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- **Reproduction** is the production of young ones by an organism.
- Humans are **sexually reproducing and viviparous**.

HUMAN REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM

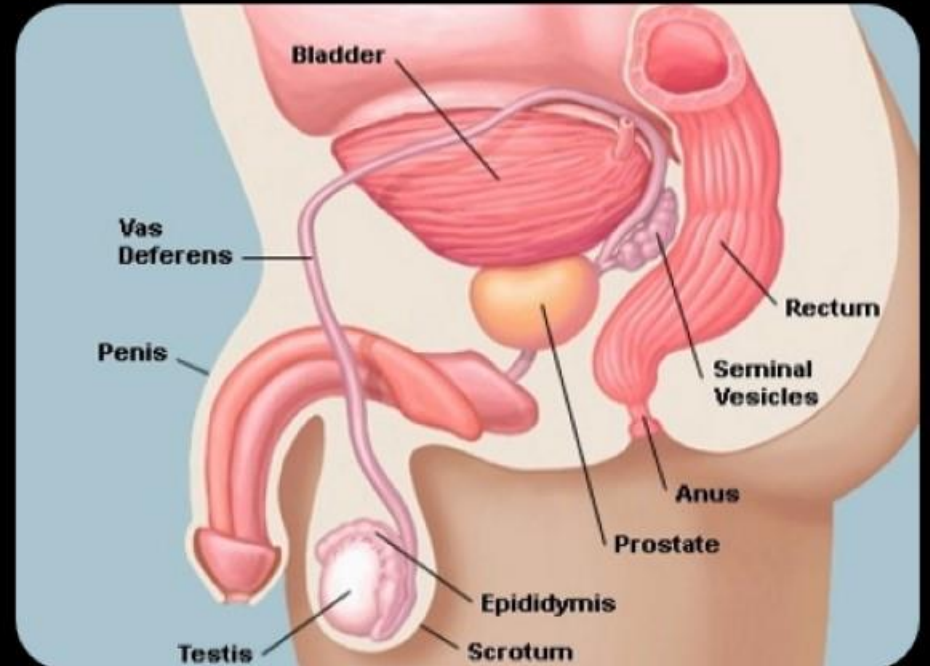
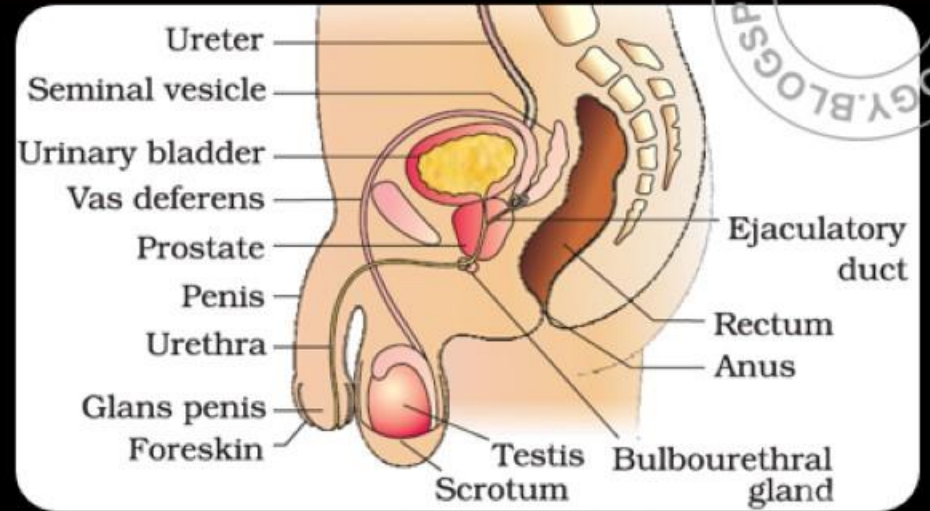
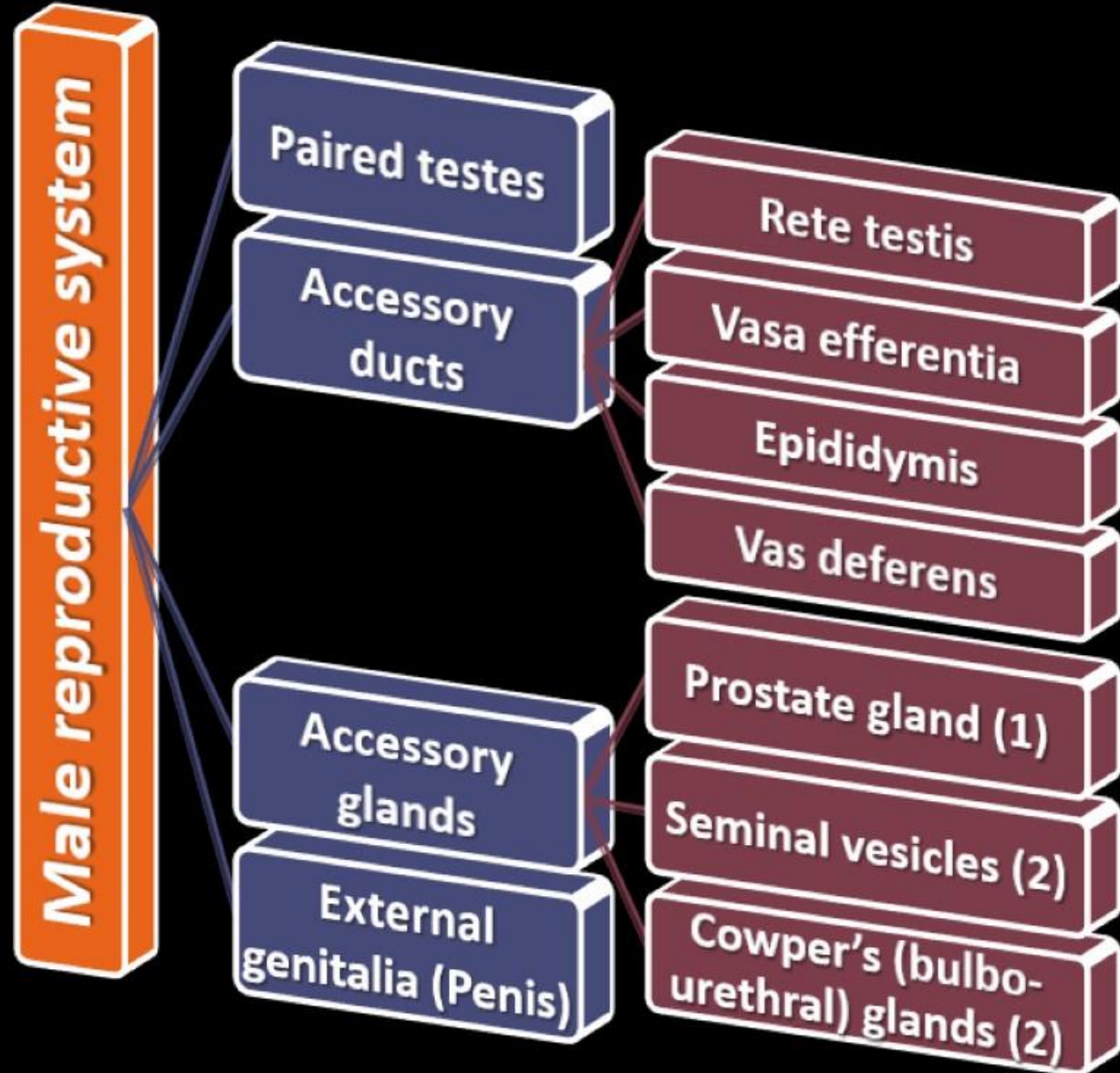
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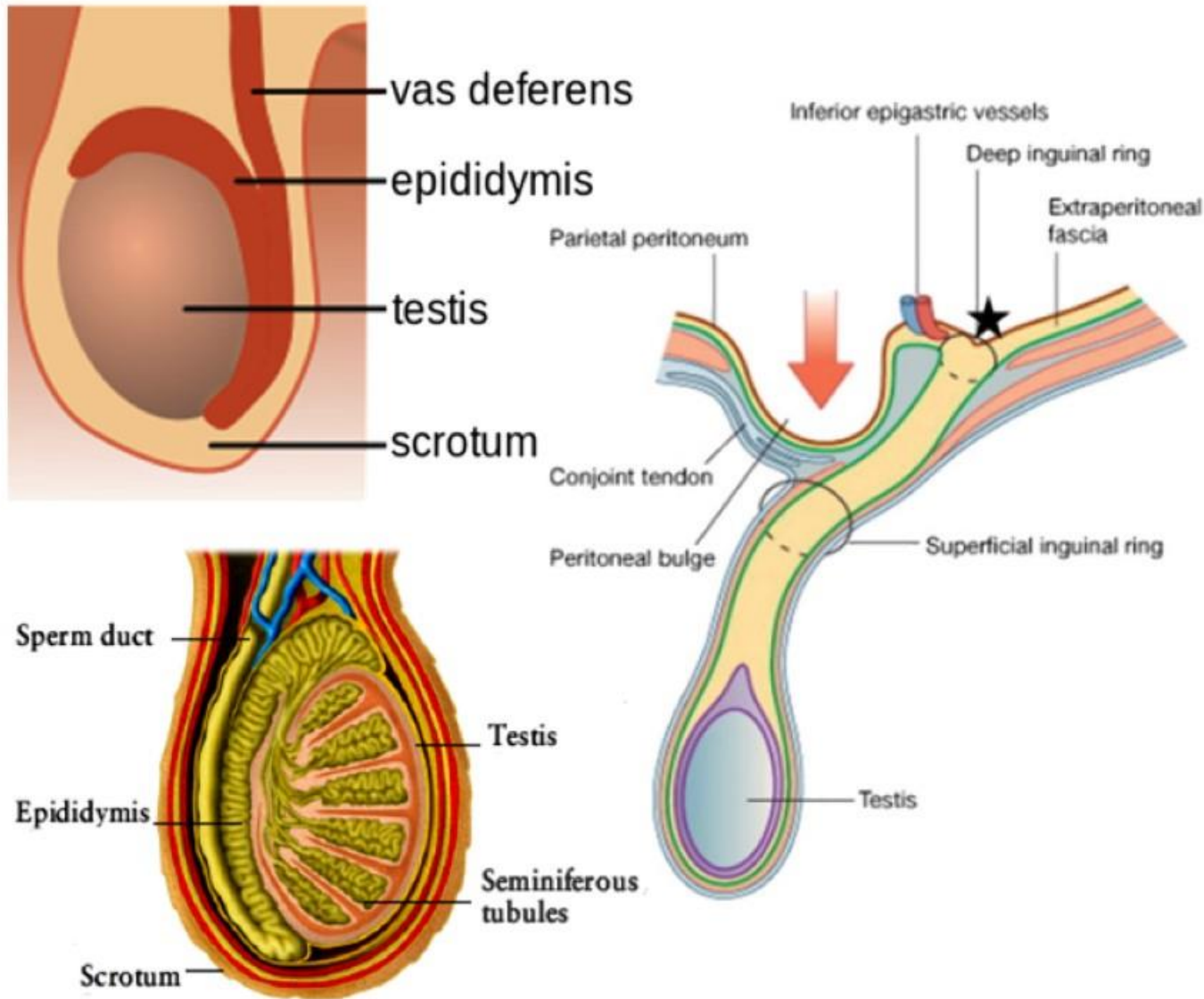
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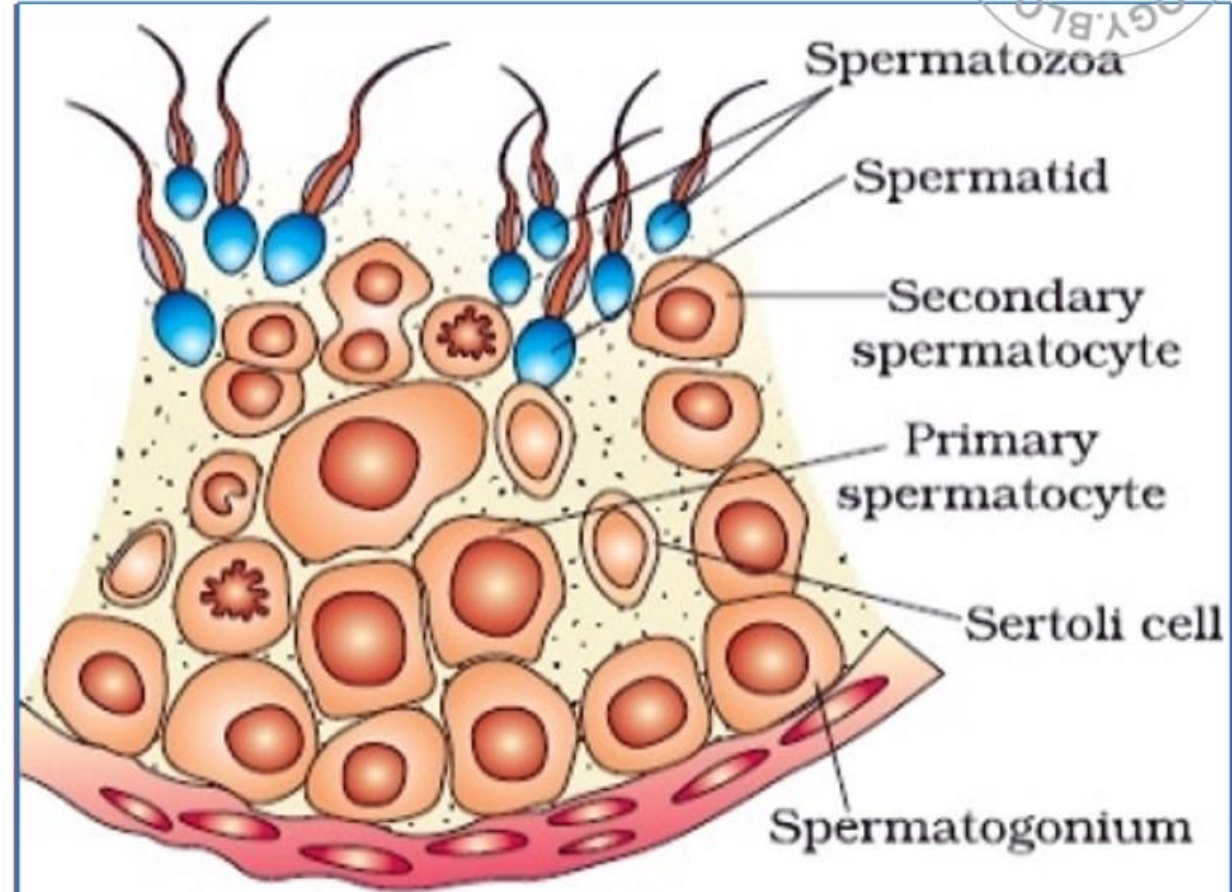
MALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM

