



# THIRD WEEK OF EMBRYOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

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## *Events during 3<sup>rd</sup> wk appear to occur in threes*

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- **3 germ layers of derived from bilaminar embryonic disc**
- **3 new structures appear**
  - Primitive streak, notochord & allantois
- **3 layers appear in chorionic villi**
  - Syncytiotrophoblast
  - Intermediate cytotrophoblast
  - Inner mesodermal layer

# *Other events in third week*

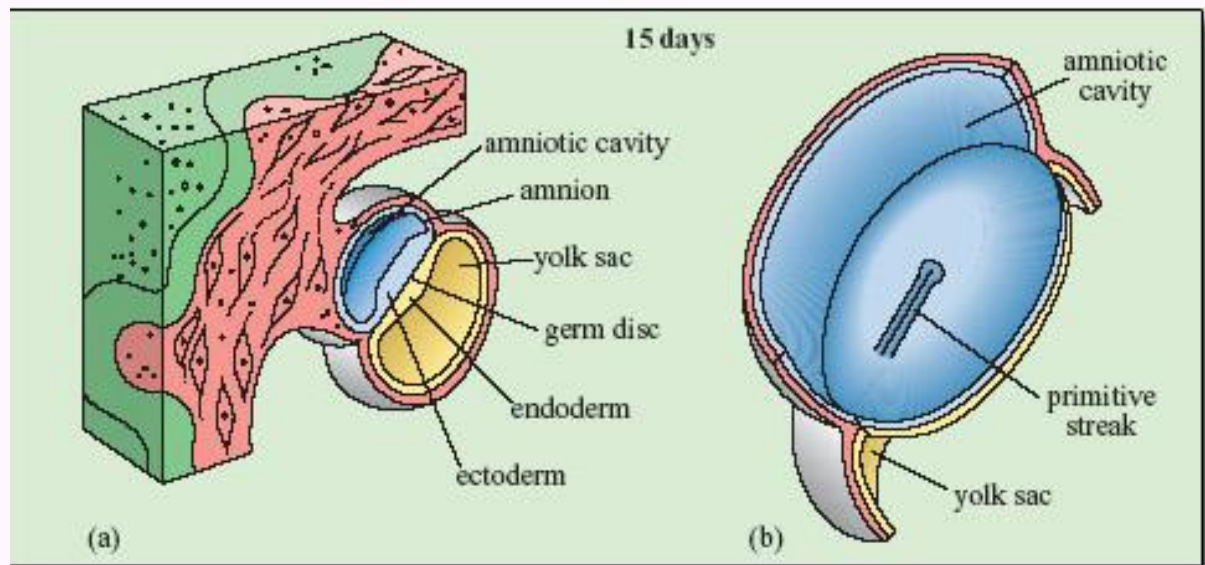
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- **Formation of neural**
  - **-plate**
  - **-tube**
  - **-crest**
- **Formation of somites**
- **Formation of intraembryonic coelom**

# GASTRULATION

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- The **main event** that occurs during the third week of development is the **formation of the trilaminar embryo**. This process is called **gastrulation**.
- The first sign of gastrulation is the formation in the **epiblast** of the **primitive streak**.



