

Male genital system (Histology)



Anatomy

- 1. Testis
- 2. Ducts
- 3. Accesory glands
- 4. Penis

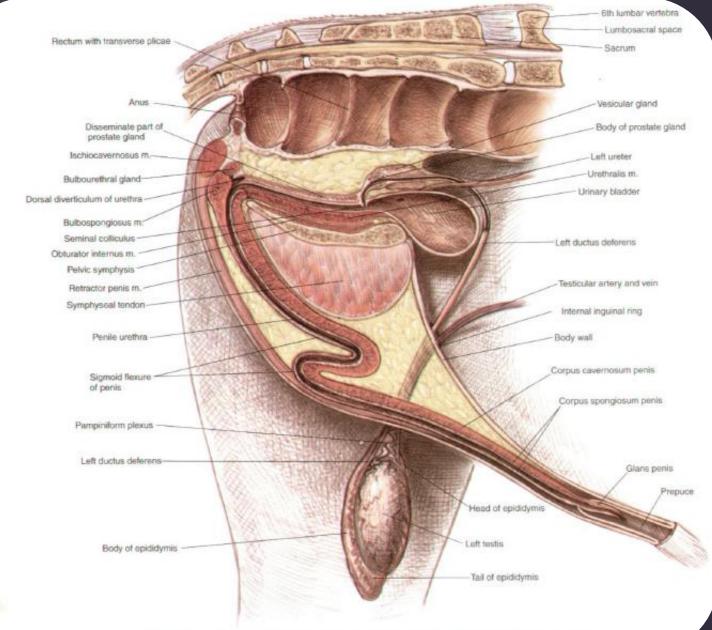
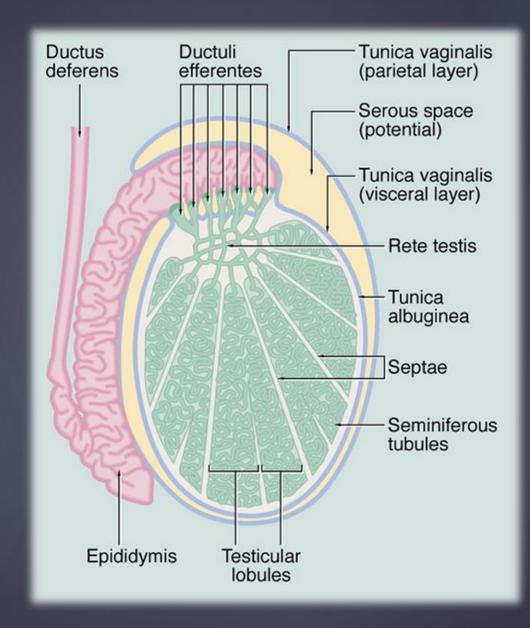
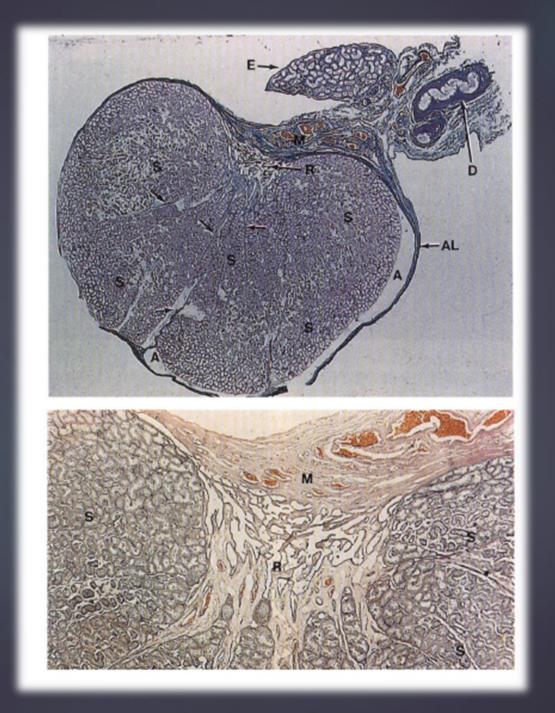
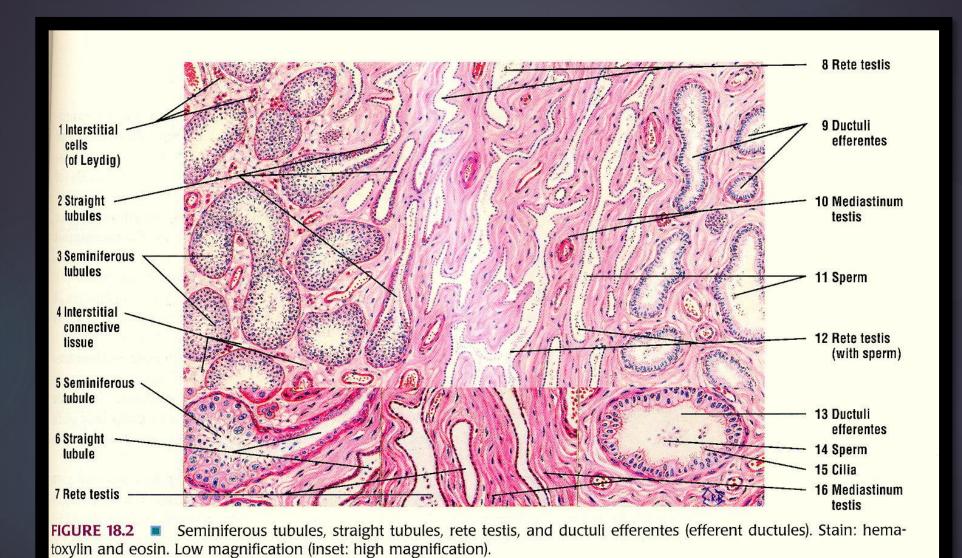


