



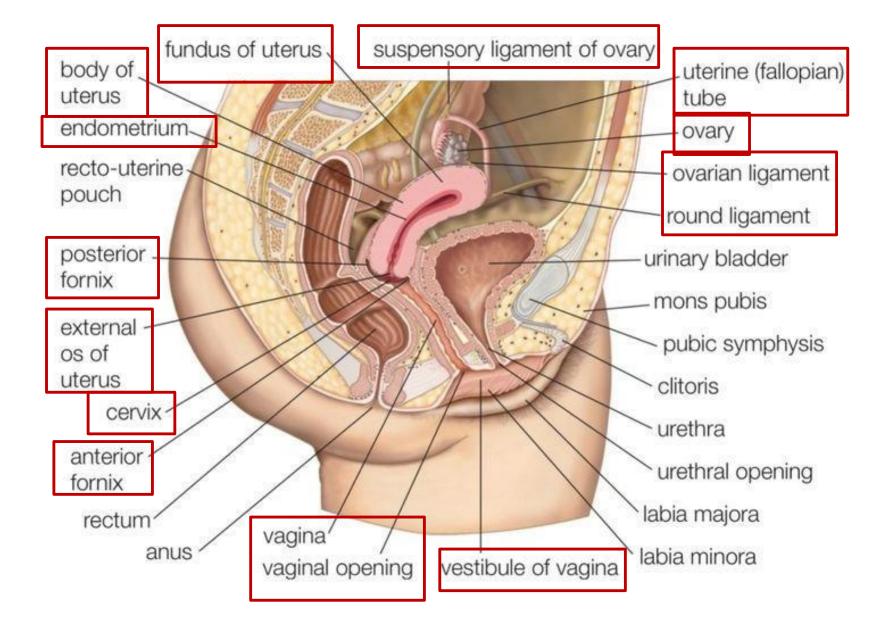
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OOGENESIS

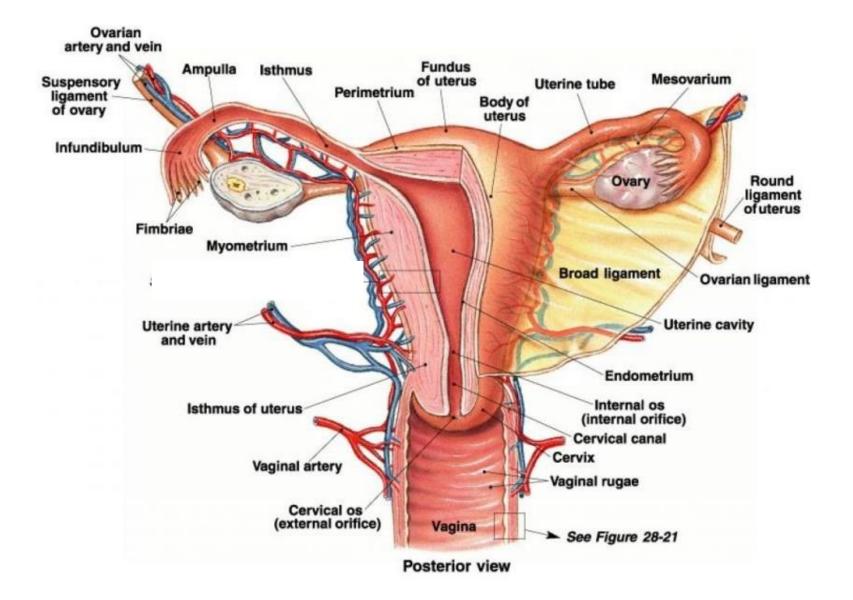
• **OBJECTIVES**:

- Discuss the anatomy
 of tefemale reproductive
 system.
- Describe the process of oogenesis.
- Discuss hormonal control
 of tefemale reproductive system
 and the functions of estrogen
 and progesterone.

