# REPRODUCTIVE PHYSIOLOGY RESUMED

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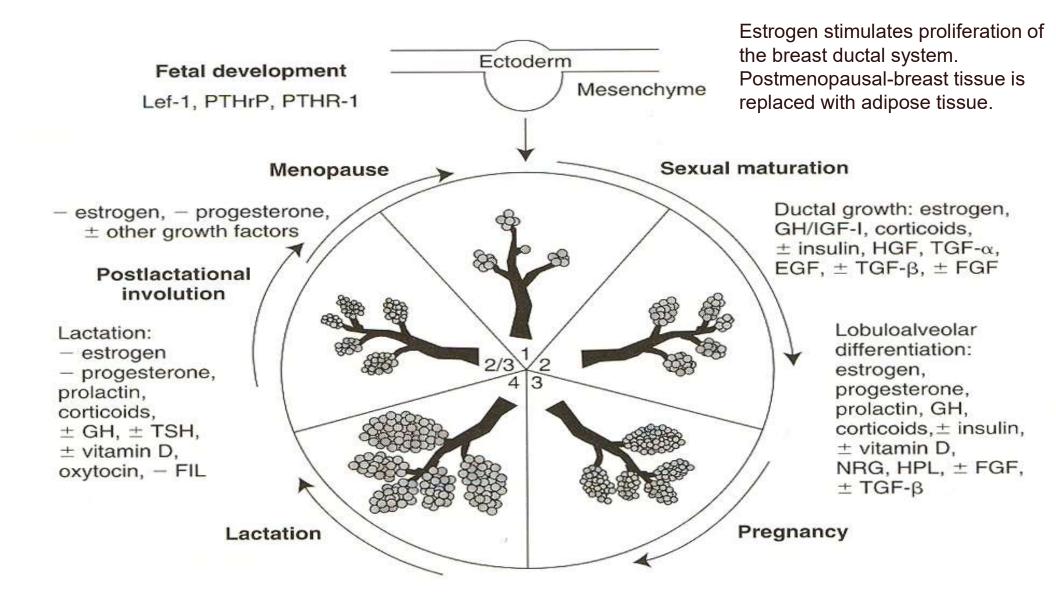
### BREASTS

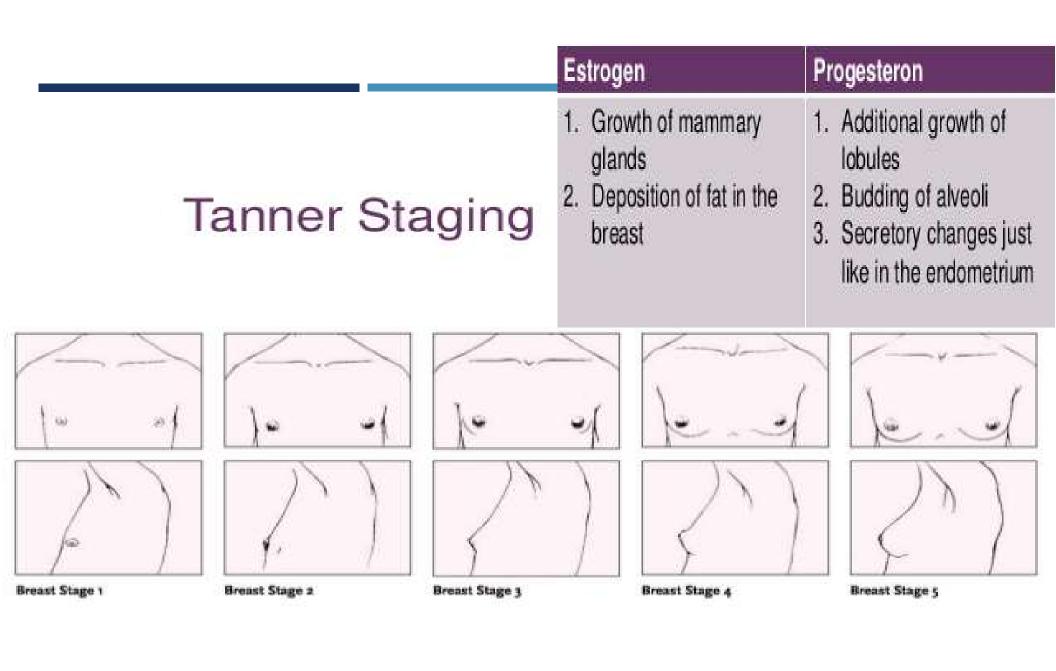
#### Modified apocrine gland

- The breasts of an adult woman are milk-producing, tear-shaped glands.
- They are supported by and attached to the front of the chest wall on either side of the breast bone or sternum by ligaments.
- They rest on the pectoralis major
- The breast has no muscle tissue.
- A layer of fat surrounds the glands and extends throughout the breast

- Organs of sexual arousal
- Contain mammary glands
- Consist of connective tissue that serves as support
- Each breast contain 15-25 clusters called lobes
- Each lobule is connected by ducts that open into the nipples
- The nipples are made up of erectile tissue
- The pigmented around the nipples are called the areola

- Breast size is determined primarily by heredity
- Size also depends on the existing fat and glandular tissue
- Breasts may exhibit cyclical changes, including increased swelling and tenderness prior to menstruation
- Benign breast changes refer to fibrocystic disease
- Lumps or masses that are noncancerous





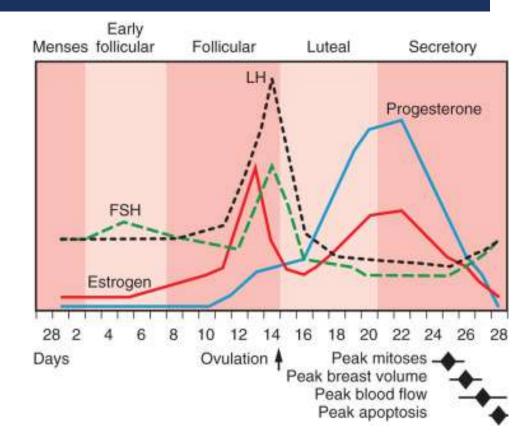
# PUBERTY MORPHOLOGY

- <u>Thelarche</u>: the beginning of adult breast development
- Ductal growth phase: Club-shaped terminal end buds (TEBs)
- Lobuloalveolar phase: TEBs form alveolar buds. 9-10 alveolar buds empty into terminal ductal lobular units (TDLUs)
- In early puberty, the TDLU is termed

- **Under cyclic influence of ovarian hormones:** some of the Lob1 will undergo further division and differentiate into a lobule type 2 (Lob 2).
- In Lob 2 the alveolar buds become smaller but four times more numerous than Lob1; these buds are termed ductules or alveoli.
- Lobs during late teens but then decline after the mid twenties.

# PUBERTY MENSTRUAL CYCLE

- Early follicular phase: Day 3-7. dense stroma, only one epithelial type. Minimum volume in 5-7 days.
- Follicular phase: Day 8-14, progression of epithelial in to three cell type: luminal , myoepiethelial and intermediate cell.
- **Ovulation:** Increase alveoli volume and number.
- Secretory phase: Day 21-27, maximum size of the lobules
- Menstrual phase: Day 28-32



### Three types of breast pain

### Cyclical

Cyclical breast pain is hormonal, and is associated with

- Timing related to your menstrual cycle
- Pain is usually dull/heavy or aching
- Affects both breasts
- Gradually increases in pain leading up to your period
- More likely to affect pre-menopausal and perimenopausal women

### Non-cyclical

Non-cyclical breast pain is non-hormonal, and is associated with

- Tightness, burning, and general soreness
- Is constant or intermittently painful
- Usually confined to a local area of one breast
- More commonly experienced by post-menopausal women

### Extramammary (chest wall)

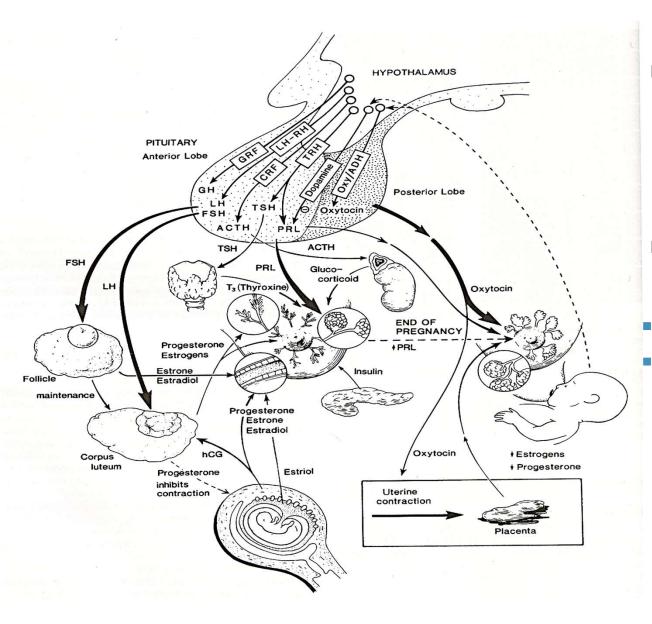
Extramammary breast pain (also known as chest wall pain) is unrelated to the breast, and could be caused by

- Rib injuries
- Torn muscles in the chest or shoulders
- Inflammation of costal cartilage

#### Sources

www.breastcancercare.org.uk/information-support/ have-i-got-breast-cancer/benign-breast-conditions/ breast-pain/chest-wall-pain

www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/ breast-pain/symptoms-causes/dxc-20167381



#### Pregnancy

- diminution of fibrous stroma
- lobular hyperplasia
- Hormones active are est prog & prolactin

Lactation - prolactin & oxytocin

Menopause - irregularity & functional nodularity

#### Estrogen receptor

- Progestrone receptor
- -may present in tumour tissue
- -activated when occupied by specific hormone ligand
- -activation of estrogen rec leads to the induction of numerous cellular genes,which encode critical enzymes & secrete peptide growth factors.

# Changes during lactation

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Table 12-2.	Multihormonal	Interaction in	<b>Mammary</b>	Growth and
Lactation.				

Mammogenesis	Lactogenesis	Galactopoiesis
Estrogens	Prolactin	+Gonadal hormones
Progesterone	+Estrogens	Suckling (oxytocin, prolactin)
Prolactin	+Progesterone	Growth hormone
Growth hormone	+hPL(?)	Glucocorticoids
Glucocorticoids	Glucocorticoids	Insulin
Epithelial growth factor	Insulin	Thyroxine and parathyroid hormone

Arrows signify that lower than normal levels of the hormone are necessary for the effect to occur.

