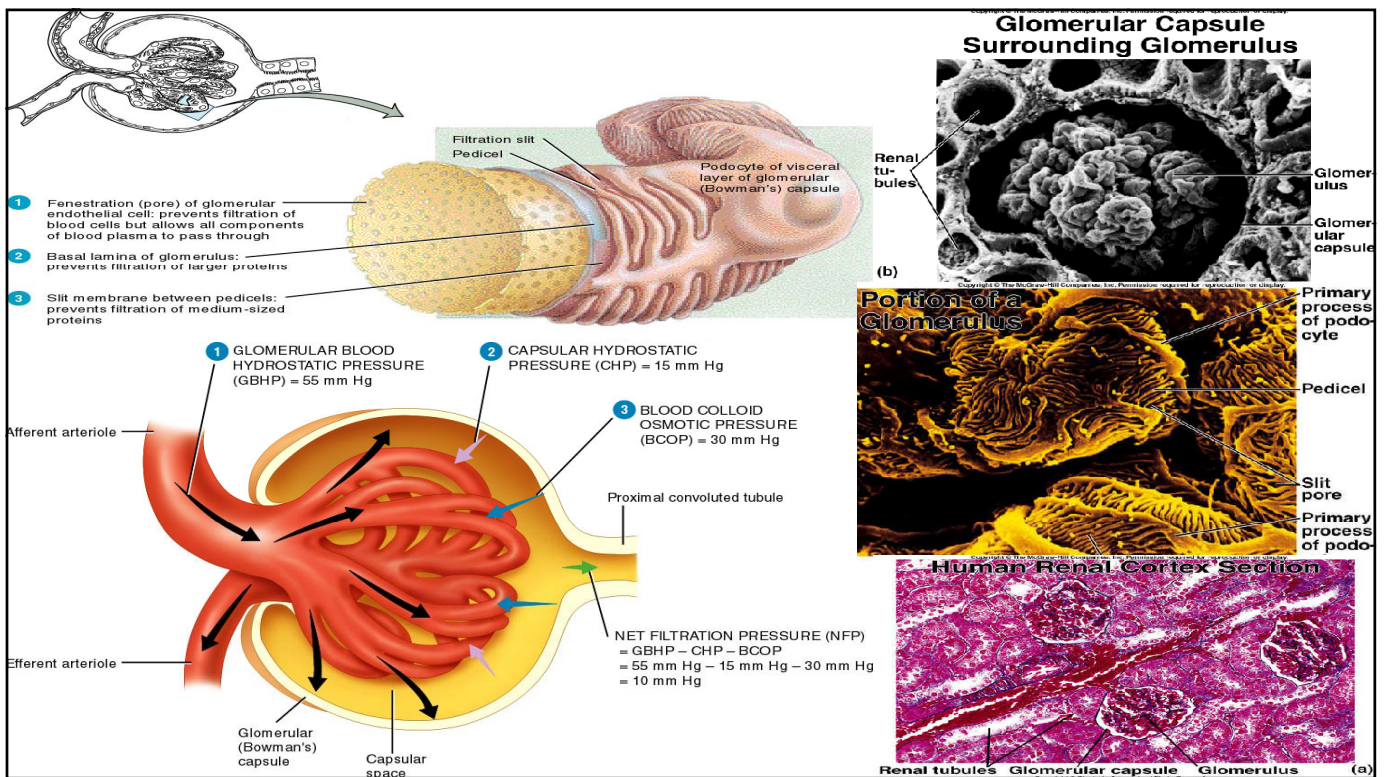
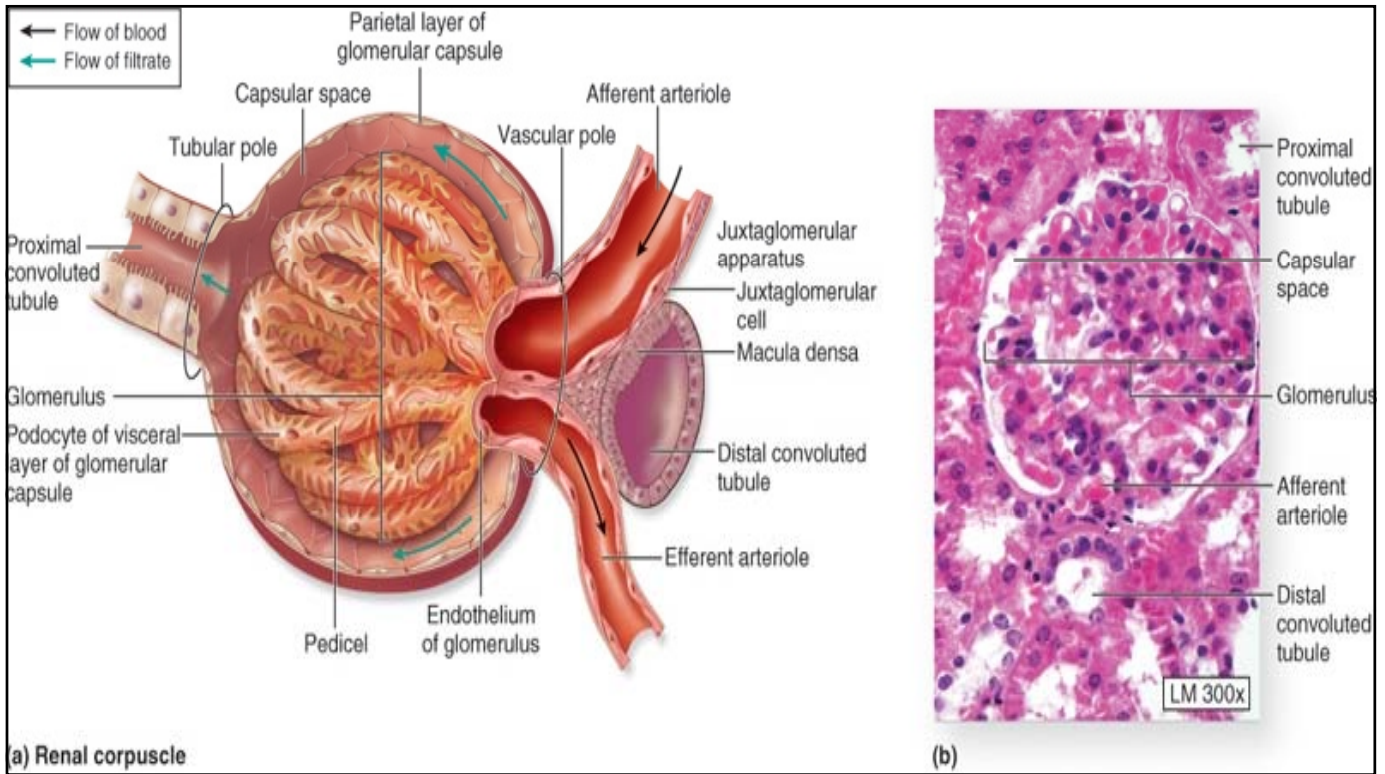




