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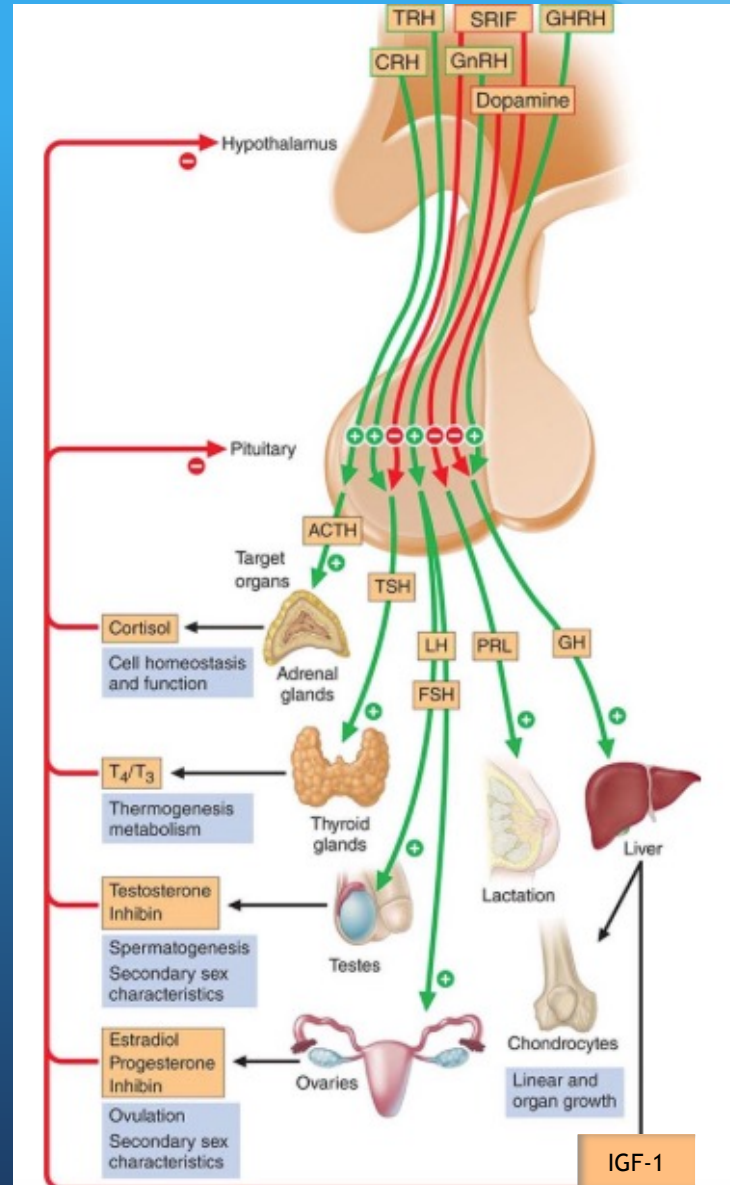
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# Pituitary Gland

**Inhibitory hormones:**  
SRIF: Somatostatin  
Dopamine



# Hypopituitarism

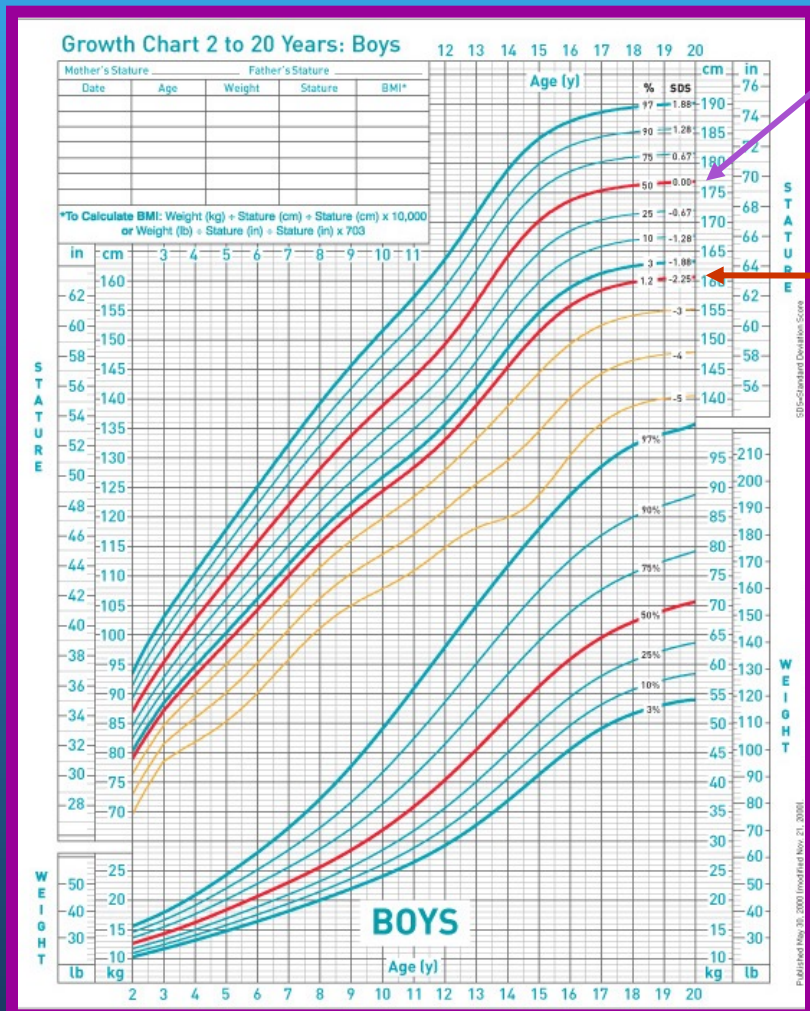
- Congenital defects with hypopituitarism
  - Midfacial anomalies: **solitary incisor**, cleft lip or palate (4% growth hormone deficiency)
  - Empty sella syndrome: congenital or secondary to surgery or radiation. **Craniopharyngioma** most common tumor to cause it
  - Ectopic pituitary gland: Isolated growth hormone deficiency or panhypopituitarism

# Clinical Signs of Classical GH Deficiency

- Infancy
  - Hypoglycemia
  - Micropenis
  - Prolonged jaundice
- Childhood
  - Growth deceleration after 2 years of age
  - “Cherubic” facial appearance
  - Delayed dentition
  - Retained “baby fat”
  - Central adiposity; “ripply” abdominal fat
  - Delayed gross motor development
- Teen years
  - Delayed puberty
  - Young appearance for age



# Short Stature



Average US adult heights:

Male 5' 9.4"

Female 5' 4.2"

-2.0 SDS adult heights:

Male 5' 3.6"

Female 4' 11.1"

(1 SD = ~3")

Short stature = below -2 SDS

# Short Stature Standard Initial Laboratory Investigations

- Chemistry
- Blood count, CRP or sedimentation rate
- Thyroid function tests
- Antibodies for celiac disease
- IGF-I, IGFBP-3. **Do not order random growth hormone**
- Karyotype for girls (and boys when indicated clinically)

# Causes of short stature

## Non-pathogenic (most common)

Constitutional delay of growth and puberty

Familial short stature (males are 5 inches taller than females on average)

Nutritional

## Intrauterine growth restriction

Syndromic—e.g., **Silver-Russell syndrome** (large head, triangular face, **clinodactyly of the 5<sup>th</sup> digits**).

Non-syndromic

## Systemic disorders

GI (celiac or IBD), cardiovascular disease, renal, respiratory, neurological, psychosocial

## Chromosomal and genetic causes

Turner, Noonan, Down syndrome, Skeletal dysplasias, Seckel, Prader-Willi, Rothmund-Thompson, Leri-Weill, Progeria, mucopolysaccharidoses

