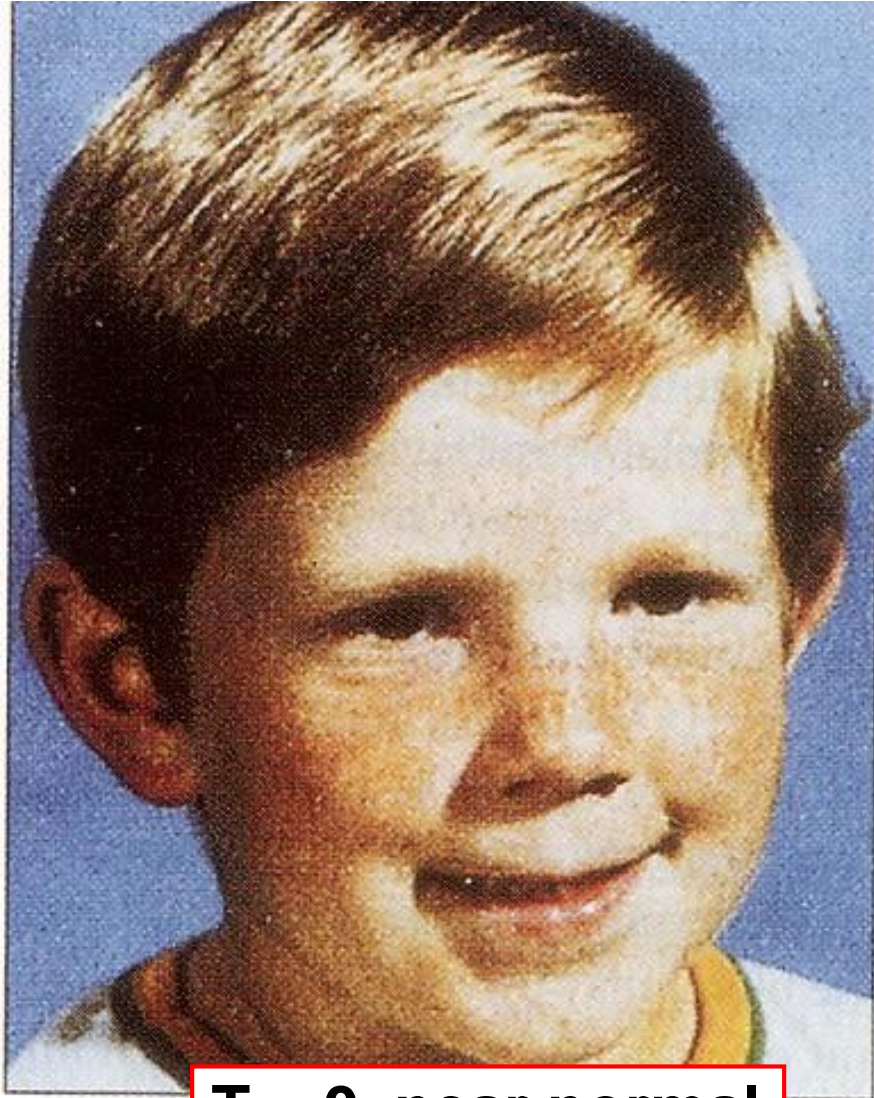


## Lecture 12

- I. Quiz 4 on **CV physiology** next T in class → Presentations. Q? For Quiz, 10 am section go to 112 WIL with Stacy just < 8:30!**
- II. Endocrinology Overview from Lecture 10 G&H ch 75, 76**
- III. Med Physiol News Sex Allergy? Mom's eggs execute dad's mitochondria? *Science News***
- IV. Reproductive Physiology Primer G&H ch 82,81 +L Sherwood...**
  - A. Female reproductive system fig 82-1, 82-2**
  - B. Ovarian hormones +FB: estrogen, progesterone pp 1042-7**
  - C. Follicle growth & ovulation mechanism fig 82-5, 82-3**
  - D. Plasma gonadotropin & ovarian hormone [ ] in female sexual cycle fig 82-4**
  - E. Female sexual cycle, menstruation fig 82-4, 82-9**
  - F. Estrogen [ ] throughout lifespan, menopause fig 82-12**
  - G. Birth control techniques L Sherwood + G&H**
  - H. Male reproductive system fig 81-1 A & B**
    - I. Sperm & development fig 81-2, 81-7, 81-3, 81-4, 81-5**
    - J. Feedback regulation in males fig 81-10**
    - K. Plasma testosterone [ ] throughout lifespan fig 81-9**

***Cushing's Syndrome = Hypersecretion of Cortisol: Hypothalamic (CRH), Pituitary (ACTH), or Adrenal (Cortisol)***



**T = 0, near normal**



**T = 4 months later**

# Endocrine or Hormone?

- ① *Made by gland?*
- ② *Secreted into blood?*
- ③ *Acts on target?*

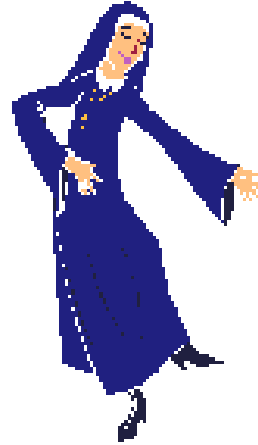


# Endocrine or Hormone Classifications

## Exogenous



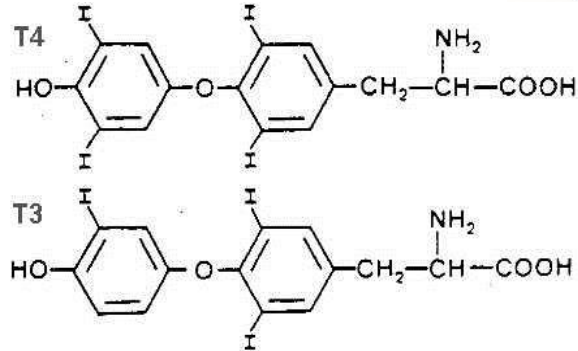
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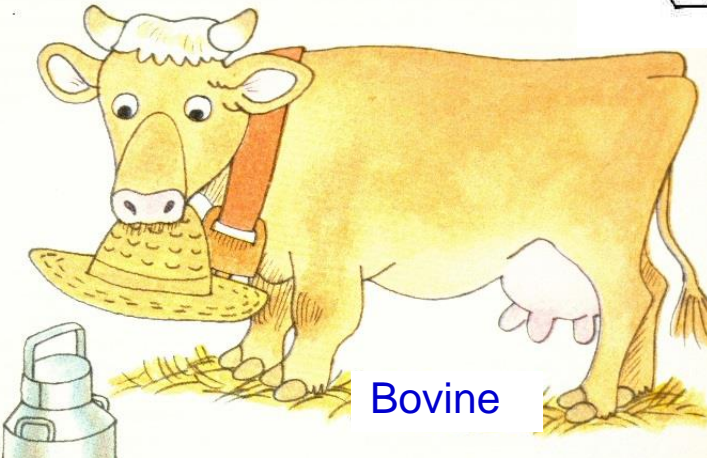
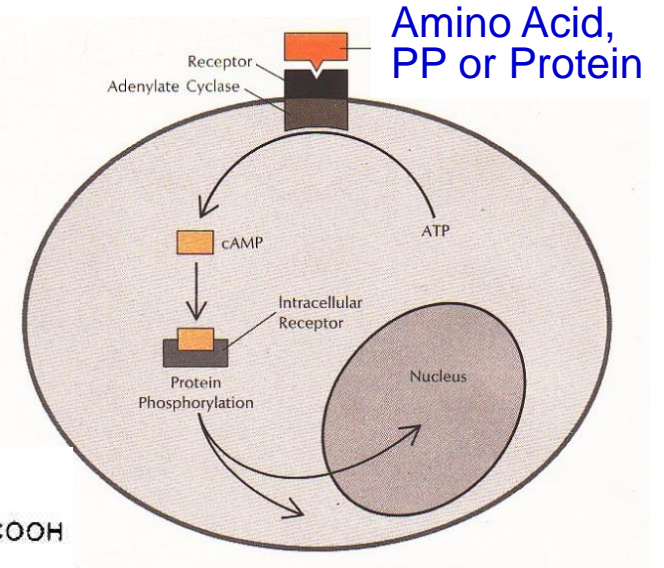
Thyroid



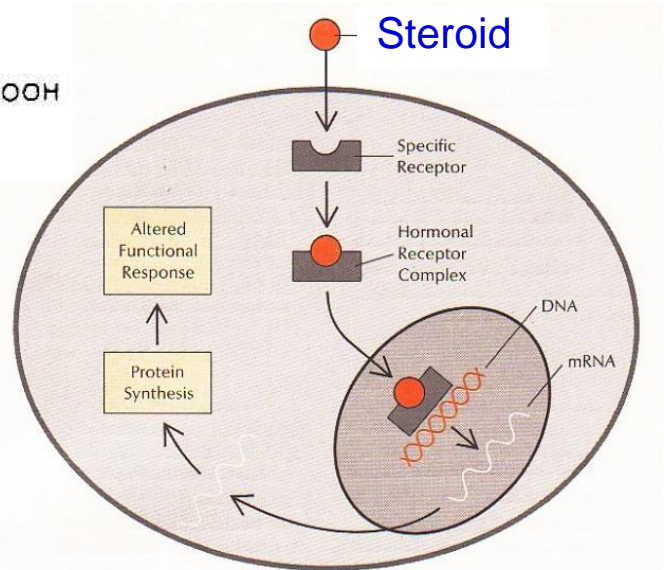
Recombinant DNA



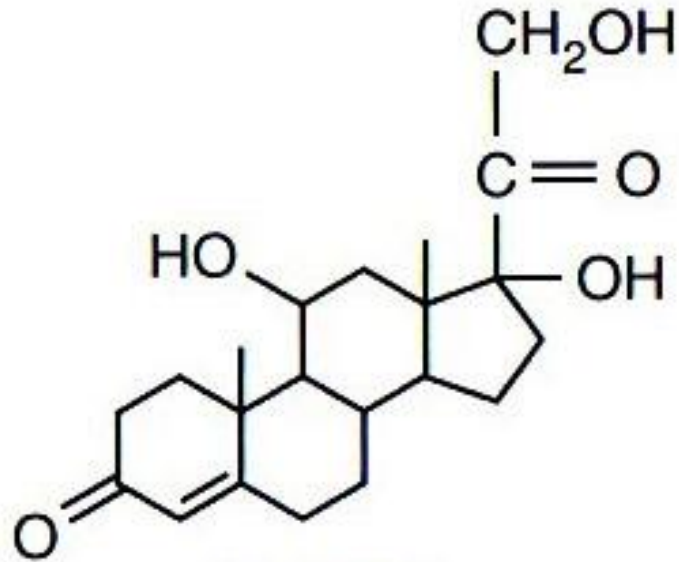
## Endogenous



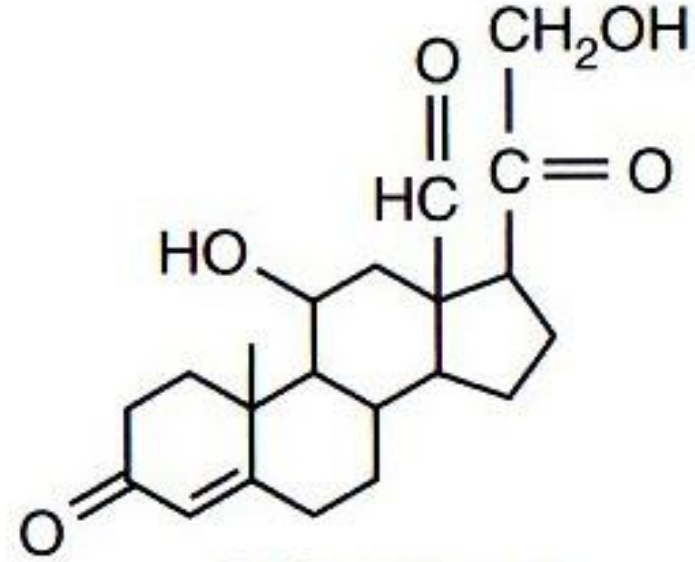
Bovine



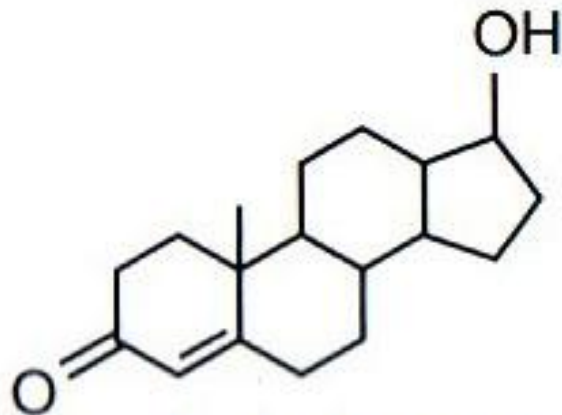
# ***Steroid Hormone Structure: Cholesterol Backbone***



