

HATAHET ANATOMY



Digestive system (2)

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In the previous lecture, we discussed the organs of the GIT, and now we will discuss the accessory digestive organs

Accessory Digestive Organs

Salivary glands

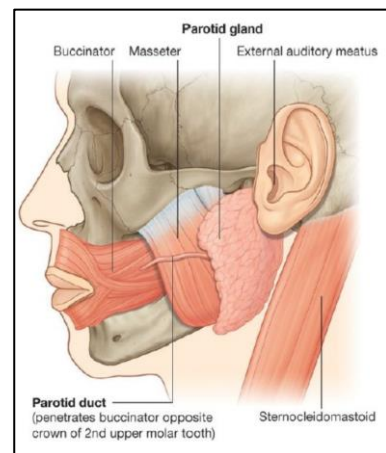
- Salivary glands are the exocrine glands that secrete saliva into the oral cavity
- they classified into 2 groups:

[1] **Minor salivary glands**, small and in hundreds: (Labial, Buccal, Lingual, Palatal)

[2] **Major salivary glands**, 3 large glands that produce the most of saliva, and they are:

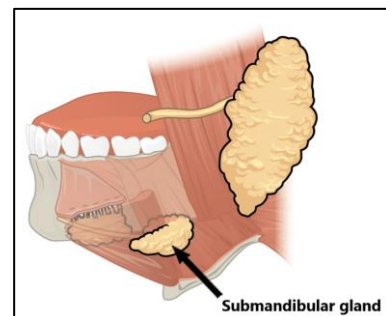
➤ **Parotid gland**

- ♦ the largest salivary gland
- ♦ located in the parotid region, between Mandibular ramus & Mastoid process
- ♦ has a wedge shape with apex & base:
 - **Apex (inferior)** → Mandibular angle
 - **Base (superior)** → Zygomatic arch
- ♦ its duct is called (**Stensen's duct**) and it has the following course:
 - ① passes horizontally and superficial to **Masseter muscle**
 - ② turns medially and pierces the **Buccinator muscle**
 - ③ opens into the mouth opposite to the 2nd upper molar tooth



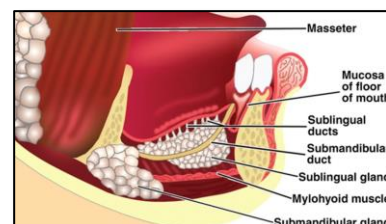
➤ **Submandibular gland**

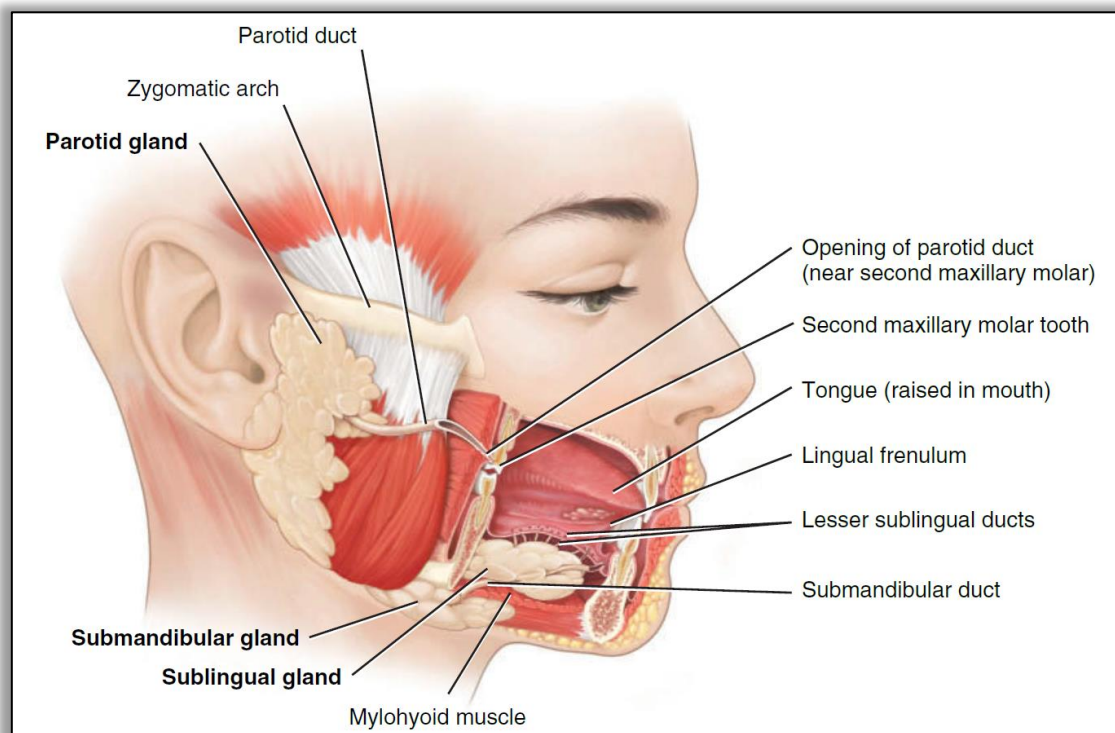
- ♦ located beneath and deep to the mandible
- ♦ composed of 2 parts (superficial & deep) wrapped around the **Mylohyoid muscle**
- ♦ its duct is called (**Wharton's duct**) and it opens in the floor of the mouth at each side of the lingual frenulum