1. PAIRED TESTES



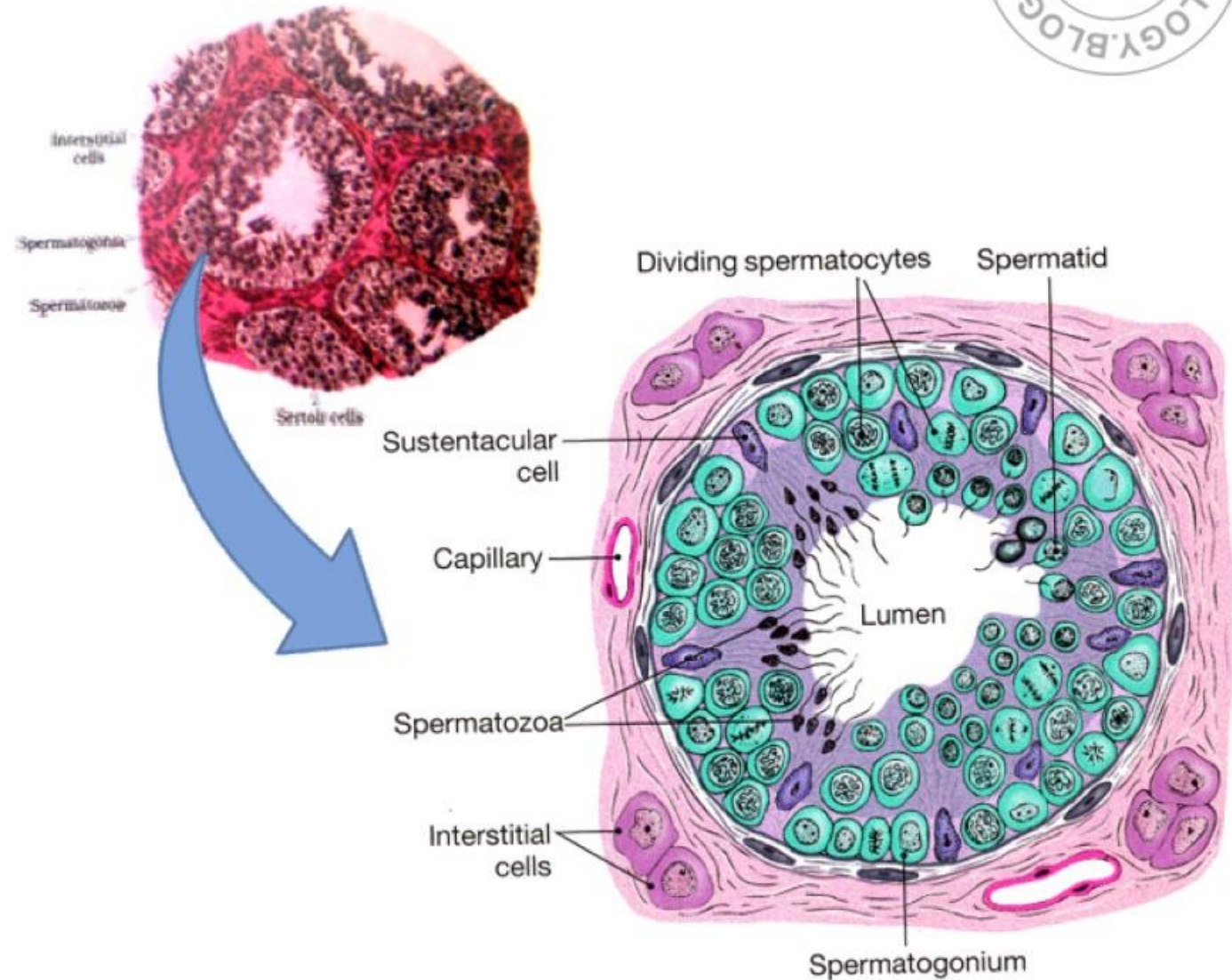
- **Primary sex organs** that produce **sperms & testosterone**.
- Testes are formed within abdomen.
- Soon after the birth or at the 8th month of pregnancy, they descent into the **scrotal sac (scrotum)** through **inguinal canal**.
- The **low temperature (2-2.5^o C less than the body temperature)** of scrotum helps for proper functioning of testes and for **spermatogenesis**.