# Events in Gastrulation

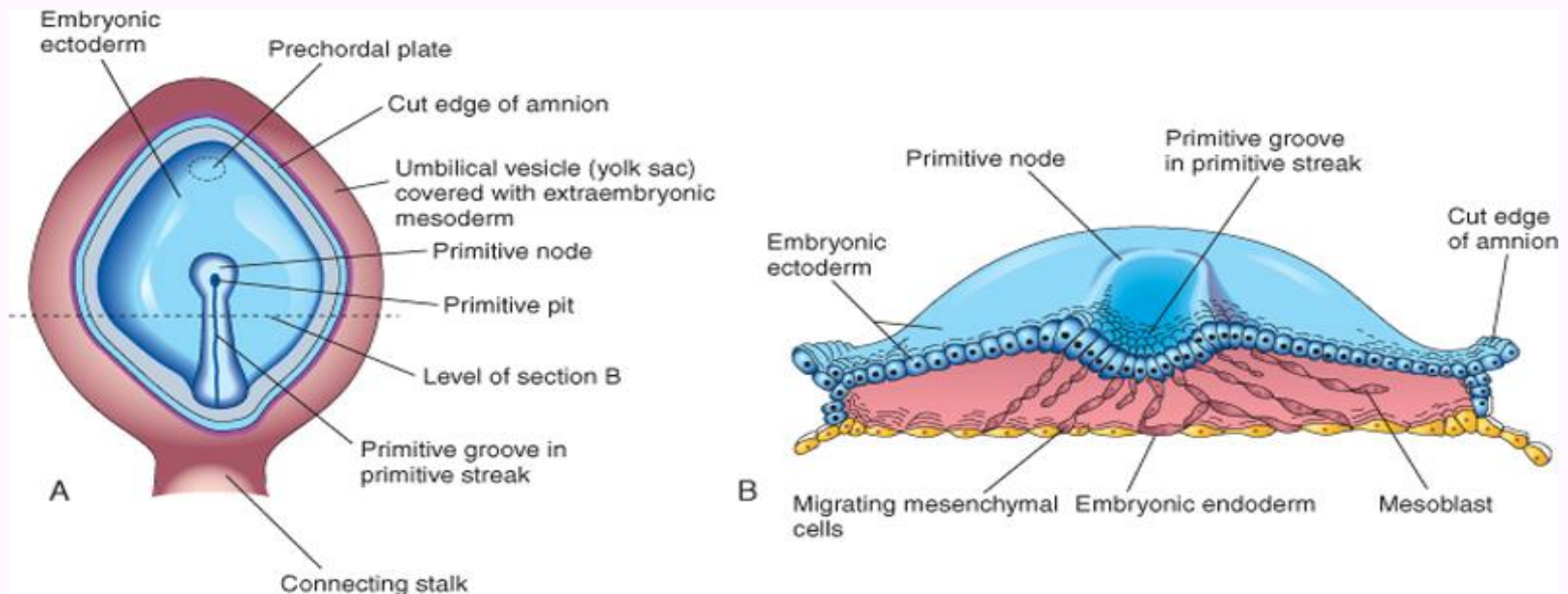
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- 1. **Cell proliferation** – cells from the epiblast in the caudal half proliferate at the future median plane causing heaping up of the cells and is the source of a new layer of cells
- 2. **Cell migration** by amoeboid movement – the cells insinuate themselves between the epiblast and hypoblast
- 3. **Cell determination** - the cells arising from the primitive streak are determined to give rise to different tissues

