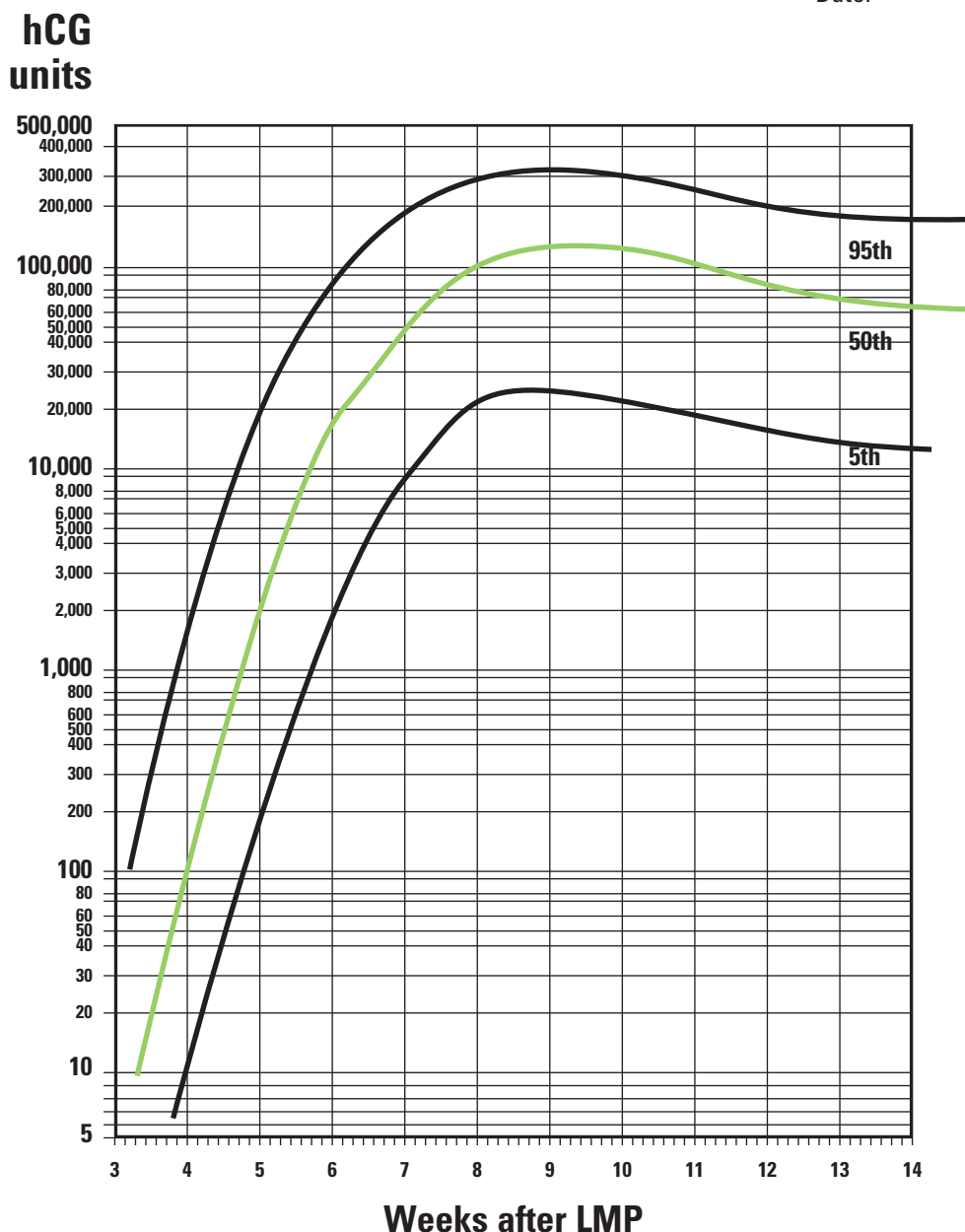


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hCG in normal pregnancy

The developing placenta begins producing hCG about 3 days after implantation.
The sequence of events is:

	<i>Gestation (Weeks)</i>	<i>Mean hCG (units)</i>
1st day LMP (last monthly period)	0	0
fertilisation	2	0
implantation	3	0
placenta produces measurable hCG	3½	10
1st day of missed periods	4	100
gestational sac becomes visible on ultra-sound	5	1,500
peak hCG level	9	120,000