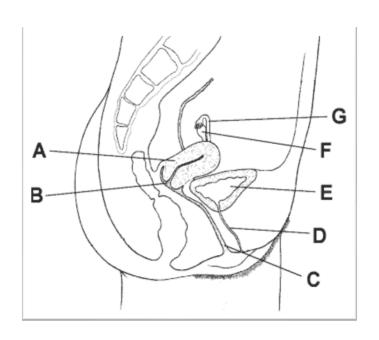
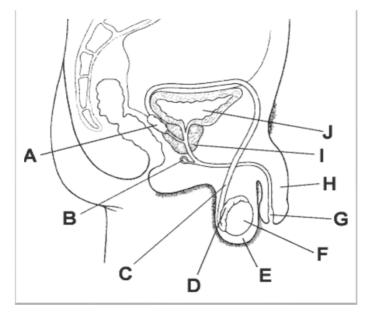
# Human Reproduction

# **Male and Female Systems**





# **OUTCOME QUESTION(S):**

S1-1-09:

What parts make up the male and female sex systems and what is the function of each part?

## Vocabulary & Concepts

Hormone

Testosterone

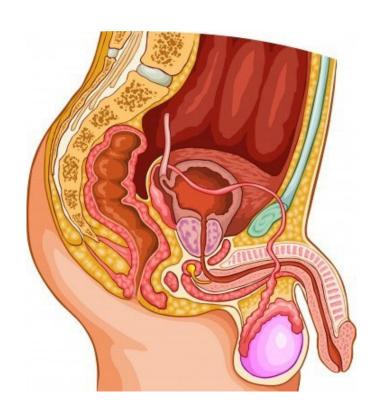
Estrogen

Progesterone

You need to know all the male and female components that make up the "system"

## Male reproductive system *must both*:

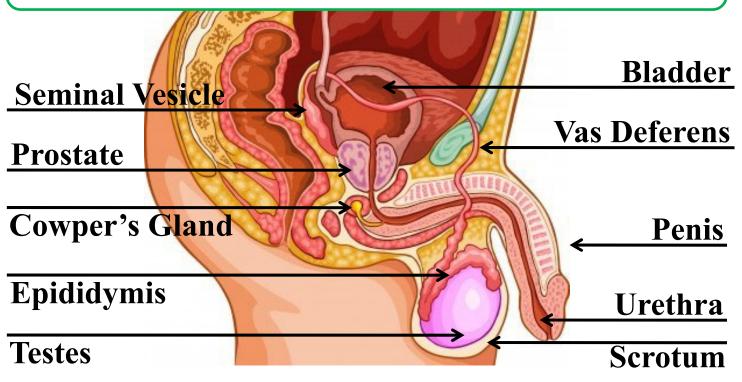
- · Produce sperm make gamete
- Pass sperm on to female <u>sexual intercourse</u>



The male symbol represents the "shield and spear" of Mars – the roman god of war

# Male sex organs:

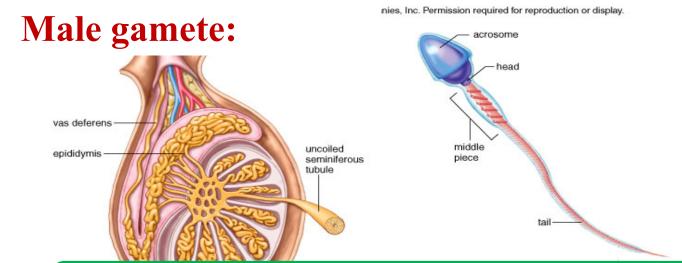
Don't try to memorize this picture – *you will see different* pictures – learn how everything connects and where it is