# Gastrulation...

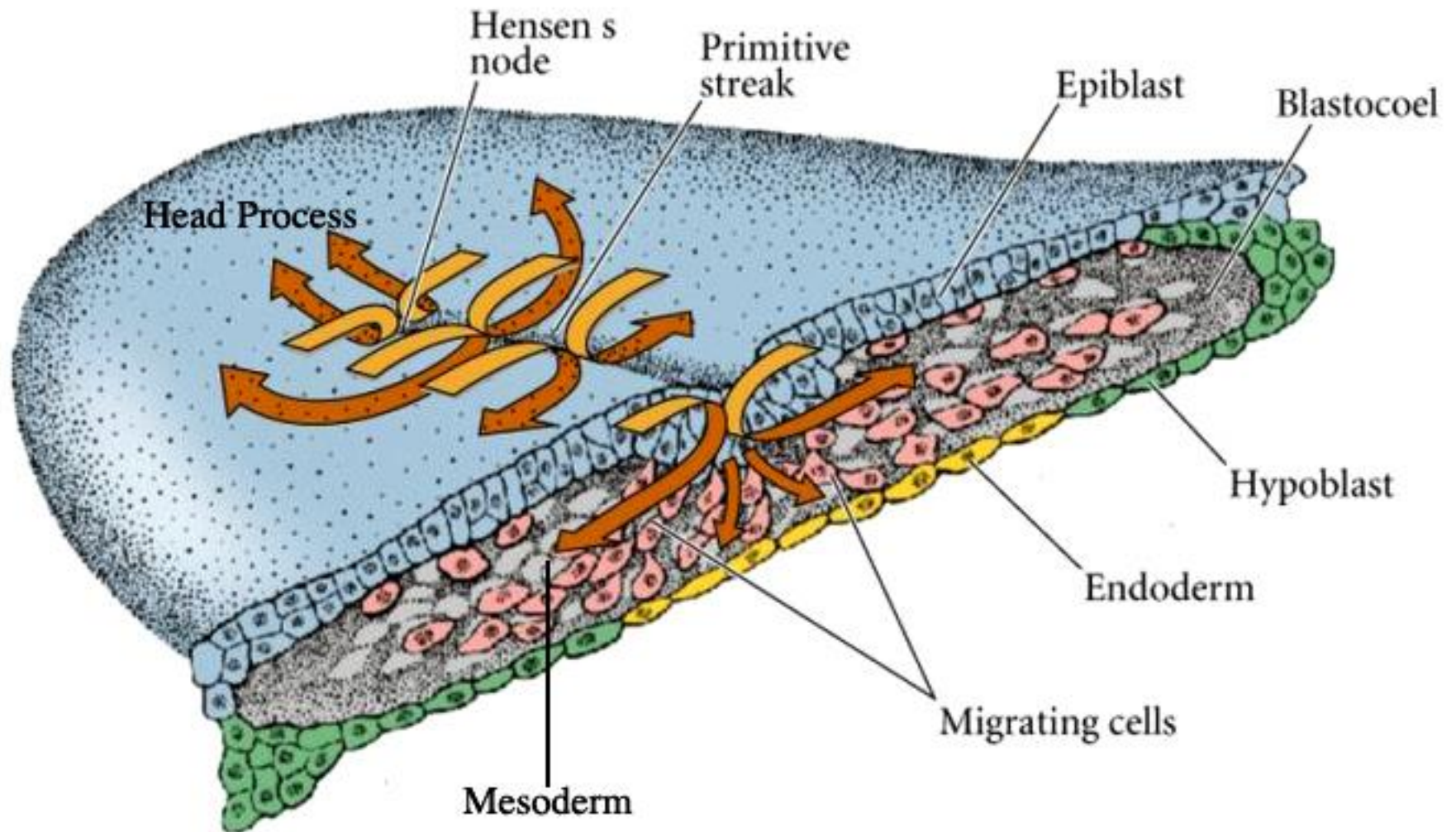
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- At the **cranial end of the primitive streak**, cells proliferate to form the **primitive node**, which finally undergo apoptosis to form the **primitive pit**
- Within the primitive streak there is apoptosis to form the **primitive groove**



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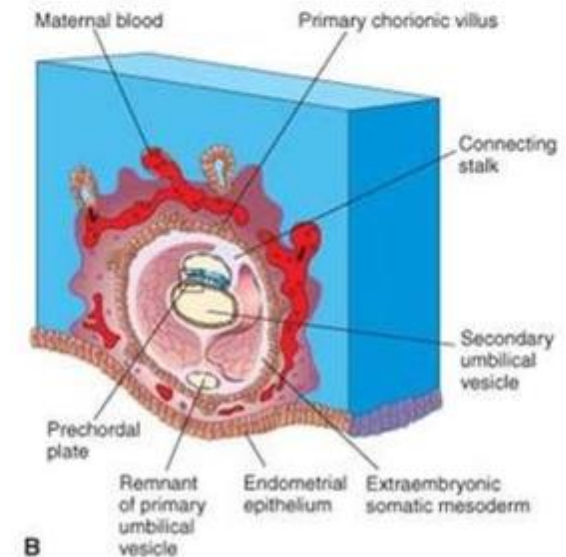
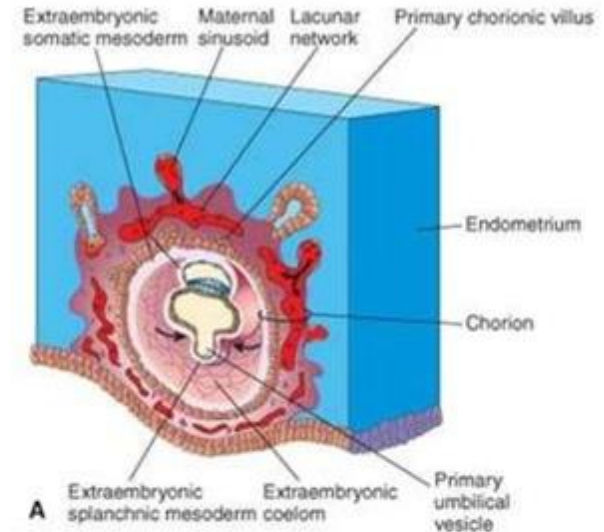




