

## PROSTATE

The prostate is a male gland surrounding the urethra, between the bladder and the penis. It secretes seminal fluid, which is almost the entire component of semen; the sperm cells are only a minute part. Adjacent to it are seminal reservoirs, which when full contribute to sexual desire, and when empty diminish it. Muscles around the prostate play a key role in the sensations of orgasm.

It seems to have been as a result of treatment of prostate disorders that its function in the male sexual cycle was discovered. It is the prostate, not the testicles, that is necessary for ejaculation. It was discovered that the screening procedure of palpation (feeling) of the prostate by a finger inserted in the rectum could be surprisingly pleasurable. Part of the pleasure of anal intercourse, for the male recipient, lies in the stimulation the penis provides to the prostate. The prostate may also play a role in the pleasure produced by other anal practices such as handballing and enemas. Direct anal stimulation of the prostate with a finger or a toy which cannot cut, scratch, or get "lost" can produce orgasm in men.

The Grafenberg or G-spot in women, located on the upper wall of the vagina, is anatomically related to the prostate, and women report that stimulation of it can be especially pleasurable.

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