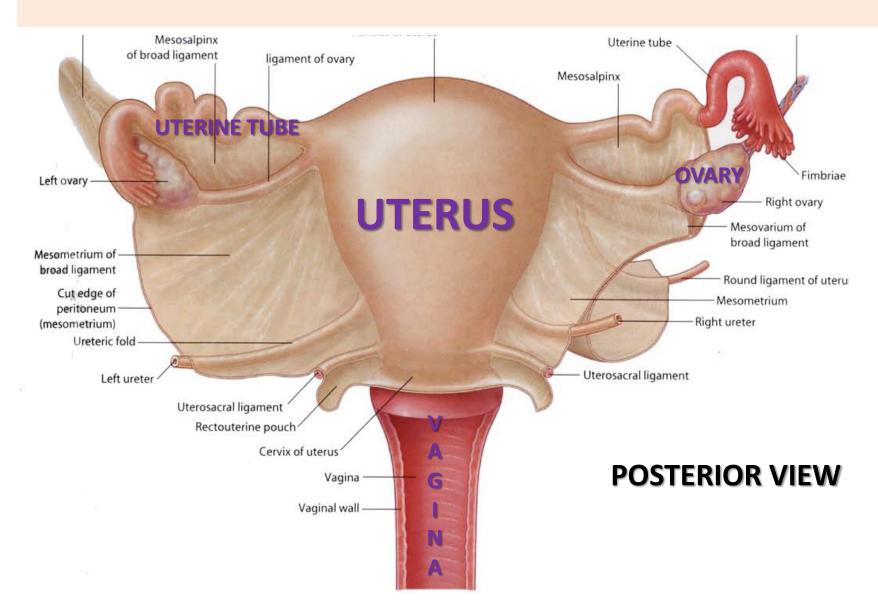


ANATOMY OF THE FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM

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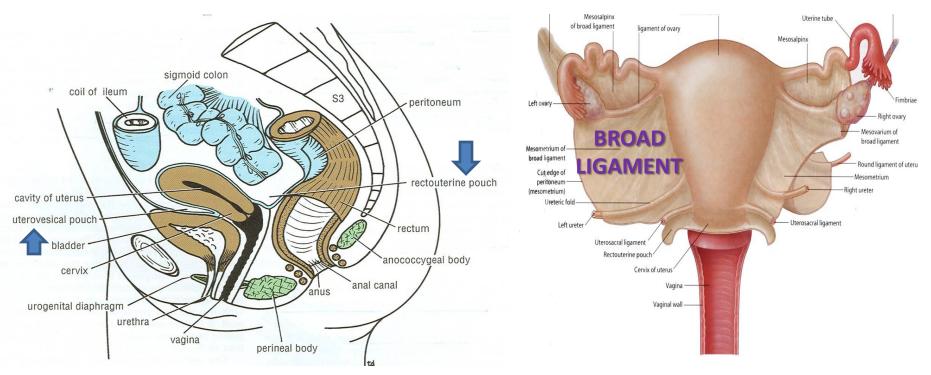
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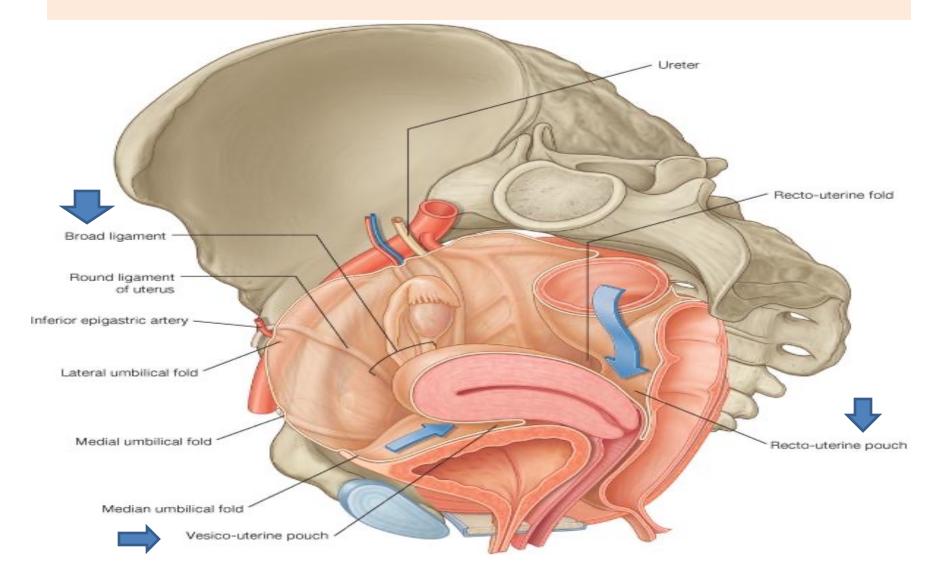