➤ **Sublingual gland**

- ♦ located beneath the mucous membrane of the floor of the mouth
- ♦ its duct is called (**Rivinus' duct**) and it opens through (8-20) smaller ducts into the floor of the mouth





Liver

- Liver is the largest internal organ; the 2nd largest organ in the body after the skin
- located in the RUQ and extends to the LUQ
- liver has over 500 functions, some of them are: **Bile production and secretion, Blood filtration, Metabolism, Storage**
- liver is a mobile organ; it can descend for up to 10 cm during inspiration
- Anatomy of liver:

★ **Surfaces**, liver has 2 surfaces:

① Diaphragmatic surface

- ♦ the convex supero-anterior surface
- ♦ faces the anterior abdominal wall muscles

② Visceral surface

- ♦ the flat infero-posterior surface
- ♦ faces other abdominal organs
- ♦ contains impressions from other organs:
 - **Gastric impression**, for the stomach
 - **Renal impression**, for the right kidney
 - **Colic impression**, for the right colic flexure

*****Note**: The liver is covered with peritoneum (intraperitoneal), except in 3 areas:

- Bare area**, located between both limbs of the coronary ligament
- over the bed of gallbladder**
- Porta hepatis (Hilum of liver)**, where the Portal triad is located, it is composed of:
 - **Portal vein (in)**, collects blood from the guts
 - **Hepatic artery (in)**, a branch of the celiac trunk
 - **Bile duct (out)**, joins the pancreatic duct at the major duodenal papilla

★ **Lobes**, the liver has 4 anatomical lobes and 2 physiological lobes (R & L), so we will list all of them as follows:

- ❶ **Right lobe**
- ❷ **Left lobe**
- ❸ **Quadrato lobe**, located between gall bladder & ligamentum teres
- ❹ **Caudate lobe**, located between IVC & ligamentum venosum

***Note: Both caudate & quadrato lobes are **anatomically** (location) related to the **RIGHT** lobe, but **physiologically** (blood supply & bile production) to the **LEFT** lobe

★ **Ligaments**, these are double layers of the peritoneum that attach the liver to other structures, these are:

❶ **Falciform ligament**

- ◆ sickle-shaped ligament located anteriorly
- ◆ it attaches the liver to the abdominal wall
- ◆ separates between R&L lobes of the liver
- ◆ extends in the vertical axis of the liver:
 - superiorly → splits into the coronary ligament & Left triangular ligament
 - inferiorly → encircles the round ligament

❷ **Round ligament (Ligamentum teres)**

- ◆ it is the remnant of the **Umbilical vein**
- ◆ enclosed by the falciform ligament

❸ **Coronary ligament**

- ◆ composed of 2 layers that are widely separated
- ◆ has 2 limbs (anterior & posterior) that extend and demarcate the bare area of the liver
- ◆ terminates at the right side as the **R. triangular L.**

❹ **Triangular ligaments**, two ligaments:

A. **Right triangular ligament**, the termination of the coronary ligament when the 2 limbs meet. It connects the liver to diaphragm

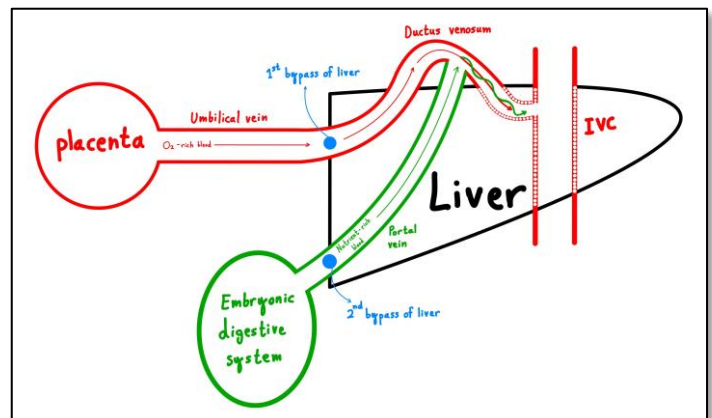
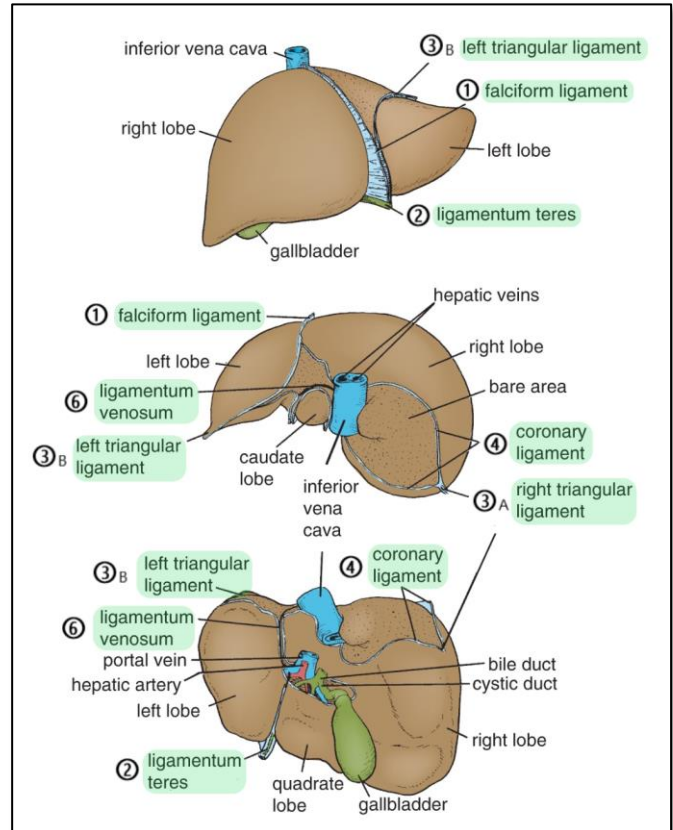
B. **Left triangular ligament**, the continuation of the falciform ligament

