





EMBRYOLOGY 437





Important Dr. notes Explanation



Objectives:

Describe the female cycles (ovarian – uterine).
 Define gametogenesis.
 Describe the process of spermatogenesis.
 Describe the process of oogenesis.

Ovarian and uterine cycles.



-starts at puberty until the menopause (سن اليأس) -Both cycles depend upon factors to be activated and managed.



Hypothalamus :

It has neurosecretory cells that synthesize Gonadotrophin-releasing hormone (GnRH) - The Pituitary gland (anterior lobe) is stimulated by <u>GnRH</u> to release two hormones that act on ovaries called <u>FSH</u> and <u>LH</u>.



The ovarian cycle:



The ovarian cortex contains (400,000 to 500,000) of primordiall follicles

-Each primary follicle consists one of primary oocyte surrounded by single layer of flat follicular cells.

يوجد اختلاف في الهرمونات وأيضا نسبتها إلى أي مرحلة ،المهم أن تعرف أن FSH في التكوين البدائي وأن LH المسؤول عن الإباضة والمراحل النهائية .

- -Pituitary Gland control the ovarian cycle, ovarian cycle has three phases (FOL) :-
- 1-Follicular(FSH and little LH)

2-Ovulatory(LH and little FSH)

3-Luteal(LH)

 These are follicle levels until it becomes primary.

 Growing is just description

Very Important Notes :-

-all the primary oocytes are formed before birth , and are not made after birth .

- -all primary oocytes complete the prophase and stay until puberty.
- Both FSH and LH are secreted by the pituitary gland .



• Follicular Phase :

It is the phase in which follicles gets developed and becomes mature .

Follicle-Stimulating Hormone (FSH) does the following (Functions):

- 1. Stimulates the ovarian primary follicles to develop and become mature.
- 2. Production of Estrogen by the follicular cells.
- FSH makes the simple flat follicular cells become cuboidal, then columnar then forming many layers around the oocyte forming primary follicle.







• Ovulatory Phase :

- The follicle grows up until it gets maturity. It produces swelling on the surface of the ovary.
- Growing follicles produce estrogen which control the development and functions of the reproductive organ.
- Luteinizing Hormone (LH) does the following (Functions):
 - 1. Triggers ovulation (الإباضة)
 - 2. Stimulates the follicular cells to produce estrogen .
 - 3. Stimulate corpus luteum(الجسم الأصفر) to produce progesterone and some estrogen .





• Luteal Phase :

- The remaining of the ruptured follicle is now called **corpus luteum.** (الجسم الأصفر)
- It secretes **Progesterone** and small amount of **Estrogen**.
- These 2 hormones stimulate endometrial glands to secrete and prepare endometrium(بطانة الرحم) for planting of fertilized ovum [Blastocyst]
- If the oocyte is fertilized the Corpus Luteum **grow up** and remains until the 4th month of pregnancy.
- If the oocyte is not fertilized the corpus luteum shrink and degenerates in 10-12 days.



FSH and LH OVERVIEW :

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Note:

-Early development of ovarian follicle is induced by FSH.

-Final stages of maturation require LH, it causes ovulation (rupture of the mature follicle) as mentioned before .



Uterine or menstrual cycle



-What is it?	Cyclic changes in the endometrium.
-What cause it?	Caused by estrogen & progesterone.
-It's average days?	An average is 28 days, the range between 23 and 35 days in 90% of women.
What else you need to know -about menstrual cycle?	Day one is the day when menstrual blood flow begins. varies by several days in normal women and It sometimes varies in the same woman.

Phases of the menstrual cycle.

1-Menstrual Phase

- -Starts 1st day and Lasts for 4-5 days.
- Functional layer of the endometrium is sloughed off and throw away with the menstrual flow.
- Blood discharge from vagina is combined with small pieces of endometrial tissue.

2-Proliferative Phase

- -Is a phase of repair and proliferation.
- -Lasts for 9 days.
- -Coincides with growth of ovarian follicle.
- -So it is controlled by Estrogen secreted by the follicular cells.
- -Thickness of the endometrium is increased into 2-3 folds.
- -The glands increase in number and length and the spiral arteries elongate.



3-Luteal Phase:

- Is a Secretory of Progesterone phase.
- -Lasts about 13 days.
- -Coincides with the formation, growth and functioning of the Corpus Luteum.
- -Glandular epithelium secretes glycogen rich material.
- -Endometrium thickens under the influence of estrogen and progesterone.
- *What happens to the endometrium in this phase?
- The spiral arteries grow into the superficial layer of the endometrium.
- -Arteries become increasingly coiled.
- -Large venous network develops.
- Direct arterio-venous anastomoses are the prominent features.

4-Ischemic Phase.

Degeneration of corpus luteum leads to decrease the levels of estrogen & progesterone. (نقص الاستروجين والبروجيسترون)

-Loss of interstitial fluid.

-Marked shrinking of endometrium.

-Spiral arteries become <u>constricted</u>.

-Venous stasis & Ischemic necrosis.

-Rupture of damaged vessel wall.

-Blood seeps into the surrounding connective tissues.

-Loss of 20-80 ml of blood.

-Entire compact layer and most of the spongy layer of endometrium is discarded.

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FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING:



This is the functional layer of the endometrium which slough off and discarded in (Menstrual Phase).

This is the endometrium which increase in thickness during (Proliferative Phase).

