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Part 1:

Male

infertility

Andrology

- ✓ **Branch of medical science concerned with study of physiological and pathological aspects of male reproductive tract.**

Male reproductive function

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Male fertility
potential

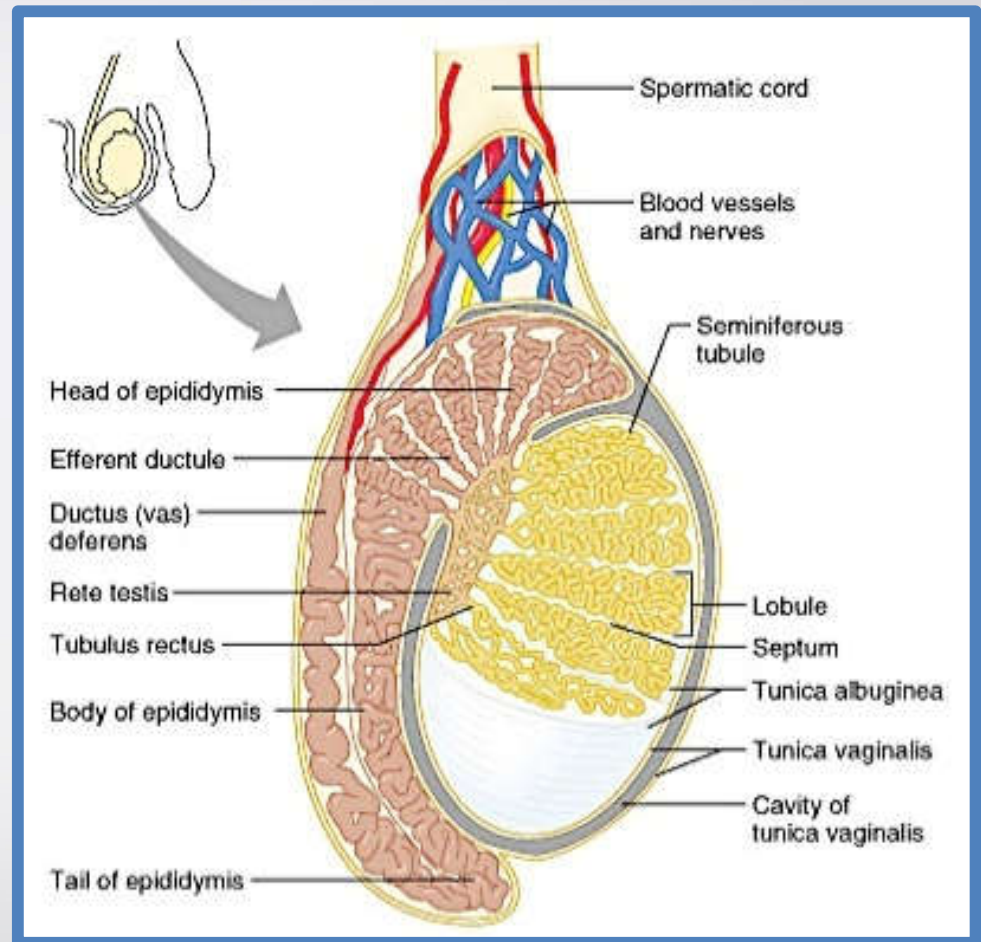
Male sexual
function

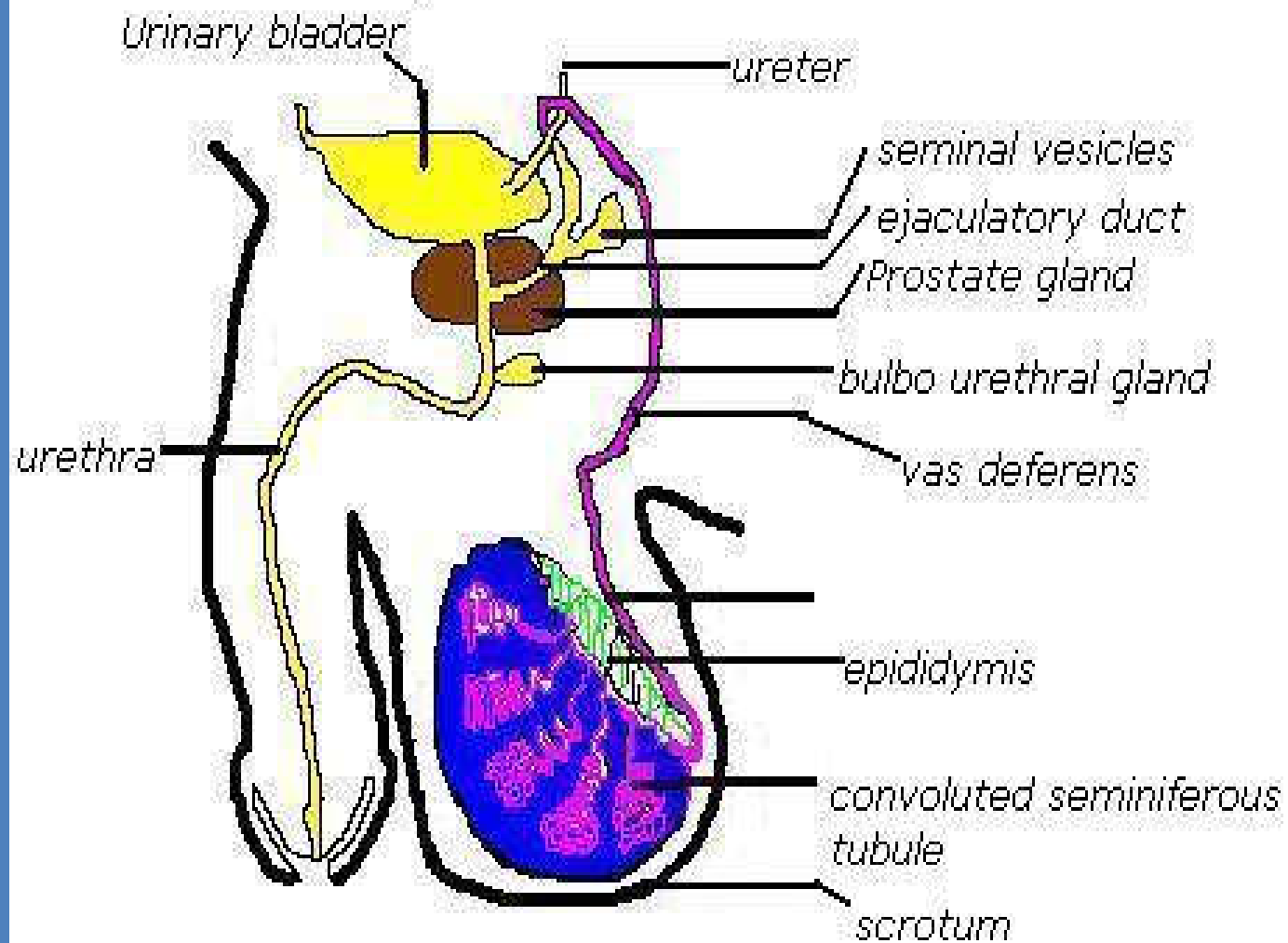
Testis

✓ **Anatomy**

✓ **Functions**

✓ **Hormonal control**







Definition:

Failure of conception after at least a year of regular unprotected intercourse

Primary infertility:

When the man has never impregnated a woman before

Secondary infertility:

When the man has impregnated a woman before

Etiology of male infertility

A) Functional causes :

- 1. Chromosomal anomalies e.g Klinefelter's Syndrome (47 xxy)**
- 2. Sertoli cell only Syndrome**
- 3. Undescended testis (bilateral)**
- 4. Varicocele**

Etiology of male infertility

- 5. Hypogonadism and hyperprolactinemia**
- 6. Post-pubertal mumps & leprosy orchitis**
- 7. Chemical e.g cancer chemotherapeutics**
- 8. Irradiation**
- 9. Excessive heat exposure**
- 10. Idiopathic**

B) Obstructive causes:

- 1. Congenital Bilateral Absence of Vas Deferens (CBAVD)**
- 2. Post inflammatory e.g Bilharziasis, TB and gonorrhoea**
- 3. Surgical trauma with vasectomy e.g herniorrhaphy**

Diagnosis of male infertility

A) History and clinical examination:

1- History:

- **1ry or 2ry infertility**
- **Duration and regularity of marriage**
- **Sexual and ejaculatory function**
- **Fever during past 6 months**
- **Chronic diseases e.g. T.B., D.M. - Hormonal treatment**
- **Chemotherapy, radiotherapy or surgery**

2- Clinical examination:

*** General: 2ry sexual characters or gynaecomastia**

*** Local:**

- Penis for ulceration, hypo- or epispadias**
- Testis for size, consistency and descent**
- Epididymis for nodules or cysts**
- Spermatic cord for varicocele (grades)**
- Prostate by PR**

