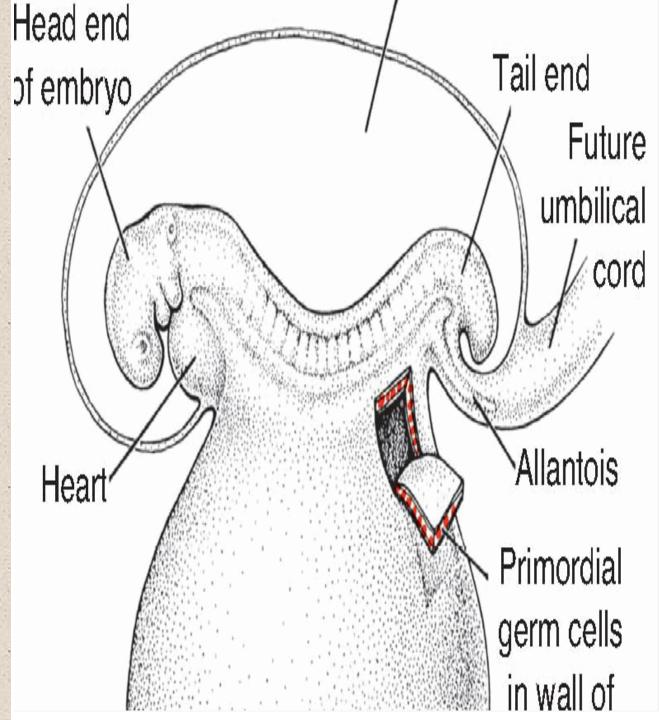
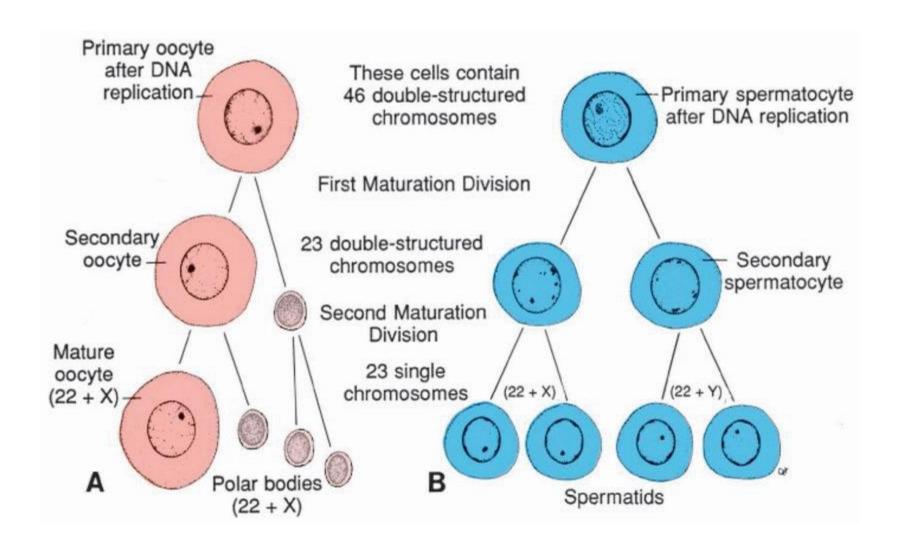


## Gametogenesis

**Primordial** germ cells **Epiblast** Second week Yolk sac



- 1. During meiosis I, homologous chromosomes pair and exchange genetic material;
- 2. during meiosis II, cells fail to replicate DNA, and each cell is thus provided with a haploid number of chromosomes and half the amount of DNA of a normal somatic cell.
- Hence, mature male and female gametes have 22 plus X or 22 plus Y chromosomes, respectively.
- Female: 22X
- Male: 22X or 22Y



