

The rest of the nephron is divided into 3 main zones:

(each is subdivided into segments, but we don't need to worry about that yet)



This is what the proximal and distal tubules look like in section:



Proximal tubules have microvilli, distal tubules don't

A reminder of epithelial structure:



Things that nephron epithelia have to recover:

Na⁺	This lecture – we are going to consider the cell biology of recovering things
K+	(vou need to know it as medics, because so many
Ca ²⁺	components of the transport system are drug
Mg ²⁺	targets used to control renal function, and because this transport activity makes kidneys vulnerable to
CI-	damage by drugs).
HCO ₃ -	
PO ₄ ²⁻	
H ₂ O	
Amino acids	NEXT LECTURE we'll consider what is
Glucose	recovered where (and why).
Proteins	

What parts have we got to do this?

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Aquaporins (Water channels)

Ion Channels

Protein endocytosis receptors

(Note that we do *not* have a water pump!)

The filtrate and the plasma will be around equilibrium.

If we want to move things from filtrate to plasma, we will be moving from equilibrium, so we will need to do work (ie move a lot of food towards equilibrium to move some solute away from it -2^{nd} law).

So we are going to need to burn up ATP.

Notice how packed kidney cells are with mitochondria!



Peng M, Kidney International (2004) 66, 20-28

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(obviously, the Na⁺/K⁺ ATPase is drawn very over-scale)

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Sodium recovery (proximal tubule):



(microvilli flattened out for clarity)

Aside; we will **NOT** ask you anything like this;

SLC9A3 transports;

- a) Sodium and protons
- b) Calcium and protions
- c) Calcium and chloride
- d) Amino acids
- e) potassium

This will never be a 'catch' mismatch to the words next to it

We may ask you something like this;

The apical Na⁺/H⁺ exchanger SLC9A3 allows

- a) Na⁺ and H⁺ export from the cell
- b) Na⁺ export and H⁺ import
- c) Na⁺ import and H⁺ export
- d) Na^H and H⁺ import to the cell

..... From the urinary space

Sodium recovery (distal tubule):



NB – don't worry yet about <u>why</u> the systems are different in different parts of the tubule – we'll deal with that in lecture 3.

Potassium recovery (Loop of Henle):



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Ref: Welling & Ho (2009) *Am J Physiol Renal Physiol* 297: F849-F863

Amino acid recovery (Prox tubule):



Glucose recovery: (mostly proximal tubule; a little in LoH)



Glucose recovery:



Organic anions and cations (including drugs & metabolites)

SLC22 family:

Organic anion transporters (OATs) Organic cation transporters (OCTs) Organic Cation/ Carnitine transporters (OCNTs)

OCTS (SLC22A1-3)

Fairly simple: allow passive movement in either direction (so things go down-gradient)

Examples of things carried:

- tetraethylammonium (TEA)
- 1-methyl-4-phenylpyridinium (MPP)
- endogenous amines, such as dopamine
- therapeutic drugs, such as cimetidine and morphine
- cationic xenobiotics, such as antihistamines



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Note this is 'safe' in the sense that cations drift into the cell and are pumped out. The cytoplasmic concentration should therefore not exceed that of plasma.



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OATPs (SLC21 A1,2,3 = OATP1A2, 1B1, 1B3)



Transport larger and somewhat hydrophobic organic anions including many xenobiotics.

Examples:

- Prostaglandins
- Cholate
- Ciprofloxacin
- Cyclic peptides

NB – there is evidence that OATPs are electroneutral transporters, so something else must move too.

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OATs (SLC22 A6,7,8,911,12,19,20 = OAT1,2,3,4,7, URAT1, OAT5,6)



Examples of transported

← this drawing is incomplete – revise from the next slides, not this one.

NB – labels are right for human – mice are different

Roth M, Obaidat A, Hagenbuch B. (2012) OATPs, OATs and OCTs: the organic anion and cation transporters of the SLCO and SLC22A gene superfamilies. Br J Pharmacol. 2012 Mar;165(5):1260-87.

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Phosphate recovery (Proximal tubule):





ca = *carbonic anhydrase*

Proximal tubule



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NB – <u>this</u> mechanism results in no net loss of $HCO3^{-}$ or H^{+} (as ions)

...so no effect on acid/base

(the Cl⁻ just gets out again through a chloride channel).

Proximal tubule

If there is remaining H^{\pm} when the bicarbonate has been taken up (1);



Proximal tubule

When the bicarbonate has been taken up (2);



NB – <u>this</u> mechanism results in net secretion of H^+

...so DOES affect acid/base

Proximal tubule

Where does the ammonia/um come from?



Proximal tubule

(SLC9A3 can transport either H^+ or NH_4^+ against Na^+)

Essentially, H⁺ goes out and bicarbonate comes in...

... which is exactly what you want if you were short of bicarbonate (remember, these reactions happen mainly when all lumen bicarbonate has been recovered)

More acid base: Intercalated cells



These type A cells throw H⁺ out of the body

These type B cells throw H⁺ back into the body

Calcium is mainly paracellular, passive, and driven by osmosis once the urine has become more concentrated:



Concentrated compared to plasma once water has been removed.

(We'll meet a regulated system in lecture 4)

Water: aquaporins.





Aquaporin1 (wikipedia commons)

Protein uptake in the proximal tubule cells, using general receptors such as Megalin:



Summary (2)

Solute recovery mostly parasitizes the sodium gradient created by the pump.

Each recovery has its own systems (SLCs etc)

There are very many SLC (solute carrier) proteins: you need to learn them only in so far as you need to for drug targets: we are not going to test you on remembering SLCs

The kidney has several ways to play with acid-base balance of the body

Some things, like water, can move only passively.



Next lecture, we consider what is absorbed and where...