Endocrinology "take home" messages

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The test should be performed in a laboratory using a method that is NGSP certified and standardized to the DCCT assay*

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Fasting is defined as no caloric intake for at least 8 h*

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The test should be performed as described by the WHQ, using a glucose load containing the equivalent of 75 g anhydrous glucose dissolved in water*

*In the absence of unequivocal hyperglycemia, result should be confirmed by repeat testing.

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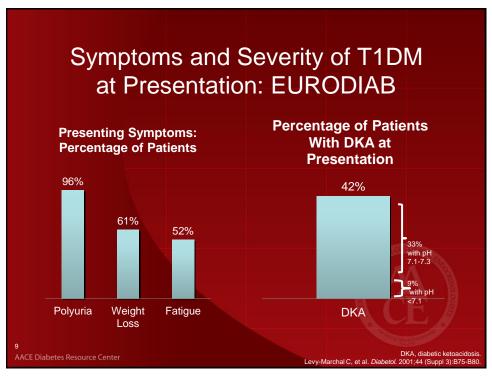
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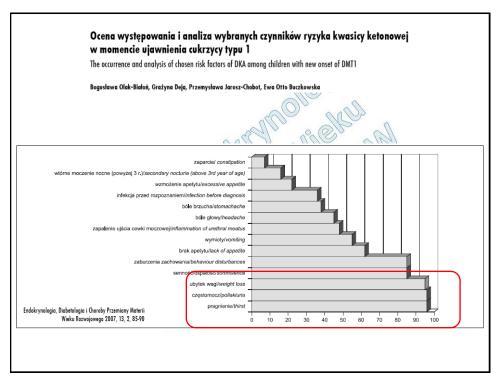
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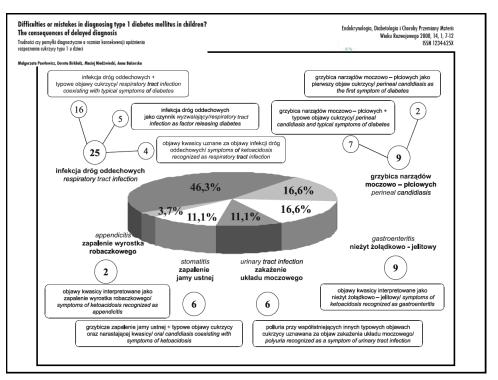
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Prediabetes: IFG, IGT, Increased A1C

Categories of increased risk for diabetes (prediabetes)*

FPG 100-125 mg/dL (5.6-6.9 mmol/L): IFG

2-h plasma glucose in the 75-g OGTT 140-199 mg/dL (7.8-11.0 mmol/L): IGT

A1C 5.7-6.4%

*For all three tests, risk is continuous, extending below the lower limit of a range and becoming disproportionately greater at higher ends of the range.

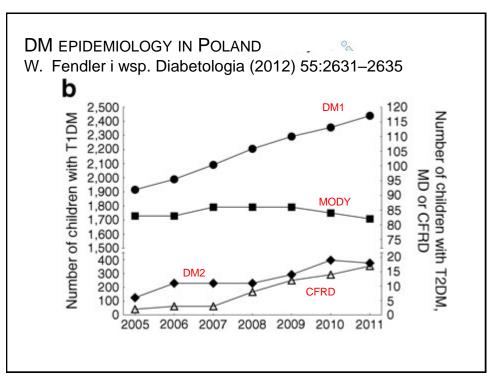
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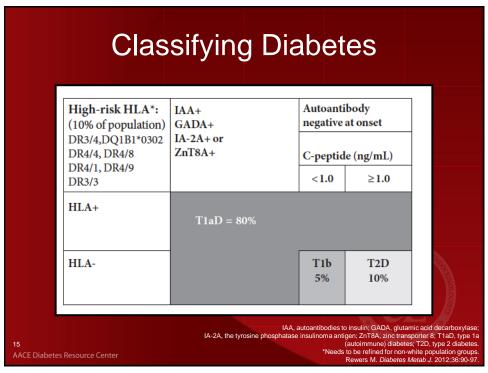
Classification of Diabetes

- Type 1 diabetes
 - β-cell destruction
- Type 2 diabetes
 - Progressive insulin secretory defect
- Other specific types of diabetes
 - Genetic defects in β-cell function, insulin action
 - Diseases of the exocrine pancreas
 - Drug- or chemical-induced
- Gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM)

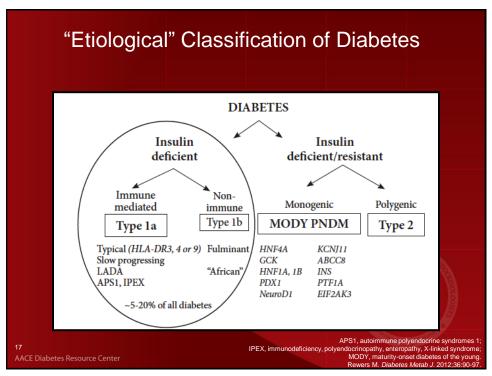
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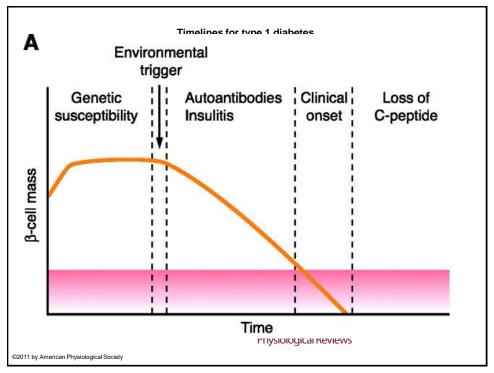


A Growing Issue: Differentiating T1DM and T2DM					
	Type 1 Diabetes	Type 2 Diabetes			
Usual clinical course	Insulin-dependent	Initially non-insulin-dependent			
Usual age of onset	<20 years (but ~50% over 20 years)	>40 years but increasingly earlier			
Body weight	Usually lean	Usually obese			
Onset	Often acute	Subtle, slow			
Ketosis prone	Yes	No			
Family history	≤15% with 1st-degree relative	Common			
Ethnicity	Predominantly white	More common in minorities			
Frequency of HLA-DR3, DR4, DQB1*0201, *0302	Increased	Not increased			
Islet autoantibodies (GADA, ICA, IA-2A, IAA)	Present	Absent			
	IAA autoantihodies to insulin: GADA gluta	unic acid decarboxylase; IA-2A, the tyrosine phospha			
insa E Diabetes Resource Center		ID, type 1a (autoimmune) diabetes; T2D, type 2 diabe *Needs to be refined for nonwhite population gro Rewers M. Diabetes Metab J. 2012;36:90			



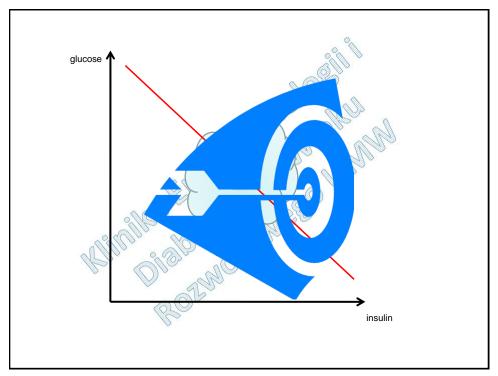
Type 1 diabetes

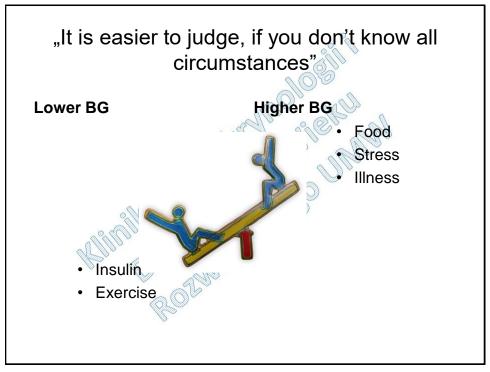
Type 1 diabetes is a chronic autoimmune disease associated with selective islet β-cell destruction that leads to insulindependency.

