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EMBRYOLOGY

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Is the science that deals with the study of the origin and development of human beings <u>from</u> the process of fertilization to the process of birth.



Embryonic period:

The time from fertilization to the end of the 8th week of development. During this period, the developing human is called Embryo.

Fetal period:

The time from the beginning of the 9th week until birth. During this period, the developing human is called Fetus.

Sometimes, the period from fertilization until implantation is called *Pre-embryonic period*.

Fertilization

- Is the process by which the haploid male gamete (the sperm) unites with the haploid female gamete (oocyte) to form the diploid zygote.
- It usually takes place in the ampulla of the uterine tube.

Diploid: the normal number of chromosomes $\rightarrow 46$ Haploid: half the normal number of chromosomes $\rightarrow 23$

Zygote = yolk (= joined together).

Fig.2: Top: sperm. Bottom: oocyte (close to the oocyte, a sperm is drawn to, approximately, the same scale as the oocyte).



• Thousands of sperms usually reach the oocyte in the uterine tube. One sperm, however, will fertilize the ovum.



Fig.3: Process of Fertilization



Results of Fertilization

- 1. Restoration of the diploid number of chromosomes. [$sperm + ocyte \rightarrow 46$ 23 + 23 chromoses
- Determination of the chromosomal sex of the embryo. XX: Female / XY: male
- 3. Variation in the human species due to the *mingling of chromosomes* from two different individuals, the ⁽²⁾crossing-over of chromosomes, and ⁽³⁾mutations.
- 4. Metabolic activation that initiates the cleavage of the zygote. J here starts the 1st week of developm

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After fertilization. The 1st Week of Development

series of sequential processes : (One happens after the other)





Cleavage of the Zygote:

Is the repeated mitotic division of the zygote resulting in a rapid increase in the number of cells with a decrease in their size.

الحليق الناجة عنه الانقسام The resulting cells are called **Blastomeres**.

Not all cells necessarily divide at the same time; so, the number of cells does not follow the mathematical progression 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, ...



Fig.4 (continued): Note how the zona pellucida is not present around the late blastocyst.



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Zona pellucida: a layer of glycoprotein that surrounds the oocyte. It continues to surround the dividing zygote until the late blastocyst stage (6 days after fertilization).

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• Morula: is a solid sphere of blastomeres that forms about 4 days after fertilization.

Fig.5: Morula, a ball of blastomeres.

zygote division starts in uterine tube

Fig.6: The cleavage of the zygote begins in the uterine tube and ends in the uterus.

The uterine tube is lined by simple columnar <u>ciliated</u> epithelium , <u>and that helps the zygote to move</u> <u>through the uterine tube to the uterus</u>.

Blastocyst Formation:

early Blastocyst stage: At about 5 DAF, fluid starts to accumulate within the zygote \rightarrow formation of a fluid filled cavity called Blastocystic cavity. The zygote at this stage is called **Blastocyst**. * still surrounded by zona pellucida late Blastocyst stage: The blastocyst emerges from the surrounding zona pellucida by a process called *Hatching*.

Fig.7: The blastocyst and its hatching.

Cavity

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In the blastocyst, the cells form two groups:

- The inner cell mass (embryoblast) on the 1. inside which will form the embryo.
- Surrounding the blastocyst is a layer of cells ii. called the *trophoblast* which will form the embryonic part of the placenta and part of the في ند نيا مغربة / tro phoblasts: will form the embryo ا تغريقة / structures that will nourish chorion.

starts as soos as the blastocyst leaves the late blastocyst stage.

- Implantation is the attachment of the trophoblast (near the embryoblast) to the endometrium of the uterus and the subsequent embedding of the embryo within the endometrium. It usually occurs in the fundus or body of the uterus and begins about 6 DAF.
- At this stage, the trophoblast will form two layers of cells:
- a. Cytotrophoblast: the inner layer. (single layer)
- b. Syncytiotrophoblast: this is the outer layer near the embryoblast. It consists of several cells that fuse together to form a multinucleated syncytium. [lost their CMs] * acts as a single unit.
- At this time, a layer of cuboidal cells appears on the embryoblast. This is called the *hypoblast*.

