# Kidneys, ureters, bladder - Visceral osteopathy -

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http://exercicesdestill.net/download/kidneys

Kidneys

# Anatomy

- Bean shape organs,
- H = 10-12 cm, w = 5-6cm and thickness = 3cm, 150 g,
- Left kidney bigger, right kidney lower (liver),
- Retroperitoneal organs, surrounded by fat.

- Outside of the transverse processes of T11 to L2-L3,
- <u>Height at the back :</u>
  - Right kidney : Top in the K11-K12 space, bottom
    = L3,

- Left kidney : Top = K11, bottom = L2-L3 discus.



- 2 axis :
  - <u>Vertical axis</u>: oblique downward, outward and slightly backward,
  - <u>Transversal axis</u>: the anterior face looks forward and outward.

# **Blood supply**

- Pedicle on the concave face :
  - Renal art. and lymphatic vessels,

- Renal vein, ureter.

- Renal blood takes 20% of the blood flow,
- Right renal art. is longer, left renal vein is longer,
- Renal arteries come from aorta (above sup. mesenteric art.).



# **Renal** arteries

- Branches :
  - Inferior suprarenal arteries (1 or more),
  - For the ureter,
  - For perinephric tissue,
  - For the renal capsule,
  - The pelvis (testicular/ovarian art.),
  - Anterior and posterior divisions -> segmental arteries...



Рис. 235. Надпочечник (glandula suprarenalis), левый (вид спереди).

# **Renal veins**

- Drain into the Inferior Vena Cava,
- Left vein crosses in front of aorta, below the superior mesenteric artery : nutcracker syndrome (hypertension of the left renal vein -> haematuria and varicocele in children),
- The left gonadal vein enters the left renal vein (bottom).



### Nerve supply

- By the celiac plexus (aorticorenal ganglia) :
  - Sympathetic fibers : lesser splanchnic n., least sphlanchnic
     n., first branch of the lumbar splanchnic n. : T10 L1,
  - Parasympathetic fibers : vagus nerves + hypogastric nerves (S2-S4).



# **Perirenal fascia**

- Envelops the kidney and surrenal gland with fat,
- Comes from fasciae of psoas and quadratus lumborum,
- Splits in a thin anterior lamina and thicker posterior lamina,
- Continues laterally as the lateroconal fascia -> fuses with posterior peritoneum,
- Fuses at the top above the suprarenal glands and attach to the crura (posterior lamina),
- No fusion medially (communication with other side),
- No fusion at the bottom





## **Perirenal fascia**

# • Communication between :

- Kidney and the bare area of the liver on the right,
- Kidney and diaphragm on the left (subphrenic extraperitoneal space)
- Kidneys and the pelvis (explains ptosis)



## Histology

- From outside to inside :
  - *Capsule*: rigid, protection of the kidney,
  - <u>Cortex</u>: contains the glomeruli and the convoluted tubules (prox. And distal),
  - <u>Medulla</u>: Contains loops of Henle, collecting ducts and pyramids,
  - <u>Renal pelvis</u> : Contains hilum and calyxes.



#### Glomerulus





# **Renal Physiology**

- Filtration :
  - blood entering kidney will be filtered,
  - Filterable components enter the glomerulus (water, trace elements...), non filterable components exit by efferent arteriole (cells, albumin...).
- Reabsorption :
  - Molecules and ions are reabsorbed by osmolarity through the nephron in the circulatory system.

### • Secretion :

Some toxics and substances will be removed from the blood
 (hydrogen, creatinine, drugs...) to the collecting duct -> urine.



## **Renal Physiology**

- Other functions :
- Hormones :
  - Erythropoietin : production of blood cells,
  - Calcitriol : permits calcium absorption (intestine) and phosphate reabsorption (kidney),
  - Renin : regulates angiotensin and aldosterone levels.
- Acid-base regulation (with lungs)
- Neoglucogenesis (cortex) : from lactate, glycerol and glutamine.

# Pathology

- **Cysts** : multicystic disease, displasia...
- **Glomerular diseases** : glomerulonephritis, IgA nephropathy (Berger)...
- Infections : pyelonephritis...
- Neoplasia (cancer) : carcinoma, cystic nephroma...
- **Others** : congenital abnormalities, acute tubular necrosis, renal infarct...