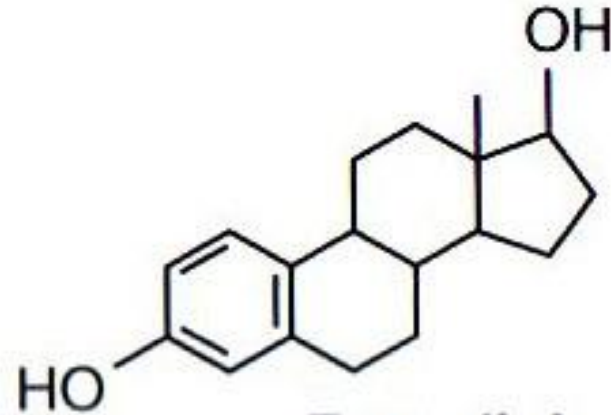
**Cortisol**



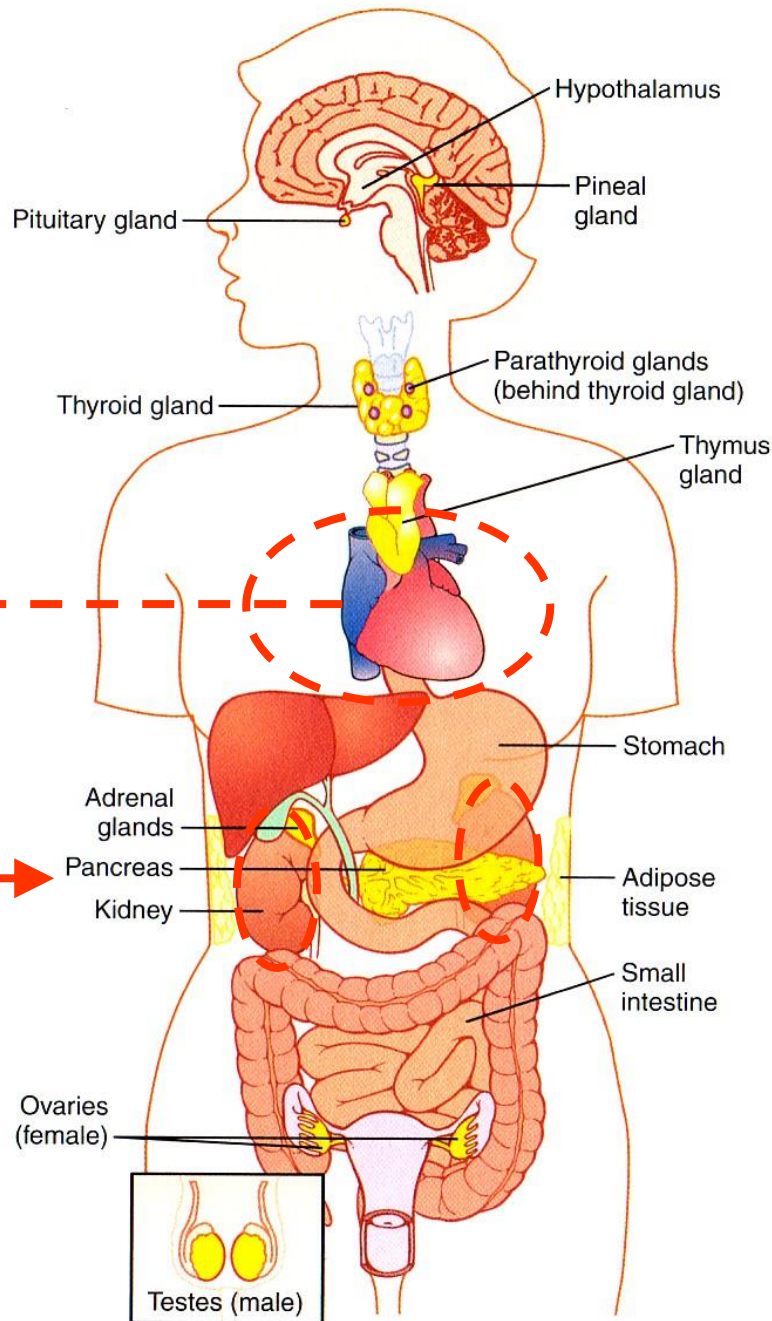
**Aldosterone**



**Testosterone**



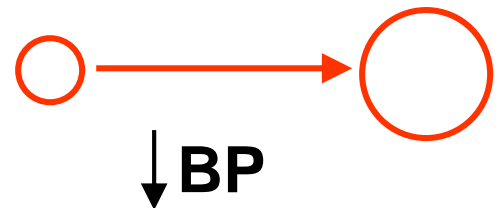
**Estradiol**



**ANP =  
Atrial  
Natriuretic  
Polypeptide**



**2 Vasodilation**

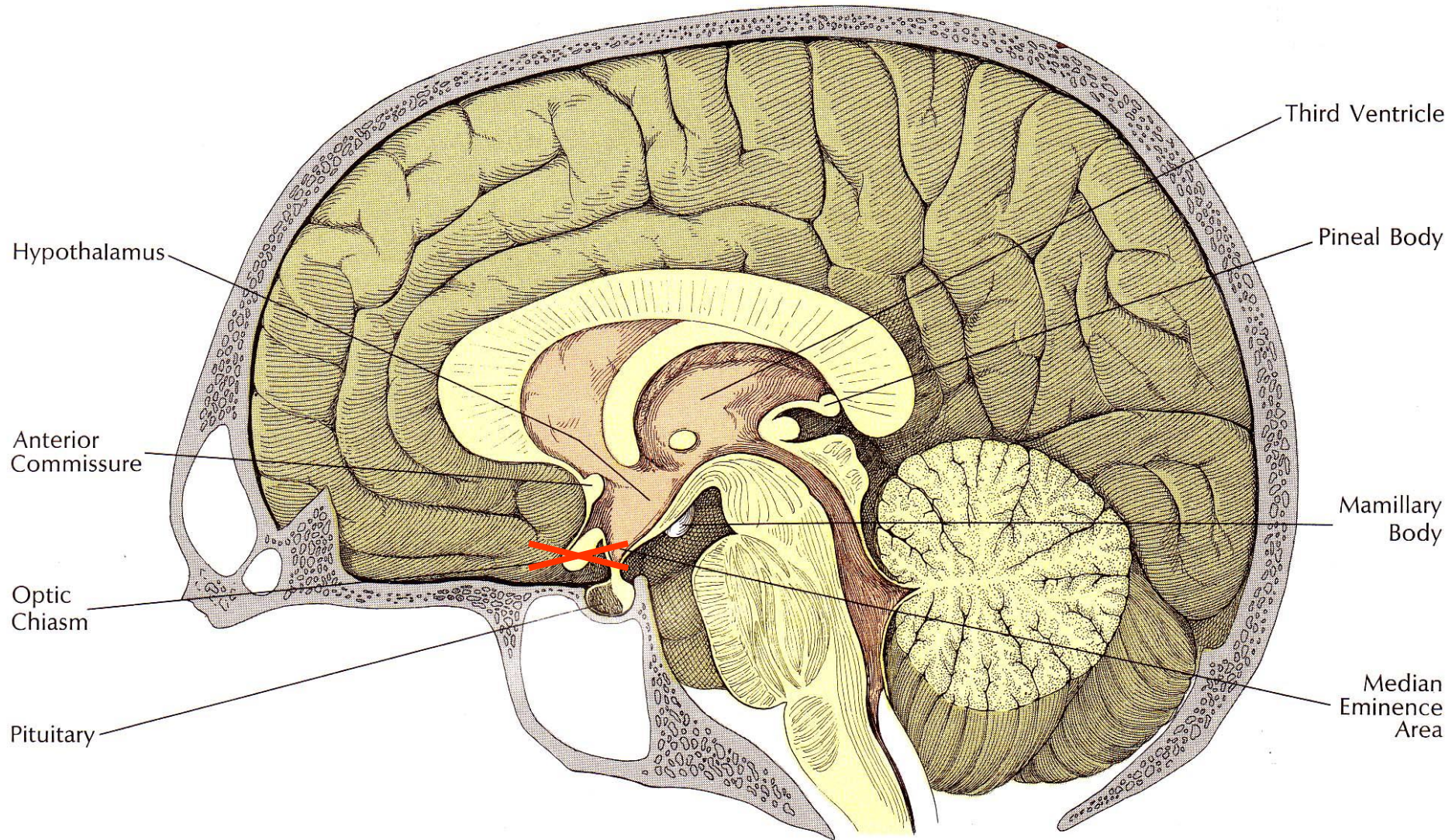


G&H 2016 fig 75-1  
G&H 2011 fig 74-1

**Figure 74-1** Anatomical loci of the principal endocrine glands and tissues of the body.

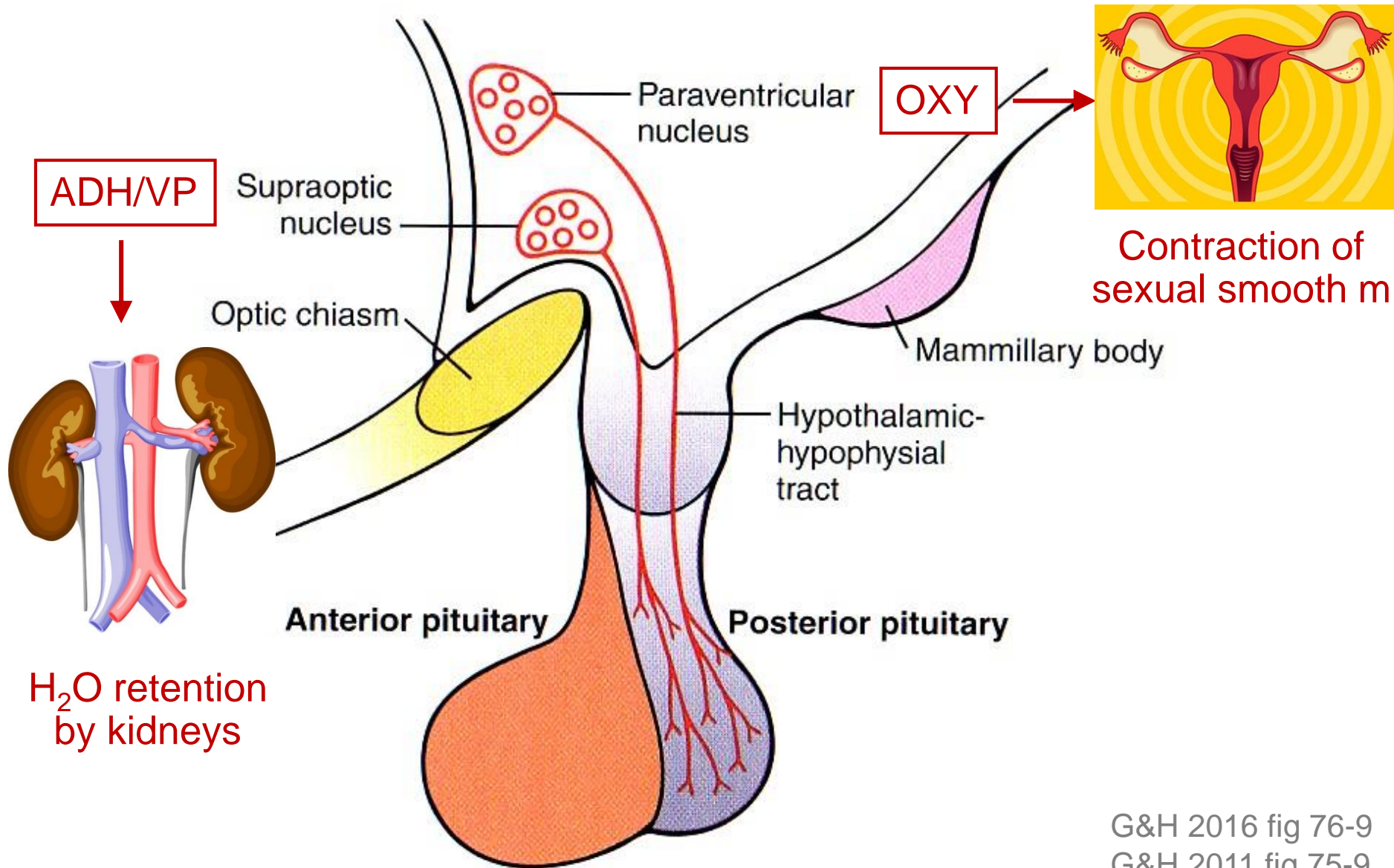


# Lateral View Showing Relationship of the Pituitary Gland to the Hypothalamus





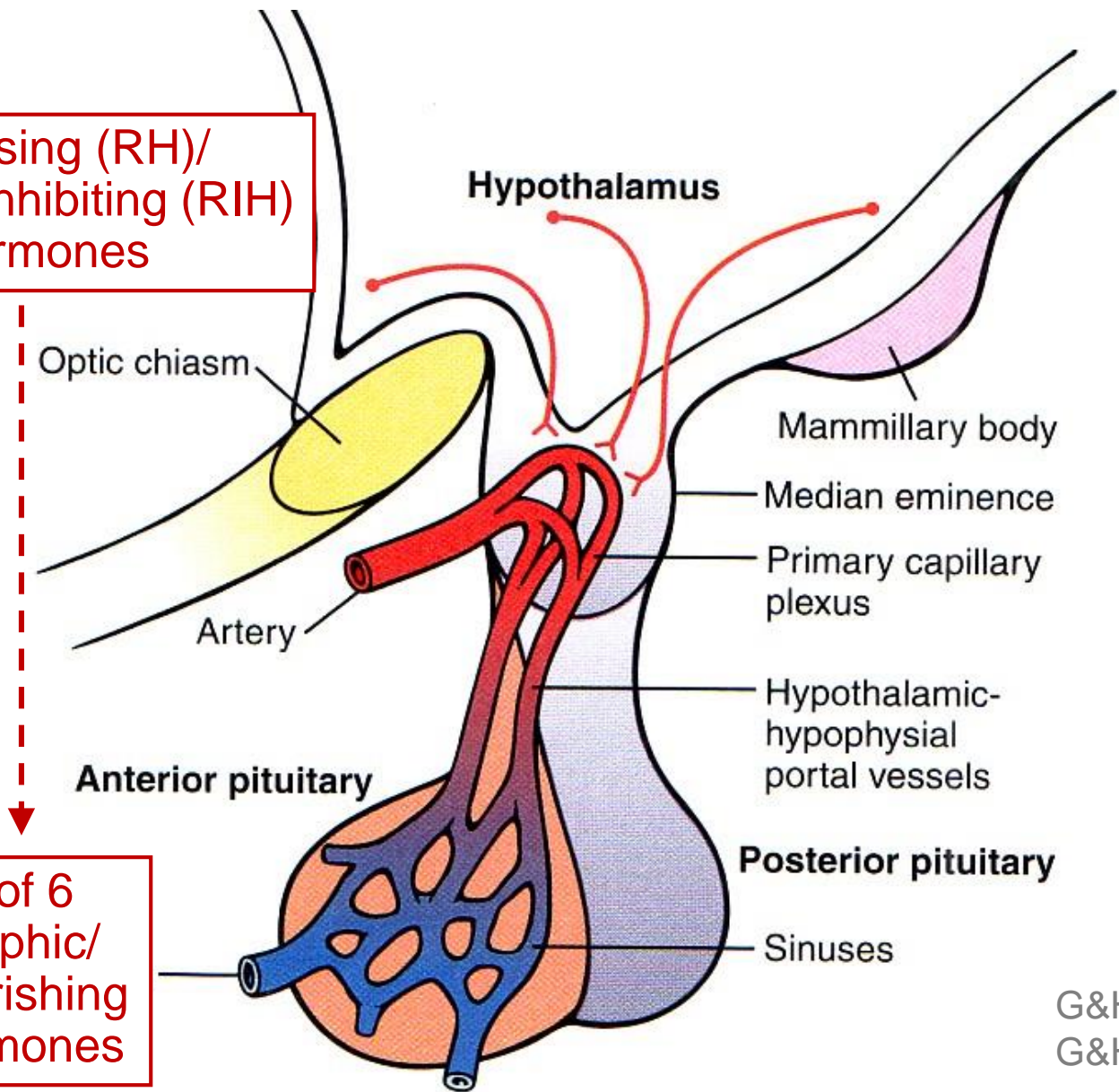
# Hypothalamus – Posterior Pituitary Nervous Connection





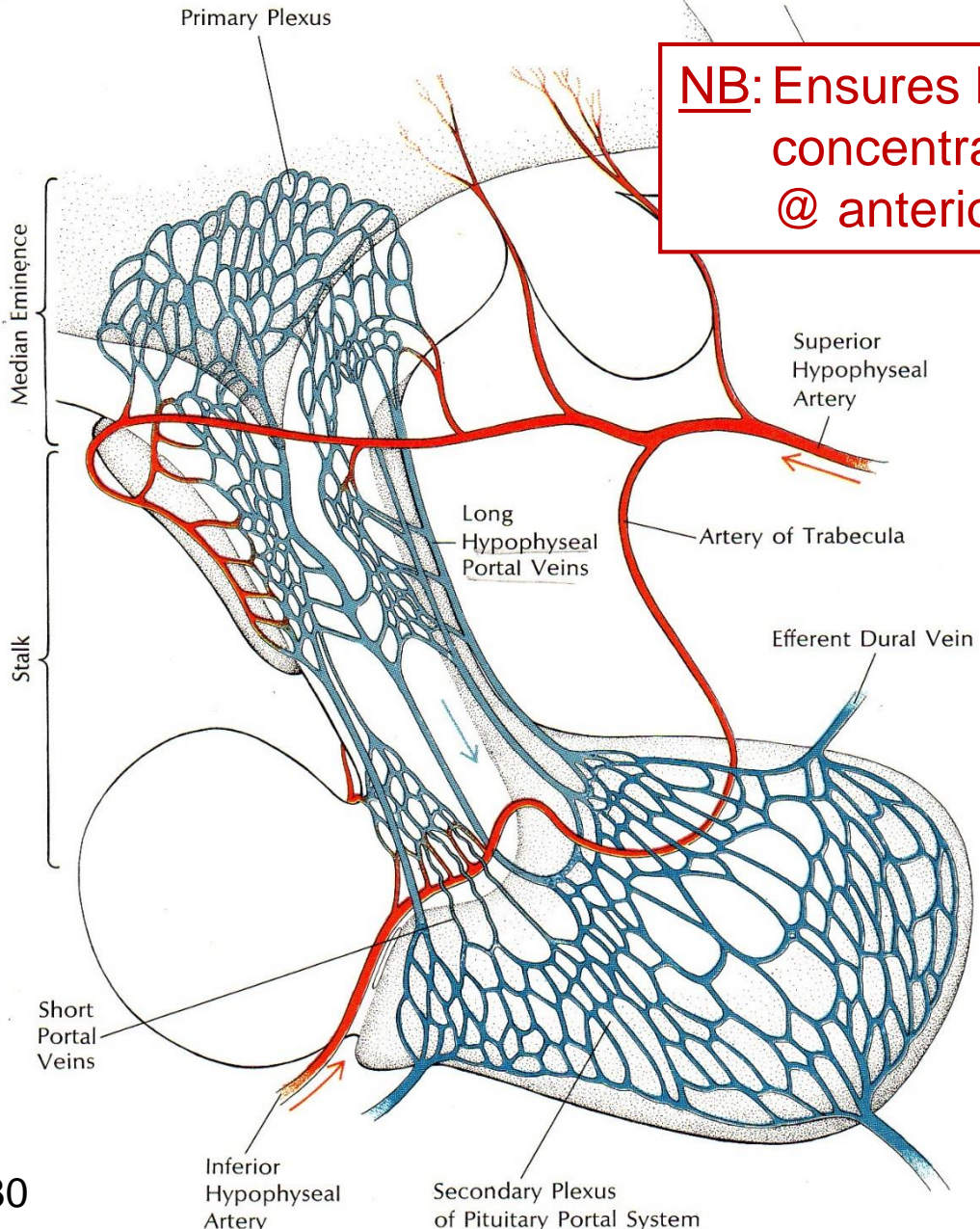
# Hypothalamus – Anterior Pituitary Vascular Connection

Releasing (RH)/  
Release-Inhibiting (RIH)  
Hormones



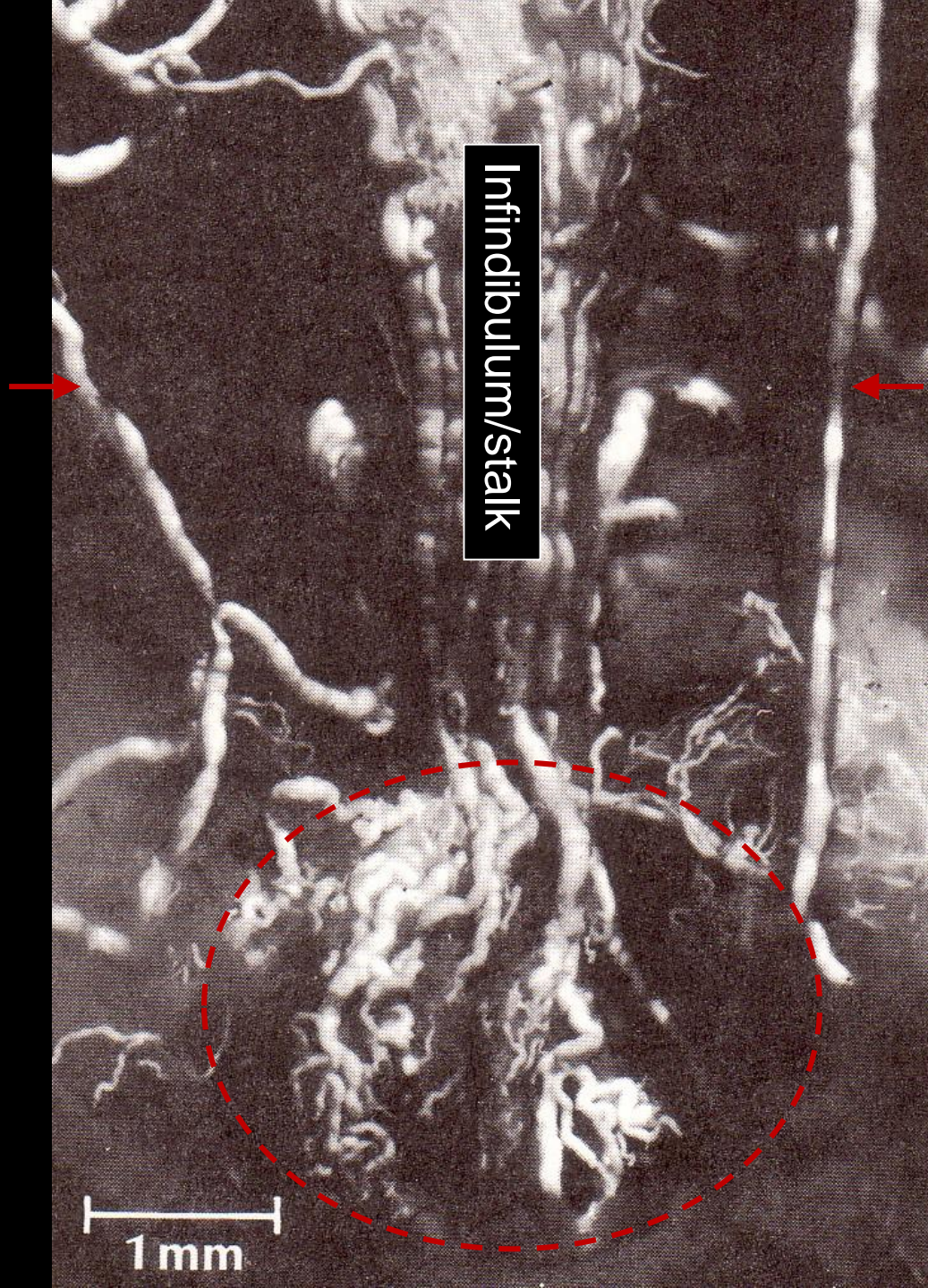
1 of 6  
Trophic/  
Nourishing  
Hormones

# Capillary-Venule-Capillary Circulation



**NB:** Ensures RH/RIH super-concentrated upon arrival @ anterior pituitary!





Infundibulum/stalk

Long hypophyseal-portal veins

Pituitary removed!

