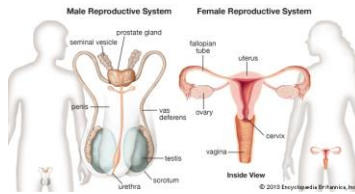


The Reproductive System



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Male Reproductive System Delivers Sperm

- **Testes** produce sperm
 - **Scrotum**
 - sac of skin and smooth muscle that holds the testes
 - Maintains testes at a slightly lower temperature
 - **Seminiferous tubules** within testes
 - produce sperm
- **Epididymis and ductus deferens**
 - sperm become motile and are stored here
- **Ductus deferens**
 - transports sperm to where it becomes the ejaculatory duct

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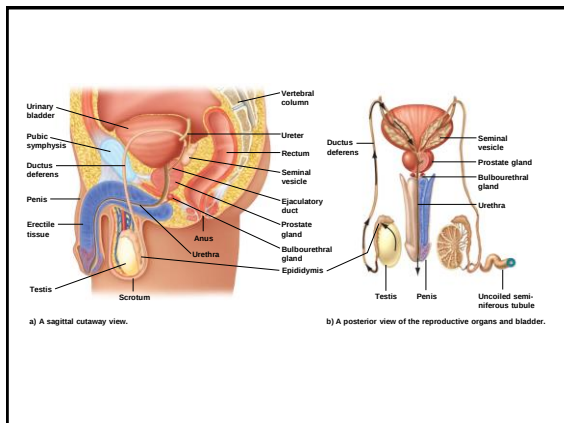
- Route of sperm through male reproductive structures
 1. Seminiferous tubules
 2. Epididymis
 3. Ductus deferens
 4. Ejaculatory duct
 5. Penis

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Accessory Glands Help Sperm Survive

- Seminal vesicles
 - Secrete fructose (provides source of energy for sperm) and most of seminal fluid
- Prostate gland
 - Secretes watery alkaline fluid to raise vaginal pH
- Bulbourethral gland
 - Secretes lubricating mucus
 - Cleanses urethra

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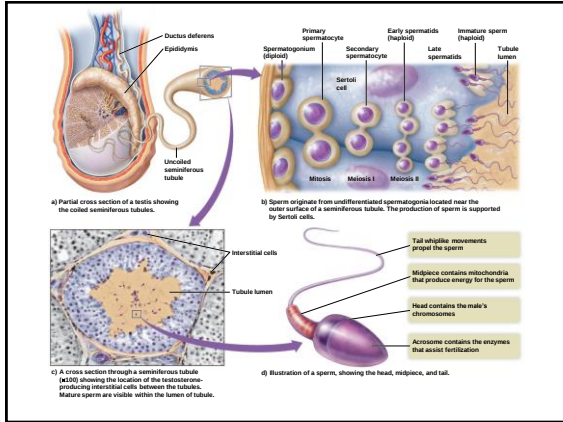


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Sperm Production Requires Several Cell Divisions

- Several cell divisions (mitosis and meiosis) in seminiferous tubules
- Purpose
 - Produce a large number of sperm with half the number of chromosomes of somatic cells (haploid)
- Sequence of cell types, leading to sperm
 - Spermatogonia ($2n$), primary spermatocyte ($2n$), secondary spermatocyte (n), spermatids (n), sperm (n)
- Sertoli cells provide support, nourishment

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Testosterone Affects Male Reproductive Capacity

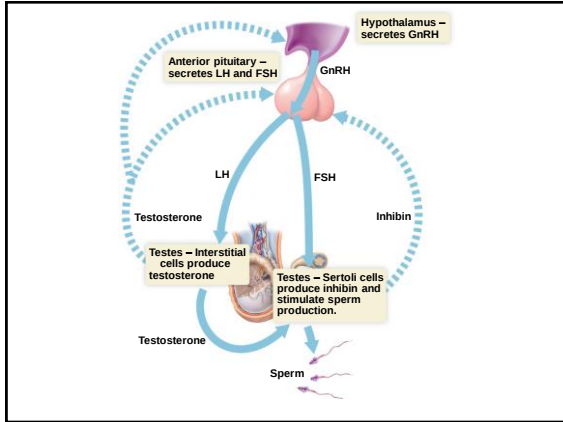
- Testosterone
 - Steroid hormone produced by **interstitial cells** in testes (between seminiferous tubules)
 - Function
 - controls growth and function of male reproductive tissues
 - stimulates aggression and sexual behavior
 - secondary sexual characteristics
 - Determines rate of sperm formation

