

FEMALE GENITAL ORGANS

The Uterine tube, Ovaries & Vagina

Ischiorectal Fossa

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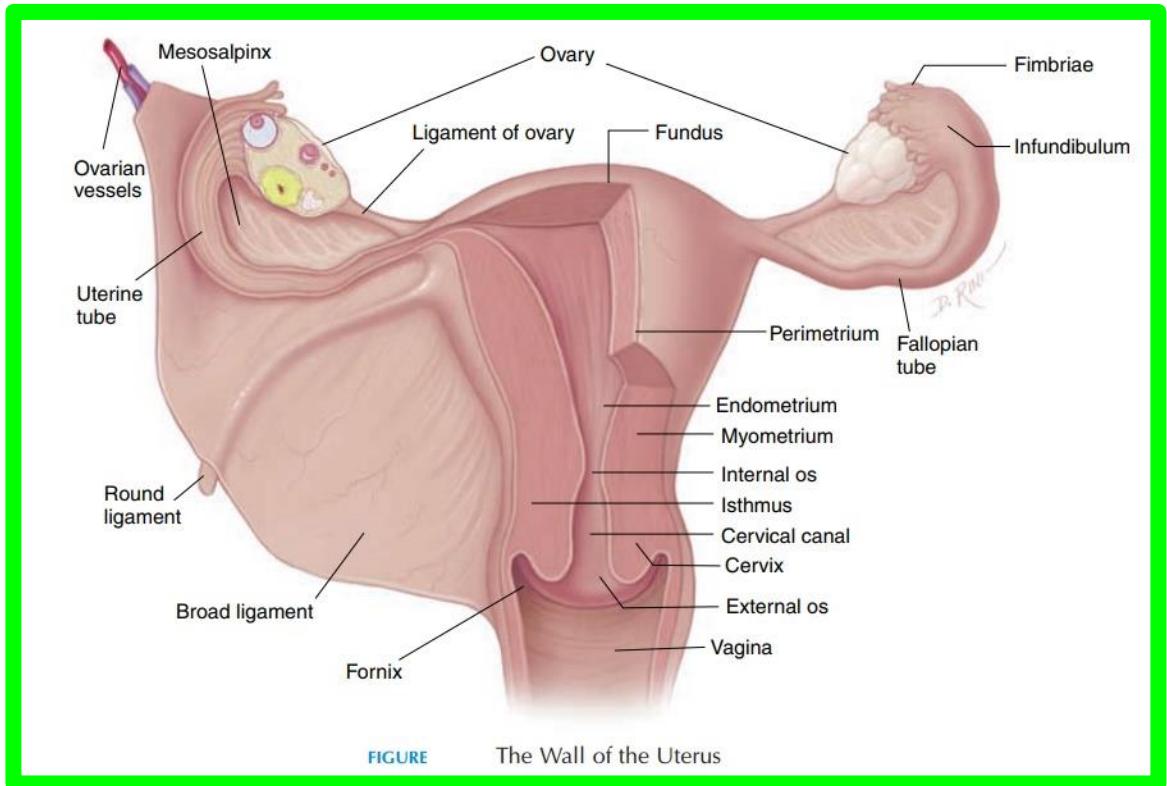
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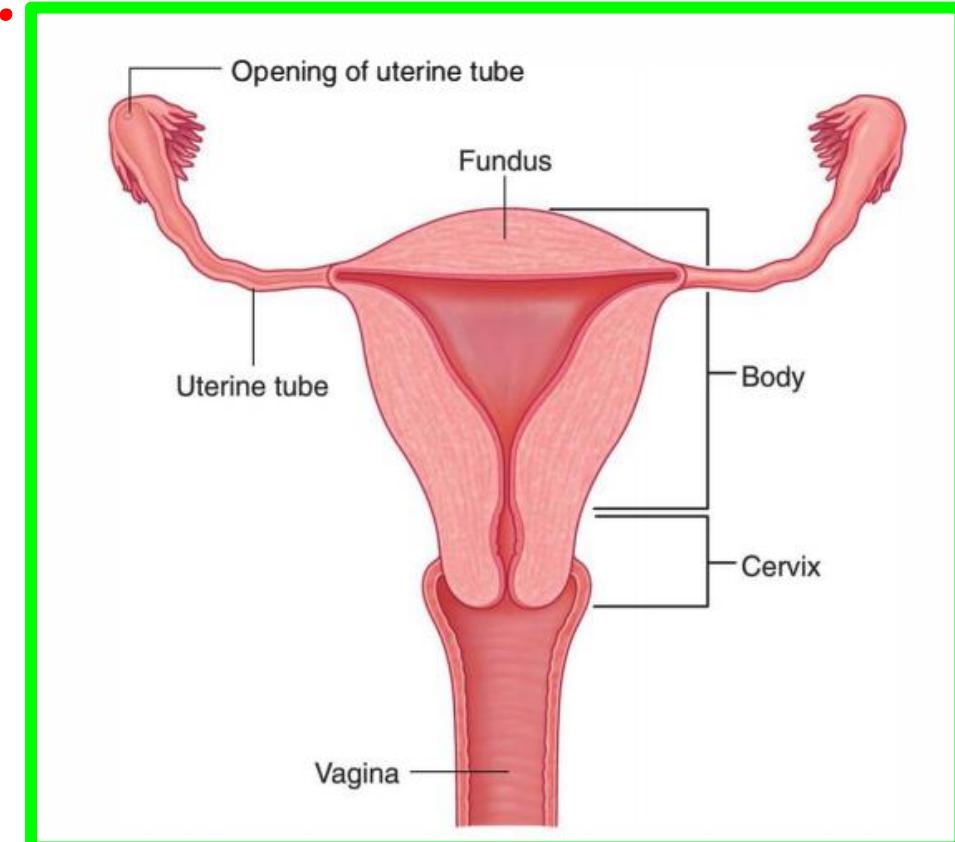
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# Uterine Tube

- ❖ The two tubes run in the free border of the broad ligament.
- ❖ It is about **10 cm** long and has **2 ends**.
  - a- The medial end opens in the uterine cavity at the junction of the fundus with the body.
  - b- The lateral end opens in **the peritoneal cavity**.



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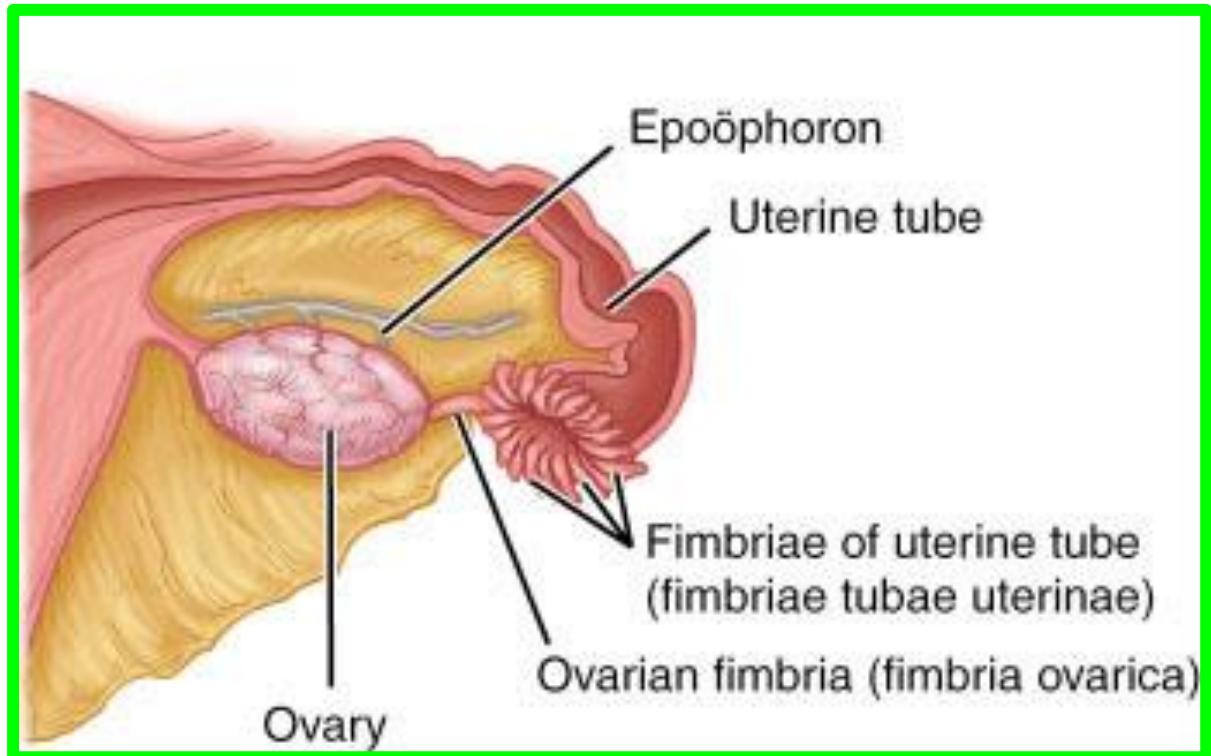
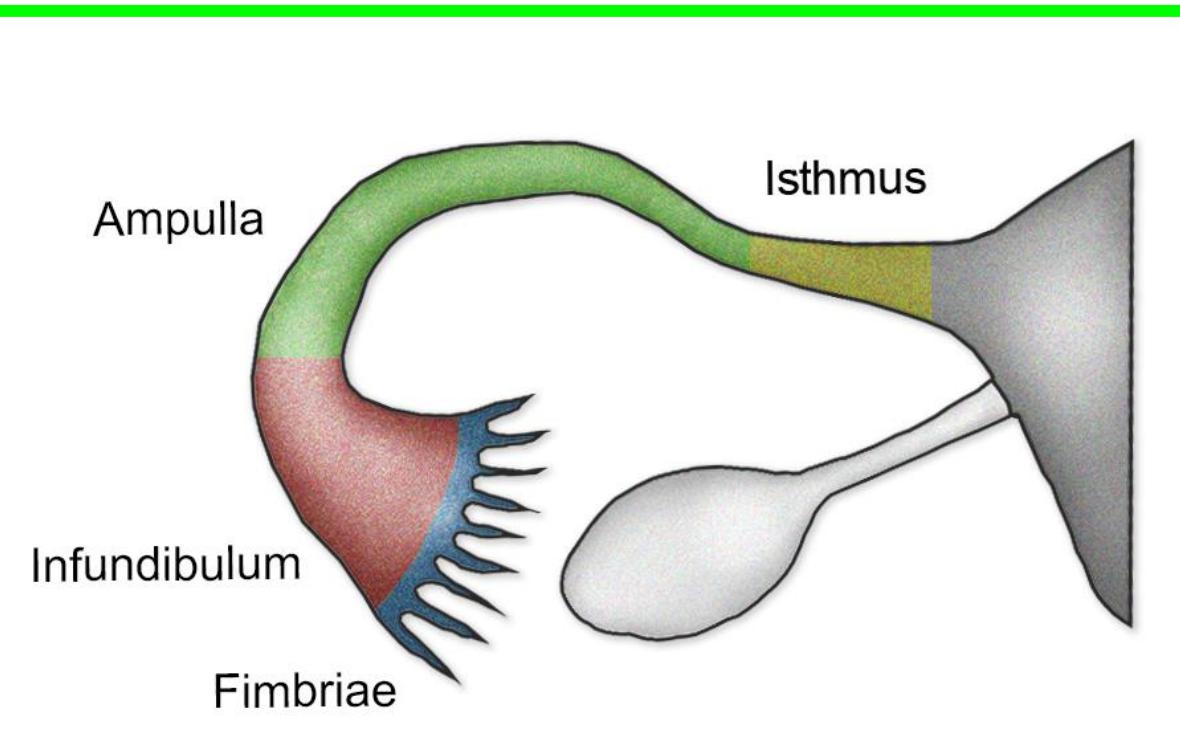
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\*\* Parts of the tube: From the lateral to the medial end,

1- **Infundibulum:** a funnel-shaped which open in the peritoneal cavity.

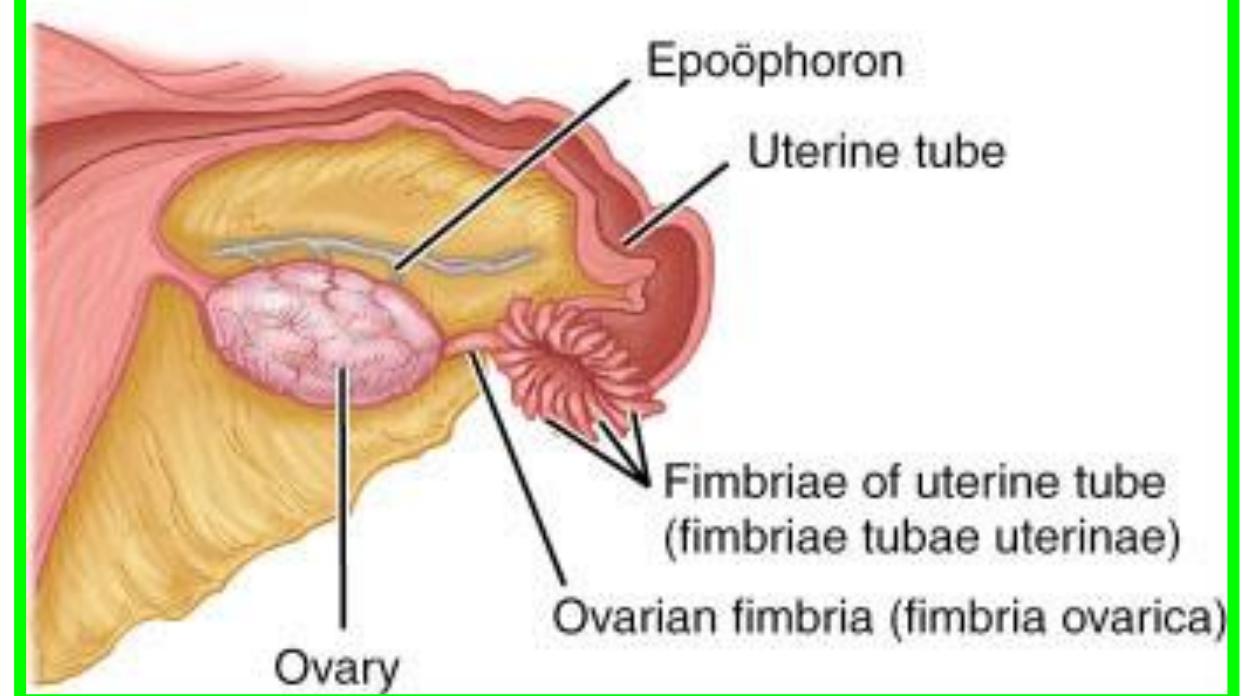
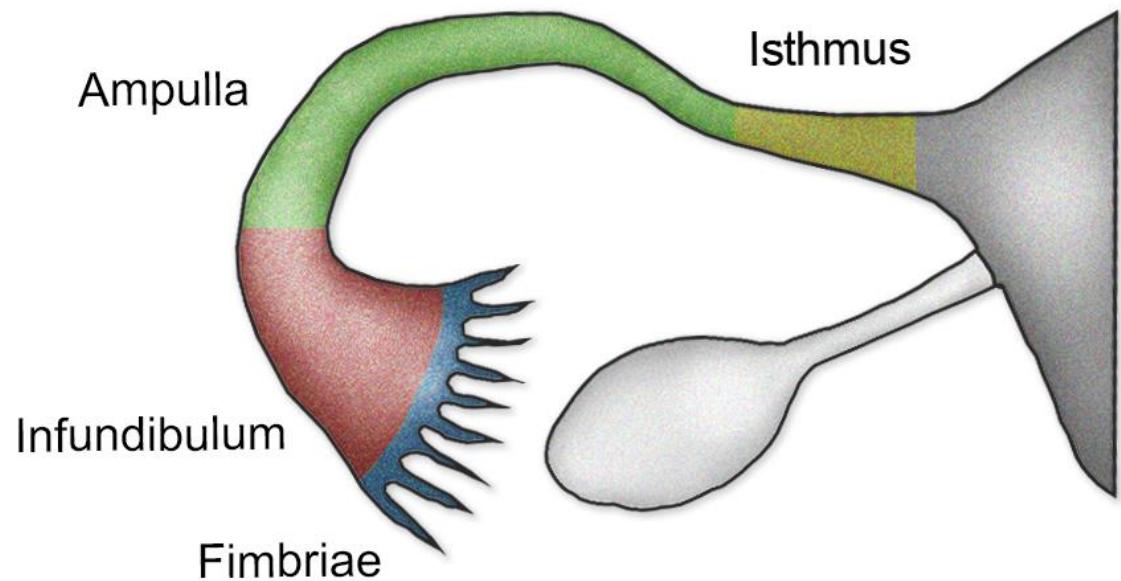
- It has a number of processes called **fimbriae**. One of these fimbriae is large and extends to the ovary and called **ovarian fimbria**.

2- **Ampulla:** a dilated, tortuous and thin-walled.



# Uterine Tube

- 3- **Isthmus:** a narrow straight part, constituting the **medial 1/3 of the tube.**
- 4- **Intramural part:** the part inside the uterine wall (**narrowest part**).



