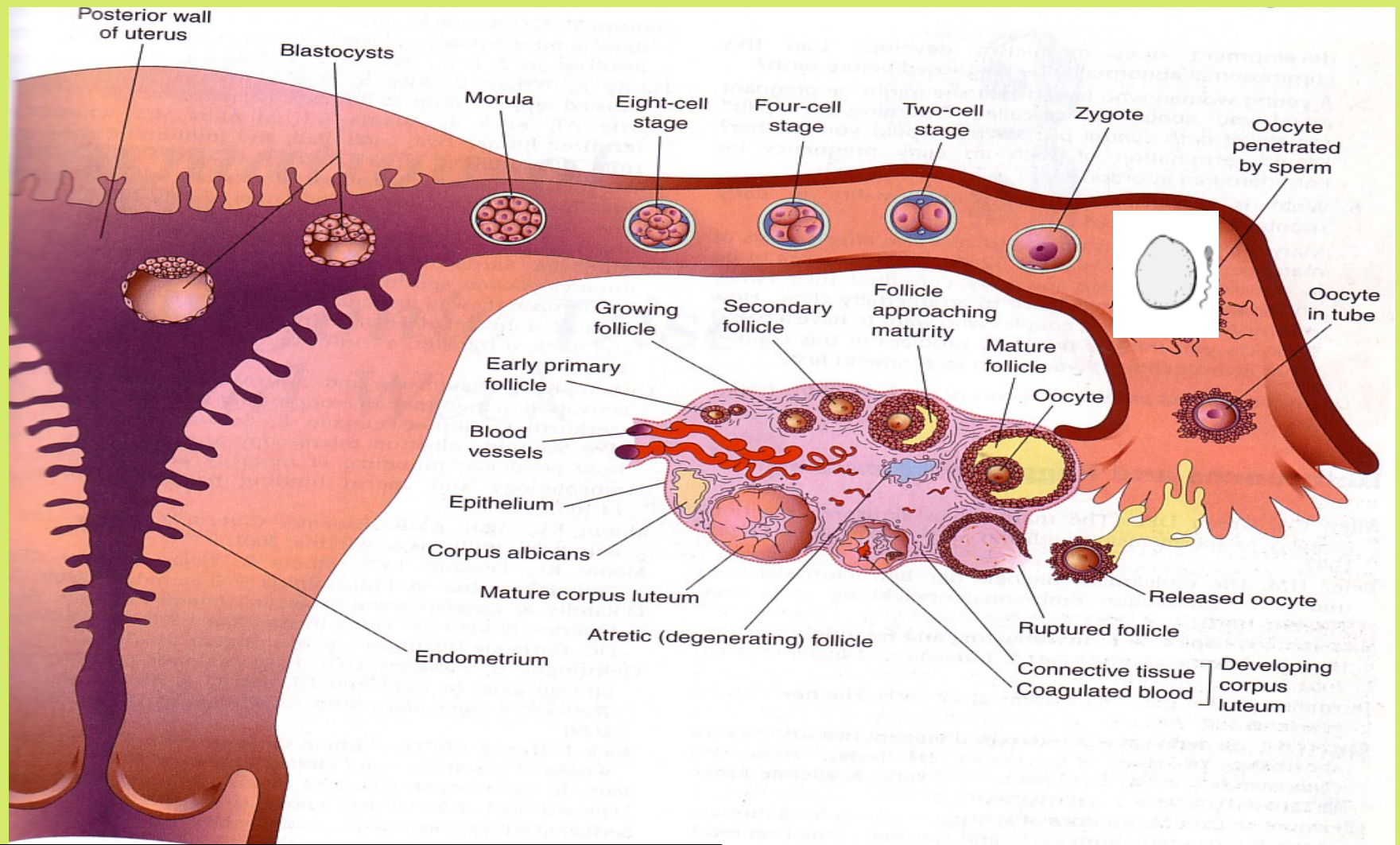


FERTILIZATION & IMPLANTATION AND TWINNING



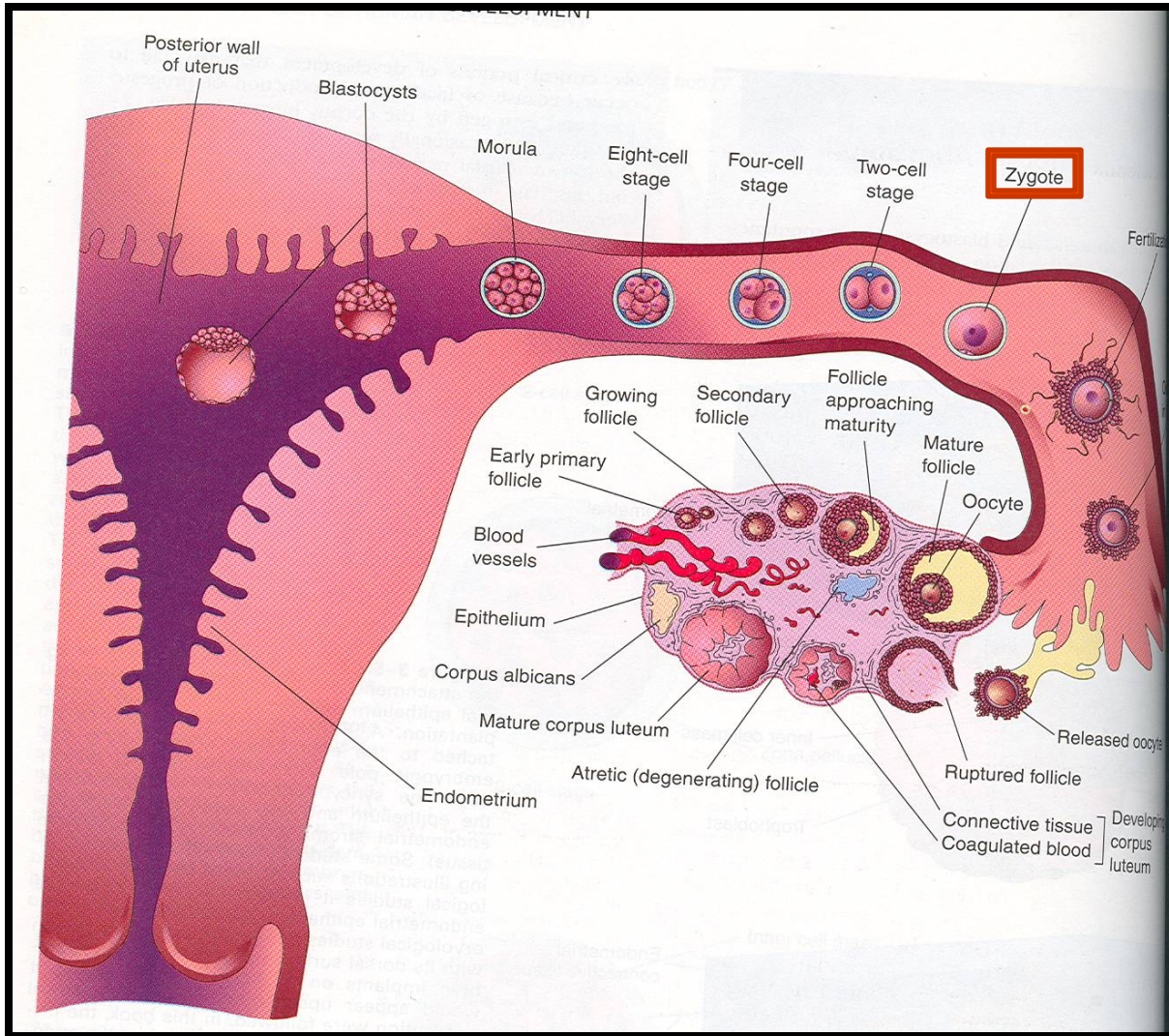
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OBJECTIVES

- **By the end of the lecture, you should be able to:**
- Identify **fertilization** and **its site**.
- List the **phases** of fertilization.
- Describe the **results** of fertilization.
- Describe the **formation of blastocyst**.
- Identify **implantation** and **its site**.
- Describe the **mechanism** of implantation.
- Describe the **formation of primary chorionic villi.**
- List the **sites of ectopic pregnancy.**



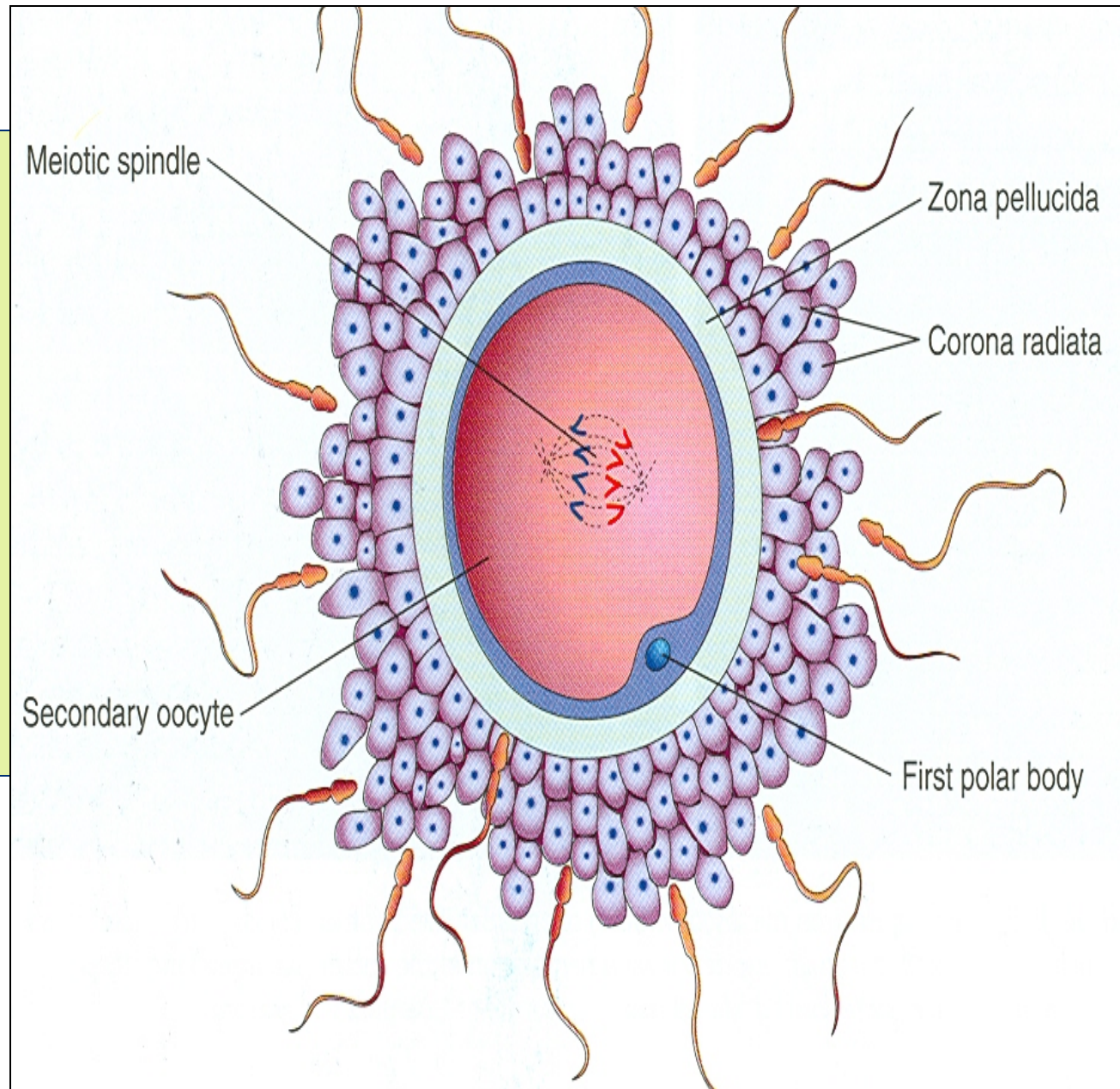
FERTILIZATION



- Definition:
- It is the process during which a male gamete (**sperm**) unites with a female gamete (**oocyte**) to form a single cell (**ZYGOTE**).

