

## Kidney Dissection: The Urinary System and the Kidney

**Directions:** Fill in the blanks and then complete the matching.

### A. The Urinary System

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ are a pair of reddish organs that lie at about the L-1 level of the body.
2. Transporting the urine to the urinary bladder is the function of the \_\_\_\_\_ (s).
3. The \_\_\_\_\_ is a hollow muscular organ situated in the pelvic cavity posterior to the pubic symphysis.
4. From the floor of the bladder comes a single \_\_\_\_\_. It leads to the outside of the body.
5. Guarding the entrance to the urethra are two muscular sphincters: the \_\_\_\_\_ is composed of smooth muscle and the outer \_\_\_\_\_ composed of skeletal muscle.

### B. The Kidney: Answer after examining your un-dissected and dissected kidney.

1. Near the center of the concave border is a notch called the \_\_\_\_\_, through which the ureter and blood vessels penetrate.
2. Covering each kidney is a fibrous membrane that can be easily stripped off. This is the \_\_\_\_\_, and it serves as a barrier against trauma and the spread of infection.
3. After your longitudinal cut, the outer reddish area is called the \_\_\_\_\_, and the inner reddish-brown layer is the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. In the medulla are 8 to 18 striated, triangle-shaped structures called the \_\_\_\_\_. The tips point toward the center of the kidney and are called \_\_\_\_\_.
5. A large cavity in the renal sinus is the \_\_\_\_\_. The pelvis subdivides into a series of cuplike extensions called \_\_\_\_\_, which receive urine from the pyramids and conduct it to the pelvis and then into the ureters.

### C. The Nephron: The basic functional unit of the kidney. Examine a diagram and answer the questions.

1. The nephron begins with a double-walled cuplike structure called \_\_\_\_\_. It lies in the cortex. Inside the "cup" is a capillary network called the \_\_\_\_\_. The blood, passing through the glomerulus, is filtered into Bowman's capsule as it passes through this structure.
2. The filtered fluid then passes into a highly coiled tube, the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The fluid then enters the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, which dips toward the medulla.
4. The last segment of the nephron is the \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The DCT of many nephrons join with a straight \_\_\_\_\_. These pass through the renal pyramids and open into the calyces. The fluid that flows into these calyces is now \_\_\_\_\_.

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### Match the Following:

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| _____ cortical substance between the renal pyramids                   | A. ureters            |
| _____ an extension of the pelvis carrying urine away from the bladder | B. urinary bladder    |
| _____ composed of skeletal muscle and under voluntary control         | C. urethra            |
| _____ short in the female, long in the male                           | D. internal sphincter |
| _____ the tips of the pyramids  | E. external sphincter |
| _____ cuplike extensions of the pelvis                                | F. hilum              |
| _____ concave border of the kidney – medial outside surface           | G. renal capsule      |
| _____ fibrous membrane covering the kidney                            | H. Cortex             |
|   | I. medulla            |
|   | J. renal pyramids     |
|   | K. renal papillae     |
|   | L. renal column       |
|   | M. renal pelvis       |
|   | N. renal calyx        |

### Match the Following:

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| _____ dips into the medulla and then back to the cortex | A. Bowman's capsule           |
| _____ cuplike structure                                 | B. glomerulus                 |
| _____ connects the loop of Henle to the collecting duct | C. proximal convoluted tubule |
| _____ capillary network                                 | D. loop of Henle              |
| _____ dumps urine into the calyx                        | E. distal convoluted tubule   |
| _____ connects Bowman's capsule to the loop of Henle    | F. collecting duct            |