

# quatrième SEMAINE et deuxième MOIS du développement

4<sup>ème</sup> semaine :

neurulation (la fin : *fermeture du tube neural*) ;

plicatures (courbures) ;

somitogenèse (formation et différenciation des somites) ;

acquisition d'une asymétrie corporelle bilatérale

2<sup>ème</sup> mois :

acquisition de la forme humaine (morphogenèse) ;

formation des organes (organogenèse) ;

croissance

(1<sup>ère</sup> sem. : zygote >> morula >> 2<sup>e</sup> sem. : blastula >> 3<sup>e</sup> sem. : gastrula >> 4<sup>e</sup> sem. : neurula)

# QUATRIEME SEMAINE : PLICATURES ET SOMITOGENESE

la 4<sup>ème</sup> semaine est une période d'une activité génératrice intense et riche,  
avec le début de la différenciation des ébauches de tous les systèmes,  
à partir des trois feuillets embryonnaires qui viennent de se former  
grâce a la gastrulation pendant la 3<sup>ème</sup> semaine

...et pendant le 2<sup>ème</sup> mois du développement, toutes ces ébauches d'organes vont se développer et différencier (« l'organogenèse »)...

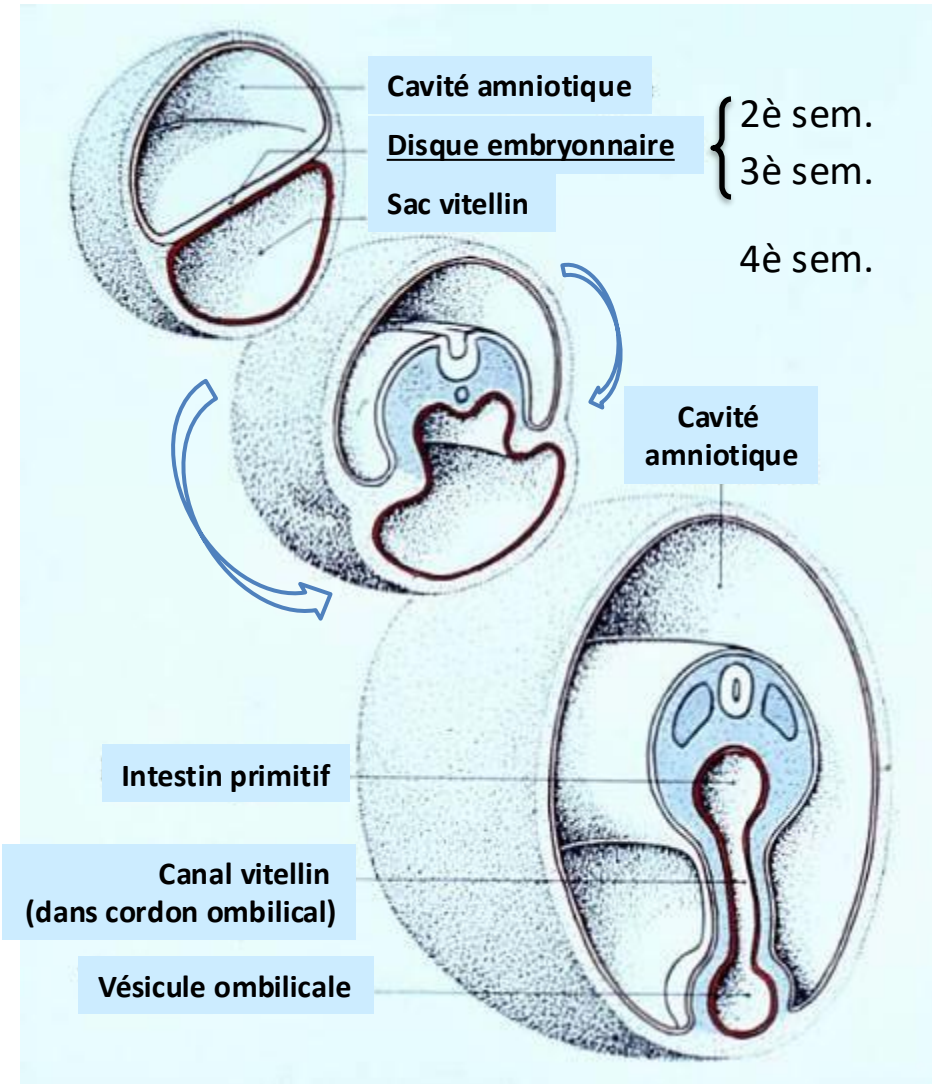
## 4ème SEMAINE :

11 évènements

1. L'embryon prend une forme cylindrique
2. Le cordon ombilical est défini
3. Oblitération du coelome extraembryonnaire
4. Fermeture du tube neural
5. Fermeture de l'épithélium de revêtement
6. Formation et différenciation des somites
7. *Différenciation du mésoderme intermédiaire (cordons néphrogènes), avec différenciation du système urinaire : pro- et mésonéphros*
8. *Fusion des tubes cardiaques*
9. *Différenciation du tube digestif ; bourgeons pulmonaires*
10. *Bourgeonnement des membres*
11. Formation des placodes optiques et otiques

# QUATRIEME SEMAINE

## 1. L'embryon prend une forme cylindrique (à conséquence des plicatures)



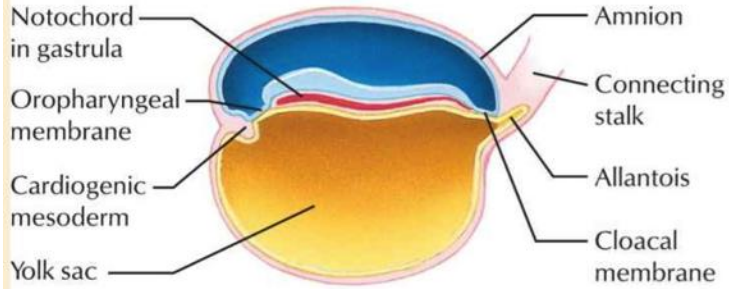
1<sup>ère</sup> sem.: l'embryon devient **blastocyste**;  
(*segmentation*)

2<sup>ème</sup> sem.: l'embryon est le **disque bilaminaire**;  
(*implantation*)

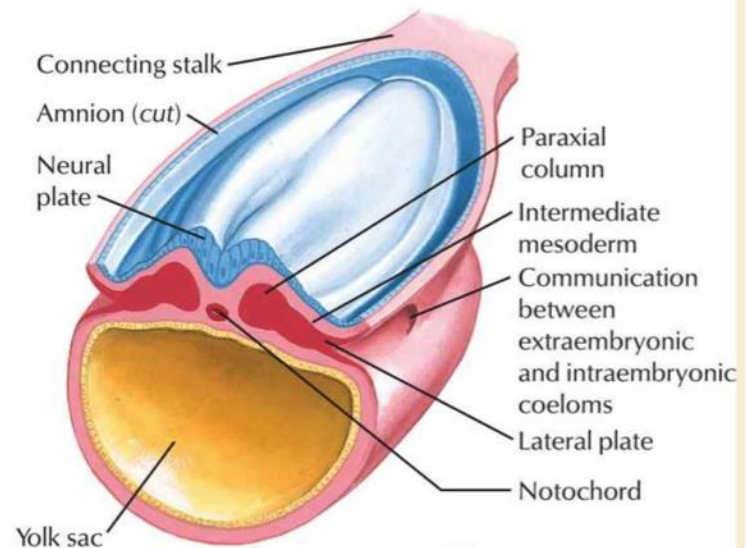
3<sup>ème</sup> sem.: l'embryon est le **disque trilaminaire**;  
(*gastrulation et neurulation*)

4<sup>ème</sup> sem.: l'embryon devient un **cylindre**  
(*plicatures et somitogenèse : acquisition de l'asymétrie bilatérale*)

**Midsagittal section of folding gastrula**



**Cross section of folding gastrula**



courbures

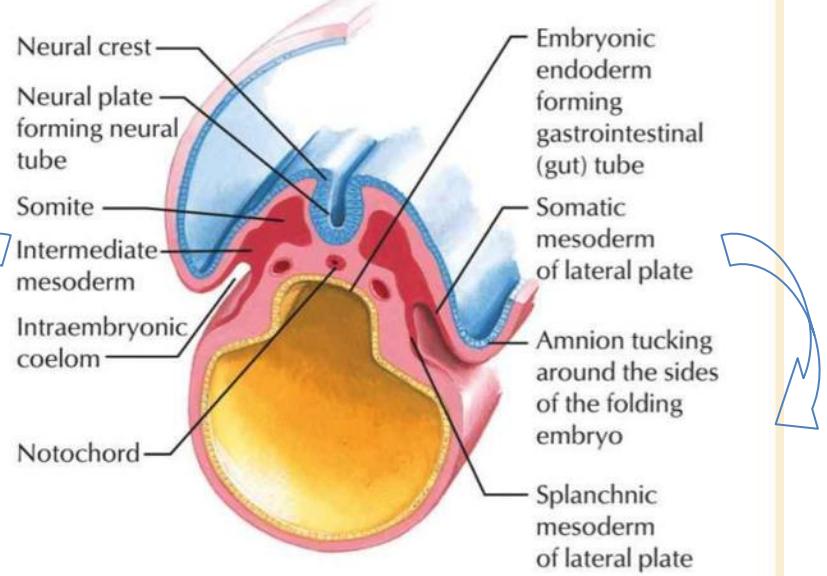
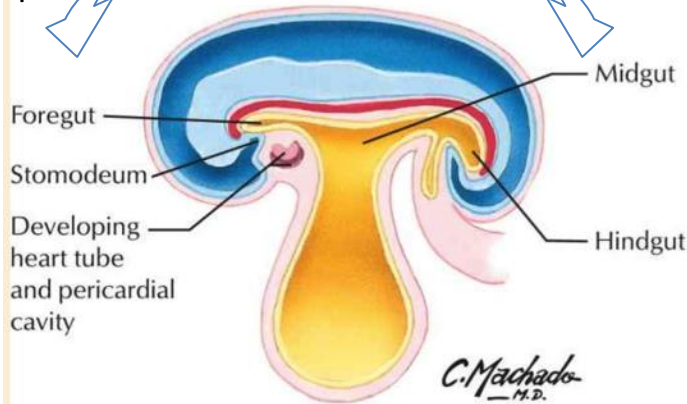
longitudinales

courbures

transversales (=latérales)

courb. long. céphalique

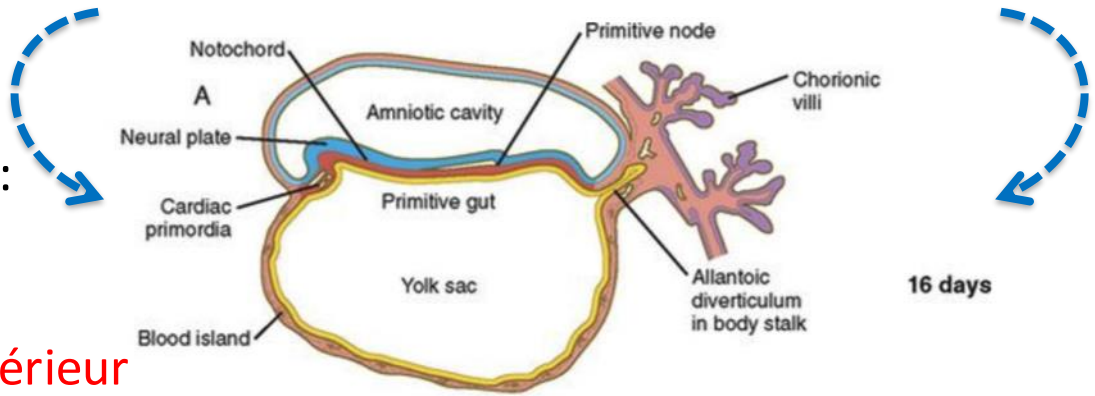
courb. long. caudale



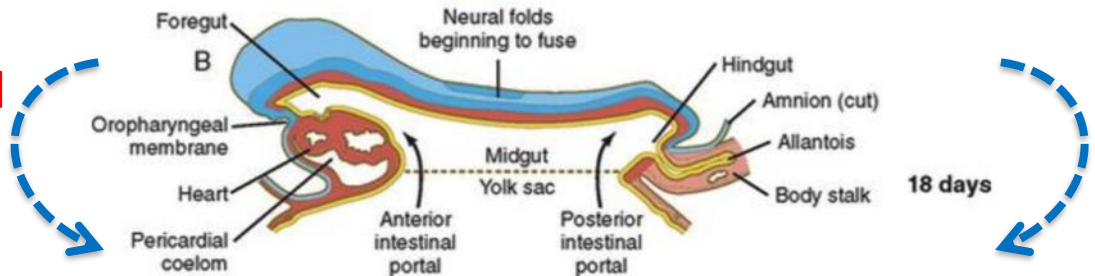
# Courbures longitudinales :

-formation du **tube digestif**  
 («intestin») antérieur et postérieur

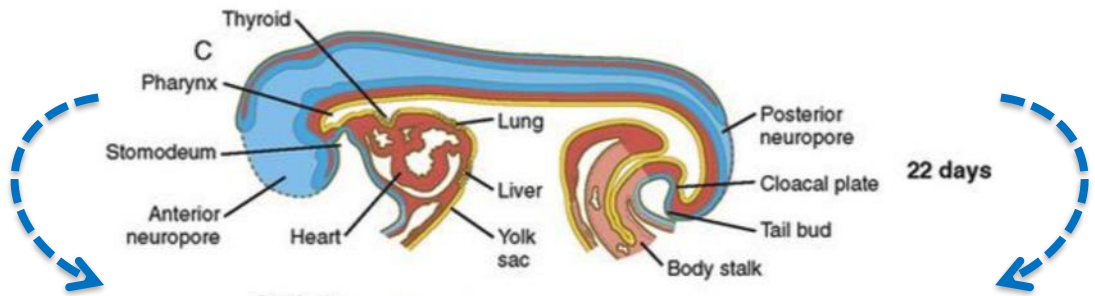
-formation du **cordon ombilical**



16 days



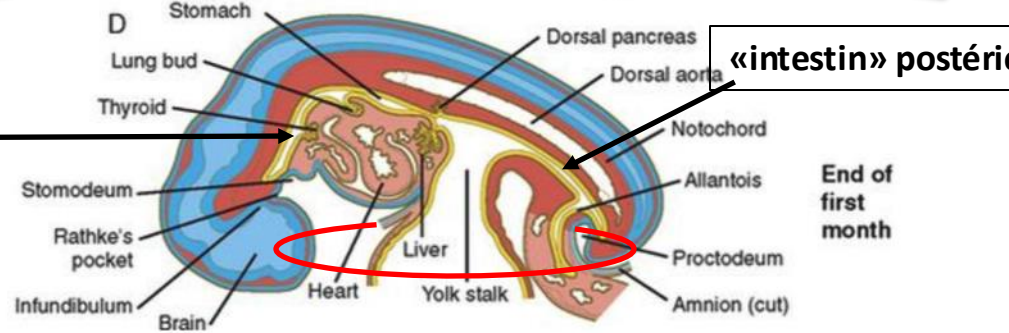
18 days



22 days

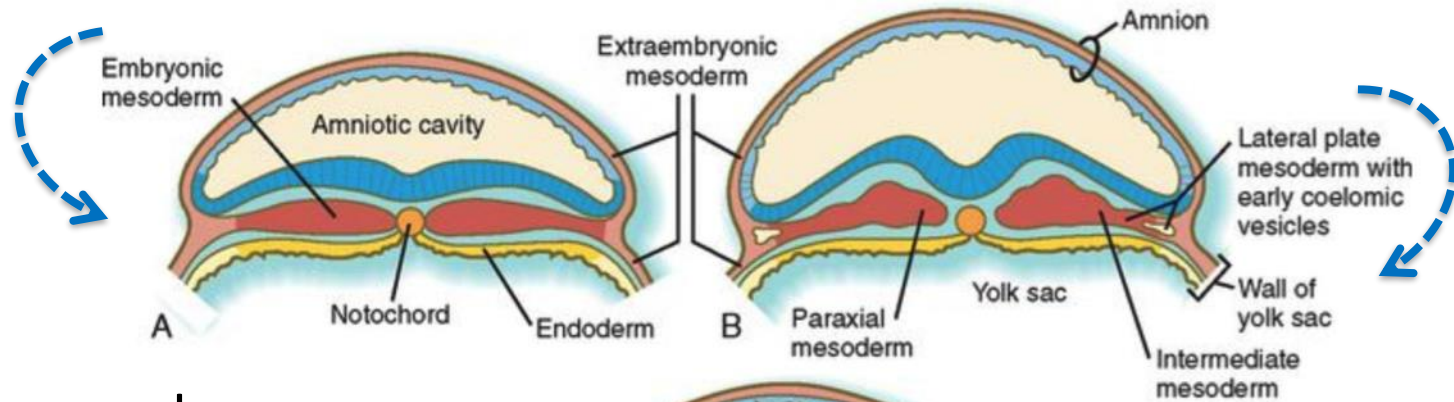
«intestin» antérieur

«intestin» postérieur



End of first month

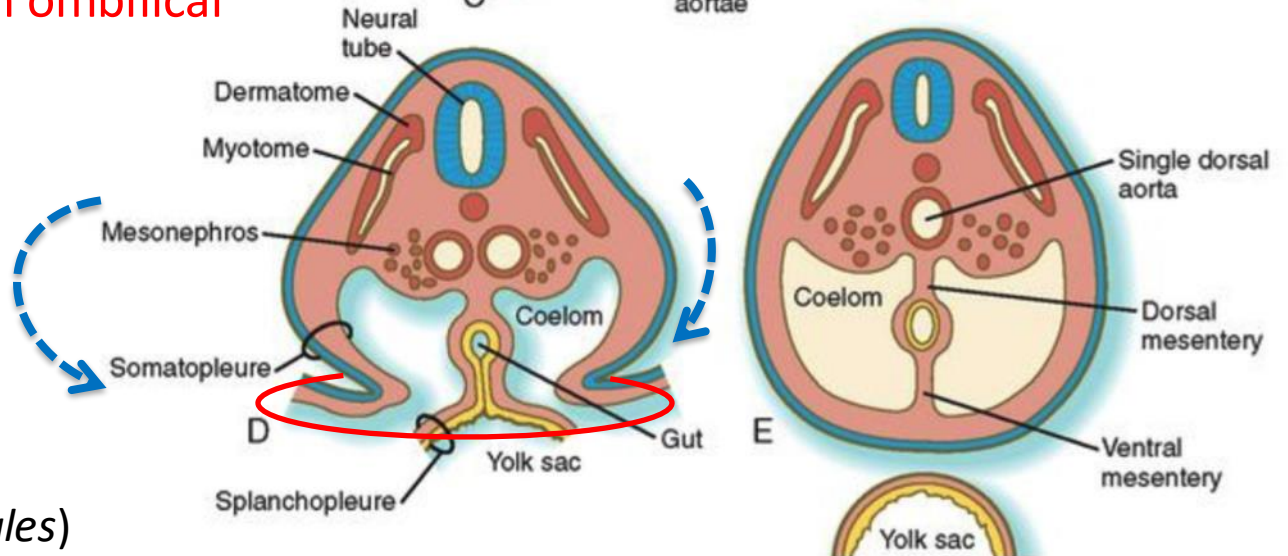
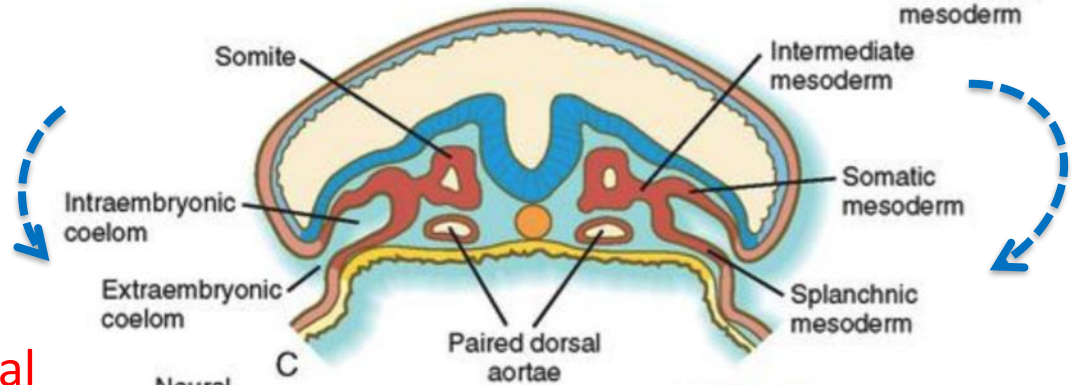
(coupes sagittales)



Courbures transversales:

-formation du **tube digestif**  
 («intestin») **moyen**

-formation du **cordon ombilical**



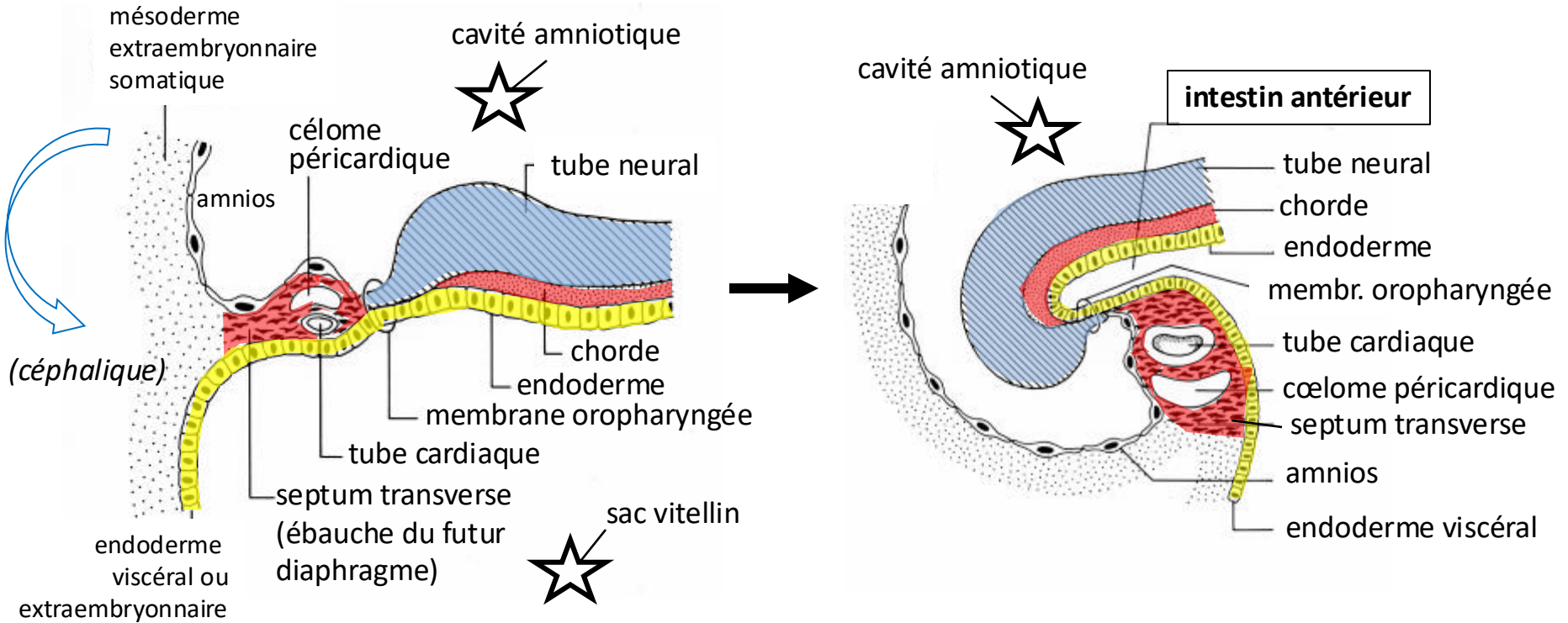
(coupes transversales)

# QUATRIEME SEMAINE

## 1. L'embryon prend une forme cylindrique

### a) courbures longitudinales

#### - céphalique:



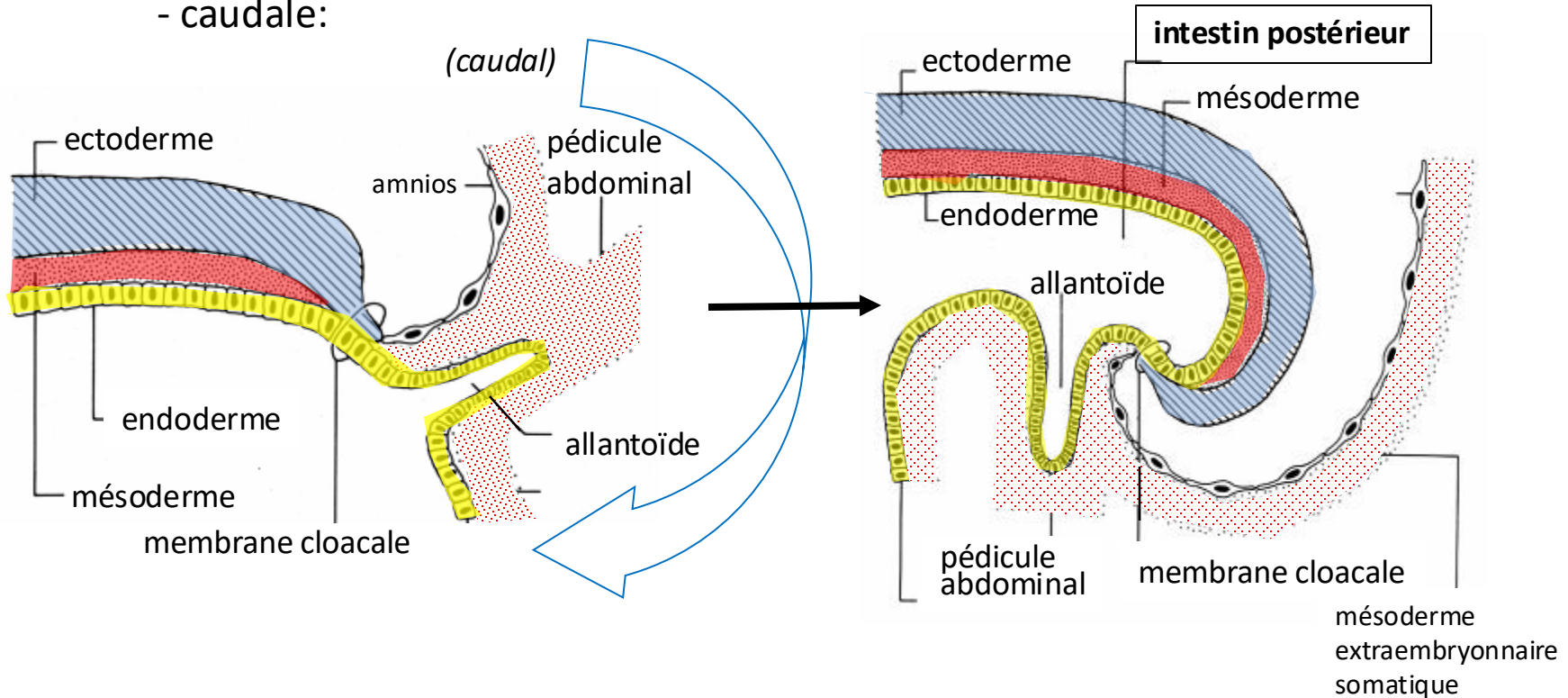
La courbure longitudinale céphalique amène l'aire cardiogène en position ventrale, et en arrière par rapport à la future bouche, et devient dorsale par rapport au célome péricardique. Elle détermine la formation de *l'intestin primitif antérieur*.

# QUATRIEME SEMAINE

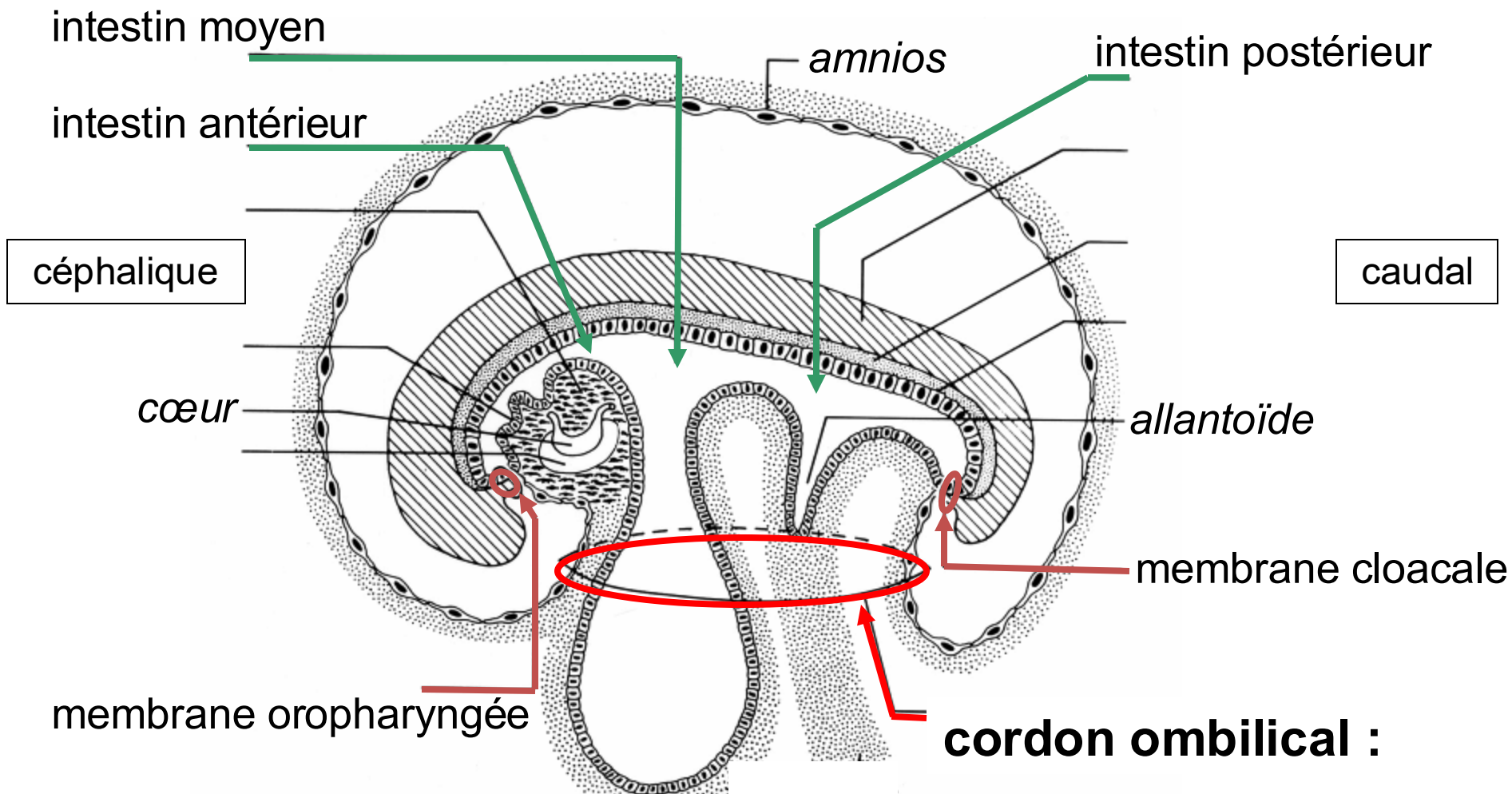
1. L'embryon prend une forme cylindrique

a) courbures longitudinales

- caudale:



La courbure longitudinale caudale amène l'allantoïde en position ventrale, et en avant par rapport au futur anus. Formation de *l'intestin primitif postérieur*.