Rectouterine (Douglas) pouch: Reflection of peritoneum from rectum to upper part of posterior surface of vagina

Uterovesical (vesicouterine) pouch: Reflection of peritoneum from uterus to upper surface of urinary bladder

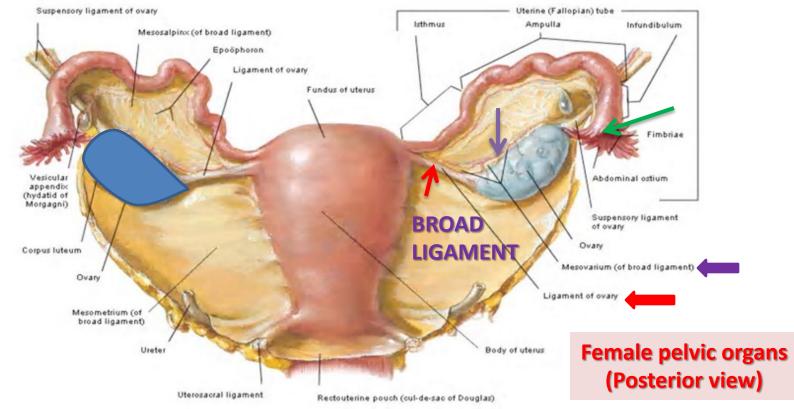
Broad ligament of uterus: Extension of peritoneum from lateral wall of uterus to lateral wall of pelvis, **encloses the uterine tubes**

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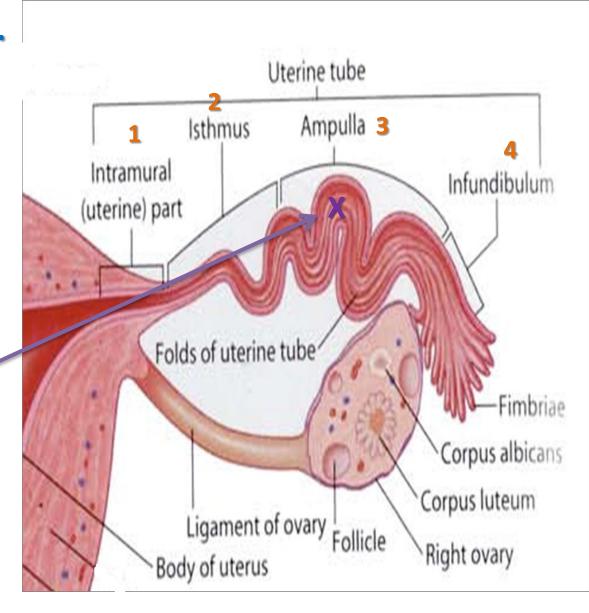
It is attached to the back of the broad ligament by a peritoneal fold (mesovarium)
Its medial end is attached to uterus by ligament of ovary.
Its lateral end is related to the fimbriae of the uterine tube.

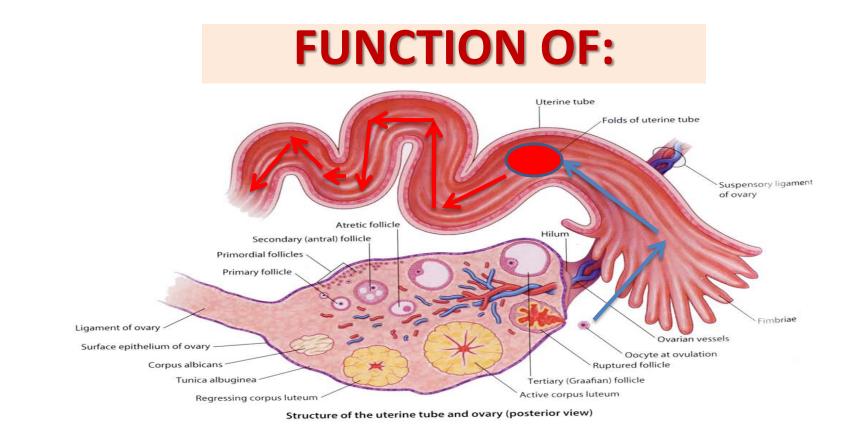
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It is **10 cm long**.