- Each testis is oval in shape.
- Length **4-5 cm**, width: **2-3 cm**.
- Each testis has about **250 testicular lobules**.
- Each lobule contains **1-3 coiled seminiferous tubules**.
- Seminiferous tubule is lined internally with **spermatogenic cells (spermatogonia or male germ cells) & Sertoli cells (supporting cells)**.
- Sertoli cells give shape and nourishment to developing spermatogonia.



Diagrammatic sectional view of a seminiferous tubule (enlarged)

- The regions outside the seminiferous tubules (**interstitial spaces**) contain
 - **Small blood vessels.**
 - **Interstitial cells or Leydig cells.**
 - **Immunologically competent cells.**
- **Leydig cells secrete testicular hormones (androgens).**



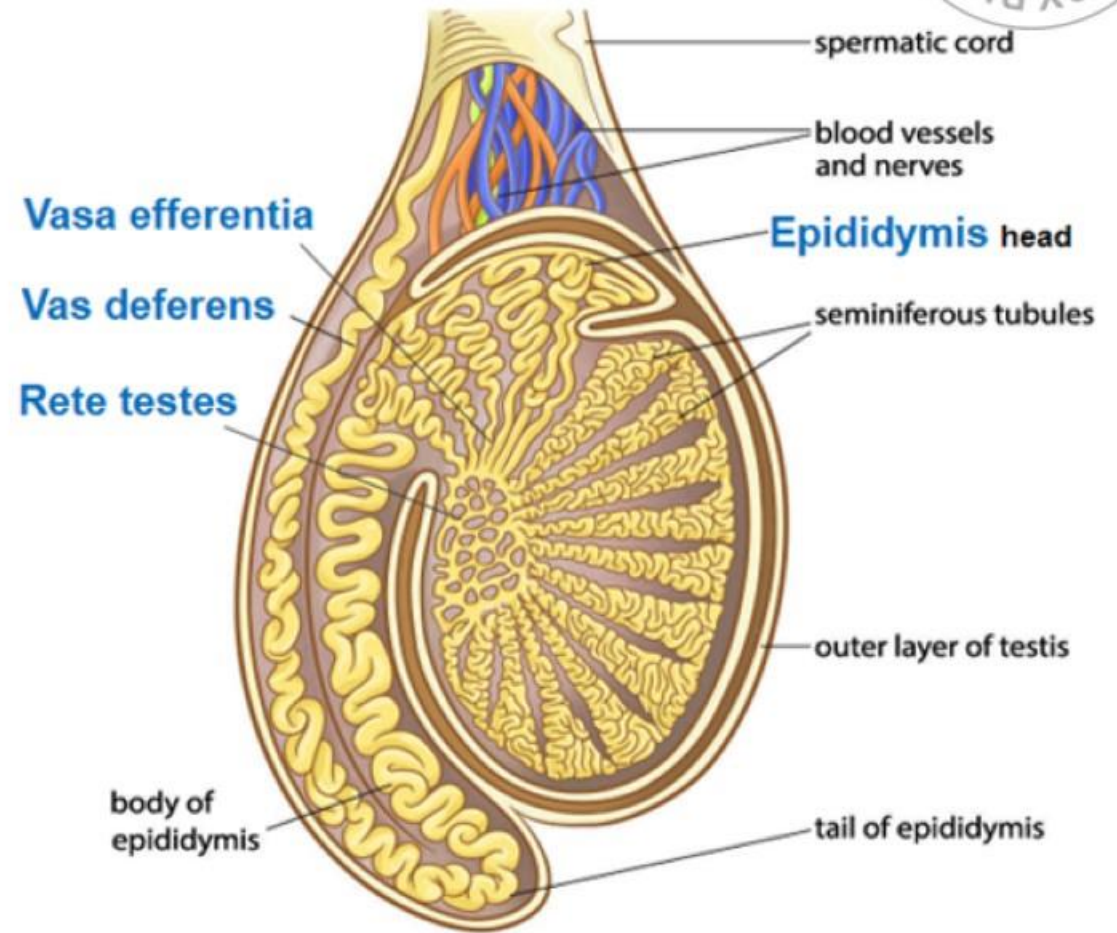
Accessory ducts (Duct system)

Rete testis
(irregular cavities)

Vasa efferentia
(series of fine tubules)

Epididymis
(stores sperms temporarily)

Vas deferens



Vas deferens joins with a duct of seminal vesicle to form common-ejaculatory duct.

