

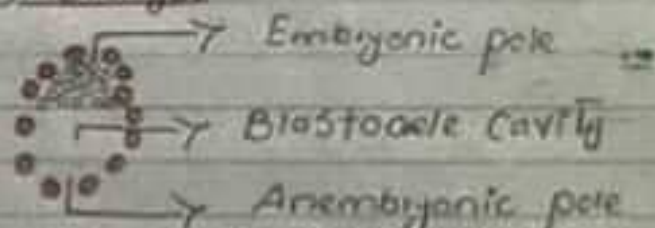
# Embryology

Systemic

## Early Fetal Development

### Fertilization

- ① Fusion of Sperm and Oocyte/Ovary → resulting in Zygote formation
- ② Most common site for fertilization → Ampulla of Fallopian tube
- ③ Fertilization occurs within 1 day of ovulation
- ④ Zygote → 46 chromosomes containing cell
- ⑤ After zygote formation of Morula (uterine) cavity  
Morula → 16 cell containing Compact Ball
- ⑥ Formed at day 3 in Uterine Cavity  
After Morula formation of Blastocyst  
Blastocyst



Formed at day 5 in Uterine Cavity

- ⑦ Implantation → Implantation of Blastocyst within Wall of Uterus occurs 6 days after fertilization and completed at day 22 of Gestation

② Within Week 2 of Gestation → 2 layers

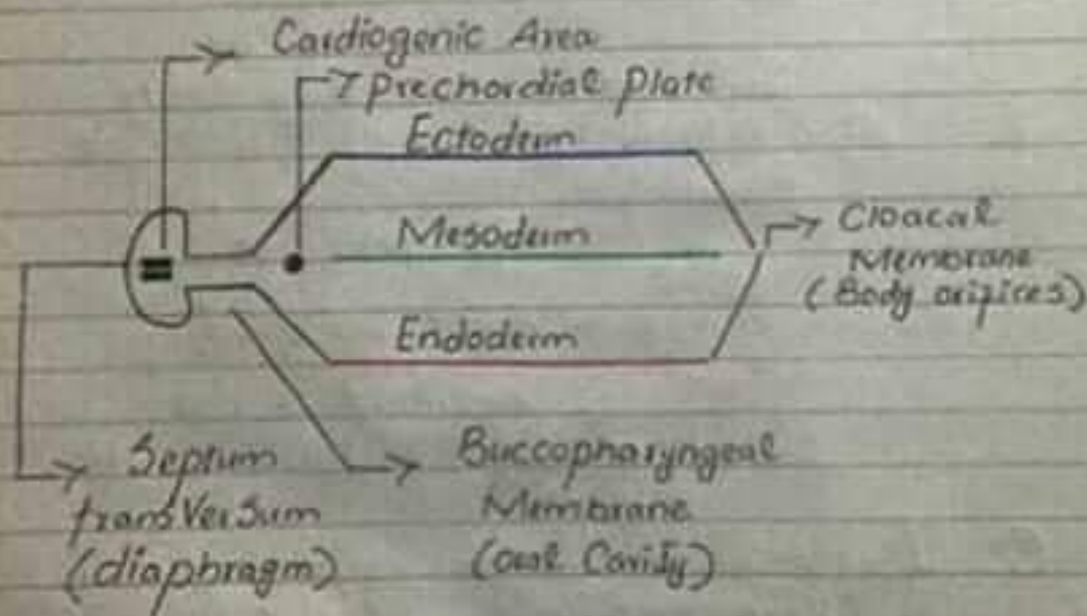
↓  
Bilaminar Germ Disc (Epiblast, Hypoblast)

③ Within Week 3 of Gestation → 3 layers

↓  
Trilaminar Germ Disc (Ectoderm, Mesoderm, Endoderm)

④ Gastrulation → process that forms trilaminar Embryonic / germ disc. Establishes

