

Lecture (1)

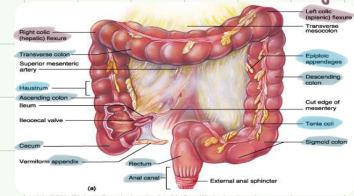
• large intestine

→ cecum + appendix + ascending colon + transverse colon + descending colon + sigmoid colon + rectum + anal canal

→ The junction between

Junction between
(Right colic / Hepatic Flexure)

Junction between ^{attached to it} phrenicocolic ligament : separates upper abdomen from lower.
(Left colic / splenic Flexure)



→ diameter is larger in large intestine than the small intestine
→ Function : Absorption of water + Formation of faeces

* It has sacculations / haustrations

* It has tenia coli : 3 bands of smooth muscles (absent in appendix & rectum)

* It has Fat tags (epiploic appendages) (absent in appendix, cecum & rectum)

→ length : 1.5 - 2.5 m

• cecum : 2.5 - 3 in

• appendix : 3 - 5 in

• colon → ascending : 5 in
transverse : 15 in
descending : 10 in

• rectum : 5 in

• anal canal : 4 cm

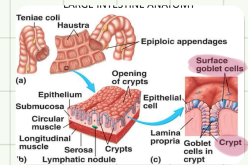
Histology :

→ lining epithelium : simple columnar epithelium

with numerous goblet cell
(lubrication)

→ Basal glands : Crypts of Lieberkuhn

(without paneth cells)



Cecum :

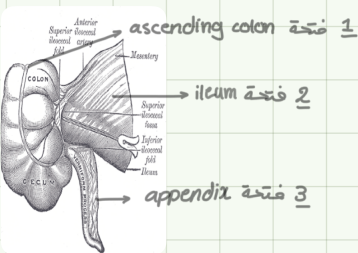
- blind-ended pouch

- site : right iliac fossa, above inguinal ligament (فراخ الياق)

- intra peritoneal ^{fixed in the right iliac fossa} → It forms a fold of peritoneum

superior iliocecal recesses → retrocecal recesses : common site of appendix
inferior iliocecal recesses

- 3 openings



- intracecal pressure helps in :
1) ascending the material upwards
from cecum towards ascending colon.

2) closure of iliocecal valve

→ which prevents material of "rudimentary structure" cecum from flowing back into ileum
affected by nerves & hormones
Physiological valve (Folds of mucosa around the opening)

• Relations :

• Anteriorly :

- coils of small intestine (ileum)
- greater omentum
- anterior abdominal wall

• Posteriorly :

- Psoas & iliacus → iliopsoas muscle
- Femoral A. + lateral cutaneous A. of thigh
- External iliac vessels → Femoral A.

• Postero-medially : - appendix

• Medially : - small intestine (ileum)

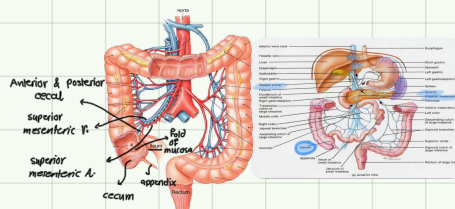
- taenia coli covers the cecum & the base of appendix ^{by following taenia coli, the surgeon could find the appendix easily!}

• Lymphatic drainage : superior mesenteric lymph nodes (mid gut)

• Nerve Supply

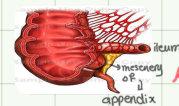
sympathetic + Parasympathetic (vagus) = superior mesenteric plexus

• BVs
• sphincter
• glands
• smooth muscles (peristaltic movement)



• Blood Supply

→ Arteries : Branches of superior mesenteric artery



Anterior & Posterior cecal arteries
portal vein → liver

→ veins : superior mesenteric vein

Anterior & posterior cecal veins

appendix :

- narrow, muscular tube
- large amount of lymphoid tissue (no role in digestion!)
- length : 2 - 22 cm when infected → (expansion)
3 - 5 in

- intraperitoneal

- it has mesentery → Mesoappendix

- common site :

- 74% retrocecal
- 21% pelvic
- little% Subcaecal + Preileal + postileal

- Surface anatomy : (McBurney's Point)

umbilicus

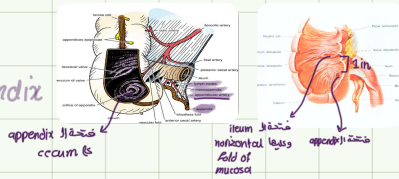
1/3 2/3 **McBurney's point** (Base of appendix)

Anterior Superior iliac spine

- **McBurney's incision :**

* Surgical incision for appendectomy → through this point parallel to inguinal ligament

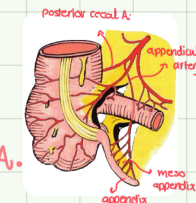
* through endoscope around umbilicus



• Blood Supply

→ Arteries : Branch from Posterior cecal A.
↓
appendicular artery

→ veins : Posterior cecal vein
↓
appendicular vein



* appendicectomy :

- 1) 2 ligations for appendicular artery & vein
- 2) circular stitch around base of appendix

• Lymphatic drainage

↳ by Mesoappendix lymph nodes

↳ Superior mesenteric lymph nodes

• Nerve Supply

• T10 → That's why the pain of appendicitis start around umbilicus then concentrated in right iliac fossa

- sensory (skin over appendix) - appendix

why appendicectomy is mandatory ?

• appendix has very narrow lumen, infection & edema will obstruct the lumen → risk for rupture & peritonitis

* Acute appendicitis → Thrombosis of appendicular A.

* Acute cholecystitis → No gangrene

why ?
• it lies on liver (direct blood) so more than one artery supply it.

