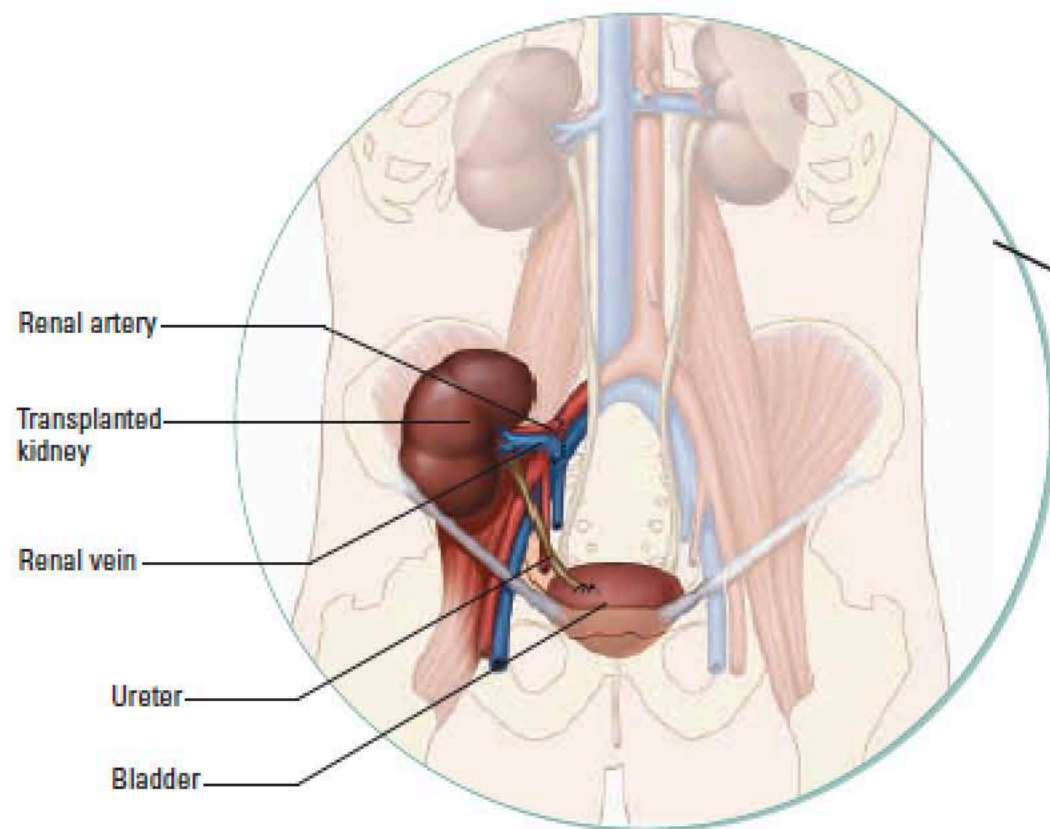


## Anatomy of the Transplanted Kidney

During surgery, the transplanted kidney, along with the artery, vein, and ureter, are placed in the lower abdomen.<sup>1</sup> Your non-working kidneys stay in your abdomen. They are not removed unless your kidneys are causing high blood pressure or an infection.<sup>1</sup>

Anatomy



Renal artery

Transplanted kidney

Renal vein

Ureter

Bladder

## Anatomy of the Transplanted Kidney

- The main message of this section is to describe where the newly transplanted kidney is placed
- This section also reveals how the transplanted kidney is connected
- The goal of this section is to help you understand the importance and functionality of the new kidney
- It is important to get a feel for how this procedure works so that you can discuss the procedure clearly with the kidney transplant health care professional

## Kidney Placement

- This is an anatomical illustration of where the new kidney is transplanted in the body. As you can see, the original kidneys are kept in place and the transplanted kidney is positioned below the iliac crest (hip bone)
- Health care professionals can use this anatomical approach when discussing kidney transplantation with their patients
- Emphasize to the kidney transplant health care professional how they can use the illustration to explain the location of the kidney and where the new kidney is placed
- Encourage the kidney transplant health care professional to use the illustration with their patient

## Sample Dialogue:

“This illustration would be very helpful to your patients in explaining where the transplanted kidney is in the body.”

