

# General Urology

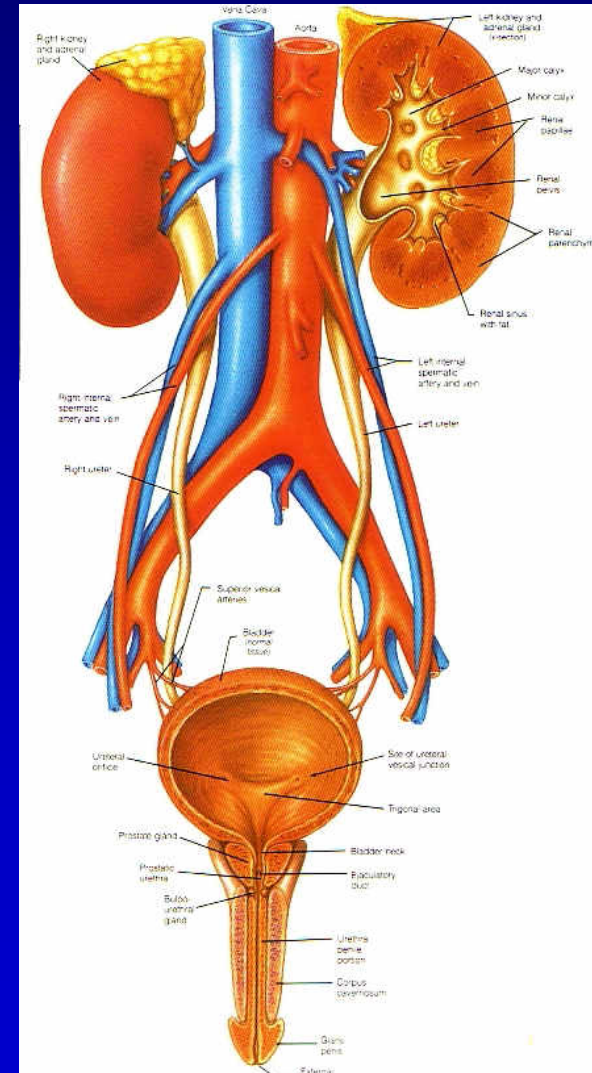
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# Genitourinary Tract

- General consideration:
  - Anatomy
  - Physiology
  - Physical Examination
  - Laboratory Examination



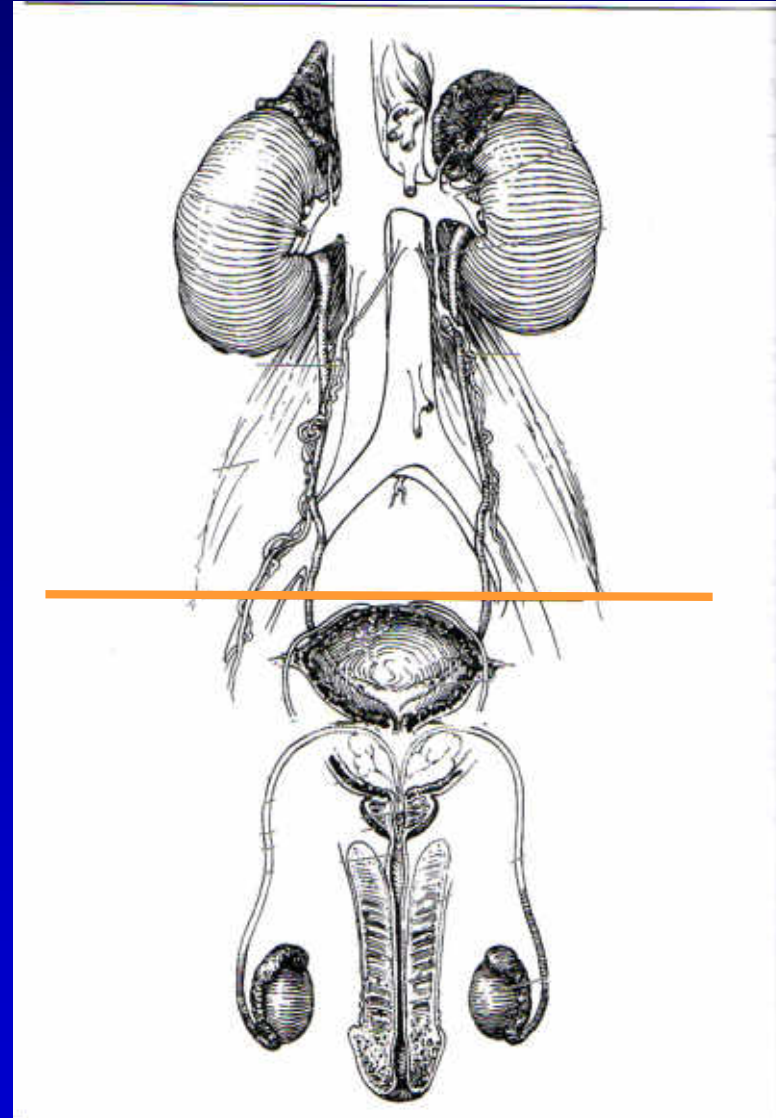
# Genitourinary Tract

## I. Retroperitoneal organs

- Adrenal glands
- Kidneys
- Ureters
- Aorta & vena cava
- Muscles
- Nerves & lymphatics

## II. Pelvic & perineal organs

- Urinary bladder
- Urethra
- Male urogenital system
- Vessels
- Nerves & lymphatics



# General Overview

## ❖ Anterior abdominal Wall

### Rectus sheath:

Ant. layer

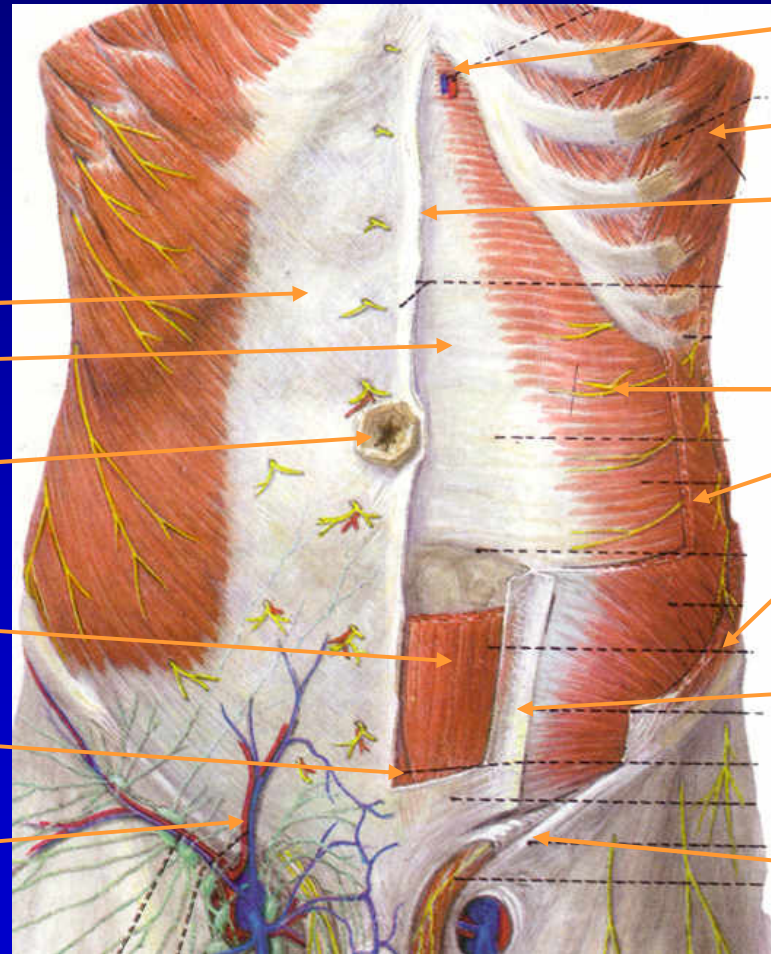
Post. layer

Umbilicus

Rectus abdominis m.

Pyramidalis m.

Superf. Epigastric  
a. & v.



Sup. epigastric a. & v.

Serratus ant. muscle

Linea alba

### Abdominis muscles:

Transversus

Obliquus internus

Obliquus externus

Aponeurosis of obl. ext.  
abdominis m.

Inguinal ligament

# General Overview

## ❖ Inguinal canal

Aponeurosis of obl.  
Ext. abd. M.

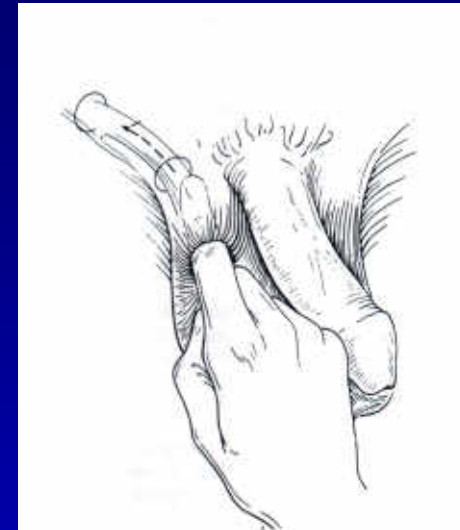
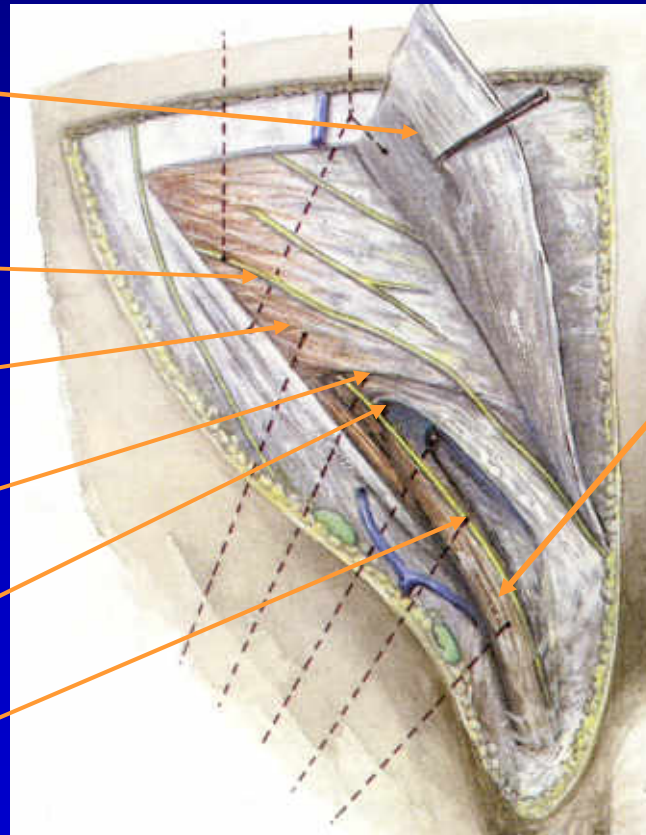
Iliohypogastric nerve

Obl. Intrn. Abd. M.

Transversus abd. m.

Internal inguinal ring

Ilioinguinal nerve

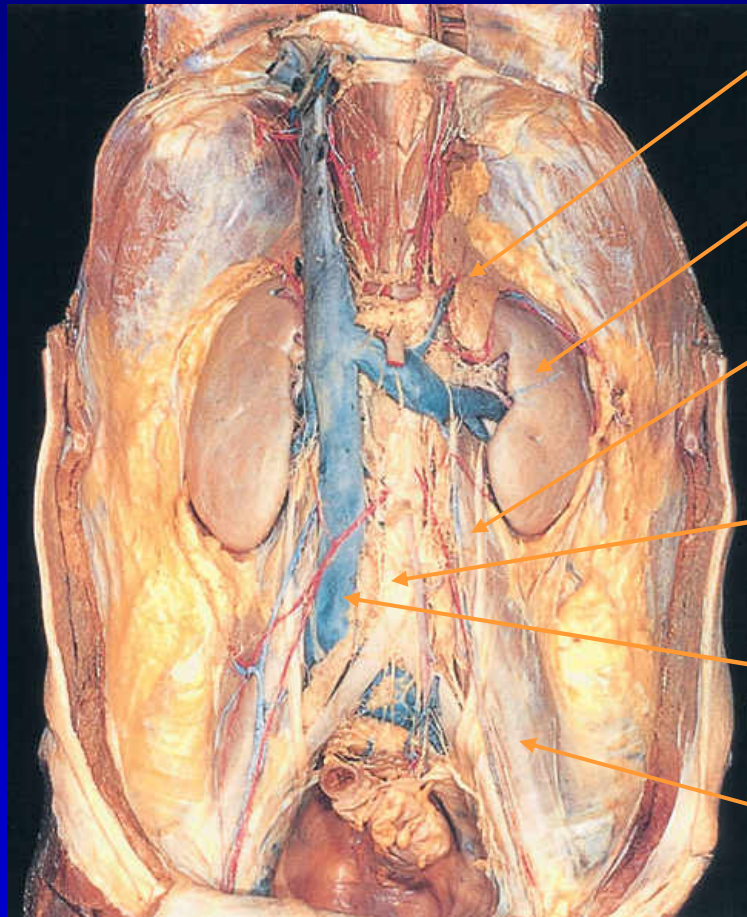


### Spermatic cord:

- Ductus deferens
- Cremaster muscle
- Internal spermatic a.
- External spermatic a.
- Vas deferens a.
- Pampiniform plexus
- Lymphatics
- Nerves



# I. Retroperitoneum



Adrenal gl.