- □It is enclosed in the broad ligament of uterus.
- **It is divided into:**
- **1) Intramural part:** opening into the uterine wall
- 2) Isthmus: narrowest part
- 3) Ampulla: widest part (site of fertilization)
- 4) Infundibulum: funnelshaped end, has fingerlike processes (fimbriae), related to ovary

THE UTERINE (FALLOPIAN) TUBES





OVARIES: PRIMARY SEX ORGANS IN FEMALE

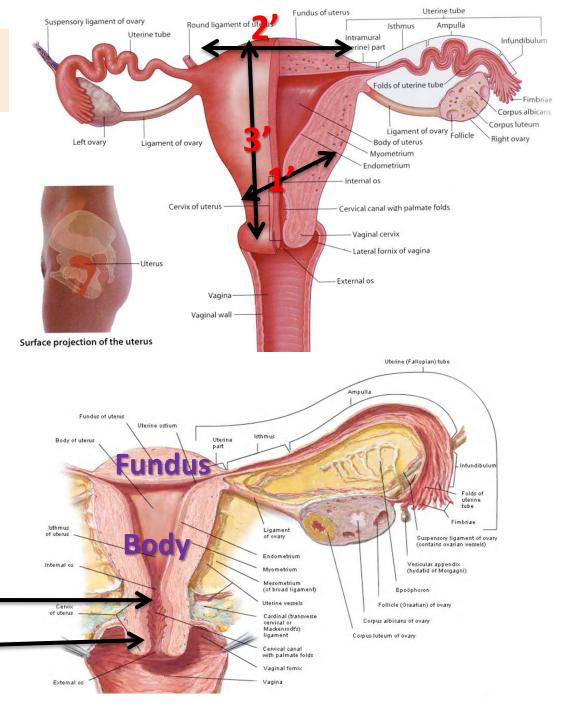
- 1) Production of female germ cells
- 2) Secretion of female sex hormones UTERINE TUBES:
- **1)** Site of fertilization
- 2) Transport of fertilized ovum into the uterus

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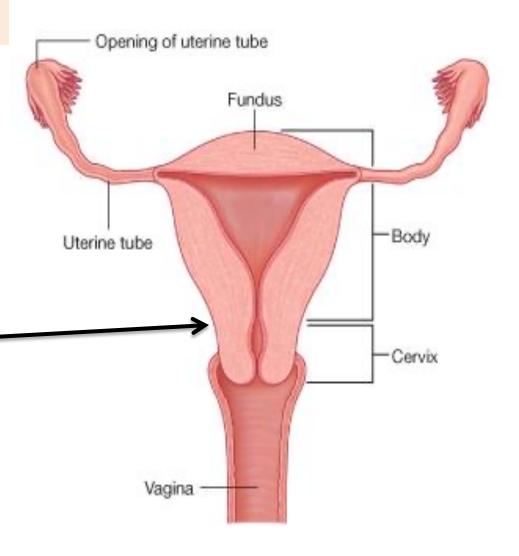
- A hollow, pear-shaped muscular organ
- **Divided into:**
- 1. Fundus: no cavity
- 2. Body: cavity is triangular
- Cervix: cavity is fusiform, divided into:
 - *Supravaginal part

