



# WAY TO DIAGNOSIS - MINOR ANOMALIES AND CHROMOSOMAL ABNORMALITIES RECOGNIZABLE BY MORPHOLOGICAL FEATURES

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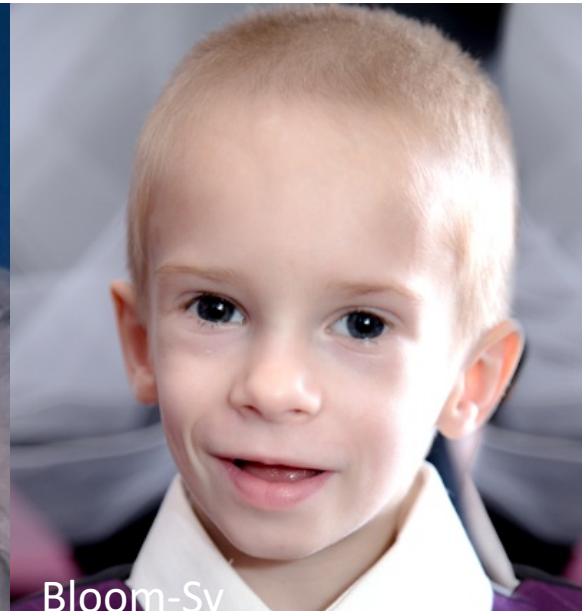
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Down-Sy



Neurofibromatosis



Bloom-Sy



Li-Fraumeni-Sy



Kostmann-Sy



Diamond-Blackfan-Sy



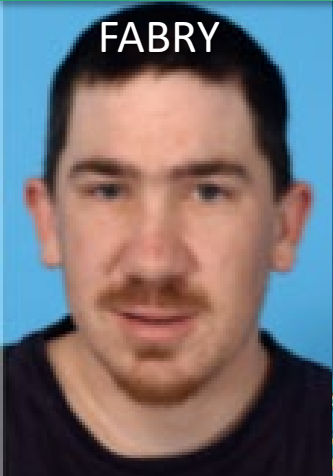
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Schwachman-Diamond



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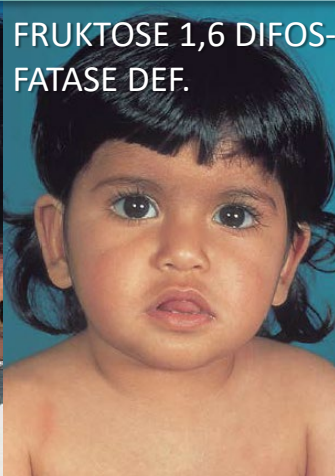
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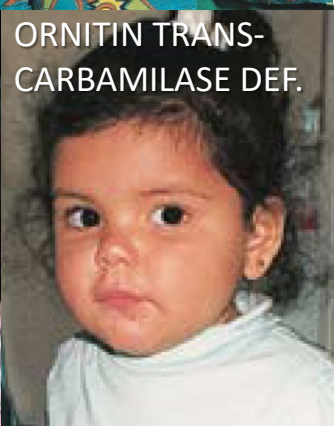
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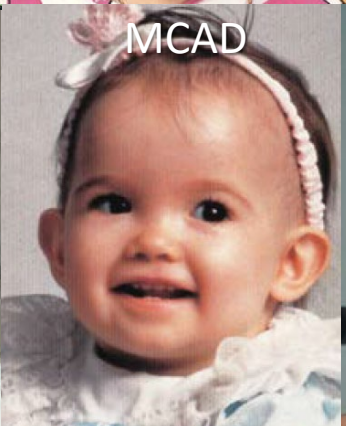
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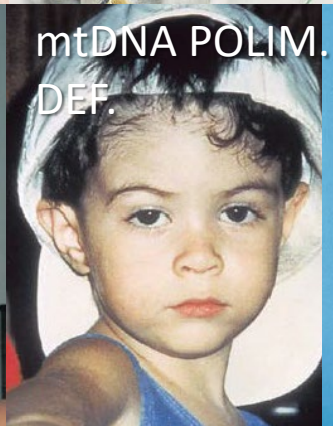
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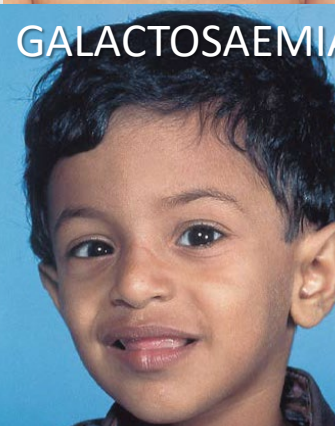
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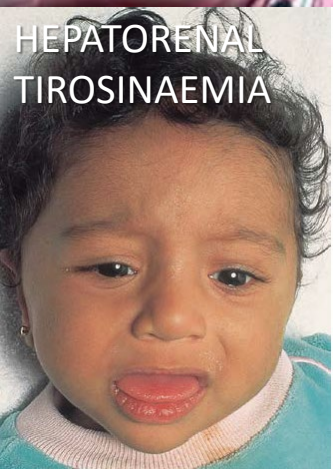
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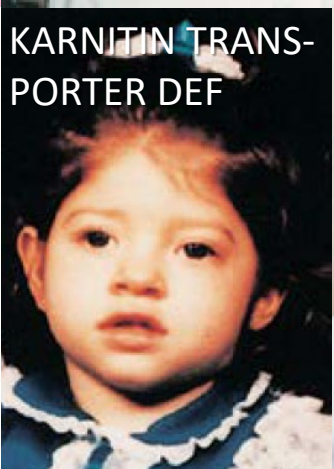
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HEPATORENAL TIROSINAEMIA



KARNITIN TRANSPORTER DEF



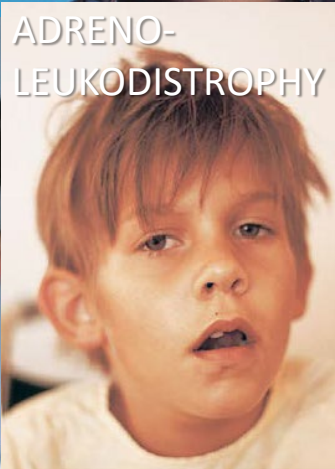
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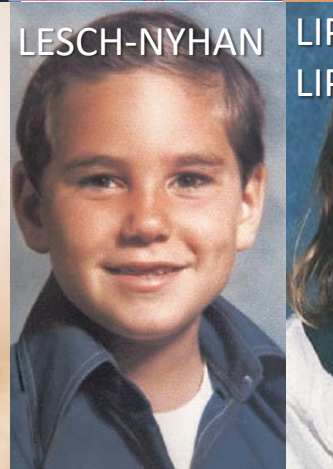
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LIPOPROTEIN LIPASE DEF.