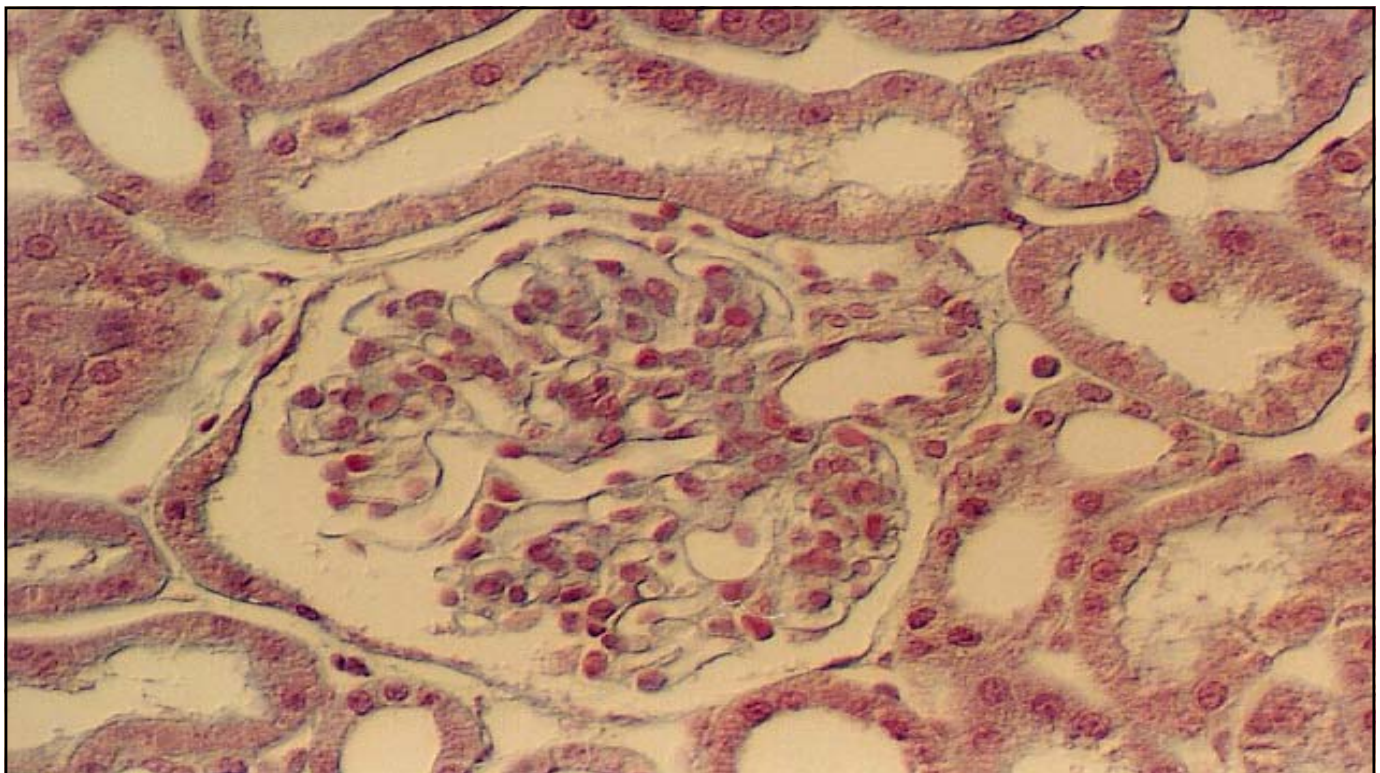




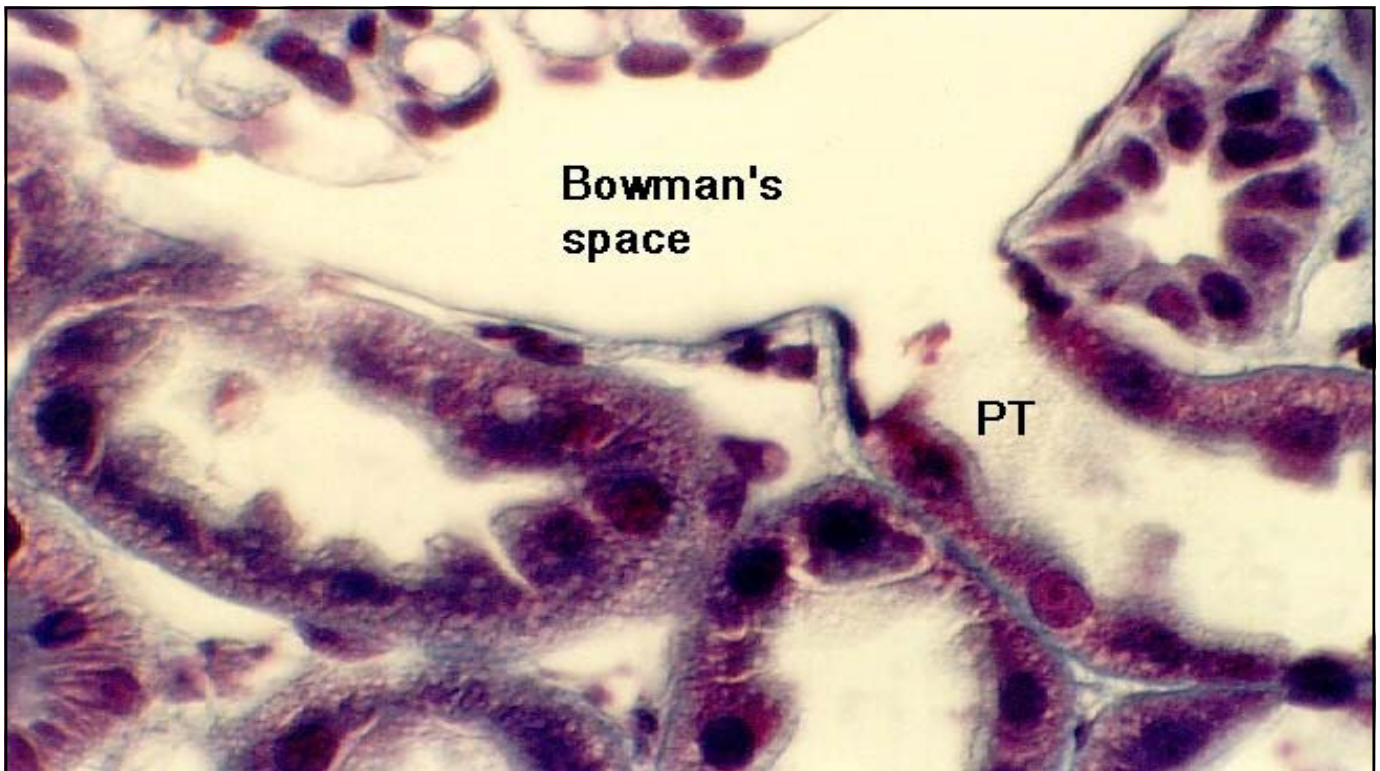
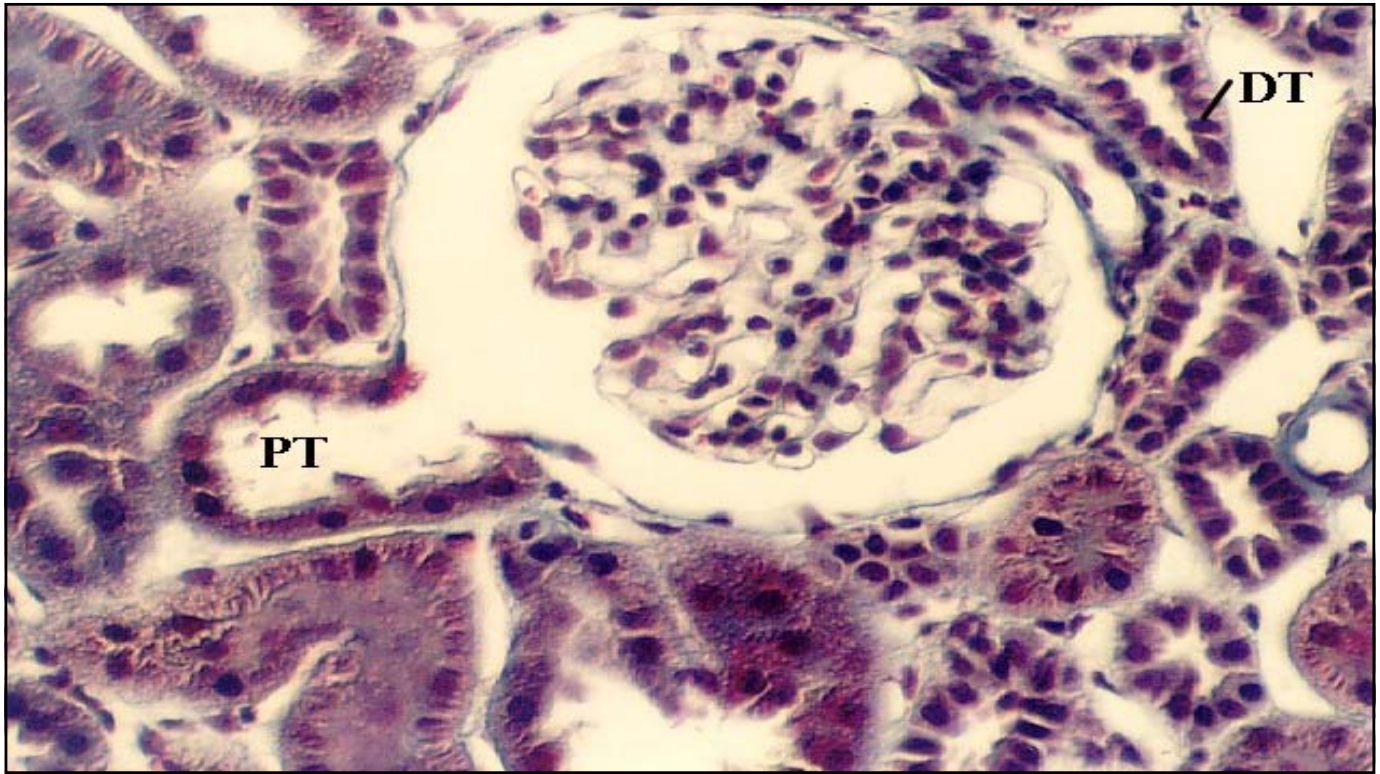




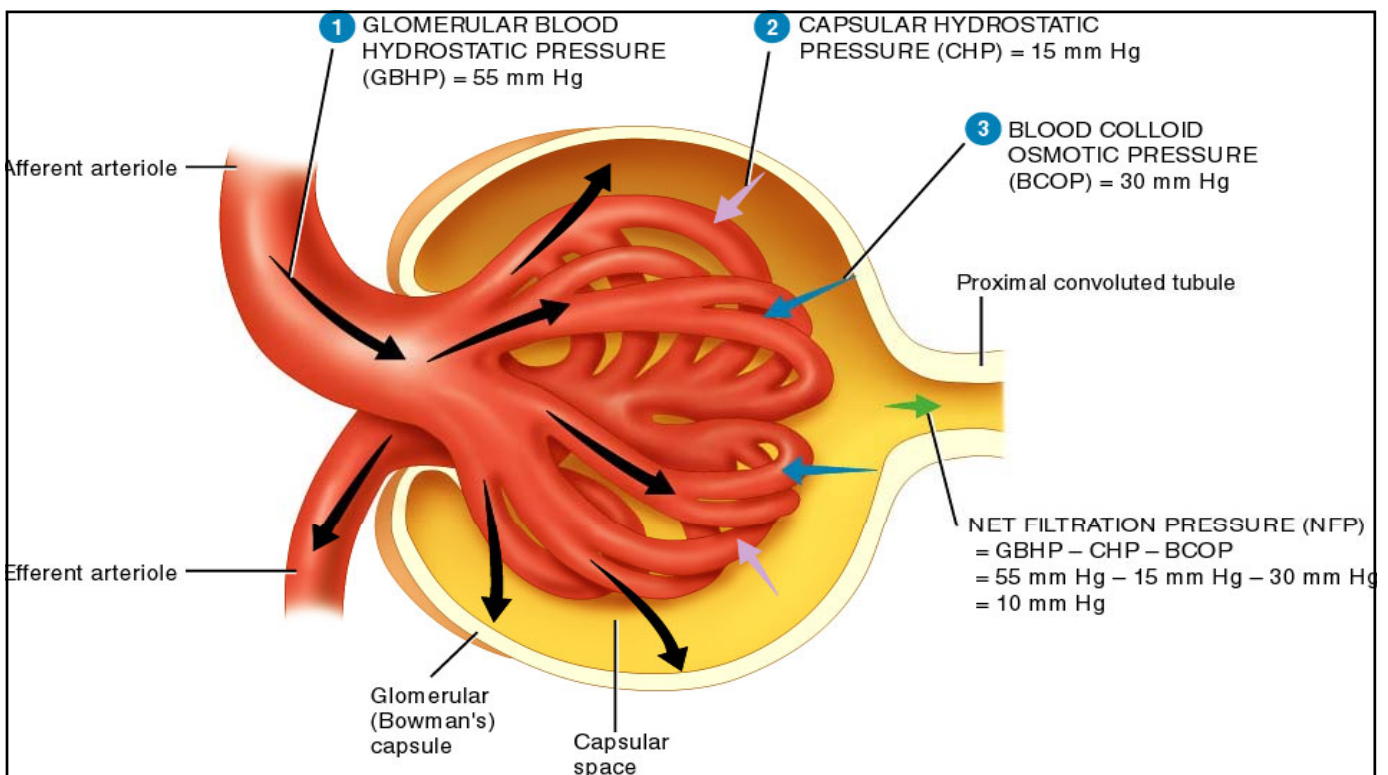
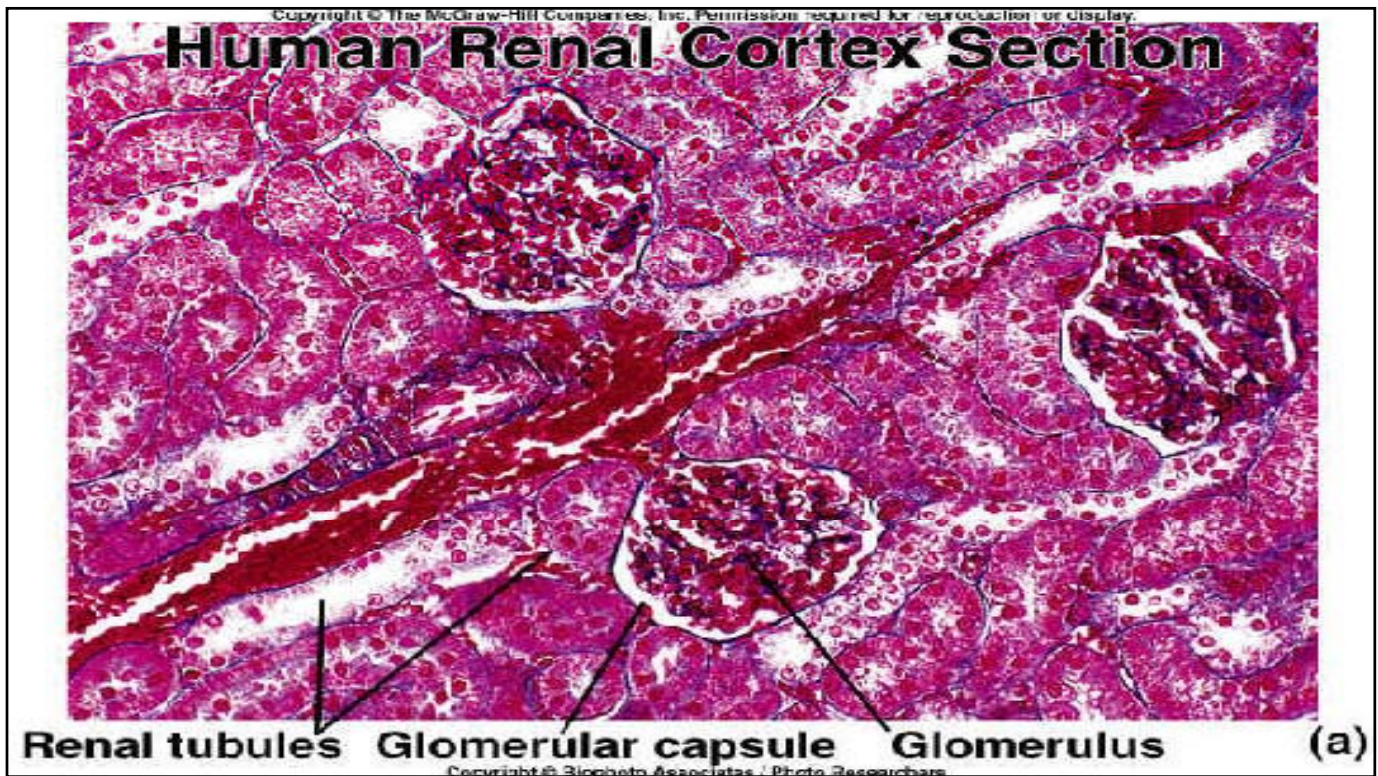






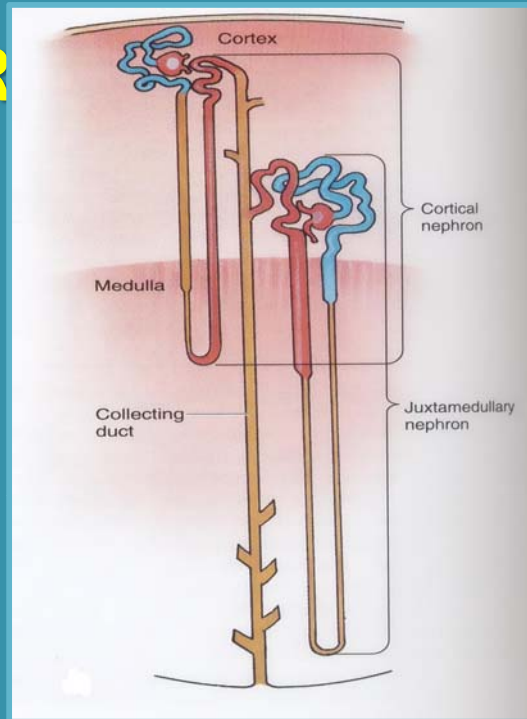






# NEPHR

- Two types depending on location of their Henle loop
- Cortical (short)
- Juxtamedullary (long)



## The nephron

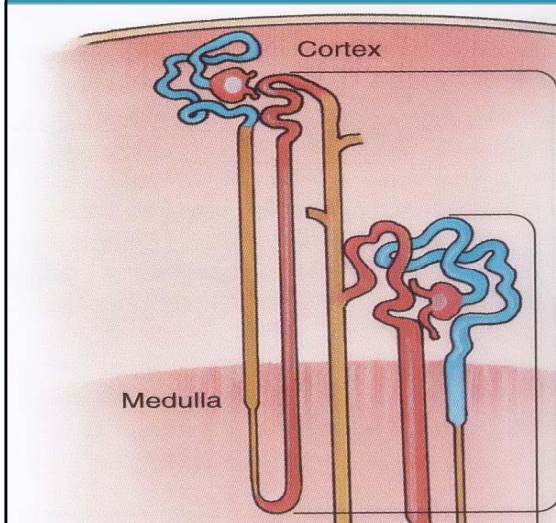
Each nephron consists of:

- Renal corpuscle (Renal body, Malpighian body)
- Proximal convoluted tubule
- Loop of Henle
- Distal convoluted tubule
- Collecting duct (Some authors do not include the collecting duct as a part of the nephron owing to its different embryologic origin).

