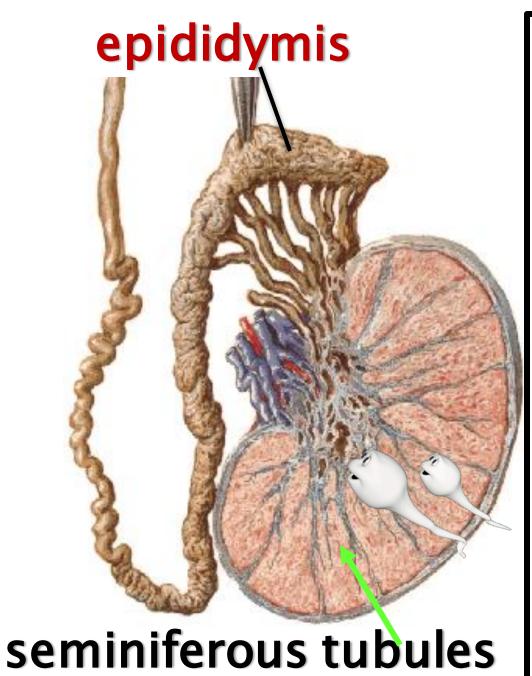




** **Definition**: It is the process of formation of the sperms (mature male gametes) from the primordial germ cells (spermatogonia)

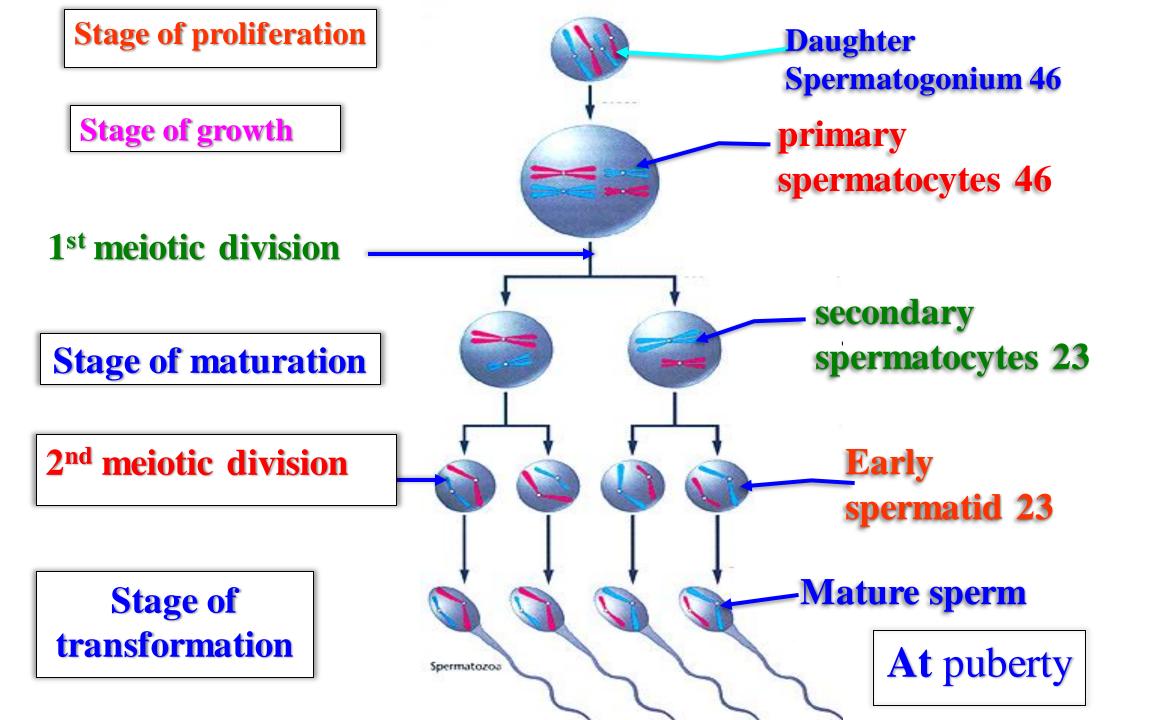
Time: starting at puberty (15-17 years) and continues till old age.

