

Marvellous Man

To understand what sex is all about and how pregnancy occurs, it is important to know the functions of the male and female reproductive systems.

Male Reproductive System

The male sex organ is the **penis**. Behind the penis is the **scrotum**, which is a skin sac that holds the two testicles (also known as testes) that make **sperm** and the male hormone, **testosterone**.

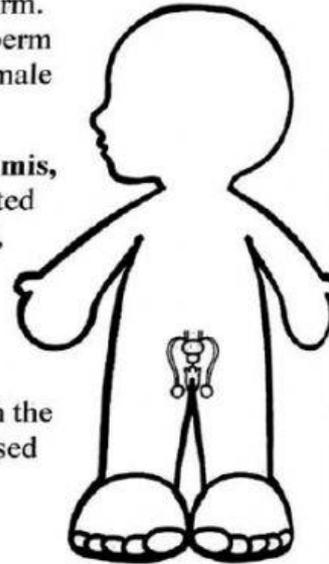
Once a young man starts puberty, his body is able to make sperm. From this point on, he is able to get a female pregnant. The sperm are made in the **testes** (testicles). The testes also produce the male hormone, **testosterone**.

After sperm are made, they travel through tubes in the **epididymis**, where they mature and are stored. If the sperm are not ejaculated from the body, they will be reabsorbed. During sexual arousal, the sperm travels through the **vas deferens** to the **prostate**, where the fluid is added. The fluid plus sperm makes up semen.

Ejaculation is when this semen comes out of the penis through the **urethra** during sexual activity. Only semen (no urine) is released during ejaculation.

When a man becomes aroused, the penis fills with blood and stiffens. This is known as an erection.

During puberty, young men begin an erection while they sleep and release semen. This often called a wet dream. The clinical name is Nocturnal Emission.



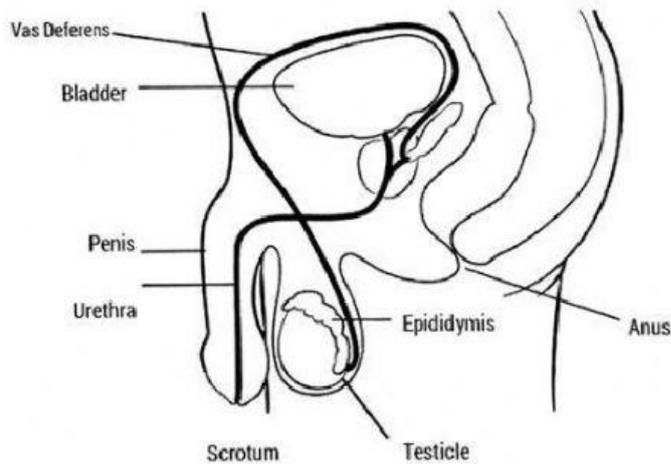
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1. Directions: Tell who am I. Use the words from the box and write them next to correct statement.

- A. I can be found behind the penis. _____
- B. I am the male sex organ. _____
- C. I made in the two sacks. _____
- D. I am the male hormone. _____

2 Use the diagram below to help fill in the blanks.



At the start of puberty the body makes _____. Sperms are make in the _____. I also produce a hormone called _____. Sperm travel to through the _____ where it is mature and stored. During sexual arousal it travel to the _____.