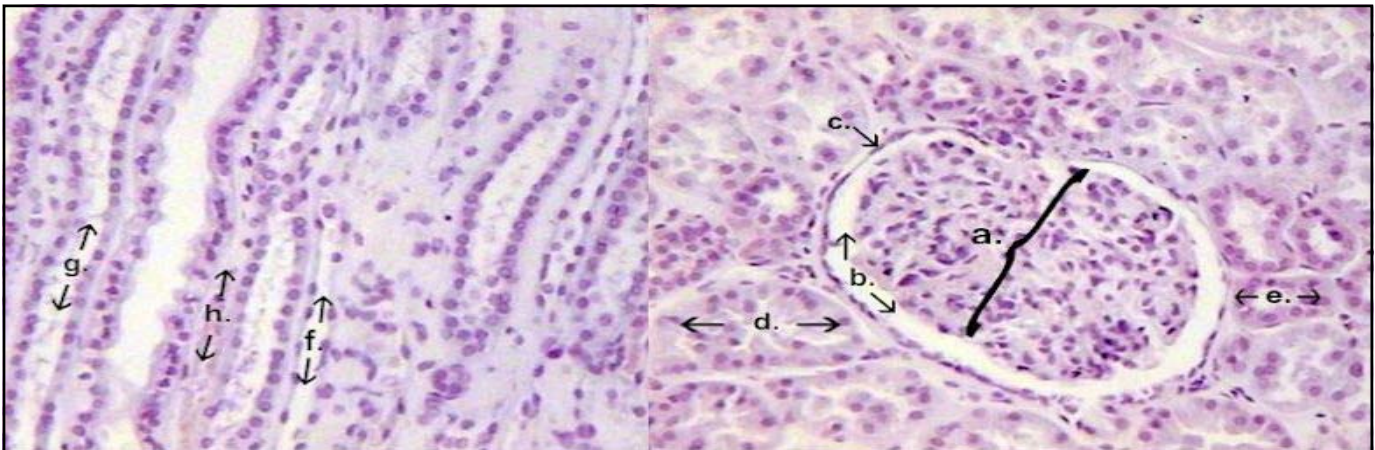
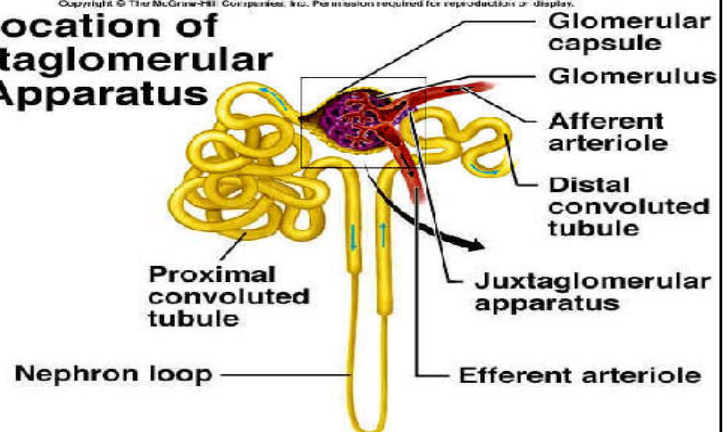


## NE

- Parts are modified for specific physiological functions
- Renal corpuscle filters fluid from blood
- Tubular portion modifies filtrate



### Location of Juxtaglomerular Apparatus



a. **Glomerulus with fenestrae** a filtration capillary network covered by podocytes.

c. **Parietal capsule wall** made of simple squamous.

e. **Distal convoluted tubule** - small compact cuboidal cells

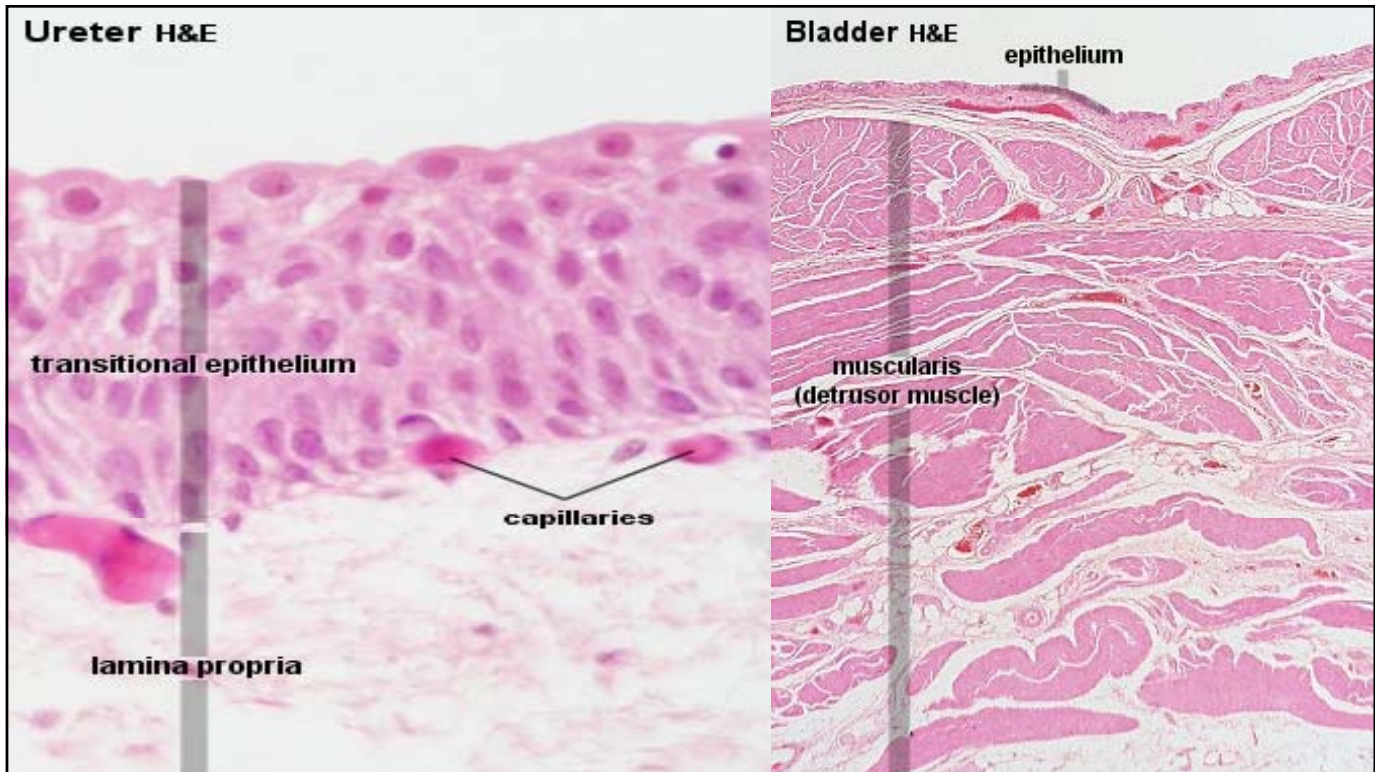
g. **Collecting duct** - lined with cuboidal cells

b. **Bowman's capsule** collects the filtrate.

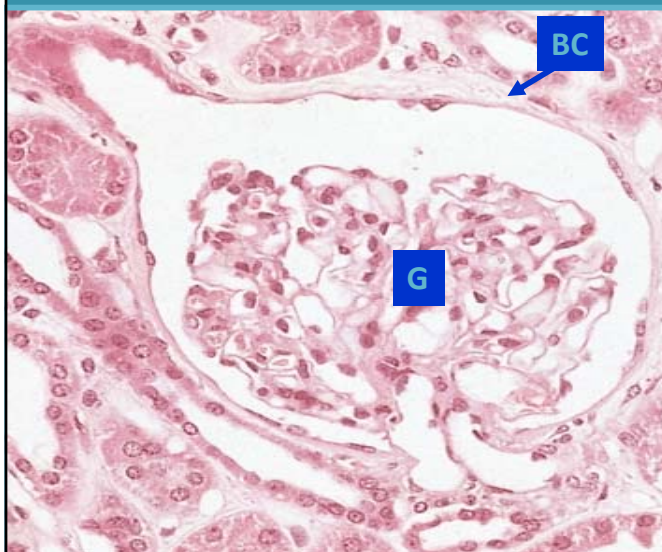
d. **Proximal convoluted tubule** - cuboidal cells with long microvilli

f. **Nephron loop** - thin limb with simple squamous cells

h. **Peritubular capillary** filled with red blood cells.



## Renal Corpuscle



Tuft of fenestrated capillaries - the glomerulus

Surrounded by Bowman's capsule



# Renal corpuscle

Capillaries invaginate into Bowman's capsule.

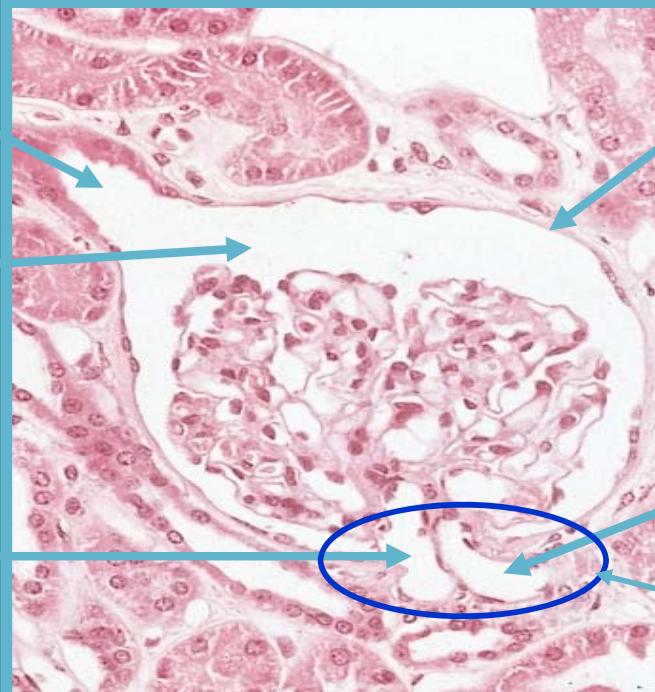


Capillaries are in contact with the visceral layer (podocytes).  
 Parietal layer is simple squamous epithelium.  
 Separated by the urinary space.

Urinary pole

Urinary space

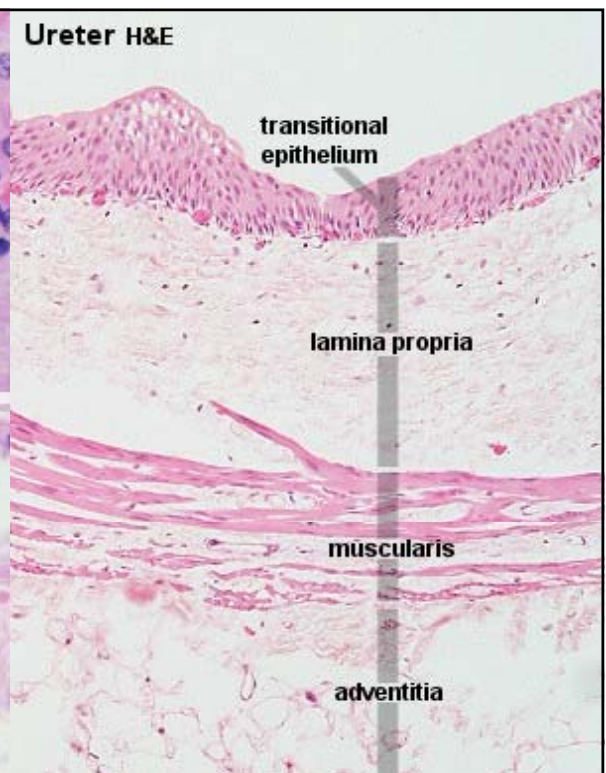
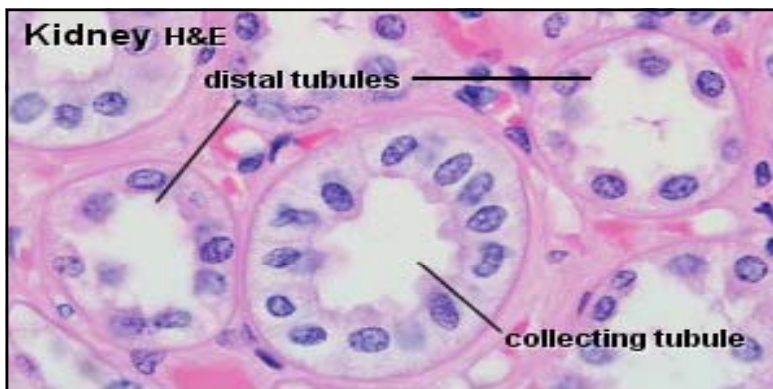
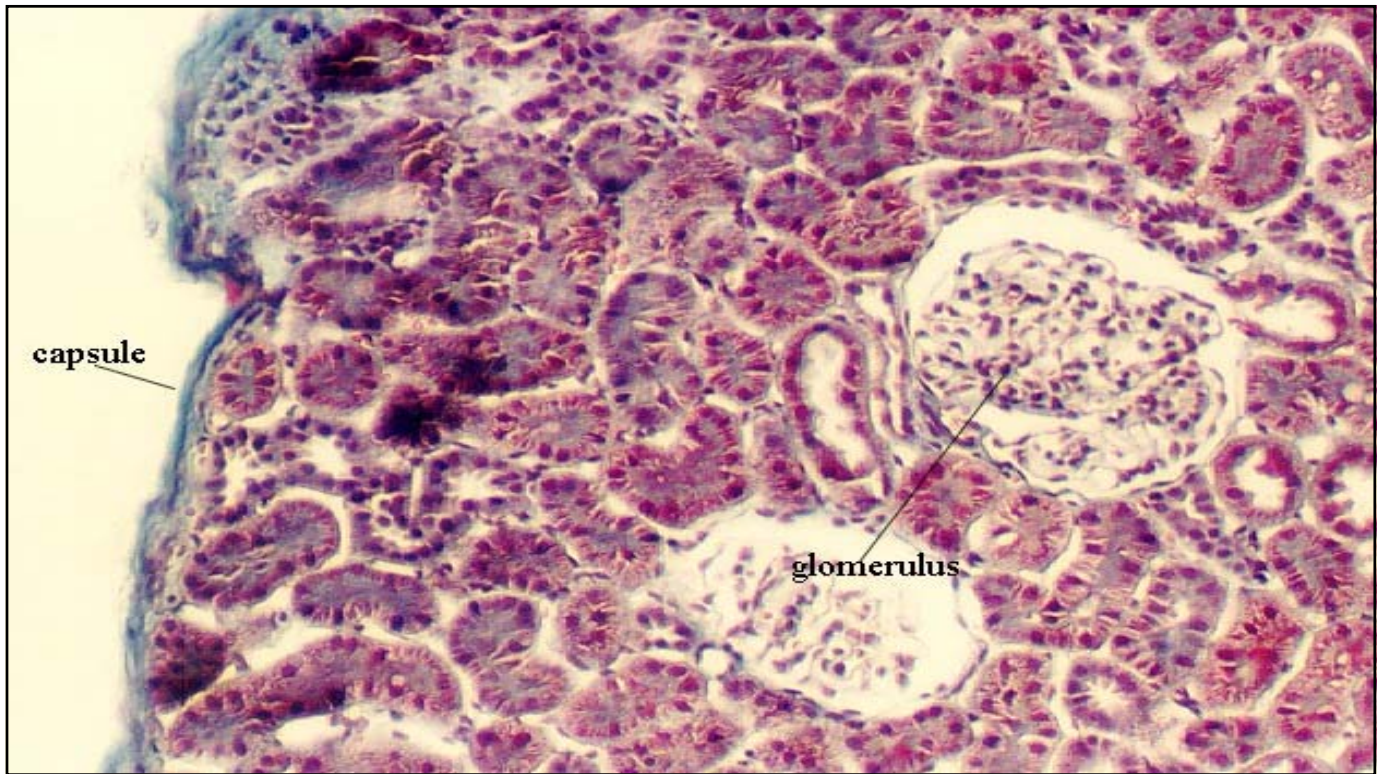
Efferent arteriole