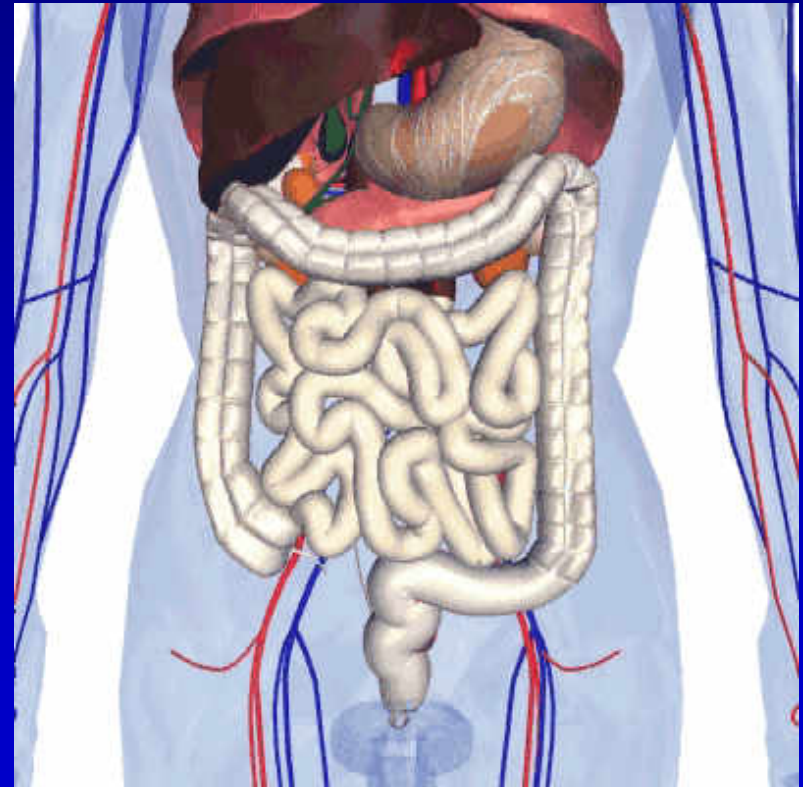
Kidney

Ureter

Aorta

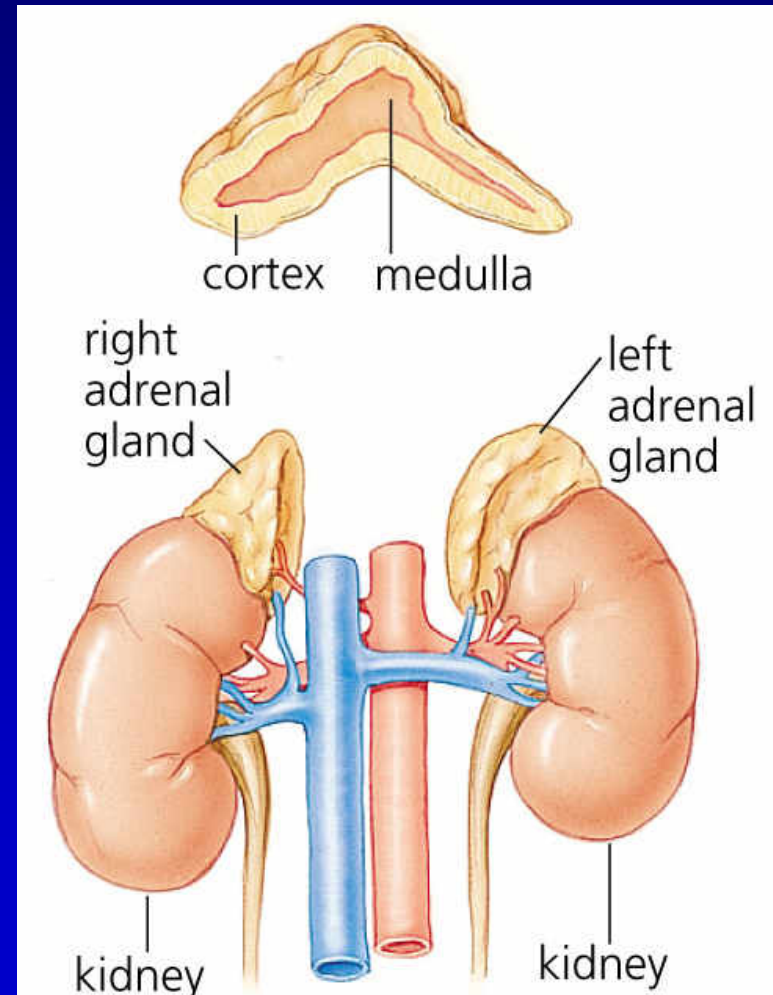
Vena cava

Psoas m.



# Adrenal (suprarenal) glands

- Location:
  - Superomedial to each kidney
  - Lies within the perirenal (Gerota's) fascia
  - 5 grams, 3.5 cm
- Microscopic anatomy:
  - Outer cortex (3 zones):
    - Glomerulosa: Aldosterone
    - Fasciculata: Glucocorticoids
    - Reticularis: Sex steroids
  - Inner medulla
    - Secreting catecholamines



# Adrenal (suprarenal) glands

- Arterial supply:

- Each side has 3 aa.:

- **Sup adrenal a.:** From inf. phrenic a.
- **Middle adrenal a.:** From aorta
- **Inferior adrenal a.:** From renal a.

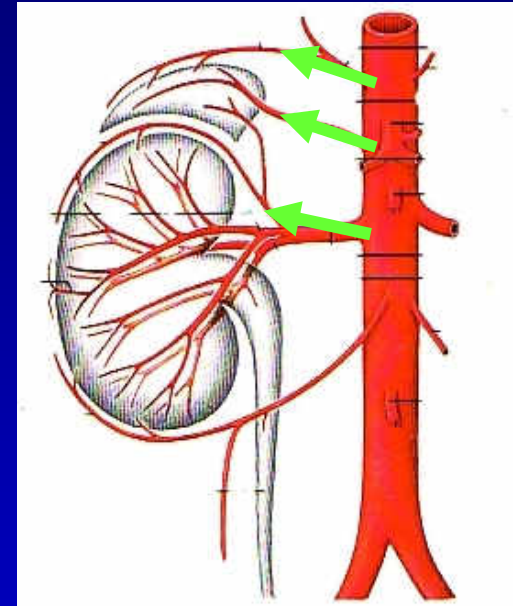
- Venous drainage:

- From right side:

- **Right adrenal v.:** Into vena cava

- From left side:

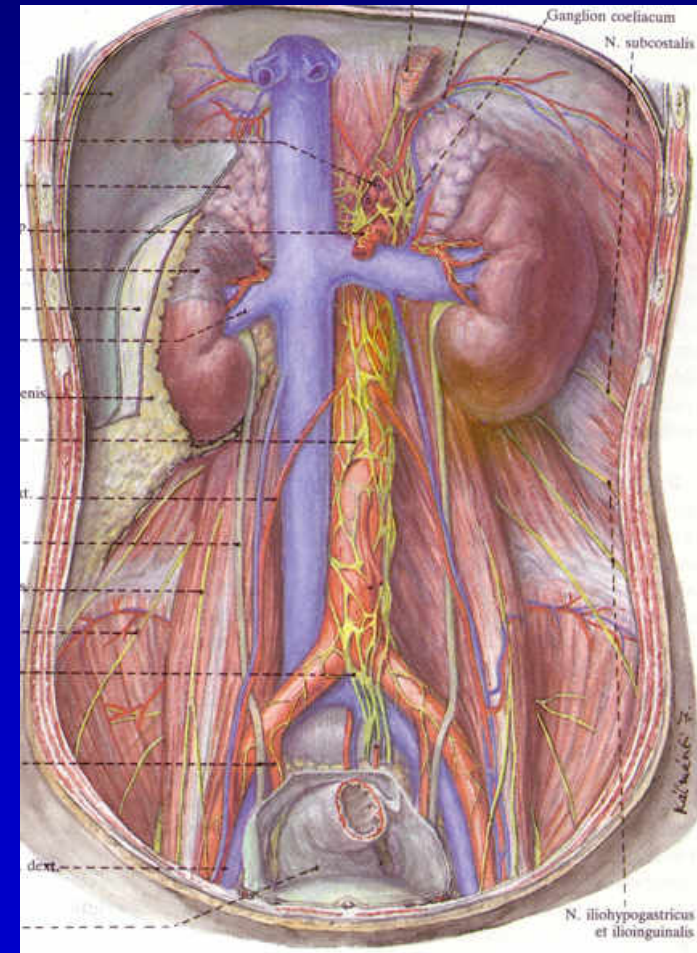
- **Left adrenal v.:** Into left renal v.





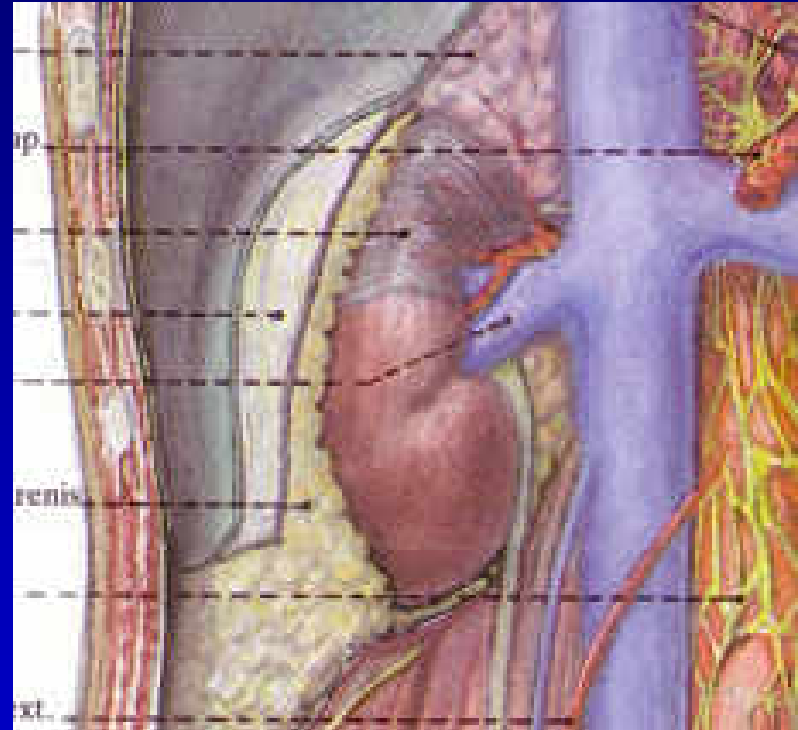
# Kidneys

- Anatomy:
  - Paired, bean-shaped
  - Each lie along the psoas muscle
  - Between 12<sup>th</sup> Th. & 3<sup>rd</sup> L. vertebra
  - Rt. Kidney is lower
  - Each weighs ~ 150 gr.
  - 12 cm x 6 cm x 3 cm



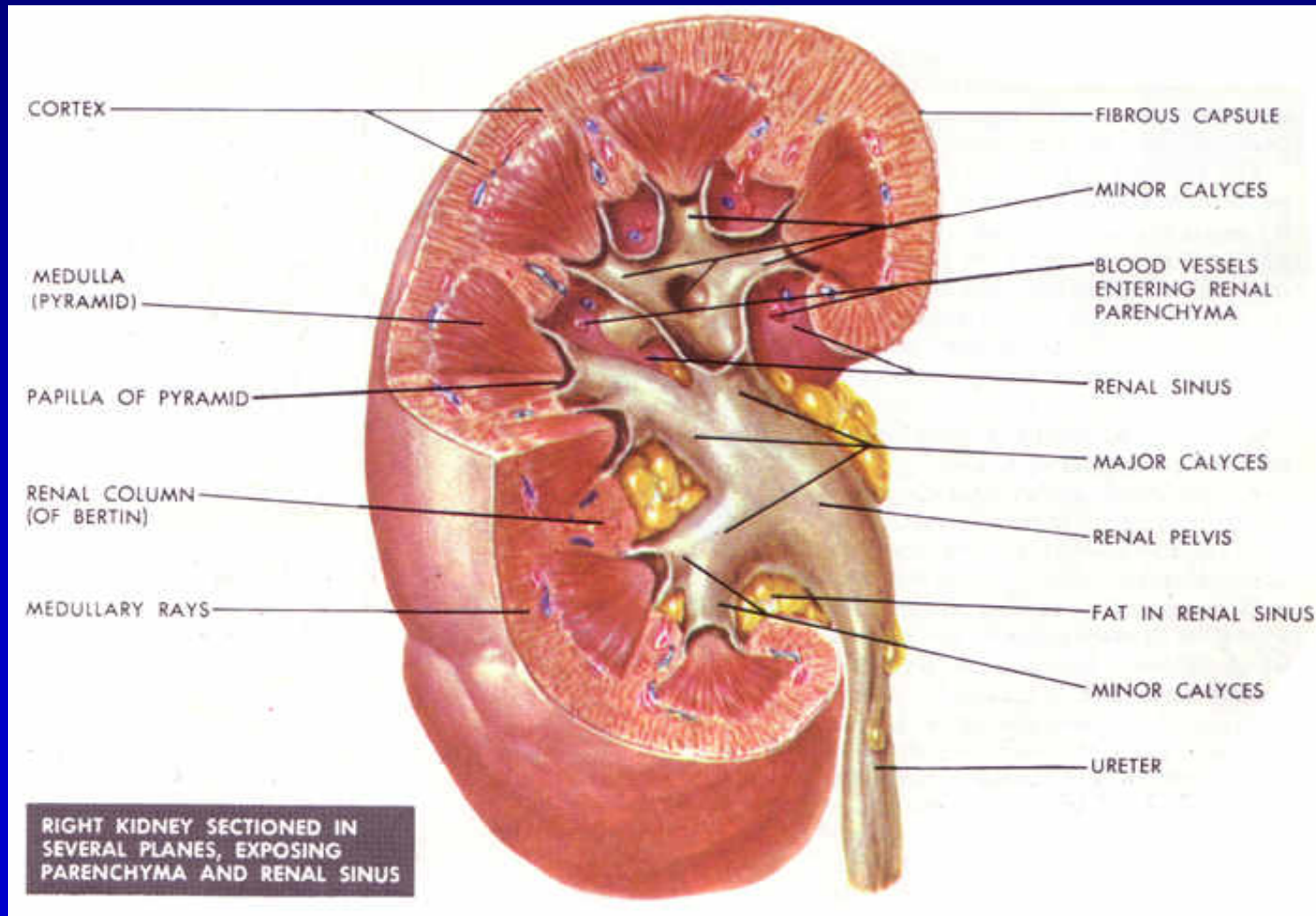
# Kidneys

- Supporting organs:
  - Renal capsule
    - This capsule holds suture unlike the parenchyma
  - Perirenal fat
  - Perirenal fascia (Gerota's)
    - Fused medially with the other side, and opened inferiorly. Closed on other directions!!!
  - Pararenal fat
  - Vascular pedicle
  - Abdominal muscle tone
  - Abdominal viscera



