

## REPRODUCTIVE SYSTEM

### Abstract

The reproductive system is essential for species continuation and contributes significantly to hormonal regulation, sexual development, fertility, and psychosocial health. This chapter provides a comprehensive overview of male and female reproductive anatomy and physiology, including gametogenesis, hormonal control, menstrual cycling, pregnancy, and lactation. Spermatogenesis and oogenesis are examined along with the role of endocrine pathways involving the hypothalamus, pituitary gland, and gonads. The chapter also discusses major reproductive disorders such as sexually transmitted infections, polycystic ovary syndrome, menopause, and infertility, highlighting their physiological, metabolic, and psychosocial impacts. Therapeutic interventions including hormonal therapy, contraceptive methods, and assisted reproductive technologies are described to illustrate clinical strategies in reproductive health management. Additionally, maternity and neonatal care are covered to emphasize the importance of maternal–fetal health and early life survival. Because reproductive function affects multiple physiological systems and influences emotional and social well-being, understanding the reproductive system is essential for medical care, public health, family planning, and disease prevention.

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