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# Development of chorionic sac

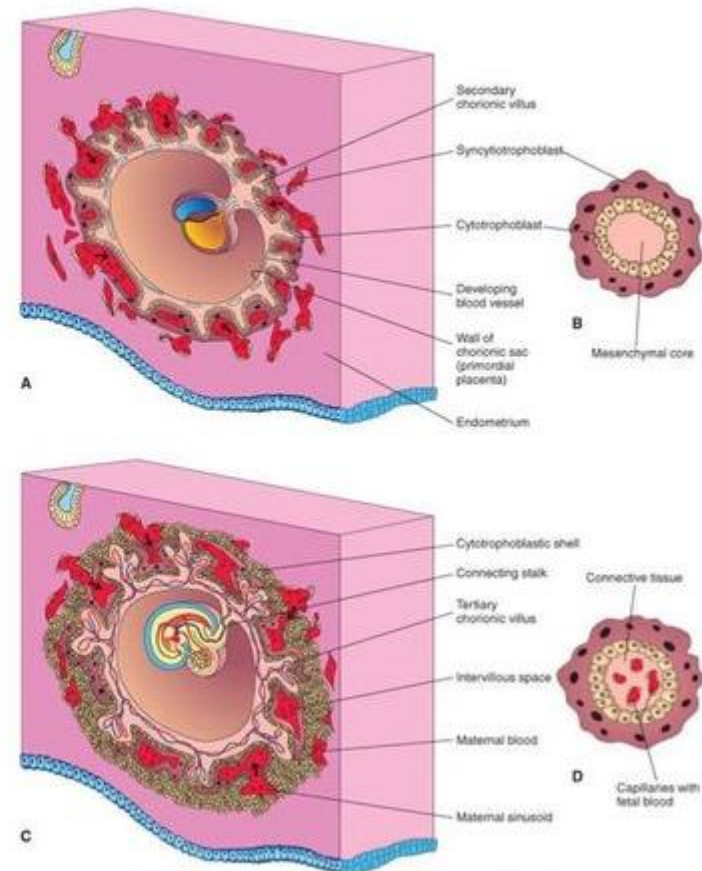
- **Primary chorionic villi** begin to appear by the end of the second week, induced by the extraembryonic somatic mesoderm
- Extraembryonic somatic mesoderm + cytotrophoblast + syncytiotrophoblast = **Chorion** = walls of chorionic (gestational) sac
- The Extraembryonic coelom become **chorionic cavity**





# Development of the chorionic villi

- Primary chorionic villi → **secondary chorionic villi** (with mesenchymal tissue inside) → **tertiary chorionic villi** (with blood vessels inside)
- Cytotrophoblastic cells proliferate and form **cytotrophoblastic shell** that surrounds the chorion and attach it to the endometrium
- exchange occur between the embryonic blood in the BV of the tertiary chorionic villi and the maternal blood in the **intervillous spaces**

