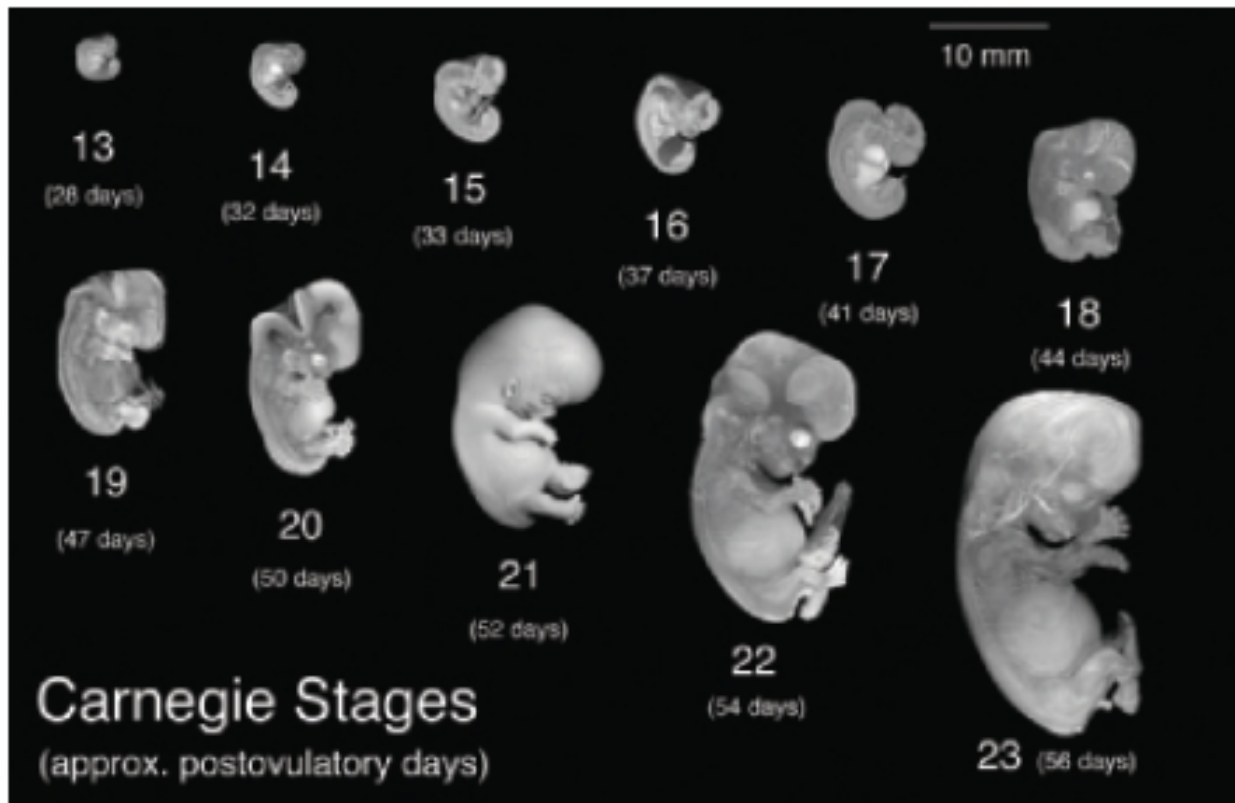


<b>CHAPTER 15</b>	<b>Carnegie Stages</b>	<b>BLM 15.1.7</b>
<b>OVERHEAD</b>		



During the first eight weeks (56 days) after ovulation, the appearance of various internal and external features may be used to describe the development of the embryo. The eight weeks are divided into 23 embryonic stages, also known as Carnegie stages. Embryologists use the Carnegie stages to make statements about development that are more specific than reference to size or age allow, since the moment of conception cannot be determined precisely.