Parietal layer of Bowman's capsule

Afferent arteriole

Vascular pole

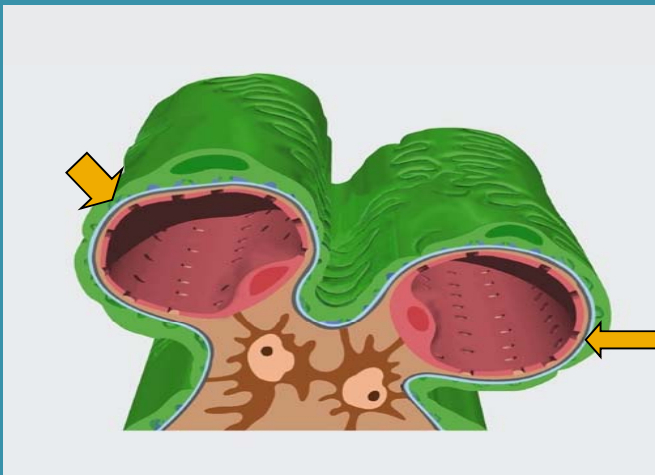




## Filtration Barrier

- Fluid from capillaries leaks into the urinary space through a complex filtration barrier
- Capillary endothelium
- Basal lamina
- Podocytes of the visceral layer of Bowman's capsule
- High polyanionic charge on some components of both basal lamina and surface of podocyte processes

## Glomerular capillaries



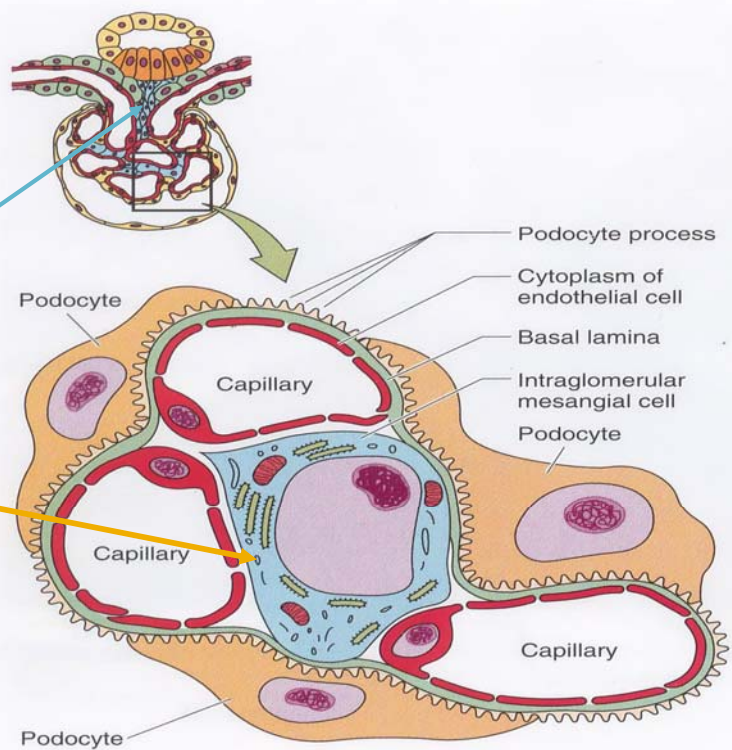
- Fenestrated
- Large pores not covered by a diaphragm
- Barrier only to formed elements in blood & large macromolecules

Mesangial cells

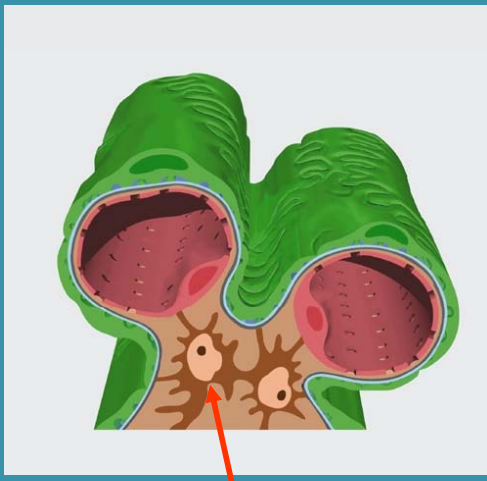
Supporting cells,  
Modified smooth  
Muscle

Extraglomerular  
(vascular pole)

Intraglomerular



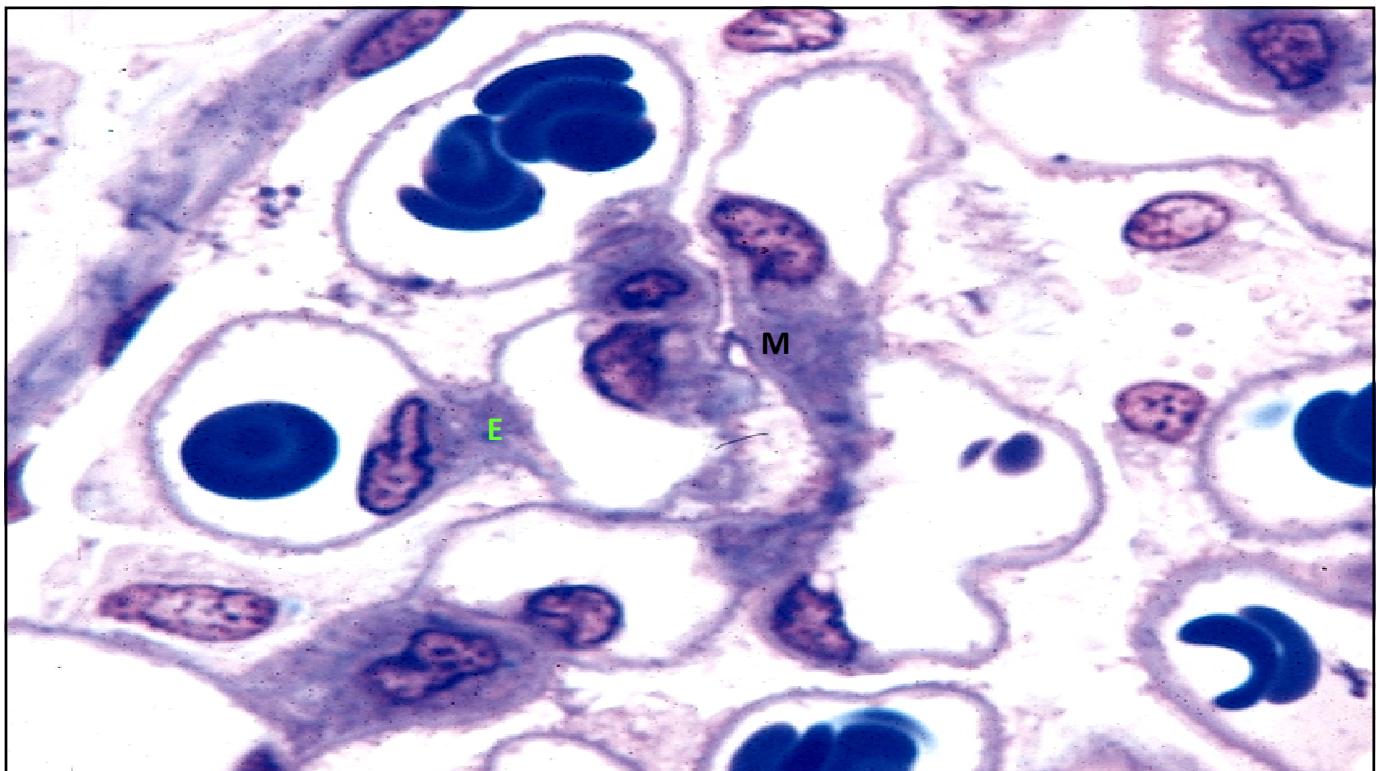
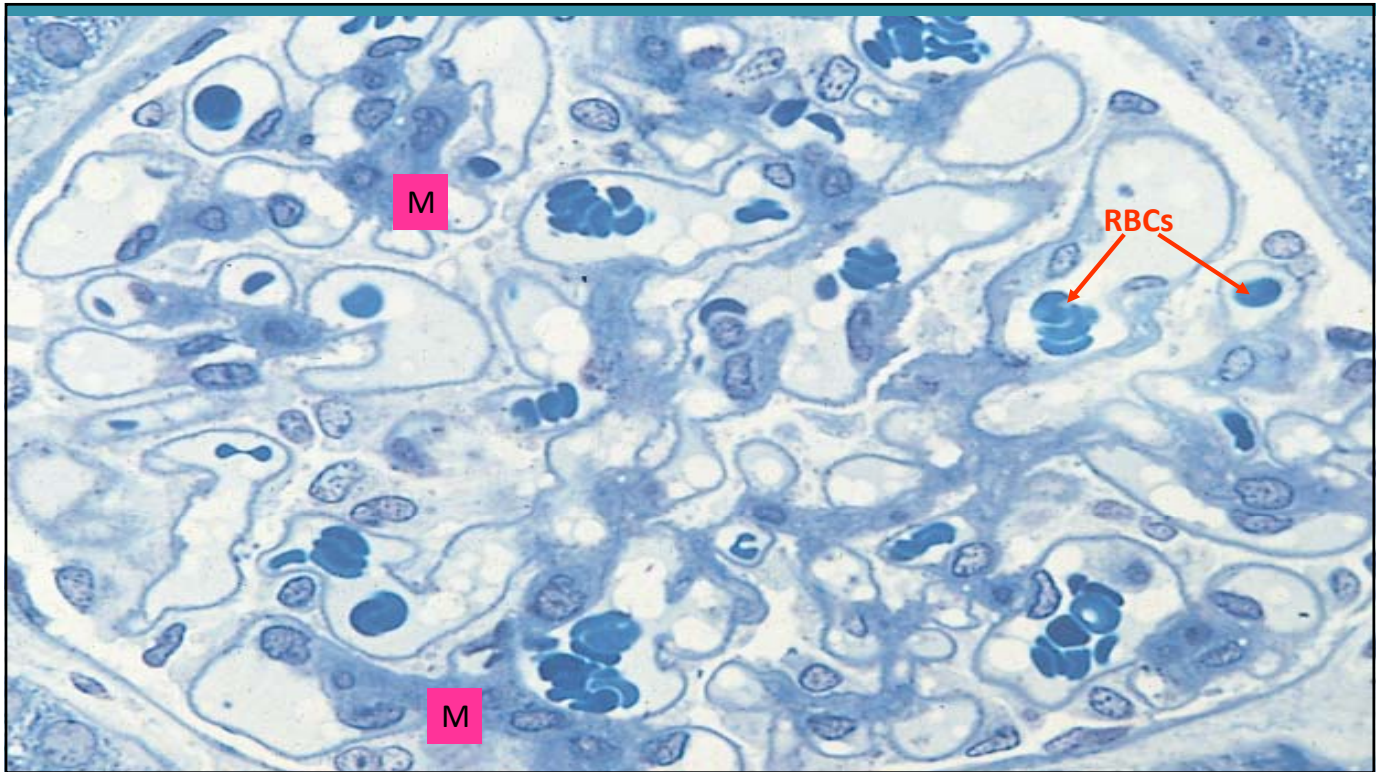
## Functions of Mesangial Cells