- Medical Tests :
  - Urinalysis,
  - Echography,
  - XRay : stones (only calcium),
  - Intravenous urography,
  - Doppler ultrasound (renal arteries, stenosis),
  - Arteriography (renal arteries),
  - Scanner, MRI,
  - Scintigraphy.

# Osteopathy

- Renal dysfunctions :
  - Ptosis : 4 degrees,
  - Renal block.

### 1st degree ptosis

- <u>Etiologies :</u>
  - Fast loss of weight,
  - Adhesions,
  - Trauma,
  - Abdominal hypotony,
  - Delivery,
  - Dehydratation (kidney volume decreases),
  - Chronical cough,
  - Constitution (asthenic posture).

### 1st degree ptosis

- <u>Symptoms</u>:
  - Irritation of the subcostal nerve : pain following K12,
  - Often the dysfunction which gives the most symptoms, and the most seen.
- <u>Differential diagnosis</u>: thoracic shingles, lower pulmonary infections.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> degree ptosis

- Same etiologies, the kidney goes down and external rotation (psoas),
- <u>Symptoms</u>:
  - Irritation of the ilioinguinal and iliohypogastric nerves : L1 root.
  - Possible irritation of the lateral cutaneous nerve of thigh : L2 (external face of the thigh).
- *Differential diagnosis :* Inguinal hernia, renal colic, pyelonephritis, appendicitis, pudendal neuralgia, sigmoiditis, testis cancer.



### 3rd degree ptosis

- Same etiologies, kidney goes lower in internal rotation, the renal pedicle holds it.
- <u>Symptoms</u>:
  - Cruralgia (with its accessory nerve = internal face of the knee),
  - Possible irritation of the genitocrural nerve (L2 : labia majora, scrotum, scarpa triangle),
- *Differential diagnosis* : gonarthrosis.








#### 4th degree ptosis

- Same etiologies, kidneys goes lower and out of the psoas rail and becomes pelvic. Visualized on Xray.
- Makes an angle on the ureter (free on its superior 1/3) : increases risk of lithiasis.
- <u>Symptoms</u>:
  - None.



#### Renal block

- More frequent on the left (duodenal junction),
- Etiologies :
  - Intrinsic (renal pathologies),
  - Inflammation of a nearby organ (spleen, colon, lower pleura)...
- <u>Symptoms</u>:
  - Usually no symptom.
  - Signs of toxicity (fatigue, headache, stiffness, pain in joints, asthenia, oliguria...).

# Practice



#### Red flags Tests

- Renal shaking
- Posterior palpation : Grynfelt square
- Anterior palpation

Pain = Emergency !

#### **Renal tests**

• Anterior palpation of the kidney

#### **Renal tests**

• Position from the patient's head

#### **Renal tests**

• Kidney mobility

#### **Corrections - informations**

- Only one kidney per seance (tireness, toxicity...)
- Better begin with bladder and ureters before kidney
- Hydratation+++ the next two days

- Side-effects :
- Tireness, headache, stiffness, polyuria (one or 2 days), lumbar pain, blood in urine.

• 1st degree ptosis

- 2<sup>nd</sup> degree ptosis
  - 1 Correction of External rotation
  - 2 Lift the kidney

• 3rd degree ptosis

1 – Correction of the internal rotation

2 – Lift the kidney

• 4th degree :

Floating kidney ? Or congenital pelvic kidney ? Treat if symptoms (stones) 1 – Bring back on the psoas 2 – Same as 3rd degree

• Correction of a renal block

Ureters



## Anatomy

- Vertical tubes, parallel to the IVC,
- Start around L2
- About 20-25 cm long,
- Diameter : 4 5 mm.

• Layers :

Muscular layer (internal part = longitudinal fibers, external = circular fibers),

– Mucosa.

- Muscular layer = peristaltism,
- The peristaltism has periodic waves (1 to 4 per min),
- Retroperitoneal, 2 portions :
  - Lumbar = vertical along the psoas,
  - Pelvic = curved, more horizontal, below the peritoneum.

## Localization

• Palpation is very very difficult !!

