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Urine formation

Remember : what is GFR?, starling force , normal value of GFR

Factor affecting GFR (glomerular filtration rate)

1- Glomerular capillary pressure :

Note: the glomerulus is supplied with blood via Afferent arteriole , and then the blood is transferred via Efferent arteriole.

Afferent arteriole \rightarrow glomerular capillary \rightarrow efferent arteriole

Renal blood flow (GFR): a)

 \uparrow RBF \rightarrow \uparrow GBR \rightarrow \uparrow glomerular capillary pressure \rightarrow \uparrow GFR

b) Diameter of efferent arteriole :

To rise the glomerular capillary pressure the Afferent arteriole is dilated (vasodilatation)

 \uparrow diameter (dilatation) $\rightarrow \uparrow$ GBR $\rightarrow \uparrow$ glomerular capillary pressure $\rightarrow \uparrow$ GFR

c) Diameter of Efferent arteriole :

To raise the glomerular capillary pressure the Efferent arteriole is constricted (vasoconstriction)

 \downarrow diameter (constriction) \rightarrow \uparrow GBR \rightarrow \uparrow glomlular capillary pressure \rightarrow \uparrow GFR

d) Sympathetic stimulation :

The nervous system part that activates fight or fright response

 \rightarrow your GFR constant sympathetic when you are mild and moderate which means \rightarrow no vaso constriction

→in severe stress ex: a shock resulting from extreme loss of blood , the sympatatic nervous system leads to vasoconstriction of Afferent arteriole casing GFR to be dropped down .

Constriction of afferent arteriole $\rightarrow \downarrow$ GFR $\rightarrow \downarrow$ glomerular capillary pressure $\rightarrow \downarrow$ GFR

GFR and RBF must be nearly constant to maintain Homeostasis which means :effective filtration, reabsorption and secretion So how can we preserve a constant blood supply for the kidney, even the main arterial blood pressure is affected? by autoregulation

Note :- kidney has a constant blood supply as long as the blood pressure range is between (80-180), if it gets higher the glumeruli's function will be affected and RBCs and proteins will be present in the filtrate and we're gonna have something called (glomerular injury)

• Tubuloglomerular feedback mechanism :

When the renal blood flow is low $\rightarrow \downarrow$ GFR

So , the kidney starts to reabsorb Na , Cl (in the ascending limb of loop of Henle)to raise blood volume , when the filtrate reaches distal convoluted tubule , Macula densa cell (which have osmoreceptor to sense Na , Cl concentration in filtrate) will indicate the loss of Na , cl ions which have been reabsorbed . this leads to :- stimulating Juxta glomerular cells to secret the renin which ends with the formation of angiotensin (II) causing vasoconstriction of Efferent arterioles $\rightarrow \uparrow$ GFR

Myogenic mechanism:-

Note:- all blood vessels wall are consisted from 3 layers :

- 1- Intima (internal layer)
- 2- Media
- 3- Adventitia (external layer)

**What differentiates arteries from arterioles is that , arterioles have smooth muscle fibers in their wall allowing it to contract \rightarrow to prevent the blood supply constant

** These smooth muscle have stretch activated receptors

Receptors function to prevent stretch , dilation of arterioles walls by making reflex contraction

 \rightarrow if the blood supply is high \rightarrow the Afferent arteriole will be stretched \rightarrow smooth muscle contraction of Afferent arteriole \rightarrow stopping (inhabiting) the high blood pressure to reach the delicate glomerular capillary casing injuries

How is urine formed ?

The filtrate is the fluid that is being filtrated along the tubules until it reachs the collecting duct , it called urine

Tubular reabsorption :

Tubular reabsorption is occurred for solutes (Na+, K+, Cl⁻, HCO3⁻)

**HCO3⁻ : bicarbonate

Reabsorption can occur by two route :

1- Trans cellular route :

Lumen of the tubule \rightarrow apical membrane \rightarrow inside the cell \rightarrow basolateral border

2- Para cellular route (a type of cell junction)

** both end in interstitial fluid

Each solute has a specific reabsorption mechanism

*Renal handling of sodium ions :-

Na is the only solute that can be reabsorbed at all tubule segments < except thin loop of Henle> and when Na+ ions enter the cell , many other substances enter with as pairs like (glucose , amino acids , H+ , K+ , cl-...)

