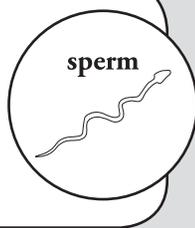


how pregnancy happens

male

During sex between a man and a woman (intercourse), the penis enlarges and becomes hard (erection) and is inserted into the vagina.

During male climax (ejaculation), millions of sperm are deposited into the vagina.



If the sperm and the egg meet in the fallopian tube, the egg is fertilized.

The fertilized egg moves through the tube to the uterus (womb) and attaches to the wall.

baby

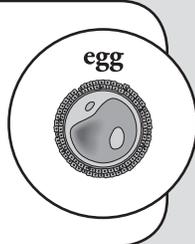
The fertilized egg grows into a baby.



female

Each month, an egg is released from one of the ovaries (ovulation).

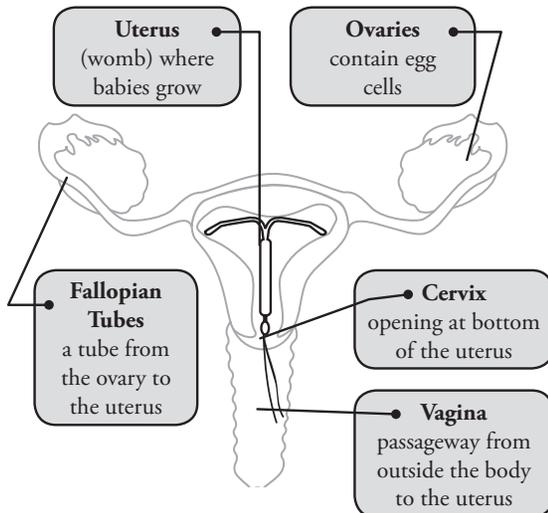
The egg travels through the fallopian tube on its way to the uterus.



If the egg is not fertilized, the egg and the uterus lining pass out of the body (menstruation or "period").

reproductive anatomy

female



Facts:

- A woman is born with all the eggs she will ever have.
- Sperm production begins at puberty and continues throughout a man's life.
- Sperm can live up to five to seven days when ejaculated in or near the vagina.
- Any activity that puts sperm near the vagina can result in pregnancy.

Symptoms of Pregnancy

- Missed period
- Nausea and vomiting (morning sickness)
- Breast tenderness
- Feeling tired
- Going to the bathroom (peeing) more often

If you have any of these signs, take a home pregnancy test (available at your drugstore) and/or call your health care provider or clinic.



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male