# GENETIC COUNSELLING

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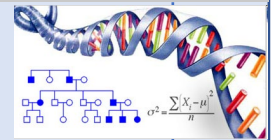
B.

C.

Based on family history, prior laboratory-, imaging- genetic tree and clinical findings genetic disorder can be ruled out

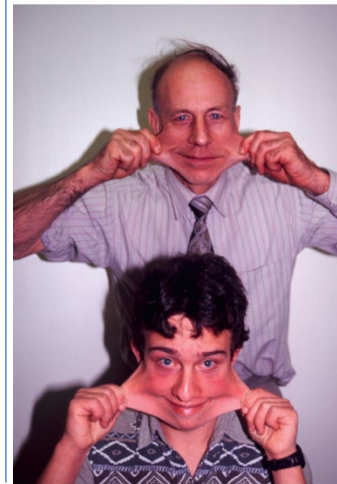
The diagnostic criteria for a defined genetic disease is fulfilled by clinical phenotype, laboratory and/ or imaging finding.

**GENEDIAGNOSTICS**



New signs and symptoms develop

Genetic re-counselling



Clinical diagnosis

Family planning/ potential therapy

**Post-test  
GENETIC  
COUNSELLING**

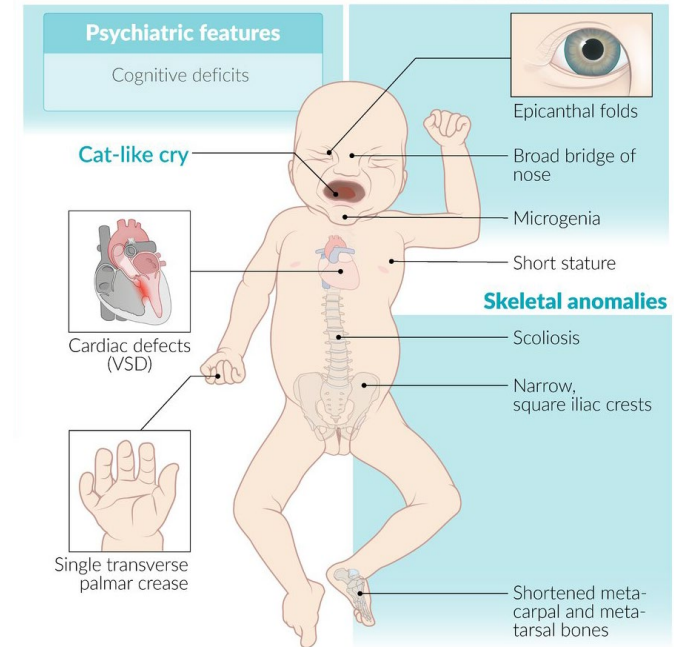
# CORE CONCEPTS

## MINOR ANOMALY



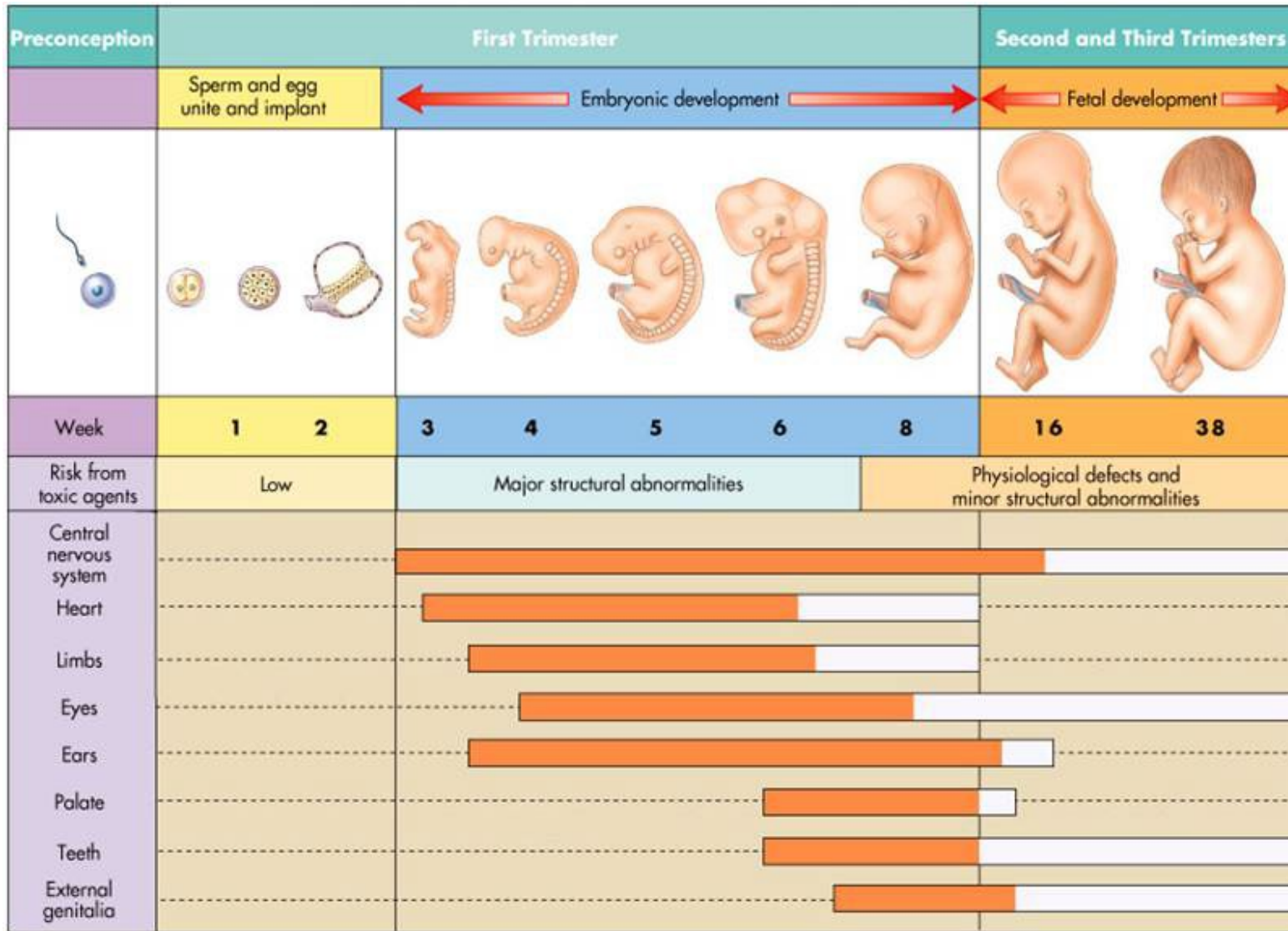
Small and unspecific inborn morphological alteration without functional consequence, that develops in the intrauterine environment.

