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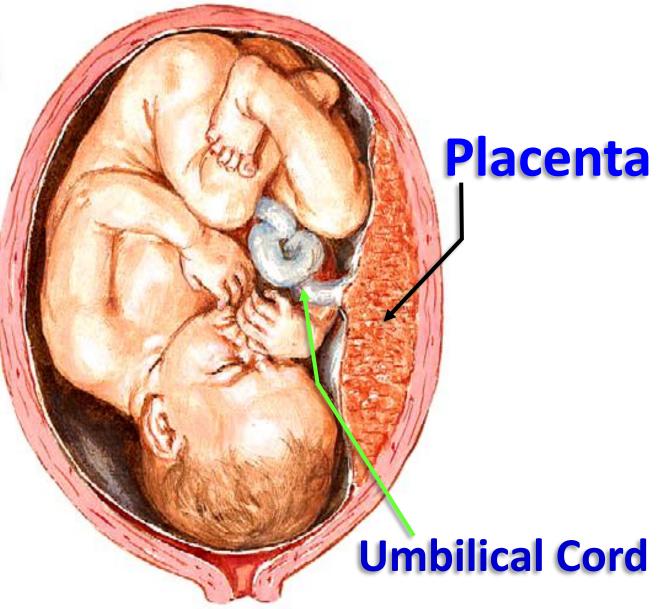
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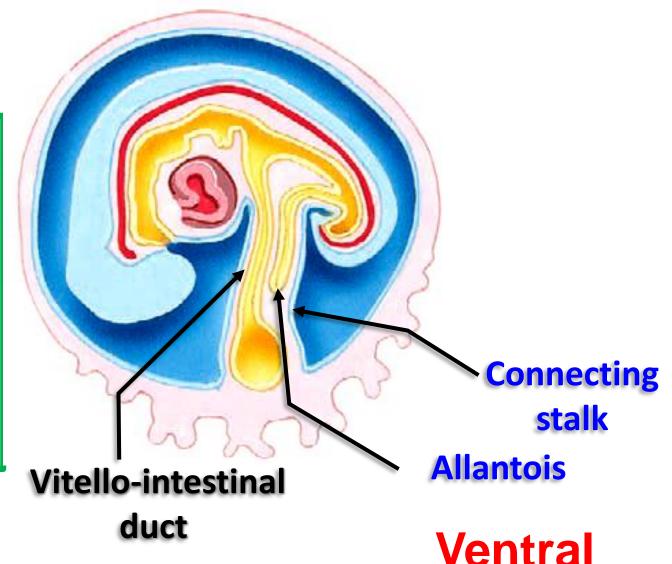
 It is a cord-like structure connects the placenta (fetal surface) with the umbilicus of the fetus



** Formation of the primitive umbilical cord

 As the results of the tail folding, The connecting stalk (Future umbilical cord) becomes ventral to embryo and containing Allantois and Vitellointestinal duct

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** Formation of the primitive umbilical cord

1- Vitello-intestinal duct (VID) between gut and definitive yolk sac and surrounded by 2 vitelline arteries and 2 vitelline veins.

2- Loops of intestine (physiological hernia) in the extra-embryonic coelom.

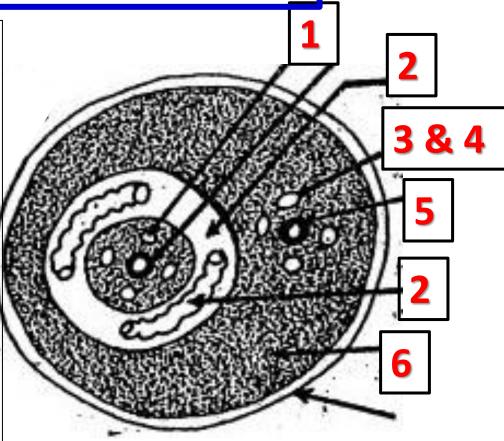
3- 2 umbilical arteries carry **non-oxygenated** blood from the fetus to the mother.

4-2 umbilical veins carry **oxygenated** blood to the fetus.

