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CHAPTER 5 REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM - FEMALE

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Learning Outcomes

At the end of this chapter, students should be able to:

- Identify the female reproductive organs
- Describe the functions for each of the organs
- Describe the oogenesis process and menstrual cycle

5.1 Introduction to Female Reproductive Organ

- Ovaries
 - primary female reproductive organs
 - make female gametes (ovum)
 - secrete female sex hormones (estrogen and progesterone)
- Accessory ducts
 - uterine tubes (fallopian tubes), uterus, vagina
- Internal genitalia
 - ovaries and internal ducts
- External genitalia
 - external sex organs



5.2 Female Reproductive Organs

- Consist of:-
 - Ovary
 - Fallopian tubes (*uterine tubes*)
 - Uterus
 - Cervix
 - Vagina
 - Vulva
 - Mammary glands



The Female Reproductive System

5.2.1 Ovary

- Paired
- Shape & size = almonds nut
- Three (3) ligaments that attach the ovaries :
 - [1] broad ligament [2] ovarian ligament [3] suspensory ligament
- Ovary functions :
 - → produce female gamete (ovum)
 - → produce hormones (progesterone & estrogens)



5.2.1 Ovary



- Inside the ovary :
- a) Blood vessel \rightarrow ovarian arteries

→ ovarian branch of uterine artery

- b) Embedded in ovary cortex = ovarian follicles
- c) Each follicle = consists of an immature egg called an oocyte
- d) Graafian follicle = secondary follicle at its most mature stage
 - = bulges from the surface of ovary
- e) Ovulation = ejection of oocyte from ripening follicle
- f) Corpus luteum = ruptured follicle after ovulation

5.2.1 Ovary



5.2.2 Fallopian Tube

- other name = Uterine tube
- 2 tubes extend laterally from the uterus
- Components :

→ isthmus
→ ampulla
> informaliburghuma

ightarrow infundibulum

 \rightarrow fimbriae (end of tube, fingerlike)

• Functions :

- = transport a secondary oocyte (ovum) to uterus
- = sites where fertilization occurs





5.2.2.1 Fertilization

- Definition of fertilization :
- → Sperm (n) & ovum (n) merge and forming a single diploid (2n) zygote
- How fertilization occur?
- \rightarrow sperm + ovum
- Fertilization occur in fallopian tube
- Fertilization commonly occur in about 12 24 hour after ovulation
- Why that specific time?
- ightarrow Sperms can stay inside vagina for 48 hour
- ightarrow Ovum is viable for 24 hour after ovulation

5.2.2.2 Pathway of Fertilized Zygote

- 36 hours after fertilized
 - zygote become 2 cells (mitosis)
 - name = Cleavage
- 48 hours after fertilized
 - Cleavage become 4 cells
 - name = 2nd Cleavage
- 96 hours after fertilized
 - 16 cells
 - name = Morula
- Day 5 after fertilized
 - number of cell increase
 - name = Blastocyst



5.2.3 Uterus



- Also known as womb
- A hollow, thick walled organ
- Location = located in pelvis; anterior to rectum & posterosuperior to bladder
- Size & shape = Pear (inverted)
- Components :
 - a) **Fundus** ----- rounded superior portion to the entrance of fallopian tube
 - b) Body ----- major portion of uterus
 - c) **Cervix** ----- inferior portion that project into vagina inferiorly

Three layers of uterus wall are :

- \rightarrow Perimetrium (outer layer)
- \rightarrow Myometrium (middle layer / muscle)
- → Endometrium (inner layer)

5.2.3 Uterus





Placenta





5.2.3.1 Functions of Uterus

- 1) Site of regulation of **menstrual cycle**
- 2) Site of **implantation** for fertilized egg
- 3) **Development** of the fetus during pregnancy
- 4) Houses and **nourishes** fetus until sufficiently mature to function outside the mother's body

5.2.3.2 Implantation

- Definition:
 - Attachment of Blastocyst on the endometrium in about 6 days after fertilized
- The Blastocyst that attached on the endometrium will develop:-



5.2.3.2 Implantation

What structures develop during implantation?

- Yolk sac
- Amnion
- Amniotic fluid
- Chorion
- Allantois
- Placenta
- Umbilical cord





5.2.3.2 Implantation





5.2.4 Vagina

- Tubular structure (10 cm)
- Location : between urinary bladder & rectum
- Functions :
 - → passageway for menses (menstrual flow) & childbirth
 - \rightarrow receive penis during sexual intercourse
- Inside the vagina tubule = rugae
- Inferior = vaginal orifice [opening]
- At the vaginal orifice have the membrane that form a border around the vagina opening called = **hymen**





5.2.5 Vulva

- External genitals of female
- Components of the external genitals of female :
 - \rightarrow mons pubis
 - ightarrow labia majora
 - \rightarrow labia minora
 - \rightarrow clitoris
 - \rightarrow external urethral orifice
 - \rightarrow vaginal orifice
- Functions : sexual pleasure, reproduction, urination, menstruation



