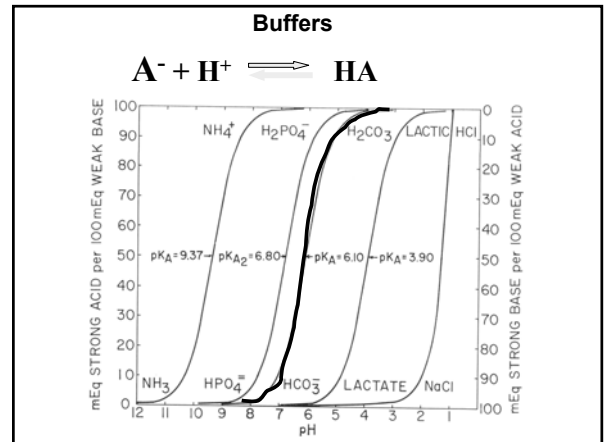
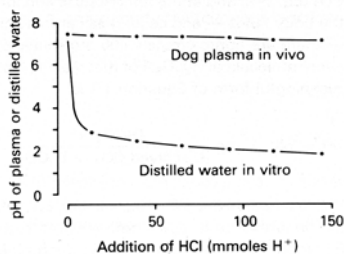


The task of the kidney in acid-base balance is excretion of the daily acid load

- Oxidation of amino acids, fats and carbohydrates often leads to acid production
- On an average American diet we produce about 1 of $\text{H}^+\text{mEq} / \text{kg} / \text{day}$



Buffering of an acid load



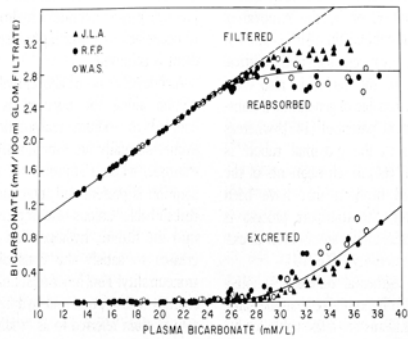
Pitts. *Harvey Lect.* 48:172. 1953

The Henderson Hasselbalch Equation

$$\text{pH} = \text{pK} + \log \frac{[\text{HCO}_3^-]}{\alpha \text{pCO}_2}$$

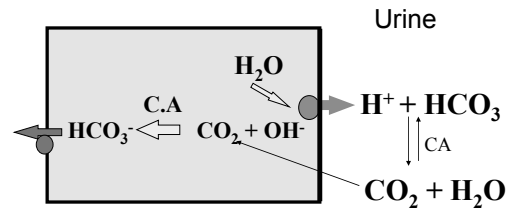
$\text{pK} = 6.1$ at 37°C and 0.15 M salt
 $\alpha = 0.03$

Filtered Bicarbonate

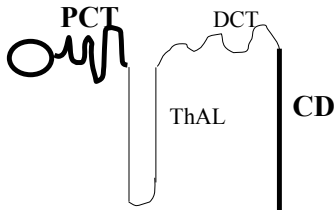


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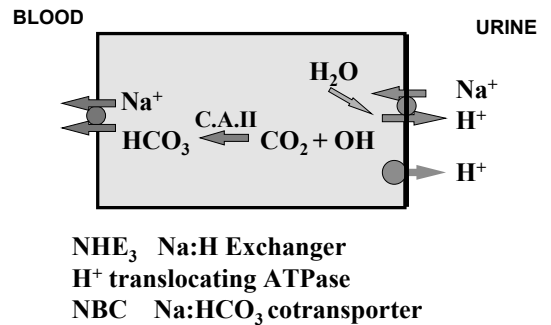
HCO₃ Reabsorption by H⁺ secretion



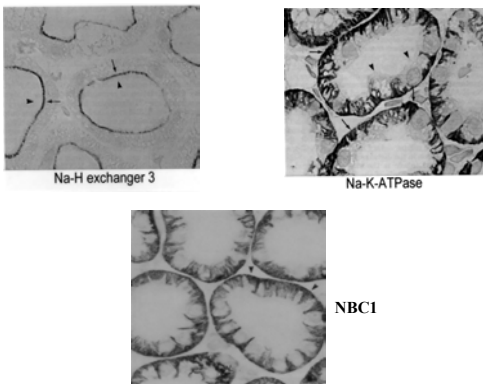
HCO₃ reabsorption / H⁺ secretion occurs in the Proximal and Collecting tubules



