

# Topic - Gametogenesis

Spermatogenesis  
Oogenesis

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## Gametogenesis :-

→ The process in which cells undergo meiosis to form gametes.

OR

→ Gametogenesis is the process where by a haploid cell(s) is formed from a diploid cell(s) through meiosis and cell differentiation.

→ Gametogenesis in the male is known as spermatogenesis and produces spermatozoa while gametogenesis in the female is known as oogenesis and produces ova.

## Spermatogenesis :-

→ formation of the spermatozoa within the seminiferous tubule is called spermatogenesis.

→ Immature germ cells, called spermatogonia, present in seminiferous tubule divided by mitosis.

→ some of these cells enter meiosis I to become primary spermatocytes. They then complete meiosis I to become secondary spermatocytes.

→ The secondary spermatocytes then complete meiosis II to become spermatozoa which differentiate into spermatozoa (sperm) and are released into the

dorsum of the tubule.

→ Within the seminiferous tubule, Interstitial with Spermogenesis, there are large cells that extend from the Pamp of the tubule to the lumen. These large cells are the Sertoli cells which support and nurture the germ cells. Spermogenesis also depends on testosterone secreted by Leydig cells situated between seminiferous tubules.

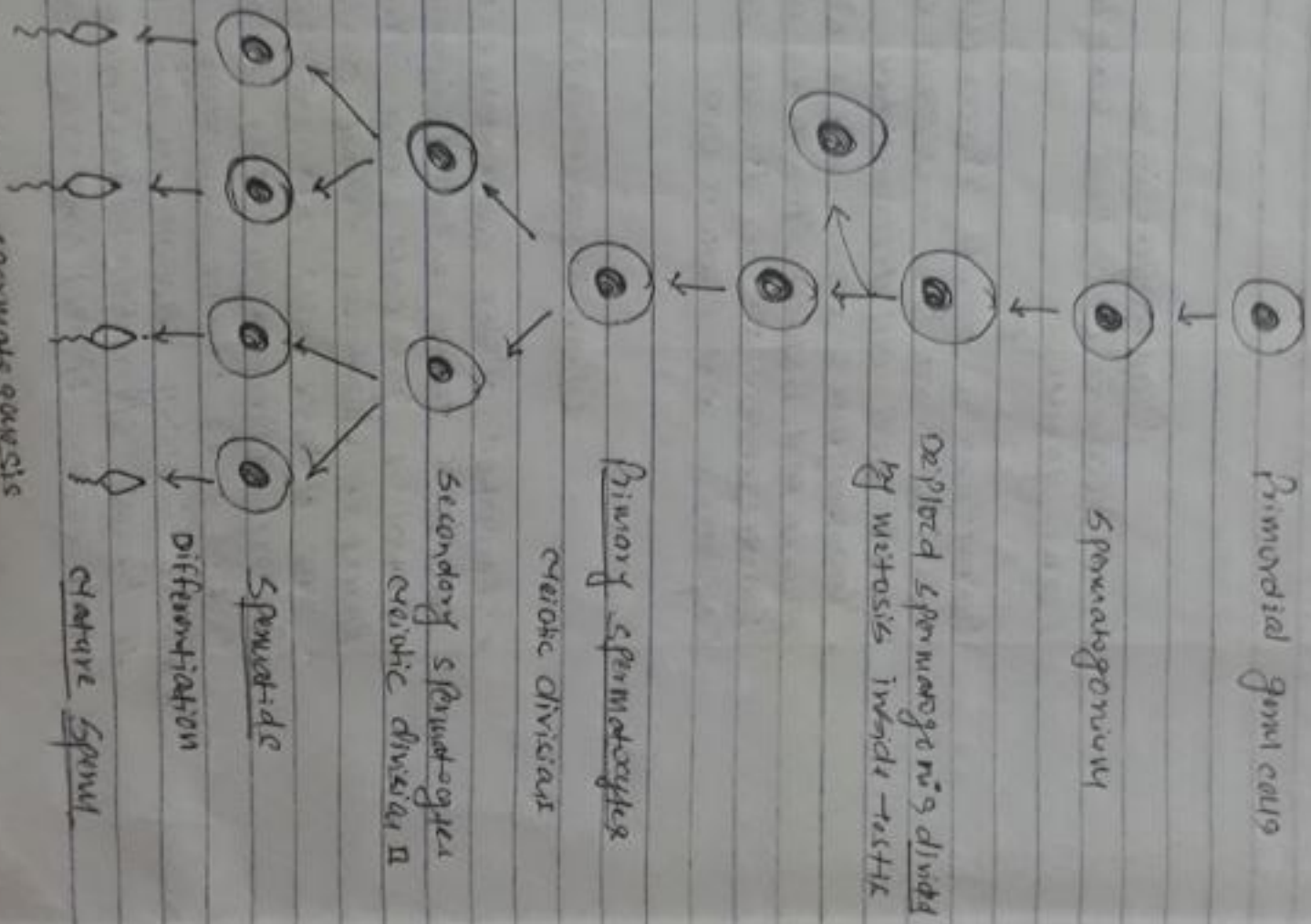


Fig. Spermatozoans

## Oogenesis:

- The formation of female gametes (eggs) in the ovaries is termed oogenesis.
- Oogenesis begins in female before they are even born.
- During early fetal development, Primordial (Primordial germ cells migrate from the yolk sac to the ovaries. These germ cells differentiate within the ovary into oocytes.
- After several mitotic divisions, oocytes undergo meiosis and develop into primary oocyte.
- Primary oocyte remains arrested after diplotene of prophase I until the female becomes sexually mature.
- At this point a small number of primary oocyte periodically mature, under the influence of hormone, completing meiosis I to produce secondary oocyte and first polar body.
- The secondary oocyte maturation is arrested at metaphase II and completes meiosis II only after fertilization.
- Secondary oocyte eventually undergoes meiosis II to produce mature egg (ova) and second polar bodies.
- All of the polar bodies eventually degenerate.



Primordial germ cell

Oogonium

Diploid Oogonia divide repeatedly by mitotic budding



Primary Oocyte entry into meiosis occurs after diploidy of prophase I



Further development of Primary Oocyte



Cortical granules

Completion of meiosis

First Polar Body



Secondary Oocyte

Completion of meiosis II

Second Polar Body



Mature egg

Fig: Oogenesis

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