Urinary System

- 1. Kidneys
- 2. Ureters
- 3. Urinary bladder
- 4. Urethra



Functions of the Urinary System

- Primary functions:
 - Filter blood plasma,
 - Regulating blood volume and pressure,
 - Regulate blood osmolarity.

- Secondary functions:
 - Produce renin,
 - Produce EPO,
 - Regulate pH,
 - Metabolism of vitamin D.



Secrete:

- Aldosterone
- Cortisol
- Epinephrine
- Norepinephrine
- Other hormones













How the kidneys regulate blood volume and chemistry – The basic mechanism Part 1



How the kidneys regulate blood volume and chemistry – The basic mechanism Part 2



How the kidneys regulate blood volume and chemistry – The basic mechanism Part 3

By regulating how much water we reabsorb, we regulate blood...

By regulating what chemicals we reabsorb and what we secrete, we regulate blood...





Renal Math



Nephron

• 1 million per.

- 6 parts
 - G
 - GC
 - PCT
 - LH
 - DCT

• Empty into collecting ducts.



Glomerular Capsule

- 2 layers
- Encloses the glomerulus.
- Receives filtered blood (filtrate)



Glomerular Capsule



Made of podocytes.



Proximal Convoluted Tubule

- Primary site of...
- Receives filtrate from...
- Very twisty.
- Simple cuboidal.
- Lots of microvilli.
- Lots of mitochondria.



Loop of Henle

- Receives filtrate from...
- 2 regions
 - Descending
 - Simple squamous
 - Ascending
 - Simple cuboidal
- Creates a conc. gradient in the renal medulla



Distal Convoluted Tubule

- Receives filtrate from...
- Site of hormonal adjustment of water & salt secretion/reabsorption.
- Simple cuboidal
- Fewer microvilli and mitochondria.



Collecting Duct

- Receives <u>urine</u> from several...
- Extends through the renal medulla and empties into...
- Simple cuboidal and columnar.
- Site of hormonal adjustment of water reabsorption.



Glomerulus • Site of...

- How are glomerular capillaries different?
- High BP
 - What creates it?
 - Why is this important?



Peritubular Capillaries

•How'd they get their name?

•They receive blood from the...

•What happens at them?

•What's good about their BP and their OP?



Vasa Recta

•How'd they get their name?

•They receive blood from the...

•What happens at them?