↓ why ?
gangrene . only one artery supplies it !

Ascending colon :

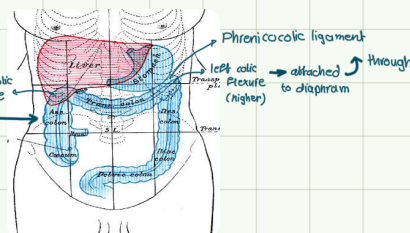
- length : 5 in
- start : cecum in right iliac fossa

- end : upward's to lower surface of liver ⇒ Right colic / hepatic Flexure (junction between ascending & transverse)

- it has ① Tenia coli
- ② Sacculations
- ③ Appendices epiploica

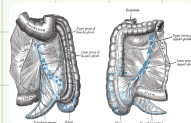
- retroperitoneum [covering anterior surface & fixing both sides of ascending in the posterior abdominal wall]

This fixation forms "Paracolic gutter" medial & lateral grooves, allowing the fluid & pus to pass through.



• Lymphatic drainage

↳ To superior mesenteric lymph nodes



in colon cancers → those lymph nodes will be removed

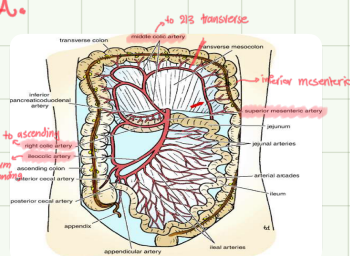
• Blood Supply

- Arteries : superior mesenteric A.

ileocolic & right colic

- veins : superior mesenteric V.

ileocolic right colic

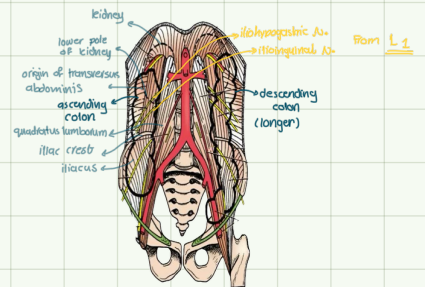


• Relations :

Anteriorly :

posteriorly :

- Small intestine
- greater omentum (colonization of infection)
- anterior abdominal wall
- iliacus - origin of tensor fasciae latae
- iliac crest - quadratus lumborum - lower pole of right kidney
- iliohypogastric A. - ilioinguinal A.



• Nerve Supply

⇒ Parasympathetic : Vagus N.

⇒ Sympathetic : superior mesenteric ganglion → post → plexus with BVs

Transverse Colon :

- length : 15 in
- start : right colic flexure - end : left colic flexure
- crosses umbilical region

* intraperitoneal

* it has mesentery $\Rightarrow$ Mesocolon (short $\rightarrow$ in upper part / long $\rightarrow$ to lower part)

- * proximal 2/3 : mid gut
- * distal 1/3 : hind gut
- 1) Two layers from greater omentum
- 2) one layer superior to transverse & one layer inferior to it
- 3) Mesocolon is formed
- 4) attached to anterior border of pancreas

* It has Tenia coli + appendices epiploica + sacculations

• Why some organs are fixed & others are not ?

$\rightarrow$ preserve the viscera of the abdomen (fixed)

$\rightarrow$ allow the movement in surgery to ease the process (not fixed intraperitoneal organs)

Blood Supply

$\rightarrow$ Arteries :

proximal 2/3 $\rightarrow$ Superior mesenteric A.

middle colic A.

distal 1/3 $\rightarrow$ Inferior mesenteric A.

left colic A.

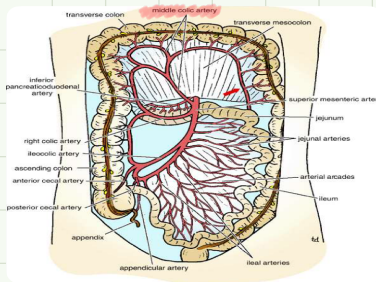
$\rightarrow$ veins :

proximal 2/3 $\rightarrow$ Superior mesenteric V.

middle colic V.

distal 1/3 $\rightarrow$ Inferior mesenteric V.

left colic V.



Portal v. $\rightarrow$ liver

Descending colon :

- length : 10 in
- start : left colic flexure end : pelvic brim
- It has Tenia coli + appendices epiploica + sacculations
- Peritoneum : Anterior border + both sides

$\approx$ Same as ascending (fixation on posterior abdominal wall form right & left gutters)

Blood Supply

- Arteries : inferior mesenteric A.

left colic A. sigmoidal A. (1st branch)

superior mesenteric V.

- Veins : inferior mesenteric V. $\rightarrow$ Splenic V. $\rightarrow$ Portal v. $\rightarrow$ liver

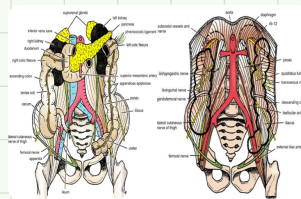
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Posteriorly :

- iliacus
- iliac crest
- quadratus lumborum
- iliohypogastric N.
- origin of transverse abdominis muscle
- ilioinguinal N.
- lateral border of left kidney
- lateral cutaneous N. of thigh
- femoral N.
- Psoas muscle



• lymphatic drainage

$\rightarrow$ inferior mesenteric lymph nodes

Nerve Supply

Parasympathetic
 $\rightarrow$ S₂ S₃ S₄

Sympathetic
pre : L₁ L₂
 $\rightarrow$ inferior

mesenteric ganglia
Para sympathetic + Post $\Rightarrow$ inferior mesenteric plexus / hypogastric plexus