Also in (Luteal Phase) this endometrium thickens under the influence of progesterone and estrogen, but it shrink in (Ischemic Phase).

This is the gland which increase in number and length during (Proliferative phase)

The spiral arteries which elongate during (Proliferative) Also it grow into the superficial layer during (Luteal Phase). In (Ischemic Phase) this spiral arteries become constricted.

5 This is the venous network that develops during (Luteal Phase).



It is the cell division that takes place in the germ cells to produce male & female gametes. It consists of two cell divisions, meiosis I & meiosis II during which the Diploid number of chromosomes (46) is reduced to Haploid number (23).



FIRST MEIOTIC DIVISION 🛠

• At the beginning of 1st meiosis , (prophase) male & female germ cells replicate their DNA so that

each of the 46 chromosomes is duplicated into sister Chromatid.

 By the end of the 1st meiotic division, each new cell formed (Secondary Spermatocyte or Secondary Oocyte) has haploid (half) number of chromosome.

It is half number of chromosomes of the Primary Spermatocyte or primary Oocyte.



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN MITOSIS & MEIOSIS?



SPERMATOGENESIS vs. OOGENESIS

SPERMATOGENESIS		OOGENESIS
Formation of mature sperms with haploid	AIM	Formation of <u>secondary oocytes</u> with <u>haploid</u>
<u>number</u> of chromosomes.		<u>number</u> of chromosomes
Seminiferous tubules of the testis.	SITE	Cortex of the ovary
From puberty till old age.	TIME	• Starts during <u>fetal life</u> becomes completed
		after puberty & continues until menopause.
• About two months	DURATION	It occurs monthly Except during pregnancy.
NOTE		, <u> </u>
NOTE <u>Sperms are store</u>	d and become fu	inctionally mature in the Epididymis.
		OOGENESIS
	Seminiferous tubules	Ovary
	(cross section)	Primary oocyte 46, XX in 46, XX in
(FER)		
		Primary oocyte 46, XX in growing follicle
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Seminiferous tubules		+
		46, XX in larger follicle
Interstitial cells		
Tail	ł	Zona pellucioa
Mitochondria	251	Antrum Secondary oocyte
Midpiece	ete-	23, XX in mature follicle
Nucleus Spermatids	Supporting cell	First polar body
Head Secondary spermatocyte	(Sertoli)	
Acrosome Primary		Corona radiata
spermatocyte		
Spermatogonia /		Sperm Second polar body

Fertilized oocyte

Mitosis:

The final product is diploid (has the same num. of chromosomes) and also the cells have the same size.

Meiosis:

The final product is haploid (has the half num. of chromosomes) and also the size of the cells become smaller.

SPERMATOGENESIS

1-Each spermatogonium divides by mitosis into 2 daughter spermatogonia.

2- Each daughter Spermatogoniagrows to give primary spermatocyte(46).

3- Primary spermatocyte undergoes meiotic division to give 2 secondary spermatocyte (22+ x) or (22+y).

4- Secondary spermatocytes undergo 2nd meiotic division to form 4 haploid spermatids (half size).

5- Spermatids are transformed into 4 mature sperms by a process called spermiogenesis.





SPERMIOGENESIS :

It is change in shape (metamorphosis) through which Spermatids are transformed into mature Sperms.



OOGENESIS

Before Birth: During early fetal life, primitive ova (Oogonia). proliferate by mitotic division and enlarge to form Primary Oocytes (46)
At Birth all primary oocytes have completed the prophase of the 1st meiotic division and remain arrested and do not finish their first meiotic division until at puberty.

At Puberty : Shortly before ovulation, the Primary Oocyte completes its 1st meiotic division to give <u>Secondary oocyte (23) & First Polar Body</u>. The Secondary Oocyte receives almost all the cytoplasm. The First Polar Body receives very little. It is small nonfunctional cell that soon degenerates.

Secondary oocyte and

polar body

Granulosa cells

Secondary oocyte

in division

Polar body in division

At ovulation, the secondary oocyte begins the second meiotic division but progresses only to metaphase where division is arrested.





OOGENESIS

If the secondary oocyte is **fertilized**, the second meiotic division is completed otherwise it **degenerates** 24 hours after ovulation.

Most of the cytoplasm is retained by the Mature Oocyte (Fertilized Oocyte). The rest is in the 2nd Polar Body which soon degenerates.

DURING FETAL LIFE	AFTER PUBERTY DURING EACH OVARIAN CYCLE	AFTER FERTILIZATION
Proliferation: each oogonium divides by mitosis into 2 daughter oogonia (with diploid number of chromosomes: (44 +XX) Growth: oogonium enlarges to form primary oocyte (with diploid number). Primary oocytes begin 1 st meiotic division which stops at prophase	^{1st meiotic division is completed: (shortly before ovulation): a reduction division by which a primary oocyte divides into one secondary oocyte (haploid number of chromosomes: (22 + X) & 1st polar body (degenerates) 2nd meiotic division begins: begins at ovulation, progresses only to metaphase and becomes arrested.}	2 nd meiotic division is completed: 2ry oocyte divides into a mature ovum (haploid number) & 2 nd polar body (degenerates).





Some videos for enriching what has been read :-<u>Ovulation</u> <u>Spermatogenisis and Oogenisis</u>

Quick quiz :-Gametogenesis & Female cycles



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