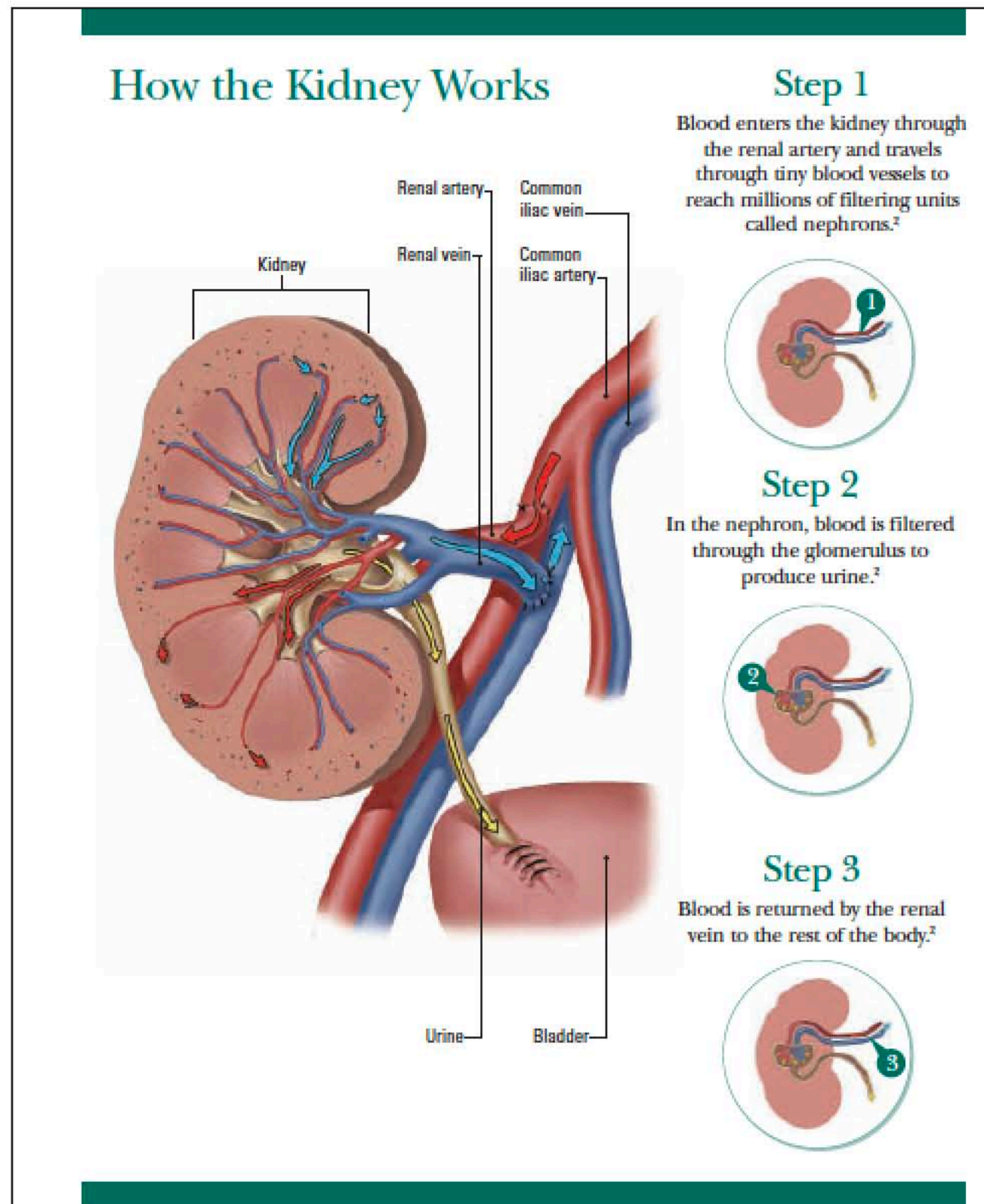
Or

“This illustration would be a useful tool in explaining the placement of the transplanted kidney to your patients.”



## How the Kidney Works

- This section is dedicated to the anatomy and function of the kidney
- Show the kidney transplant health care professional how he/she can easily explain the blood filtering process
- Encourage the kidney transplant health care professional to explain to their patients how the kidney functions normally by
  - Pointing out the concise and colored graphics
  - Pointing out sections of the kidney
  - Using the smaller illustrations for explaining the blood filtering process



### Sample Dialogue:

“The depictions would be an easy and informative way to discuss how the kidney functions. The depiction of each component shown here would help your patients understand the many functions of the kidney. Would you like me to walk you through a sample patient interaction?”