# Prolactin



- The hormone prolactin promote milk secretion
- During pregnancy the hormone concentration in blood rises steadily from the 5th week of pregnancy until birth of the baby
- At full term prolactin level rises to 10 to 20 times the normal non pregnant level.
- Acini become dilated and engorged with colostrum and then milk.



# Bartholin's glands

#### Function and purpose

- They secrete mucus to provide vaginal lubrication.
- Bartholin's glands secrete relatively minute amounts (one or two drops) of fluid just before a woman orgasms.
- The fluid may slightly moisten the labial opening of the vagina, serving to make contact with this sensitive area more comfortable for the woman

•As in males, GnRH secreted by the hypothalamus triggers the release of FSH and LH from the pituitary; however, in females, this signals the ovaries to produce estradiol and progesterone.

•FSH stimulates the growth and maturation of follicles on the ovaries, which house and nourish the developing eggs; the follicle, in turn, releases inhibin, which inhibits the production of FSH.

•Progesterone stimulates the growth of the endometrial lining of the uterus in order to prepare it for pregnancy; a strong surge of LH at around day 14 of the cycle triggers ovulation of an egg from the most mature follicle.

•After ovulation, the ruptured follicle becomes a corpus luteum, which secretes progesterone to either regrow the uterine lining or to support the pregnancy if it occurs.

•During middle age, a woman's ovaries become less sensitive to FSH and LH and, therefore, cease to mature follicles and undergo ovulation; this is known as menopause.

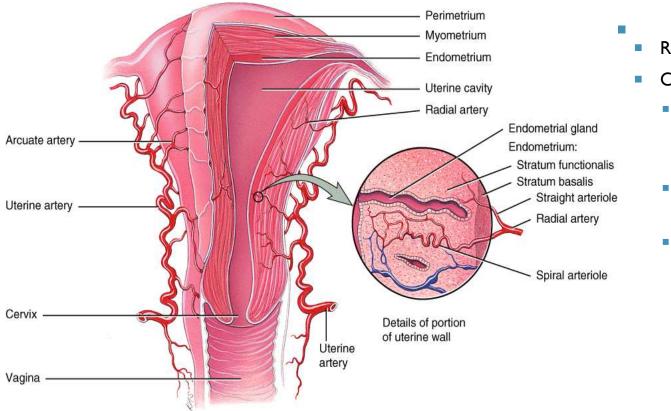
#### **Key Terms**

•corpus luteum: a yellow mass of cells that forms from an ovarian follicle during the luteal phase of the menstrual cycle in mammals; it secretes steroid hormones

•menopause: the ending of menstruation; the time in a woman's life when this happens

•endometrium: the mucous membrane that lines the uterus in mammals and in which fertilized eggs are implanted •estradiol: a potent estrogenic hormone produced in the ovaries of all vertebrates; the synthetic compound is used medicinally to treat estrogen deficiency and breast cancer

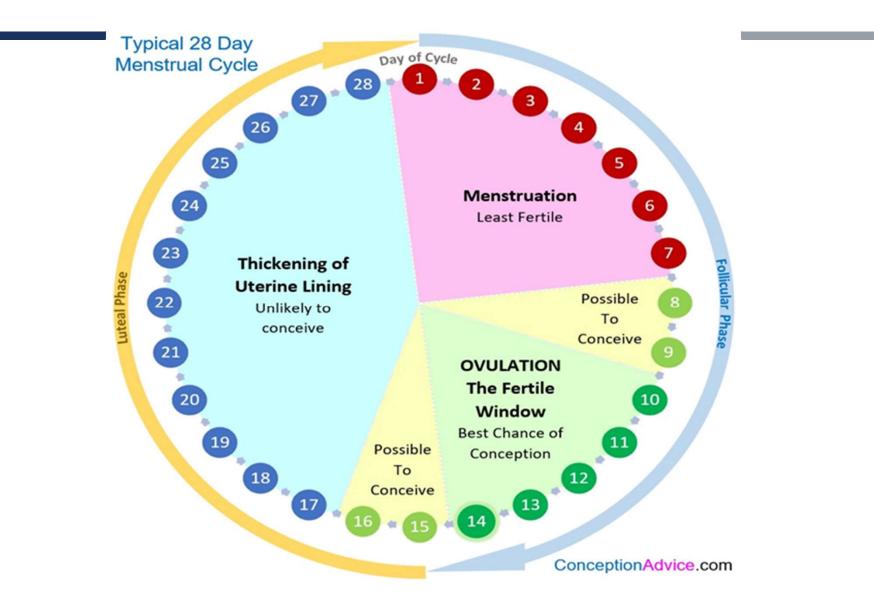
•menstruation: the periodic discharging of the menses, the flow of blood and cells from the lining of the uterus in females of humans and other primates



Uterine cycle

- Repeating series of changes in the endometrium
- Continues from menarche to menopause
  - Menses
    - Degeneration of the endometrium
    - Menstruation
  - Proliferative phase
    - Restoration of the endometrium
  - Secretory phase
    - Endometrial glands enlarge and accelerate their rates of secretion

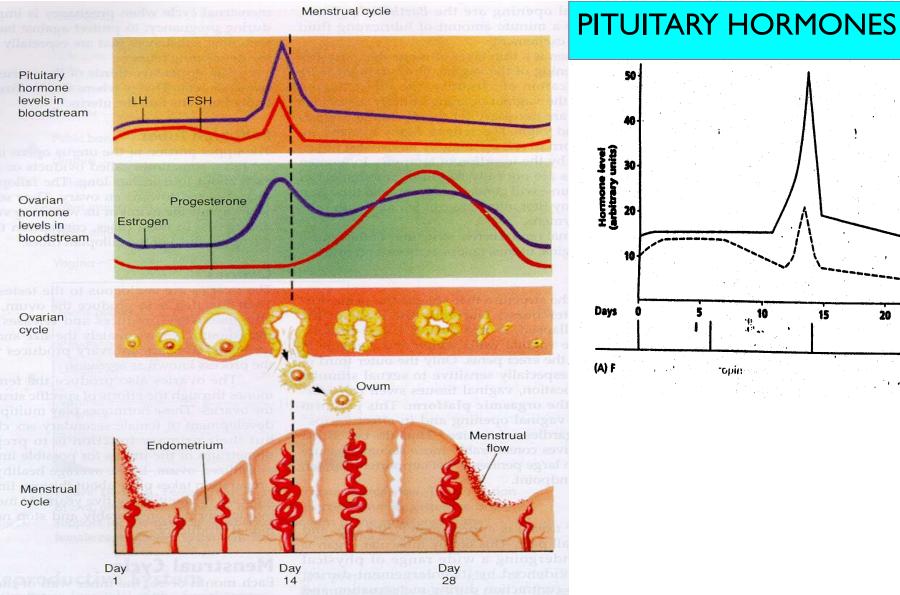
Anterior view with left side of uterus partially sectioned

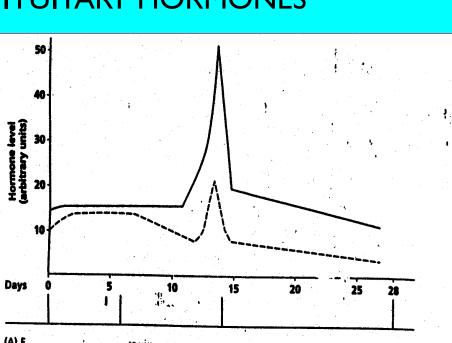


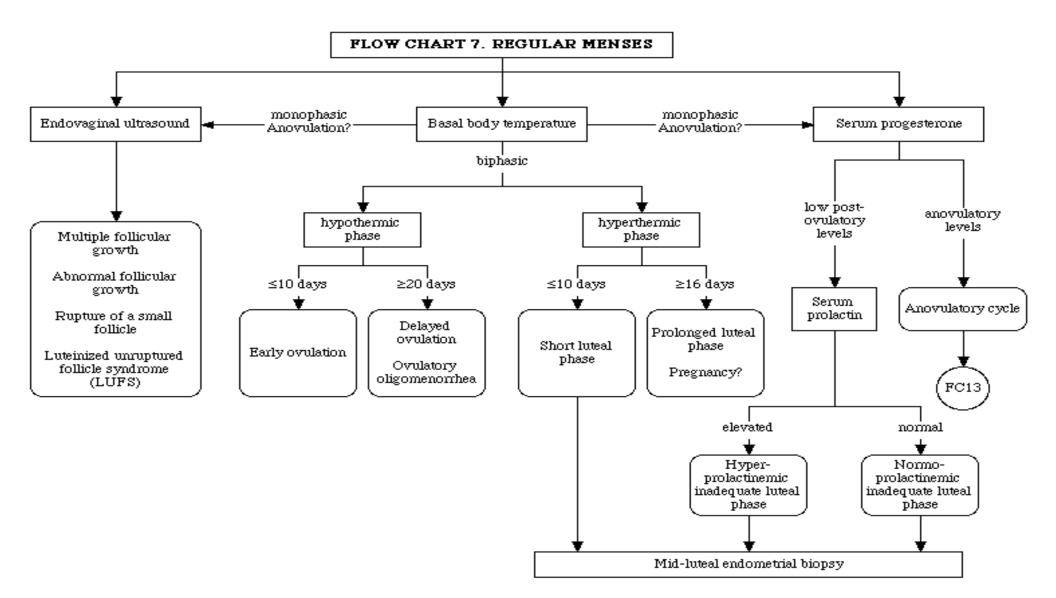
# **MENSTRUATION**

- Menarch, the onset of menstruation signals the bodily changes that transform a female body
- Average age is 12.8
- Amount of bleeding varies from woman to woman
- Expulsion of blood clots

