

The Uterine Cycle

* Is controlled by the Ovarian Cycle.

1. Menstruation starts the cycle (Days 1-6) - endometrium (lining of the uterus) sloughs off and is released.
2. Estrogen released by the oocyte early in the ovarian cycle stimulates growth of endometrium, (so it thickens again in preparation for pregnancy). (Ovulation ~ 14 days)
3. Progesterone produced the Corpus Luteum causes the endometrial lining to become even thicker. If no implantation occurs → no more progesterone → endometrium breaks down (menstruation!) → cycle starts over.]*