

Epithelial Cells In Urine

Casts were first described by Henry Bence Jones (1813–1873). b7e863fdb

Nephrons are connected and are composed of epithelial cells with a lumen. The renal corpuscle consists of a tuft of capillaries called a glomerulus and a cup-shaped structure called Bowman's capsule. Blood is filtered as it passes through the glomerulus. The nephron is the minute or microscopic structural and functional unit of the kidney. 5 million nephrons in each kidney. The tubule has adjacent peritubular capillaries that run between the descending and ascending portions of the tubule. The capsule and tubule are connected and are composed of epithelial cells with a lumen. A healthy adult has 1 to 1.5 million nephrons in each kidney. As the fluid from the capsule flows down into the tubule, it is processed by the epithelial cells lining the tubule: water is reabsorbed and substances are exchanged (some are added, others are removed); first with the interstitial fluid outside the tubules, and then into the plasma in the adjacent peritubular capillaries through the endothelial cells lining that capillary. Blood is filtered as it passes through three layers: the endothelial cells of the capillary wall, its basement membrane, and between the podocyte foot processes of the lining of the capsule. The renal tubule extends from the capsule. This process regulates the volume of body fluid as well. It is composed of a renal corpuscle and a renal tubule. A healthy adult has 1 to 1.5 million nephrons in each kidney b7e863fdb

The podocytes have long primary processes called trabeculae that form secondary processes known as pedicels or foot processes (for which the cells are named podo- + -cyte). The pedicels wrap around the capillaries and leave slits between them. Blood is filtered through these slits, each known as a filtration slit, slit diaphragm, or slit pore. Several proteins are required for the pedicels to wrap around the capillaries and function. When infants are born with certain defects in these proteins, such as nephrin and CD2AP, their kidneys cannot function. People... b7e863fdb The test strips consist of a ribbon made of plastic or paper of about 5 millimetre wide. Plastic strips have pads impregnated with chemicals that react with the compounds present in urine producing a characteristic colour. For the paper strips the reactants are absorbed directly onto the paper. Paper strips are often specific to a single reaction (e.g. pH measurement), while the strips with pads allow several... b7e863fdb Human urine and feces, called human waste or human excreta, are managed via sanitation systems. Livestock urine and feces also require proper management if the livestock population density is high. b7e863fdb

Urine test strip A standard A urine test strip or dipstick is a basic diagnostic tool used to determine pathological changes in a patient's urine in standard urinalysis. A urine test strip or dipstick is a basic diagnostic tool used to determine pathological changes in a patient's urine in standard urinalysis b7e863fdb

A variety of molecules are located at the apical membrane, but only a few key molecules act as determinants that are required to maintain the identity of the apical membrane and, thus, epithelial polarity. These molecules are the proteins Cdc42, atypical protein kinase C (aPKC), Par6, Par3/Bazooka/ASIP. Crumbs, "Stardust" and protein at tight junctions (PATJ). These molecules appear to form two distinct complexes: an aPKC-Par3-Par6 "aPKC" (or "Par") complex that also interacts with Cdc42; and a Crumbs-Stardust-PATJ "Crumbs" complex. Of... b7e863fdb

Urinalysis Macroscopic examination targets parameters such as color, clarity, odor, and specific gravity; urine test strips measure chemical properties such as pH, glucose concentration, and protein levels; and microscopy is performed to identify elements such as cells, urinary casts, crystals, and organisms. Some laboratories do not Urinalysis, a portmanteau of the words urine and analysis, is a panel of medical tests that includes physical (macroscopic) examination of the urine, chemical evaluation using urine test strips, and microscopic examination. Three types may occur in urine: squamous epithelial cells, transitional epithelial cells and renal tubular epithelial cells b7e863fdb

== Structure == b7e863fdb

Decoy cells Decoy cells owe their name to their strong resemblance to cancer cells, and may as such confuse the diagnosis of either viral infection or urothelial malignancy. Decoy cells are virally infected epithelial cells that can be found in the urine. During the 1950s, cytotechnologist Andrew Ricci observed cells mimicking cancer cells by they were not, in a group of persons working in some kinds of industries - they were referred to as “decoy cells”, analogous to “decoy ducks” used in hunting wild ducks, by Andrew Ricci, a cytotechnologist working under renowned cytopathologist Dr. Koss. Leopold G. Decoy cells owe their name to their strong resemblance to cancer cells, and Decoy cells are virally infected epithelial cells that can be found in the urine b7e863fdb

The appearance of transitional epithelium differs according to its cell layer. Cells of the basal layer are cuboidal (cube-shaped), or columnar (column-shaped), while the cells of the superficial layer vary in appearance depending on the degree of distension. These cells appear to be cuboidal with a domed apex when the organ or the tube in which they reside is not stretched. When the organ or tube is stretched (such as when the bladder is filled with urine), the tissue compresses and the cells become stretched. When this happens, the cells flatten, and they appear to be squamous and irregular... b7e863fdb == Background == b7e863fdb They form via precipitation of Tamm-Horsfall mucoprotein, which is secreted by renal tubule cells, and sometimes also by albumin in conditions of proteinuria. Cast formation is pronounced in environments favoring protein denaturation and precipitation (low flow, concentrated salts, low pH). Tamm-Horsfall protein is particularly susceptible to precipitation in these conditions. b7e863fdb Urine typically contains epithelial cells shed from the urinary tract, and urine cytology evaluates this urinary sediment for the presence of cancerous cells from the lining of the urinary tract, and it is a convenient noninvasive technique for follow-up analysis of patients treated for urinary tract cancers. b7e863fdb As reflected in their cylindrical form, casts are generated in the small distal convoluted tubules and collecting ducts of the kidney, and generally maintain their shape and composition as they pass through the urinary system. Although the most common forms are benign, others indicate disease. All rely on the inclusion or adhesion of various elements on a mucoprotein base—the hyaline cast. "Cast" itself merely describes the shape, so an adjective is added to describe the... b7e863fdb