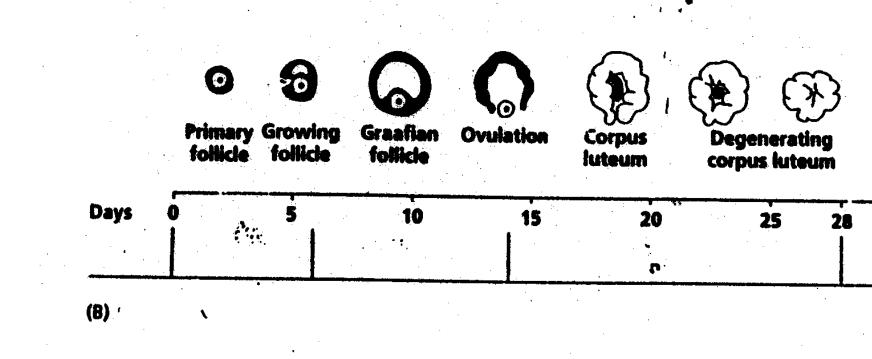
- Blood color can vary from bright red to dark maroon
- Usually occurs every 25 to 32 days
- Women can experience fluid retention, cramping, mood swings, weight gain, breast tenderness, diarrhea, and constipation







# FOLLICLE DEVELOPMENT



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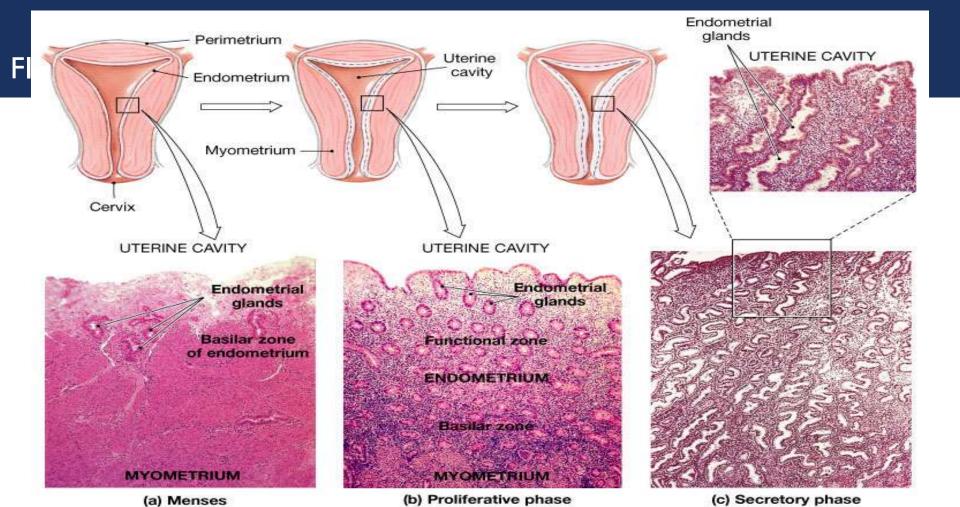
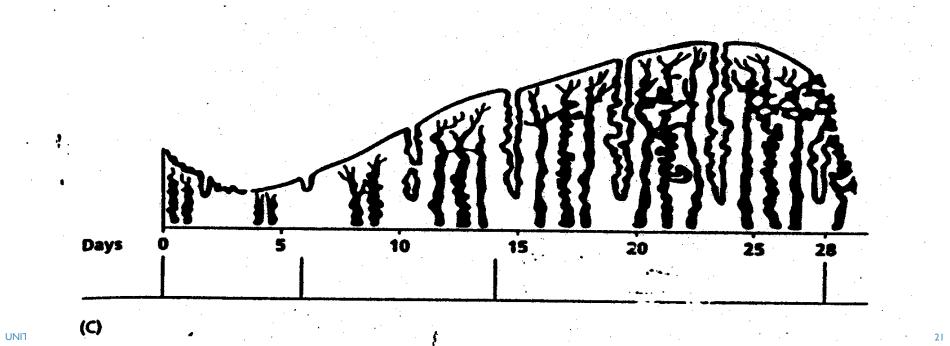


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(b) Proliferative phase

# OVULATION

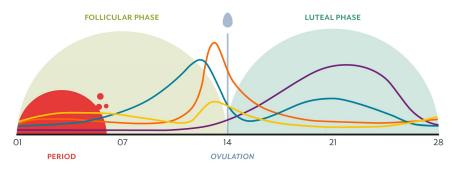


# **DEFINITION OF MENSTRUAL CYCLE**

A menstrual cycle is defined as that period of time from the beginning of one menstrual flow to the beginning of the next menstrual flow. The menstrual cycles includes: Follicular Phase

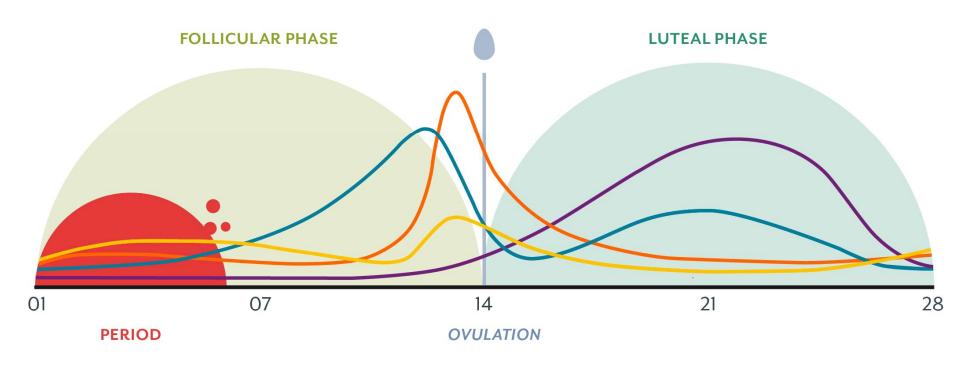
- approximately 14 days but highly variable and ending with ovulation.
- •After menstruation, low levels of estradiol and progesterone stimulate the hypothalamic release of GnRH with in turn increases the pituitary's release of FSH and LH.
- •FSH stimulates the maturation of ovarian follicles
- LH stimulates theca cells of the ovary to produce androgens, which are then converted to estrogens in the granulosa cells of the ovary.

# •Estrogen stimulates proliferation of the endometrial lining (proliferative phase).





Endocrine Gland	Hormone	Function
Anterior Pituitary	FSH	<ul> <li>Stimulates follicular growth in ovaries</li> <li>Stimulates estrogen secretion (from developing follicles)</li> </ul>
-	LH	<ul><li>Surge causes ovulation</li><li>Results in the formation of a corpus luteum</li></ul>
Ovaries	Estrogen	<ul> <li>Thickens uterine lining (endometrium)</li> <li>Inhibits FSH and LH for most of cycle</li> <li>Stimulates FSH and LH release pre-ovulation</li> </ul>
承	Progesterone	<ul><li>Thickens uterine lining (endometrium)</li><li>Inhibits FSH and LH</li></ul>



# Ovarian Cycle

## **Ovulation**

•A preovulatory estradiol surge leads to a midcyde LH surge, which initiates ovulation.

•A mature follicle releases an oocyte and becomes a functioning corpus luteum.

#### **Luteal Phase**

•The luteal phase begins with ovulation and ends with the menstrual flow and usually lasts 14 ± 2 days.

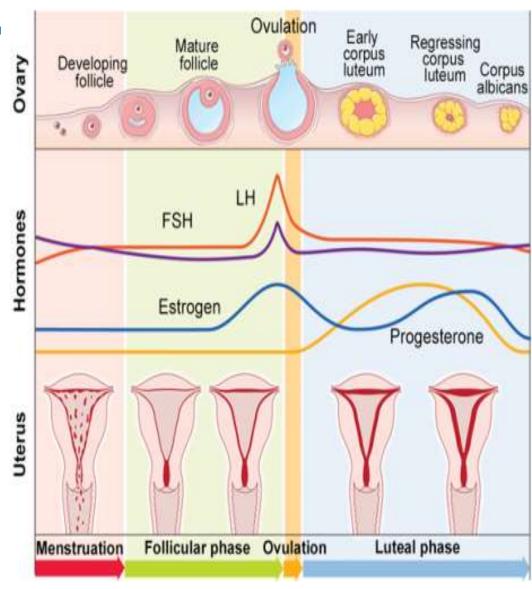
•Large amounts of progesterone are produced by the corpus luteum as well as estrogen.

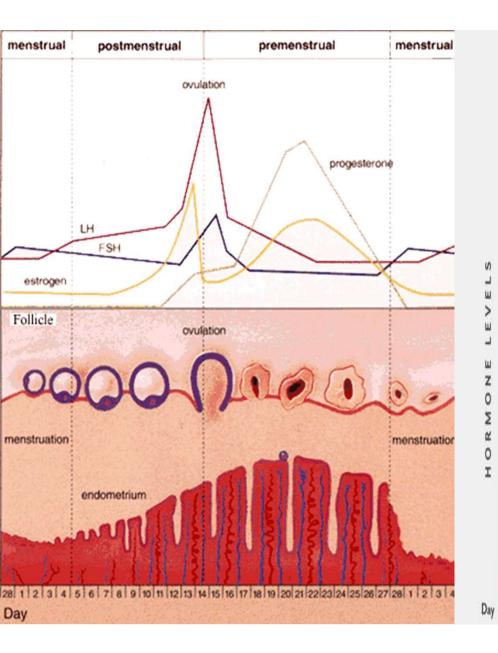
•Rising levels of estrogen and progesterone lead to falling levels of FSH and LIT

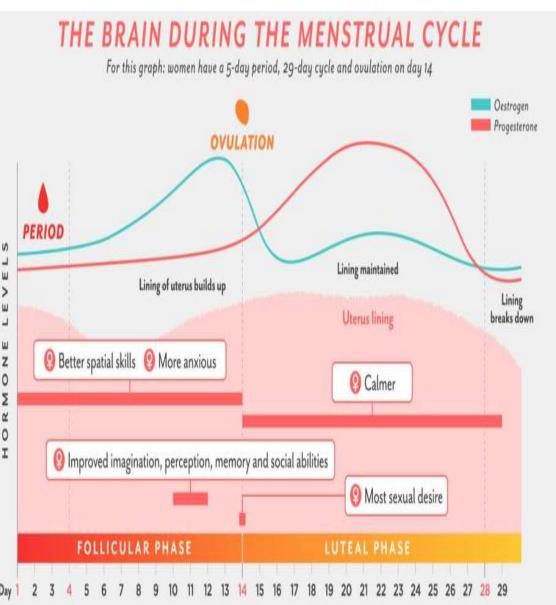
•Progesterone stops the growth of the endometrium and stimulates differentiation of the endometrium into a secretory endometrium.

