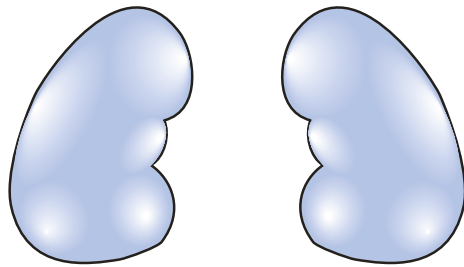


WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT KIDNEYS?

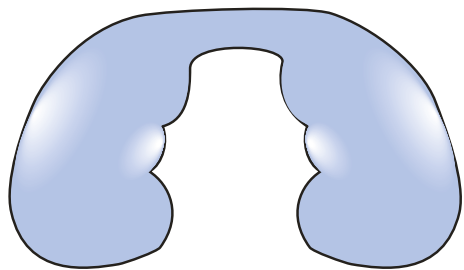
You need your kidneys to live. They filter toxins and waste and excess water out of your body. They also regulate your blood pressure and stimulating production of red blood cells. That is why people with kidney failure are so exhausted, because they usually are severely anemic. They just don't have enough red blood cells. Your kidney do many other things like tell your body to regulate calcium and phosphorus. They are so important that most people have two of them. Each kidney does exactly the same job. That way if anything goes wrong with one, the other kidney can work for the missing one.

WHAT IS A HORSESHOE KIDNEY?

Most of us have two kidneys which look like large sacks of meat.



A Horseshoe Kidney is connected on the top, making it look somewhat like a horseshoe.



A Horseshoe Kidney may be much larger than a regular kidney, but you only have one. That means that if anything goes wrong with it, there isn't a spare.