1 mm

Krieger & Hughes  
1980

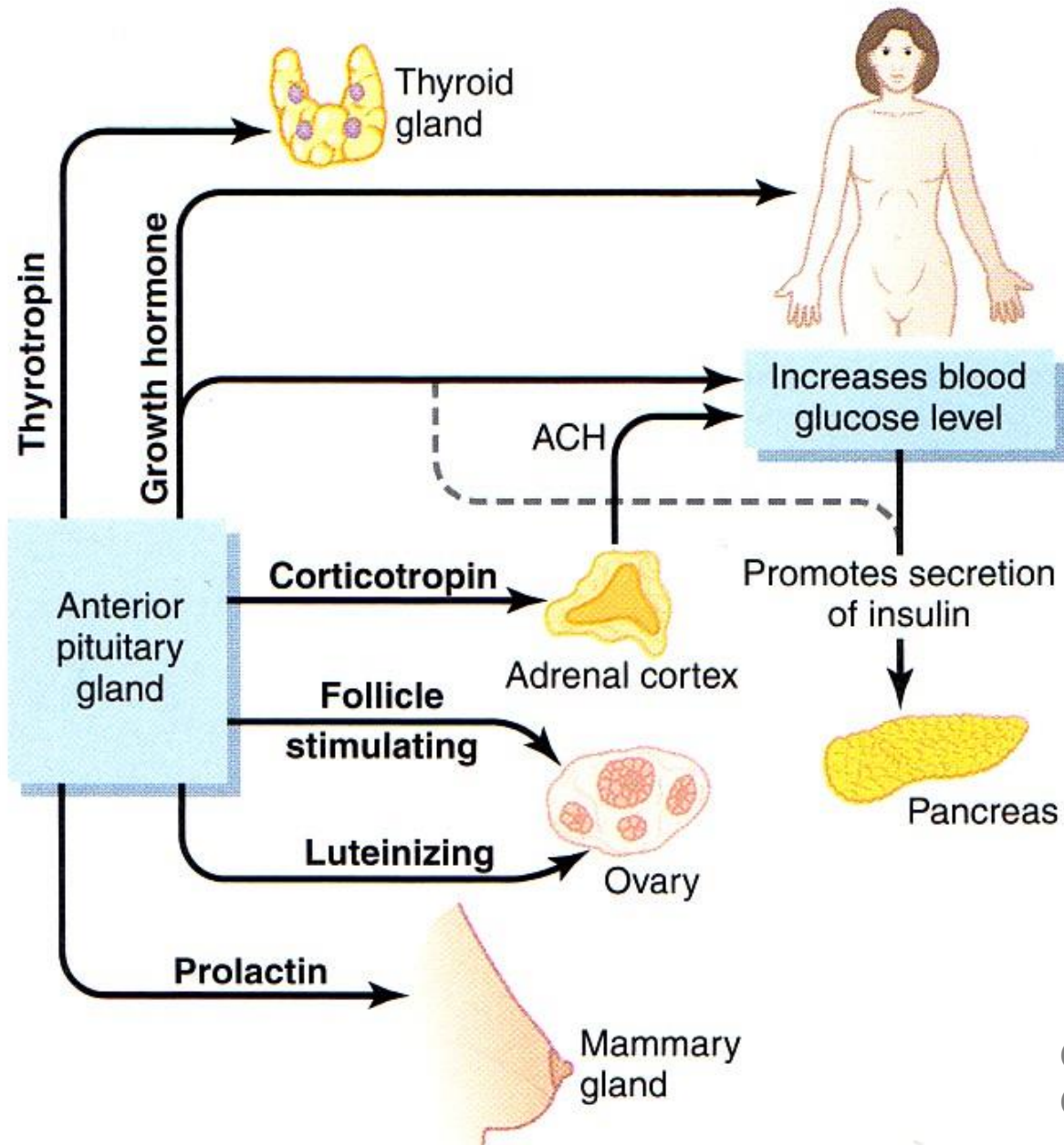


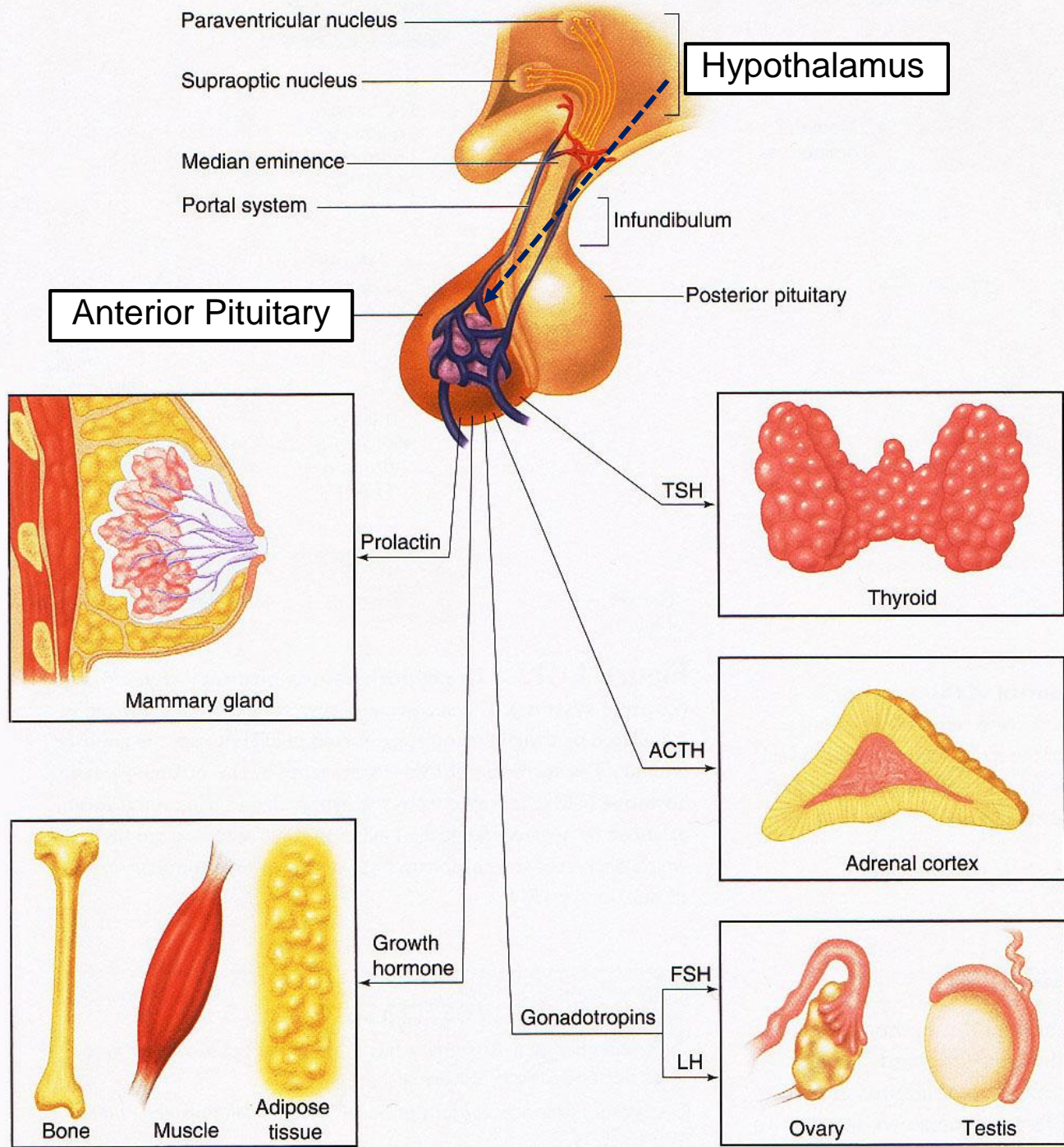
**Table 74-1** Endocrine Glands, Hormones, and Their Functions and Structure

Gland/Tissue	Hormones	Major Functions	Chemical Structure
Hypothalamus (Chapter 75)	Thyrotropin-releasing hormone (TRH)	Stimulates secretion of thyroid-stimulating hormone (TSH) and prolactin	Peptide
	Corticotropin-releasing hormone (CRH)	Causes release of adrenocorticotrophic hormone (ACTH)	Peptide
	Growth hormone–releasing hormone (GHRH)	Causes release of growth hormone	Peptide
	Growth hormone inhibitory hormone (GHIH) (somatostatin)	Inhibits release of growth hormone	Peptide
	Gonadotropin-releasing hormone (GnRH)	Causes release of luteinizing hormone (LH) and follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH)	
	Dopamine or prolactin-inhibiting factor (PIF)	Inhibits release of prolactin	Amine
Anterior pituitary (Chapter 75)	Growth hormone	Stimulates protein synthesis and overall growth of most cells and tissues	Peptide
	TSH	Stimulates synthesis and secretion of thyroid hormones (thyroxine and triiodothyronine)	Peptide
	ACTH	Stimulates synthesis and secretion of adrenocortical hormones (cortisol, androgens, and aldosterone)	Peptide
	Prolactin	Promotes development of the female breasts and secretion of milk	Peptide
	FSH	Causes growth of follicles in the ovaries and sperm maturation in Sertoli cells of testes	Peptide
	LH	Stimulates testosterone synthesis in Leydig cells of testes; stimulates ovulation, formation of corpus luteum, and estrogen and progesterone synthesis in ovaries	Peptide



# Anterior Pituitary Metabolic Functions





Paraventricular nucleus

Supraoptic nucleus

Median eminence

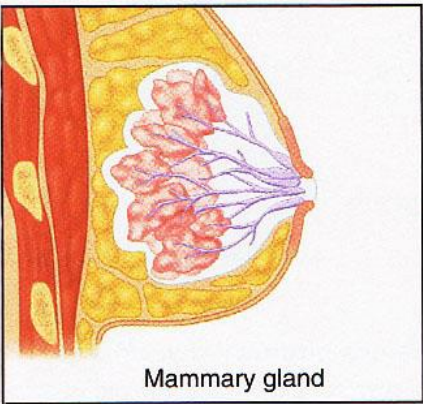
Portal system

Infundibulum

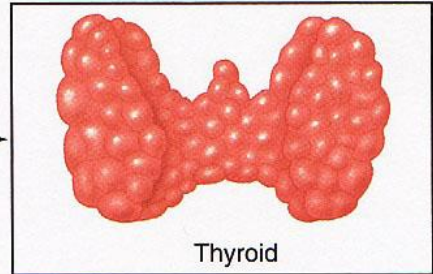
Posterior pituitary

Anterior Pituitary

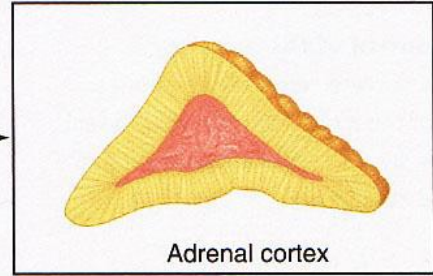
Hypothalamus



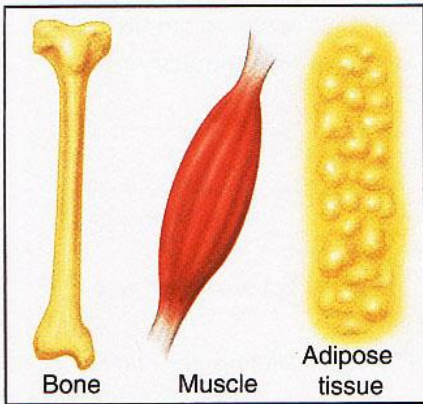
Prolactin



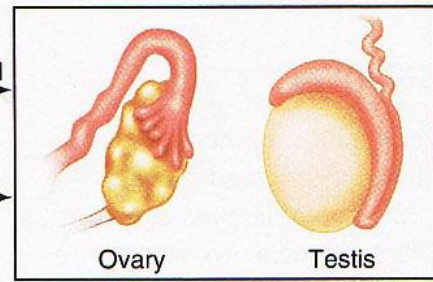
TSH



ACTH



Growth hormone

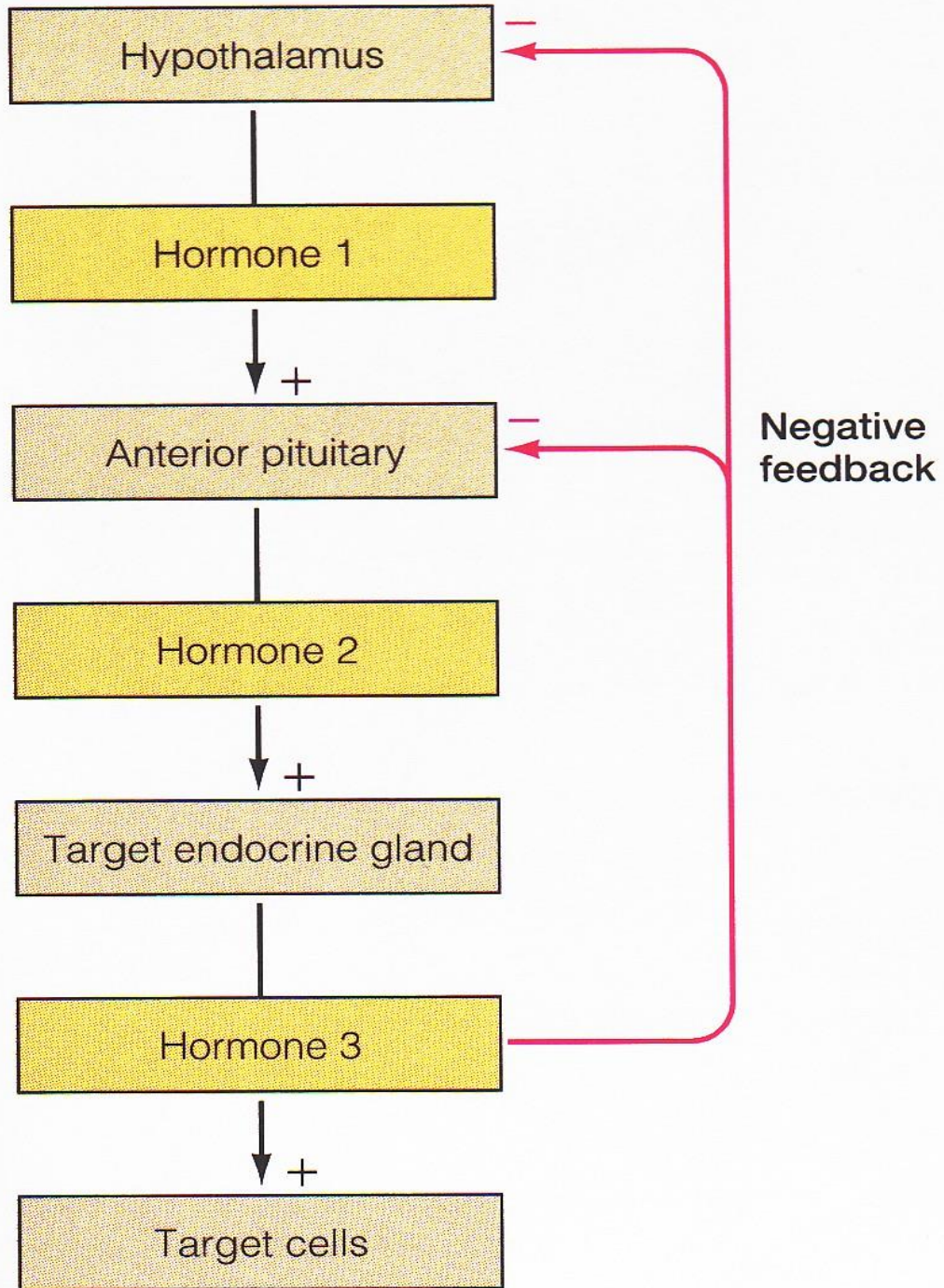


Gonadotropins

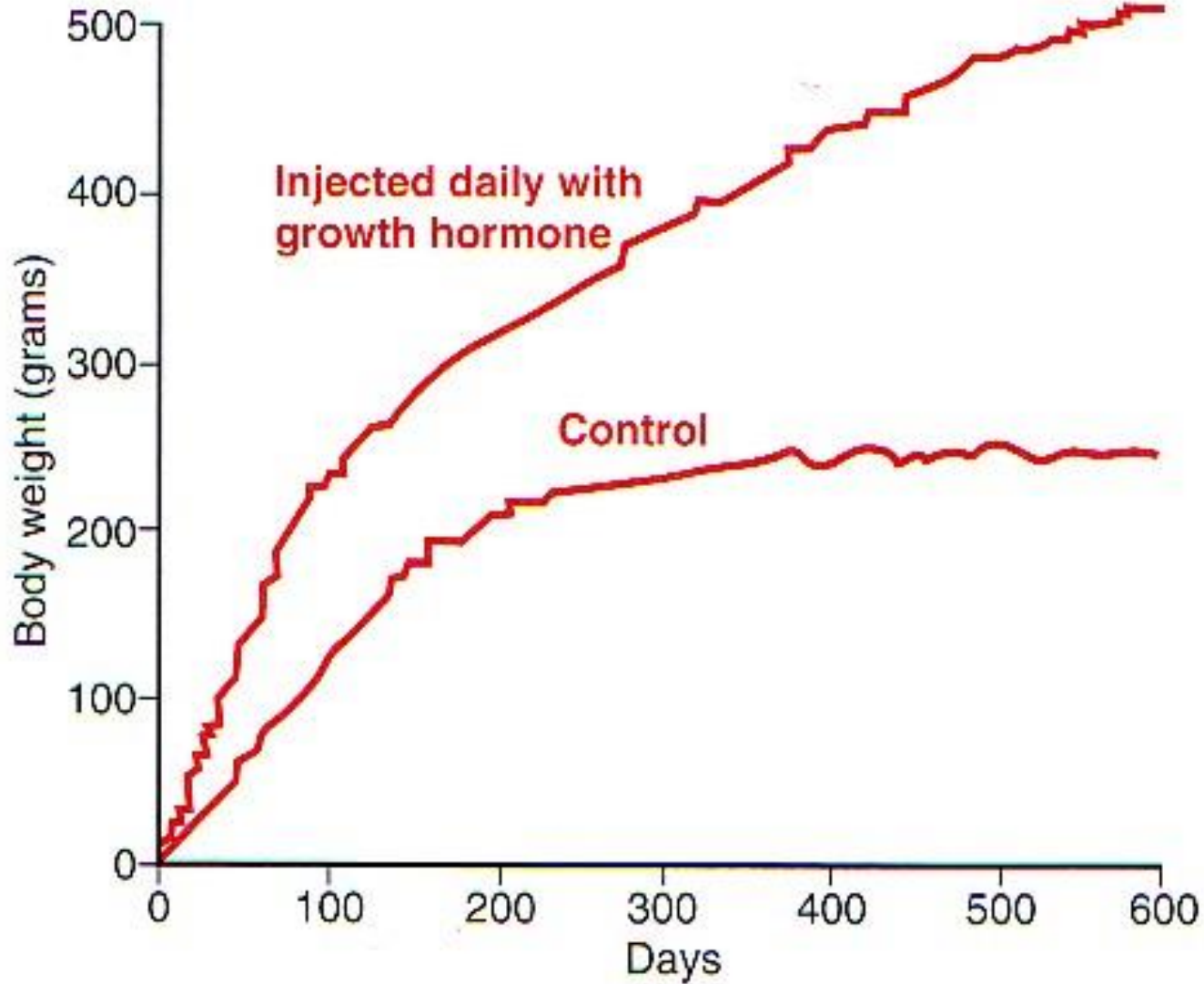
FSH

LH





## ***GH, a Protein Hormone (191 AA)***



**FIGURE 75-5**

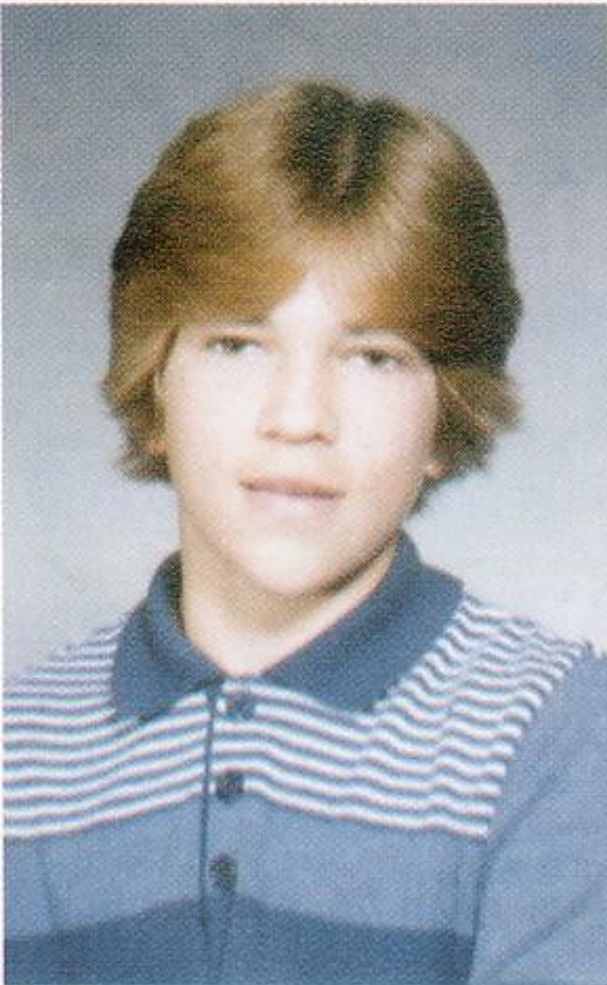
Comparison of weight gain of a rat injected daily with growth hormone with that of a normal littermate.