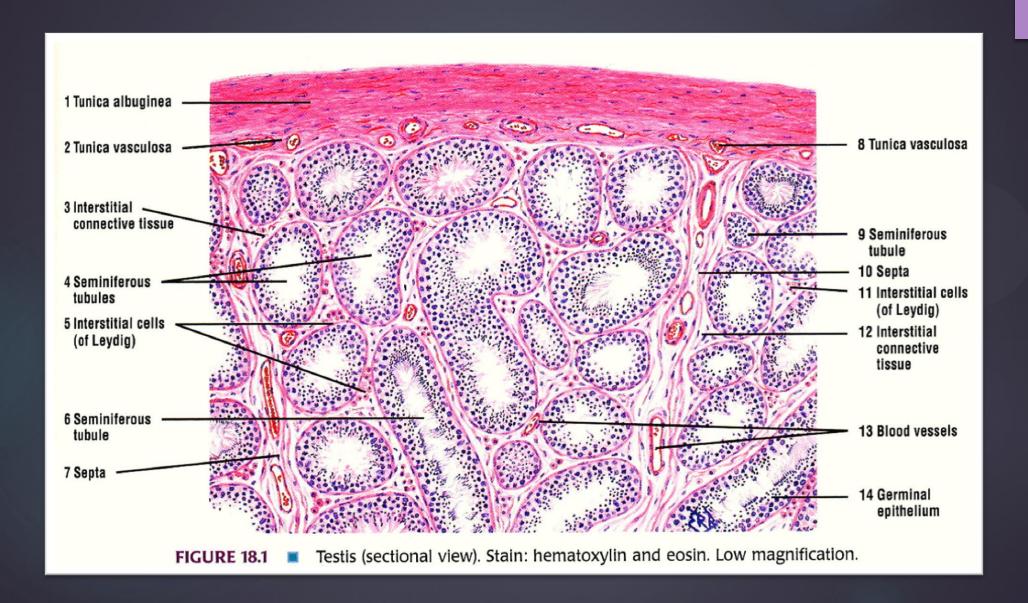
PLATE 2.15 Relations of the reproductive organs of the bull. Median section. m = muscle

Testis

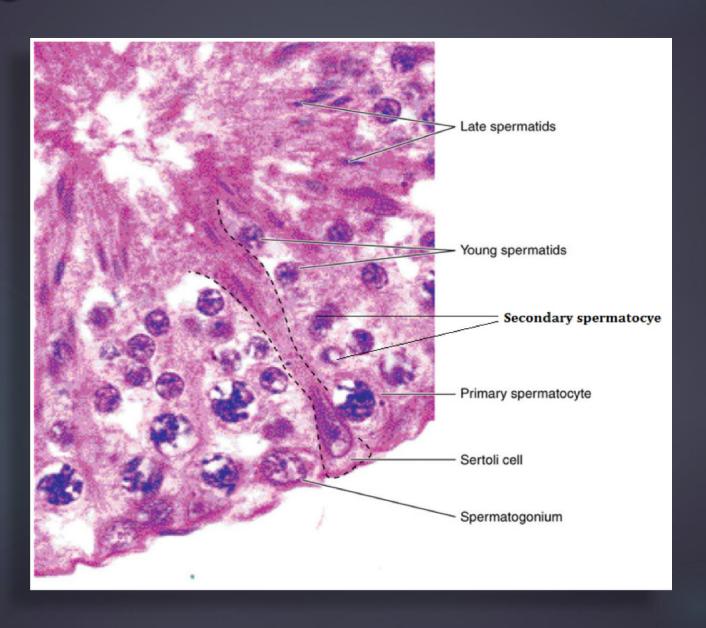


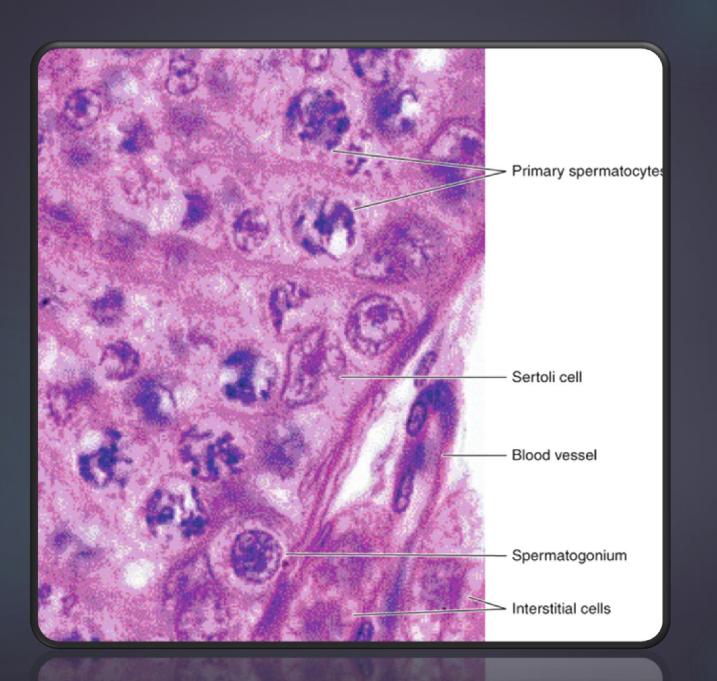






Spermatogenic Cells





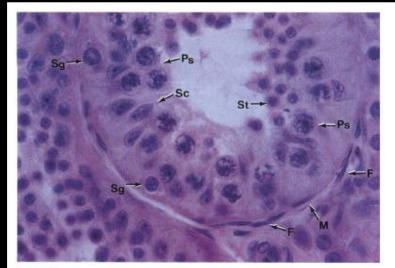


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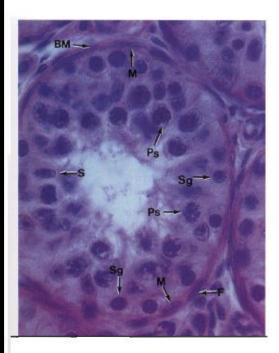


FIGURE 18-6

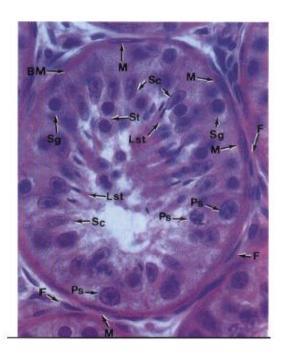
High-power photomicrograph of a seminiferous tubule showing spermatogonia (Sg), primary spermatocytes (Ps), early spermatids (St), and Sertoli cells (Sc) in the epithelium. Note the nuclei of myoid cells (M) and fibroblasts (F) of the tubule. Monkey: × 756.