B) Investigations:

- **Semen analysis**
- **Hormonal assay (FSH, LH, testosterone & prolactin)**
- **Scrotal U/S to detect Varicocele**
- **Transrectal ultrasonography to study the prostate, seminal vesicles and ejaculatory ducts**

B) Investigations:

- **Chromosomal study (Klinefelter's Syndrome)**
- **Testicular biopsy, to differentiate between functional & obstructive azoospermia**

Semen analysis

Semen: male reproductive fluid containing spermatozoa

Organ	Contribution, %
Seminal vesicles	65-75
Prostate	25-30
Vas deferens	5-10
Bulbourethral glands	1-2



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STANDARD SEMEN ANALYSIS

NAME: DATE:

ABSTINENCE PERIOD:

METHOD OF OBTAINING SPECIMEN:

Physical characters

- 1-Coagulum:.....(Present in fresh semen)
- 2-Liquefaction time:.....(10-20 minutes)
- 3-Volume:.....(2-6 ml)
- 4-Colour:.....(Translucent to whitish gray)
- 5-Odour:.....(Characteristic)
- 6-Consistency:.....(Threading not more than 2 cm)
- 7-Reaction:.....(Alkaline, pH 7.2-7.8)

Microscopic characters

- 1-Sperm concentration:.....(20-250 million /ml)
- 2-Total sperm count:.....(40 million or more)
- 3-Sperm motility:(A: 25% or A&B: 50% or more within 60 minutes)
 - A: rapid linear forward motility.....
 - B: slow linear and non linear progression.....
 - C: non-progression motility.....
 - D: immotile.....
- 4-Normal sperm forms:.....($\geq 50\%$)
- 5-Agglutination:.....($\leq 10\%$)
- 6-Round cells:.....(0-10/HPF)
- 8-Others:.....

STANDARD SEMEN ANALYSIS (WHO 2010)

NAME:... **DATE:**

ABSTINENCE PERIOD: **(2-7 days)**

METHOD OF OBTAINING SPECIMEN:.....

Physical characters

1-Coagulum:..... (Present in fresh semen)

2-Liquefaction time:..... (Within 15 minutes)

3-Volume:..... 1.5ml (1.4-1.7)

4-Colour:.....(Translucent to whitish gray)

5-Odour:..... (Characteristic)

6-Consistency:..... (Threading not more than 2 cm)

7-Reaction:..... (Alkaline, pH ≥ 7.2)

Microscopic characters

1-Sperm concentration:..... $\geq$ 15million /ml

2-Total sperm count:..... $\geq$ 39 million /ejaculate

3-Sperm motility:

Progressive motility(PR %): $\geq$ 32%

Total motility (PR+NP %):..... $\geq$ 40%

Immotile.....

4-Normal sperm forms :..... $\geq$ 4%

5-Agglutination:..... ($\leq$ 10%)

6-Round cells:..... (< 1 million)

7-Others:.....

Remarks:

Semen abnormalities

- **Aspermia: No ejaculate**
- **Hypospermia: Semen volume less than 1.5 ml**
- **Azoospermia: No sperms in the ejaculate after centrifugation (and careful examination)**
- **Oligozoospermia: Sperm concentration less than 15 millions/ ml or total count less than 39 million.**
- **Asthenozoospermia: PR < 32% or TM < 40%**

Semen abnormalities

- **Teratozoospermia: Abnormal forms more than 96%**
- **Necrozoospermia: All sperms are dead**
- **Pyospermia: Pus cells more than 1 million /ml**
- **Hemospermia: Presence of RBCs**

Varicocele may lead to **stress pattern** (OAT, Oligo-astheno-terato-zoospermia)

Treatment of male infertility

A) Medical treatment:

- Replacement therapy by FSH & LH to treat hypogonadotrophic hypogonadism
- Bromocriptine to treat hyperprolactinemia
- Treatment of immunological infertility and infections
- Non-specific treatment by antiestrogen (clomiphene citrate), antioxidants or vitamins

B) Surgical Treatment:

- Varicocelectomy for the Varicocele
- Epididymovasostomy for epididymal obstruction

C) Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART):

- **Artificial Insemination using Husband's semen (AIH)**
- **In Vitro Fertilization (IVF)**
- **Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI)**

- **ICSI can help many of those previously considered hopeless:**
 1. **Severe cases of oligo-asthenozoospermia**
 2. **Obstructive azoospermia**
 3. **Azoospermic patients with focal spermatogenesis**

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