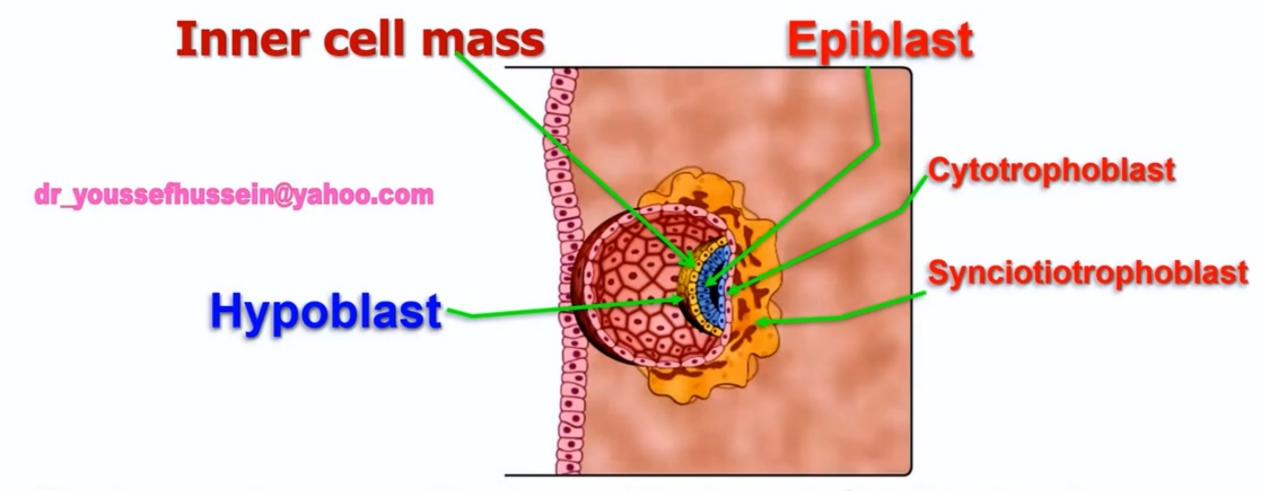


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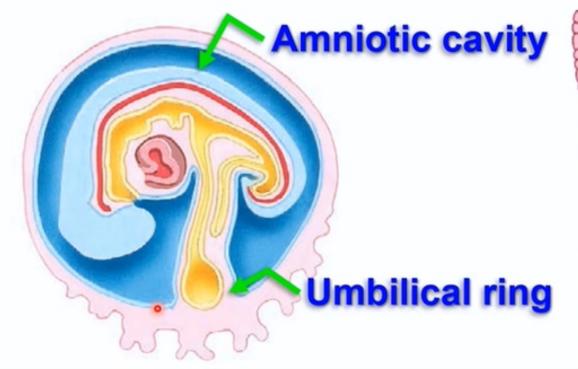
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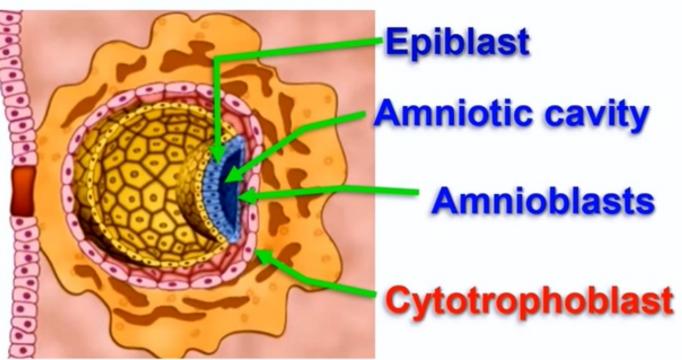
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- The inner cell mass proliferates and its shape is flat circular disc.
- The cells are differentiated into 2 layers:
- 1. Dorsal columnar layer (Ectoderm) called epiblast.
- 2. Ventral cuboidal layer (Endoderm) called hypoblast.





- A small cavity appears within the epiblast. This cavity enlarges to become the amniotic cavity containing amniotic fluid.
- Epiblast cells adjacent to the cytotrophoblast are called amnioblasts.
- The amniotic cavity is lined by Amniotic membrane
  - It is a thin, transparent and non-vascular membrane.
  - After folding of the embryo, the amnion completely surrounds the embryo and becomes attached to the margins of the umbilical ring.