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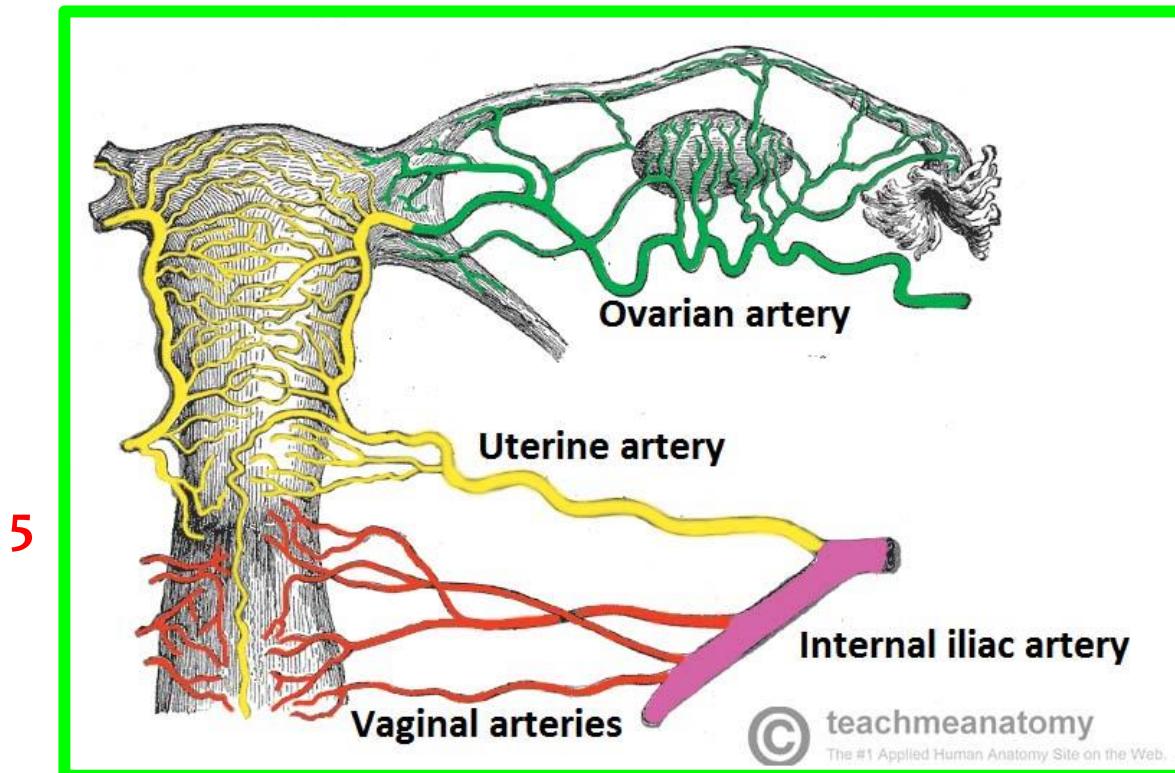
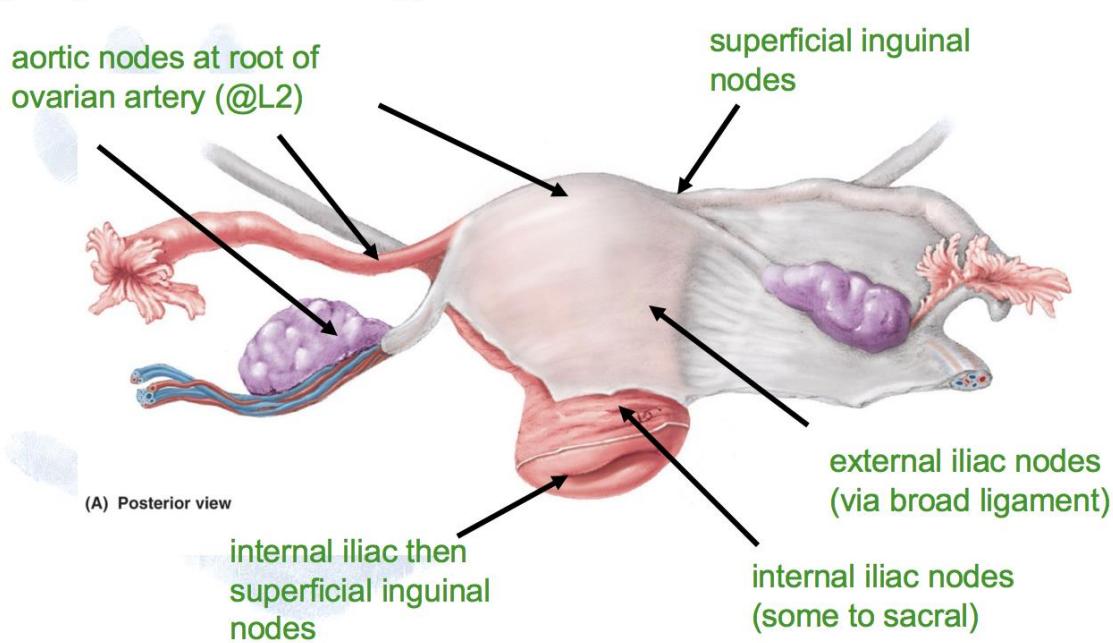
- \*\* Arterial supply: 1) The lateral part by **the ovarian artery**.  
2) The medial part by **the uterine artery**.

\*\* Venous drainage: by veins accompanying the arteries.

\*\* Lymphatic drainage: to the preaortic and para-aortic lymph nodes.

\*\* Nerve supply: - Sympathetic from **T 10 to L 2**. - Parasympathetic **S2,3,4**.

## Lymphatic drainage



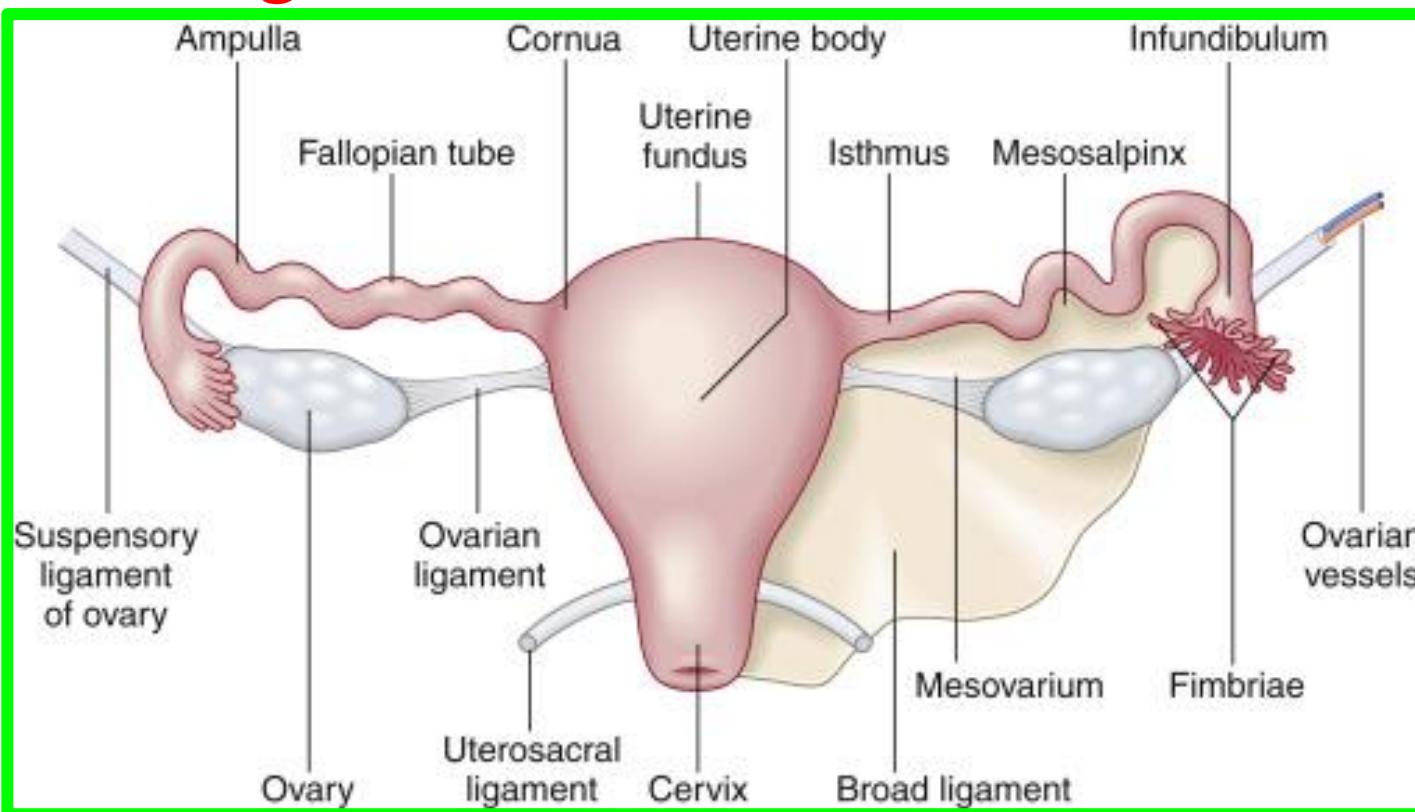
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- ✓ One on each side, these are **the primary female sex organs**.
- ✓ Each ovary is attached to the upper surface of the broad ligament by the mesovarium.

**\*\* Dimensions (1 cm thickness) (2 cm breadth) (3 cm Length)**

**\*\* Weight from 2 to 3.5 gm**



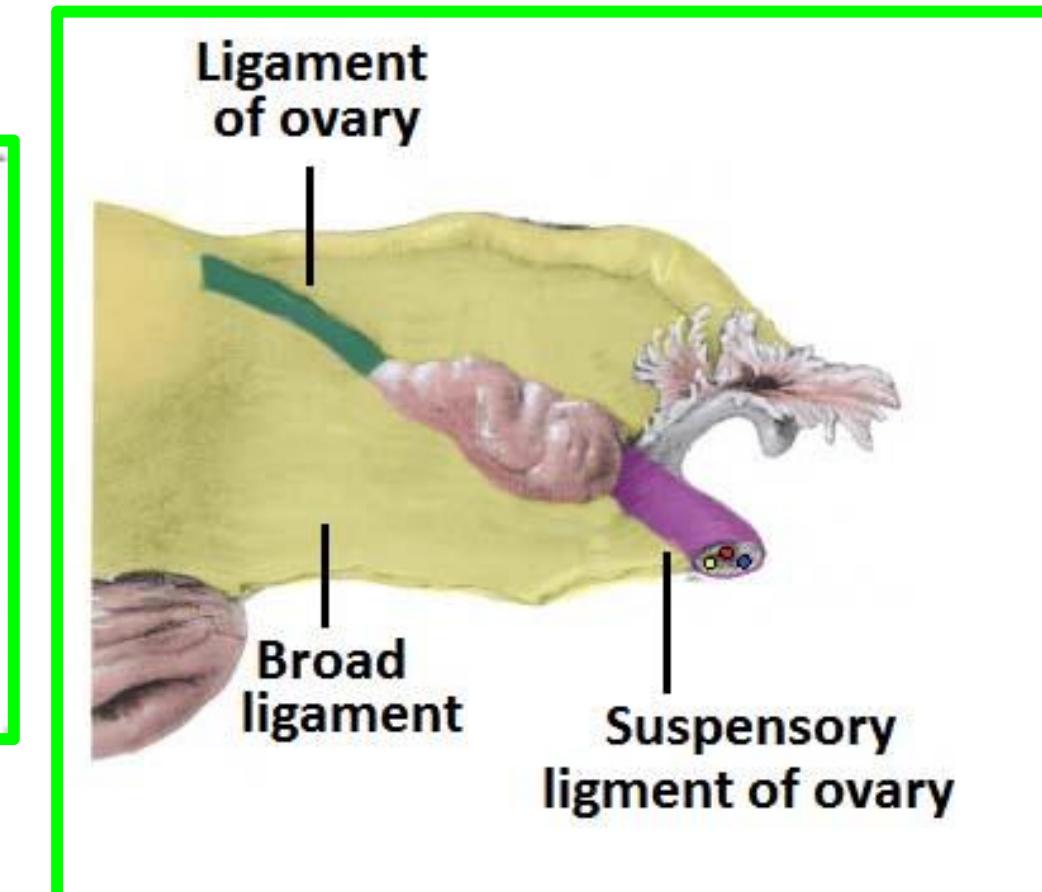
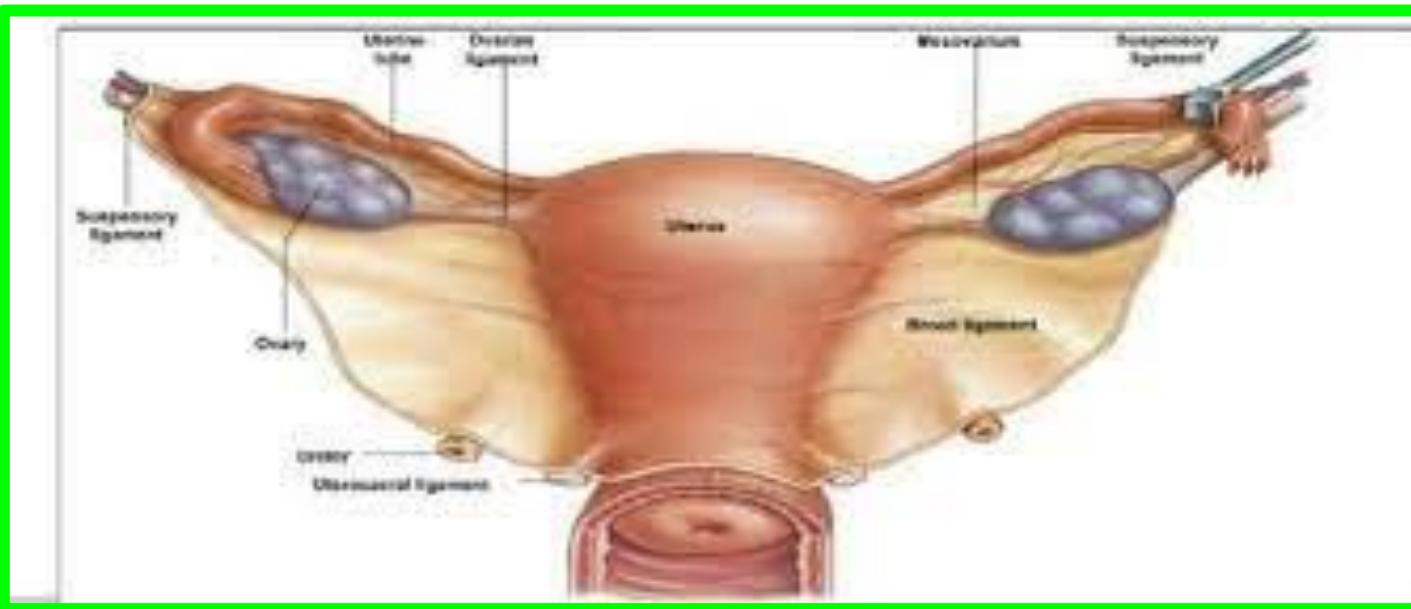
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**\*\* General features and Relations,** The ovary has:

**A- 2 surfaces:**

- 1- **Lateral surface:** lies in the floor of the ovarian fossa.
- 2- **Medial surface:** is covered by the uterine tube.