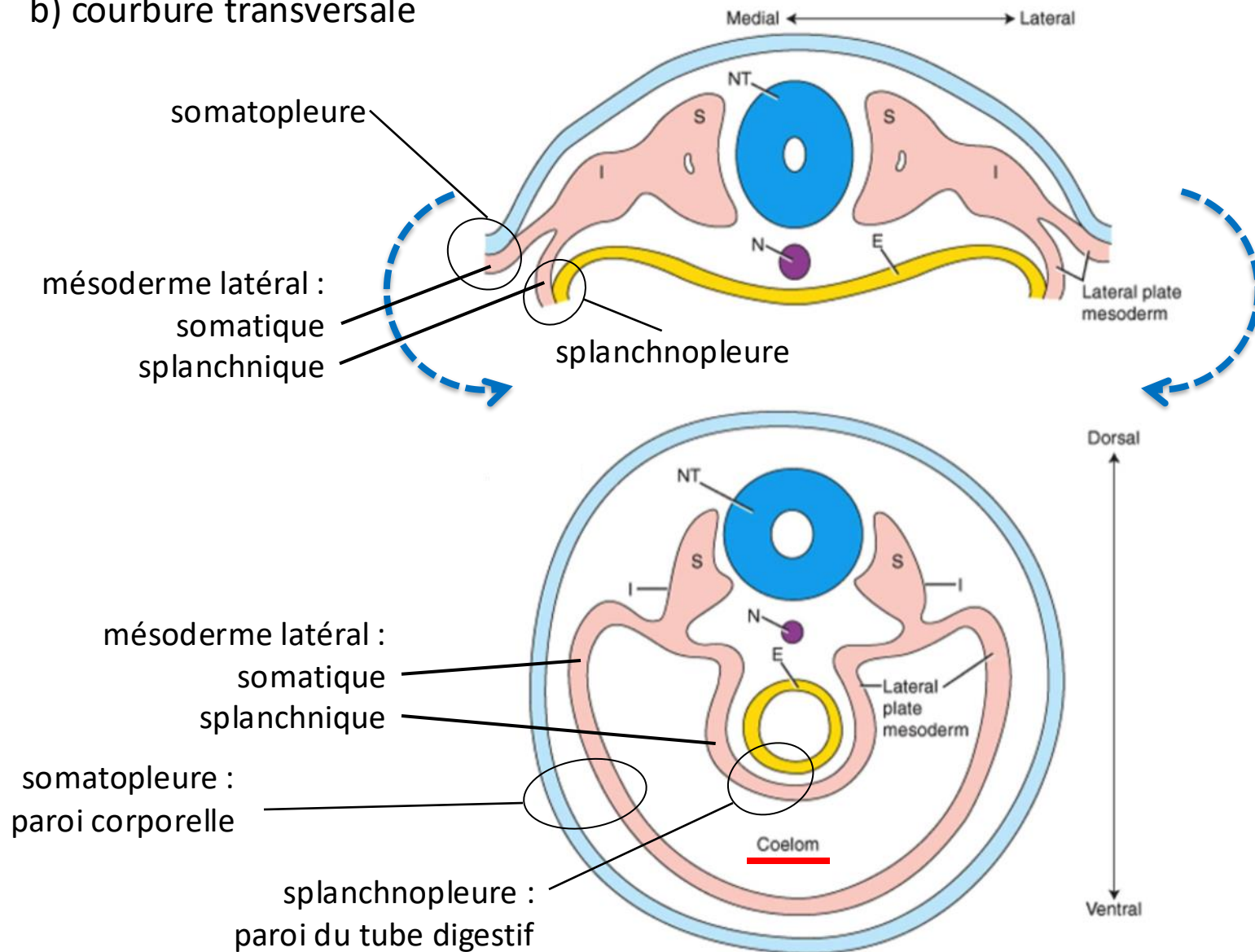


*amnios, mésoderme extraembryo. som. + visc. + pédicule abdominal, avec l'allantoïde distal (+ vaisseaux) et sac (canal) vitellin*

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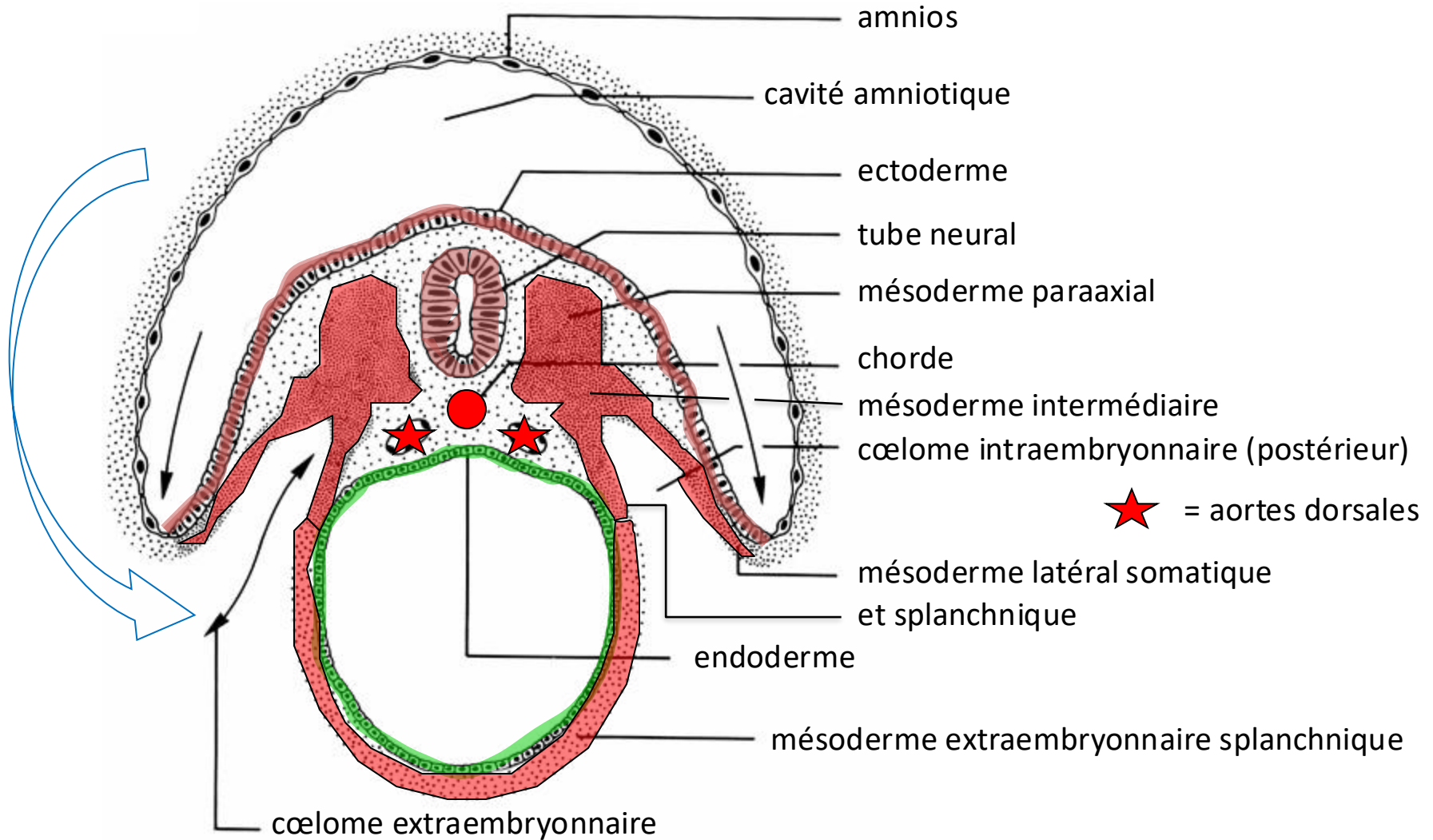
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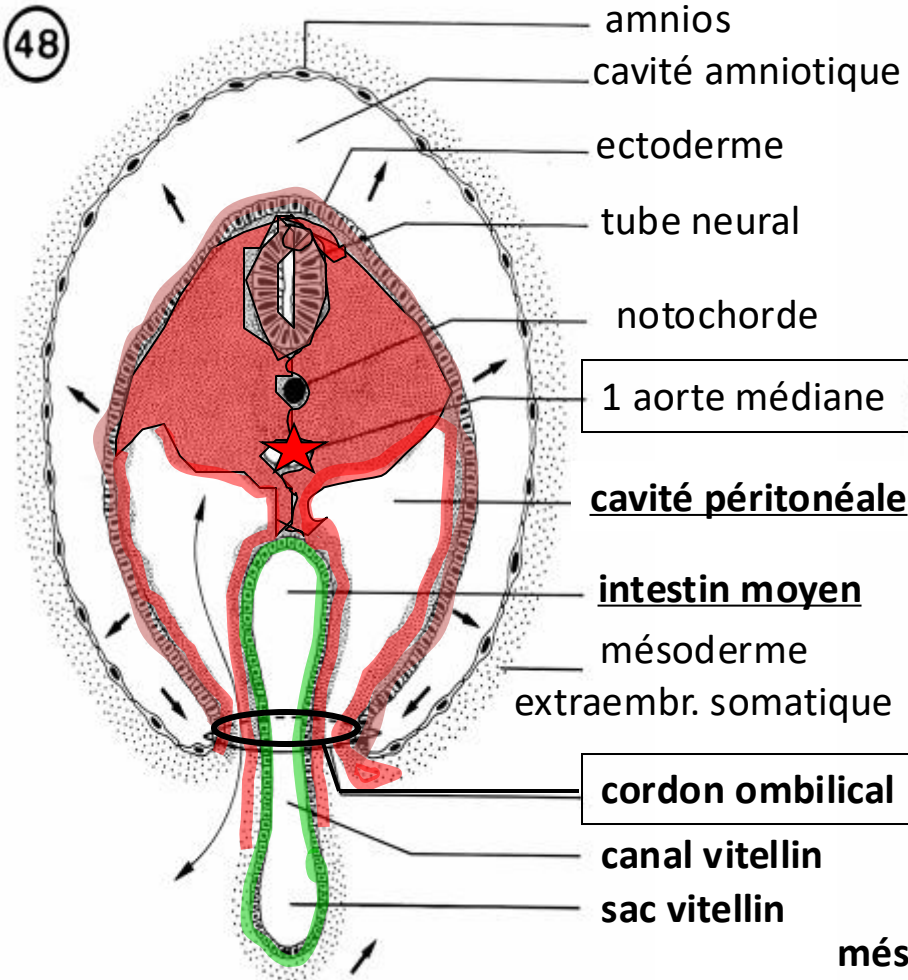
### b) courbure transversale



# COURBURE TRANSVERSALE

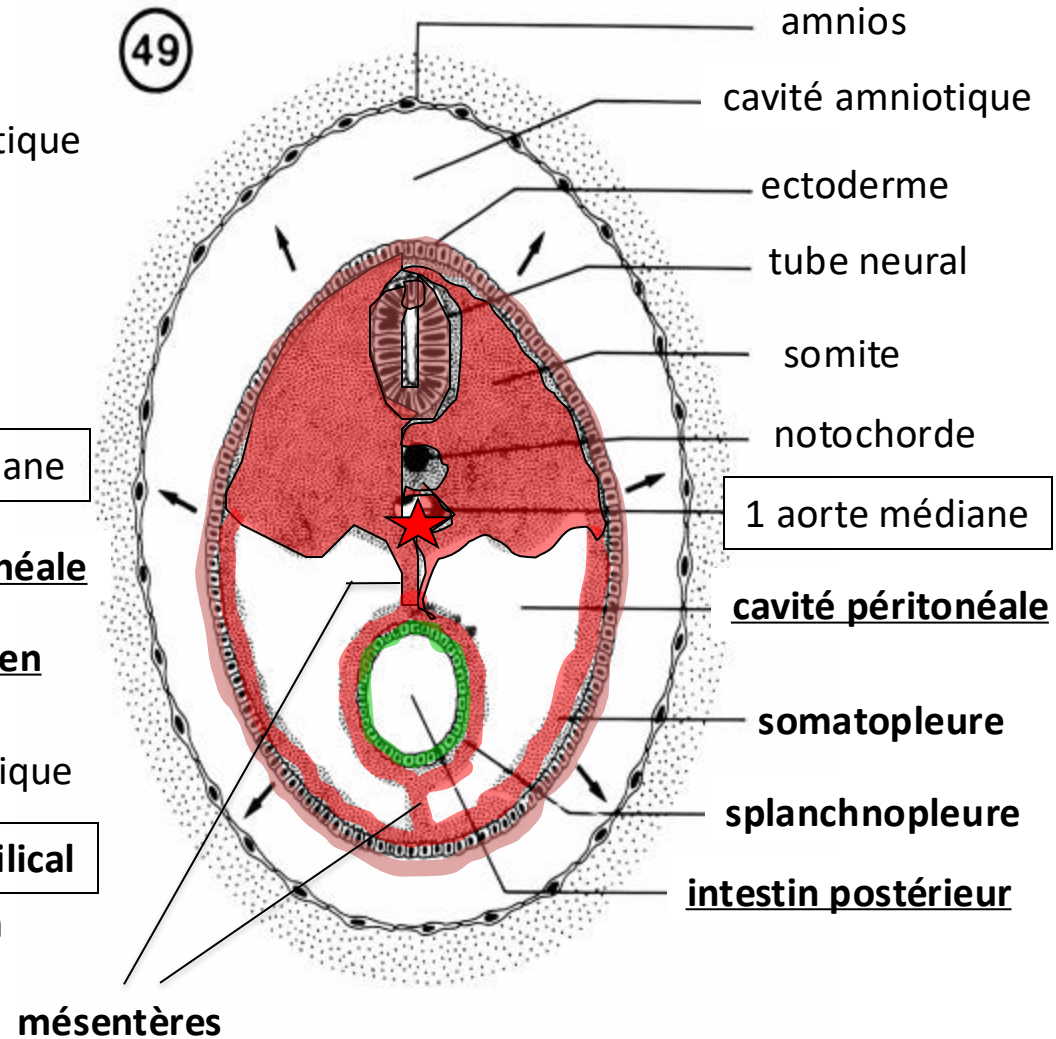
(milieu et partie postérieure du corps)

48



au niveau de l'intestin moyen

49



au niveau de l'intestin postérieur

# COURBURE TRANSVERSALE

(partie antérieure du corps)

20 jours

22 jours

gouttière  
neurale  
aortes  
dorsales

Intestin primitif  
antérieur

endoderme  
du sac vitellin

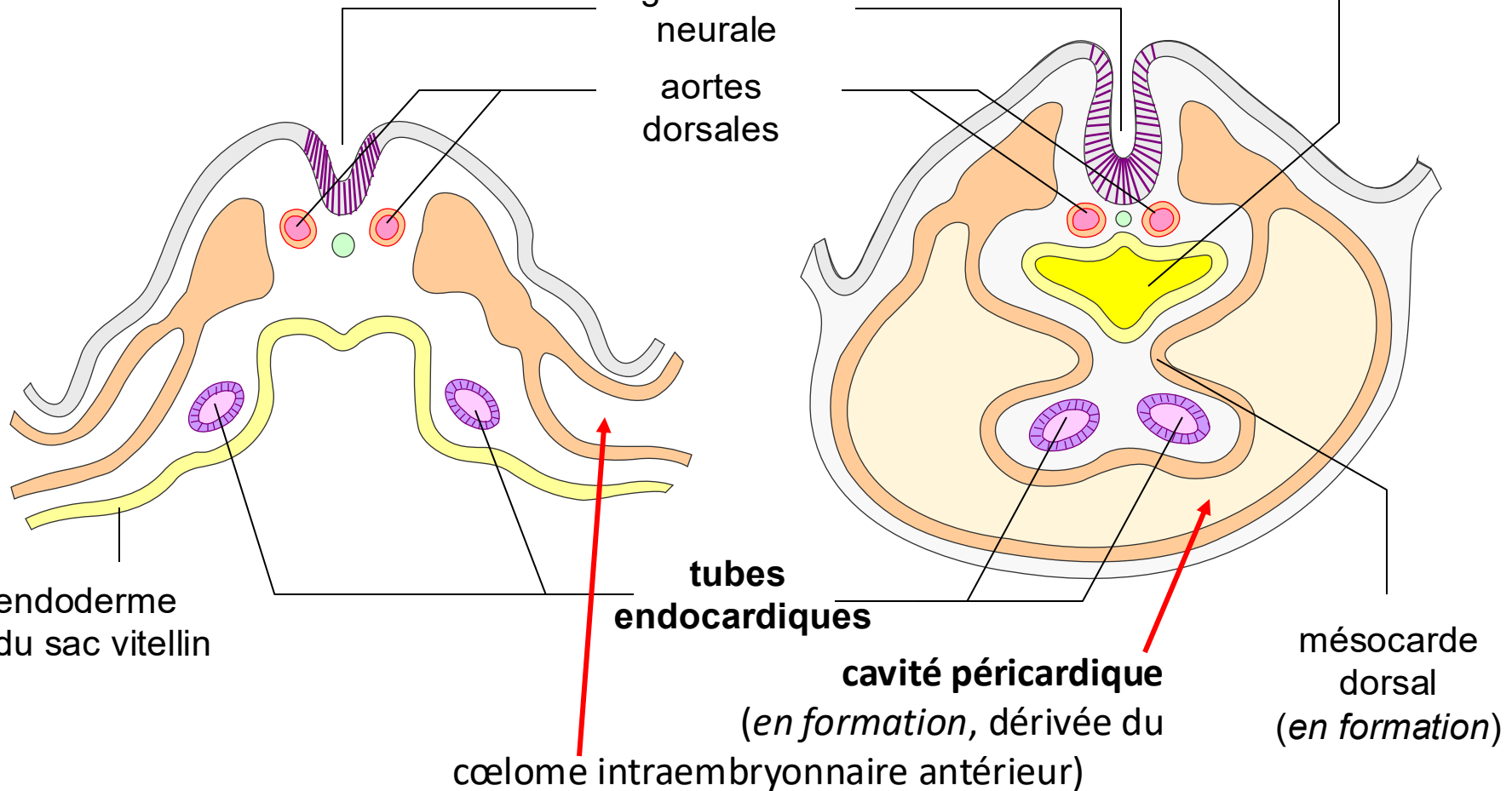
tubes  
endocardiques

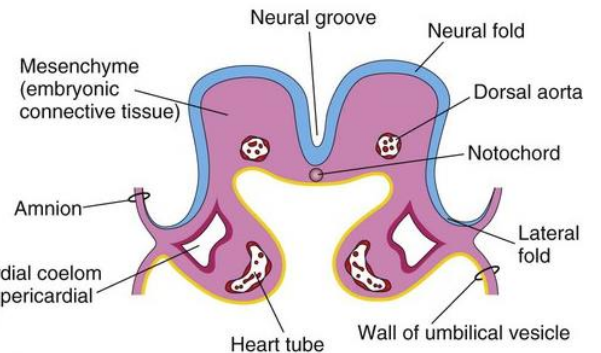
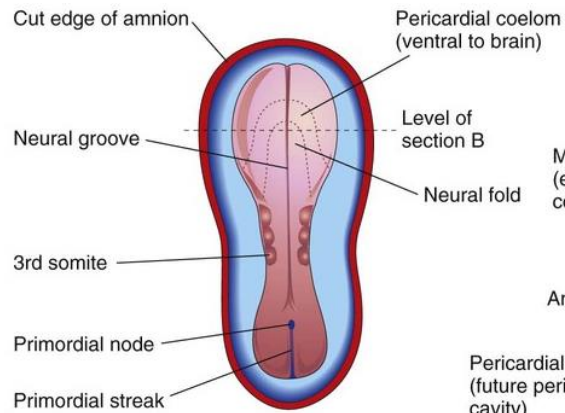
cavité péricardique

(*en formation*, dérivée du

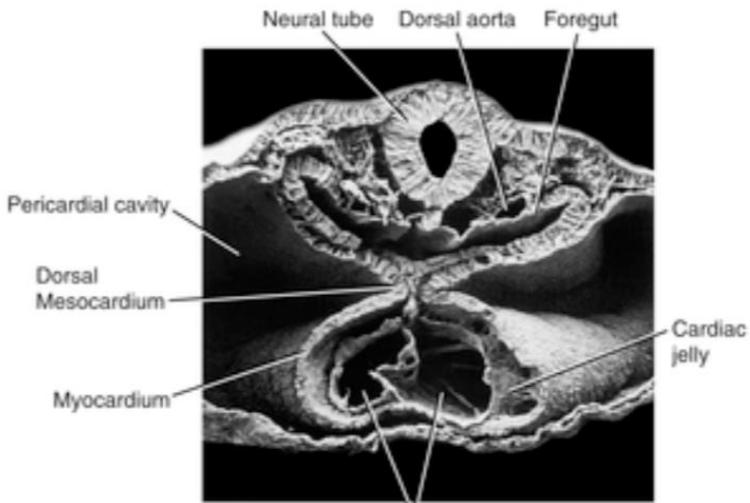
coelome intraembryonnaire antérieur)

mésocarde  
dorsal  
(*en formation*)

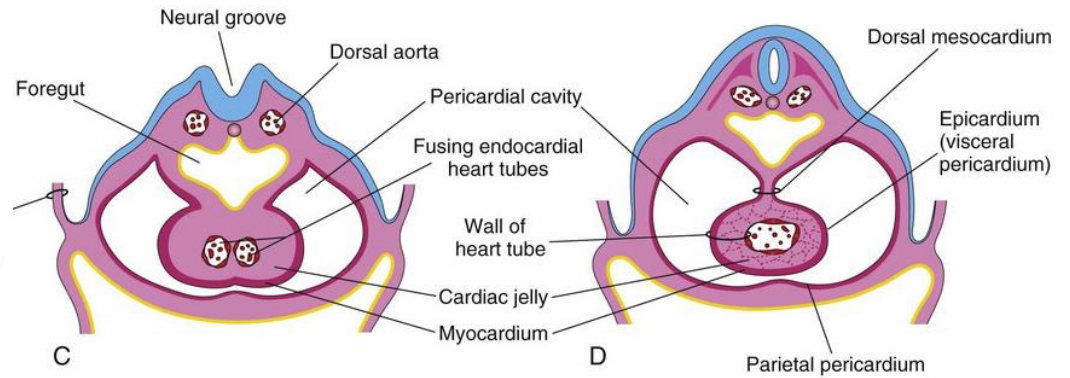




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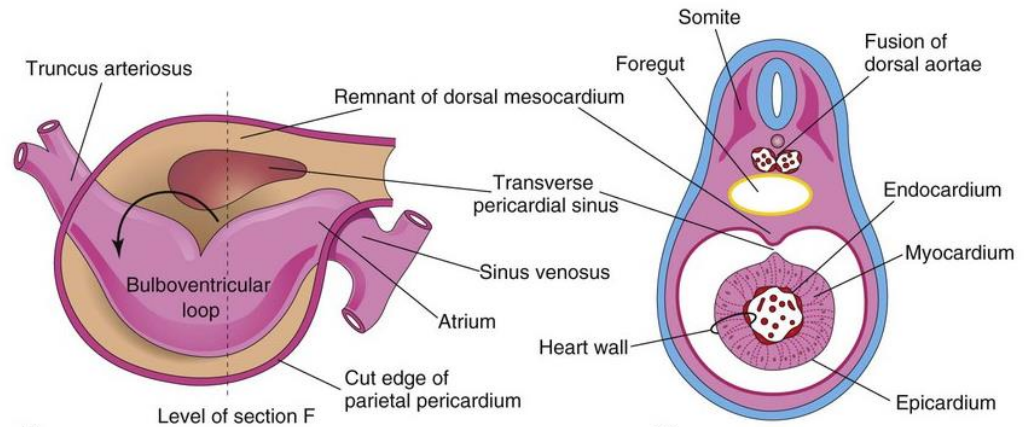


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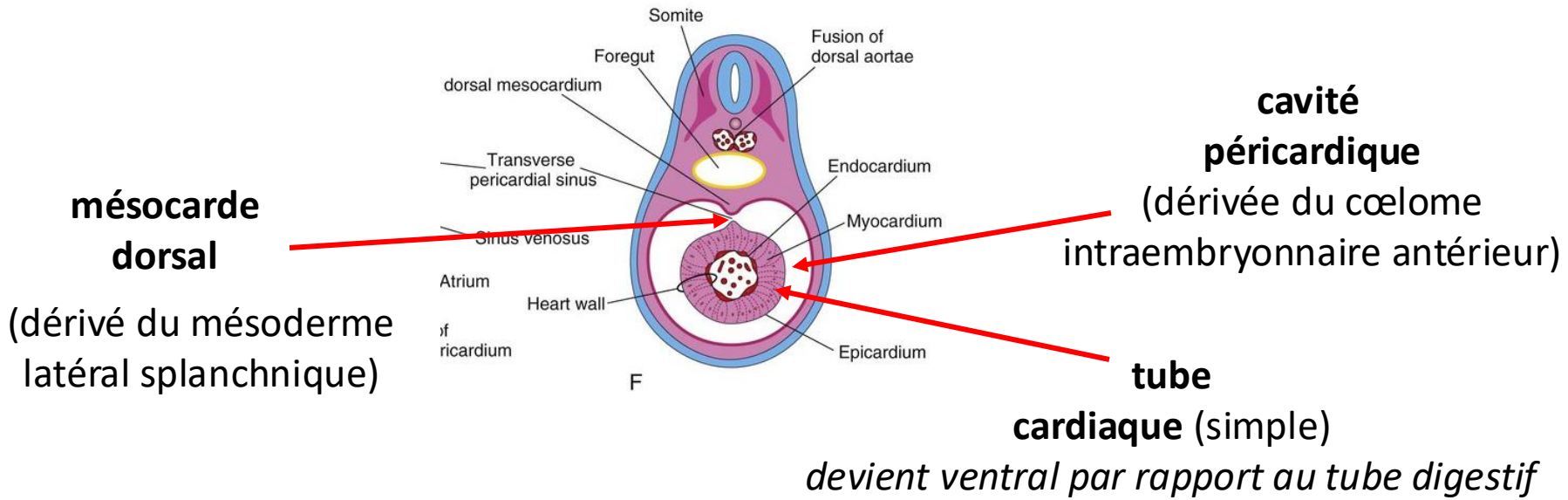
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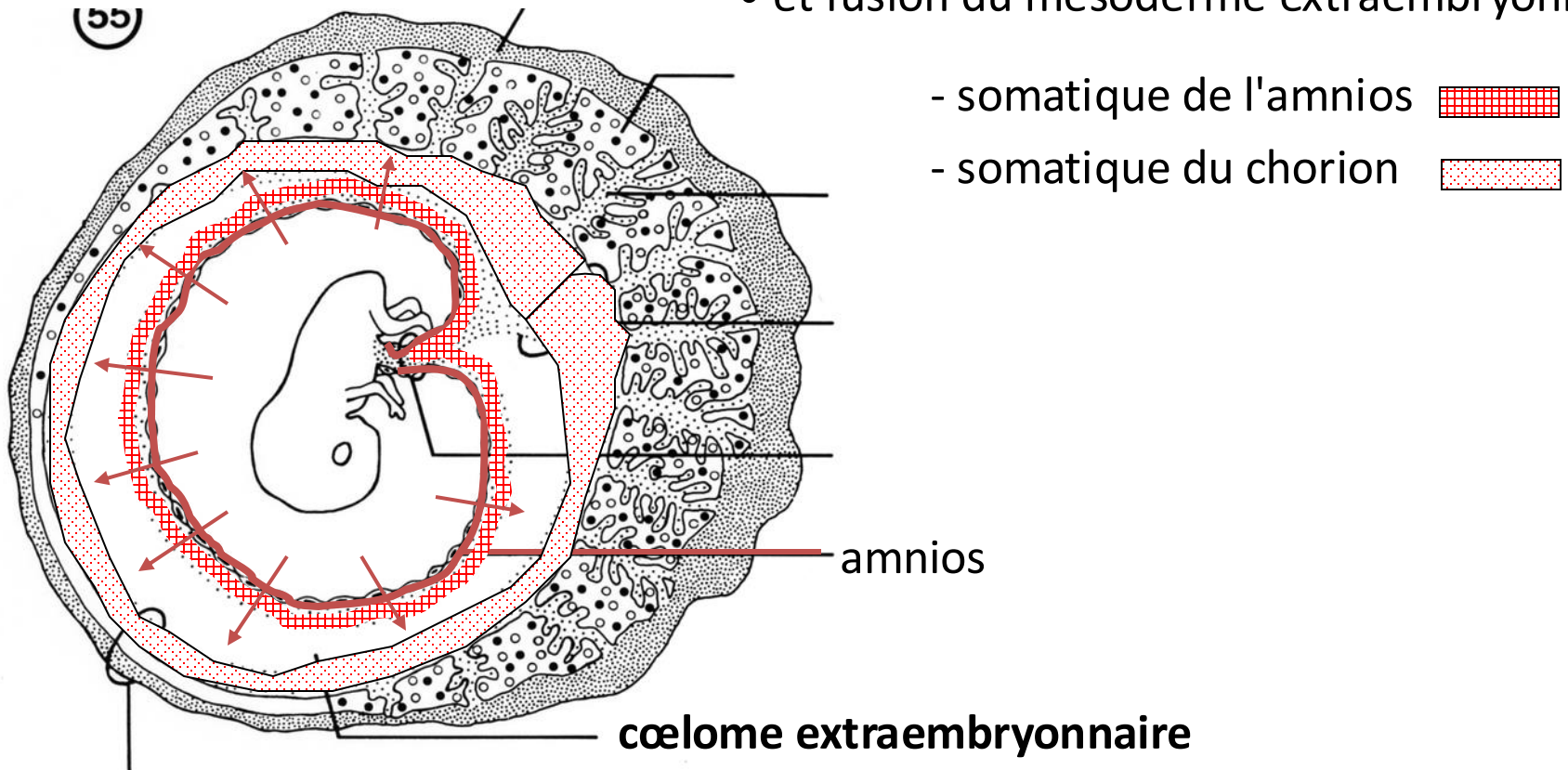




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### 3. Le cœlome extraembryonnaire (= cavité chorale) est progressivement oblitéré

- par croissance de la cavité amniotique
- et fusion du mésoderme extraembryonnaire

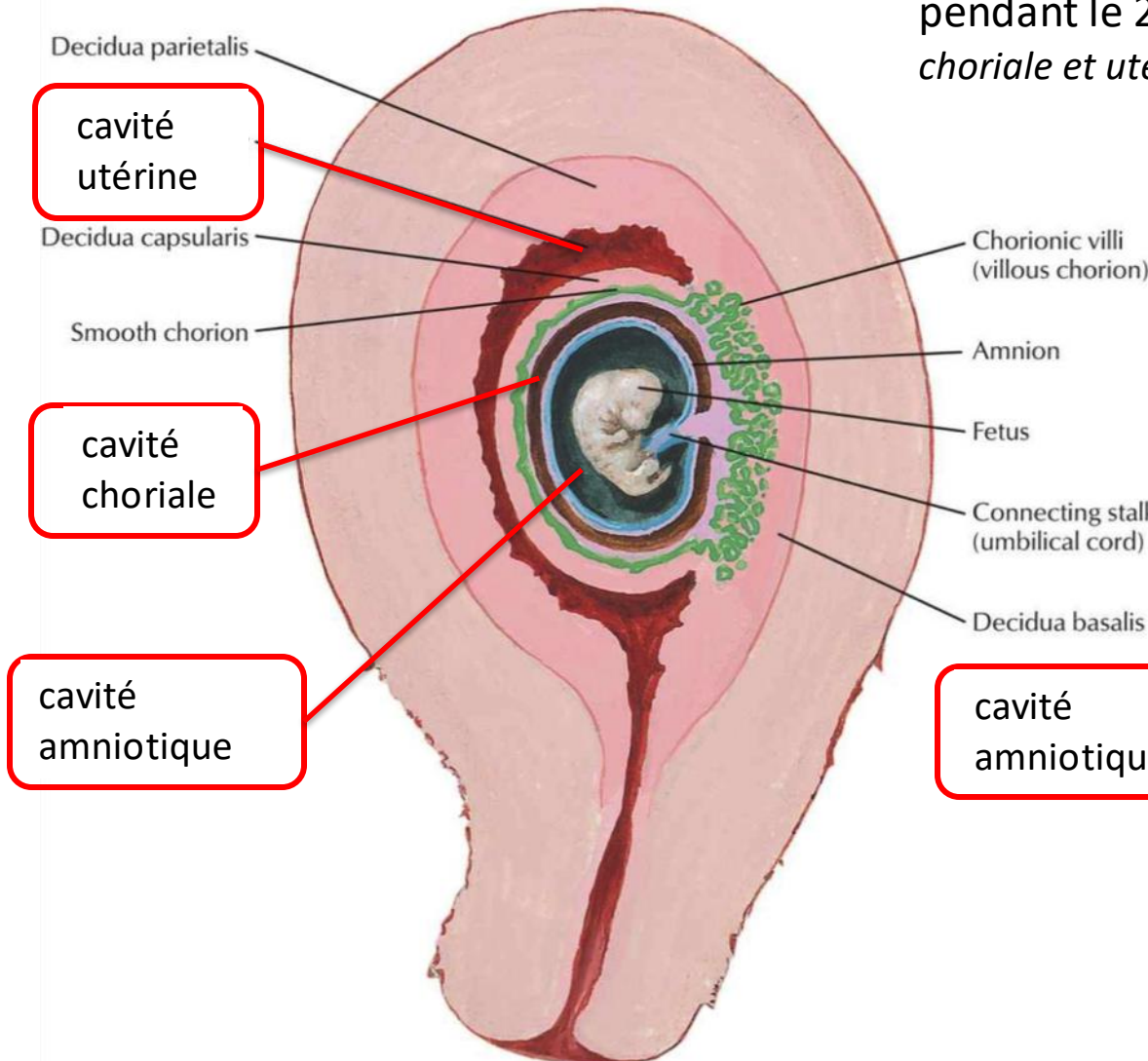


# utérus et membranes foétales

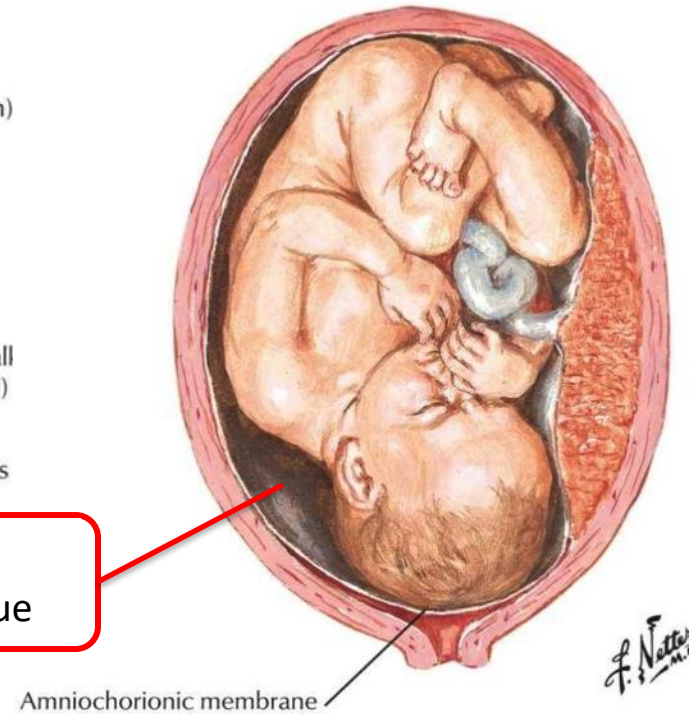
la cavité utérine est aussi progressivement oblitérée

Early fetal development and membrane formation in relation to the uterus

par croissance de la cavité amniotique pendant le 2<sup>e</sup> mois (*l'effacement des cavités choriale et utérine est complet à la fin du 3<sup>e</sup> mois*)



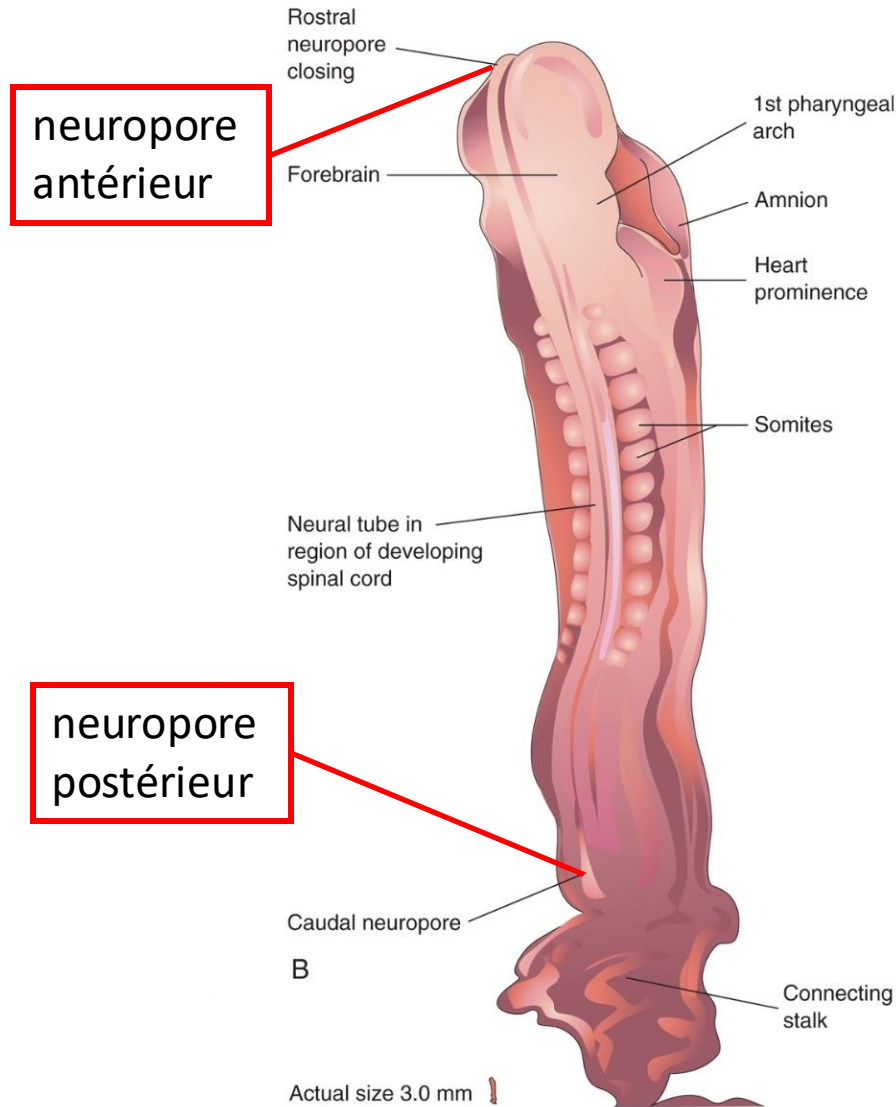
Full-term fetus within the uterus



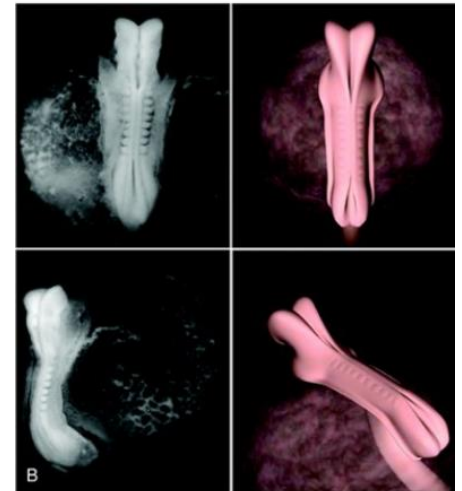
(*utérus avec embryon ; coupe sagittale*)