•Without fertilization and human chorionic gonadotropin production, the corpus luteum involutes after <u>about 10</u> -<u>12 days and sloughing of the endometrium.</u>

•Local prostaglandin release leads to vasoconstriction and uterine contractions

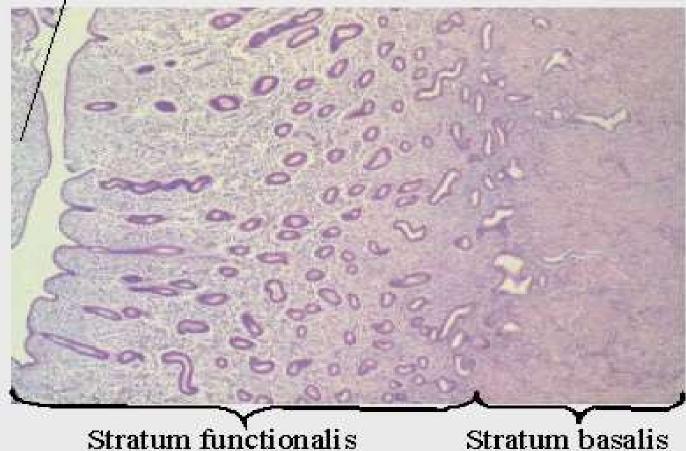






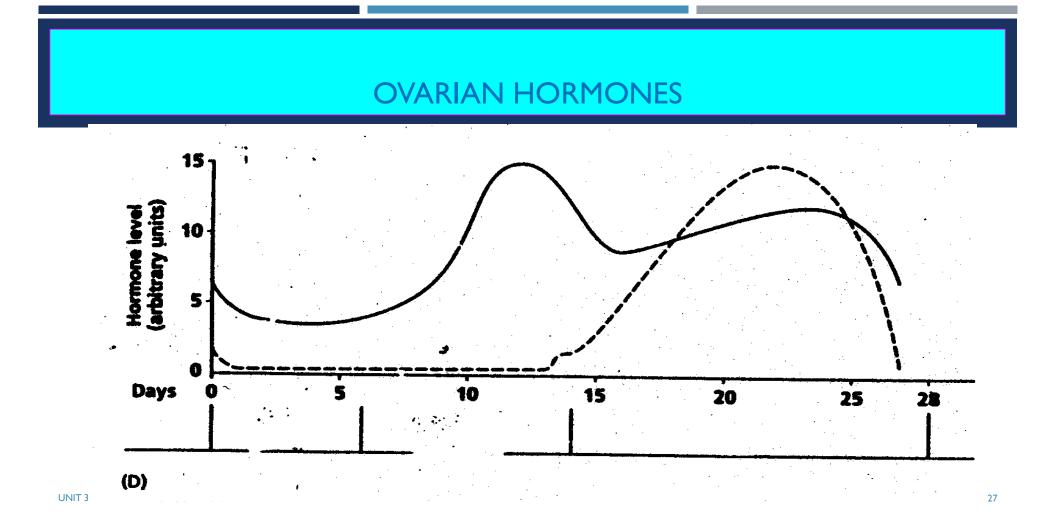
# Uterus, Menstrual Phase

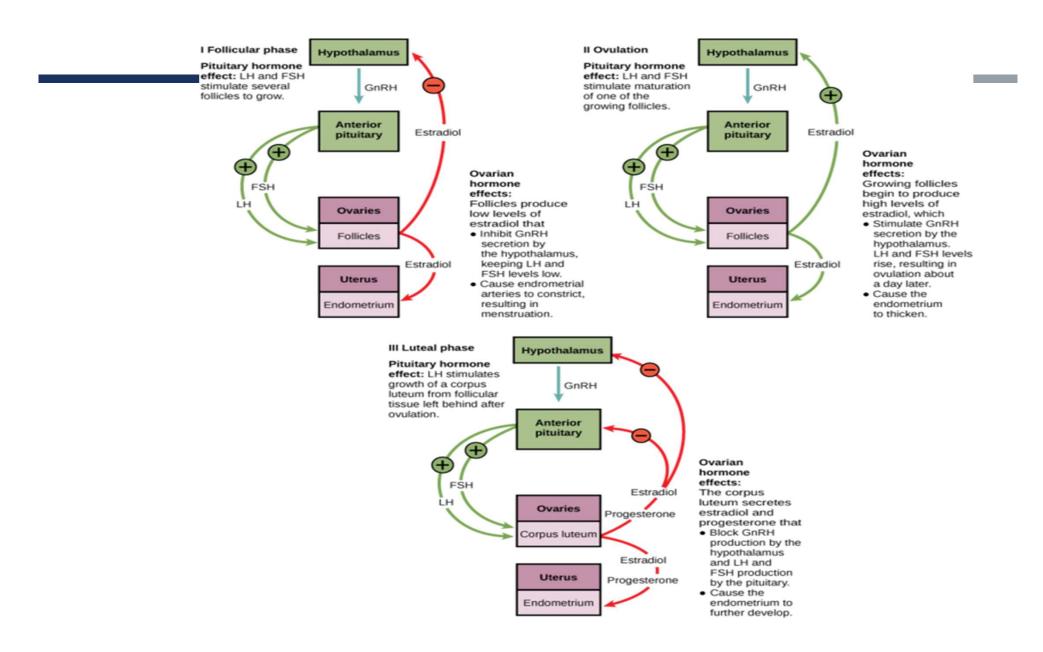
## Exfoliating tissue

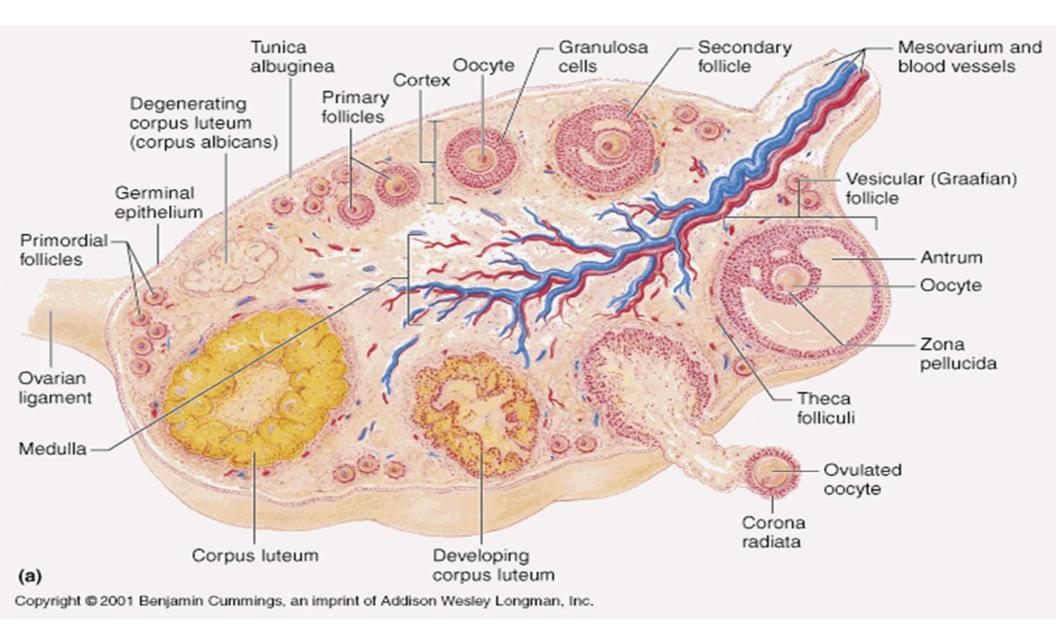


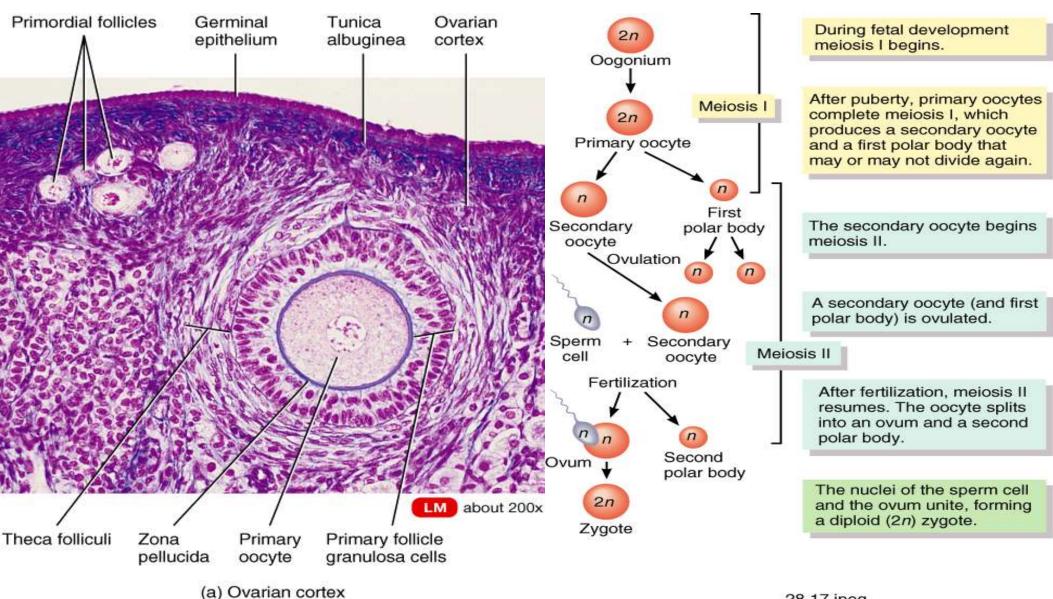
Breakdown of the corpus luterum in the absence of LH causes loss of estrogen and progesterone to maintain the endometrium.