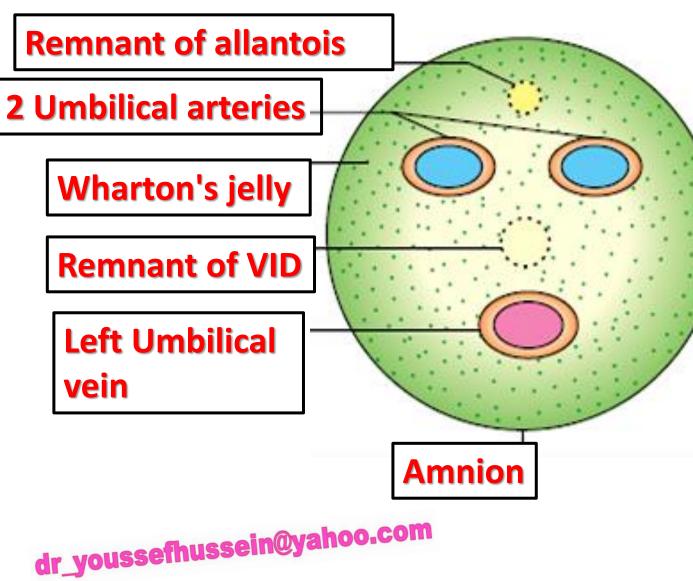
5- Allantois (urachus) small diverticulum from cloaca and extends into the connecting stalk.

- It connects the apex of the urinary bladder with the umbilicus.

6- Extra-embryonic mesoderm.



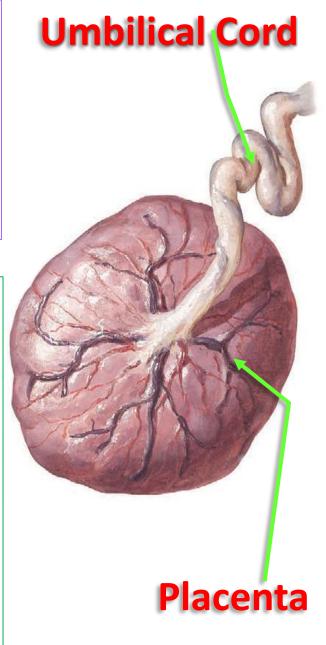
Definitive of Umbilical Cord



- 2 umbilical arteries (Right & Left).
- Left umbilical vein.
- These structures are embedded in a jelly like material called Wharton's jelly.
- It is covered by amniotic membrane.
- Right umbilical vein is obliterated.
- VID and vitelline vessels obliterated and degenerated.
- Allantois is obliterated and forms median umbilical ligament of the urinary bladder.
- Loops of intestine return to abdominal cavity.
- Extra-embryonic coelom is closed.

- The umbilical cord has natural twists (false knotting) because umbilical vein is longer than umbilical arteries
- At Full-term Length: 50–55 cm. Breadth: 1–2 cm

- Changes of umbilical cord after labor
- Left umbilical vein is obliterated and forms ligamentum teres of the liver.
- 2 umbilical arteries are obliterated and form 2 medial umbilical ligaments of the urinary bladder.
- Allantois is obliterated and forms median
 umbilical ligament of the urinary bladder
- VID is obliterated and degenerated



Congenital anomalies of the umbilical cord

1) Very long cord: more than one meter.

- It may surround the neck of the fetus leading to death.
- It may turn around limb of the fetus leading to its atrophy.
 - Cord prolapse: it prolapse in the vagina during child birth
- 2) Very short cord: less than 30 cm.
 - It limits the movement of the fetus.
 - It leads to early separation of the placenta leading to bleeding.
- 3) Congenital umbilical hernia: failure of reduction of the intestine.
- 4) True Knotting of the cord: leading to interfere with the blood supply

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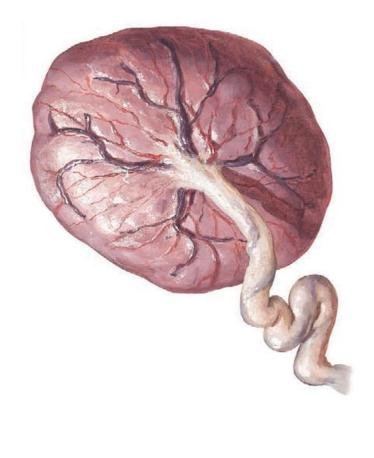
of the fetus.

5) Double or triple cord.