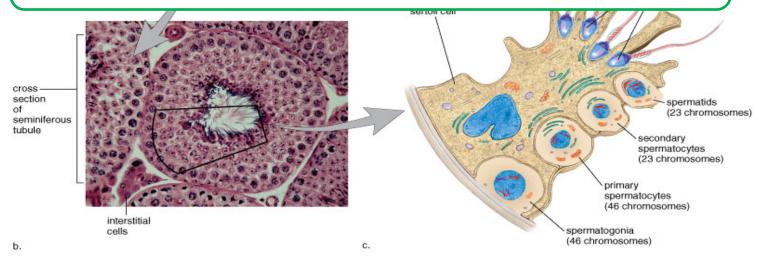
#### **Component**

#### **Function**

Scrotum	Holds the testes externally (outside)     (providing a cooler environment for healthy sperm)
Testes	• Site of sperm production - seminiferous tubules  (1000 sperm a heart beat)
Epididymis	Sperm storage place until ejaculation
Vas deferens	Transports sperm from epididymis to the urethra
Urethra	• Transports sperm and urine through the penis (joins the vas deferens under the prostate gland)
Prostate gland / Seminal vesicle / Cowper's gland	• 3 glands together make semen (contains nutrients and sugars for the sperm's "journey")
Penis	Delivers sperms and excretes urine



Sex organs (and sperm production) remain nonfunctioning until kick-started by *hormones* during puberty



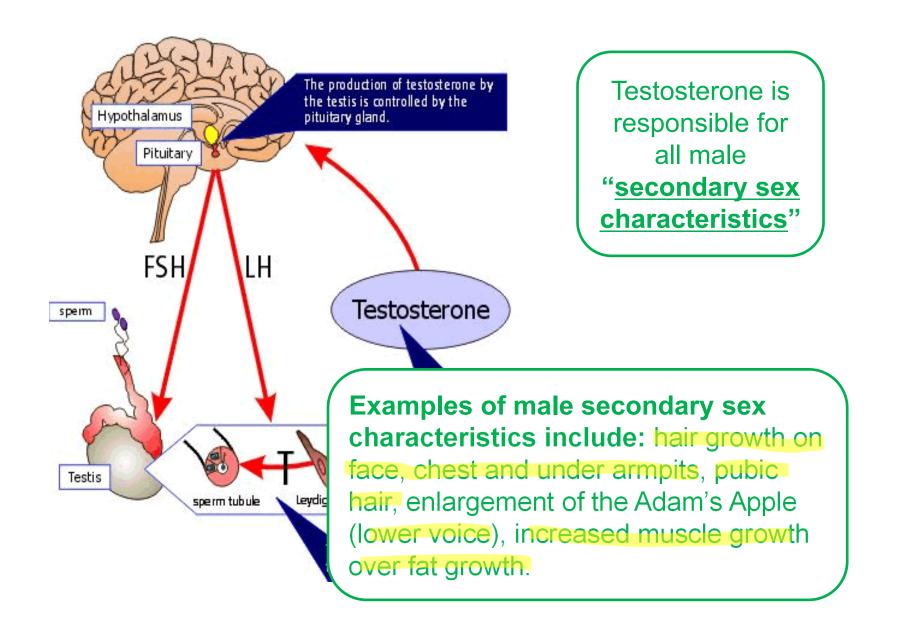
**Hormone**: chemical "messenger" that allows one body part to influence the behavior of another.

Hormones are released by "glands" – this system in called the *Endocrine system* 

# **Puberty and the Brain:**

<u>Pituitary gland</u> in the *brain* releases 2 hormones *simultaneously* that instruct body to grow/mature:

• stimulates testes to produce *males sex hormone* testosterone which starts *production of sperm* 

