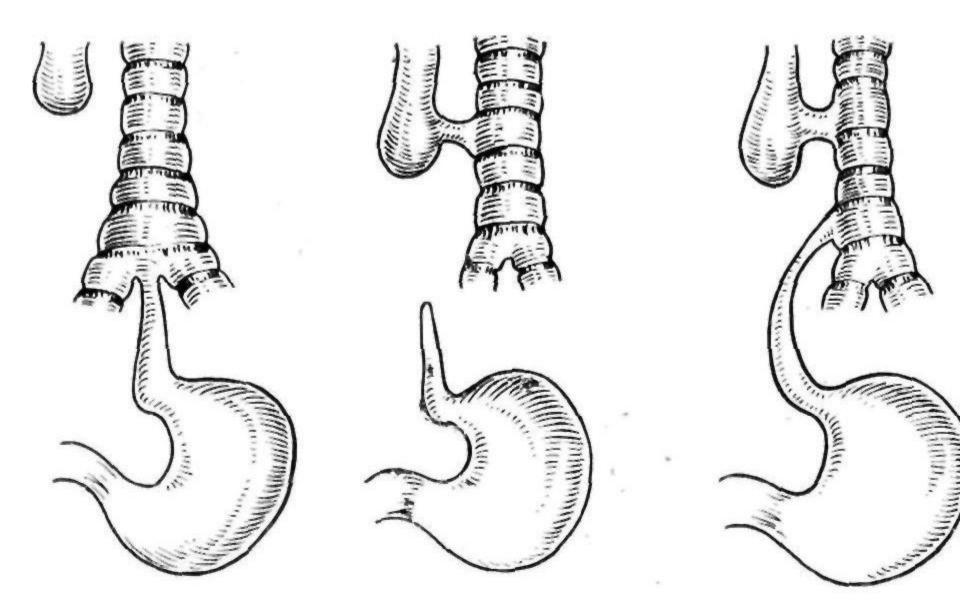
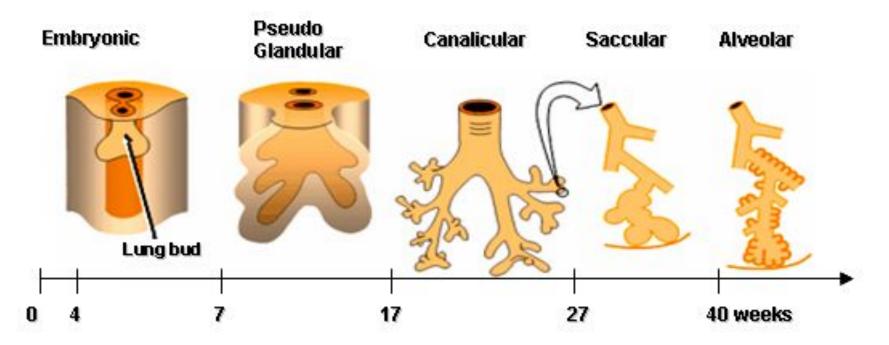


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The stages of pulmonary development



5 Weeks		Table 14	- Stages of Lung Development
(primary bronchi)	Time		
Visceral	period	Stage	Notes
mesoderm	Weeks	Pseudoglandu	Developing lungs resemble an exocrine
Esophagus	5 – 17	lar	gland. Respiration is not possible. Fetuses born during this period cannot
• ~			survive.
6 Weeks	Weeks 16 – 25	Canalicular	Terminal bronchioles divide and primitive alveolar sacs (terminal sacs) develop. Some respiration may be possible towards
mesoderm			the end of this stage. Fetuses born
Right \sim \sim \sim \sim \sim \sim \sim			towards the end of this period (weeks
lobar bronchi			22-25) can survive if given intensive
\sim // (()) lobar			care but often die anyway.
S (S bronchi		Terminal sac	Many more alveoli develop, and the
	24 –		epithelium lining the terminal sacs become
	birth		thin enough to allow respiration. Type I and
			Type II pneumocytes develop. Type II
			pneumocytes begin producing pulmonary surfactant , which counteracts surface
			tension and facilitates expansion of the
			terminal sacs at birth. Fetuses born after
			24 weeks may survive, and those born
			after 32 weeks have a good chance of
			survival.
	Birth – year 8	Alveolar	Respiratory bronchioles, terminals, alveolar ducts continue to increase in number