6) Anomalies in the attachment of the cord:

- a- Battledore هامشية placenta, attached to the margin of the placenta.
- b- Velamentous غلافي placenta, attached to the fetal membranes.
- 7) Anomalies in the allantois (urachus):
- **a- Urachal fistula:** persistent of the urachus. It leads to discharge of urine from the umbilicus of the fetus.
- **b Urachal cyst:** persistence of the **middle** part.
- c- Urachal sinus: persistence of the distal end.
- 7) Anomalies in the vitellointestinal duct (SEE yolk sac)





Development of Placenta



The placenta consists of two components: maternal and fetal.

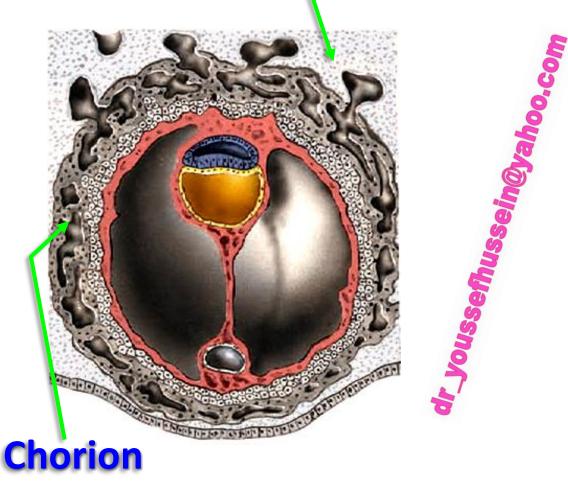
A- The **fetal** part develops from **chorion frondosum**

B- The maternal part develops from the decidua basalis (endometrium of the uterus after fertilization and implantation)

The placenta is the only organ in the body that develops from two different individuals, fetus (chorion) and mother (endometrium)

Parts of Placenta

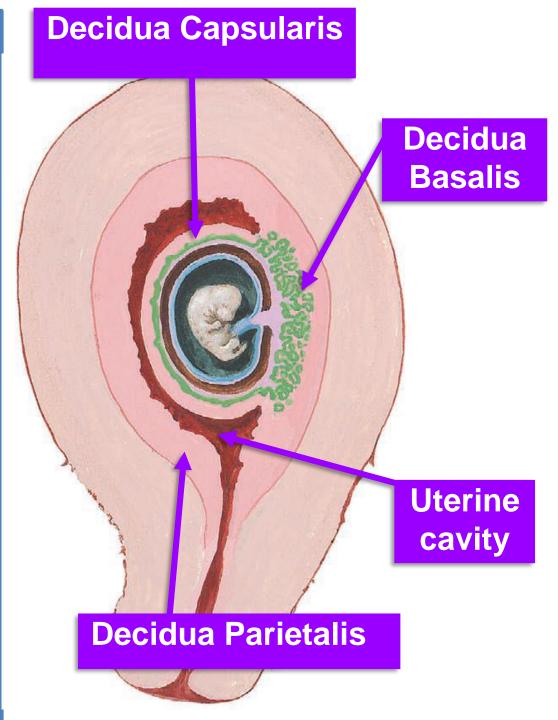
Endometrium



- Development of decidua (Maternal part)
- a- The endometrium becomes thicker and more vascular.
- b- Its glands become highly tortuous and filled with secretions.
- c- It contains decidual cells characteristic of pregnancy.