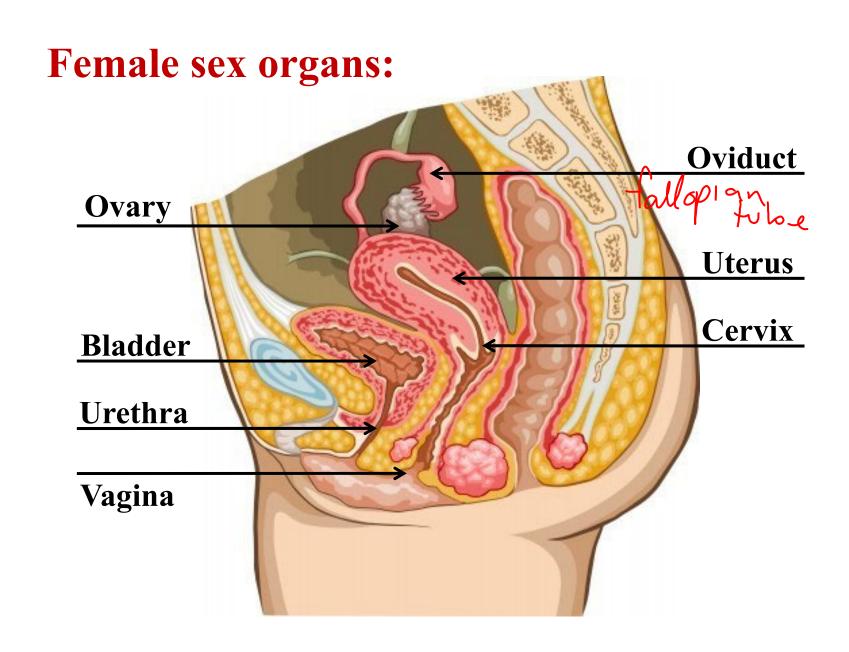


## Female reproductive system *must be able to*:

• Produce and release **eggs** 

Nourish and hold zygote until fully developed

• Give birth The female symbol represents the "hand mirror" of Venus- the roman goddess of fertility



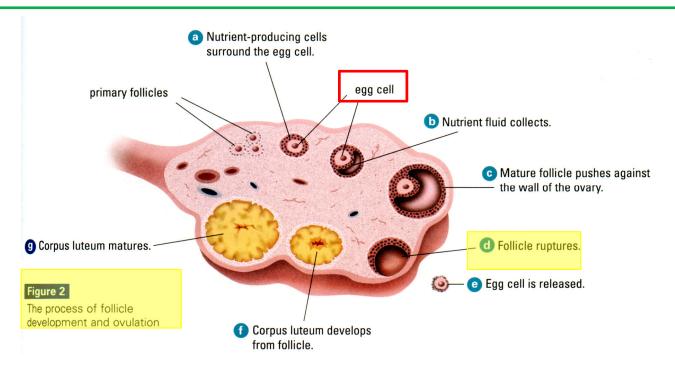
<b>Component</b>	<b>Function</b>
Ovaries	Holds follicle cells which develop into eggs     (releases one egg a menstrual cycle – ovulation)
Oviducts	• <u>Transports egg to uterus – <b>site of fertilization</b></u> (also called Fallopian tubes)
Uterus	• <u>Site of implantation of fertilized egg – zygote</u> (endometrium thickens/thins with menstrual cycle)
Cervix	Muscular opening of the uterus     (dilates to allow passage of menstrual blood/fetus)
Vagina	<ul> <li>Receives sperm from the male</li> <li>Transports mature fetus and menstrual fluid</li> </ul>

Remember: females don't continue to make new eggs – at birth they have about 7 million, by puberty it is down to about 400,000

# Female gamete:

• "shell" of egg - follicle - plays a large role in the menstrual cycle

This "shell" releases hormones before and after egg is released

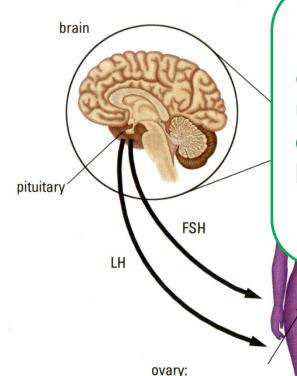


# **Puberty and the Brain:**

Pituitary gland releases 2 hormones separately:

- 1<sup>st</sup> stimulates the development of follicles (<u>eggs</u>) and <u>begins</u> the menstrual cycle
  - follicles produce hormone estrogen

- 2<sup>nd</sup> stimulates <u>ovulation</u> in *middle of cycle* 
  - ruptured follicle produces second hormone progesterone



Examples of female secondary sex characteristics are: hair growth under armpits and legs, pubic hair, development of breasts, widening of hips, and increased body fat production.

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LH causes ovulation and the formation of the corpus luteum.

corpus luteum

Estrogen alone is responsible for all "secondary sex characteristics"

Estrogen and Progesterone **both** work to prepare the uterus for baby

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