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## 4. Fermeture du tube neural



- le **neuropore antérieur (rostral)** se ferme vers le 24<sup>ème</sup>-26<sup>ème</sup> jour.
- le **neuropore postérieur (caudal)** se ferme vers le 26<sup>ème</sup>-28<sup>ème</sup> jour.



neuropore antérieur

neuropore postérieur

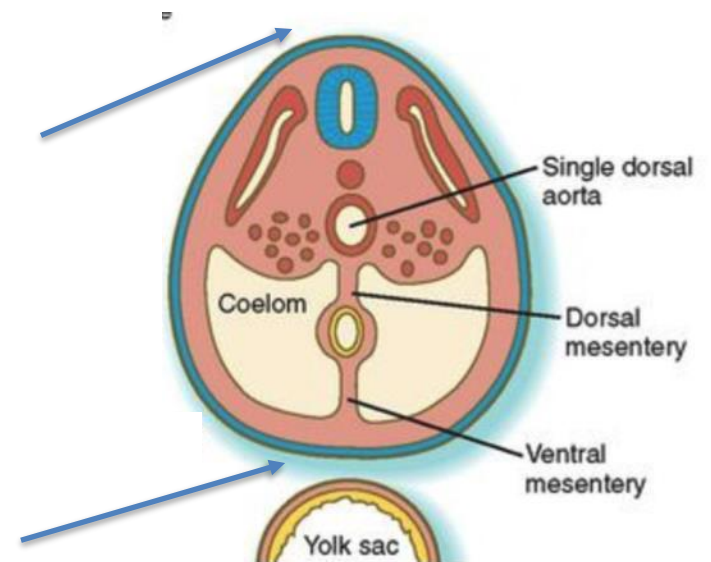
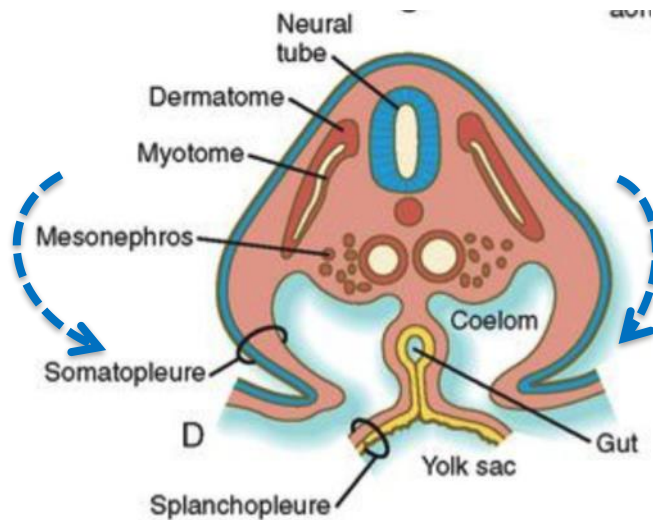


: Carnegie stage 11, approximately 24 days. The rostral neuropore is closing,

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### 5. Fermeture de l'épithélium de revêtement

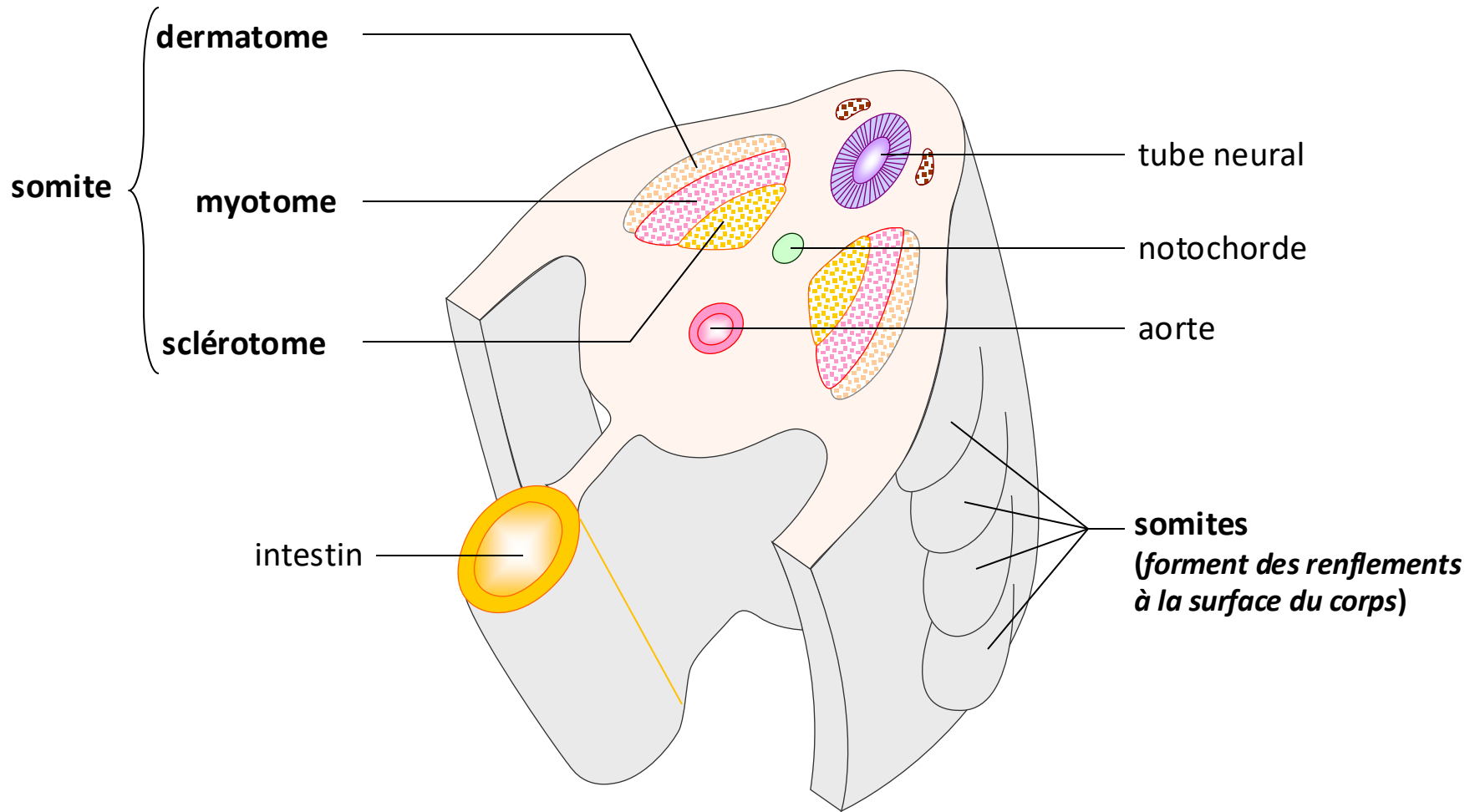
- Face dorsale : à la fermeture du tube neural
- Face ventrale : en conséquence des courbures longitudinales et transversales



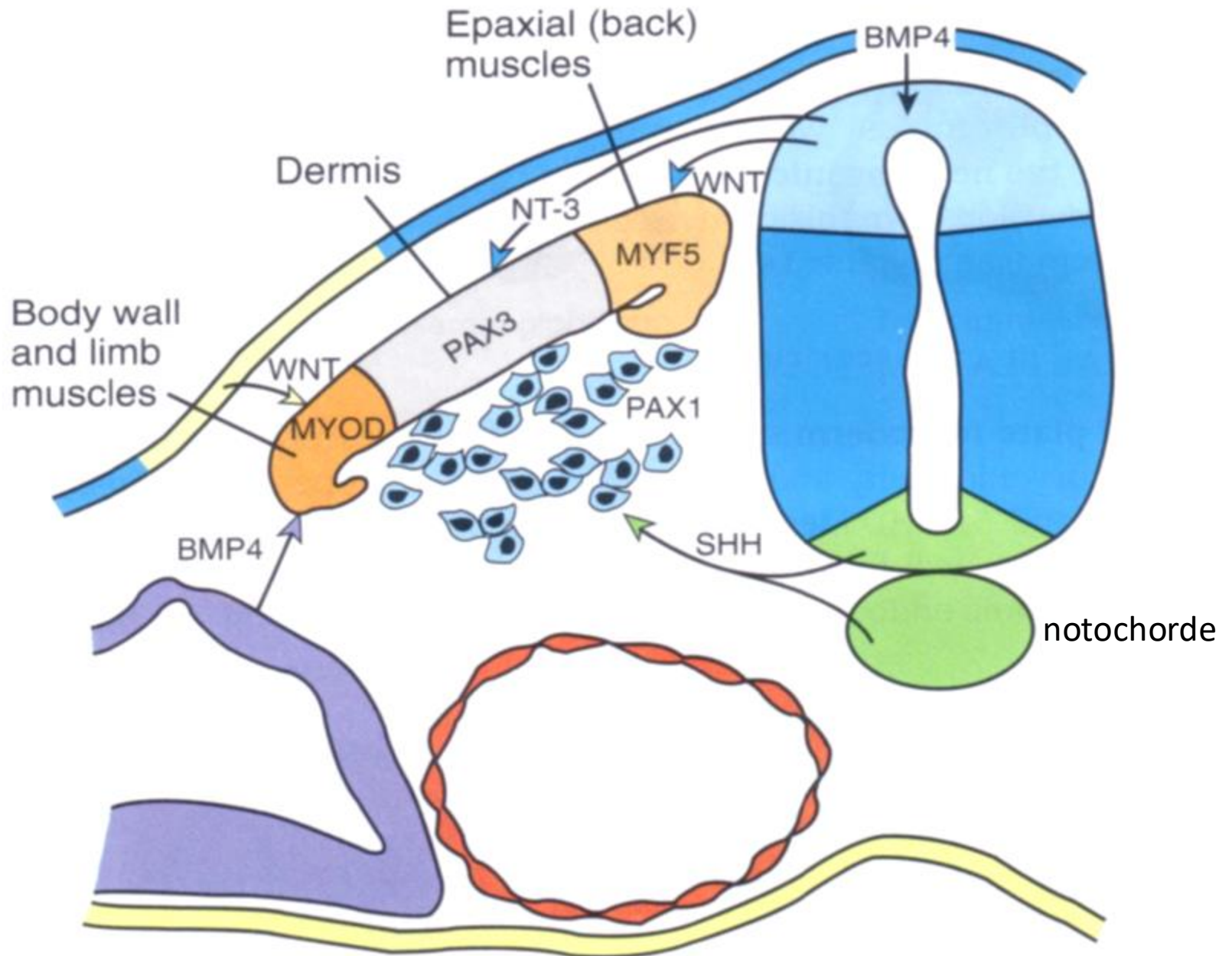
### 6. Différenciation des somites

- *Sclérotome* (en position médiane) formera le squelette axial (vertèbres + côtes)
- *Dermomyotome* (latéral) formera la musculature axiale et le derme

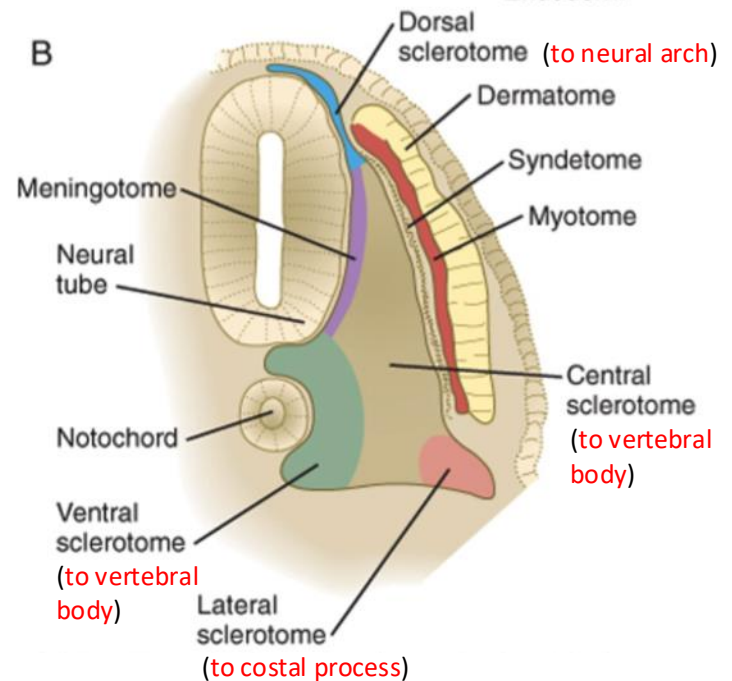
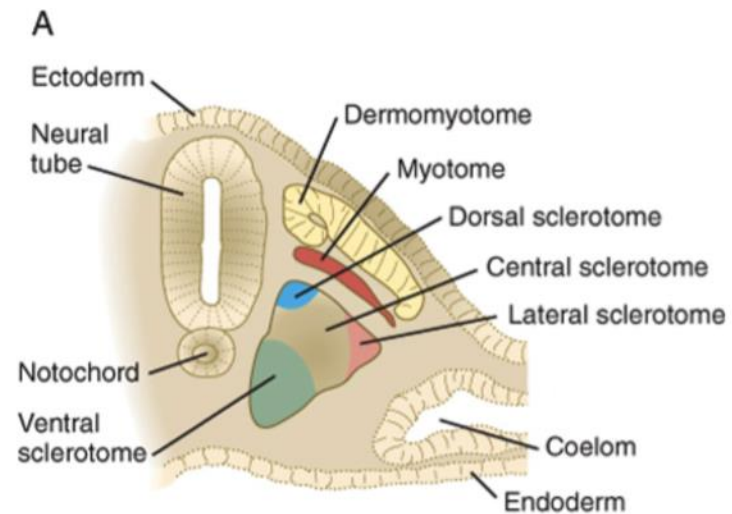
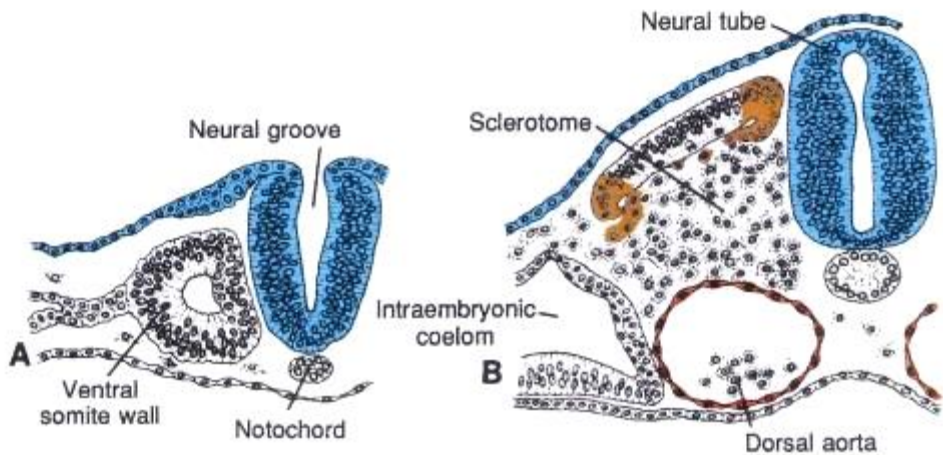
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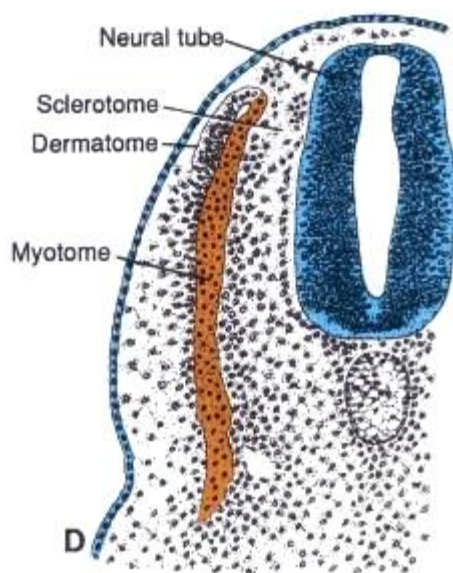
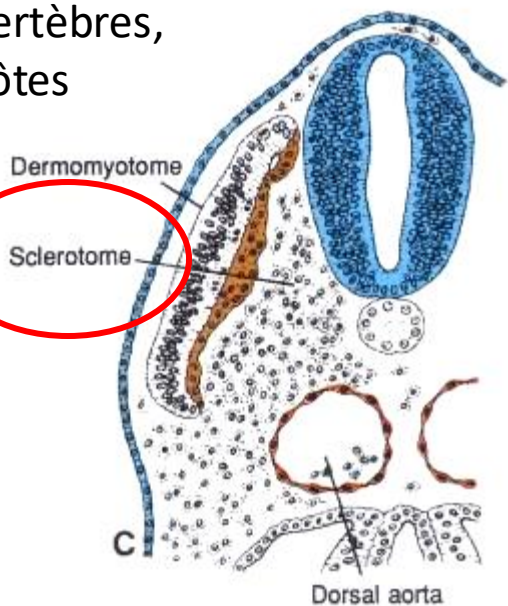
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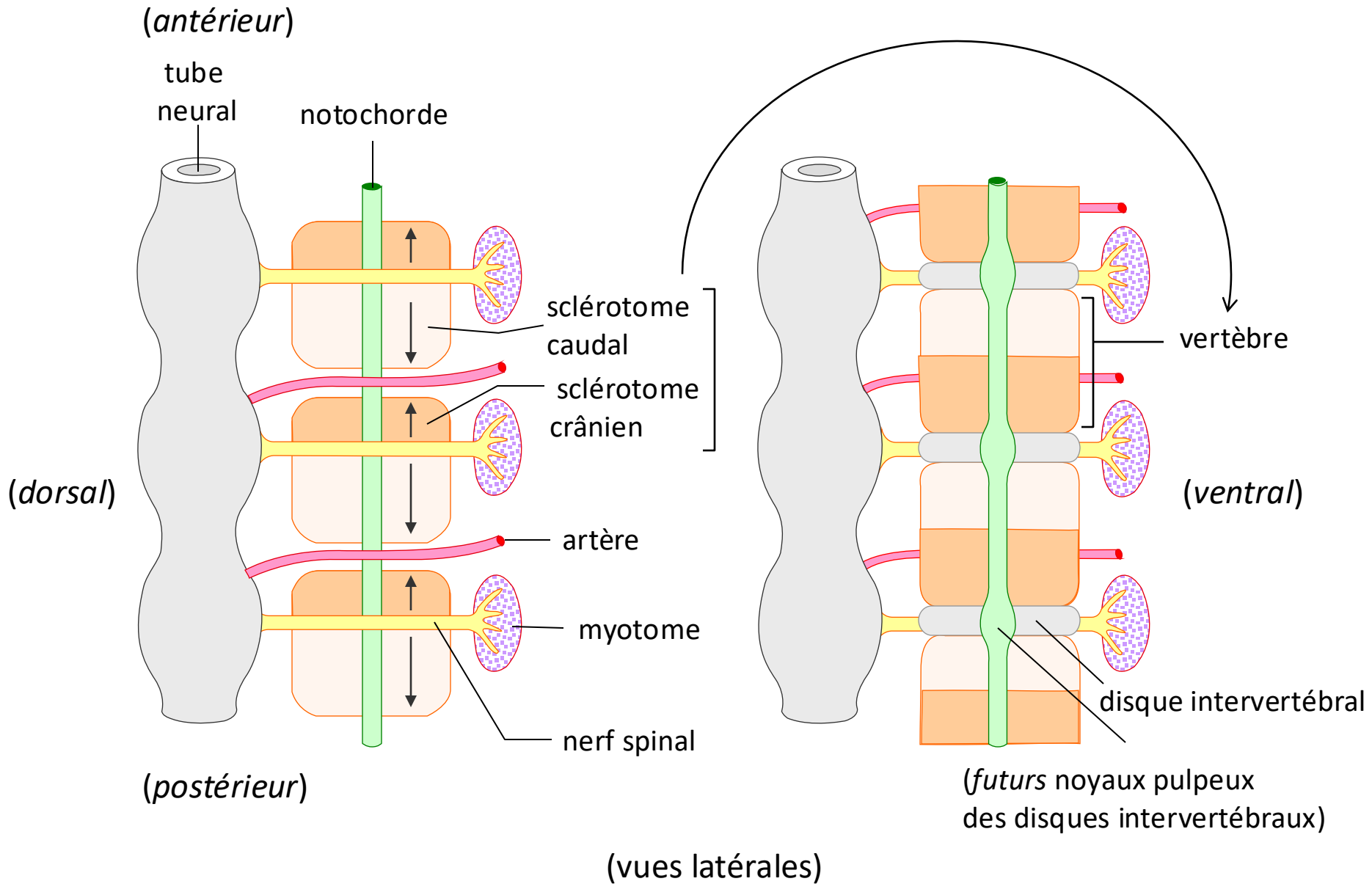
# différenciation des somites : les vertèbres



vertèbres,  
côtes



chaque vertèbre se forme avec la contribution de deux sclérotomes successifs

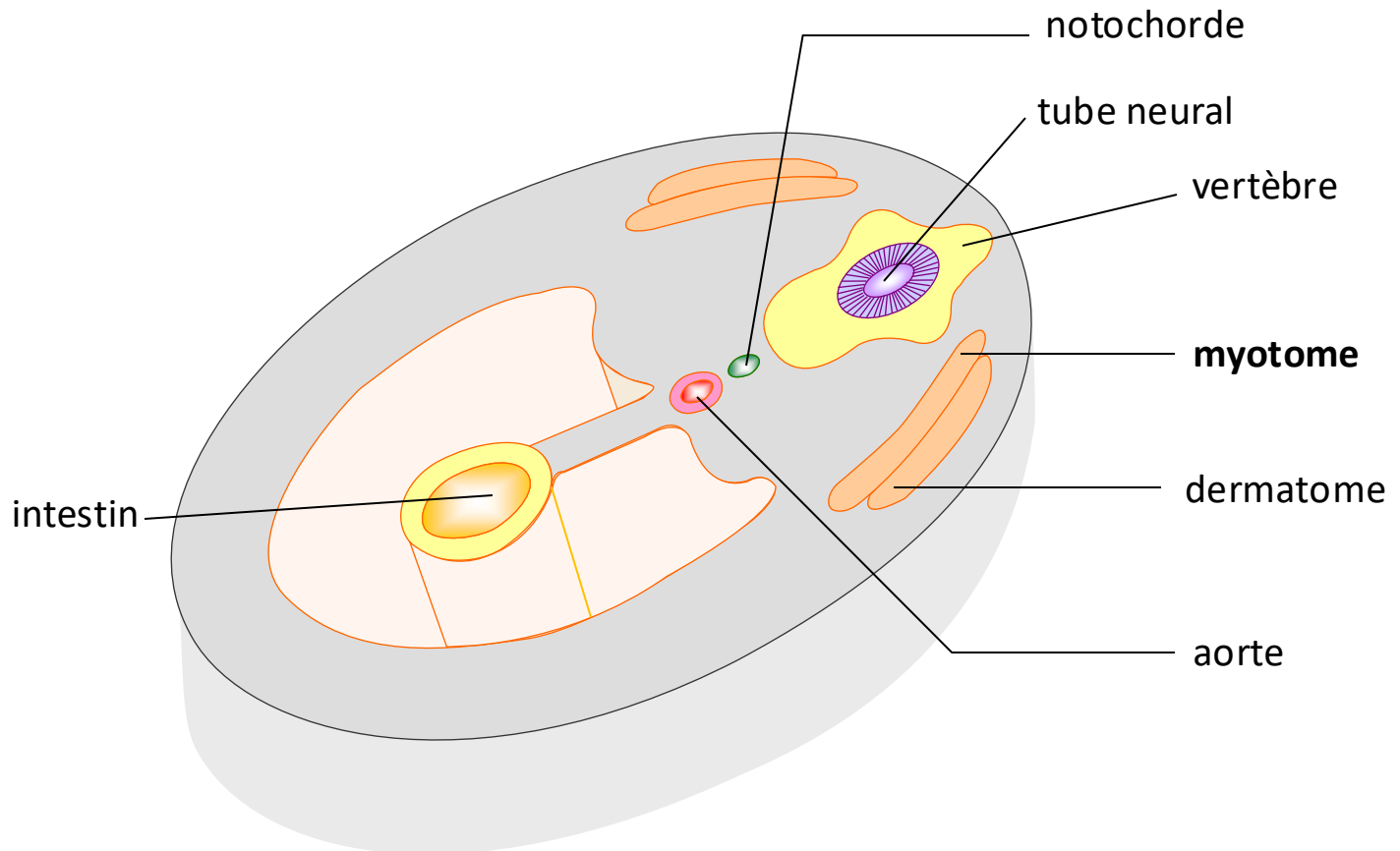


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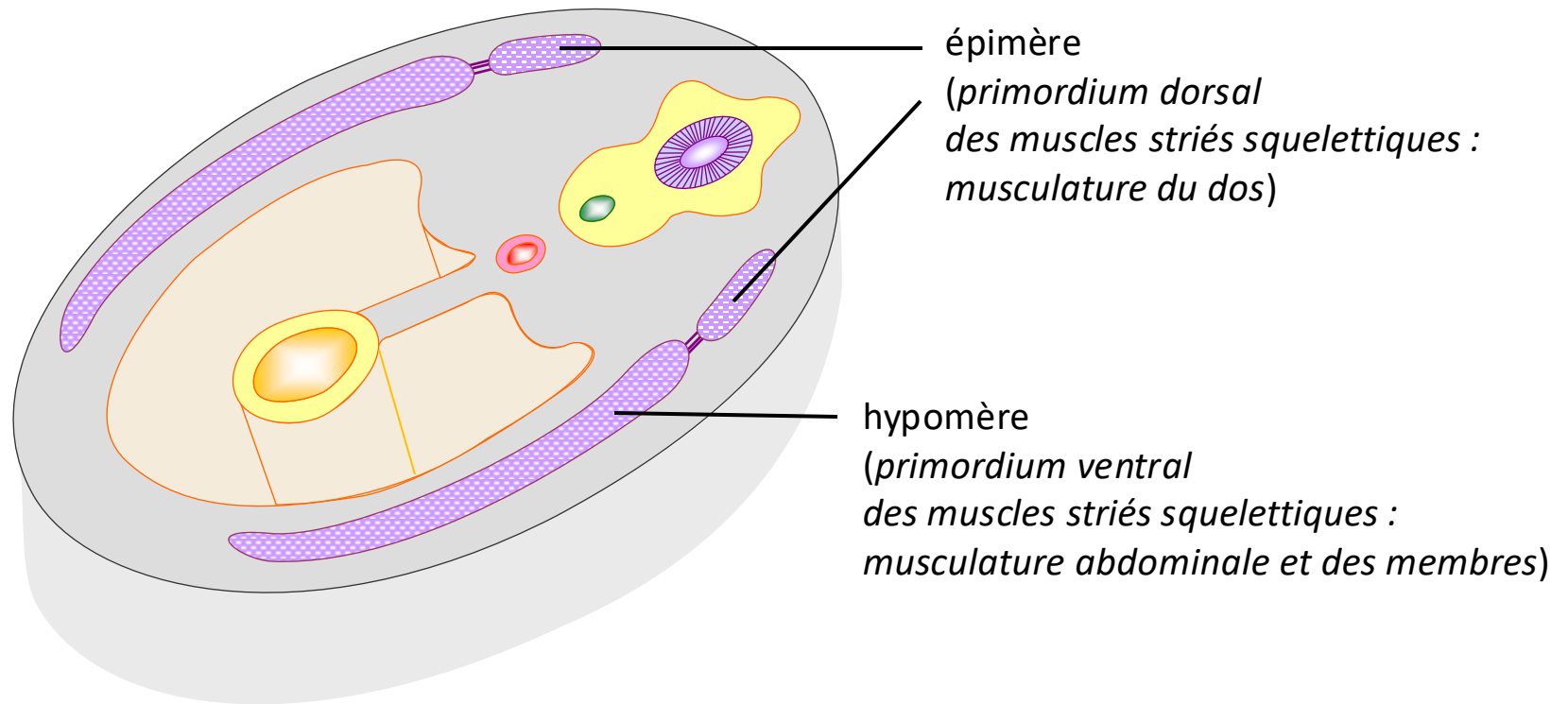
## différenciation des somites : les muscles

**les myotomes forment la musculature du tronc et des membres**

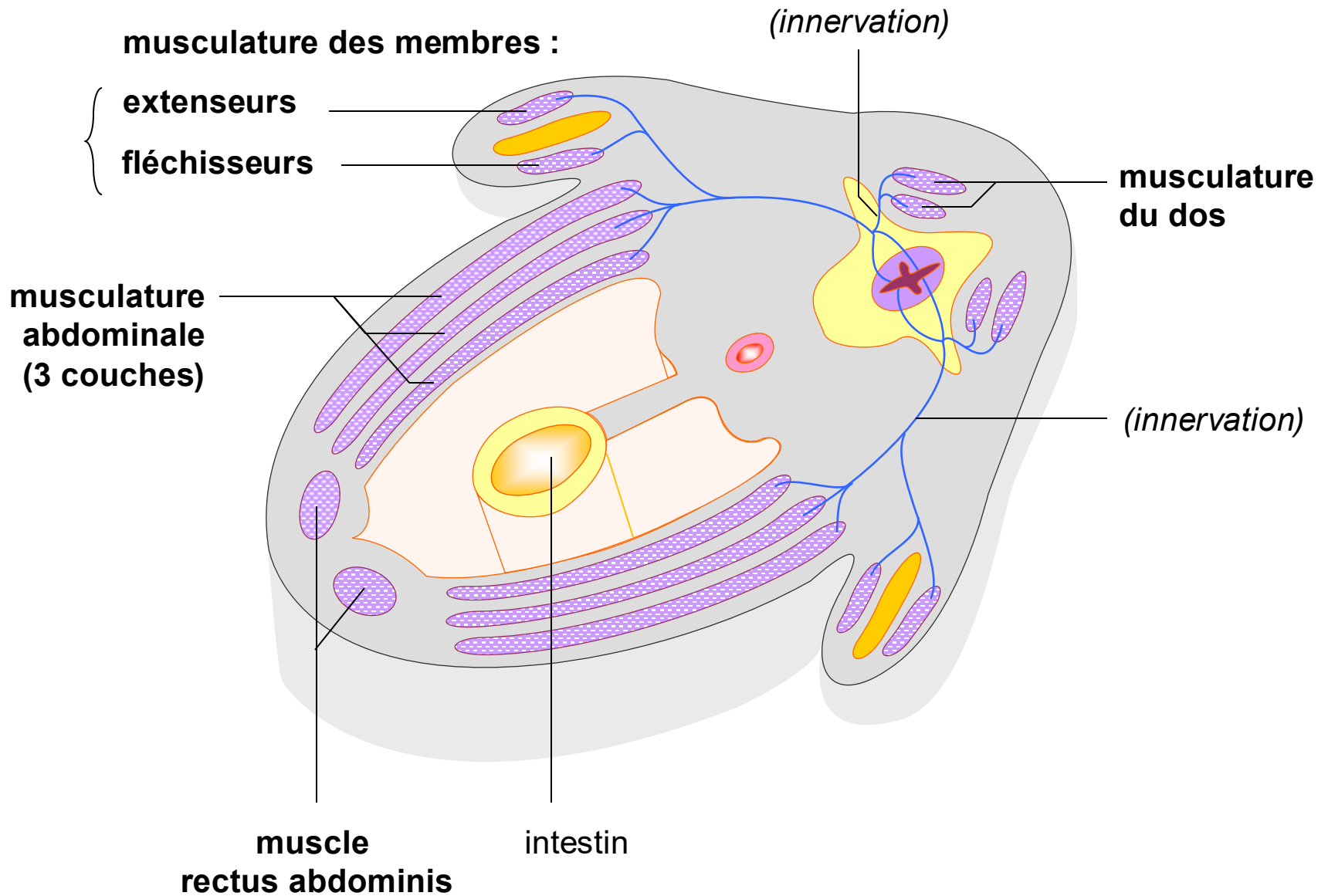
les dermatomes forment le derme du tronc et des membres



# les myotomes forment la musculature du tronc et des membres (5 semaines)

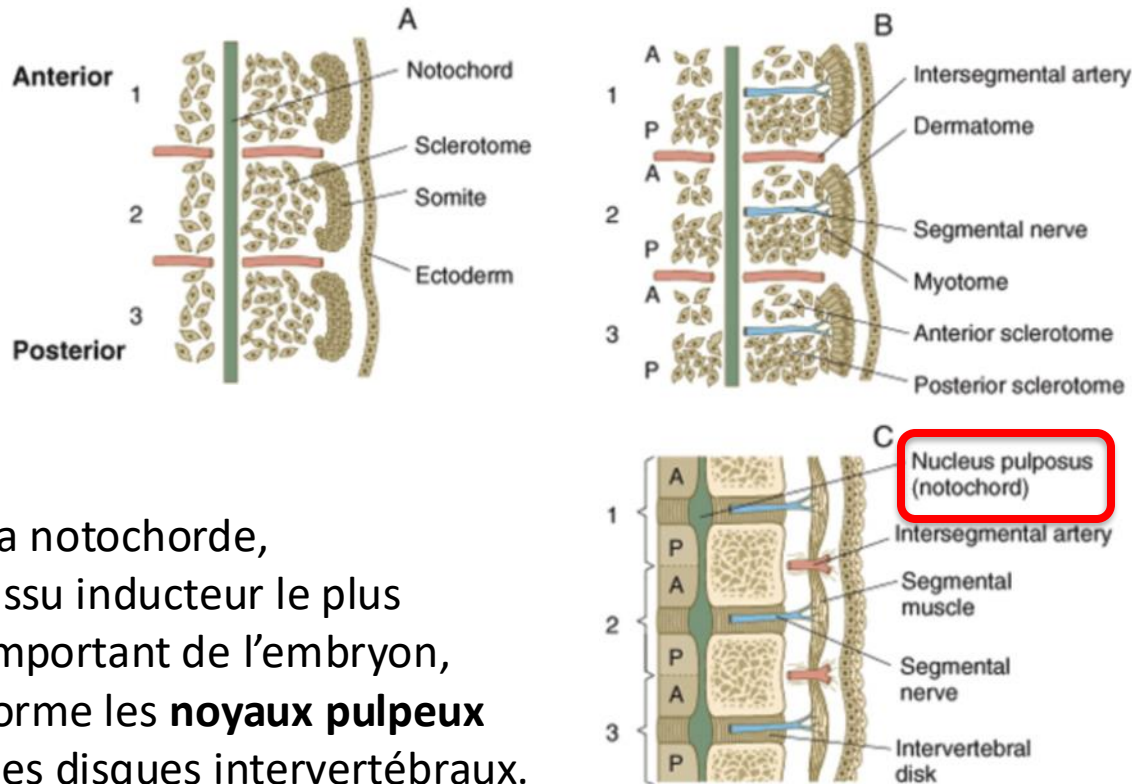


# les myotomes forment la musculature du tronc et des membres (7 semaines)

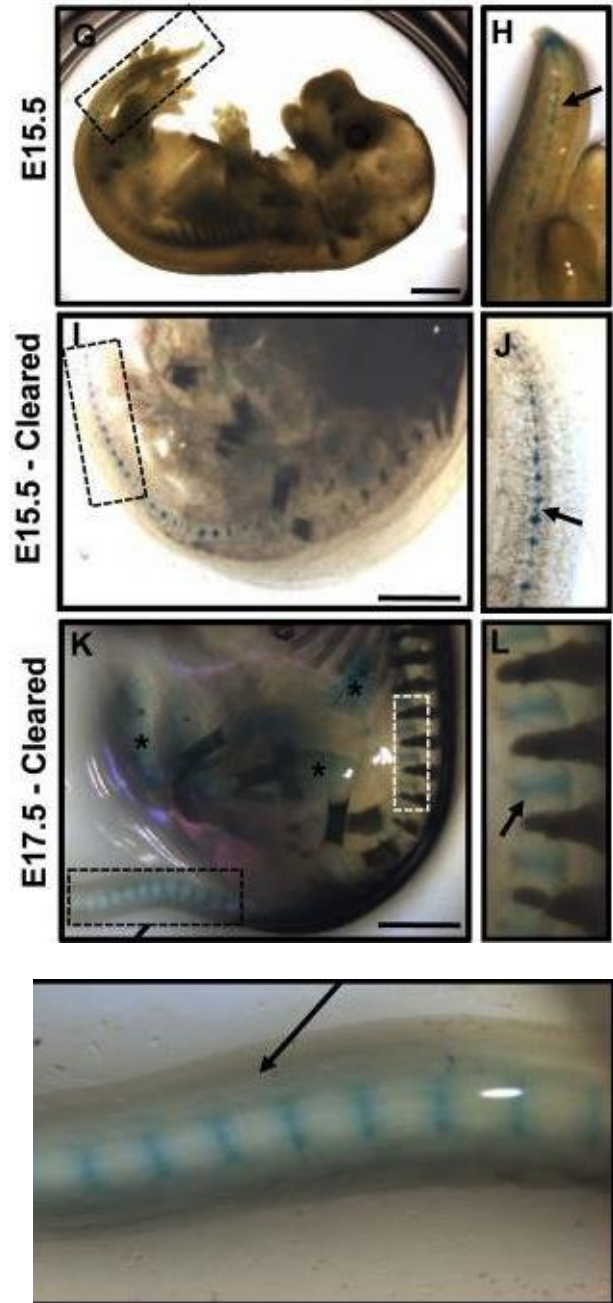


# Devenir de la notochorde

Traçage des lignages cellulaires chez des souris transgéniques “*Noto-Cre*”: “système Cre / loxP” (cf. 1er cours).