Stratum functionalis

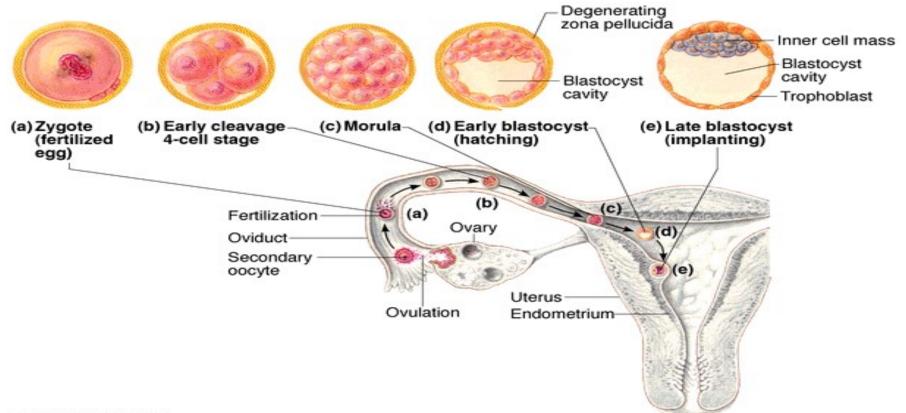




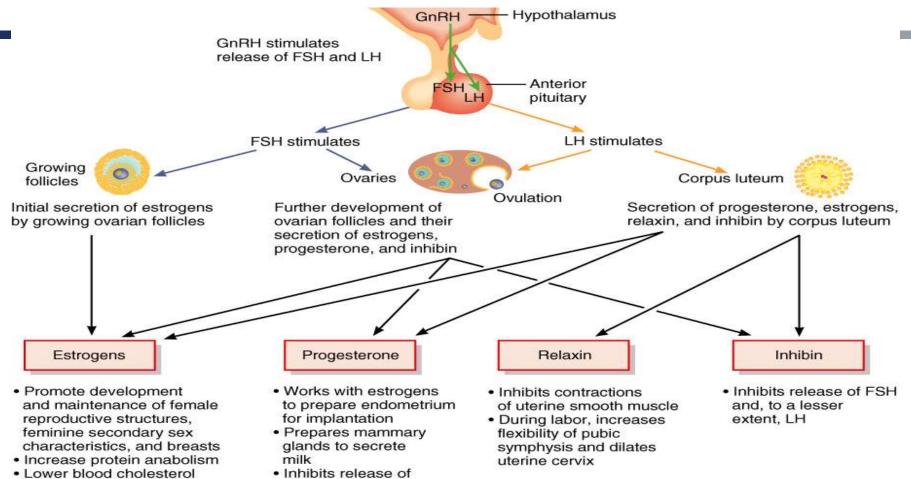




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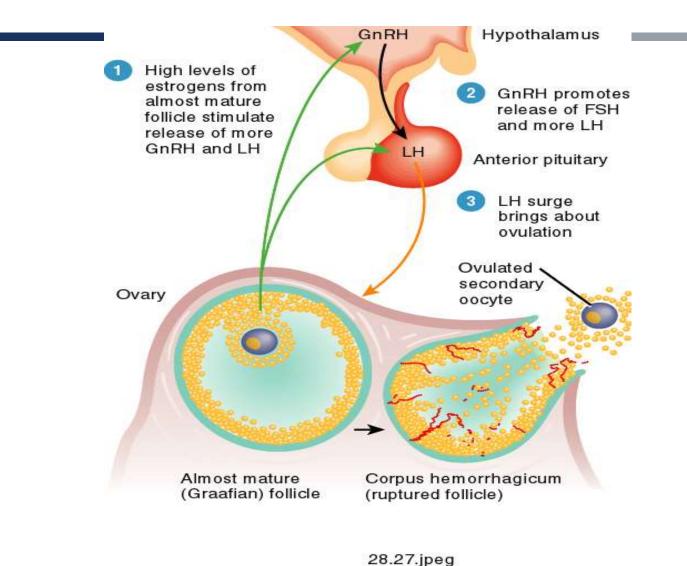


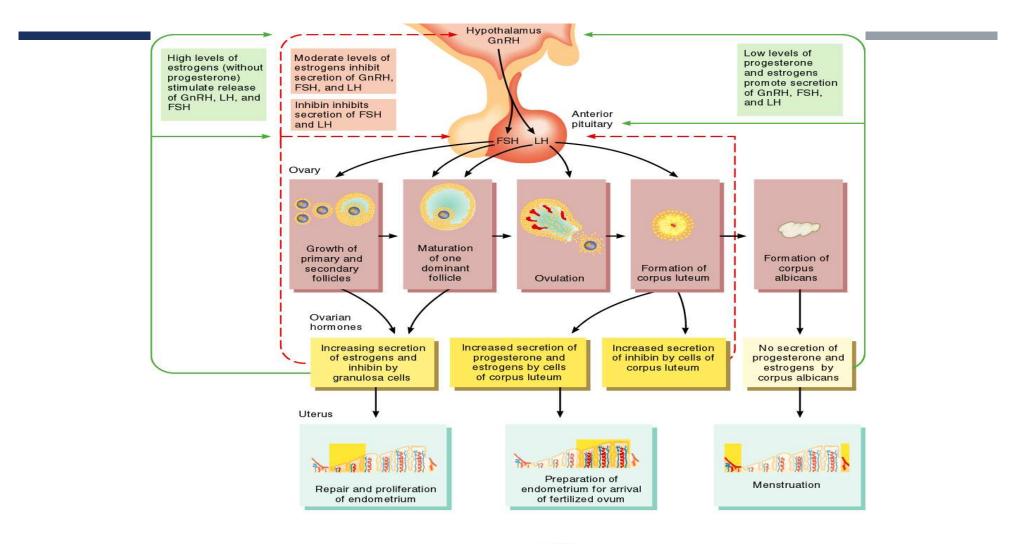
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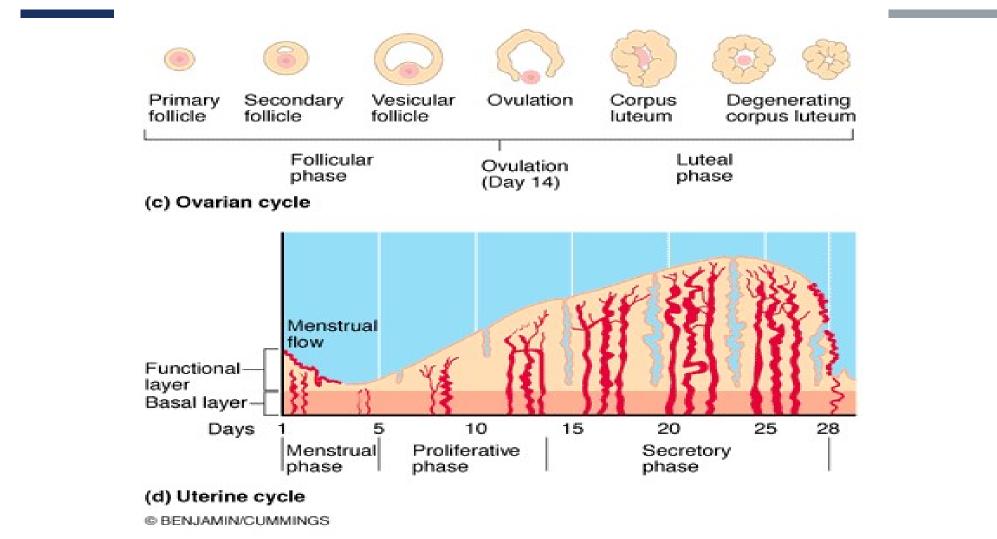
- Moderate levels inhibit release of GnRH, FSH, and LH
- Inhibits release of GnRH and LH

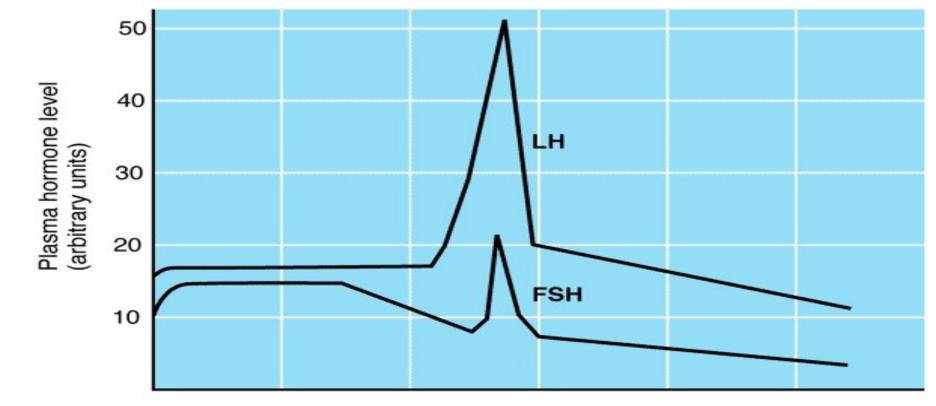
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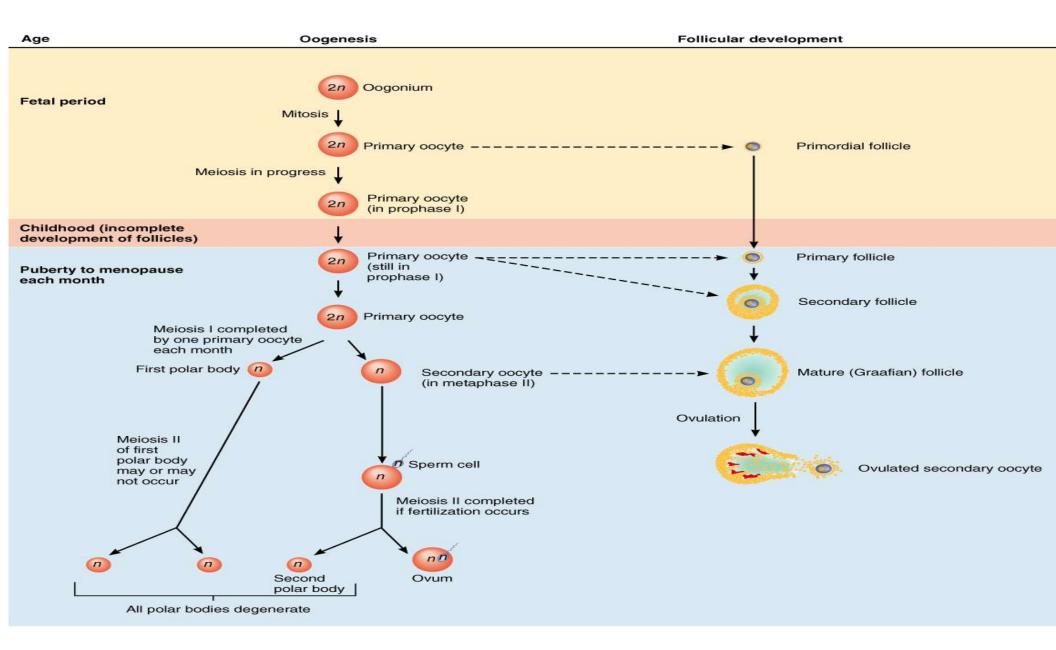
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#### (a) Fluctuation of gonadotropin levels