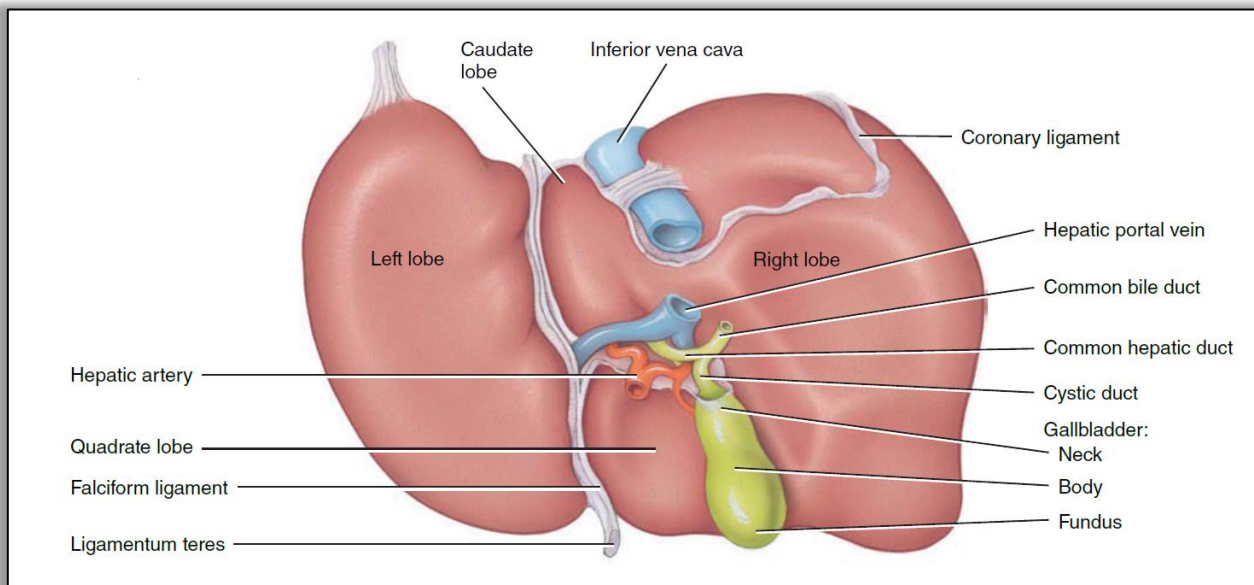
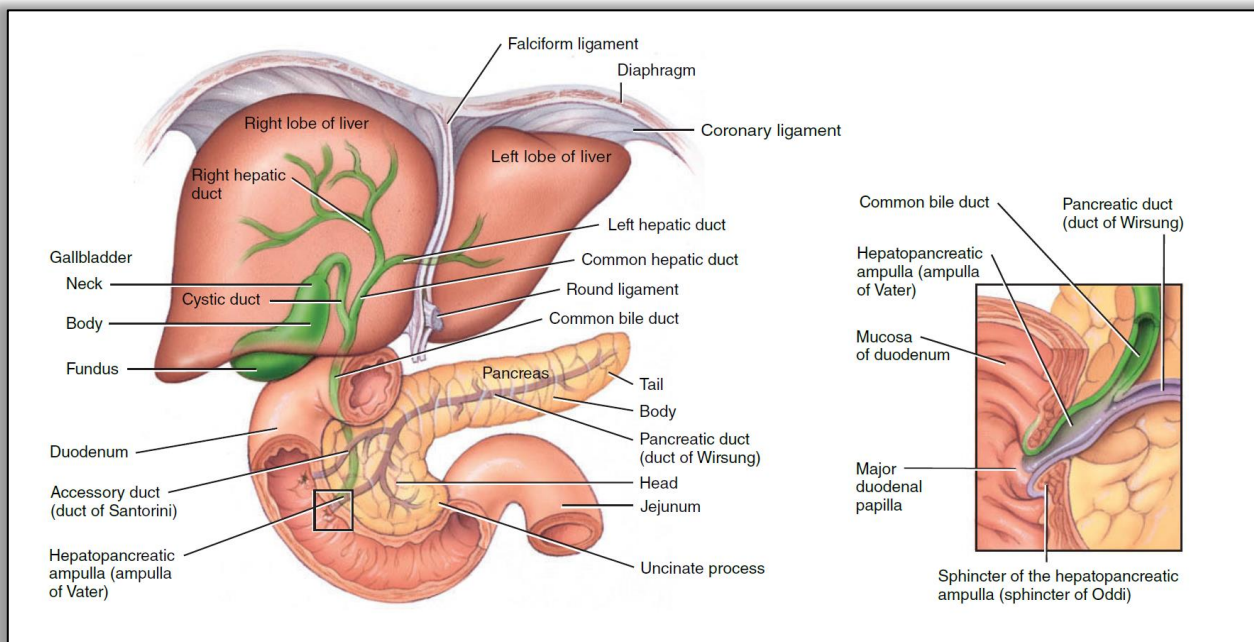
❺ **Hepatocaval ligament**, a transverse ligament that holds the IVC to its impression on the visceral surface of the liver

❻ **Ligamentum venosum**, a remnant of **Ductus venosum**; a fetal structure that aids in the 1st and 2nd bypass/shunt of the liver in the fetal circulation