*Vaginal part

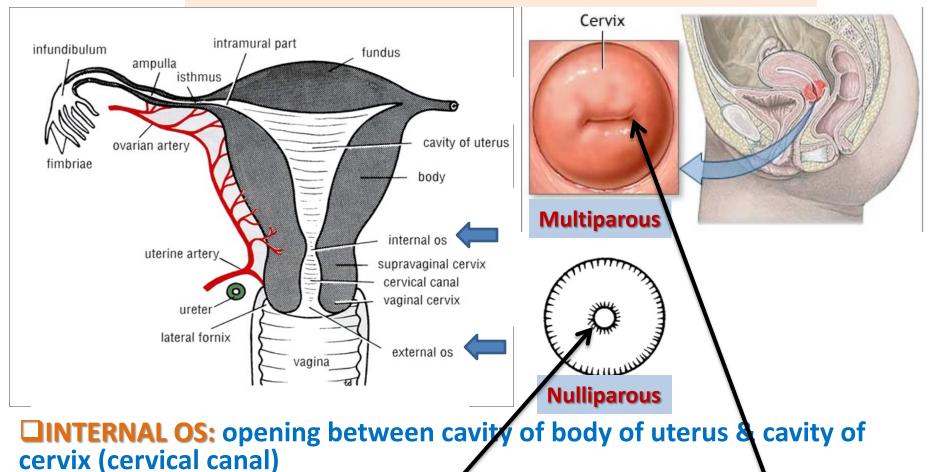


THE UTERUS

Generation FUNDUS: The part of uterus above the level of uterine tubes **BODY:** The part of uterus from the level of uterine tube to the level of the isthmusof uterus **CERVIX:** The part of the uterus below the level of the isthmus of the uterus



THE CERVICAL CANAL

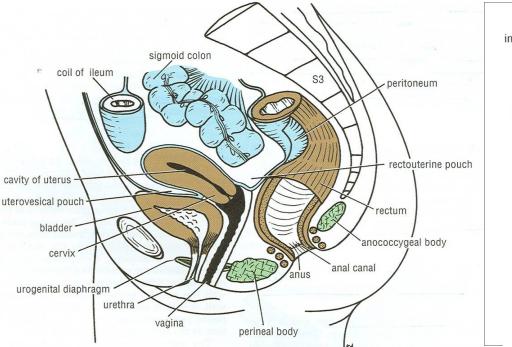


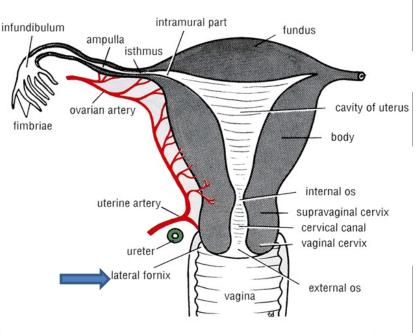
EXTERNAL OS: opening between cervical canal & cavity of vagina

In a nulliparous woman: external os appears circular.

In a multiparous woman: external os appears as a transverse slit with an anterior & a posterior lip.

RELATIONS OF UTERUS

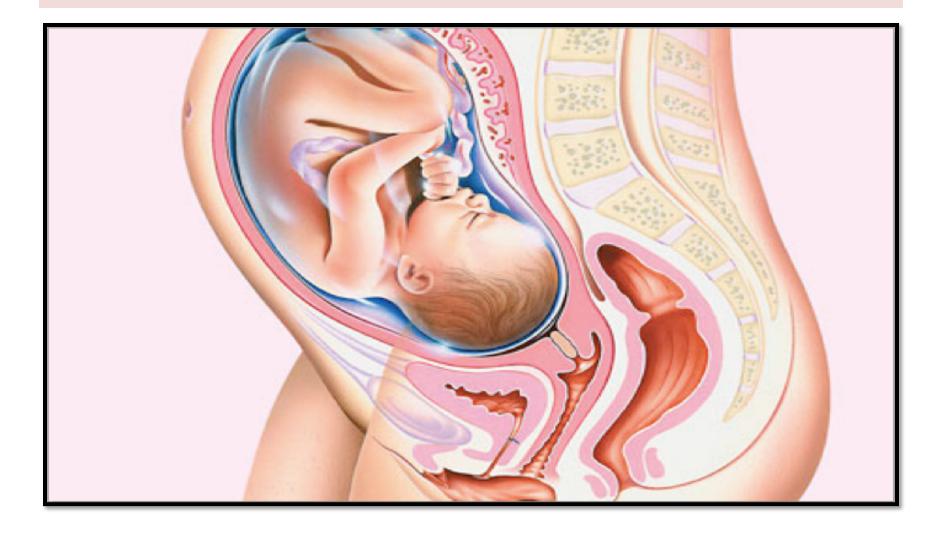




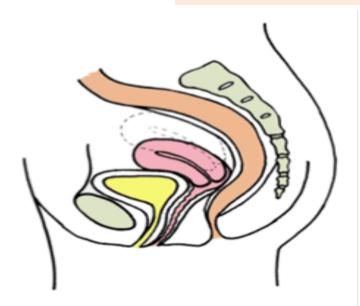
FUNDUS + BODY + SUPRAVAGINAL PART OF CERVIX:

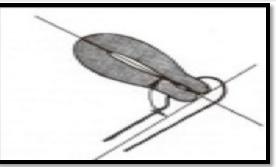
- 1. Anterior: superior surface of urinary bladder
- 2. Posterior: sigmoid colon
- 3. Lateral: uterine artery
- VAGINAL PART OF CERVIX: surrounded by vaginal fornices
- 1. Anterior: anterior fornix of vagina
- 2. Posterior: posterior fornix of vagina
- 3. Lateral: lateral fornices of vagina

FUNCTION OF UTERUS



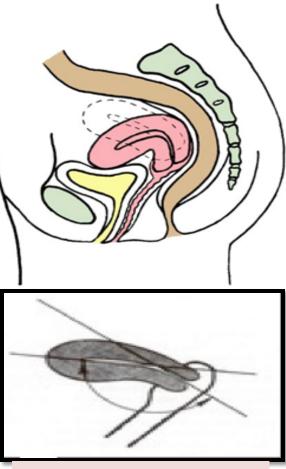
POSITIONS OF UTERUS





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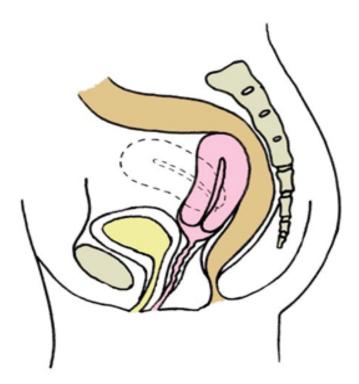
Long axis of whole uterus is bent forward on long axis of vagina



ANTEFLEXED UTERUS

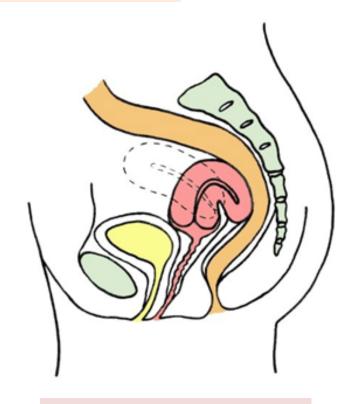
Long axis of **body of uterus** is bent **forward** on long axis of **cervix**

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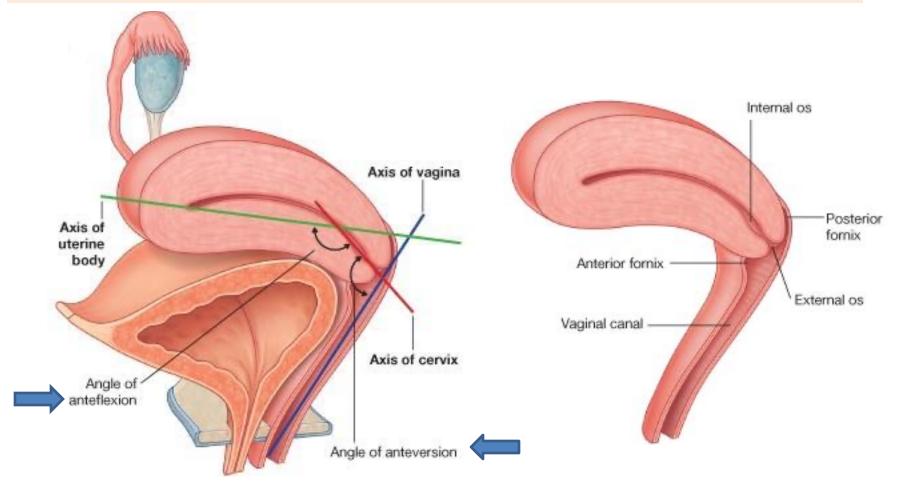
Fundus & body of uterus are bent backward on the vagina and lie in rectouterine pouch