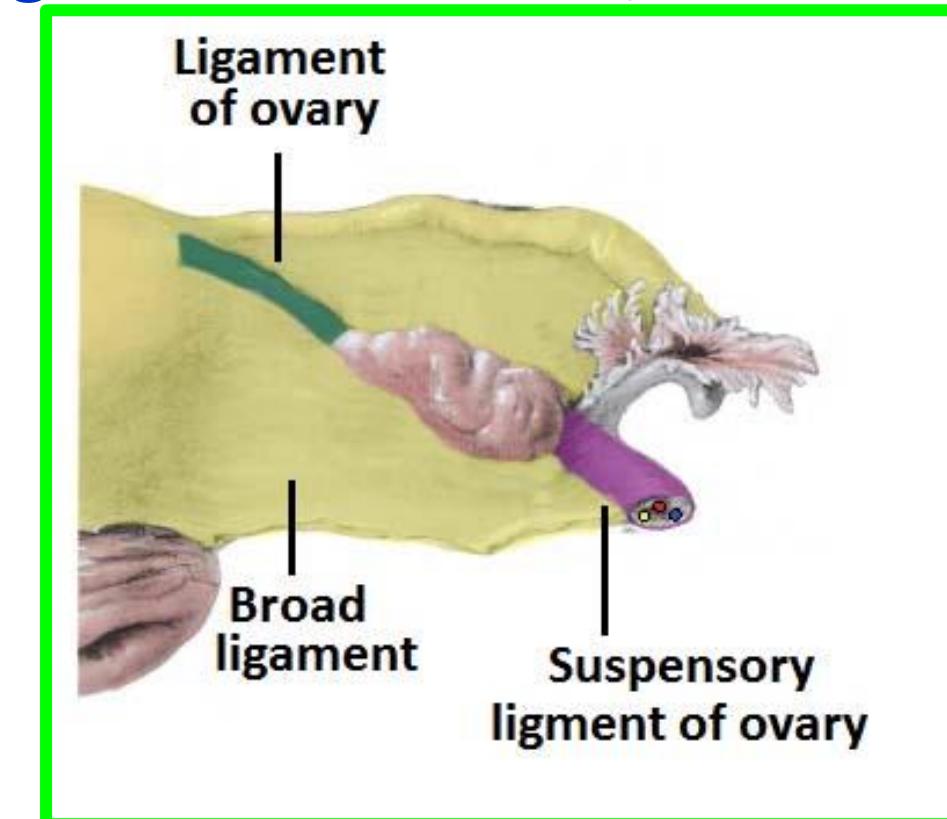
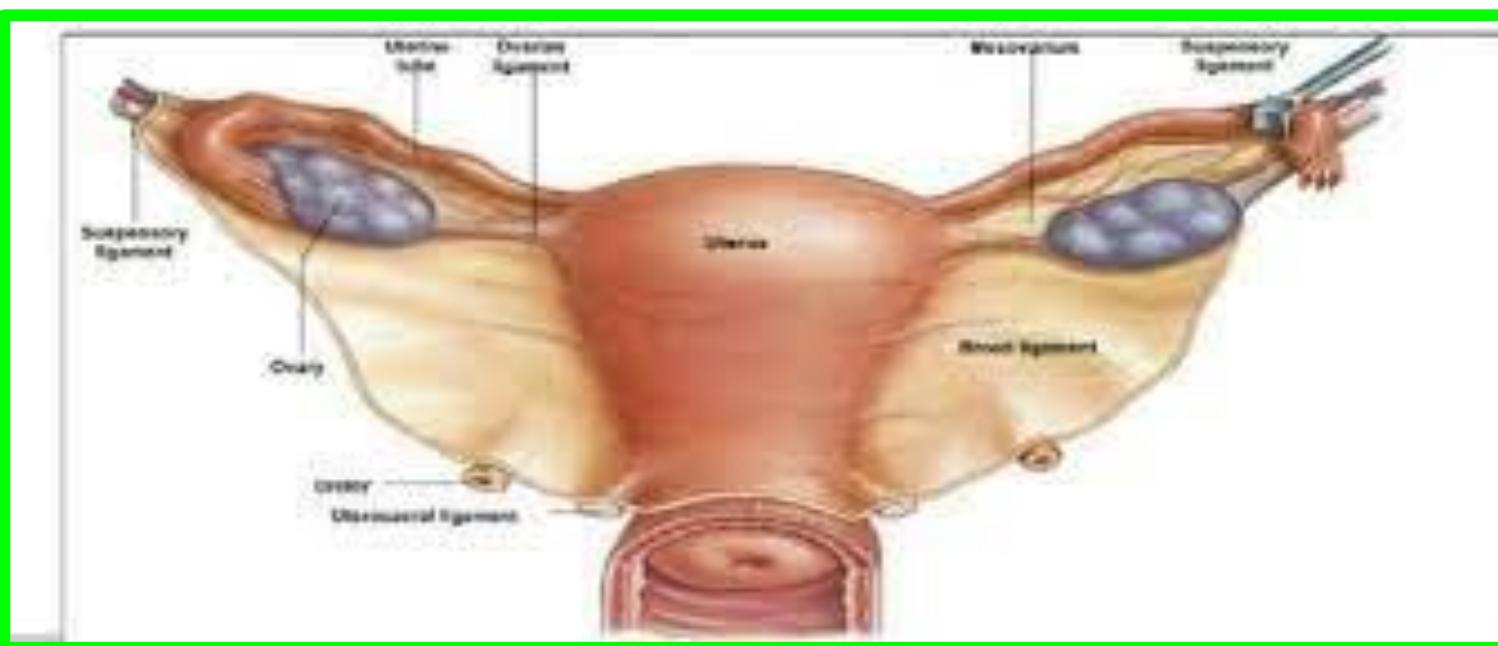
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B- 2 ends:

1- **Tubal (Upper) end:** gives attachment to

- 1) **Ovarian fimbria of the tube.**
- 2) **The suspensory ligament of the ovary.**

2- **Uterine (Lower) end:** gives attachment to **the ligament of the ovary.**

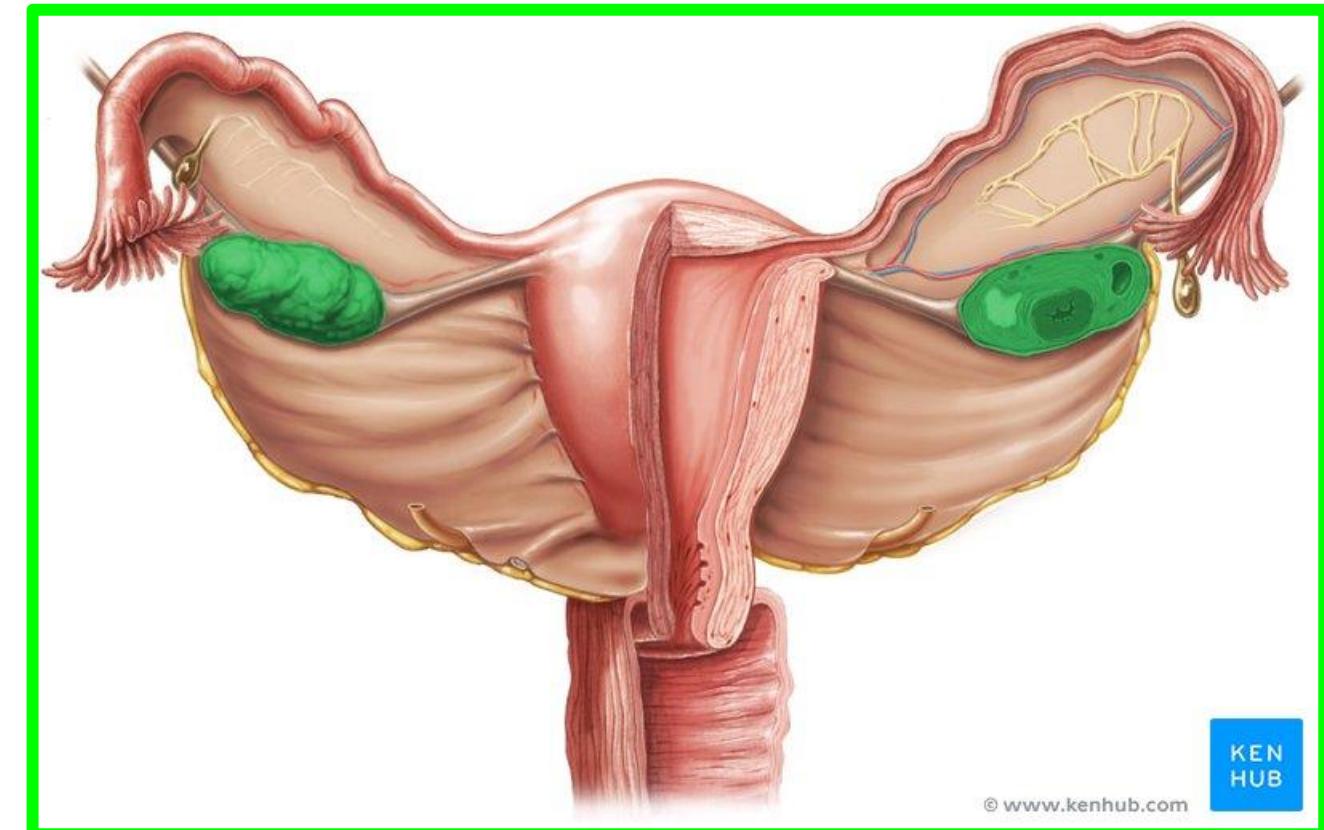
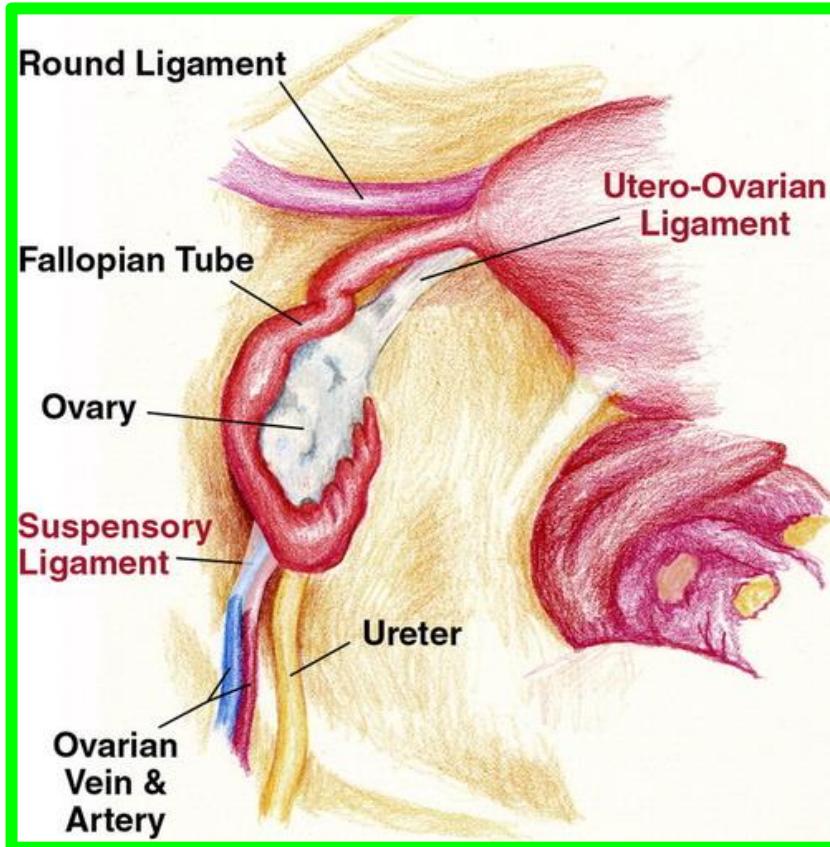


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## C- 2 borders:

1- **Free border:** directed backward.

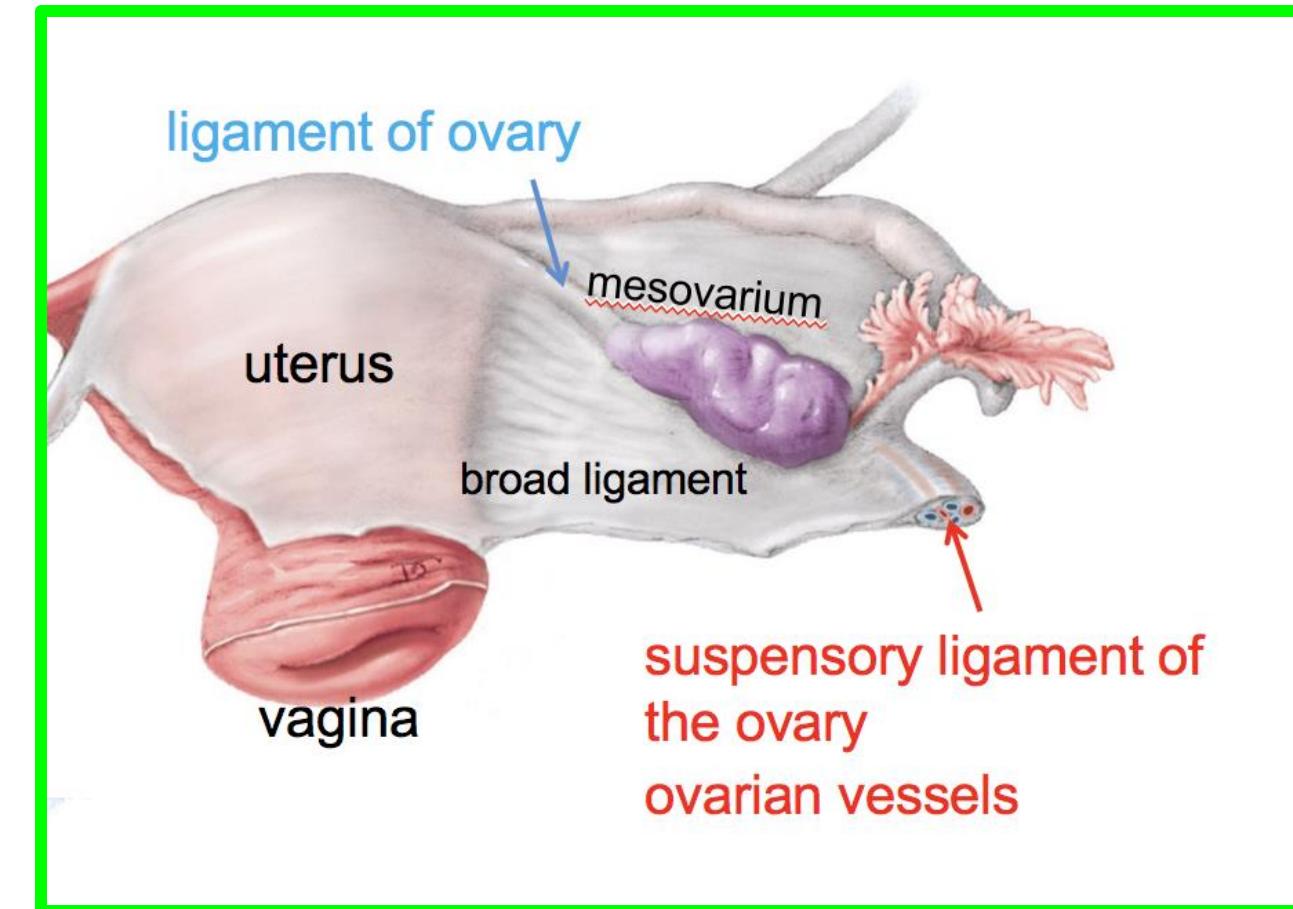
2- **Attached border:** attached to the upper layer of the broad ligament by the mesovarium.



## \*\* Ligaments of the ovary

1- **Suspensory ligament of the ovary**, it extends from the ovary to the side wall of the pelvis and contains the ovarian vessels and nerves.

2- **Round ligament of the ovary**. It connects the ovary with the uterus below and behind the uterine tube.



3- **Mesovarium (peritoneal relation)** between the upper surface of the broad ligament and ovary. It contains the ovarian vessels and nerves.

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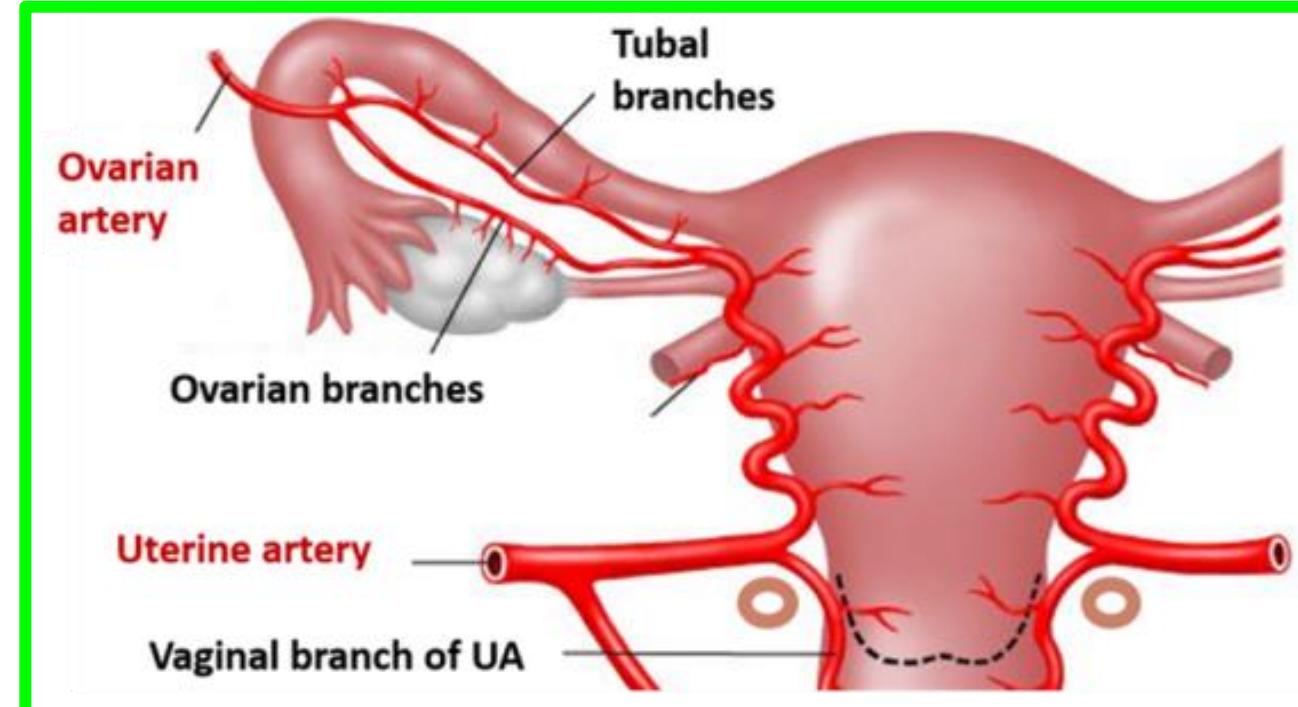
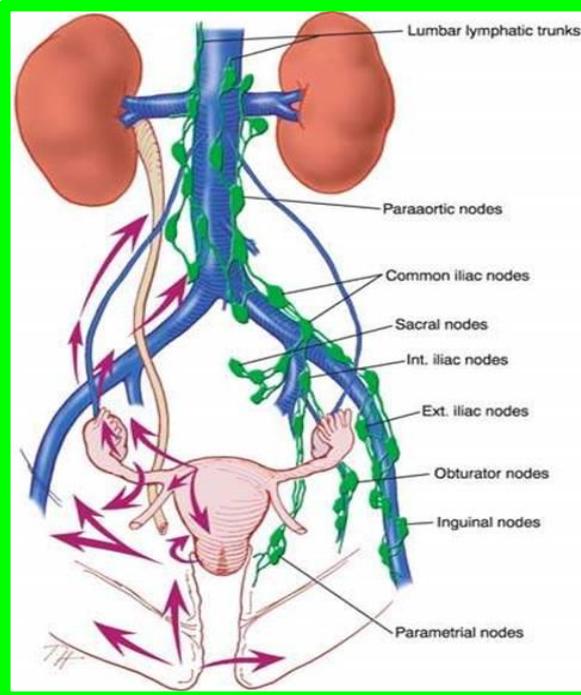
\*\* Arterial supply: the **ovarian artery** from abdominal aorta.