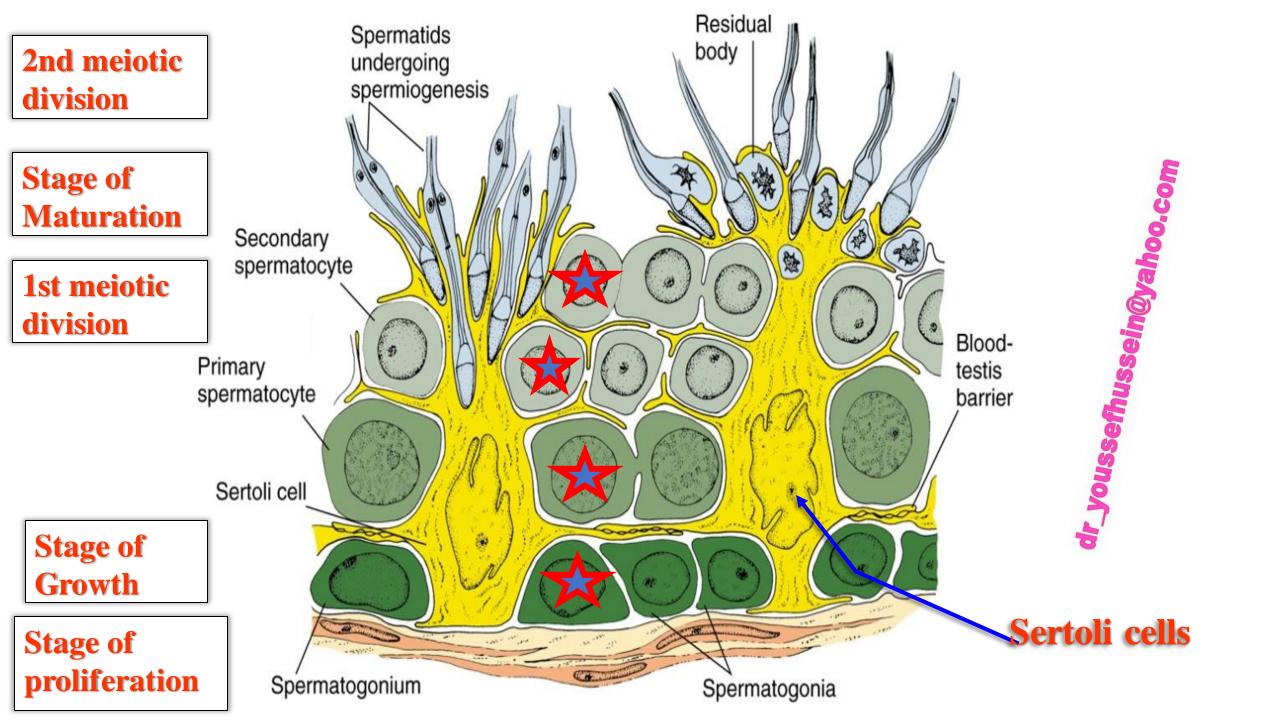


- Site of spermatogenesis
- in seminiferous tubules in testis and sperms stored in epididymis.
- Testis primary Male sex gland, Located in the Scrotum.
 - Produce Sperms and androgen hormone.
 - Testis have interstitial cells (Leydig cells) that produce male sex hormone (testosterone).
- Seminiferous tubules is structural unit of testes, site of developmental phases of sperms, containing Sertoli cells.

Functions of Sertoli cells

- Secret protein for nutrition of developing sperms So called mother cells or Nurse cells
- 2. Phagocytosis for residual cytoplasm from spermatogenesis.
- 3. Epithelial supporting cells
- 4. Maintain the environment necessary for development and maturation of sperms via formation of blood testis barrier.
- 5. Secret anti-Mullarian hormones during early stage of fetal life
- 6. Secret inhibin B and activin after puberty to regulate FSH
- 7. Secret androgen binding protein leading to increase testosterone hormone to stimulate spermatogenesis





**** Stages of spermatogenesis**

** It includes 4 stages:

(1) Stage of proliferation

- Each primordial germ cell (**spermatogonium**, 46 chromosome) is divided by **mitotic division** into 2 **daughter spermatogonium** (each contains 46 chromosomes).