Female Reproductive system

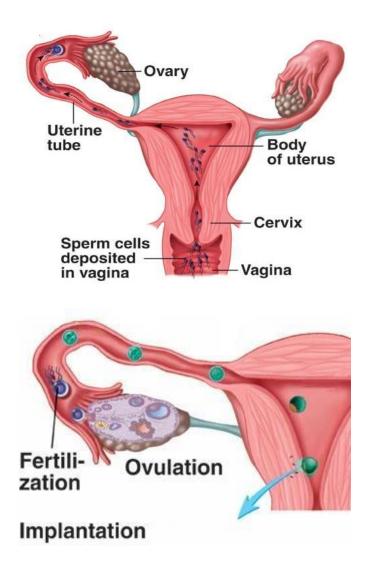


Female Reproductive system



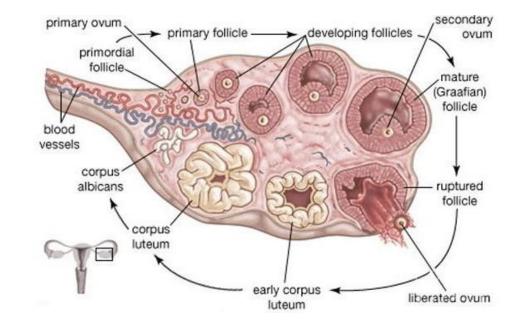
FEMALE REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM

- Produces Ova.
- Accepts Sperms.
- Controls the process of Fertilization.
- Provides a site for Implantation.
- Provides essentials for Fetal Development to Term.



OOGENESIS

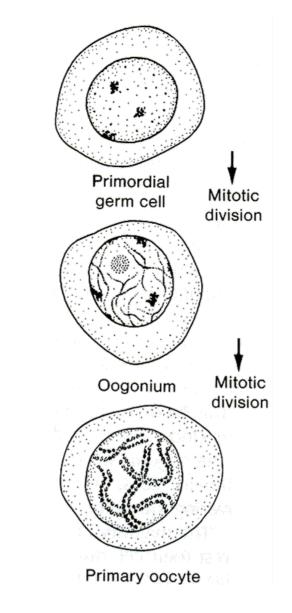
- Development of an ovum occurs in the ovary.
- Starts and stops during prenatal period.
- Resumes at puberty.
- Ends at menopause.
- Between puberty and menopause, oogenesis occurs on a regular basis as part of ovarian cycle.



- 8 -10th Week:
 - 🌭 🛛 600,000 Oggria

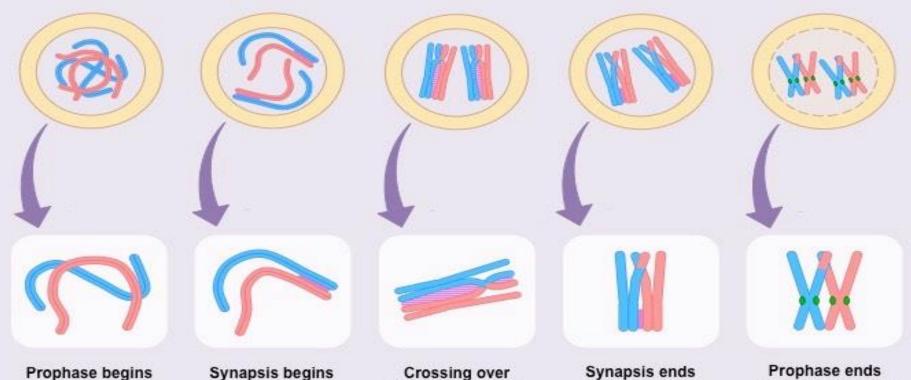
• 12th Week :

Oogonia begin differentiation into
 Primary Oocytes, enter prophase of
 1st meiotic division.



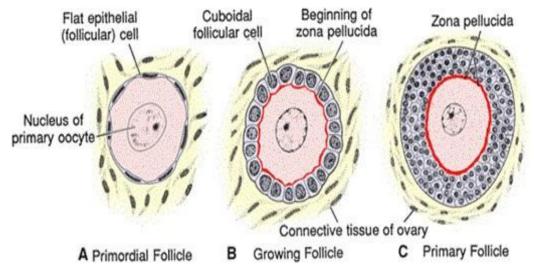
PROPHASE stages:

LEPTOTENE => ZYGOTENE => PACHYTENE => DIPLOTENE => DIAKINESIS



Chromosomes start to condense Synapsis begins Synaptonemal complex forms Crossing over DNA exchanged by non-sister chromatids Synapsis ends Chiasma visible within bivalent Prophase ends Nuclear membrane disintegrates

- 4th I.U Month:
 - Primary Oocytes are
 surrounded by flat epithelial
 Follicular Cells.