1- Proximal convoluted tubule <length: 15 mm> (Reabsorption of Na+ steps) :-

a) First half (7 mm)

Apical border of the cell \rightarrow Na+ is diffused down <u>electrical</u> gradient

 \downarrow

The Na⁺-k⁺ pump on the basolateral border of the cell cases a net negative charge on the apical border of (-1), by pumping 3 Na+ ions outside and 2 K+ ions inside

This negative charge attacks Na ions toward (diffusion of Na+)

Basolateral border of the cell \rightarrow Na+ is transported actively by Na+-k+ pump (primary active transport)

*beside sodium , other substance : glucose , amino acid are transported by cotransport (symport)

**Notice :- that secondary active transport occurs for glucose and amino acids or hydrogen, while Na+ is transported via Na-K pumps via primary active transport

In ACIDOSIS :- (excess hydrogen ions)

to get rid of these hydrogen ions \rightarrow Na+-H+ counter transport is activated and H+ ions are released with urine .

In ALKALOSIS:- (exess HCO3- or H+ deficiency)

we need to preserve H+ ions , and HCO3- is released with urine

** Na+-H+ counter transport is not activated

• Middle and late half

• Na+ and cl- are reabsorbed via co-transport

ightarrow at this point , all previously absorbed substances (glucose , amino acid) are totally transferred to the blood

Summary :- the filtrate is transferred \rightarrow glomerular capillary \rightarrow bowman's capsule \rightarrow

Proximal convoluted tubule \rightarrow loop of Henle

(Na+-cl-) counter transport

(Na-gloucose , Naaminoacid) →cotransport

(Na+-H+) → counter transport

2- Loop of Henle :

Remember that we are transfer solutes which are osmotically active , attraction water toward and causing osmolarity changes in each segment \rightarrow until we reach the late part of the proximal tubule , we are absorbing water as much as we absorb solute so the fluid is (ISOTONIC)

Descending limb of loop of Helen \rightarrow filtrate passes rapidly, no solute reabsorption , But this segment is freely permeable to water, so large amount of water is reabsorbed. Solutes in the filtrate became concentrated so the fluid is HYPETONIC

Ascending limb of loop of Henle \rightarrow

- thin segment \rightarrow sodium reabsorption following chloride (counter transport)
- thick segment → Na+-K+-2Cl- pump (special active pump acting as a result of solutes reabsorbing , the concentration of solutes (ions) starts to go down gradually causing the fluid to become HYPOTONIC
- \bullet in addition to reabsorption of Mg , Ca ... \rightarrow this segment is less permeable to water reabsorption



3-Distal Convoluted Tubule :-

- a) Early distal tubule \rightarrow as the ascending limb of Henle :-
 - Has Na+-k+-2cl- pump
 - Ca+2 reabsorption

Medication related to renal handling to Na+ reabsorption :-

- Loop diuretics Furosemide (Lasix)
 Furosemide inhibits Na+-k+-2cl- pump in loop of Henle making it non functioning → no reabsorption of Na, K, Cl which will attract water toward the lumen → water and ions will be released with urine
 ** patient taking this medication, should have supplement of Na+-K+-cl- to restore the loss of these ions.
- Carbonic anhydrase inhibitor :inhibit carbonic anhydrate enzyme which is responsible for catalyzing this reaction :-

$CO_2 + H_2O \Rightarrow H_2CO_3 \Rightarrow H^+ + HCO_3^-$

In proximal convoluted tubule , as a result of carbonic anhydrase inhibitors , the reaction will stop on forming H+ , HCO3- Prevention CO2 to be bound to H2O to form H2CO3 again which are osmotically active molecules , attracting water and acting as diuretics

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