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# Ovarian cycle

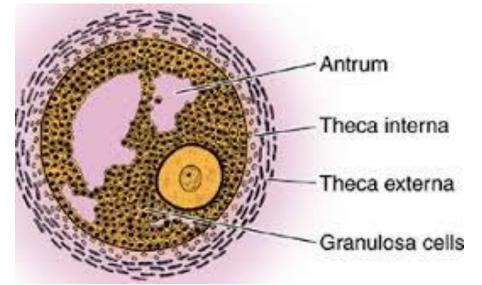
# Ovarian cycle dr\_youssefhussein@yah

- It occurs in the cortex of ovary and started after puberty.
- Each ovary functions alternatively every other month.
- It is repeated every lunar month (every 28 days) till 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.
- During each cycle 15-20 primary follicles developed but one or more continue and other atrophied.

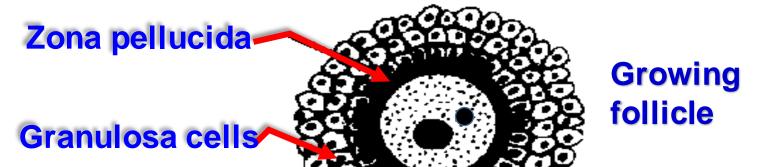
# Stages of the ovarian cycle

- (I) Changes in the cortex of the ovary:
- The cortical cells proliferated and differentiated into 2 layers.
  - a- Outer layer (theca externa): is a fibrous layer and has protective function.
  - b- Inner layer (theca interna): It is highly vascular, and

secrets estrogen hormone.







(II) Changes in the primary follicle;

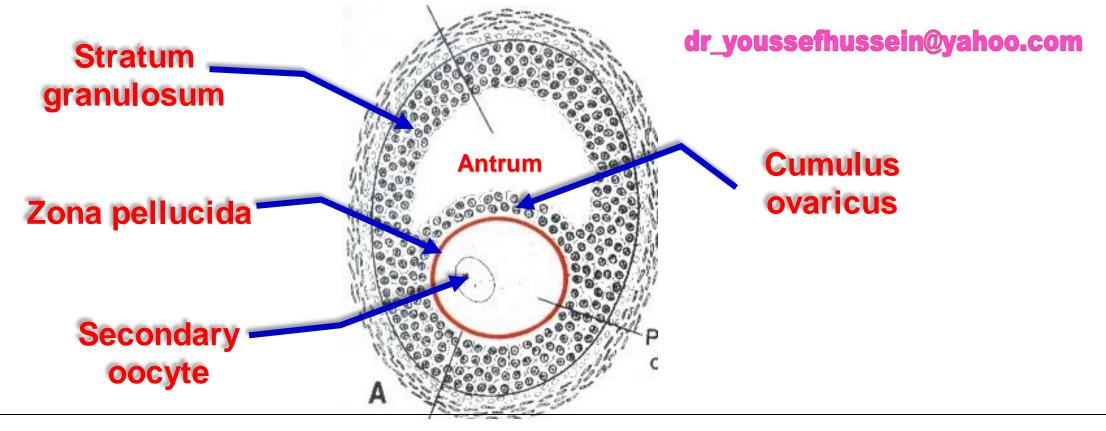
- Each primary follicle consists of one primary oocyte surrounded by a single layer of flat cells called follicular cells.

### 1- Formation of the growing follicle:

**A- The primary oocyte** completes the 1<sup>st</sup> meiotic division to form **secondary oocyte** (23 chromosomes 22+x) and 1<sup>st</sup> polar body (23 chromosomes 22+x).