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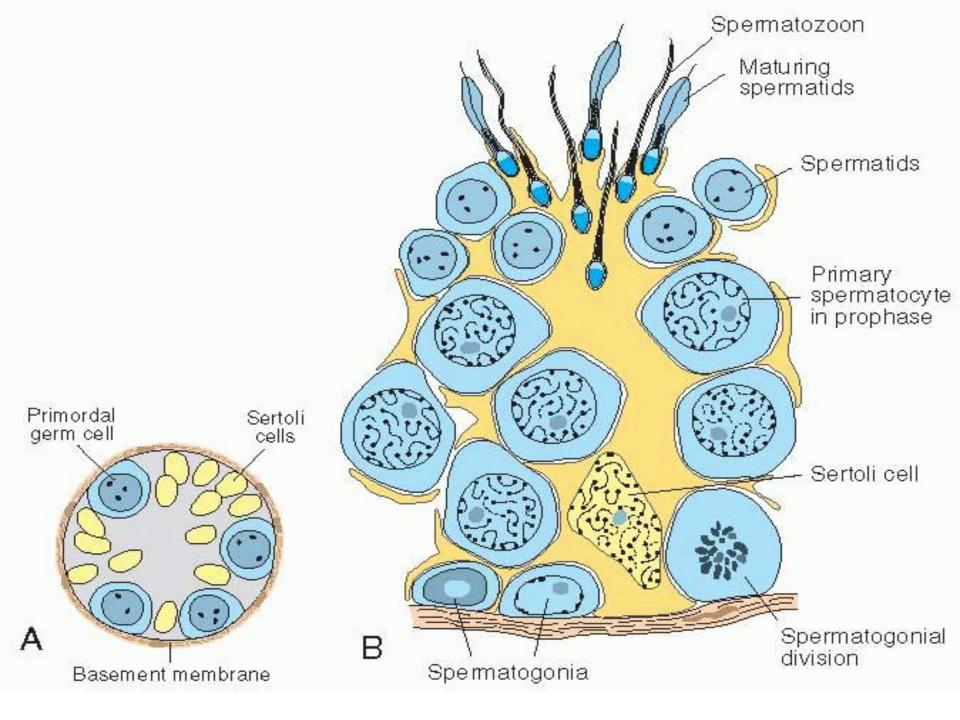
#### Meiosis provide genetic variability

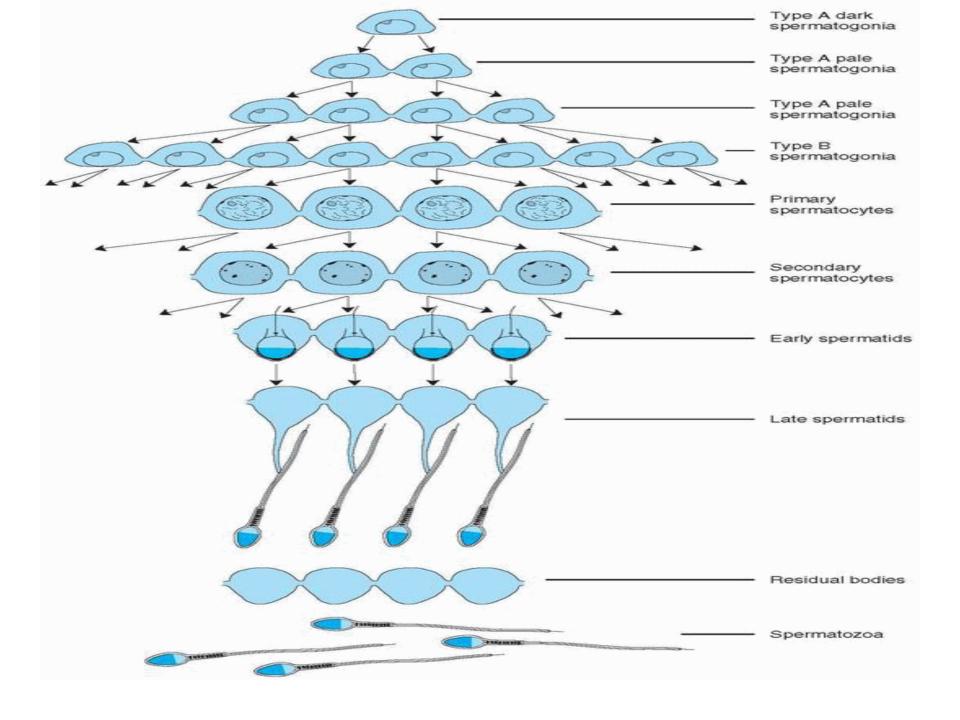
- crossover, which redistributes genetic material
- random distribution of homologous chromosomes to the daughter cells