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Large leiomyoma in the lower uterine segment in a 28year-old woman







## DYSMENORRHEA

- Painful menstrual cramps
- Painful menses without evidence of a physical abnormality
- Believed to be normal body response to uterine contractions
- Other symptoms :
- Nausea, vomiting, gastrointestinal disturbances, and fainting
- Prostaglandins cause forceful, frequent uterine contractions called cramps
- Fibroids, polyps, IUD, PID, or endometriosis

UNIT 3: FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM

## ENDOMETRIOSIS

- Common cause of dysmennorrhea, dyspareunia, and infertility
- Endometrium fragments and lodges in other parts of the pelvic cavity
- Causes inflammation, bleeding, scarring, and adhesions
- Causes are still being studied
- Treated through hormonal therapy, laparoscopic surgery, or major surgical management

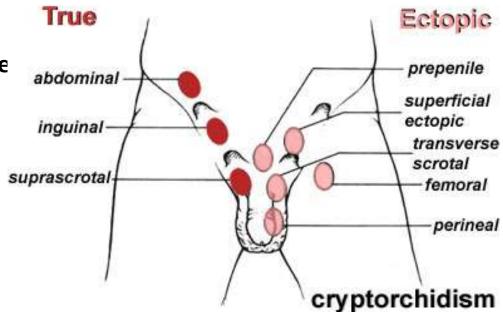
UNIT 3: FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM

## MALE



•Testes are formed in abdomen and descend into scrotum at 7<sup>th</sup> month of development

- •Temperature in scrotum is slightly lower than in body
- •Spermatogenesis (formation of sperm)
  - sperm-forming cells
  - Sertoli cells
  - interstitial cells-produce testoste
- Process takes about 9 weeks



#### **Control of erection**

Hypothalamus (conscious control)

- Parasympathetic nerves neurotransmitter- nitric oxide promotes blood flow into penis (Viagra- promotes vasodilation)
- <u>Control of emission and ejaculation</u> sympathetic nerves- muscle contraction

•The man whose non-erect penis is smallish will usually achieve about a 100 per cent increase in length during sexual excitement.

•The man whose non-erect penis is on the largish size will probably manage about a 75 per cent increase.

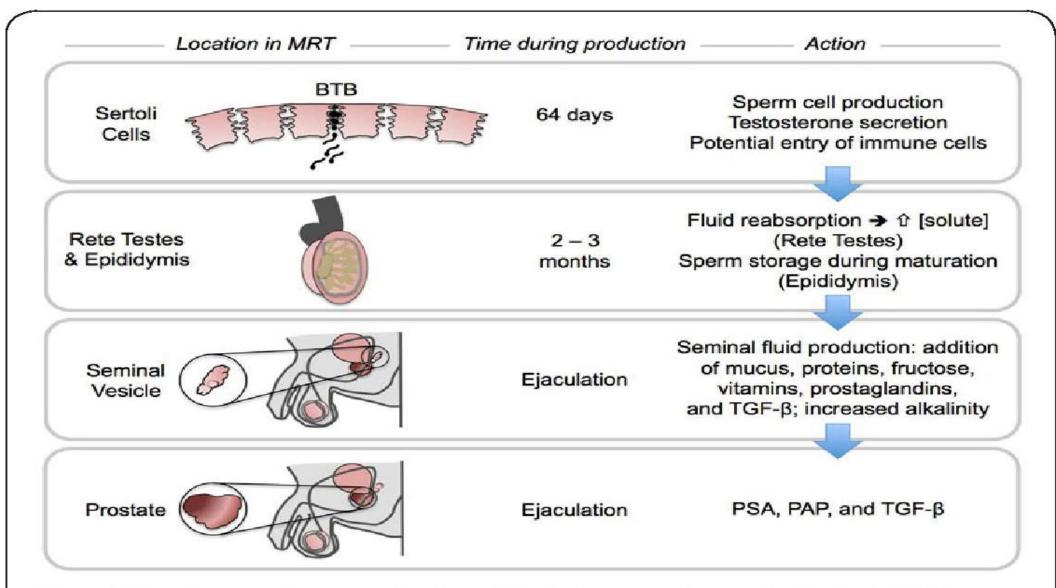
•This means the great majority of penises measure between 15cm and 18cm (6-7 inches) when erect, with the average figure being about 16.5cm (6.5 inches).

### BULBOURETHRALGLANDS (COWPER'S GLANDS)

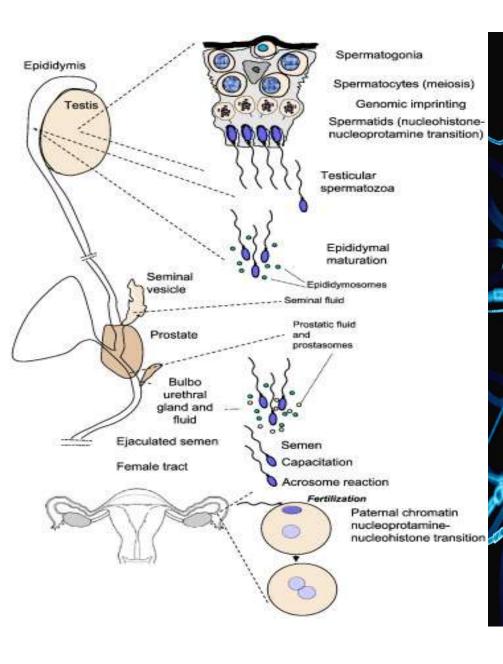
- Pea-sized glands inferior to the prostate
- Produce thick, clear, alkaline mucus prior to

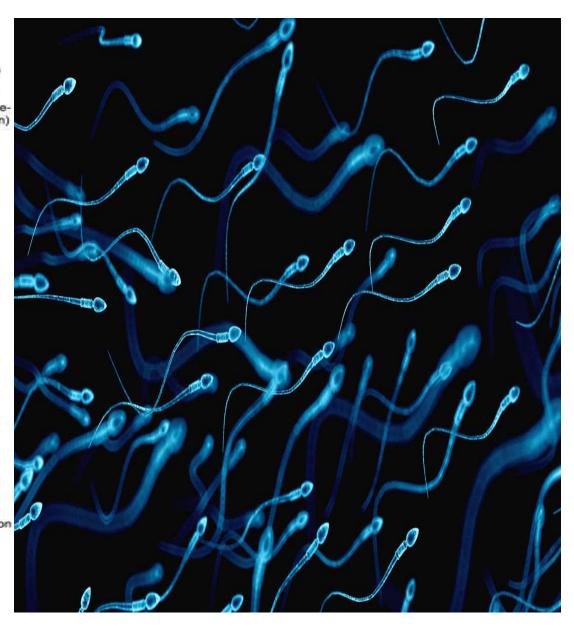
ejaculation that neutralizes traces of acidic urine in the urethra

		Colour		White, opalescent
	CONTENTS OF SEMEN	Specific Gravity		1.028
		рН		7.35-7.50
		Volume		3ml
•	The prostate gland contributes about 30 percent of the seminal fluid the constituents of its secretions are mainly citric acid, acid phosphatase, calcium, sodium, zinc, potassium, protein-splitting enzymes, and fibrolysin (an enzyme that reduces blood and tissue fibres).	SPECIFIC COMPONENTS OF SEMEN		
		Gland/Site	Volume in ejaculate	Features
		Testis/Epididymi s	0.15ml (5%)	Average approximately spermatozoa 80 million/ml
		Seminal Vesicle	1.5-2ml (50-65%)	Fructose (1.5-6.5 mg/ml) phosphorylcholine ergothioneine, ascorbic acid, flavins prostaglandins, bicarbonate
	Typical ejaculate = 2-5 ml fluid	Prostate	0.6-0.9ml (20-30%)	prostate, spermine, citric acid,
	<ul> <li>Contains between 20 – 100 million spermatozoa per ml</li> <li>Seminal fluid</li> </ul>			cholesterol,phospholipids,Fibrinoly sin, fibrinogenase, zinc acid, phosphatease, prostate-specific
		Bulbourethral	< 0.15ml (<5%)	Clear mucus
	<ul> <li>A distinct ionic and nutritive glandular secretion</li> </ul>	Glands		
The c	composition of human semen (adapted from Ganong (17))			



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# MALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM

• TESTIS

SEMINIFEROUS TUBULES

#### SEMINIFEROUS EPITHELIUM

- complex stratified epithelium containing two basic cell populations:

#### (I) SPERMATOGENIC CELLS

stem cells which regularly replicate and differentiate into mature sperm as they migrate toward the lumen