5.2.6 Mammary Glands

- Modified sudoriferous glands that produce milk
- Easily known as = **BREAST**
- Location \rightarrow anterior chest (laterally)
 - ightarrow lie over the pectoralis major muscle
- Components :
 - → Nipple ------ pigmented projection
 - → Lactiferous ducts ----- opening of nipple
 - → Areolar ----- circular pigmented area around the nipple
 - → Mammary duct ------ transport milk from the milkproducing lobules (glandular tissue) to the nipple
 - \rightarrow Lobule ------ milk secreting glands
 - \rightarrow Cooper's ligament ------ function is to support the breast
 - \rightarrow Adipose tissue ------ determines the size of breast



5.3 Oogenesis



DEFINITION

• The formation of secondary oocyte (pure female gamete) before it's become matured & known as ovum

WHERE IT'S HAPPEN?

• Inside ovaries

WHAT PROCESS INVOLVED?

• meiosis & ovulation

#What process in male reproductive system that is homolog to this process?

5.3 Oogenesis

Which structure done the oogenesis?



5.3.1 Mechanism of Oogenesis

Oogonium cover by primary follicle



Oogonium growth & become **primary oocyte** & then **secondary oocyte** The primary follicle also differentiate to **secondary follicle** & then become matured follicle called **Graafian follicle**

Now, the Graafian follicle contains secondary oocyte



Corpus luteum continue produce progesterone, estrogens, relaxin & inhibin until it degenerates & turn to fibrous tissue called **corpus albicans**



The empty Graafian follicle smaller & reduce its size. Now it's called corpus luteum The secondary oocyte become matured & ready to receive sperms, and now it's called **ovum** The Graafian follicle ruptured & release the secondary oocyte out of ovary. This process called ovulation

5.3.1 Mechanism of Oogenesis

MEIOSIS I

• Oogonium (2n) \rightarrow Primary oocyte (2n) \rightarrow Secondary oocyte (n)

MEIOSIS II

• Secondary oocyte (n) \rightarrow matured secondary oocyte (n) \rightarrow ovum

OVULATION

• Process where secondary oocyte are released out from ovary

5.3.1 Mechanism of Oogenesis



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Ovum

5.4 Menstrual Cycle

- The duration of the female reproductive cycle typically assume **28 days**
- 28 days = 1st day menses to next 1st day menses
- FOUR (4) mains hormones that regulate during 28 days cycle are:
 - Estrogens
 - Progesterone
 - LH (Luteinizing Hormone)
 - FSH (Follicle Stimulating Hormone)



STAGE 1 – MENSTRUAL PHASE

- Days 1 5
- Secondary follicles begin to enlarge
- Menstruation (bleeding) occurs
- The lining of the uterus disintegrates and is shed
- This is due to low levels of progesterone



STAGE 2 – FOLLICULAR PHASE

- Days 6 13
- Only one growth follicle become dominant & known as Graafian follicle
- Repairing of endometrium (become thicker)
- Estrogens increase until day 12 & then declining
- The LH hormone level start increase gradually at day 11 & arrive at the peak level at day 12 or 13, just before the ovulation phase



STAGE 3 – OVULATION PHASE

- Day 14
- The uterus wall continue thicken
- LH level decline gradually
- Rupture of Graafian follicle & the secondary oocyte are released
- The oocyte travel inside the Fallopian tube & ready to receive sperms
- Very fertile phase



STAGE 4 – LUTEAL PHASE

- Day 15 28
- The uterus wall continue thickened
- The empty Graafian follicle convert to corpus luteum
- Corpus luteum secrete progesterone & increasing it's slightly, before decrease at the end of the cycle
- The level of LH & FSH hormones continue decrease



MENSTRUAL CYCLE





5.4.2 Hormonal Interaction

Estrogen

- Causes growth of the uterine lining
- Inhibits FSH
- Stimulates release of LH and hence release of the egg
- Inhibits LH after ovulation

Progesterone

- Maintains the uterine lining
- Inhibits LH after ovulation

LH

- Stimulates the release of the egg (called ovulation)
- Stimulates estrogen and progesterone production

FSH

 Stimulates egg development and the release of estrogen

5.5 Menopause

DEFINITION?

• The permanent cessation of menses

WHEN?

• Normally between 40 \rightarrow 50 years old

SYMPTOMS?

• Hot flashes, Sweating, Headache

EFFECT OF MENOPAUSE?

- Osteoporosis because diminished level of estrogens
- Continuous secretion of FSH and LH
- Female reproductive organs undergo varying degrees of regressive changes

How Menopause Affects the Body



5.6 Secondary Sex Characteristics - FEMALE

Examples of secondary sex characteristics for FEMALE:

- a) Growth of breasts
- b) Increased deposition of subcutaneous fat (especially in the hips and breasts)
- c) Widening and lightening of pelvis
- d) Growth of axillary and pubic hair



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