Reproductive System:
Female Anatomy — Definitions

Anus  The outlet of the rectum lying in the fold between the buttocks. The opening at the end of the anal canal.

Cervix  The part of the uterus that protrudes into the cavity of the vagina.

Clitoris  A small genital organ whose function is one of sexual pleasure.

Endometrium  The inner lining of the uterus, which is partially shed during menstruation.

Labia majora  The larger outer pair of skin folds that enclose the vulva.

Labia minora  The smaller inner pair of skin folds that enclose the vulva.

Ovaries  The pair of organs that store and release egg cells and produce estrogen.

Fallopian tubes  Each tube serves as a passage through which an ovum (egg) is carried from the ovary to the uterus. The place where the sperm and egg meet to create a baby (fertilization).

Rectum  The lower part of the large intestine.

Urethra  A tube leading from the bladder that carries urine out of the body. It’s opening lies in the vulva between the vagina and the clitoris.

Bladder  The organ that holds urine.

Uterus  A pear-shaped hollow organ with muscular walls where a fertilized egg becomes embedded and the fetus develops.

Vagina  A hollow, muscular, tunnel-like structure that forms the passageway between the cervix and vulva.

Vulva  The “outside” or external sex organs.