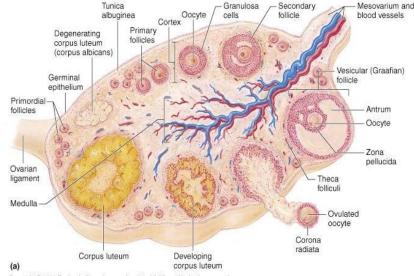


- 5th I.U Month:
 - Maximum number, 7,000,000
 Primary Oocytes.

- Subsequent Before Birth:
 - ♥ Widespread degeneration

• 7th I.U Month:

- Majority of oocytes have degenerated except those in cortical region.
- All surviving have entered into
 1smeiotic division.
- Completion of prophase does not œur until puberty/adolescence (11 to 19 years of age).
- Follicular cells surrounding the pinary oocyte are believed to secrete a substance, Oocyte Maturation Inhibitor (OMI), which keeps the meiotic process of the oocyte arrested.



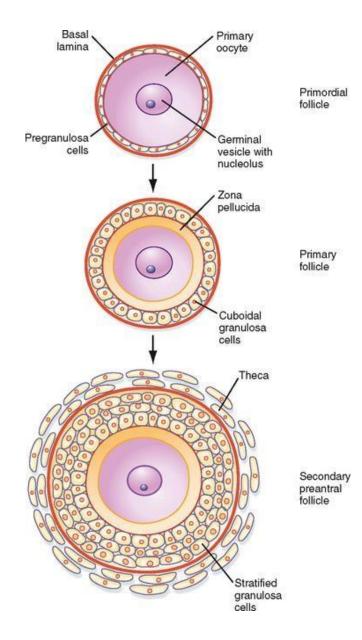
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• PRIMORDIAL FOLLICLE:

A Primary Oocyte together with its single layer of flat epithelial (follicular) cells.

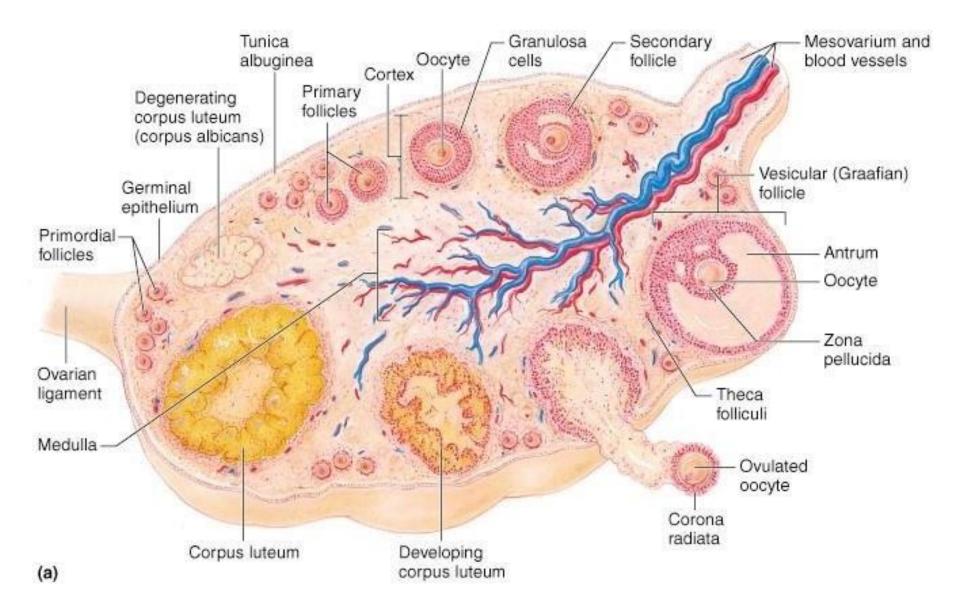
NOTE:

- Degeneration is a normal, common event in many parts of the human female reproductive system.
- Degeneration in germ cells development is characteristic of all mammals.