Conduction of sperms through Accessory ducts

Seminiferous tubules

Rete testis

Vasa efferentia

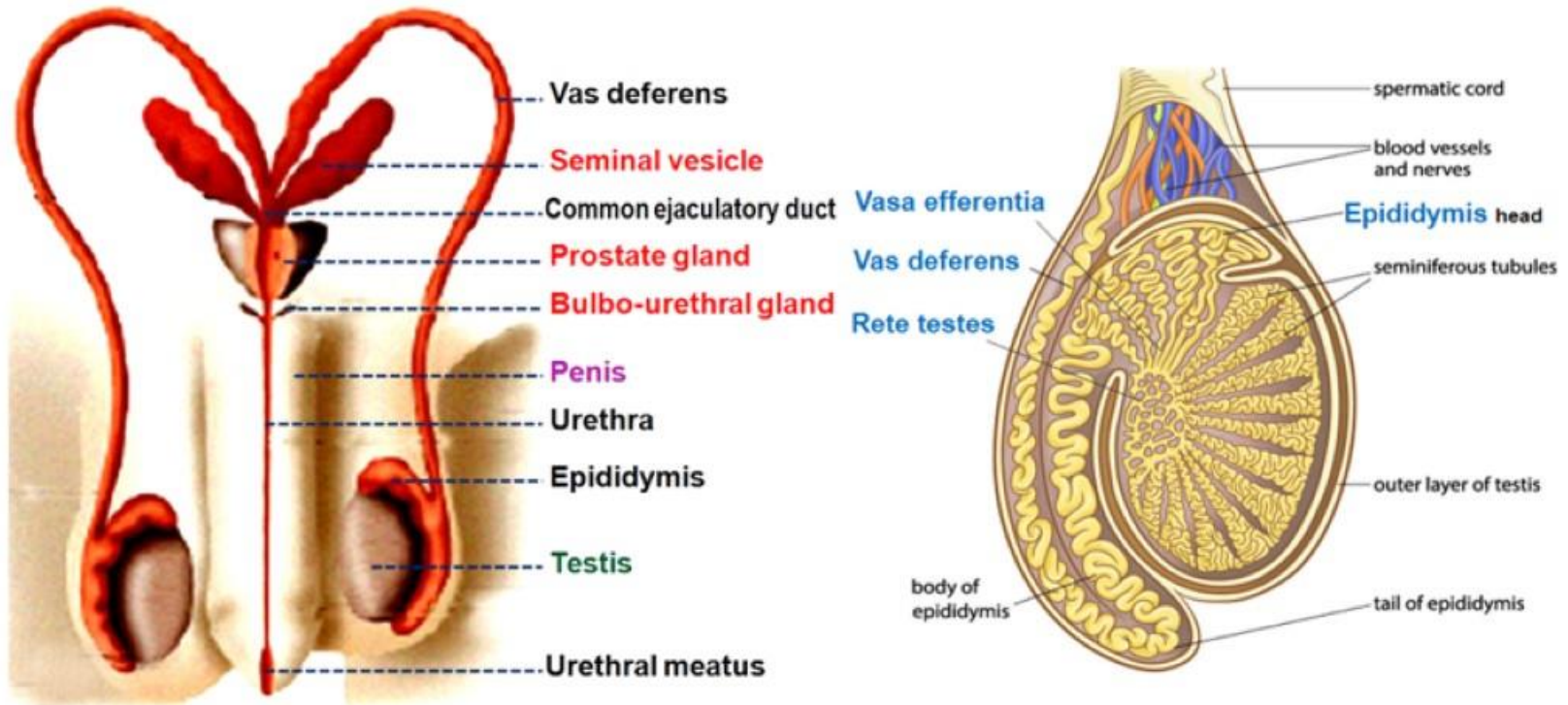
Epididymis

Vas deferens

Common ejaculatory duct

Urethra

Urethral meatus

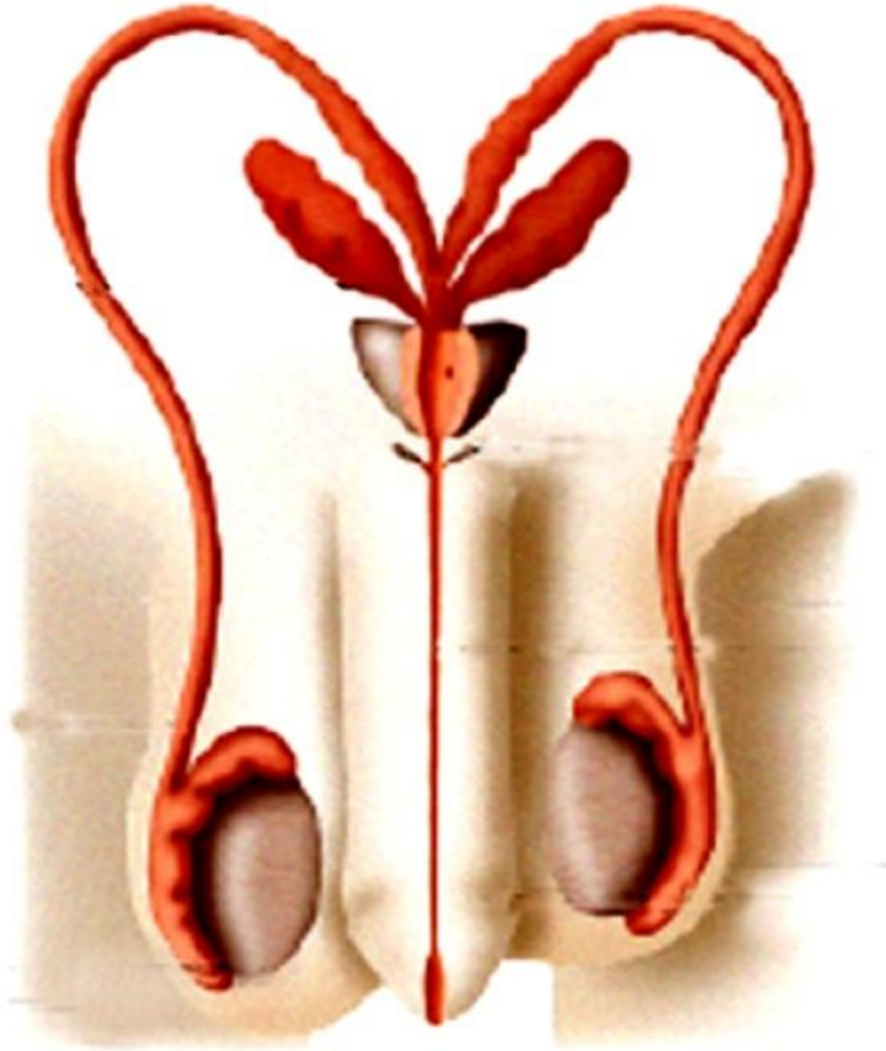


The urethra receives the ducts of prostate and Cowper's glands and passes through the penis.



- They include
 - A pair of seminal vesicles.
 - A prostate gland.
 - A pair of Cowper's (bulbo-urethral) glands.
- Their collective secretion is called **seminal plasma**. It is rich in fructose, Ca and enzymes.

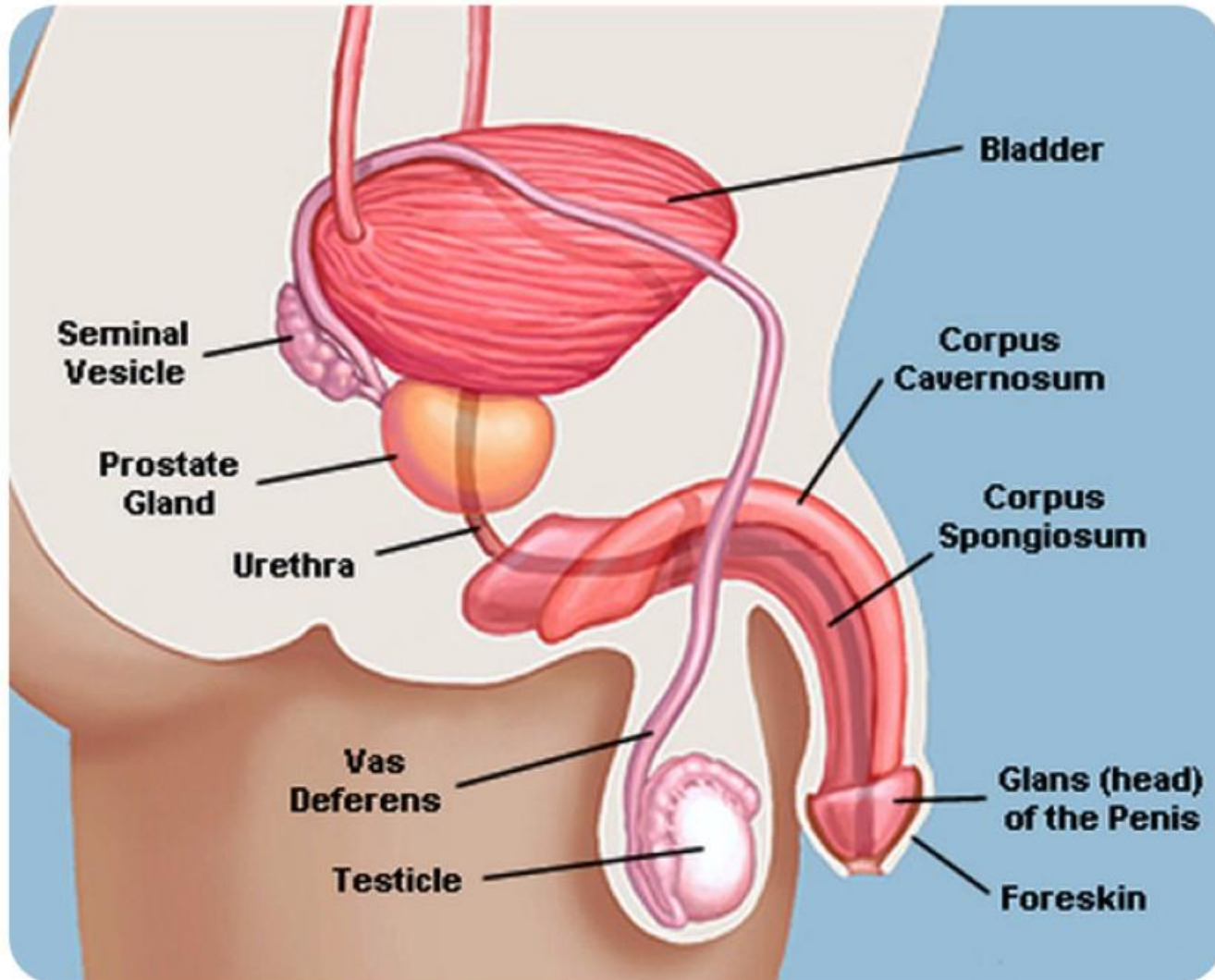
Seminal plasma + Sperms → Semen



Functions of seminal plasma:

- ❑ Helps for transporting sperms.
- ❑ Supplies nutrients to sperms.
- ❑ Provides alkalinity to counteract acidity of uterus.
- ❑ Secretions of Cowper's glands lubricate the penis.

Secretions of epididymis, vas deferens, seminal vesicle & prostate help for maturation and motility of sperms.

