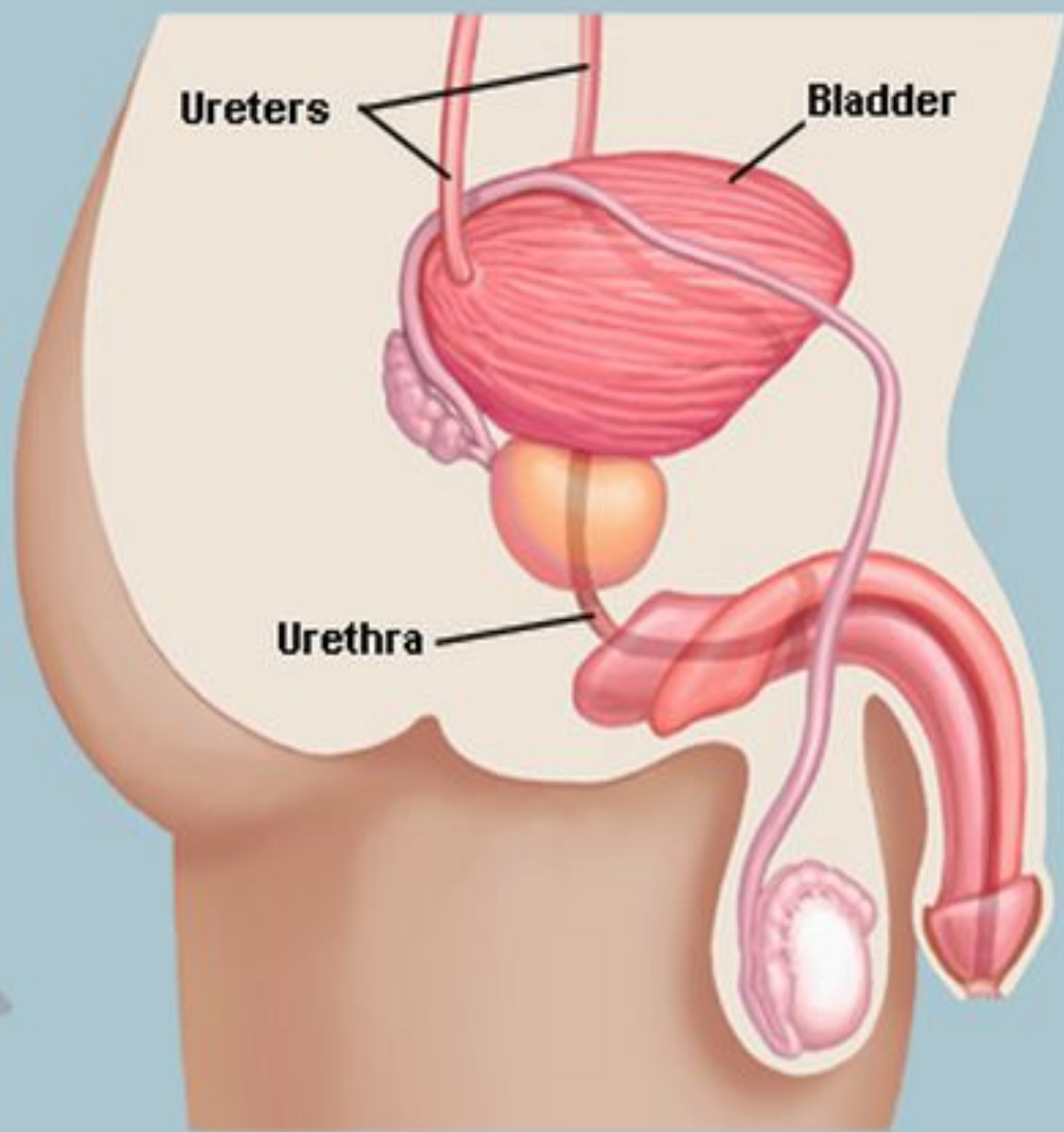


Kidneys

Front View



Ureters

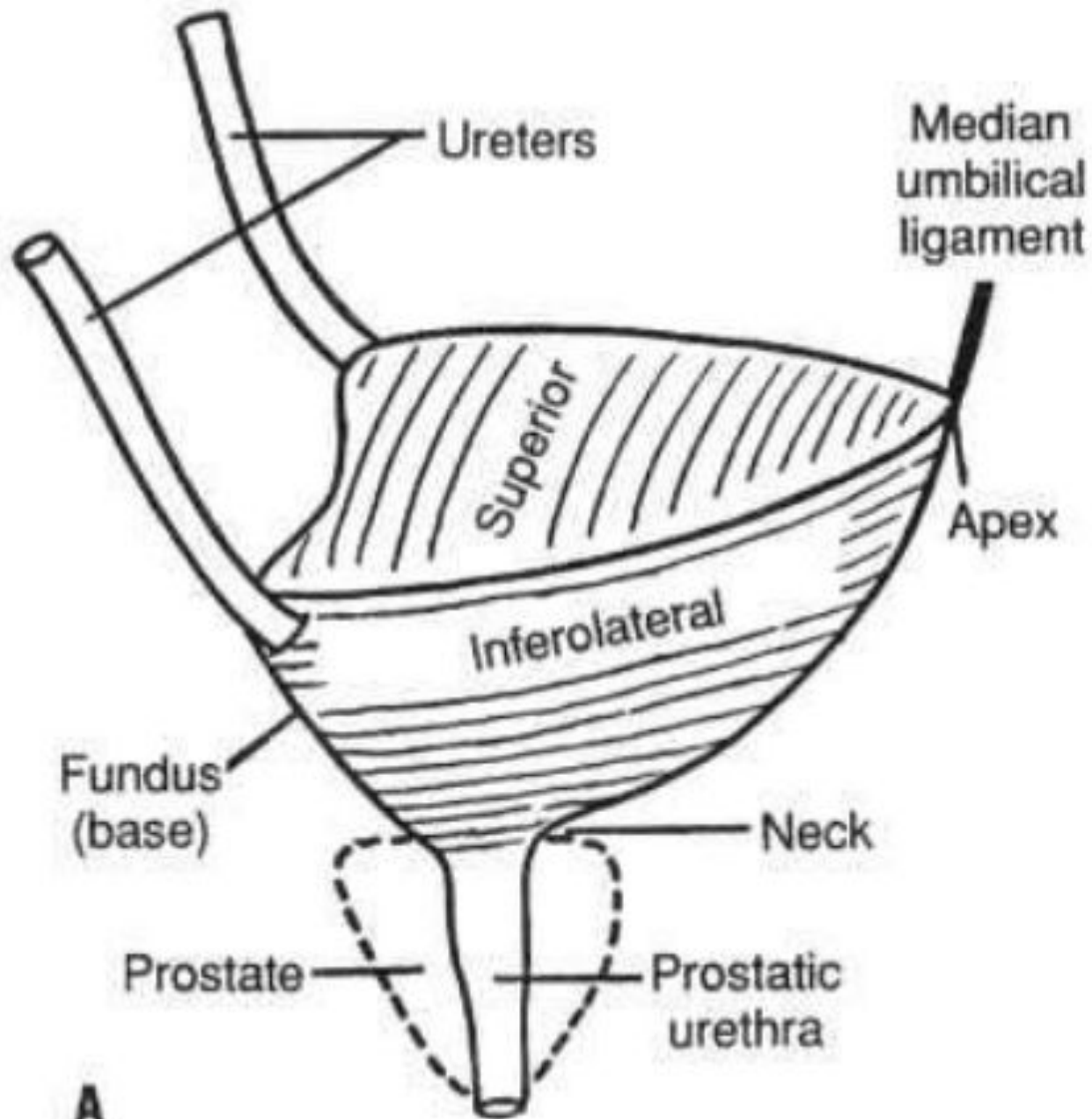
Bladder

Urethra

Side View

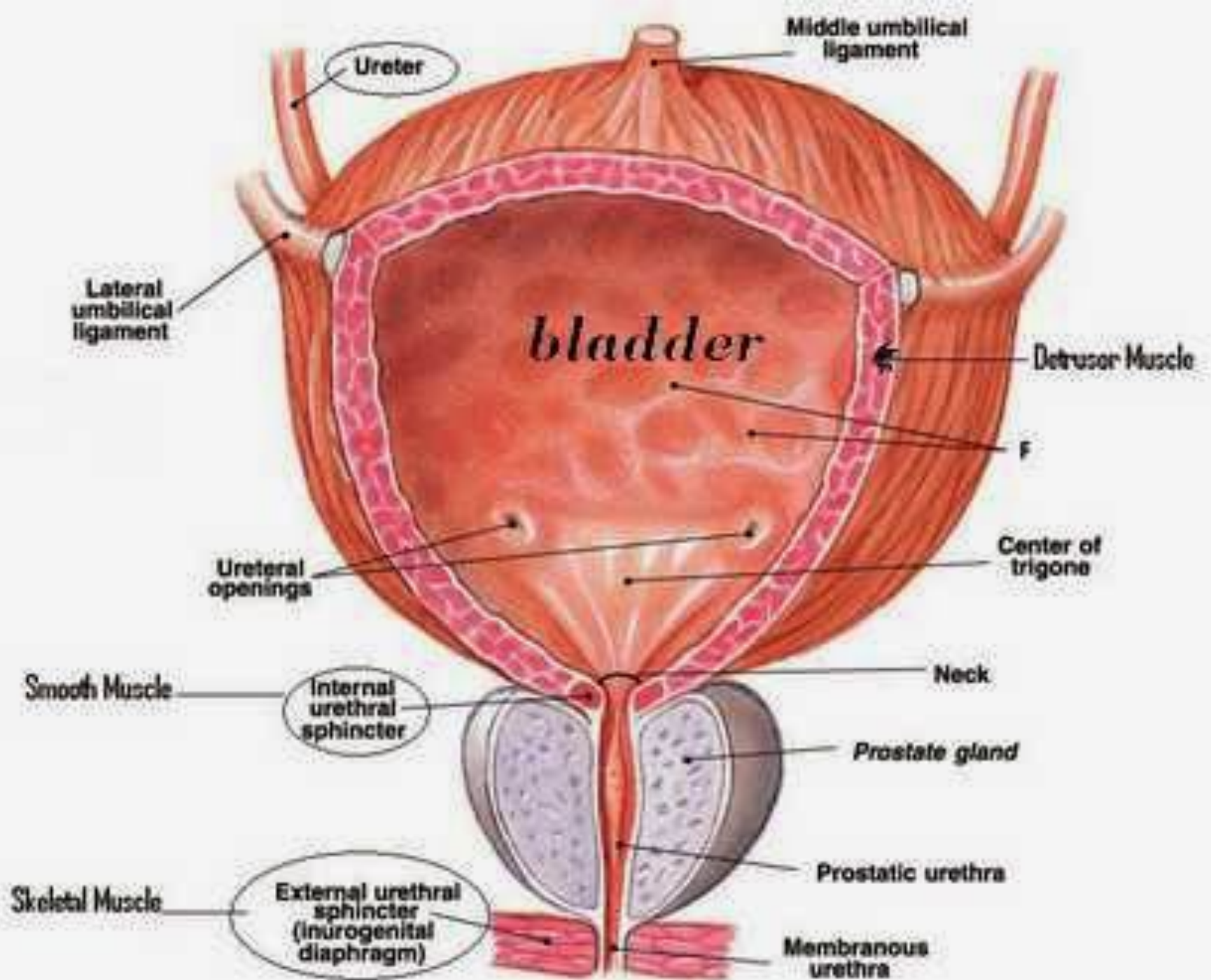
SURGICAL ANATOMY OF THE BLADDER