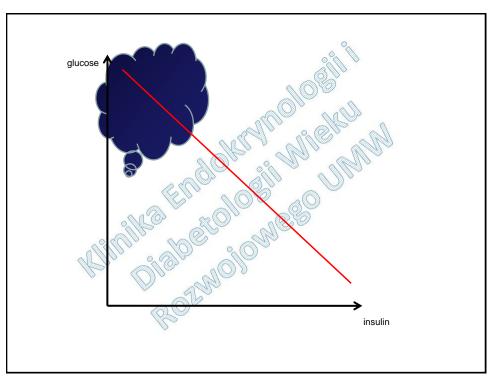


Diabetes complications:

- Acute:
- Ketoacidosis
- Hypoglycemia
- Chronic:
- Nephropathy
- Retinopathy
- Neuropathy (symmeric, autonomic)

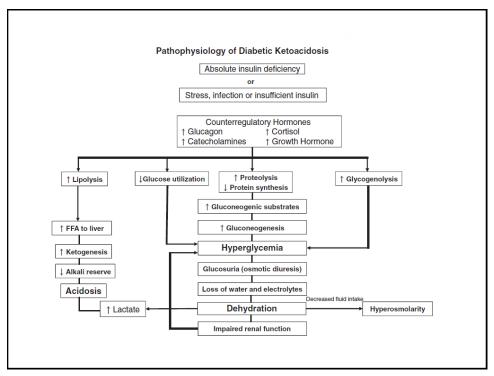


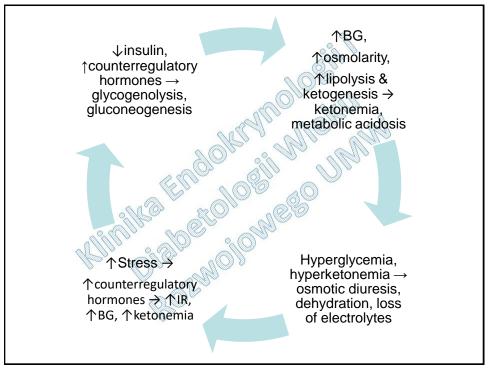




Ketoacidosis:

- Acute insulin deficiency leads to diabetic ketoacidosis
- Causes:
 - Infections (especially with diarrhea and vomiting)
 - Diet non-compliance
 - Inappropriate insulin supply (not adequate dose, omitting the dose, injection device's failure)





• If this vicious circle will not be interrupted with insulin and electrolytes administration and rehydration of the patient, the DKA and dehydration will lead to one's death.

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Definition of diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA)

The **biochemical criteria** for the diagnosis of DKA are (5):

- Hyperglycemia (blood glucose >11 mmol/L [≈200 mg/dL])
- Venous pH <7.3 or bicarbonate <15 mmol/L
- Ketonemia and ketonuria.

The severity of DKA is categorized by the degree of acidosis (18):

- Mild: venous pH < 7.3 or bicarbonate < 15 mmol/L
- Moderate: pH <7.2, bicarbonate <10 mmol/L
- Severe: pH <7.1, bicarbonate <5 mmol/L

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Clinical manifestations of diabetic ketoacidosis

- Dehydration
- Tachypnea; deep, sighing (Kussmaul) respiration
- Nausea, vomiting, and abdominal pain that may mimic an acute abdominal condition
- Confusion, drowsiness, progressive obtundation, and loss of consciousness



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Goals of therapy

- Correct dehydration
- · Correct acidosis and reverse ketosis
- Restore blood glucose to near normal
- Avoid complications of therapy
- Identify and treat any precipitating event



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Table 1. Losses of fluids and electrolytes in diabetic ketoacidosis and maintenance requirements in normal children

	Average (range) losses per kg	24-hour maintenance requirements	
Water Sodium Potassium	70 mL (30–100) 6 mmol (5–13) 5 mmol (3–6)	*≤10 kg 11−20 kg >20 kg	100 mL/kg/24 hr 1000 mL + 50 mL/kg/24 hr for each kg from 11–20 1500 mL + 20 mL/kg/24 hr for each kg >20 2–4 mmol† 2–3 mmol
vChloride Phosphate	4 mmol (3–9) (0.5–2.5) mmol		2–3 mmol 1–2 mmol

Data are from measurements in only a few children and adolescents (45–49). In any individual patient, actual losses may be less or greater than the ranges shown in Table 1 (E). Three methods for determining maintenance water requirements in children are commonly used: "the Holliday-Segar formula (50) (shown in Table 1), a simplified Holliday-Segar formula (see below and Appendix), and a formula based on body surface area for children more than 10 kg (1,500 mL/m²/24 hr) (51).

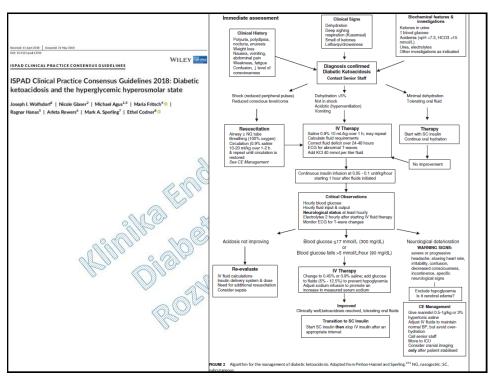
† Maintenance electrolyte requirements in children are per 100 mL of maintenance IV fluid (51, 52).

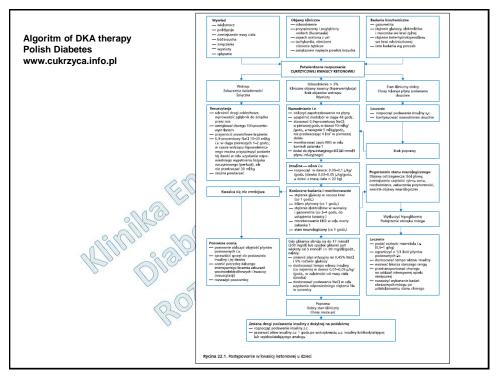
† Simplified method based on Holliday-Segar: <10 kg 4 mL/kg/hr; 11-20 kg 40 + 2 mL/kg/hr for each kg between 11 and 20; >20 kg 60 + 1 mL/kg/h for each kg >20.

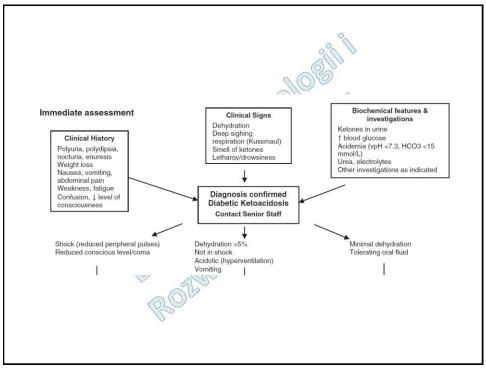


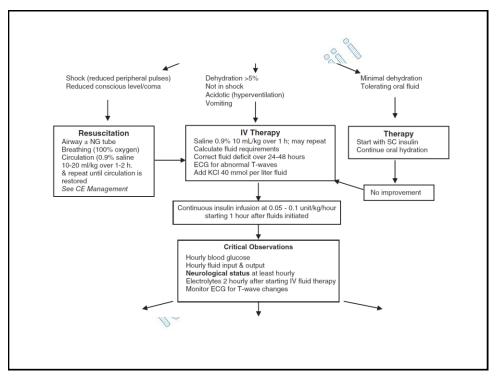
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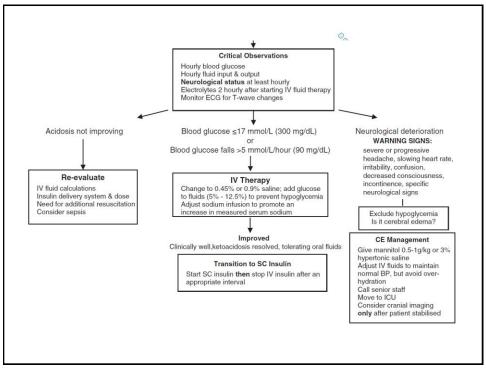
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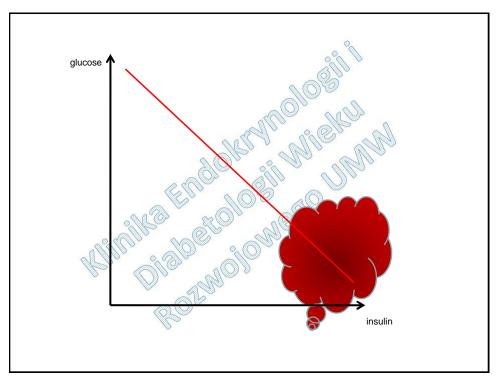


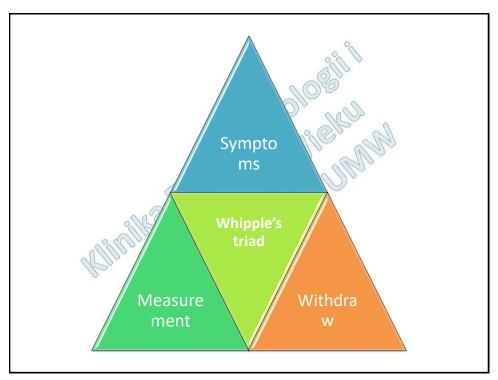
AVOID bicarbonate

Severe acidosis is reversible by fluid and insulin replacement; insulin stops further ketoacid production and allows ketoacids to be metabolized, which generates bicarbonate. Treatment of hypovolemia improves tissue perfusion and renal function, thereby increasing the excretion of organic acids.