# Kidneys

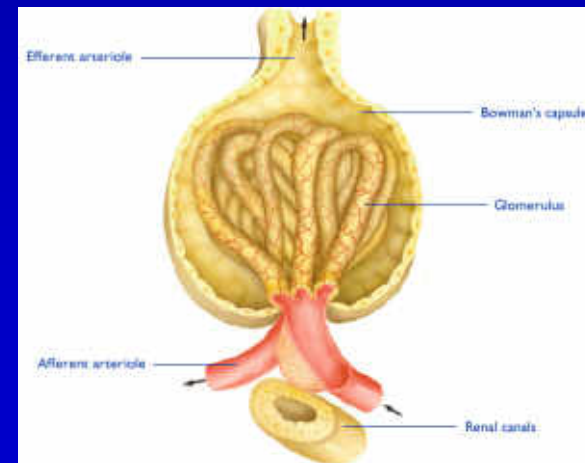
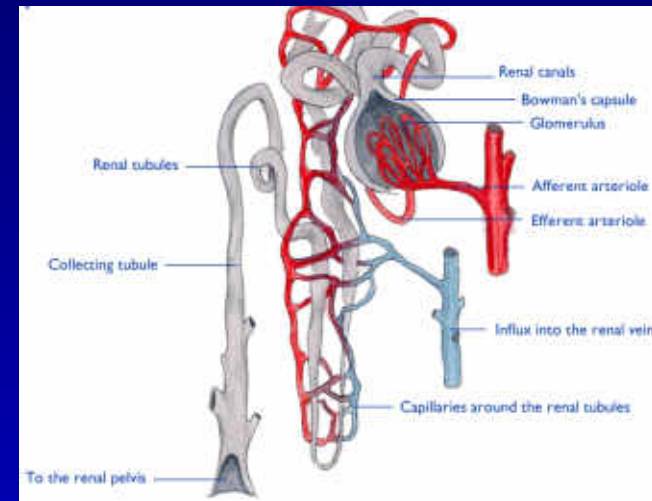
- Structural details



# Kidneys

- Microscopic anatomy

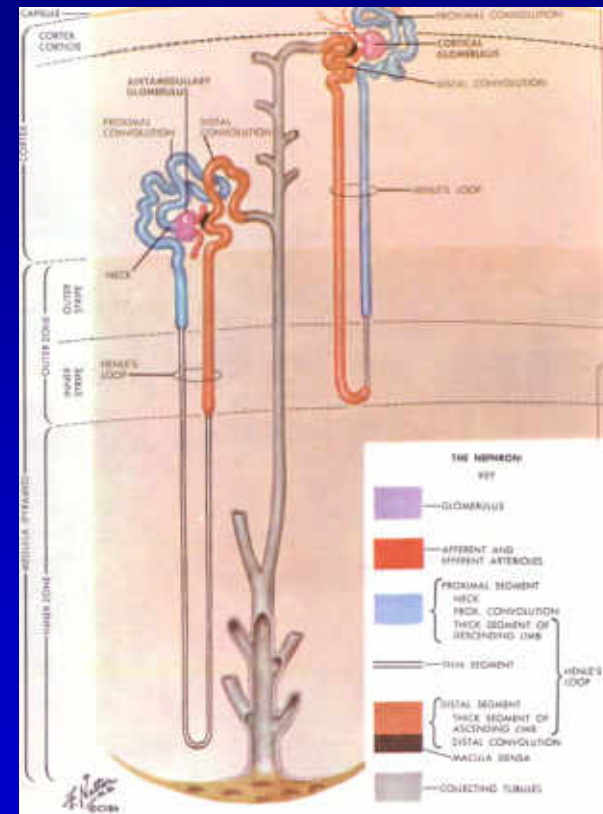
- **Nephron** is functioning unit of the kidneys (2 millions on each side)
- It has 2 functions:
  - **Secretory (mainly in cortex)**
    - Bowman's capsule
    - Glomerulus
    - Juxtaglomerular apparatus
  - **Excretory (mainly in medulla)**
    - Proximal tubule
    - Loop of Henle
    - Distal tubule
    - Collecting duct





# Kidneys

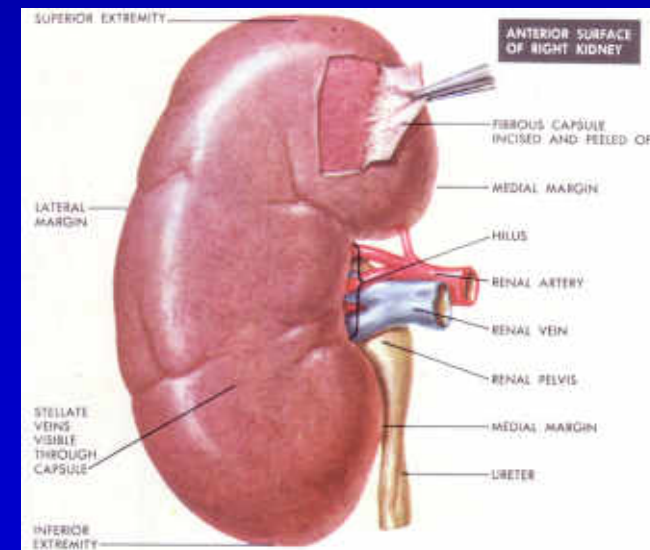
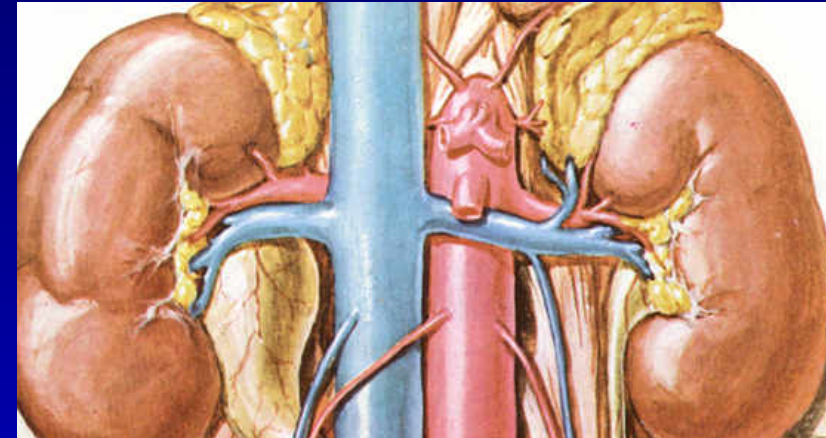
- Physiology of the kidney
  - Fluid balance
  - Electrolyte balance
  - Acid-base balance
  - Vitamin D metabolism
  - Production of renin
  - Production of erythropoietin



# Kidneys

- Blood supply

- Renal Hiulm: From ant. to post: **VAU**
- Arterial supply
  - Usually one **renal a.** from the aorta on each side
  - It branches to **segmental aa.** before entering the kidney
  - They are all **end arteries**
- Venous supply
  - Usually one **renal v.** to inf. V. cava on each side
  - Usually paired with arteries
  - Many **collaterals & segments**



# Kidneys

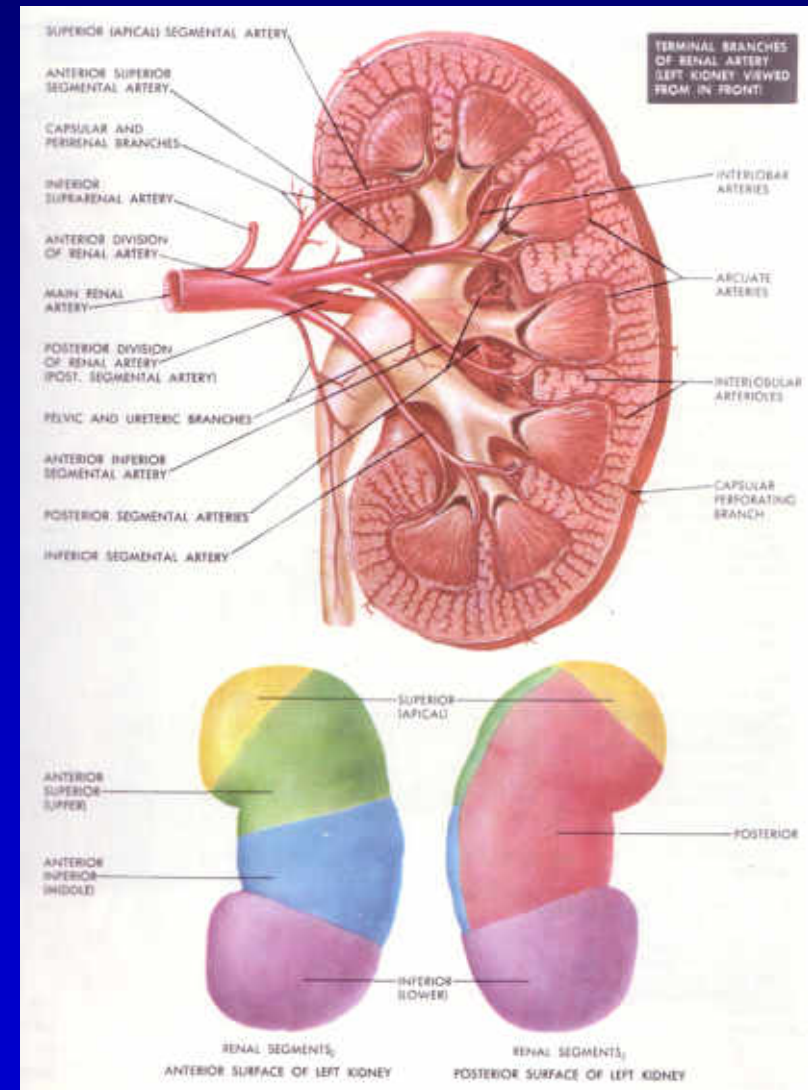
- Blood supply

- Segmental aa.: Branch in the sinus of the kidney into:

- Apical segmental a.
- Ant. Sup. Segmental a.
- Ant. Inf. Segmental a.
- Post. Segmental a.
- Inferior segmental a.

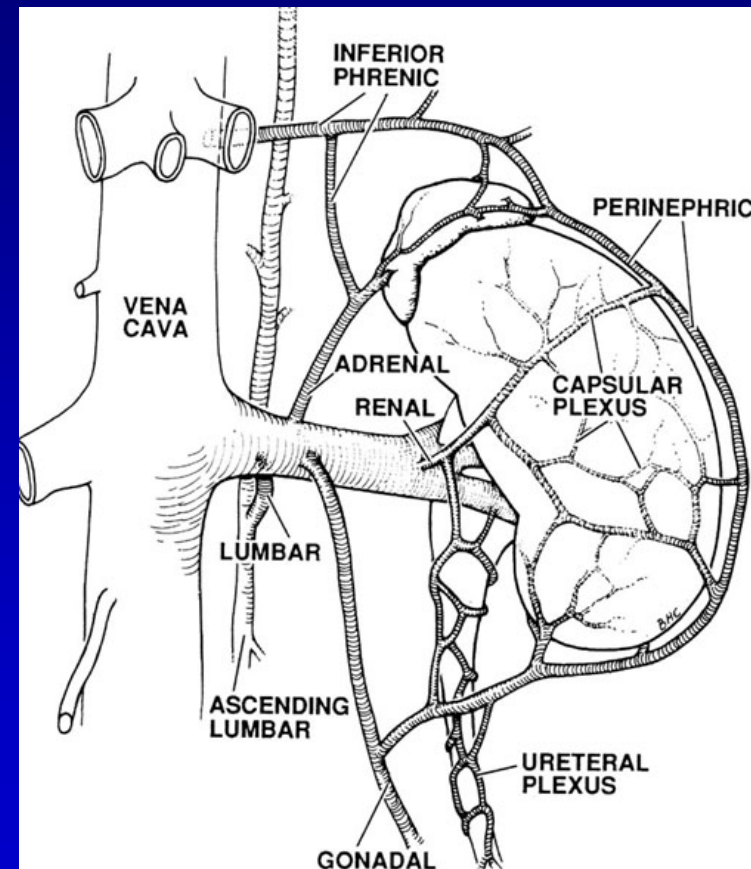
- Each segmental a. supplies different segment of the kidney

- Injury to one segmental a. causes infarction of the effected renal segment



# Kidneys

- Blood supply
  - Venous drainage of the **left kidney** is unique
  - It has potentially extensive collateral circulation
  - Left **gonadal vein** enters the left renal vein
  - Left **adrenal vein** also enters the left renal vein
  - Due to its longer length, there are more **lumbar branches** from the left renal vein





# Kidneys

## • Lymphatic drainage & innervations

### – Left kidney:

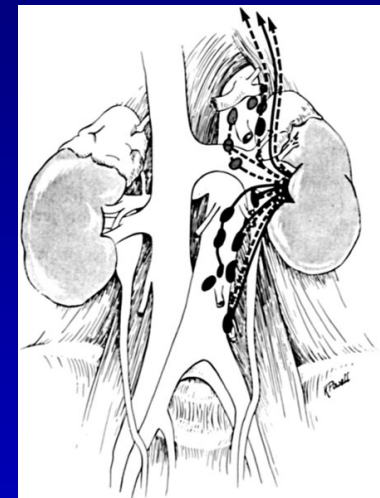
- Lt. renal hilum ly. Nodes
- Lt. lat. paraaortic ly. Nodes

### – Right kidney:

- Rt. renal hilum ly. Nodes
- Interaortocaval ly. Nodes
- Right paracaval ly. Nodes

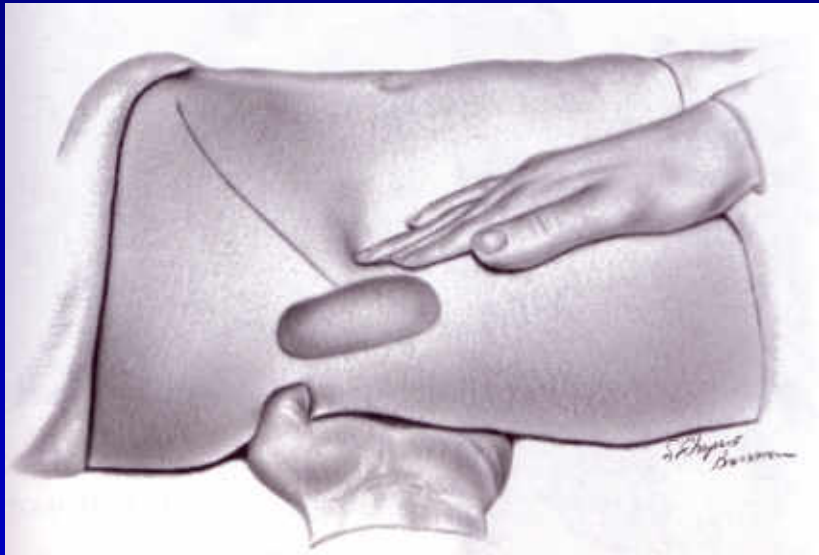
### – Innervation:

- Sympathetic from Th. XII - L. I.
- Parasympathetic from Vagus nerve
  - Pain is originated from nocicepters located in the renal capsule (sensitive to distension)