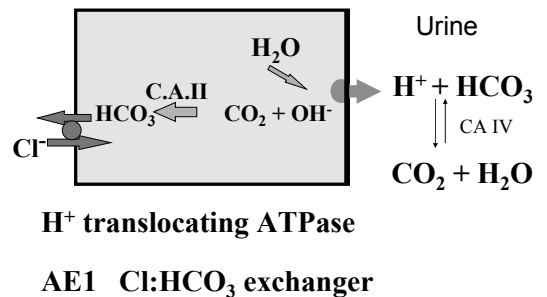
H⁺ Secretion in the Proximal Tubule



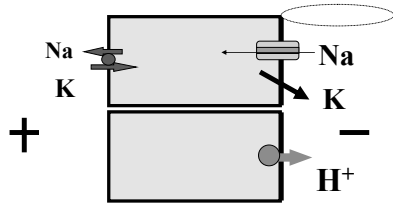
Proximal Tubule



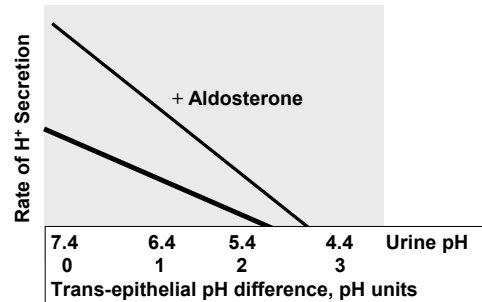
H⁺ secretion in the Collecting Tubule



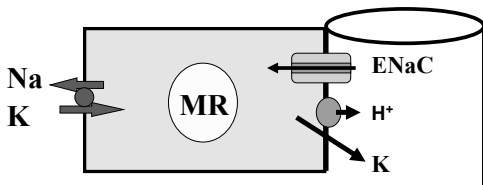
The Membrane Potential Generated by Na Absorption Regulates H^+ and K^+ Secretion in Collecting Tubules



Regulation of H^+ Secretion in the Collecting Tubule by Aldosterone

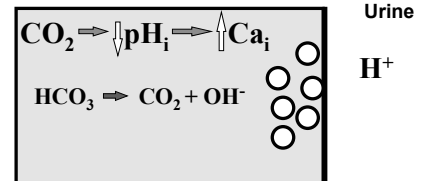


Aldosterone Action in Collecting Duct



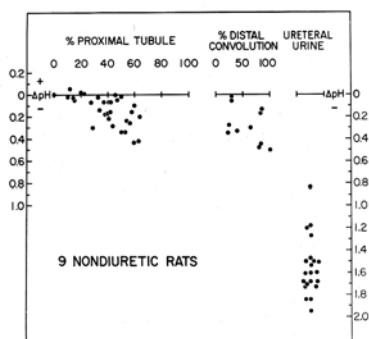
Binds to Mineralocorticoid Receptor MR
Increases opening of Na Channel ENaC and K channel
Increases activity of H^+ ATPase

CO_2 stimulates Exocytosis of H^+ ATPase Vesicles

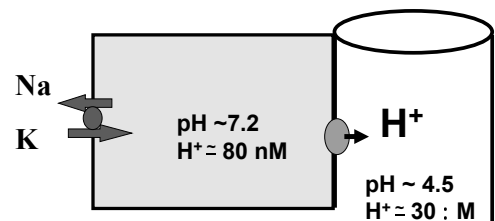


Proximal and collecting Tubules

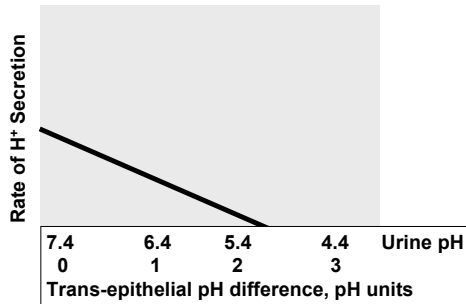
pH of Tubular Urine



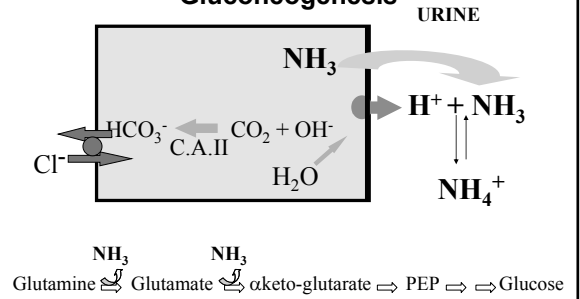
Collecting Tubule Urine pH



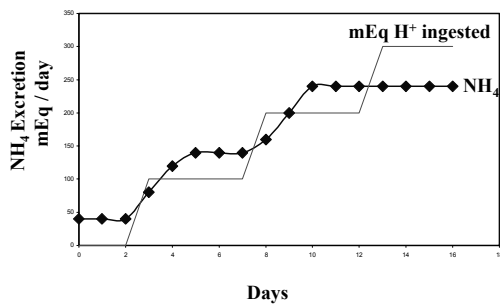
H⁺ Secretion in the Collecting Tubule



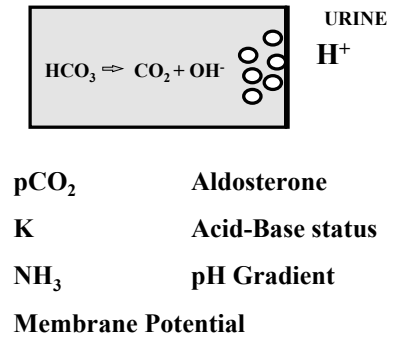
Gluconeogenesis



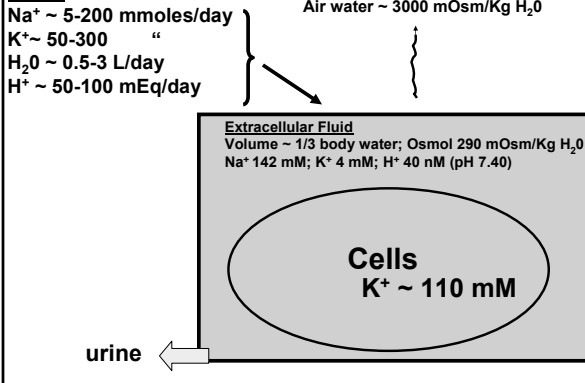
Acid Ingestion increases Ammonia Synthesis and Excretion