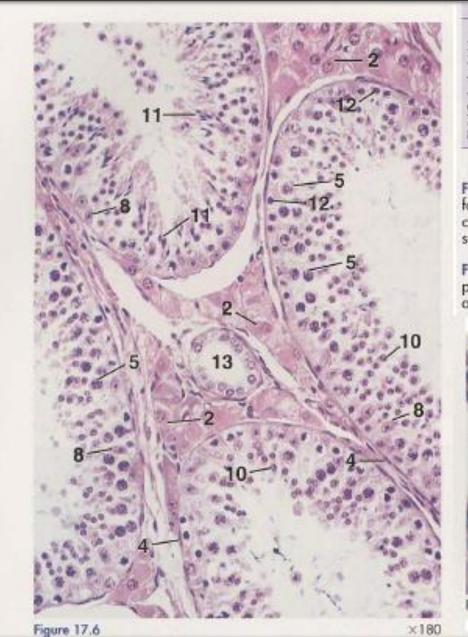
FIGURE 18-7

Photomicrograph of a seminiferous tubule showing a preponderance of primary spermatocytes (Ps) in its epithelium. Note the spermatogonia (Sg) and the myoid (M) and fibroblast (F) cell nuclei. A prominent basement membrane (BM) is also evident. Monkey; × 756.

FIGURE 18-8

Photomicrograph of a seminiferous tubule in which late spermatids (Lst) and Sertoli cells (Sc) are the predominant cell types in the epithelium. Note the spermatogonia (Sg), primary spermatocytes (Ps), and early spermatids (St). BM, basement membrane; M, myoid cell nucleus; F, fibroblast nucleus. Monkey; × 756.





- Efferent ductule
- Interstitial cell
- Medicatinum testis
- Myoid cell, nucleus Primary spermatocyte
- Rete testis, channel
- Seminiferous tubules 8. Sertali cell, nucleus

- 9. Sertoli cells
- 10. Spermatid, early
- 11. Spermatid, late
- 12. Spermatogonium 13. Straight tubule
- 14. Transitional zone
- 15. Tunica albuginea

Figure 17.6. Seminiferous Tubules, Testis, Stallion. Portions of four seminiferous tubules are visible. Note the numerous interstitial cells (abundant in the boar and stallion) and the section through a straight tubule.

Figure 17.7. Interstitial Tissue, Testis, Ram. Interstitial tissue and portions of three seminiferous tubules are shown. Interstitial cells are relatively sparse in carnivores and ruminants.

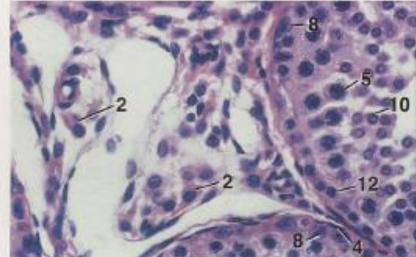
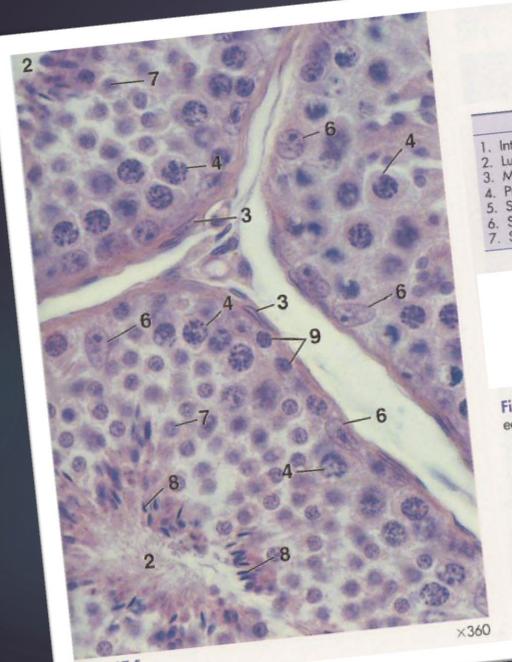


Figure 17.7



	KEY
1. Interstitial cells 2. Lumen 3. Myoid cell, nucleus 4. Primary spermatocyte 5. Seminiferous tubule 6. Sertoli cell, nucleus 7. Spermatid, early	8. Spermatid, late 9. Spermatogonia 10. Tunica albuginea 11. Tunica albuginea, smooth muscle 12. Tunica albuginea, vascular layer 13. Tunica vaginalis

Figure 17.5. Seminiferous Tubules, Testis, Dog. A portion of each of three adjacent seminiferous tubules is shown.

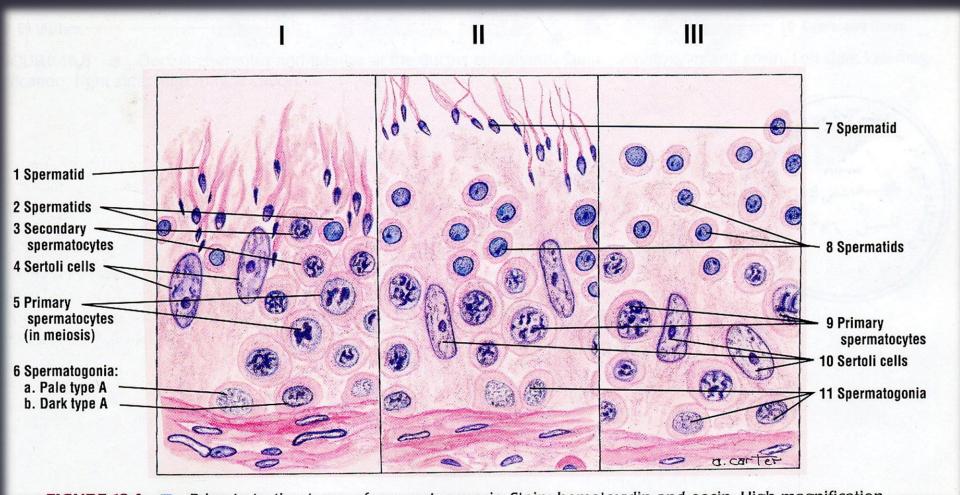
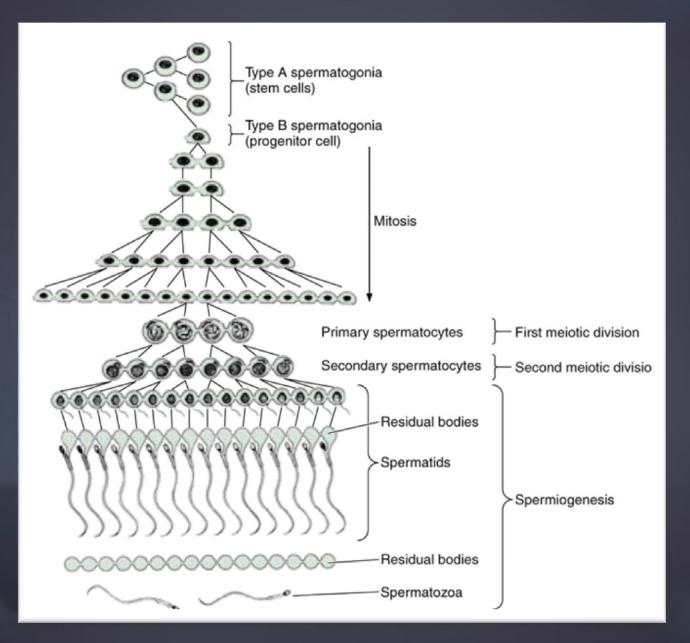


