

## Excretory System

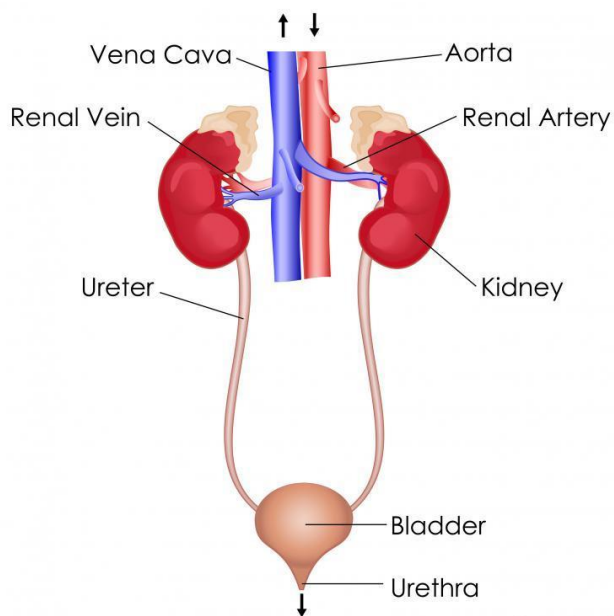


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Main organs: the kidneys, ureters, bladder, and urethra.

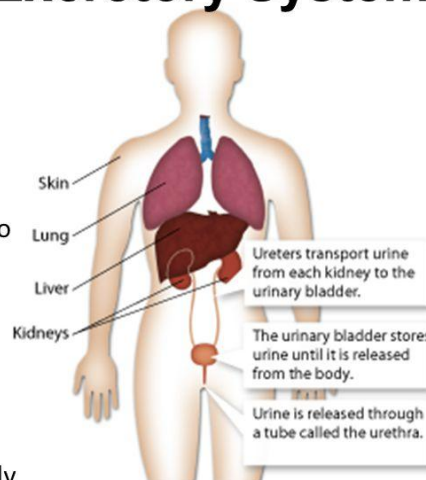
These structures work together to maintain normal levels of water and of certain small molecules such as sodium and potassium in the body.

The kidneys function as selective filters.

The **skin** has a very important part in the excretory system. It holds moisture into every part of your body. In the excretory system, the skin's job is to regulate one's body temperature. The salt in the skin helps in evaporation of the water off of the body, to cool off one who is hot. **Sweat** is excreted through sweat glands.

## Structures of the Excretory System

- Kidneys
  - Filter excess water, urea and metabolic waste from blood
- Ureters
  - Transport urine from kidneys to bladder
- Urinary bladder
  - Stores urine
- Urethra
  - Releases urine outside the body



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