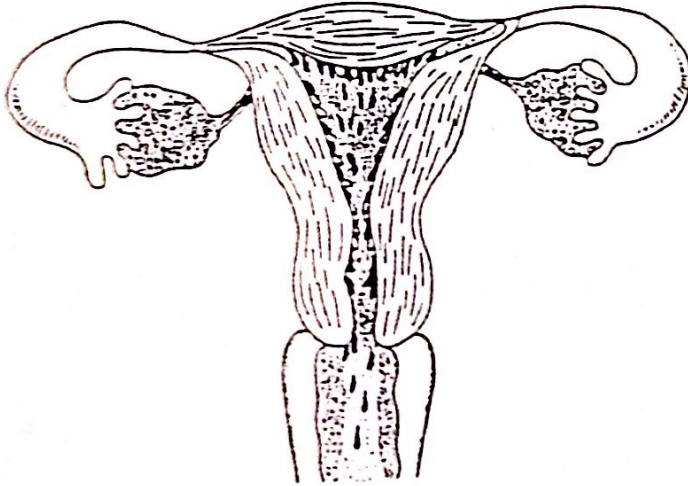


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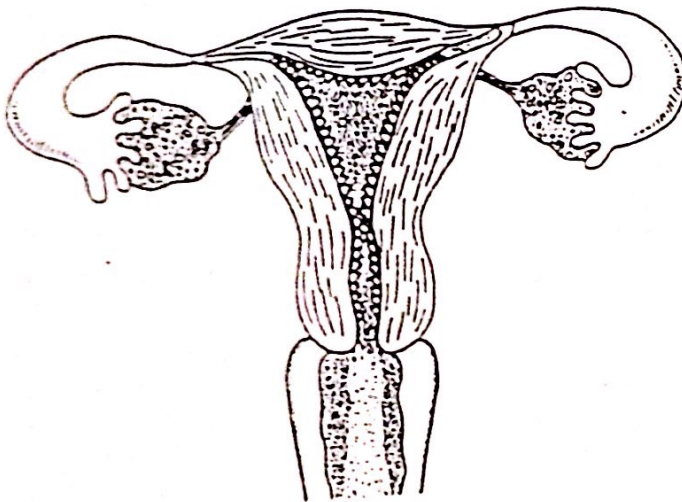
THE MENSTRUAL CYCLE (SE-8)



DURING MENSTRUATION

Days 1-5:

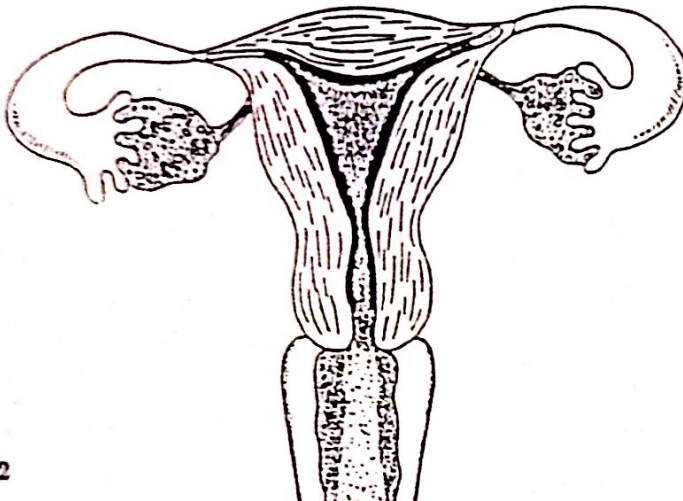
Menstruation occurs and the lining of the uterus, with a small amount of blood, leaves the body. At this time another egg is maturing in the ovary.



AFTER MENSTRUATION:

Days 6-15:

The lining of the uterus repairs itself and once again prepares for a fertilized egg. Around days 13 to 15 an egg is released from an ovary. This is called OVULATION.



BEFORE MENSTRUATION:

Days 16-28:

If the egg is fertilized by the male sperm cell, it embeds itself in the wall of the uterus. If the egg is not fertilized, the blood vessels in the wall of the uterus shrink and break down. Then menstruation begins again.