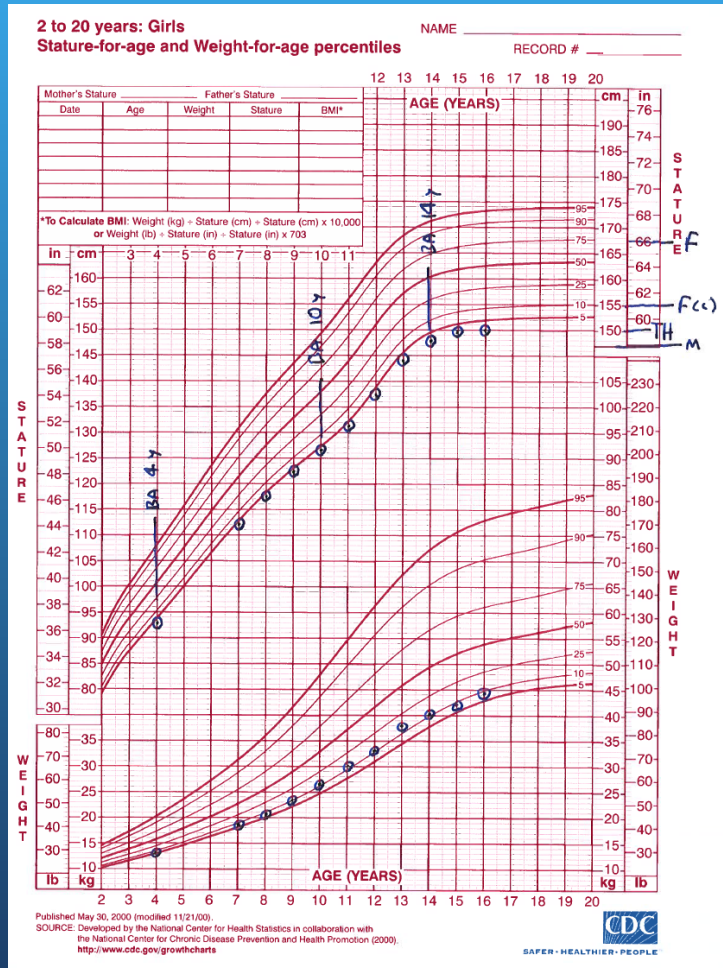


# Causes of Short Stature

## Endocrine causes

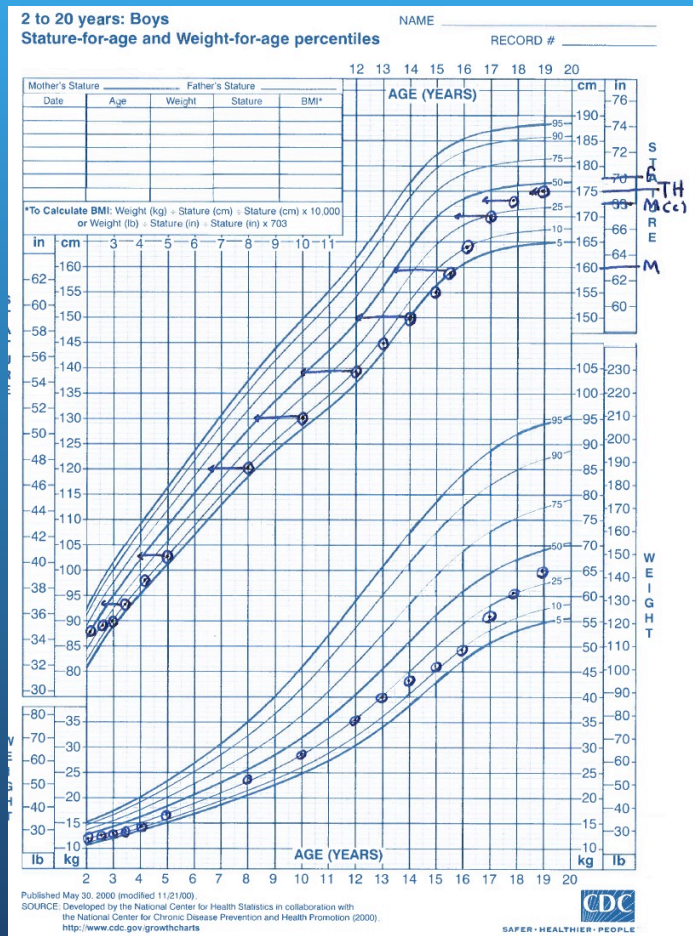
- Growth hormone deficiency (GHD); isolated or combined with other pituitary hormone deficiencies
- Hypothyroidism
  - Short with a goiter
  - **Precocious puberty** (Van-Wyk-Grumbach syndrome)  
(bone age is delayed in precocious puberty)
- Glucocorticoid excess (Cushing disease/syndrome):
  - **Decreased growth velocity and obesity** with hyperglycemia and/or hypertension

# Familial Short Stature



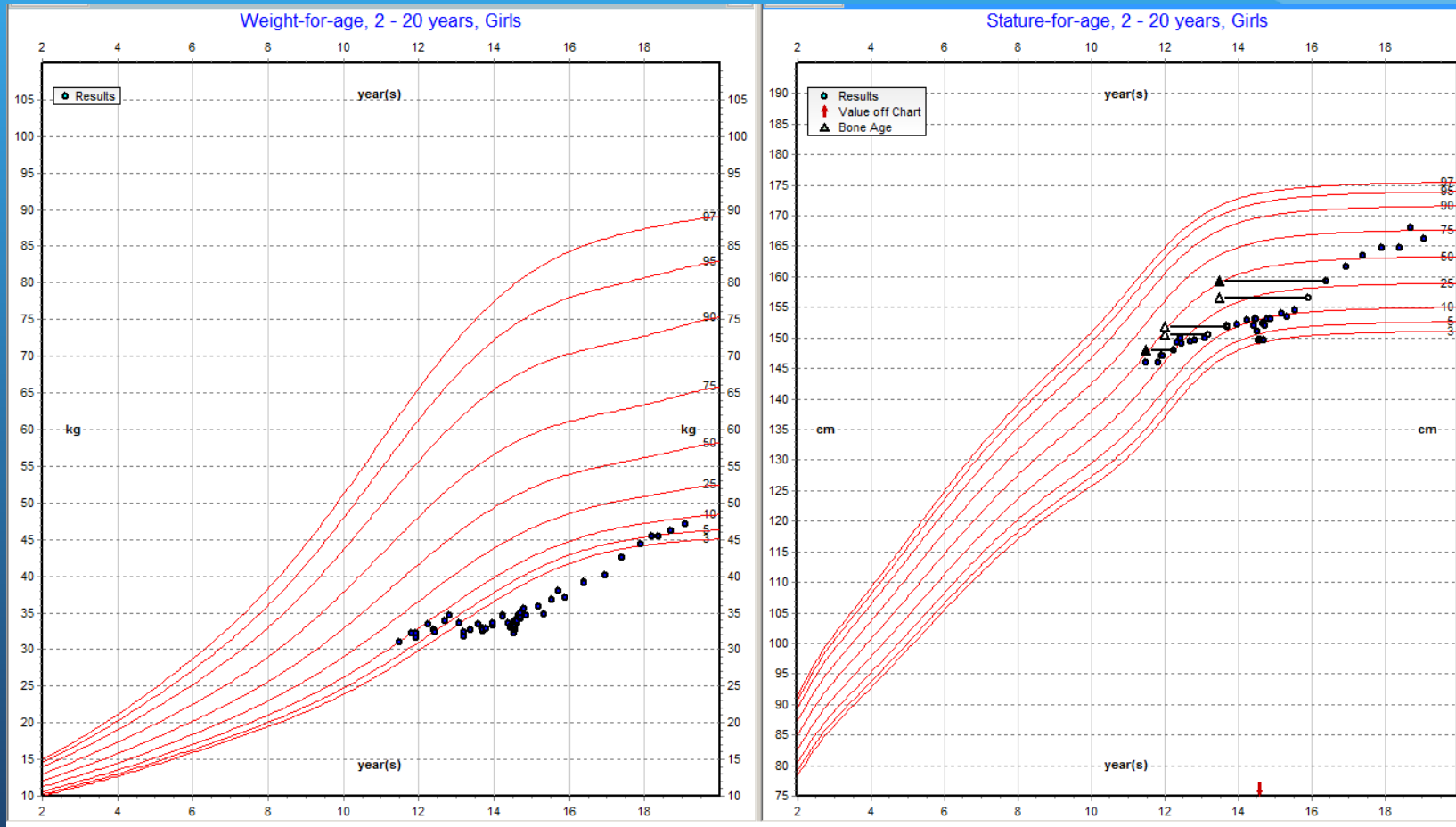
- Remember women are 5 in shorter than men
- Normal growth velocity
- No dysmorphism
- Bone age and chronological age are similar

# Constitutional Growth Delay

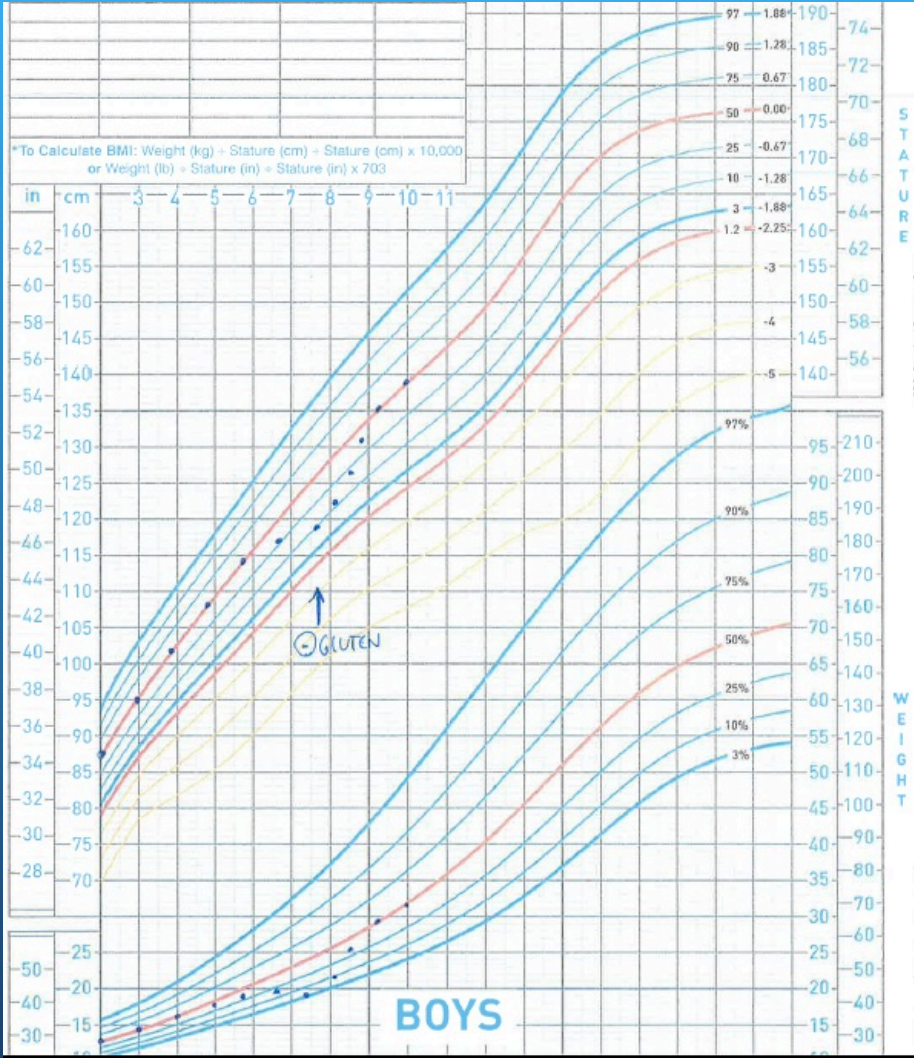


- One parent was a late bloomer (autosomal dominant)
- Drop off the growth chart during first 3 years of life
- Delayed bone age
- Normal growth velocity after age 3-4 years