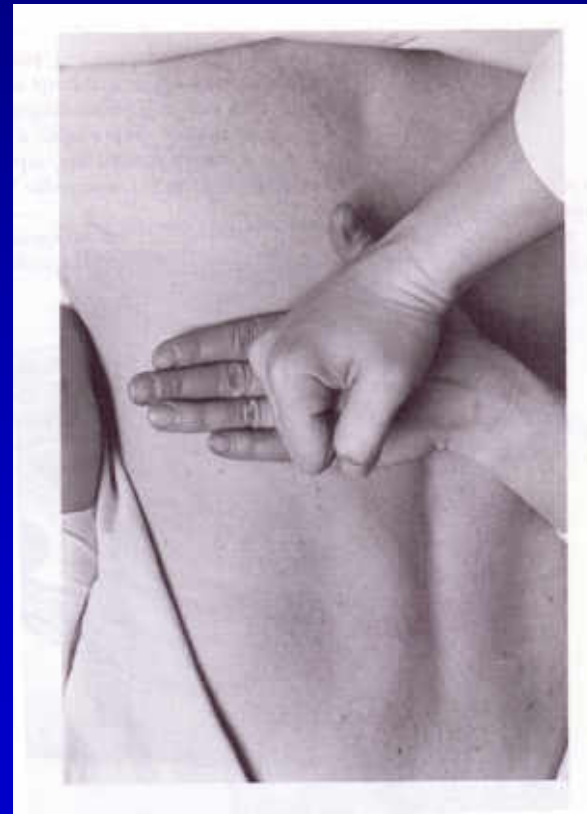


# Kidneys

- Physical examination



Palpation: Supine position

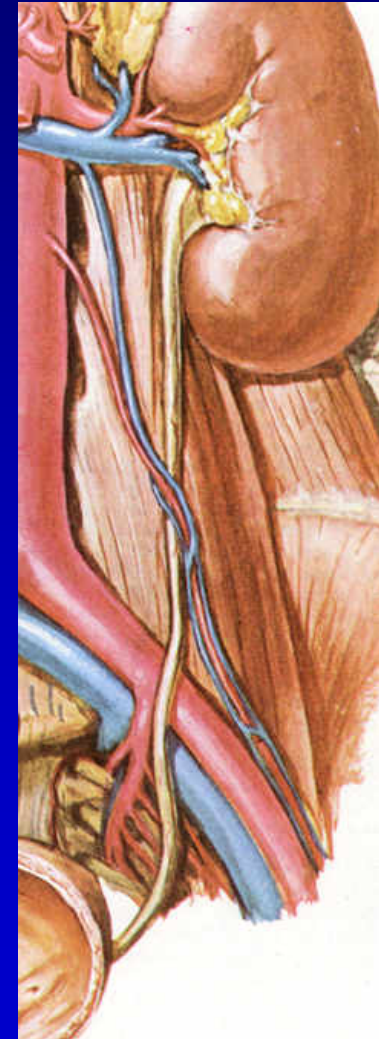


Percussion: Sitting position

# Ureters

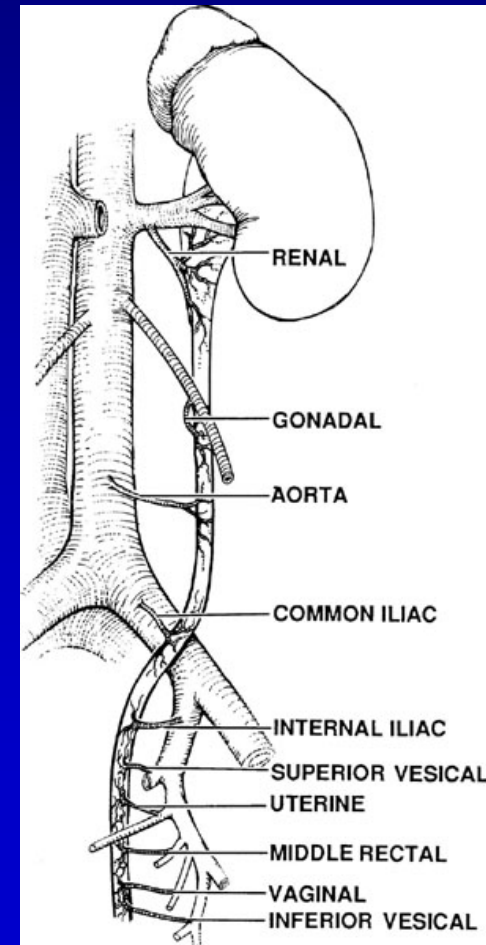
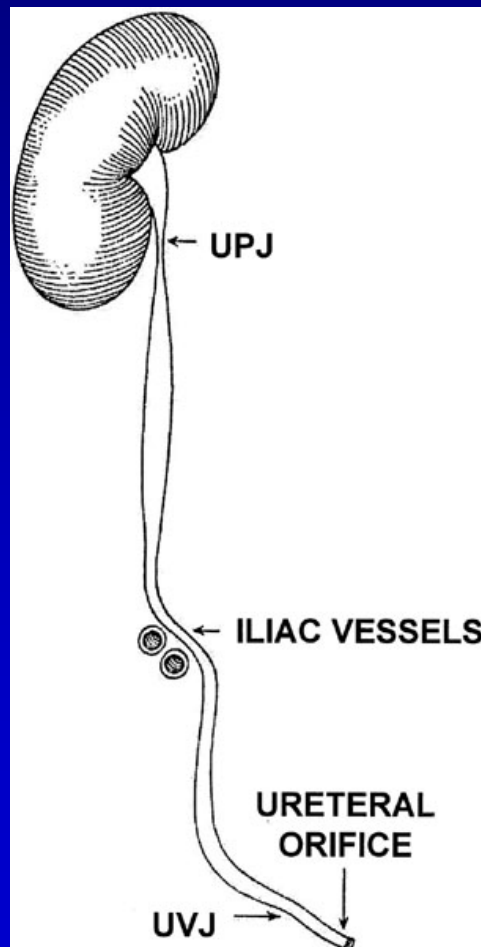
- Anatomy

- Three segments:
  - **Upper:** Renal pelvis to upper border of sacrum
  - **Middle:** to lower border of sacrum
  - **Lower:** to the bladder
- Each courses downward & medially toward the bladder
- 22 - 30 cm in length
- Lined by transitional epith. cells
- Has peristaltic movements



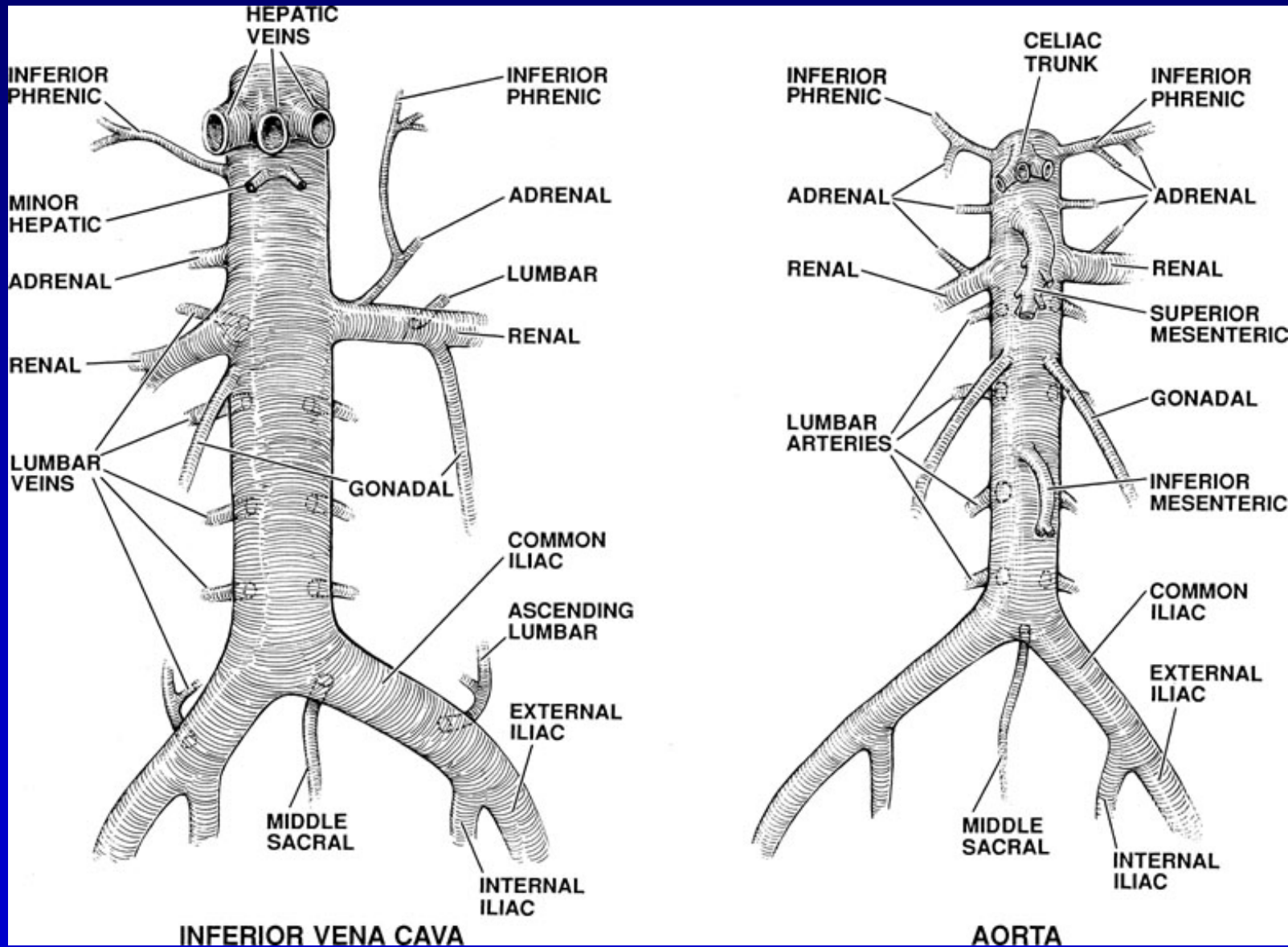
# Ureters

- Normal narrowing & blood supply

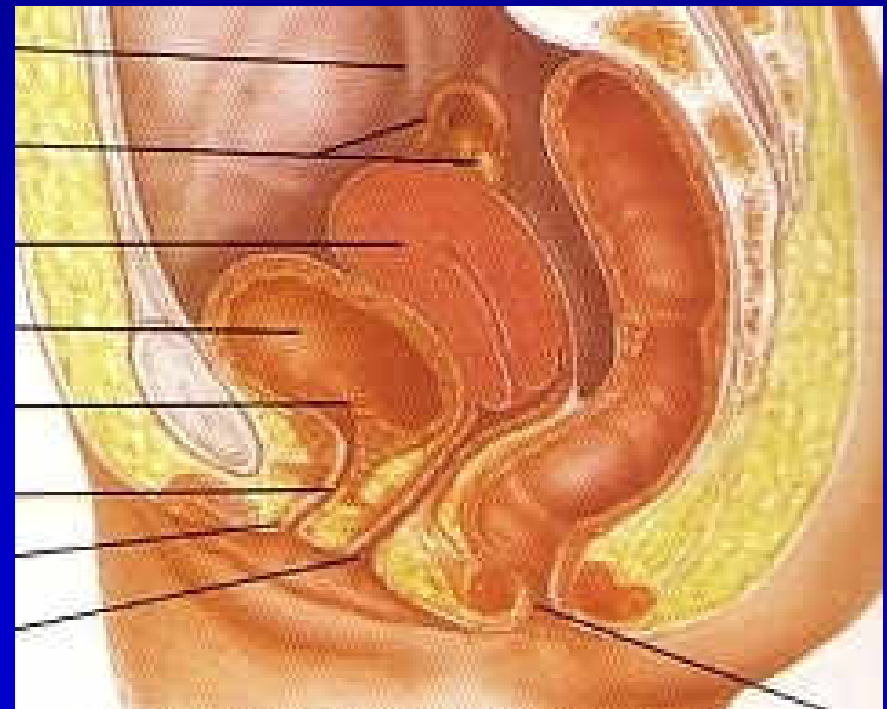
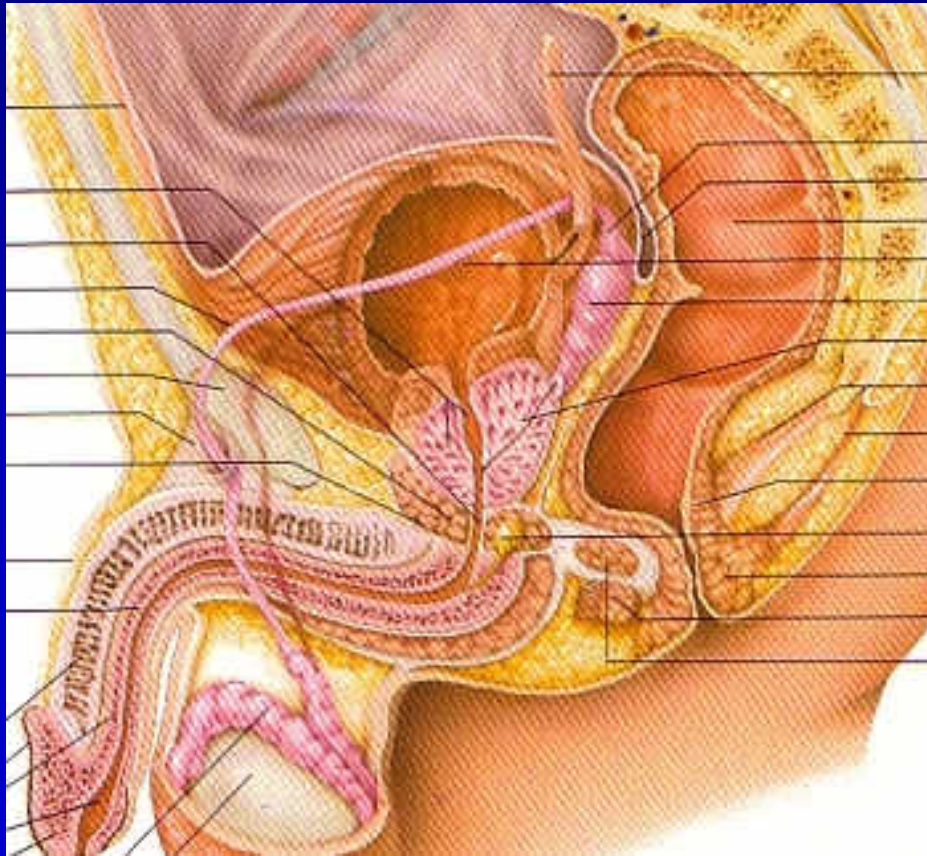