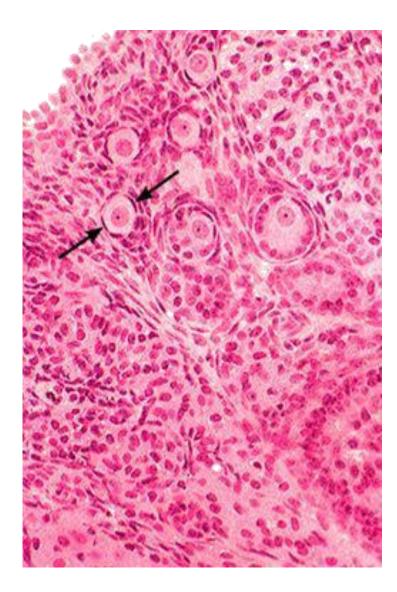
- At Birth 700,000 to 2 million.
- After Birth Further degeneration, which continues.
- At Puberty 40,000.
- Of These 400 500 are ovulated.
- Each Primary Oocyte (arrested prophase(diplotene) of 1st meiotic div)⇒⇒ (just before ovulation)(completes 1st meiotic div, becomes secondary oocyte and is again arrested & doesn't get into 2nd meiotic div, unless a sperm fertilizes it)
 - \Rightarrow Mature Ovum (at fertilization)

Ovary Anatomy



• PRIMORDIAL FOLLICLES:

- Smallest follicle found in the oxies after birth.
- Consists of a Primary Oocyte
 (in arrested prophase of meiosis1) surrounded by a single layer of squamous (flat)
 epithelial (follicular)cells.
 Follicular cells secrete a substance
 OMI (oocyte maturation inhibitor).
- Basal lamina (Membrana
 Granulosa) of granulosa cells
 defines the outer boundary of the follicle.



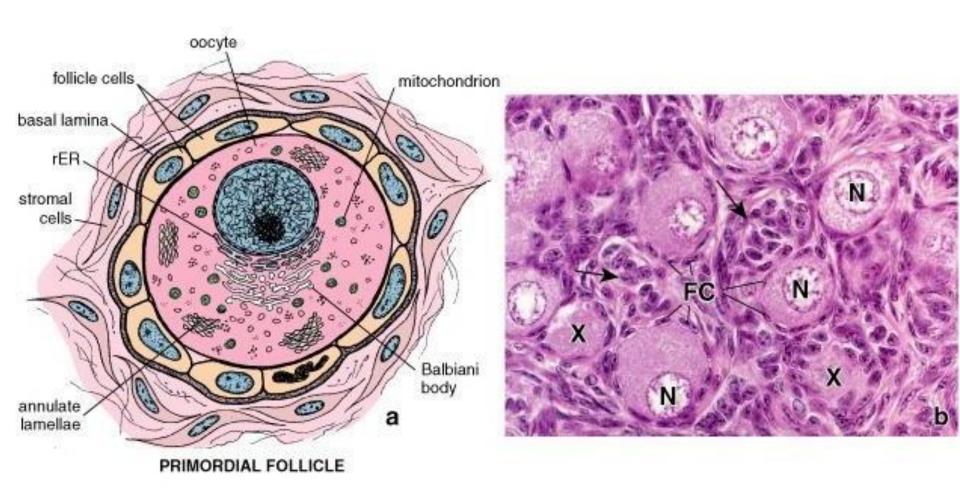
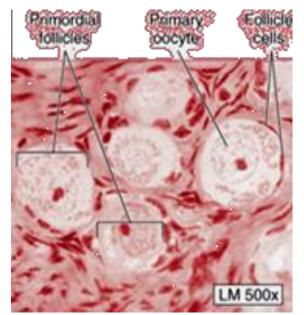
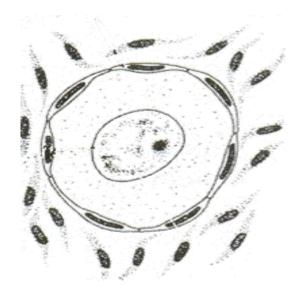


Figure 22.3. Diagram and photomicrograph (X640) of a primordial follicle. FC, follicle cells; N, nucleus; X, two oocytes in which the nucleus is not included in the plane of section; arrows, two follicles in which the follicle cells are revealed in face or tangential view and the enclosed oocyte is not.

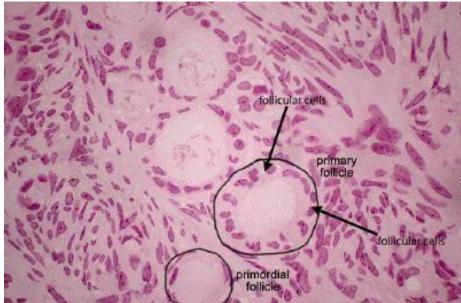
• PRIMORDIAL FOLLICLES: cont' d

- Prenatally the Oocytes proceed though the early prophase stages of meiosis I, and enter diplotene stage. Instead of condensing further and entering metaphase, the duplicated chromosomes extend and nucleoli reappear.
- The nucleus will remain arrested until puberty (ovulation).