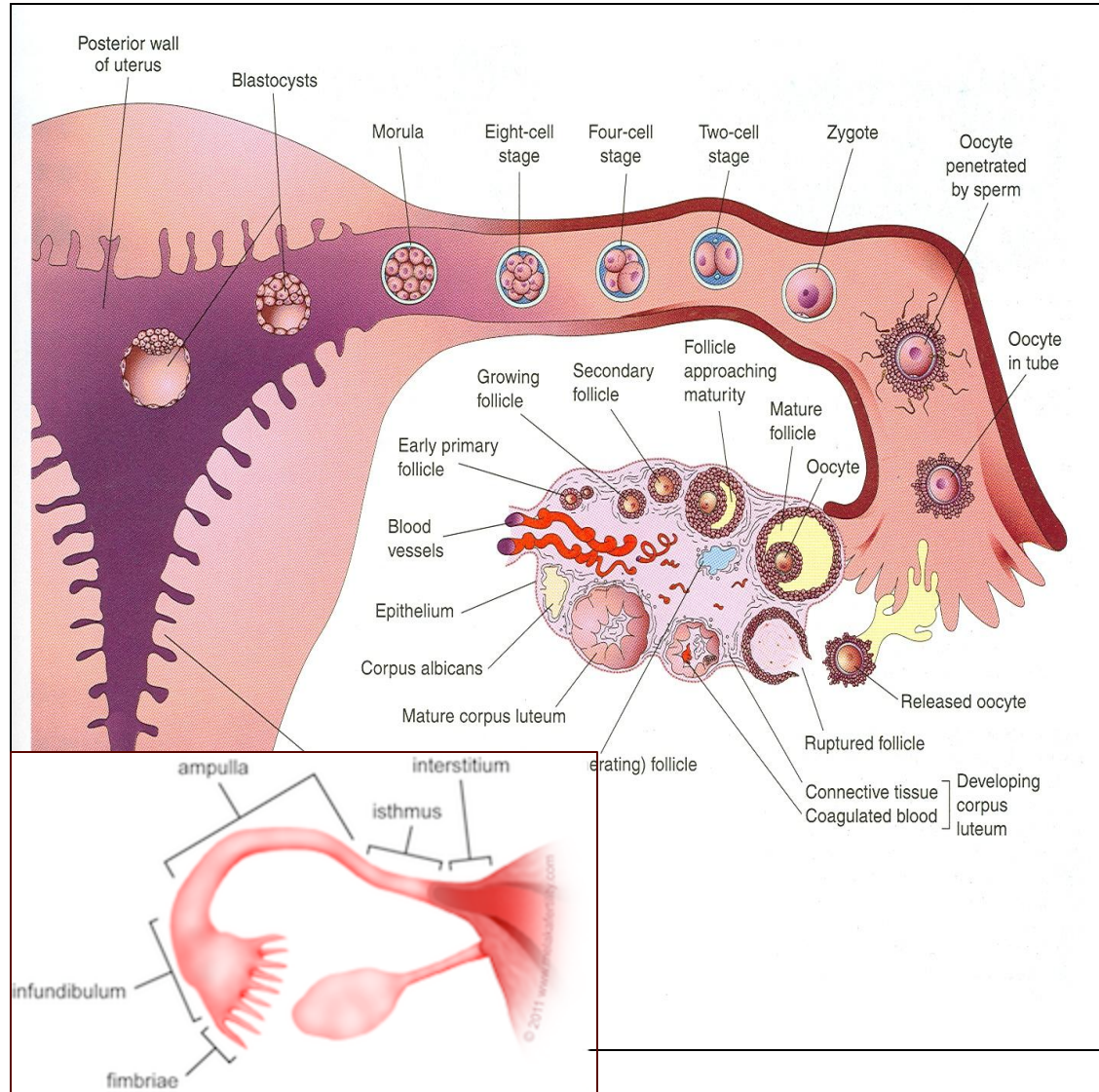
Fertilization

- It is a complex process.
- It begins with a **contact** between sperm & ovum.
- Ends up with **intermingling** of the maternal and paternal chromosomes.



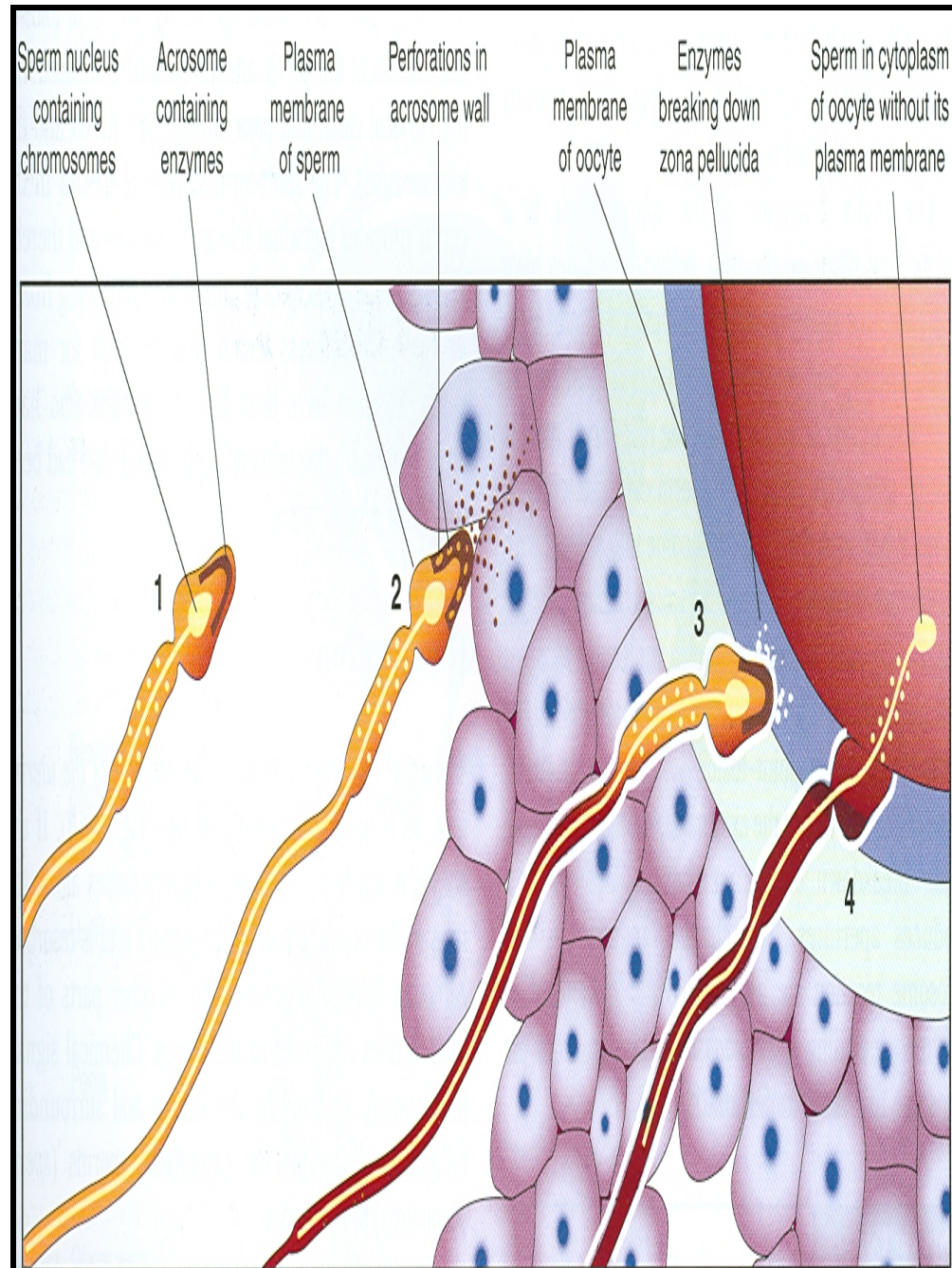
Site of Fertilization

- Usually in the **ampulla** of **uterine tube**.
- **Ampulla** is the longest and widest part of the tube.
- **Fertilization may occur** in any other part of tube.
- **Never occurs in the uterine cavity.**
- **Chemical signal** from oocyte attracts the sperms.