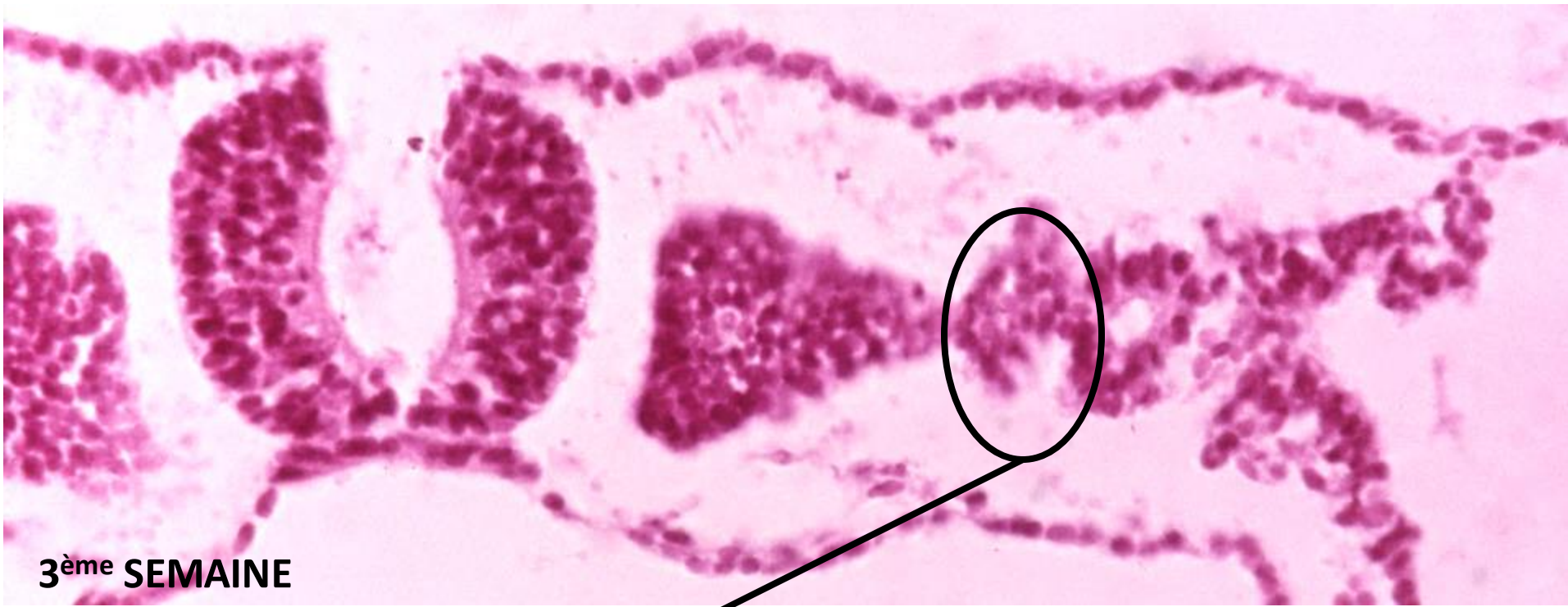
La notochorde, tissu inducteur le plus important de l'embryon, forme les **noyaux pulpeux** des disques intervertébraux.



## QUATRIEME SEMAINE

### 7. Différenciation du mésoderme intermédiaire

- Formera les appareils excréteurs (pronéphros, mésonéphros et finalement métanéphros)
- Formera également la partie somatique des gonades

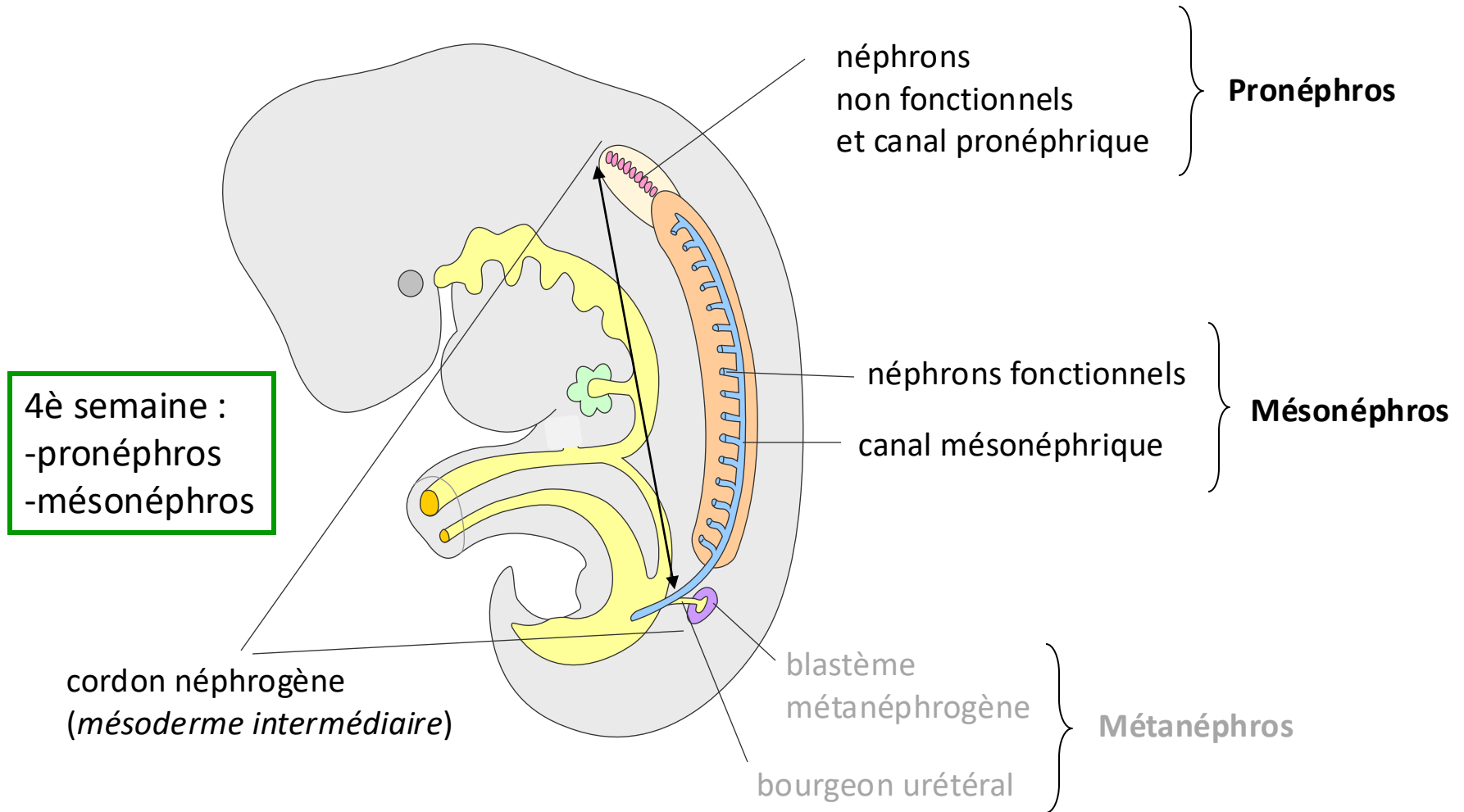


3<sup>ème</sup> SEMAINE

mésoderme intermédiaire

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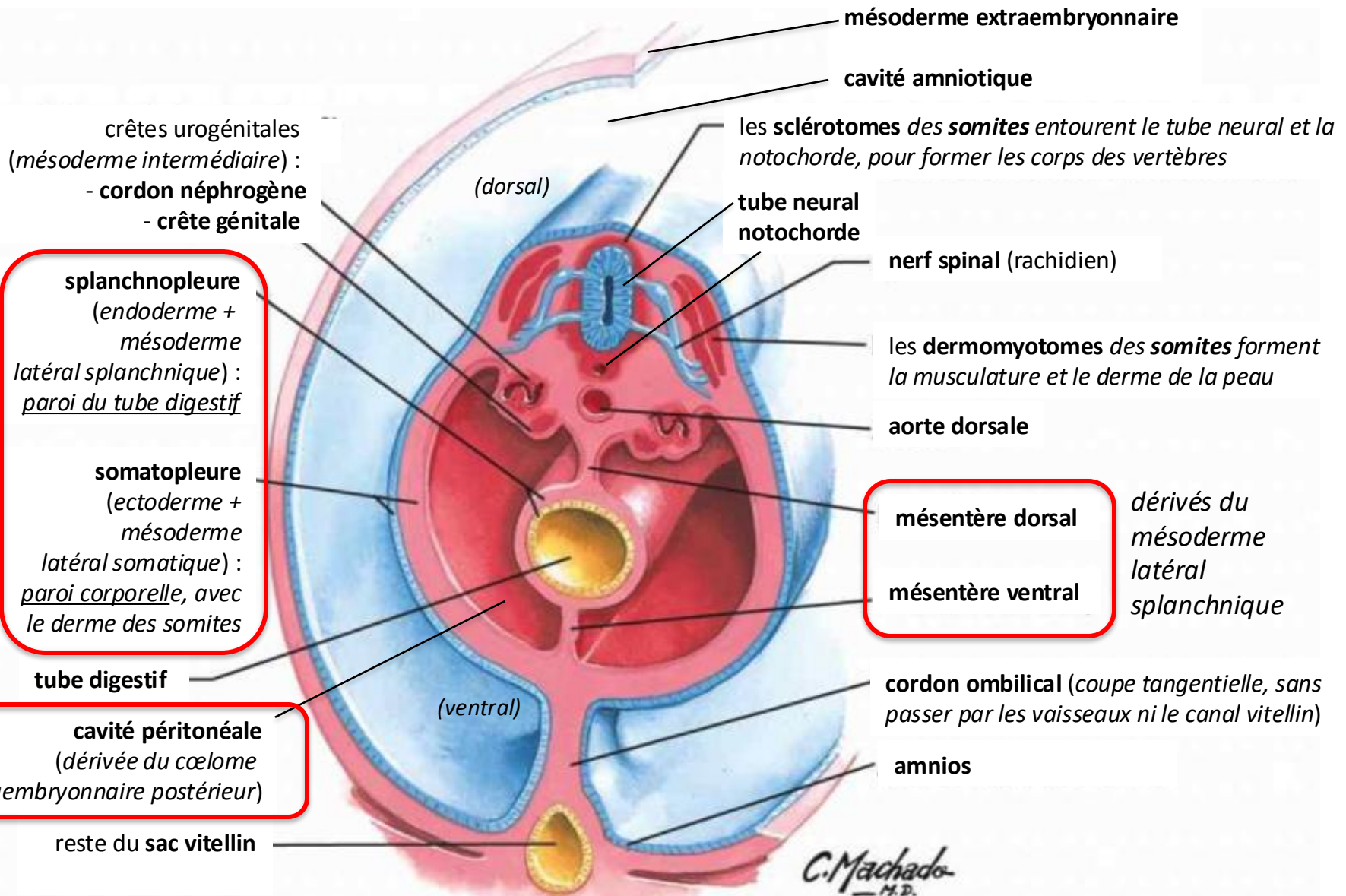
## 7. Mésoderme intermédiaire: début de la différenciation du mésonéphros



les trois types successifs de reins

**mésonéphros:** rein fonctionnel jusqu'à la fin du 3è mois

# plan corporel à la fin de la 4<sup>e</sup> semaine (*partie postérieure du corps*)

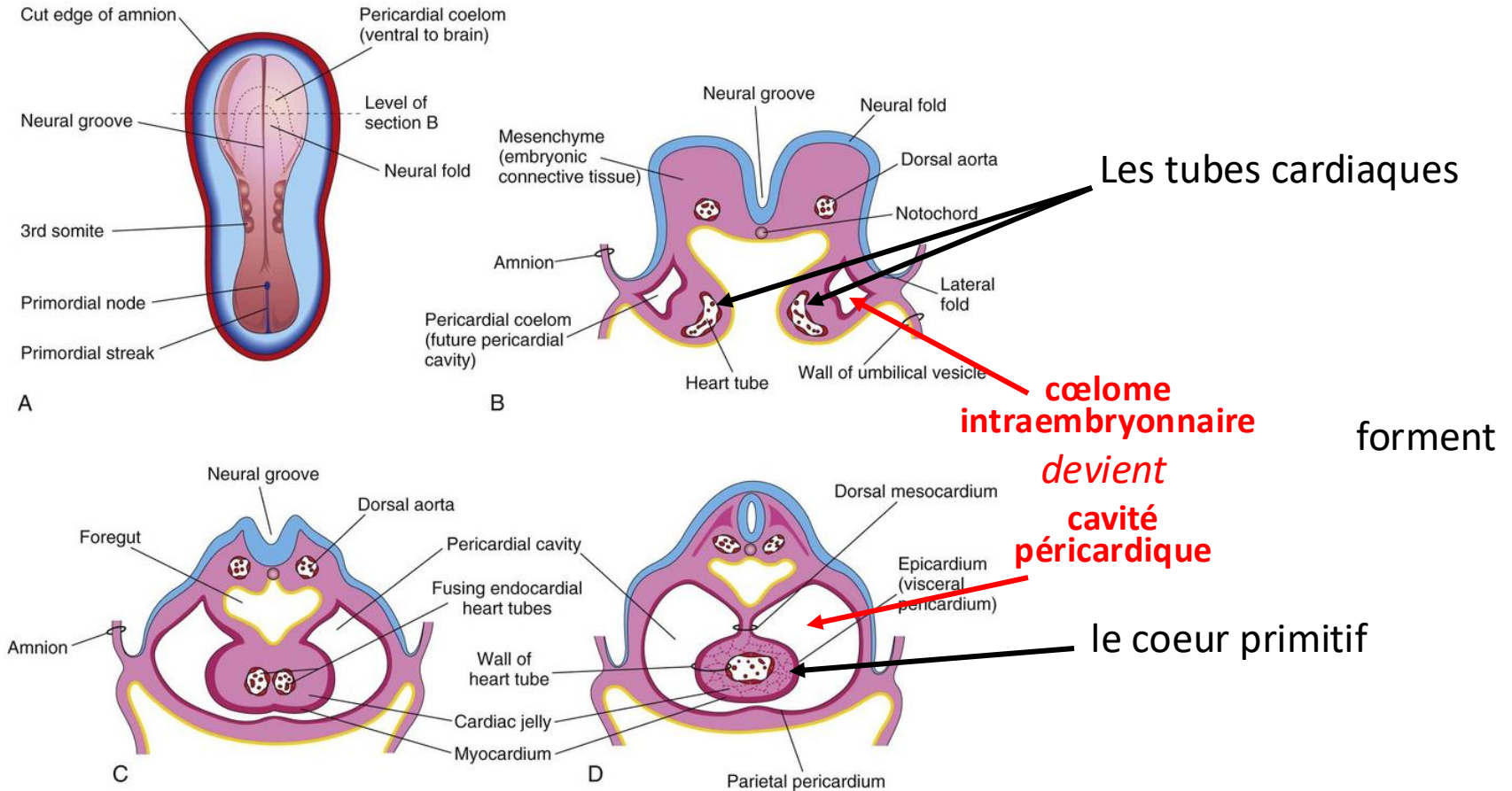


# QUATRIEME SEMAINE

heart development movie  
up to the folding

## 8. Système cardiovasculaire

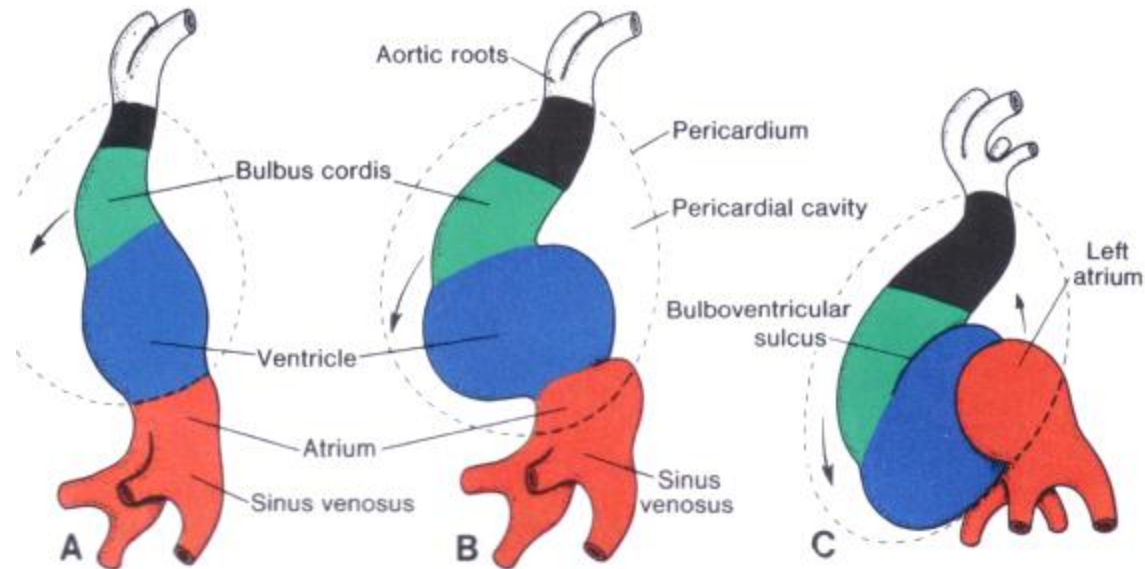
- De double, devient simple, par fusion, au moment de la courbure transversale



- Les aortes dorsales fusionnent en une aorte médiane (partie postérieure)

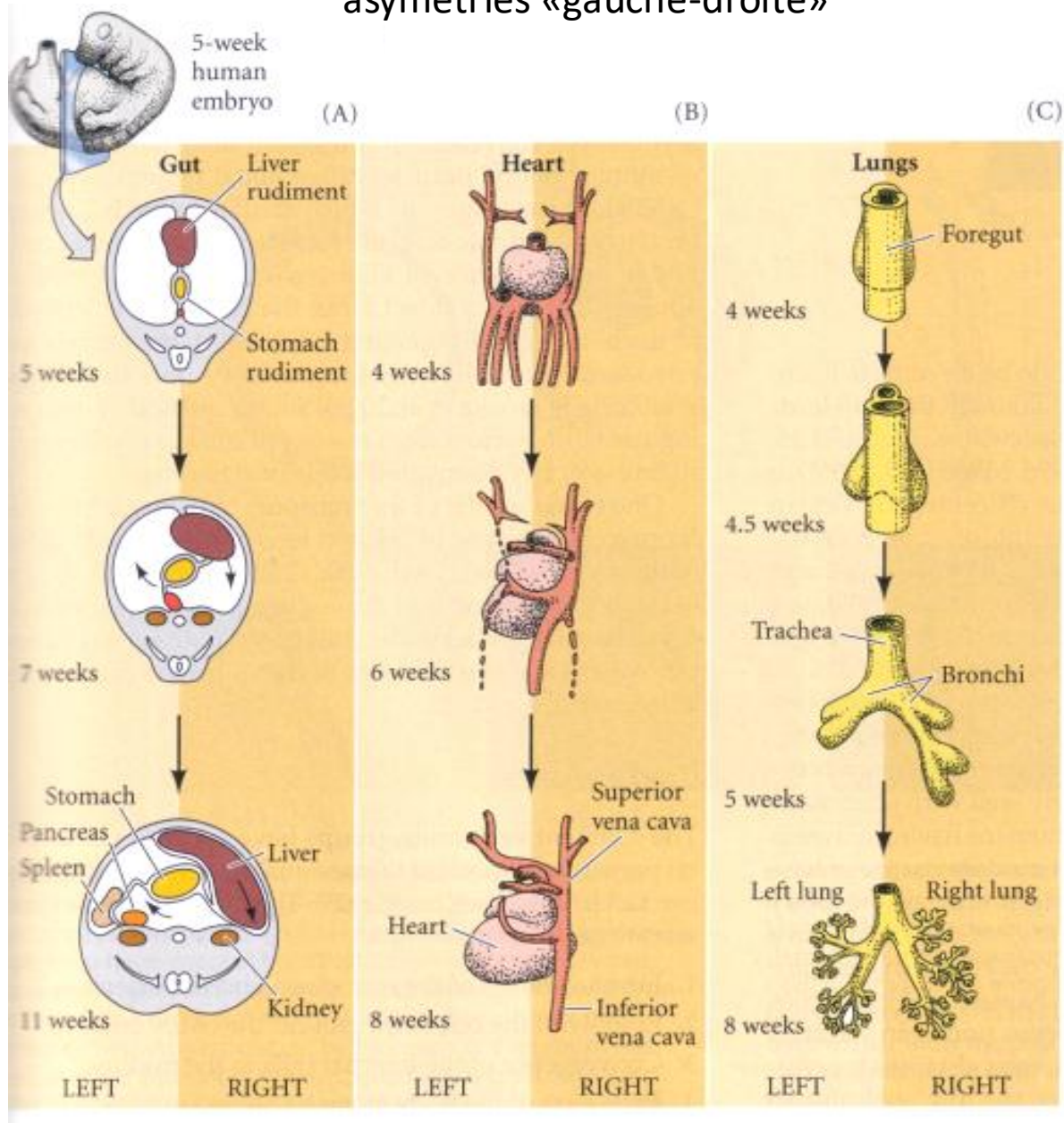
# ASYMETRIE CARDIAQUE

- Première manifestation morphologique de l'asymétrie gauche / droite: la courbure cardiaque



- La courbure cardiaque débute au cours de la 4<sup>ème</sup> semaine
- Autres asymétries gauche-droite:
  - poumons
  - foie
  - rate
  - intestins

# asymétries «gauche-droite»

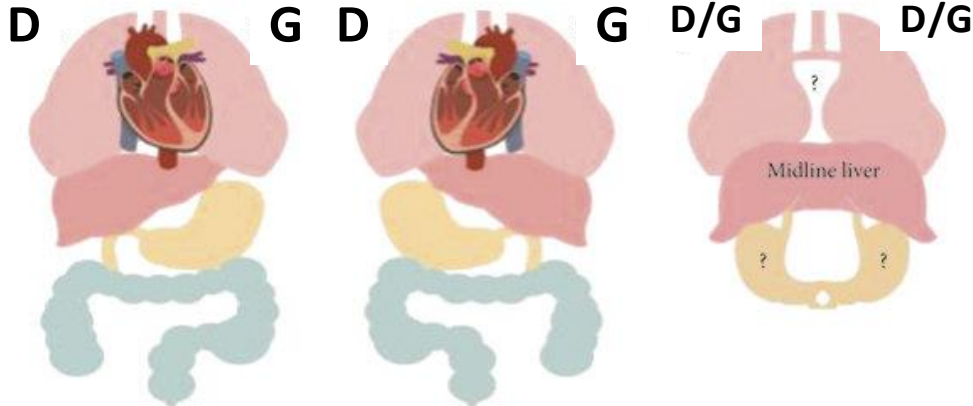


**ANOMALIES DE L'ASYMETRIE GAUCHE – DROITE :**  
**SITUS INVERSUS**  
**HETEROTAXIE (malformation congénitale)**

- Situs solitus, disposition asymétrique normale des organes à l'intérieur du corps
- Situs inversus, inversion complète (c.-à-d. placement des organes «en miroir») par rapport à l'axe de symétrie gauche – droite (1/10'000)
- Hétérotaxie, mauvais placement des organes par rapport à l'axe de symétrie bilatérale : *situs ambiguus* (= *situs inversus partiel*), *dextrocardie*, *isomérisme* (disposition symétrique, anormale)

## situs inversus :

dextrocardie  
rotation intestinale inversée  
foie à gauche  
estomac et rate à droite

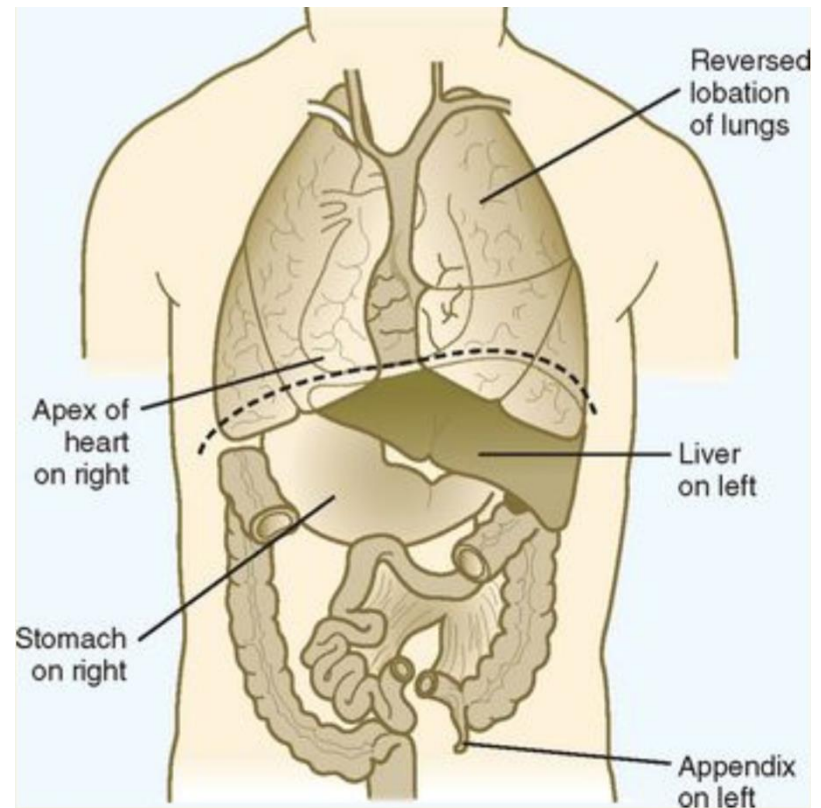


**situs solitus**  
(*disposition normale*)

**situs inversus**

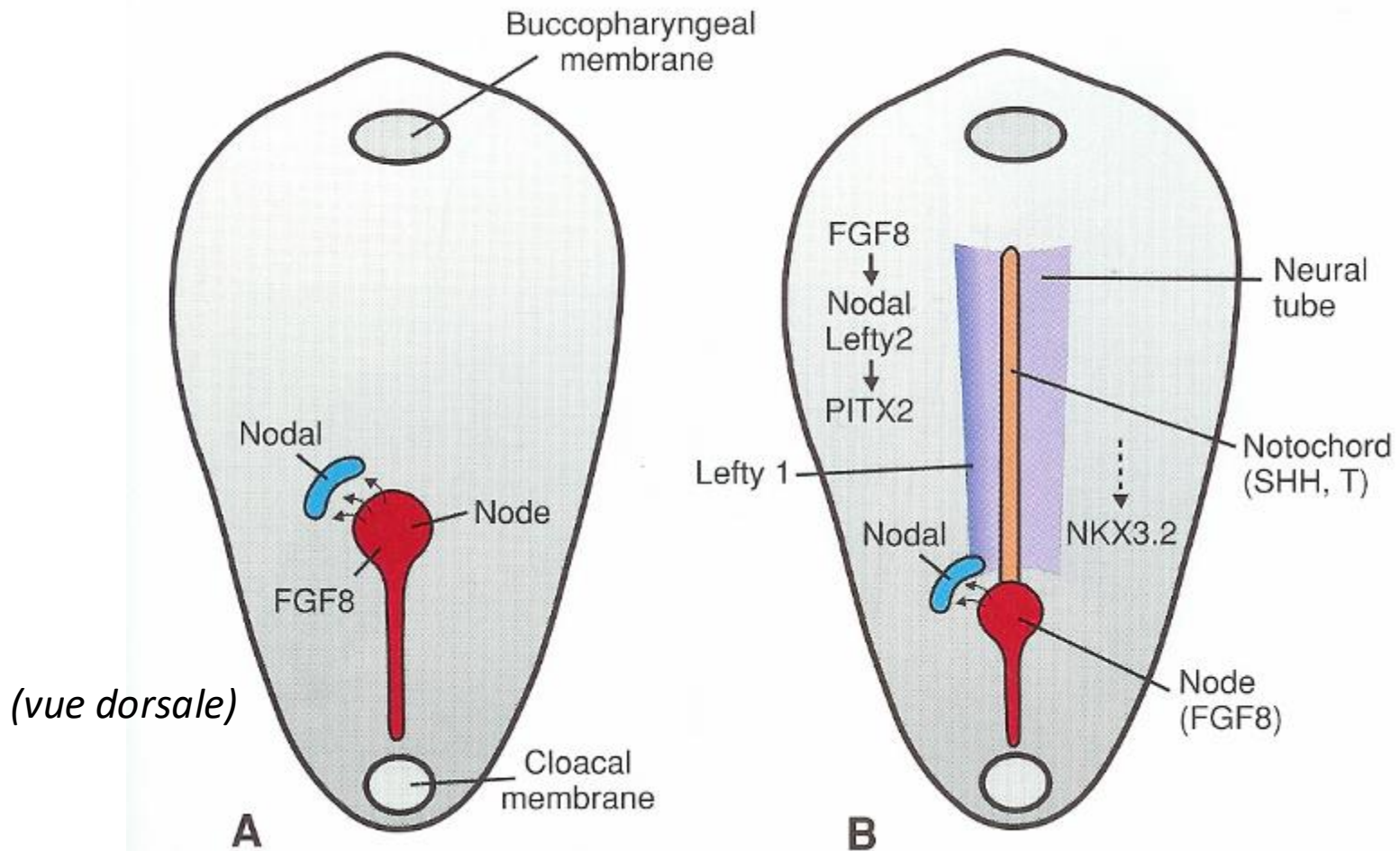
**hétérotaxie**  
(*isomérisme*)

## situs inversus totalis



## TROISIEME SEMAINE

# MECANISME DE L'ASYMETRIE GAUCHE - DROITE



...où comment sait une cellule si elle se trouve à gauche ou à droite du nœud et la ligne primitive!?

