

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**.

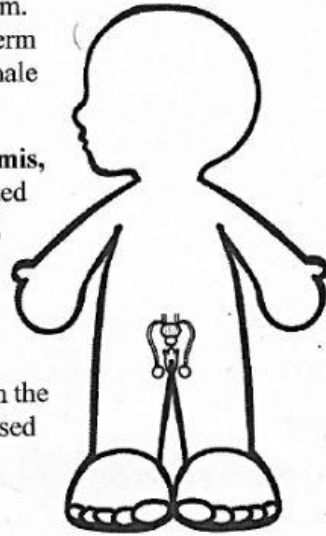
Once a young man starts puberty, his body is able to make sperm. From this point on, he is able to get a female pregnant. The sperm are made in the **testes** (testicles). The testes also produce the male hormone, **testosterone**.

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 is often called a wet dream. The clinical name is Nocturnal Emission.



Answer the following questions.

- 1) The male sex organ is the _____
- 2) What is the function of the scrotum?

- 3) _____ is the male hormone.
- 4) When is a male able to get a female pregnant?

- 5) Sperm are made in the _____ and stored in the _____.
- 6) What happens to sperm if they aren't ejaculated?

- 7) Explain what happens to sperm during sexual arousal?

- 8) Define ejaculation.

- 9) Define erection.

- 10) What is another name for wet dream? _____