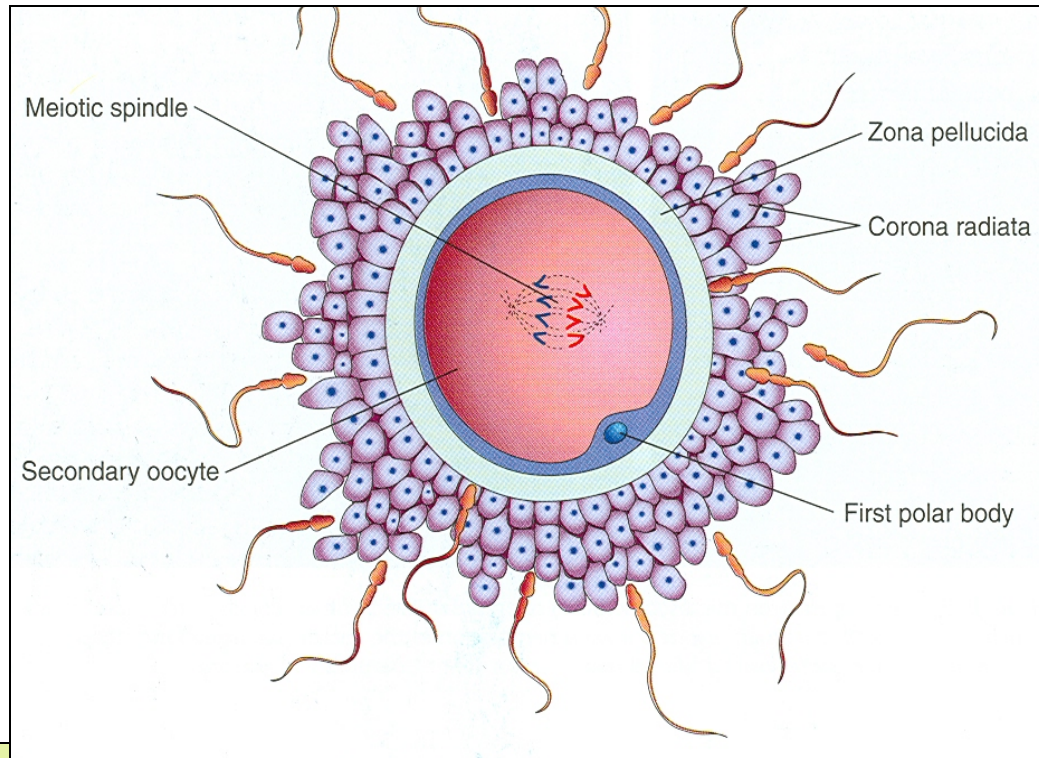


Phases of Fertilization

- 1&2- Passage of the sperm through the cells of the *corona radiata* by the effect of:**
 - a) *Hyaluronidase enzyme* secreted from the sperms.**
 - b) By movement of its tail.**
- 3- Penetration of the zona pellucida by *acrosine* (a substance secreted from *acrosomal cap*).**
- 4- Fusion of the plasma membranes of the oocyte and the sperm.**
- 5- Completion of the second meiotic division of the oocyte & formation of the female pronucleus.**
- 6- Formation of the male pronucleus.**



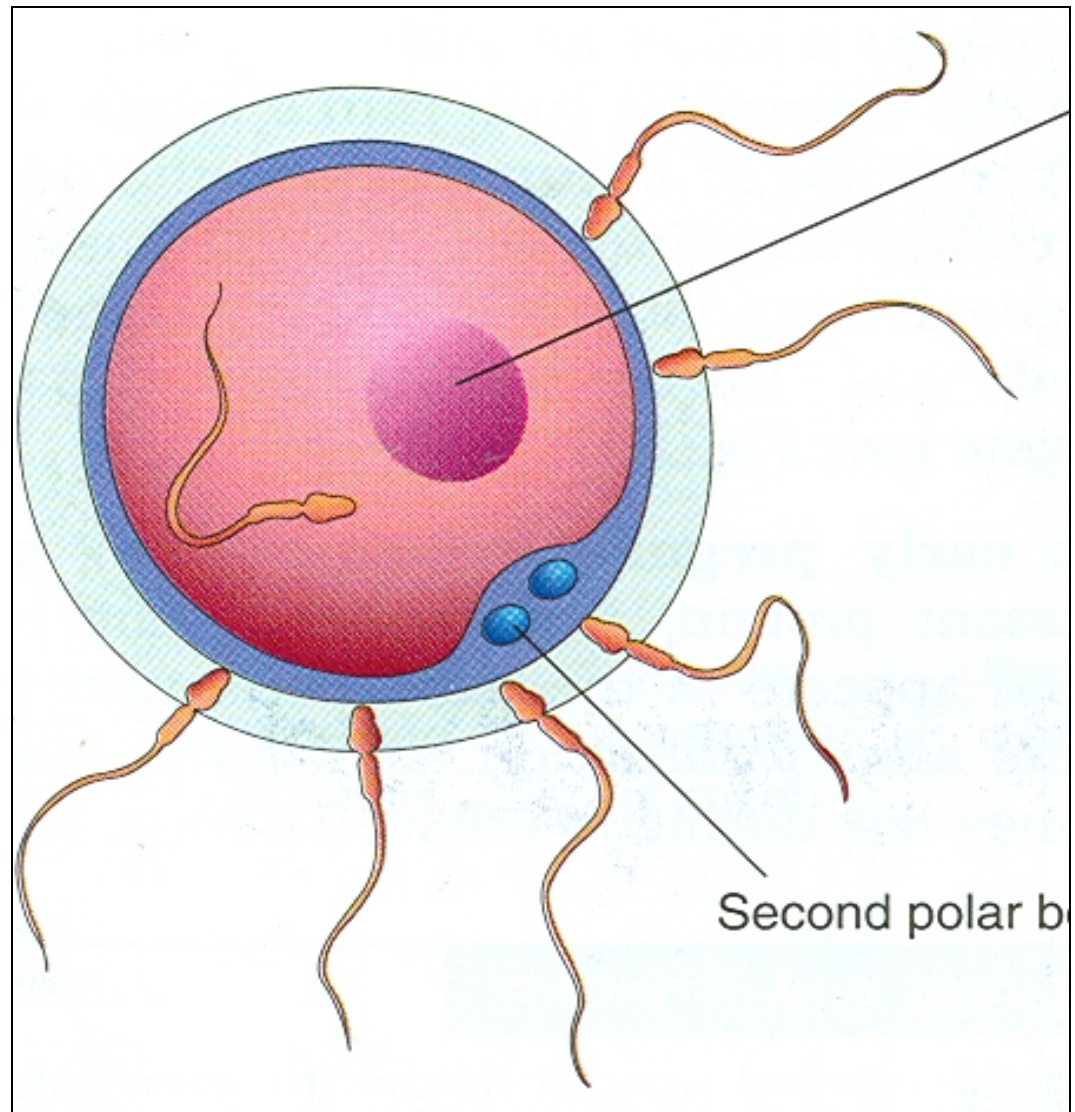
CHROMOSOMES



- **Zygote** is genetically **unique**.
- **Half of its chromosomes** comes from the **father** and the **other half** comes from the **mother**.
- **New combination is formed** which is **different from** either of the parents.
- This mechanism forms **biparental inheritance** and **leads to variation of the human species**.

Sex of the Embryo

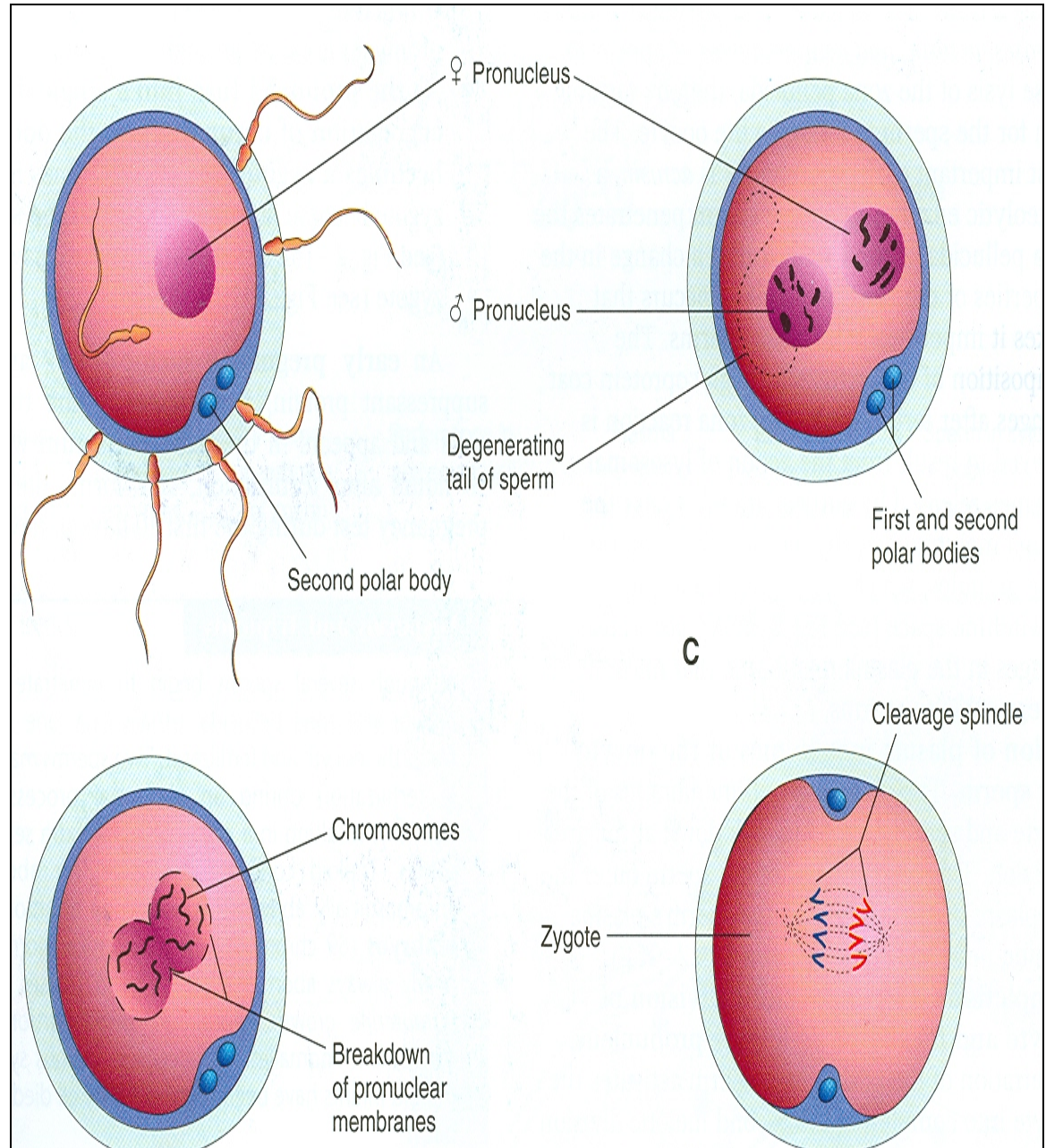
- Embryo's chromosomal sex is determined at the time of fertilization by genetic studies.
- Sex is determined by the type of sperm (X or Y) that fertilizes the oocyte.
- So, it is the father whose gamete decides the sex.



❖ Zonal reaction : it is a change in properties of zona pellucida that makes it impermeable to other sperms.