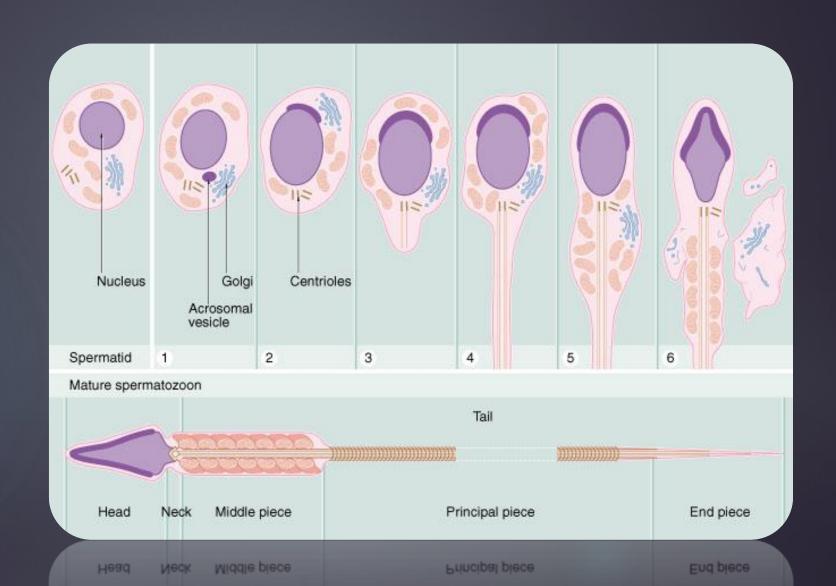
FIGURE 18.4 Primate testis: stages of spermatogenesis. Stain: hematoxylin and eosin. High magnification.

Spermatogenesis



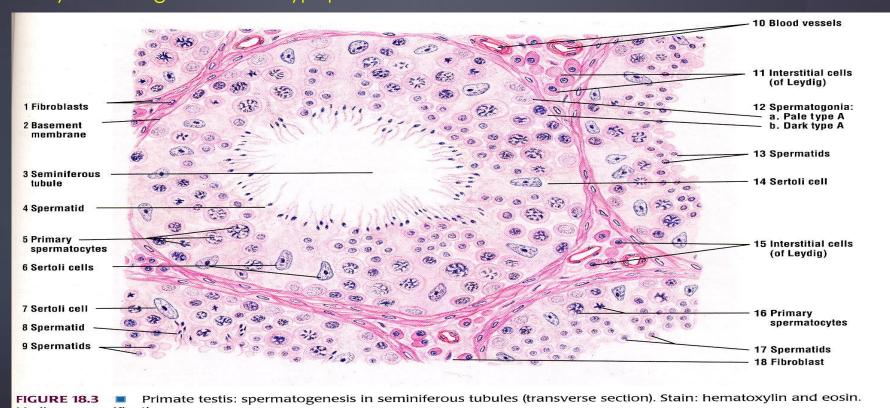
Spermiogenesis

- 1. Golgi phase
- 2. Cap phase
- 3. Flagella phase
- 4. Manchette phase
- 5. Mitochondria phase
- 6. Maturation phase

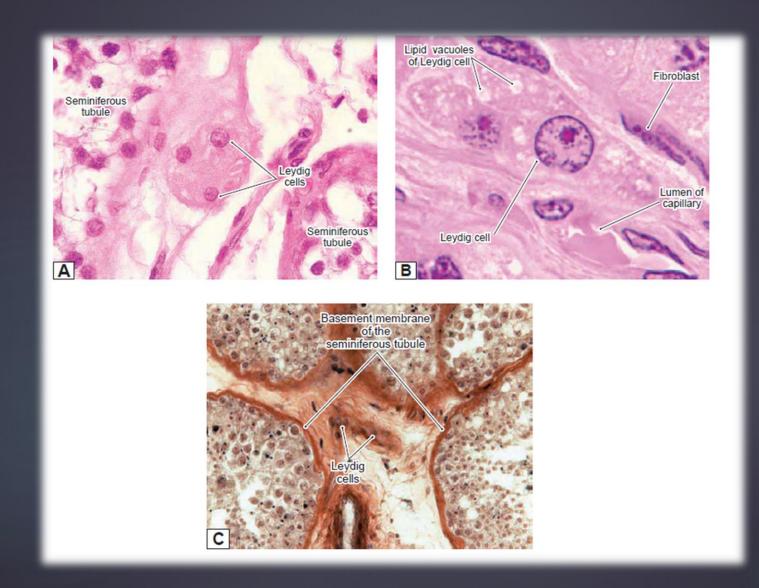


Testicular interstitium

- Blood vessels
- Lymphatic vessel
- Leydig cells
 - production of testosteron
 - ▶ stimulation of spermatogenesis, maintanance of sex glands, sebaceous glands ...
 - regulated by luteinizing hormon of hypophisis



Leydig cells



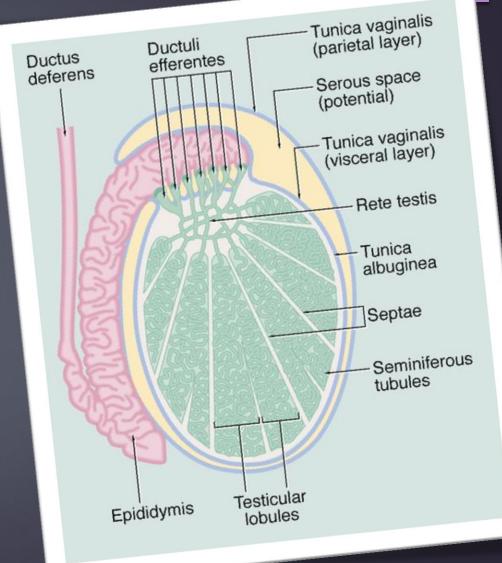
Sperm maturity and transport pathway (Ducts)