\*\* Venous drainage: The ovarian veins.

- 1) The **right ovarian vein** drains into the **inferior vena cava**;
- 2) The **left ovarian vein** drains into the **left renal vein**.

\*\* Lymphatic drainage: Into para-aortic lymph nodes.

\*\* Nerve supply: sympathetic from **T10, 11** while parasympathetic from **S2, 3, 4**.



# Vagina

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□ This is the canal connecting the uterus with the vestibule,

**\*\* Direction;** - From below, it is directed upwards and slightly backwards.

**\*\* Walls;** 2 walls (anterior and posterior) which are contact with each other.

**\*\* Diameter;** lower part 2.5 cm while the upper part 5 cm.

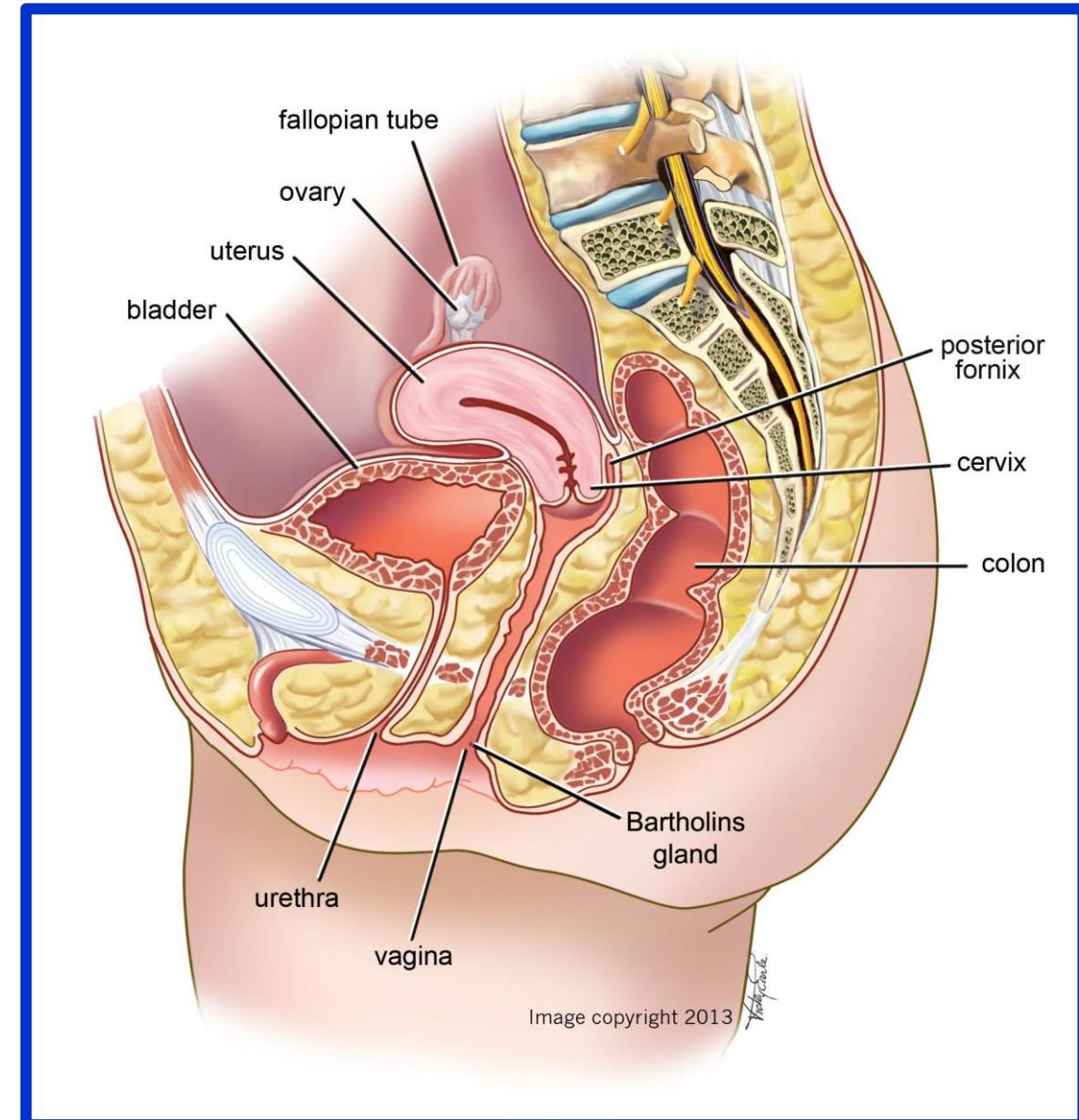
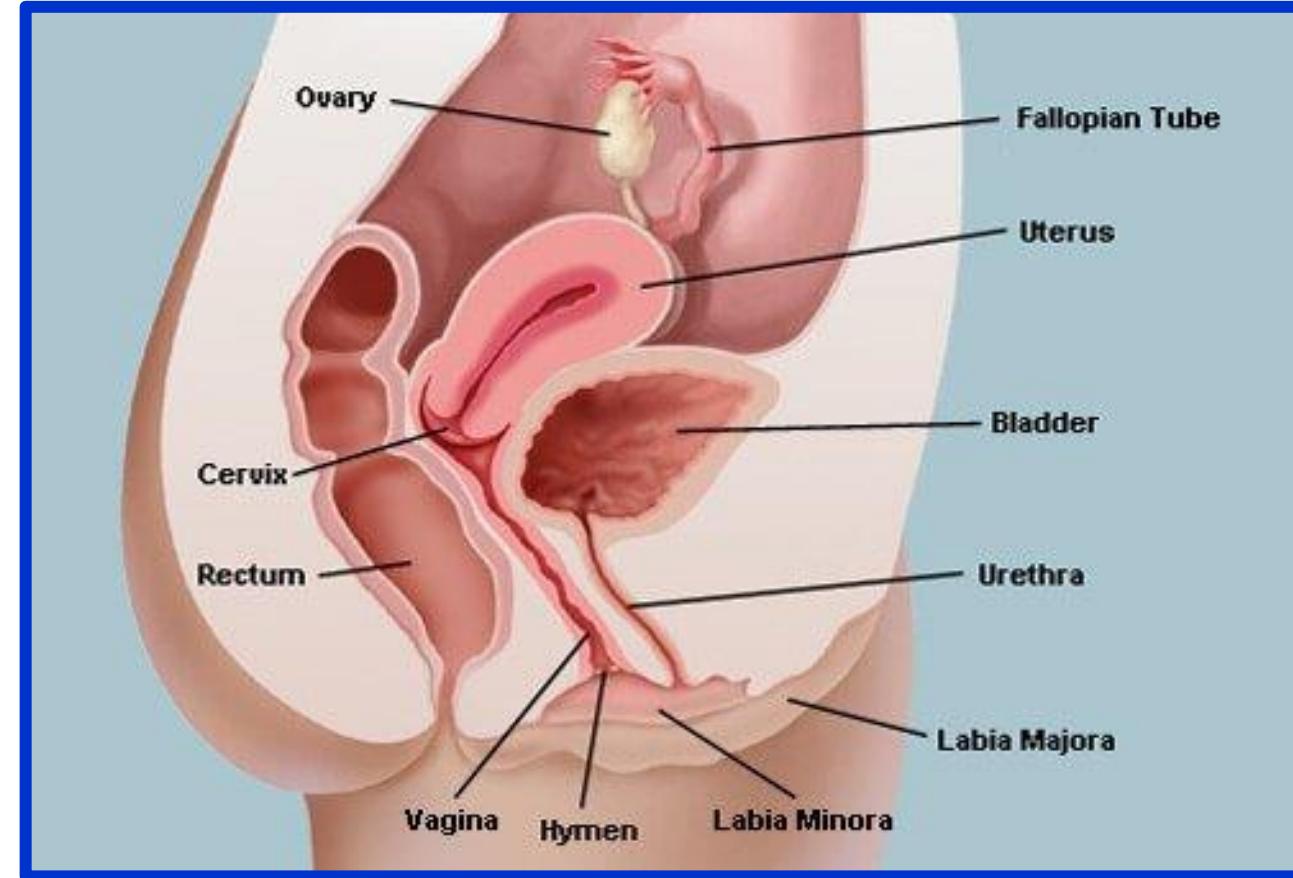


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## \*\* Relations:

- 1- The anterior wall of the vagina is short (7.5 cm).
- ✓ It is closely related to the base of the urinary bladder and urethra.



- 2- The posterior wall of the vagina is longer (9 cm).
  - a- Upper 1/4 is covered by peritoneum of the rectovaginal pouch.
  - b- Middle 2/4 is directly related to the rectum.
  - c- Lower 1/4 is separated from the anal canal by the perineal body.

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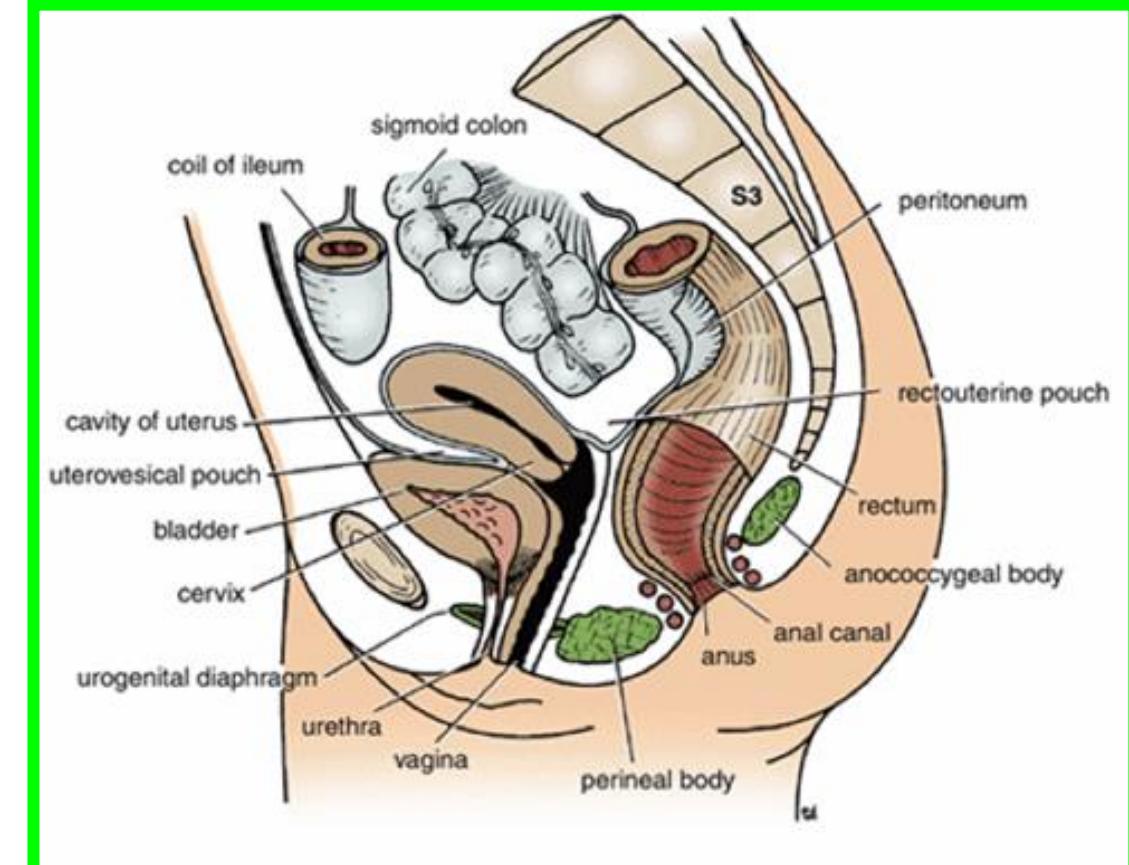
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## 3- Laterally:

a- Upper part is related to the ureter.

b- Middle part is to the levator ani.

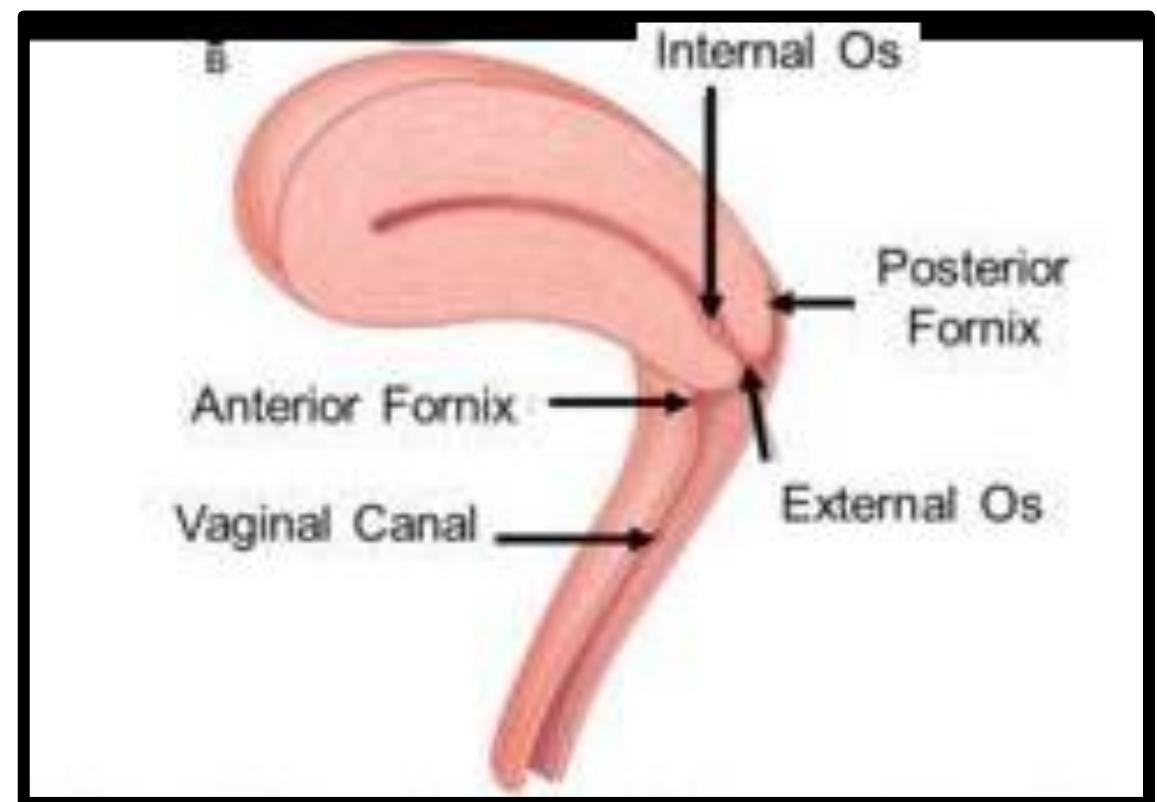
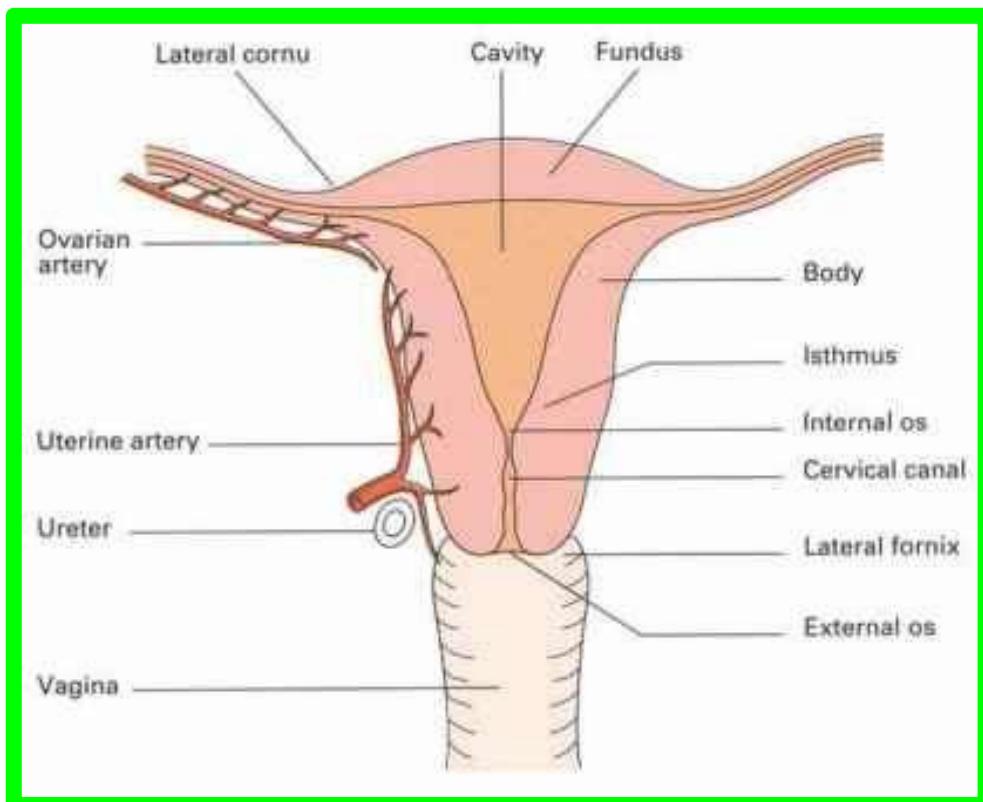
c- Lower part transverses the deep and superficial perineal pouches.