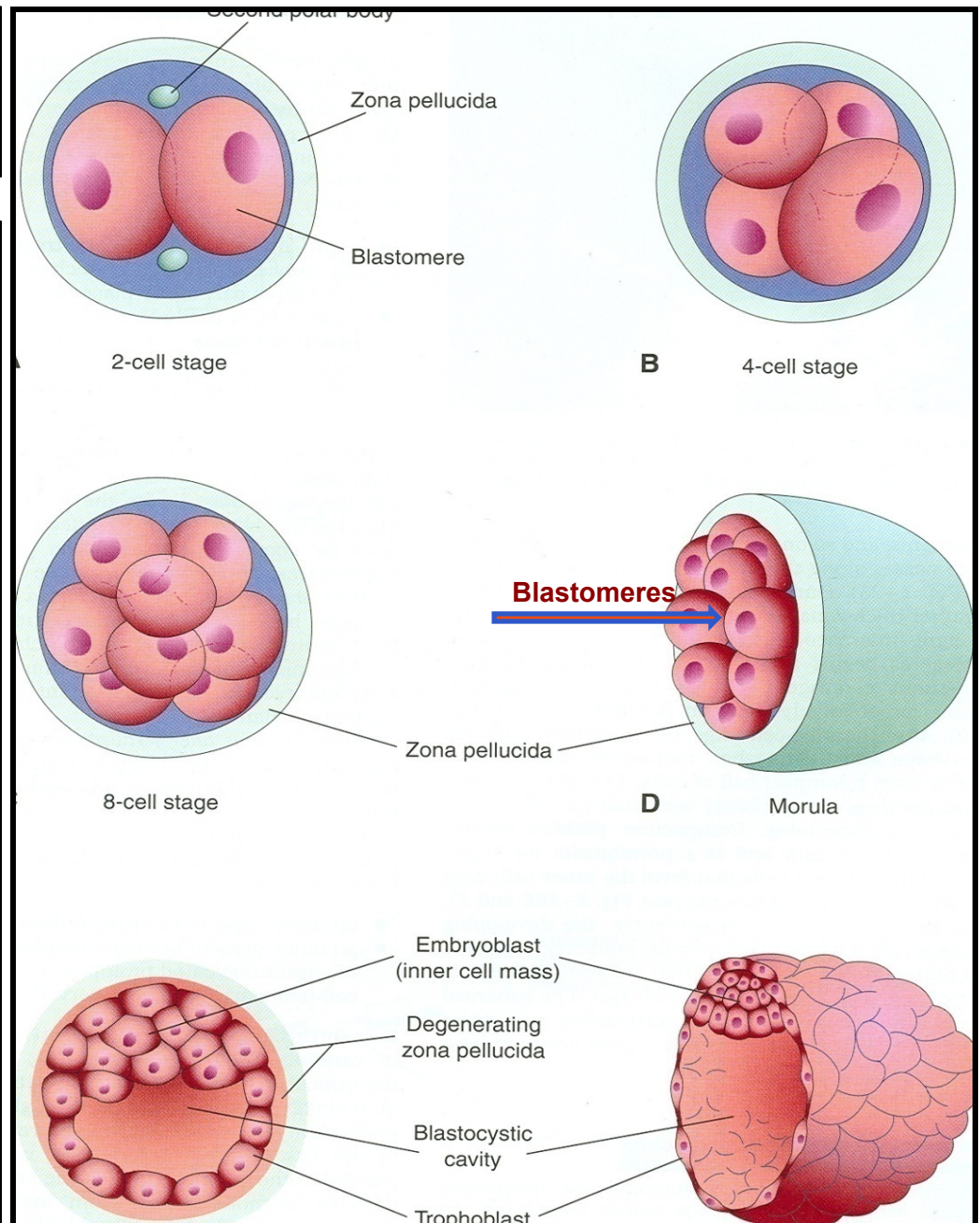
Results of Fertilization

1. **Stimulates the penetrated oocyte to complete its 2nd meiotic division.**
2. **Restores the normal diploid number of chromosomes.**
3. **Determines the sex of the embryo.**
4. **Initiates cleavage (cell division) of the zygote.**



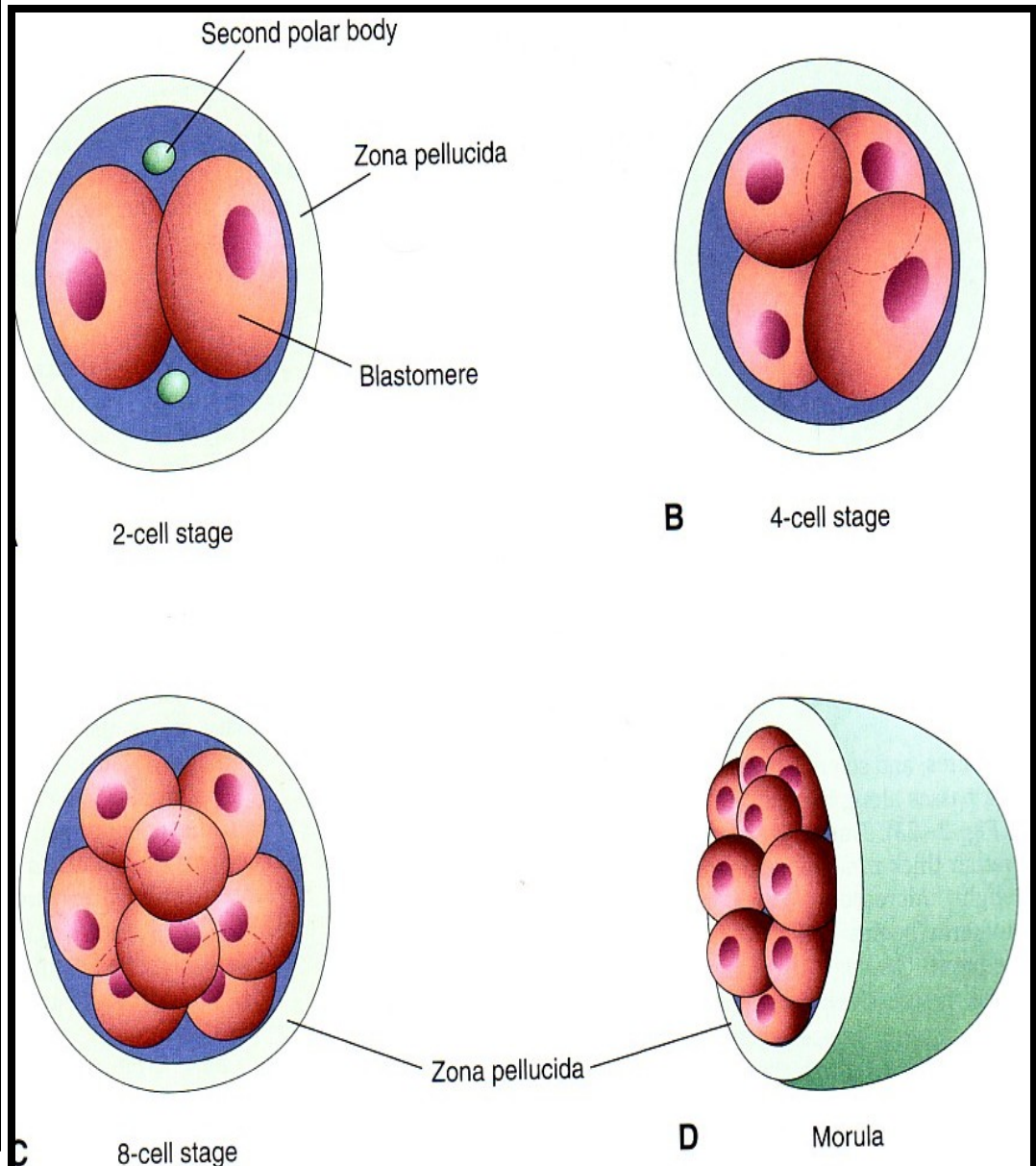
Cleavage of Zygote

- It is the repeated mitotic divisions of the zygote.
- Normally occurs in the uterine tube.
- Rapid increase in the number of the cells.
- These smaller embryonic cells are now called, **Blastomeres**.



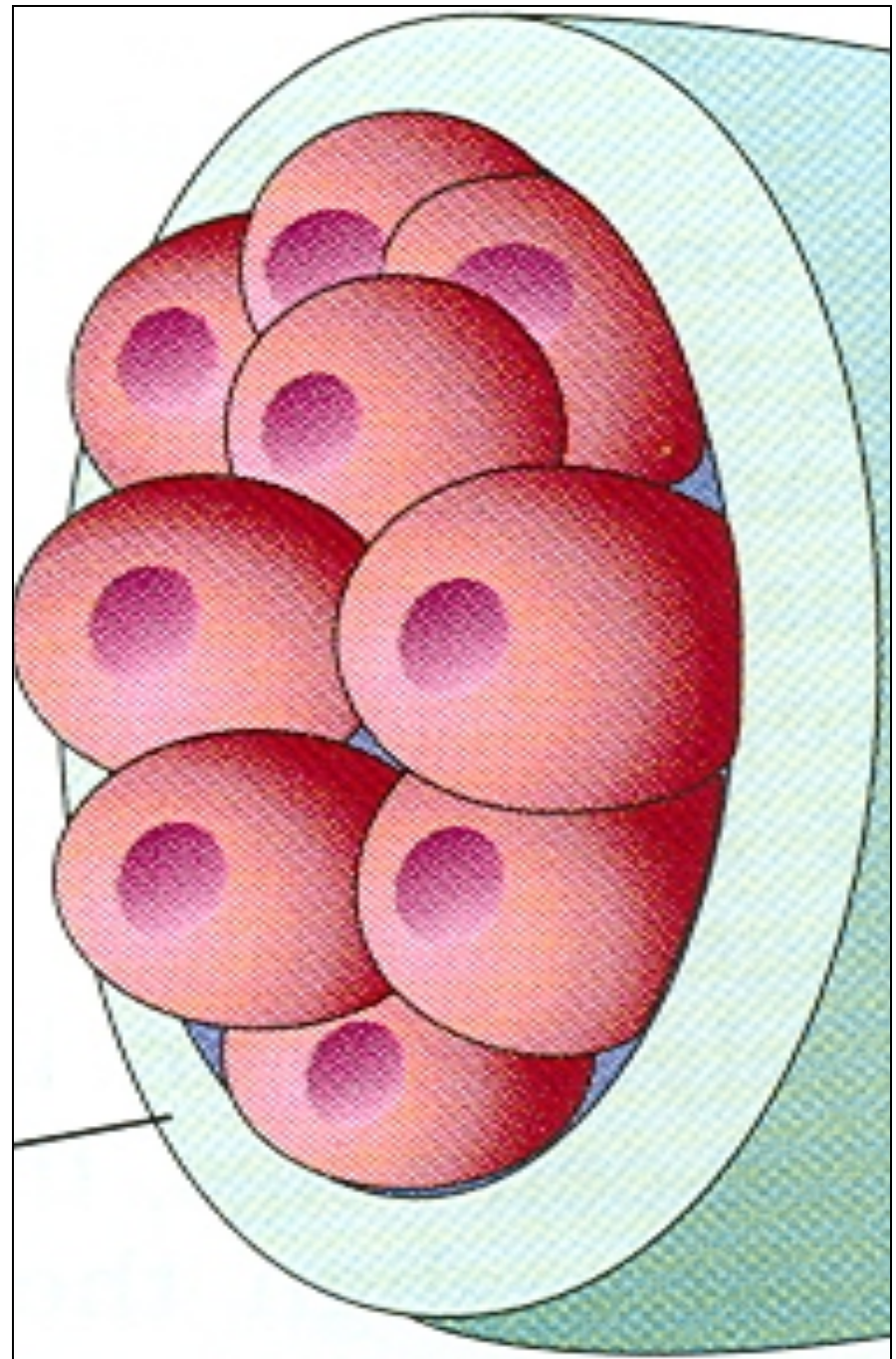
Cleavage of Zygote

- It begins about 30 hours after fertilization.
- Zygote divides into 2, then 4, then 8, then 16 cells.
- Zygote lies within the thick **zona pellucida** during cleavage.
- Zygote migrates in the **uterine tube** during cleavage from lateral to medial.
- Under the microscope, the **zona pellucida** is a translucent membrane



Morula

- When there are **16-32** blastomeres the developing human is called **MORULA**.
- The **Morula** reaches the **uterine cavity** at this stage.
- **Spherical Morula** is **formed about **3** days after fertilization.**
- It resembles **mulberry** or **blackberry**.