## MECANISME DE L'ASYMETRIE GAUCHE - DROITE

Syndrome de Kartagener : mutations du gène de la dynéine

- syndrome du “cil immobile”
- fertilité diminuée (*spermatozoïdes*)
- sensibilité aux infections bronchiques
- hétérotaxie

- KIF3B

- protéine de la superfamille de la kinésine (KIF)
- protéine motrice (transport de molécules entre organelles via les microtubules)
- impliquée dans la ciliogenèse
- KIF3B exprimé dans neurones & autres tissus

# Souris manquant KIF3B ("Kif3B KO")

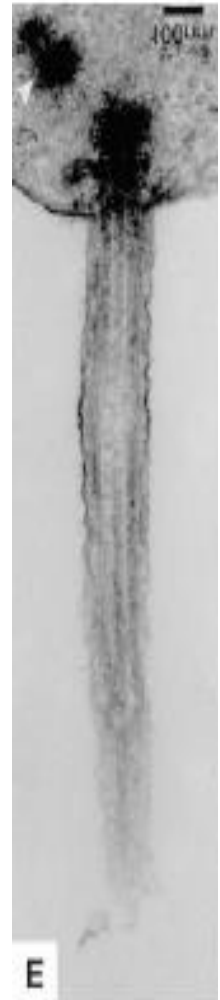
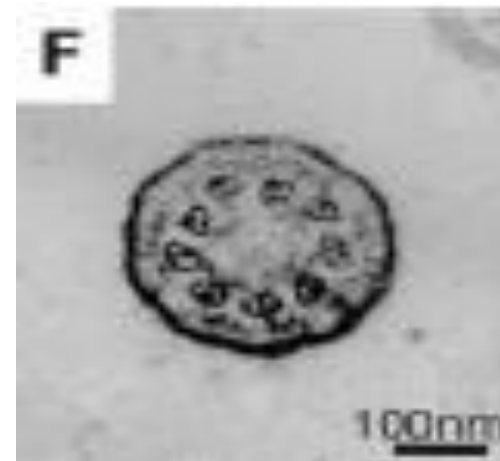
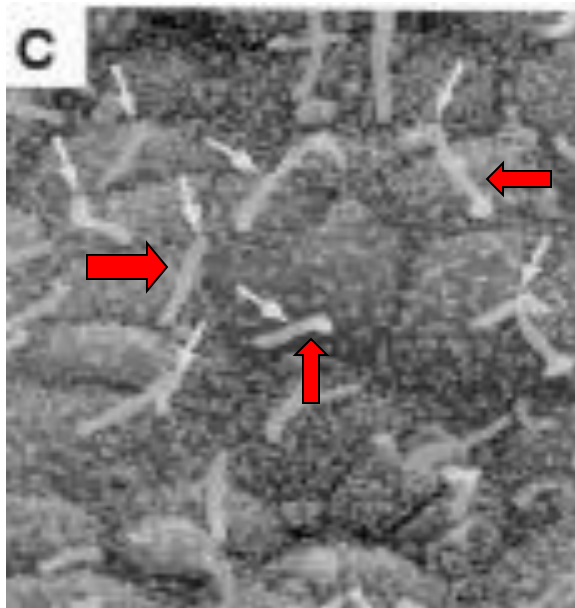
- Asymétrie G-D au hasard
- Malformations cardiaques et de la colonne vertébrale
- Mortalité vers le milieu de la gestation

Hétérozygotes (Kif3B+/-) → développement normal

## MECANISME DE L'ASYMETRIE GAUCHE - DROITE

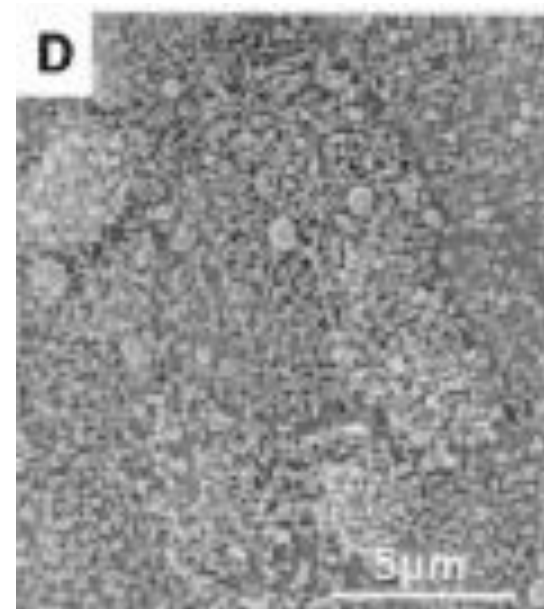
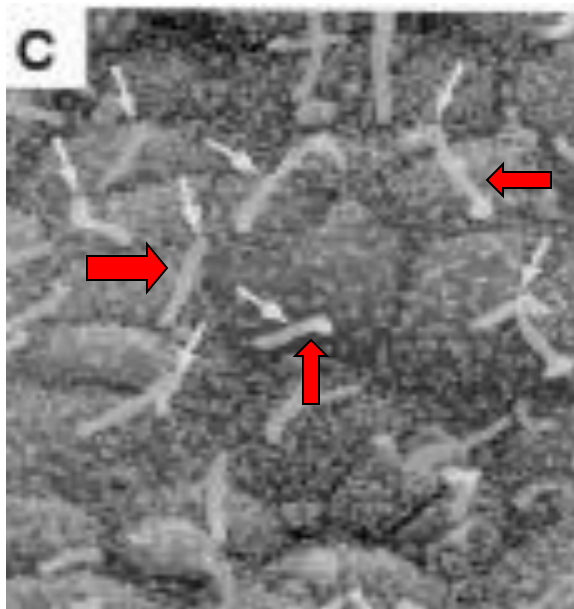
Les cellules du nœud primitif  
ont un cil chacune:

- des kinocils (intérieur du nœud)
- des stéréocils (immobiles, cellules en périphérie)



# Résultat #1

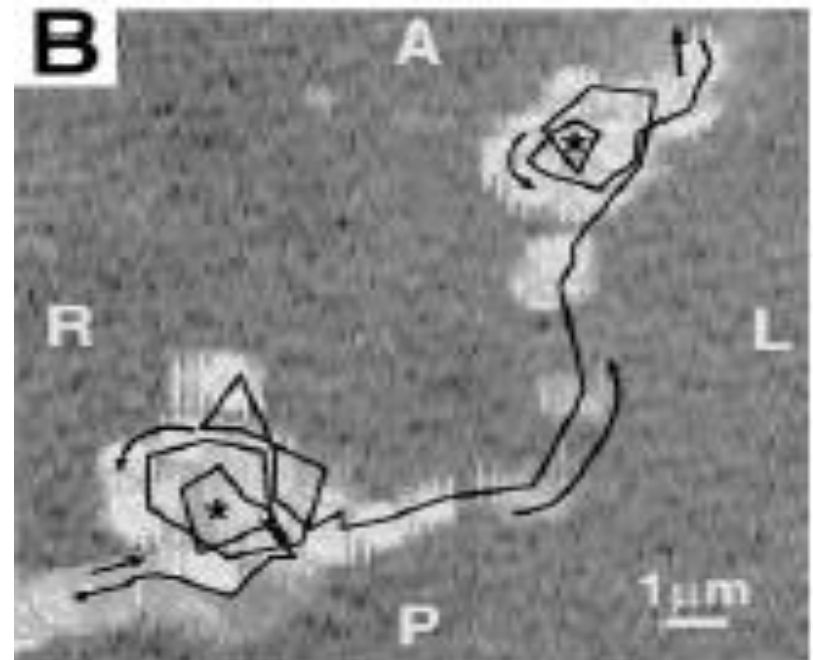
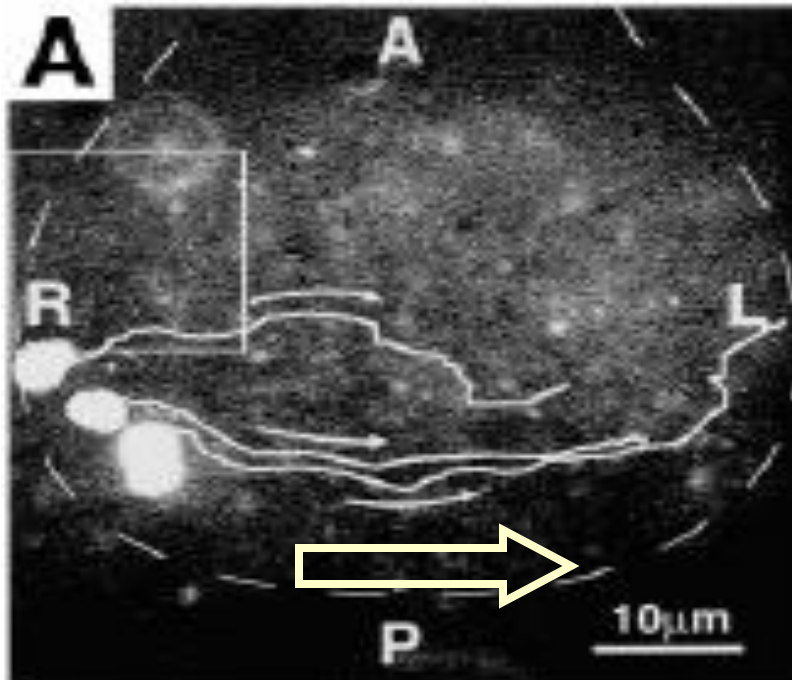
- Wild-type (KIF3B<sup>+/+</sup>) had normal “short single cilium on each nodal cell”
- Mutant (KIF3B<sup>-/-</sup>) had no cilia extending from basal body in nodal cells



## Résultat #2

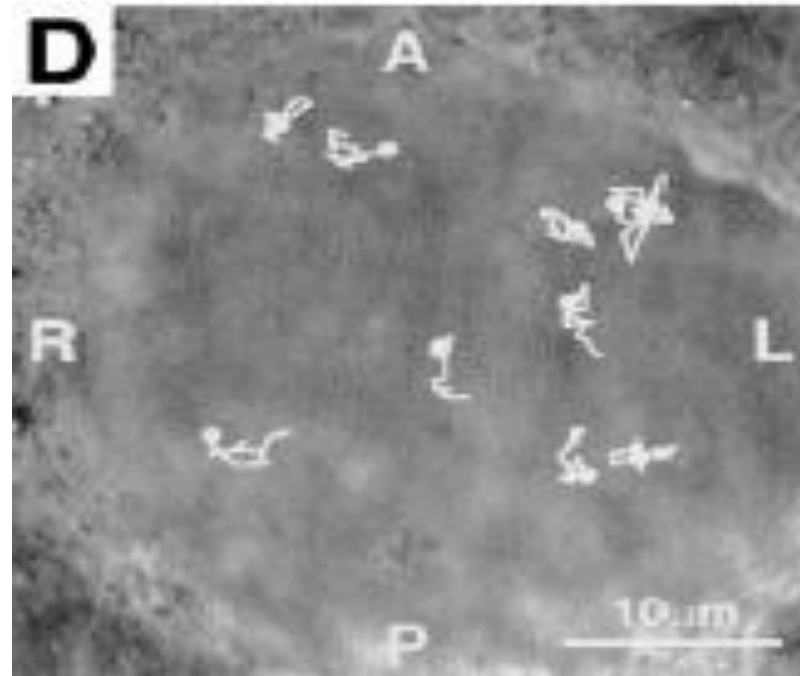
- In wild-type (KIF3B+/+) beads moved leftward across the node

- Beads exhibited counterclockwise rotation around cilia



# Résultat #3

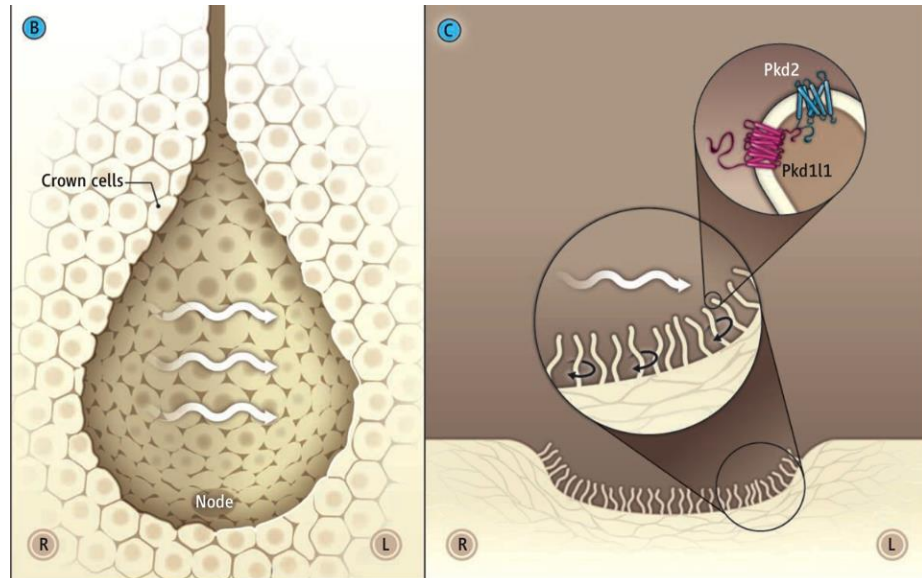
- Mutants (KIF3B-/-)
  - Movement resembled Brownian motion
  - Beads did not move a considerable distance across node
  - Direction of movement was random



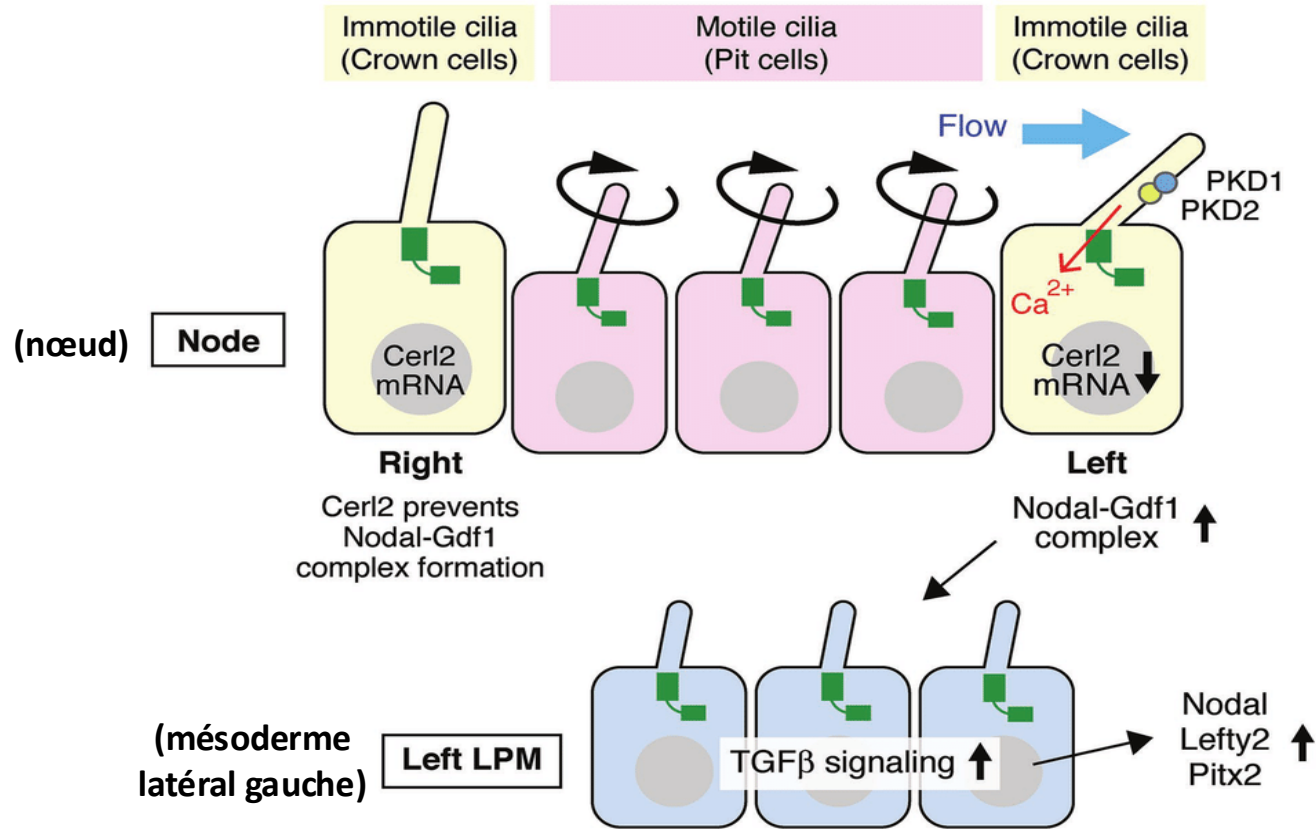
# Modèle pour l'établissement du plan Gauche-Droite

- KIF3B est nécessaire pour la formation des cils → produisent un courant dans le nœud
- Ceci entraîne l'accumulation au côté gauche du nœud de facteurs sécrétés ( $\text{Ca}^{++}$ , FGF...)
- Ce gradient déclenche une cascade de signalisation (=expression génique) asymétrique (côté gauche seulement)

• signalisation au calcium:  
*Pkd2*, un canal  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , est présent sur les stéréocils des cellules en *périphérie* du nœud primitif



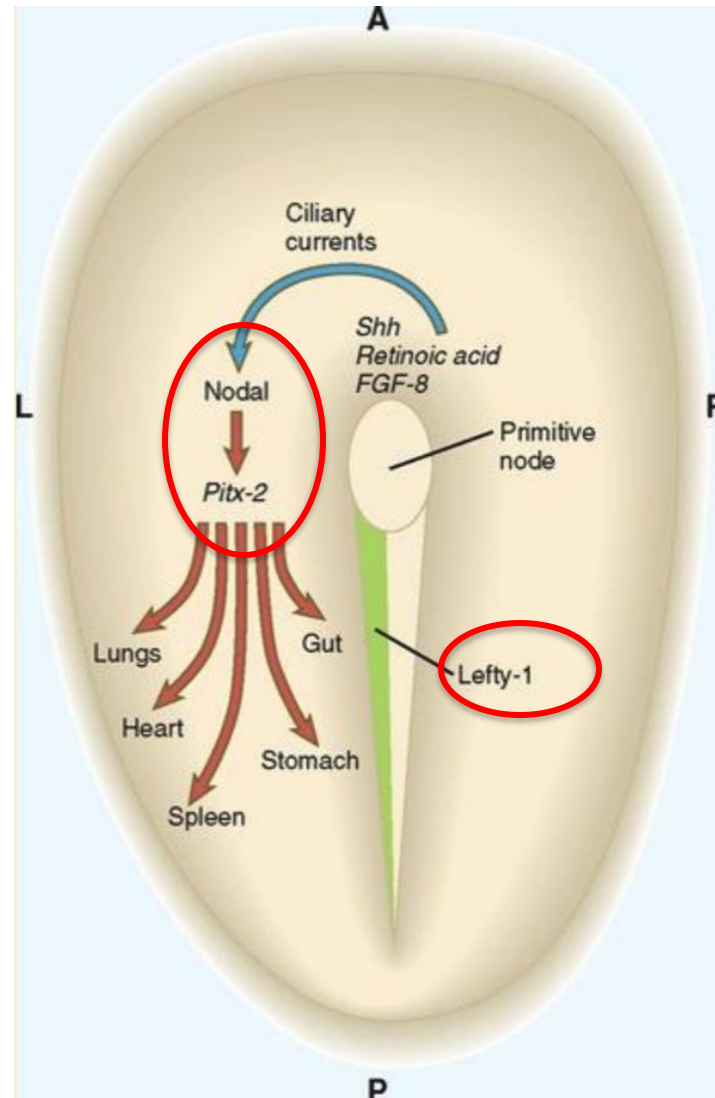
# nœud (organisateur, ou organisateur gauche-droite)



# MECANISME DE L'ASYMETRIE GAUCHE - DROITE

Les cascades d'expression génique sont différentes à gauche et à droite de la ligne primitive

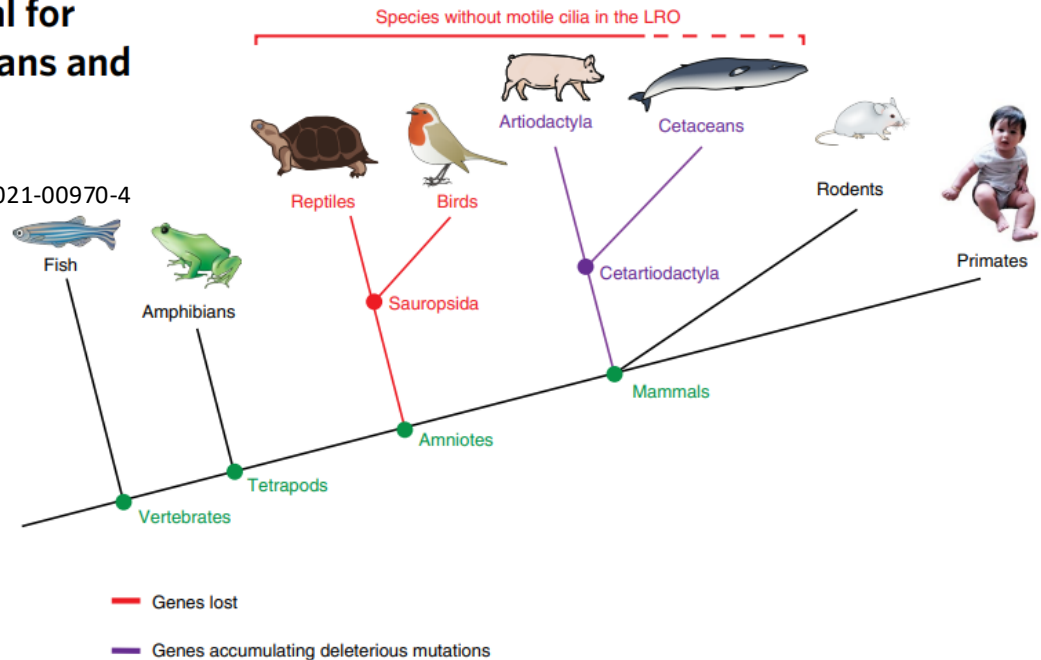
expression génique  
"asymétrique"



# Discovery of a genetic module essential for assigning left-right asymmetry in humans and ancestral vertebrates

Szenker-Ravi, E., Ott, T., Khatoo, M. *et al.*

*Nat Genet* 54, 62–72 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41588-021-00970-4>



- reptiles, oiseaux et *cétacés/artiodactyles* (mammifères) : ont perdu les cils dans le nœud !
- ces espèces ont aussi perdu 5 gènes fonctionnellement imbriqués dans un groupe transcriptionnel coordonné, un «opéron fonctionnel» pour la détermination gauche-droite (chez les cétartiodactyles ils sont devenus des pseudogènes)

|  | Gene            |
|--|-----------------|
| Genes present only in species with motile cilia at their LRO | <i>CIROP</i>    |
|  | <i>C1orf127</i> |
|  | <i>MMP21</i>    |
|  | <i>PKD1L1</i>   |
|  | <i>DAND5</i>    |

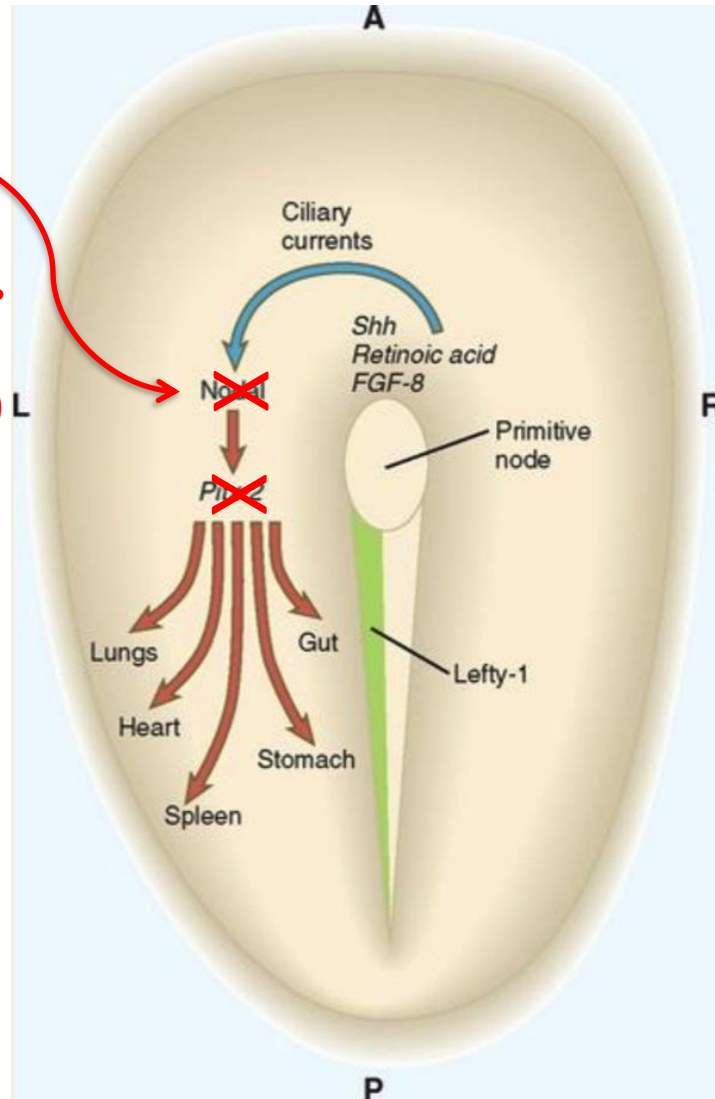
*le gène CIROP est exprimé seulement pendant 2 heures dans le nœud !!!*

# ALTERATIONS DE L'ASYMETRIE GAUCHE - DROITE

mère diabétique : hétérotaxie fréquente

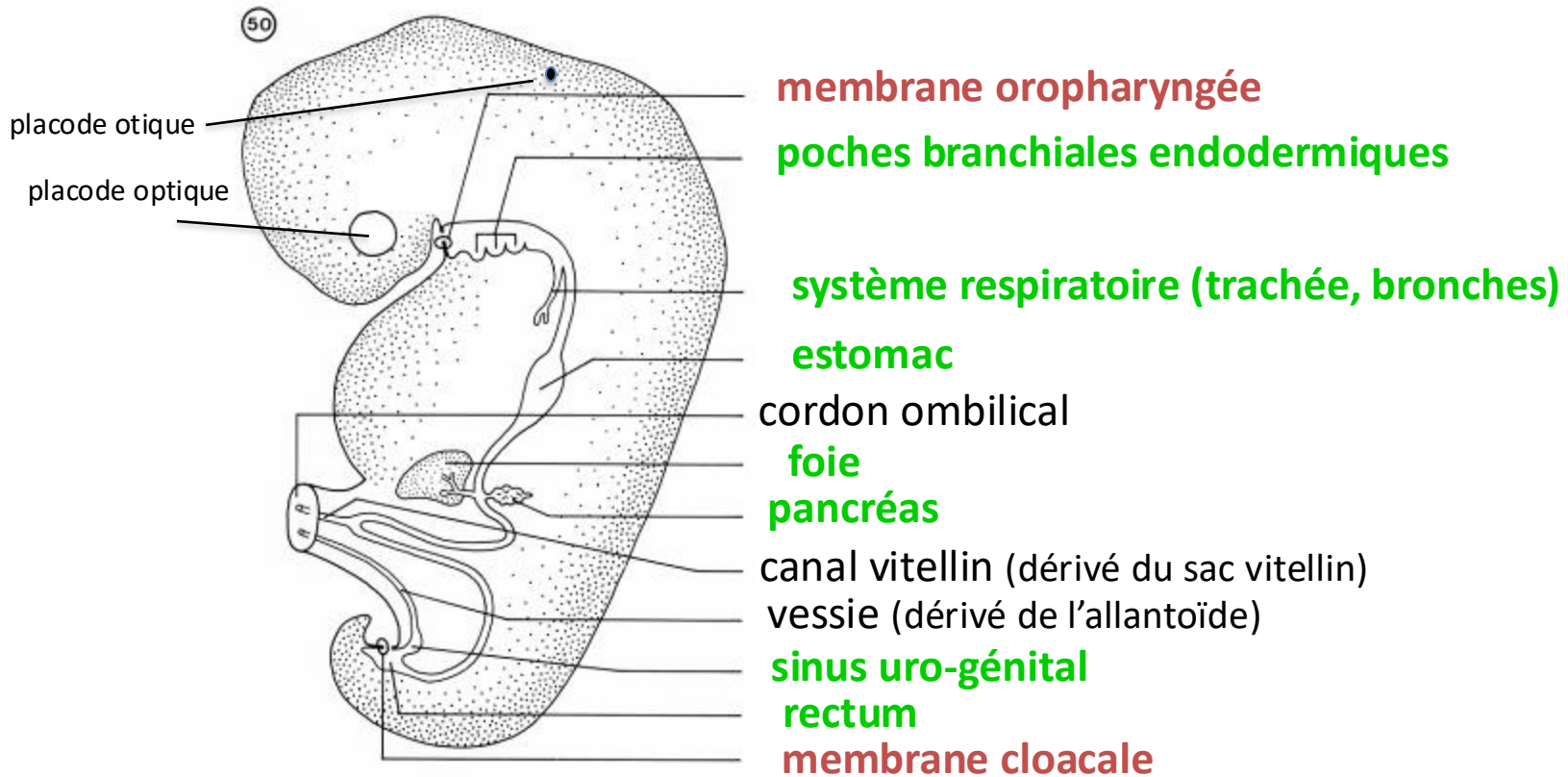
hyperglycémie  
chronique

*(inhibition de  
la voie de signalisation  
de Notch)*



## QUATRIEME SEMAINE

9. Le **tube digestif** donne, par évaginations et bourgeonnements

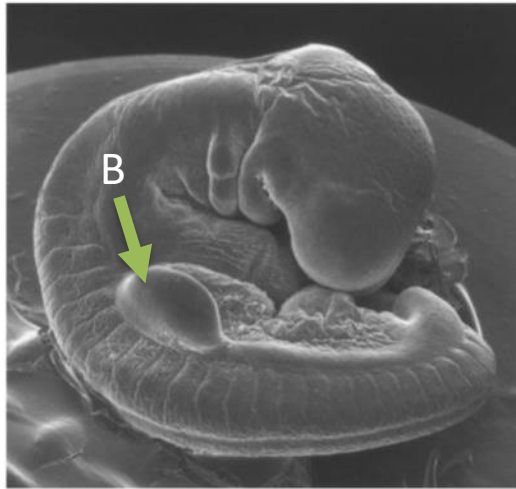


10. Apparition des bourgeons des bras et des jambes  
( 26<sup>ème</sup>-28<sup>ème</sup> jour)

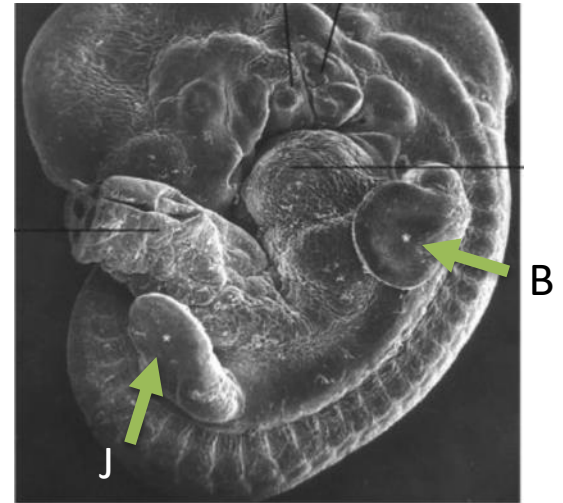
11. Apparition des placodes otiques et optiques

# QUATRIEME SEMAINE

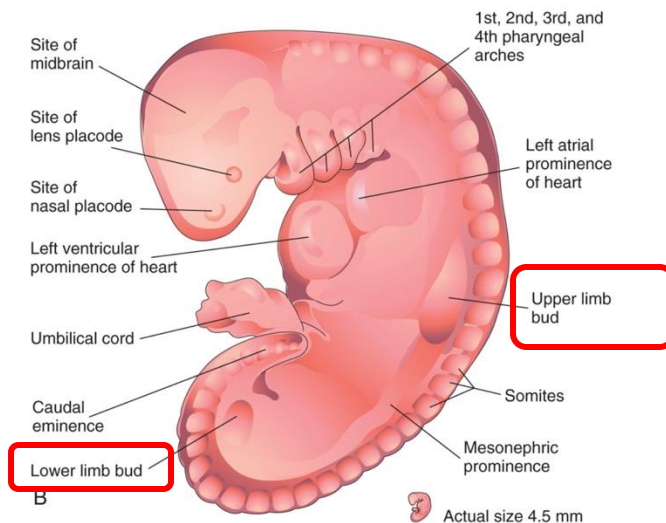
## 10. Début du bourgeonnement des bras (dès 28<sup>e</sup> j.: des jambes aussi)



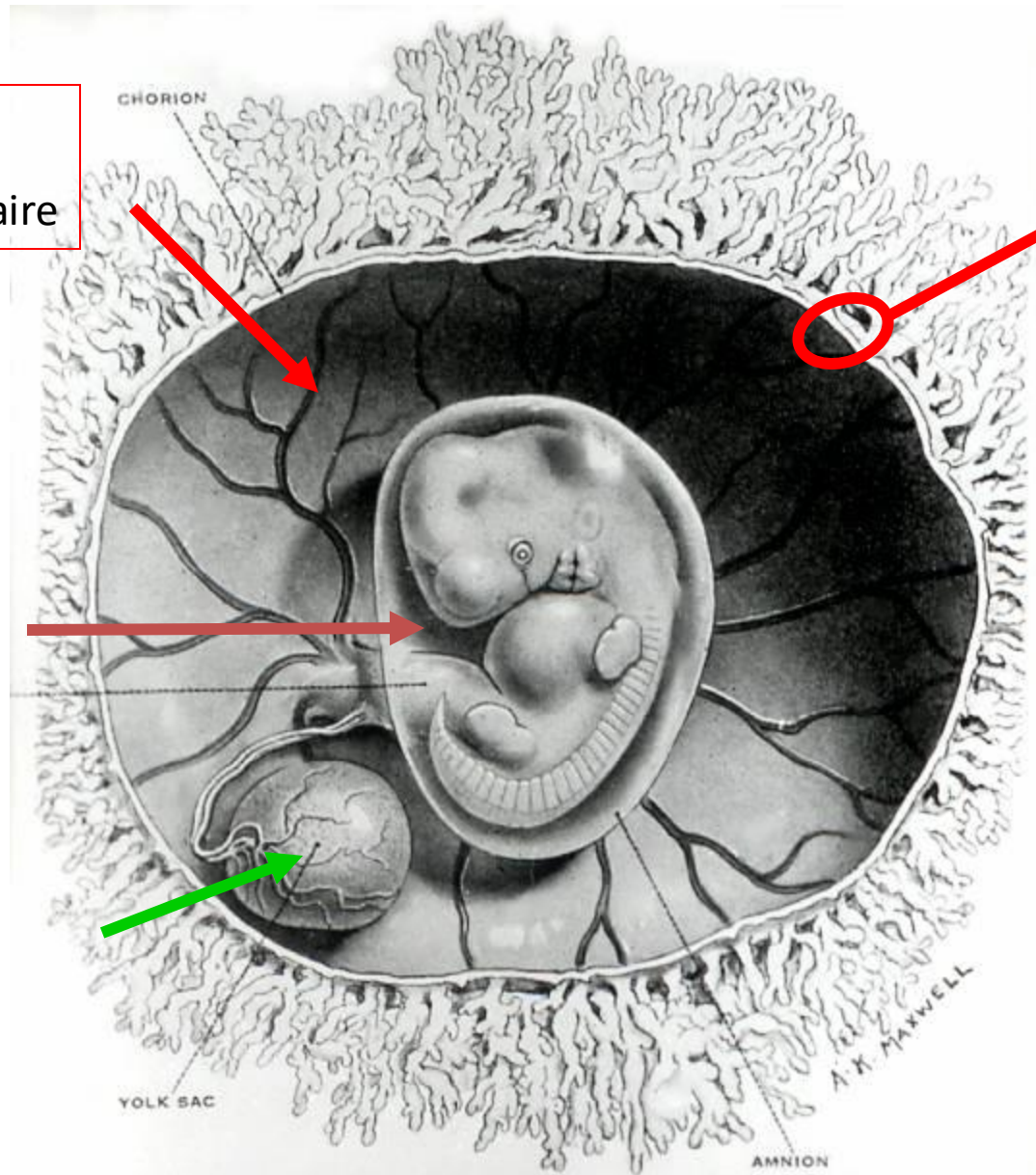
4<sup>e</sup> sem. (34 paires de somites, 5mm) :  
bourgeons des bras



5<sup>e</sup> sem. (10mm) :  
bourgeons des bras et des jambes  
(palettes distales)



# L'embryon dans le « sac chorial »



célorne  
extra-embryonnaire

chorion

cavité  
amniotique

vésicule vitelline

CHORION

YOLK SAC

AMNION

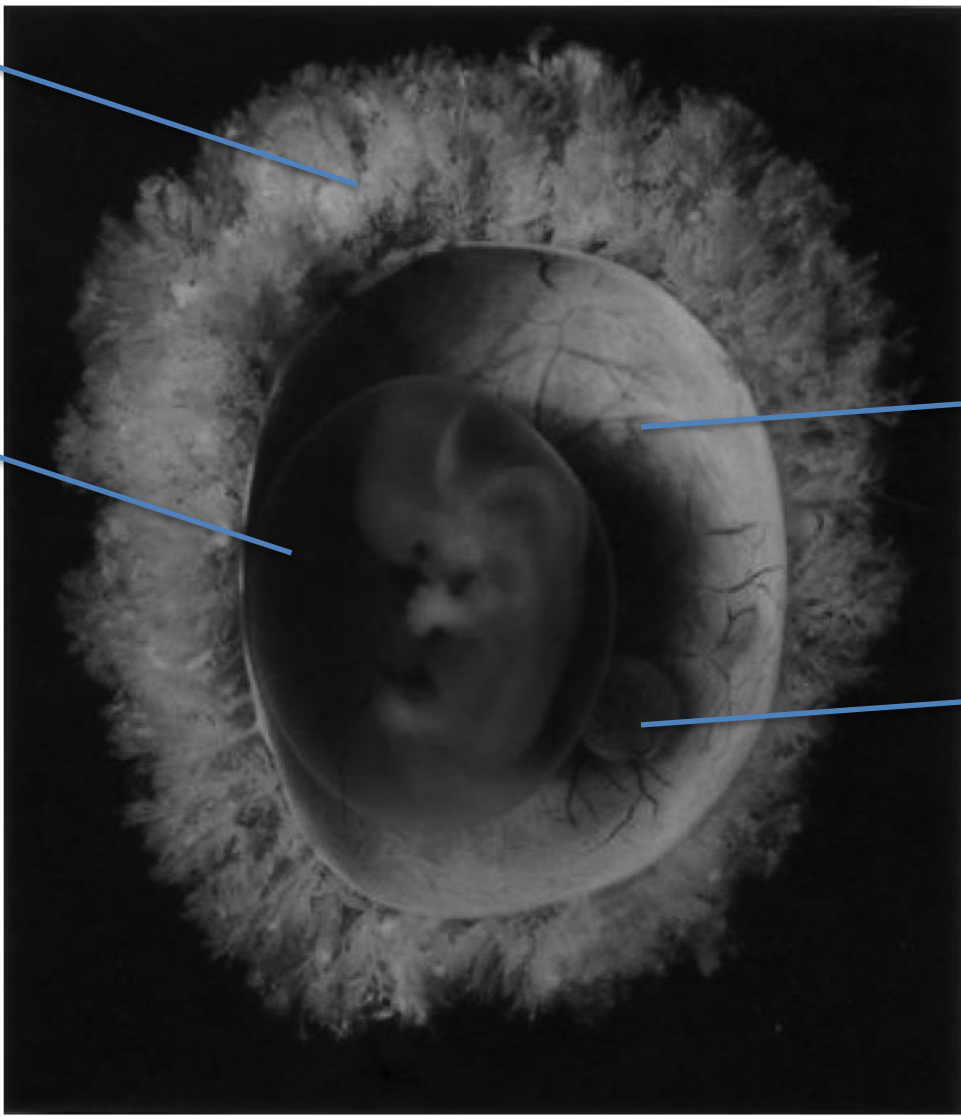
A. H. MARWELL

villosités choriales ( = cyto + syncytiotrophoblaste + mésoderme extraembryonnaire) du placenta

cavité amniotique

célome  
extraembryonnaire

sac vitellin



**FIGURE 7-3** A 7-week-old human embryo surrounded by its amnion. The embryo was exposed by cutting open the chorion. The small sphere to the right of the embryo is the yolk sac.