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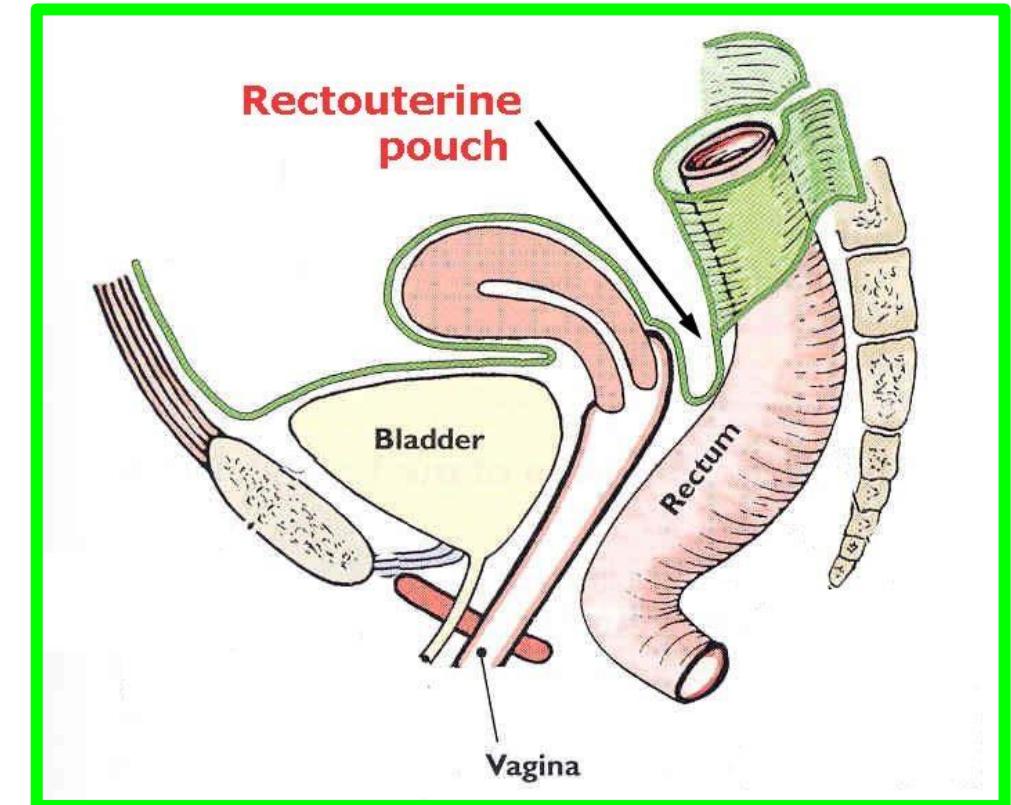
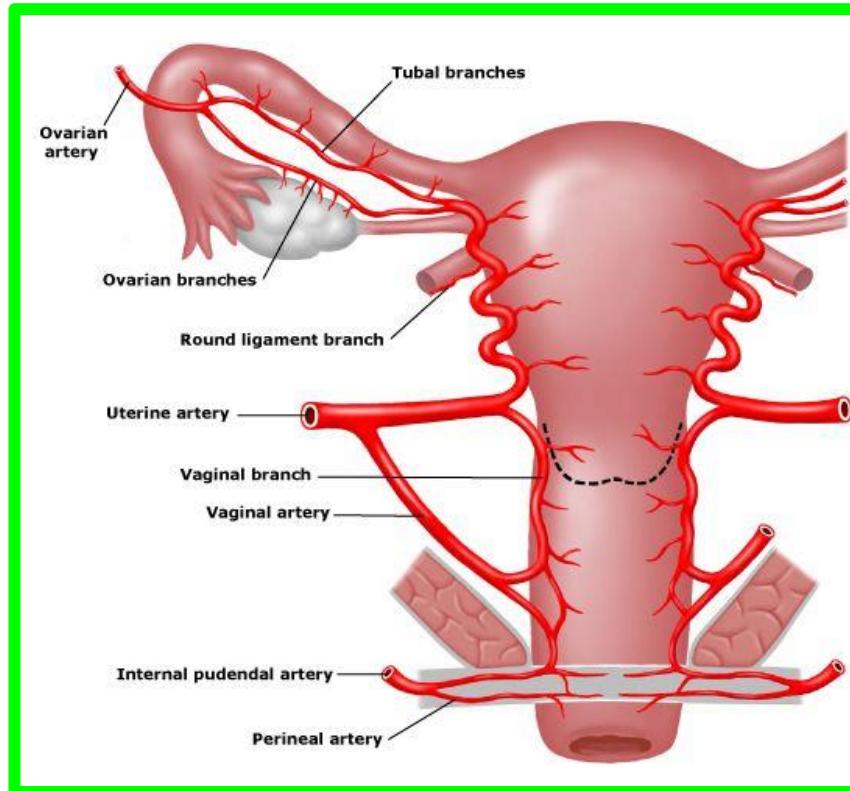
## \*\* Fornices of the vagina:

- These are the recesses of the upper part of the vagina which surrounds the vaginal part of the cervix (**anterior, posterior and 2 Lateral**).



**\*\* Peritoneal covering of the vagina:**

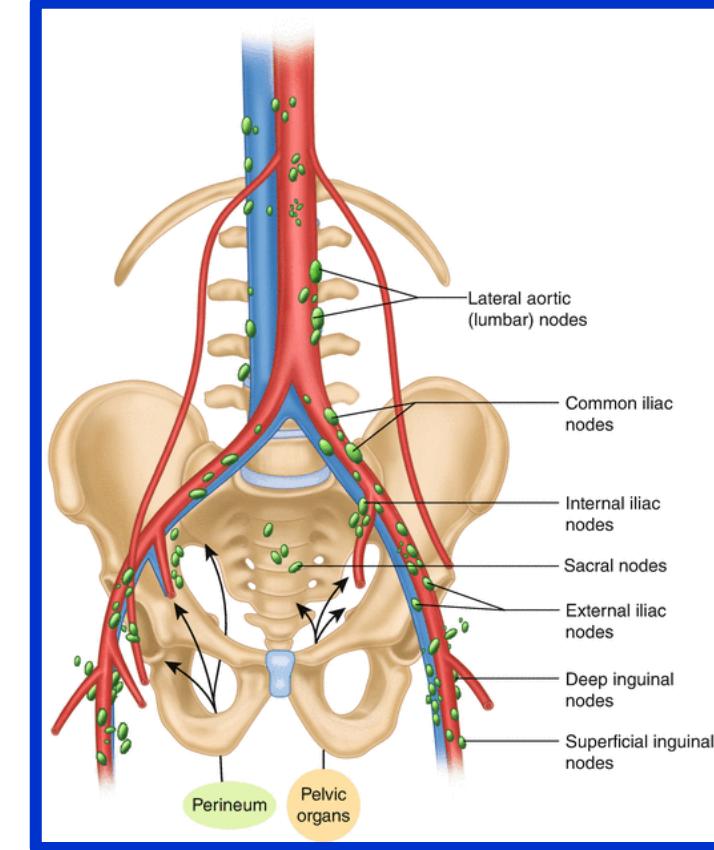
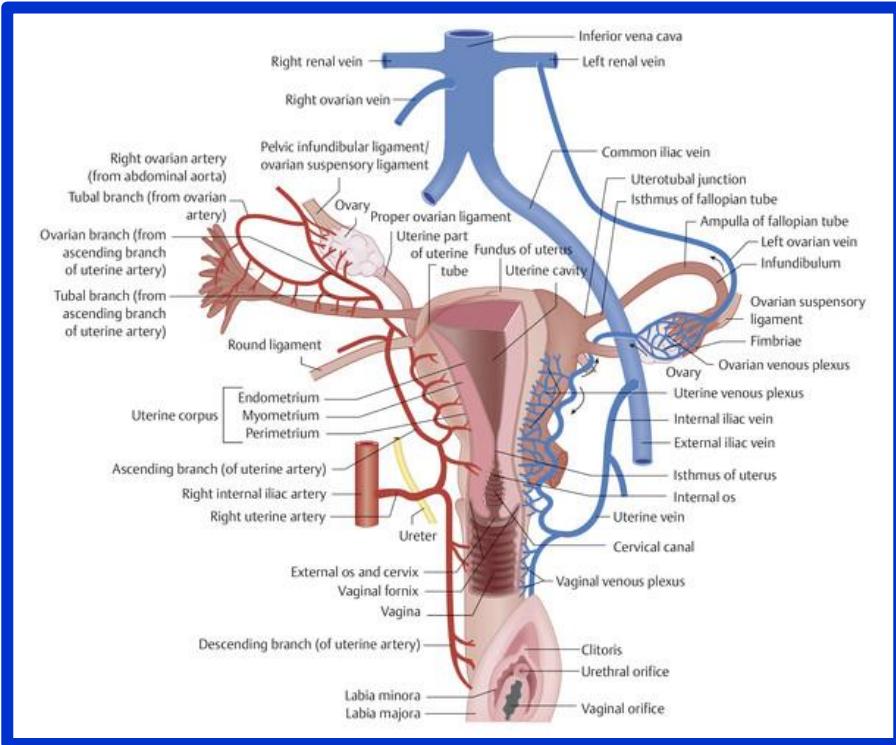
Only the upper part of the posterior wall by peritoneum of rectovaginal pouch.



**\*\* Arterial supply:**

- 1) Vaginal artery.
- 2) Uterine artery.
- 3) Internal pudendal artery.
- 4) Middle rectal artery.

**\*\* Venous drainage: to the vaginal venous plexus → internal iliac vein.**



**\*\* Lymphatic drainage:**

- The upper part drains into the external iliac lymph nodes.
- The middle part drains into the internal iliac lymph nodes.
- The lower part drains into the superficial inguinal lymph nodes.

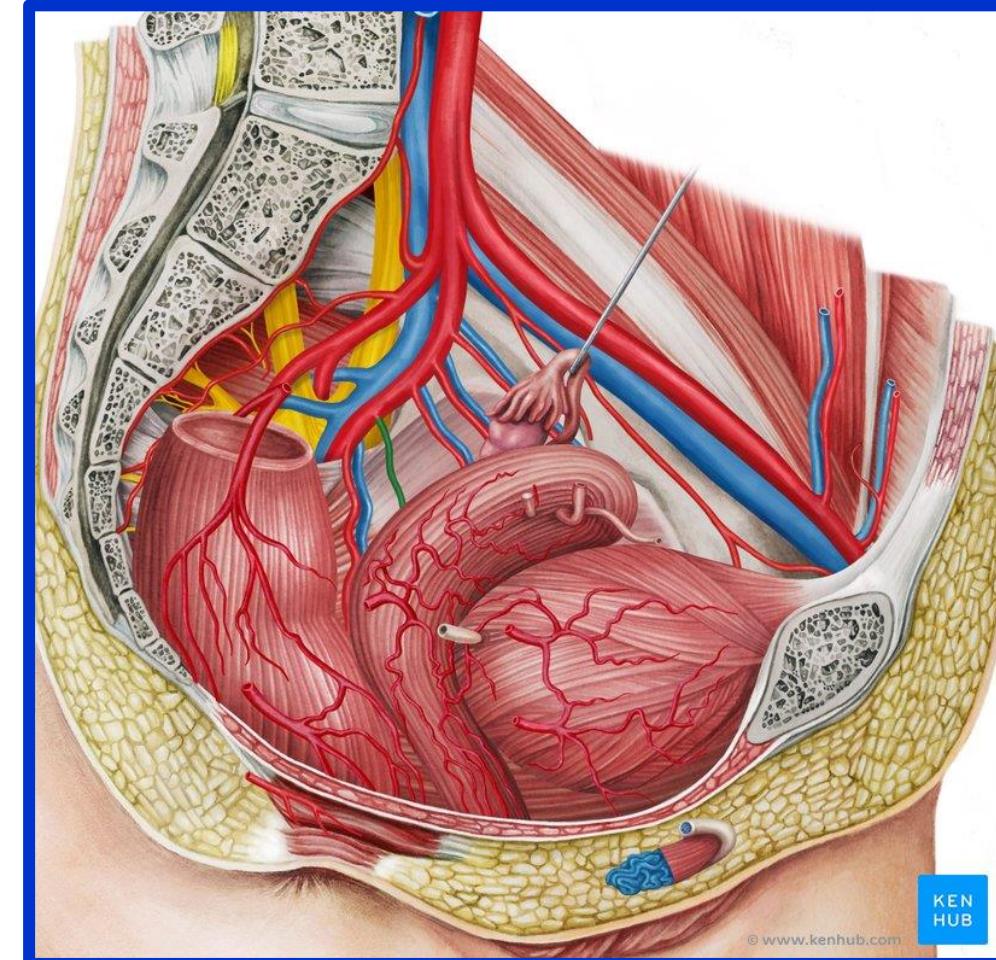
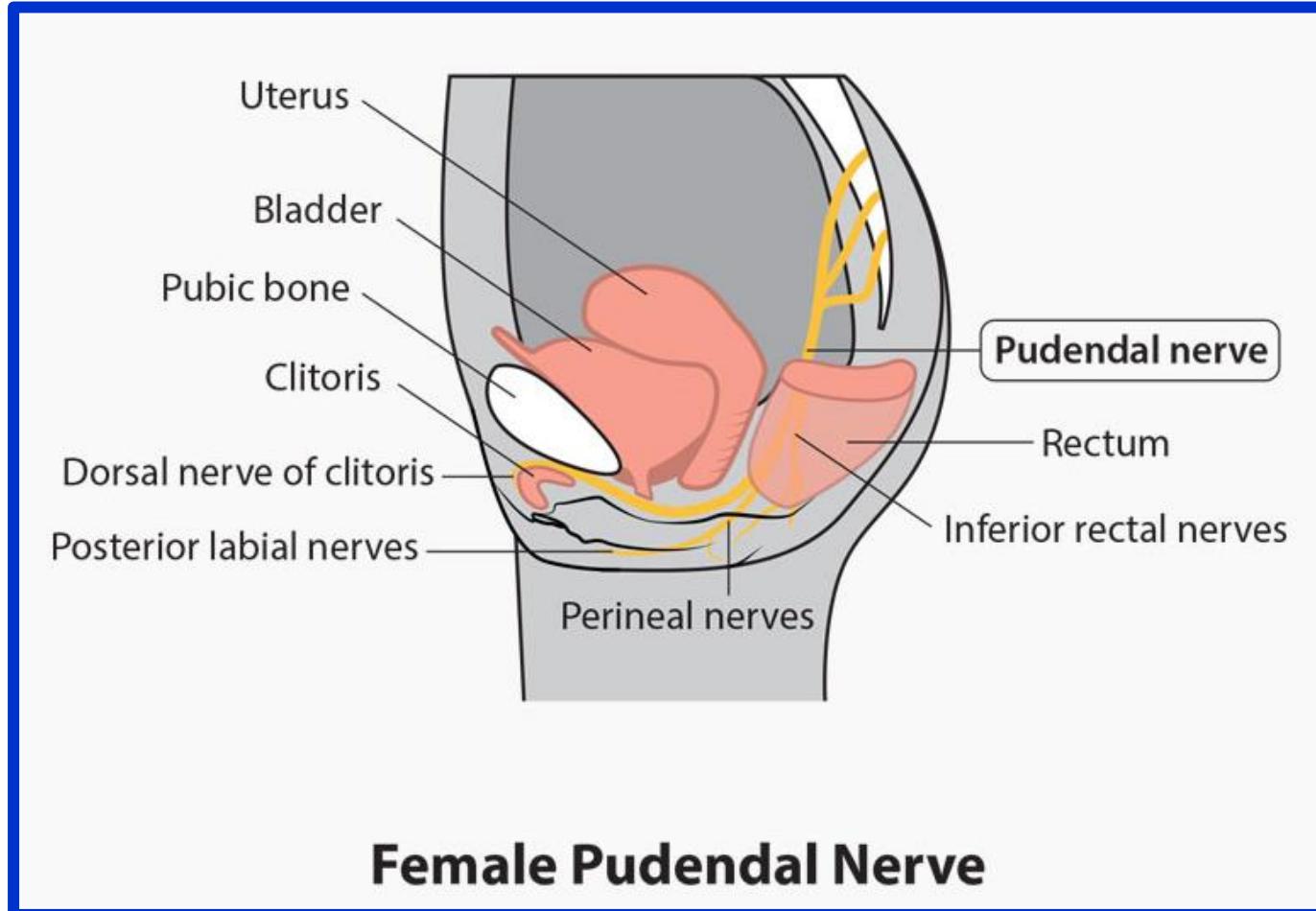
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## \*\* Nerve supply:

- ❖ Upper 2/3 supplied by sympathetic and parasympathetic.
- ❖ Lower 1/3 pain sensitive and supplied by pudendal nerve.