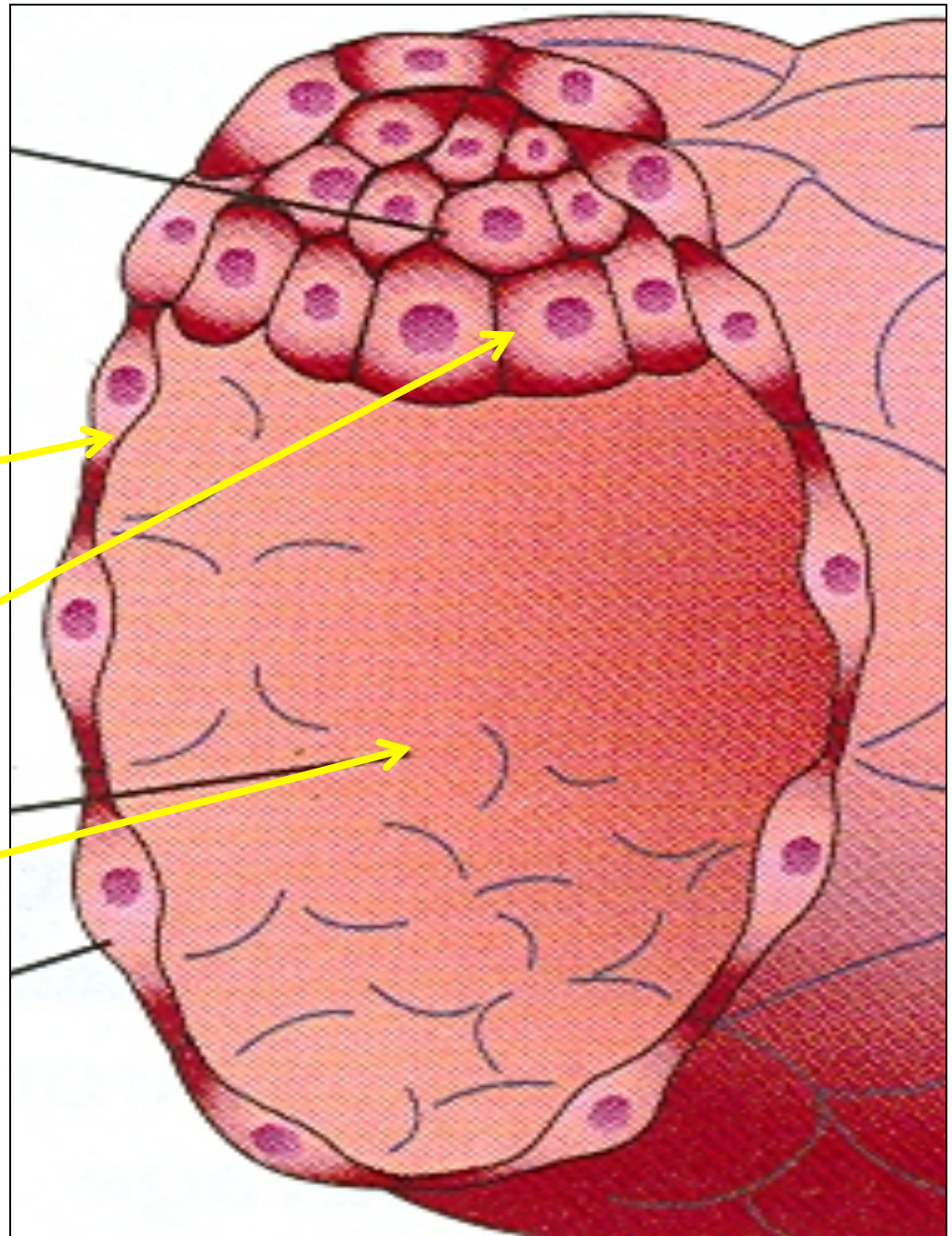


BLASTOCYST

A **cavity** appears within the morula dividing its cells into 2 groups:

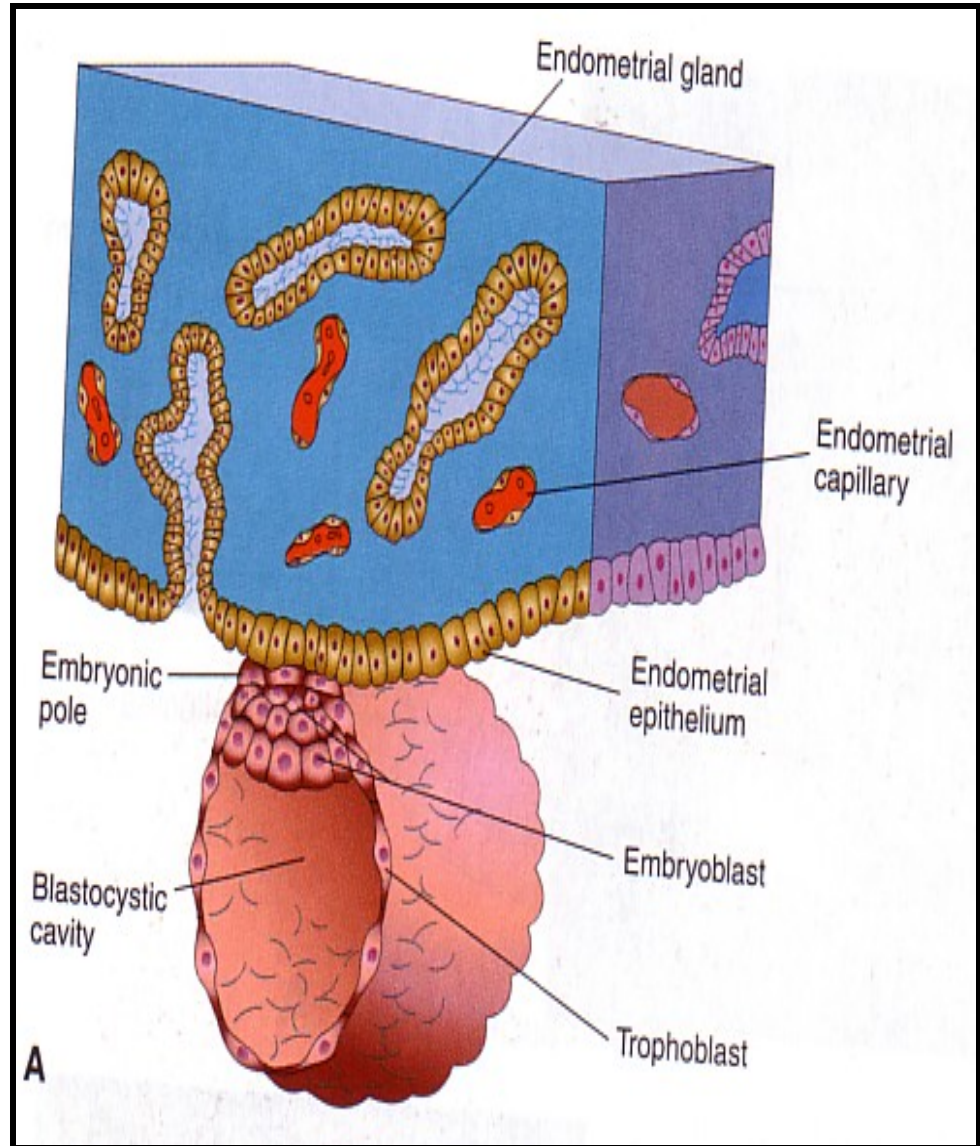
1. **Outer cell layer** called **trophoblast**.
2. **Inner cell layer (mass)** called **Embryoblast** attached to one of the poles of the blastocyst.

The cavity is called **blastocystic cavity** or **blastocoele**.