## SYNDROME



Collection of signs and symptoms involving multiple organs, that usually go together and are accompanied by various minor anomalies.

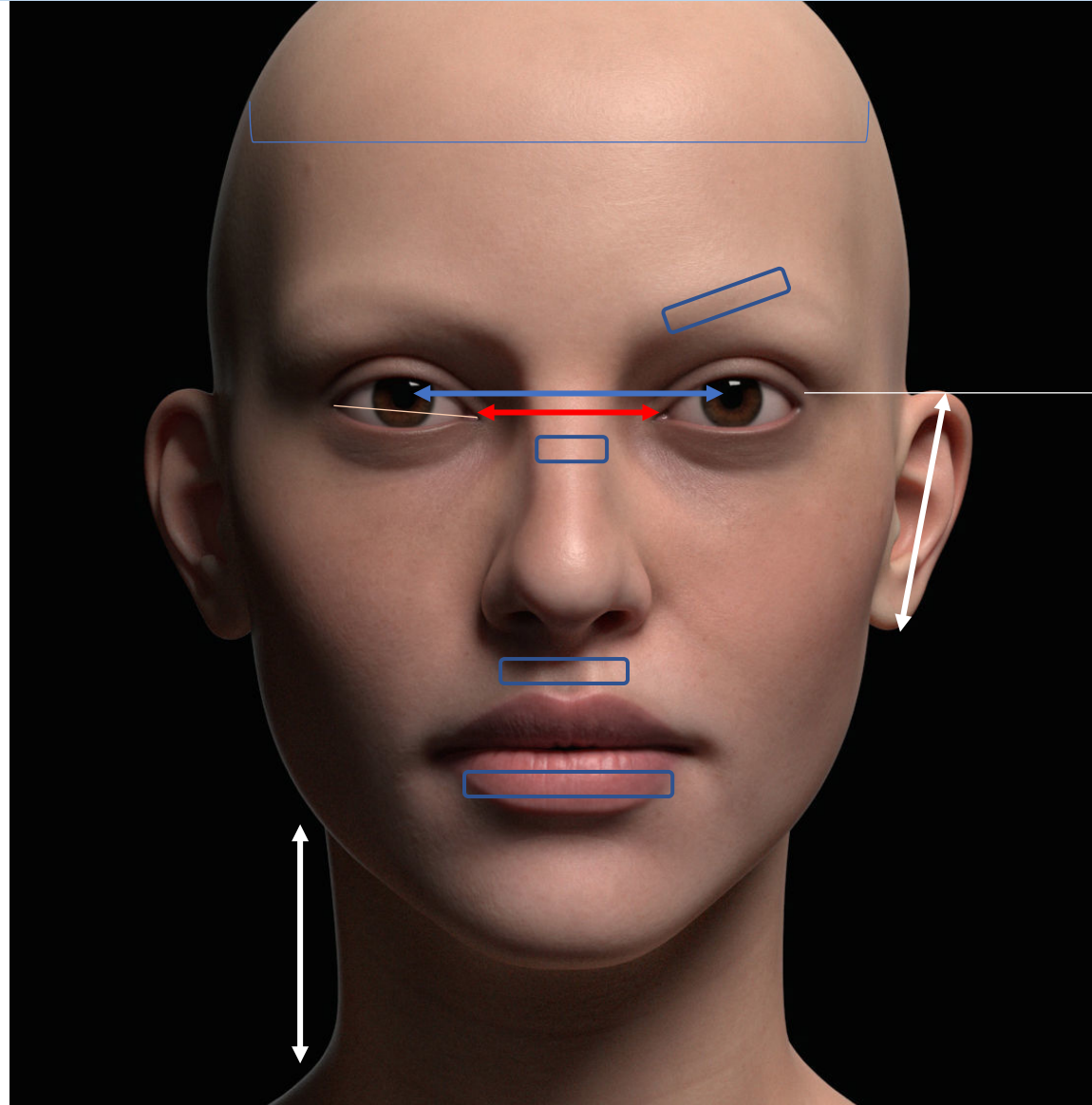
# DEVELOPMENT OF MINOR ANOMALIES



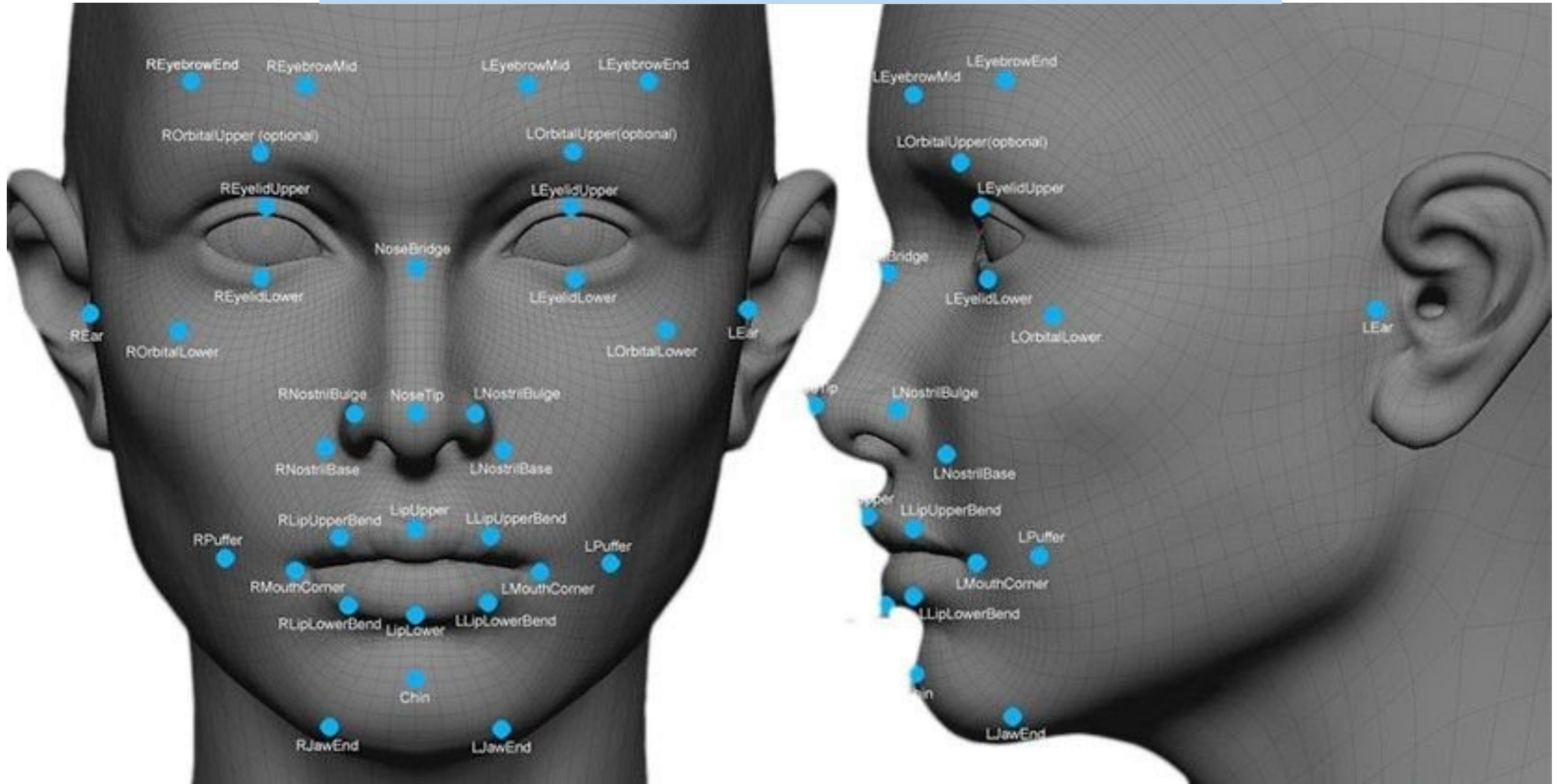
## MINOR ANOMALIES: SUSPICION FOR GENETIC SYNDROMES

Required measurements for  
Dysmorphic features:

1. Height (pc)
2. Arm distance
3. Weight (pc)
4. Lower segment
5. Upper segment
6. Interpupillar distance
7. Distance between inner canthi
8. Head circumference