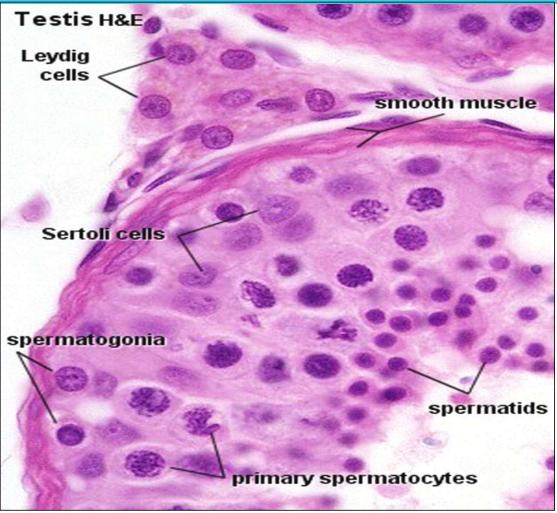
(2) SERTOLI CELLS

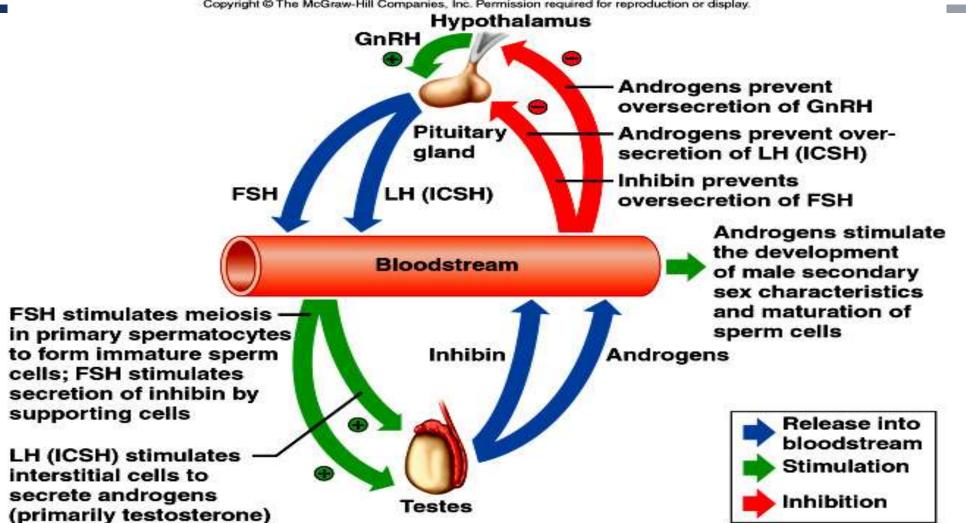
nonreplicating physical support cells

#### INTERSTITIAL CONNECTIVE TISSUE

(I) LEYDIG CELLS

produce and release testosterone





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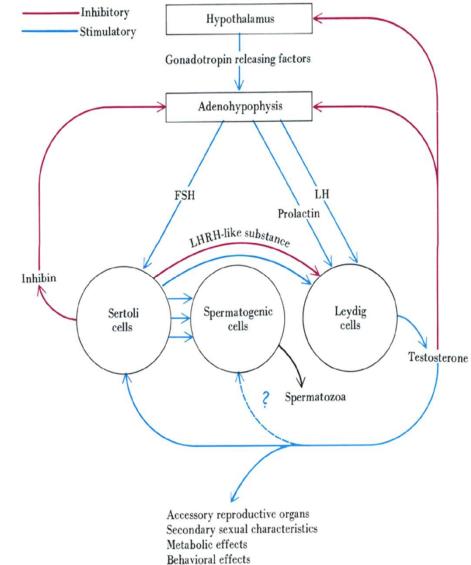
*Luteinizing hormone, secreted by the anterior* pituitary gland, stimulates the Leydig cells to secrete testosterone.

*Follicle-stimulating hormone, also secreted by the* anterior pituitary gland, stimulates the *Sertoli cells; without this stimulation, the conversion* of the spermatids to sperm (the process of spermiogenesis) will not occur.

*Estrogens, formed from testosterone by the* Sertoli cells when they are stimulated by folliclestimulating hormone, are probably also essential for spermiogenesis.

*Growth hormone (as well as most of the other* body hormones) is necessary for controlling background metabolic functions of the testes.

Growth hormone specifically promotes early division of the spermatogonia themselves; in its absence, as in pituitary dwarfs, spermatogenesis is severely deficient or absent, thus causing infertility.

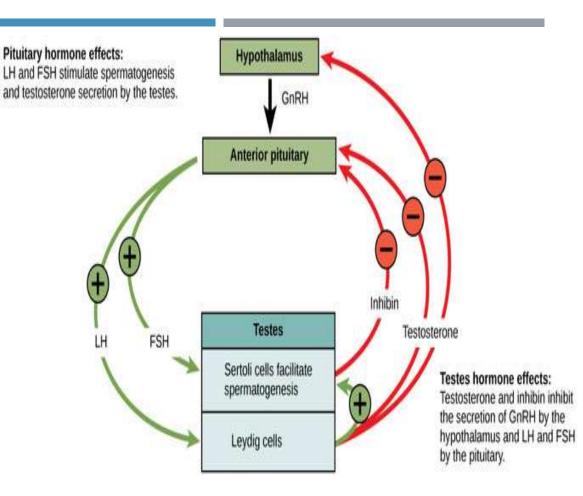


•The onset of puberty is signaled by high pulses of GnRH secreted by the hypothalamus; this in turn signals the release of FSH and LH from the pituitary gland.

•FSH causes the Sertoli cells of the testes (which help nurse developing sperm cells) to begin the process of spermatogenesis in the testes.

•LH triggers the production of testosterone from the Leydig cells of the testis; testosterone causes the development of secondary sex characteristics in the male.

•As spermatogenesis and testosterone production increase, the Sertoli cells produce inhibin, which, together with rising levels of testosterone, inhibit the release of FSH and LH from the pituitary gland.



# TARGET ORGANS OF TESTOSTERONE

Signs of LOW TESTOSTERONE

**Constant Fatigue** 

Increased Size of

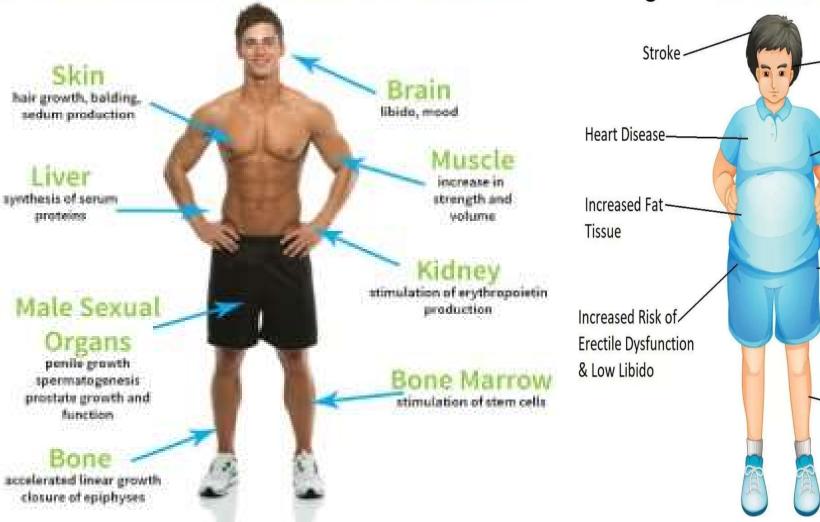
Enlarged Prostate &

Prostate Cancer

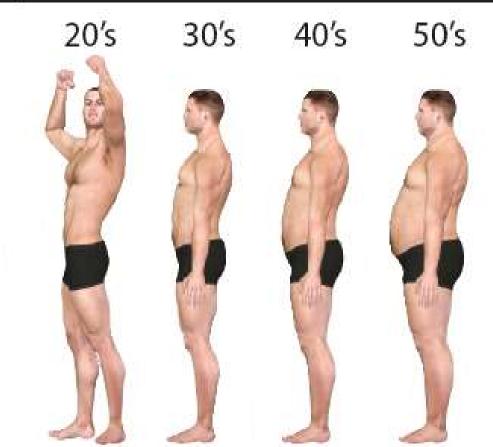
-Loss of Muscle Tone

Malexpills

**Breast Tissue** 



Safely Raise Testosterone Levels-Build Muscle-Increase Fat Loss.



As men age they produce less Testosterone and begin to store more fat. •puberty: the age at which a person is first capable of sexual reproduction

•Sertoli cell: a kind of sustentacular cell which serves as a "nurse" cell of the testes and which is part of a seminiferous tubule

•Leydig cell: one of the interstitial cells, located next to the seminiferous tubules inside the testicle, that produce testosterone

•follicle stimulating hormone: a gonadotropic glycoprotein hormone, secreted in the anterior pituitary, that stimulates the growth of ovarian follicles in female mammals, and induces spermatogenesis in male mammals
•luteinizing hormone: a hormone, produced by part of the pituitary gland, that stimulates ovulation and the development of the corpus luteum in female mammals, and the production of androgens by male mammals
•inhibin: a peptide hormone, secreted by the gonads, which inhibits the secretion of follicle-stimulating hormone
•testosterone: steroid hormone produced primarily in the testes of the male; it is responsible for the development of secondary sex characteristics in the male

#### Function of the Seminal Vesicles

- Each seminal vesicle :secretory epithelium that secretes a mucoid material containing an abundance of fructose, citric acid, and other nutrient substances, as well as large quantities of prostaglandins and fibrinogen.
- During the process of emission and ejaculation, each seminal vesicle empties its contents into the ejaculatory duct shortly after the vas deferens empties the sperm.
- This adds greatly to the bulk of the ejaculated semen, and the fructose and other substances in the
- seminal fluid are of considerable nutrient value for the ejaculated sperm until one of the sperm fertilizes the ovum.

**Prostaglandins are believed to aid fertilization in two ways:** 

(1) by reacting with the female cervical mucus to make it more receptive to sperm movement

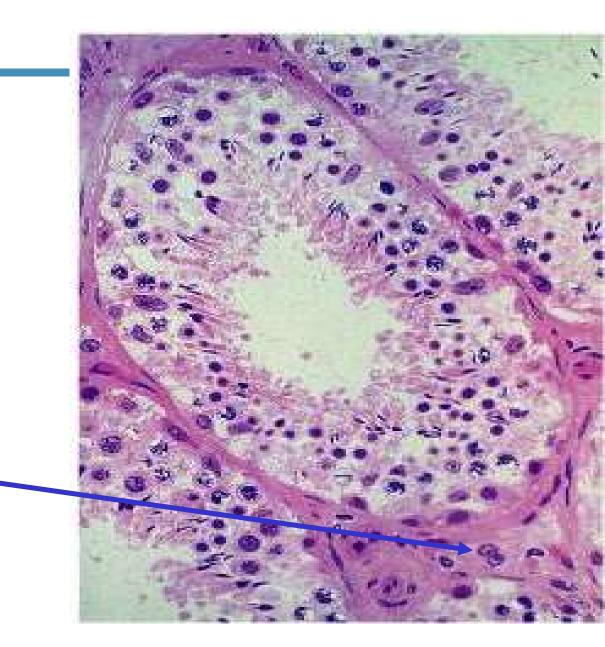
(2) by possibly causing backward, reverse peristaltic contractions in the uterus and fallopian tubes to move the ejaculated sperm toward the ovaries (a few sperm reach the upper ends of the fallopian tubes within 5 minutes)

## SUSTENTACULAR (SERTOLI) CELLS

- Nurse cells
- Extend from basal lamina to lumen
- Connected to each other by tight junctions
- Nourish spermatogenic cells
- Transport spermatogenic cells
- Phagocytize excess cytoplasm
- Secretions regulate spermatogenesis