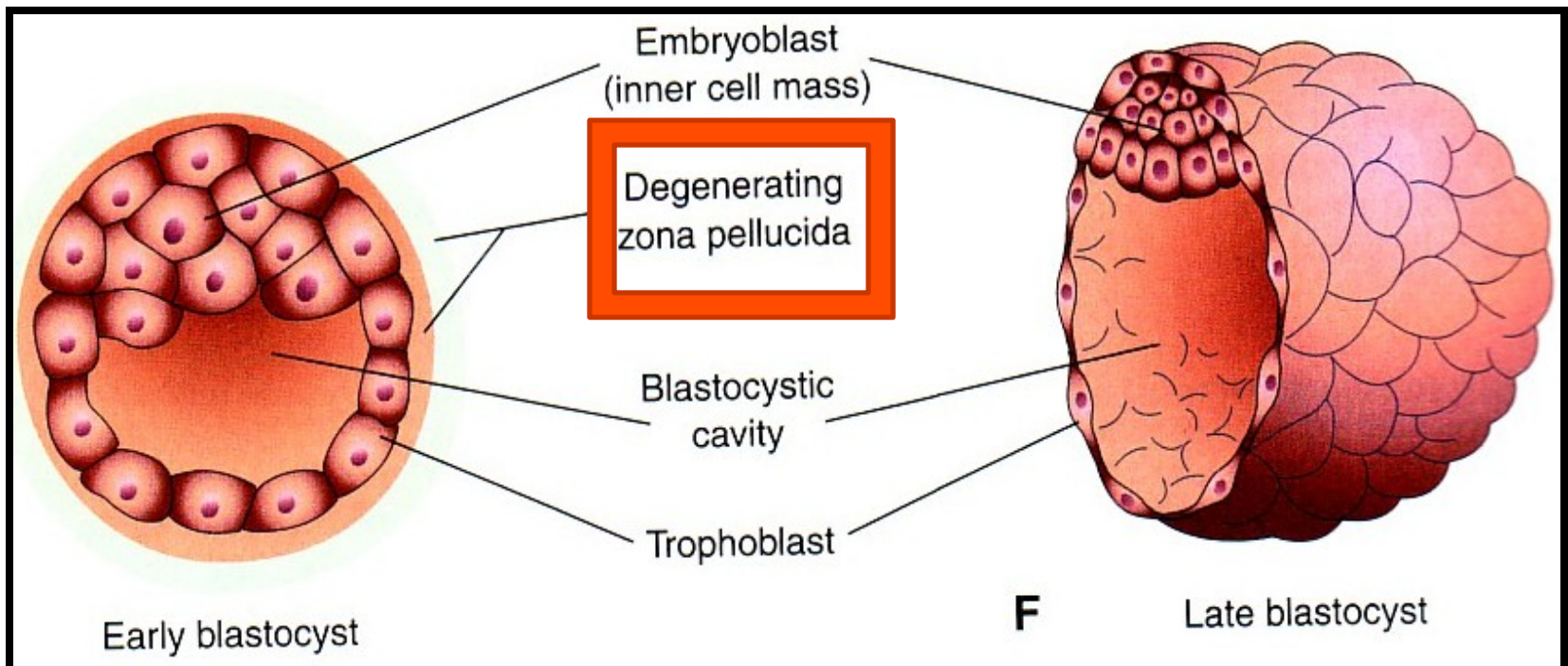


- Definition :
- It is the process by which the **Blastocyst** penetrates the **superficial (Compact) layer of the endometrium** of the uterus.
- Site:
- The normal site of **implantation** is the posterior wall of the body of the uterus near the fundus.
- Time:
- It **begins** about the 6th day after fertilization.
- It is **completed** by the 11th or 12th day.

IMPLANTATION



- **Mechanism:**
 - The **Morula** reaches the **uterine cavity** by the **4th day** after fertilization, & remains free for one or two days.
- Fluid** passes from uterine cavity to the **Morula**.
- Now the Morula is called **Blastocyst**, its **cavity** is called **blastocystic cavity**, its cells divided into **Embryoblast & Trophoblast**.



By the 5th day the Zona pellucida degenerates.

Blastocyst begins implantation by the 6th day.

Trophoblast cells penetrate the **epithelium** of the **endometrium**.

Penetration results from **proteolytic enzymes** (eg. COX-2) produced by the **trophoblast**.

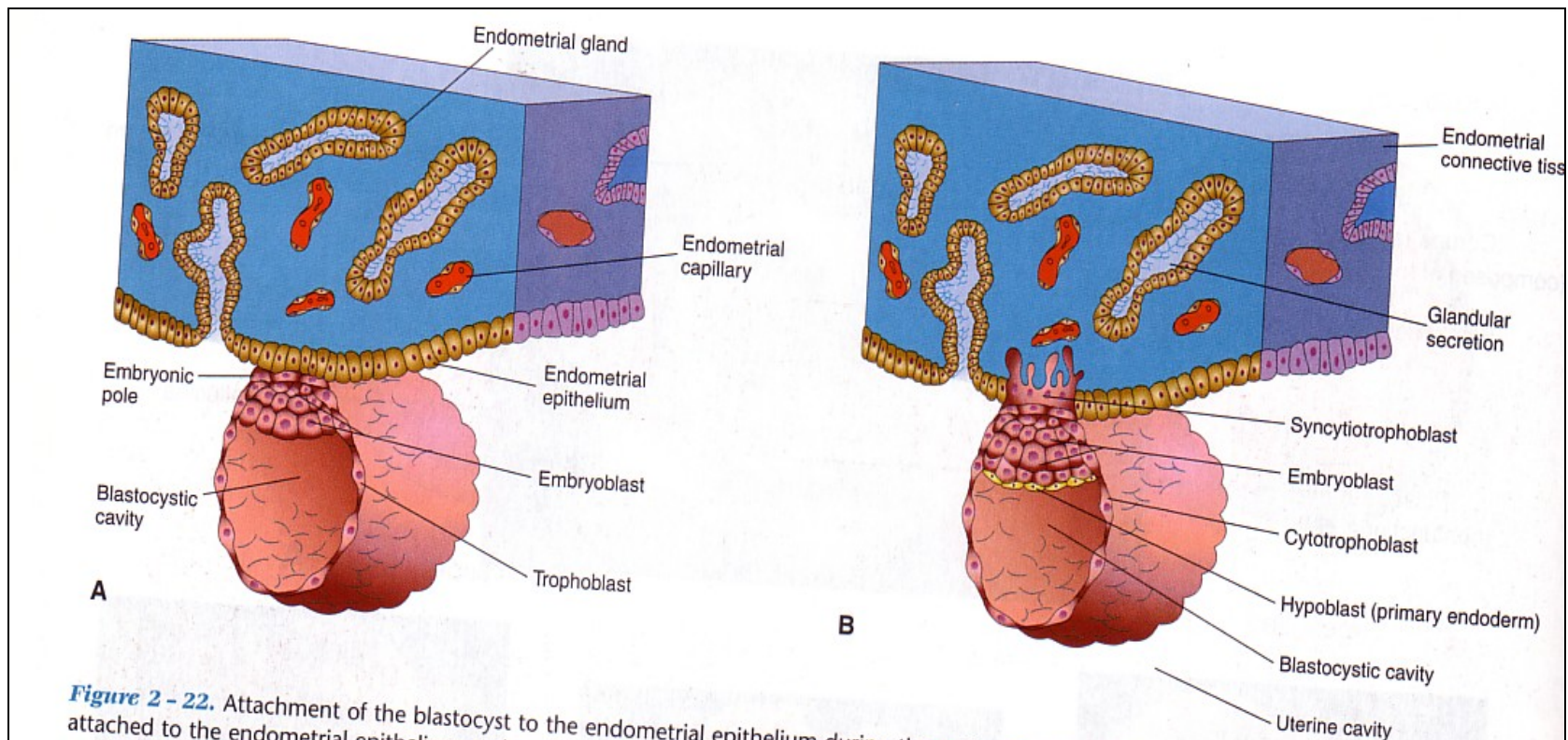
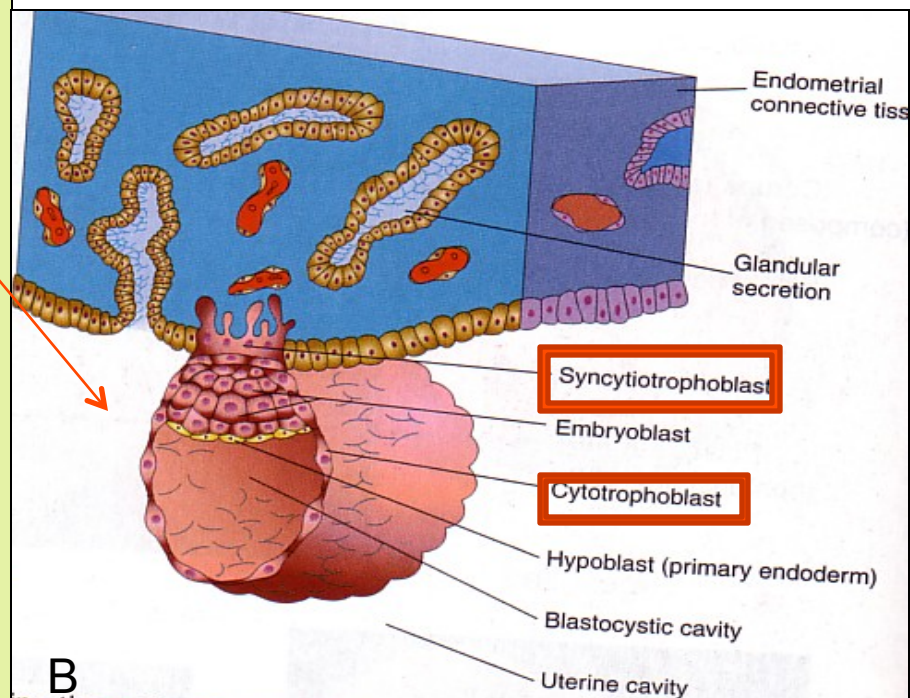
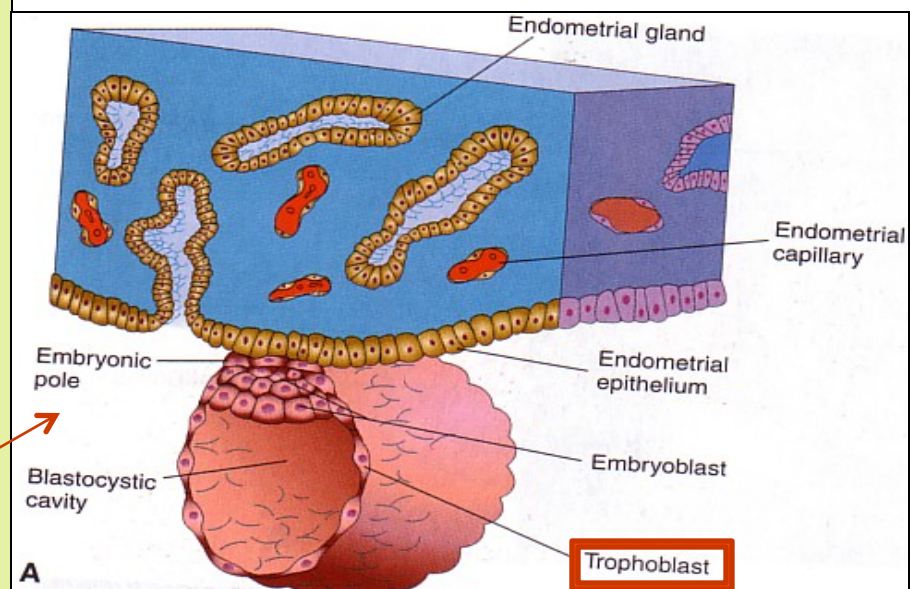
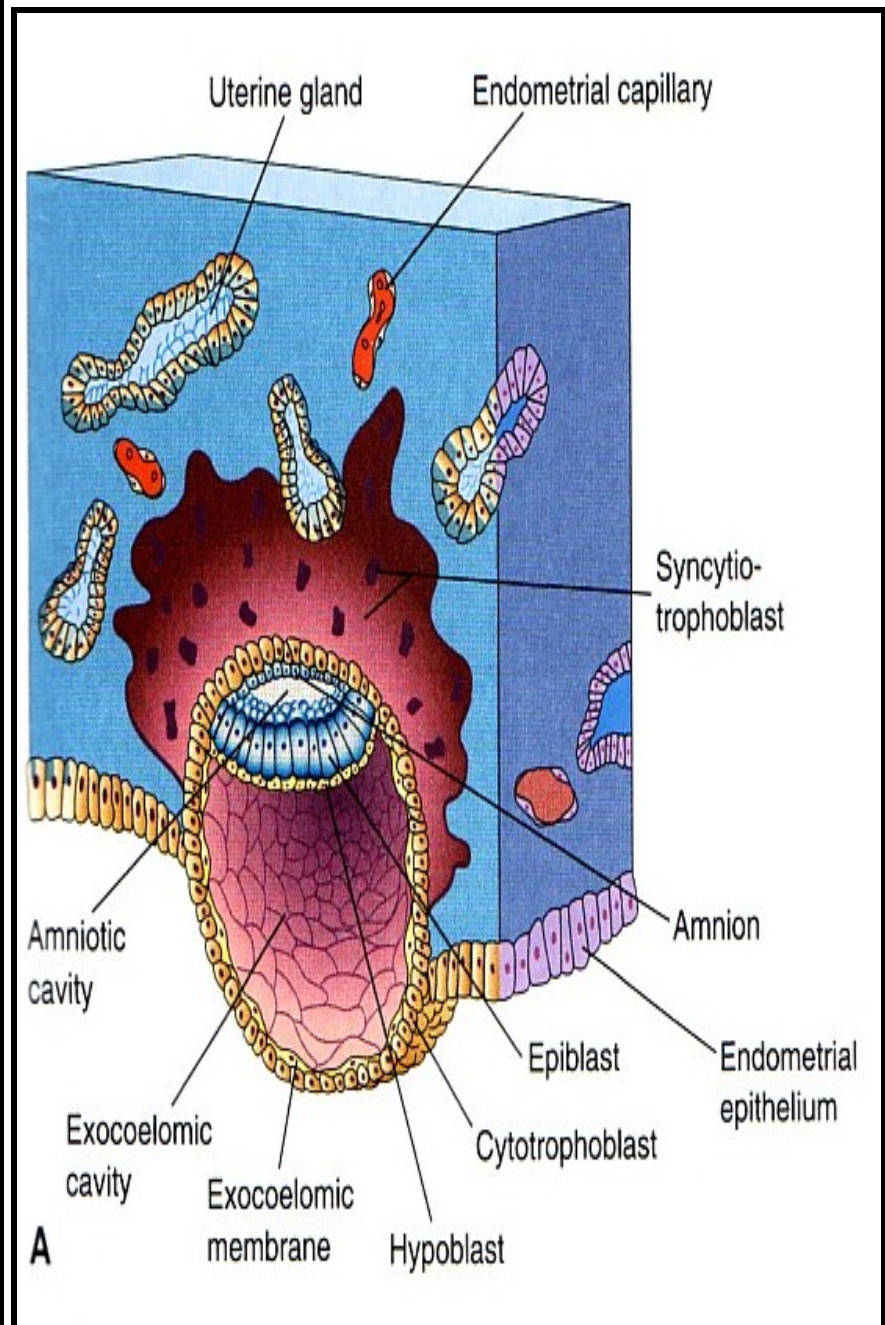


