## **URINE FILTRATION**

EQ: How do you keep what you need but get rid of your waste?

- I. Non-Selective Filtration
  - a. Glomerular (blood) hydrostatic pressure (HPg = 55 mm Hg)
  - b. Blood colloid osmotic pressure (OPg = 30 mm Hg)
  - c. Capsular hydrostatic pressure (HP<sub>c</sub> = 15 mm Hg)
  - d. Filtration Membrane



- II. Tubular Reabsorption
  - a. Proximal convoluted tubule
    - i. 65% of filtrate volume reabsorbed
    - ii. Na<sup>+</sup>, glucose, amino acids, and other nutrients actively transported; H<sub>2</sub>O and many ions follow passively
    - iii.  $H^+$  and  $NH_4^+$  secretion and  $HCO_3^-$  reabsorption to maintain blood pH
    - iv. Some drugs are secreted
    - v. Tubular Reabsorption at the PCT
      - 1. Glucose, lactate, amino acids and vitamins 100%
      - 2. Bicarbonate ions (HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>)-90%
      - 3. Water and sodium ions 65%
      - 4. Potassium ions 55%
      - 5. Chloride ions 50%
  - b. Descending limb of loop of Henle
    - i. Freely permeable to H<sub>2</sub>O
    - ii. Not permeable to NaCl
    - iii. Filtrate becomes increasingly concentrated as H<sub>2</sub>O leaves by osmosis
  - c. Ascending limp of loop of Henle
    - i. Impermeable to H<sub>2</sub>O
    - ii. Permeable to NaCl

- iii. Filtrate becomes increasingly dilute as salt is reabsorbed
- iv. Countercurrent Mechanism
- v. Tubular Reabsorption at the Loop
  - 1. Chloride 35%
  - 2. Potassium 30%
  - 3. Sodium ions 25%
  - 4. Water 10%
- d. Distal convoluted tubule
  - i. Na<sup>+</sup> reabsorption regulated by aldosterone
  - ii. Ca<sup>2+</sup> reabsorption regulated by parathyroid hormone (PTH)
  - iii. Cl<sup>-</sup> cotransported with Na<sup>+</sup>
  - iv. Tubular Reabsorption at the DCT
    - 1. Water 25%
    - 2. Chloride 10%
    - 3. Sodium ions 10%
- e. Collecting duct
  - i. H<sub>2</sub>O reabsorption through aquaporins regulated by ADH
  - ii. Na<sup>+</sup> reabsorption and K+ secretion regulated by aldosterone
  - iii.  $H^+$  and  $HCO_3^-$  reabsorption or secretion to maintain blood pH
  - iv. Urea reabsorption increased by ADH
- III. Tubular Secretion



- IV. Urine Formation
  - a. Urine composition
    - i. 90-95% water
    - ii. Solutes constitute the other 5%
      - 1. Metabolic wastes (urea, uric acid, and creatinine)
      - 2. Ions (Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, PO<sub>4</sub><sup>3-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>)
      - 3. Toxins and pigments (urochrome)
      - 4. Hormones
  - b. Urine characteristics
    - i. Yellow in color
    - ii. Slightly aromatic or ammonia odor
    - iii. pH slightly acidic (can vary from 4.5 to 8.0)
    - iv. Specific gravity 1.001 to 1.035