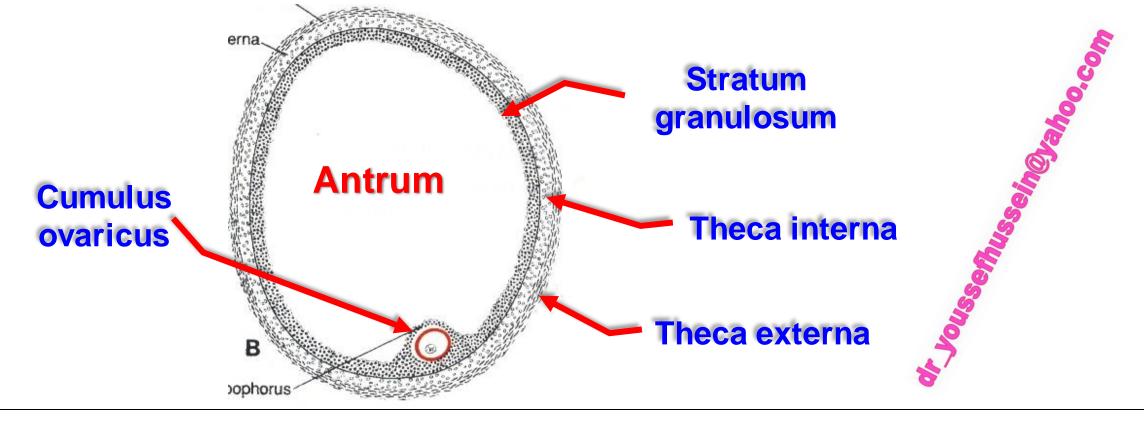
### **B- Changes in the follicular cells:**

- The follicular cells are changed from flat cells to cuboidal cells.
- The cells proliferate forming many layers of cells called granulosa cells.
- These cells form a transparent membrane around the secondary oocyte called zona pellucida المنطقة الشفافة dr\_youssefhussein@yahoo.com

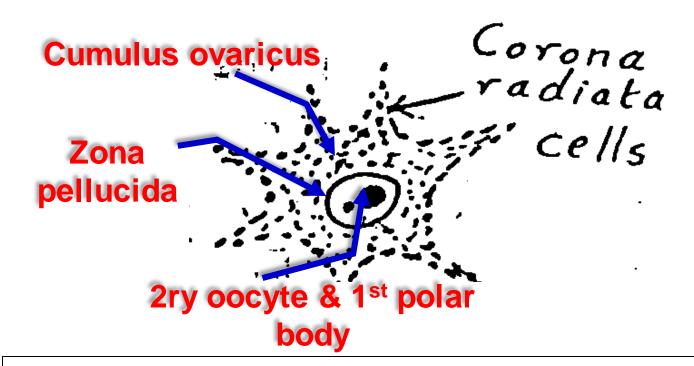


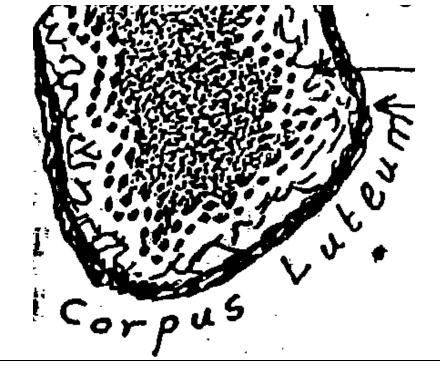
#### 2- Formation of the Graafian follicle:

- A sickle-shaped cavity develops between the granulosa cells called antrum غار.
- This antrum divides the granulosa cells into 2 groups;
  - a- An outer layer called stratum granulosum الطبقة الحبيبية.
  - b- An inner layer called cumulus ovaricus الركام المبيضي.
- The secondary oocyte is surrounded by zona pellucida



- 3- Stage of ovulation: under LH (luteinizing hormone)
- Ruptures of the Graafian follicle and ovulation occurs due to:
  - **a-** Excessive accumulation of fluid in the antrum leading to increase of the pressure inside the follicle
  - **b-** The stratum granulosum, theca interna, externa, and capsule of the ovary is elevated, thinned and become a vascular and rupture.





#### \*\* Results of ovulation:

- A- Discharge of secondary oocyte and 1<sup>st</sup> polar body, surrounded by zona pellucida and cumulus ovaricus which now called corona radiata cells التاج المشع .
- B- The cavity of rupture Graafian follicle is filled by blood and is called corpus hemorrhagicum.
- Later on iron deposited in the follicular cells that become yellow and called corpus luteum الجسم الأصفر. The corpus luteum secrets estrogen and progesterone.

# 4- Post-ovulation changes

	If the fertilization occurs		If the fertilization does not occur
•	Formation of the <b>zygote</b>	•	The secondary oocyte has a 24-hour lifespan, in
			some cases can be extended up to 48h then
			degenerated
•	Enlarged of corpus luteum and continues to	•	The corpus luteum continues to secrete
	secrete estrogen and progesterone hormones		estrogen and progesterone for 10 days then
	till the 4th-6th month of pregnancy. After 6		degenerated and called corpus albicans الجسم
	months, it degenerates and its function		الابيض
	being carried by placenta.		
•	Inhibition of further ovulation due to	•	Another ovarian cycle begins (decrease of
	inhibition of FSH from pituitary gland by		estrogen & progesterone stimulates production
	estrogen and progesterone hormones		of FSH).
	secreted from the corpus luteum.		
•	The endometrium of the uterus becomes	•	Spasm of spiral arteries of the endometrium of
	more vascular, thickened and its gland are		the <b>uterus</b> resulting in shedding of the
	filled by secretion and now called decidua		and menstruation occurs.

