

# THIS IS NOT A VAGINA

an Anatomy Primer from **Girlology®**

“Vagina” is not a catchall term for ALL the parts that exist in the magical space between a female’s legs, but it’s just ONE part (albeit an important one) of the anatomy that makes up the **VULVA** - which IS the catchall term for all those parts. So PLEASE stop calling vulvas vaginas. Here’s the truth.

Just like **THIS** is not a NOSTRIL,  
it’s a FACE  
**THIS** is not a VAGINA,  
it’s a **VULVA**



## HERE ARE THE PARTS OF THE **VULVA**

**MONS** - The mons is the soft, fatty pad over the pubic bone. It’s the first place that pubic hair will grow when a girl is going through puberty.

**LABIA MAJORA** - There are two of them and they are the “big flaps” or “lips” that begin at the bottom of the mons and extend between the legs. Pubic hair will also grow on the outside of the labia majora. The inside of the labia majora have a different type of skin called mucosa which is pink and does not grow hair. The labia majora are padded. They cover and protect other sensitive parts of the vulva.

**CLITORIS** - This is the bump that sits just inside the top of the labia majora. On the outside, you can only see the bump, but there’s a lot more to it under the surface of the vulva. It is packed full of nerve endings which makes it super sensitive to touch. Most interestingly, the clitoris is the only organ that exists just for creating pleasure (yes, it’s ok for you to touch or rub it, and yes that should feel good - just please keep it a private activity).

**URETHRA** - This is the opening just below the clitoris where urine comes out. It is usually uncomfortable if touched.

**LABIA MINORA** - These are the flaps or lips that are inside the labia majora. They are thinner and not as padded, and they can be big or small. Up until puberty, they are very small, but during puberty, they grow and become larger and longer. Some females have smaller ones that stay inside the labia majora, and some have longer ones that stick out. There is no right or wrong way for them to look.

**VAGINAL OPENING** - This, and only this, is the VAGINA! It is the larger opening below the urethra. It’s where menstrual blood comes out and where babies come out. If you look at the vulva, you can only see the OPENING to the vagina. It actually takes everyone’s favorite tool, a speculum, to see the whole vagina in all its glory. That’s because the actual VAGINA is a longer tube-like structure that connects inside female parts to the outside (that’s how babies get out). It is covered in mucosa that helps it stay moist and healthy. It.does.not.have.any.hair!

**ANUS** - This is where poop comes out. It is NOT part of the VULVA (your anus is a gassy planet...get it? Uranus. lol).

Just like you have a FACE which is made up of many parts like eyebrows, eyes, nose, nostrils, lips, mouth, etc, Females have a VULVA which is made up of many parts, too.