# Aorta & vena cava



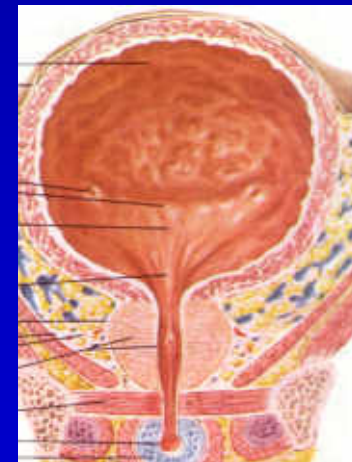
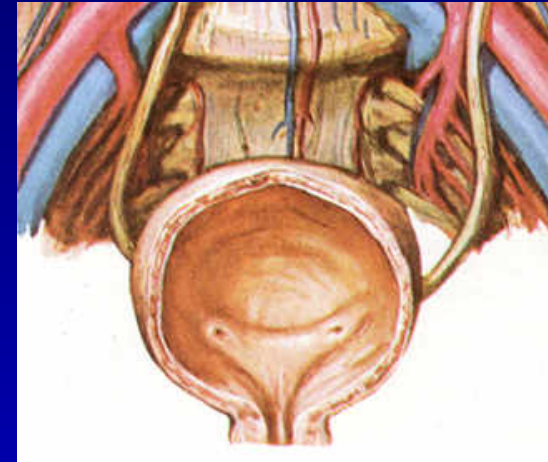
## II. Pelvic & Perineal Organs



# Urinary bladder

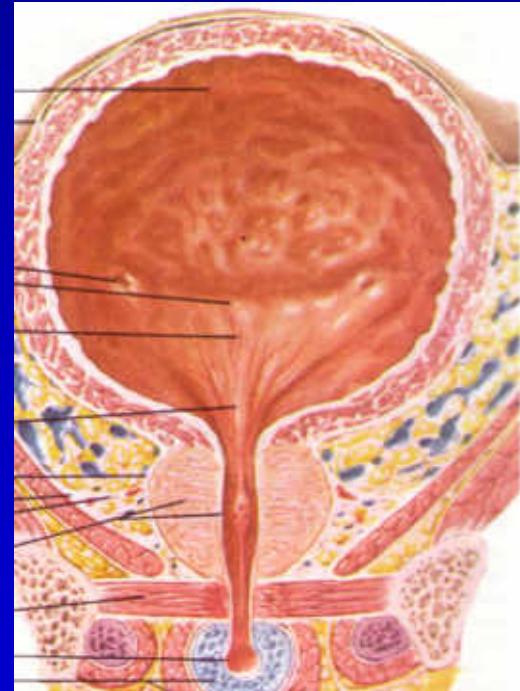
- Anatomy

- A hollow muscular organ
- Serves as a reservoir for urine
- Adult normal capacity: 400–500 ml
- When empty lies behind the pubic symphysis
- Palpated only when it is full
- Ureters enter the bladder posteroinferiorly
- The orifices are situated at the ends of a crescent shaped interureteric ridge
- Trigone is the area between 2 orifices & the bladder neck



# Urinary bladder

- Microscopic anatomy
  - Mucosa is of transitional epithelium
  - Beneath it in order:
    - Submucosal layer
    - Superficial muscle (inner half)
    - Deep muscle (outer half)
    - Perivesical fat
  - The muscular layers are:
    - Inner longitudinal
    - Middle circular
    - Outer longitudinal





# Urinary bladder

- Blood supply & lymphatics

- Arterial supply:

- **Internal iliac a. (hypogastric)**

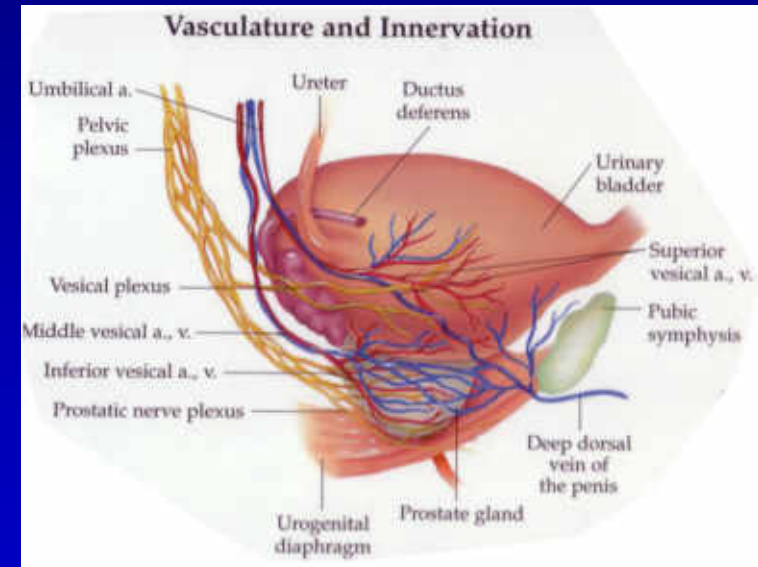
- Sup. Vesical
- Middle vesical
- Inferior vesical

- Venous drainage:

- **Internal iliac v. (hypogastric)**

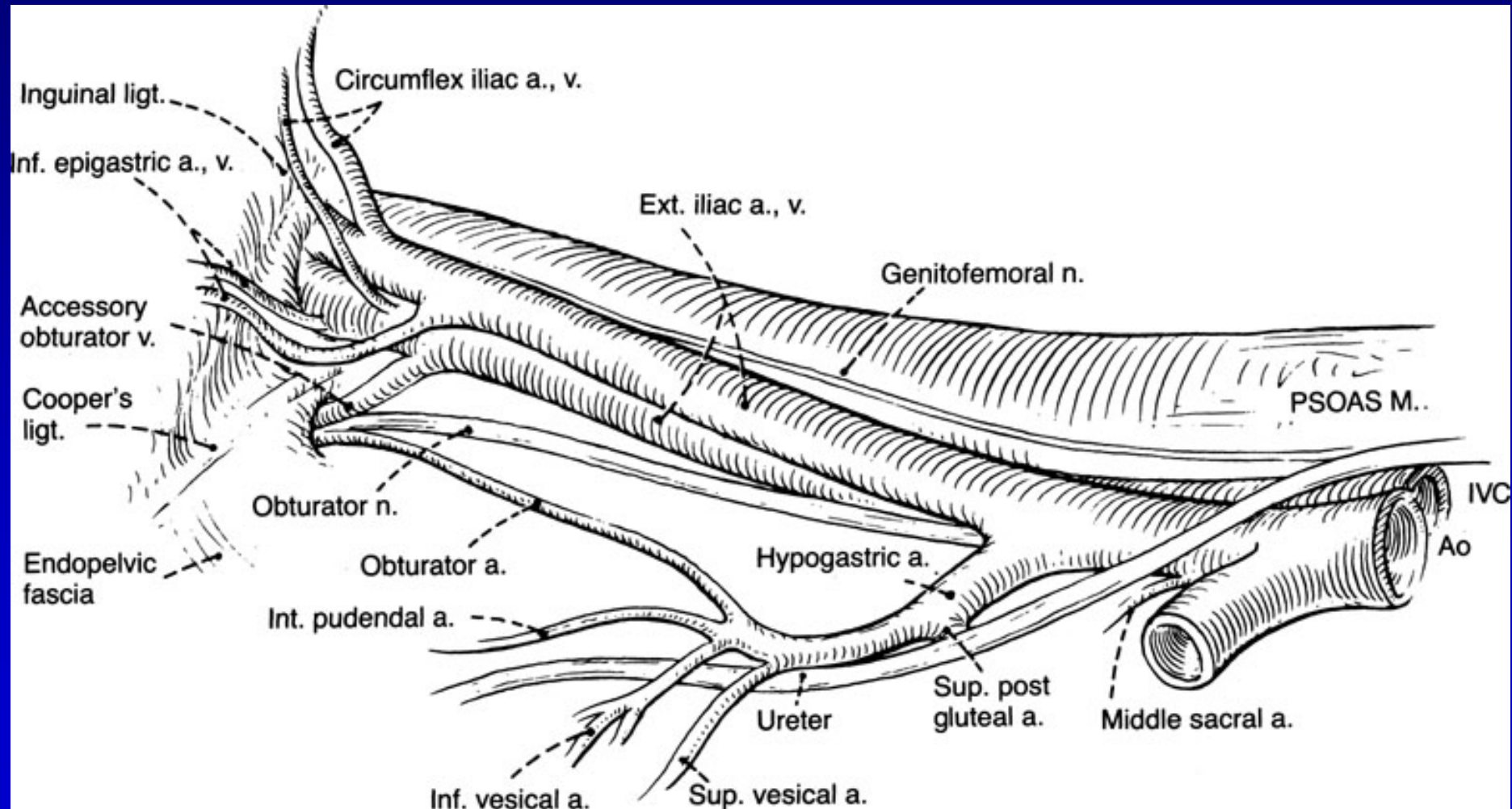
- Lymphatic drainage:

- Vesical lymph nodes
- External iliac
- Internal iliac
- Common iliac





# Pelvic blood vessels



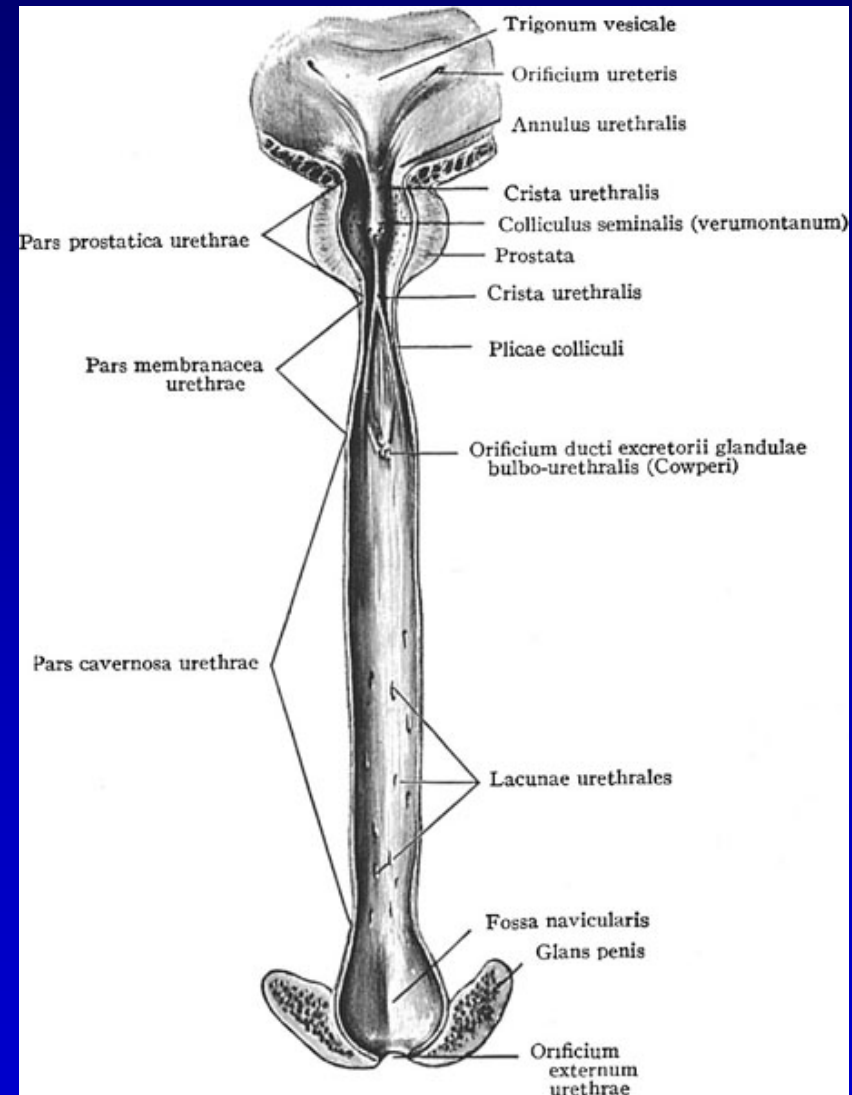
# Urethra

- Female urethra

- About 4 cm long
- Diameter about 8 mm
- Slightly curved
- Ant. To vagina
- Squamous epithelium

- Male urethra

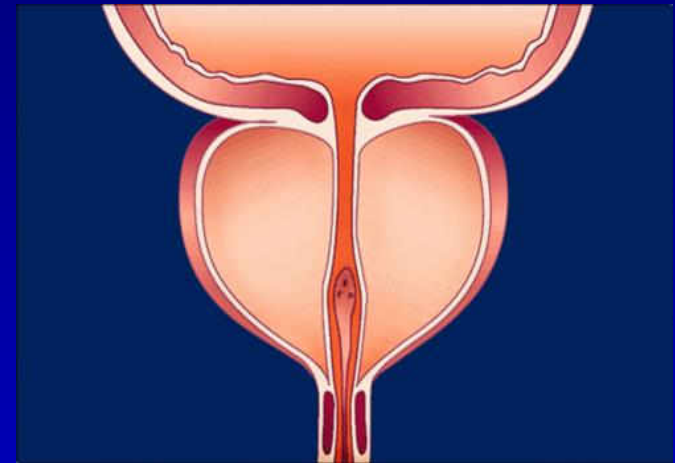
- Diameter about 8 mm
- Squamous epithelium
- Diff. parts (see the fig.)



