documentation center for the biology of prenatal - chapter 8 nutrition and protection by 1 week cells of the inner cell mass form two layers called the hypoblast and epiblast. The hypoblast gives rise to the yolk sac, which is one of the structures through which the mother supplies nutrients to the early embryo. Cells from the epiblast form a membrane called the amnion. On day 43, within which the embryo and later the