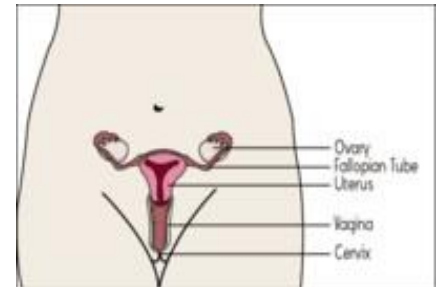


The Female Reproductive System

A woman's reproductive system includes the clitoris, vagina, uterus, fallopian tubes, ovaries, cervix and breasts. Often, we think of these parts in relation to pregnancy, but they also can produce sexual pleasure. The areas of the body that can produce feelings of sexual pleasure when touched are referred to as erogenous zones.

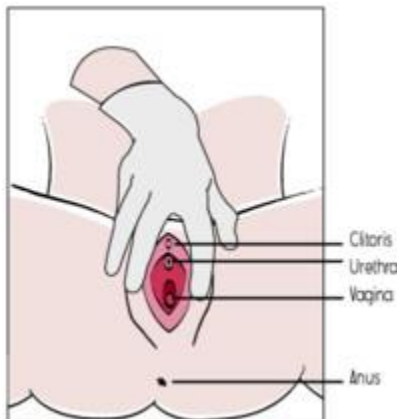


The Clitoris

The clitoris is the ridged area just above the urethra. This area is very sensitive and is a major erogenous zone.

The Vagina, Urethra, and Cervix

The opening of the vagina is located between the clitoris and the anus. The vagina is a



muscular tube that stretches allowing the penis to enter during sexual intercourse. It is an erogenous zone and acts as the birth canal during the birth process. The urethra is a tube which allows urine to flow from the bladder to out the body. The end of the urethra sits anywhere between the base of the cervix and the inside of the vagina. At the end of the vaginal canal is the cervix. It is the opening to the uterus and an erogenous zone

The Uterus

The uterus or womb is housed in the lower abdomen. It is a muscular organ that can expand and contract in size. Its purpose is to provide a good environment for a growing unborn baby.



The Ovaries

The ovaries are two small reproductive organs located on each side of the uterus. The ovaries house the eggs which, when fertilized, develop into a baby. Each month, the ovaries release at least one egg. The ovaries also release hormones to help your sexual drive.

The Fallopian Tubes

The fallopian tubes are tubes that carry the egg from the ovary to the uterus. Sperm travel from the vagina to the fallopian tubes to fertilize an egg. A fertilized egg will travel to the uterus and grow into a baby. An unfertilized egg will exit the body during the monthly menstrual period. The fallopian tubes do not affect sexual response but do play a role in becoming pregnant.

The Breasts

While the female breasts function mostly to provide a newborn with nutrition in the form of breast milk, the breasts also have sensitive tissue that can produce sexual pleasure.