

Egg Releases

Just about every 28 days, a woman's ovary releases an egg (ovulation). This egg contains the instructions for making a person (DNA). Usually the egg travels through the body and then the woman has a period, but sometimes...

Fun Fact: A woman is born with all the eggs she will ever have.

Sperm Enters Vagina

Men make sperm all the time. When they ejaculate, they release sperm (and other fluids). Sperm carry instructions for making a person (DNA). Usually, sperm enters the vagina through intercourse or through a medical procedure.

Fun Fact: There is 280 MILLION sperm in each ejaculation.

Fertilization

Fertilization is when an egg and a sperm meet. This usually happens in the woman's fallopian tube.

Fun Fact: It only takes 1 sperm to fertilize an egg.

Zygote

From fertilization to implantation is called the germinal period. The cells are called the zygote. It starts with just one cell and that cell keeps on dividing until eventually there is a baby.

Blastocyst & Trophoblast

The cells are dividing. The different cells are starting to have different jobs (for example, some will become the embryo and others will provide food).

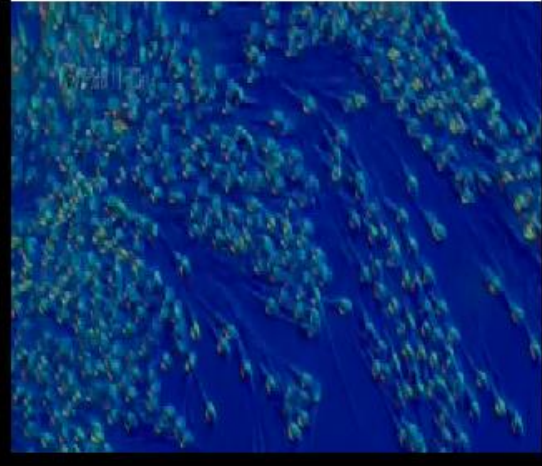
Implantation

The cells have to stick to the uterine wall for the woman to become pregnant and for the cells to keep going. It is possible for the cells to keep growing in the fallopian tube. This is very dangerous for the mother.

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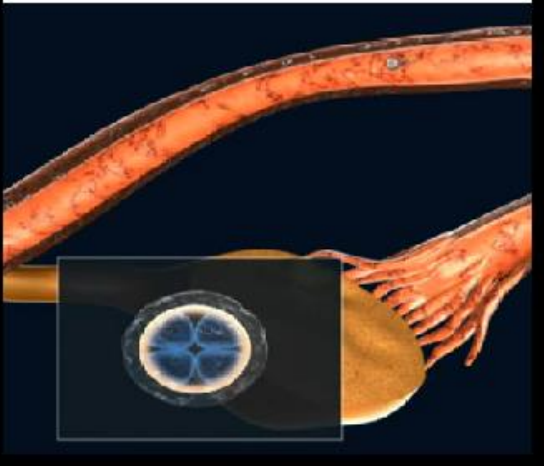
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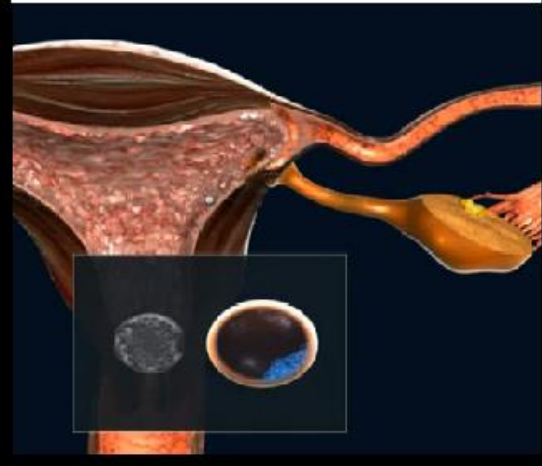
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Implantation



Embryo

The cells are now called the embryo and will be for the next six weeks).

Fun Fact: In this picture, the embryo is actually the size of a FINGERNAIL.

Embryo

Eyes, limbs, ears, and teeth are beginning to grow.

Fun Fact: In this picture, the embryo is actually the size of a PENNY.

Fetus

The cells are now called a fetus (and will be until the baby is born. The fetus is starting to grow a brain and sexual organs.

Fun Fact: In this picture, the embryo is actually the size of a PEANUT.

Fetus

The fetus has grown eyelashes and will be able to hear voices soon. Before you know it, the fetus will be kicking and rolling.

Fun Fact: Each three months of pregnancy is called a trimester.

Full Term

The Fetus' brain has been growing and growing. The fetus has also been putting on weight by growing skin and fat. The lungs can now work on their own.

Fun Fact: The average weight of a baby at birth is 7 1/2 pounds.

Embryo



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Fetus



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Full Term



Vaginal Birth

Vaginal birth is when the baby passes through the birth canal (vagina). There are six stages of vaginal birth.

Fun Fact: The process of is often called labor.

Water Birth

Sometimes, women choose to give birth into water. Women who choose this usually think it will help them relax and reduce pain.

Fun Fact: The process of is often called labor.

Cesarean Birth

Sometimes it is unsafe for the baby to be born vaginally. A cesarean is a surgery where the baby is born.

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Vaginal Birth



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