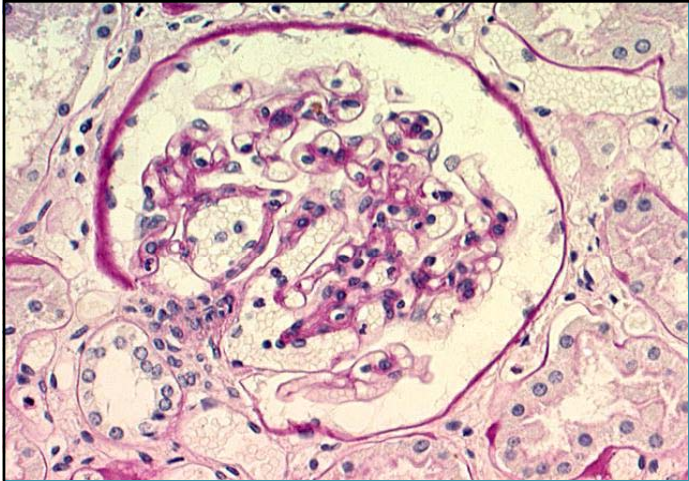


Intraglomerular mesangial cells

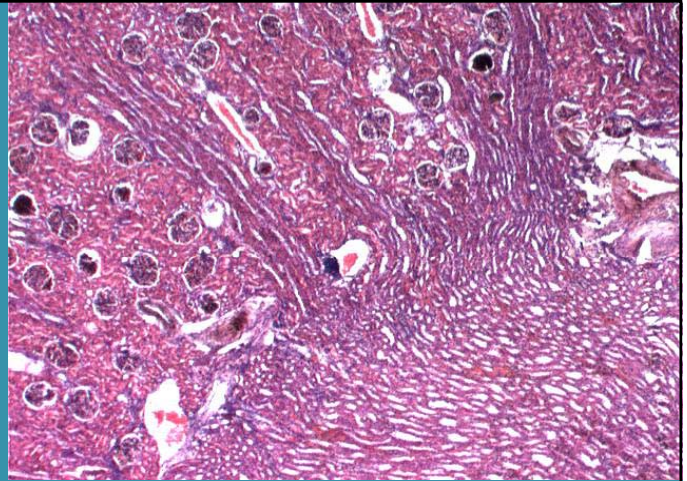
- **Contractile** - reduce blood flow through capillaries
- **Supportive** in area where the visceral layer of the renal corpuscle is absent
- **Phagocytic** – resorption & maintenance of the basal lamina



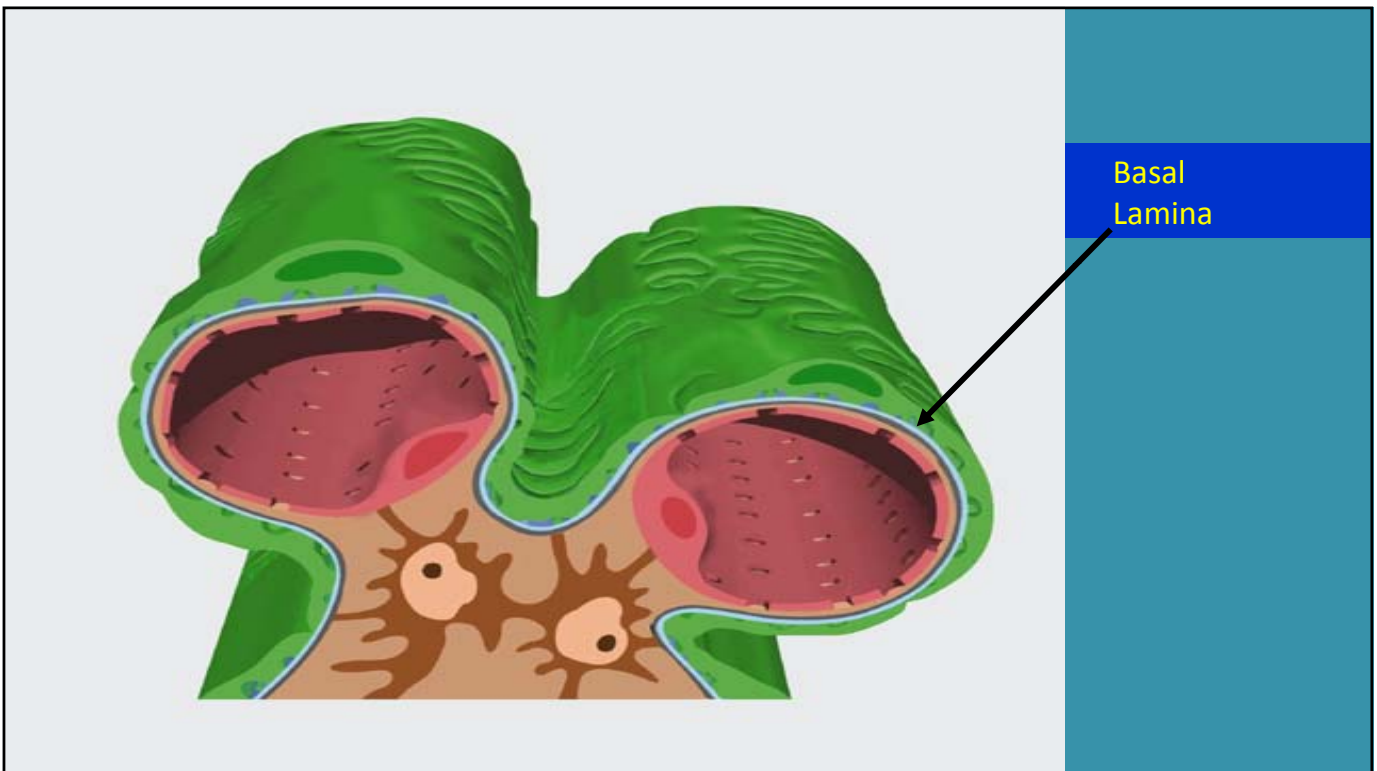




A Renal Corpuscle



Medulla vs. Cortex





## Basal Lamina

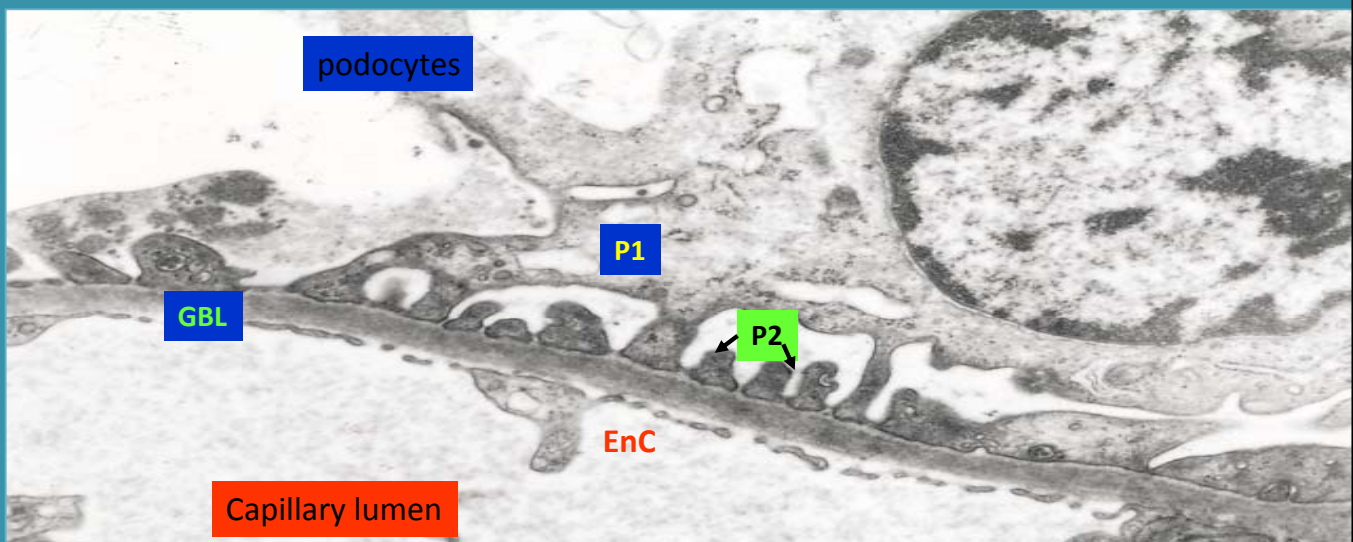


Lamina rarae contain:  
Laminin  
Fibronectin  
Negatively-charged  
proteoglycans

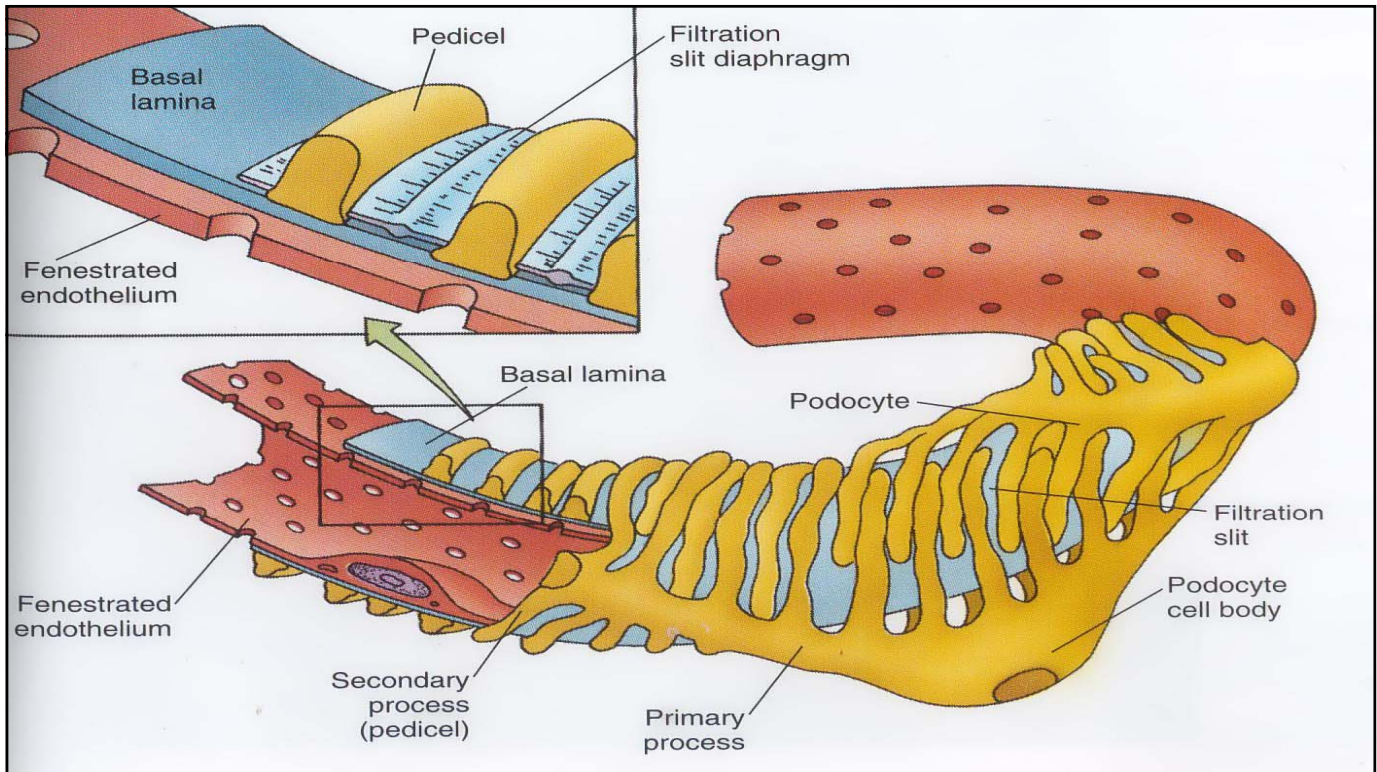
Lamina densa (IV)