Controlled trials have shown no clinical benefit from bicarbonate administration. ^{183–186} Bicarbonate therapy may cause paradoxical CNS acidosis ^{187,188} and rapid correction of acidosis with bicarbonate causes hypokalemia. ^{187,189,190} Bicarbonate administration may be beneficial in the rare patient with life-threatening hyperkalemia or unusually severe acidosis (vpH <6.9) that has compromised cardiac contractility. ¹⁹¹

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Hypoglycemia:

- Asymptomatic: blood glucose <55 mg/dl (3mmol/l)
- Intermediate: presence of autonomic symptoms
- Unaware: neuroglycopenia: unusual behavior
- Severe: with hypoglycemic coma and central nervous system injury

Hypoglycemia symptoms:

CNS (neurological)

- Fatigue
- Dysmnesia
- Concentration difficulties
- Hot flush
- · Balance disturbances
- Headache
- Blurred vision, double vision, color blindness
- Loss of consciousness
- Seizures
- Unusual behavior

Autonomic (1)

- Convulsion
- Anxiety
- Palpitation
- Pulsation in thorax
- Numbness of mouth, fingers, tongue
- Excitation
- Starvation
- Nausea
- Pallor
- Sweat

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Hypoglycemia symptoms

- Occurrence of these symptoms depends on: central nervous system reaction on glucose deficiency and its damage (polyneuropathy), rate of glucose level reduction, age and level of counterregulatory response.
- Children are more sensitive for hypoglycemia counterregulatory hormones secretion start at glycemia 68 mg/dl (3,8 mmol/l), whereas in adults at 56 mg/dl (3,1mmol/l).

Counterregulatory response hormones:

- Glucagon (increase glycemia by releasing glucose from hepatic glycogen)
- Catecholamines (glycogen, adipose tissue and proteins breakdown)
- Cortisol (inhibiting glucose uptake, stimulating adipose tissue and proteins breakdown)
- Growth hormone (inhibiting glucose utilization and stimulating adipose tissue metabolism)

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Hypoglycemia

- 1. Early (warning) symptoms: trembling, sweat, starvation, tingling sensation, headache.
- 2. Light neuroglycopenia: double vision, indistinct speech, concentration difficulties
- 3. Severe neuroglycopenia: violent/unusual behavior, disorientation
- 4. Loss of consciousness: hemiparesis, seizures

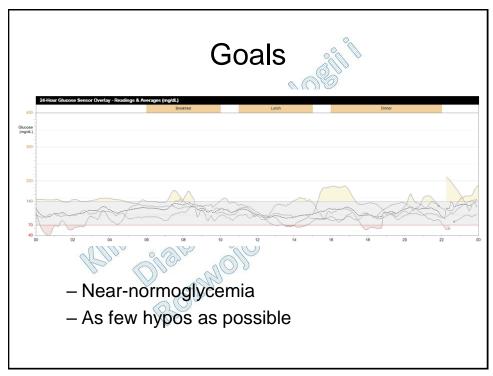
Treatment of hypoglycemia

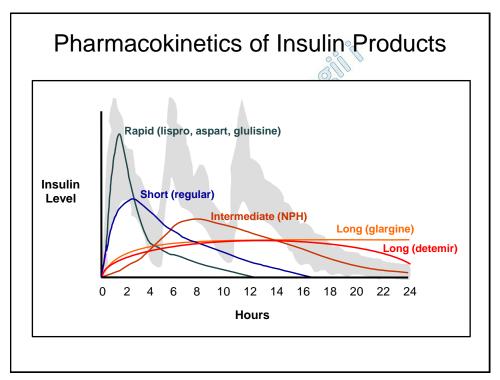
- Light and intermediate, if the patient is conscious: glucose, juice, jelly, a sandwich afterwards
- Severe: the patient is unconscious: glucagon
 0,01mg/kg body mass. Action profile onset 10
 -15', duration 30-60'
- When the patient become conscious: glucose, juice, jelly, a sandwich.
- Adverse effect of glucagon nausea, vomiting
- No effect of glucagone if: glycogen reserve is low (exercises, frequent hypoglycemias, starvation), alcohol intake, over dosage of insulin.

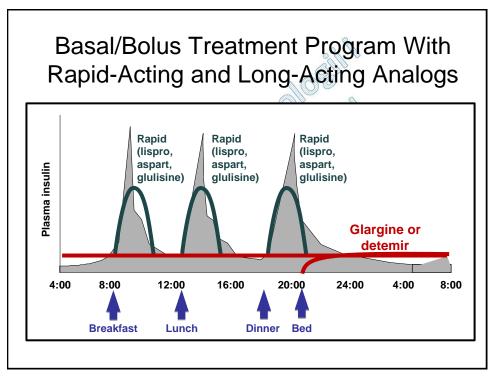
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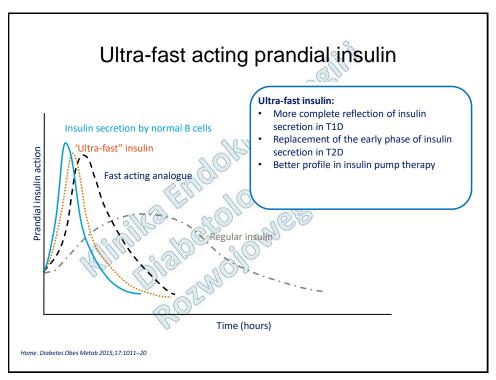
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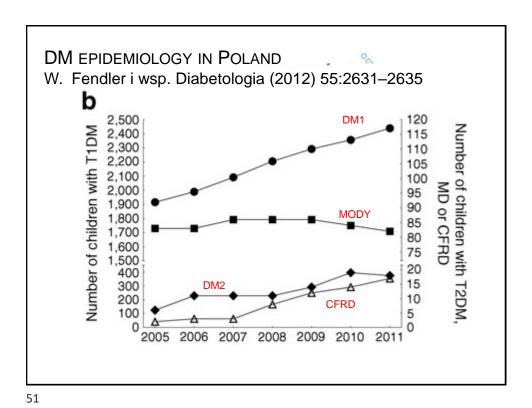
- Appropriate growth and psychomotor development
- Appropriate social development
- Appropriate personal development
- To lower the risk of complications











Diabetes mellitus is a chronic systemic diseases with hyperglycemia due to:

- a. insulin deficiency
- b. deficiency of glukagon
- c. insulin resistance
- d. insuffiecency of adrenal glands

The true answer is:

- 1. a,c
- 2. a,b
- 3. d,c
- 4. a,d

The symptoms of ketosis in diabetes mellitus are (match all true answers):

- a. rausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dehydration of body
- b. vomiting, abdominal pain, dyspepsia
- c. cardiac pain, vomiting, Kussmaul respiration
- d. Kussmaul respiration, nausea, an acetone odor to the breath

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The treatment of ketoacidosis consist of:

- a. infusion of regular insulin, fluid, potassium and close monitoring of vital signs.
- b. infusion of regular insulin, bicarbonate and fluid
- c. infusion of fluid and close monitoring of vital signs.
- d. infusion of insulin and bicarbonate.

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Adrenal gland disorders

- Hypofunction
 - Addison's disease (AD)
 - Hypoaldosteronism
- Hyperfunction
 - Cushing's disease/syndrome (C's)
 - Excess androgen secretion
 - Excess estrogen sectretion
- Adrenal enzyme deficiencies
 - Congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH)

Adrenal insufficiency

- Primary / Secondary
 - Primary: lesion of the adrenal glands themselves
 - Secondary: inadequate secretion of ACTH by the pituitary gland
- Acute / Chronic
- Isolated / Polyendocrine deficiency syndrome

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Primary adrenal insufficiency - etiology

Hereditary

- CAH
- C.A.Hypoplasia (X-linked and AR)
- Adrenal unresponsiveness to ACTH
- Adrenoleukodystrophy
- Adrenomyeloneuropathy
- Refsum disease
- Wolman disease

Autoimmune

- · AE
- Polyglandular autoimmune syndromes type 1 and 2

Infectious:

- TBC
- Fungal
- HIV
- CMV

Other:

- Adrenal hemorrhage
- Triple A syndrome (adrenal insufficiency, alacrimia, achalasia)
- Medications: ketoconasole (decreased steroid synthesis), increased steroid metabolism (e.g. phenobarbital)

Secondary adrenal insufficiency

- **ACTH** deficiency
- Panhypopituitarism
- Hypothalamic/pituitary disorders (tu, surgery, rth)
- Withdrawal from glucocorticoid therapy
- Inadequate glucocorticoid replacement (Infection, surgery, stress)
- Infant born from steroid-treaeted mother

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Adrenal enzyme deficiencies

- CAH
- adrenal Congenital lipoid adrenal hyperplasia



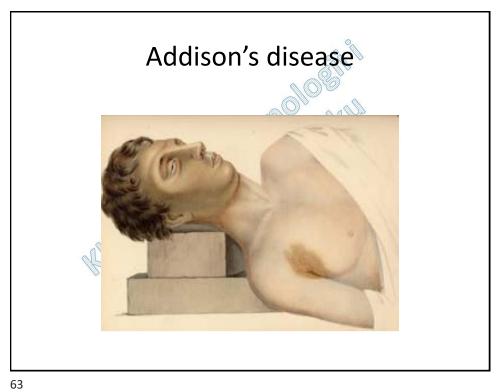
Addison's disease

- Addison's disease is a rare endocrine disorder (1:100000, autoimmune destruction of adrenals) that occurs when the adrenal glands do not produce enough **cortisol**
- Synonyms: chronic adrenal insufficiency, or hypocortisolism
- Occurs in all age groups
- M=F
- Often positive adrenal antibodies
- Occurs when app. 90% of adrenal cortex has been destroyed