# Membranes foétales

Early fetal development and membrane formation in relation to the uterus as a whole (schematic)

caduque pariétale

cavité utérine

caduque capsulaire

chorion lisse

(cavité choriale)

(cavité utérine)

(cavité amniotique)

chorion villex  
(foetal)

amnios

foetus

cordon omb.

decidua  
("caduque")  
basale

placenta

Full-term fetus within the uterus



Amniochorionic membrane

(utérus avec embryon ; coupe sagittale)

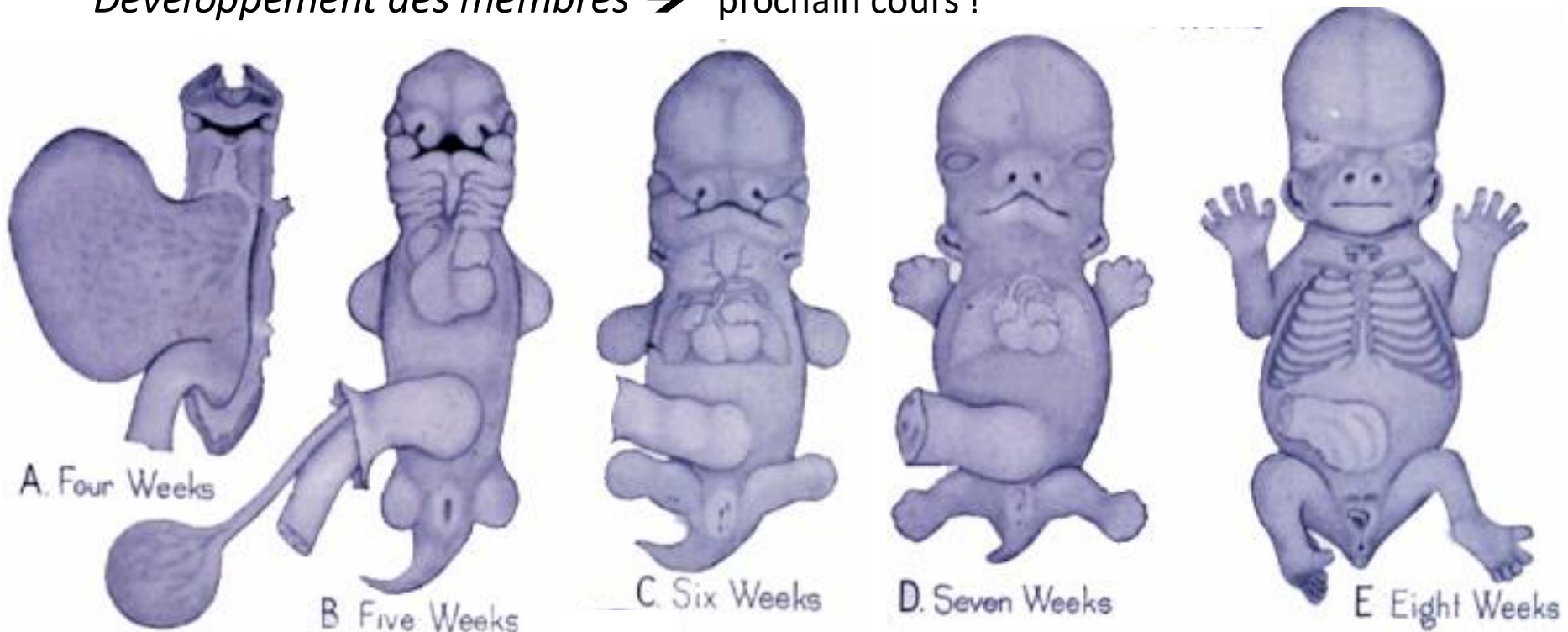
# DEUXIEME MOIS

- acquisition de la forme humaine et croissance (morphogénèse)
- formation et agencement des organes (organogénèse)

début du développement des systèmes : génital, nerveux (profs. Nef et Altaba), cardiovasculaire, digestif, urinaire, respiratoire, et dév. de la face et des membres

→ «embryologie spéciale»

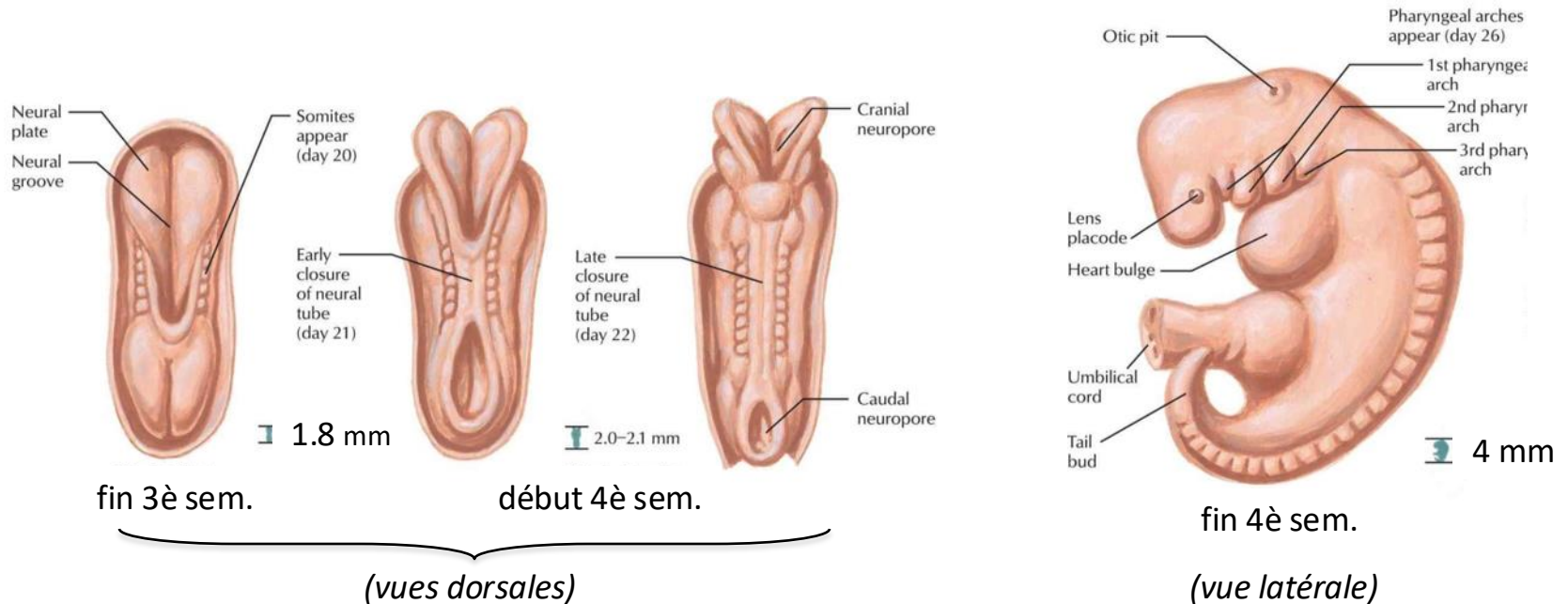
Développement des membres → prochain cours !



période fœtale (du 3<sup>ème</sup> au 9<sup>ème</sup> mois) : histogénèse (maturation des systèmes) et croissance

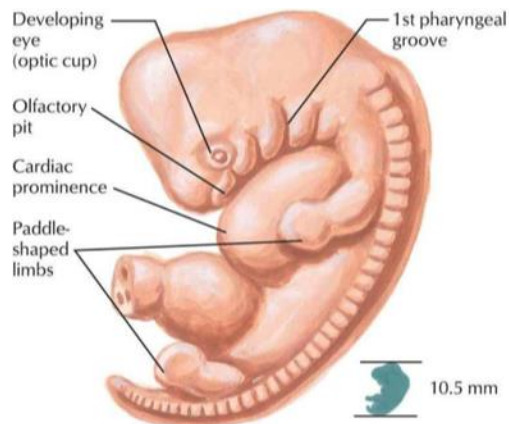
# LA FORME EXTERNE DU CORPS DE L'EMBRYON (1)

- PREMIERE SEMAINE : MASSE CELLULAIRE (“masse cellulaire interne”)
- DEUXIEME SEMAINE : DISQUE BILAMINAIRE
- TROISIEME SEMAINE : DISQUE TRILAMINAIRE (*gastrulation*)
- QUATRIEME SEMAINE : DISQUE trilaminaire allongé → → CYLINDRE  
(*neurulation et somitogènèse*) (plicatures)

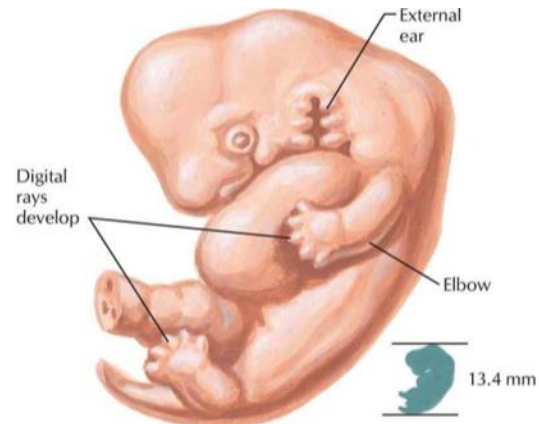


# LA FORME EXTERNE DU CORPS DE L'EMBRYON (2)

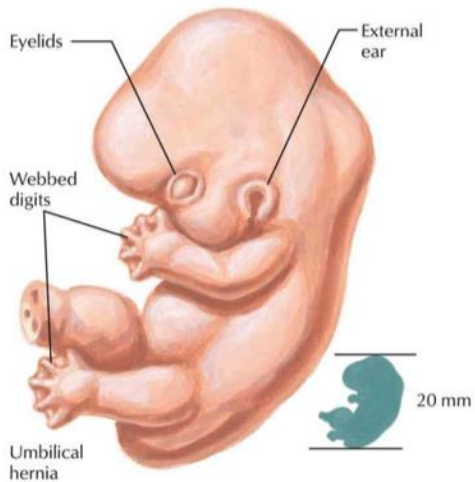
- DEUXIEME MOIS : "hominisation"



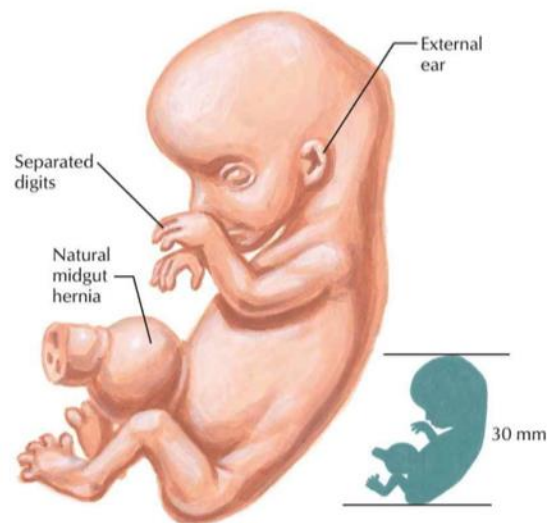
fin 5è sem.



6è sem.

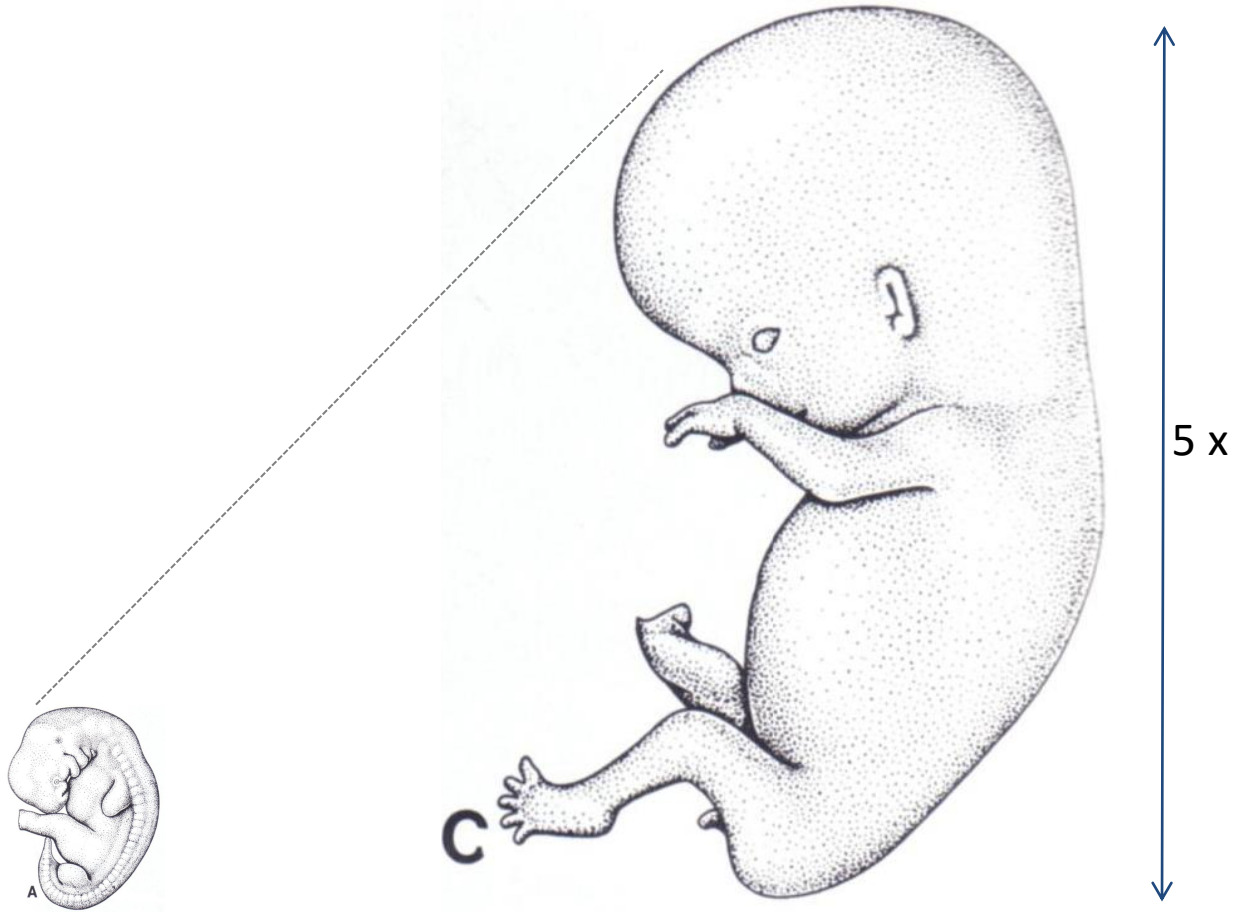


7è sem.



8è sem.

DEUXIEME MOIS - *morphogenèse externe* :  
croissance en taille ; acquisition de la forme humaine

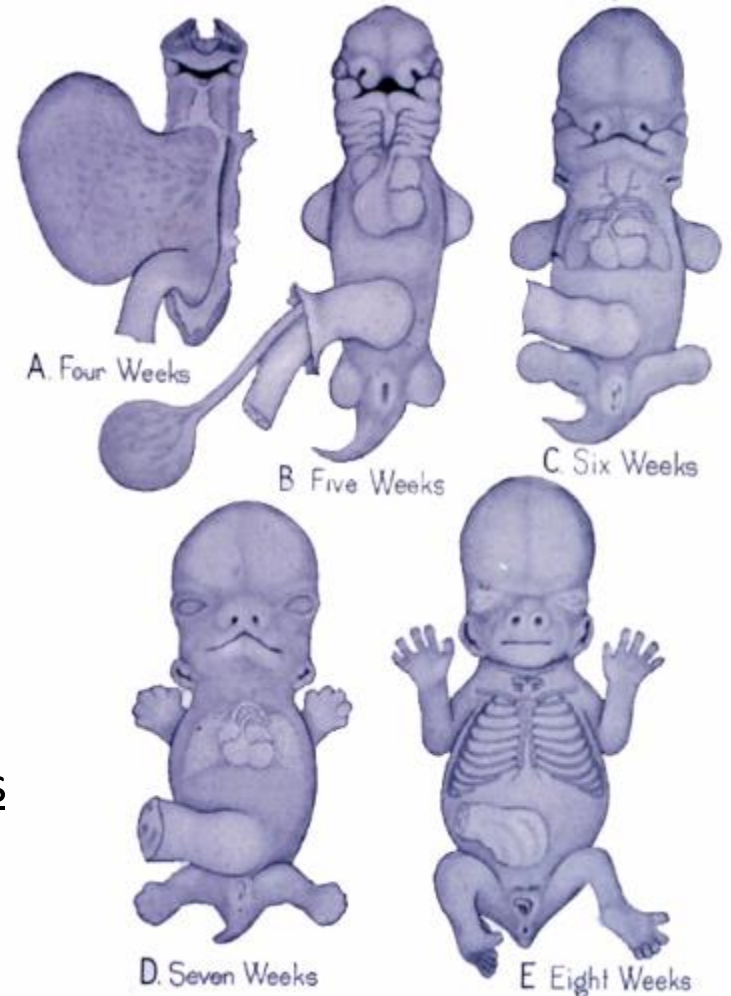
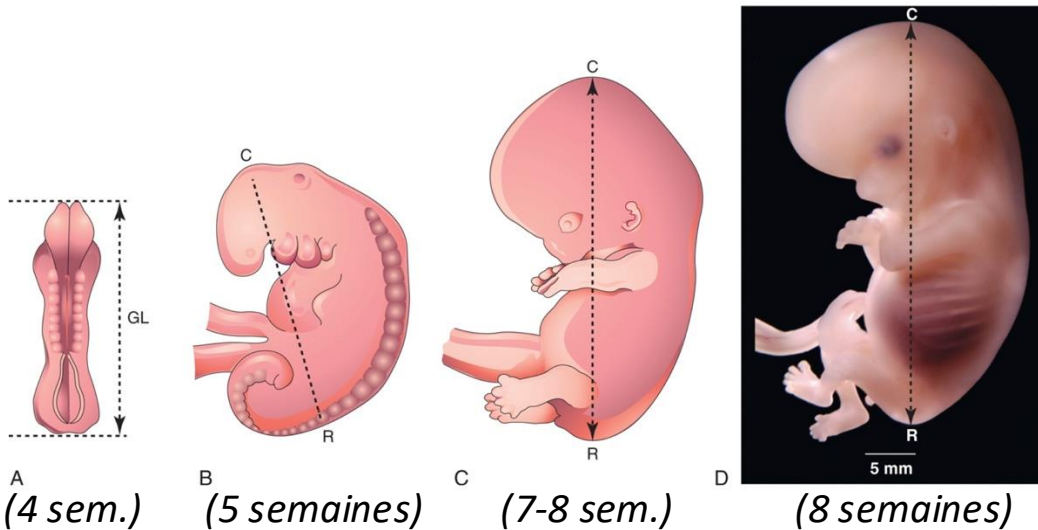


**5 semaines  
(6mm)**

**8 semaines  
(3cm)**

# DEUXIEME MOIS

- Croissance en taille : la longueur passe de 5-6mm à 30mm (*facteur 5 !*)
- Acquisition de la forme humaine

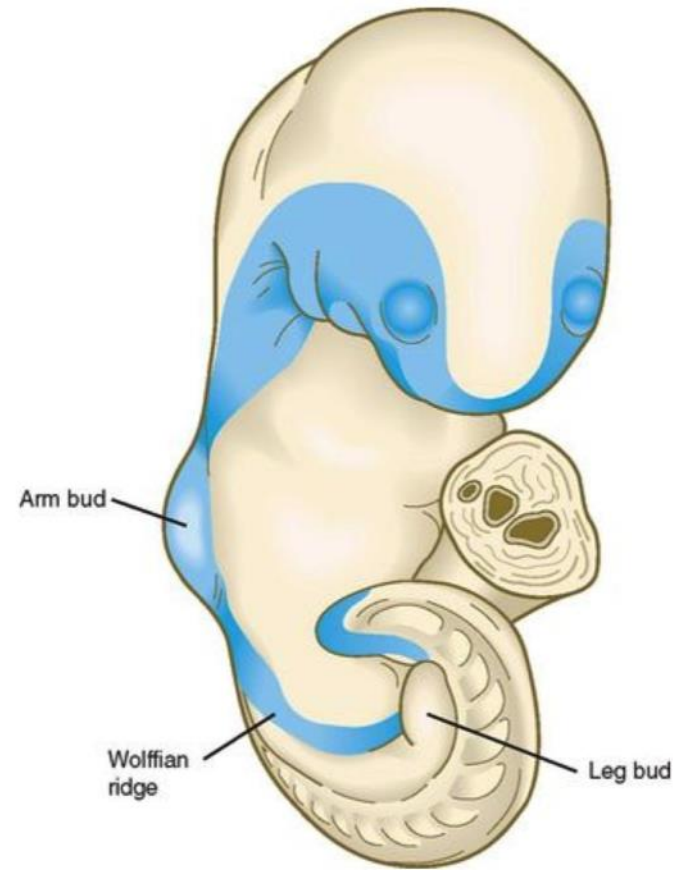
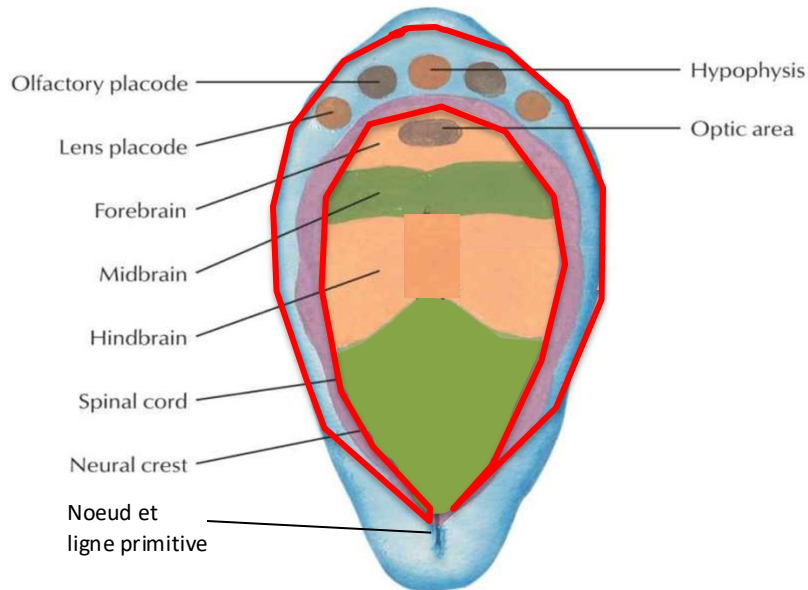


Morphologiquement (externe) il y a trois changements majeurs :

- disparition (*par différenciation*) des somites et de l'appendice caudal
- développement du visage
- formation des membres

pendant le 2ème mois, les bourgeons de nombreuses structures (nez, yeux, oreilles, arcs branchiaux, et les membres) se forment a partir d'une région de l'ectoderme, épaissie, qui forme une sorte de bande latérale tout autour du corps de l'embryon

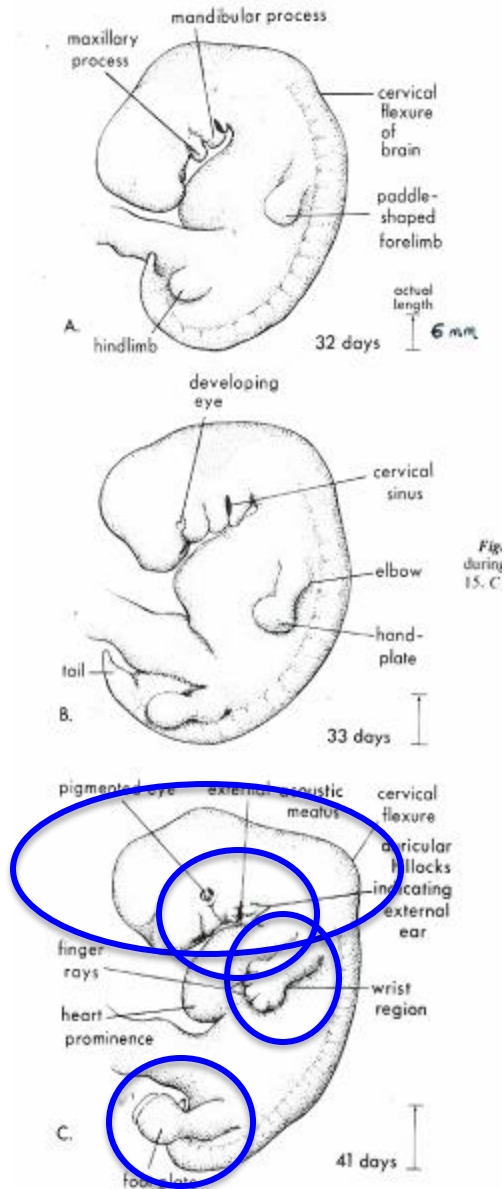
### territoires présomptifs de l'épiblaste



Ventrolateral view of a 30-somite (4.2-mm) human embryo showing the thickened ectodermal ring (*blue*).

# DEUXIEME MOIS

(0.6 – 3 cm de longueur: x5 )



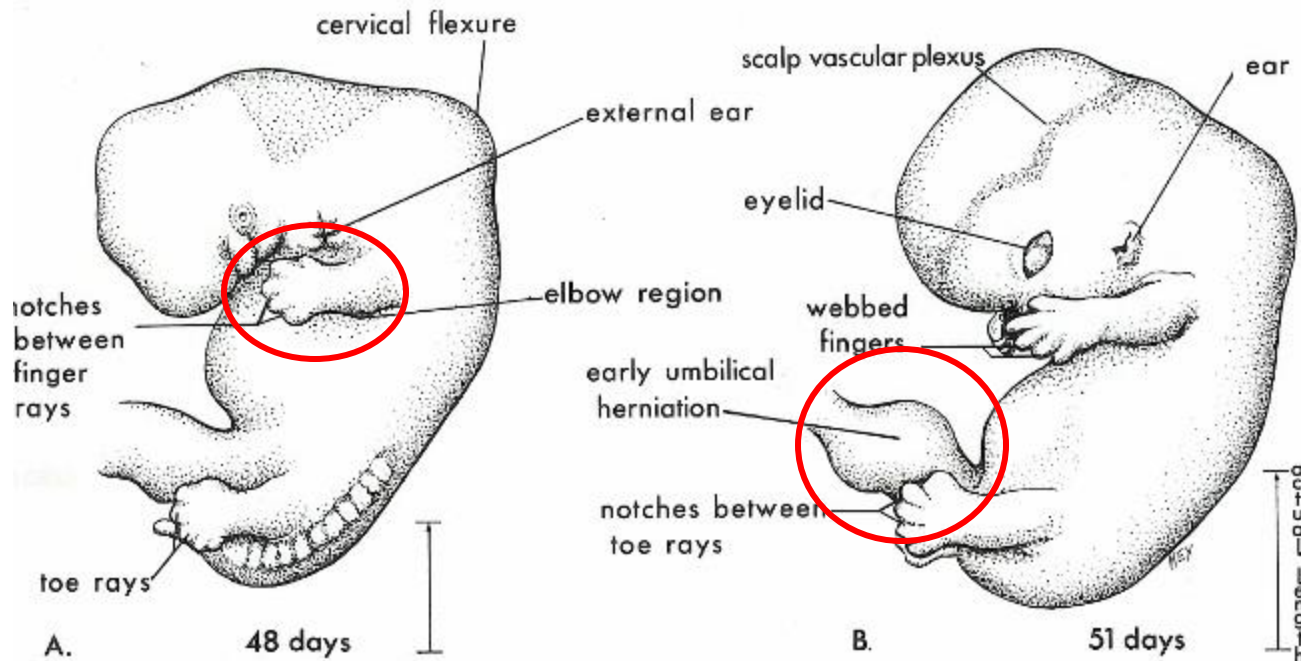
~ 6 mm

5<sup>ème</sup> - 6<sup>ème</sup> semaines

- croissance de la région céphalique
- croissance des membres:  
le membre supérieur (antérieur) se différencie avant le membre inférieur (postérieur)
- développement de l'œil et de l'oreille externe

# DEUXIEME MOIS

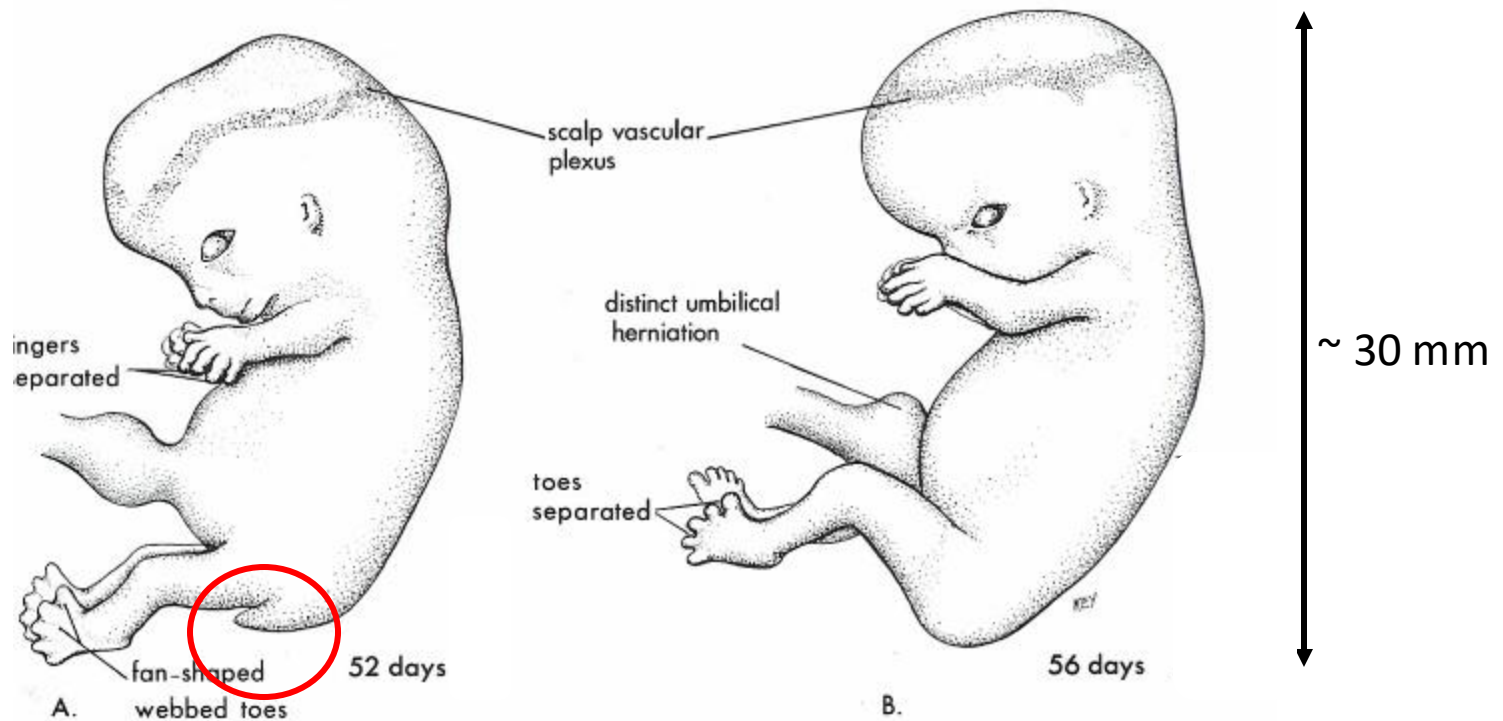
7<sup>ème</sup> semaine



- développement des doigts:  
rayons digitaux et encoches entre les rayons digitaux
- anses intestinales extra-abdominales, dans le cordon ombilical  
= hernie ombilicale physiologique (jusqu'à 10<sup>ème</sup> semaine)
- développement de la face:  
fusion des massifs dérivés des arcs branchiaux

