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Oogenesis

In women the formation of egg cells starts well before birth. The oogonia turn into oocytes I which undergo meiosis I.

This process is interrupted at prophase and continues when the woman hits puberty. An egg is released each month and if fertilized it finished its meiotic divisions. This process only lasts until menopause.

After menopause a woman cannot conceive anymore as the menstrual activity has ceased.