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Addison's disease: Symptoms

- Fatigue
- Muscle weakness
- Fasting hypoglycemia
- · Nausea, vomitting, diarrhea
- Weight loss
- Low blood pressure
- Pigmentation of the skin (exposed and non-exposed parts of the body)
- HYPOTENSION→SHOCK→DEATH







ADDISONIAN/Adrenal CRISIS

Clinical

- Sudden, penetrating pain in the lower back, abdomen, legs
- Severe vomiting and diarrhoea with dehydratation
- Low blood pressure and shock
- Hypoglycemia
- Lost of consciousness
- FATAL, if untreated

Lab workout

- Low Na, high K
- Elevated urea/BUN due to dehydratation
- Hypoglycemia
- Anemia and eosinophilia
- Elevated renin and **ACTH** plasma levels
- Low cortisol

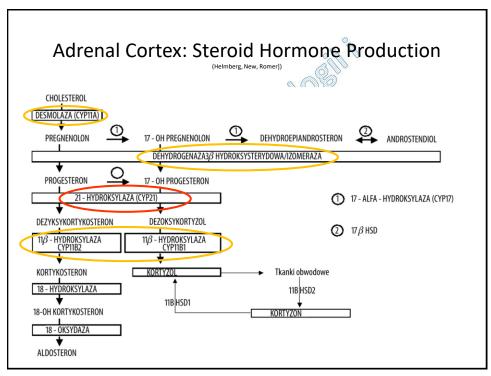
Treatment

- HYDROCORTISONE i.v. 1-2 mg/kg in bolus plus 4-10 mg/kg/day in 3-4 doses (i.v.)
- Na⁺ replacement (rehydration, do not administrate fluids with K⁺)
- Acidosis treatment
- Aldosterone, DOCA if needed

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Congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH)

- Congenital adrenal hyperplasia (CAH) is a family of autosomal recessive disorders of cortisol biosynthesis.
- Cortisol deficiency increases secretion (ACTH), leading to adrenocortical hyperplasia and overproduction of intermediate metabolites.
- Depending on the enzymatic step that is deficient, there may be signs, symptoms, and laboratory findings of:
 - Mineralocorticoid deficiency or excess
 - Incomplete virilization or premature puberty in affected males
 - Virilization or sexual infantilism in affected females



CAH

- More than 90% of CAH cases are caused by 21-hydroxylase deficiency -this P450 enzyme hydroxylates progesterone and 17-hydroxyprogesterone, affects synthesis of aldosterone and cortisol
- Classic 21-hydroxylase deficiency (1:15000-20000):
 - Both hormones are deficient in the most severe, "salt wasting" form of the disease. 75%
 - Slightly less severely affected patients are able to synthesize adequate amounts of aldosterone but have elevated levels of androgens of adrenal origin; "simple virilizing" disease 25%
- Patients with *nonclassic* disease have relatively mildly elevated levels of androgens and may have signs of androgen excess postnatally. (1:1000)

ALDOSTERONE AND CORTISOL DEFICIENCY:

- "Salt wasting" form classic 21-bydroxylase deficiency:
- Symptoms:
 - Progressive weight loss, anorexia, vomiting, dehydration, weakness, hypotension, hypoglycemia, hyponatremia and hyperkalemia.
 - Develop in affected infants at approximately 2 wk of age.
 - Without treatment, shock, cardiac arrhythmias, and death may occur within days or weeks.

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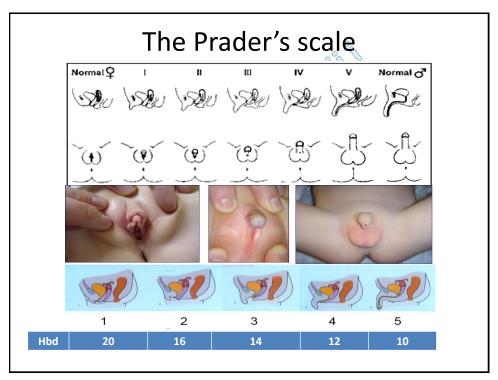
"Salt wasting" form

- Cortisol is not synthesized efficiently ⇒ ACTH levels are high ⇒ hyperplasia of the adrenal cortex and ↑ levels of precursor steroids (that may be 100xnormal)
- Precursors include 17-hydroxyprogesterone and progesterone.
- Progesterone act as antagonist of the mineralocorticoid receptor and thus may exacerbate the effects of aldosterone deficiency in untreated patients.

Androgen excess prenatally:

- Accumulation of steroid precursors is that 17-OH-P is shunted into the pathway for androgen biosynthesis, ⇒high levels of androstenedione that are converted outside the adrenal gland to testosterone.
- Begins by 8–10 wk of gestation and leads to abnormal genital development in females.
- Affected females, who are exposed in utero to high levels of androgens of adrenal origin, have masculinized external genitalia.
 - Enlargement of the clitoris (resembles a penis).
 - Partial or complete labial fusion.
 - Vagina usually has a common opening with the urethra (urogenital sinus).
 - Because the urethra opens below the penis, some affected females may be mistakenly presumed to be males with hypospadias and cryptorchidism.
 - The internal genital organs are normal, because affected females have normal ovaries and not testes
 - Prenatal exposure of the brain to high levels of androgens may influence subsequent sexually dimorphic behaviors in affected females
- Male infants appear normal at birth.
- The diagnosis may not be made in boys until signs of adrenal insufficiency develop.

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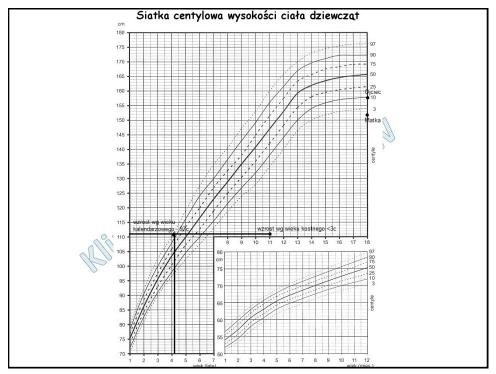
POSTNATAL ANDROGEN EXCESS

- Untreated or inadequately treated children of both sexes develop additional signs of androgen excess after birth.
- Boys with the simple virilizing form appear normal and rarely develop adrenal insufficiency (delayed diagnosis).
- Signs of androgen excess include rapid somatic growth and accelerated skeletal maturation.
- Affected patients are tall in childhood but premature closure of the epiphyses causes growth to stop relatively early, and adult stature is stunted

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POSTNATAL ANDROGEN EXCESS

- Muscular development may be excessive.
- Pubic and axillary hair
- acne
- deep voice
- The penis, scrotum, and prostate may become enlarged in affected boys
- The testes are usually prepubertal in size [appear relatively small in contrast to the enlarged penis].
- The clitoris may become further enlarged.
- Although the internal genital structures are female, breast development and menstruation do not occur unless the excessive production of androgens is suppressed by adequate treatmen





Nonclassic 21-hydroxylase deficiency

- Similar but milder signs of androgen excess
- Cortisol and aldosterone levels are normal and affected females have normal genitalia at birth.
- Males and females may present with precocious pubarche.
- Hirsutism, acne, menstrual disorders, and infertility may develop.
- Many females and males are completely asymptomatic
- M=F

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Diagnosis:

- <u>Salt losing disease:</u> Typical findings of cortisol and aldosterone deficiency: <u>hyponatremia</u>, <u>hyperkalemia</u>, <u>acidosis</u>, <u>and often</u> <u>hypoglycemia</u>. (1–2 wk or longer to develop after birth).
- 17-hydroxyprogesterone are elevated.
- Cortisol levels are low in patients with the salt-losing type of disease.
 They are often normal in pts with the simple virilizing type but
 inappropriately low in relation to the ACTH and 17hydroxyprogesterone levels.
- Androstenedione and testosterone are elevated in affected females.
- Testosterone is not elevated in affected males because normal infant males have high testosterone levels compared with those seen later in childhood.
- Levels of urinary 17-ketosteroids and pregnanetriol are elevated.
- Plasma levels of renin are elevated, and serum aldosterone is inappropriately low for the renin level.