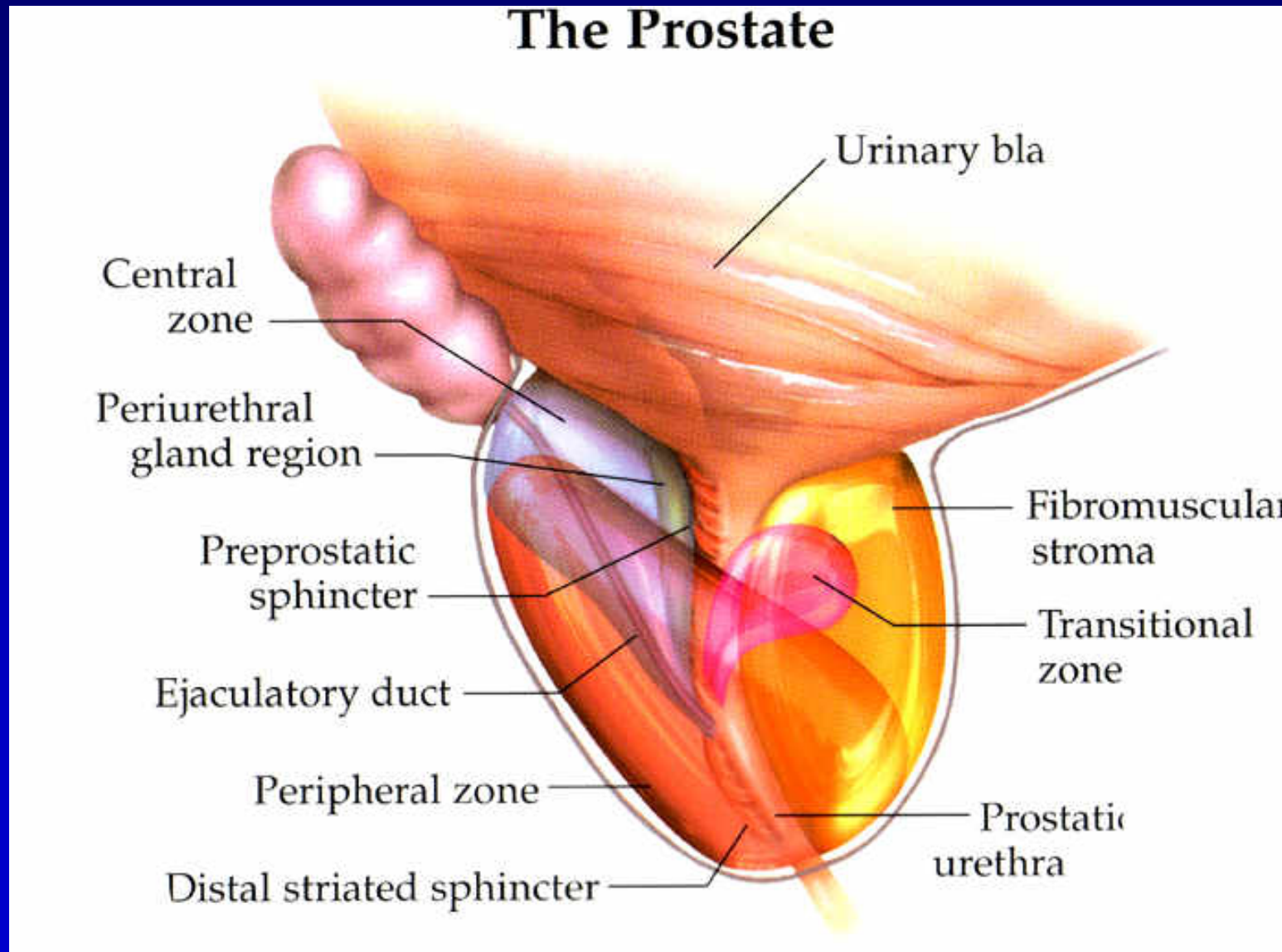
# Prostate

- Anatomy

- A fibromuscular & glandular organ
- Lying just inferior to the bladder
- Ovoid shape, with a narrowed **apex** inferiorly and a broad **base** superiorly
- Normally about 20 grams
- Size: 4 x 3 x 2 cm
- Traversed by post. urethra (2.5 cm)
- Supported anteriorly by:  
Puboprostatic ligament
- Perforated posteriorly by ejaculatory ducts

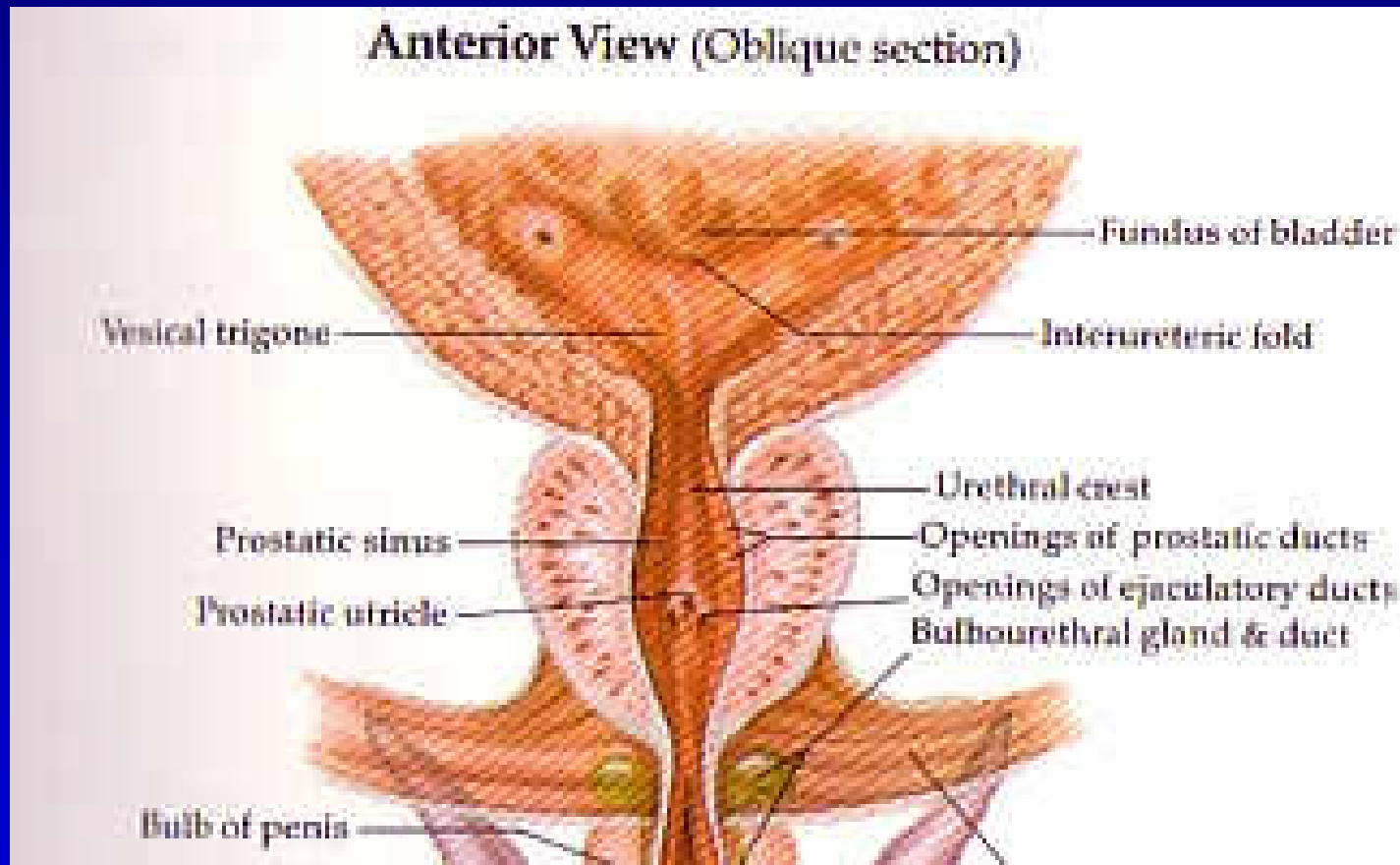


# Prostate



# Prostate

- Prostatic urethra





# Prostate

- Venous and lymphatic drainage

- Venous:

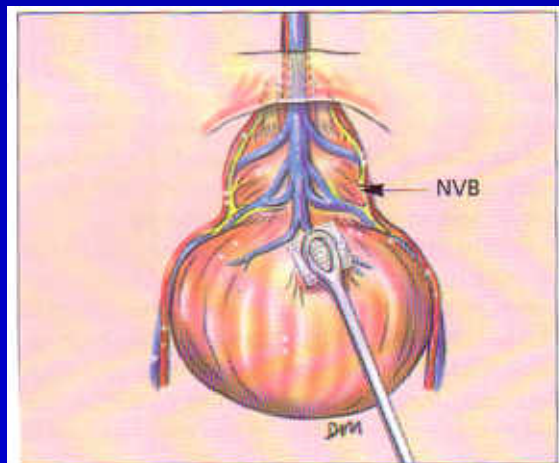
- Periprostatic plexus

- Deep dorsal vein of penis

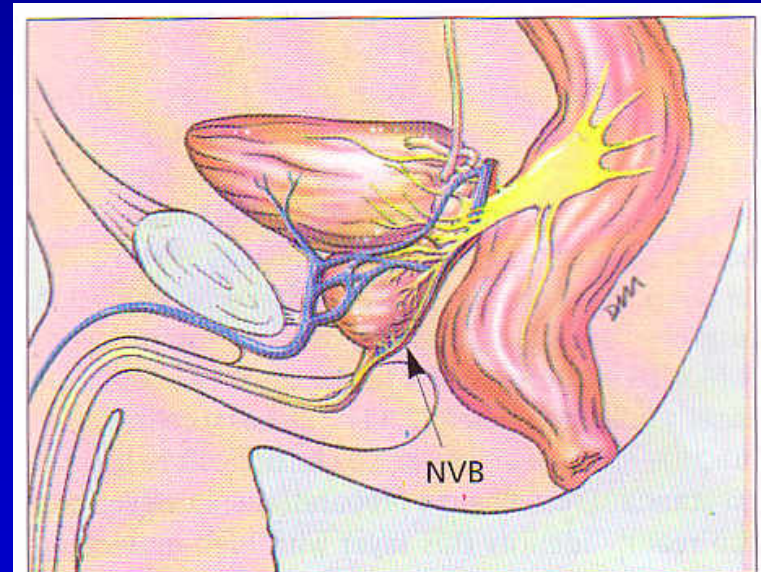
- » Internal iliac vein

- Lymphatics:

- Obturator and iliac nodes



(b) AP view at surgery.



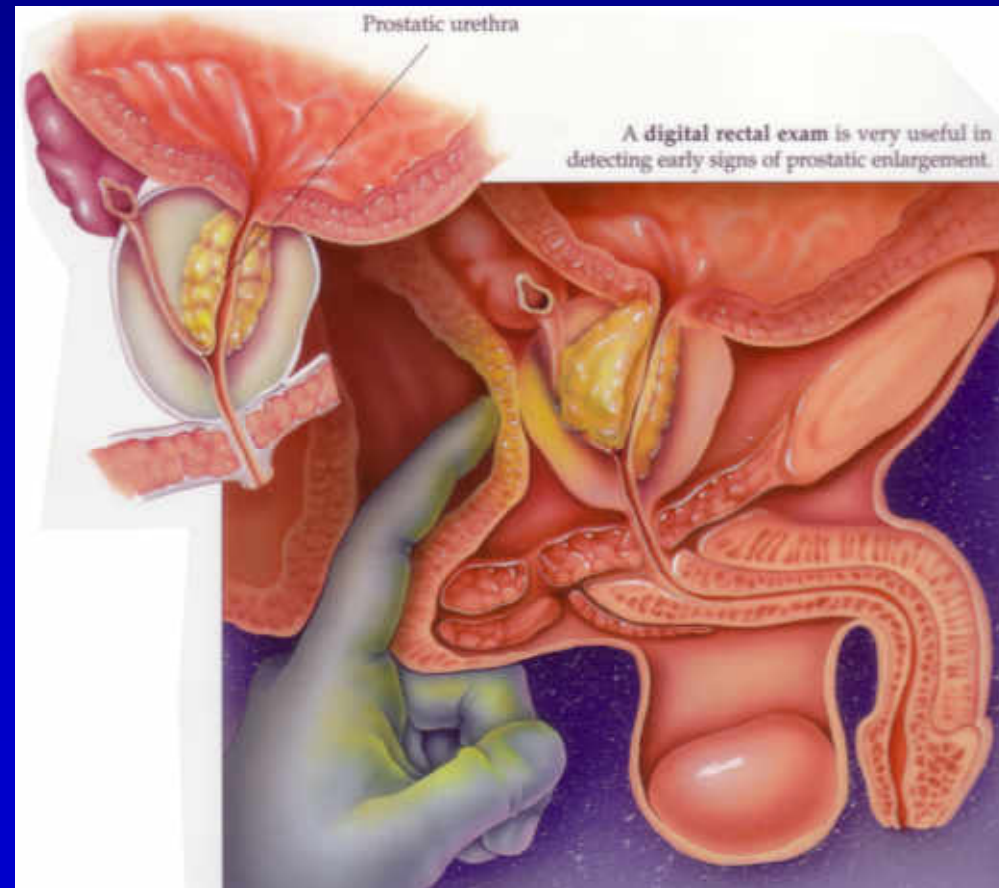
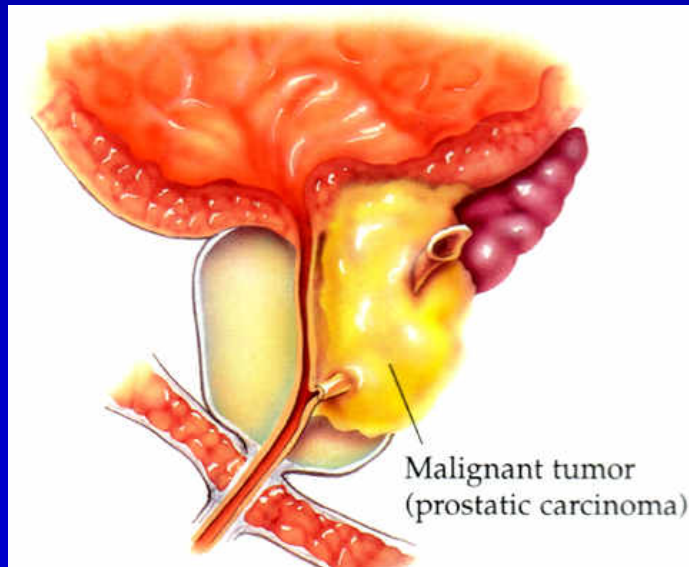
2.8 The neurovascular bundles (NVBs) described by Walsh, innervating and supplying blood to the corpora cavernosa. (a) Lateral view.