# *Progression & Development of Acromegaly*

Age 13



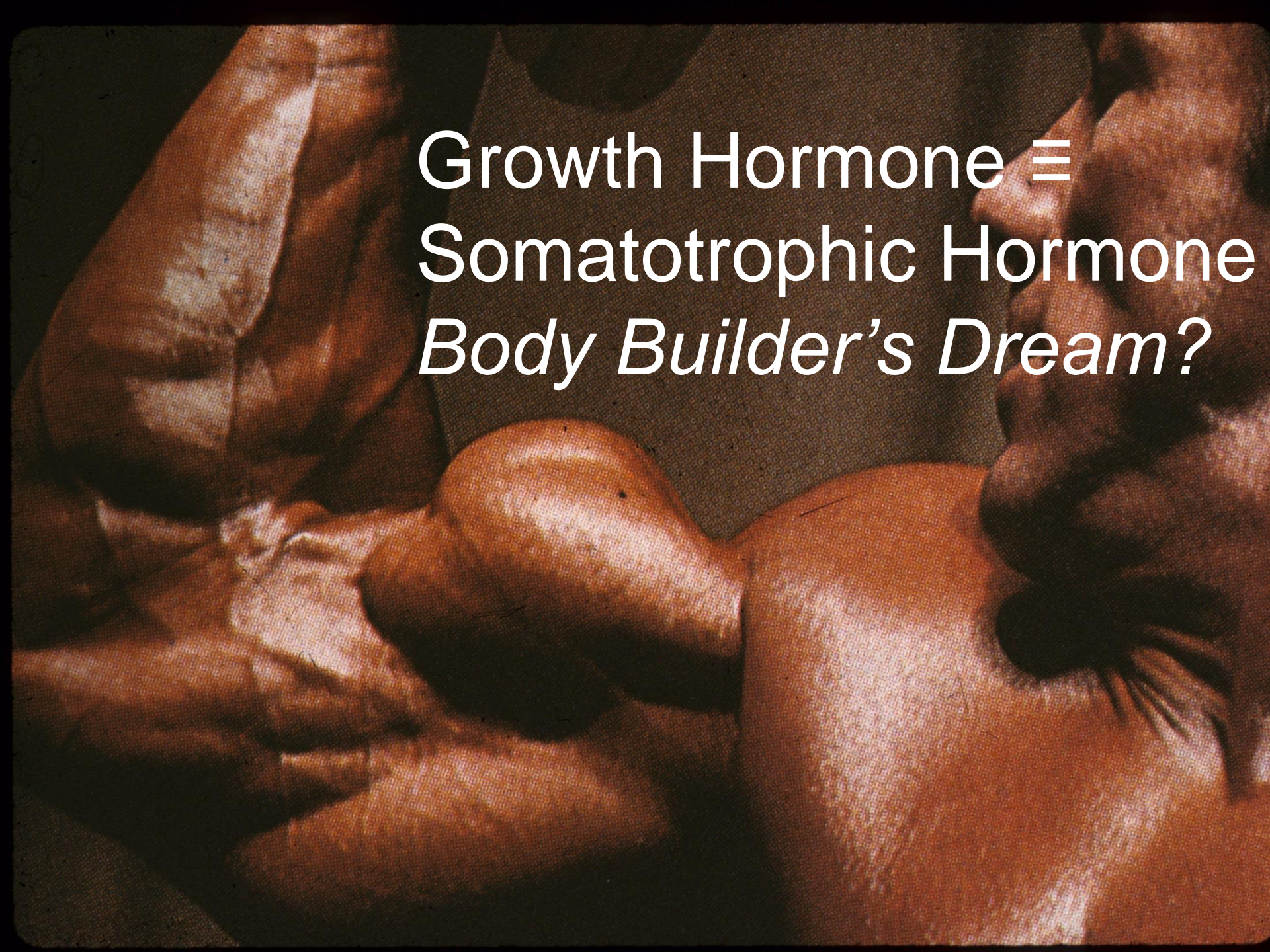
Age 21



Age 35







Growth Hormone ≡  
Somatotrophic Hormone  
*Body Builder's Dream?*

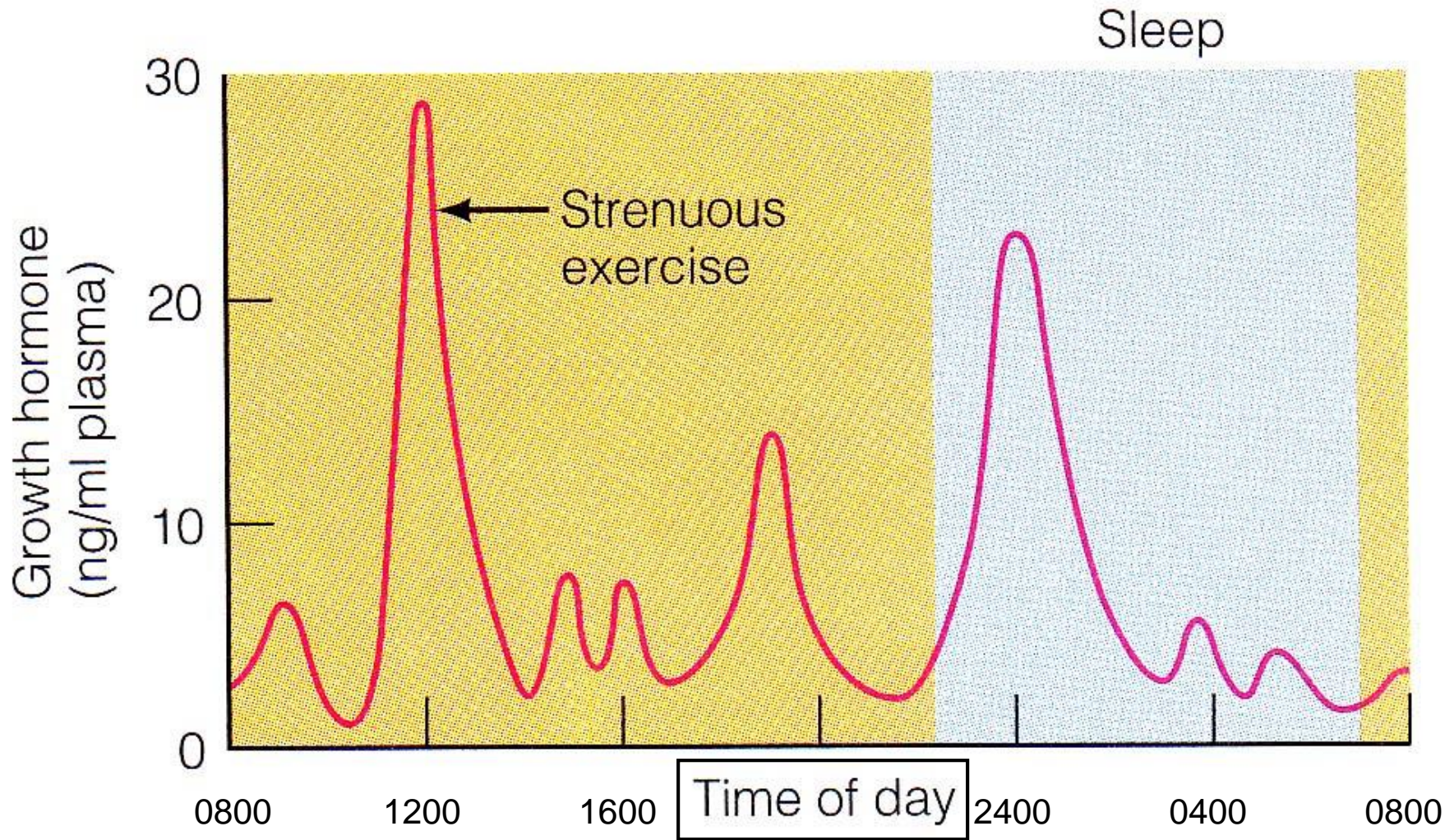


# ***GH/STH Effects: Insulin Resistance/Type II Diabetes?***

- ↑ Amino acid uptake & protein synthesis
- ↑ Lipolysis & fatty acid mobilization
- ↓ Glucose uptake  
(skeletal muscle & adipocytes)
- ↑ Glucose production  
(liver glycogenolysis)
- ↑ Insulin secretion



# Increase GH naturally with exercise & sleep!!



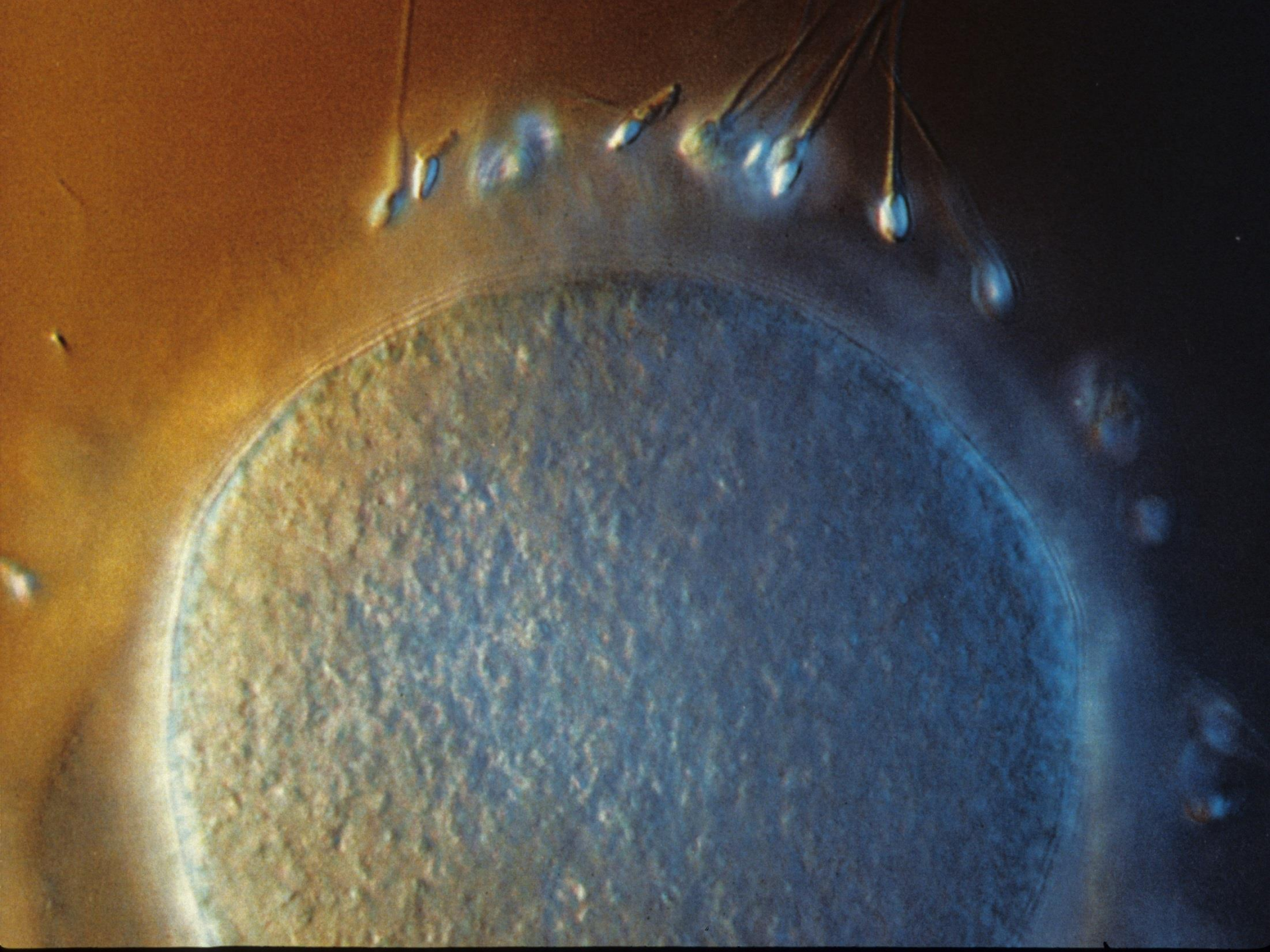
ng/ml = nanograms per milliliter

cf: G&H 2016 fig 76-6  
G&H 2011 fig 75-6

# Questions + Discussion









# Biomedicine

## Sex allergy: No laughing matter

The phrase “Not tonight, dear” may be a deadly serious matter for women who suffer from an allergy to their husband’s seminal fluid, the liquid that carries sperm. In rare cases, such an allergic response can cause death.

The first case of an allergy to human seminal fluid was documented in 1958. Since then, the disorder has been diagnosed in a small number of cases. However, allergists believe the disorder is not readily recognized by gynecologists.

Some women with this condition report a dramatic, whole-body reaction to seminal fluid. Their symptoms include wheezing, vomiting, diarrhea, unconsciousness, or complete circulatory collapse. Other women experience a localized reaction, such as vaginal burning or swelling.

Researcher Jonathan A. Bernstein of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine and his colleagues decided to study the prevalence of the disorder. They administered a questionnaire to 1,073 women who had reported symptoms consistent with the allergy.

Bernstein’s team found that 12 percent of the women they studied met the diagnostic criteria for an allergy to seminal fluid. This result indicates that the disorder is much more common than previously suspected. The team reports its findings in the January ANNALS OF ALLERGY, ASTHMA, & IMMUNOLOGY.

Allergists can treat the condition, the researchers point out. Regular injections of purified seminal proteins can prevent the relationship-stopping symptoms, says Bernstein. — K.F.



**Semen? G&H 2016 p 1024  
G&H 2011 p 976**  
**~60% seminal vesicle fluid -  
mucoid, PGE<sub>2</sub>, fructose,  
fibrinogen**  
**~30% prostatic fluid -  
NaHCO<sub>3</sub>, clotting enzyme,  
Ca<sup>2+</sup>, profibrinolysin**  
**~10% sperm + vas deferens fluid**



# Mom's eggs execute Dad's mitochondria

In "Hamlet," Rosencrantz and Guildenstern deliver a letter to the rulers of England that carries the ill-fated duo's own death sentence. Perhaps Shakespeare knew a bit about reproductive biology.

Scientists have now found that during a sperm's creation, its mitochondria—energy-producing units that power all cells—acquire molecular tags that mark them for destruction once the sperm fertilizes an egg. This death sentence, a protein called ubiquitin, may explain why mammals inherit the DNA within mitochondria only from their mothers, a biological curiosity geneticists have used to trace human evolution (SN: 2/6/99, p. 88). The finding may also have implications

species mitochondrial inheritance. Sperm mitochondria sometimes avoid destruction when two different species of mice mate, and Schatten's team has shown this also holds true in cattle. It's hard to understand how an egg distinguishes between paternal mitochondria of closely related species, says Schon.

When paternal mitochondria escape destruction in normal mating, the resulting embryo may suffer. Schatten notes that a colleague has found sperm mitochondria in some defective embryos from infertility clinics.

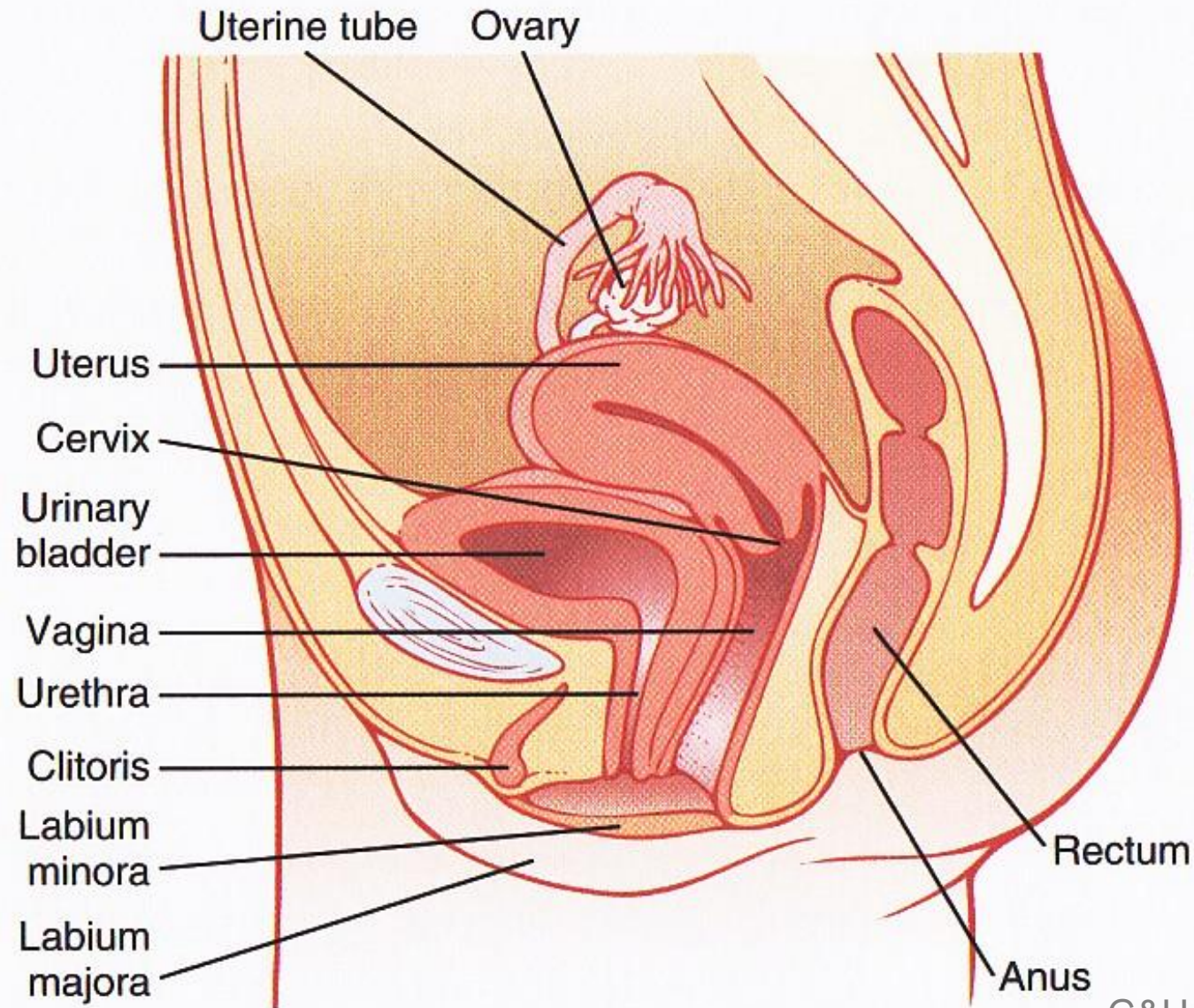
The success of cloning may depend on an egg's ability to destroy foreign mitochondria. In the technique used to create



May Day! May Day! We're doomed!!



# Female Reproductive System





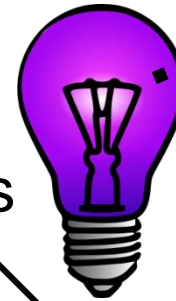
# 1<sup>o</sup> Female Hormones

① Hypothalamus

⊖ GnRH ⊖

② Anterior Pituitary

Gonadotropes/Basophilic Cells



Ah Ha!  
Stain purple!

