Differences between Pseudophyllidean and Cyclophyllidean Tapeworms

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| Differenciating Feature | Pseudophyllidea | Cyclophyllidea |
| Scolex | Two sucking grooves (bothria) | Four muscular suckers (acetabula) |
| Genital pore | Center of each proglottid | Margin(s) of each proglottid  On both sides in an irregular pattern (*Taenia* spp);  All on same side(*Hymenolepis* spp);May have a pore on each side (*Dipylidium caninum*) |
| Uterine pore | Center of proglottids on ventral surface | Absent; uterus ends blindly |
| Uterus(gravid) | Relatively long, coiled | Saclike, highly branched |
| Eggs | Operculate | Non-operculated |
| Oncosphere | Ciliated (coracidium) | Non-ciliated |
| Larvae | Procercoid & plerocercoid; both forms solid | Cysticercoid, cysticercus, hydatid; all forms cystic |