- Onset of sexual maturity the ovary and uterus undergo monthly cyclical changes.
- At the commencement of each cycle a crop of Primordial Follicles leaves the arrested pool, begins the process of maturation and develops into PRIMARY FOLLICLES.
- As a rule, only one follicle matures; the remainder follicles undergo atrophy after a variable period of growth.



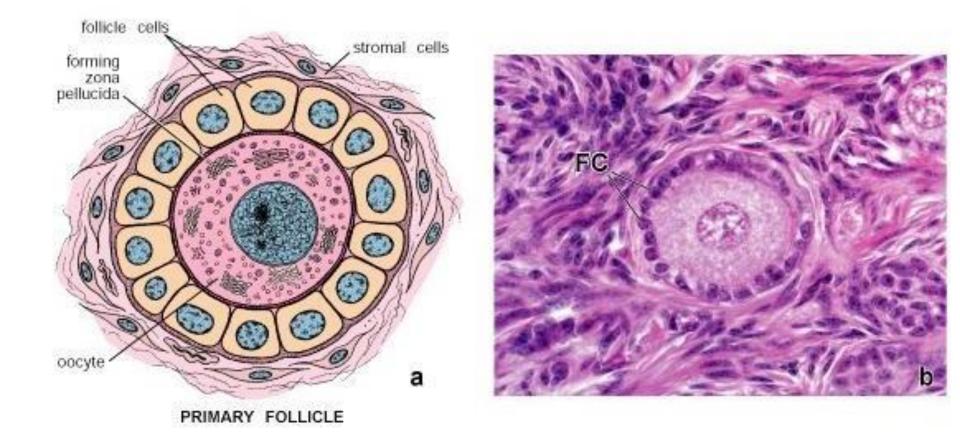
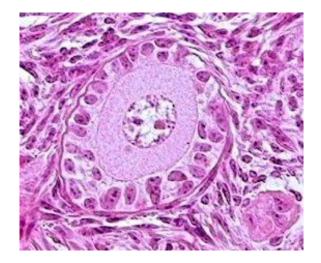


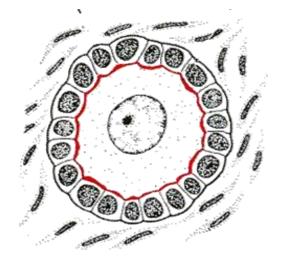
Figure 22.4. Diagram and photomicrograph (X 640) of an early primary follicle. FC, follicle cells.

• EARLY (UNILAMINAR) PRIMARY FOLLICLE:

Single cuboidal shaped garuba/ epihela/ fotouar cell layer.

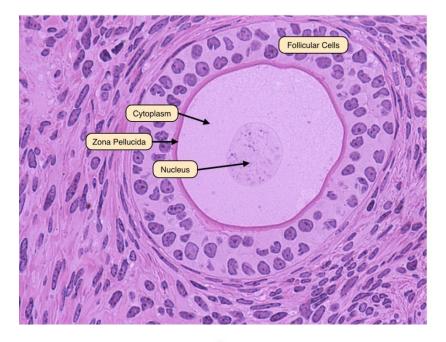
- Oocytes complete most of their growth during this stage and the diameter of the oocyte may reach up to 117 – 142 μm.
- Granulosa cells acquire more organelles and molecules for synthetic activities.

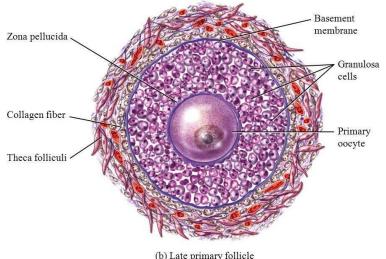




PRIMARY FOLLICLE:

- Granulosa(epithelial) cells mulpy, become 5 6 cell layer thick.
- Synthesis of ZONA
 PELLUCIDA(non-cellular glycoprotein membrane).
- As the follicle matures, a new cell layer, THECA FOLLICULI around the primary follicle is in the process of being defined. Derived from ovarian stroma(connective tissue).