★ **Hepatic bypass of Fetal circulation**

- **1st bypass** → as the oxygenated blood comes from the placenta of the mother, it will shunt from the umbilical vein to ductus venosus; bypassing the liver
- **2nd bypass** → as the nutrient-rich blood comes from digestive system of the fetus, it will shunt from the portal vein to ductus venosus; bypassing the liver





Gallbladder

- Bile duct is a pear-shaped sac located in a depression of the inferior surface of the right lobe of the liver
- it stores & concentrates bile (remember the liver secretes it, not the gallbladder)
- bile facilitates the digestion of lipids in the small intestine
- has 3 main parts: Fundus, Body, Neck
- can be located where the R. midclavicular line crosses the 9th costal cartilage
- gallbladder is supplied by the **Cystic artery**, a branch of the **Right hepatic artery**
- **Bile Tree**:

R&L hepatic ducts will join together forming **Common hepatic duct** → common hepatic duct joins the **Cystic duct** to form the **Common bile duct** → common bile duct joins the **Pancreatic duct** forming the **Hepatopancreatic ampulla (Ampulla of Vater)** → hepatopancreatic ampulla will open into the 2nd part of duodenum through the major papilla

Pancreas

- glandular organ posterior to the greater curvature of the stomach
- has both exocrine and endocrine function:

- 1 **Exocrine** → secretes hydrolytic enzymes into the duodenum
- 2 **Endocrine** → (**Islets of Langerhans**) which secrete insulin and glucagon into the venous circulation

- has 4 main parts:

➤ Head

- ♦ the disc-shaped portion of pancreas
- ♦ located within the concavity of the 2nd part of duodenum

➤ Neck

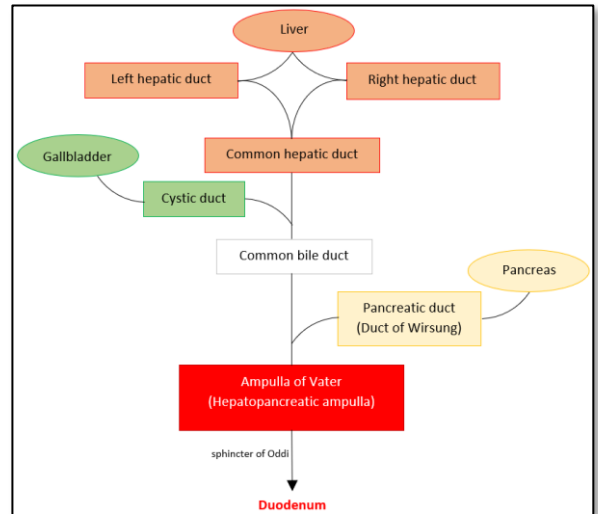
- ♦ a constricted portion between head & body
- ♦ the SMA runs posterior to the neck of pancreas

➤ Body

- ♦ the largest part
- ♦ extends all the way to the left side, reaching the spleen
- ♦ contains 2 pancreatic ducts:
 - **Primary pancreatic duct (Wirsung's duct)**, opens into the major duodenal papilla
 - **Accessory pancreatic duct (Santorini's duct)**, opens into the minor duodenal papilla

➤ Tail

- ♦ the only intraperitoneal part of the pancreas
- ♦ it contacts with the spleen



Miscellaneous Structures

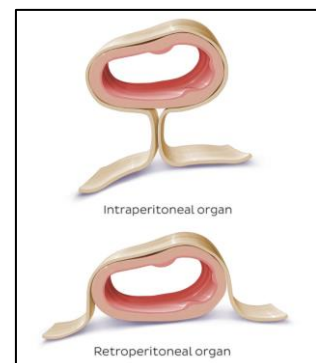
Peritoneum

- Peritoneum is the serous membrane that covers the abdominopelvic organs, composed of 3 parts:

- A. **Parietal layer**, the outer layer that lines the internal abdominal muscles
- B. **Visceral layer**, the inner layer that surrounds the organs
- C. **Peritoneal cavity**, the cavity between the 2 layers, it is filled with serous fluid; to reduce friction

- Organs in relation to the peritoneum has 3 types:

- A. **Intraperitoneal organ** → completely covered by the **visceral** layer
- B. **Retroperitoneal organ** → touched anteriorly by the **parietal** layer
- C. **Sub-peritoneal organ** → have **no relation** with the peritoneum & located inferior to it, ex: **Urinary bladder**



The peritoneum has many folds for the blood vessels and nerves to pass through and reach the organs; because nerves and vessels do NOT pierce the peritoneum. These folds are:

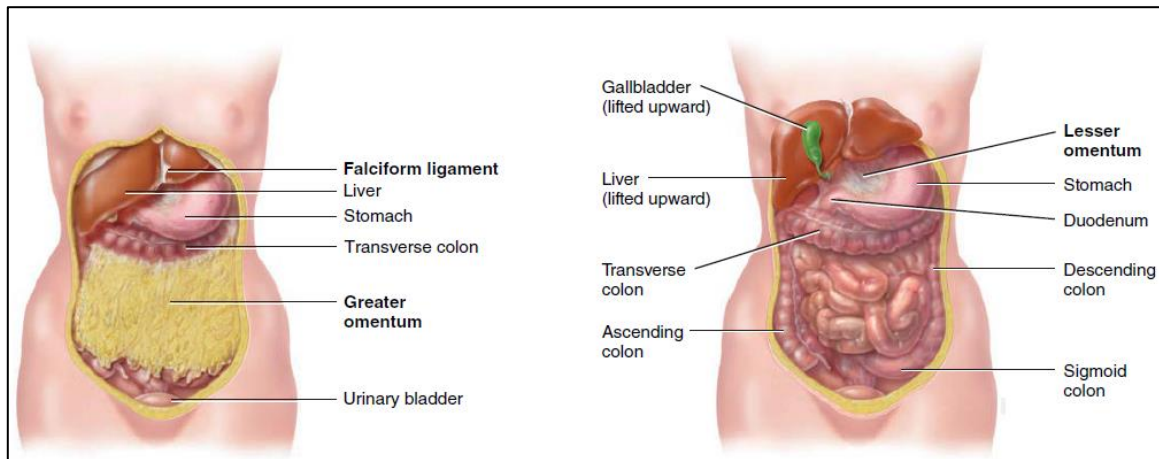
❶ **Omentum**, the peritoneal folds related to the stomach, has 2 parts:

A. Greater omentum

- ♦ a double double-sheet (4 layers in total) peritoneal fold that hangs in front of abdominal organs like an apron (مريول)
- ♦ extends between: (**Greater curvature of stomach → Transverse colon**)

B. lesser omentum

- ♦ extends from: (**Lesser curvature of stomach & 1st 2 cm of duodenum → Liver**)



❷ **Mesentery**,

- ♦ the largest peritoneal fold, fan-shaped (شبه المروحة)
- ♦ related to the **small intestine**

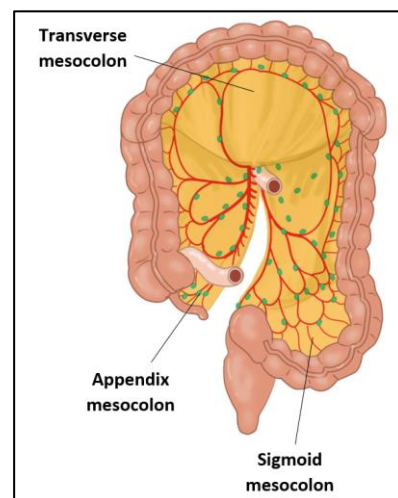
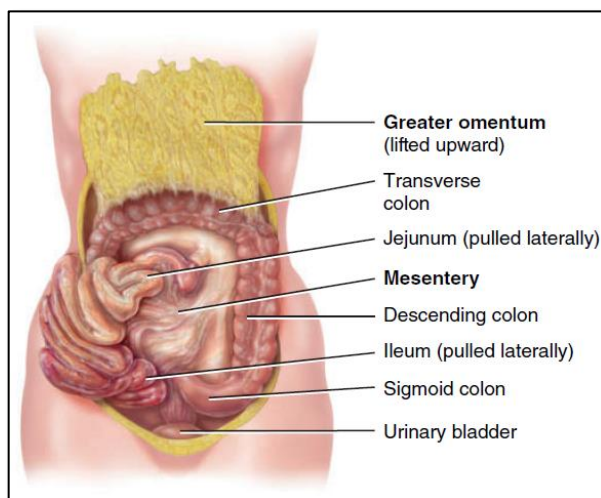
❸ **Mesocolon**