Parts of decidua

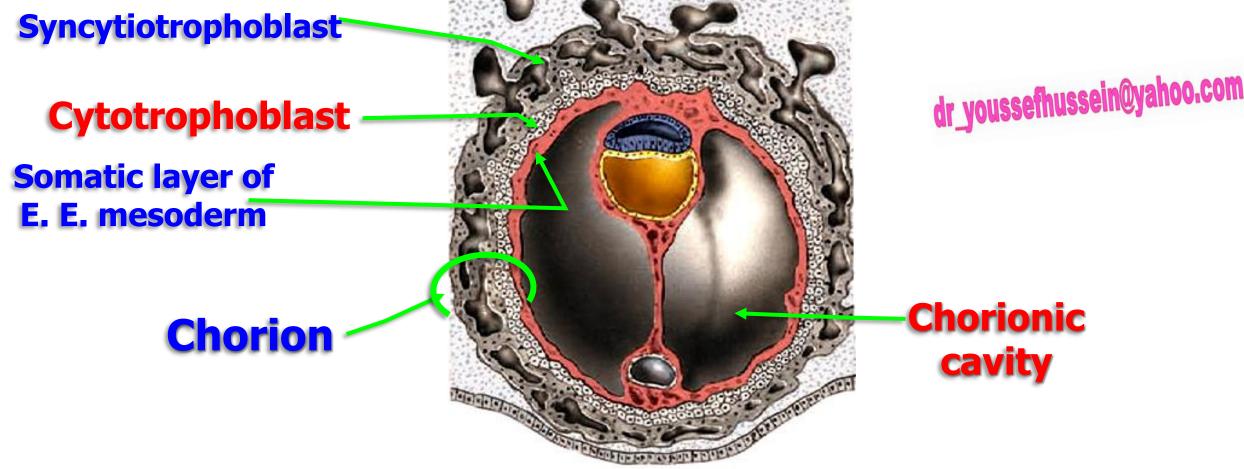
- Decidua basalis: deep to the embryo (between blastocyst and myometrium). It forms the fetal part of placenta.
- Decidua capsularis: covers the blastocyst, later on disappear.
- Decidua parietalis: the rest of endometrium that lines uterine cavity, later on disappear.
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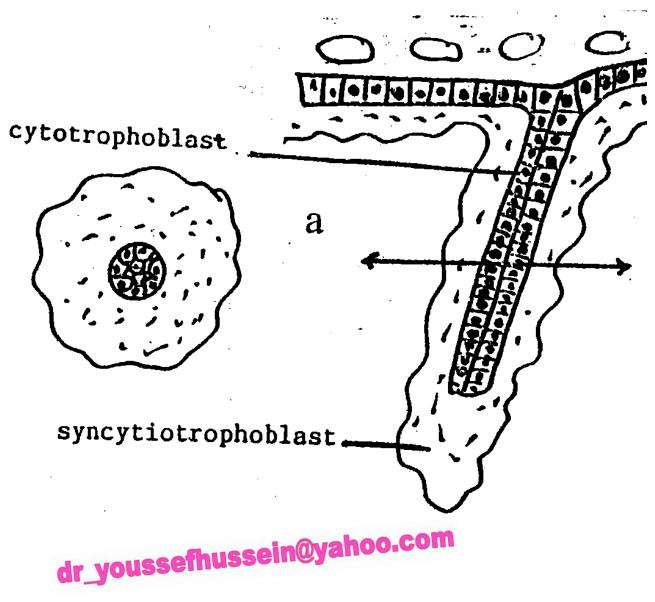


- By the end of 2nd week, The blastocyst is called chorionic vesicle having large cavity called chorionic cavity
- The Chorion (wall) is formed by three layers:
 1) Syncytiotrophoblast.
- 2) Cytotrophoblast. 3) Somatic layer of extraembryonic mesoderm.

syncytiotrophoblasts The form finger-like projections. - The cytotrophoblasts migrate into center of the projections. - The villi are separated from each other by spaces called lacunae filled with maternal blood due to erosion of the uterine by vessels syncytiotrophoblast.

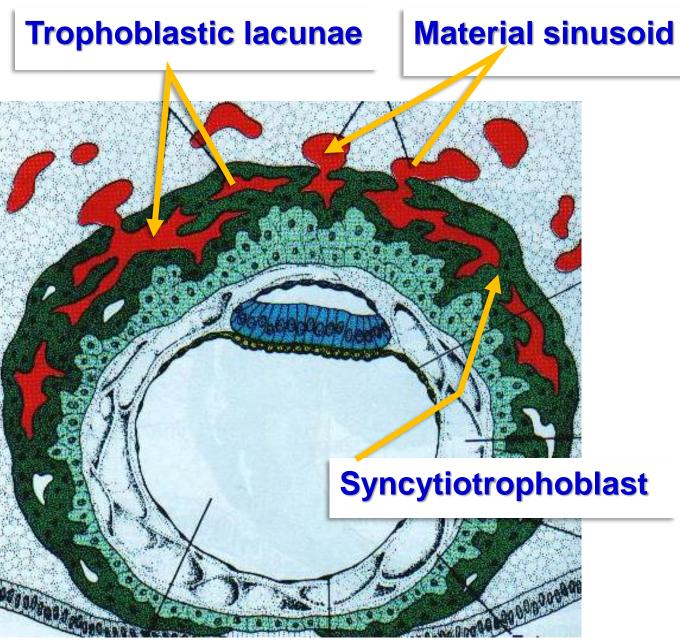
• Primary chorionic villi :