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THECA FOLLICULI

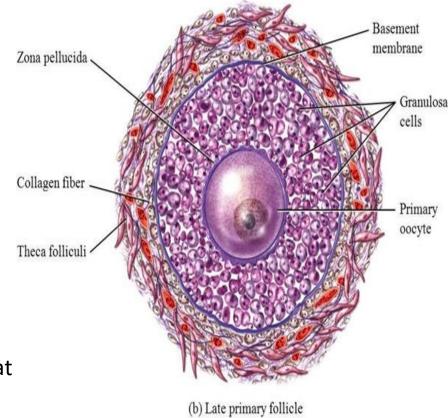
<u>THECA INTERNA</u>: MORE CELLULAR, MORE VASCULAR, SYNTHESIZE ESTROGEN. <u>THECA EXTERNA</u>: MORE FIBROUS, LESS CELLULAR, LESS VASCULAR.

Maturation of follicles require FSH. The granulosa/ epithelial/follicular cells start with having receptors for FSH.

The THECA INTERNA start expressing LH receptors.

THECA INTERNA cells produce testosterone that penetrates granulosa epithelial cells.

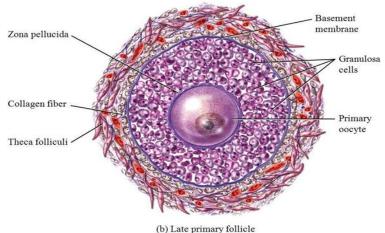
AROMATASE enzyme in granulosa ep cells coverts it into 17-beta-estradiol. And then goes back to theca interna &blood vessels of TI circulate it in the female body to perform different functions.

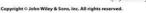


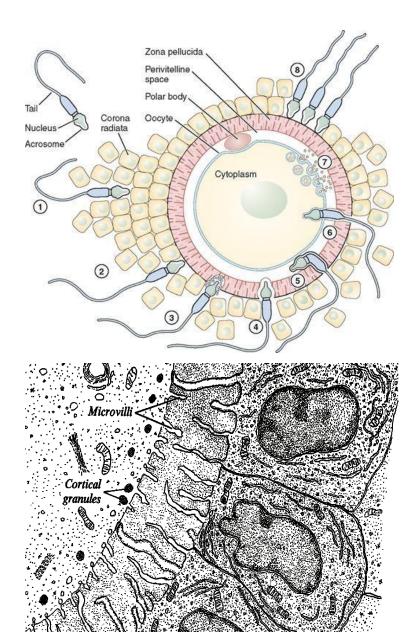
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ZONA PELLUCIDA

- As the primary follicle takes shape, a thick, prominent, translucent, non cellular, radially striated, PAS +ive, glycoprotein membrane forms between the primary oocyte and its enveloping follicular cells.
- The microvillous connections between the oocyte and follicular cells are maintained through the zona pellucida.
- SOURCE: secreted by follicular cells as well as primary oocyte.



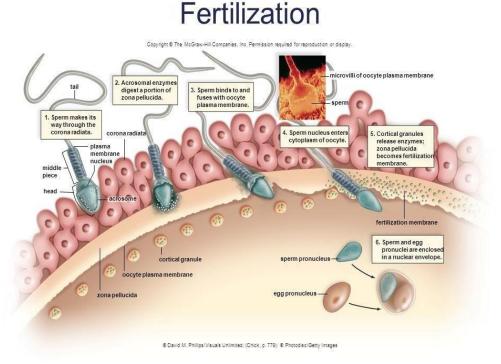




ZONA PELLUCIDA

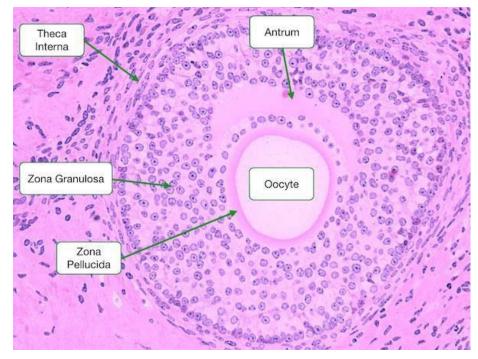
- Z.P is slowly lysed in alkaline medium, degraded by Acrosomase.
- Main role appears to be at fertilization

 responsible for species specific
 recognition of spermatozoa and also for
 triggering acrosome reaction.
- After fertilization, block to polyspermy.
- It prevents the blastomeres of early cleaving embryo from dissociating.
- Semipermeable membrane(substances reach blastocyst from the uterine tube).
- Immunological barrier. Lacks IHC antigens.
- Prevents premature implantation of cleaving embryo into the wall of uterine tube.