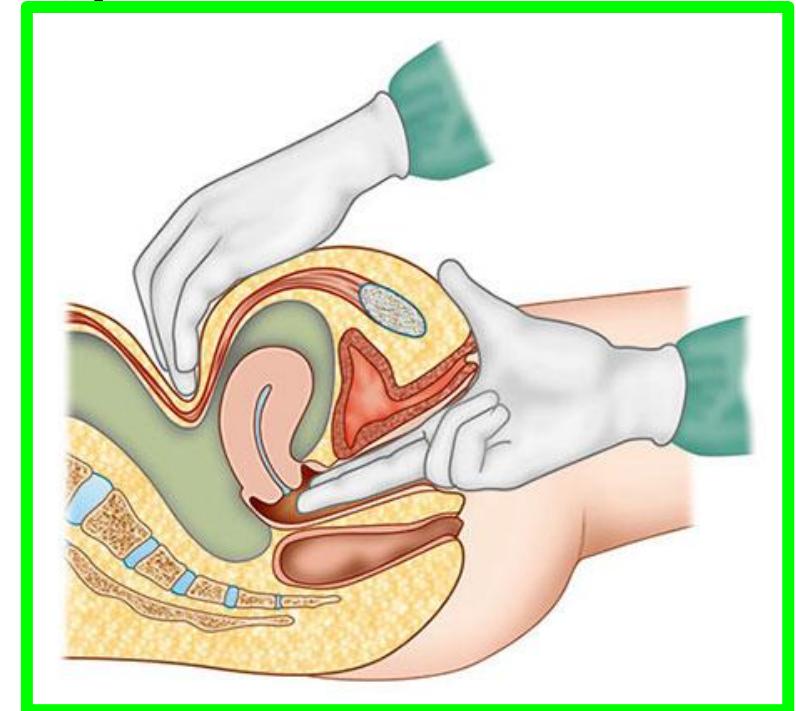


# Vagina

## \*\* Applied anatomy:

### 1- Vaginal examination:

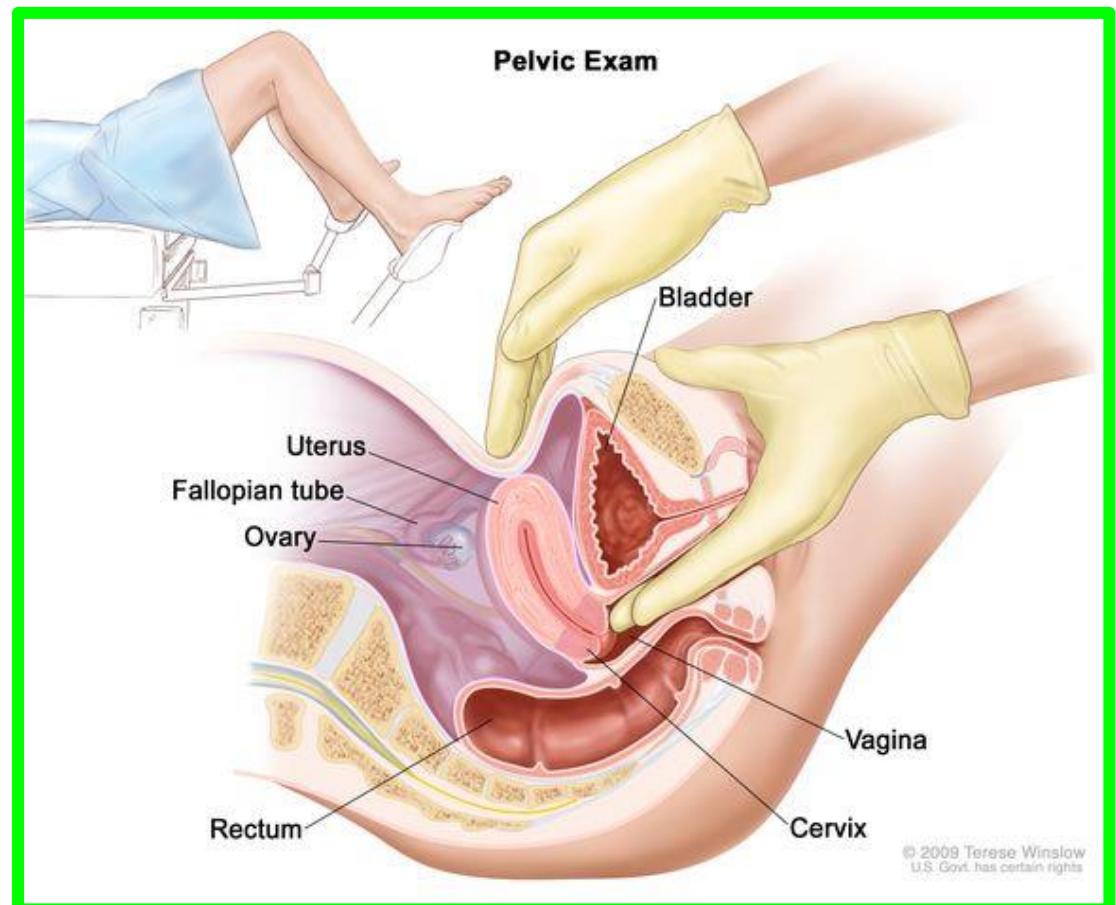
- This is done by inserting both index and middle fingers through the vagina.
- The structures felt are:
  - ✓ Cervix of the uterus and Fornices of the vagina
  - ✓ Anteriorly: The base of **urinary bladder** and **urethra**.
  - ✓ Posteriorly: Rectovaginal (**Douglas**) pouch.



# Vagina

**2- Bimanual examination:** With the two fingers of the right hand inserted high up into the vagina, pressure is done by the left hand on the suprapubic part of the anterior abdominal wall.

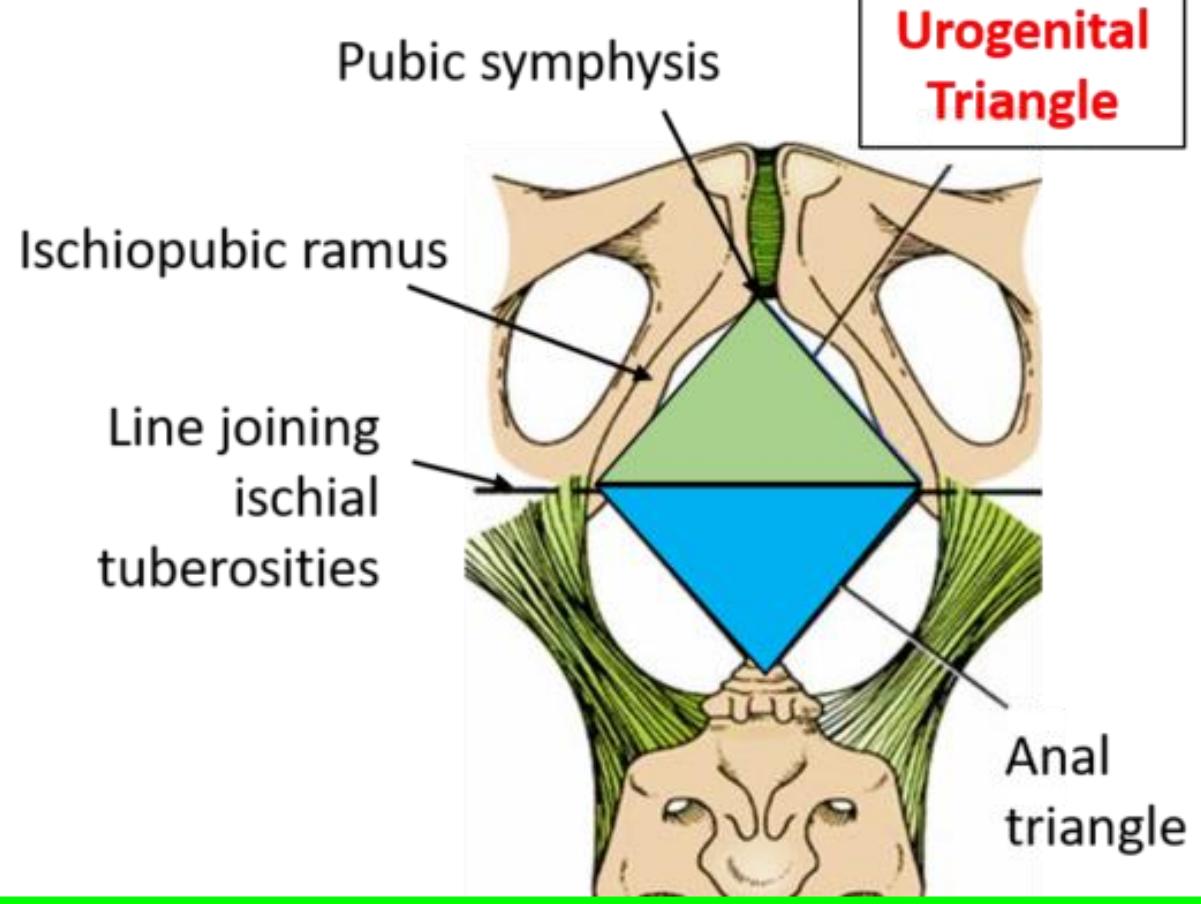
❖ By this method, the size and characteristics of the uterus can be evaluated.



# Ischiorectal Fossa

## ANAL TRIANGLE

- ❖ Diamond-shaped perineum divided by a broken line into the:
- ❖ Urogenital triangle
- ❖ Anal triangle.



- 1) Urogenital triangle anteriorly, contains superficial and deep perineal pouch.
- 2) Anal triangle posteriorly, contains anal canal and ischiorectal Fossa.

# Ischiorectal Fossa

\*\* Shape: a wedge-shaped

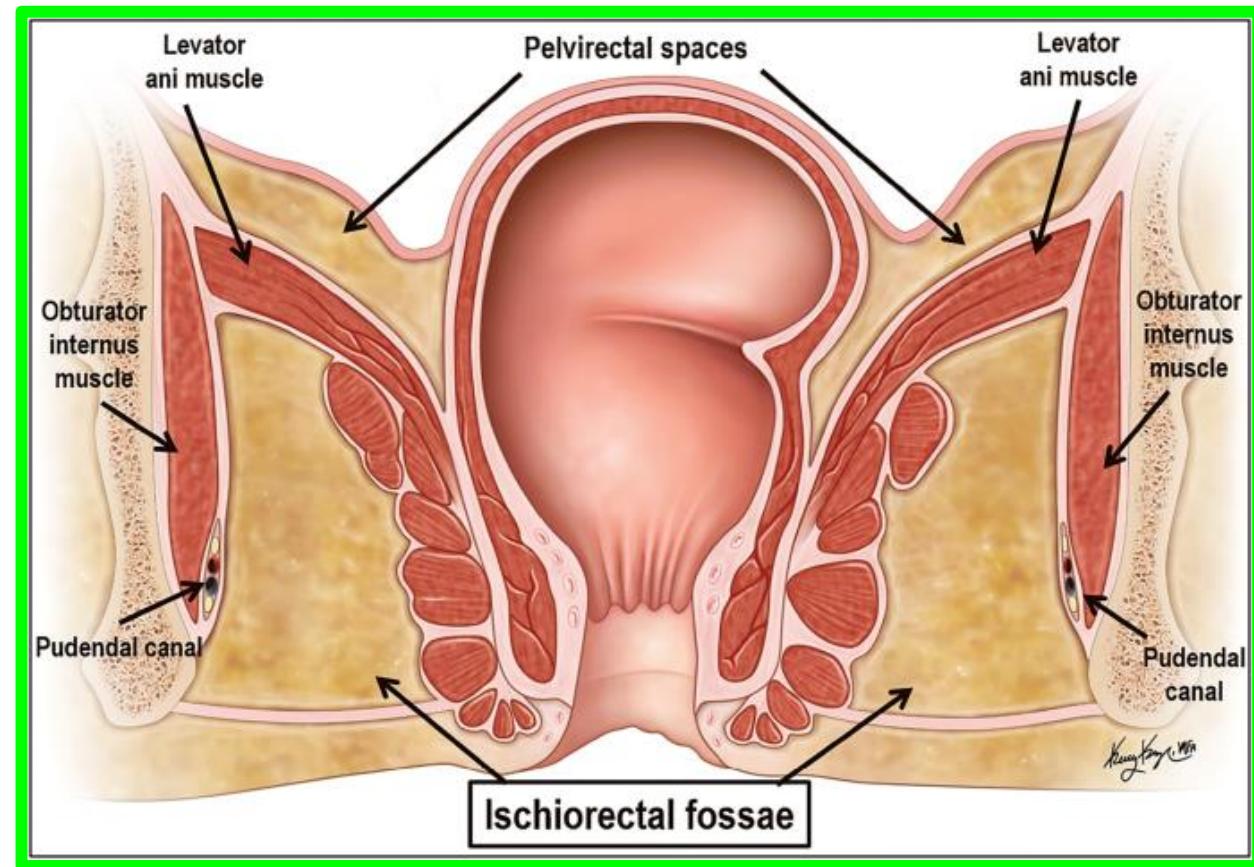
\*\* Position: space on each side of the anal canal.

\*\* Boundaries (walls):

1. Lateral wall: vertical.

❖ It is formed by the obturator internus, obturator fascia and ischial tuberosity.

❖ The obturator fascia is split to form the pudendal canal (its contents pudendal nerve and internal pudendal vessels).



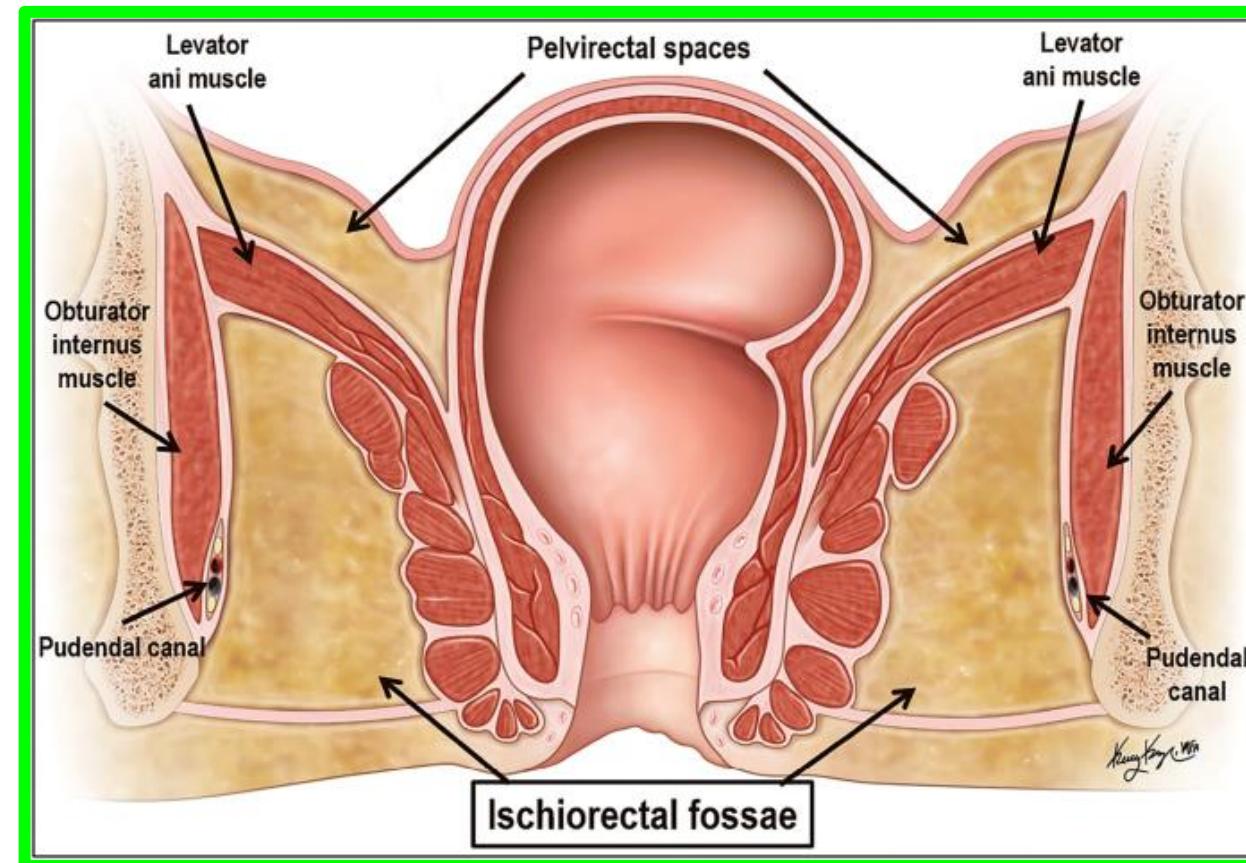
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## 2- Medial wall: sloping

- Upper part: the levator ani muscle.
- Lower part: the external anal sphincter.

3- **The base:** is directed downward and is formed by the peri-anal skin and fascia.