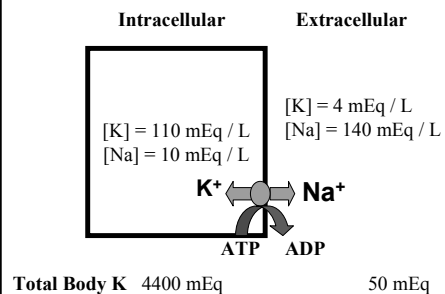
Regulation of H⁺ Transport



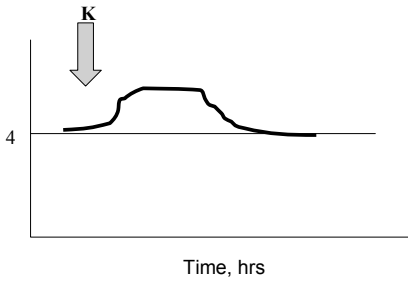
Intake:



Potassium Distribution

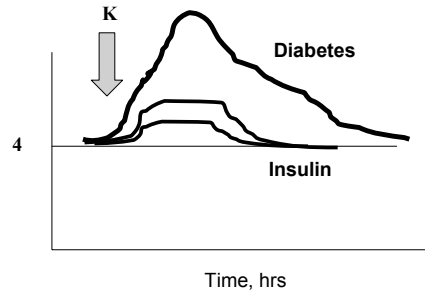


Plasma Potassium Concentration

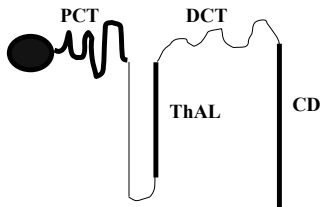


Disposal of an ingested K Load occurs by re-distribution and by urinary excretion

Insulin Increases K^+ Uptake by Cells



Renal Potassium Handling

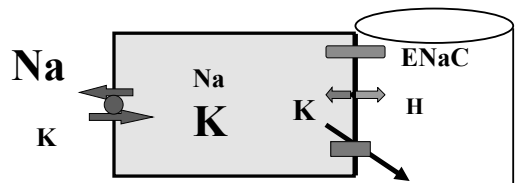


K is Freely Filtered

> 95% of Filtered K is reabsorbed in the Proximal Tubule and Thick Ascending Limb

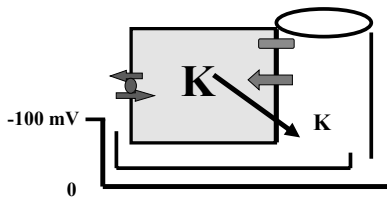
What appears in the Urine is secreted by the Distal Tubule and Collecting Duct

K Secretion in Collecting Duct



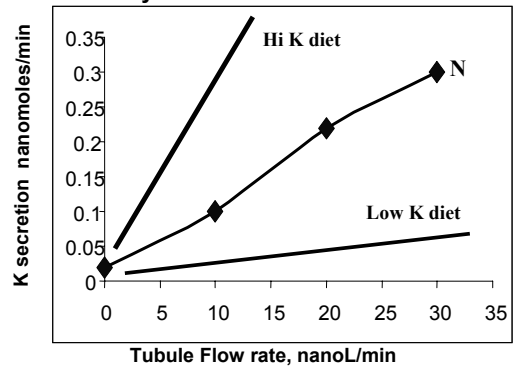
ENaC Epithelial Na Channel
K K channel
H,K ATPase

Driving Forces for K Secretion in Collecting Duct



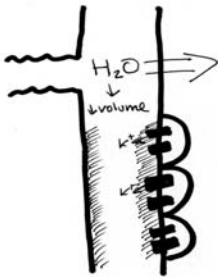
Concentration Gradient
Trans-epithelial Membrane Potential

K^+ Urinary Excretion and Urine Flow Rate

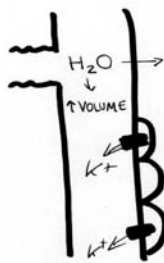


Interaction Between Aldosterone and Urine Flow in K^+ Excretion

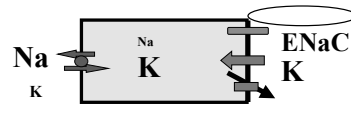
High aldosterone



Low aldosterone



Regulation of K^+ Secretion



Aldosterone

*increases activity of K channel
increases activity of Na channel
increases Na,K ATPase*

Urine Flow Rate

brings in low K tubular fluid