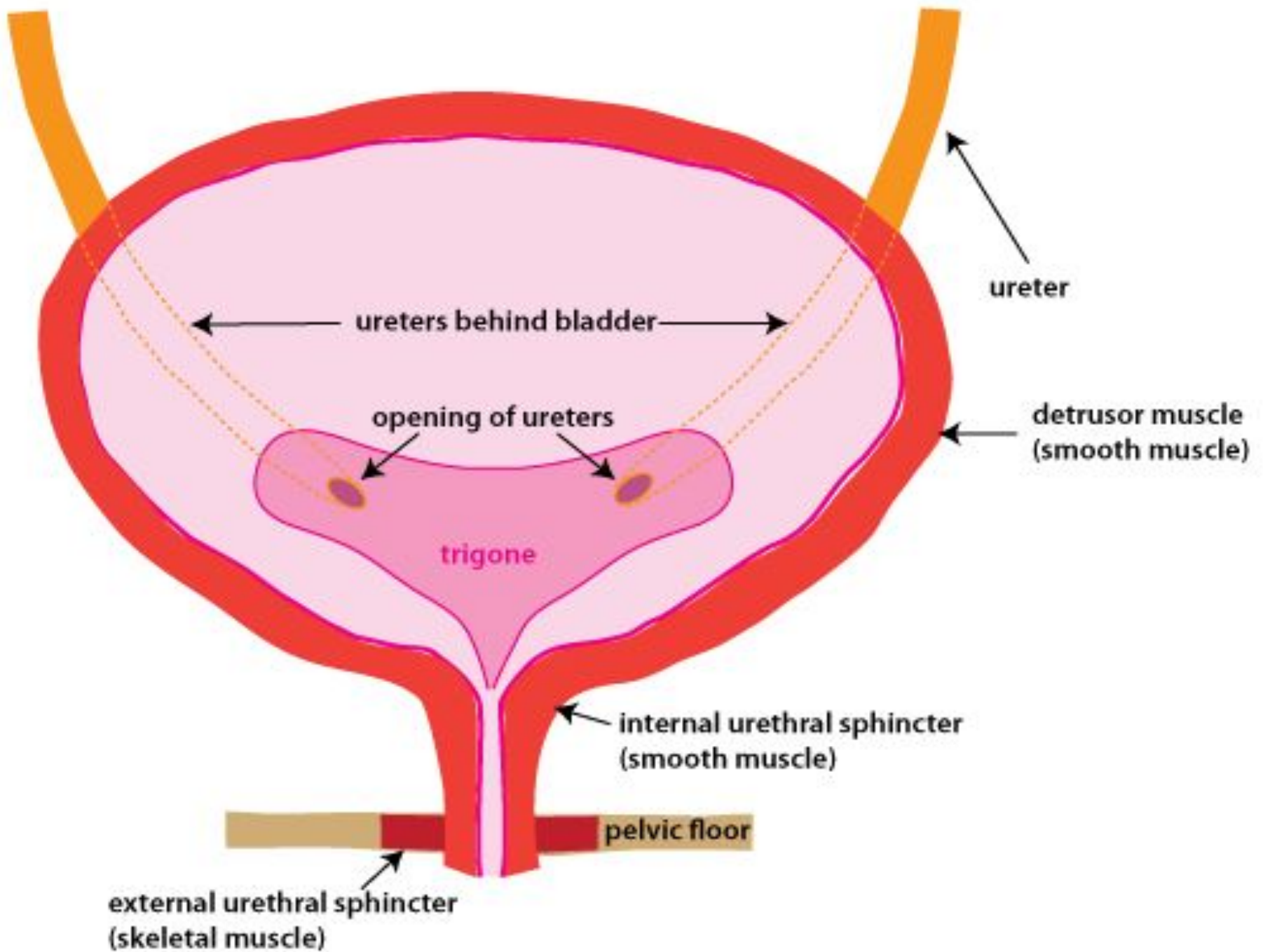
- the bladder is located anteriorly in the pelvic cavity, behind the pubic bones
- Bladder is a thick-walled organ having superior and inferior walls, a fundus, and an apex.
- The trigone of the bladder is a smooth-surfaced triangular area lying between the ureteral orifices at its basal angles and the internal urethral orifice at its apex.
- The bladder wall consists of:-
 - mucosa --- composed of transitional epithelium.
 - sub-mucosal layer--- formed largely of connective & elastic tissue
 - detrusor muscles (external to the sub mucosa) which consists of numerous bundles of smooth muscle fibers arranged at random in a longitudinal, circular, and spiral manner