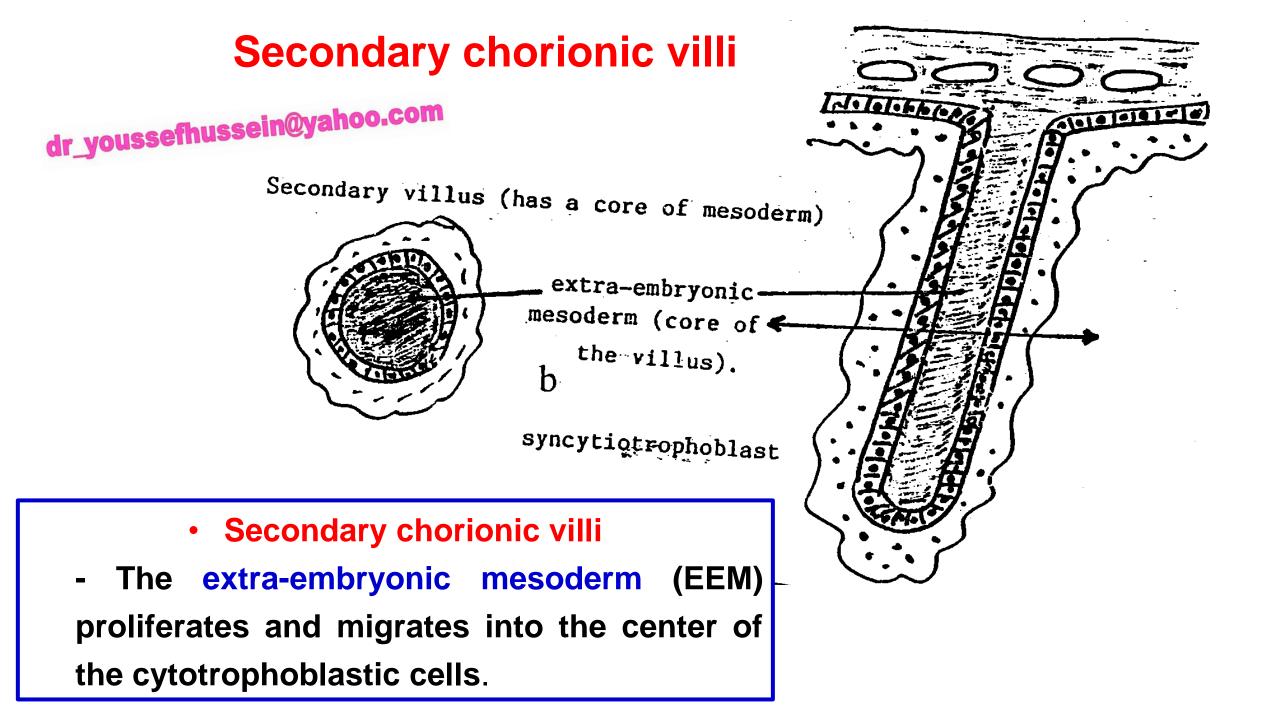
Primary chorionic villi

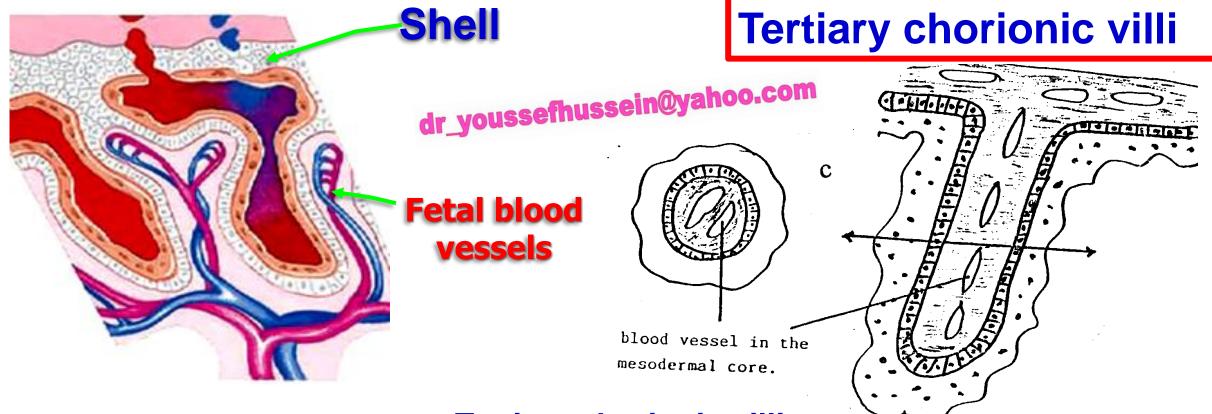


- Trophoblastic lacunae appeared in syncytiotrophoblast at embryonic pole of the disc
- The syncytiotrophoblast cells penetrate (phagocytosis) deeper into maternal endometrium and invade its capillaries
- The lacunae become filled with maternal blood
- So, maternal blood begins to flow through lacunar system of trophoblast and this is called uteroplacental circulation.





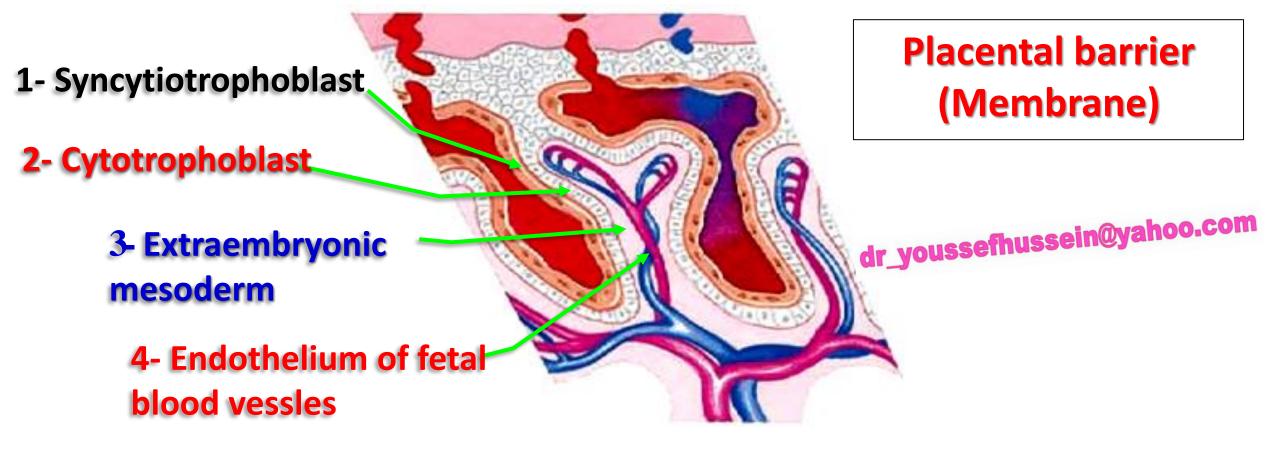




- Tertiary chorionic villi
- The cells of the extra-embryonic mesoderm give rise to fetal blood vessels.
 N.B: The cytotrophoblast cells of the apical region pierce the syncytiotrophoblast cells to meet and fuse with the adjacent one forming cytotrophoblastic shell to prevent further erosion of the endometrium by the syncytiotrophoblast and fixes all the villi in the decidua (Anchoring villi).







- In early pregnancy, the placental membrane is made up of four layers, its thickness is about 25 micron