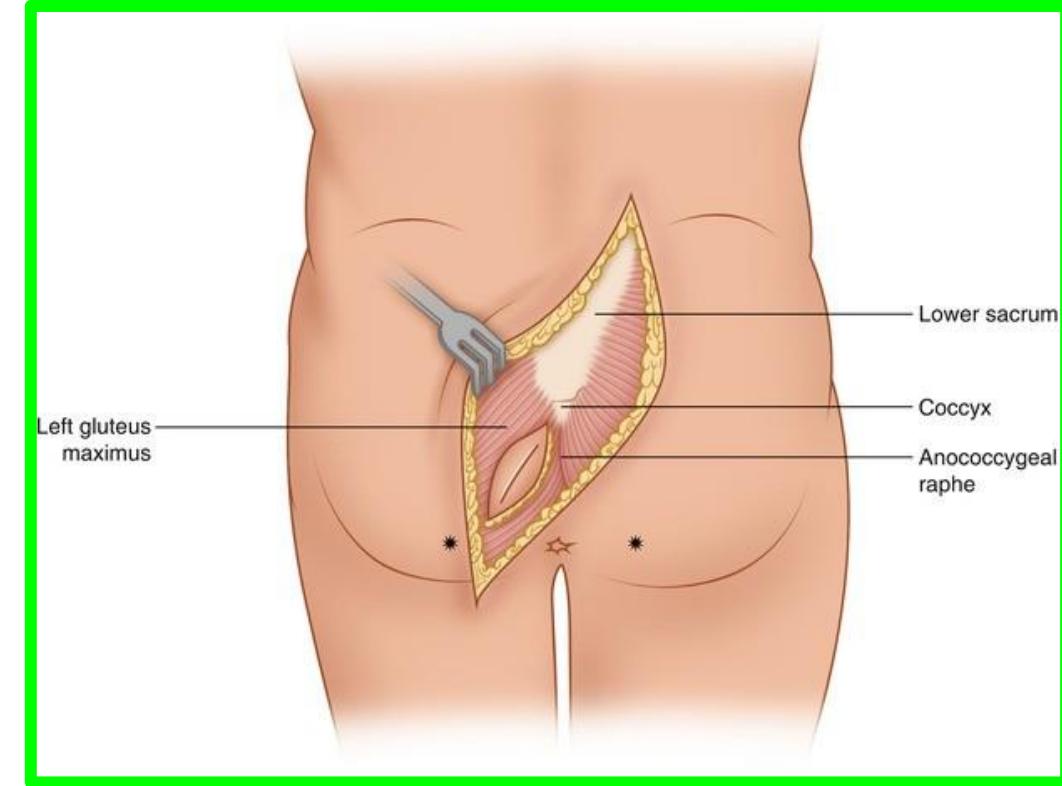
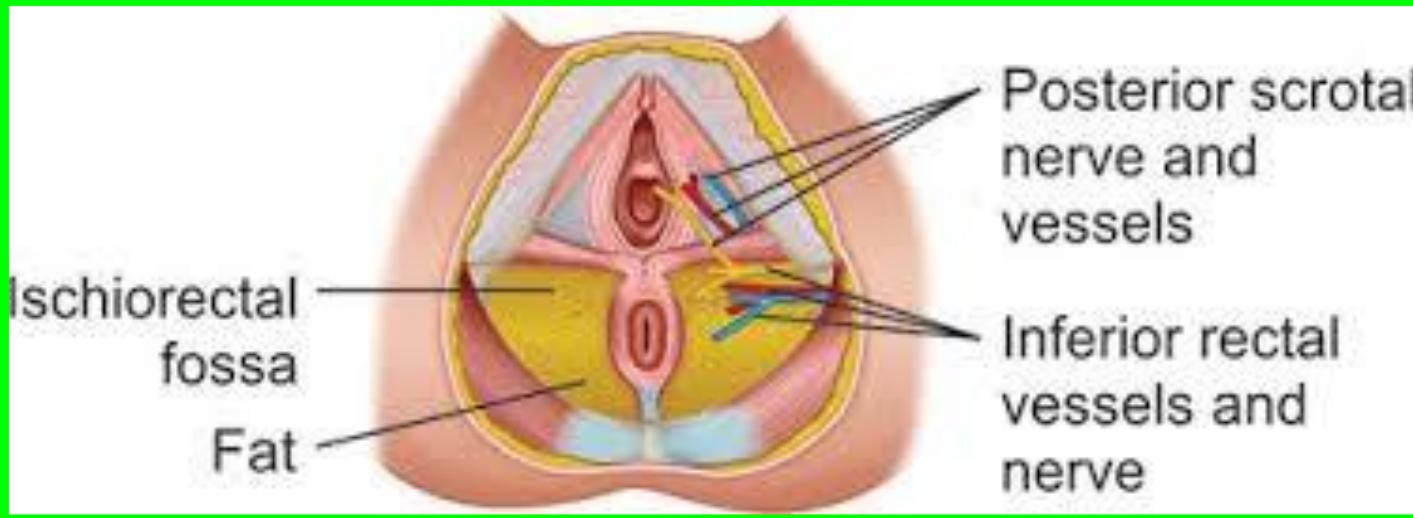
4- **The apex:** is directed upward and is formed by the meeting obturator internus and levator ani muscles.



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5- **Anterior boundary:** superficial and deep perineal pouches and their contents.

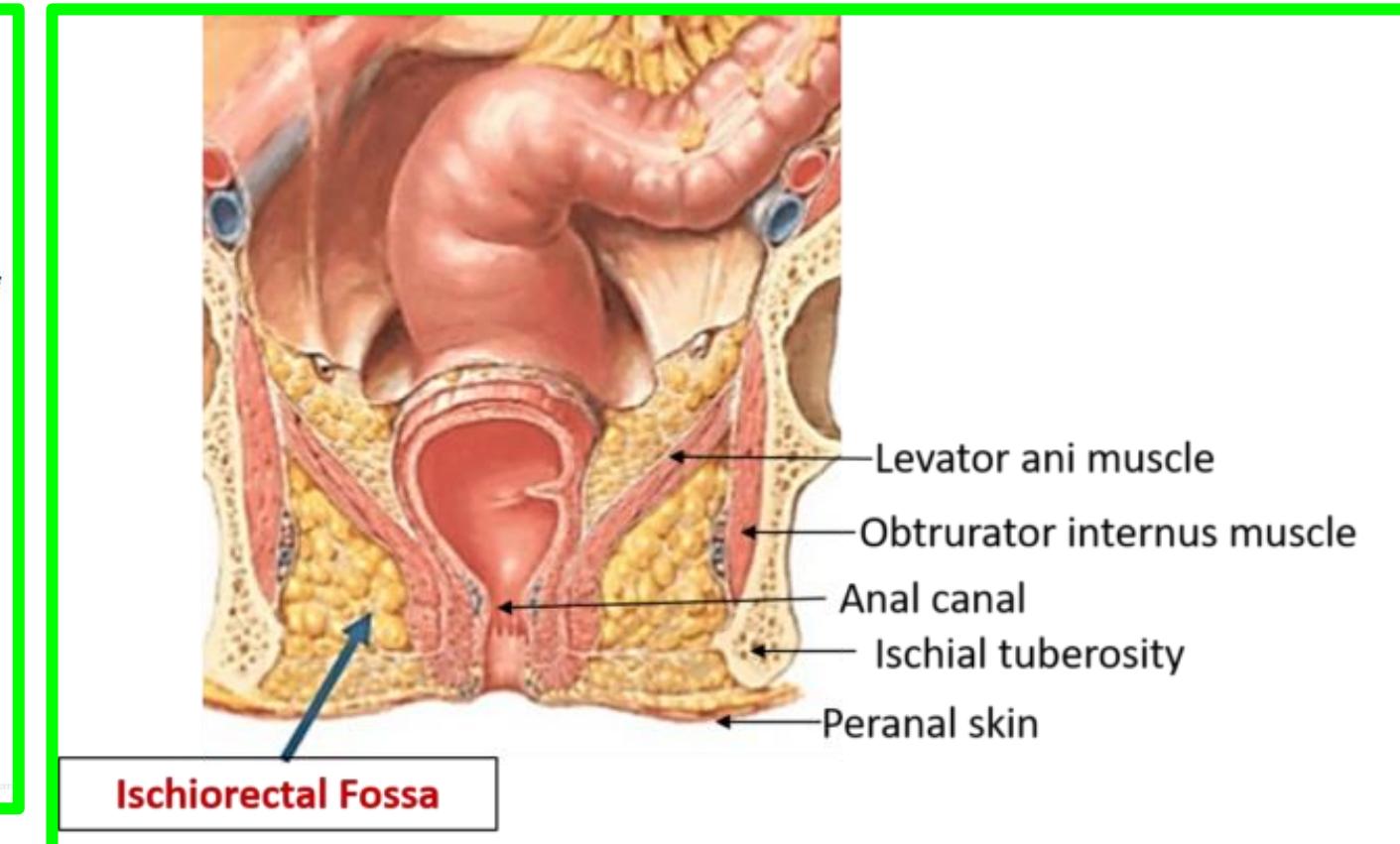
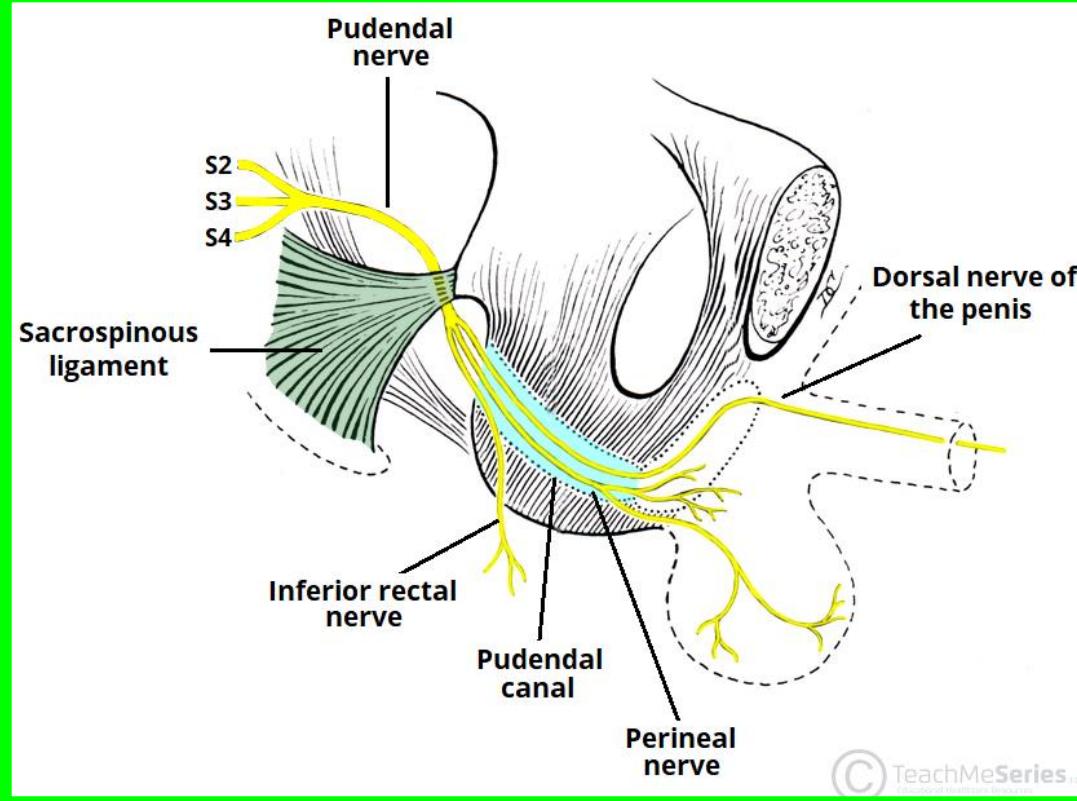
6- **Posterior boundary:** sacrotuberous ligament and gluteus maximus muscle.



# Ischiorectal Fossa

## \*\* Contents:

- 1- **Ischiorectal pad of fat:** allows distension of the anal canal during defecation.
- 2- **Pudendal canal and its contents (pudendal nerve and internal pudendal vessels).**

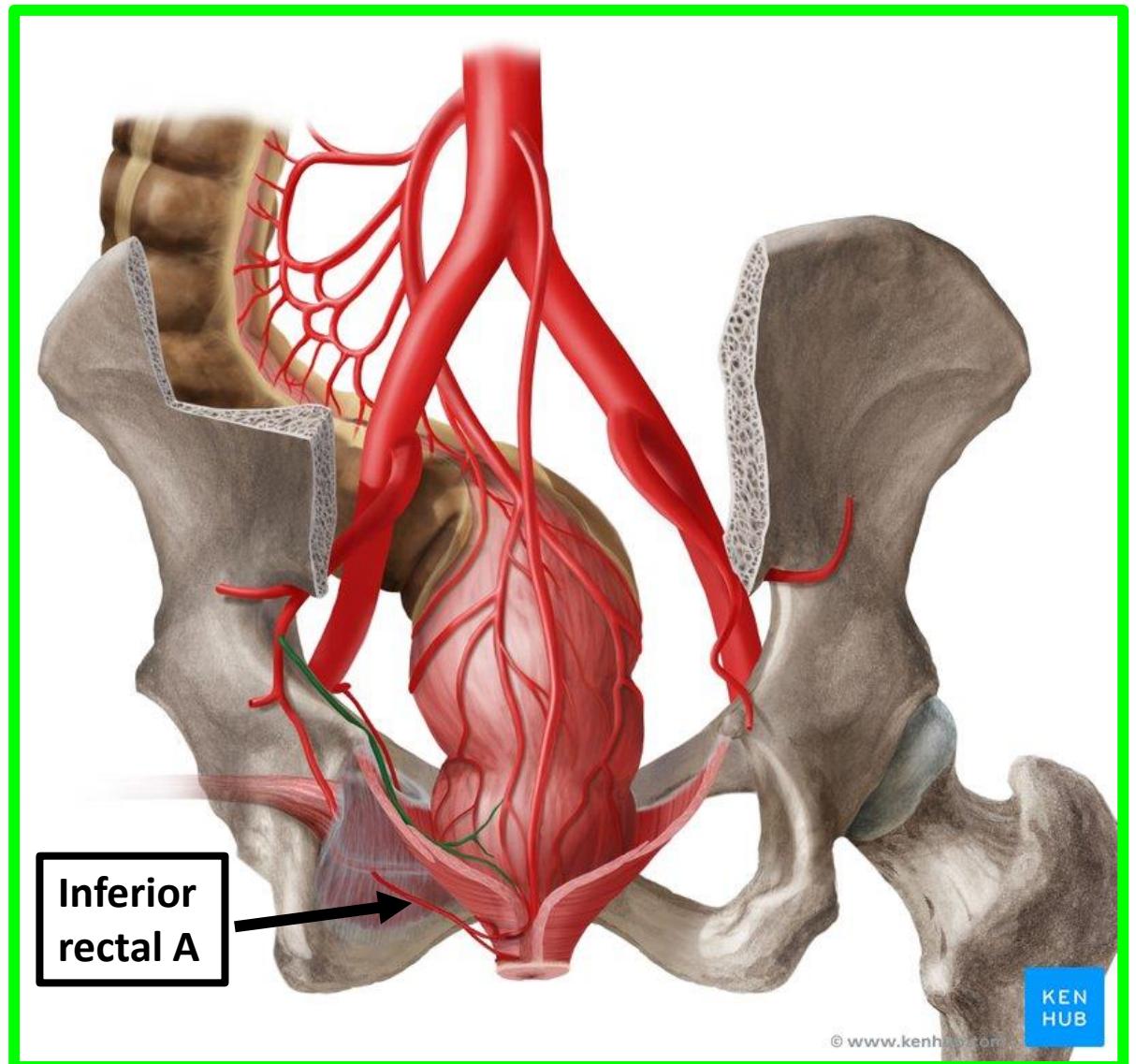


# Ischiorectal Fossa

## \*\* Contents:

### 3- Inferior rectal vessels:

- ❖ The artery arises from the **internal pudendal artery** in the pudendal canal.
  
- ❖ It crosses the fossa to reach the anal canal.



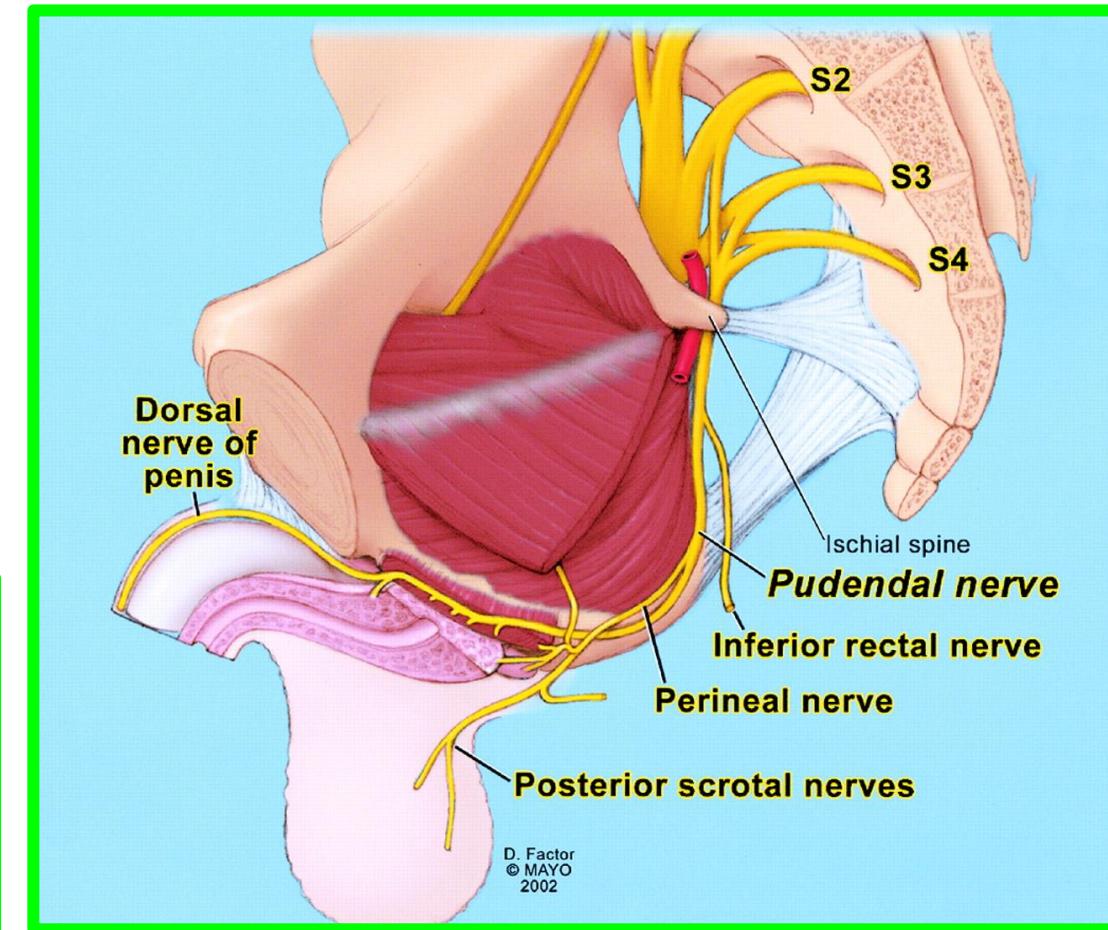
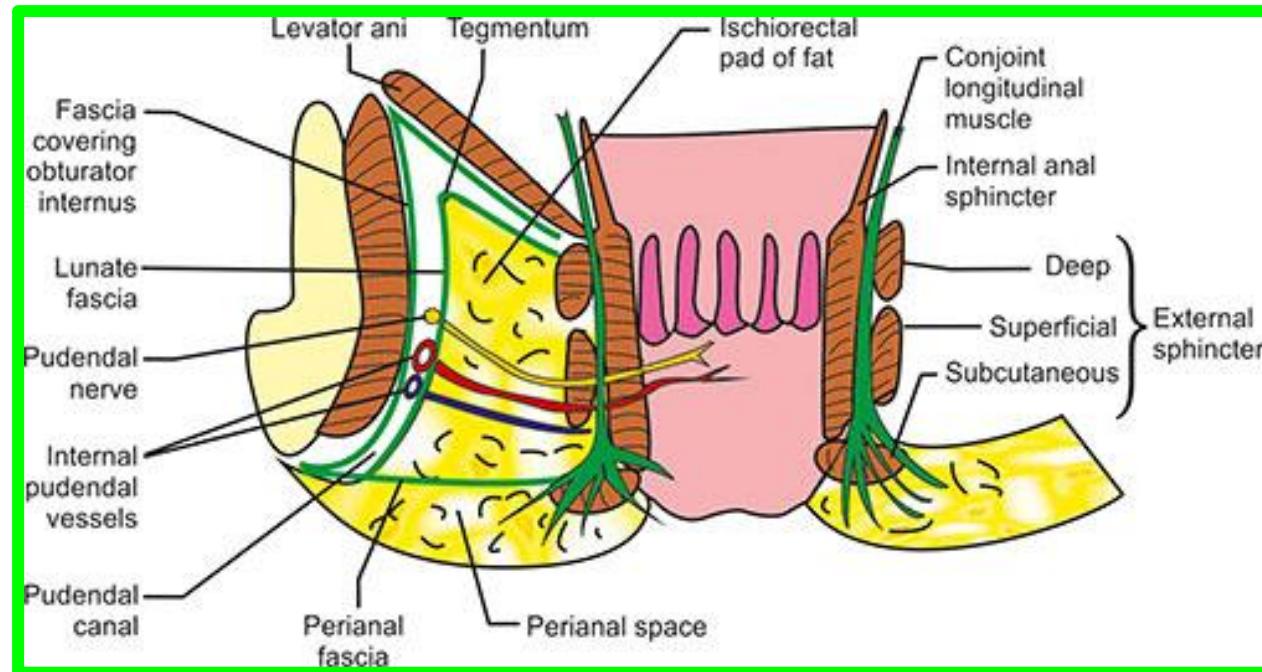
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## \*\* Contents:

### 4- Inferior rectal nerve:

- ❖ It is a branch of the pudendal nerve in the pudendal canal.
- ❖ It crosses the fossa to supply the levator ani, and external anal sphincter.



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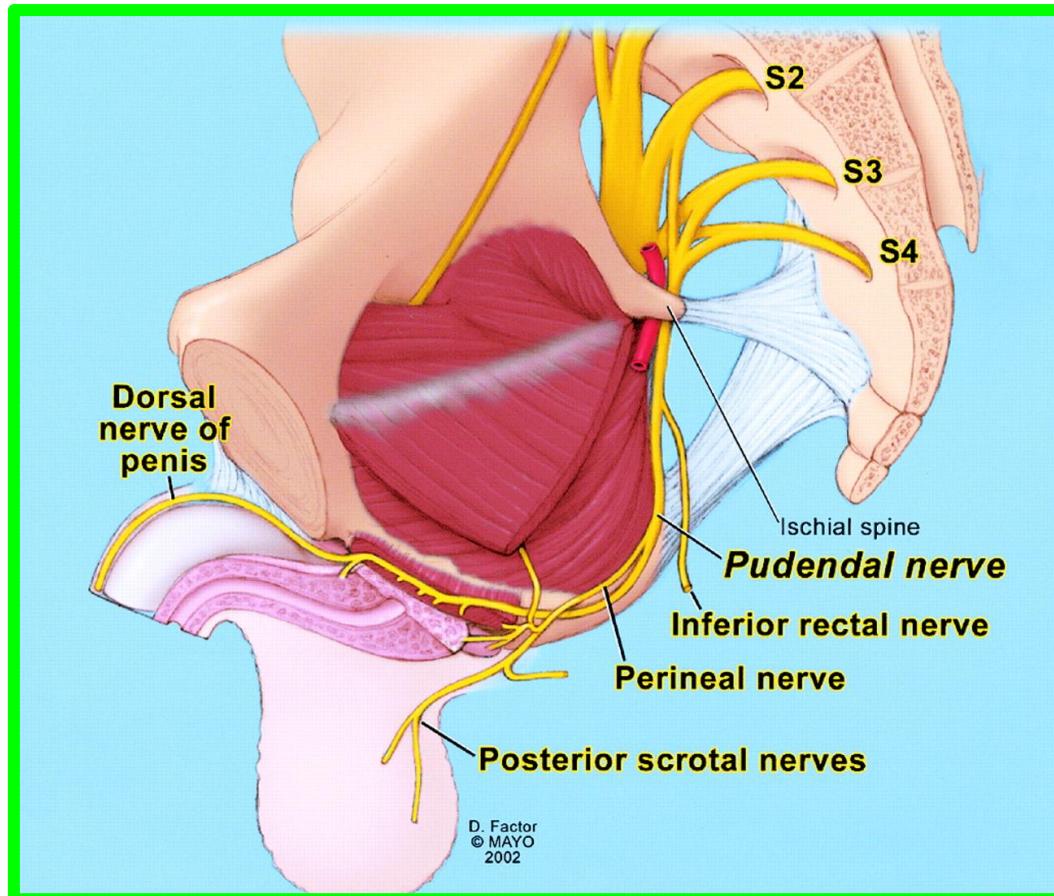
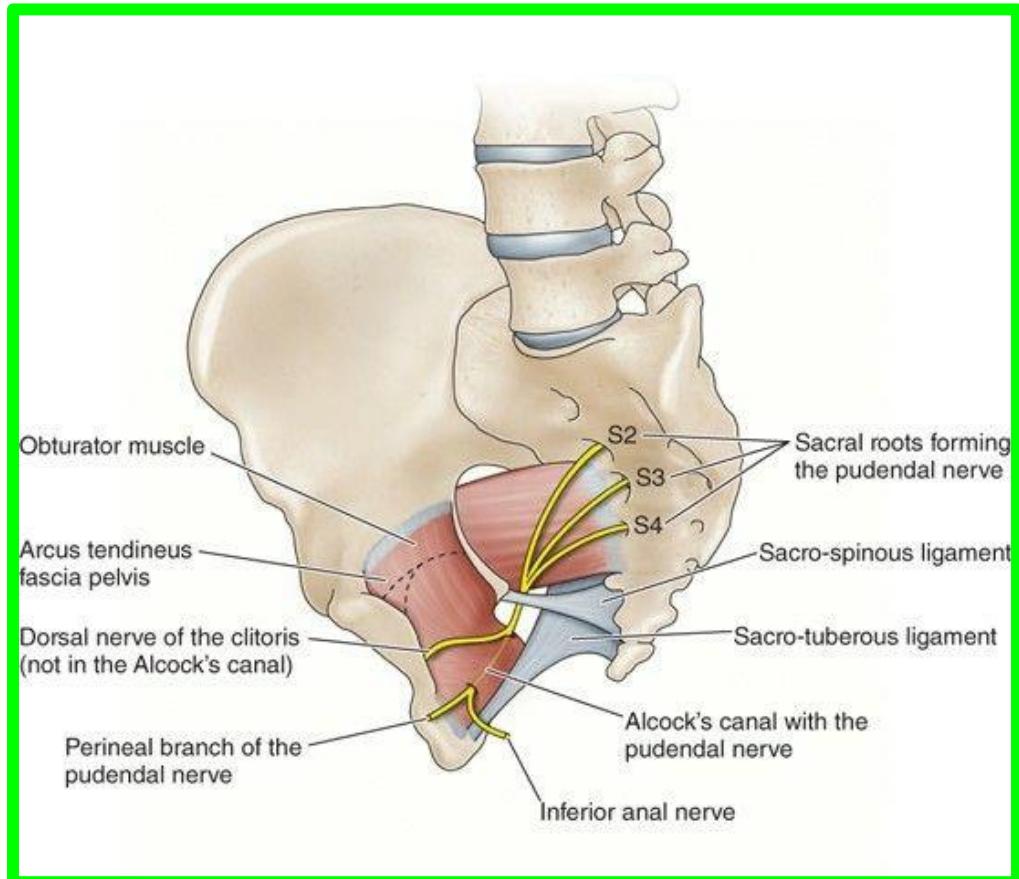
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## \*\* Contents:

5- Perineal branch of the 4th sacral nerve.

6- Posterior scrotal nerves and vessels: to the scrotum (in male)

7- Posterior labial nerves and vessels: to the labia majora (in female).



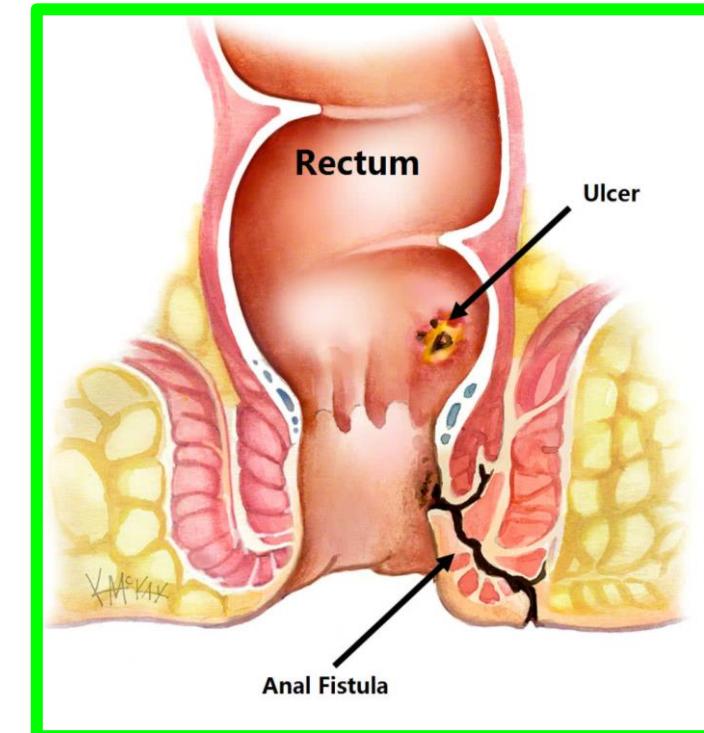
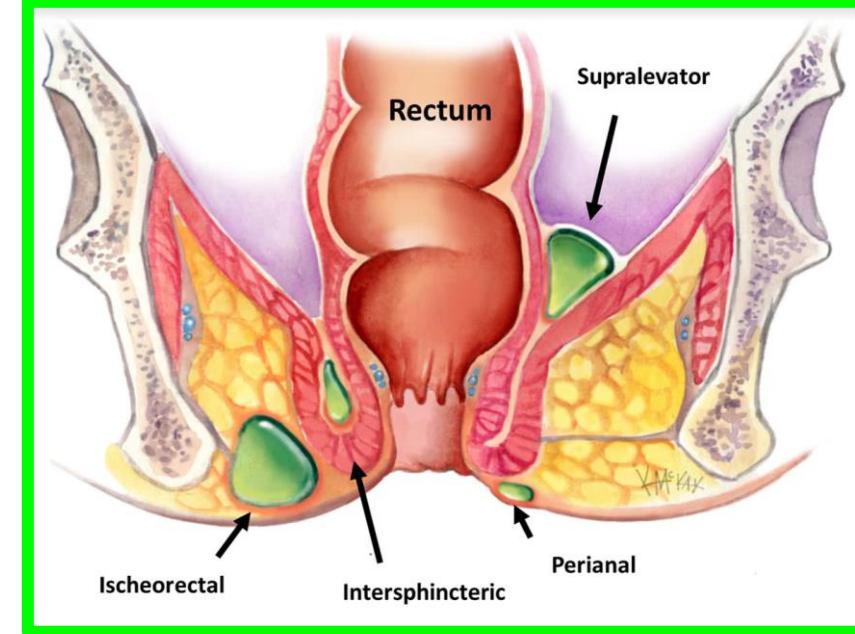
# Ischiorectal Fossa

## \*\* Applied anatomy:

1- Infection of the ischiorectal fossa leading to an **ischiorectal abscess**.

2- If the abscess opens into the anal canal, it produces **anal fistula**.

3- If the abscess opens into the skin, it produces **an external sinus**.



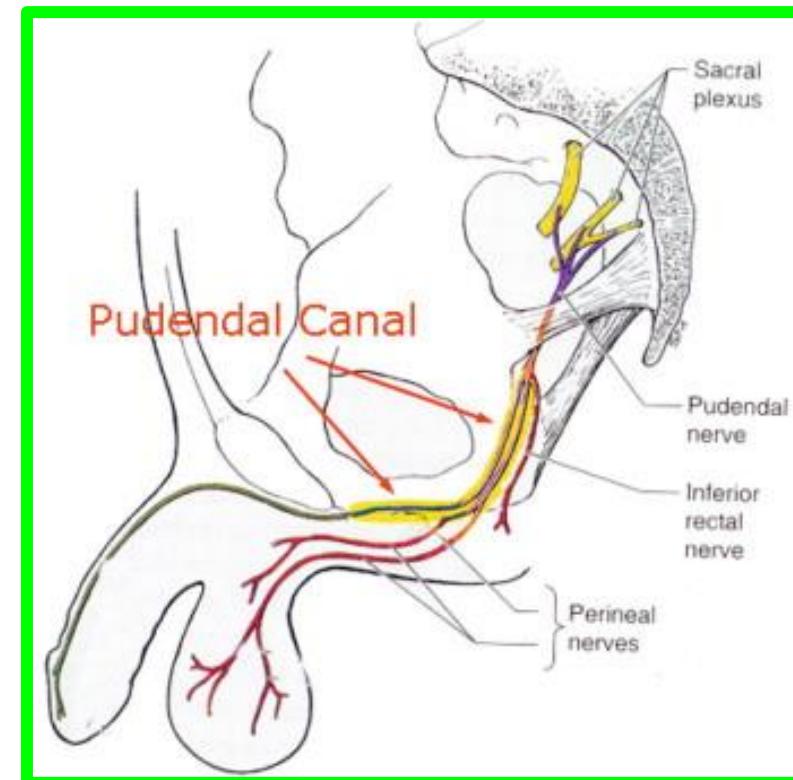
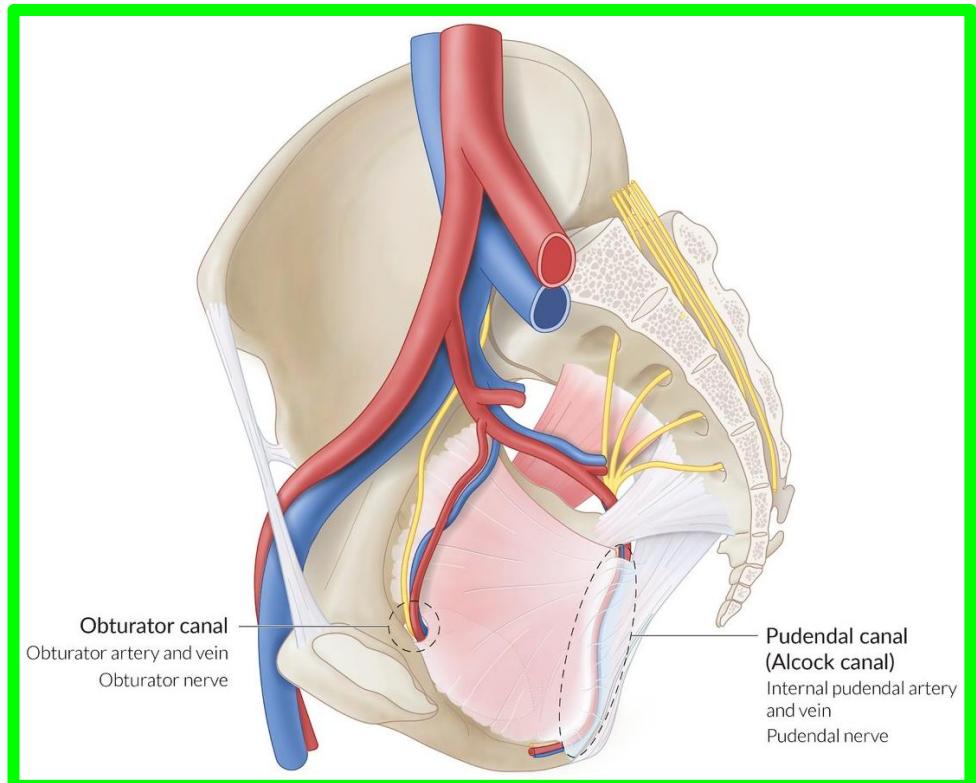
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# Pudendal canal

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- \*\* Definition: It is a tunnel in the lateral wall of the ischiorectal fossa.
- \*\* Formation: It is formed by splitting of the obturator fascia.
- \*\* Begins: at the lesser sciatic foramen.
- \*\* Ends into the deep perineal pouch.
- \*\* Contents: Pudendal nerve and internal pudendal vessels.





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