FSH/Follicle Stimulating Hormone

LH/Luteinizing Hormone

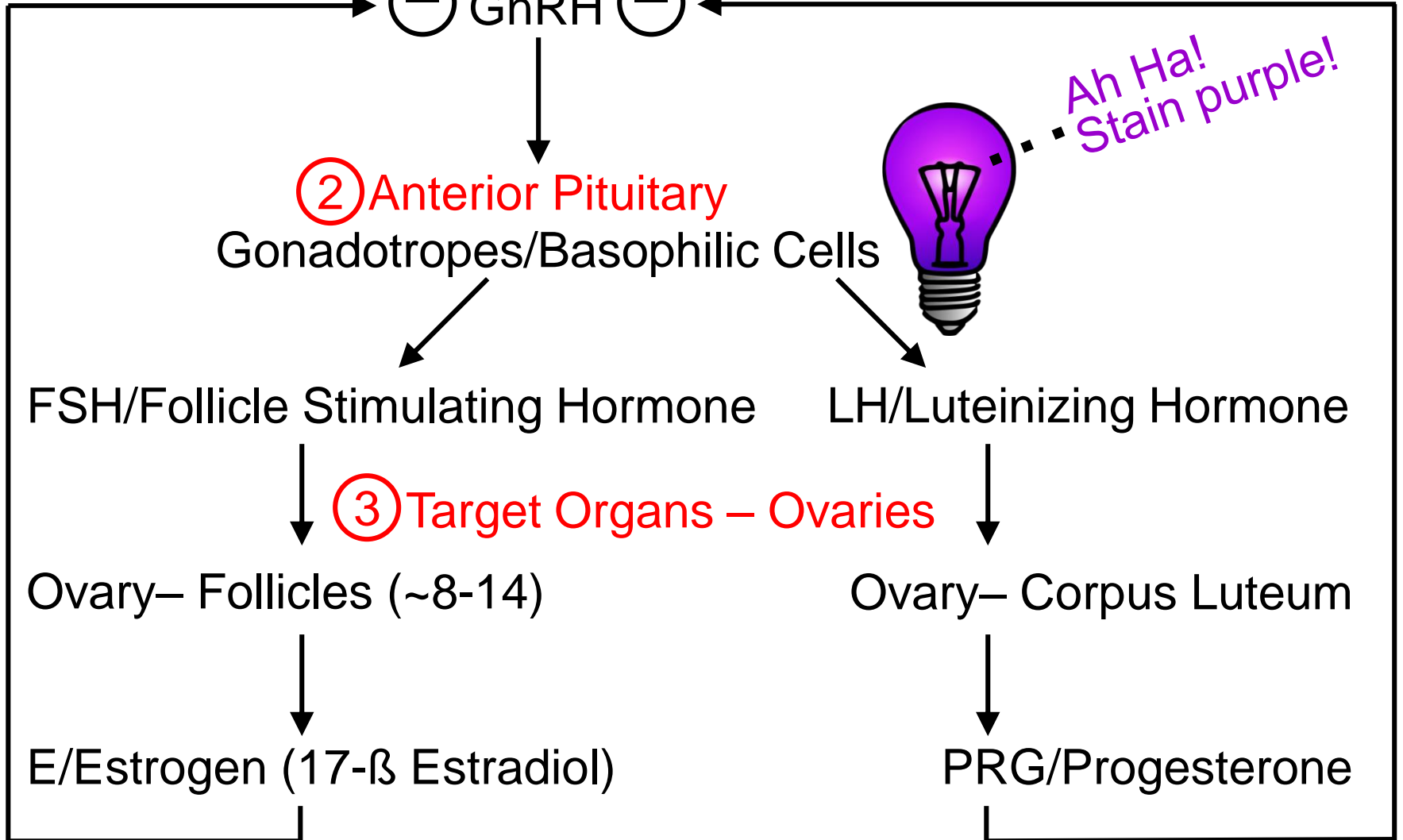
③ Target Organs – Ovaries

Ovary– Follicles (~8-14)

Ovary– Corpus Luteum

E/Estrogen (17-β Estradiol)

PRG/Progesterone

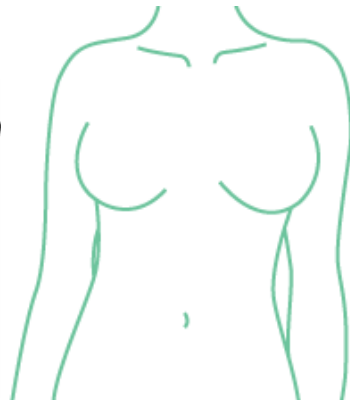
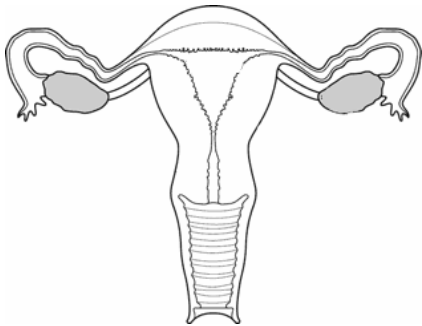


# What Do *Estrogen* & *Progesterone* Do?

## Estrogen – E

Growth & Development of:

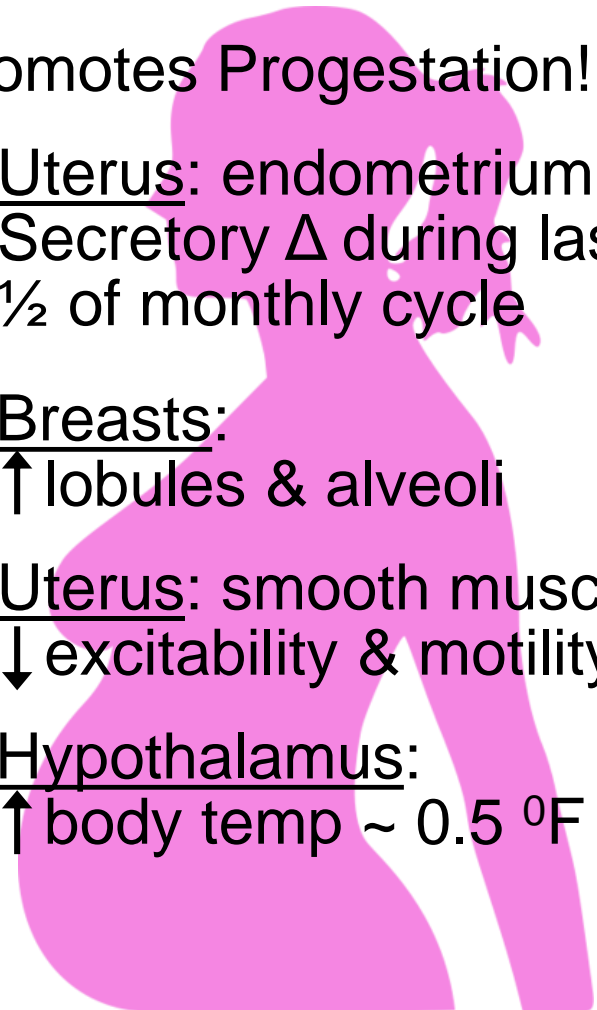
1. Ovaries, fallopian tubes, uterus, vagina, external genitalia
2. Breasts stroma, ductile systems, adipocytes
3. Skeleton → osteoblastic activity



## Progesterone – PRG

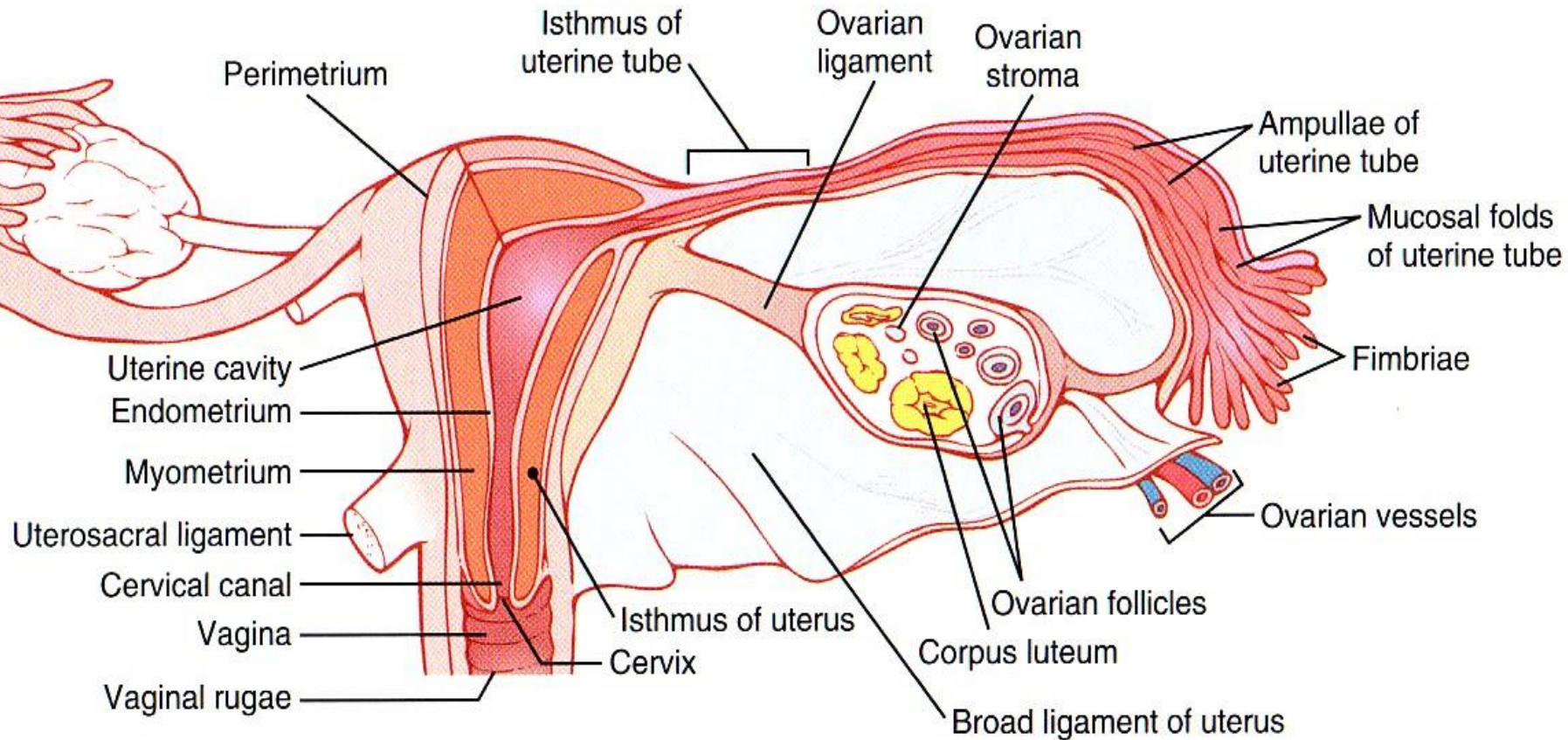
Promotes Progestation!

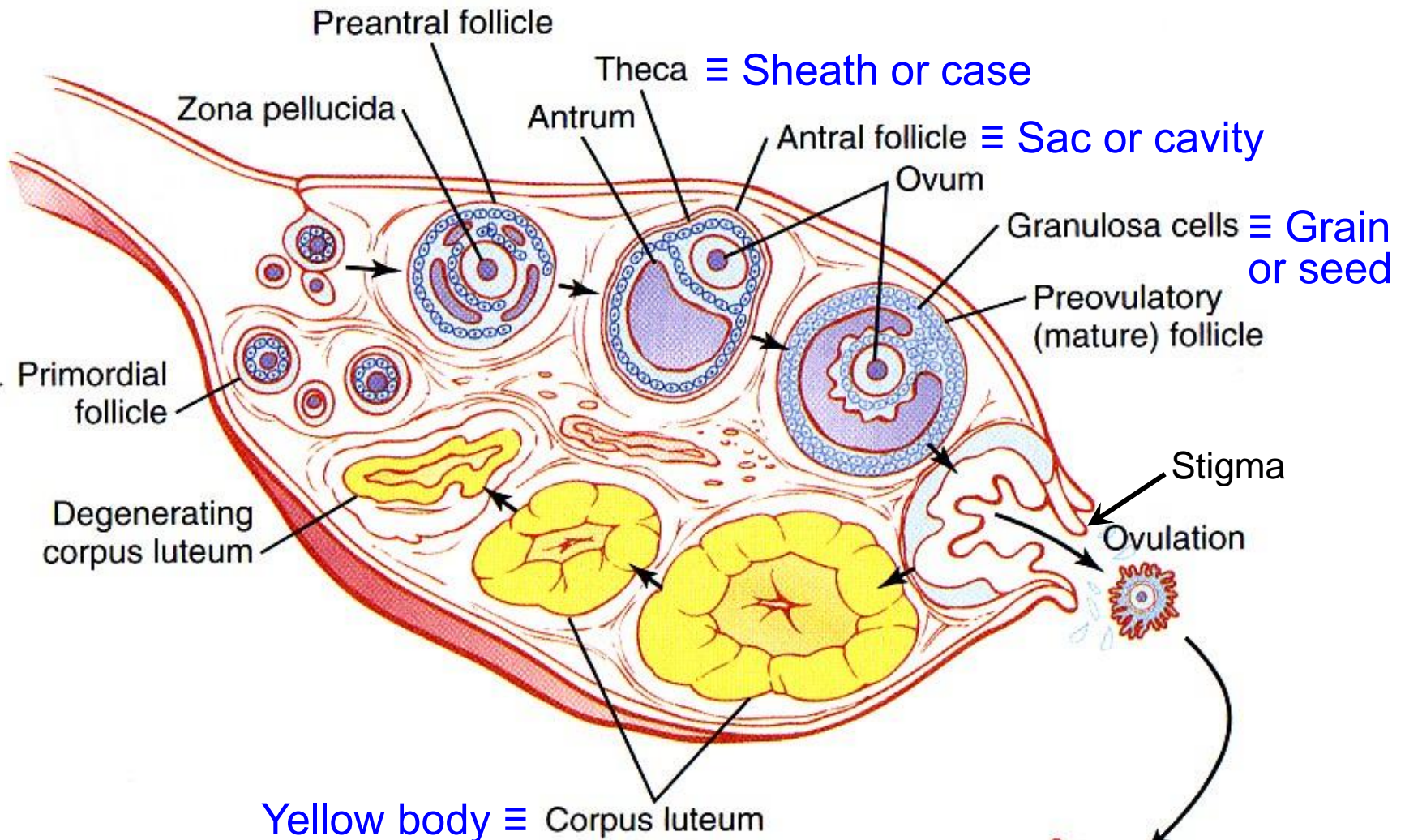
1. Uterus: endometrium  
Secretory  $\Delta$  during last  $\frac{1}{2}$  of monthly cycle
2. Breasts:  
↑ lobules & alveoli
3. Uterus: smooth muscle  
↓ excitability & motility
4. Hypothalamus:  
↑ body temp ~ 0.5 °F





# Uterus, Ovary & Uterine/Fallopian Tube

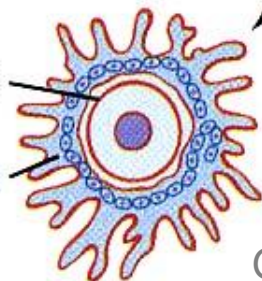




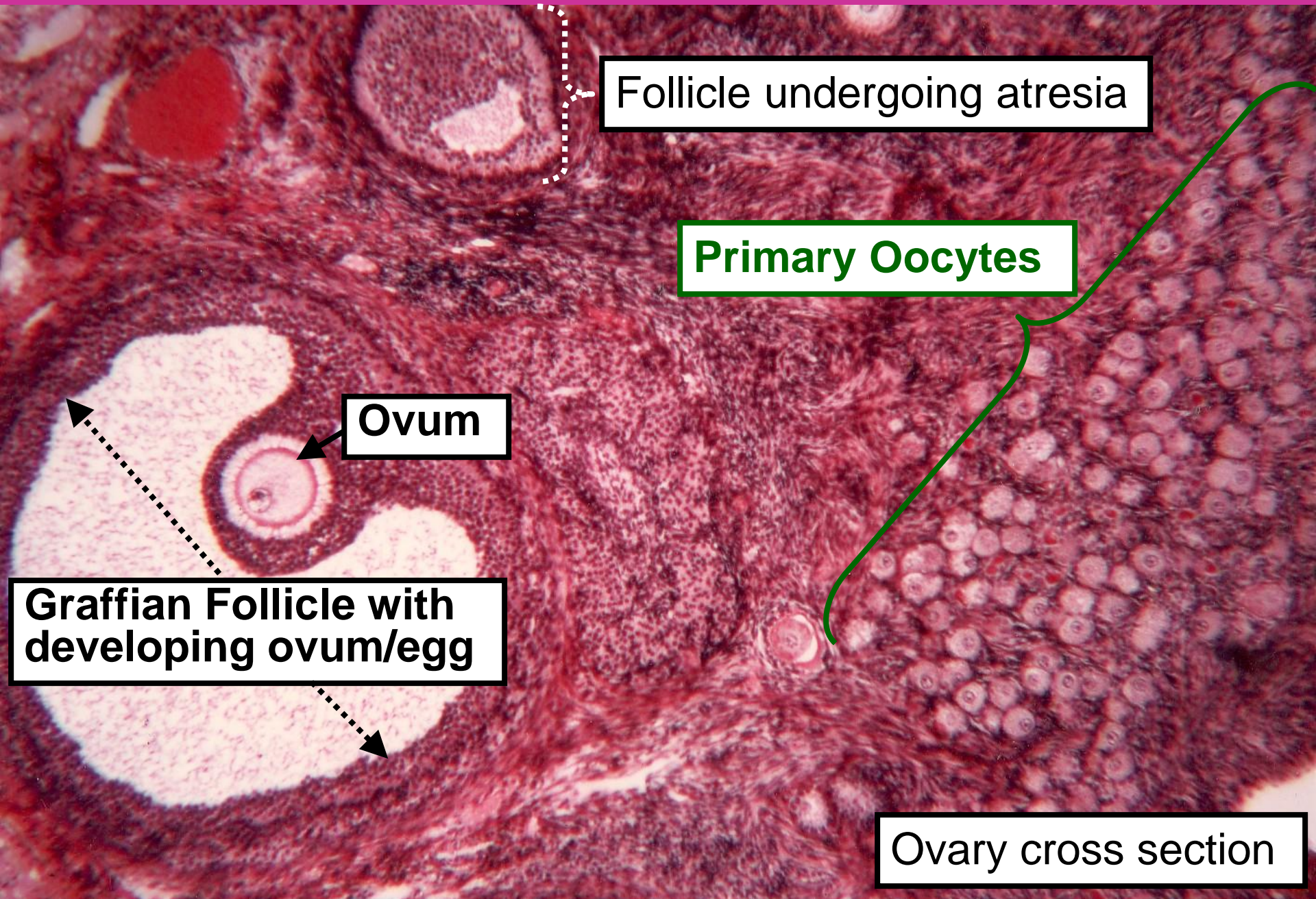
Ovary 1.5-3.0 cm  
 Ovum  $\sim$ 100  $\mu$