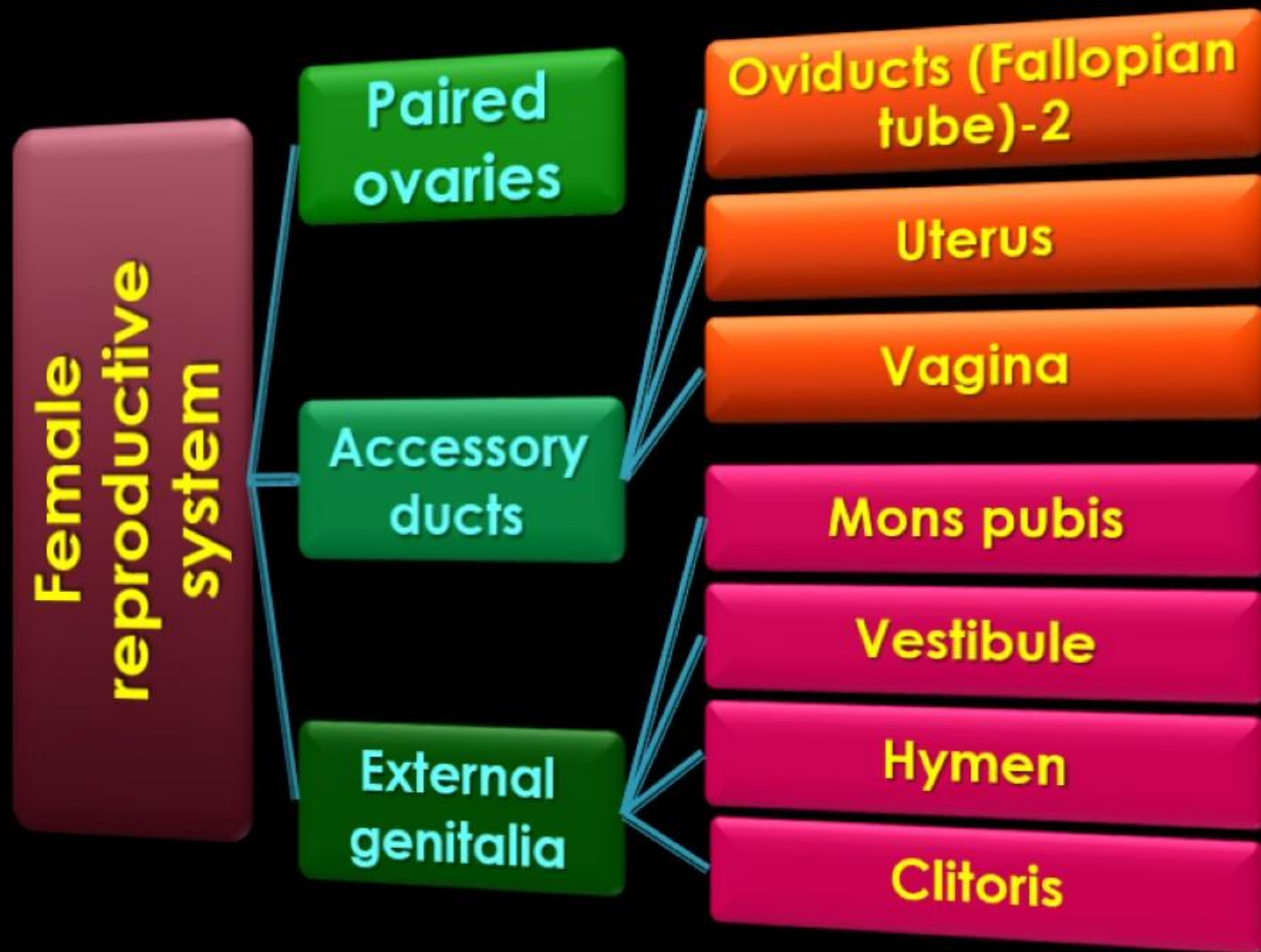


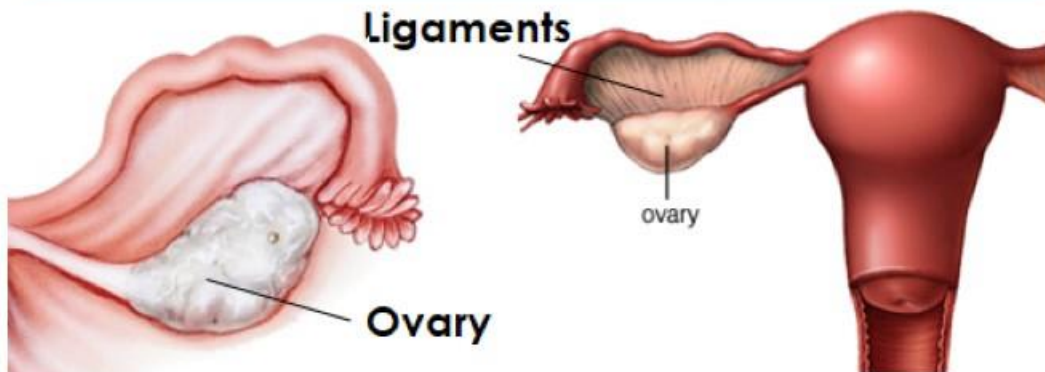
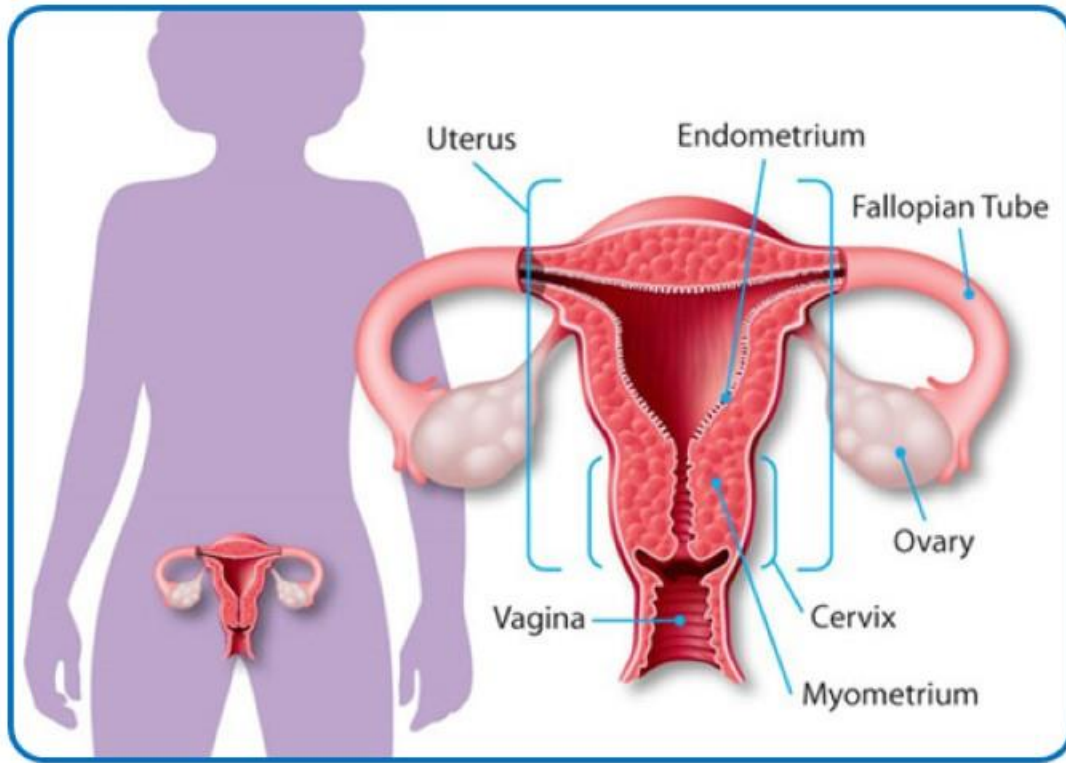
- It is a copulatory organ.
- It is made up of special **erectile spongy tissues**.
- When spongy tissue is filled with blood, the penis erects. It facilitates **insemination**.
- The cone-shaped tip of the penis is called **glans penis**. It is covered by **prepuce (foreskin)**.



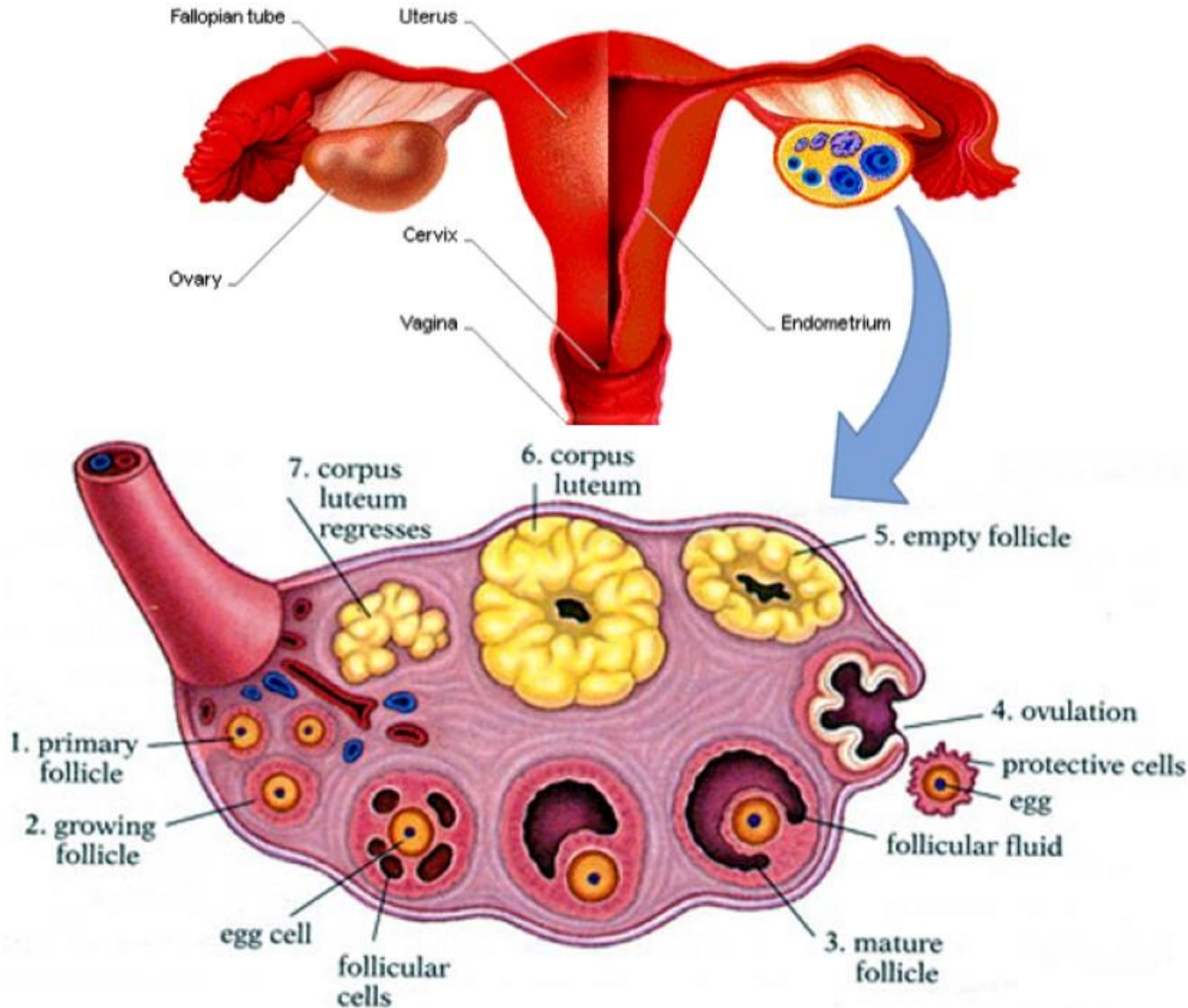
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FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH