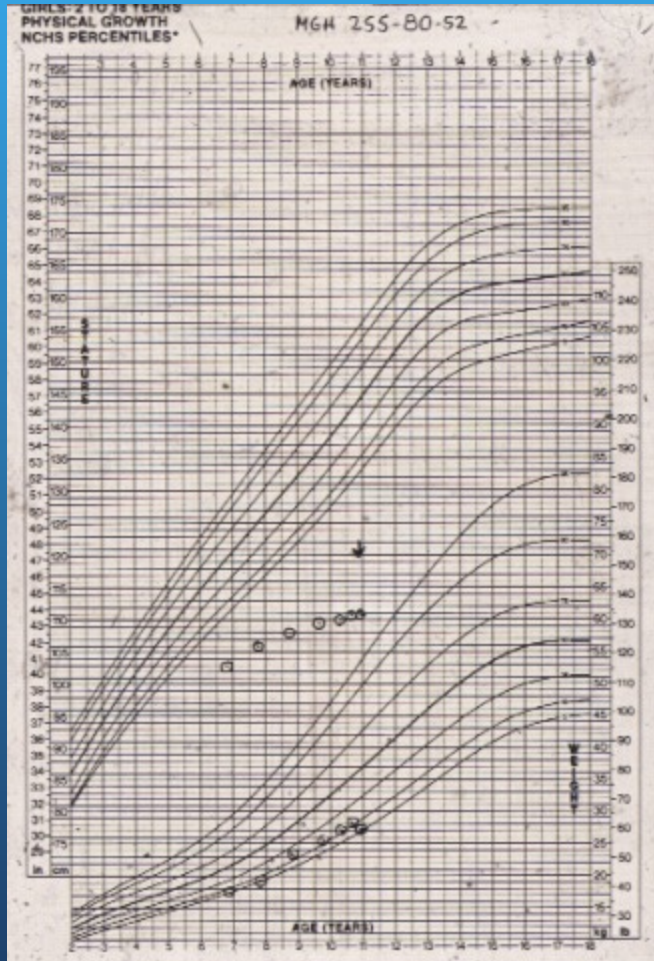
# Anorexia Nervosa/Crohn Disease



# Patient with Celiac Disease or Other GI Problem/Anorexia



# Secondary Growth Disorders (Hypothyroidism). GHD. If obesity: Cushing disease



# Treatment of Growth Hormone Deficiency

- Recombinant human growth hormone (hCG) 0.18-0.3 mg/kg/week SQ 7 days a week
- Continue until growth velocity < 1 inch per year and bone age >14 years in girl and >16 years in boys
- Side effects to monitor:
  - Slipped capital femoral epiphysis (SCFE)
  - Pseudotumor cerebri
  - Transient carbohydrate intolerance
  - Transient hypothyroidism
  - Scoliosis

# FDA Approved Indications for Growth Hormone Therapy

- Growth hormone deficiency (GHD)
- Idiopathic short stature (ISS)
  - Normal GH production, below 2.25 SD, and predicted adult height <2 SD below the mean
- Chronic renal insufficiency
- Turner syndrome and SHOX gene deficiency
- Prader-Willi syndrome (sleep studies before starting GH)
- Small for gestational age (SGA) if not caught up by 2 years
- Noonan syndrome
- Adults with GHD or AIDS-wasting syndrome



# Hyperpituitarism

- Primary overproduction of pituitary hormones is rare in children
  - **Prolactinoma: headaches, amenorrhea, and galactorrhea. Visual field defects.** Tx: cabergoline and bromocriptine
  - Gigantism and Acromegaly: coarse facies, large hands and feet. Hypogonadism is common. No GH suppression with glucose administration. Tx: surgery, somatostatin analogs, or pegvisomant (GH receptor antagonist)
  - Cushing disease: poor growth, obesity, hyperglycemia, purple striae, buffalo hump. Tx: surgery

# Temporal Sequence of Puberty (Girls)

- Thelarche (mean age 9-10 AA girls, 10-11 white girls)
- Pubarche: pubic hair (10.5-11.5 years)
- Growth spurt (11-12 years)
- Menarche (average age 12.5-13 years)
- After menarche girls grow 2-4 more inches

# Temporal Sequence of Puberty (Boys)

- Gonadarche (testicular volume  $>3$  cc and testicular length  $>2.5$  cc) and scrotal thinning (11-12 years)
- Pubarche: pubic hair (11.5-12.5 years)
- Growth spurt: peak between bone ages 12 and 14 years
- Spermarche at 13.5 years
- Change in voice (13.9 years)
- Facial and underarm hair

# Definition of Precocious Puberty

## Girls:

- Breast development: < 8 years
- Menarche before age <9-10 years
- Pubic Hair: < 8 years

## Boys:

- Testes > 2.5 cm length (>3 cc vol) before age 9 years
- Pubic hair before age 9 years

# Precocious Puberty

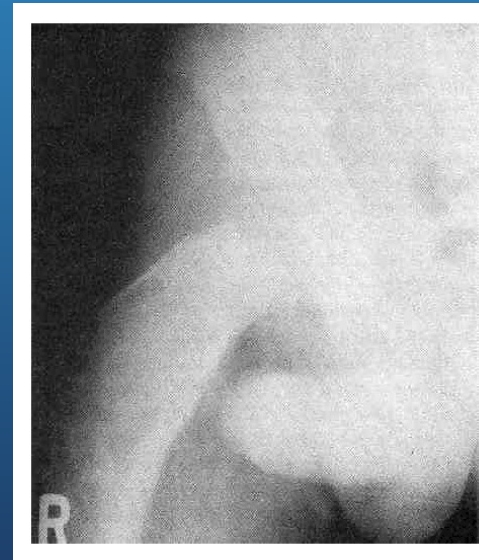
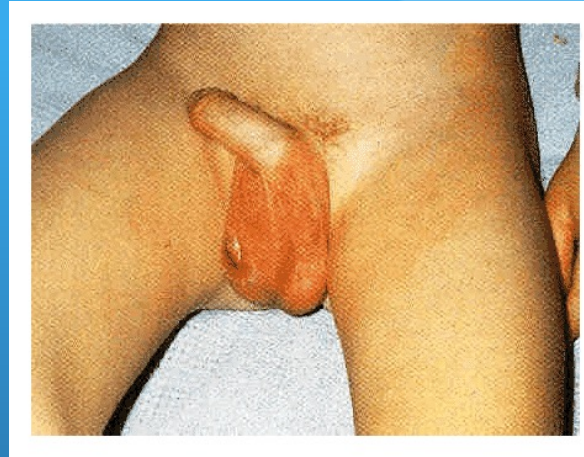
- Gonadotropin-dependent (Central)
- 4/5 of patients with PP
  - Idiopathic 60-90%
  - Between four to eight times more common in girls than boys
- In boys PP 30% have a pathologic cause: CNS pathology: order a brain MRI
- Precocious puberty occurs in 1-2,000/10,000 children.

# Precocious Puberty Etiology

## GnRH independent (Peripheral-always abnormal)

- Adrenal Causes : congenital adrenal hyperplasia, cortical tumors
- Gonadal Cause
  - McCune-Albright Syndrome (Isosexual)
    - Polyostotic fibrous dysplasia
    - Cafe au lait spots
    - Precocious Puberty
    - Associated with Hyperthyroidism, Cushing's Syndrome, acromegaly, rickets, etc
  - Tumor (Isosexual or Contrasexual): **testicular asymmetry or mass**

# McCune-Albright Syndrome



# Precocious Puberty Etiology

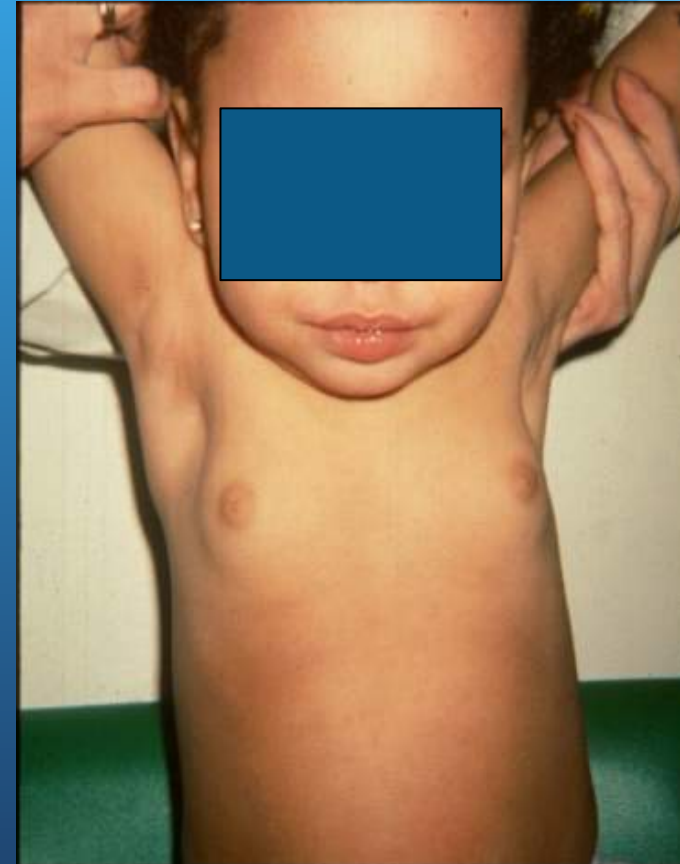
## Partial Sexual Development Causes

- Benign Premature Thelarche (first 6 months is almost always benign. Usually resolves by 2 years of age)
- Benign Premature Adrenarche (h/o SGA or obesity)
  - Isolated pubic hair (pubarche) develops under age 7-8 years in girls or 9 in boys
  - Apocrine axillary body odor