# Prostate

- Physical examination

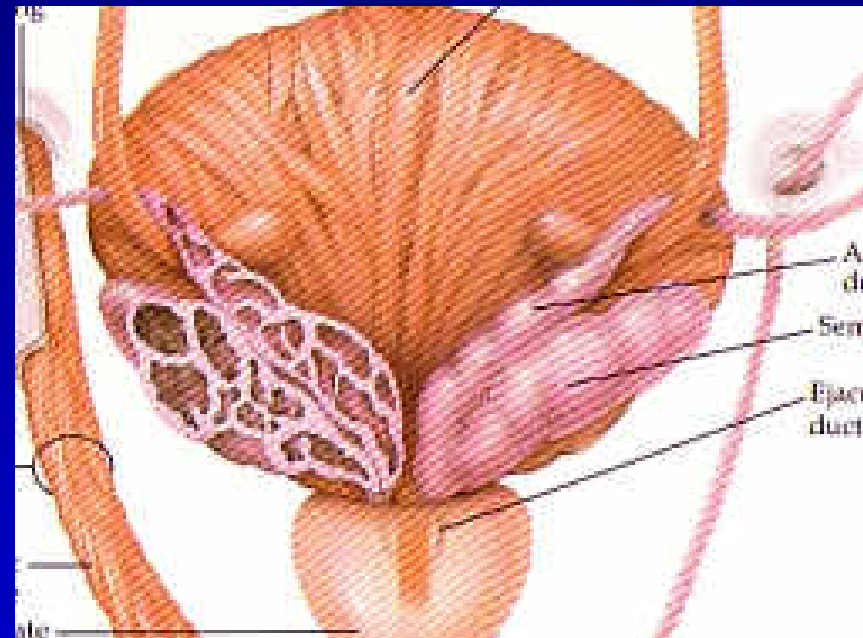
- Normal prostate

- Peanut size
    - Symmetric
    - Smooth surface
    - Gl. consistency
    - No pain



# Seminal vesicles

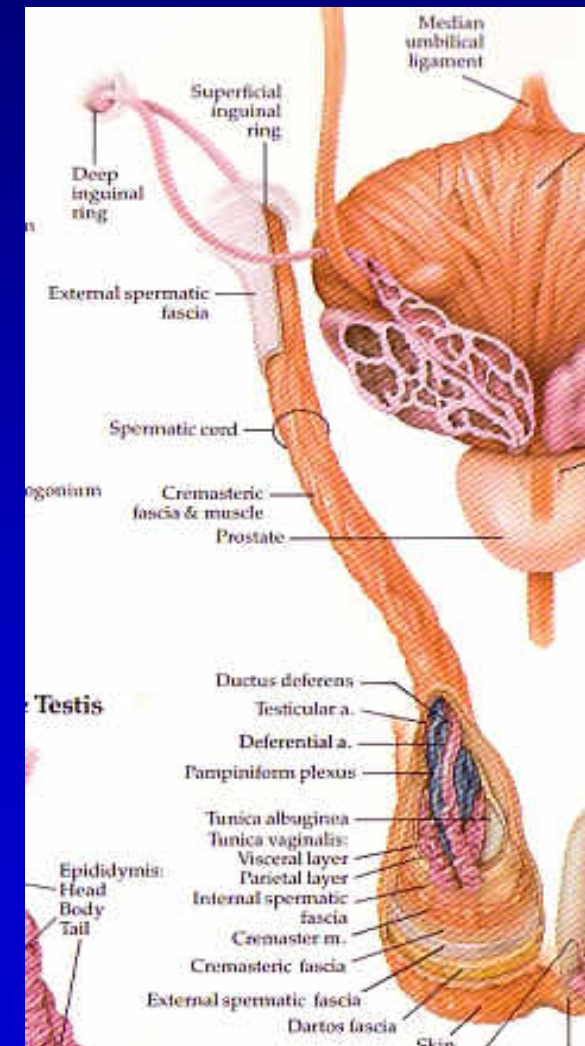
- Anatomy
  - Cephalic to the prostate
  - Under base of the bladder
  - About 6 cm long
  - Quite soft
  - Joins its corresponding vas deferens to form the ejaculatory duct
  - Blood supply similar to prostate



# Spermatic cord

## • Anatomy

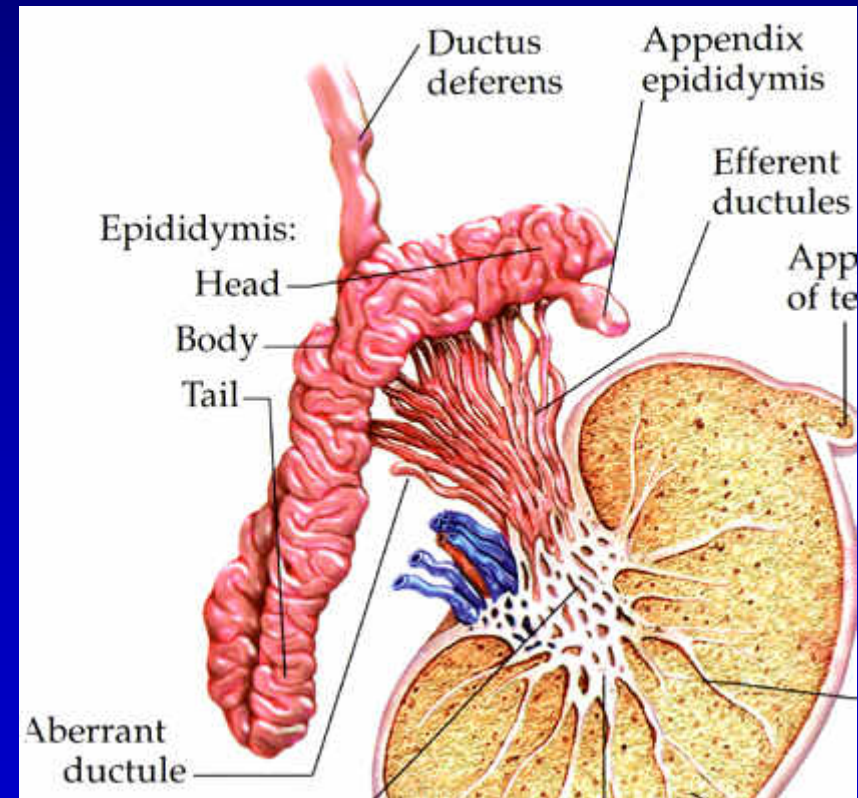
- Two spermatic cords extend from testicle to external inguinal ring. Through inguinal canal it reaches to internal inguinal ring and its contents enter the retroperitoneum
- Each cord contains:
  - Ductus deferens
  - Cremaster muscle
  - Internal spermatic a.
  - External spermatic a.
  - Vas deferens a.
  - Pampiniform plexus
  - Lymphatics
  - Nerves





# Epididymis

- Anatomy
  - The upper portion of epididymis is connected to the testis by efferent ducts from the testis
  - It consists of coiled ducts
  - Its lower pole connected to ductus deferens
  - It lies posterolateral to the testis

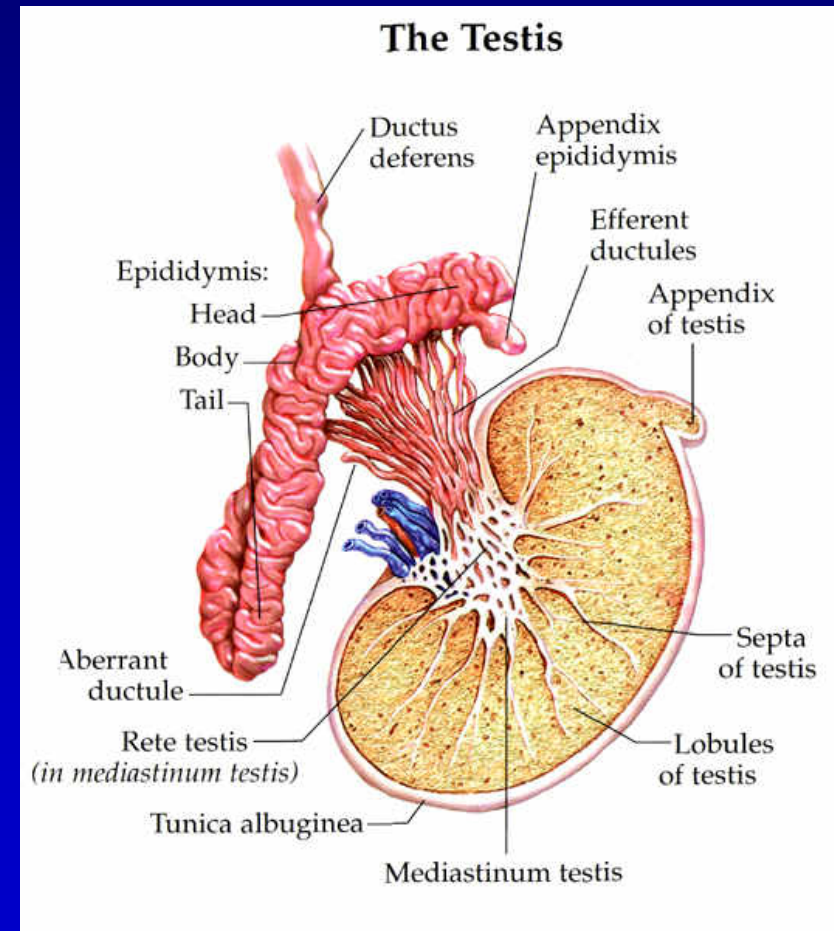




# Testis

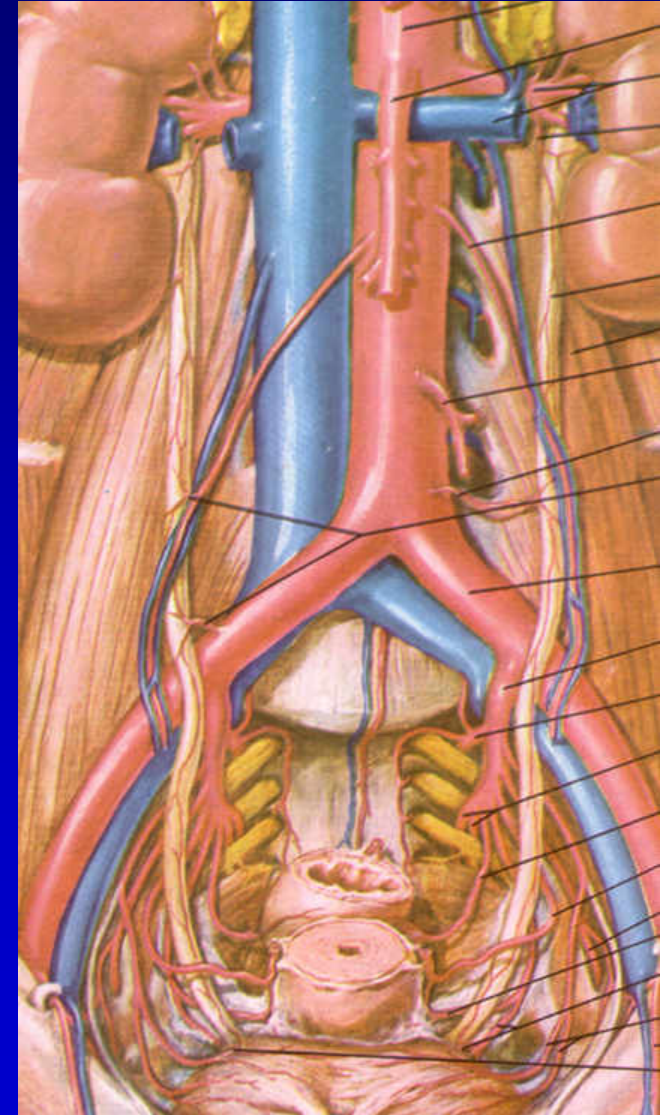
## • Anatomy

- Size: 4 x 3 x 2.5 cm
- About 30 ml
- They are enclosed in a strong capsule called **tunica albuginea**
- At the upper pole is the appendix testis
- Closely attached to the epididymis
- It has 2 important functions:
  - Spermatogenesis
  - Testosterone production by Leydig cells



# Testis

- Blood supply
  - Closely associated with that of the kidney because of common embryologic origin
  - **Arterial supply**
    - Internal spermatic a.
      - From the aorta
    - External spermatic a.
      - Internal iliac a.
  - **Venous drainage**
    - Pampiniform plexus, into the spermatic cord
      - Internal spermatic vein
        - » Lt. to renal, Rt. to v. cava
      - External spermatic vein
        - » Into iliac veins

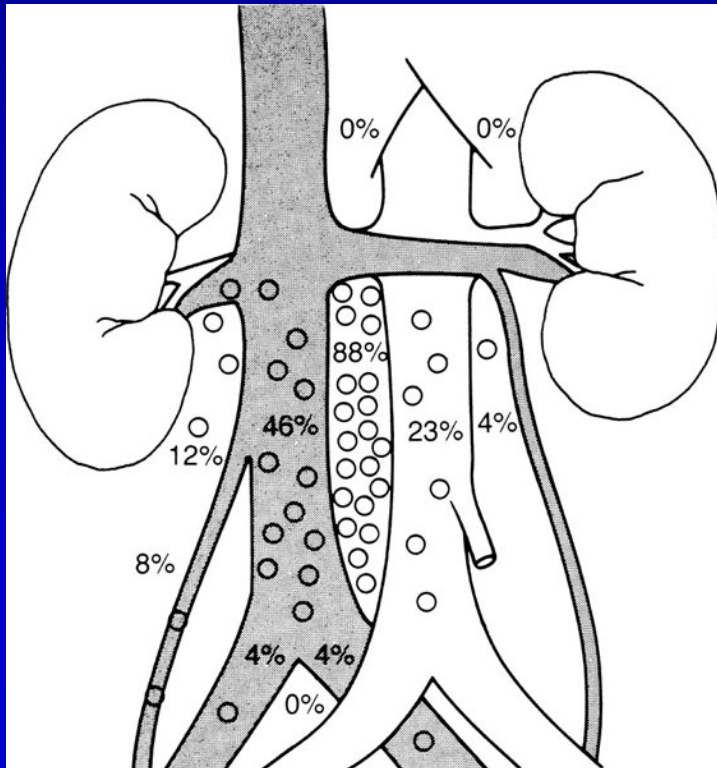


# Testis

- Lymphatic drainage

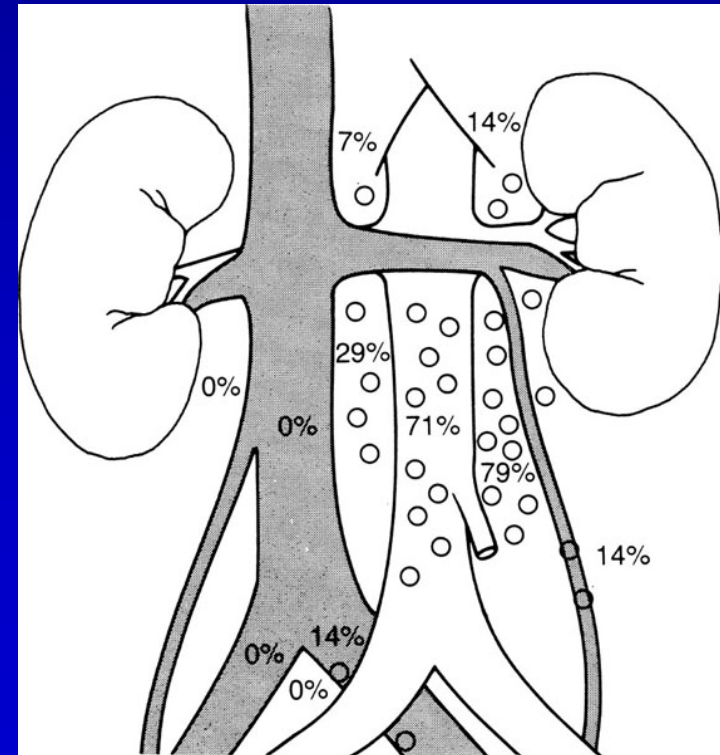
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- Inter-aortocaval nodes
- Para-caval nodes