- ♦ related to the **large intestine**
- ♦ has 3 main parts:

A. Transverse mesocolon

B. Sigmoid mesocolon

C. Appendix mesocolon



❹ **Falciform ligament**

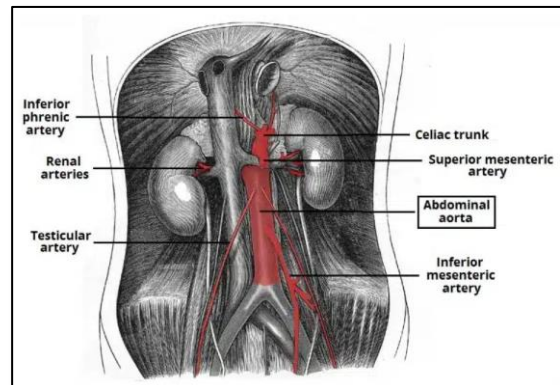
Peritoneal organs

Intraperitoneal organs	Retroperitoneal organs
Stomach 1 st two cm of duodenum Jejunum Ileum Appendix Transverse colon Sigmoid colon Liver, except over 3 areas Tail of pancreas Spleen	Duodenum, except 1 st two cm Cecum Ascending colon Descending colon Pancreas, except its tail Kidneys

Arterial blood supply

➤ Celiac trunk

- very short artery at the level of **T12**, just beneath median (aortic) hiatus
- supplies the **Foregut**
- divides into 3 arteries:
 - ① **Splenic artery** (the largest), supplies the spleen
 - ② **Common hepatic artery**, supplies the liver
 - ③ **Left gastric artery**, supplies the left curvature of stomach



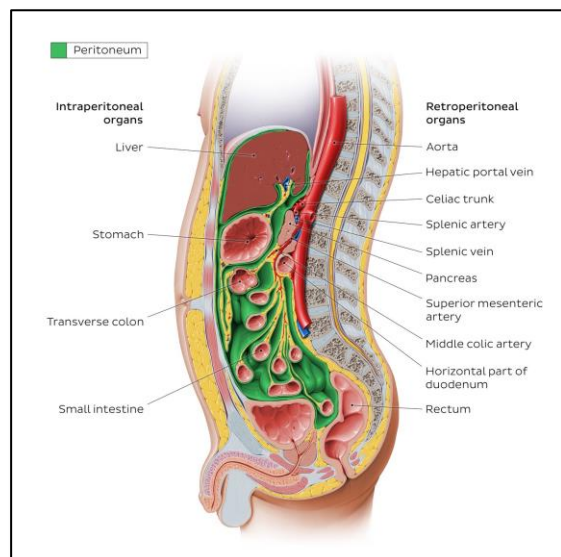
➤ Superior mesenteric artery

- suspended above the L. renal vein
- descends anterior to $\frac{1}{3}$ of duodenum & posterior to the neck of pancreas
- supplies the **Midgut**
- associated with the (**Left renal vein entrapment syndrome**)
"Nutcracker Phenomenon - NCP"

- **Nutcracker syndrome**: a syndrome by which the L. renal vein is pinched/compressed by the 2 arteries surrounding it (**AA & SMA**) when the angle between them is injured and swollen, this results in **Varicocele** (دوالي الخصيتين)

➤ Inferior mesenteric artery

- runs downward to the left
- supplies the **Hindgut**



Embryology

Based on the Embryological origin & Blood supply, the GIT abdominal organs are divided into 3 main regions:

- **Foregut**, extends between (Oral cavity → Major duodenal papilla)
- **Midgut**, extends between (Major duodenal papilla → Distal $\frac{1}{3}$ of transverse colon)
- **Hindgut**, extends between (Distal $\frac{1}{3}$ of transverse colon → Anus)