9. Testis volume
10. Ear length
11. Distance between philtrum- mandibular angle



# KEY FACIAL POINTS FOR THE EVALUATION OF MINOR ANOMALIES



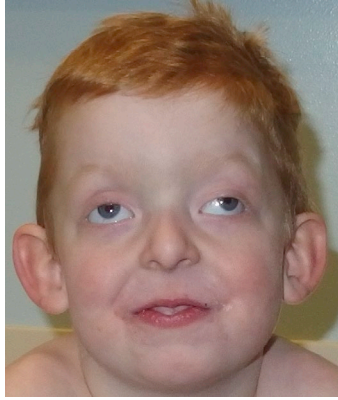


# NASAL BRIDGE

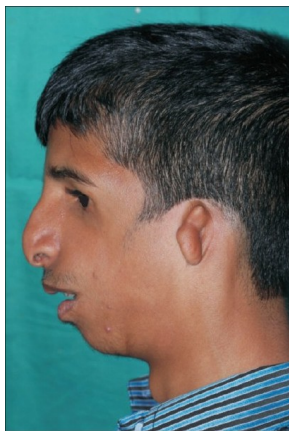
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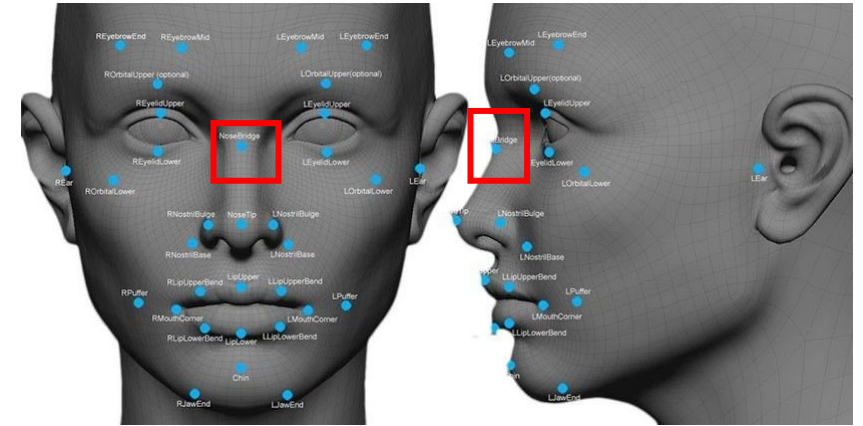
NARROW



HIGH



FLATTENED

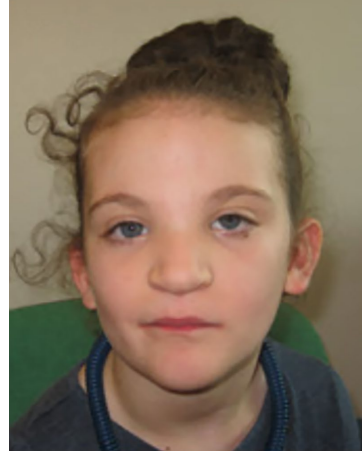


# NOSE TIP AND NARES

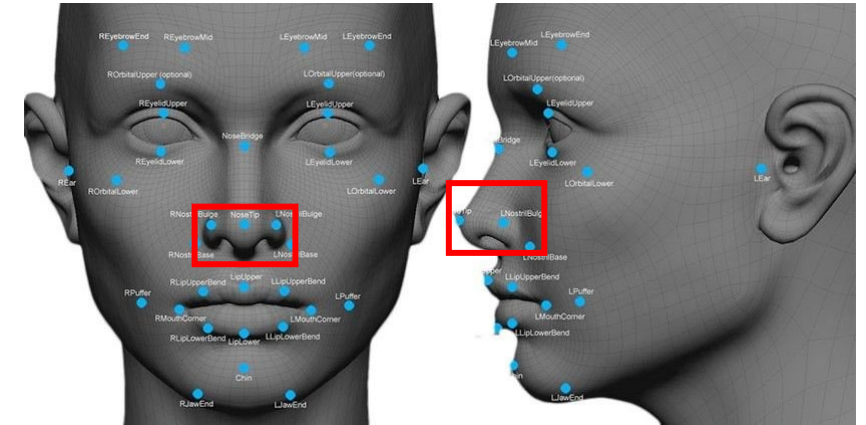
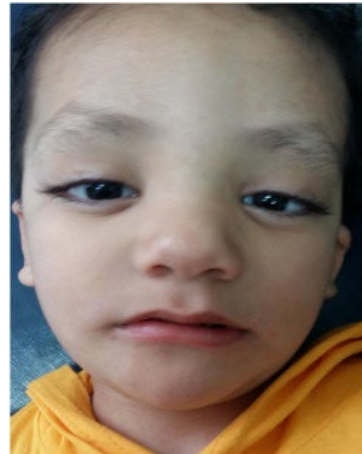
## ANTEVERTED