Figure 2 - 22. Attachment of the blastocyst to the endometrial epithelium during implantation.

- **Zona pellucida degenerates & disappears by the 5th day** to allow the **blastocyst** to increase in size and penetrate the endometrium.
- The **embryoblast** projects into the blastocystic cavity, while the **trophoblast** forms the wall of the blastocyst.
- **By 6th day** the **blastocyst adheres** to the endometrial epithelium (A).
- **By 7th day, :** (**Trophoblast differentiated into 2 layers**)
Cytotrophoblast, inner layer, mitotically active.
Syncytiotrophoblast (outer multinucleated mass, with *indistinct* cell boundary).
- **By 8th day** the **blastocyst** is **superficially embedded** in the **compact layer** of the endometrium.



- **Blood-filled Lacunae** appear in the **Syncytiotrophoblast** which communicate forming a **lacunar network** by the **10th or 11th day.**
 - **Syncytiotrophoblast** **erodes** the endothelial lining of the **maternal capillaries** which known as sinusoids.
- Now** blood of maternal capillaries reaches the lacunae so,
- Uteroplacental circulation** is established by **11th or 12th day.**



Endometrial cells undergo a process called **apoptosis** (programmed cell death) to **facilitates invasion** of endometrium **by the Syncytiotrophoblast**.

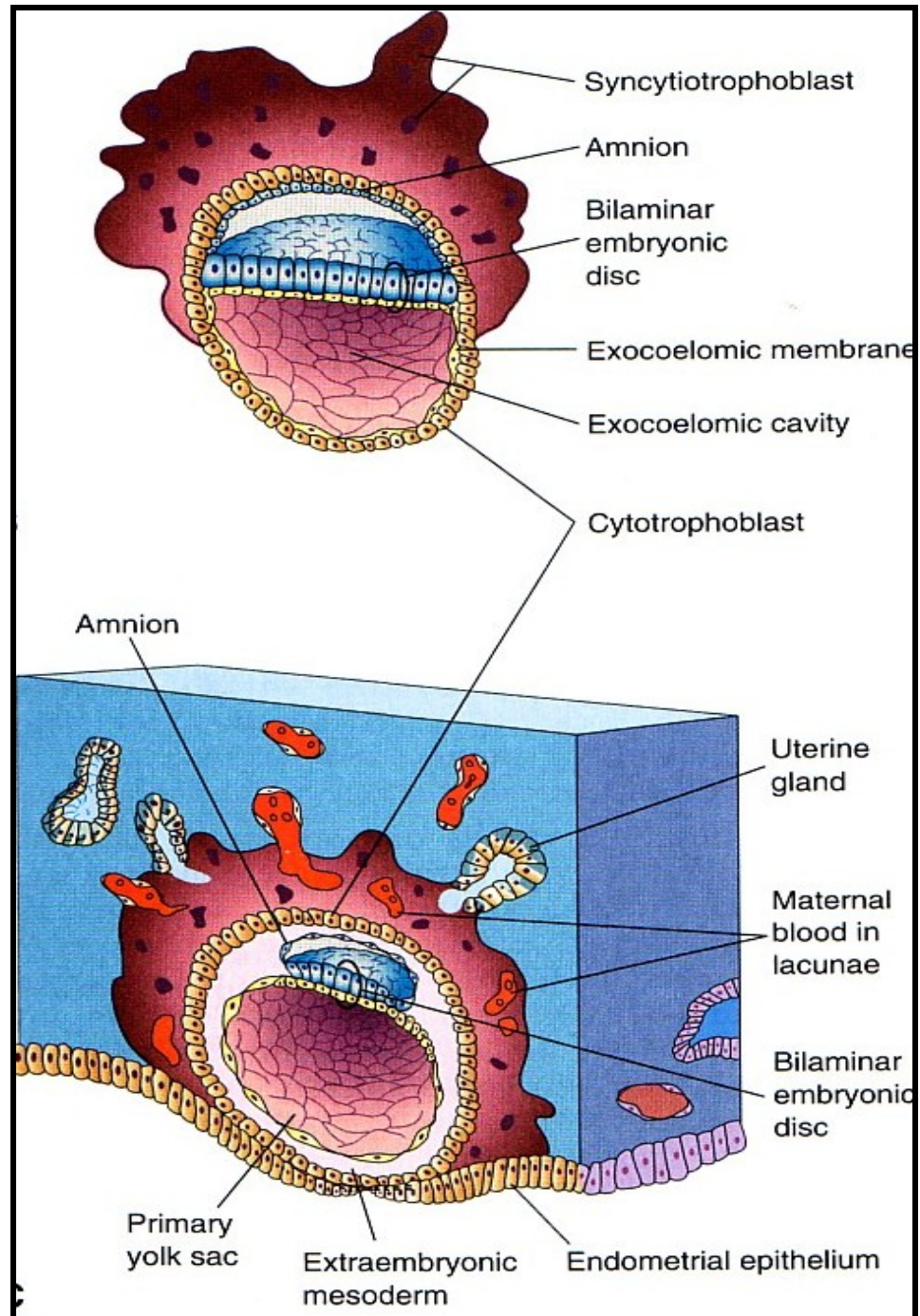
Syncytiotrophoblast engulf these degenerated cells for nutrition of the embryo.

Implantation

can be **detected** by:

1- **Ultrasonography**.

2- **hCG** (human chorionic gonadotrophin) a hormone which is **secreted by** the **Syncytiotrophoblast** about the **end** of 2nd week (excreted in the mother's urine)..