Normal growth velocity and bone age



# Premature Thelarche



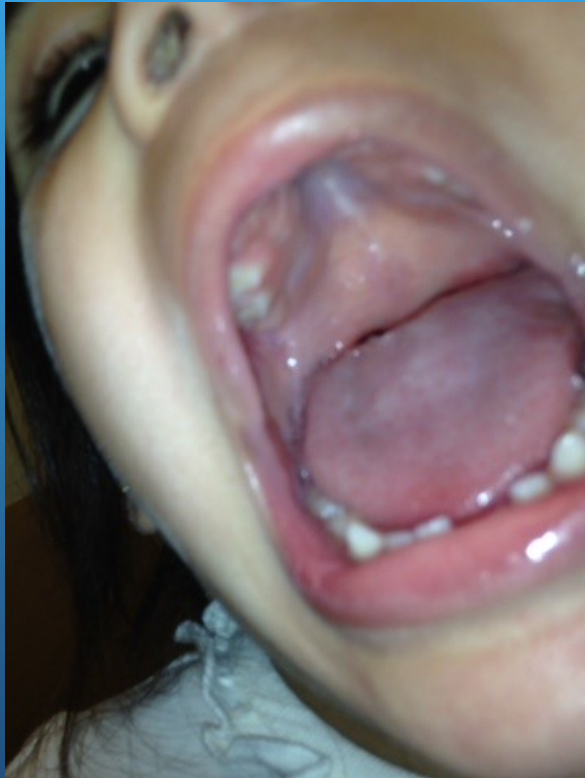
# Evaluation of Precocious Puberty

- Clinical history and physical (family history)
  - Testicular volume and scrotal thinning
  - Estrogenized vaginal mucosa: pink color
- Exogenous Sex Hormone sources
  - Androgens and Anabolic steroid
  - Oral Contraceptives
  - Estrogen or placental containing hair products
    - Common use in African American girls
    - Associated with breast or pubic hair development
- Paternal use of androgens (gels)
- Evaluate growth chart: growth acceleration
- Obtain a left wrist x-ray for bone age

# Laboratory Test for Precocious Puberty Evaluation

- LH (**central puberty >0.3 IU/L**) and FSH
- Estradiol Level (in girls)
- Dehydroepiandrosterone (DHEA) + DHEA-Sulfate
- Testosterone Level (in boys)
- Thyroid Stimulating Hormone (TSH)
- **Boys: Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (HCG)**
  - **Screen for gonadotropin secreting tumor**
- Consider GnRH Stimulation Test

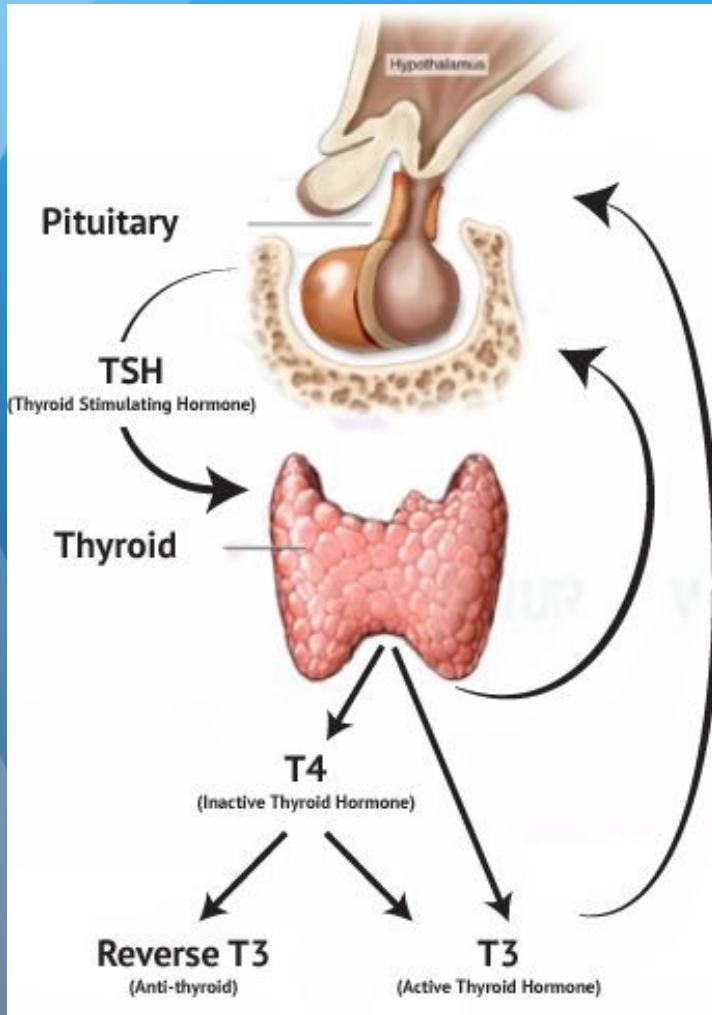
# Turner Syndrome



# Classification of Delayed Puberty and Sexual Infantilism

- Secondary Hypogonadism
  - Hypopituitarism: congenital or acquired lesions in hypothalamus or pituitary gland
  - Isolated deficiency of gonadotropins (males with micropenis: <2.5 cm)
    - With **anosmia/hyposmia: Kallmann syndrome** (kidney US)
    - Hypogonadotropic hypogonadism with olfaction
- Prader-Willi syndrome
- Laurence-Moon-Biedl/Bardet-Biedl syndrome: **retinitis pigmentosa, obesity**, low IQ, polydactyly, hypogonadism

# Thyroid Physiology



- At birth → TSH surge (peaks at 12 hours)
- Peak of T4 and T3 during the first day of life
- Newborn screening >48 hours
- Thyroid-binding globulin (TBG): one of the carrier proteins for thyroid hormone
  - ↑TBG (high T4): OCP, pregnancy, tamoxifen, clofibrate, narcotics, hepatitis
  - ↓TBG: androgens, glucocorticoids, nephrotic syndrome and TBG deficiency (X-linked)

# Evaluation of Congenital Hypothyroidism (CH)

- Newborn screening:
  - 2-5 days of life
  - T4 with “reflex” TSH, initial TSH (misses central hypothyroidism and CH in premature infants), combined T4/TSH
- Obtain confirmatory serum thyroid function tests before treatment is started
- **TSH between 9 and 25 mU/L and normal T4/fT4 can wait to start treatment** (first year of life TSH is normal up to 8-10 mU/L)
- **Low total T4 with normal TSH in a boy: TBG deficiency (1:3,000)**
- Thyroid radionuclide scan (does not show a gland if TBII) and/or a thyroid US may be performed. Do not wait for results to start treatment

# Congenital Hypothyroidism

- 1 in 2,500 newborns
- 2 x more common in girls than in boys
- Thyroid dysgenesis
  - Most common cause of congenital hypothyroidism
  - Includes agenesis, hypoplasia and ectopy
  - Most sporadic but few familial
  - May be associated with cardiac (ASD, VSD, and pulmonary stenosis) and kidney defects (order a renal US)
  - All infants with CH should undergo screening hearing test (20% neurosensory hearing deficit)



# Other Causes of Congenital Hypothyroidism

- Dyshormogenesis
  - Any step of the process of thyroid hormone production
  - All autosomal recessive
  - Goiter: also if mother was treated with PTU
  - Elevated thyroglobulin level
- TBII (TSH receptor blocking antibodies) or mother treated with PTU: transient: **maternal h/o thyroid disease**
- Central Hypothyroidism (1:30,000-50,000)
  - Associated with midline defects, birth trauma, other pituitary deficiencies
  - **TSH may be low, normal, or slightly elevated (TRH deficiency)**
  - TSH becomes undetectable once LT4 treatment is started

# Clinical Manifestations of Congenital Hypothyroidism

- Increased Birth Weight
- Increased Head Circumference, large fontanel
- Lethargy, slow movement, hypotonia
- **Hoarse cry**
- Feeding problems, constipation
- **Macroglossia**
- **Umbilical hernia**
- Dry skin
- Hypothermia
- Prolonged jaundice
- Absence of knee epiphyses
- Anemia
- Edema
- Bradycardia



Note the hypotonic posture, coarse facial features, and umbilical hernia.



Close-up of the face of the same infant. Note the macroglossia.