Lamina rarae

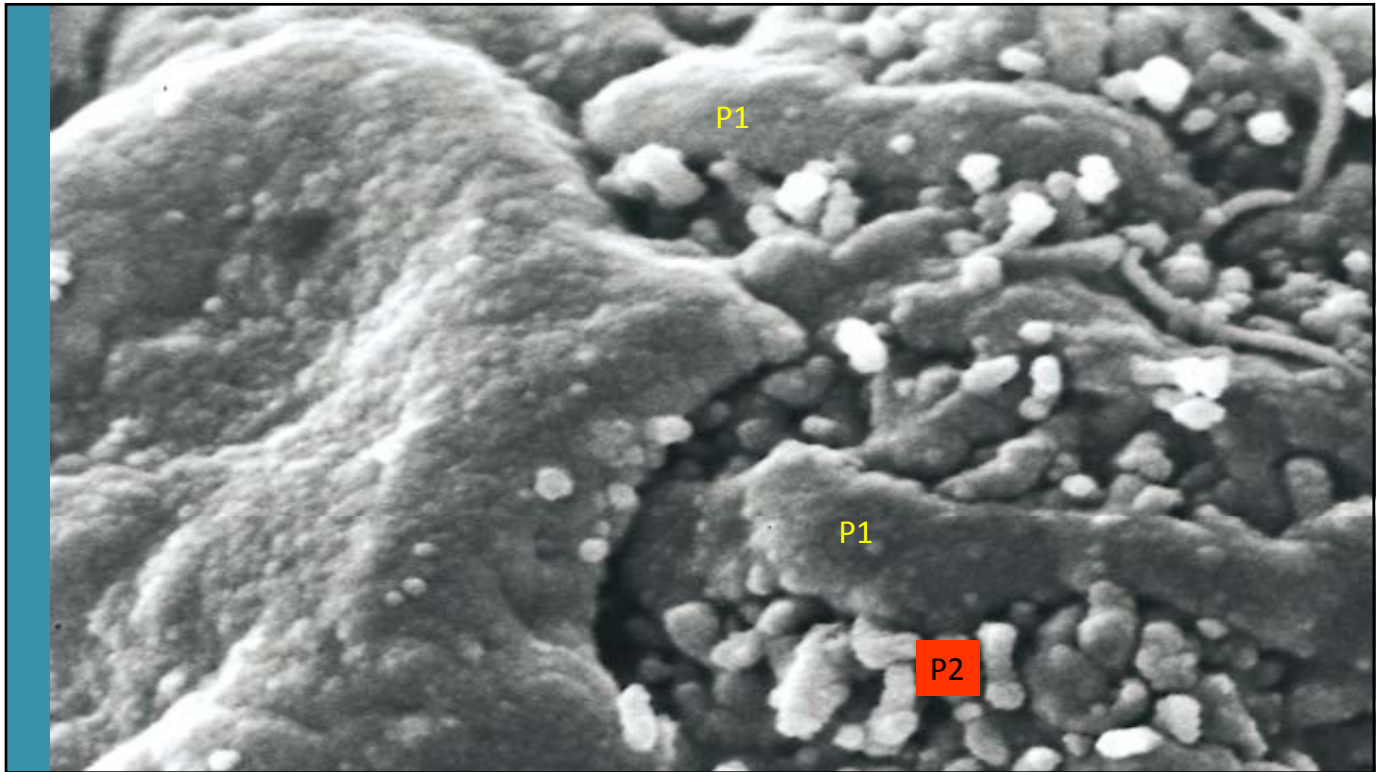
## Visceral Layer of Bowman's Capsule



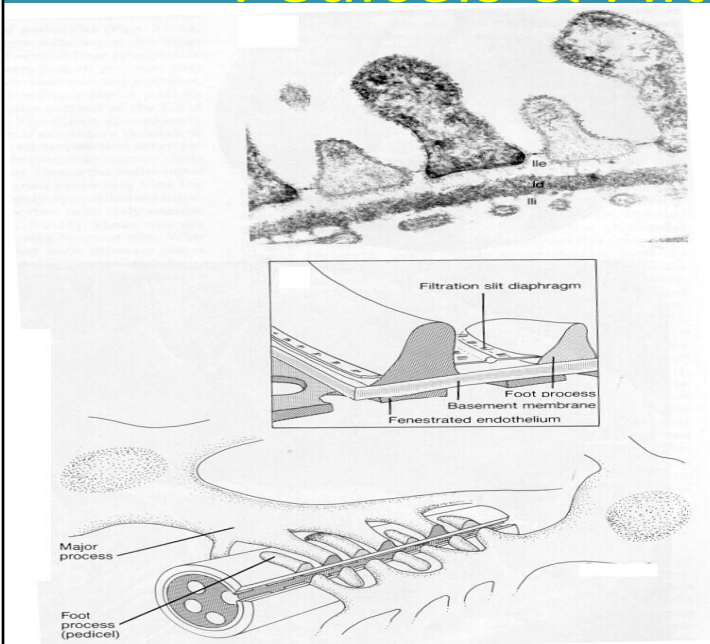








## Pedicels & Filtration slits



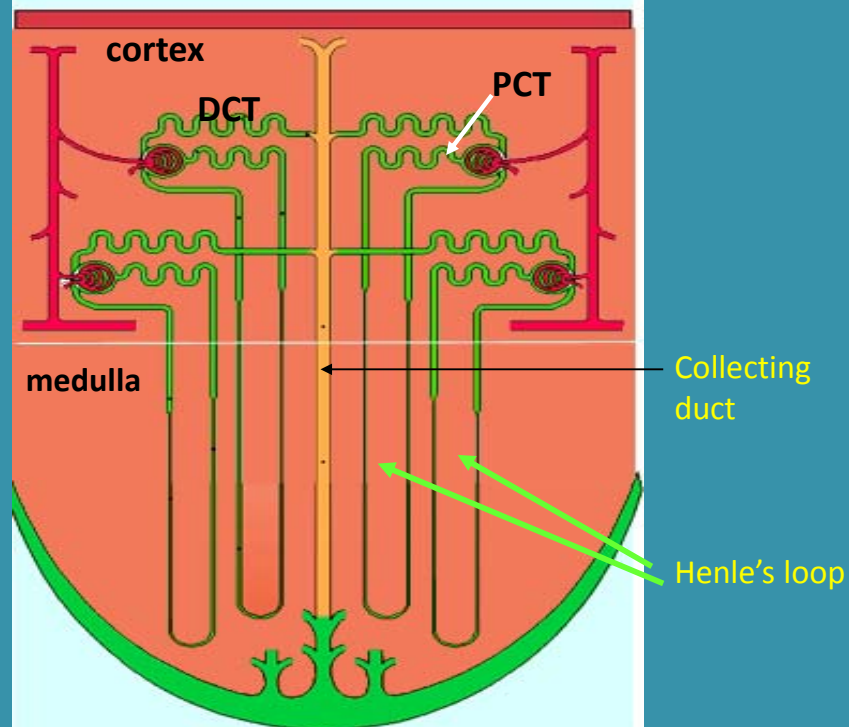
- Each pedicel has a glycocalyx of negatively-charged podocalyxin
- Separated by clefts – filtration slits
- Covered by a porous slit diaphragm

# Filtration Process

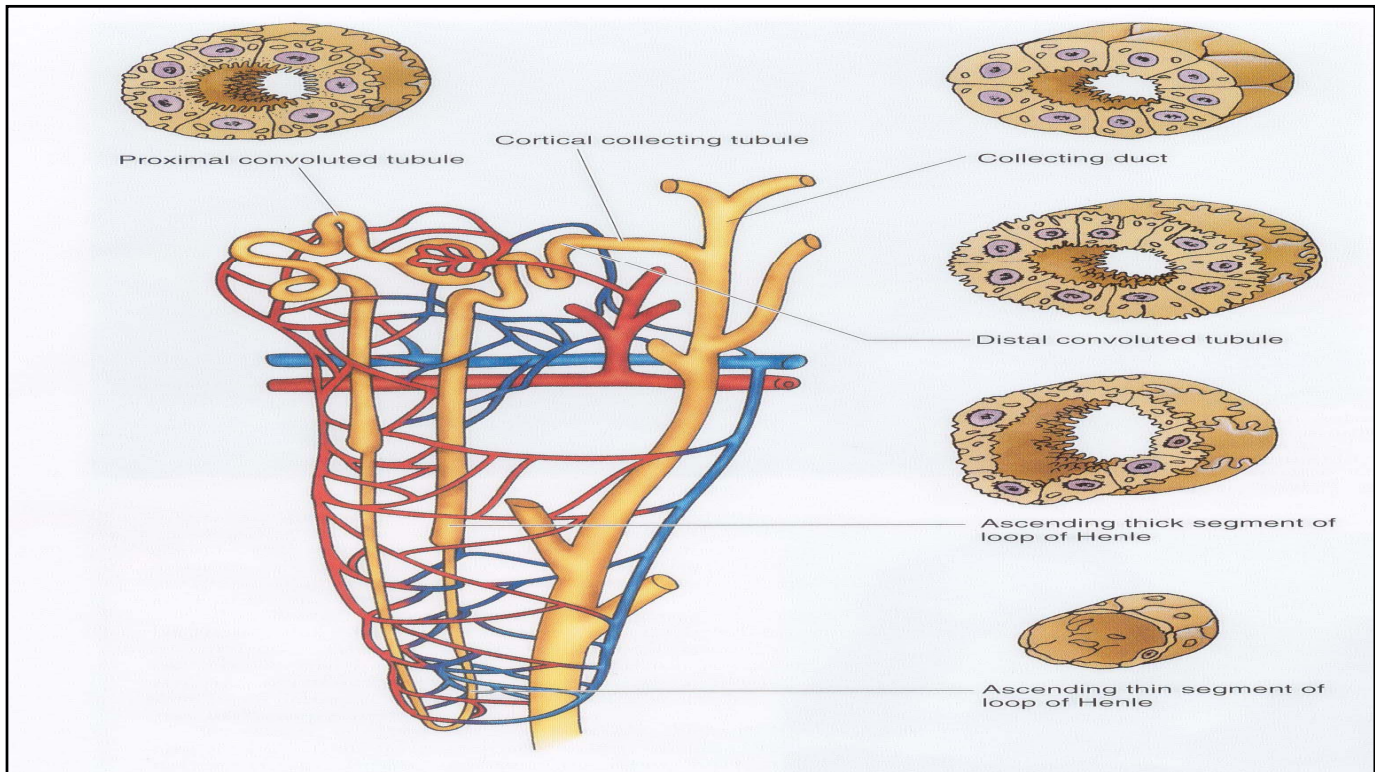
- Blood enters glomerulus via afferent arteriole
- Arteriole pressure forces fluid through fenestrae of capillary endothelium
- Large molecules are trapped by the basal lamina
- Negatively charged molecules are stopped by the basal lamina & podocytes
- Fluid passes through pores in slit diaphragm to enter the urinary space.

## Tubular and Collecting System

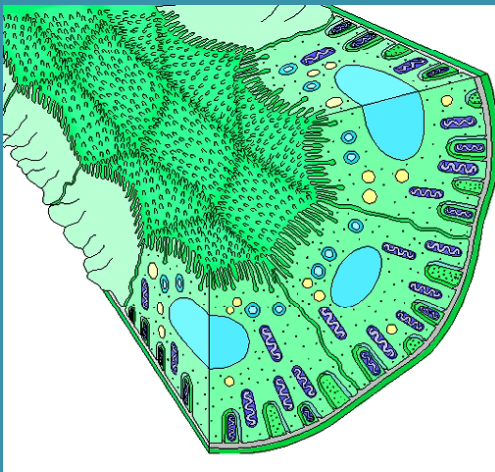
Glomerular ultrafiltrate leaves urinary space and enters tubule which modifies its composition





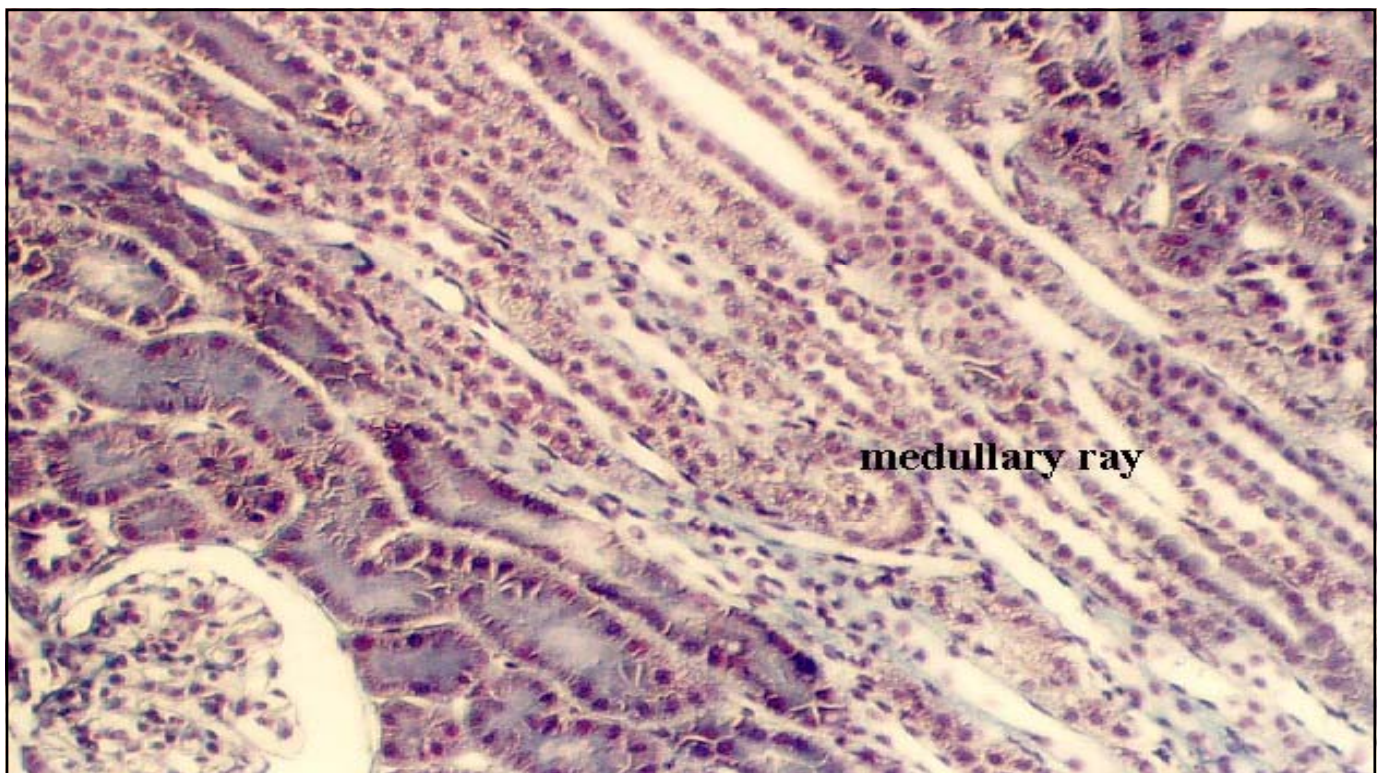
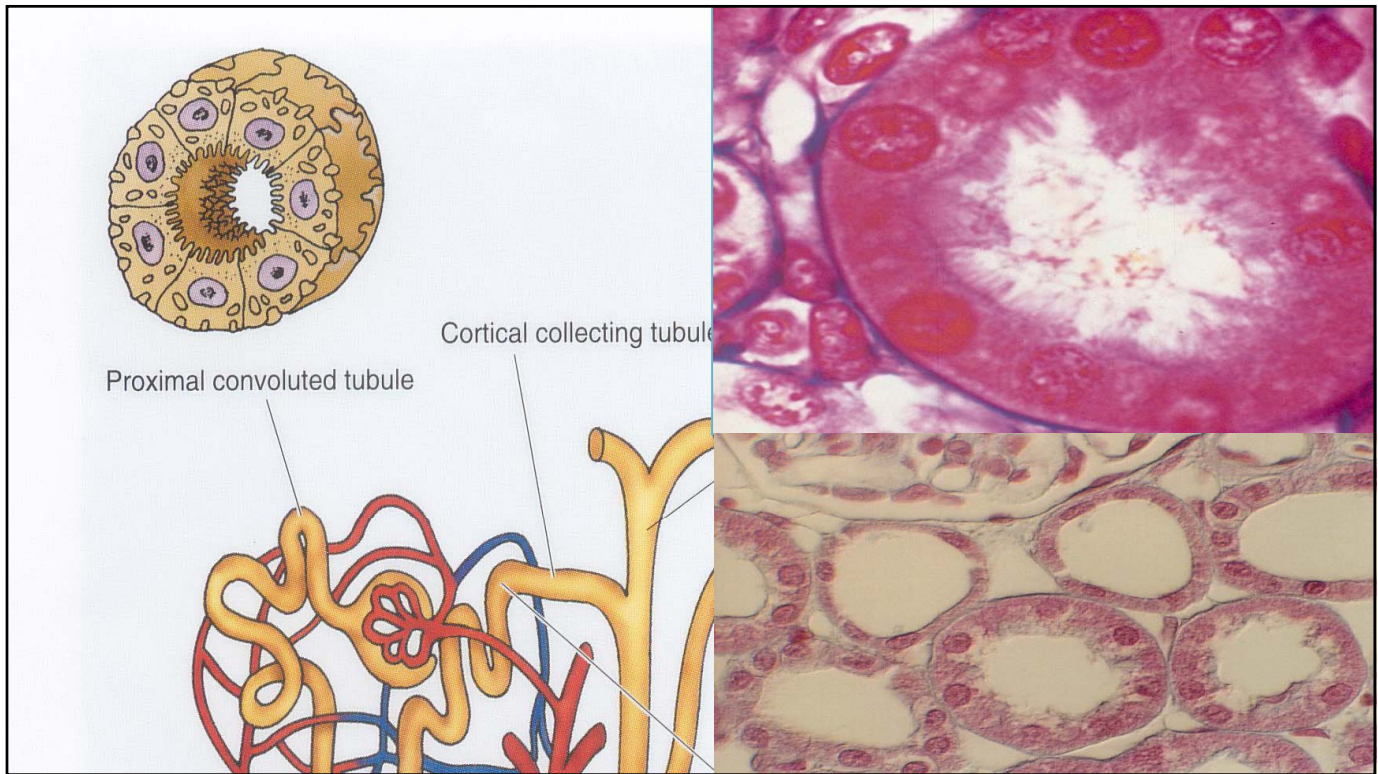