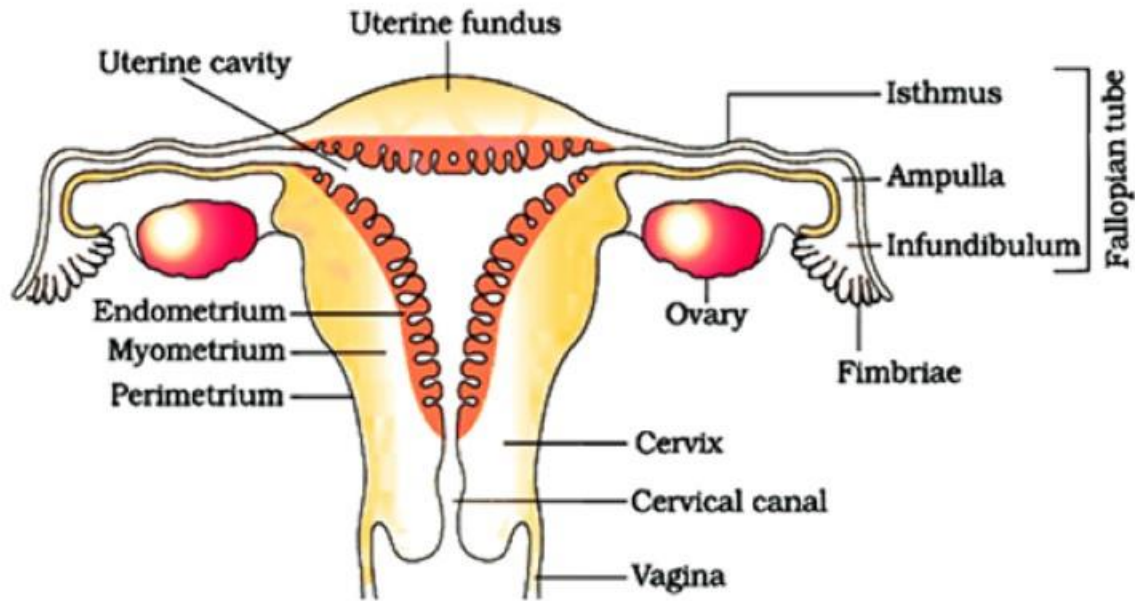
- Primary sex organs which produce ova (female gamete) & steroid ovarian hormones (estrogen & progesterone).
- Each ovary is about 2-4 cm in length.
- They are located on both side of the lower abdomen and connected to the pelvic wall and uterus by ligaments.



- Each ovary is covered by a thin epithelium which encloses the **ovarian stroma**.
- The stroma has outer **cortex** and inner **medulla**.
- Ovary contains groups of cells (**Ovarian or Graafian follicles**).
- Each follicle carries a centrally placed **ovum**.

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2. ACCESSORY DUCTS (DUCT SYSTEM)

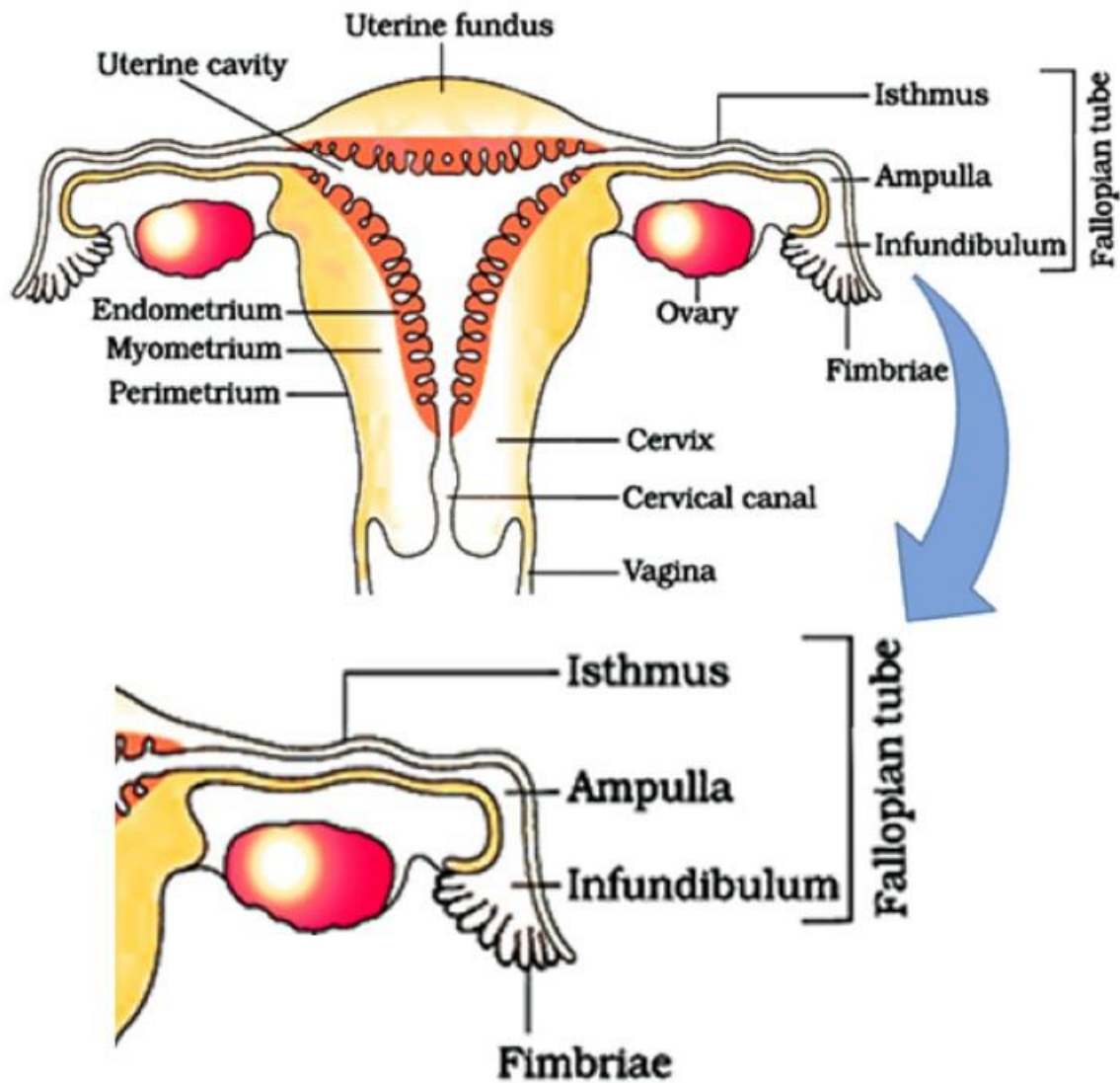


ACCESSORY DUCTS

2 OVIDUCTS (FALLOPIAN TUBES)

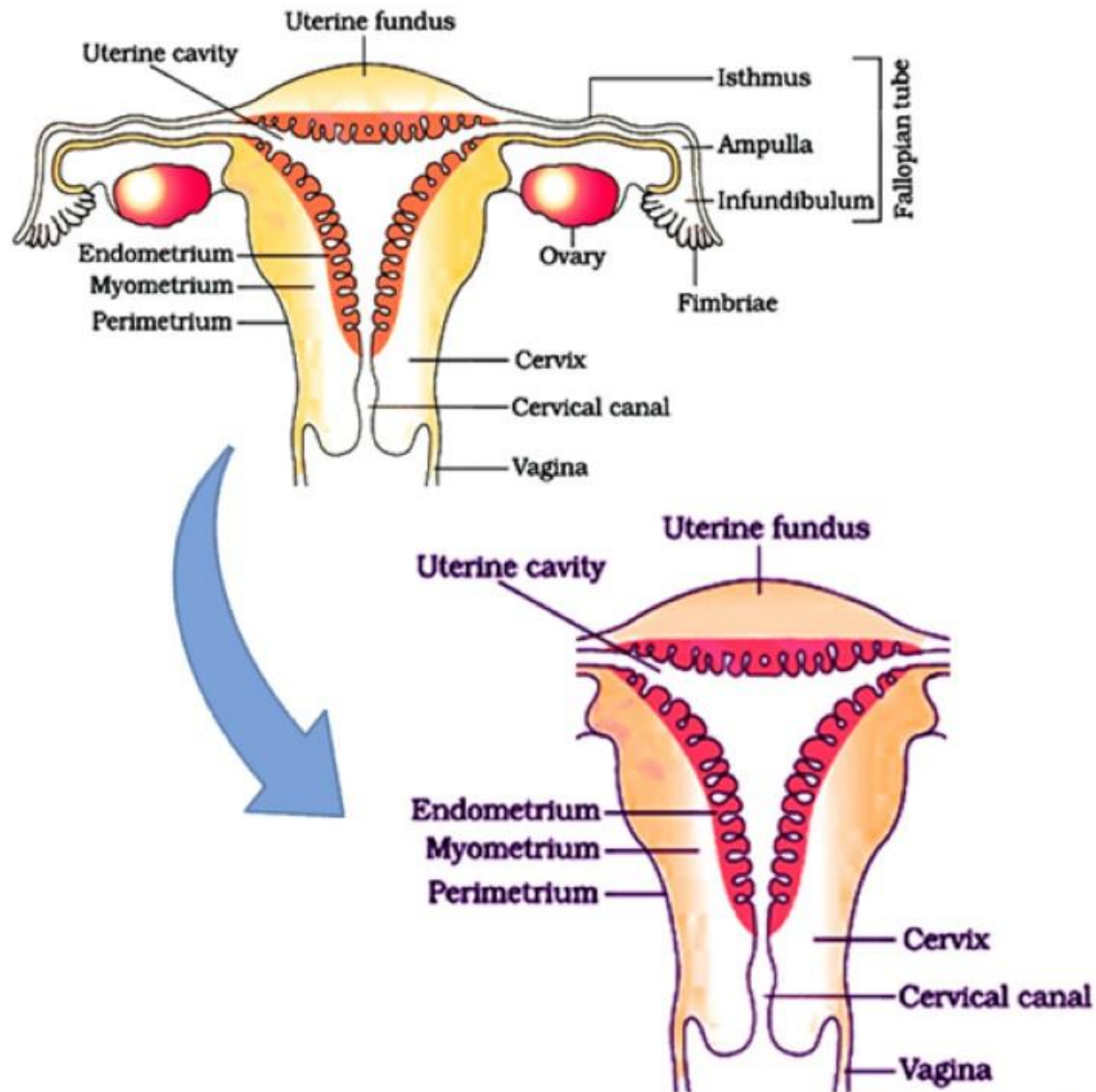
UTERUS (WOMB)