Egg  $\equiv$  Ovum  
 Corona radiata







Follicle undergoing atresia

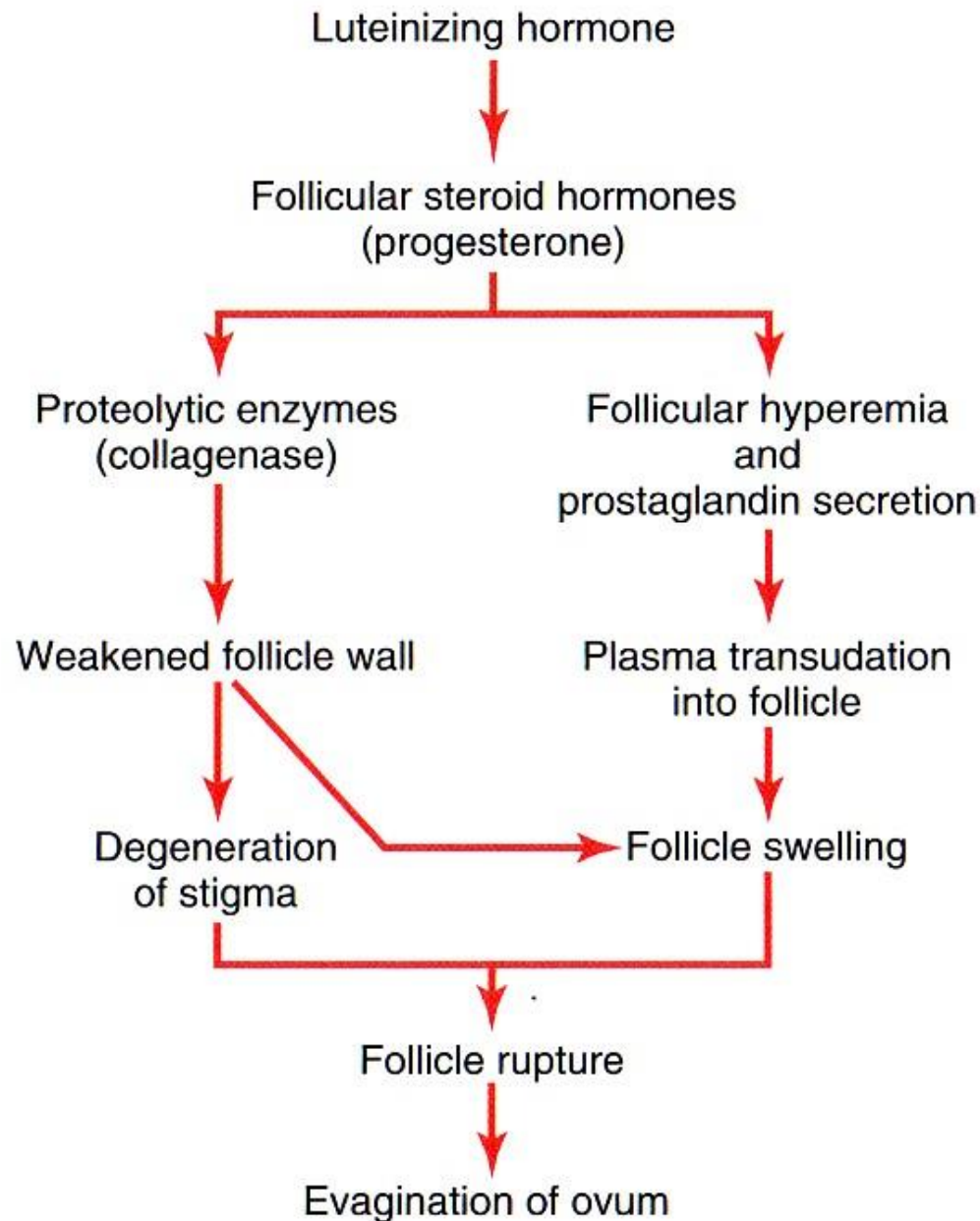
Primary Oocytes

Ovum

Graafian Follicle with developing ovum/egg

Ovary cross section

# Proposed Ovulation Mechanism





Antrum

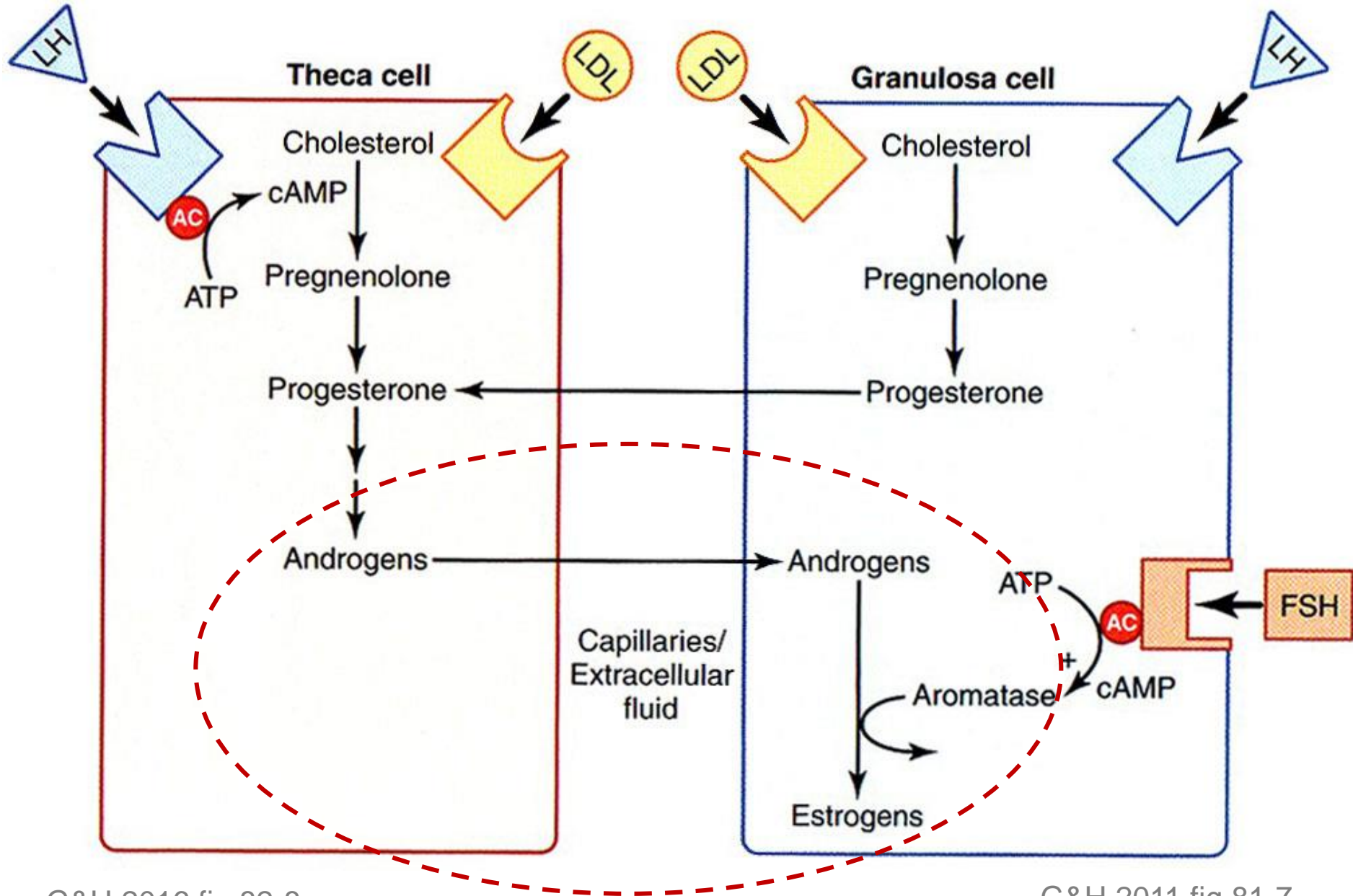
Thecal cells

Ovum  
(primary oocyte)

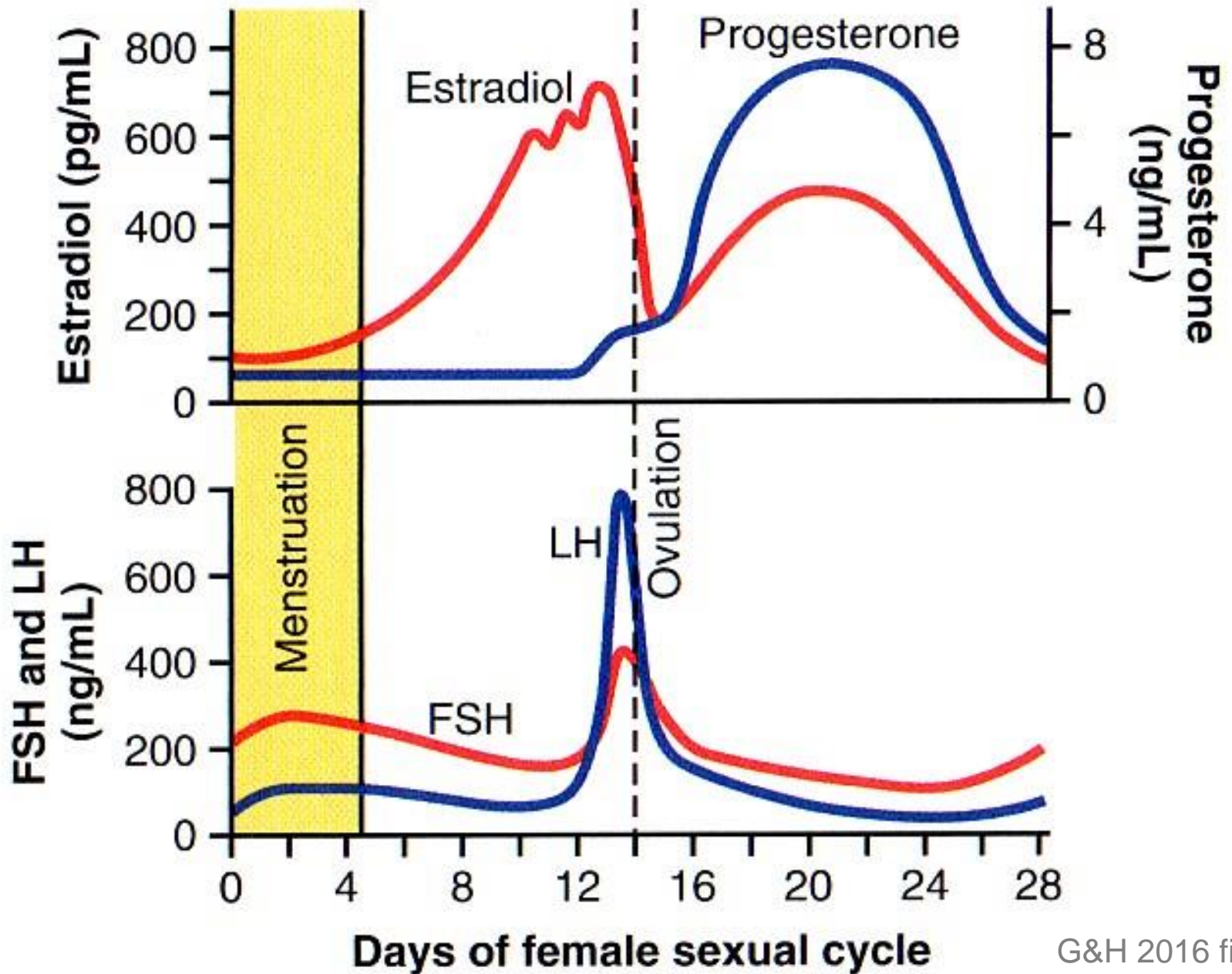
Granulosa cells

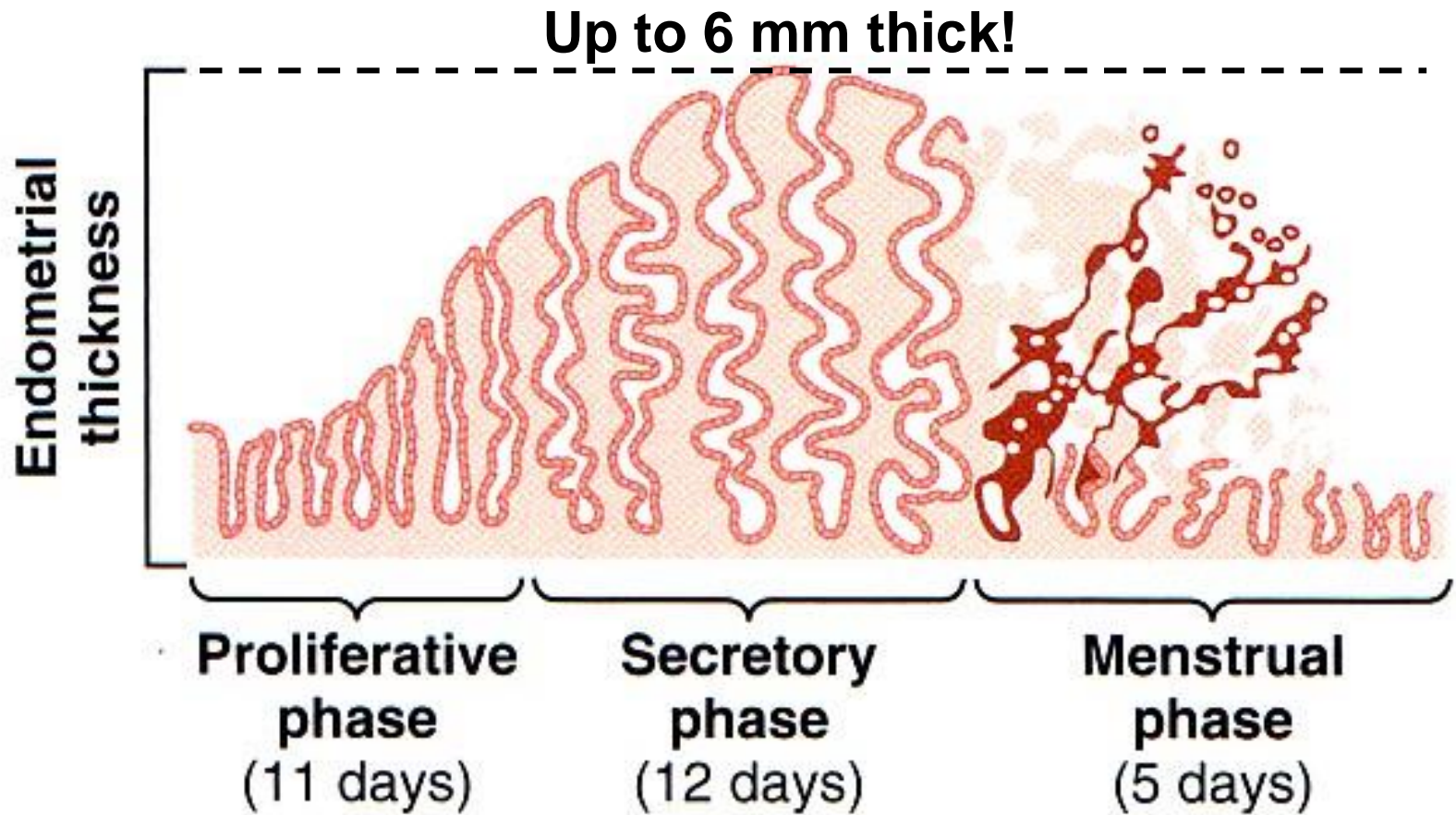


# Estrogen Production: Theca & Granulosa Cell Interaction



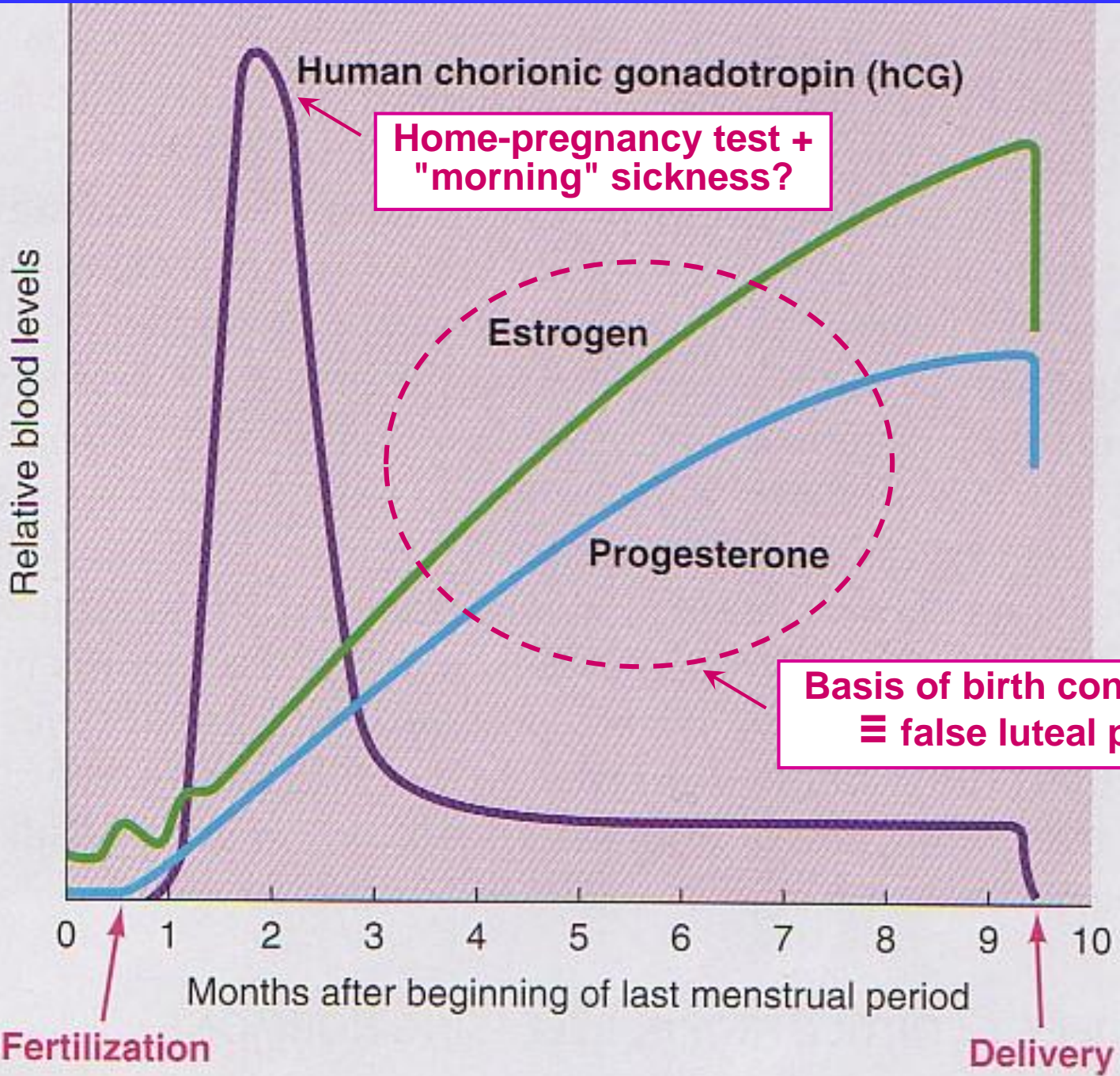






**Figure 81-8** Phases of endometrial growth and menstruation during each monthly female sexual cycle.





Human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG)

Home-pregnancy test + "morning" sickness?