## WIDE

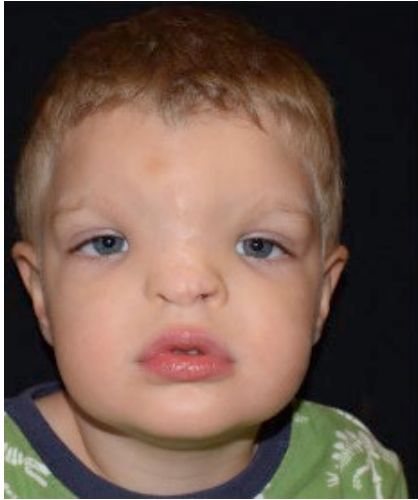


## FLAT



# EYES

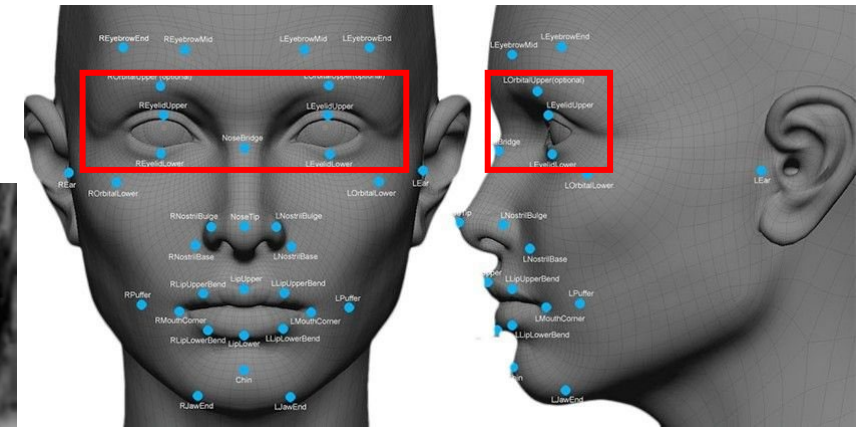
## HYPERTELORISM



## LONG EYELASH



## MISSING EYELASH

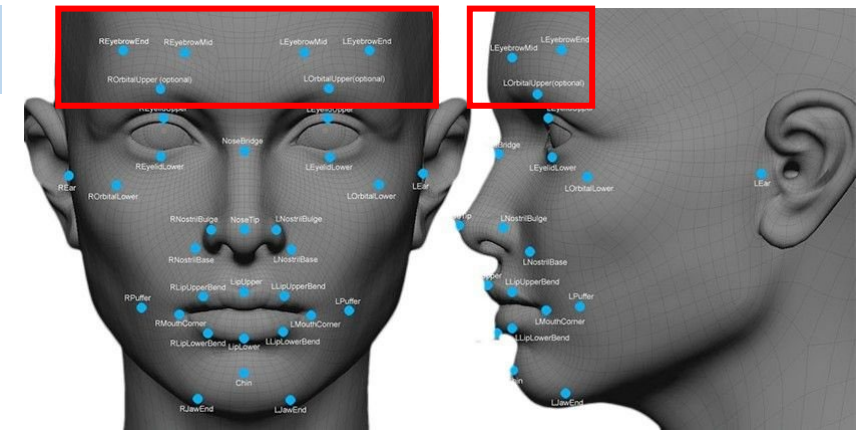


## EPICANTHAL FOLDS



# EYEBROWS AND FOREHEAD

## SYNOPHRYS



## PROTRUDING FOREHEAD

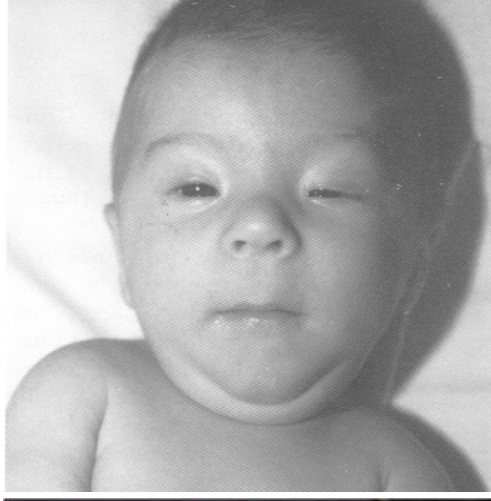


# PHILTRUM

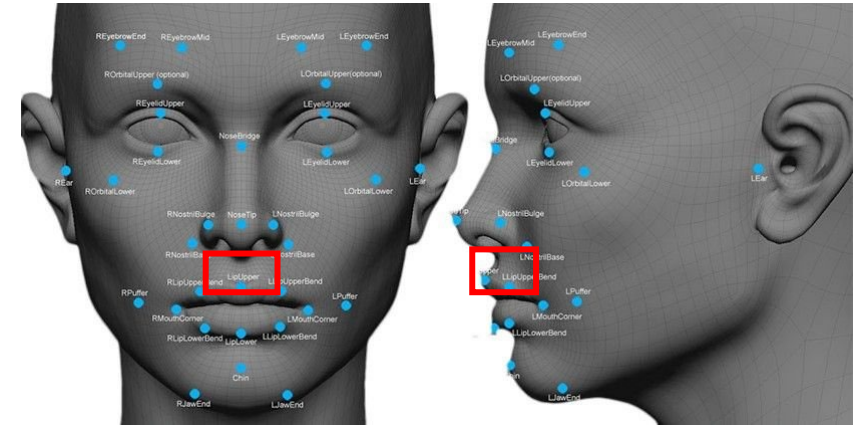
## SHORT



## LONG



## SMOOTH



## LONG AND SMOOTH



LIPS