VAGINA



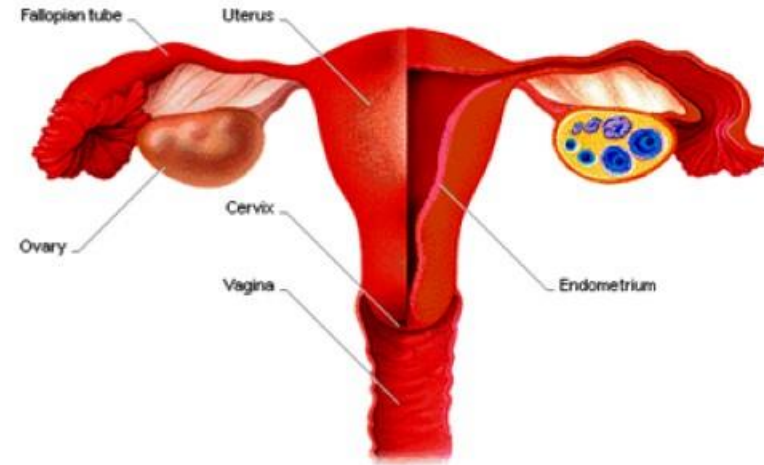
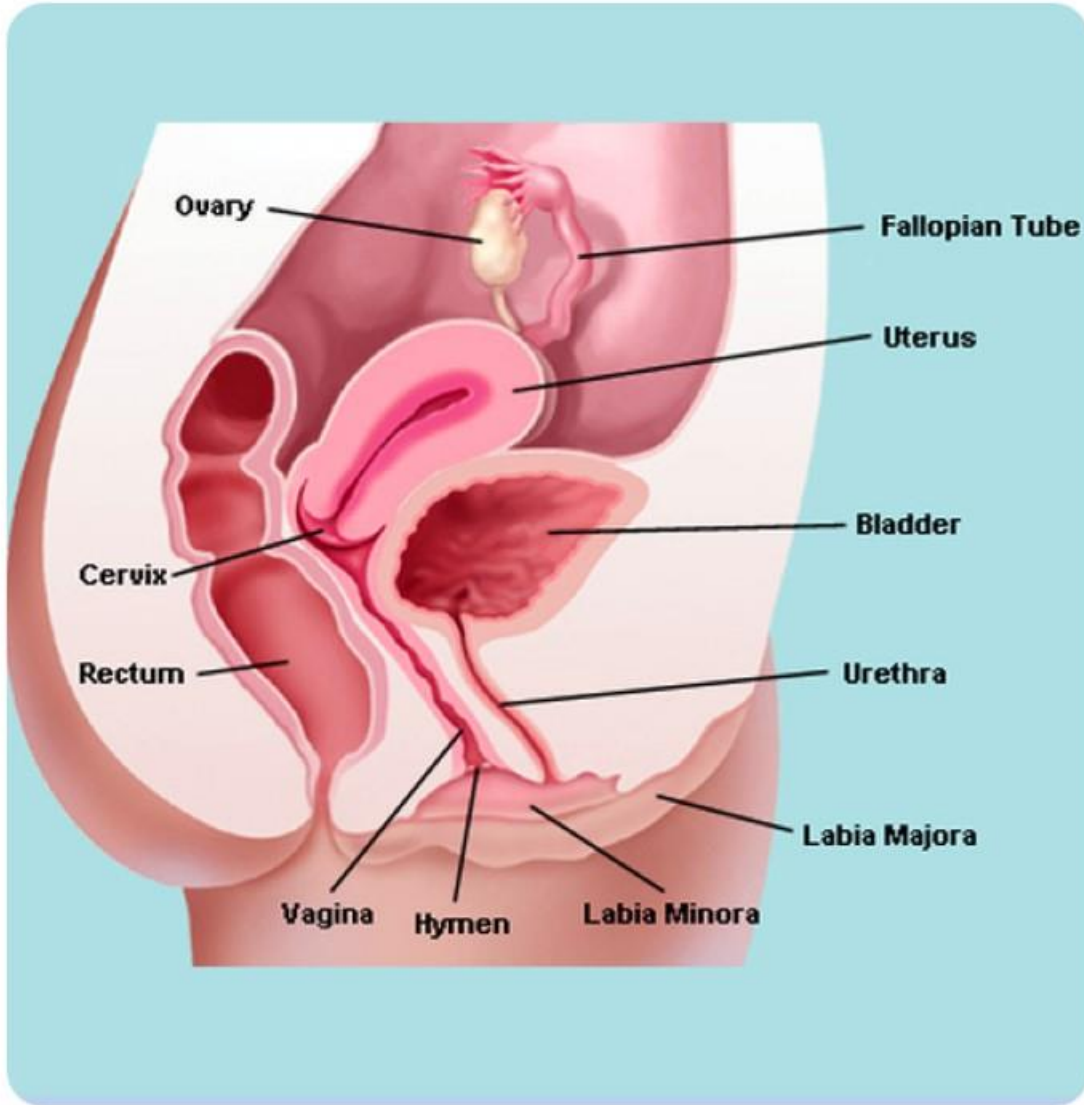
A. Oviducts (Fallopian tubes)

- Each oviduct is **10-12 cm long**.
- It has **3 parts: Infundibulum, Ampulla & Isthmus**.
 - ❖ **Infundibulum:** Funnel-shaped opening with many finger-like **fimbriae**. It helps to collect the ovum.
 - ❖ **Ampulla:** Wider part.
 - ❖ **Isthmus:** Narrow part. It joins the uterus.
- The **ciliated epithelium** lined the lumen of oviduct drives the ovum towards the uterus.



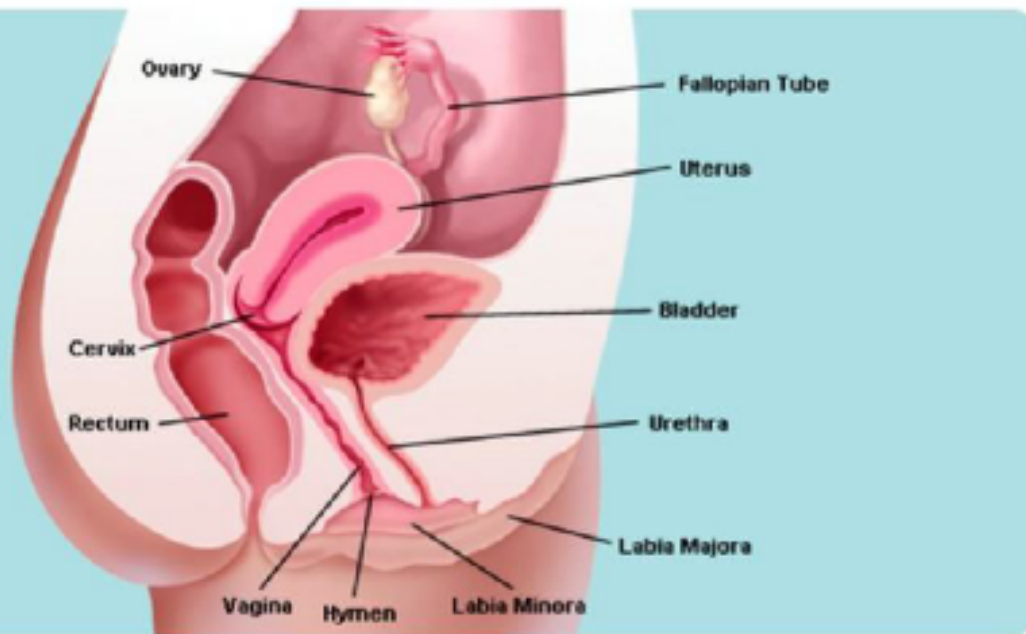
B. Uterus (womb)

- It is inverted pear shaped.
- It is supported by ligaments attached to the pelvic wall.
- Uterus has 3 parts: Upper **fundus**, middle **body** and terminal **cervix**.
- Cervix opens to vagina.
- The uterine wall has 3 layers:
 - **Perimetrium**: External thin membrane.
 - **Myometrium**: Middle thick layer of smooth muscle.
 - **Endometrium**: Inner glandular & vascular.



C. Vagina

- It opens to exterior between **urethra** and **anus**.
- The lumen of vagina is lined by a glycogen-rich mucous membrane consisting of **sensitive papillae** and **Bartholin's glands**.
- The secretions of Bartholin's glands lubricate penis during sexual act.