The infant a few months after starting LT4

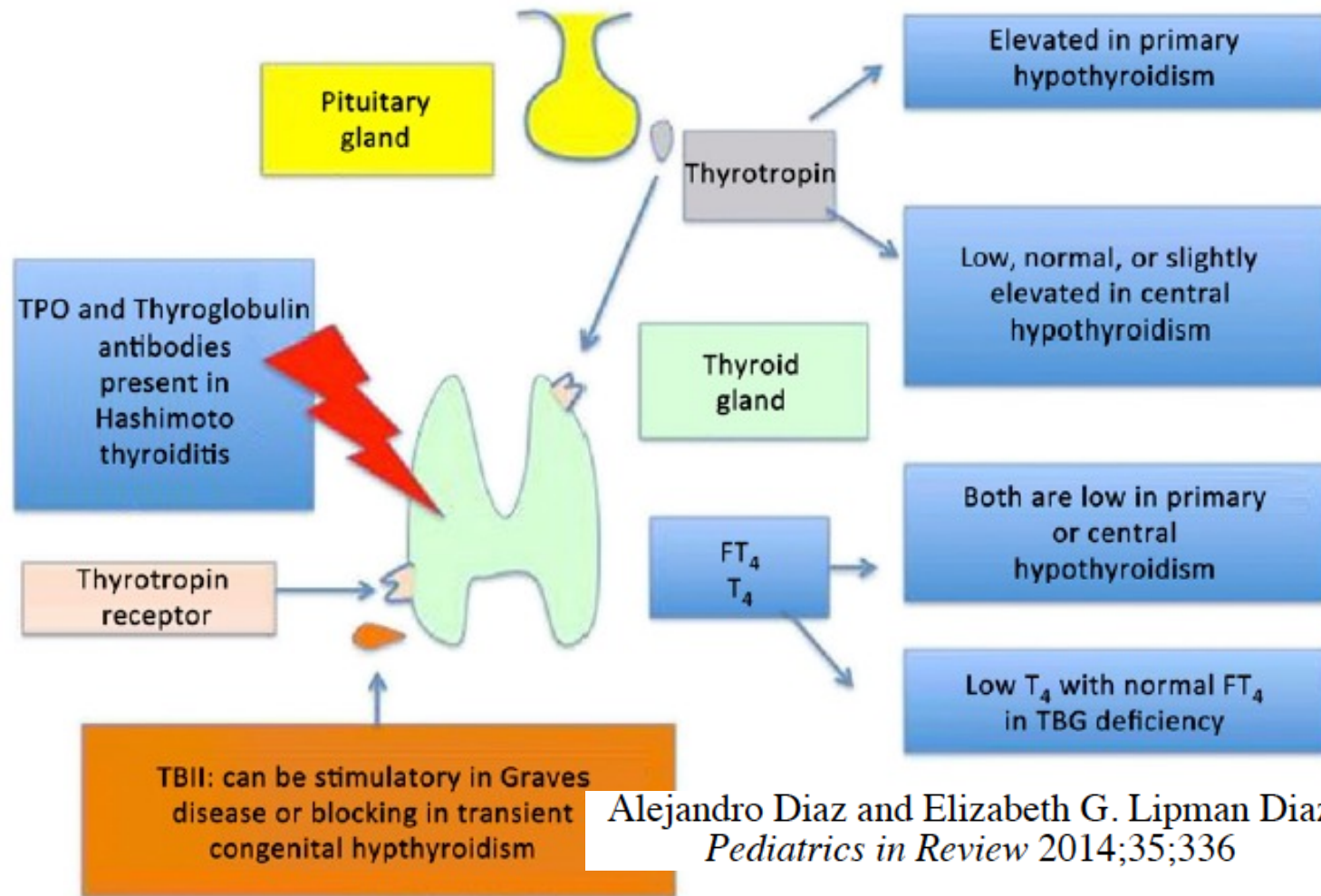


Same infant a few months after starting LT4

# Congenital Hypothyroidism

- Early treatment with the appropriate dose protects IQ
- Treat with sodium-L-thyroxine (levothyroxine = LT4) 10-15 mcg/kg/day (do not mix with soy milk or iron)
- Check TSH and FT4 1-2 weeks after treatment started, then every 1-2 months the first 6 months

# Pathogenesis of Hypothyroidism

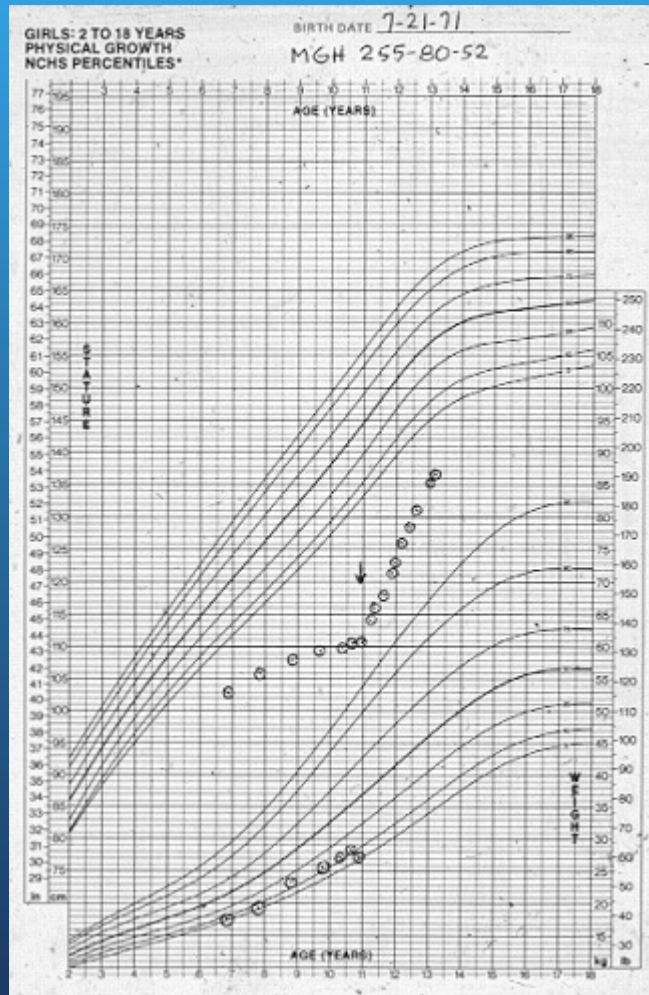


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# Chronic Lymphocytic or Hashimoto Thyroiditis

- Females >> males. Also in Down, Turner, and Klinefelter syndrome
- Thyroid peroxidase antibodies (TPO) and/or anti-thyroglobulin (ATG) are positive
- **Goiter = enlarged and firm thyroid (most children with Hashimoto are euthyroid)**
- If hypothyroidism: dry skin, fall of the growth chart, slow return phase of deep tendon reflexes, jaundice, SCFE, somnolence, constipation, cold intolerance
- **Higher risk of celiac disease, T1DM and other autoimmune disorders**

# Secondary Growth Disorders: Hypothyroidism



# Hypothyroidism

- Treatment:
  - Levothyroxine (LT4) 1-2 mcg/kg/day
  - Repeat TFTs in 4-6 weeks to determine if the dose of LT4 needs to be adjusted, then q 6 months
- If Hashimoto with normal thyroid function tests
  - TFTs every 6-12 months
- **Sick euthyroid syndrome or non-thyroidal illness**
  - Mild: normal TSH, and T4 with ↓T3 ↑reverse T3 (rT3)
  - Moderate: normal TSH, ↓T4, T3, & ↑rT3
  - Severe: low TSH, T4, T3, & ↑rT3 (high mortality)
  - **No treatment needed**



# Thyroiditis

- Subacute (de Quervain) thyroiditis
  - Self-limited inflammation of the thyroid after an URI
  - **Fever and thyroid gland tenderness. ↑ ESR**
  - Initial signs/symptoms of hyperthyroidism
  - Followed by a prolonged period of hypothyroidism
  - Whole illness lasts from 2 to 9 months without residual thyroid problem
  - **Treatment with analgesics or, if severe, prednisone**
- Suppurative thyroiditis
  - Bacterial infection: Staph aureus, Strep pyogenes, Pneumococcus
  - Associated with embryologic remnant or **a left pyriform sinus tract, which is diagnosed by telescopic hypopharyngoscopy**
  - Last 2-4 weeks

# Thyroid Nodule

- Rare in children (<1%)
- If present: 20-26% malignancy
- Evaluation:
  - Check TSH:
    - If ↓, do a thyroid scan. If “hot” nodule → less likely to be cancer
    - If ↑ or normal, do a thyroid US
  - If nodule >1 cm or suspicious for malignancy → fine-needle aspiration biopsy (FNAB)
- FNAB:
  - Indeterminate or positive → surgery
  - Benign → just follow
  - Nondiagnostic → follow or do surgery

# Thyroid Cancer

- Most common thyroid cancer: papillary/follicular (good prognosis)
- Risk factors
  - **H/o radiation to the neck or head**
  - Solitary nodule >1 cm with fixed, hard, and/or irregular borders
  - Family h/o multiple endocrine neoplasia (MEN)
  - Rapidly growing nodule that is firm or hard
  - Satellite lymph nodes
  - Hoarseness or dysphagia
- Medullary thyroid cancer (MTC): parafollicular or C cells (calcitonin)
- MEN 2A and 2B: MTC, pheochromocytoma, hyperparathyroidism (2A), mucosal neuromas (2B)
  - **Prophylactic thyroidectomy according to *RET* mutation**

# Thyroglossal Duct Cyst



- Round midline mass in the neck that moves when patient swallows
- Risk of infection and/or malignancy
- Thyroid scan to determine if the cyst contains all the thyroid tissue
- Surgery vs. observation
- Surgery preferred for risk of malignancy

# Hyperthyroidism (Graves Disease)

- Most common cause of hyperthyroidism in pediatrics
- More common in girls
- Eye manifestations and dermatopathy: rare in children
- Cause by TSH receptor-stimulating antibodies: TSI or TBII
- Symptoms: Nervousness, palpitations, increase appetite, nocturia, and muscle weakness
- Signs: **tachycardia**, goiter, widened pulse pressure, tremor, ↑ perspiration, and rapid tendon reflex relaxation times

# Graves Disease



- Labs: ↓TSH, ↑T4-T3, + TSI/TBII, + TPO-ATG abs.
- Treatment:
  - Beta blocker to decrease symptoms/signs
  - Medical: **methimazole (MMI)**. **NO PTU**
    - **50% complete remission**
  - Radioactive Iodine (5% relapse. Most will have permanent hypothyroidism)
  - Surgical (younger children) (post-op hypothyroidism, hypoparathyroidism, recurrent laryngeal nerve damage)

# Congenital Graves Disease



- Mother with h/o hyperthyroidism even with hypothyroidism at the time of delivery (h/o) RAI
- Transplacental transmission of TSI
- Increased fetal heart rate and fetal movements (treatment in utero with PTU)
- IUGR/SGA
- Tachycardia, goiter, irritability, flushing. Rarely: thrombocytopenia, liver and cardiac dysfunction
- Signs/symptoms can appear after a week of age. Resolves after 3-12 weeks
- Tx: 5% iodine or 10% potassium iodide 1 drop q 8 hs, MMI 0.5-1 mg/kg/day q 8 hs, propranolol 1-2 mg/kg/day q 6-12 hs