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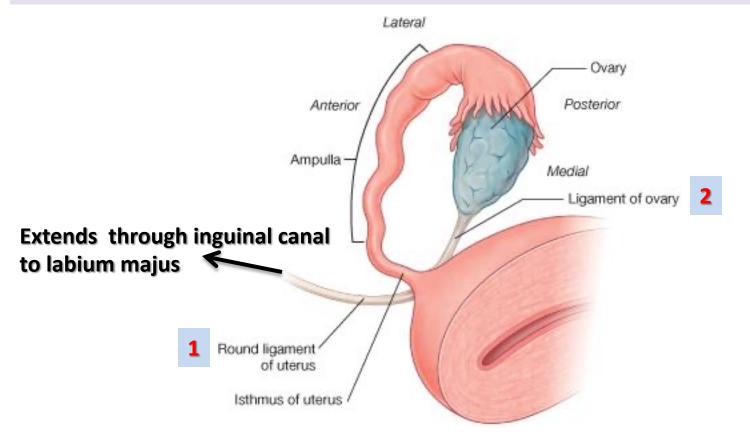
USUAL POSITION OF UTERUS



ANTEVERTED ANTEFLEXED UTERUS

LIGAMENTS OF UTERUS

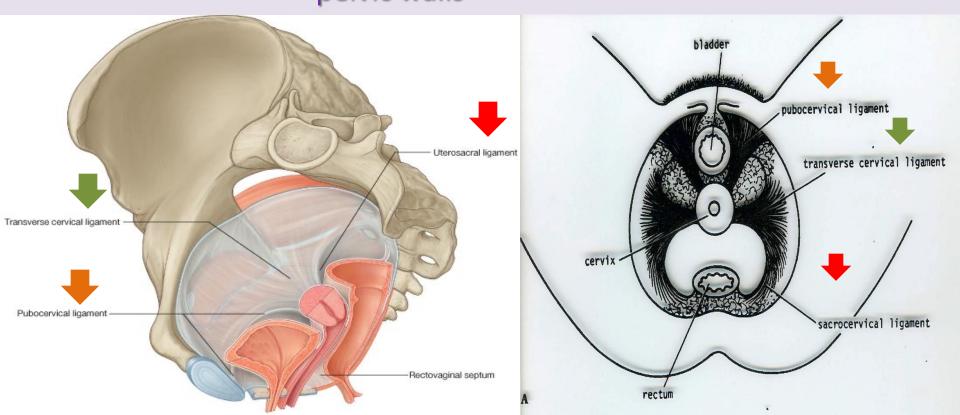
1)Ligaments at junction between fundus & body of uterus (At the level of uterine tube)



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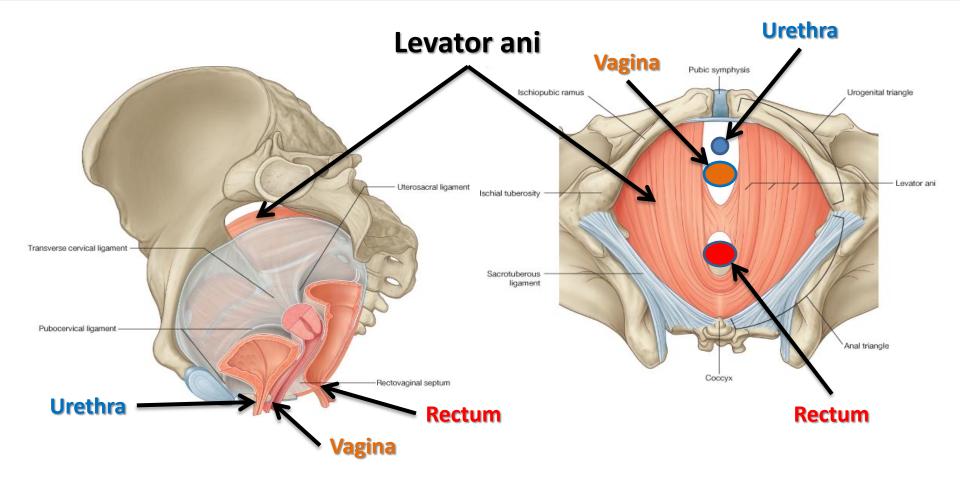
2)Ligaments of cervix