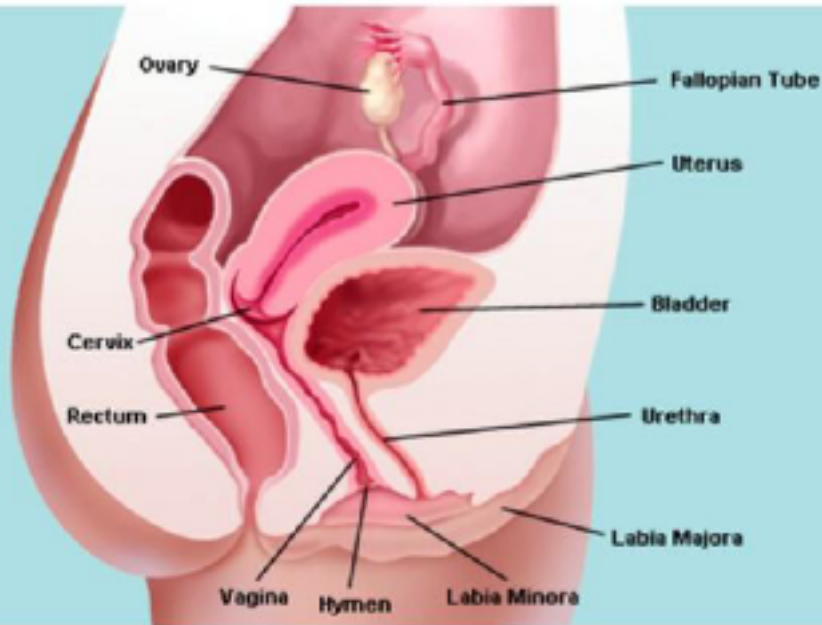
- Consist of **Mons pubis, vestibule, hymen & clitoris.**

A. Mons pubis

- A cushion of fatty tissue covered by pubic hair.

B. Vestibule

- A median channel. It includes
 - **Labia majora:** Large, fleshy, fatty and hairy outer folds. Surrounds vaginal opening.
 - **Labia minora:** Small, thin and hairless inner folds.



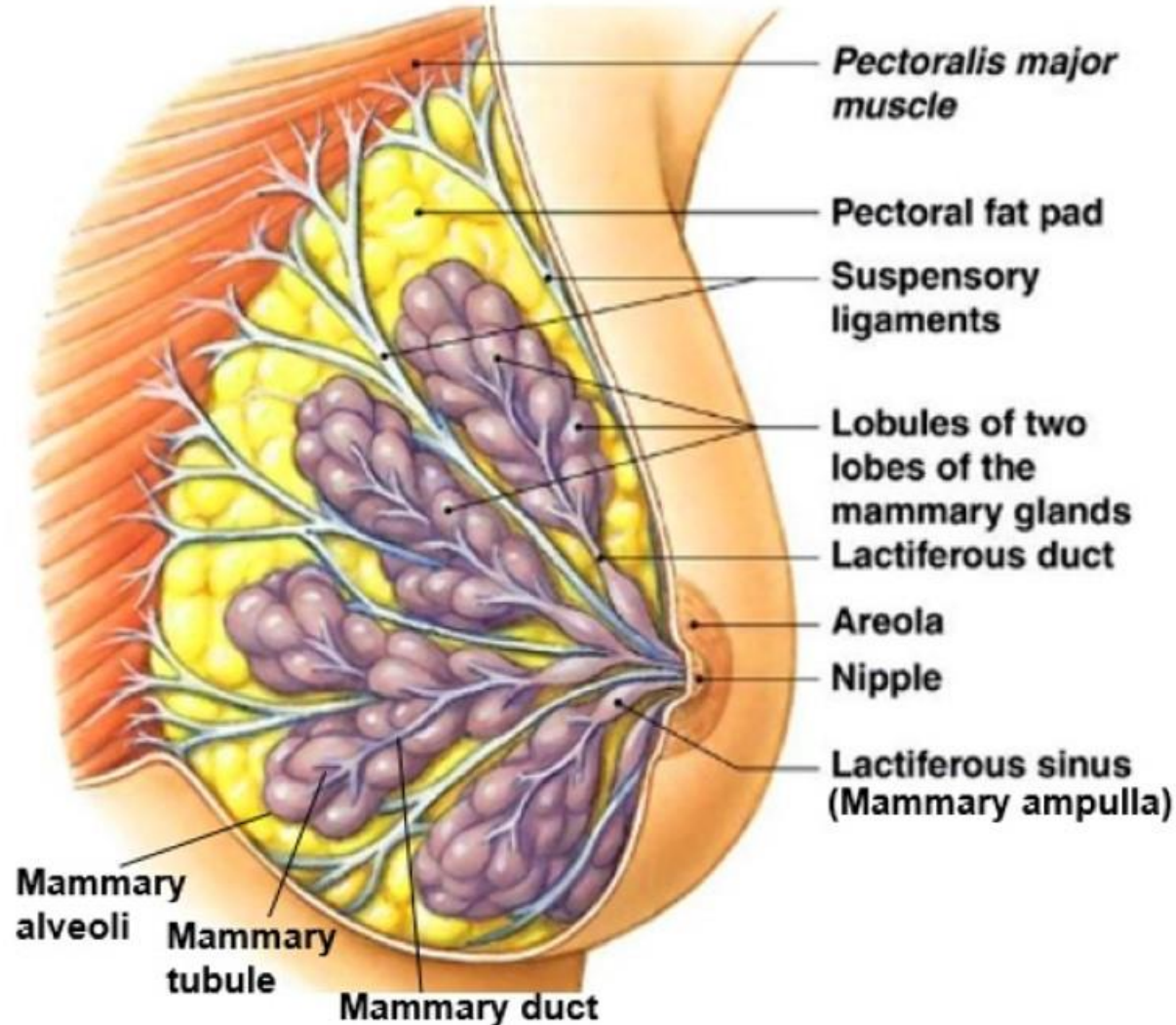
C. Hymen (Maiden head)

- A membrane which partially cover the vaginal opening. It is often torn during the first coitus.

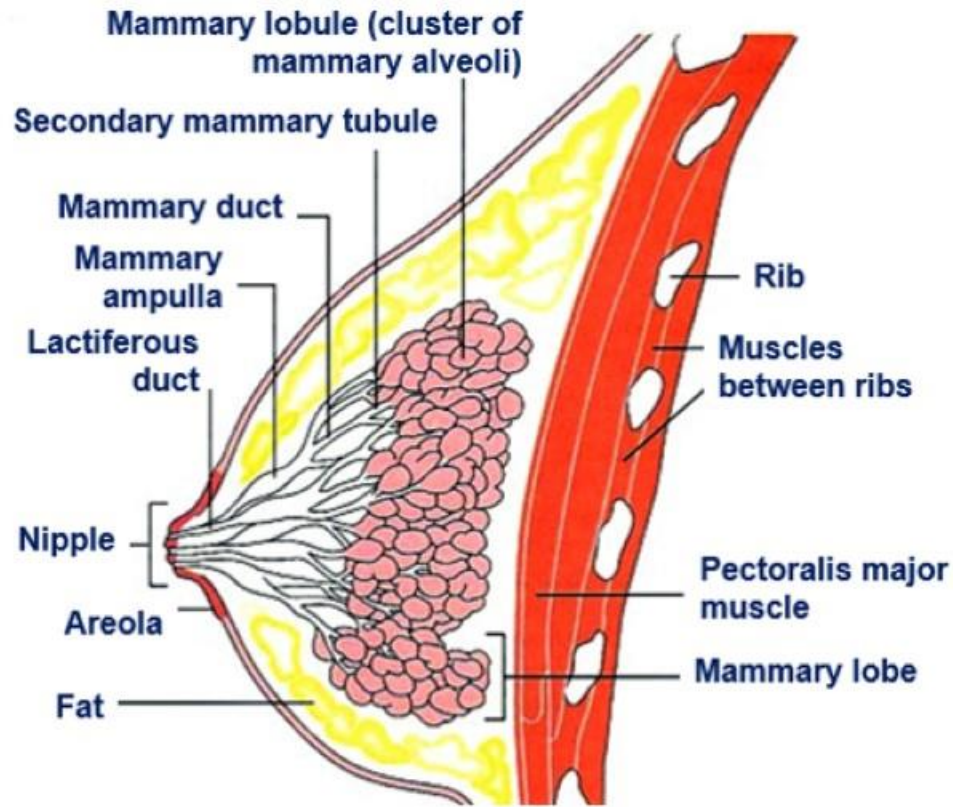
Hymen may also be broken by a sudden fall or jolt, insertion of a vaginal tampon, active participation in some sports items etc. In some women, hymen persists even after coitus. So the hymen is not a reliable indicator of virginity.

D. Clitoris

- A highly sensitive organ lying just in front of the urethral opening.



- A pair of mammary glands contains **glandular tissue & fat**.
- Glandular tissue of each breast has **15-20 mammary lobes** containing clusters of cells (**mammary alveoli**).
- The cells of alveoli secrete milk. It is stored in the cavities (lumen) of alveoli.



- The alveoli open into **mammary tubules**.
- The tubules of each lobe join to form a **mammary duct**.
- Several mammary ducts join to form a wider **mammary ampulla** which is connected to **lactiferous duct** through which milk is sucked out.

Sequence of milk conduction

