



A follicle matures by growing layers of follicular cells and a central fluid-filled vesicle. The vesicle contains the maturing ovum. At ovulation, the follicle ruptures and the ovum is released into the oviduct. The follicle develops into a corpus luteum. If pregnancy does not occur, the corpus luteum starts to degenerate after about 10 days. Note that the follicle does not migrate around the ovary, as shown here for clarity, but goes through all the stages in one place.