Intratesticular ducts

- ► Tubuli recti et rete testis
- **► Efferent ducts**

Extratesticular (excretory) ducts

- Epididymis
- Ductus deferens
- Ejaculatory duct
- Urethra



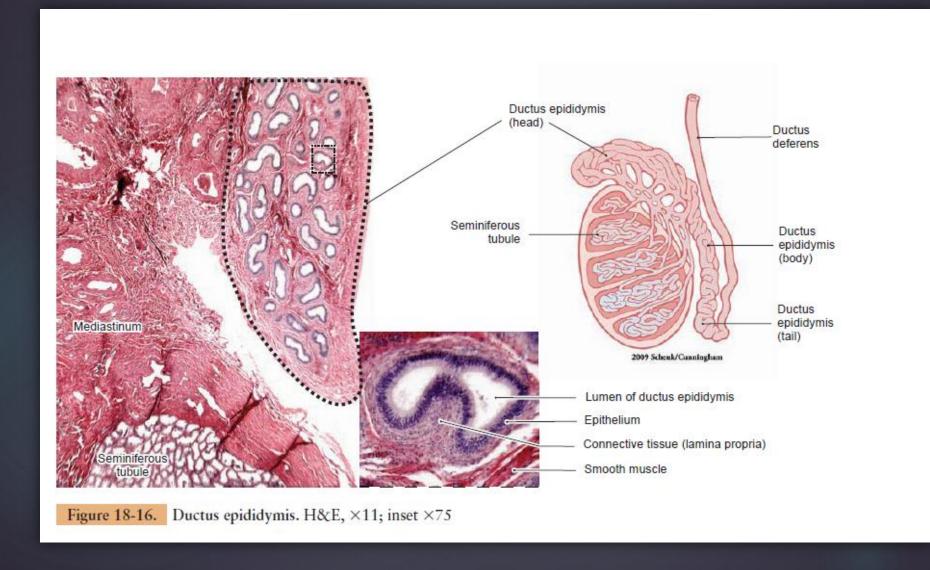
Epididymis

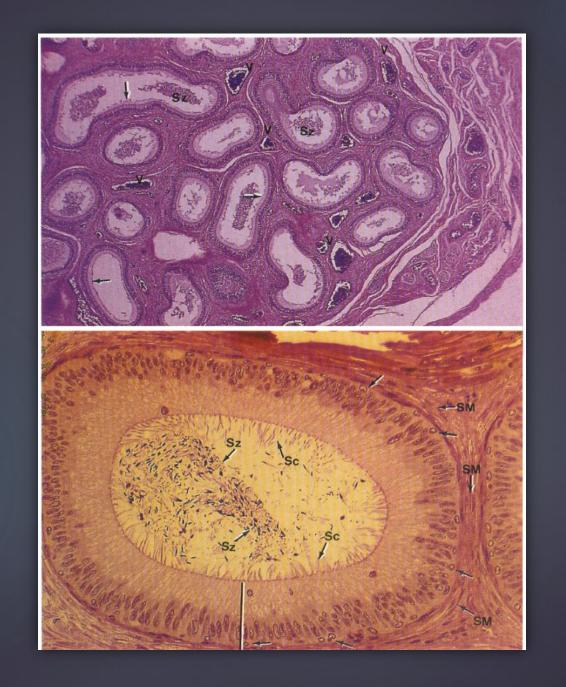
- Ductus epididymidis in body & tail
 - ▶ highly coiled one tubule 4-6 m long
 - pseudostratified columnar epi with stereocilia
 - two layers of smooth muscle thicker
- function
 - maturation
 - storage
 - transport



GURE 18.7 Tubules of the ductus epididymis (transverse section). Stain: hematoxylin and eosin (plastic section). 50×

Epididymis





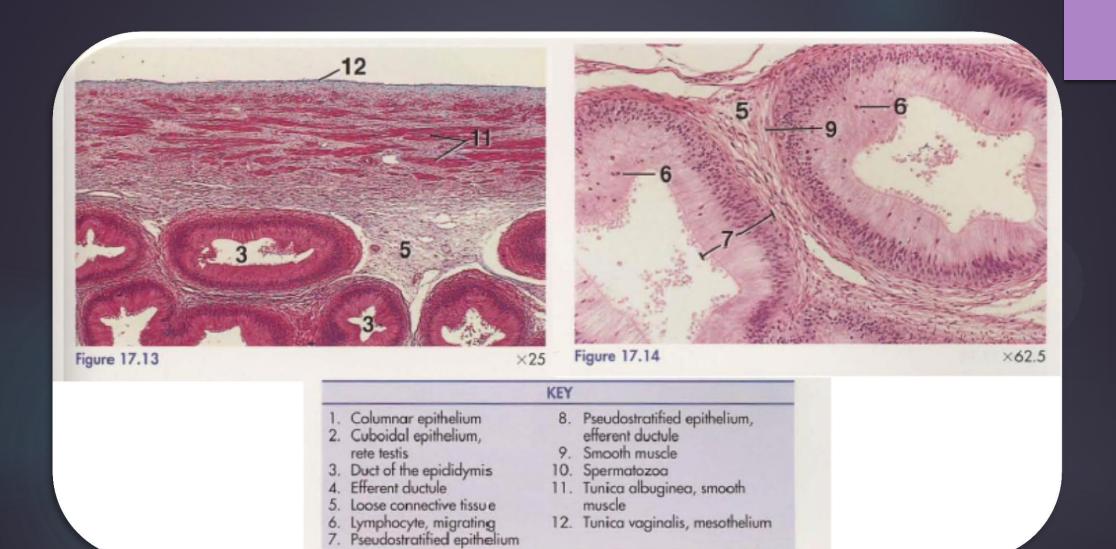




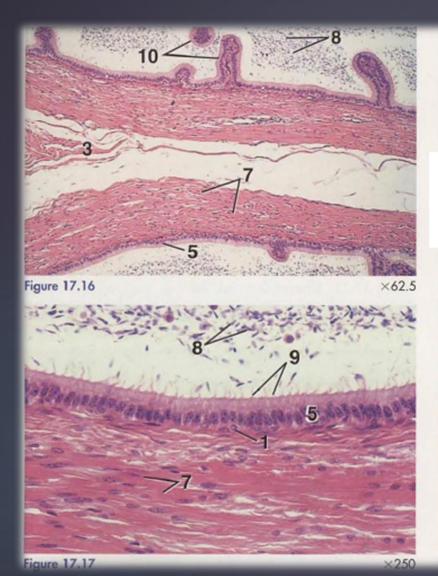
Figure 17.15

×62.5

- 1. Basal cell
- 2. Lamina propria
- 3. Loose connective tissue
- 4. Muscularis
- 5. Pseudostratified epithelium