### Amniotic Fluid

- It is a clear, watery fluid containing salt, sugar, urea, and proteins.
- Source of fluid:
- A. Secretion of amniotic cells
- B. Fetal urine from the kidneys
- C. Secretion of lung cells
- D. Secretion by placenta.
- Elimination of the amniotic fluid:
- The amniotic fluid is swallowed by fetus, absorbed by intestine to fetal blood, then secreted again by fetal kidneys or excreted by placenta to maternal blood.

- Amount of amniotic fluid
- At 10 weeks: 30 ml.
- At 20 weeks: 350 ml.
- At 36 weeks: 1 liter.
- At full term reaches 1-1.5 liters.
  - Composition of the amniotic fluid
  - 98% water
  - 2% organic and inorganic salts, protein, carbohydrate, fat, urea, enzymes, hormones, desquamated fetal epithelial cells and fetal urine.
  - All are important for growth of the fetus.

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#### Functions of the amnion

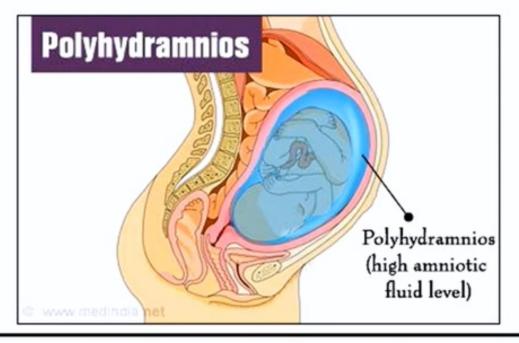
#### I) During pregnancy:

- 1. Protection of the fetus against external trauma.
- 2. Nutrition for the fetus.
- Medium for excretion of the fetus.
- 4. Allows free movement of the fetus helping development of the locomotor system.
- 5. Prevents adhesion of the parts of the fetus.
- 6. Keeps a constant temperature around the fetus.
- 7. Development of suckling reflex due to swallowing of amniotic fluid.

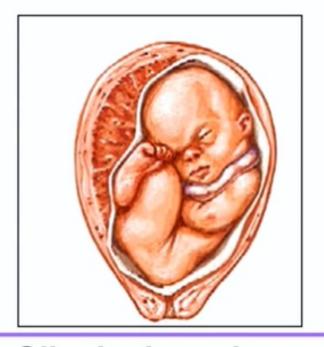
#### II) During labor:

- 1) Dilatation of the cervix of the uterus at early stage of labor.
- 2) Acts as antiseptic medium for the vagina.
- 3) Acts as a **lubricant** that facilitates delivery of the fetus.





Congenital anomalies of amnion



- Polyhydramnios The excessive accumulation of amniotic fluid (2000 ml or more) in the amniotic cavity
- •This occurs due to:
  - Fetuses of diabetic mothers.
  - Excess of secretion as twin pregnancy.
  - Decrease elimination as in **esophageal atresia** and **anencephaly**, because the fetus is unable to swallow the amniotic fluid

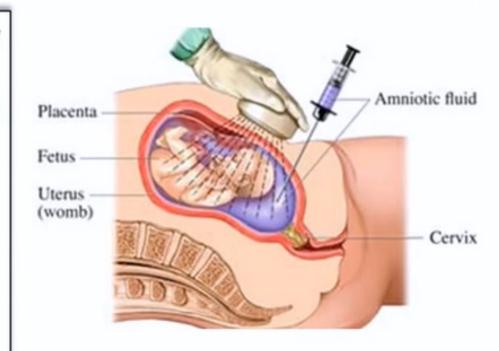
- Oligohydramnios:
- the volume of amniotic fluid is less than ½ liter leading to adhesion.
- This occurs due to decreased secretion as in bilateral agenesis of the kidneys Leading to adhesion of the fetus

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#### Amniocentesis

Aspiration of the amniotic fluid for diagnostic purposes.

- It is usually done at 14th or 15th week of pregnancy, when the amniotic sac contains 175–225 ml of amniotic fluid.
- detection of the sex of a fetus by chromosomal studies.
- it can be used to study fetal enzymes and fetal hormones (high level of alpha fetoprotein indicating neural tube defects).
- Chromosomal analysis to detect the congenital anomalies early (Down syndrome).
- Detection the amount of surfactant of the respiratory system.
- Rh-incompatibility in case of hemolysis.



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