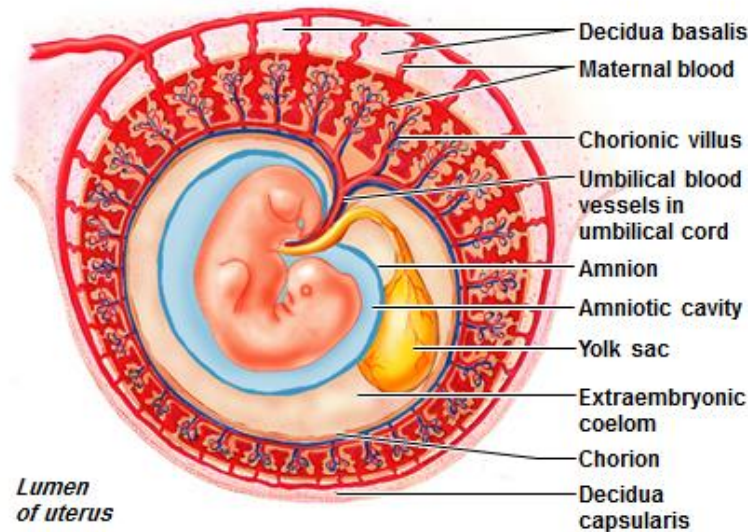


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# The Placenta

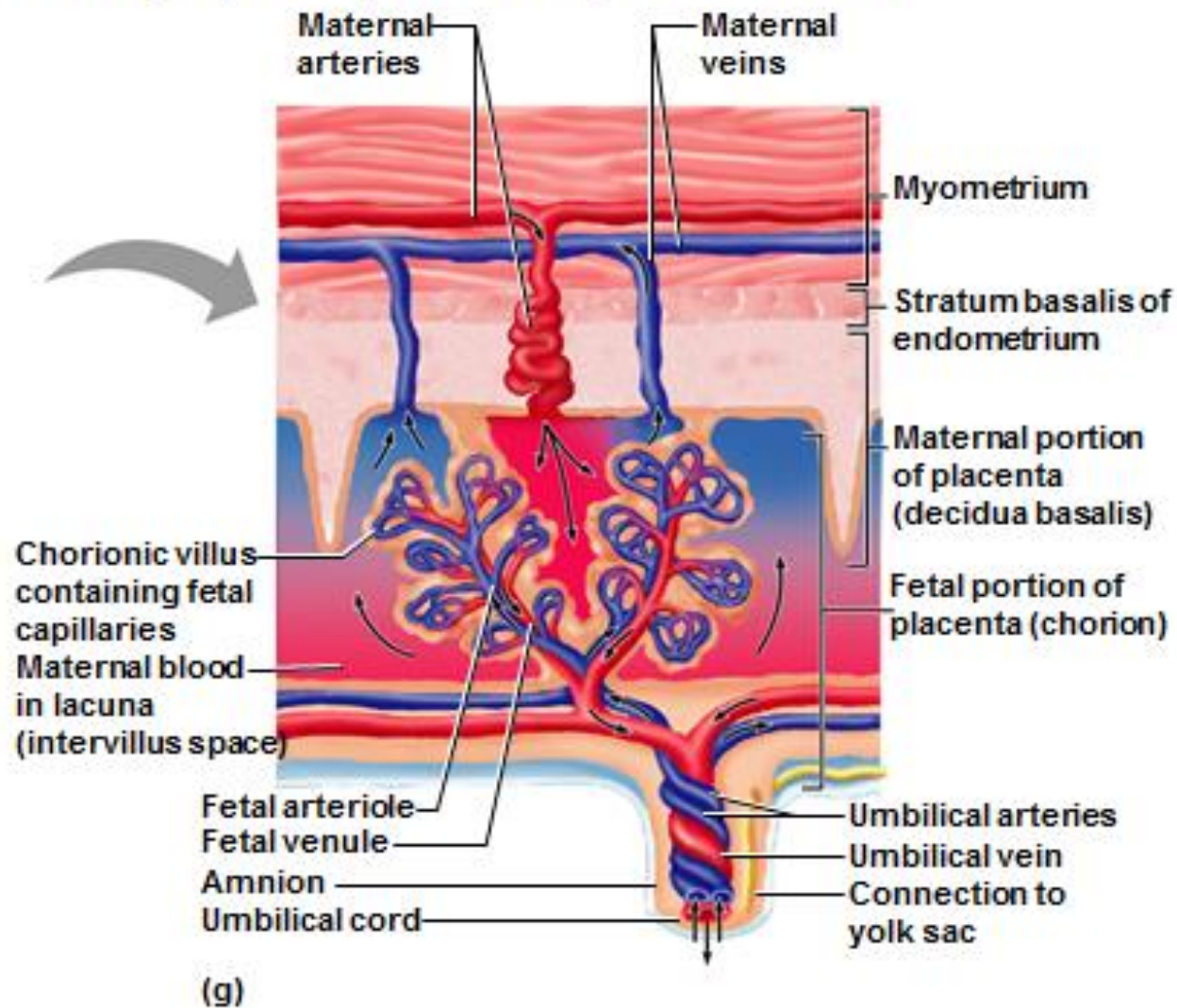
- Placenta is the site of exchange (nutrients and wastes) between the mother and the fetus
- Placenta is composed from two parts:
  - **Fetal portion**, which is part of the chorion; the **villous chorion**
  - **Maternal portion**, which develop from the endometrium; the **decidua basalis**

