

13 Inside the kidney – Part 2

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Vocabulary

Write each word three times.

English	Write it 3 times (English)		
Filtration	_____	_____	_____
glomerulus	_____	_____	_____
glucose	_____	_____	_____
Reabsorption	_____	_____	_____
amino acids	_____	_____	_____
liver	_____	_____	_____
deamination	_____	_____	_____
urea	_____	_____	_____
toxic	_____	_____	_____

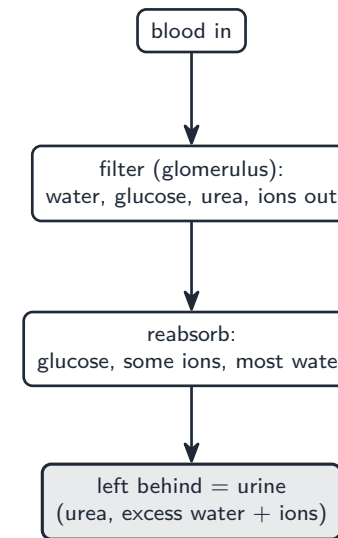
Recall

Each kidney has millions of tiny tubes that clean the blood in two steps.

New ideas

Read these first, then do the Practice.

■ 1 How a kidney cleans blood



1. **Filtration** : at the **glomerulus** , water, **glucose** , urea and ions are forced out of the blood.
2. **Reabsorption** : **all** the glucose, **some** ions and **most** of the water are taken back into the blood.

What is left – urea and excess water and ions – is the urine.

■ 2 Where urea comes from



The body cannot store extra **amino acids** . The **liver** breaks them down (**deamination**) to make **urea** , which is **toxic** , so the kidneys remove it.

Watch out: the kidney cleans blood in two steps – **filtration** forces small molecules out (including glucose), then **reabsorption** takes back *all* the glucose, *some* ions and *most* of the water. Glucose is normally **not** in urine.

Practice

Try these in order.

13.6 What happens during filtration in the kidney? [1]

13.7 Name two things that are reabsorbed back into the blood. [2]

13.8 What is left behind to form the urine? [1]

13.9 Where is urea made, and from what? [2]

13.10 Why must urea be removed from the body? [1]

13.11 Challenge. Healthy urine contains no glucose, even though glucose is filtered out of the blood. Explain why. [2]