• THECA FOLLICULI:

- As follicle matures, a new beof cells, THECAL CELLS form around the follicle, secrete angiogenesis factor.
- Thecal cells are derived from ovarian stroma.
- Solution Differentiate into two layers:
 - Theca Interna: more cellular and highly vascular.
 - Theca Externa: more C.T like

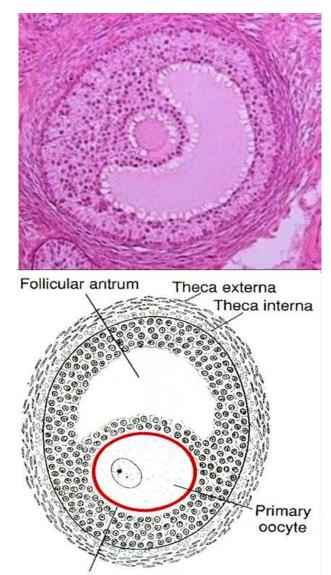


• SECONDARY FOLLICLE:

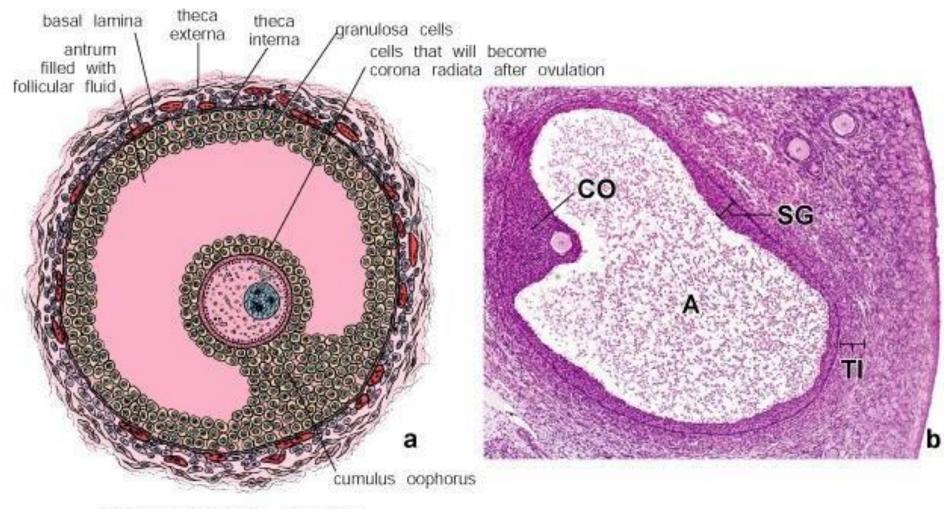
Formation of a cavity (Antrum) in granulosa cells converts Primary Follicle in to Secondary Follicle.

LIQUOR FOLLICULI: hiały

formed by follicular cells, later mostly as a transudate.



Zona pellucida

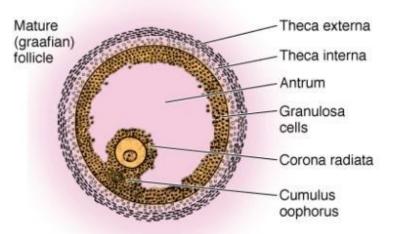


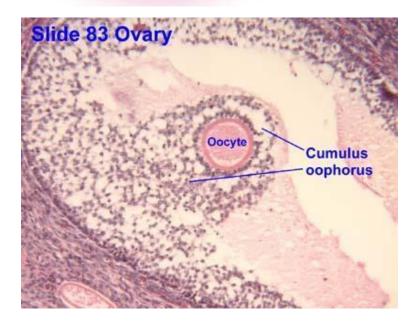
MATURE GRAAFIAN FOLLICLE

Figure 22.7. Diagram and photomicrograph (X45) of a secondary follicle in a late stage of development. A, antrum; CO, cumulus oophorus; MG, membrana granulosa.

• TERTIARY (GRAAFIAN) FOLLICLE:

- Under multiple hormonal influences, the follicle enlarges rapidly.
- The Primary Oocyte, is located in a small mound of cells – the CUMULUS OOPHORUS, lying on one side of the greatly enlarged antrum.
- The diameter of the follicle increases from 6mm early 2nd week to 2 cm at ovulation.