- 6. Serosa
- 7. Smooth muscle
- 8. Spermatozoa
- 9. Stereocilia
- 10. Villus-like projection

Figure 17.15. Body of Epididymis, Stallion. The duct of the epididymis in this region is surrounded by more smooth muscle than in the head of the epididymis, and the pseudostratified columnar epithelium is not as thick as in the head of the epididymis (see Fig.



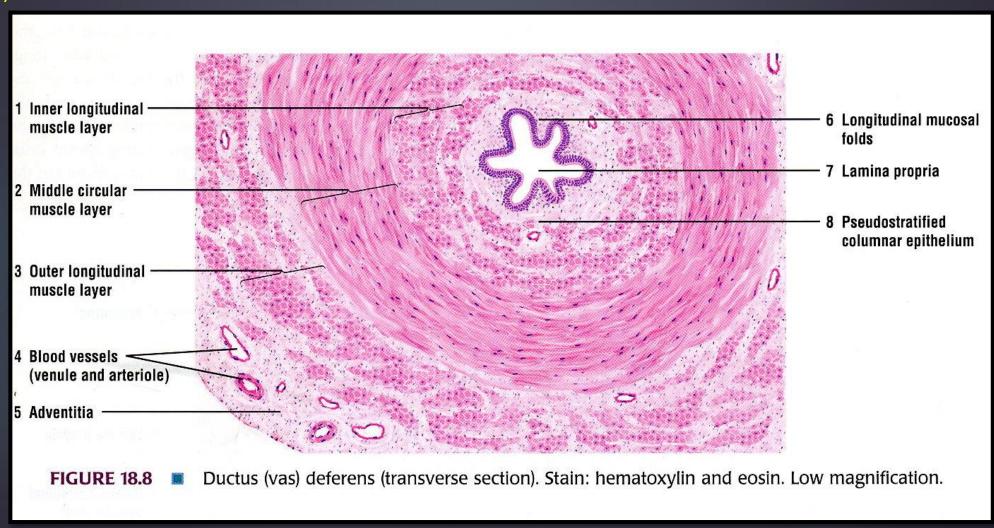
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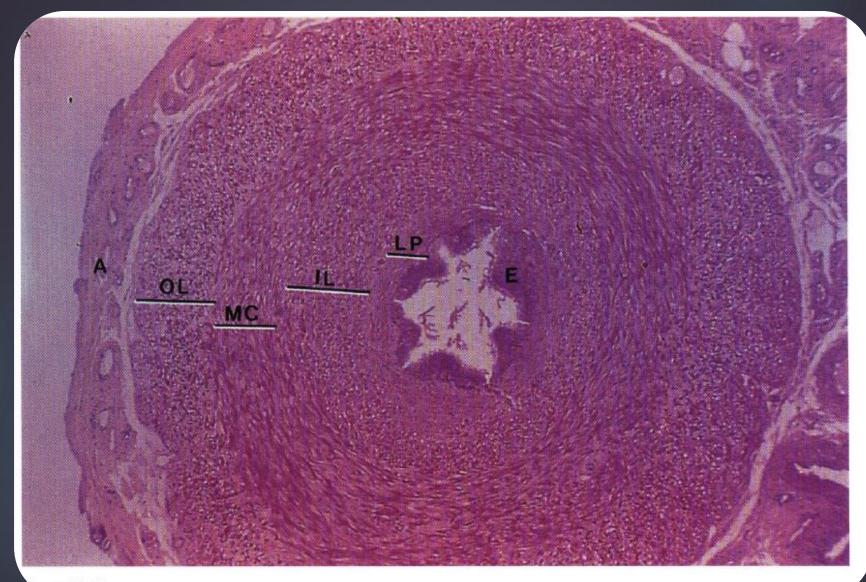
Figure 17.16. Tail of Epididymis, Stallion. A low, pseudostratified columnar epithelium and abundant circular smooth muscle characterize the duct of the epididymis in this region. In the stallion the caudal segment of the duct of the epididymis has villuslike projections.

Figure 17.17. Tail of Epididymis, Stallion. Detail of the duct of the epididymis lined by low, pseudostratified columnar epithelium and surrounded by abundant, circular smooth muscle.

Ductus defernes (Vas deferens)

- Pseudostratified columnar epi.
- Lamina propria
- ▶ 3 layers of smooth muscle





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Ejaculatory duct, Ampulla

- Pseudostratified columnar epi
- Lamina propria
- Muscular layer only in ampulla

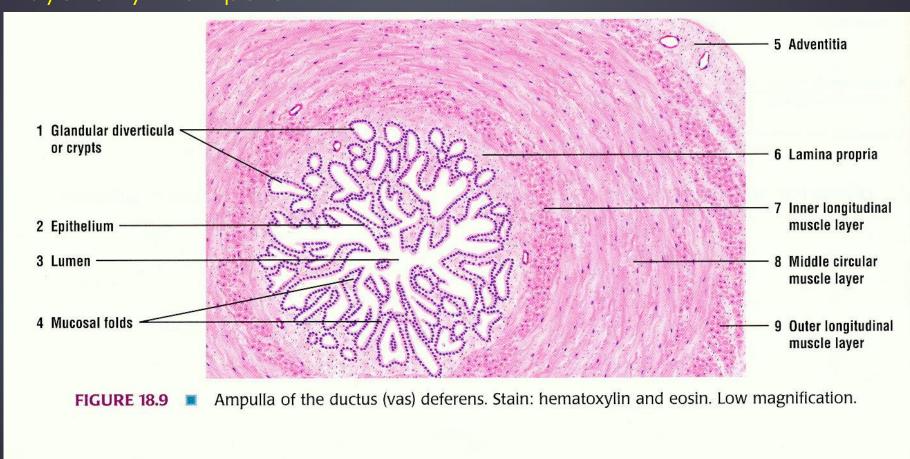




Figure 18-19A. Ejaculatory duct, prostate gland. H&E, ×11

The ampulla of the ductus deferens continues after it joins with the duct of the seminal vesicle to form the ejaculatory duct. The two ejaculatory ducts pass through the prostate gland to join with the urethra. Each ejaculatory duct is a short, straight tube (1–2 cm in length) and has a thin wall lined by pseudostratified (or simple) columnar epithelium and supported by connective tissue. Smooth muscle is present in the initial segment but disappears in most of the ejaculatory ducts. Here is an example of the two ejaculatory ducts within the prostate gland, surrounded by large amounts of connective tissue. The mucosa forms many folds extending into the lumen. The lumen may contain prostatic concretions (secretory material of the prostatic gland and often seen in older male patients).