- Ectoderm
- Mesoderm
- Endoderm germ layers



Anterior End  
of Embryo

Posterior End  
of embryo

② Within Week 2 of Gestation → 2 layers

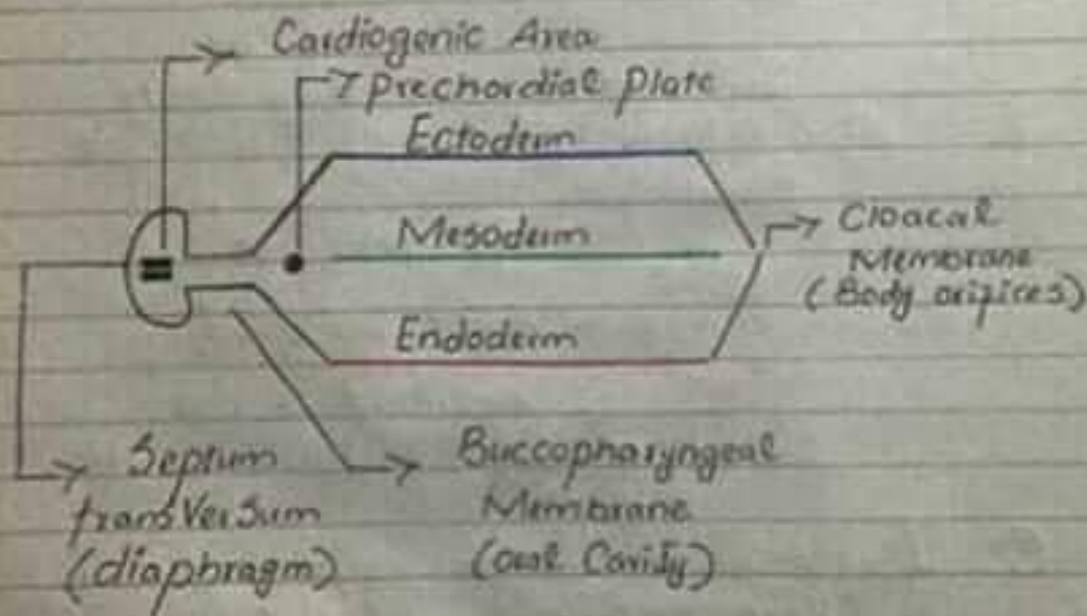
↓  
Bilaminar Germ Disc (Epiblast, Hypoblast)

③ Within Week 3 of Gestation → 3 layers

↓  
Trilaminar Germ Disc (Ectoderm, Mesoderm, Endoderm)

④ Gastrulation → process that forms trilaminar Embryonic / germ disc. Establishes

- Ectoderm
- Mesoderm
- Endoderm germ layers



Anterior End  
of Embryo

Posterior End  
of embryo

## Embryologic Derivatives: <sup>\*\*\*</sup>

### Ectoderm

- Surface ectoderm
- Neuroectoderm
- Neural Crest

### Surface Ectoderm Derivatives

#### → Glands

- Anterior pituitary gland (from Rathke pouch)
- parotid gland
- Sweat gland
- Mammary gland

#### → Face

- lens of eye
- Sensory Organs of ear
- Olfactory Epithelium
- Oral Cavity Epithelium

#### → Skin → Epidermis

#### → Anal Canal → below pectinate line

### Neuroectoderm Derivatives: think CNS

#### • Brain

- posterior pituitary gland, pineal gland
- CNS Neurons
- CNS cells (Oligodendrocytes, astrocytes, Ependymal cells)

#### • Spinal Cord, Neural Tube

#### • Retina and optic Nerve

### Neural Crest Derivatives: Think PNS

- PNS  $\rightarrow$  dorsal root & Celiac ganglion, Cranial Nerves, Schwann cells, ANS
- Melanocytes
- Odontoblasts
- Paraganglionic/C cells of Thyroid
- Chromaffin cells of Adrenal Medulla
- Meninges  $\rightarrow$  pia and arachnoid
- Skull Bones
- Aorticopulmonary Septum

### Mesoderm Derivatives:

- Muscle
- Bone
- Connective tissue
- Peritoneum
- Notochord
- Dura Mater, Microglia

Nucleus pulposus of Intervertebral Disc is the postnatal derivative of Notochord.