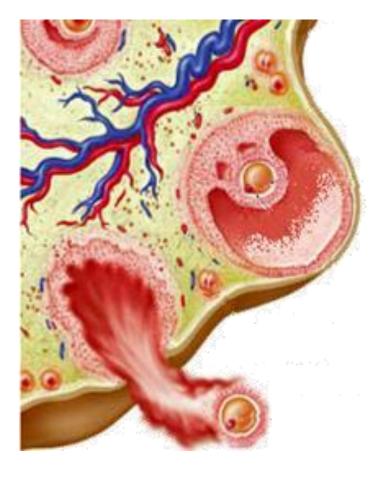


- Press against the surface of ovary, protrude from the surface like a blister, the Stigma. This happens at the middle of the menstrual cycle (~ day 14)
- The follicular fluid contains:
 - Enzymes (about 20).
 - SFSH, Steroid hormones.

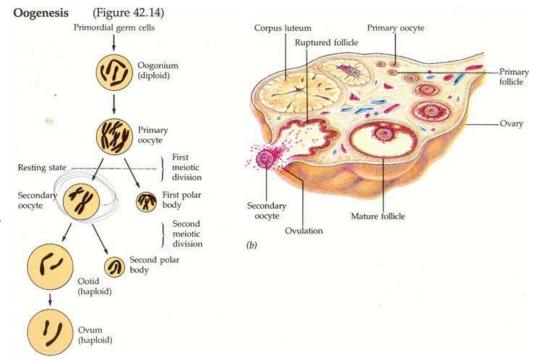
Proteoglycans (-ive ly charged – attract

water molecules).

- Proteins similar to serum.
- TERTIARY FOLLICLE is now poised for ovulation and awaits the stimulus of the strong preovulatory surge of FSH & LH, which is itself caused by high estrogen.



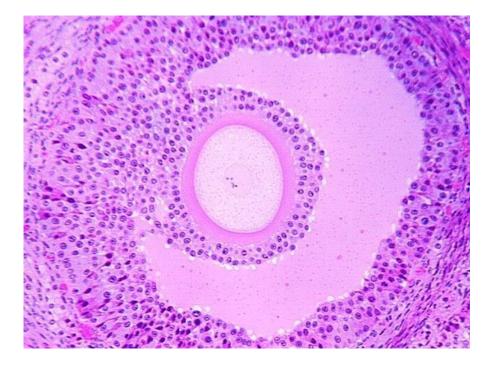
- FSH & LH surge stimulates the Primary Oocyte to resume meiosis ~ 10 – 12 hrs before ovulation.
- Cell division to form the secondary oocyte and 1st Polar Body rapidly occurs.
- Secondary Oocyte promptly begins the 2nd meiotic division BUT,....
- 3 hrs before ovulation, is arrested at the metaphase of the 2nd meiotic division.



OVULATION

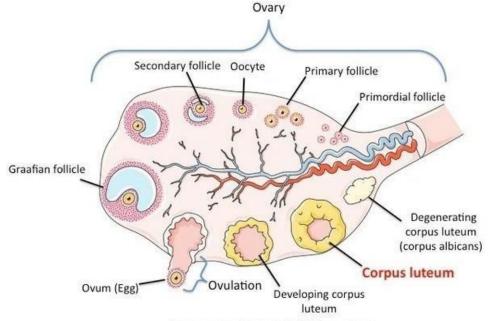
In response to LH & FSH surge:

- Cumulus cells secrete abundant extra – cellular matrix, mainly hyaluronic acid, which causes the cumulus cell mass to expand several fold.
- Follicle becomes more vascularized ,is visibly pink and edematous.
- Displaced to the surface of ovary.



OVULATION

- Finally, intrafollicular pressure and thecal smooth muscle contraction plus the release of collagen – degrading enzymes cause the follicle to rupture.
- Oocyte is slowly extruded onto the surface of the ovary accompanied by large number of investing cumulus cells and some sticky follicular fluid.



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OVULATION

- Once out, the fimbriated mouth of the uterine tube actively sweep the cumulus – oocyte complex into the infundibulum and then carries it to ampullary region.
- Oocyte may remain viable for as long as 24 hrs before it loses its capacity to be fertilized.