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Testosterone Affects Male Reproductive Capacity

- Hormones that regulate testosterone and sperm production
 - Gonadotropin-releasing hormone (**GnRH**) from hypothalamus
 - **LH** (from anterior pituitary) stimulates production of testosterone
 - **FSH** (from anterior pituitary) may enhance sperm formation with Sertoli cells
 - **Inhibin**: produced by Sertoli cells, inhibits secretion of FSH

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Female Reproductive System Produces Eggs and Supports Pregnancy

- Ovaries
 - Release oocytes (immature eggs) and secrete the hormones estrogen and progesterone
- Uterine Tube (oviduct / fallopian tube)
 - Leads from the ovary to the uterus
 - Fertilization occurs in the upper third of the uterine tube

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Female Reproductive System Produces Eggs and Supports Pregnancy

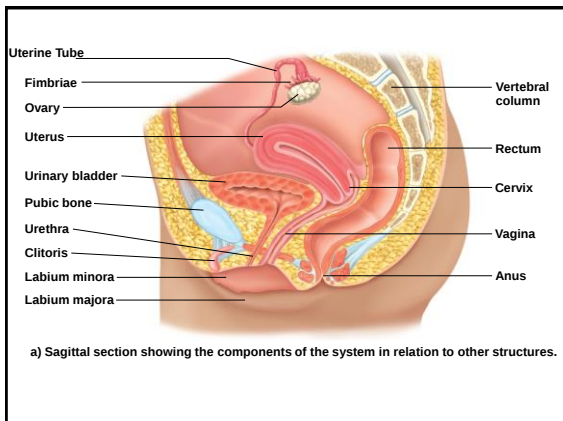
- Uterus
 - the hollow, pear-shaped organ where fertilized egg grows and develops
- Layers
 - **Endometrium**: supports fertilized egg, part of it sloughs off during menstrual flow
 - **Myometrium**: smooth muscle, expands during pregnancy, constricts during labor
 - **Cervix**: the narrow opening in the lower part of the uterus that permits sperm to enter the uterus and allows the fetus to exit during birth

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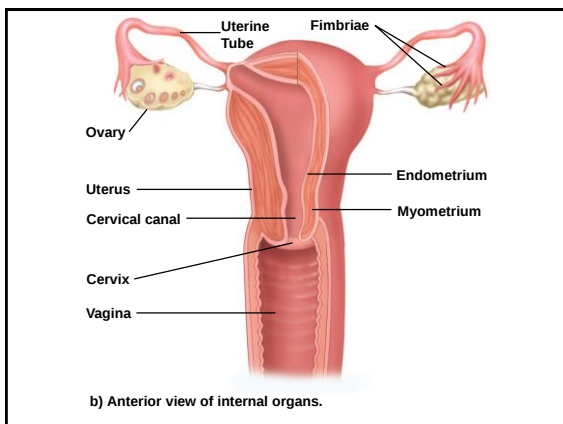
Female Reproductive System Produces Eggs and Supports Pregnancy

- Vagina
 - Organ of sexual intercourse and birth canal
- External genitalia
 - Labia majora and minora
 - Clitoris