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- Around the male bladder neck is the smooth muscle internal sphincter which fulfils a sexual function , it is innervated by alpha-adrenergic fibers and prevents retrograde ejaculation.
- The distal urethral sphincter is a mass of striated muscle which lies distal to the prostate or proximal two-thirds of the female urethra ,this sphincter is supplied by S2-S4 fibres via the pudendal nerve.





BLOOD SUPPLY:

A. Arterial : the bladder is supplied with blood by :--

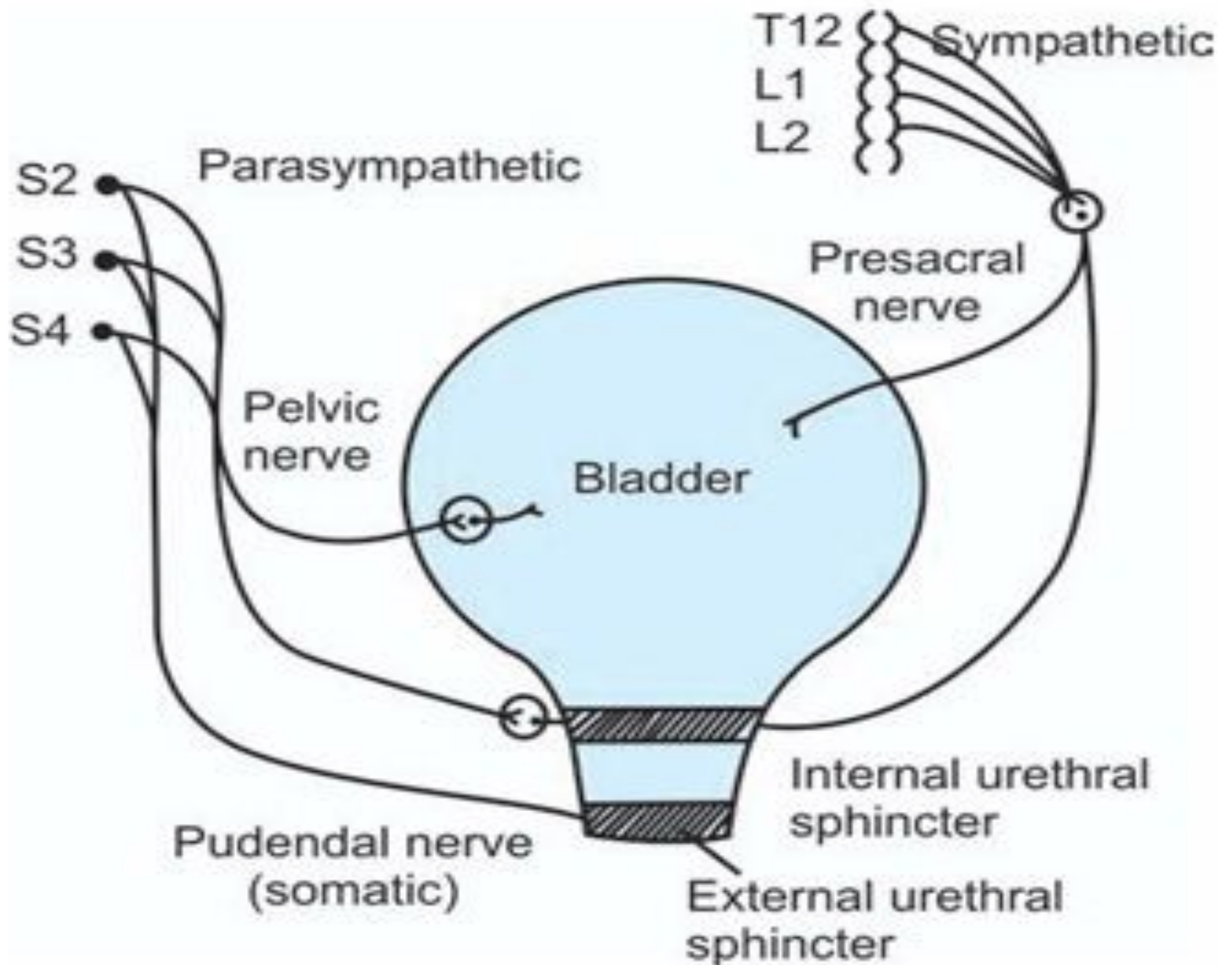
1- the superior, middle, and inferior vesical arteries----
branches of anterior trunk of internal iliac(hypogastric)
artery.