DHEA-S04 μg/dl	Estradiol pg/ml	FSH mIU/ml	LH mIU/ml	Testoster ng/ml		ndrostendion ng/ml	proges	17-OH progesteron ug/dl	
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Treatment:

- Cortisol deficiency is treated with glucocorticoids.
- Treatment also suppresses excessive production of androgens by the adrenal cortex.
- Double or triple doses are indicated during periods of stress, such as infection or surgery.
- Glucocorticoid treatment must be continued indefinitely in all patients with classic 21-hydroxylase deficiency but may not be necessary in patients with nonclassic disease unless signs of androgen excess are present.
- Patients with salt-wasting disease require mineralocorticoid replacement with fludrocortisone

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TH control

TRH

- Produced by hypothalamus
- Release is pulsatile and circadian
- Downregulated by T3
- Travels through portal venous system to adenohypophysis
- Stimulates TSH production

TSH

- Produced by adenohypophysis thyrotrophs
- Upregulated by TRH
- Downregulated by T4 and T3
- Travels through portal venous system to cavernous sinus and body
- Stimulates:
 - lodine uptake
 - Colloid endocytosis
 - Growth of thyroid gland

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- Majority of circulating hormone is T4 (98,5% vs 1,5%)
- Total hormone load is influenced by serum binding proteins
 - Albumin 15%
 - Thyroid binding globulin 70%
 - Transthyretin 10%
 - Others 5%
- Regulation is based on the free component of thyroid hormone

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Effects of Thyroid Hormone

- · Fetal brain and skeletal maturation
- Increase in basal metabolic rate
- Inotropic and chronotropic effects on heart
- · Increases sensitivity to catecholamines
- Stimulates gut motility
- Increase bone turnover.
- Increase in serum glucose, decrease in serum cholesterol

Thyroid Function Testing

- TSH
- Total (historical) and free T4
- Total (historical) and free T3
- T3 resin uptake (T3) (Historical)
- Reverse (Historical)
- Thyroglobulin

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Thyroid Testing

- TSH
 - Best test for screening for thyroid dysfunction!
 - Log/linear response w/ FT4
 - A 2-fold change in FT4 produces a 100-fold change in TSH
 - Not specific for a particular thyroid disease.
 - Don't use TSH alone for diagnosis!
 - Also useful in
 - Assessing 174 tx in 1° hypothyroidism
 - Monitoring TSH-suppressive tx in thyroid Ca

Thyroid Testing

- FT4
 - Testing methods:
 - · Equilibrium dialysis
 - Analog assays
 - If abnormal TSH check FT4 next
 - Indications:
 - In conjunction w/ TSH for diagnosing hyperthyroidism or hypothyroidism.
 - Monitoring LT4 replacement in central hypothyroidism (TSH not helpful)
 - Assessing response to tx following 131-RAIA (Graves, toxic nodules)
- FT3
 - Abnormal TSH + normal FT4, then check this one (T3 Thyrotoxicosis)
 - In Hyperthyroidism

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Negative feedback loop Hypothalamus Pituitary Thyroid gland T4

Thyroid Testing

- Thyroid Antibodies (TPO, Tg, TRAb)
 - TPO
 - TPO + Tg Ab's assoc w/ Hashimoto's. TPO more sensitive.
 - Helpful in predicting those w/ subclinical hypothyroidism who are at ↑ risk for progression to overt hypothyroidism.
 - TRAb
 - · When dx of Graves' in question
 - Note: a negative test does not r/o Graves'
 - Pregnant women w/ Graves'
 - to determine fetal risk of thyroid dysfunction (due to transplacental passage of stimulating or blocking Ab's).
 - Suspected euthyroid ophthalmopathy.
 - In pt's w/ alternating hyper- and hypothyroidism (due to fluctuations in TSH receptor stimulating and blocking and stimulating Ab's)
- Thyroglobulin (Tg)
 - Indications
 - Thyroid cancer recurrence
 - · Factitious (exogenous) vs. endogenous hyperthyroidism
 - Note: Most assays are not reliable in pt's (+) for anti-Tg Ab
 - Interferes w/ method of Tg measurement (causing factitious low Tg)

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Overview of Thyroid Function Tests

TSH	FT4	Clinical Status
	LOW	Primary Hypothyroidism, Thyroiditis (stage 3)
HIGH	NORMAL	Subclinical Hypothyroidism
	HIGH	Pituitary Hyperthyroidism
LOW	HIGH	Thyrotoxicosis, Thyroiditis (stage 1)
	NORMAL	Subclinical <u>Hyper</u> thyroidism, Autonomous nodules
	LOW	Pituitary <u>Hypo</u> thyroidism

Hypothyroidism



Symptoms

- General Slowing Down
- Lethargy/somnolence
- Depression
- Modest Weight Gain
- Cold Intolerance
- Hoarseness
- Dry skin
- → Constipation (peristaltic activity)
- General Aches/Pains
 - Arthralgias or myalgias cold temps)

(worsened by

Brittle Hair

- Menstrual irregularities
 - Excessive bleeding
 - Failure of ovulation
- ↓ Libido

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Symtoms and signs

Congenital Hypothyroidism

Findings During the First 2 Postnatal Weeks

- Prolonged neonatal jaundice
- Edema of the eyelids, hands, and feet
 Gestation >42 wk
- Birthweight >4 kg
- Poor feeding
- Hypothermia
- Protuberant abdomen
- Large anterior and posterior fontanelles

Findings Beyond Age 1 Month

- Darkened and mottled skin
- · Stressful, frequent, and labored breathing
- Failure to gain weight; poor sucking ability
- Decreased stool frequency
- Decreased activity and lethargy

Findings After Age 3 Months

- Umbilical hernia
- · Infrequent and hard stools
- Dry skin with carotenemia
- Macroglossia
- Generalized swelling or myxedema
- Hoarse cry

Acquired Hypothyroidism

Findings Between 6 Months and 3 Years of Age

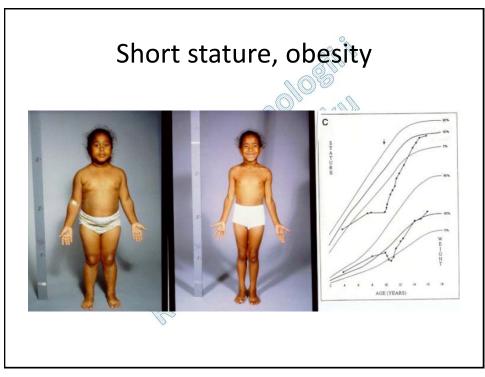
- Deceleration of linear growth
- Coarse facial features
- Dry skin with carotenemia
- · Hoarse cry and large tongue
- Umbilical hernia
- Muscular pseudohypertrophy (enlargement of the arm and leg muscles)

Findings During Childhood

- Deceleration of linear growth with or without short stature
- Delay in eruption of teeth and in shedding of primary teeth
- Muscle weakness and pseudohypertrophy (enlargement of the arm and leg muscles)
- Infrequent and hard stools
- · Dry skin with carotenemia
- · Generalized swelling or myxedema
- Precocious sexual development: breast development without sexual hair in girls; enlarged testes without sexual hair in boys

Findings During Adolescence

- · Delayed onset of puberty
- Deceleration of linear growth with or without short stature
- Delay in eruption of teeth and in shedding of primary teeth
- Infrequent and hard stools
- Dry skin with carotenemia
- Galactorrhea (girls)
- Generalized swelling or myxedema



Hypothyroidism

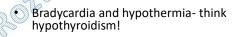






Puffy face and extremities

- Sinus Bradycardia
- Diastolic HTN
- → Body Temperature
- Delayed relaxation of DTRs
- Megacolon (↓ peristaltic activity)
- Pericardial/pleural effusions
- CHF
- Myxedema (nonpitting edema)



Hypothyroidism



- Laboratory Findings
 - Elevated TSH
 - Low FT4
 - TPO Ab (+)
 - Pregnant women w/ TPO Ab (+)
 - Miscarriage rate doubles
 - — ↑ risk post partum thyroiditis (35%)
 - mild anemia
 - − ↑ CPK-MB
 - ↑ LDL, ↑ Chol (↓ lipid clearance)
 - Hyponatremia

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Hypothyroidism (Treatment)

LT4

- Initial starting dosage 1.6 mg/kg/day
 - Dose correlates better w/ lean body wt
- ≈ 80% of PO dose of LT4 is absorbed
- The main absorptive sites proximal and mid-jejunum.
- Food can ↓ LT4 absorption up to 40-50%.
- Serum LT4 levels rise 10-15% after ingestion, peaking at 2-4 hrs.
 - Serum LT3 levels don't change due to the slow peripheral conversion of T4 → T3.
- T-1/2 LT4 is 7 days
 - can be given weekly in non compliant pt's.
- Goal LT4 replacement; TSH 1.0-2.5 mU/L

Hypothyroidism (treatment in general)

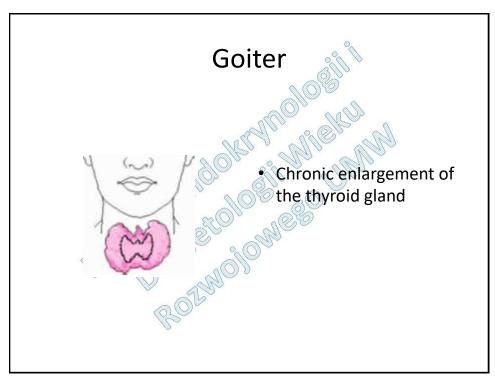
Indications for LT4 replacement

- Asymptomatic: TSH > 10
- Asymptomatic and TPO Ab (+): TSH > 5
- Symptomatic: TSH > 5
- Pregnant female: TSH > 2.5
- Goitrous: TSH > 5

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Hashimoto disease

- The most common cause of acquired hypothyroidism
- F:M 3:1
- In children mostly asymptomatic goiter, or symptoms nonspecific
- More frequent in Down and Turner Syndromes



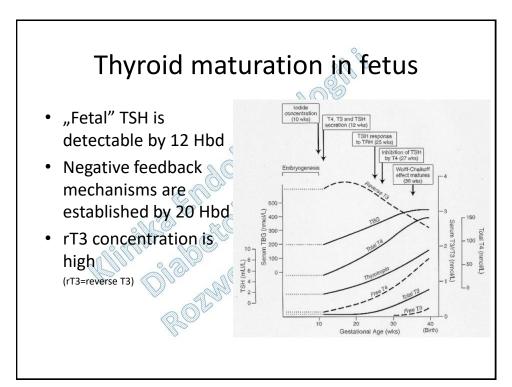
WHO classification

- Grade 0 no goiter presence is found
- Grade 1 neck thickening is present in result of enlarged thyroid, palpable, however not visible in normal position of the neck. The thickened mass moving upwards during swallowing. Grade 1 includes also nodular goiter if thyroid enlargement remans invisible.
- Grade 2 neck swelling visible if neck is in normal possition, corresponding with enlarged thyroid found in palpation.