# DEUXIEME MOIS

8<sup>ème</sup> semaine

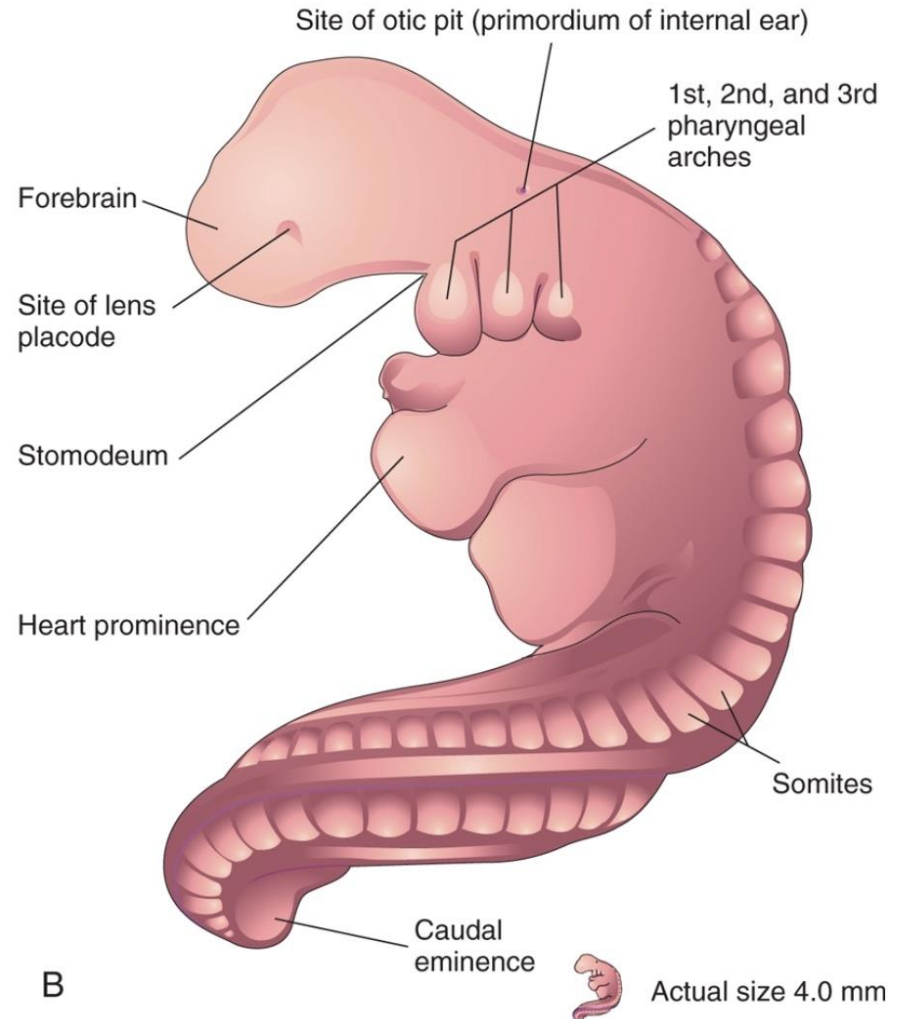


- doigts et orteils séparés
- queue disparaît
- yeux ouverts
- organes génitaux externes  
"masculins" et "féminins" identiques

**26 jours**

Carnegie 12 (stade de 27 somites)

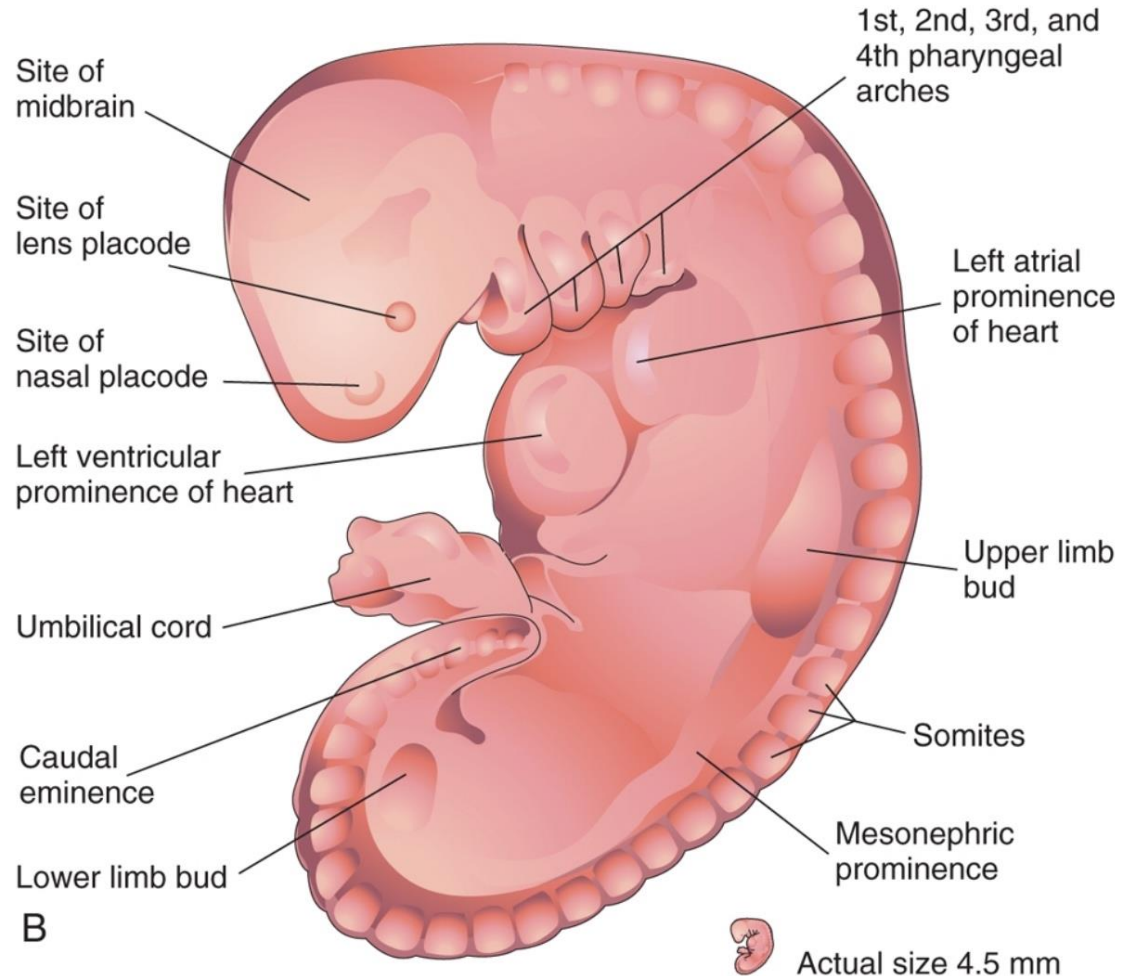
- neuropore rostral fermé
- 3 paires d'arcs branchiaux sont visibles
- placodes optiques et otiques apparentes
- bourgeon de la queue long et courbe



## fin de la 4<sup>ème</sup> semaine

Carnegie 13 (~28 jours)

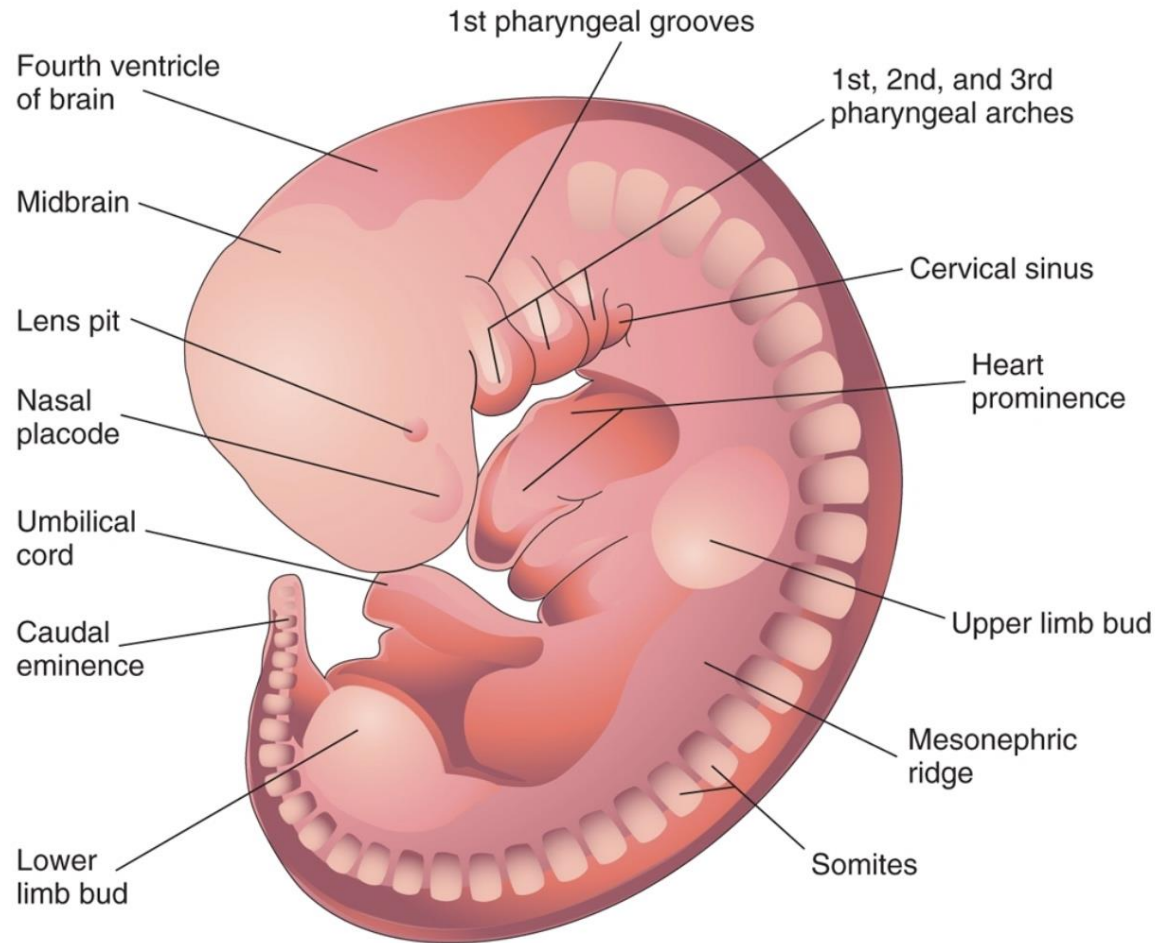
- les neuropores sont fermés
- 4 arcs branchiaux sont visibles
- le bourgeon du cœur est proéminent, avec oreillette et ventricule bien distincts
- bourgeons des bras



# 5<sup>ème</sup> semaine

Carnegie 14 (~32 jours)

- croissance céphalique;
- bourgeonnements des membres postérieurs visibles
- développement de l'œil



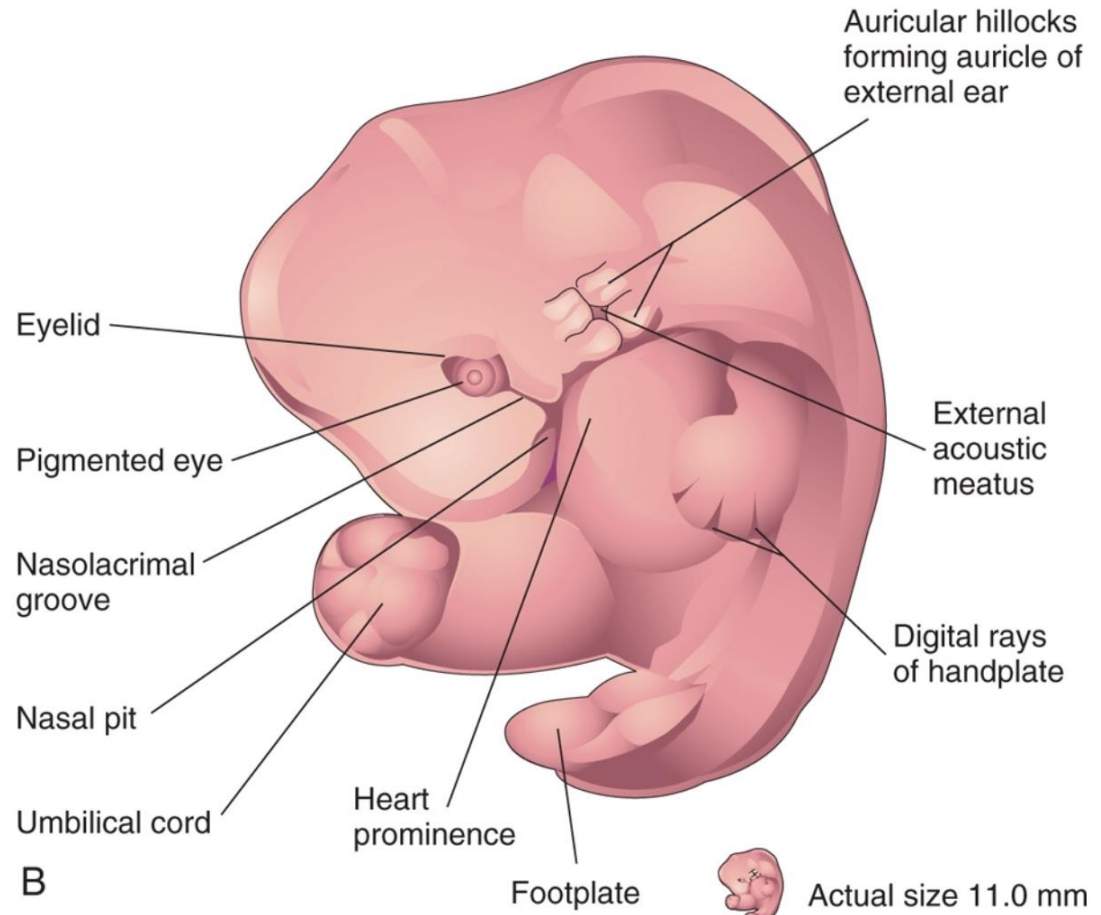
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 Actual size 4.0 mm

## fin de la 6<sup>ème</sup> semaine

Carnegie 17 (~42 jours)

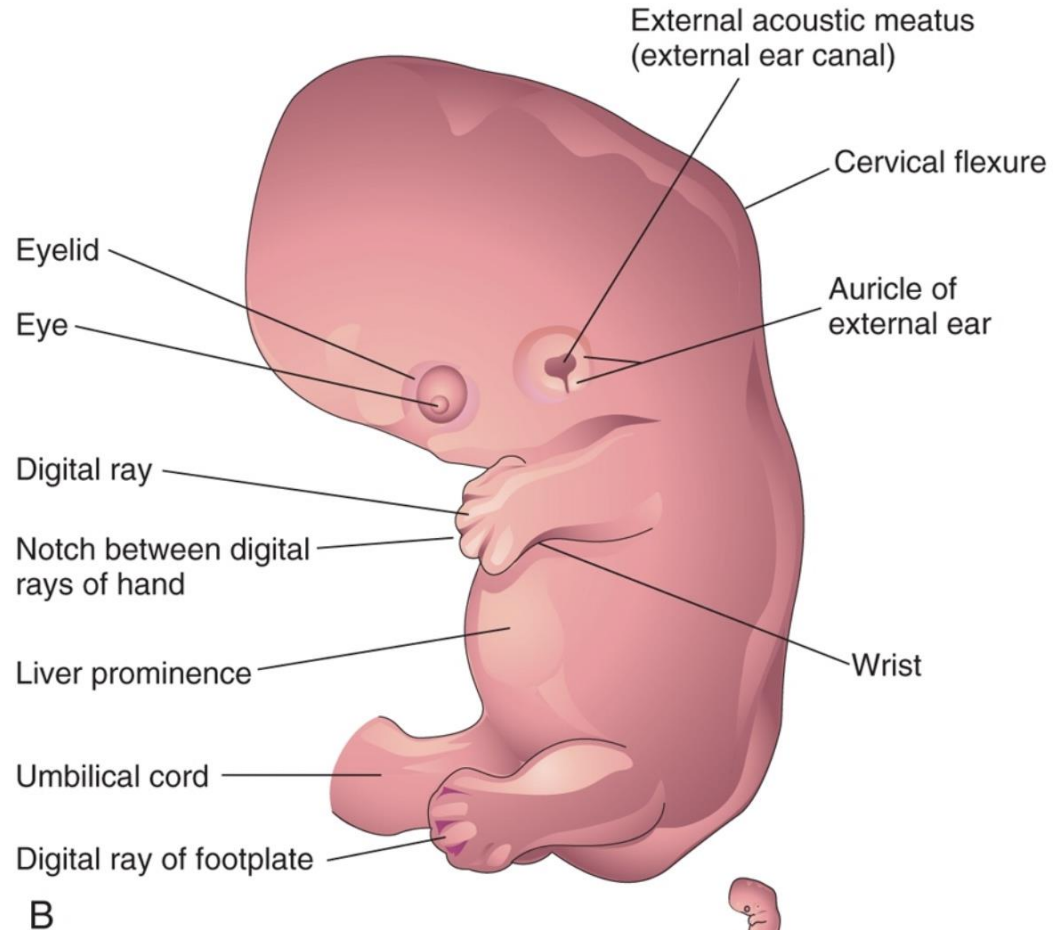
- développement de l'oreille externe (bourrelets des pavillons auriculaires)
- dév. de la palette de la main, avec les rayons des doigts
- anses intestinales commencent à se former à l'extérieur du corps, à la base du cordon ombilical
- les somites ne sont plus distinguables extérieurement




## fin de la 7<sup>ème</sup> semaine

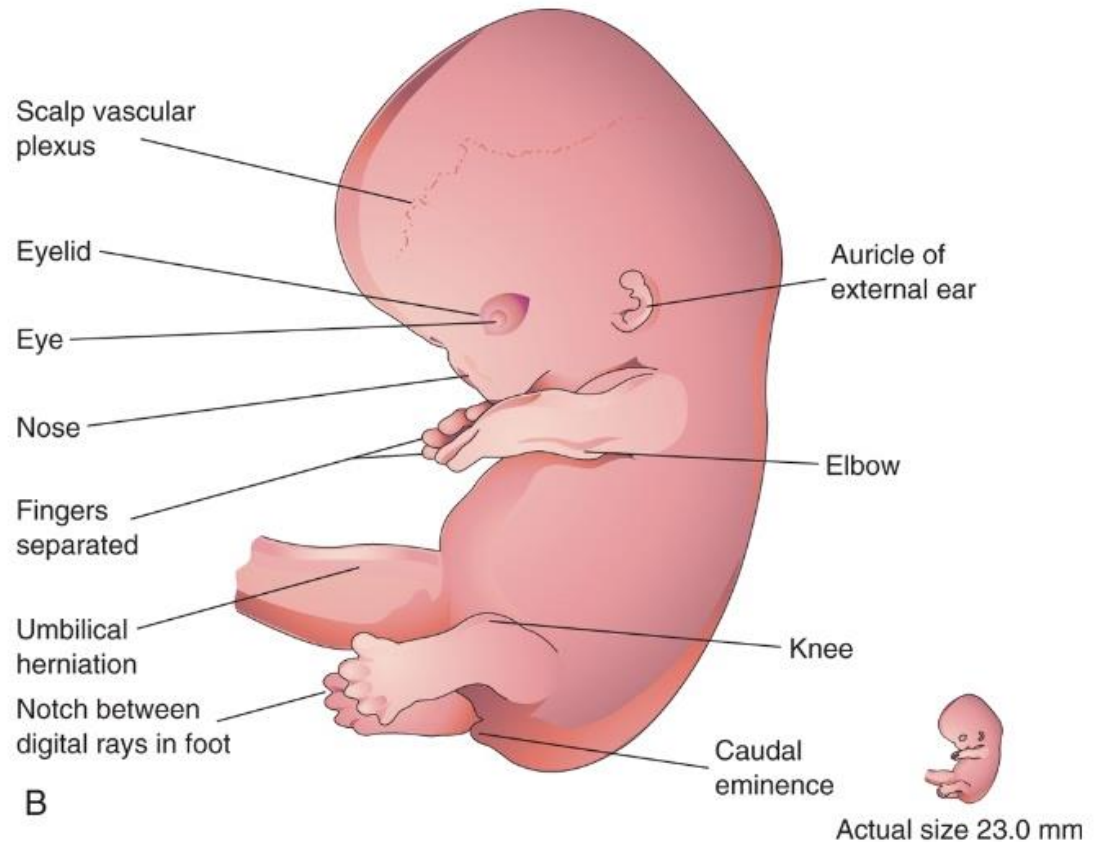
(Carnegie 19)

- encoches entre les doigts de la main ; dév. de la palette des pieds, avec rayons des orteils
- développement de la face: fusions des massifs dérivés des arcs branchiaux
- conduit auditif et pavillon de l'oreille sont visibles ; développement du foie



 Actual size 16.0 mm

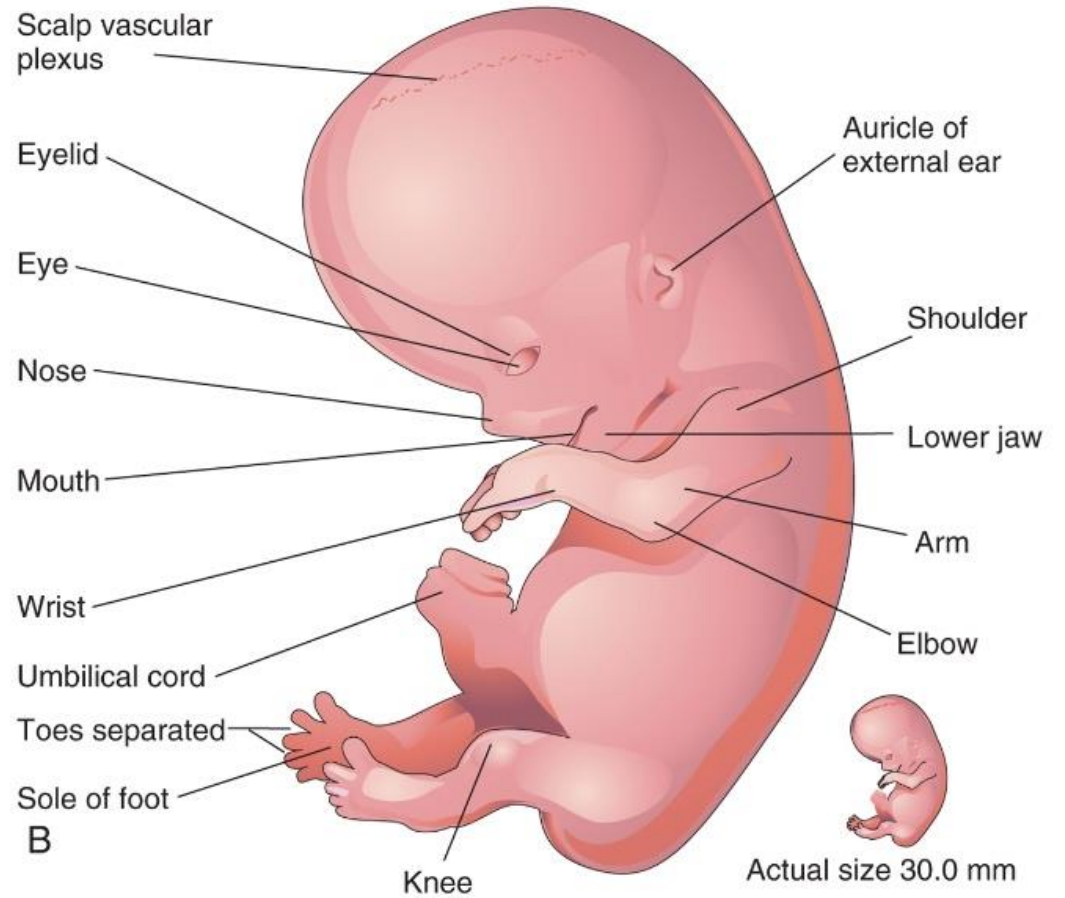
- orteils séparés
- la proéminence caudale (queue) persiste, mais en train de régresser
- les yeux sont ouverts et pigmentés



# fin de la 8<sup>ème</sup> semaine

Carnegie 23 (~56 jours)

- la queue disparaît complètement
- les organes génitaux externes restent indifférenciés

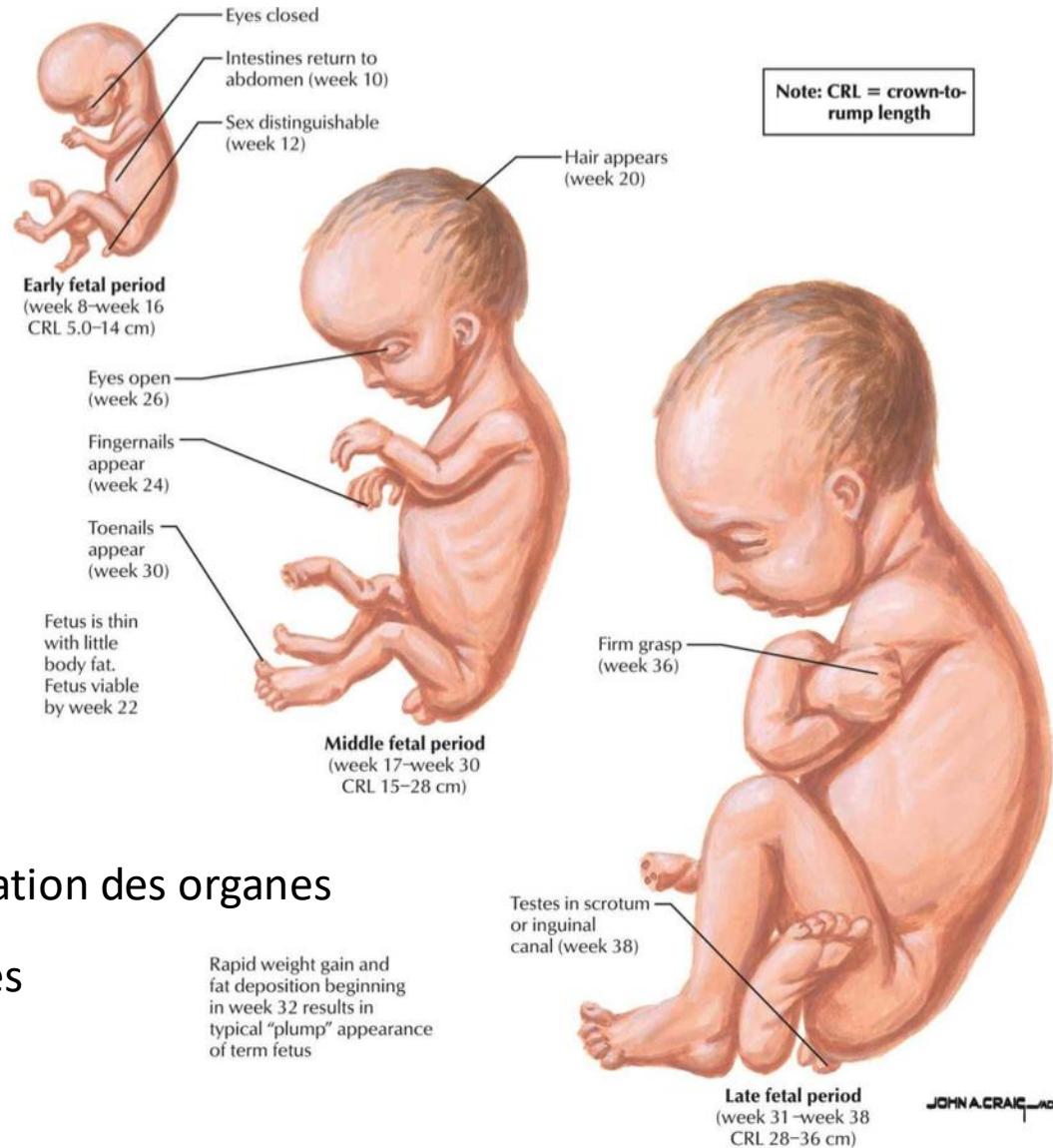


## Période foétale (semaines 9 à 38)

Malgré sa courte durée, la *période embryonnaire* est fondamentale puisque l'embryon acquiert sa forme presque définitive (*morphogenèse*) et édifie ses principales ébauches organiques (*organogenèse*).

Pendant la longue *période foétale* qui suit, les organes ne subiront pratiquement plus que des phénomènes de maturation à l'échelle histologique (*histogenèse*).

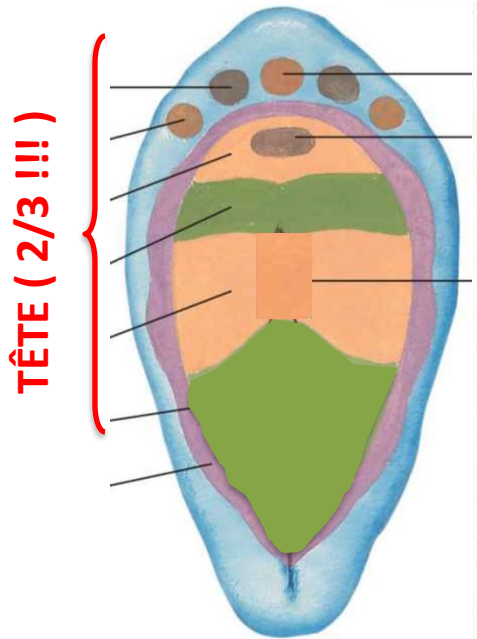
# Période foétale (semaines 9 à 38)



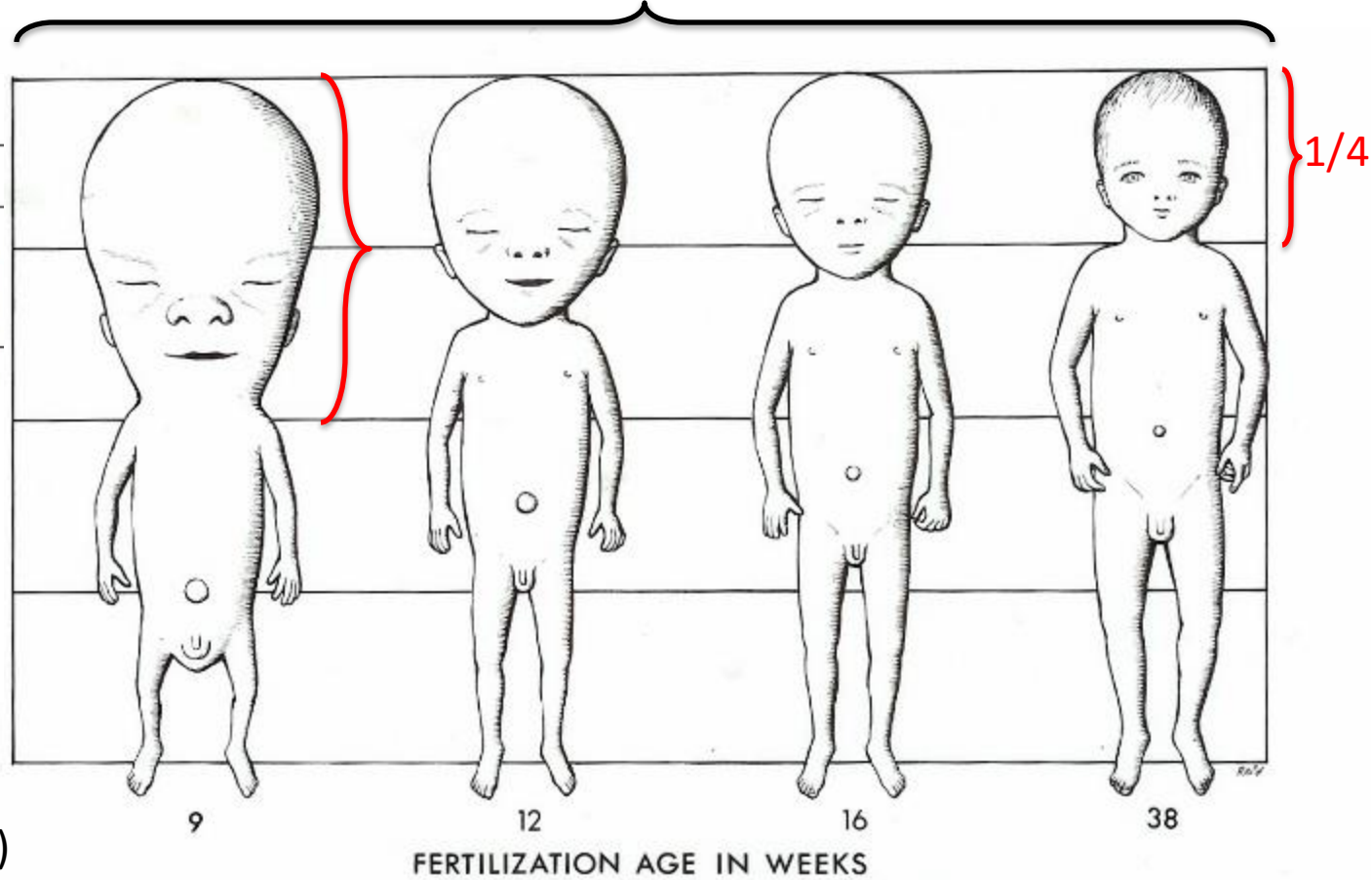
- Croissance et différenciation des organes
- Maturation des systèmes

