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Lactation: Hormonal mechanism in lactation; Lactogenesis, Galactopoeisis, Milk ejection.

Reproductive Senescence: Hormonal and metabolic aspects in menopause; Mechanisms in males.

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Books Recommended

- 1. Knobil, E. and Neill, J.D., *et al.*, 1994. The Physiology of Reproduction, Vol.1and2; 2nd Ed., Raven Press, New York.
- 2. Wilson, J.D., Foster, D.W., Kronenberg, H.M. and Larsen, P.R., 1998. William's Textbook of Endocrinology, 9th Ed., W.B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia.
- 3. Evert, B.J. and Johnson, M.H., 2000. Essential Reproduction, 5th Ed.. Blackwell Science Inc., Oxford.
- 4. White B, Porterfield S. Endocrine and reproductive physiology: Mosby physiology monograph series (with student consult online access). Elsevier Health Sciences; 2012 Oct 30.
- 5. Schillo KK. Reproductive physiology of mammals: from farm to field and beyond. Delmar Publishers; 2009.

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