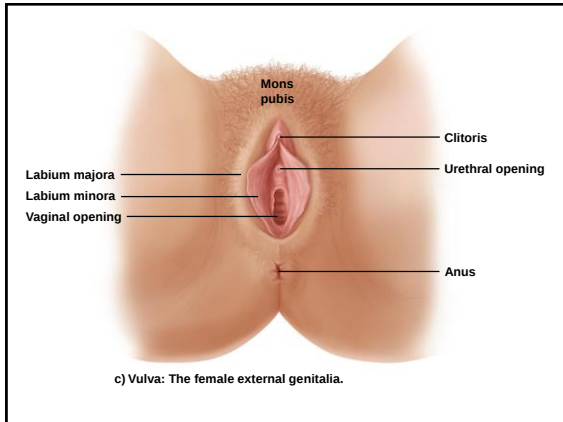
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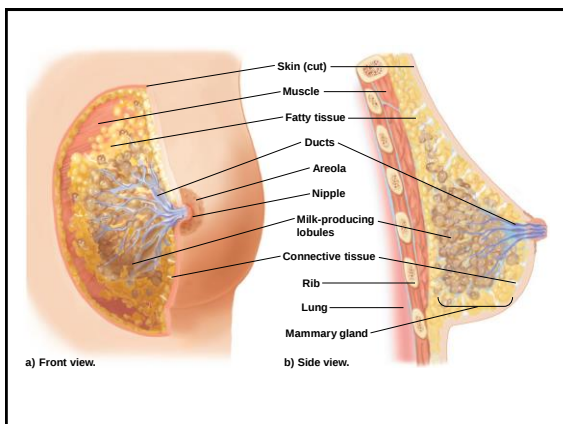


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Mammary Glands Nourish the Infant

- Breasts contain mammary glands
- Technically, mammary glands are modified sweat glands, part of the integumentary system
- Specialized for lactation (production of milk)
- Hormonal control of lactation:
 - Prolactin (anterior pituitary hormone) – stimulates milk production
 - Oxytocin (posterior pituitary hormone) – stimulates contractions that eject milk

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Menstrual Cycle

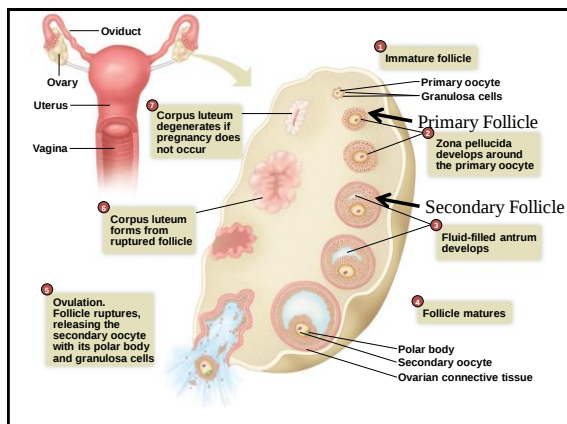
- Consists of two linked cycles
 - **Ovarian cycle**
 - Series of changes in ovaries associated with oocyte maturation
 - Controlled by FSH and LH
 - **Uterine cycle**
 - Changes in the endometrial lining of the uterus
 - Controlled by estrogen and progesterone

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Ovarian Cycle: Oocytes Mature and are Released

- Immature follicle of primary oocyte and granulosa cell develops; FSH and LH increase
- Antrum develops within follicle; some estrogen and progesterone secreted
- Secondary oocyte and polar body produced; follicle matures (Graafian follicle)
- Increasing estrogen causes surge of LH; ovulation occurs
- Corpus luteum formed from follicle; large amounts of estrogen and progesterone secreted

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Ovarian Cycle: Oocytes Mature and are Released

- If fertilization and pregnancy occurs
 - Chorion (embryonic tissue) secretes human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG)
 - hCG is detected by pregnancy tests
 - hCG causes corpus luteum to continue to produce estrogen and progesterone for another 9–10 weeks
 - After 9–10 weeks, the placenta takes over progesterone and estrogen production
 - High levels of estrogen and progesterone prevent ovulation during pregnancy

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Uterine Cycle Prepares Uterus for Pregnancy