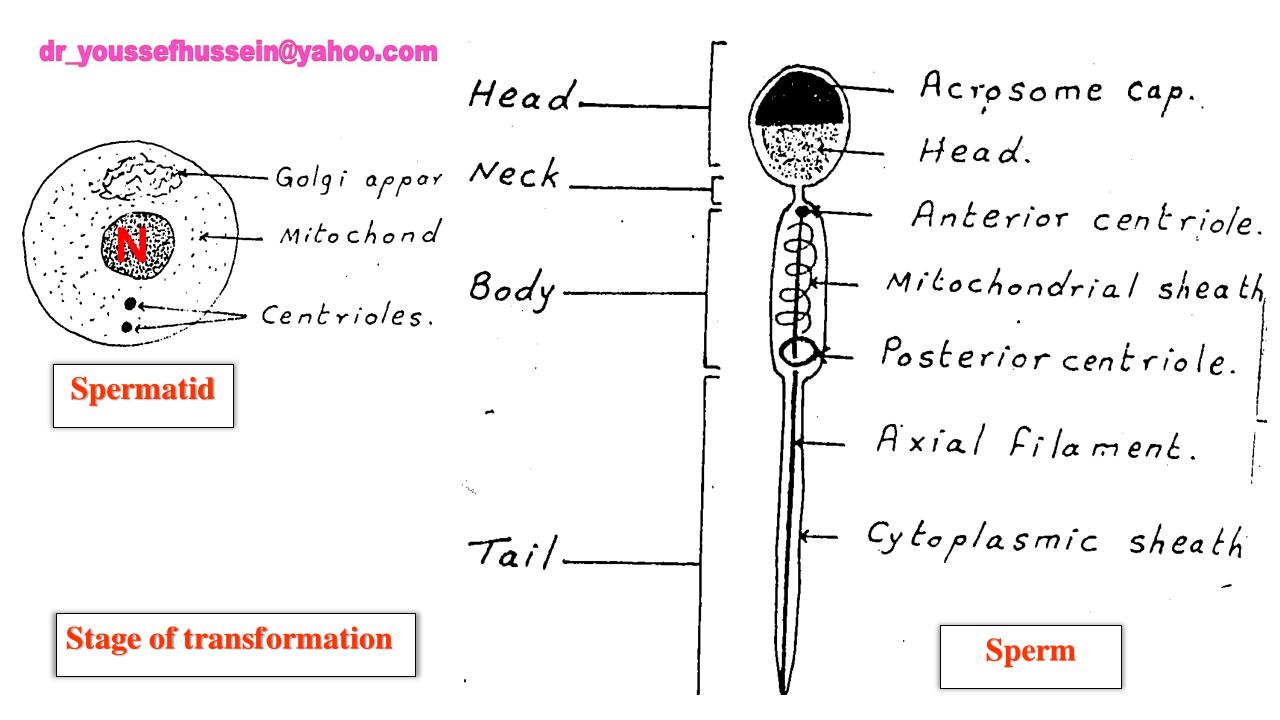
(2) Stage of growth

- Each of the daughter spermatogonia acquired more cytoplasm and increased in size forming primary spermatocyte (46 chromosomes).

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(3) Stage of maturation

- In this stage the primary spermatocytes divide by meiotic division as follows:
- I) 1st meiotic division (reduction division): each primary spermatocyte divide by meiotic division into two secondary spermatocytes {23 chromosome (one contains 22+X and one 22+Y)}.
- **II) 2nd meiotic division (equational division):** each of the developed secondary spermatocytes divide into two cells called **spermatids** (each contains 23 chromosomes 22+X or 22+Y).
 - **N.**B; each primordial germ cell gives 8 spermatids (4= 22+X and 4= 22+Y).