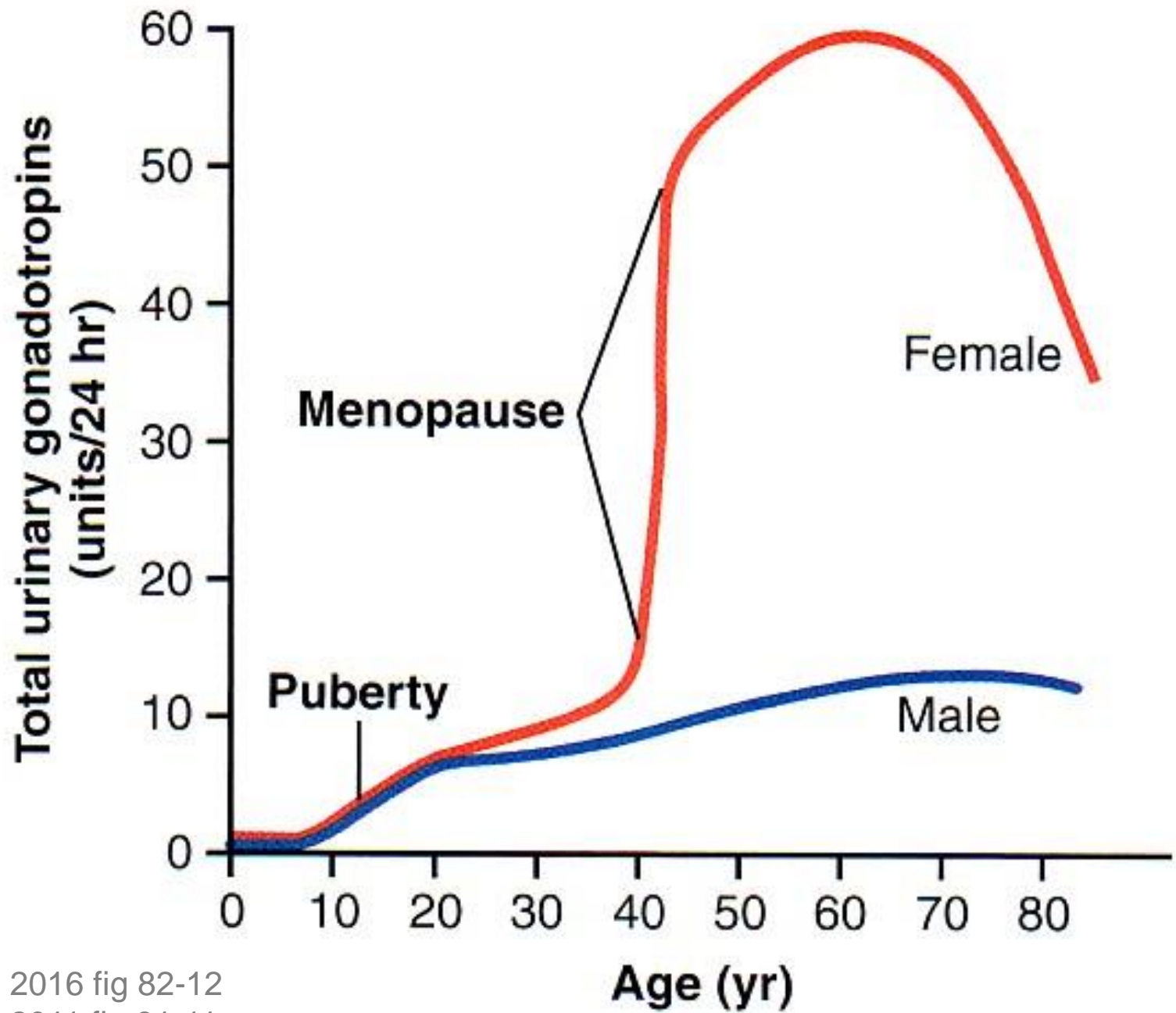
Estrogen

Progesterone

Basis of birth control pills ≡ false luteal phase

Fertilization

Delivery

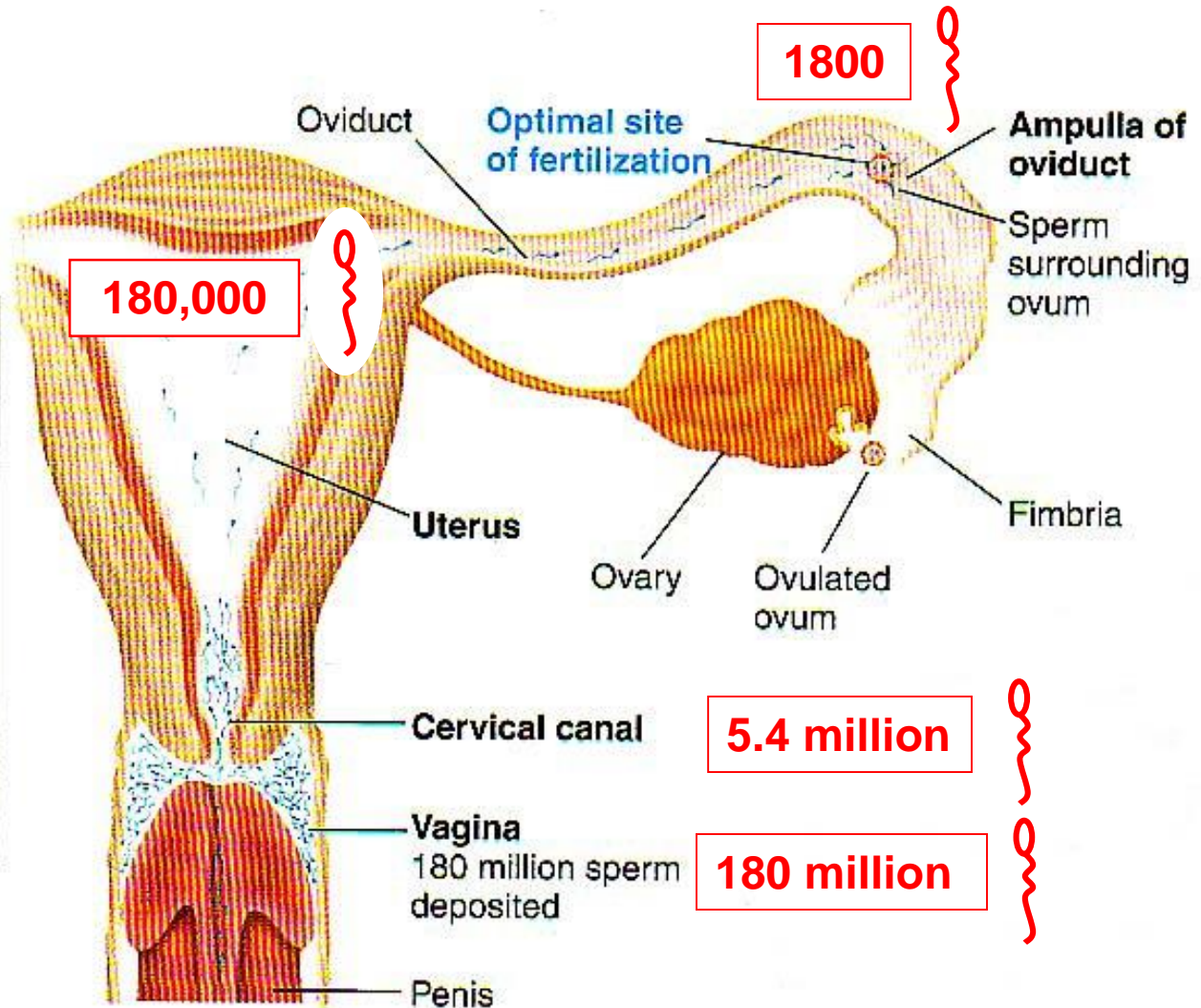


G&H 2016 fig 82-12  
G&H 2011 fig 81-11



Location	Time of appearance (min after ejaculation)	Percent of ejaculated sperm*
Fertilization site (upper third of oviduct)	30-60	0.001
Uterus	10-20	0.1
Cervical canal	1-3	3
Vagina	0	100

\*Based on data from animals. Sperm and ovum enlarged.



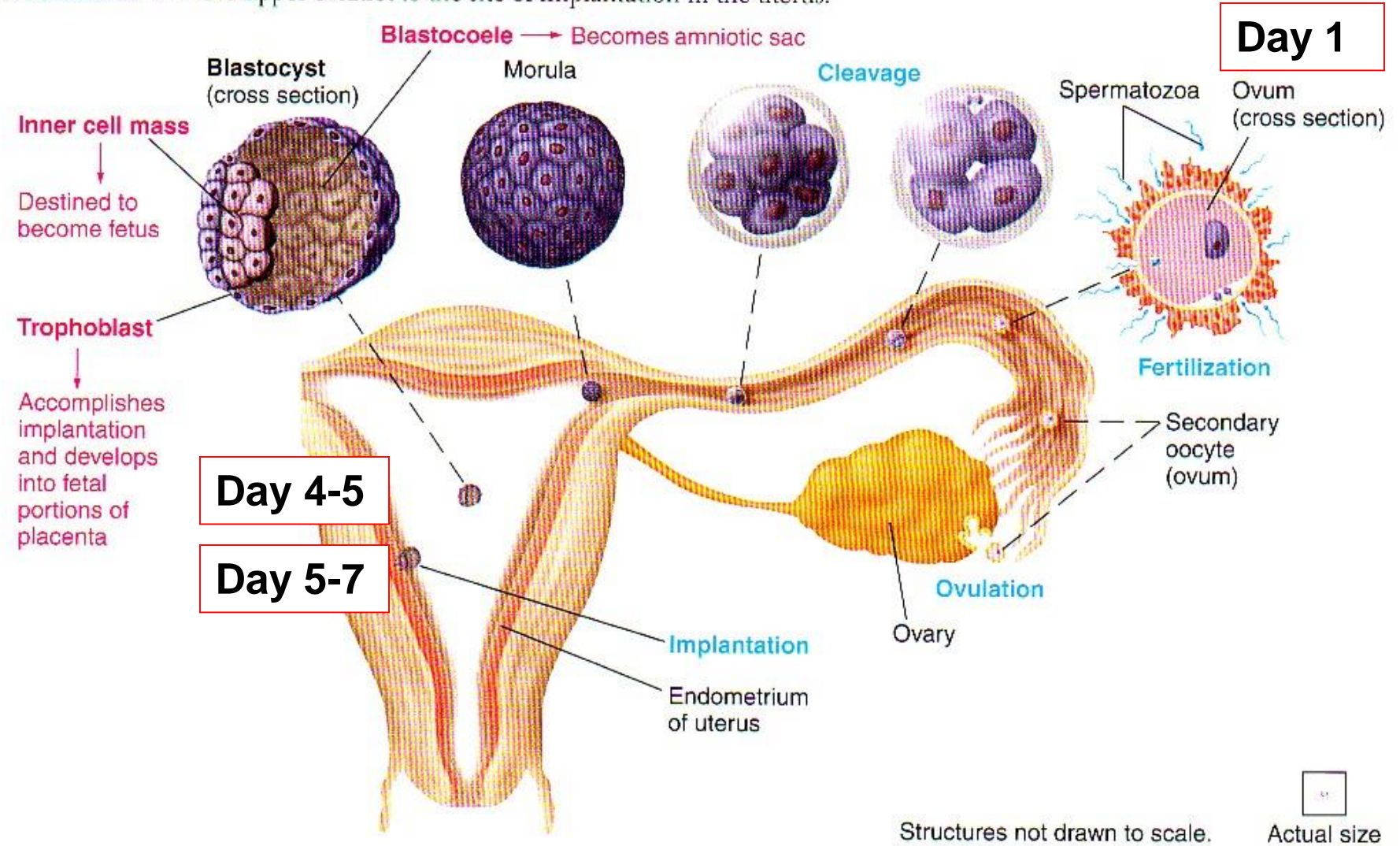
● FIGURE 20-20

Ovum and sperm transport to the site of fertilization

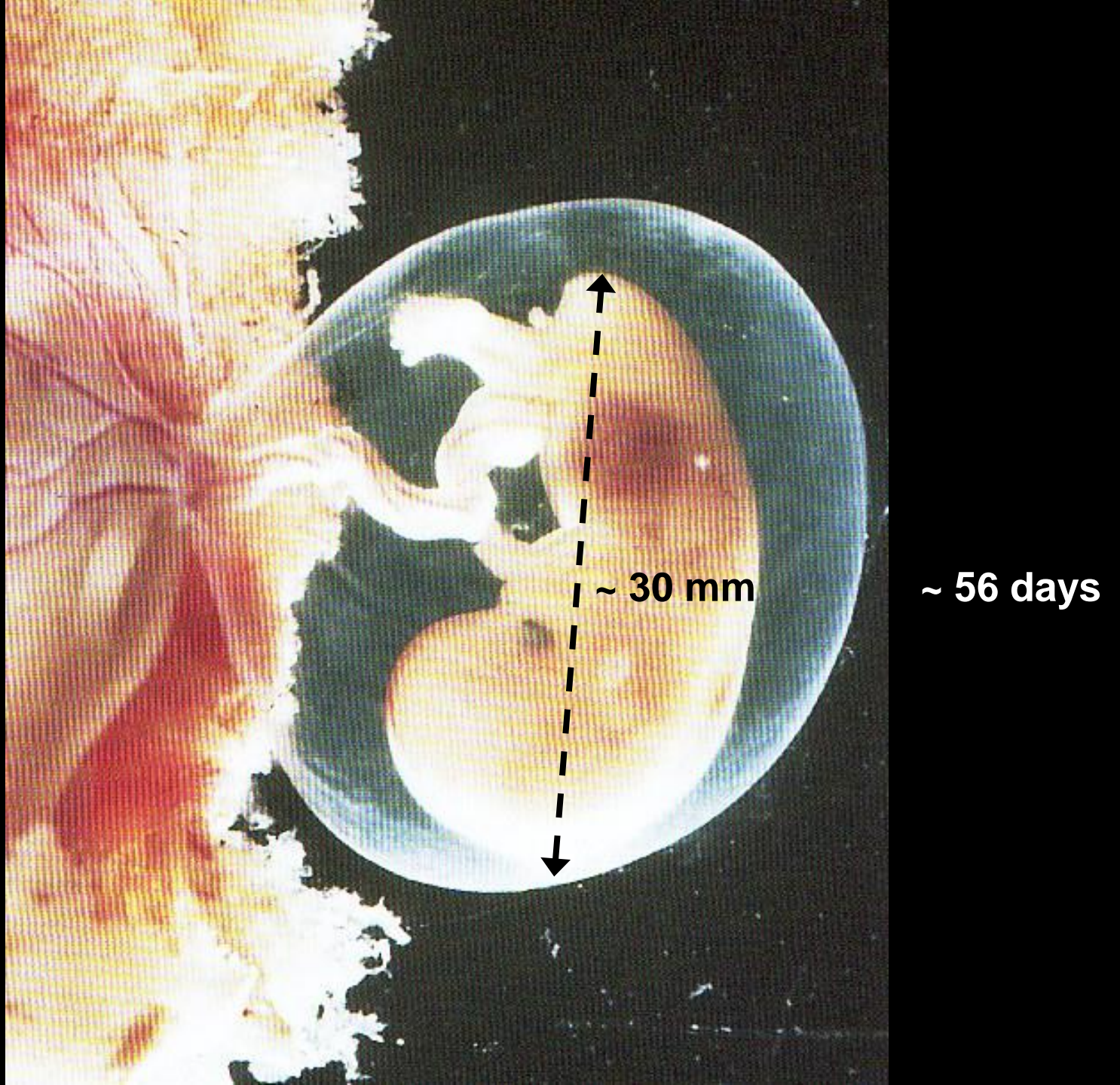
● FIGURE 20-23

**Early stages of development from fertilization to implantation**

Note that the fertilized ovum progressively divides and differentiates into a blastocyst as it moves from the site of fertilization in the upper oviduct to the site of implantation in the uterus.











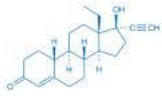

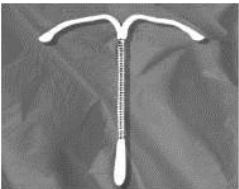
~ 30 mm

~ 56 days

Abstinence works best!

# Average Failure Rate of Various Contraceptive Techniques



Contraceptive Method	Average Failure Rate (annual pregnancies/ 100 women)
None  <span style="border: 1px solid black; border-radius: 50%; padding: 2px;">Yikes!</span>	90
Natural (rhythm) methods 	20-30
Coitus interruptus	23
Chemical contraceptives 	20
Barrier methods 	10-15
Oral contraceptives 	2-2.5
Implanted contraceptives 	1
Intrauterine device 	4