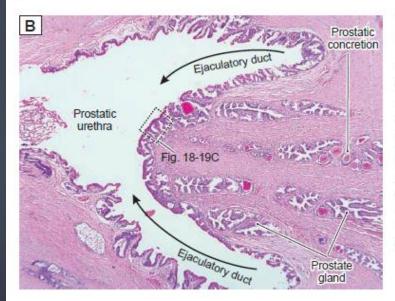
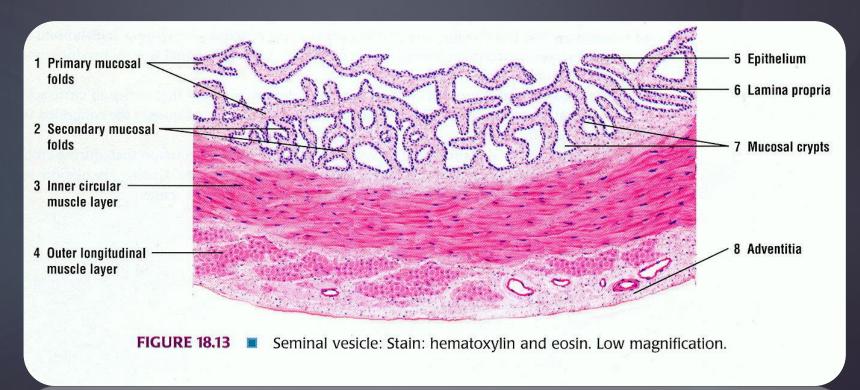


Figure 18-19B. Ejaculatory duct, prostate gland. H&E, ×34

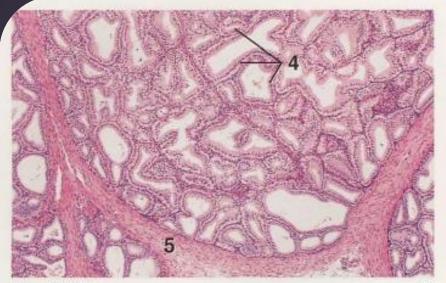
The ejaculatory ducts penetrate the prostate gland and open into the prostatic urethra, at the seminal colliculus (also called the verumontanum), on the posterior wall of the prostatic urethra. This portion of the urethra has thick mucosa and shallow folds as shown here. The function of the ejaculatory ducts is to transport spermatozoa and seminal fluid into the prostatic urethra. The urethra includes three parts: the prostatic urethra (proximal part, near the bladder), the membranous urethra (intermediate part), and the penile (spongy) urethra (distal part). Prostatic concretions, also called corpora amylacea, are present in the lumen of the prostate gland shown here (Fig. 18-20B).

Seminal vesicles

- cuboidela-to-pseudostratified epi
- folded mucosa
- smooth muscle layer (C+L)
- adventitia + serosa on apex!
- function: 50-70% of seminal fluid
 - ▶ fructose







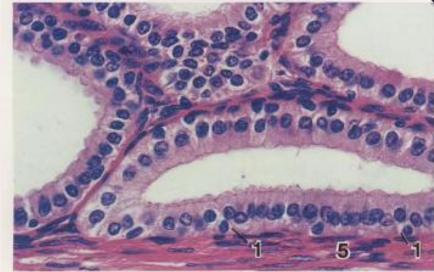


Figure 17.25 ×25 Figure 17.26

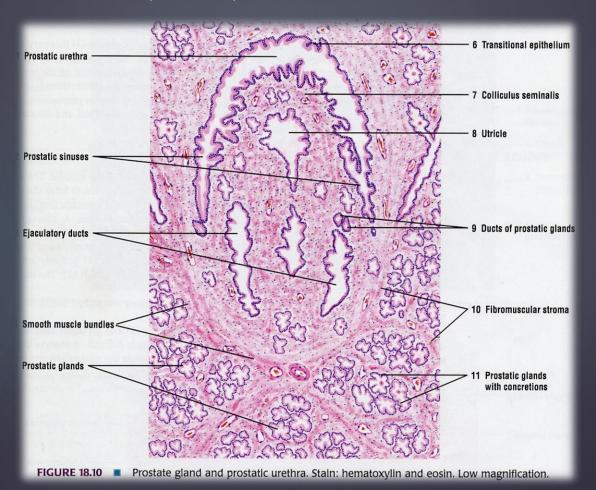
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1. Basal cell	7. Pseudostratified epithelium			
2. Capsule	8. Secretion			
3. Duct	Stratum cavernosum			
4. Gland	10. Trabecula			
5. Interlobular septum	 Transitional epithelium 			
6. Prostate gland	12. Urethra, lumen			

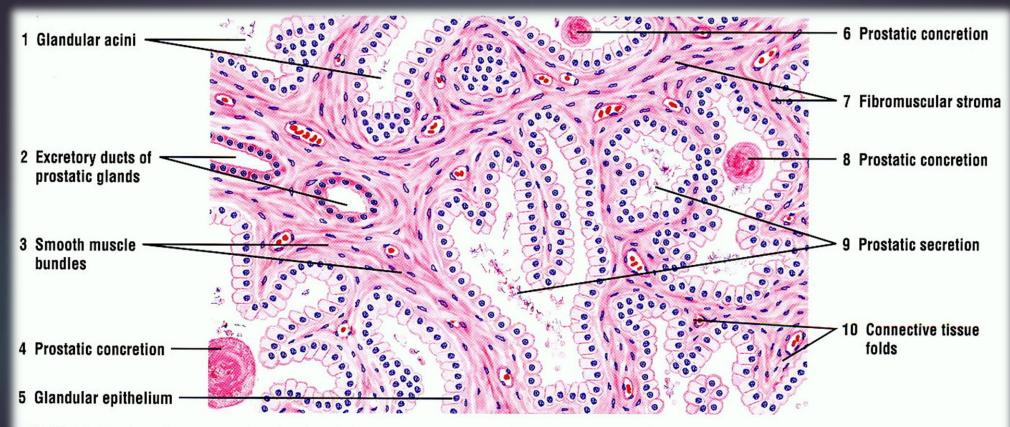
Figure 17.25. Seminal Vesicle, Ram. Lobules of tubuloalveolar glands are divided by interlobular septa, which contain an abundance of smooth muscle in ruminants. In the stallion and boar the septa consist predominantly of connective tissue with some smooth muscle. Seminal vesicles are absent in carnivores.

