Functional Anatomy of Male Genital System

Accessory Genital Glands:

1) Vesicular Glands

- The vesicular glands are paired glands that are dorsocranial to the pelvic urethra.
- Do not store semen
- Open in the urethra through two separate openings.
- Responsible for secretion\produce large portion of ejaculate.
- Can be palpated clinically.
- In bull and ram seminal glands are lobulated, but in stallion they are elongated.



- Secretion of gland provide main medium & vehicle for spermatozoa.
- Contain high conc of fructose which supply energy to the sperm.
- Conc of citric acid, potassium &sodium play a role in maintaining the osmotic equileprium of semen.

2) Prostate

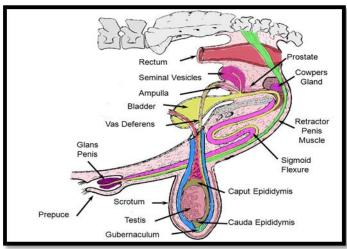
- Also named as urethral gland which cover dorsal part of pelvic urethra and completely enclosed by urethral muscle.
- Has two parts: Corpus (pars externa), and Disseminate(pars interna).
 - The first part (corpus) in which the prostate is outside of urethralis muscle and is visible as a heart-shaped (boar), or an H-shaped (stallion).
 - The second part: (Disseminate) in which glandular tissue distributed along the dorsal and lateral walls of pelvic urethra.
- Can be palpated clinically

- Function:

- High mineral content play a role in buffering action of seminal plasma.
- Secret clean pelvic urethra before ejaculation.

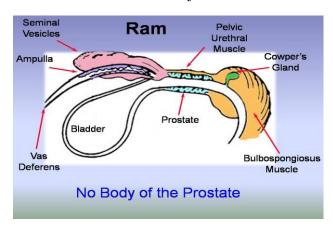
3) Bulbourethral (Coper's glands)

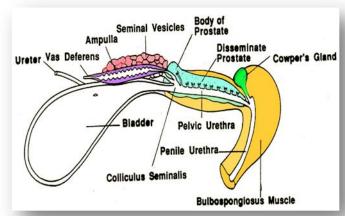
- It is paired of gland
- Cover pelvic urethra which lie close to ischial arch
- Under covered by bulbocavernous muscle .
- Can't be palpated

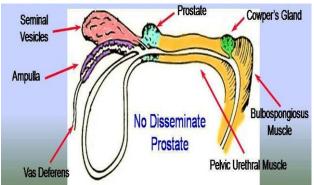


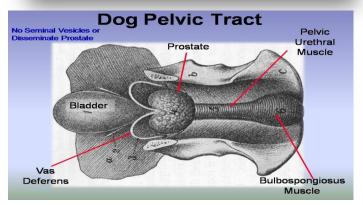
– Function :

 Viscid secretion may neutralize & clean extra pelvic urethra from toxic remnants of urine just before ejaculation.









Penis

The penis is composed of three parts: the root (where it attached ischial arch), the shaft (the main portion of penis), and the glans penis (specialized distal end).

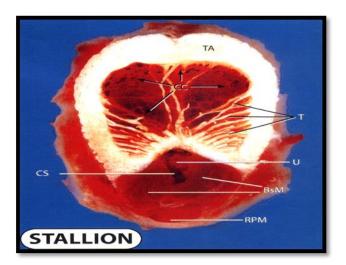
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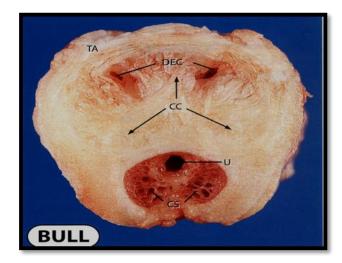
Fibro-elastic type

- The *sigmoid flexure* is an anatomical structure that provides a means by which the penis is held inside the sheath except during time of service.
- Strong retractor muscles hold the penis in the "S" shaped configuration.
- Occasionally these muscles are too weak to function properly and a portion of the penis and sheath lining protrude at all times. This exposes the male to the danger of injury and this characteristic should be avoided when selecting a herd bull.

Musclo-cavernous type

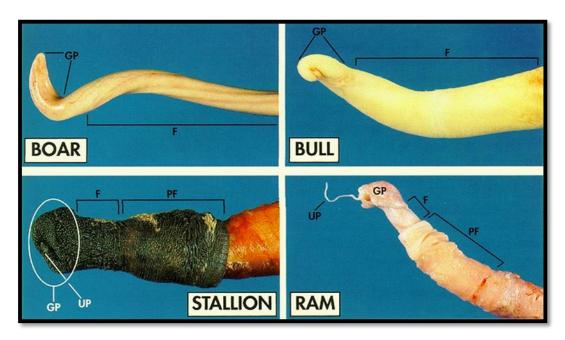
- The *penis* is the organ of insemination. Spongy-type material within the penis is filled with blood during sexual arousal, resulting in erection of the organ.
- The end of the penis is the glans penis and is richly supplied nerves, which are stimulated during copulation to induce ejaculation.





Glans penis:

The glans penis is heavily populated with sensory nerves, stimulation of glans penis is the primary factor initiating the mechanism of ejaculation.



Muscle associated with penis

1) Retractor penis muscle:

 A pair of smooth muscle originates from ventral surface of 1st few caudal vertebrae.

2) Ischiocavenosus m (IcM)

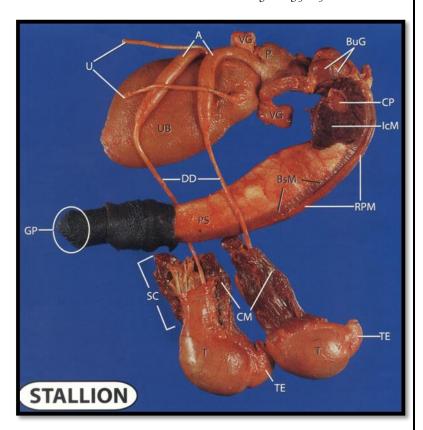
- Paired
- Root of penis

3) Urethralis

- Stritated m
- Surrounds pevlvic urethra

4) Bulbospongiosus (BsM)

- Overlaps root of penis
- Empties extra pelvic urethra



Erection

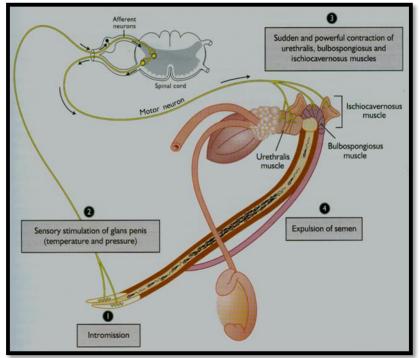
- ↑ arterial inflow
- Dilation corporal sinusoids
- ↓ venous outflow
- † intra-penile pressure
- Relaxation of retractor penis m.

Emission

Mixing of sperm and SP in pelvic urethra

Ejaculation

• Reflex expulsion of sperm and SP from male



Prepuce

- Penis of mammals is surrounded by skin only ventrally & laterally
- It is invagination of skin
- Preputial opening is a short distance behind navel.
- Preputial opening usually surrounded by long hairs.
- Prepuce offers protection to the free end of penis in non-erected state.
- The simplest form prepuce is single tube which opens to the exterior by the preputial ring of preputial orifice.
- In Stallion it is double form: the external prepuce open at preputial orifice while internal prepuce open within the cavity of external prepuce by an orifice which surrounded by preputial ring.
- In boars, stallion secretion of prepuce mixed with cast epithelial cells & bacteria (illsmilling odeur)know as "Smegma"