

# Ovaries

The ovary contains eggs or ova and produces sex hormones. In flowering plants, the ovary containing the egg or eggs are the lower part of the carpel. Sometimes several carpals are fused together into a compound ovary.

A human being begins life as a fertilized egg, so small that 20 of them could fit on a pinhead. When a girl is born she already has in her ovaries and all the egg cells she will ever produce, more than 200,000. By the time she reaches her teens, 95% of these have disappeared and no more than 400 ever mature. In contrast, a man produces up to 15 million sperm in his lifetime.

There are many excellent books available for you to learn more about the ovaries. Visit a library and locate a couple of books about human reproduction and growth. Read about the miracle of birth and the way your body is designed and how it functions.