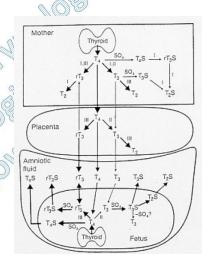






Mother – foetus relation

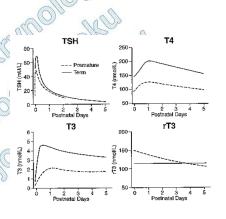
- Fetal hormonal axis is independent
 - Limited T4 exchange
 - Placental type 3 deiodonase
- Effect of maternal hypothyroidism is most important in the first trimester
- Placenta is permeable to TRH, IgG and thionamides



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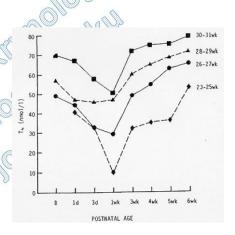
Changes at birth

- There is a surge of TSH, T3 and T4 at birth, that is important for screen results.
- Lower rise is observed in preterms – preterms should have TSH and fT4 checked again.



Thyroid status in preterms

- Immaturity of axis
- Nadir at 2-3 weeks
- Influences:
 - Illness
 - lodine exposure and stores
 - T4 clearance
- TSH not elevated



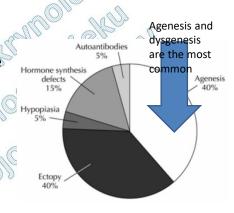
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Congenital Hypothyroidism

- Incidence ratio 1:4000
 - Higher in F
 - Higher in Asian
 - Lower in Black
- Primarily sporadic occurance
- Overt symptoms may not be present at birth
- Profoud effects on CNS development, but no sequelae if treatment initiated by 2-4 weeks (10-15mcg/kg/day)
- Reliable testing and SCREENing available (TSH and/or fT4, in Poland TSH)

Etiology of Primary Congenital Hypothyroidism

- Known precise etiology does not change immediate treatment plans, therefore extensive testing is usually not necessary.
- However, it may be helpful in assessment of risk in future pregnancies and may allow early determination od transient vs permanent disease.



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Trancient CH

- Abnormal newborn screen with abnormal confirmatory lab. Results
 - 75-80% of abnormal screens due to false +
- Incidence estimated 10% of all cases
- Most common in premature babies
- Causes:
 - Iodine deficiency or excess
 - Maternal antithyroid medication
 - Maternal TSH receptor blocking antibodies

Treatment

- Confirm all abnormal newborn screens with lab.
 TSH and fT4. Borderline results require retesting in 2-4 weeks.
- If lab. results are abnormal, begin THYROXINE 10-15mcg/kg/day (usually 25-37 mcg/day). The goal is to start the therapy within the first month, optimal – 2 weeks.
- Follow up in 2-3 months to adjust the dose.
- If no need to increase the dose by 2-3 years, give
 4 weeks off of thyroxine for diagnosis verification.

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Hyperthyroidism

- Thyrotoxicosis = "any condition that results in thyroid hormone excess"
 - Includes: Graves Disease, Toxic Golter, Thyroiditis, and Excessive Thyroxine Ingestion
- Hyperthyroidism = "Specifically hyperfunctioning of the thyroid gland"
 - Most Commonly caused by Graves Disease in the young
 - Toxic Nodular Goiter in the elderly



Hyperthyroidism

- Graves Disease (>95% of Cases)
 - Relatively rare in children
 - Incidence increases with puberty
 - Female:Male (3-5:1)
- Neonatal Graves
 - Transplacental Antibodies
- Hashitoxicosis
- TSH receptor mutations (gain of function)
 - McCune Albright syndrome
- · Subacute Thyroiditis
- · Exogenous thyroxine Exposure

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Hyperthyroidism



- Symptoms
 - Jittery, shaky, nervous
 - Difficulty concentrating
 - Emotional lability
 - Insomnia
 - Rapid HR, palpitations, DOE
 - Feeling Hot
 - Weight Loss (can see weight gain)
 - Freq BMs (hyperdefecation, not diarrhea)
 - Fatigue
 - Menses w/ lighter flow, shorter duration

Hyperthyroidism



- Exam
 - Eye findings (20%)
 - Goiter
 - Thyroid bruit or thrill
 - Tachycardia: Sinus Tach, A-Fib
 - Flow murmur
 - Systolic Hypertension
 - Hyperreflexia
 - Tremors
 - UE, tongue
 - Proximal muscle weakness
 - Thenar/ hypothenar atrophy
 - Acropachy
 - Onycholysis (<1%)
 - · separation of nail from the nailbed
 - Dermopathy (1%)

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Hyperthyroid Eye Disease



- Hyperthyroidism (any cause)
 - Lid lag, lid retraction and stare
 - Due to increased adrenergic tone stimulating the levator palpebral muscles.
- · True Graves' Ophthalmopathy
 - Proptosis
 - Diplopia
 - Inflammatory changes
 - Conjunctival injection
 - · Periorbital edema
 - Chemosis
 - Due to thyroid autoAb's that crossreact w/ Ag's in fibroblasts, adipocytes, + myocytes behind the eyes.

Graves' Disease

- Most common form of thyrotoxicosis
- Autoimmune etiology with familial predisposition
- Thyroid receptor stimulating antibody unique to Graves' disease; other autoantibodies present (TgAb, TPOAb)
- Affects females five times more often than males

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Signs and symptoms in children

- Change in school performance
- Insomnia
- · Restlessness, irritability
- Nocturia
- Bone age advancement
- Infants: premature birth, craniosynostosis, poor feeding, failure to thrive
- Weight loss, polyphagia, tachycardia, increased pulse and systolic pressure with decreased diastolic pressure, heat intolerance, diarrhea, tremor

Neonatal Grave's

- Rare < 2% infants born to Graves" moms
- 2 types:

Transplacental trnsfr of TSH-R ab (IgG)

- Present at birth, self-limited
- · Rx PTU, Lugol's, propanolol, prednisone
- Prevention: TSI in mom 2nd trimester, if 5X normal then Rx mom with PTU (crosses placenta to protect fetus) even if mom is euthyroid (can give mom LT4 which won't cross placenta)

Child develops own TSH-R ab

- · Strong family hx of Grave's
- Present @ 3-6 mos
- 20% mortality, persistant brain dysfunction

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Neonatal Hyperthyroidism

- Almost always transient.
- Usually associated with maternal Graves
- Incidence 1:50 000 neonates, 1-2% mums with Graves
- Often presents in first week of life, emerging with clearence of maternal thionamide
- Treatment PTU, methimazole, propranolol

Hyperthyroidism



- **Laboratory Findings**
 - TSH nearly undetectable
 - Elevated FT4 or FT3
 - mild leukopenia,
 - N/N anemia,
 - TLFT's and alk phos,
 - mild 个 Ca++,
 - → albumin
 - J chol

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Hyperthyroidism (Treatment)

- 1) <u>β-blockers</u> (symptom control)
 - Propranolol: 60-320 mg daily
 - Atenolol: 50-100 mg daily
 - Metoprolol: 50-100 mg bid
 - If β-blocker contraindicated then Verapamil 40-80 mg tid
- 2) 131-RAIA (70% thyroidologists prefer)
 - Dosing
 - Graves: 10-15 mCi
 - Toxic MNG/Adenoma: 20-30 mCi
 - Absolute contraindications
 - Pregnancy and nursing moms (excreted in breast milk)!
 - Pregnancy should be deferred for at least 6 months following tx w/ 131-
 - Prudent to avoid 131-RAIA in pt's w/ active moderate → severe Graves' ophthalmopathy.