2- the smaller branches from obturator & inferior
gluteal arteries.

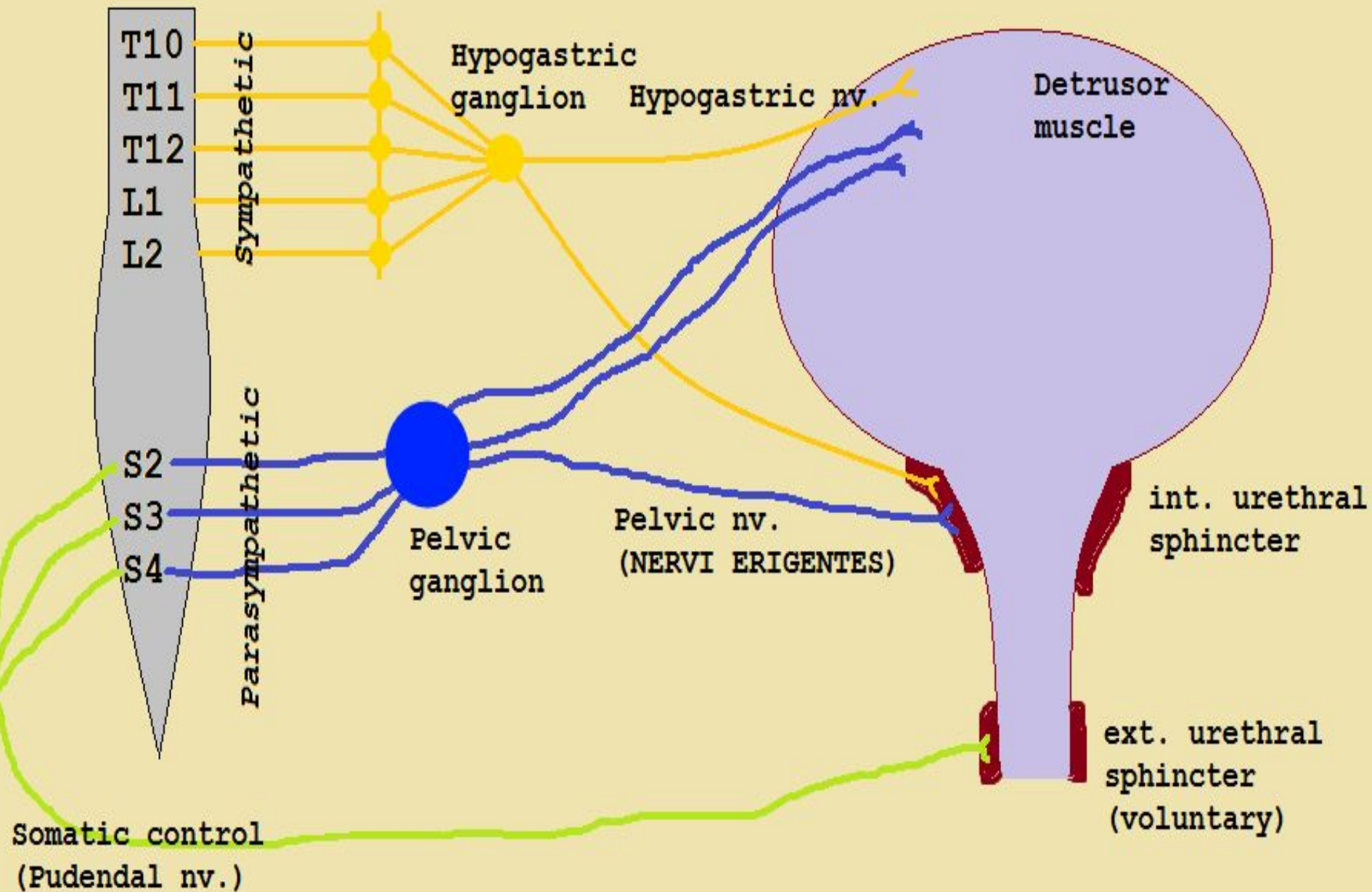
- in the female the uterine & vaginal arteries also send
branches to the bladder.

