

Kidney:

Structure of Kidney:

Kidney is a compound tubular gland covered by connective tissue capsule.

Location:

Although may believe that kidneys are located in the lower back but actually this is not their location.

- located against the dorsal body wall in the retroperitoneal position (beneath the parietal peritoneum position) & below the diaphragm in the superior lumbar region.

Extension: They extend from the Thoracic T-12 vertebrae to the 3-lumbar vertebrae thus they receive some protection from the lower rib cage.

Position: Right kidney is slightly lower than the left kidney bcz of considerable space occupied by liver.

Shape: Dark Red Bean Shaped Organ

Size:

About 12cm (5inch) long, 6cm (2.5inch) wide & 3cm (1inch) wide thick.

Weight:

About 150 gms.

Adipose Capsule:

Embedded & held in a position by a fatty mass called adipose capsule which holds it in against \hookrightarrow id fats accumulate (Adiposes).

the muscles of Trunk wall.

• Adrenal Gland:

Atop each kidney has **adrenal gland** (Regulate B.P & Heart Rate) which is a part of endocrine system.

• Renal Hilus:

It is convex laterally & has a medial indentation called **renal hilus** where blood vessels, lymph vessels, the ureter & nerves enter.

• Renal Capsule:

An outer fibrous transparent capsule surrounds each kidney & gives a fresh glistening appearance.

Layers:

(i) Renal Cortex (ii) Renal Medulla

↑
Dark & Granular
Appearance

↓
Inner Most
Layer

Blood Supply:

Kidneys continuously clean the blood & adjust its composition so it is not surprising that they have a very rich blood supply approximately **one quarter** of the total blood supply of the body passes through the kidney each minute.

In Adults, during resting condition both kidneys receive **1300 ml** of blood

per min or about ^{20%} of C.O

Renal Blood Vessels: (i) Aterial Blood

⇒ Renal Artery:

Supply:

Aterial Supply of each kidney
is renal artery arises from —
and enters the kidney through the hilus
abdominal aorta

⇒ Segmental Art: As the renal artery

approaches the hilus, it divided into
many segmental artery
while through the renal sinus.

⇒ Lobae Artery:

Once inside the pelvis S.A
Subdivides into ... lobae arteries

⇒ Interlobae Artery:

Each of which gives off several
branched called interlobae artery
when travel through the renal
column to reach the cortex.

⇒ Arcuate Artery:

At the cortex medulla junction
where arteries of cortex & medulla
join interlobae arteries gives off the
arcuate Artery which curves over the
medullary Pyramids.

⇒ Interlobular Artery:

Each arcuate artery gives rise
to small interlobular Artery and run
outward to supply ^{blood to} the cortical tissue.

⇒ Afferent arterioles:

From each interlobular
artery, numerous afferent arterioles

arise. Afferent Arteriole enter the Bowman's Capsule and forms Glomerular Capillary tuft. Here it divides into 4 or 5 large capillaries

⇒ Glomerular Capillaries:

Each large capillary divides into small Glomerular Capillaries which form the loops. And loops unite to

→ efferent arteriole:

⇒ Efferent Arterioles: Form a second capillary network called peritubular Capillaries which surround tubular portion of nephrons.

⇒ Peritubular Capillaries & Vasa Recta:

↳ are found around the tubular portion of cortical nephrons. The tubular portion of juxamedullary nephrons is supplied by some specialized capillaries called Vasa Recta (straight blood vessels) arise from efferent arteriole.

Venous Blood Supply:

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drain into venous system.

- Draining from the kidneys flows through veins that trace the pathway of the arterial supply in a reverse direction.

Venous System starts from Peritubular capillaries and continue as Interlobular veins → Arcuate Vein → Interlobar

Vein & finally Renal Vein which leaves
 (It) leaves the kidney through hilus
 & joins **inferior Vena Cava**.
 No Segmental & Lobular Veins

Sketch