(4) Stage of transformation (Spermiogenesis):

- It occurs in male only.
- Transformation of the spermatid into a mature sperm.
- The length of the sperm is about 50-60 micrometer
- 1. The nucleus forms the head of sperm.

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- 2. The **Golgi** apparatus forms **acrosomal cap** contains hydrolytic enzymes which covers the anterior 1/2 of the head.

3. Centrioles,

- a- Anterior centriole: immediately behind the head.
- b- Posterior centriole: forms a ring shaped structure at end of the body.
- Axial filament arises from anterior centriole and passes through the ring shaped posterior centriole to the tail.
- 4. Mitochondria forms a mitochondrial sheath around axial filaments between centrioles.
- **5.** Cytoplasmic membrane forms a cytoplasmic sheath around the body and tail.

• Characters of normal sperm

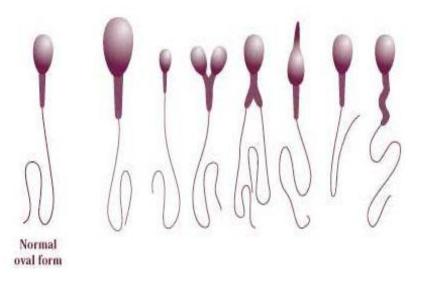
- 1. Number of sperm about 20-200 million per ml and survive on fructose.
- 2. Parts of mature sperm: head, neck, body and tail.
- **3. Motile of sperm at ejaculation:** more than 80%.
- **4. Rate of movement of sperms** in the female genital tract about 1- 3 mm per minute.
- **5.** Survival of sperm in the female genital tract about 3-4 days.
- 6. The average volume of semen at ejaculation is 3-5 ml
- 7. Appearance is whitish to gray
- 8. PH is 7.2 7.8 (low is acidic while high is alkaline)

9. The seminal fluid is secreted by testis, seminal vesicle, prostate, and

bulbourethral glands

Abnormal spermatogenesis

- i) Azoospermia: absence of sperms in the seminal fluid
- ii) Oligospermia: decreased number of sperms in the seminal fluid
- iii) Asthenospermia reduced sperm motility
- iv) Necrospermia: sperms found dead.
- v) Aspermia: incomplete lack of semen with ejaculation
- vi) Genetic abnormalities: Sperm having abnormal chromosomal content
- vii) Morphological Abnormalities: If more than 20% affect fertility
 - Giant. Dwarf. Joined in head or in tail.