Hyperthyroidism (Treatment)

3) Antithyroid Drugs

- Propylthiouracil (PTU)
 - 100 mg bid-tid to start
- Methimazole
 - 10X more potent the PTU
 - 10 mg bid-tid to start
- Complications of ATD's
 - Dose dependent w/ Methimazole, Idiosyncratic w/ PTU.
 - Agranulocytosis (1/200-500)
 - usually presents w/ acute pharyngitis/ tonsilitis or pneumonia.
 - Rash
 - Hepatic necrosis w/ PTU, Cholestatic jaundice w/ Methimazole.
 - Arthralgias

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Hyperthyroidism (Treatment)

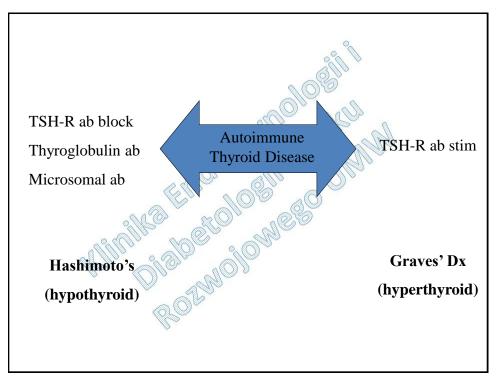
3) Antithyroid Drugs

- Candidates for ATD's
 - · Children and adolescents
 - Pt's w/ moderate → severe ophthalmopathy
 - Thyroid Storm
 - Pt's w/ mild disease: small goiter, low titers of TSI (TSH-R Ab), low maintenance dose
 - Pt's w/ severe disease prior to 131-RAIA
 - stop ATD's 5-7 days prior to 131-RAIA
 - Labs
 - Follow TSH/FT4, CBC, LFT's

Hyperthyroidism (Treatment)

- 4) Surgery (sub-total thyroidectomy)
 - Indications
 - Pt preference
 - Pregnant women w/ failed ATD's
 - Large or symptomatic goiters
 - When there is question of malignancy
 - Need to be euthyroid prior to surgery
 - To ↓ the risk of arrhythmias during induction of anesthesia
 - To the risk of thyroid storm post operatively
 - ATD's + β-blockers
 - Risks
 - Permanent hypoparathyroidism
 - Recurrent laryngeal nerve problems
 - Permanent hypothyroidism

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Autoimmune Polyglandular Syndromes 2

- Classic Triad:
 - Adrenal Insufficiency
 - Autoimmune thyroid disease (hypo or hyperthyroidism)
 - Type 1 DM
- Only 2 of the 3 are required for diagnosis
- F:M 3:1
- Age of onset tends to be between 20 and 30 years
- Other components of APS-2
 - Primary Hypogonadism
 - Myasthenia Gravis
 - Celiac disease
 - Pernicious Anemia
 - Alopecia
 - Vitiligo
 - Serositis
 - Stiffman Syndrome
 - ITP
 - IgA deficiency/ Goodpasture's syndrome

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A Clinical Example

- 12 y.o. female referred for "abnormal thyroid function tests" and recent weight gain
- Locally: TSH = 6.2 mclU/mL (0.35-4.94), free T4 = 1 ng/dL (0.7-1.5)
- Height points consistently at the 75th percentile
- PMH: Negative; Meds: None
- · FH: No family history of thyroid disease
- Exam: No thyromegaly, otherwise normal, obesity

A Clinical Example

- Should this patient be started on thyroid replacement?
- If not, what is the next step?
- If thyroid functions should be repeated, when?
- Would thyroid antibodies be helpful?
- Any role for thyroid ultrasound?

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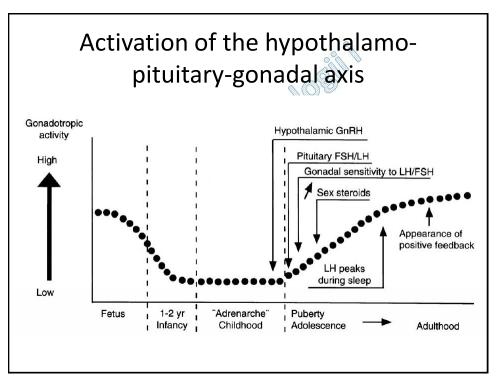
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- 3. Thyroid gland: to poth sidism hyperthyroidsm
- 4. Puberty timetable & tricks
- 5. Granth

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Physiology of puberty

- Puberty is the stage of physical maturation in which an individual becomes physiologically capable of sexual reproduction (manifested by spermatogenesis in the male and ovulation in the female).
- It lasts usually 2 to 5 years.



Puberty milestones

Female

- Thelarche- the onset of pubertal brest development
- Menarche- the onset of menstrual periods
- Pubarche the onset of pubic hair development
- · Growth spurt

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- Testes and penis growth
- Pubarche
- Spermarche
- Body and facial hair
- Voice change
- Growth spurt

Puberty – normal range

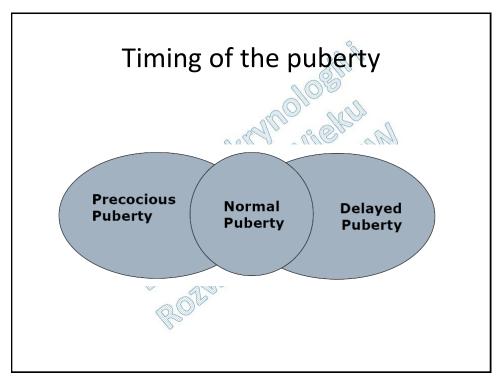
Girls

- Breasts 8-13 yrs
- Pubic hair 11,5 yrs
- Menarche 12,9 yrs
- Growth spurt early
- Tanner V ~ 14 yrs
- Tempo 2 yrs (0,5-4 yrs) (B→M)

Boys

- † testes (>4ml) 9-14 yrs (11,2 yrs)
- Pubic hair 12 yrs
- Growth spurt later
- Tanner V ~ 16 yrs
- Tempo 1 genitalia stage 1-1,5yrs

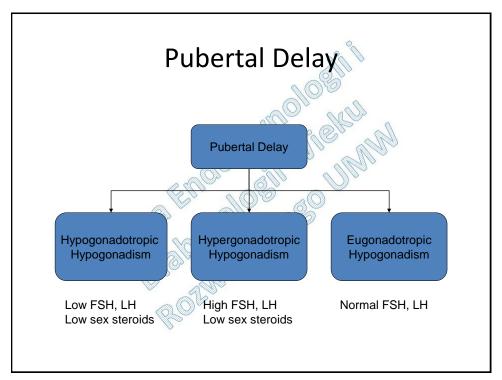
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Timing of Puberty

- Consider <u>pubertal delay</u> if:
 - No breast development by age 13 in a female
 - No menses by age 15 in a female
 - Testicular size < 2.5cm or 4mL or pubic hair is not present by age 14 in a male
- Consider precocious puberty if:
 - Girls Breast development before age 8 or menarche before age 10 in females
 - Boys Testes volume > 3ml before 9 years.
 - Pubic hair development before 8 years in females, and 9 years in males

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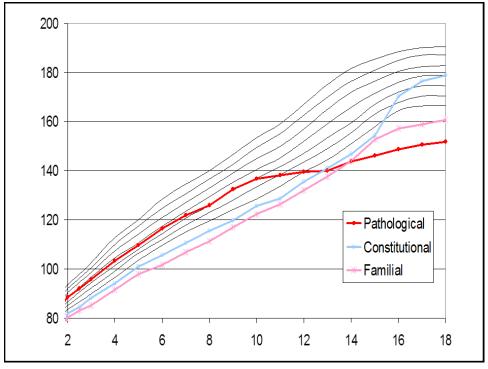
Pubertal Delay

- Sedlmeyer et al. identified in their study that delayed puberty in men could be classified as
 - Constitutional delay of growth & puberty in 63%
 - Delay associated with underlying medical condition 20%
 - Hypogonadotropic hypogonadism 9%
 - Hypergonadotropic hypogonadism 7%

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Hypogonadotropic Hypogonadism

- Constitutional Delay of Puberty
- Malnutrition
- Excessive Exercise
- Growth Hormone Deficiency
- Isolated Gonadotropin Deficiency
- Endocrine Causes
- Miscellaneous syndrome complexes
- Brain tumors
 - Craniopharyngioma, astrocytomas, gliomas, histiocytosis X, germinomas, prolactinomas
- Iron overload (pituitary damage)
- GnRH receptor abnormalities



Kallman Syndrome

- A syndrome of isolated gonadotropin deficiency
- 1/10,000 males, 1/50,000 females
- Present with ANOSMIA or HYPOSMIA
- Can be difficult to differentiate from constitutional delay
- KAL-1 gene encodes protein (anosmin) required for GnRH neurons to migrate from olfactory placode to cribiform plate
- Can also be associated with harelip, cleft palate, and congenital deafness

Excessive exercise

- Questions as to whether lack of puberty related to low body weight or more as a direct effect of exercise
 - Interruption of training in ballet dancers, runners

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Syndromes Associated with Pubertal Delay

- Prader-Willi syndrome
- Laurence Moon syndrome
- Septo-optic dysplasia
- Bardet-Biedl syndrome

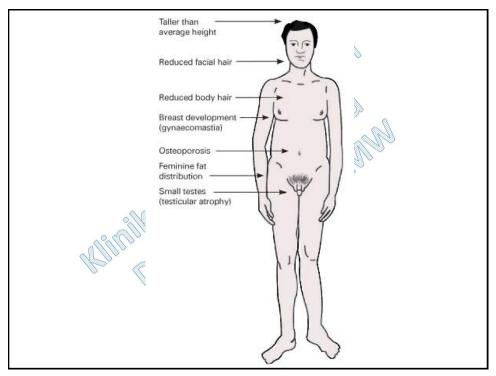
Hypergonadotropic hypogonadism

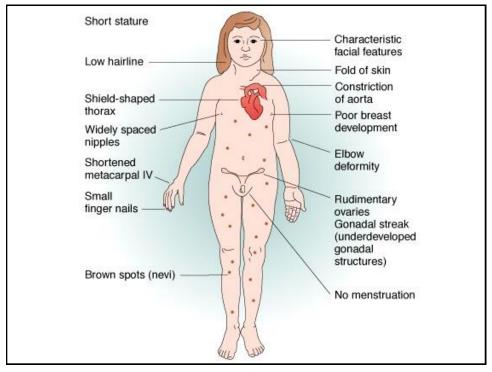
- Gonadal damage secondary to chemotherapy/radiation
- · Enzyme defects in the gonads
- Androgen insensitivity
- Ovarian/testicular dysgenesis (causes of gonadal failure)

