

Excretory System Handout

As you work your way through the excretory system introduction presentation, answer the following questions to help you collect the relevant information.

1. What are the four components of the excretory system? What are their functions?
2. What are some important structures of the kidney? What are their functions?
3. Define nephrons and describe their function in the kidney.
4. What are the components of a nephron?

5. Victims of accidents and diseases are able to live healthy lives with just one kidney.
With this in mind, what may be the reasons that the body normally uses two kidneys?