#### The time of ovulation

It is about 14<sup>th</sup> day of the cycle

- The ovulation is characterized by:
  - 1. Increased the basal body temperature (36.5-37) of the female by 1/2 I Celsius.
  - 2. Increase of the vaginal mucus secretion like egg white, stretch between your fingers (the amount varies from woman to woman).
  - 3. A more sensitive sense of smell
  - 4. Tender of the breast
  - 5. Lower abdominal pain in the side of the active ovulation.
  - 6. Some woman notice that their sex drive increases during ovulation (woman is more attracted to the male)
  - 7. The cervix becomes more higher, softer and more opened
  - 8. Elevation of luteinizing hormone (detected in urine) and estrogen hormone
- It can differ from woman to woman (If you do not notice any signs, do not worry (most woman have no clue)

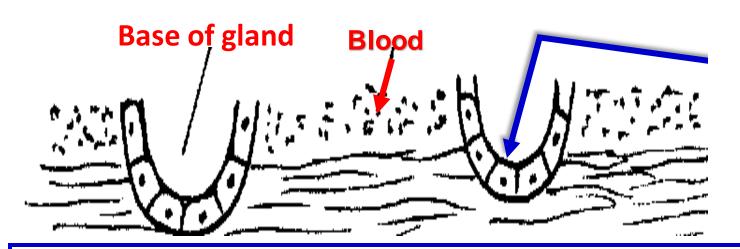


**Fundus Body Cervix Vagina** Vulva

# • Uterine (menstrual) cycle

- The uterus is a hollow thick-walled muscular organ.
- The wall of the uterus is formed of three layers from innermost to outermost (endometrium, myometrium and perimetrium)
- During each ovarian cycle, the endometrium of the fundus and body of the uterus also undergoes cyclic changes that end in hemorrhage (menstruation).
- The duration of the menstrual cycle is about 28 days
- Starting from the first day of hemorrhage.
- The first cycle at puberty is called menarche (about 11-14 years).
- The cycle end at menopause age (about 45-55 years).

# Stages of the uterine (menstrual) cycle



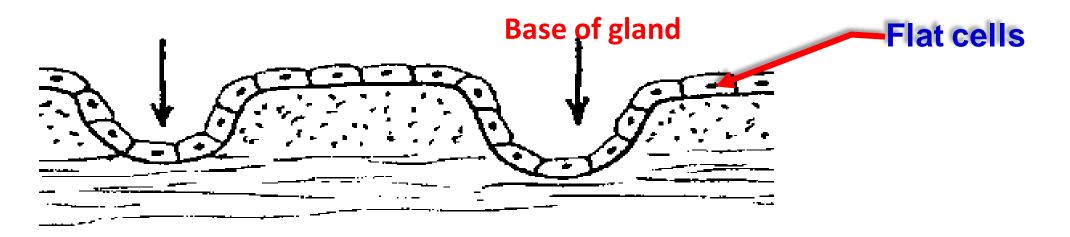
Basal part of uterine gland

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### (I) Stage of menstruation (bleeding):