- Genital System  
 $\rightarrow$  Vagina, testes, ovaries
- Urinary System  
 $\rightarrow$  Kidney, Adrenal Cortex
- GIT  
 $\rightarrow$  Spleen, Wall of gut tube
- CVS, lymphatics Blood
- Skin  $\rightarrow$  Dermis

## Mesodermal Defects → VACTERL

- Vertebral defects
- Anal atresia
- Cardiac defects
- Tracheo-Esophageal defects
- Renal defects
- Limb defects (bone and muscle)

## Endoderm Derivatives:

- Anal Canal → above pectinate line
- Urethra
- Luminal Epithelial Derivatives



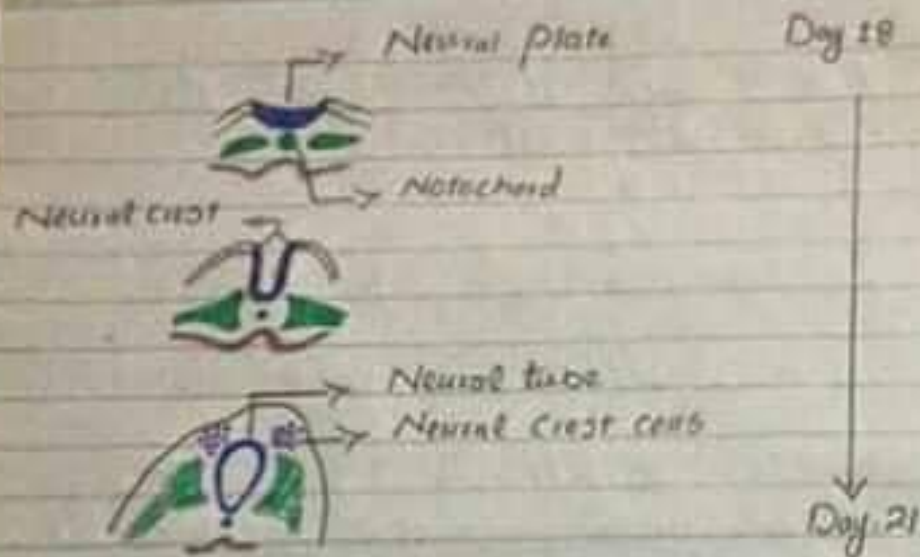
Lungs, Liver, Gallbladder, Pancreas  
Eustachian tube, Thymus, Parathyroid,  
Thyroid follicular cells

## ② Weeks 3-8 (Embryonic Period) →

- Organogenesis
- Extremely Susceptible to Teratogens
- Neural Tube formed by Neuroectoderm and closes by Week 4.

## Neural Tube Development:

- Notochord induces overlying ectoderm to differentiate into Neuroectoderm and form the Neural plate
- Neural plate gives rise to the Neural tube and Neural Crest cells
- Notochord becomes Nucleus pulposus of Intervertebral disc in Adults



- Neural tube, Neuropores → fuse by Week 4.  
Pores

### Neural Tube Defects:-

- Neuropores fail to fuse (4th week) → persistent connection b/w Amniotic cavity and Spinal Canal  
*Associated with Low folic Acid Intake before Conception and during pregnancy.*
- Elevated  $\alpha$ -fetoprotein / AFP in amniotic fluid and maternal Serum  
AFP produced by Fetus
- Confirmatory Test →  $\uparrow$  acetylcholinesterase (AChE) in amniotic fluid

### Types of Neural tube Defects:-

#### Spina bifida Occulta →

- failure of bony Spinal Canal to close
- No structural herniation
- Seen at lower Vertebral levels

- Dura is intact
- Associated Wd Tuft of hair OR skin dimple at level of bony defect

Meningocele →

- Meninges but not the spinal cord herniate through spinal canal defect
- Normal AFP