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Gonadal Failure (bilateral)

- In these cases, circulating levels of LH & FSH are high (hypergonadotropic hypogonadism)
- Congenital
 - Turner Syndrome
 - Klinefelter's Syndrome
 - Complete androgen insensitivity
- Acquired
 - Chemotherapy/Radiation/Surgery
 - Postinfectious (ie mumps orchitis, coxsackievirus infection, dengue, shigella, malaria, varicella)
 - Testicular torsion
 - Autoimmune/metabolic (autoimmune polyglandular syndromes)
 - "Vanishing Testes syndrome"
 - "Resistant Ovaries syndomre" (gonadatropin receptor problems)





Precocious puberty

Signs of pubertal maturation in:

- GIRLS < 8yrs
- BOYS <9 yrs
- Menarche < 9 yrs also indicates pubetal precocity

First signs of pubertal maturation:

- Brest budding in girls
- Increase in testicular volume in boys

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PRECOCIOUS PUBERTY

WHAT ARE THE TYPES OF PRECOCIOUS PUBERTY?

- 1- Central / true precocious puberty
- 2-Peripheral /GnRH independent precocious puberty
- 3-Incomplete precocious puberty

CENTRAL PRECOCIOUS PUBERTY

- CPP is physiologically normal pubertal development that occur at an early age
- GnRH dependent
 ↑ GnRH pulses ⇒ ↑ gonadotropins ⇒ ↑ ↑ ovarian estrogen production & eventual ovulation
- It follows the pattern of pubertal changes that occur in normal puberty
- · More common in girls than boys

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CAUSES OF CPP

1-Idiopathic 80-90%

2-CNS tumors

a-Hypothalamic hamartomas

- A congenital malformation
- The most common type of CNS tumor that cause CPP
- Size & shape do not change significantly over time
- May be associated with seizures (the intrahypothalamic type)
- Rapidly progressing CPP in a child < 2 Y suggest this Dx

b-Optic glyomas

c-Craniopharyngioma

d-Dysgerminoma

e-Epindymoma

f-ganglioneuroma

CAUSES OF CPP

3-CNS dysfunction

a-Space occupying lesion eg. Arachnoid cyst

b-Hydrocephalus

c-Irradiation

d-Trauma

e-Infection

f-Septooptic dysplasia (congenital)

g-Excessive exposure to sex steroids

(congenital adrenal hyperplasia)

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PERIPHERAL PRECOCIOUS PUBERTY PPP / Pseudo PP

- GnRH independent
- Due to inappropriate sex hormone secretion or exposure to exogenous sex steroids
- LH & FSH levels are low prepubertal, while estrogen 11
- May present with some or all of the physical changes of puberty

CAUSES

Exogenous sex steroids or gonadotropins

Abnormal secretion of gonadotropins (rare) eg. Tumors secreting hCG (teratoma)

CAUSES OF PPP

Functioning ovarian tumors UNCOMMON

- » Granulosa cell
- » Granulosa-thica cell

70% present with PP

- » Mixed germ cell → usually benign
- Present with rapid progression of breast development,

vaginal bleeding & abdominal pain

- Palpable mass & dulling of vaginal mucosa
- Estradiol level excessively elevated
- U/S, CT, MRI, are helpful in confirming the Dx

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CAUSES OF PPP

Functioning ovarian tumors

- Cystadenoma
- May produce estrogen
- Gonadoblastoma
- or androgen or both

Lipoid

Rare

Functional ovarian cysts

- Secrete estrogen ⇒ breast development
- Rupture or resolution ⇒↓ estrogen ⇒ vaginal bleed
- Surgery should be avoided

Adrenal tumors RARE

Congenital adrenal hyperplasia

CHRONIC 1RY HYPOTHYROIDISM

- TSH ⇒ acts on FSH receptors ⇒ PPP
- Treatment ⇒ thyroxin ⇒ resolution of the PPP

CAUSES OF PPP

McCune-Albright syndrome

- » Café-au-lait spots
- » Polyostotic fibrous dysplasia
- » GnRH independent PP
- » Endocrine disorder
- » Autonomous functioning ovaries with 1 or 2 ovarian cysts ⇒ ↑ estradiol

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Clinical problems – too much and too little:

- Growth hormone excess: acromegaly and pituitary gigantism
- Growth hormone deficiency (GHD)

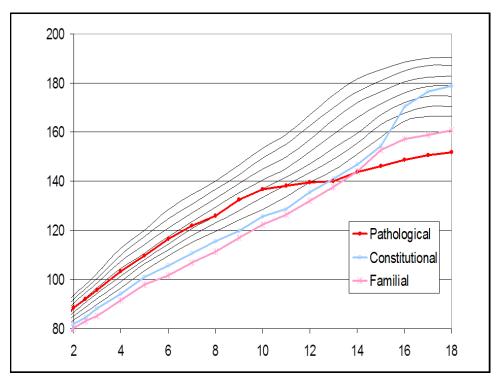
Approach to the patient with short stature

- Longitudinal assessment of growth is essential child care.
- Short stature optimally is defined relative to the genetic endowment of the individual. Short stature is recognized by comparing the individual child to a large population with a similar genetic background and, more particularly, to the mid-parental target height.
- Growth failure (GF) is often confused with short stature. By definition, GF is a pathologic state, whereas short stature is often a normal variant.

 Regardless of the genetic background, short stature may be a sign of a wide variety of pathologic conditions or inherited disorders.

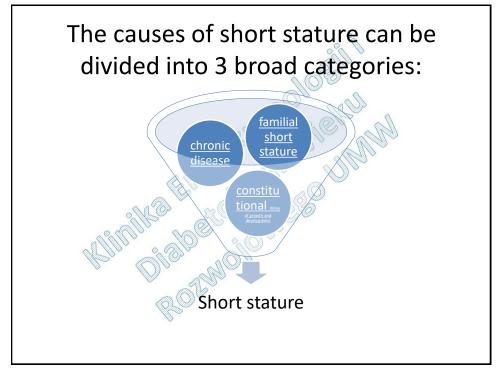
Thus, accurate longitudinal assessment of growth is a fundamental aspect of health maintenance in children. **Review of the patient's growth chart is critical to the evaluation of short stature**. Deviation from a prior growth pattern appropriate for the genetic background often heralds new pathology. In addition, analysis of the prior growth pattern helps distinguish normal from pathologic variants of short stature.

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 Compared to a well-nourished, genetically relevant population, short stature is defined as standing height more than 2,5 standard deviations below the mean (or below the 3 percentile) for gender.

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Endocrine diseases are rare causes of short stature.

- er degree tha The hallmark of endocrine disease is linear GF occurring to a greater degree than weight loss.
- 3-5% out of 3%

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Growth Evaluation

- Bone age X-rays (delayed)
- Serum growth hormone (low, at least 2 provocative tests are needed to diagnose GHD, in PL also night profile of GH secretion)
- IGF-1 (low, normal ranges should be reffered to bone age and Tanner stage)
- IGFBP-3

Always think about:

- Any chronic disease that will influence growth, especially:
- Celiac disease, malnutrition
- Hypothyroidism
- Genetic syndromes (check karyotype)
- Cardiac problems (girls with Tanner syndrome)
- Cystic fibrosis

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Most short children evaluated by clinicians in developed countries have familial short stature and/or constitutional delay of growth, **both of which are diagnoses of exclusion**.

- The hallmarks of familial short stature include:
 - bone age appropriate for chronologic age
 - normal growth velocity, and
 - predicted adult height appropriate to the familial pattern
- Constitutional delay is characterized by:
 - delayed bone age,
 - normal growth velocity, and
 - predicted adult height appropriate to the familial pattern.
- A first-degree or seconddegree relative with constitutional delay (eg, menarche reached when older than 15 y, adult height attained in male relatives when older than 18 y).

Treatment:

- GH deficiency is treated by replacing GH.
- All GH in current use is a biosynthetic version of human GH, manufactured by recombinant DNA technology.
- As GH is a large protein molecule, it must be injected into subcutaneous tissue (or muscle) to get it into the blood.
- When the patient has had a long-standing deficiency of GH, benefits of treatment are often dramatic and gratifying and side effects of treatment are rare. Increased growth in childhood can result in dramatically improved adult height.

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Further Care:

- **Further Outpatient Care:**
- Monitoring the therapy:
- Height and weight:
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 Track Standing height and weight at 3 or 6-month intervals.

 I tests:
 TSH, fT4
 Glycaemia/HbA1c
 IGF1
 ne age
- Lab tests:

 - IGF1
- Bone age



