

# Anatomy "6"

## The peritoneum

\* Serous membrane / lines the wall of abdominal cavity

Clothes the viscera

against which organs are pressed as a balloon  from outside

\* Parietal peritoneum → lines the wall

\* Visceral peritoneum → covers the organs.

\* Peritoneal cavity → the space between visceral layers and parietal

\* In males → closed cavity / \* females → there is communication

\* Extraperitoneal tissue:

with the exterior

layers of CT between the parietal peritoneum and fascial lining of the abdominal and pelvic walls

\* In the kidney there is a large amount of fat to support

\* The peritoneal cavity is the largest cavity

\* it is divided into 2 parts:

① Greater sac: the main + extend from diaphragm to pelvic

② Lesser sac: smaller, lies behind stomach

\* Intraperitoneal organ: fully covered with visceral peritoneum liver/stomach spleen/transverse/ilium

\* Retroperitoneal organ: lies behind peritoneal and partially covered: 1st part of duodenum/sigmoid/sigmoid

pancreas, ascending and descending colon.

\* Stomach is attached to other organs by omentum.

\* No organ is actually within the peritoneal cavity

[Peritoneal ligaments]

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2 layered folds of peritoneum that connect an organ with another organ or to the abdominal wall.

Liver

\* Liver is connected to diaphragm by:

- Flaci form lig
- coronary Lig
- Rt and Lt triangular lig's

\* = = = to Stomach by hepatogastric lig (the membranous portion of lesser omentum)

\* = = = to the duodenum by hepato-duodenal lig (the thickened free edge)

[the stomach]  
\* inferior surface of the diaphragm by gastrophrenic lig (of the lesser omentum which conveys portal triad to hepatic artery, portal vein to bile duct)

\* with spleen by gastro-splenic which reflects to the hilum of Spleen

\* with transverse colon by gastro colic lig the apron like part of the greater omentum which descends from greater curvature, turns under and even ascends to the transverse colon.



\* the inferior infracolic lies post to greater omentum / and divided into Rt and Lt infracolic by mesentery of SI

\* free communication occurs between the supracolic and infracolic compartment through the paracolic gutters

## ② Omenta

Omentum: passes from the stomach and proximal part of duodenum to adjacent organs.

the greater omentum: 4 layered peritoneal fold that hangs down like apron from the greater curvature after descending it folds back and attaches to the ant surface of transverse colon and its mesentery.

\* important function of the greater omentum is to attempt to limit the spread of the intraperitoneal infections

the lesser omentum

is much smaller / double layered peritoneal fold that connects the lesser curvature of the stomach and proximal part of the duodenum to the liver / it also connects the stomach to a band of structures that run between duodenum and liver in the free edge of the lesser omentum



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## ③ Mesenteries

\* is a double layer of peritoneum that occurs as a result of the invagination of peritoneum by an organ and constitutes a continuity of the visceral and parietal peritoneum

\* it provides a neurovascular communications between the organ and the body wall

## ④ Subdivisions of peritoneal cavity

transverse mesocolon divides the abdominal cavity into:

Supracolic containing the stomach liver spleen

Infracolic containing SI, ascending/descending colon