**croissance : facteur 10 !!!**

# PERIODE FŒTALE



GASTRULA  
(disque trilaminaire)  
(3 semaines)



la croissance des différentes parties du corps est *allométrique*

### Carnegie Stages of Early Human Embryonic Development (Weeks 1 to 8)

| Age (days) | External Features   | Carnegie Stage | Crown-Rump Length (mm) | Pairs of Somites |
|------------|---|----------------|------------------------|------------------|
| 1          | Fertilized oocyte   | 1              | 0.1                    |                  |
| 2 to 3     | Morula (4 to 16 cells)  | 2              | 0.1                    |                  |
| 4 to 5     | Free blastocyst   | 3              | 0.1                    |                  |
| 6          | Attachment of blastocyst to endometrium   | 4              | 0.1                    |                  |
| 7 to 12    | Implantation, bilaminar embryo with primary yolk sac  | 5              | 0.1 to 0.2             |                  |
| 17         | Trilaminar embryo with primitive streak, chorionic villi  | 6              | 0.2 to 0.3             |                  |
| 19         | Gastrulation, formation of notochordal process  | 7              | 0.4                    |                  |
| 23         | Hensen's node and primitive pit, notochord and neurenteric canal, appearance of neural plate, neural folds, and blood islands                   | 8              | 1 to 1.5               |                  |
| 25         | Appearance of first somites, deep neural groove, elevation of cranial neural folds, early heart tubes   | 9              | 1.5 to 2.5             | 1 to 3           |
| 28         | Beginning of fusion of neural folds, formation of optic sulci, presence of first two pharyngeal arches, beginning heart beat, curving of embryo | 10             | 2 to 3.5               | 4 to 12          |
| 29         | Closure of cranial neuropore, formation of optic vesicles, rupture of oropharyngeal membrane  | 11             | 2.5 to 4.5             | 13 to 20         |
| 30         | Closure of caudal neuropore, formation of pharyngeal arches 3 and 4, appearance of upper limb buds and tail bud, formation of otic vesicle      | 12             | 3 to 5                 | 21 to 29         |
| 32         | Appearance of lower limb buds, lens placode, separation of otic vesicle from surface ectoderm   | 13             | 4 to 6                 | 30 to 31         |
| 33         | Formation of lens vesicle, optic cup, and nasal pits  | 14             | 5 to 7                 |                  |
| 36         | Development of hand plates, primary urogenital sinus, prominent nasal pits, evidence of cerebral hemispheres                                    | 15             | 7 to 9                 |                  |
| 38         | Development of foot plates, visible retinal pigment, development of auricular hillocks, formation of upper lip                                  | 16             | 8 to 11                |                  |
| 41         | Appearance of finger rays, rapid head enlargement, six auricular hillocks, formation of nasolacrimal groove                                     | 17             | 11 to 14               |                  |
| 44         | Appearance of toe rays and elbow regions, beginning of formation of eyelids, tip of nose distinct, presence of nipples                          | 18             | 13 to 17               |                  |
| 46         | Elongation and straightening of trunk, beginning of herniation of midgut into umbilical cord  | 19             | 16 to 18               |                  |
| 49         | Bending of arms at elbows, distinct but webbed fingers, appearance of scalp vascular plexus, degeneration of anal and urogenital membranes      | 20             | 18 to 22               |                  |
| 51         | Longer and free fingers, distinct but webbed toes, indifferent external genitalia   | 21             | 22 to 24               |                  |
| 53         | Longer and free toes, better development of eyelids and external ear  | 22             | 23 to 28               |                  |
| 56         | More rounded head, fusion of eyelids  | 23             | 27 to 31               |                  |

## Major Developmental Events During the Fetal Period

| External Features   | Internal Features  |
|---|--|
| <b>8 Weeks</b>  |  |
| Head is almost half the total length of fetus               | Midgut herniation into umbilical cord occurs                             |
| Cervical flexure is about 30 degrees                        | Extraembryonic portion of allantois has degenerated                      |
| Indifferent external genitalia are present                  | Ducts and alveoli of lacrimal glands form                                |
| Eyes are converging   | Paramesonephric ducts begin to regress in males                          |
| Eyelids are unfused   | Recanalization of lumen of gut tube occurs                               |
| Tail disappears   | Lungs are becoming glandlike   |
| Nostrils are closed by epithelial plugs                     | Diaphragm is completed   |
| Eyebrows appear   | First ossification begins in skeleton                                    |
| Urine is released into amniotic fluid                       | Definitive aortic arch system takes shape                                |
| <b>9 Weeks</b>  |  |
| Neck develops and chin rises from thorax                    | Intestines are herniated into umbilical cord                             |
| Cranial flexure is about 22 degrees                         | Early muscular movements occur   |
| Chorion is divided into chorion laeve and chorion frondosum | Adrenocorticotrophic hormone and gonadotropins are produced by pituitary |
| Eyelids meet and fuse                                       | Corticosteroids are produced by adrenal cortex                           |
| External genitalia begin to become gender specific          | Semilunar valves in heart are completed                                  |
| Amniotic fluid is swallowed                                 | Fused paramesonephric ducts join vaginal plate                           |
| Thumb sucking and grasping begin                            | Urethral folds begin to fuse in males                                    |
| <b>10 Weeks</b>   |  |
| Cervical flexure is about 15 degrees                        | Intestines return into body cavity from umbilical cord                   |
| Gender differences are apparent in external genitalia       | Bile is secreted   |
| Fingernails appear  | Blood islands are established in spleen                                  |
| Eyelids are fused   | Thymus is infiltrated by lymphoid stem cells                             |
| Fetal yawning occurs  | Prolactin production by pituitary occurs                                 |
|   | First permanent tooth buds form  |
|   | Deciduous teeth are in early bell stage                                  |
|   | Epidermis has three layers   |

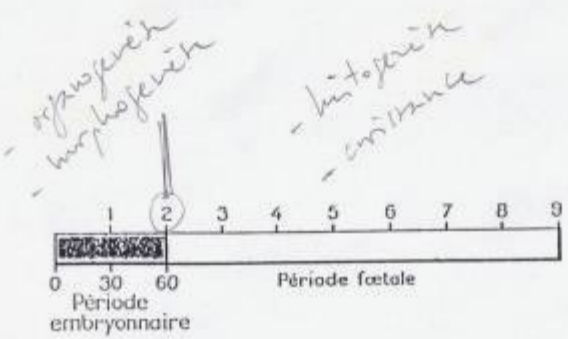
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| <b>11 Weeks</b>   |   |
| <b>Cervical flexure is about 8 degrees</b>  | Stomach musculature can contract                          |
| <b>Nose begins to develop bridge</b>  | T lymphocytes emigrate into bloodstream                   |
| <b>Taste buds cover inside of mouth</b>   | Colloid appears in thyroid follicles                      |
|   | Intestinal absorption begins                              |
| <b>12 weeks</b>   |   |
| <b>Head is erect</b>  | Ovaries descend below pelvic rim                          |
| <b>Neck is almost straight and well defined</b>   | Parathyroid hormone is produced                           |
| <b>External ear is taking form and has moved close to its definitive position in the head</b> | Blood can coagulate                                       |
| <b>Yolk sac has shrunk</b>  |   |
| <b>Fetus can respond to skin stimulation</b>  |   |
| <b>Bowel movements begin (meconium expelled)</b>  |   |
| <b>4 Months</b>   |   |
| <b>Skin is thin; blood vessels can easily be seen through it</b>                              | Seminal vesicle forms                                     |
| <b>Nostrils are almost formed</b>   | Transverse grooves appear on dorsal surface of cerebellum |
| <b>Eyes have moved to front of face</b>   | Bile is produced by liver and stains meconium green       |
| <b>Legs are longer than arms</b>  | Gastric glands bud off from gastric pits                  |
| <b>Fine lanugo hairs appear on head</b>   | Brown fat begins to form                                  |
| <b>Fingernails are well formed; toenails are forming</b>                                      | Pyramidal tracts begin to form in brain                   |
| <b>Epidermal ridges appear on fingers and palms of hand</b>                                   | Hematopoiesis begins in bone marrow                       |
| <b>Enough amniotic fluid is present to permit amniocentesis</b>                               | Ovaries contain primordial follicles                      |
| <b>Mother can feel fetal movements</b>  |   |

| External Features  | Internal Features                                    |
|--|--|
| <b>5 Months</b>  |  |
| Epidermal ridges form on toes and soles of feet                | Myelination of spinal cord begins                    |
| Vernix caseosa begins to be deposited on skin                  | Sebaceous glands begin to function                   |
| Abdomen begins to fill out                                     | Thyroid-stimulating hormone is released by pituitary |
| Eyelids and eyebrows develop                                   | Testes begin to descend                              |
| Lanugo hairs cover most of body                                |  |
| <b>6 Months</b>  |  |
| Skin is wrinkled and red                                       | Surfactant begins to be secreted                     |
| Decidua capsularis degenerates because of reduced blood supply | Tip of spinal cord is at S1 level                    |
| Lanugo hairs darken  |  |
| Odor detection and taste occur                                 |  |
| <b>7 Months</b>  |  |
| Eyelids begin to open  | Sulci and gyri begin to appear on brain              |
| Eyelashes are well developed                                   | Subcutaneous fat storage begins                      |
| Scalp hairs are lengthening (longer than lanugo)               | Testes are descending into scrotum                   |
| Skin is slightly wrinkled                                      | Termination of splenic erythropoiesis occurs         |
| Breathing movements are common                                 |  |
| <b>8 Months</b>  |  |
| Skin is pink and smooth  | Regression of hyaloid vessels from lens occurs       |
| Eyes are capable of pupillary light reflex                     | Testes enter scrotum                                 |
| Fingernails have reached tips of fingers                       |  |
| <b>9 Months</b>  |  |
| Toenails have reached tips of toes                             | Larger amounts of pulmonary surfactant are secreted  |
| Most lanugo hairs are shed                                     | Ovaries are still above brim of pelvis               |
| Skin is covered with vernix caseosa                            | Testes have descended into scrotum                   |
| Attachment of umbilical cord becomes central in abdomen        | Tip of spinal cord is at L3                          |
| About 1 L of amniotic fluid is present                         | Myelination of brain begins                          |
| Placenta weighs about 500 g                                    |  |
| Fingernails extend beyond fingertips                           |  |
| Breasts protrude and secrete "witch's milk"                    |  |

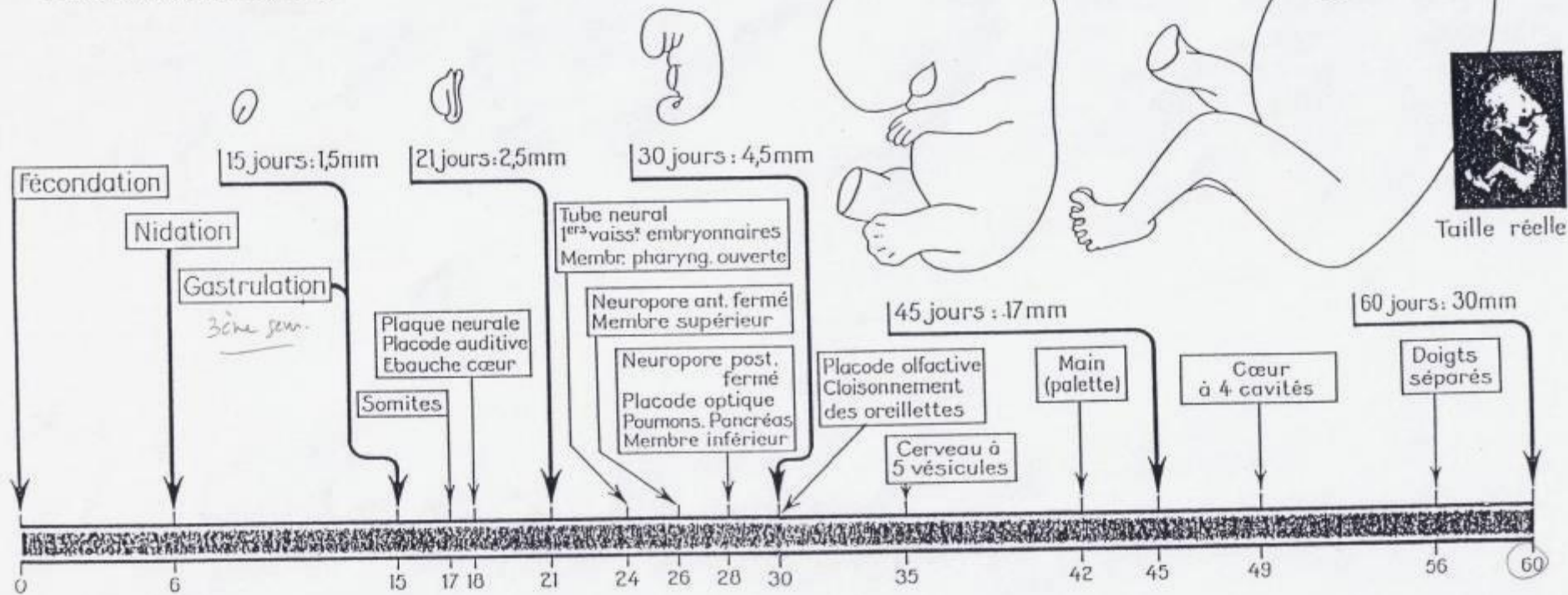


A la fin du 2<sup>e</sup> mois, l'embryon mesure environ 3 cm.

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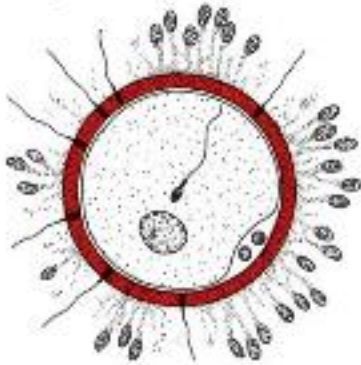
Malgré sa courte durée, la période embryonnaire est fondamentale puisque l'embryon acquiert sa forme presque définitive (*morphogénèse*) et édifie ses principales ébauches organiques (*organogénèse*). Pendant la longue période fœtale qui lui succède, les organes ne subiront pratiquement plus que des phénomènes de maturation à l'échelle histologique (*histogénèse*).



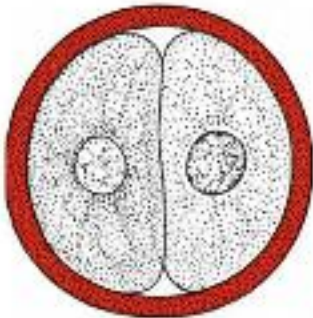
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Day 1 Fertilization



Day 2 Two-cell stage



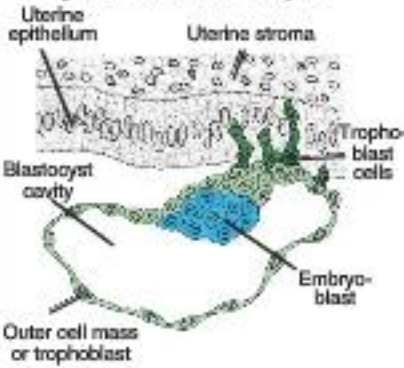
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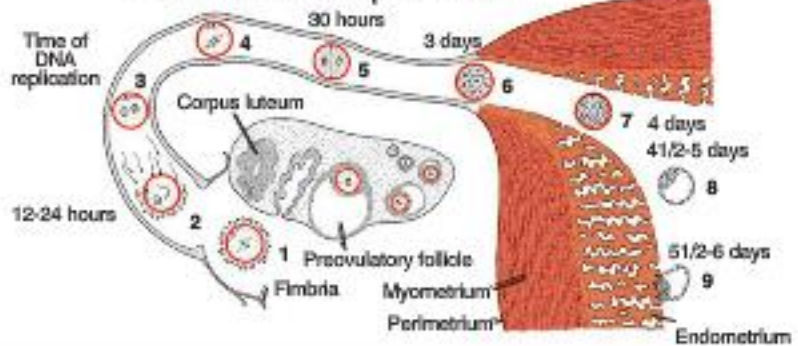
Day 4 Early blastocyst



Day 5 Late blastocyst

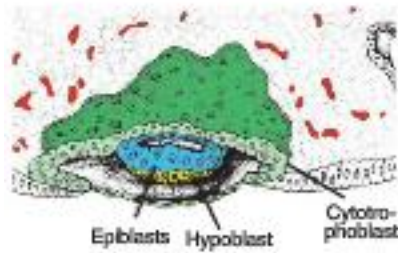


Day 6-7 Events during first week: Fertilization to implantation

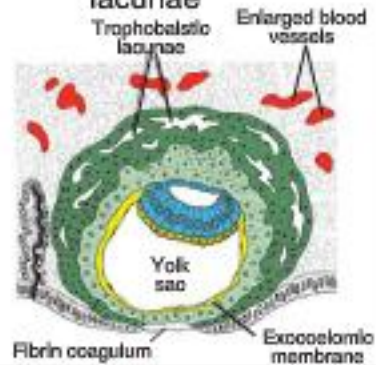


Development Week 1

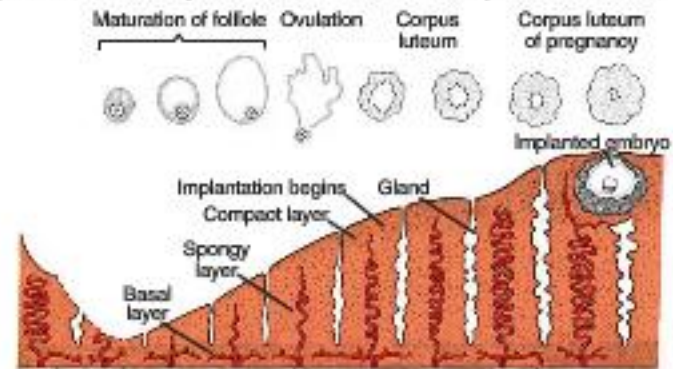
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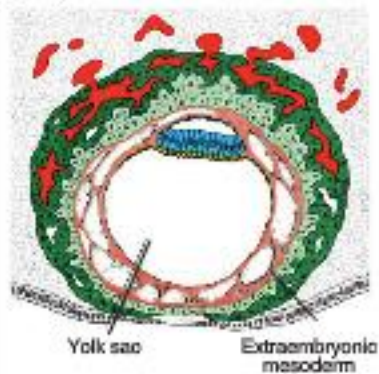
### Day 9 Trophoblast with lacunae



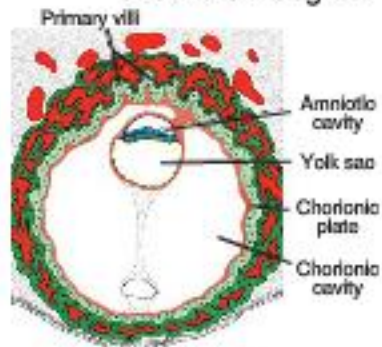
### Day 10-11 Embryo in uterus 10-11 days after ovulation



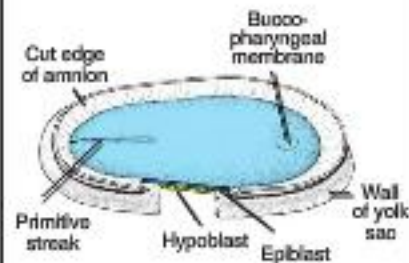
### Day 12 Fertilization



### Day 13 Uteroplacental circulation begins

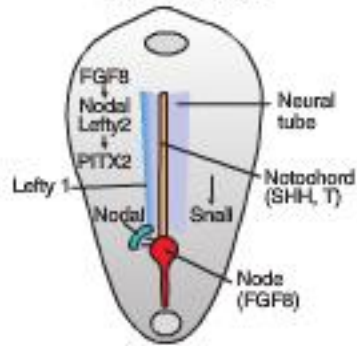


### Day 14 Embryonic disc: dorsal view

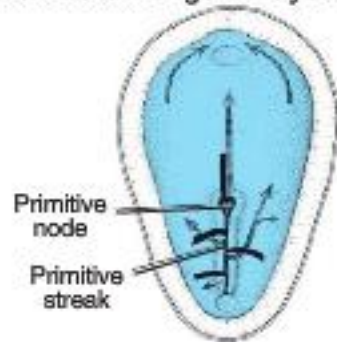


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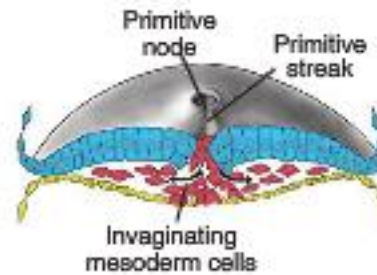
**Day 15** Laterality established



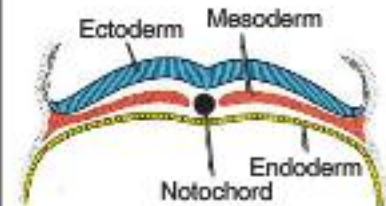
**Day 16** Gastrulation: Formation of germ layers



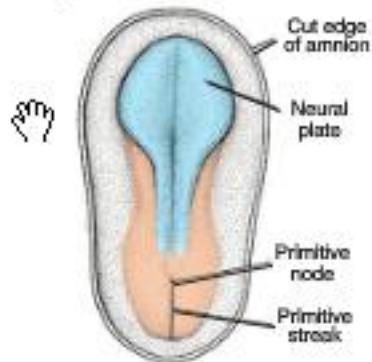
**Day 17** Epiblast forms germ layers



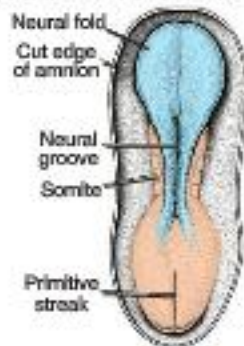
**Day 18** Trilaminar embryonic disc



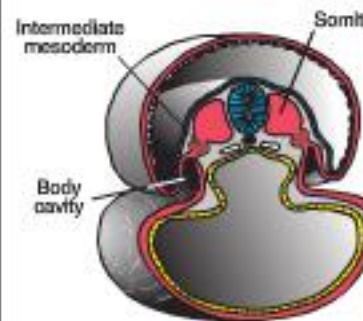
**Day 19** CNS induction



**Day 20** Neurulation: Neural folds elevate

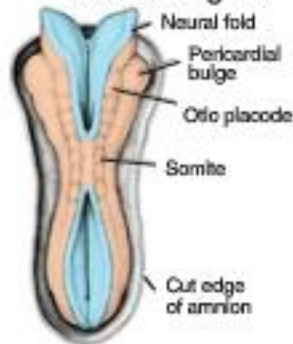


**Day 21** Transverse section through somite region

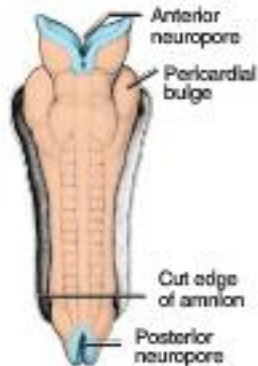


**Development  
Week 3**

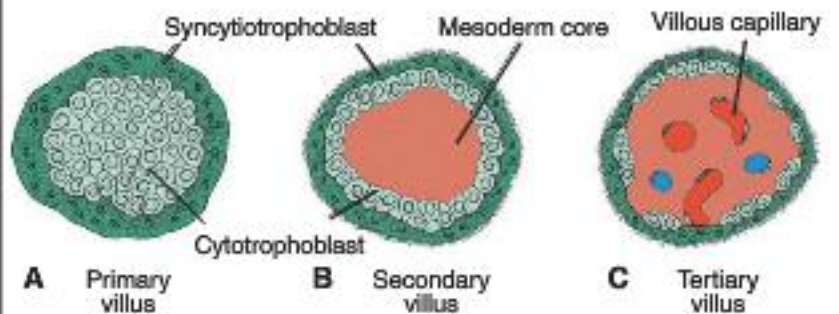
**Day 22 Neural tube closure begins**



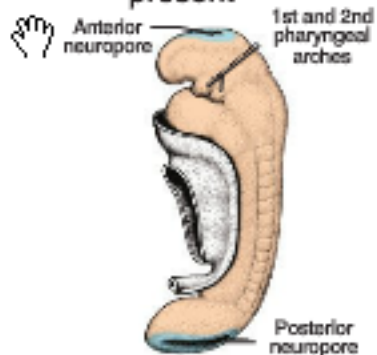
**Day 23 Neural tube zippers**



**Day 24-25 Villus formation continues in the placenta**



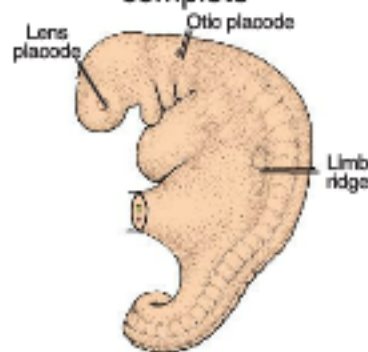
**Day 26 Pharyngeal arches present**



**Day 27**

| Approx. Age (Days) | No. of Somites |
|--------------------|----------------|
| 20                 | 1-4            |
| 21                 | 4-7            |
| 22                 | 7-10           |
| 23                 | 10-13          |
| 24                 | 13-17          |
| 25                 | 17-20          |
| 26                 | 20-23          |
| 27                 | 23-26          |
| 28                 | 26-29          |
| 30                 | 34-35          |

**Day 28 Neurulation complete**



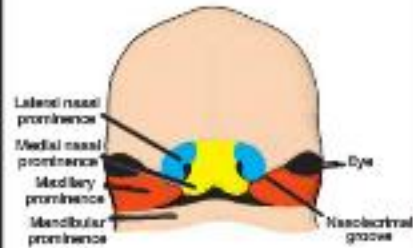
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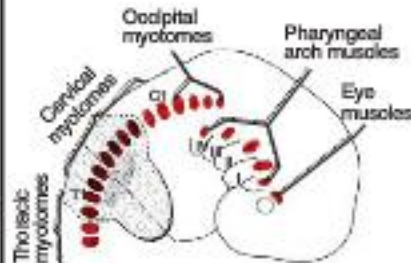
Day 36 Physiological umbilical hernia



Day 37 Developing face



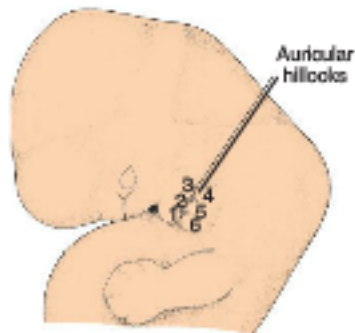
Day 38 Muscle development



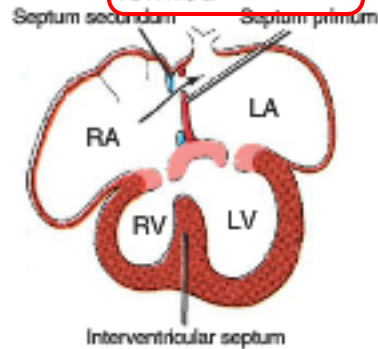
Day 39 Endodermal derivatives



Day 40 Auricular hillocks



Day 41 Atrial septum formed

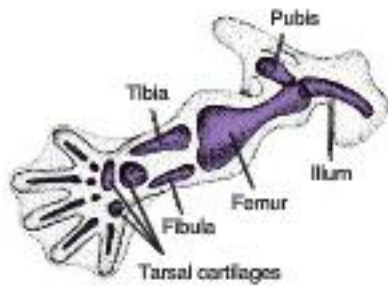


Day 42 Digit formation

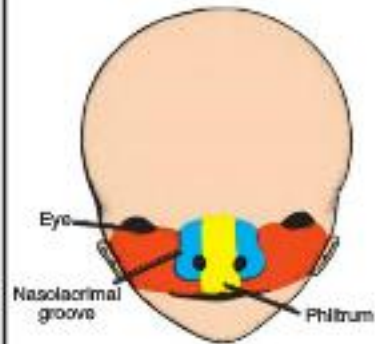


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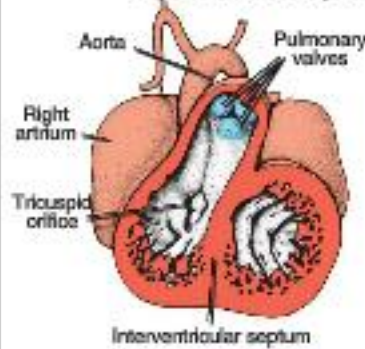
**Day 43** Limb cartilages and digital rays



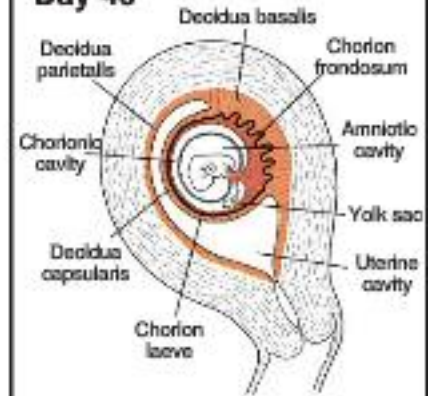
**Day 44** Developing face



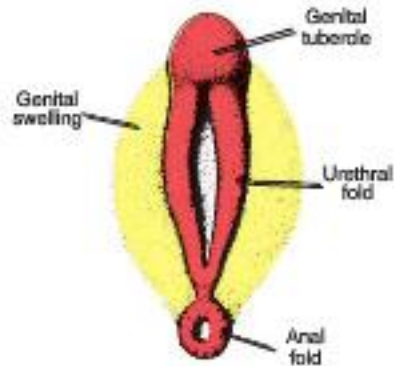
**Day 45** Conotruncal and ventricular septa



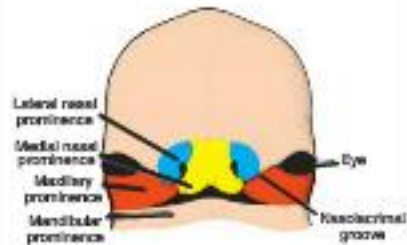
**Day 46**



**Day 47** External genitalia



**Day 48** Facial prominences fused



**Day 49** Digits present, eyelids forming



**Development Week 7**

TABLE 5.4 Summary of Key Events During the Embryonic Period

| Days  | Somites | Length (mm) | Figure             | Characteristic Features  |
|-------|---------|-------------|--------------------|--|
| 14-15 | 0       | 0.2         | 5.1 A              | Appearance of primitive streak   |
| 16-18 | 0       | 0.4         | 5.1 B              | Notochordal process appears; hemopoietic cells in yolk sac   |
| 19-20 | 0       | 1.0-2.0     | 5.2 A              | Intraembryonic mesoderm spread under cranial ectoderm; primitive streak continues; umbilical vessels and cranial neural folds beginning to form  |
| 20-21 | 1-4     | 2.0-3.0     | 5.2 B, C           | Cranial neural folds elevated, and deep neural groove established; embryo beginning to bend  |
| 22-23 | 5-12    | 3.0-3.5     | 5.5 A, B; 5.6; 5.7 | Fusion of neural folds begins in cervical region; cranial and caudal neuropores open widely; visceral arches 1 and 2 present; heart tube beginning to fold                                   |
| 24-25 | 13-20   | 3.0-4.5     | 5.8 A              | Cephalocaudal folding under way; cranial neuropore closing or closed; optic vesicles formed; otic placodes appear  |
| 26-27 | 21-29   | 3.5-5.0     | 5.8 B; 5.20 A, B   | Caudal neuropore closing or closed; upper limb buds appear; 3 pairs of visceral arches   |
| 28-30 | 30-35   | 4.0-6.0     | 5.8 B              | Fourth visceral arch formed; hindlimb buds appear; otic vesicle and lens placode   |
| 31-35 |         | 7.0-10.0    | 5.19               | Forelimbs paddle-shaped; nasal pits formed; embryo tightly C-shaped  |
| 36-42 |         | 9.0-14.0    | 5.21               | Digital rays in hand and footplates; brain vesicles prominent; external auricle forming from auricular hillocks; umbilical herniation initiated  |
| 43-49 |         | 13.0-22.0   | 5.23               | Pigmentation of retina visible; digital rays separating; nipples and eyelids formed; maxillary swellings fuse with medial nasal swellings as upper lip forms; prominent umbilical herniation |
| 50-56 |         | 21.0-31.0   | 5.24               | Limbs long, bent at elbows, knees; fingers, toes free; face more human-like; tail disappears; umbilical herniation persists to end of third month  |

**Table 5-1** Criteria for Estimating Developmental Stages in Human Embryos

| AGE (DAYS) | FIGURE REFERENCE           | CARNEGIE STAGE | NO. OF SOMITES | LENGTH (MM) <sup>*</sup> | MAIN EXTERNAL CHARACTERISTICS <sup>†</sup>   |
|------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------------------|--|
| 20–21      | 5-1A <sub>1</sub>          | 9              | 1–3            | 1.5–3.0                  | Flat embryonic disc. Deep neural groove and prominent neural folds. One to three pairs of somites present. Head fold evident.  |
| 22–23      | 5-8A<br>5-9A, <sub>B</sub> | 10             | 4–12           | 1.0–3.5                  | Embryo straight or slightly curved. Neural tube forming or formed opposite somites, but widely open at rostral and caudal neuropores. First and second pairs of pharyngeal arches visible.   |
| 24–25      | 5-8C<br>5-10               | 11             | 13–20          | 2.5–4.5                  | Embryo curved owing to head and tail folds. Rostral neuropore closing. Otic placodes present. Optic vesicles formed.   |
| 26–27      | 5-8D<br>5-11               | 12             | 21–29          | 3.0–5.0                  | Upper limb buds appear. Rostral neuropore closed. Caudal neuropore closing. Three pairs of pharyngeal arches visible. Heart prominence distinct. Otic pits present.  |
| 28–30      | 5-8E<br>5-12               | 13             | 30–35          | 4.0–6.0                  | Embryo has C-shaped curve. Caudal neuropore closed. Upper limb buds are flipper-like. Four pairs of pharyngeal arches visible. Lower limb buds appear. Otic vesicles present. Lens placodes distinct. Tail-like caudal eminence present. |
| 31–32      | 5-15<br>5-16               | 14             | ‡              | 5.0–7.0                  | Upper limbs are paddle shaped. Lens pits and nasal pits visible. Optic cups present.   |
| 33–36      |                            | 15             |                | 7.0–9.0                  | Hand plates formed; digital rays visible. Lens vesicles present. Nasal pits prominent. Lower limbs are paddle shaped. Cervical sinuses visible.  |
| 37–40      |                            | 16             |                | 8.0–11.0                 | Footplates formed. Pigment visible in retina. Auricular hillocks developing.   |
| 41–43      | 5-17                       | 17             |                | 11.0–14.0                | Digital rays clearly visible in hand plates. Auricular hillocks outline future auricle of external ear. Trunk beginning to straighten. Cerebral vesicles prominent.  |
| 44–46      |                            | 18             |                | 13.0–17.0                | Digital rays clearly visible in footplates. Elbow region visible. Eyelids forming. Notches between the digital rays in the hands. Nipples visible.   |
| 47–48      | 5-18                       | 19             |                | 16.0–18.0                | Limbs extend ventrally. Trunk elongating and straightening. Midgut herniation prominent.   |
| 49–51      | 5-19C                      | 20             |                | 18.0–22.0                | Upper limbs longer and bent at elbows. Fingers distinct but webbed. Notches between the digital rays in the feet. Scalp vascular plexus appears.   |
| 52–53      | 5-19                       | 21             |                | 22.0–24.0                | Hands and feet approach each other. Fingers are free and longer. Toes distinct but webbed.   |
| 54–55      |                            | 22             |                | 23.0–28.0                | Toes free and longer. Eyelids and auricles of external ears more developed.  |
| 56         | 5-20<br>5-21               | 23             |                | 27.0–31.0                | Head more rounded and shows human characteristics. External genitalia still have indistinct appearance. Distinct bulge still present in umbilical cord, caused by herniation of intestines. Caudal eminence (“tail”) has disappeared.    |

<sup>\*</sup>The embryonic lengths indicate the usual range. In stages 9 and 10, the measurement is greatest length; in subsequent stages, crown–rump measurements are given (see Fig. 5-20).

<sup>†</sup>Based on Nishimura et al (1974), O’Rahilly and Müller (1987), Shiota (1991), and Gasser (2004).

<sup>‡</sup>At this and subsequent stages, the number of somites is difficult to determine and so is not a useful criterion.