

THE EXCRETORY SYSTEM

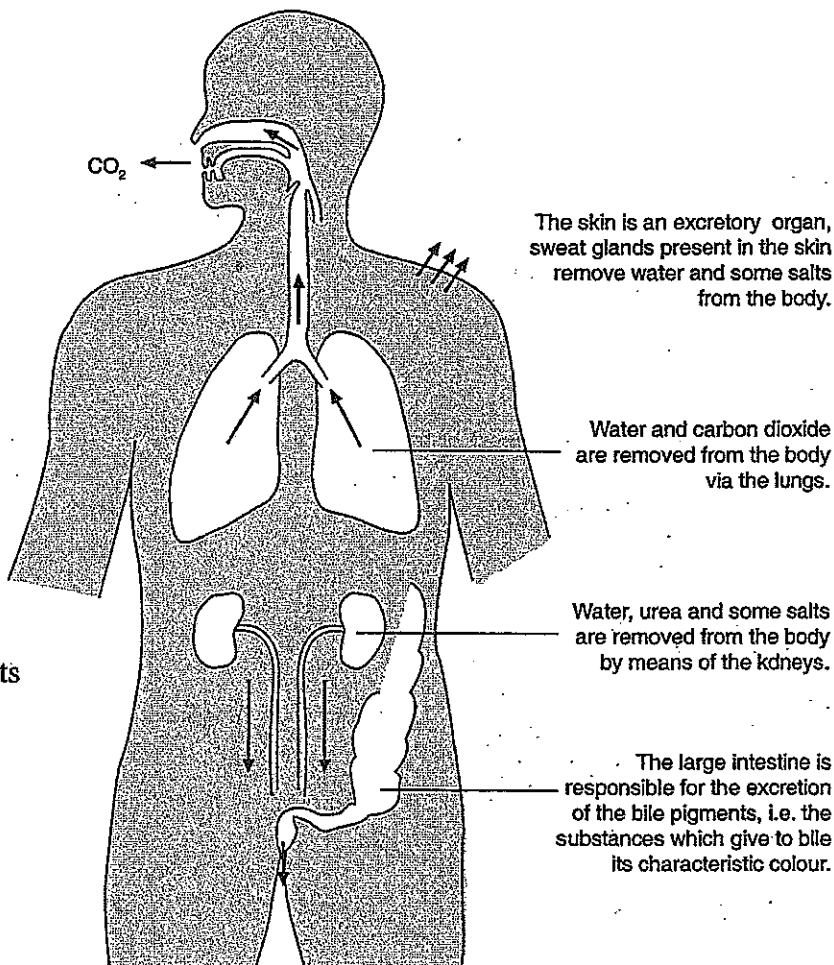


The process by which substances formed during body reactions (cellular activity) are removed from the body.

Excretion may occur via the kidneys, skin and large intestine.

The normal passing via the anus, of substances which have not been digested and absorbed cannot be described as excretion as these substances are not products of metabolism.

The process is known as **defaecation**.



The Urinary System

Functions of the Kidneys

These are located on the dorsal wall of the body and have fat stored around them.

- The removal from the blood of urea, some water and some salts and their removal from the body as urine.
- The maintenance of the salt-water balance of the tissue fluids.