Extend from cervix to: anterior (pubocervical), lateral (transverse cervical or cardinal) posterior (uterosacral or sacrocervical) pelvic walls



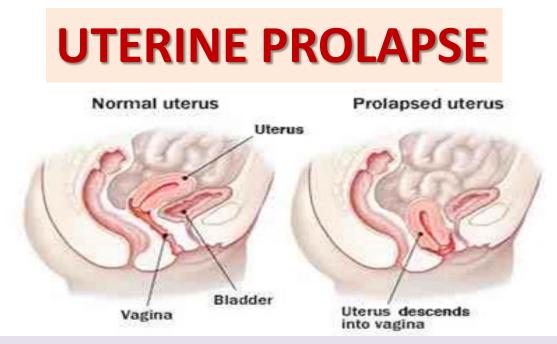
LEVATOR ANI MUSCLES

FORM THE PELVIC FLOOR: separate pelvis from perineum
 FORM PELVIC DIAPHRAGM: traversed by urethra, vagina & rectum
 SUPPORT PELVIC ORGANS



SUPPORT OF UTERUS

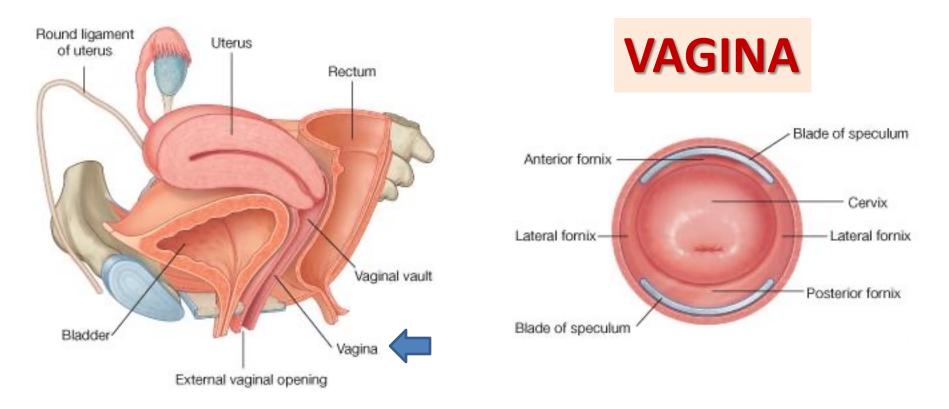
Round ligament of uterus (maintains anteverted anteflexed position)
 Ligaments of cervix (especially transverse cervical)
 Levator ani muscles



Downward dispalcement of uterus due to damage of:

- **1. Ligaments of uterus**
- 2. Levator ani muscles

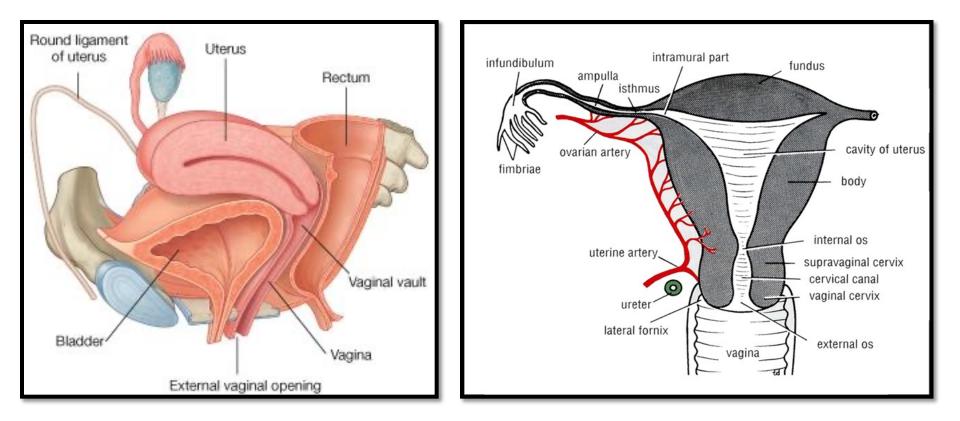
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STRUCTURE: Fibro-muscular tube