B. VENOUS: surrounding the bladder is a rich plexus of
veins that empties into the internal iliac (hypogastric)
veins.

LYMPHATICS:- the lymphatics of the bladder drain into
the vesical, external iliac, internal iliac (hypogastric) &
common iliac lymph nodes.



sympathetic chain



NERVE SUPPLY

- Parasympathetic input:- this innervation is derived from the anterior primary divisions of the second ,third & fourth sacral segments mainly (S2&S3).these fibers stimulate “emptying” of the bladder by stimulating detrusor muscle contraction, elevating the trigone ,and relaxing the internal sphincter.
- Sympathetic input:-- these nerves arise in the 11th thoracic to the second lumbar segments. These nerves are stimulated during filling of the bladder and act to inhibit detrusor muscle tone; they also increase tension in the internal sphincter.
- Somatic innervation:-this passes to the distal sphincter via the pudendal nerves.
- Normal micturition is co-ordinated in the pons in the midbrain where detrusor contraction is timed with inhibition of the distal sphincter mechanism.

RUPTURE OF THE BLADDER

- It is either intraperitoneal (20%) or extra peritoneal (80%). Intraperitoneal rupture may be secondary to a blow, kick or fall on a fully distended bladder & it is more common in the male than in the female.
- more rare , it is due to surgical damage.
- Extraperitoneal rupture is usually caused by a fractured pelvis or is secondary to major trauma or surgical damage.

INTRAPERITONEAL RUPTURE

- Sudden agonising pain in the hypogastrium often accompanied by syncope.
- The shock later subsides & the abdomen starts to distend. No desire to micturate.
- Varying degrees of abdominal rigidity & abdominal distension are present on examination.

- No suprapubic dullness, but there is tenderness.
- There may be shifting dullness.
- If the urine is sterile , symptoms & signs of peritonitis are delayed.

how to confirm the diagnosis of intraperitoneal rupture

- Abdominal plain X-ray in the erect position may show fluid-level appearance in the lower abdomen.
- Intravenous urography (IVU) may confirm a leak from the bladder.
- A peritoneal “tap” may be of value if facilities for radiological examination are not available.

Treatment of intraperitoneal rupture

- The mainstay is to provide adequate drainage of the bladder.
- The standard treatment is to perform a lower midline laparotomy, the urine is removed by suction, the bladder's injury is sutured, the operation completed by placement of a suprapubic & urethral catheter

The operations in which the bladder is liable to be injured are :-

- 1- Inguinal or femoral herniotomy
- 2- Hysterectomy
- 3- Excision of the rectum
- 4- TURBT (transurethral resection of a bladder tumour)
- 5- TURP (transurethral resection of prostate)