## Proximal Tubule

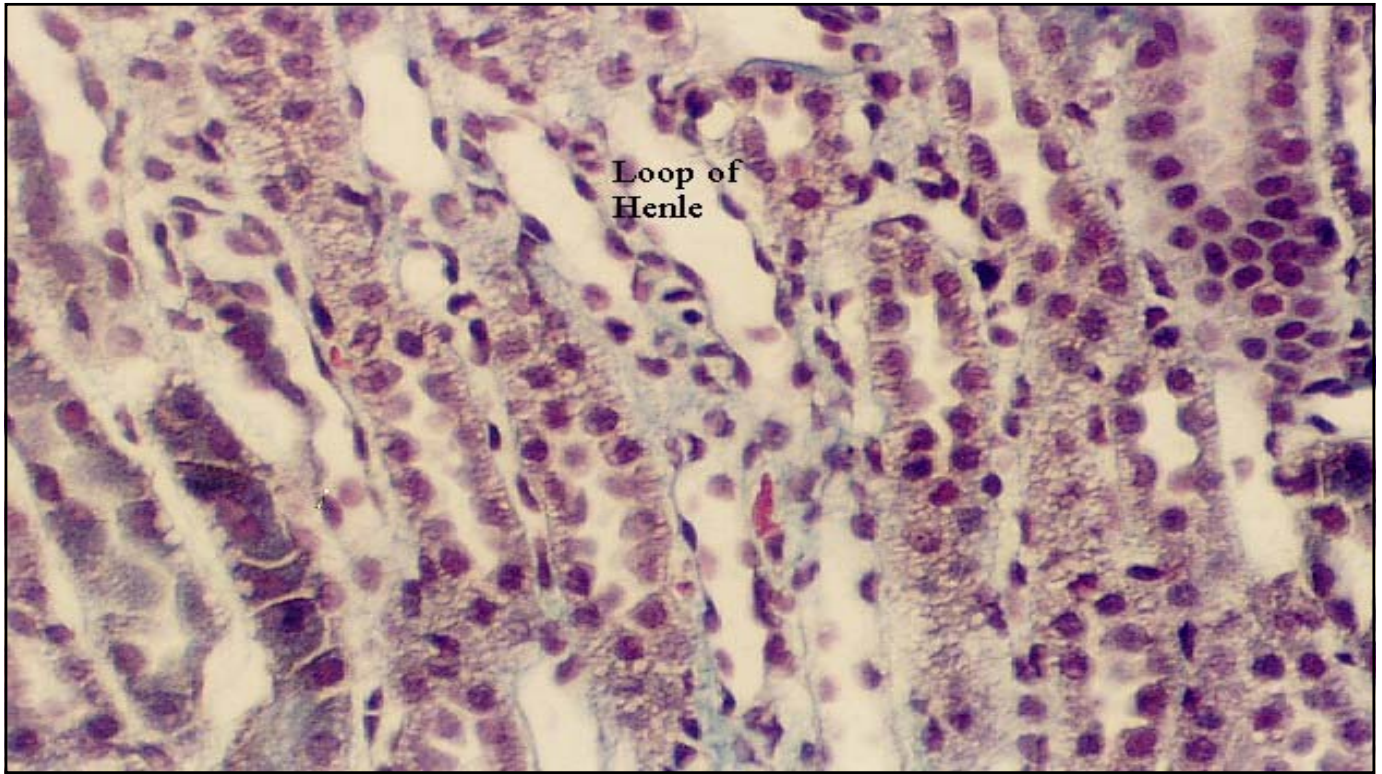


- Begins at urinary pole
- Lined by eosinophilic cuboidal/ low columnar epithelium
- Centrally placed nucleus
- Microvilli & well-defined brush border
- Lateral border indistinct due to interdigitations

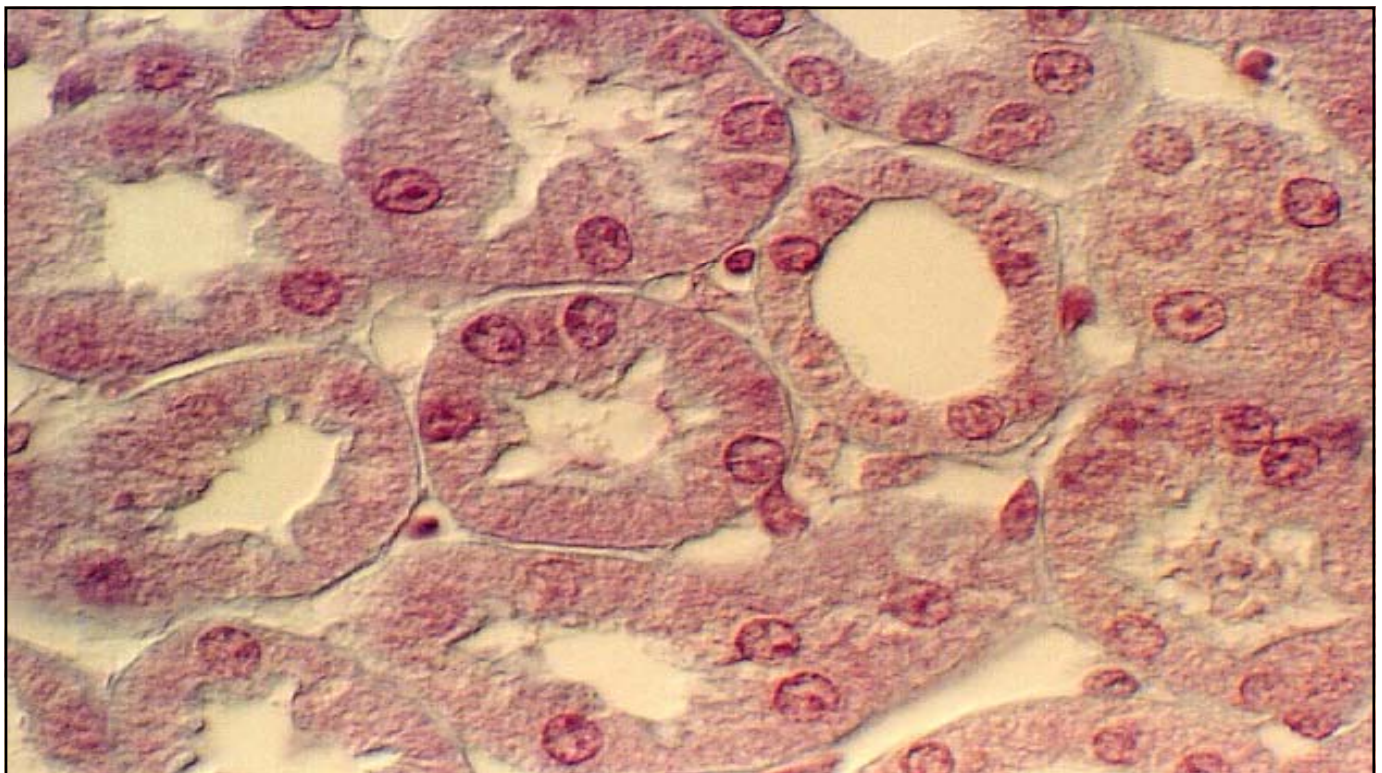
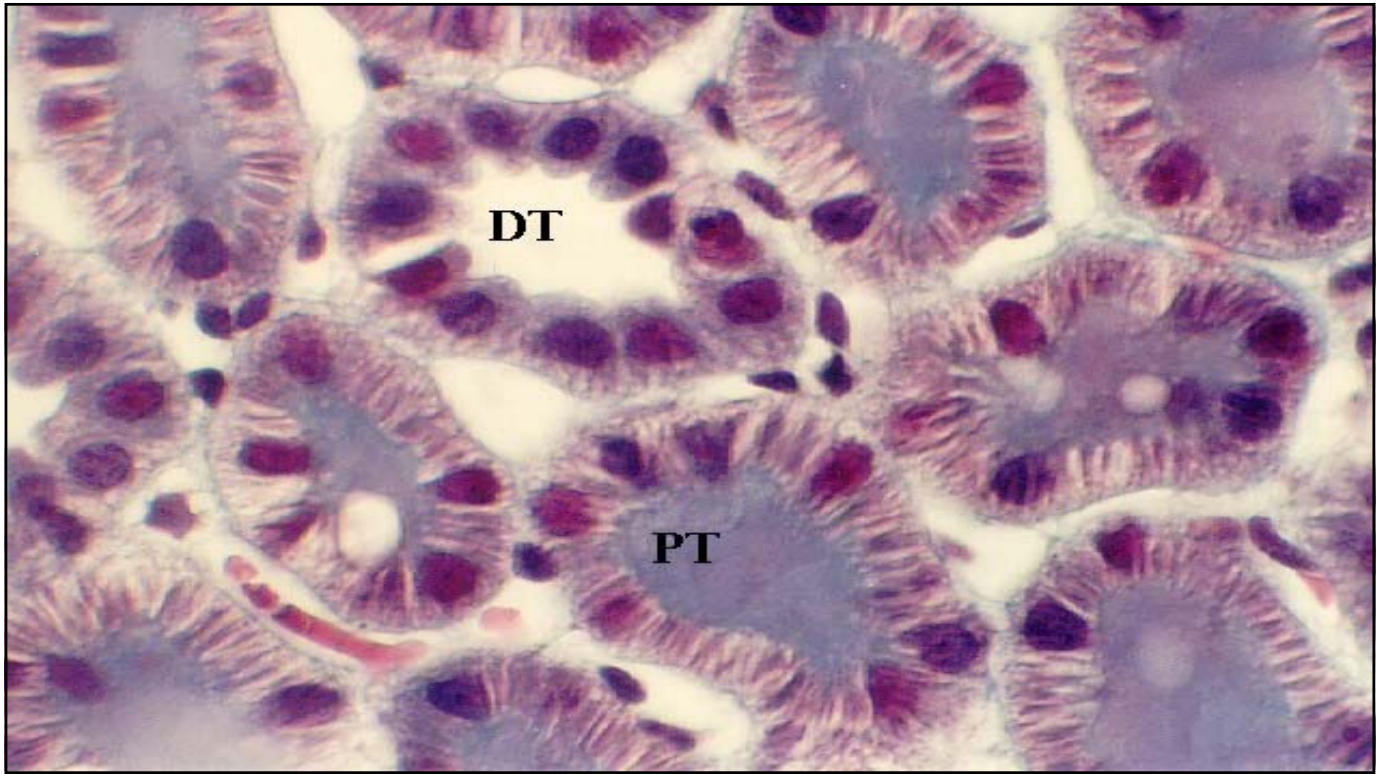