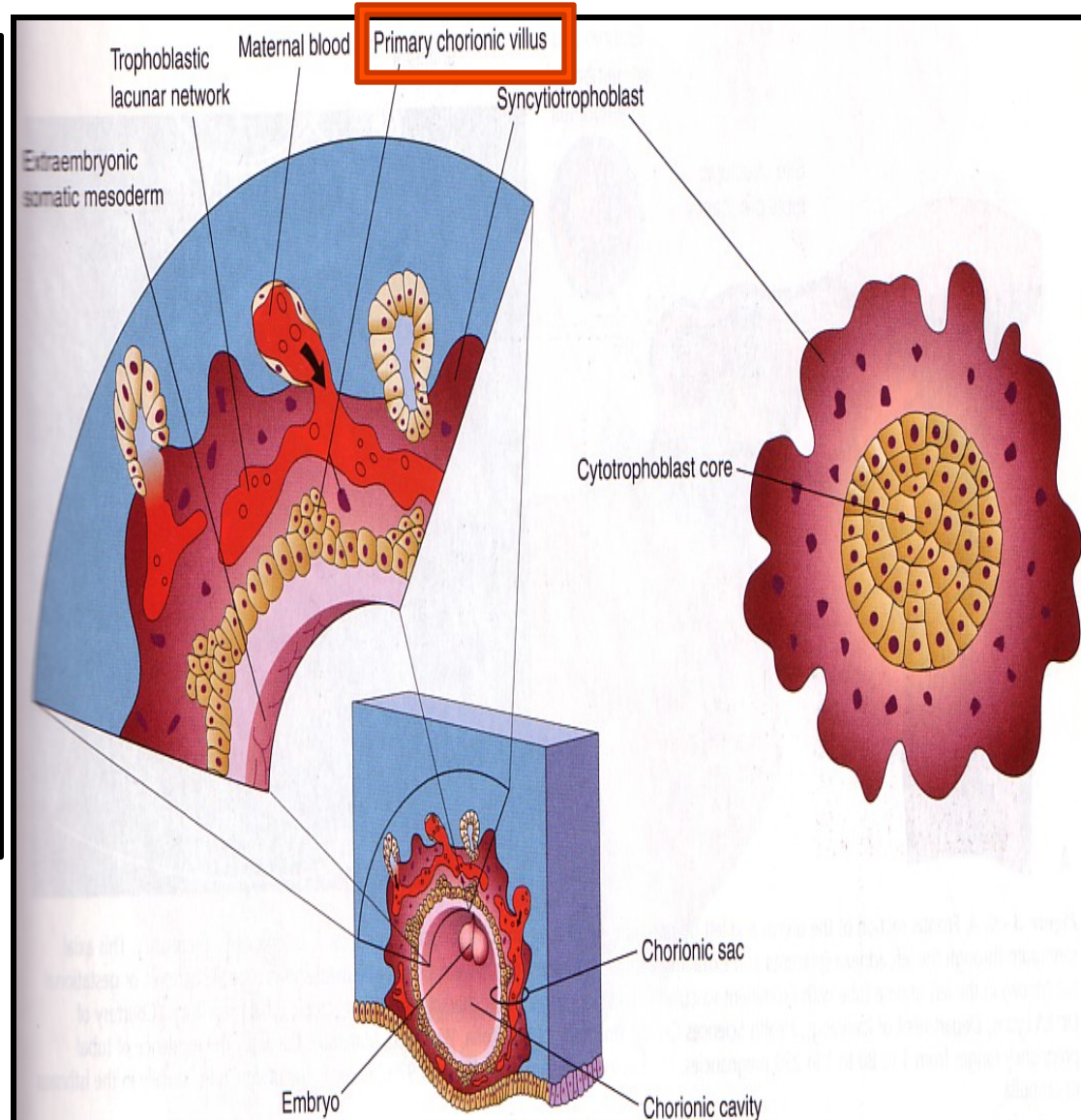


Early Pregnancy Factor

- Is an **immunosuppressant protein**.
- **Secreted** by trophoblast cells.
- **Appears in** maternal serum within **24--48 hrs.**, after implantation.
- It is the basis for **EPT** (Early pregnancy test) in the first 10 days of development.

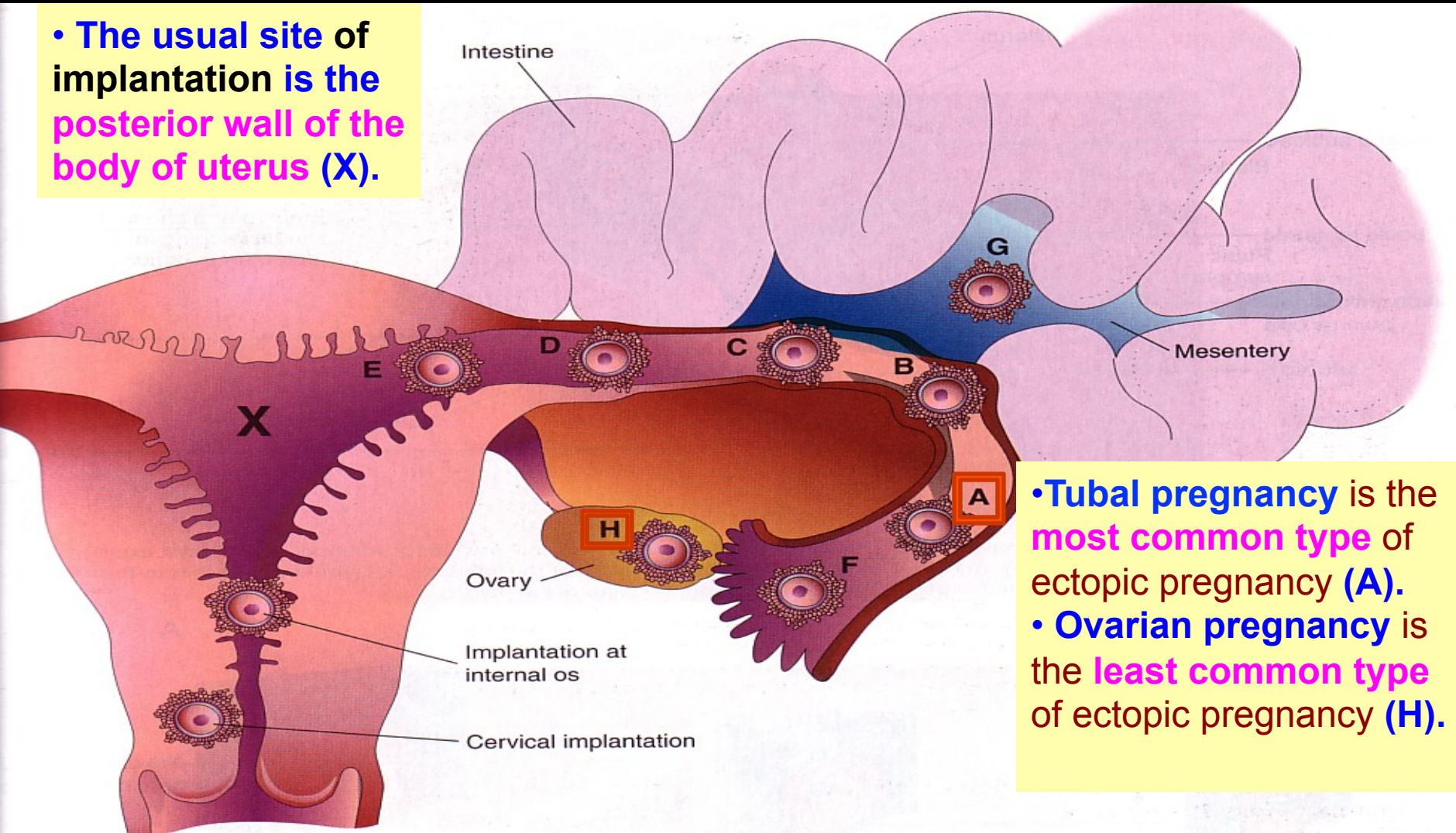
Formation of The Primary Chorionic villi

- By the 13th day
Proliferation of Cytotrophblast cells produce extension inside the Syncytiotrophoblast to form the primary chorionic villi.



Ectopic Implantation (Pregnancy)

• The usual site of implantation is the posterior wall of the body of uterus (X).



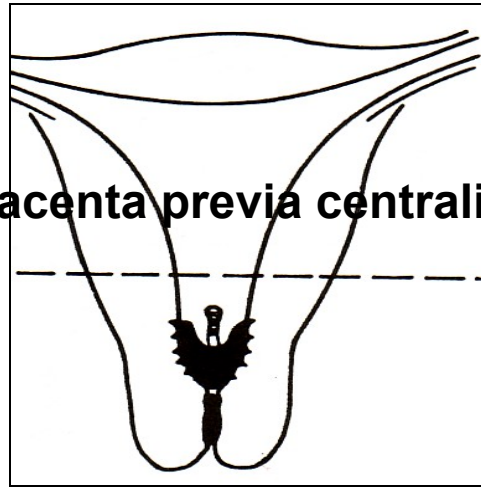
• Tubal pregnancy is the most common type of ectopic pregnancy (A).
• Ovarian pregnancy is the least common type of ectopic pregnancy (H).

Fig 3-10. Implantation sites of blastocysts. The usual site in the posterior wall of the uterus is indicated by an X. The approximate order of frequency of ectopic implantations is indicated alphabetically (A, most common, H, least common). A to F, Tubal pregnancies. G, Abdominal pregnancy. H, Ovarian pregnancy. Tubal pregnancies are the most common type of ectopic pregnancy. Although appropriately included with uterine pregnancy sites, a cervical pregnancy is often considered to be an ectopic pregnancy.

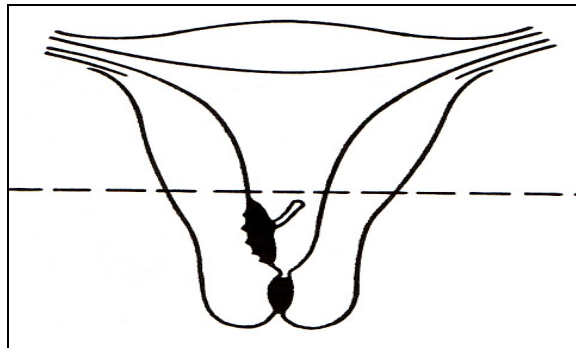
Ectopic Pregnancy

- It means implantation outside the uterine cavity.
- 95 to 97% of ectopic pregnancies occurs in the uterine tube.
- Most are in the ampulla & isthmus.
- Placenta previa:
- Implantation occurs in the lower uterine segment.

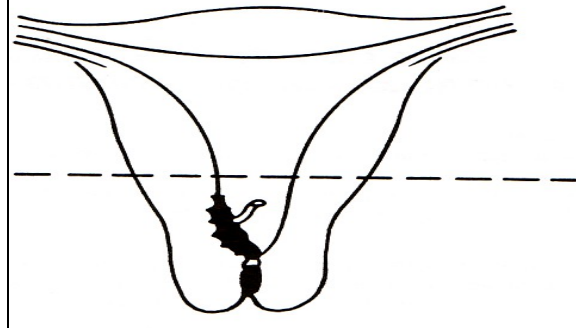
Placenta previa centralis



Placenta previa lateralis

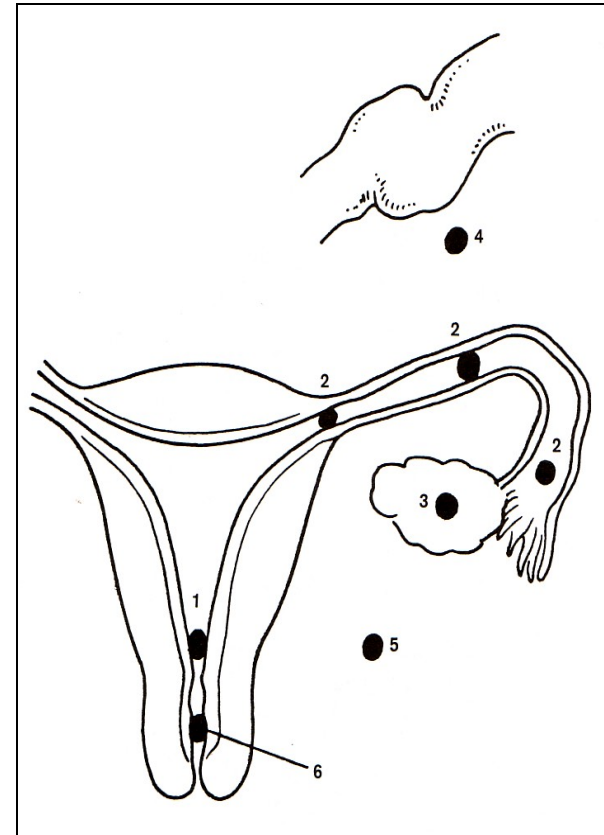


Placenta previa marginalis



Ectopic Pregnancy:

- 1- Placenta Previa.
- 2- Tubal.
- 3- Ovarian.
- 4- Abdominal.
- 5- Pelvic.
- 6- Cervical.



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