The 2nd Week of Development

all occur at the same Hime * together *

Completion of Implantation

Formation of the Bilaminar Disc

Development of the Chorionic Sac

- Completion of Implantation occurs in the endometrium * الحبينة وتكون في الطلبقة الداخلية للرج فقط ، كا يكل للطلبقة العناية بالاسبوع الأول كان يامع؟ دونا د ميل + مشكلة الأديبان منمو يتب داخل الرج فقط ، كا يكل للطلبقة العناية بالاسبوع الأول كان يامع؟ دونا د ميل + مشكلة الأديبان منمو يتب داخل الرج فقط ، كا يكل للطلبقة العناية بالاسبوع الأول كان يامع؟ لا مسبوع الأول كان يامع؟ By the activity of certain enzymes, the syncytiotrophoblast will continue to invade the uterine wall until the whole embryo is embedded in the wall (About 10 DAF). * He embryo gets completely in the endometrium of uterus. \succ Up to this moment, the embryo was nourished by $\frac{1}{2}$ secretions from the mucosa of the uterine tube and uterus.
 - As implantation happens, some cells in the <u>connective</u> <u>tissue</u> of the uterine wall will enlarge and become filled with glycogen and lipids. These cells (called *Decidual cells*) will be engulfed by the syncytiotrophoblast and their contents are used to nourish the embryo.

small spares

> Multiple lacunae will appear in the syncytium. These will be connected with each other to form a network. The syncytiotrophoblast will erode the enlarged endometrial capillaries and glands and maternal blood and glandular secretions will pour into these lacunae. The blood and the secretions will provide nutrition for the embryo. * when the syncy to trophoblast invades in the uterns, they will deshe Blood vessels & glands, and their content will pass into the lacunae > By the end of the 2nd week, extensions from the cytotrophoblast will protrude into the overlying layer of syncytiotrophoblast forming the primary chorionic villi.

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Nourishment of embryo: 1) servetions fromulerine tube /2) servetions of upons De ciducil celly 3) Implantation, some yterus ocum 2) en largment of Blood vessels+Glands when syncytiotrophoblast invades A. the devidual cells will be destroyed - bigges diam B when the lacunce form, the syncytio trophoblast will distroy the enlarged glands & BV -> this content will pass into the lucunea -> used for nourishment by diffusion

Fig.9: Completion of implantation. In (b), we have lacunae within the syncytium. In (c), the lacunae formed a network. Note how maternal blood and glandular secretions pass into these lacunae.

Formation of the Bilaminar Disc

- □ As implantation progresses, changes occur in the embryoblast.
- The embryoblast will form a flattened, almost circular disc. This disc is formed of 2 layers (Bilaminar). These are:
- *a. Epiblast*: thicker, formed of long columnar cells, related to amniotic cavity.

Fig.11: The bilaminar disc.

At the same time, a cavity appears in the embryoblast called the *Amniotic cavity*. The epiblast forms its floor. Cells derived from the epiblast form the *amniotic membrane (or* amnion) that covers the amniotic cavity. squamous روللع Squamous 2nd week • Cells derived from the hypoblast will line the cytotrophoblast, thus, covering the blastocystic cavity. These cells form what's called the exocoelomic membrane and the cavity is now called the *exocoelomic cavity*. Blaskocystic cavity

* CT is embryo called mesoderm.

A layer of connective tissue will be formed. This layer (called the *extraembryonic mesoderm*) will surround the amnion and the exocoelomic cavity (which is now called the *primary umbilical vesicle*).

Soon, several small spaces will appear in the extraembryonic mesoderm. These spaces will fuse to form a single cavity called the *extraembryonic coelom*. This completely surrounds the amnion and umbilical vesicle except at the connecting stalk .

As this new cavity enlarges, <u>a part of the primary</u> <u>umbilical vesicle is pinched off (this will later</u> disappear). The remaining vesicle is called the <u>secondary umbilical vesicle</u>.

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Development of the Chorionic Sac

- ✓ The extraembryonic coelom will divide the extraembryonic mesoderm into 2 layers:
- a. Extraembryonic somatic mesoderm: this covers the amnion and connecting stalk and lines the trophoblast.
 - b. Extraembryonic splanchnic mesoderm: this covers the umbilical vesicle.
 - ✓ The extramembryonic somatic mesoderm and the two layers of the trophoblast form the *Chorion*.

- ✓ By the end of the 2nd week, the primary chorionic villi and the secondary umbilical vesicle are formed. At this time, the extraembryonic coelom is called the *chorionic cavity*.
- ✓ The embryo (with its amniotic cavity) and the umbilical vesicle are suspended in the chorionic cavity by the connecting stalk.

✓ Some cells of the hypoblast will become hin columnar to form the prechordal plate (future site of mouth).