## INTERSTITIAL (LEYDIG) CELLS

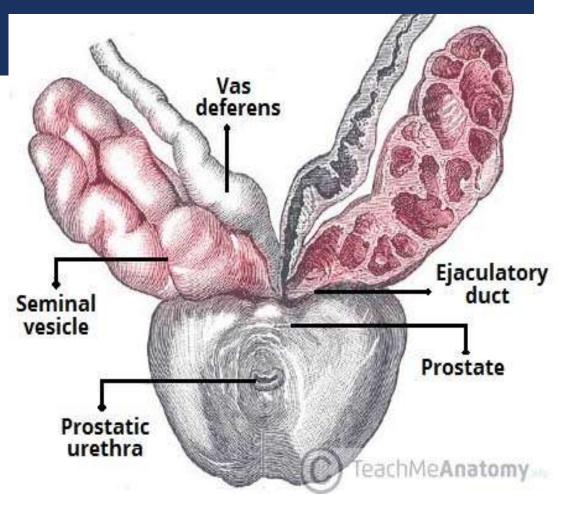
- Secretes testosterone
- sER for steroid production
- Controlled by LH from pituitary



## ACCESSORY GLANDS

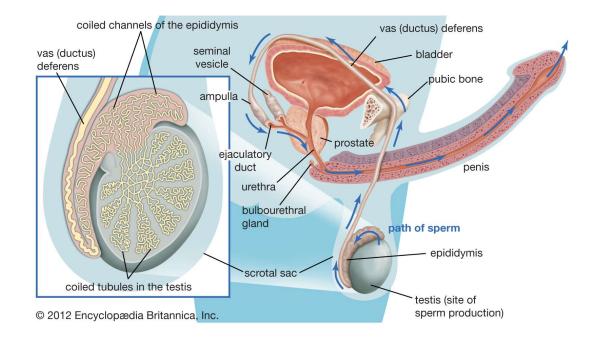
#### Seminal vesicles

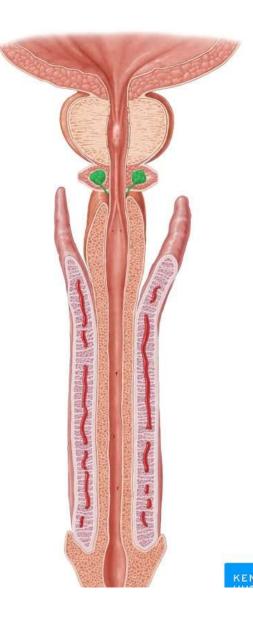
- Active secretory gland
- Contributes ~60% total volume of semen
- Secretions contain fructose, prostaglandins, fibrinogen
- 60% of semen
- Fructose to nourish sperm



## ACCESSORY GLANDS

- Prostate gland
  - Secretes slightly acidic prostate fluid
- Bulbourethral glands
  - Secrete alkaline mucus with lubricating properties



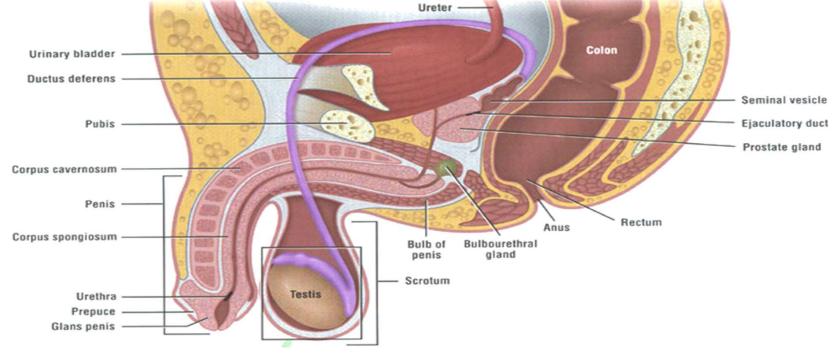


Prostate H&E	Bladder Rectum Prostate		
·····	PS Level ng/mL	Condition	
·/ · /	<4	Normal	
cut tangentially cut perpendicular	4 to 10	Borderline	
	>10	Abnormally High	

# MALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM

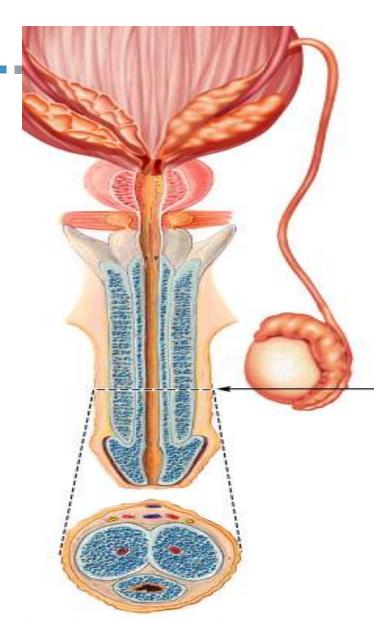
• URETHRA

#### PROSTATIC, MEMBRANOUS, SPONGY (PENILE)

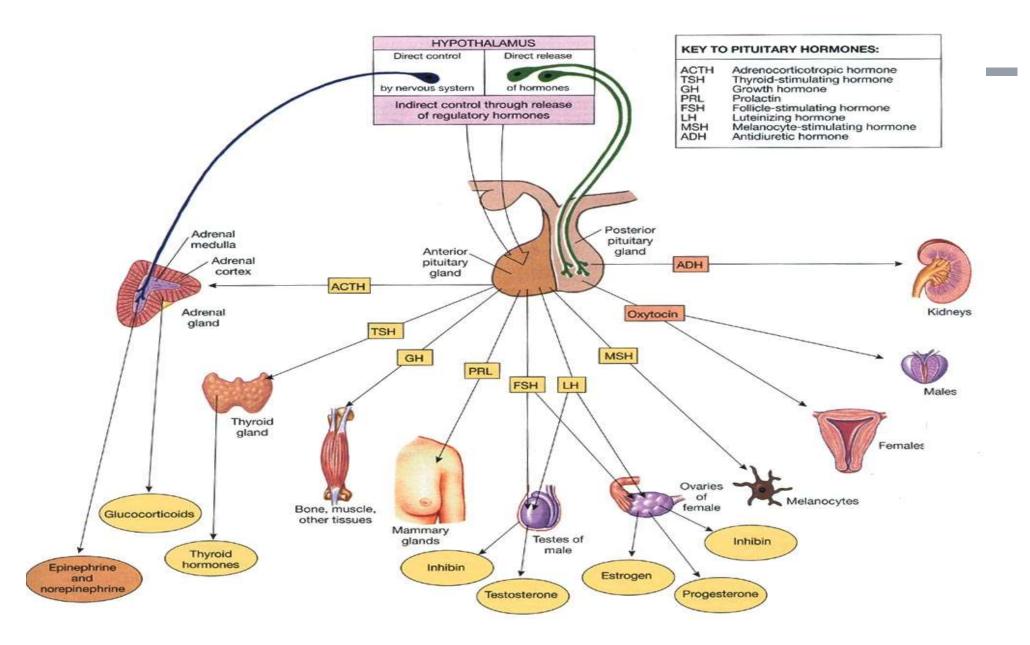


## EJACULATION

- Sympathetic activation
- Peristaltic contraction of smooth muscles in ducts and glands ejaculation
- Constriction of arteries
- $\downarrow$  blood pressure in erectile bodies



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### **BRAIN-TESTICULAR AXIS**

- Hormonal regulation of spermatogenesis and testicular androgen production involving the
  - hypothalamus,
  - anterior pituitary gland,
  - the testes
- Testicular regulation involves three sets of hormones:
  - GnRH, from the hypothalamus stimulates the pituitary to produce gonadotropins:
  - Follicle stimulating hormone (FSH)
  - Luteinizing hormone (LH)
  - Gonadotropins, directly stimulate the testes
  - Testicular hormones, which exert negative feedback controls

## HORMONAL REGULATION OF TESTICULAR FUNCTION

- The hypothalamus releases gonadotropinreleasing hormone (GnRH)
- GnRH stimulates the anterior pituitary to secrete FSH and LH
- FSH stimulates sperm production by causing sustentacular cells to release androgen-binding protein (ABP)
- ABP prompts spermatogenic cells to bind and concentrate testosterone
- LH stimulates interstitial cells to release testosterone
  - Stimulates spermatogenesis
  - Causes secondary sexual characteristics

Feedback inhibition on the hypothalamus and pituitary results from:

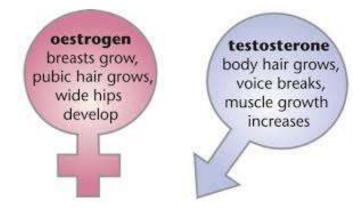
- Rising levels of testosterone
- Increased inhibin

# MECHANISM AND EFFECTS OF TESTOSTERONE ACTIVITY

- Testosterone is synthesized from cholesterol
- It must be transformed to exert its effects on some target cells
- Prostate it is converted into dihydrotestosterone (DHT) before it can bind within the nucleus
- Neurons it is converted into estrogen to bring about stimulatory effects in certain neurons
- Testosterone targets all accessory organs and its deficiency causes these organs to atrophy

## Male Secondary Sex Characteristics

- Male hormones make their appearance at puberty and induce changes in nonreproductive organs, including
- Appearance of pubic, axillary, and facial hair
- Enhanced growth of the chest and deepening of the voice
- Skin thickens and becomes oily
- Bones grow and increase in density
- Skeletal muscles increase in size and mass
- Testosterone is the basis of libido in both males and females



# Primary & Secondary sex characteristics

#### MALES

Primary sex characteristics Growth of scrotum & testes Secretion of hormones related to sperm production Growth of penis 2ndry sex characteristics Body & facial hair

More muscle mass Greater height than females Broadening shoulders

#### SIMILARITIES

- Pubic hair
- Oily skin
- Voice deepens
- Acne
- Increase in height
- Increase in body odour

#### FEMALES

#### Primary sex characteristics

Increase in size of vagina & uterus

- Ovaries produce hormones to start the menstrual cycle
- to start the menstrual cycle

#### Secondary sex

- characteristics
- Hips widen
- Development of breasts Distribution of fat to hips Body gets curvier