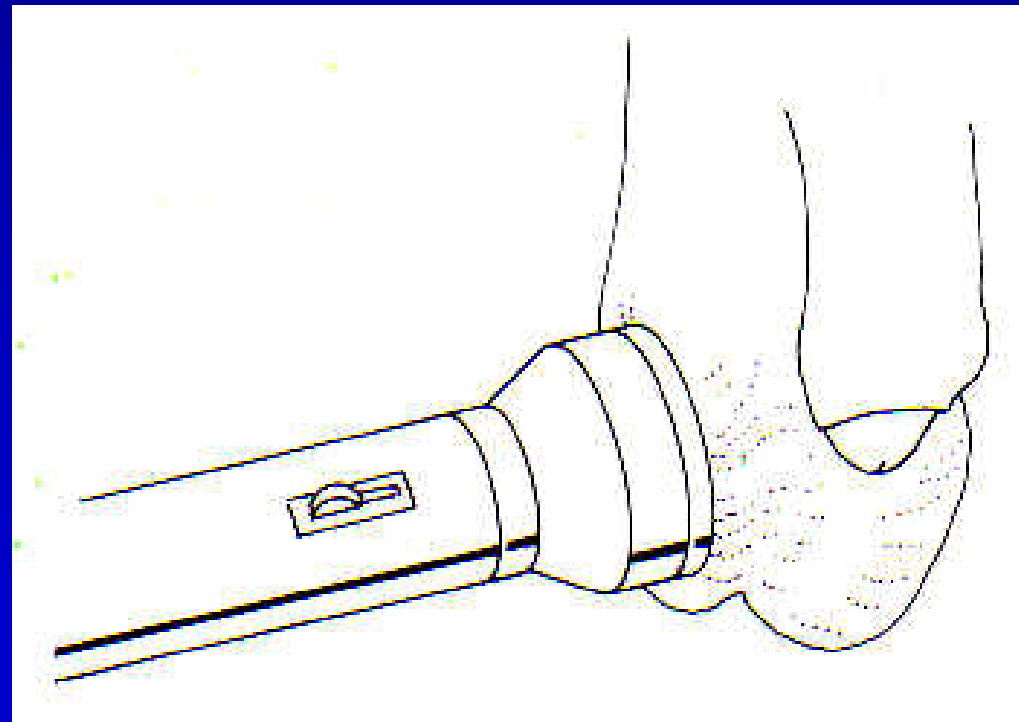
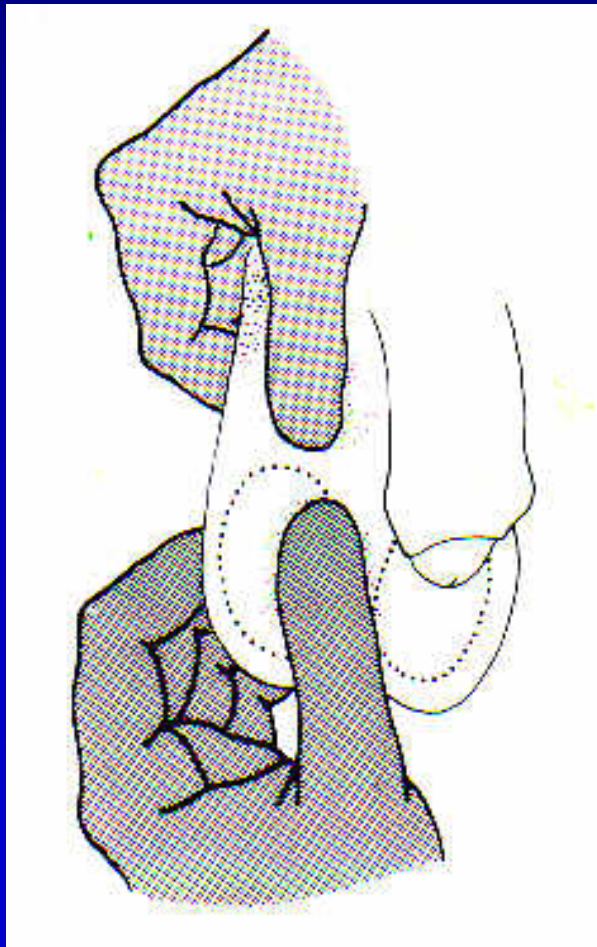
## Left side:

- Para-aortic nodes



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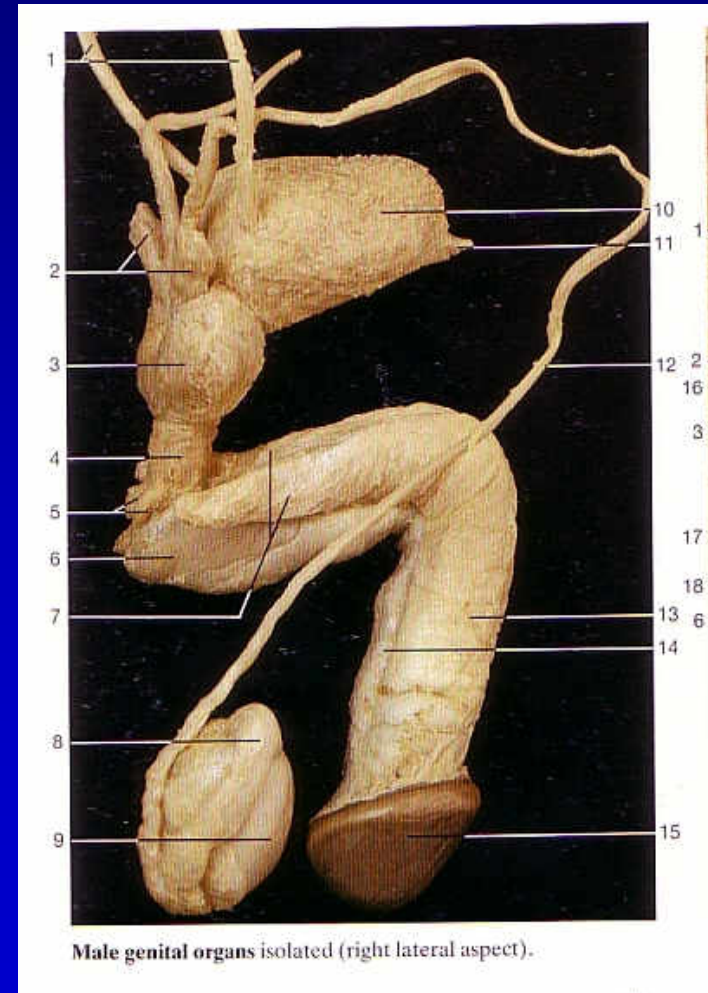
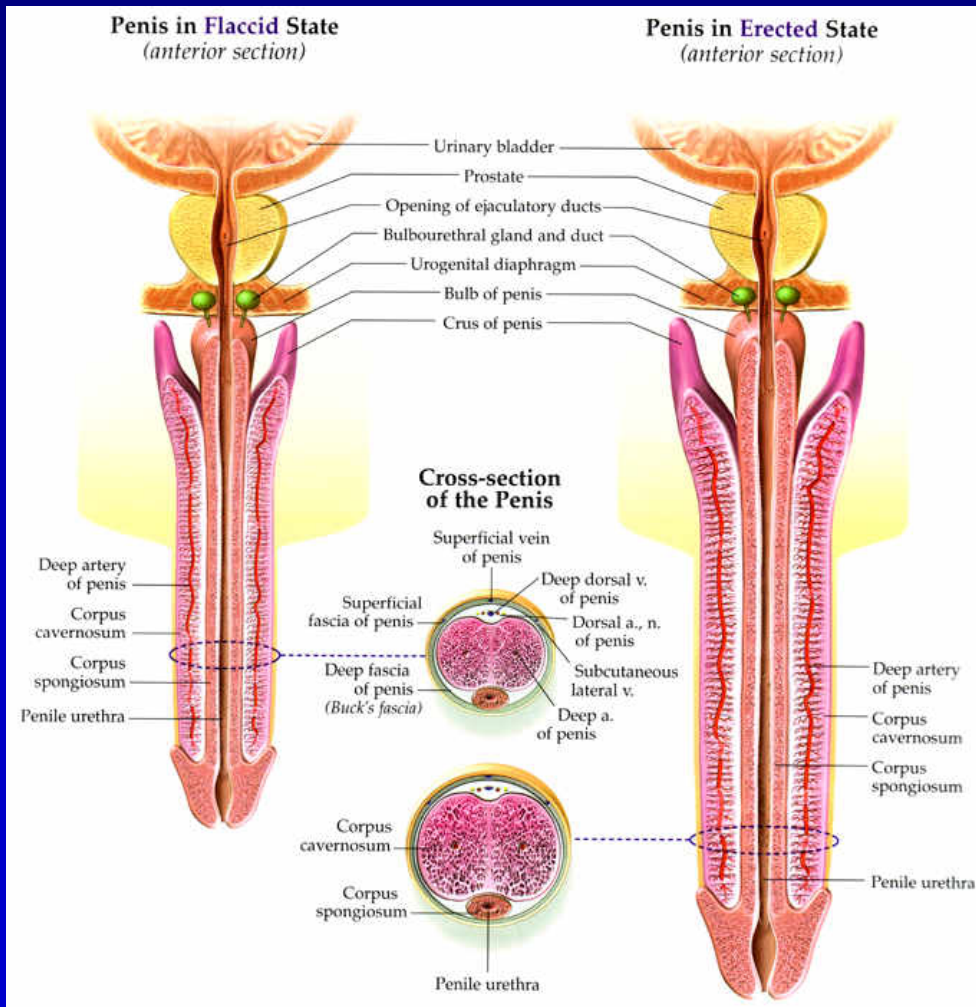
- Physical examination



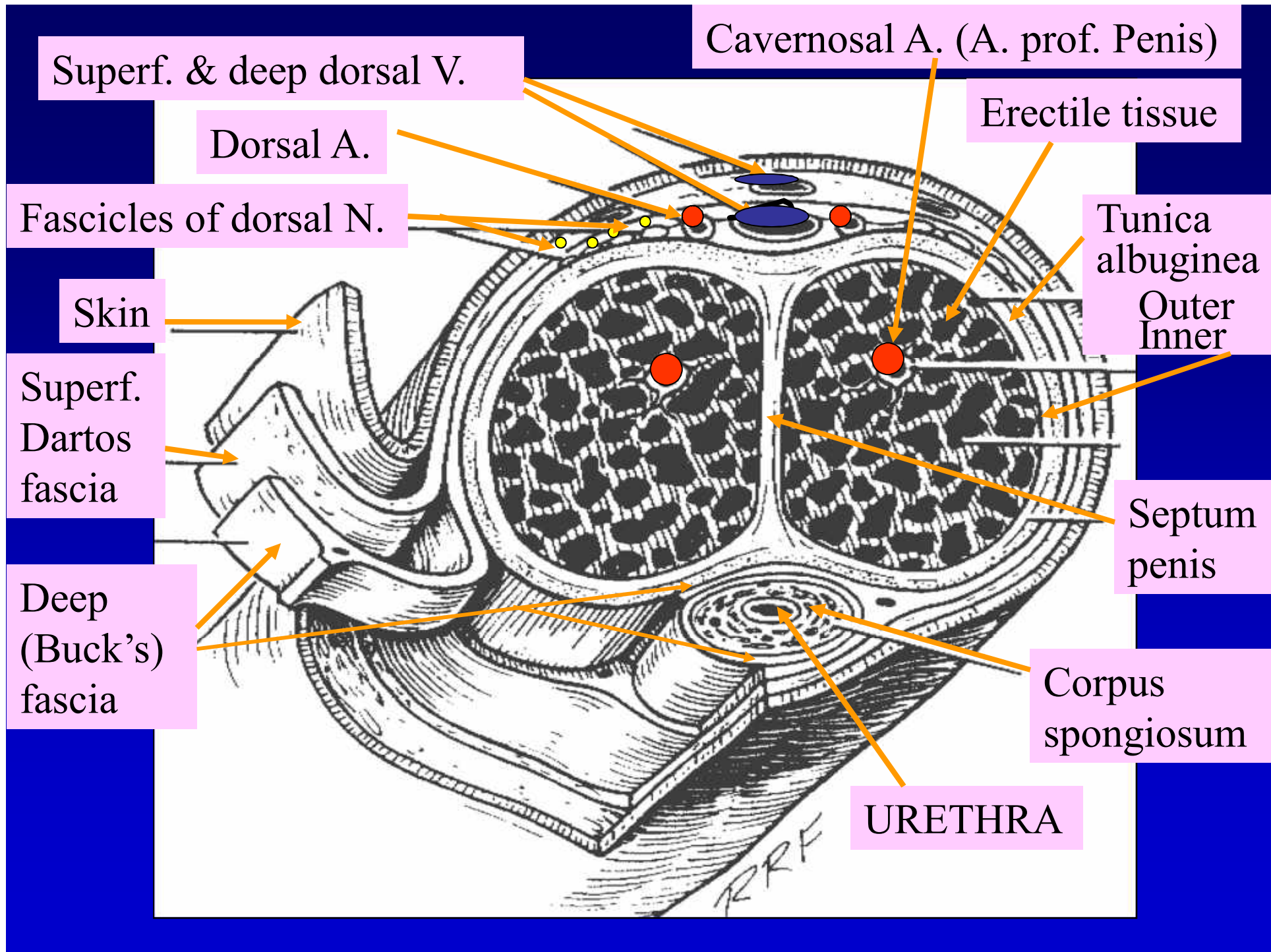


# Penis

- Anatomy







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