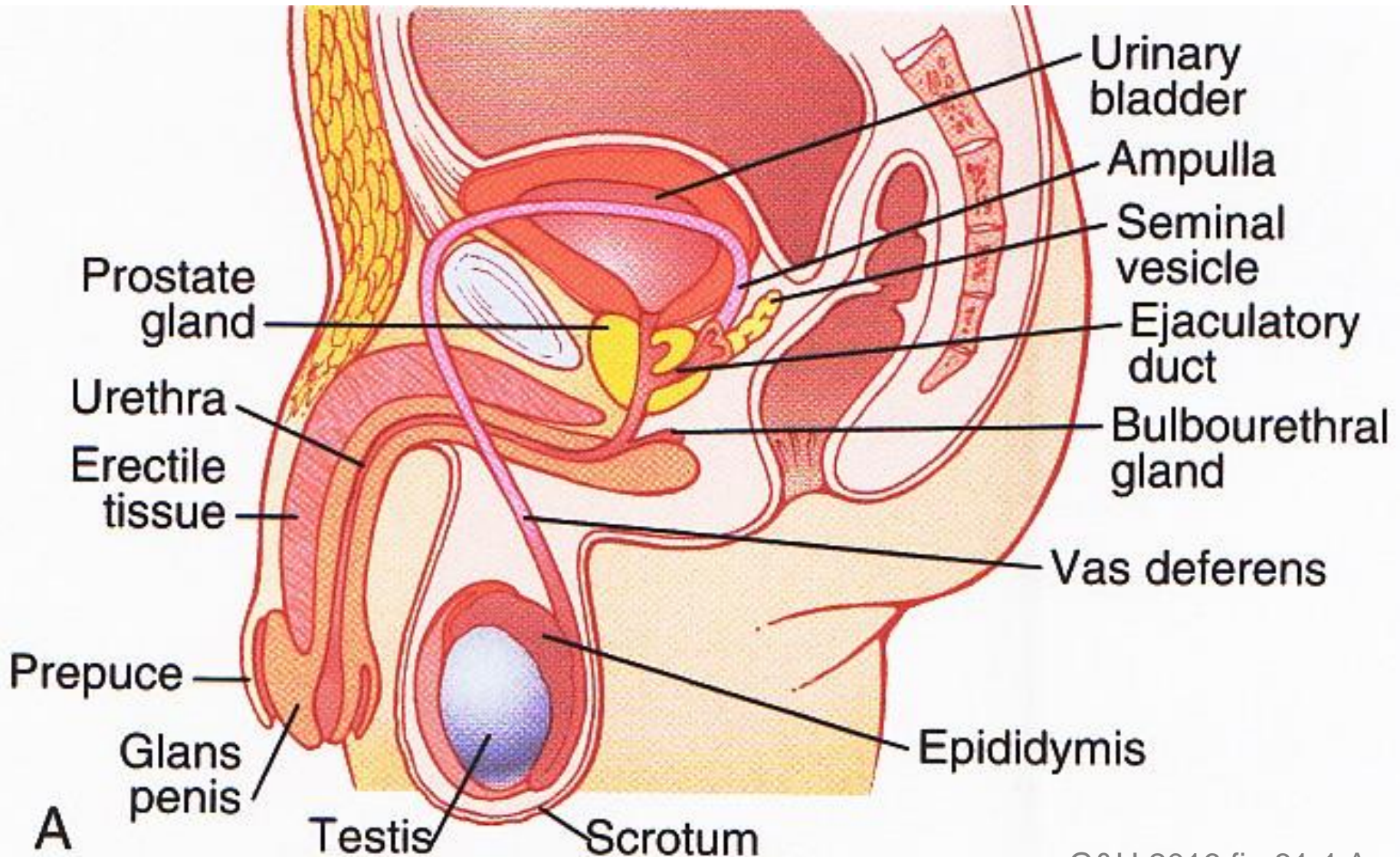
# *Important Facts*



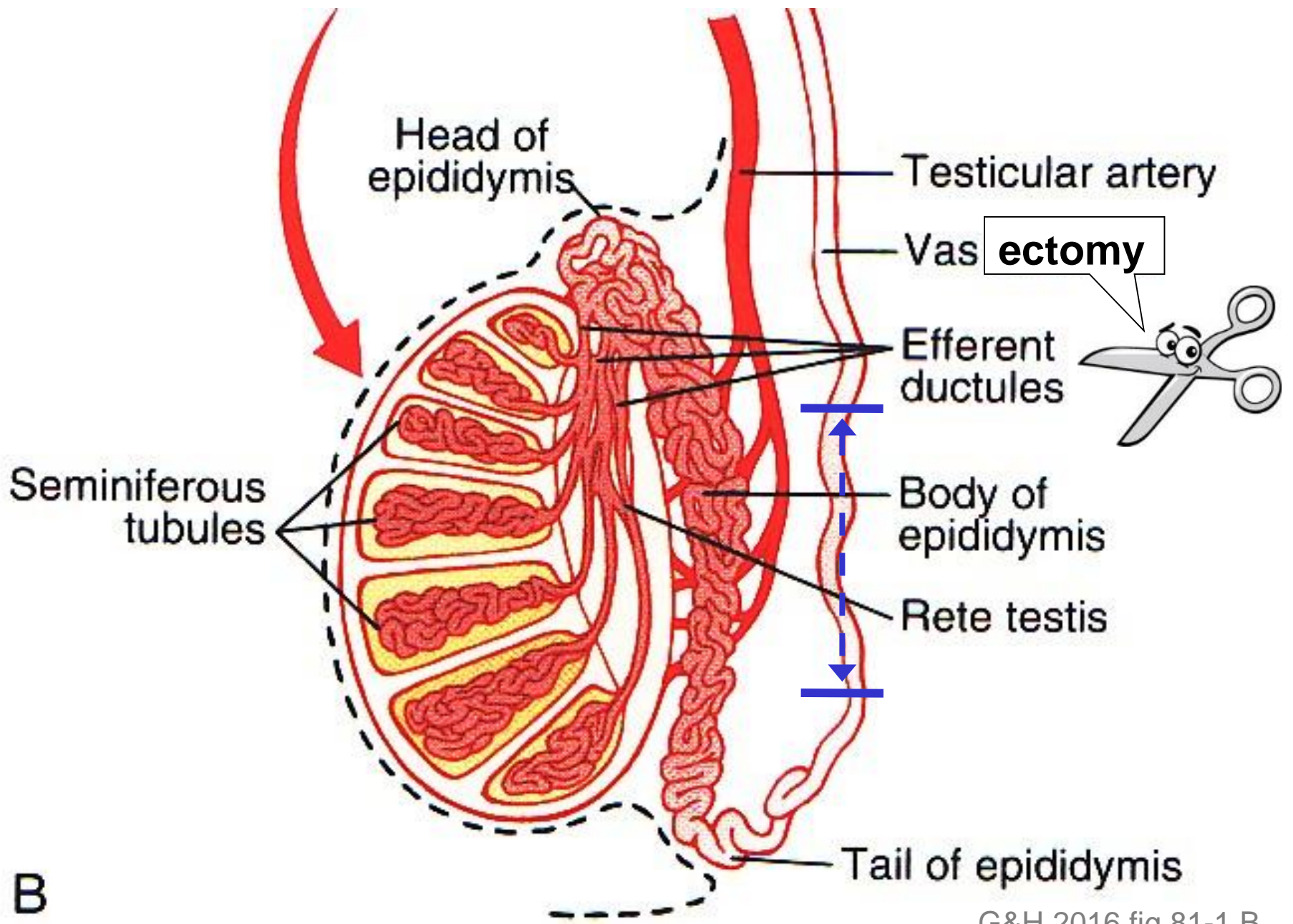
- 4 Million births in the US per yr
- 200 abortions per 1000 live births
- 664,000 legal abortions reported in 2013
- Sperm survive for 48 hr to 5 d in female reproductive tract
- Eggs start to disintegrate 12-24 hr > ovulation
- Ovulation varies & may be tough to predict...

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/births.htm>  
<http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/en/>  
<https://kinseyinstitute.org/research/index.php>

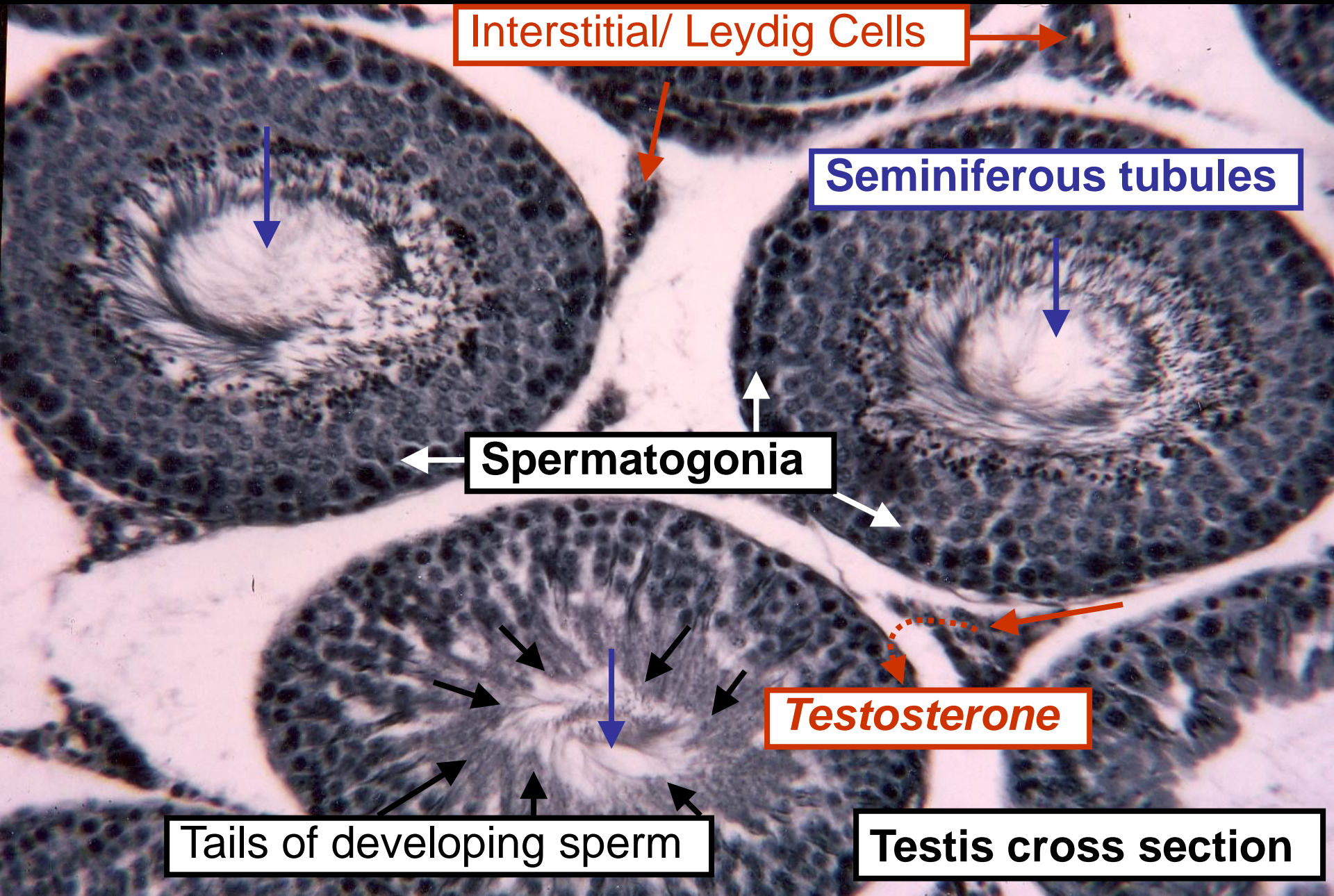
# Male Reproductive System



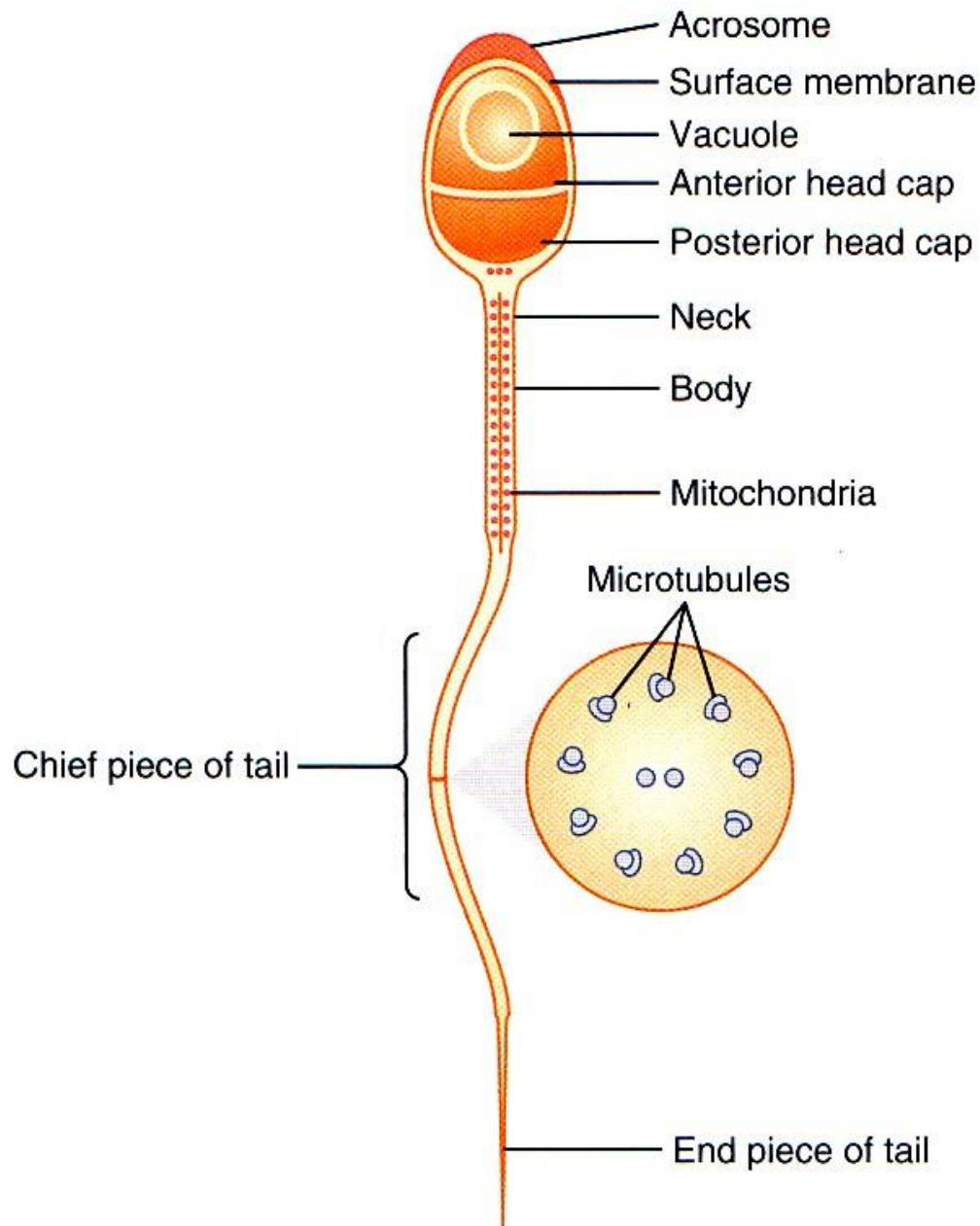












**Figure 80-4** Structure of the human spermatozoon.

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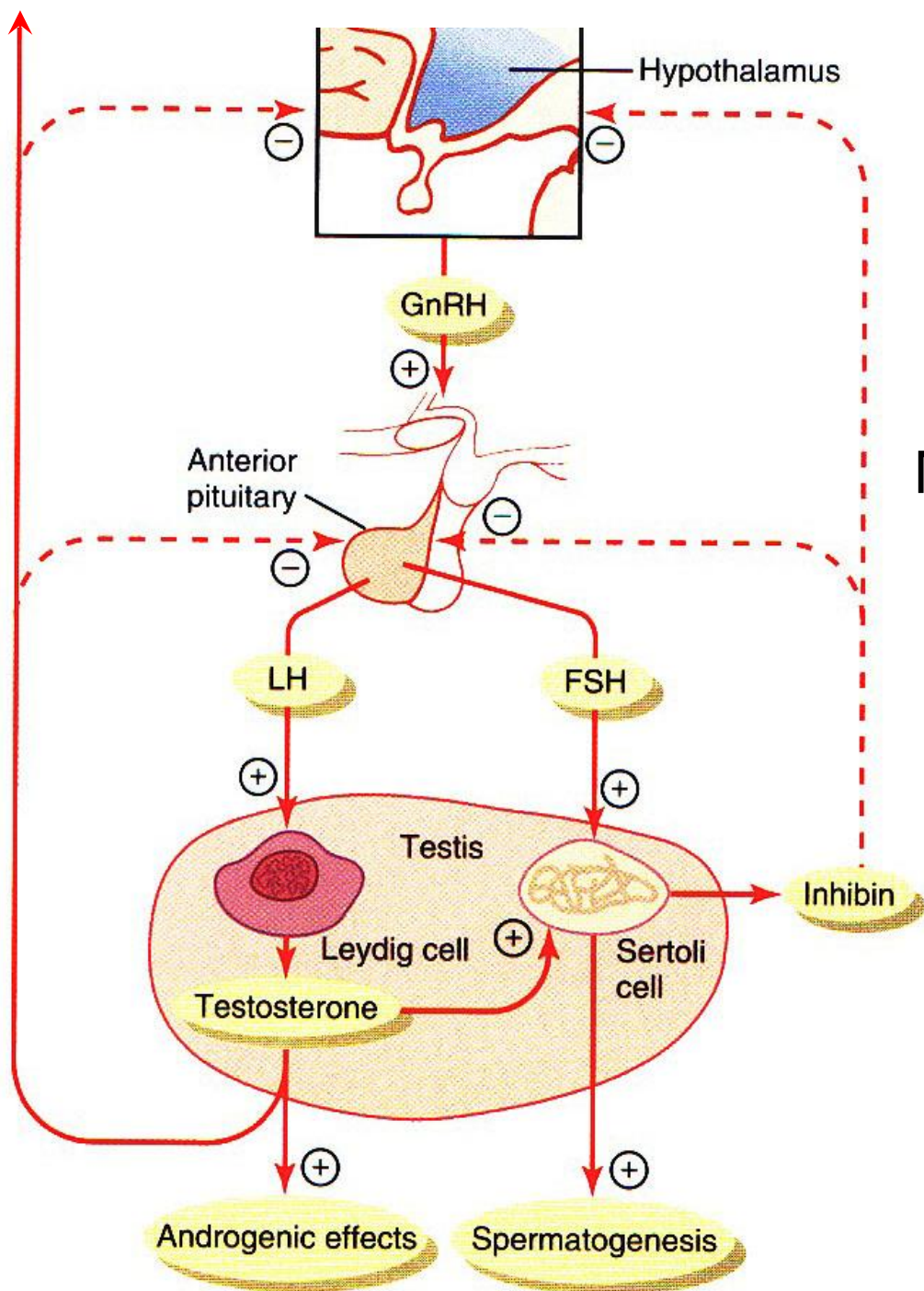


**Figure 80-5** Abnormal infertile sperm, compared with a normal sperm on the right.

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G&H 2011 fig 80-5

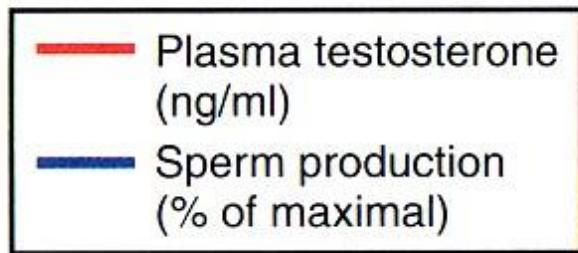
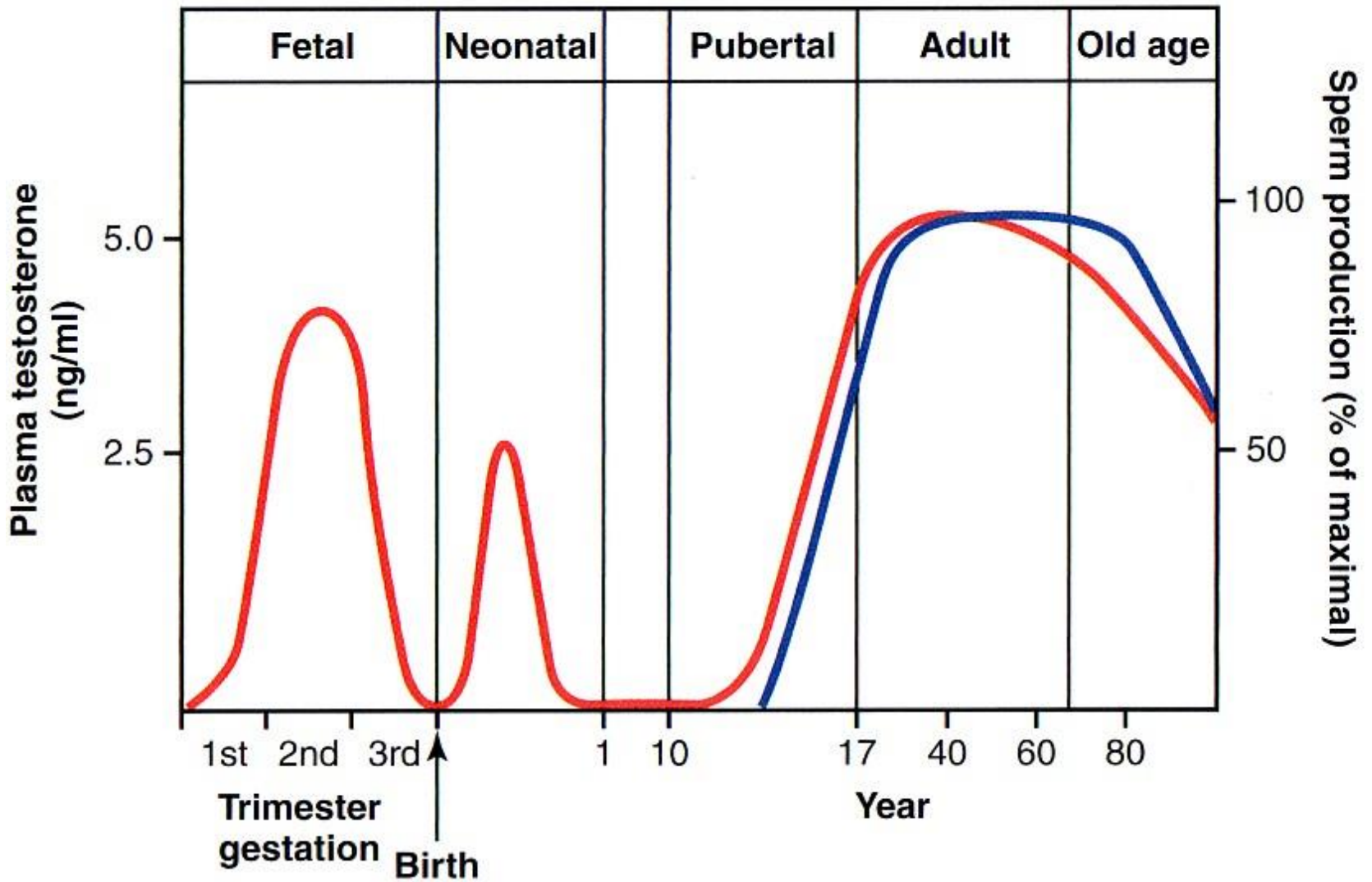


Behaviorial effects



## Male Feedback Regulation

G&H 2016 fig 81-10  
G&H 2011 fig 80-10



G&H 2016 fig 81-9  
 G&H 2011 fig 80-9