Events of placentation, early embryonic development, and extraembryonic membrane formation

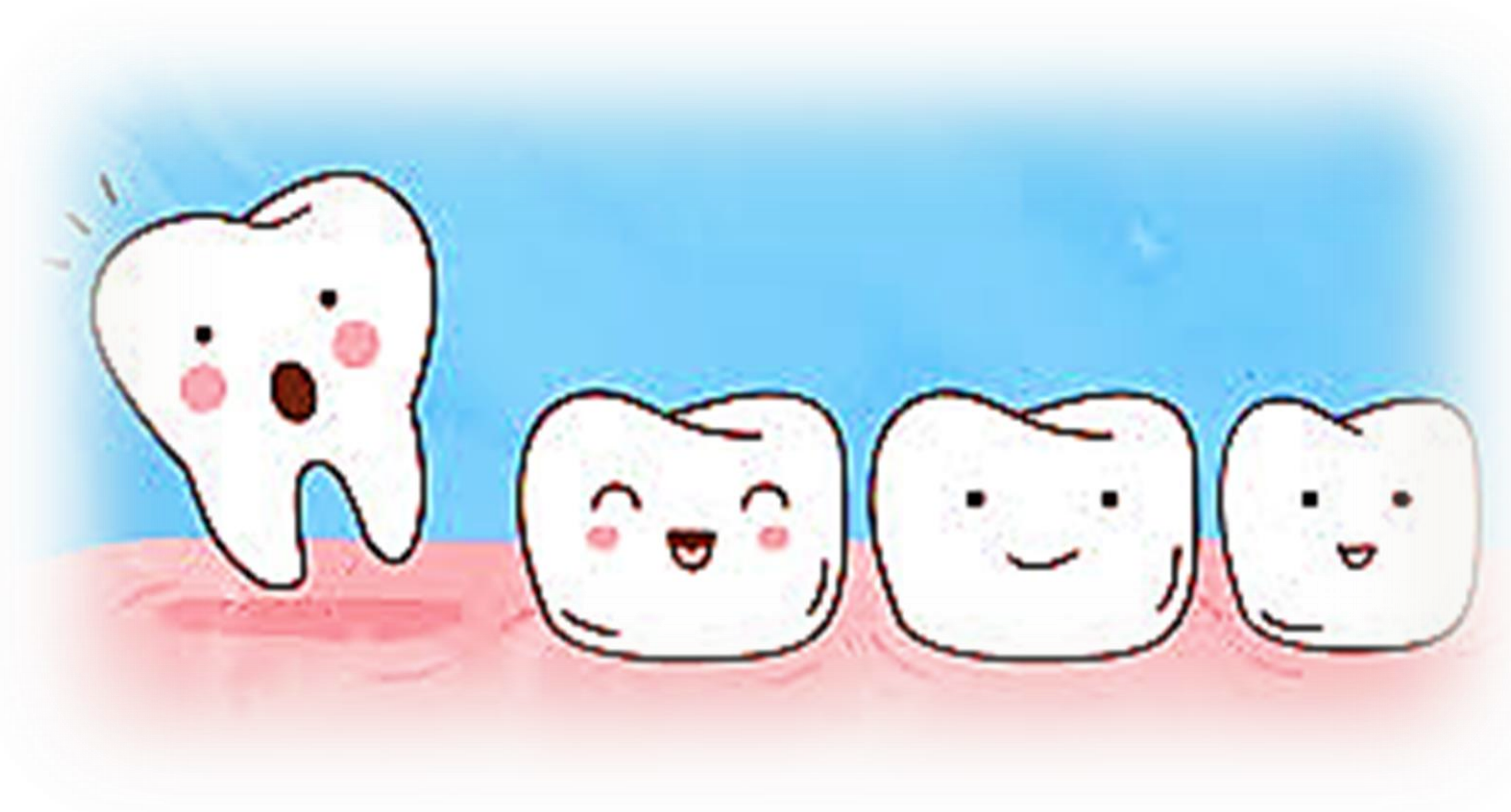


(d) 4 1/2-week embryo

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