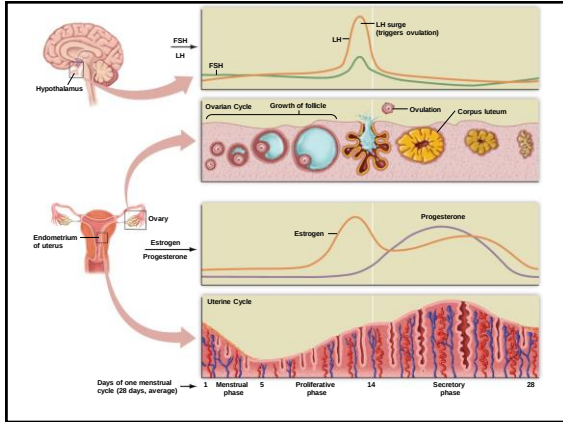
- Series of changes that occur in endometrium as it prepares for the possibility of a fertilized egg
- **Menstrual phase**
 - Days 1–5
 - Estrogen and progesterone decrease
 - Endometrial lining degenerates
 - Menstruation occurs
- **Proliferative phase**
 - Days 6–14
 - Estrogen and progesterone increase
 - Endometrial lining proliferates

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Uterine Cycle Prepares Uterus for Pregnancy

- **Ovulation**
 - Day 14
- **Secretory phase**
 - Days 15–28
 - Corpus luteum produces progesterone and estrogen
 - Endometrium continues to proliferate
 - Uterus is prepared to accept and nourish a fertilized egg

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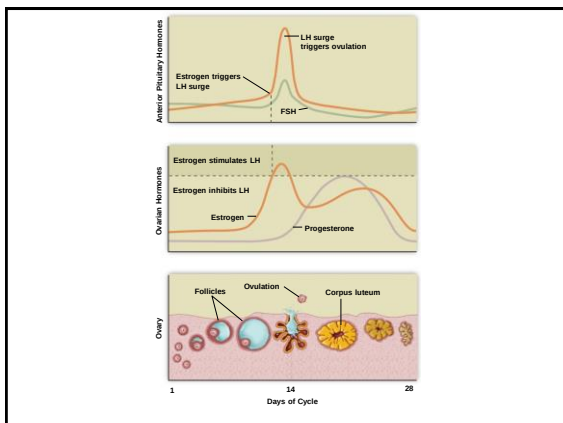


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Cyclic Changes in Hormone Levels Produce Menstrual cycle

- Cycles of hormones
 - Positive feedback
 - Causes an event to continue
 - In proliferative phase, increasing estrogen causes surge in LH, which in turn causes ovulation
 - Negative feedback
 - Causes an event to be stopped / reversed
 - In secretory phase, steady levels of estrogen and progesterone inhibit LH and FSH release

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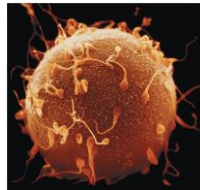
Human Sexual Response, Intercourse, and Fertilization

- Human sexual response
 - Excitement, plateau, orgasm, resolution
 - Male sexual response
 - orgasm, marked by ejaculation, refractory period
 - Female sexual response
 - orgasm, marked by rhythmic muscular contractions

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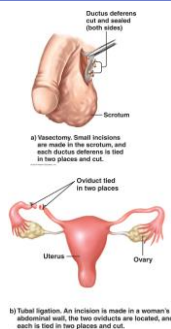
- Fertilization
 - Ejaculate may contain several hundred million sperm
 - One sperm penetrates egg



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Birth Control Methods: Controlling Fertility

- Abstinence
 - not having intercourse
- Surgical sterilization
 - **Vasectomy** in males: cut and tie off both ductus deferens
 - **Tubal ligation** in females: cut and tie off both oviducts
 - **Hysteroscopy** in females: cauterize the oviducts to seal them



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Birth Control Methods: Hormonal Methods

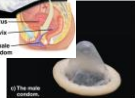
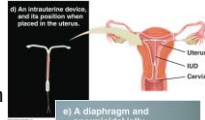
- Birth control pills (oral contraceptives)
 - Combination of synthetic progesterone and estrogen
 - Inhibit release of FSH and LH
 - Block ovulation
- Hormone injections
 - DepoProvera, Lunelle
- Hormone patch
 - Ortho Evra
- Vaginal ring
 - NuvaRing



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Birth Control Methods: Other