Figure 17.26. Seminal Vesicle, Ram. The pseudostratified glandular epithelium is characterized by sparse basal cells. Note the muscular septum.

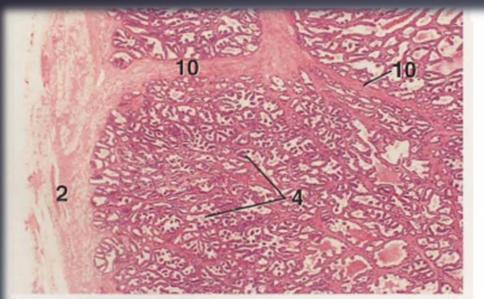
Prostate

- simple-to-pseudostratified epi
- prostatic concrements (corpora amylacea)
 - protein rich material, calcifications
- function: enrich the semen fluid, fibrinolysin, amylase, PSA





IGURE 18.11 📱 Prostate gland: glandular acini and prostatic concretions. Stain: hematoxylin and eosin. Medium magnication.



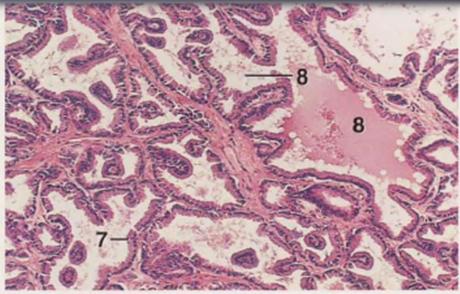


Figure 17.27 ×12.5 Figure 17.28 ×62.5

Interlobular septum

6. Prostate gland

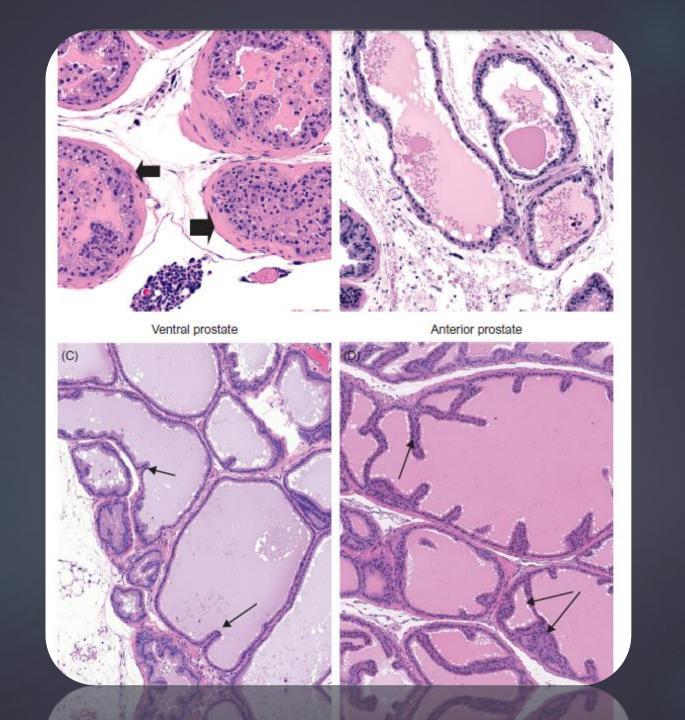
Figure 17.27. Body of the Prostate, Dog. The body of the prostate, which is well developed in carnivores and the stallion, is surrounded by a capsule of dense connective tissue and smooth muscle. Trabeculae from the capsule divide the gland into lobules.

Figure 17.28. Body of the Prostate, Dog. In the dog, this is a serous gland. Compare with Figure 17.31.

KEY						
. Basal cell	7. Pseudostratified epithelium					
. Capsule	8. Secretion					
. Duct	Stratum cavernosum					
Gland	10. Trabecula					

11. Transitional epithelium

12. Urethra, lumen



Bulbourethral glands

- mucus secreting glands
- +galactose
- lubrication function



Figure 17.32

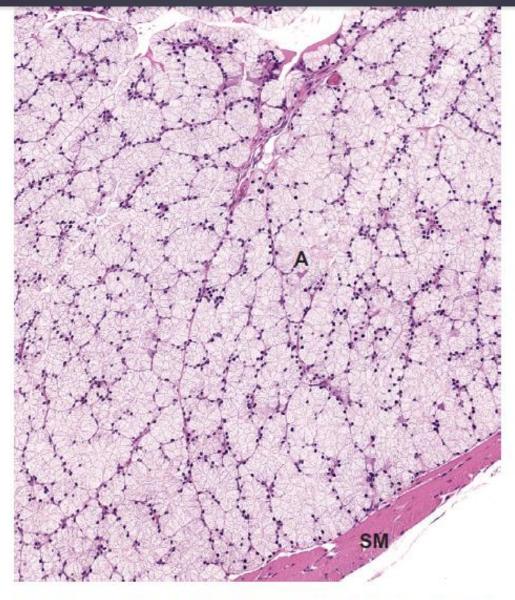


FIGURE 32 Mouse bulbourethral gland. The bulbourethral gland (Cowper's gland) consists of acini (A) lined by tall columnar epithelium with eosinophilic, foamy cytoplasm (secretory state) and skeletal muscle (SM).

Penis

- three masses of erectil tissue
 - ▶ 2x corpora cavernosa
 - ▶ 1x corpus spongiosum
- communicating blood spaces (sinuses) surrounded by connective tissue
- artery -> sinus -> vein
- dilatation of artery (NO) compress vein, sinuses fill with blood -> erection occurs