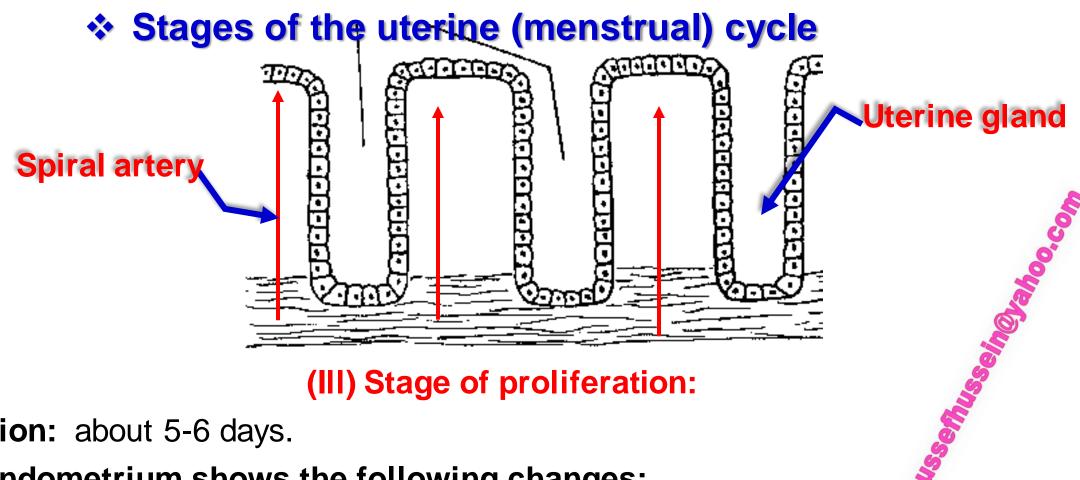
- \*\* **Duration:** Most women bleed for 3-5 days, but 2-7 days is still considered normal.
- \*\* Causes: Sudden drop of the estrogen and progesterone levels in the blood due to degeneration of corpus luteum leading to spasm of the spiral arteries.
- \*\* It consists of blood about 30-60 ml/ time and pieces of endometrium (superficial compact layer and middle spongy layer)
- \*\* Blood does not clot due to its high contents of fibrinolytic enzymes.
- \*\* Structure of the endometrium:
- It is formed of deep basal layer of endometrium that contains bases of uterine glands.
- Its thickness is about **0.5 mm**.

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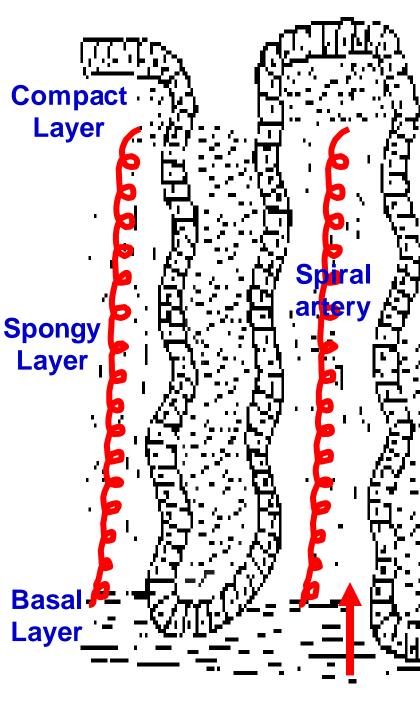


## (II) Stage of repair إصلاح:

- Duration about 3-4 days
- The cells of the basal part of the uterine glands proliferate and migrate to cover the raw surface of the endometrium by **flat cells**.
- \*\* Causes: the effect of estrogen hormone secreted from the ovary.



- \*\* **Duration:** about 5-6 days.
- The endometrium shows the following changes:
- 1- The endometrial cells become cuboidal.
- 2- The endometrial glands are longer and straight about 4 mm.
- 3- The **spiral arteries** become longer and straight.
- \*\* Causes: the effect of estrogen hormone secreted from the ovary.



#### (IV) Stage of secretion:

- \*\* **Duration:** about 10-14 days.
- \*\* Causes: it is under the control of **progesterone** hormone secreted by the corpus luteum الجسم الاصفر.
- \*\* The endometrium shows the following changes:
- 1- The endometrial cells become highly columnar.
- 2- The **endometrial glands** become highly tortuous and filled with mucus and glycogen (**uterine milk**).
- 3- The **spiral arteries** become more dilated and tortuous.
- 4- The thickness is increased about 5-7 mm.
- 5- The endometrium is formed by 3 layers
  - i) Superficial compact layer: contains apices of the glands.
  - ii) Middle spongy layer: contains the main part of the glands.
- The above 2 layers are supplied **by spiral arteries** that are estrogen **dependent**. These layers are only lost with spasm of these arteries.
- i) Deep basal layer: containing the basal part of the uterine glands.
- This layer is supplied by the basal (straight) arteries.

- What are some of the symptoms of a normal menstruation?
  - Abdominal cramps, lower back pain
  - Bowel issues, Food cravings
  - Headache and Fluid retention
  - Trouble sleeping, mood swings, fatigue, and irritability.
  - Acne
  - Tender breast
- 2. Dysmenorrhea (painful).
- 3. Menorrhagia: severe bleeding.
- 4. Amenorrhea: no period.