hoo.com dr youssefhussein@ya Oogenesis

** Definition: It is a process by which mature ovum is formed from primitive germ cell (oogonium)

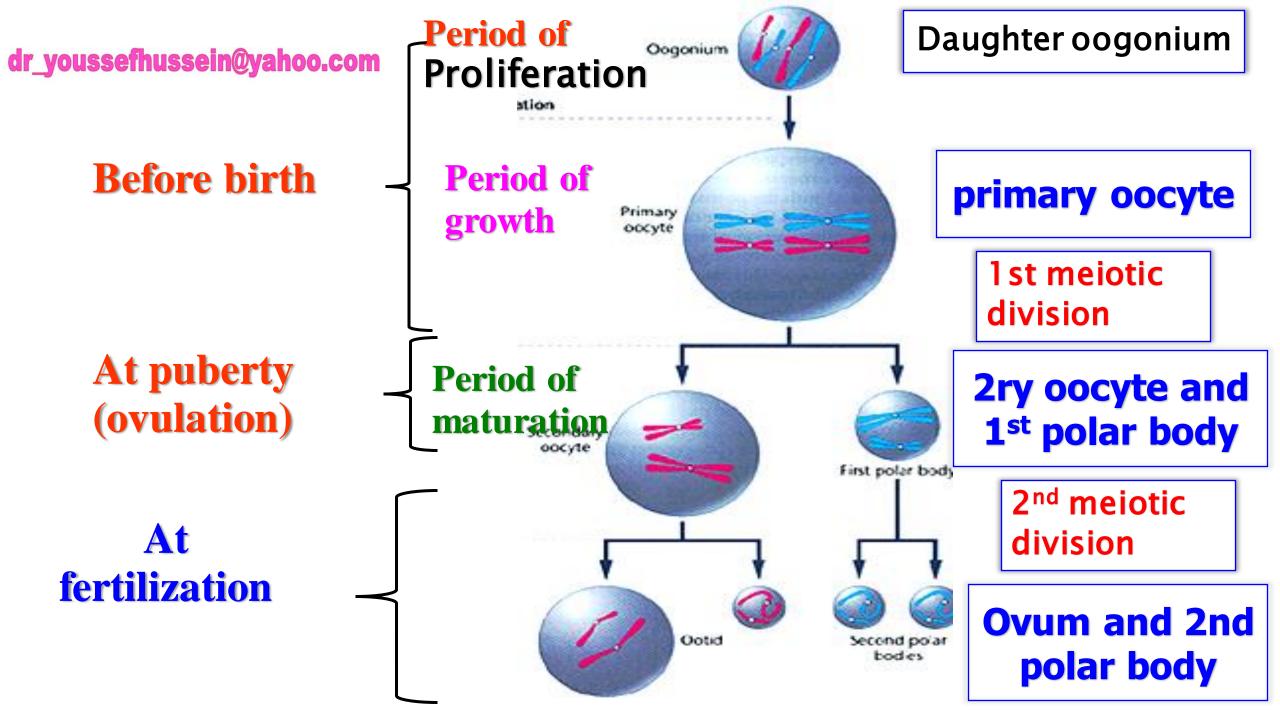
OOGENESIS

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** **Site:** in the cortex of ovary in female.

** **Time:**

- It started during foetal (intrauterine) life
- Continues after puberty
- **Completed** after fertilization
- Arrested at the age of menopause.
- At birth, the ovary contains about two million primary oocyte. Thereafter most of them degenerate and, by puberty, when ovulation begins only about 300,000- 400,000 primary oocytes are left in the ovary.



**** Stages of Oogenisis**

A- During foetal life dr_youssefhussein@yahoo.com

- (1) Stage of proliferation:
- Each primordial germ cell; {oogonium} (46 chromosome) is divided by mitosis into 2 daughter oogonia (each contains 46 chromosomes).
 (2) Stage of growth:
- Each of the daughter oogonia increases in size forming the primary oocyte containing 46 chromosomes (at birth).

B- After puberty

(3) Stage of maturation:

I) 1st meiotic division (reduction division): each primary oocyte divide by meiotic division into one secondary oocytes (contains 22 +X chromosomes and 1st polar body (contains 22 +X chromosomes and minimal amount of the cytoplasm).

C- After fertilization

II) 2nd meiotic division (equational division):

- The secondary oocyte divides into mature ovum (contains 23 chromosome, 22 + X and most of the cytoplasm) and 2^{nd} polar body (contains 22 +X chromosomes and minimal amount of the cytoplasm).
- The 1st polar body divided by secondary meiotic division into two 2nd polar bodies.

N.B;

- The role of the polar body is to reduce the number of chromosomes.

• Differences between spermatogenesis and oogenesis

	Spermatogenesis	Oogenesis
Definition	Formation of the sperms from the	Formation of the ova from the primordial
	primordial germ cells.	germ cell.
Site	In the testis	In the cortex of the ovary
Time	- It started at puberty and continues till very old age (all over life).	 It started during intrauterine life, and continues after puberty to be completed after fertilization. It arrested at the age of menopause.
Hormones	- FSH, testosterone and interstitial cell stimulating hormone (ICSH)	- FSH and LH
Stages	Proliferation, growth, maturation and transformation.	Proliferation, growth, maturation (No transformation stage)
Results	Each primordial germ cell gives 8 sperms.	Each primordial germ cell gives 2 ova and 6 polar bodies.

