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Q What happens to semen after it is ejaculated in the vagina and anus?

A. In both the anus and vagina, some of the ejaculate may drip out in the next few hours after sex, but the majority of it is absorbed into the body.

In the vagina, semen travels up the vaginal canal, through the cervix, into the uterus, and to the fallopian tubes. Semen is made up of water, fructose (a type of sugar) as well as secretions from the prostate, testes, glands, and of course, sperm. Keep in mind that sperm's sole mission is to fertilize an egg. They can live up to 5 days inside the body, depending on their condition. If sperm don't reach an egg within that time, they die. Stress, an unhealthy diet or weight, drug use, altitude, and radiation can all affect the quality of sperm.

There are over 100 million sperm in one ejaculation, and of those 100 million, only about 50 will reach an egg. Penetrating an

egg can be difficult since it has a thick outer lining. Experts think this is nature's way of having the healthiest and most fit sperm be the one that fertilizes the egg, increasing the chances of a healthy baby.

Remember, semen and vaginal secretions are bodily fluids that can carry infections. The best way to protect you and your partner(s) from many STIs, HIV, and pregnancy (if having vaginal sex) is to use a condom each and every time you have sex. Need condoms? Stop by Free Condom Friday every Friday during the school year from 12pm-2pm in Health Promotion (3rd Floor, NE corner of Campus Health) for a sample pack that includes some of the condoms available at the CHS Pharmacy.



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