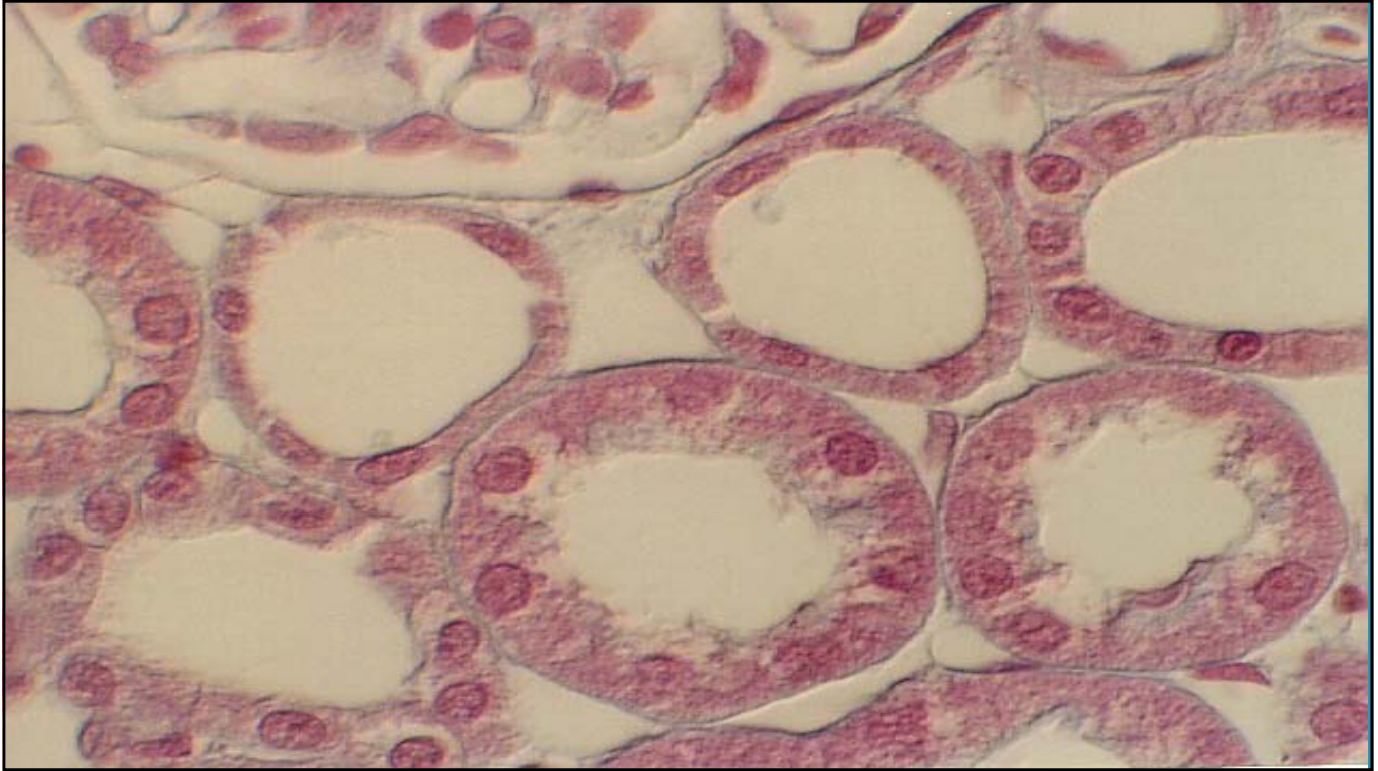








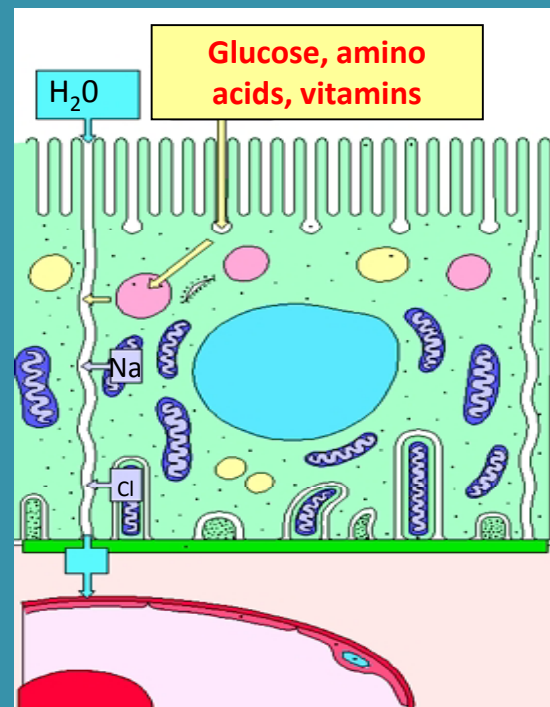


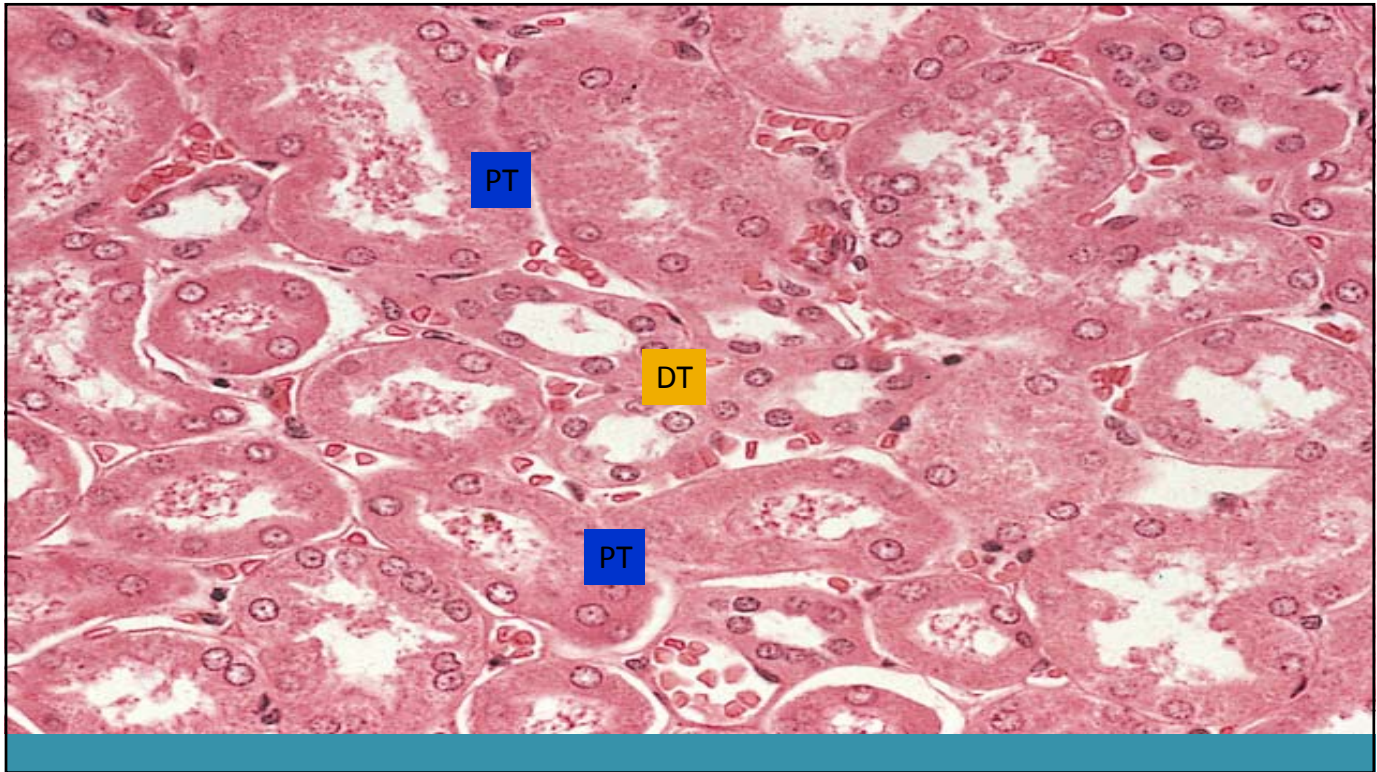


## Proximal Tubule

- Extensive reabsorption of glomerular filtrate (microvilli).
- $\text{Na}^+$  (active transport)
- $\text{Cl}^-$  (passive diffusion)
- $\text{H}_2\text{O}$

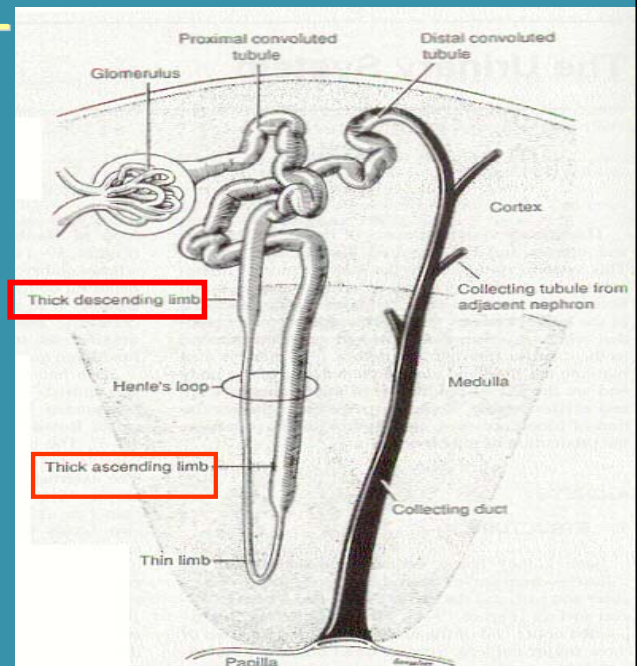
Reduction in fluid volume





## LOOP OF HENLE: STRUCT

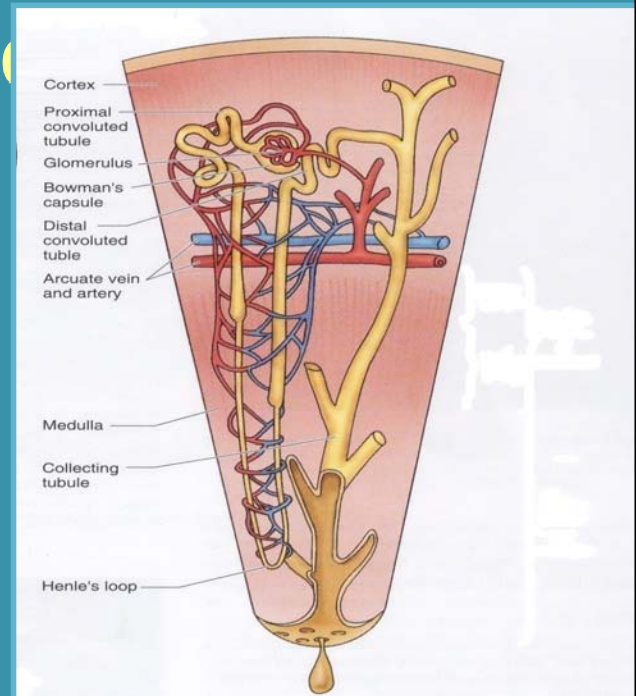
- U-shaped epithelial tube
- Consists of a thick & thin descending limb and a thick & thin ascending limb
- Thick & thin denote and epithelial change (cuboidal to squamous) in both the descending and ascending limbs





## LOOP OF HENLE: STRUCTURE

- Continuous with PT in cortex
- Travels into the medulla, then back to the cortex
- Empties into the distal convoluted tubule (DCT)



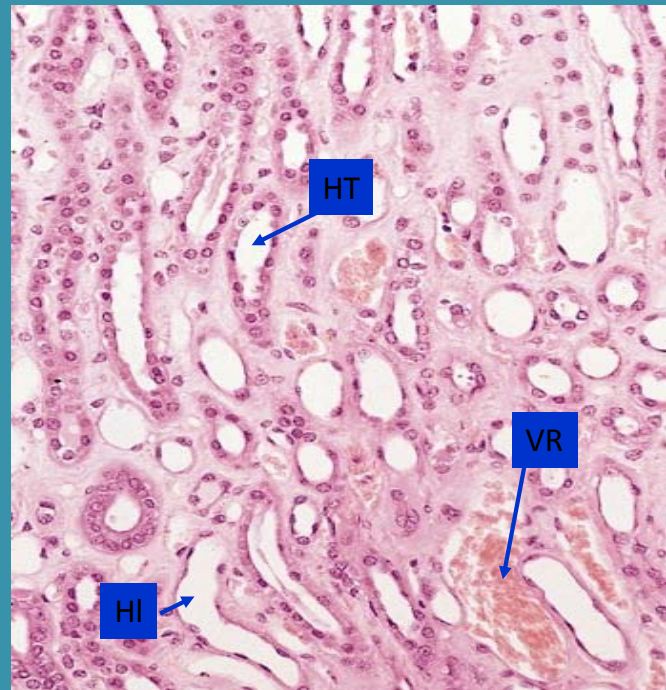
## Sectional anatomy of the kidneys

- Superficial outer cortex and inner medulla
  - The medulla consists of 6-18 renal pyramids
  - The cortex is composed of roughly 1.25 million nephrons
- Major and minor calyces along with the pelvis drain urine to the ureters

Thick portions are similar in histological appearance to both PT and DCT.

Thin portions of Henle's loop have moderate cytoplasm and bulging nuclei.

They may resemble capillaries except for the presence of RBCs.



## LOOP OF HENLE

- **Function – to assist in forming hypertonic urine by establishing an osmotic gradient in the interstitial fluid of the medulla.**



## LOOP OF HENLE: DESCENDING PORTION

- Permeable to both water and salt
- As filtrate (isotonic) in the lumen passes deeper into the medulla (hypertonic), it loses water to the interstitium
- Filtrate becomes more hypertonic
- Filtrate volume also decreases with loss of water

## LOOP OF HENLE: ASCENDING PORTION

- Plays a more active role in setting up the osmotic gradient required to make the interstitium hypertonic
- Contains a  $\text{Na}^+/\text{K}^+/\text{Cl}^-$  Pump (symporter)
- Constantly pumps these ions from the filtrate into the interstitium

## LOOP OF HENLE: ASCENDING PORTION

- Impermeable to water (water cannot follow salt into interstitium)
- Loss of salt, but not water, causes the filtrate in Henle's loop to become isotonic or even hypotonic
- Filtrate ascends toward the DCT in the cortex

### Distal Convoluted Tubule

- Lined by pale-staining, low cuboidal epithelium
- Nuclei are round/oval apically laced
- Fewer microvilli in comparison to PT (lumen looks larger)
- Extensive basal and lateral interdigitations