**THIN UPPER LIPS**



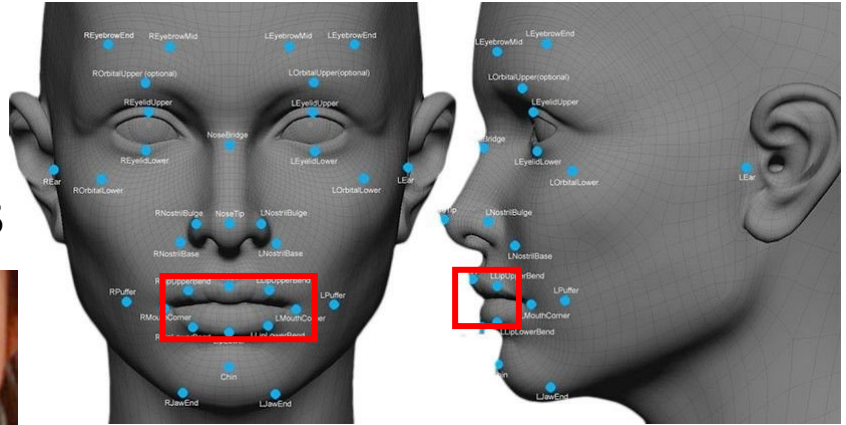
**THICK UPPER LIPS**



**THIN LOWER LIPS**



**THICK LOWER LIPS**



# ORAL CAVITY

## MACROGLOSSIA



## HIGH AND NARROW PALATE



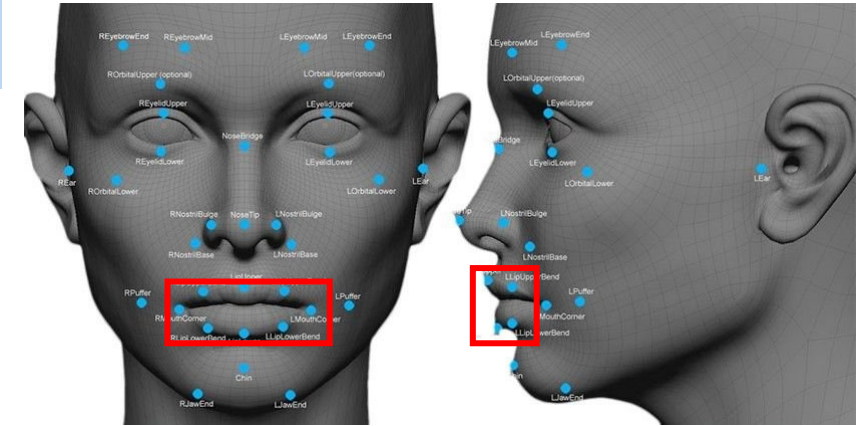
## BIFID UVULA



## REDUCED TEETH NUMBER



## WIDELY SPACED TEETH



# CHIN AND JAW

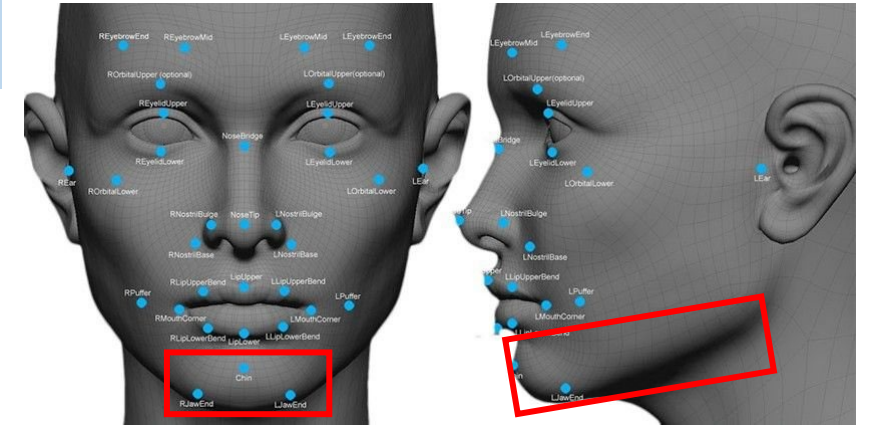
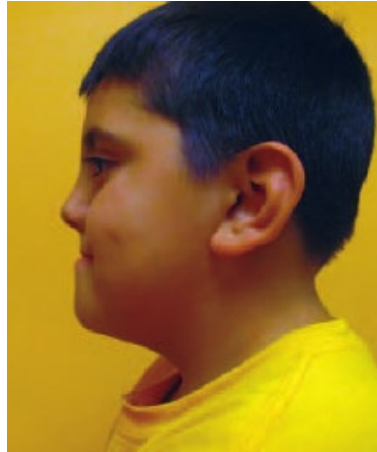
## MICROGNATHIA