# Hypoparathyroidism

Hypocalcemia and hyperphosphatemia with low intact PTH (iPTH)

- Congenital
  - Transient neonatal
  - Dysgenesis/agenesis of the parathyroid glands
    - Isolated
    - Deletion 22q11 syndrome (DiGeorge): conotruncal anomalies
- Insensitivity to PTH
  - Pseudohypoparathyroidism (Types IA, IB, and II): high iPTH with low Ca and high Phos



# Hypoparathyroidism

- Acquired
  - Autoimmune polyglandular syndrome type I (AIRE gene)
    - Adrenal insufficiency and mucocutaneous candidiasis
  - Post surgical (thyroid cancer), radiation destruction
  - Infiltrative (iron or copper deposition; granulomatosis or neoplastic invasion; amyloidosis, sarcoidosis)
  - Maternal hyperparathyroidism (mother's calcium level)
  - Hypomagnesemia (mother with h/o diabetes)

# Hypocalcemia (Etiology)

- Hypocalcemia with hyperphosphatemia
  - With low iPTH: hypoparathyroidism
  - With high iPTH: pseudohypoparathyroidism: often with obesity, mild hypothyroidism and short 4<sup>th</sup> metacarpals bones
- Hypocalcemia with hypophosphatemia
  - Vitamin D deficiency (usually with high iPTH and high alkaline phosphatase)

# Etiologic Classification of Rickets

- Mainly due to calcium/phosphate deficiency
  - Deficiency rickets
    - **Vit D deficiency: nutritional / medications: AA infant exclusively breast fed without vit D supplementation/Anticonvulsants**
    - Calcium deficiency
- Defects in Vit D metabolism or action
  - Vit D dependency type I (AR, absence of hydroxylase)
  - Hereditary Vit D resistant rickets (formerly Vit D dependency type II) (Vit D receptor defect)

# Etiologic Classification of Rickets

- Mainly due to phosphorus deficiency
  - X-linked hypophosphatemic rickets (XLH): X-linked dominant: women also affected
  - AD hypophosphatemic rickets
  - Tumor induced osteomalacia (TIO)
  - Hereditary Hypophosphatemic rickets with hypercalciuria
  - Renal tubular defects
- Alkaline phosphatase deficiency
  - Hypophosphasia: teeth loss, fractures, short stature

# Familial Hypophosphatemic Rickets

- **X-linked dominant** (*PHEX* mutation) or autosomal dominant
- Most common form of inherited rickets in the developed world
- Reduced reabsorption of phosphate in the nephron
- Bowing of the lower extremities, inadequate dental enamel and tooth decay
- Low phosphate, normal Ca and normal iPTH. High urine phosphate
- **Tx:**
  - Oral phosphate supplements (4-5 times a day) and calcitriol
  - Berosumab-twza: monoclonal antibody anti FGF23

# Hypercalcemia

- Calcium >10.5 mg/dL (**check albumin**)
- Symptoms:
  - Neonatal: GER, lethargy, **failure to thrive**
  - Nausea, vomiting, anorexia, constipation, weight loss, lethargy, weakness, inability to concentrate, depression
- Signs:
  - Band keratopathy of the margins of the cornea
  - **Short QTc interval on ECG**
  - Hypertension, hypercalciuria, nephrolithiasis, pancreatitis and peptic ulcer disease

# Causes of Hypercalcemia

| Condition                                    | Serum Ca | Serum Phos | Alk phos | iPTH     | Vit D25 | Vit D1,25 | Other                             |
|--|----------|------------|----------|----------|---------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| Primary hyperparathyroidism                  | ↑        | ↓          | ↑        | ↑ for Ca | ↔       | ↔↑        |                                   |
| Fam. Hypocalciuric hypercalcemia             | ↑        | ↔ ↑↓       | ↔↑       | ↔↑       | ↔       | ↔         | ↓ uCa                             |
| Hypercalcemia of malignancy                  | ↑        | ↔ ↓        | ↑        | ↓        | ↔       | ↔         | ↑PTHrP                            |
| Hypervitaminosis D                           | ↑        | ↔ ↓        | ↔ ↓      | ↓        | ↑       | ↔↑        |                                   |
| Renal insuff. and 2ndary hyperparathyroidism | ↓        | ↔↑         | ↔↑       | ↑        | ↔       | ↓         |                                   |
| ↑ 1 <sup>α</sup> -hydroxylation of vit D25   | ↑        | ↔          | ↔        | ↔        | ↔       | ↑         | Granulomatous disease or neoplasm |
| Immobilization                               | ↑        | ↔ ↓        | ↑        | ↔        | ↔       | ↔         |                                   |
| Hyperthyroidism                              | ↑        |            | ↔        | ↓        | ↔       | ↔ ↓       |                                   |
| Adrenal insufficiency                        | ↑        |            | ↔        | ↓        | ↔       | ↔ ↓       |                                   |
| Hypervitaminosis A                           | ↑        |            | ↔        | ↓        | ↔       | ↔ ↓       |                                   |

# Adrenal Insufficiency

## Primary adrenal insufficiency:

- Congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH) (**most common cause in children**)
- Autoimmune adrenalitis (Addison disease): **21-hydroxylase antibodies (most common cause in adults)**
- Autoimmune polyglandular syndromes (types I and II)
- Infectious: **tuberculosis**, fungal, HIV, **meningococemia**
- Adrenal hemorrhage or infarction
- Congenital adrenal hypoplasia (*DAX1* gene on Xp21)
- Adrenoleukodystrophy (**high levels of very long fatty acids**)
- Unresponsiveness to ACTH



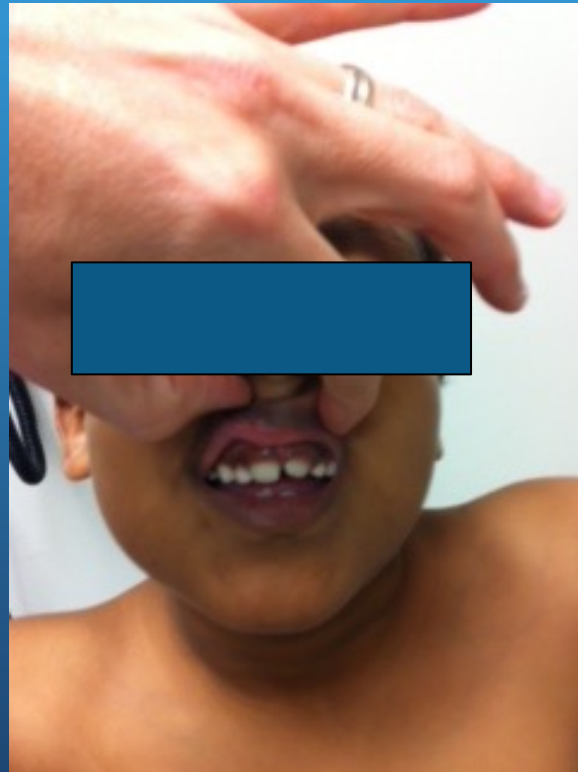
# Adrenal Insufficiency

- Secondary adrenal insufficiency (central) (normal electrolytes, blood pressure, and **not hyperpigmentation**)
  - Withdrawal from glucocorticoid therapy (**hypoglycemia**) (**most common cause of adrenal insufficiency in North America**)
  - Hypopituitarism
  - Isolated ACTH deficiency
  - **Hypothalamic tumors (craniopharyngioma): hypoglycemia, hypotension, diabetes insipidus**
  - Irradiation of the central nervous system

# Clinical Features at Presentation of Adrenal Insufficiency

- Anorexia, apathy and confusion
- Fatigue, weakness, nausea and vomiting
- Hypoglycemia
- **Only in primary adrenal insufficiency: Hyponatremia, hyperkalemia**, elevated plasma renin activity, hypovolemia and tachycardia, postural hypotension, and salt craving

# Primary Adrenal Insufficiency (Adrenoleukodystrophy)



# Treatment of Addison Disease

- Crisis (hypovolemia/hypotension): fluid replacement (isotonic fluids), hydrocortisone (50-100 mg/m<sup>2</sup>) one dose IV/IM and then 100 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day divided every 6 hours until clinically well
- Maintenance: hydrocortisone (10-15 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day) + fludrocortisone 0.1 mg daily
- **Stress dose in case of febrile illness: double or triple maintenance**

# Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia

- Congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH): Most common cause of female virilization
- 21-Hydroxylase deficiency: ↑ 17OHP (newborn screening)
  - 95% of all causes of CAH
  - Mutations of *CYP21A2* (active gene).
  - $\frac{3}{4}$  of CAH are salt wasting (boys: when not diagnosed with newborn screening presenting with hyponatremia, hyperkalemia, and shock)
  - $\frac{1}{3}$  of CAH simple virilizing (female ambiguous, males with peripheral precocious puberty)

# Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia

- CYP21: Laboratory findings: ↓Na, ↑K, ↑17OHP, ↓cortisol
- Treatment
  - Crisis (hypovolemia/hypotension): fluid replacement, hydrocortisone (50-100 mg/m<sup>2</sup>)
  - Maintenance: hydrocortisone (10-15 mg/m<sup>2</sup>/day) + fludrocortisone + NaCl

# Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia

- If positive newborn screening for CAH:
  - **first test to order: electrolytes.**
  - And repeat 17OHP levels
- Non-classical 21OH deficiency CAH (1:1000) presents with **premature pubarche and/or apocrine body odor in children (advanced bone age); PCO-like with high androgens in teenager girls**

# Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia



“Male” newborn with bilateral cryptorchidism: order a pelvic US



# Cushing Syndrome

- Excess of **exogenous (most common)** or endogenous glucocorticoids
- ACTH independent (Cushing syndrome)
  - In infants: functioning adrenocortical tumors (usually malignant)
  - Primary pigmented nodular adrenocortical disease (part of the Carney complex: AD, blue nevi, cardiac and skin myxomas, and precocious puberty in boys)
- ACTH dependent (Cushing disease)
  - Most due to pituitary microadenomas
  - Ectopic ACTH production
- Laboratory:
  - **24-hour urinary free cortisol and midnight cortisol**
  - Dexamethasone suppression test: a dose at 11 PM. Early cortisol should be <5 ug/dL
- Treatment:
  - If benign cortical adenoma: unilateral adrenalectomy
  - Pituitary adenoma: transsphenoidal microsurgery

# Patient with Iatrogenic Cushing Syndrome (triamcinolone injections)



# Cushing Syndrome)



# Excess Mineralocorticoid Secretion

- Primary hyperaldosteronism (rare)
  - Hypertension, hypokalemia, and low renin
  - Conn syndrome:
    - Adrenal adenoma: unilateral mainly affecting girls
      - Treatment: surgery
    - Bilateral micronodular adrenocortical hyperplasia: older children and mainly in boys
      - Treatment: spironolactone
  - Glucocorticoid suppressible aldosteronism
    - ACTH-dependent autosomal dominant
    - Treated with glucocorticoids

# Pheochromocytoma

- Catecholamine-secreting tumor from the chromaffin cells
- Typically from the adrenal medulla
- Paragangliomas: same but from the abdominal sympathetic chain near the aorta, periadrenal area, bladder, ureters, thorax, or neck
- In children between ages of 6 and 14 years
- Seen in NF, von Hippel-Lindau disease, familial paraganglioma syndrome, and as part of MEN-2A and 2B syndromes

# Pheochromocytoma

- Signs/symptoms: **sustained hypertension**, headaches, dizziness, abd pain, and palpitations.
- Laboratory: **free plasma metanephrines or 24-hs total urine catecholamines** (+ if >300 mcg)
- Most pheos seen on US, CT or MRI of adrenals
- Paragangliomas:  $^{131}\text{I}$ -metaiodobenzylguanidine
- Treatment:
  - Removal of the tumor
  - **Preoperatively: both alpha- and beta-blockers**

# Disorders of Sex Development (DSD)

- 46, XX DSDs: gonads are ovaries, and internal genitalia are female, but external genitalia virilized
  - CAH: 21-OH and 11-OH defects (most common cause)
  - Maternal with tumor producing testosterone from adrenals or ovaries (e.g. Krukenberg tumor)
  - Exposure to androgens or progestins can cause virilization in female infants
    - If mother exposed during 8-13 weeks of gestation = labial fusion
    - If exposure >13 weeks = clitoral enlargement

# 46XX Girl With Androgenization Due Maternal Androgens





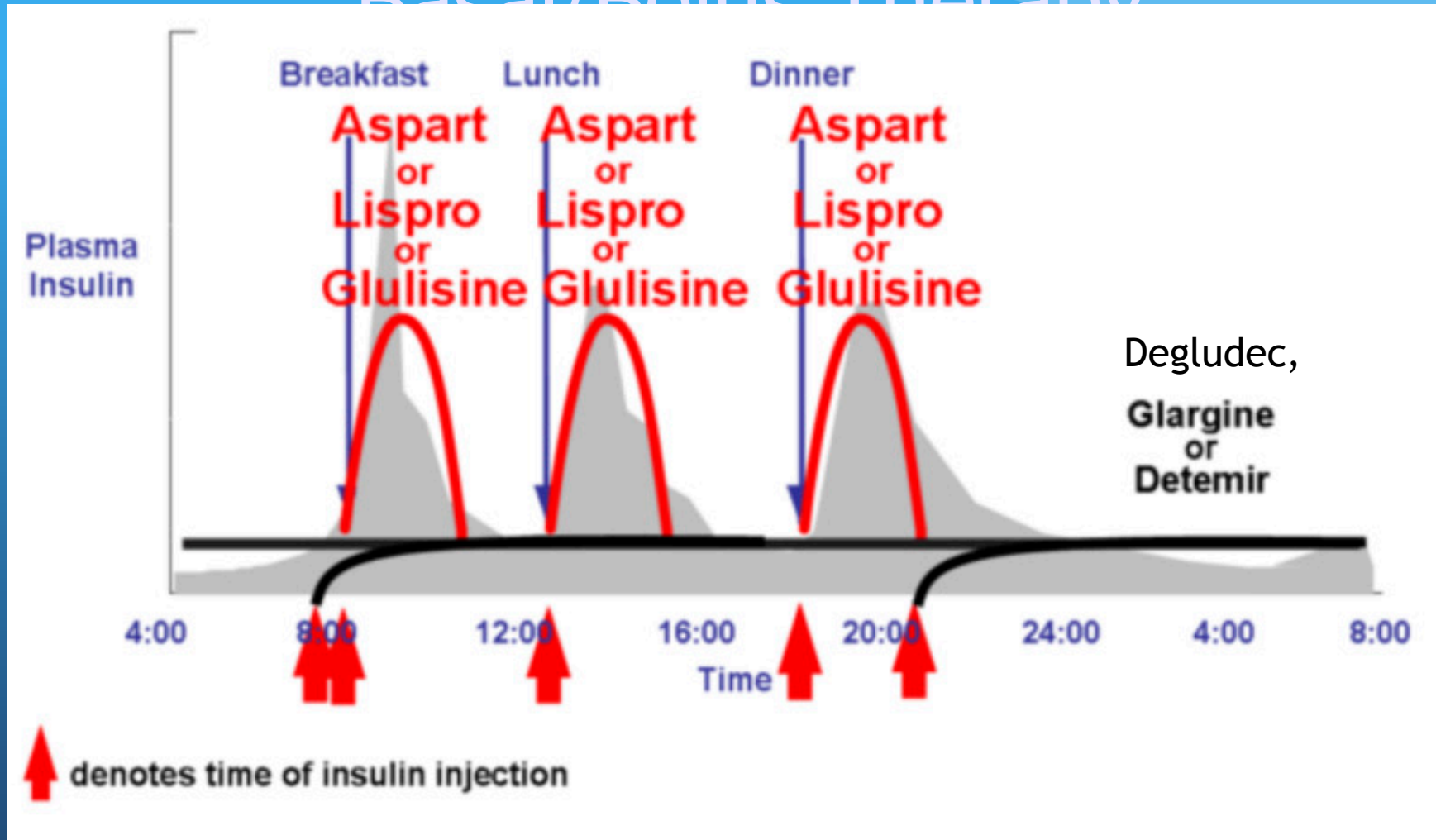
# Disorders of Sex Development (DSD)

- 46, XY DSD: external genitalia are not completely virilized, are ambiguous, or completely female
  - 46, XY DSD due to defects in testicular differentiation
  - 46, XY DSD due to defects in testicular hormones
  - 46, XY DSD due to defects in androgen action
    - 5-Alpha-Reductase deficiency: ↓ dihydrotestosterone (DHT) (necessary for the development of external genitalia).  
Virilization at puberty. Should be raised as males
    - Androgen insensitivity syndrome: most common cause of 46,XY DSD
      - Defects in the androgen receptor (X-linked)

# Type I Diabetes Mellitus

- Incidence: 1/350-1/500 children/adolescents
- Autoimmune disorder: antibodies found in 95% of cases (GAD-65, ICA-512, insulin autoantibodies, and ZnT8)
- Presentation: polyuria, polydipsia, secondary enuresis, weight loss
- HLA type association: HLA-DR3 & DR4: sibling shares 1 haplotype risk 5-7%, both 12-20%, identical twins 30-50%

# Basal/Bolus Therapy



Lantus

# Type I Diabetes Mellitus

- Most children require less insulin in the first few days after diagnosis but this is temporary (Honeymoon period)
- HbA1C is the best objective tool to determine control
- When children are **sick** they may need different doses of insulin, **they should have glucose evaluated more often (variable glucose readings)**
- Self-administration of insulin encourage by age 10 years
- Dawn phenomenon: increased blood glucose (BG) between 4 and 7 AM (peak of cortisol)
- Somogyi effect: increased early AM BG secondary to midnight hypoglycemia (contraregulatory hormones)

# Type I Diabetes Mellitus

- Risk for thyroiditis ~ 20%
- Risk for Addison's ~1% (hyperpigmentation, tireness, hypoglycemia)
- Risk for Celiac disease ~ 7-8%
- Poorly controlled T1DM: retinopathy, kidney disease, neuropathy, increased CV risk

# Screening of Patients with T1DM

- Urine microalbumin: at puberty or >10 years, after 5 years of diagnosis, if normal, annually (target <30 mg/g)
- Ophthalmologic exam: at puberty or >11 years of age, after 3-5 years. If normal every 2 years
- Neuropathy: foot pulses, vibration, monofilament: at puberty or >10 years, after 5 years.
- Fasting lipids:
  - Soon after diagnosis (glycemic control) and > 2 years of age
  - If LDL <100 mg/dL: repeat between 9-11 years
  - If LDL <100 repeat every 3 years
- Celiac disease: at diagnosis, within 2 years, and at 5 years
- **Thyroid: soon after diagnosis and every 1-2 years if negative antibodies**

# Diabetic Ketoacidosis (DKA)

- Definition:
  - Blood glucose > 200 mg/dl (11 mmol/L)
  - Venous pH < 7.3 and/or HCO<sub>3</sub> < 15 mmol/L
  - There is associated glycosuria, ketonuria, and ketonemia
- Management of mild/moderate DKA
  - If patient with glucose >250 mg/dL or not feeling well, check urine ketones; if moderate/large and able to drink (without vomiting), give short-acting insulin; if unable to drink, should be taken to the closest ED