 They follow the external edge of the rectus abdominis (anterior), and the external edge of the transverse processes (posterior),

## Narrowings

- Along the tube : 3 narrowings :
  - Superior : junction with the renal pelvis,
  - Inferior : at the crossing with the primary iliac vessels
    (anterior superior iliac spine / inferior edge of the sacroiliac joint.
  - Caudal : vesicoureteral junction : just before the connection with the bladder.







### Attachments

- The ureters are very mobile, especially on the superior 1/3,
- Fixed to the kidney at the top, and only by the posterior peritoneum in the abdomen.
- Then it passes in the pelvirectal space (parametrium) and finishes at the posterior part of the trigone.

# Blood supply

- <u>Arteries</u>:
- Lumbar part : superior ureteral art. (renal art.),
- Pelvic part : inferior ureteral art. (internal iliac art.)
- <u>Veins</u>:
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# Pathology

- Cancers, stenosis, ureteroceles, megaureters...
- Lithiasis : The most common :
  - Calcium oxalate : radiopaque, most common,
  - Hydroxyapatite (calcium phosphate) : radiopaque, common,
  - Brushite, radiopaque, rare,
  - Uric acid : radiolucent,
  - Struvite : radiopaque,
  - Cystine : mildly radiopaque, rare.



Uric acide



Calcium

# Osteopathy

- Search for spasms.
- No palpation in physiology.
- Differential diagnosis :
  - Left : Sigmoid colon : Secondary root of the mesosigmoid.
  - **Right :** Pain on the ileocecal junction, appendicitis.
  - Both sides : Ovaries (cysts, torsion, cancer...) in the iliac fossa.

# Practice
# Technique on ureters

- Contraindication : renal colic (?)
- Indications :
  - After-effects of renal colic,
  - Residual pain,
  - Kidney stones background (acidosis, gout),
  - Before treating kidneys.



# Technique on ureters

• Ureter drainage

Bladder





## Anatomy

- Median organ.
- Apex located superiorly, pointing towards the pubic symphysis, connected to the umbilicus by the median umbilical ligament (urachus).
- Body main part of the bladder, between the apex and the fundus
- Fundus (or trigone) located posteriorly, tip of the triangle pointing forwards.
- **Neck** formed by the convergence of the fundus and the two inferolateral surfaces, continuous with the urethra.







- In order to contract during micturition,
  bladder wall contains specialized smooth
  muscle (detrusor muscle),
- Fibers are in multiple directions.





# Attachments

- Urethra,
- Prostate (men),
- Pubovesical ligaments,
- Median umbilical ligaments,
- Urachus.



# **Blood supply**

- Sup : superior vesical artery (internal iliac art.),
- Inf : inferior vesical art. (internal iliac art.),
- Ant : anterior vesical art. (internal pudendal art.).





#### Vascularisation de la prostate et de la glande séminale

- 1 nœuds lymphatiques obturateurs 2 conduit déférent
- 3 n. obturateur
- 4 a. du conduit déférent
- 5 nœuds iliaques internes

- 6 a. vésicale inf.
- 7 uretère
- 8 a. rectale moyenne
- 9 vésicule séminale
- 10 a. honteuse interne

• Veins :

 From a vesical plexus around the bladder (or directly from a vein), then they drain into the internal iliac vein.



# Nerve supply

- Sympathetic : Through sup. and inf. hypogastric plexuses (origin : L1-L2 : lumbar splanchnic nerves -> relaxation of detrusor, contraction of the smooth sphincter),
- Parasympathetic : Pudendal nerves (S2-S4) through inf. hypogastric plexus -> Contraction of detrusor and relaxation of smooth sphincter,
- Pudendal nerve : conscious action of the striated urethral sphincter (and pelvic floor muscles).



FIG. 308. — Systématisation des voies sympathiques de la vessie.

# Lymphatics

- Anterior face : some paravesical ganglia -> external iliac ganglia.
- Posterior face : ganglia -> internal iliac ganglia.



#### Urachus

- Fibrous cord, from the anterior and superior edge of the bladder to the umbilicus, mostly called median umbilical ligament,
- Origin : Allantois (drains the waste through the umbilical cord).
- Link with liver by the round ligament of the liver.
- Glued to the umbilico prevesical aponeurosis (posterior to the transversalis fascia).