## RETROGNATHIA



## PROGNATHIA



## MICRO-RETROGNATHIA





# EARS

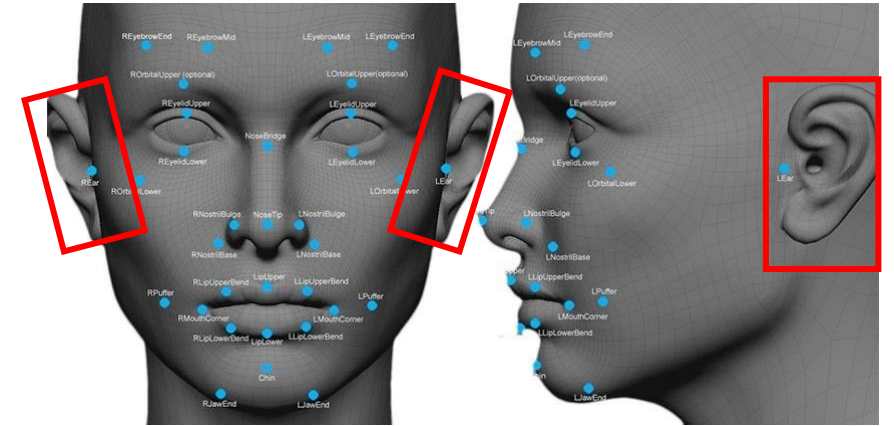
## PROTRUDING EARS



## ENLARGED EARS

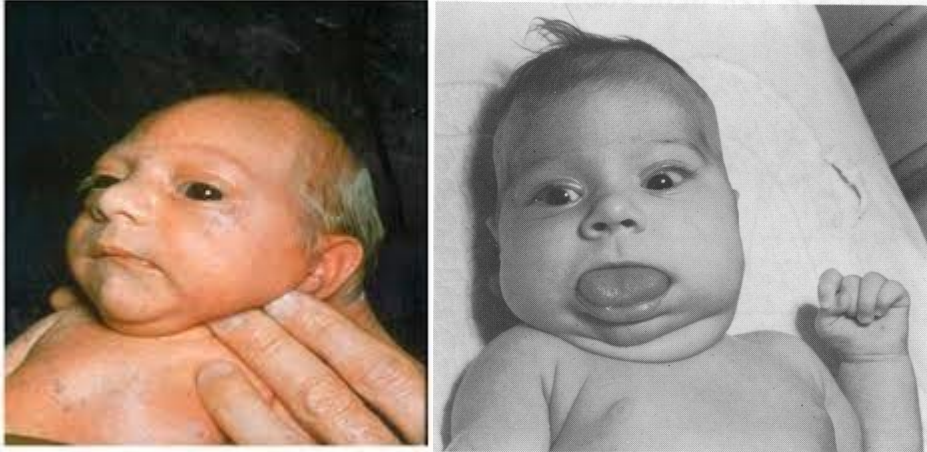


## LOW-SET EARS



# HEAD

## MICROCEPHALY



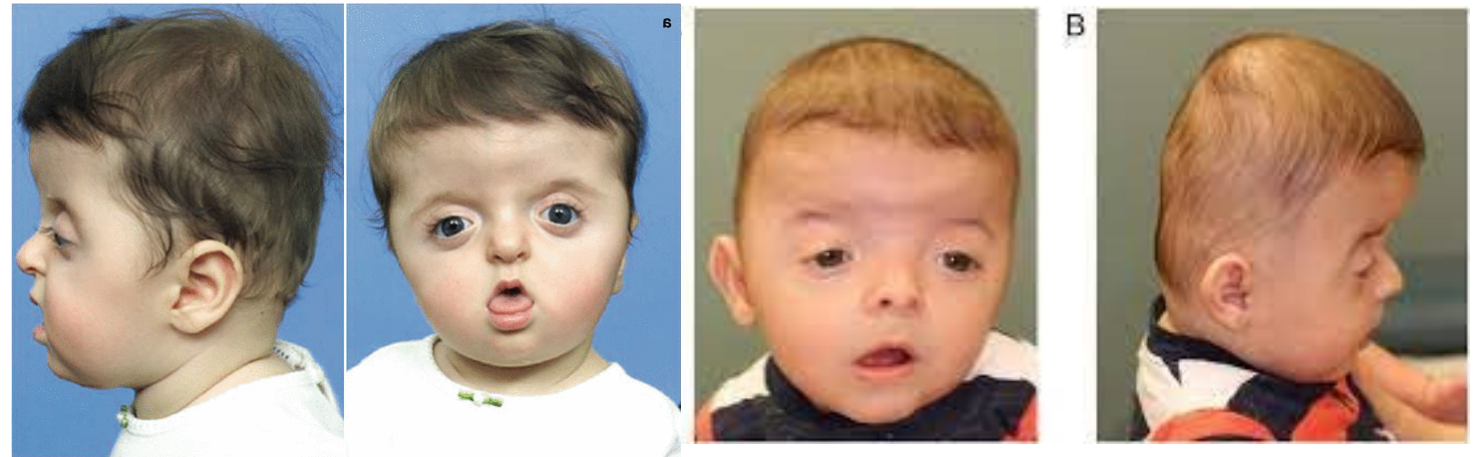
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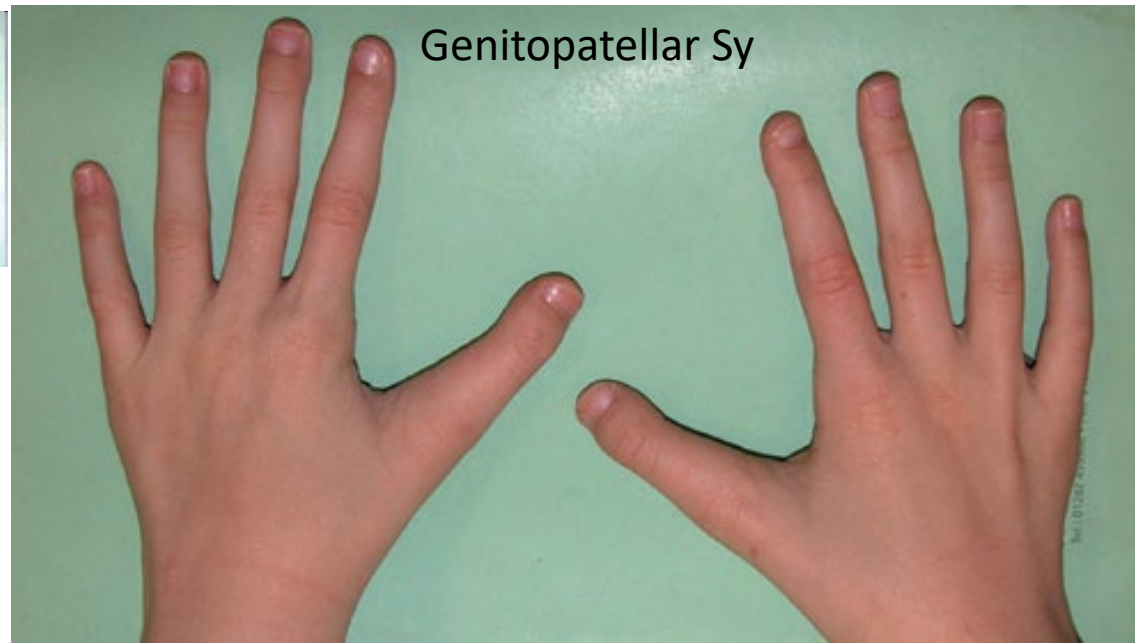
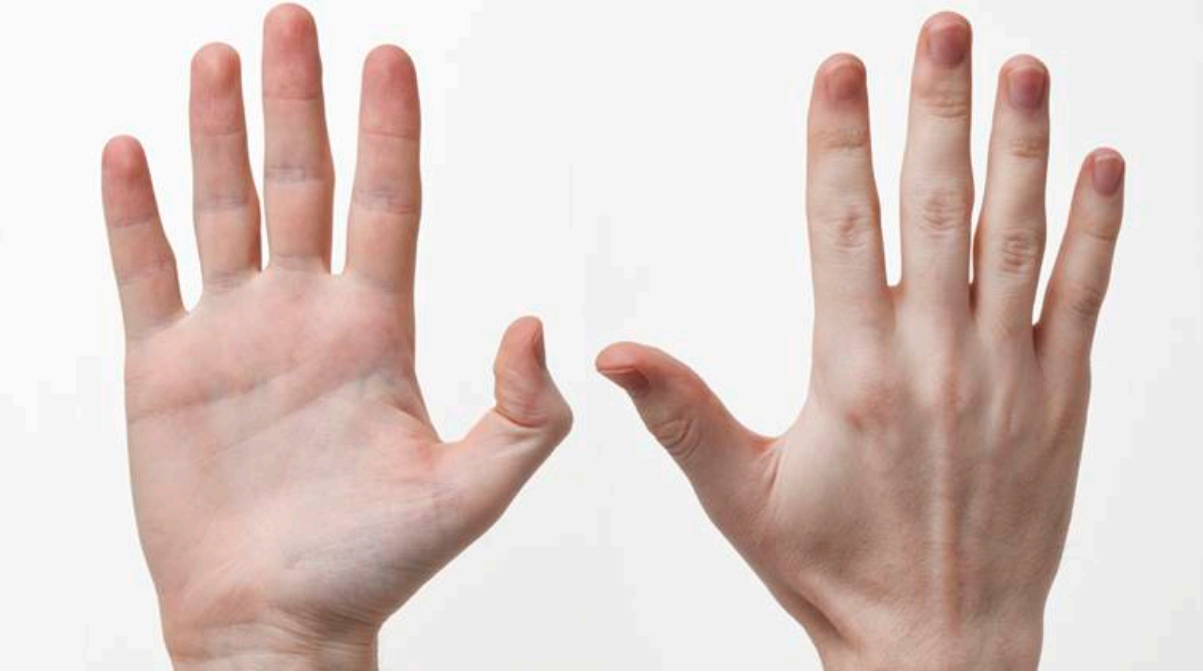


