**Infertility & Sterility Notes**

*Infertility* – trouble getting pregnant

*Sterility* – not able to become pregnant (permanent)

Reasons:

Males:

* low sperm count
* decreased testosterone levels
* injury
* mumps
* blockage – from trauma or infection
* vasectomy (surgical cutting of vas deferens) text pg. 513
* psychological factors

Females:

* inability to produce eggs
* stress
* rigorous activity (sports training)
* breast feeding (sometimes)
* blockage – cervix or fallopian tubes
* inability to carry an embryo
* tubal ligation (text. pg. 523)
* hysterectomy (removal of uterus)
* oophectomy (removal of ovary)