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Gonadal Cord

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Fingerlike structures arising from the epithelium of the embryonic genital ridge that form the indifferent gonads, which consist of two different regions: an outer cortical region and an inner medullary region. After sexual differentiation, they become the testis cords in males, and the cortex regresses; in females they become the cortical cords, and the medulla regresses.