EXTENT: From external os, along pelvis & perineum, to open in the vulva (female external genitalia), behind urethral opening
 LENGTH: Its anterior wall (7.5 cm) is shorter than its posterior wall (9 cm)
 FUNCTION: 1) Copulatory organ & 2) Birth canal

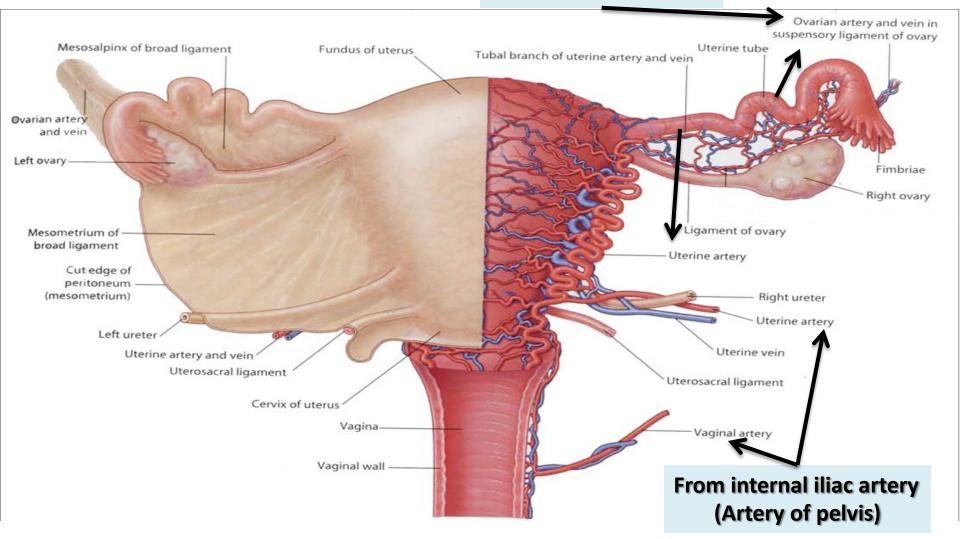
RELATIONS OF VAGINA



ANTERIOR: Urinary bladder (in pelvis) & urethra (in perineum)
 POSTERIOR: Rectum (in pelvis) & anal canal (in perineum)
 LATERAL: ureters (in pelvis)

ARTERIAL SUPPLY

From abdominal aorta



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ORGAN	ARTERIES	VEINS	LYMPHATICS	NERVES (AUTONOMIC)
OVARIES	OVARIAN (ABDOMINAL AORTA)	OVARIAN (TO INFERIOR VENA CAVA & LEFT RENAL VEIN)	TO PARAAORTIC LYMPH NODES (IN ABDOMEN)	OVARIAN PLEXUS (IN ABDOMEN)
UTERINE TUBES	OVARIANUTERINE	OVARIANUTERINE	PARAAORTICINTERNALILIAC	OVARIANINFERIORHYPOGASTRIC
UTERUS	UTERINE (INTERNAL ILIAC ARTERY IN PELVIS)	UTERINE PLEXUS (TO INTERNAL ILIAC VEIN)	TO INTERNAL ILIAC LYMPH NODES (IN PELVIS)	INFERIOR HYPOGASTRIC PLEXUS (IN PELVIS)
VAGINA	VAGINAL (INTERNAL ILIAC ARTERY IN PELVIS)	VAGINAL PLEXUS (TO INTERNAL ILIAC VEIN	TO INTERNAL ILIAC LYMPH NODES (IN PELVIS)	INFERIOR HYPOGASTRIC PLEXUS (IN PELVIS)

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QUESTION 1

- Regarding the female reproductive organs, which one of the following statement is correct?
- 1. The ampulla is the most medial part of the uterine tube.
- 2. The rectum is anterior to the vagina.
- 3. The ovarian artery is a branch of the internal iliac artery of the pelvis.
- 4. The uterine tube is enclosed in the broad ligament of the uterus.

QUESTION 2

- Which one of the following structures is related (or attached) to the lateral end of the ovary?
- **1. Fimbriae of uterine tube**



- 2. Ampulla of uterine tube
- 3. Ligament of ovary
- 4. Round ligament of uterus

QUESTION 3

- Which one of the following structures is anterior to the uterus?
- 1. Urinary bladder 🗸
- 2. Ureter
- 3. Sigmoid colon
- 4. Ovary