- IUDs (Intrauterine devices)
 - Small plastic or metal piece inserted into uterus
 - Create mild chronic inflammation that prevents fertilization or implantation
- Diaphragms and cervical caps
 - Prevent sperm from entering the cervix
- Chemical spermicides
 - Kill sperm cells
- Condoms
 - Trap ejaculated sperm



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Birth Control Methods: Other

- Natural alternatives
 - Rhythm method, withdrawal
- Morning-after pills
 - Prevent pregnancy from continuing
 - Preven, Plan B, Mifeprex (RU-486)
- Abortion
 - Terminates pregnancy
- The future
 - Male birth control pill
 - Vaccines for women



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Infertility: Inability to Conceive

- Many causes of infertility
 - Number and quality of sperm
 - < 60 million/ejaculation is considered infertile
 - Pelvic inflammatory disease (PID)
 - Scarred, blocked oviducts
 - Abnormal production of FSH, LH
 - Irregular menstrual cycles
 - Endometriosis
 - Decreased reproductive capacity with age
 - Miscarriage (spontaneous abortion)



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Enhancing Fertility

- Artificial insemination
- In vitro fertilization (IVF)
 - Fertilization in test tube outside of the body
- GIFT (gamete intrafallopian transfer)
 - Unfertilized eggs and sperm placed directly in oviduct

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Enhancing Fertility (cont.)

- ZIFT (zygote intrafallopian transfer)
 - Fertilized egg is placed in oviduct
- Fertility-enhancing drugs
 - Boost production of developing eggs
- Surrogate motherhood

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Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs): Worldwide Problem

- Transmitted by sexual contact, including
 - Genital, oral-genital, anal-genital
- Bacterial
 - Gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia
- Other
 - Yeasts (Candida), protozoan (Trichomonas), arthropod (pubic lice)



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Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs): Worldwide Problem

- Viral
 - HIV, hepatitis B, genital herpes, HPV



a) Genital herpes on the external genitalia of the female. Genital herpes is generally caused by HSV-2.

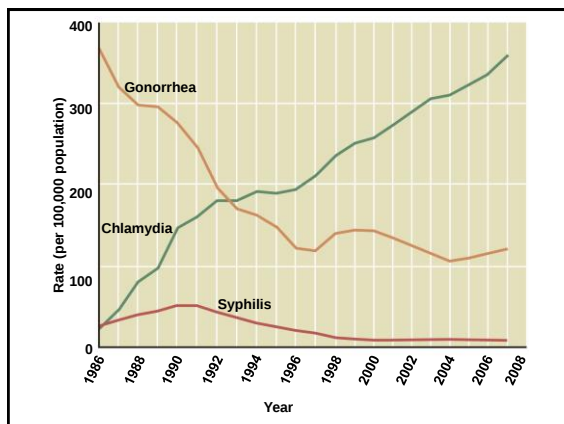


b) Genital herpes on the penis of the male.

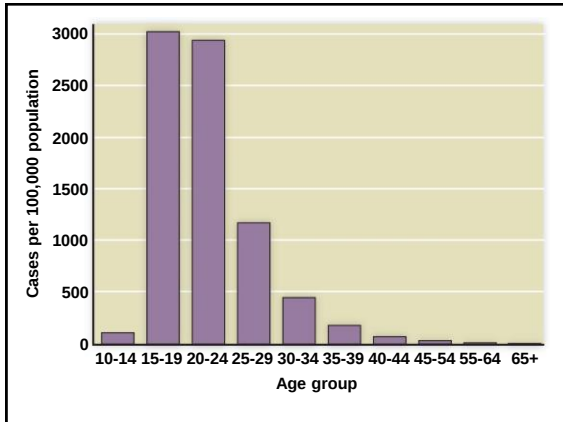


c) Oral herpes. Cold sores on the lips (also called fever blisters) generally are caused by HSV-1.

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Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs): Worldwide Problem

- Prevention strategies
 - Choose partner wisely
 - Communicate
 - Use suitable barriers
 - Get tested and treated
 - Get vaccinated

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