# GAMETOGENESIS

#### MEIOSIS - GENERAL



## GAMETOGENESIS

- **o** = making of gametes
- Two types:
  - 1. Spermatogenesis
  - 2. oogenesis

#### Spermatogenesis = meiosis in males Produce 4 sperm cells



#### **SPERMATOGENESIS**

• WHAT: Spermatogenesis = meiosis in males Produce 4 sperm cells

• WHERE: occurs in seminiferous tubules of testes.

• WHO: germ cells  $\rightarrow$  Spermatogonia (2n).

• Have the ability to undergo mitosis (to replace themselves) & meiosis (make sperm cells)

• Will not undergo meiosis until puberty.

#### SPERMATOGENESIS - STEPS

• INTERPHASE: Spermatogonium (2n) grows & replicates its chromosomes. Is now called a primary (1°) spermatocyte (2n).

- o MEIOSIS I: 1° spermatocyte divides → forms two secondary (2°) spermatocytes (1n).
- MEIOSIS II: each 2° spermatocytes divides →each forms two spermatids (1n).

• Total of 4 **spermatids** (1n)

• Spermatids undergo period of maturation to form **spermatozoa** (sperm).



## • WHAT: meiosis in females

#### Produce only 1 mature egg cell, 3 polar body cell (can not use these)

• WHERE: occurs in ovaries

#### • WHO: germ cells $\rightarrow$ Oogonia(2n) .

- Oogonia divide by mitosis up to the 3rd month postconception
- Meiosis I occurs BEFORE birth, Meiosis II occurs over many years

#### **BEFORE BIRTH**

• INTERPHASE: Oogonia (2N) grow & replicate chromosomes

• developing into **primary (1°) oocytes** (2n)

• ~1 million 1° oocytes are in the ovaries

• MEIOSIS I: 1•oocytes divide → BUT PAUSE in prophase I until puberty

• Only about 400,000 remain

 o Beginning at puberty & continuing until menopause, one or a few complete meiosis I
 →forming a large secondary (2°) oocyte & a very small 1st polar body (unequal cytokinesis).

# • MEIOSIS II: 2• oocyte begins →but is PAUSED in Metaphase II.

• The 2° oocyte is <u>ovulated</u> monthly

• Meiosis II will not be completed unless a sperm enters the 2° oocyte's outer membrane.

- At completion of meiosis II, 1 large ovum & 3 small polar bodies are produced
- All polar bodies degenerate. Thus, only 1 functional cell results (ovum).





# Comparison of Oogenesis & Spermatogenesis



#### GAMETOGENESIS

#### Spermatogenesis

- sperm are continually produced from puberty till death.
- spermatogenesis begins at puberty and is completed right away
- is a continuous process (spermatogonium -> sperm takes 74 days).

#### **O**ogenesis

- a woman is born with all the primary oocytes she is ever going to produce.
  - when she is 40 years old, her oocytes are 40 years old
- oogenesis begins before birth, but is not completed until fertilization occurs (sperm stimulates completion of meiosis II).
- oogenesis is not a continuous
   process (halted twice prophase I & metaphase II).
- women ovulate over short period of lifetime (puberty to menopause).
  She will ovulate ~ 400 secondary oocytes in her lifetime.





#### HORSE FERTILIZATION



## FORMING A ZYGOTE

Mature human sperm has only 23 chromosomes

Mature human egg has only 23 chromosomes

Fertilized egg

During fertilization the chromosomes from the sperm and egg unite to give the fertilized egg (also called a zygote) a total of 46 chromosomes.







2 cells



3D embryo



5 cells





20 cells

WHAT HAPPENS IF CHROMOSOMES DON'T SEPARATE?

### NONDISJUNCTION

#### **Meiosis I**

#### **Meiosis II**