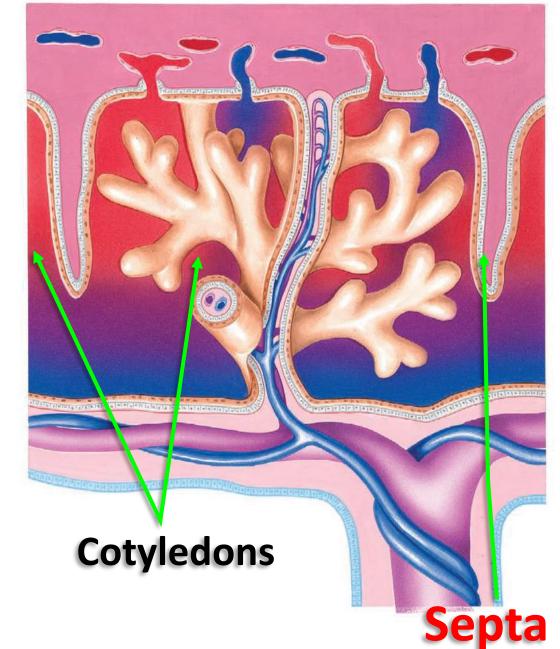
- After the 3rd month, the nutritional demands increase so the placental membrane becomes thin to increase the efficiency of transport of nutrients, its thickness is about 1-2 micron. It is made of two layers syncytiotrophoblast and endothelium of the fetal blood vessels

** **Development of decidual** septa:

- The decidua basalis forms many **septa** that protrude into the intervillous spaces aiming to increase the surface area of the decidua.
- These septa divide the placenta into 15-20 lobes called الفلقات cotyledons

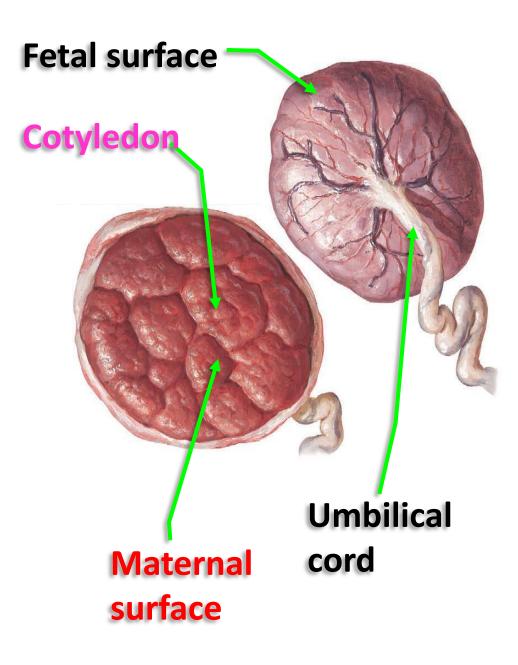


Lobulation of Placenta



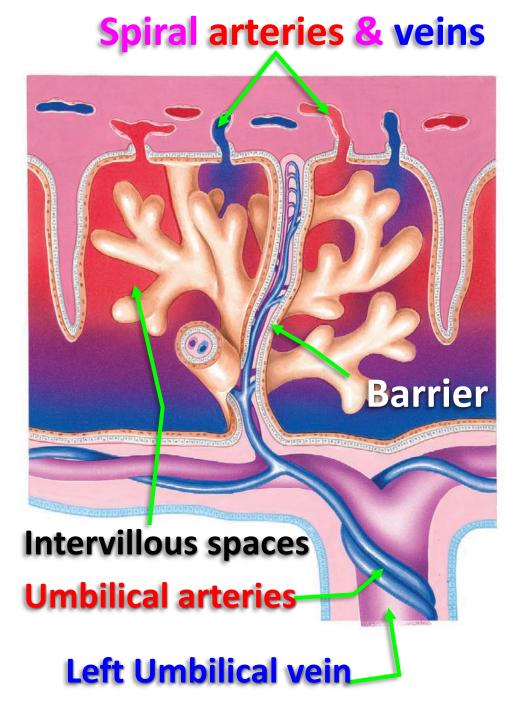
Morphology (Gross features)

- Shape; disc shaped.
- Diameter; about 15-20 cm.
- Weight: about 500 gm at birth.
- Thickness; its center about 3 cm and its margins about 1 cm
- Surfaces
- A- maternal: Rough. It is segmented into 15-20 lobes (cotyledons). الفلقات
- **B- Fetal:** Smooth and covered by amniotic membrane. The umbilical cord attached to the center of the fetal surface.



• Placental circulation:

- The fetal non oxygenated blood lacksquarereaches to the placenta by 2 umbilical **arteries** \rightarrow where gas exchange occurs with the maternal blood in the intervillous spaces through spiral arteries and veins of the decidua basalis.
- Exchange between the 2 blood streams occurred across the placental barrier.
- The oxygenated blood returns to the fetus by left umbilical vein.



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