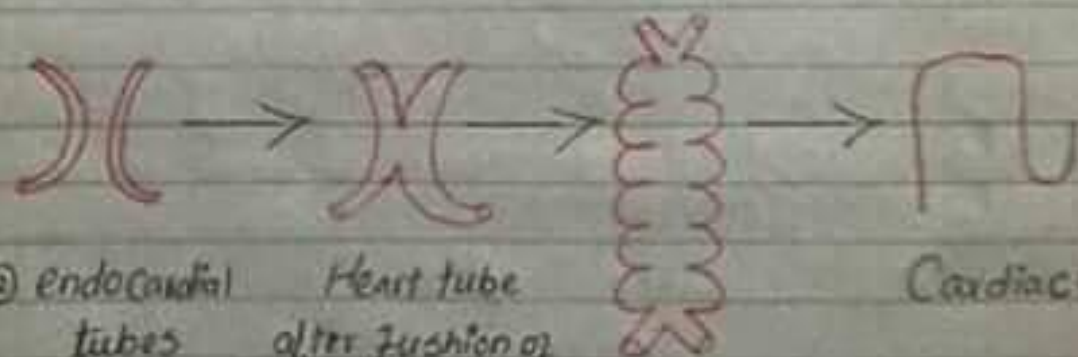
Meningomyelocele →

- Meninges and spinal cord both herniate through spinal canal defect

⑫ Week 4 → First Functional Organ in Vertebrate embryos: Heart  
Beats spontaneously by Week 4 of Gestation

Heart Morphogenesis:

- Cardiac Looping



② endocardial tubes

Heart tube after fusion of two endocardial tubes

↓  
Elongation, dilatation and Constriction of Heart tube

Cardiac loop

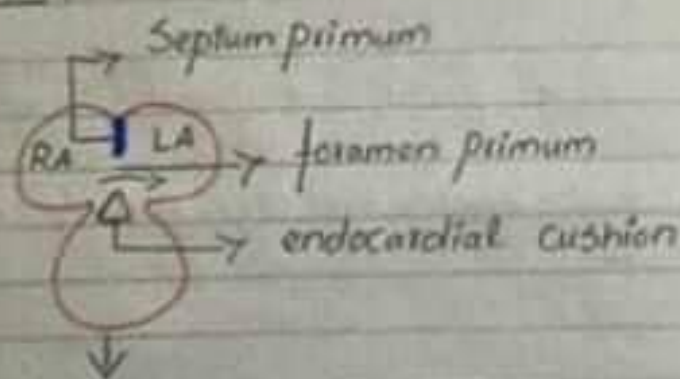


Primary Heart tube loops to establish L-R polarity, Defect in L-R polarity can lead to Dextrocardia → Heart is pointed toward the right side of chest

Dextrocardia seen in Kartagener Syndrome OR primary Ciliary Dyskinesia

### • Septation of the Chambers

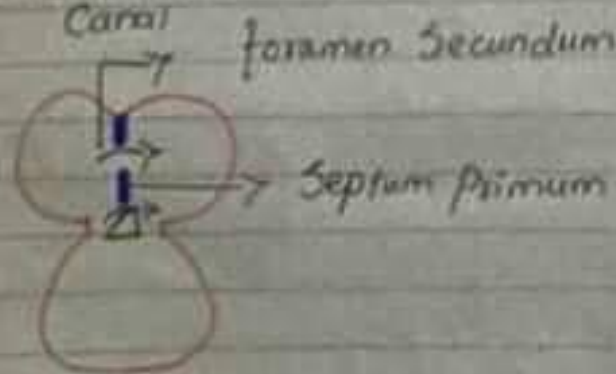
Atria:



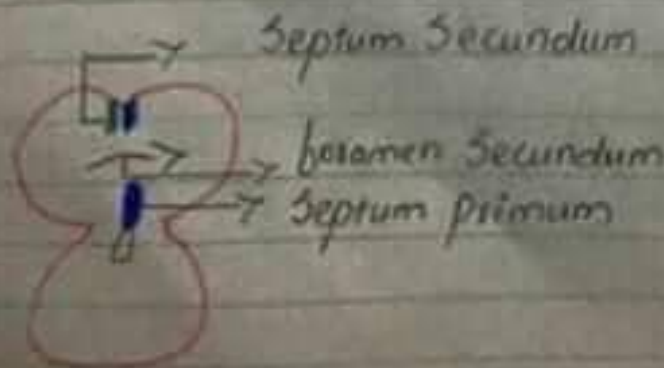
• Septum primum grows toward endocardial cushion, narrowing f. primum