Podocyte Although various viscera have epithelial layers, the name visceral epithelial cells usually refers specifically Podocytes are cells in Bowman's capsule in the kidneys that wrap around capillaries of the glomerulus. Although various viscera have epithelial layers, the name visceral epithelial cells usually refers specifically to podocytes, which are specialized epithelial cells that reside in the visceral layer of the capsule. Bowman's capsule filters the blood, retaining large molecules such as proteins while smaller molecules such as water, salts, and sugars are filtered as the first step in the formation of urine. filtered as the first step in the formation of urine. Podocytes make up the epithelial lining of Bowman's capsule, the third layer through which filtration of blood takes place b7e863fdb

Urine plays an important role in the earth's nitrogen cycle. In balanced ecosystems, urine fertilizes the soil and thus helps plants to grow. Therefore, urine can be used as a fertilizer. Some animals mark their territories with urine. Historically, aged or fermented urine (known as lant) was also used in gunpowder production, household cleaning, leather tanning, and textile dyeing. b7e863fdb Decoy cells are mostly prevalent in immunocompromised individuals, such as transplant recipients who are treated with immunosuppressive medication in order for their immune system not to reject the foreign transplanted organ. Several viruses mediated the emergence of decoy cells, amongst which cytomegalovirus and polyomavirus. Decoy cells are virus infected urothelial cells with a distinct morphology of enlarged nuclei and intranuclear inclusions. In renal transplant recipients, such cells may be found in up to 40 percent of cases. Decoy cells are clinically... b7e863fdb One limitation, however, is the inability to definitively identify low-grade cancer cells and urine cytology is used mostly to identify high... b7e863fdb

Epithelial polarity How epithelial cells generate and maintain polarity remains unclear, but certain molecules have been found to play a key role. Epithelial polarity is one example of the cell polarity that is a fundamental feature of many types of cells. Epithelial cells feature distinct 'apical', 'lateral' and 'basal' plasma membrane domains. Epithelial cells connect to one another via their lateral membranes to form epithelial sheets that line cavities and surfaces throughout the animal body. Each plasma membrane domain has a distinct protein composition, giving them distinct properties

and allowing directional transport of molecules across the epithelial sheet. Epithelial cells feature distinct apical; Epithelial polarity is one example of the cell polarity that is a fundamental feature of many types of cells

For this process, urine must be collected in a reliable fashion, and if urine samples are inadequate, the urinary tract can be assessed via instrumentation, such as a catheter. In urine cytology, collected urine is examined microscopically.

Urine Colorless urine in drug tests can suggest an attempt to avoid detection of illicit drugs in the bloodstream Urine is the fluid excreted by the kidneys of vertebrates to clear the bloodstream of excess water and metabolic by-products including urea, uric acid, and creatinine. Colorless urine indicates over-hydration. blood cells

In mammals, urine travels from the kidneys via the ureters to the bladder for storage until urination. Placental mammals expel urine from the bladder through the urethra, whereas other vertebrates urinate through the cloaca. A standard urine test strip may comprise up to 10 different chemical pads or reagents which react (change color) when immersed in, and then removed from, a urine sample. The test can often be read in as little as 60 to 120 seconds after dipping, although certain tests require longer. Routine testing of the urine with multiparameter strips is the first step in the diagnosis of a wide range of diseases. The analysis includes testing for the presence of proteins, glucose, ketones, haemoglobin, bilirubin, urobilinogen, acetone, nitrite and leucocytes as well as testing of pH and specific gravity or to test for infection by different pathogens.

Transitional epithelium Transitional epithelium usually appears cuboidal when relaxed and squamous when stretched. This tissue consists of multiple layers of epithelial cells which can contract and expand in order to adapt to the degree of distension needed. Transitional epithelium lines all of the organs of the urinary system – the kidneys, ureters, bladder, and the urethra, hence its alternative name of urothelium. When this happens, the cells flatten, and they appear to be Transitional epithelium, also known as urothelium is a type of stratified epithelium that changes shape in response to stretching. when the bladder is filled with urine), the tissue compresses and the cells become stretched. The bladder, for example, has a need for great distension

Urine cytology If a cancerous condition is detected, other tests and procedures are usually recommended to diagnose cancers, including bladder cancer, ureteral cancer and cancer of the urethra. Urine typically contains epithelial cells shed from the urinary tract, and urine cytology evaluates Urine cytology is a test that looks for abnormal cells in urine under a microscope. The test commonly checks for infection, inflammatory disease of the urinary tract, cancer, or precancerous conditions. It is especially recommended when blood in the urine (hematuria) has been detected. It can be part of a broader urinalysis. recommended when blood in the urine (hematuria) has been detected

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Urinary cast They form in the distal convoluted tubule and collecting ducts of nephrons, then dislodge and pass into the urine, where they can be detected by microscopy. Low urine flow, concentrated urine, or an acidic environment can contribute Urinary casts are microscopic cylindrical structures produced by the kidney and present in the urine in certain disease states. mucoprotein secreted from the tubular epithelial cells of individual nephrons

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