# Diagnosis of T2DM

1. HbA1C  $\geq$  6.5%; or
2. Fasting (8 hours) plasma glucose  $\geq$  126 mg/dL; or
3. 2-hour plasma glucose  $\geq$  200 mg/dL during an OGTT  
(order if impaired fasting glucose or mildly elevated HbA1C; or
4. A random plasma glucose  $\geq$  200 mg/dL with symptoms of hyperglycemia

(In the absence of unequivocal hyperglycemia, criteria 1-3 should be confirmed by repeat testing)



# Screening for Complications in Children with T2DM

- Urine microalbumin at diagnosis and then yearly
- Lipid profile as soon as metabolically stable and yearly
- Retinal exam at diagnosis and yearly
- Transaminases for non-alcoholic fatty liver at diagnosis and yearly
- Blood pressure at every visit
- Obstructive sleep apnea at diagnosis and every visit

# Treatment of T2DM

- Lifestyle modification and metformin
- If presentation in DKA, random glucose  $>250$  mg/dL and/or HbA1C  $>9\%$  start insulin
- Evaluate for comorbidities once glucose levels have been stabilized

# Mature Onset Diabetes of the Youth (MODY)

- Several hereditary (autosomal dominant) forms of diabetes (1-2% of patients with diabetes)
- Mild to moderate hyperglycemia: usually diagnosed by accident during routine laboratory evaluation
- Absence of obesity or other risk factors for T2DM
- MODY 2: glucokinase (*GCK* gene). 30-70% cases. No treatment needed
- MODY 3: HNF1 $\alpha$  mutation. 30-70% cases. Tx: sulfonylureas

# Neonatal Hypoglycemia

- Signs/symptoms: apnea, bradycardia, tachypnea, cyanosis, abnormal cry, hypothermia, hypotonia, jitteriness, and seizures
  - Neurodevelopmental deficit if hypoglycemia > 5 days
- AAP recommends glucose >40 mg/dL in the first 4 hs of life
- >45 mg/dL between 4 and 48 hs of life, >60 mg/dL >48 hs

# Glucose Screening in Neonates

- At risk infants:
  - Within 60 min of life when suspecting hyperinsulinemia (e.g. maternal poorly control diabetes)
  - Before the second feeding or 2-4 hs of life if other at-risk groups (SGA)
  - Continue monitoring before feedings until at least 3 satisfactory numbers ( $>45$  mg/dL)
  - For hypoglycemia  $>48$  hs: urgent investigation
  - For persistent hypoglycemia do a “safety” fast for 6-8 hours before discharge. Glucose should be  $>60$  mg/dL

# Classification of Hypoglycemia in Neonates

- Neonatal transient hypoglycemia
  - Associated with inadequate substrate or immature enzymes
    - Prematurity
    - Normal newborn
  - **Transient hyperinsulinism**
    - **SGA, discordant twin, birth asphyxia, or infant of toxemic mother**

# Classification of Hypoglycemia in Neonates cont.

Persistent hypoglycemia:

- Hormonal disorders
  - Hyperinsulinism (low glucose, insulin  $>2$  uIU/mL, no ketones, response to glucagon  $>30$  mg/dL)
- Counter-regulatory hormone deficiency
- Glycogenolysis disorders
- Gluconeogenesis disorders
- Lypolysis disorders
- Fatty acid oxidation disorders

# Evaluation of Neonatal Hypoglycemia

- Maternal history and complete physical examination
- Any glucose value  $< 60$  mg/dL should be verified in the clinical laboratory
- If plasma glucose  $< 50$  mg/dL and asymptomatic neonate with delayed feedings  $\rightarrow$  give oral glucose/milk
- If no response or relapse  $\rightarrow$  draw blood for critical sample



# Critical Sample (If Plasma Glucose <55 mg/dL)

- Should be taken prior to correction of glucose
  - **Glucose**
  - **Insulin** and C-peptide
  - **Beta-hydroxybutirate**
  - Free fatty acids
  - Lactate
  - Cortisol
  - Growth hormone
- May be taken after correction of glucose
  - Plasma or blood spot acylcarnitines
  - Plasma amino acids
  - Ammonia
  - Urea and electrolytes
  - Liver function tests
- First urine passes after episode
  - **Ketone bodies**
  - Organic acids

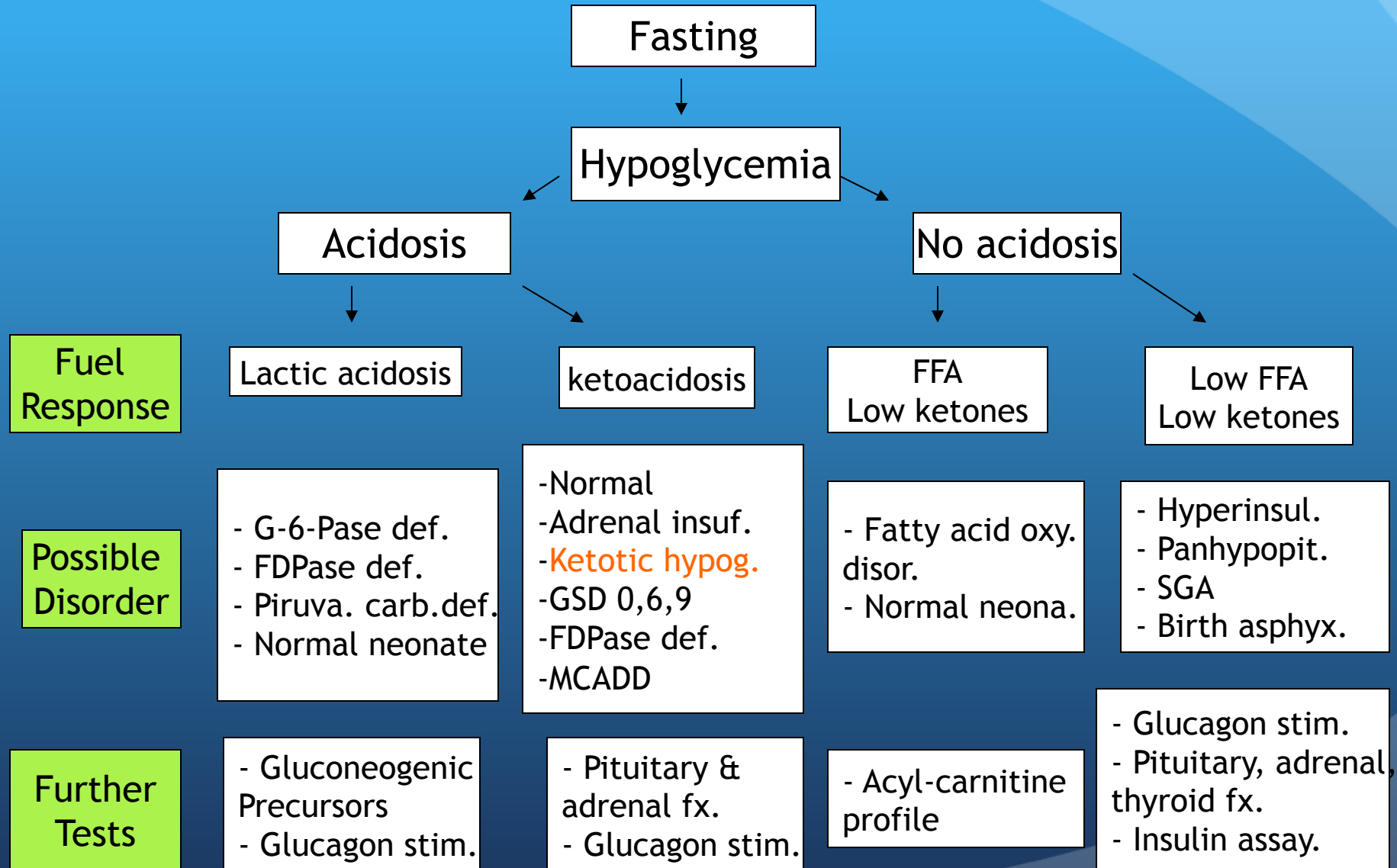
# Causes of Hypoglycemia in the Infant and Child

- Idiopathic ketotic hypoglycemia
- Hyperinsulinism
- Growth hormone or adrenal insufficiency
- Defects of glycogen synthesis and degradation
- Defects of gluconeogenesis
- Defects of fatty acid oxidation and ketogenesis
- Liver disease
- Late dumping (alimentary hypoglycemia) h/o g-tube or Nissen fundoplication
- Infections
- Drugs: insulin, sulfonylureas, beta-blockers, alcohol, quinine
- Reactive hypoglycemia

# Idiopathic Ketotic Hypoglycemia

- Hypoglycemia after a period of caloric deprivation
- Most common cause of hypoglycemia in childhood: 18 mo to 5 yr (cease by 7 yr)
- After a fast of 10-16 hours
- Intercurrent illness (e.g., URI)
- Avoid prolonged fasting: frequent meals, uncooked cornstarch

# Algorithmic Approach to Hypoglycemia



# Emergency Treatment of Hypoglycemia

- Once critical sample has been obtained:
  - Bolus 2 cc/kg of D10% over 1min
  - Followed by IVF → 4-8 mg/kg/min (D10%)
  - Check glucose level 15 min after bolus
  - If hypoglycemia recurs → bolus 5 cc/kg and increase infusion by 25-50%

# Obesity

- Annual and symptom-based screening for comorbidities:
  - T2DM, HTN, dyslipidemia, OSA, NAFLD, depression
- Bariatric surgery indications:
  - BMI  $>40$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> with mild comorbidities or  $>35$  kg/m<sup>2</sup> with significant, extreme comorbidities.
  - Extreme obesity and comorbidities persist despite compliance with LMT program
  - Psychological evaluation confirms stability and competence of family unit
  - Demonstrate ability to adhere to principles of healthy dietary and activity habit
  - Experience surgeon and plan for long-term patient care afterwards

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