AtrioVentricular

Canal

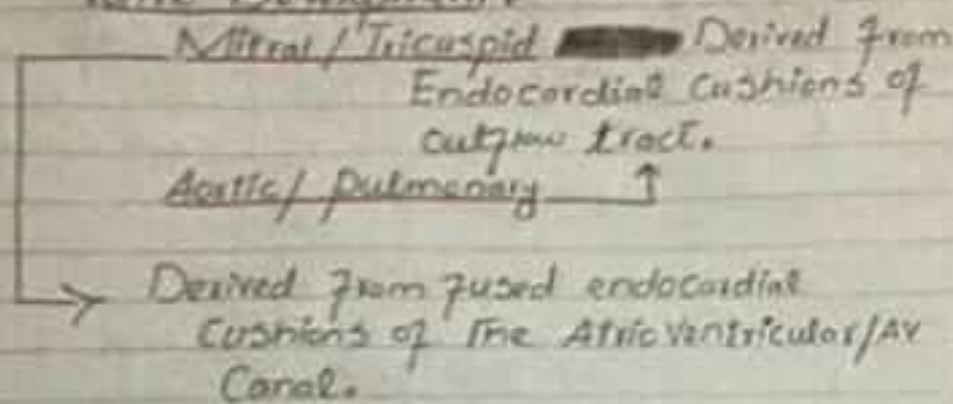


• foramen primum disappears, foramen secundum form in septum primum

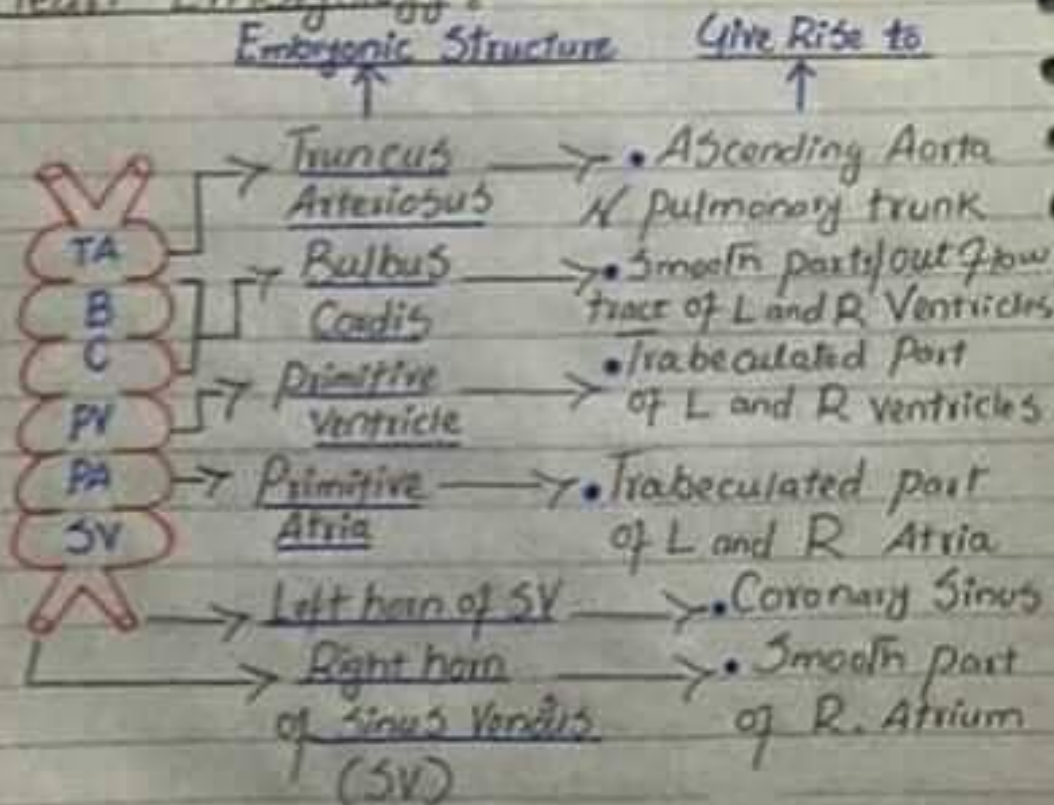


• Septum secundum develop

## Valve Development:



## Heart Embryology:



• Primitive pulmonary Vein  $\rightarrow$  Give rise to Smooth part of Left Atrium

• Right Common Cardinal Vein & Rt Anterior Cardinal Vein  $\rightarrow$  SVC