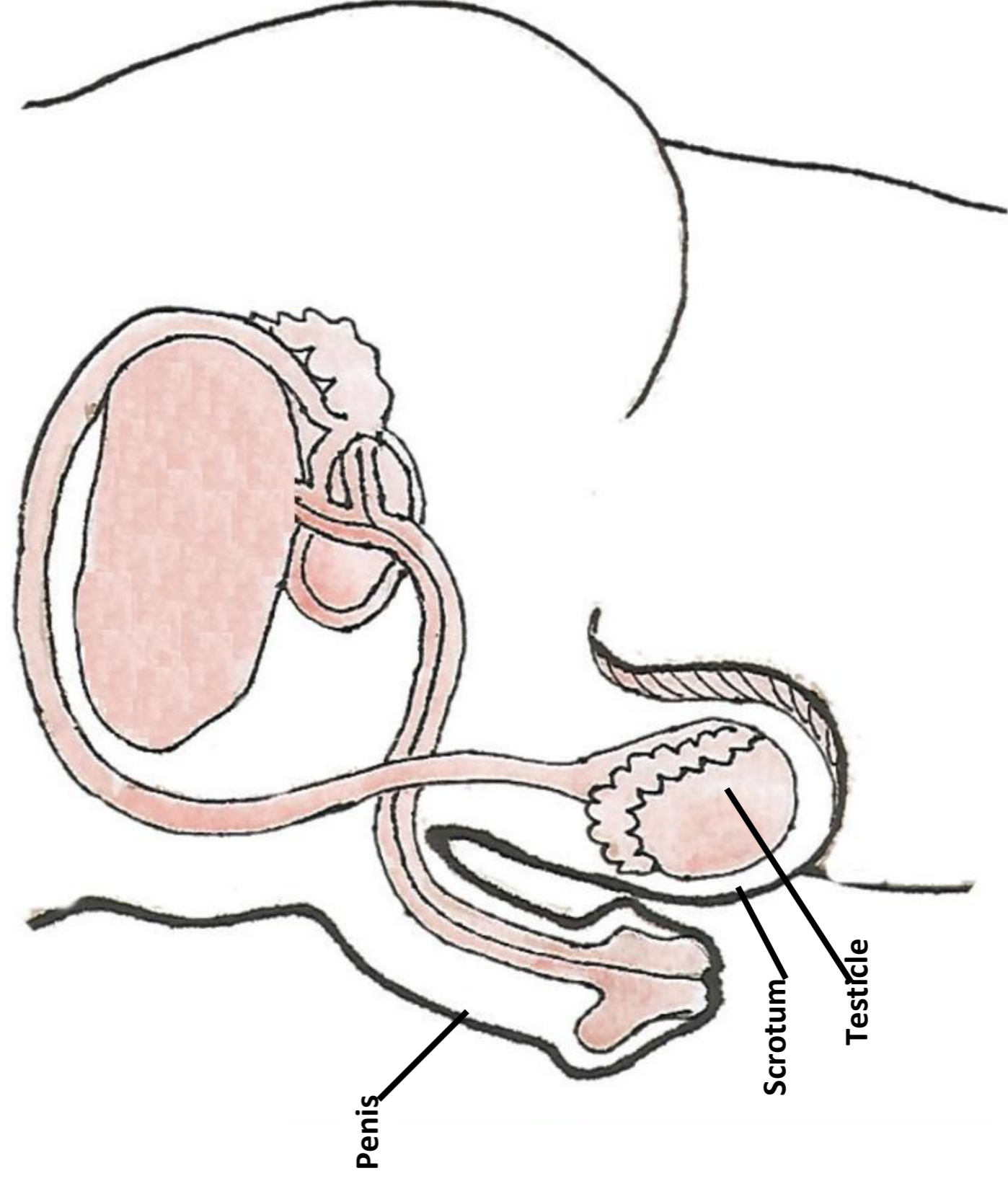


# Male Reproductive Organs



## Male Reproductive Organs and Male Fertility

- The penis is a tubular organ that fills with blood during arousal, making sexual intercourse possible.
- The scrotum is the sac that hangs below the penis and holds the testicles.
- The testicles produce sperm. Sperm are released when a man ejaculates.
- If a man's sperm meet a woman's egg, she can become pregnant.
- A boy becomes fertile, or able to make a girl pregnant, during puberty when he has his first ejaculation.
- A man is fertile every day – that is, he can always produce sperm that could make a woman pregnant if the sperm meets with a woman's egg.
- A man's sperm determine the sex of a baby. Some sperm carry a chromosome which creates a girl baby, while other sperm carry a chromosome which creates a boy baby. The man and woman cannot do anything to influence whether a baby will be a boy or girl.