FIG. 14.29. Structures du canal inguinal

(coupe transversale et oblique)

- A. fosse inguinale latérale
- B. fosse inguinale médiale
- C. fosse supra-vésicale
- 1. espace prépéritonéal
- 2. m. transverse de l'abdomen
- 3. m. oblique interne
- 4. a. testiculaire
- 5. m. oblique externe
- 6. m. crémaster (faisceau latéral)
- 7. pilier latéral
- 8. conduit déférent
- 9. ligament réfléchi
- 10. pilier médial
- 11. scrotum
- 12. a. et v. épigastriques inférieures
- 13. tendon conjoint
- 14. lig. ombilical médial
- 15. lig. ombilical médian
- 16. fascia ombilico-prévésical
- 17. fascia transversalis
- 18. m. droit de l'abdomen
- 19. gaine rectusienne
- 20. m. pyramidal
- 21. ligne blanche

#### Men

 Bladder is separated to the rectum by the rectovesical pouch (Douglas pouch) – Location of the seminal vesicles.



## Women

• Bladder is separated to the uterus by the vesicouterine pouch.



- Anterior face : umbilicoprevesical aponeurosis.
- Limited on the sides by the medial umbilical ligaments (triangle shape),
- The base is fused with the pubovesical ligaments and the sacro-recto-vesical fasciae,
- In the center : urachus,
- Top : umbilic





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## Pubovesical ligaments

- From the posterior face of the pubic bone to the anterior face of the bladder,
- Backward + downward.

Vue supérieure avec résection du Symphyse pubienne péritoine et Ligament inférieur (arqué) du pubis ~ du fascia Veine dorsale profonde du clitoris vésical Ligament pubo-vésical médial (ligament pubo-prostatique médial chez l'homme) -Ligament transverse du périnée épaississement antérieur de la membrane périnéale) Arcade tendineuse du muscle élévateur de l'anus -Canal obturateur -Ligament pubo-vésical latéral (ligament pubo-prostatique latéral chez l'homme)-Arcade tendineuse du fascia pelvien -Fascia supérieur du diaphragme pelvien (recouvrant le muscle élévateur de l'anus) Fascia obturateur recouvrant le muscle obturateur interne-Vessie (fascia vésical réséqué) -Ouraque (coupé) · Artères vésicale inférieure et vaginale Uretère




## Cystitis

- Female +++,
- 50% of women,
- Infection+++.
- Etiologies / risk factors :
  - Hygièna : too much or not enough,
  - Infection : E coli, bilharziasis, etc...,
  - After radiation (Xray therapy),
  - Medications,
  - Others.

# Cystitis

- Symptoms :
  - Burning,
  - Pollakiuria,
  - Urinary urgency,
  - Pelvic pain/lumbar pain,
  - Hematuria/pyuria,
  - No fever (sometimes).
- Medical tests :
  - Urine culture.

## Bladder cancer

- Urothelial cancer, vesical polyps.
- Etiologies/risk factors :
  - Tobacco +++ (until 14 years after eviction),
  - Chronical inflammation : lithiasis, bilharziasis,
    probe ,
  - Environmental factors (professional : chemical, oil...).

## Bladder cancer

- Symptoms :
  - Hematuria (especially if past smokers),
  - Dysuria,
  - Bad health condition (advanced stage).
- Medical tests :
  - Echography,
  - Intravenous urography,
  - Uroscanner and MRI,
  - Endoscopy (biopsy).

# Osteopathy

- High lumbar pain or lower,
- Pelvic pain / bearing down,
- Urinary burning,
- Pollakiuria / dysuria,
- Stress urinary incontinence,
- Post partum +++,
- Abdominal ptosis,
- Uterus anteversion,
- Cystitis/prostatitis/salpingitis sequelae.

# Practice

- Test of the median umbilical ligament (urachus):
  - Elastic = OK,
  - No answer = adhesions,
  - Non elastic = shrinkage.
- + correction

#### • Test of the medial umbilical ligaments :

– Same answers

• + correction

## Test of pubovesical ligaments

- 45°

• + correction

- Bladder lift
  - Check ligaments first
- + correction

- Test of the lateral mobility of the bladder
  - Legs flexed

• + correction

- Test of the foramen obturator with the bladder :
  - Adhesions+++
- + correction







## Corrections

#### • Lift of the intestine

## Corrections

#### • Correction of a bladder ptosis