

# SEXPLORATIONS

## Genital Anatomy Pt 1

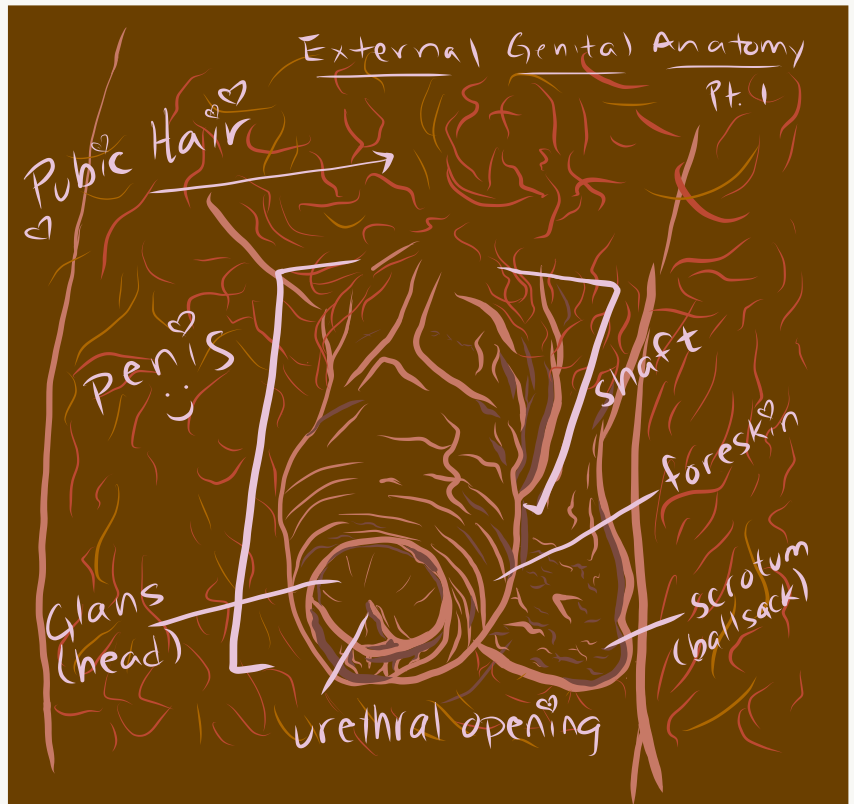
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**Pubic Hair:** acts as a protective buffer between bodies during sexual intimacy. It also helps reduce friction.

### Penis

- **Shaft:** contains the erectile tissue that helps the penis become hard during arousal.
- **Glans (head):** often the most sensitive part of the penis
- **Foreskin:** not everyone has a foreskin, but the foreskin can help protect the sensitive head of the penis as well as keep things from getting into the urethral opening.
- **Urethral Opening:** where urine and semen exit the body

**Scrotum (Ballsack):** The scrotum helps to regulate the temperature of the testicles. When the body is hot, the scrotum will lower the testicles away from the body and when it's cold the scrotum will keep the testicles closer to the body.



## ASK A SEX EDUCATOR

Question: I don't like using the word "Penis." Can I call it something else?



**Answer:** Yes! You absolutely can. There are a bunch of reasons people have for choosing other words for their genitals. For some, the language used to describe their bodies might not feel affirming of their gender. For others, the standard names for body parts might feel too clinical.

Good news! The world has come up with A LOT of alternate words for genitals. You can try out some other options or create your own words for your body!

The only time it might be useful to use their "standard" terms is when you're talking with someone in a medical setting about medical needs.