### Spermatogenesis

# Spermatogonia are transformed into spermatozoa.

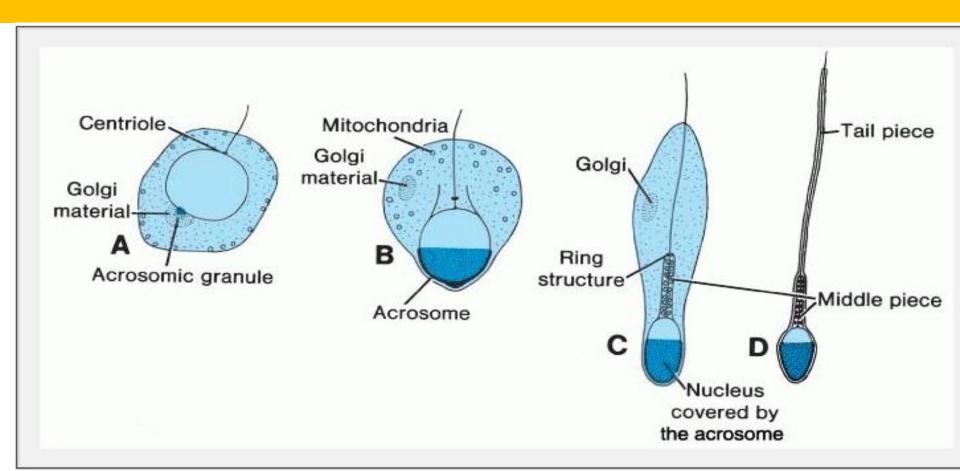




### Spermiogenesis

 The series of changes resulting in the transformation of spermatids into spermatozoa.

- Acrosome
- Condensation of the nucleus
- Formation of neck, middle piece, and tail
- Shedding of most of the cytoplasm

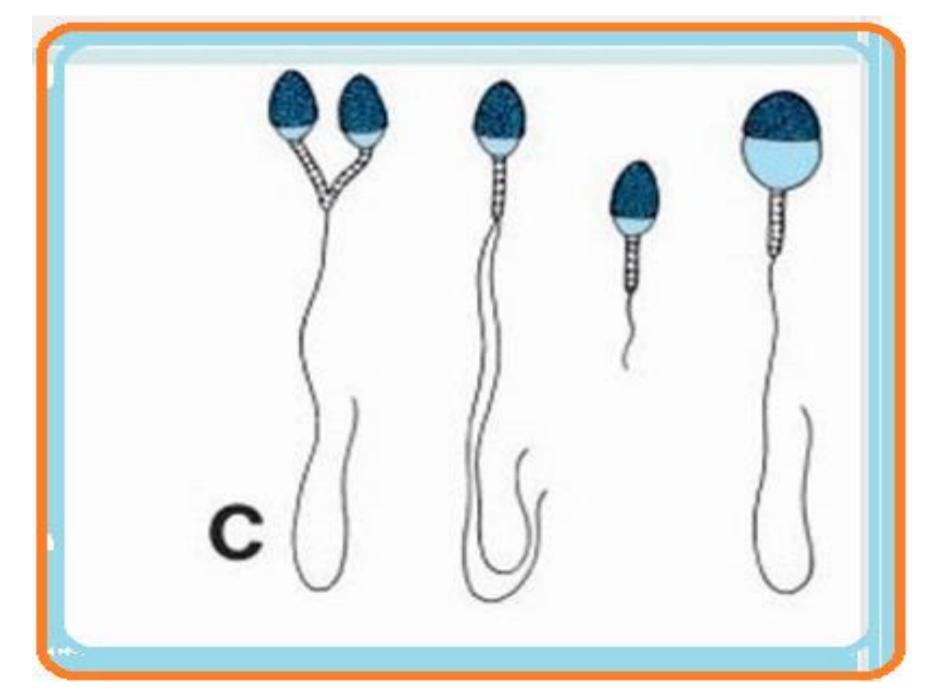


- 74 days
- 300 million sperm cells are produced daily.

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### **Teratoma**



**Primordial germ cells** 

or

**Epiblast cells** 

SACROCOCCYGEAL TERATOMA