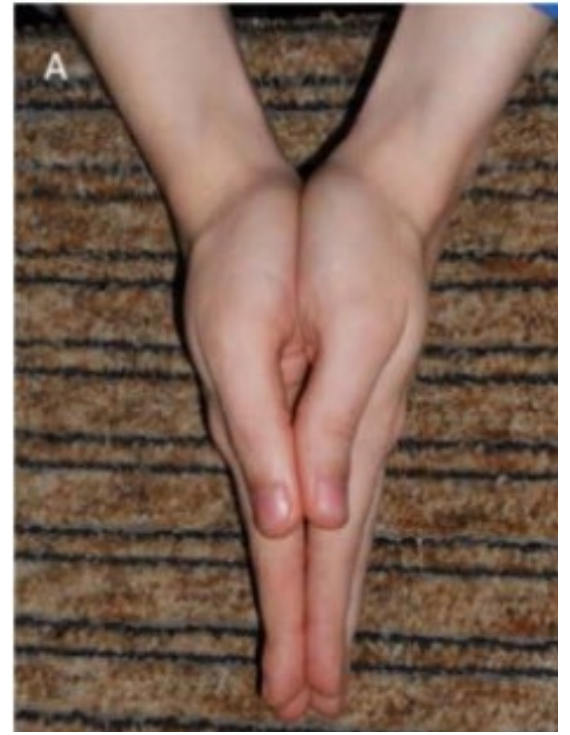
## MACROCEPHALY



## PLAGIOCEPHALY







# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE-ASSISTED PHENOTYPING



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## Skeletal Dysplasia

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GENETICS  
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**Patient Photos**

**Statistics**  
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COMMENTS 7

**Abstract**

# ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE-ASSISTED PHENOTYPING

Case photo



Angelman Syndrome; AS



Turner Syndrome



Rett Syndrome; RTT



# CHARGE Syndrome

FDNA

## FACIAL GESTALT



FDNA.COM

## PHENOTYPES

- Retina-choroid
- Stenosis
- Hyposmia
- Growth deficiency
- Developmental delay

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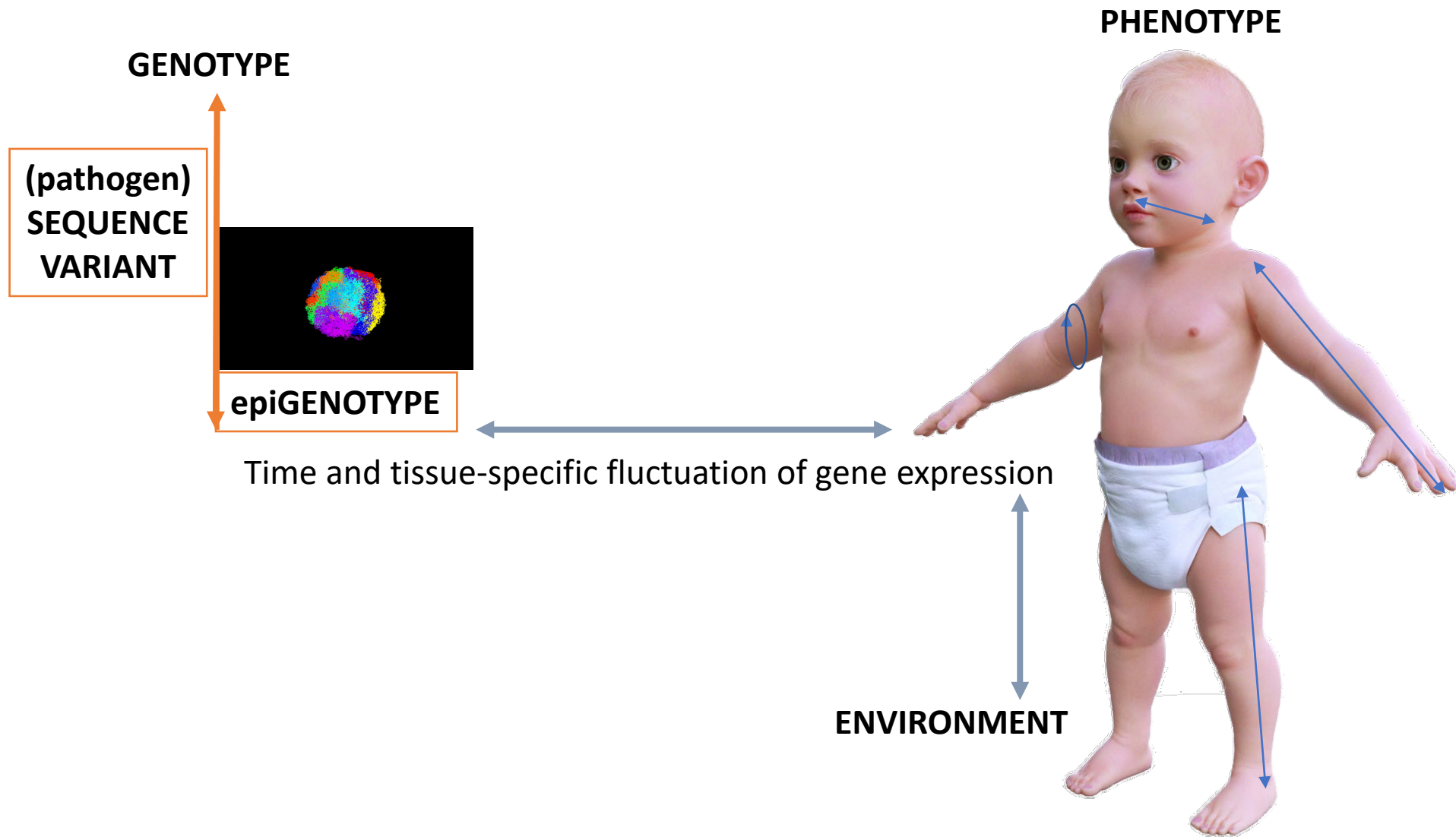
## GENES

- SEMA3E
- CHD7

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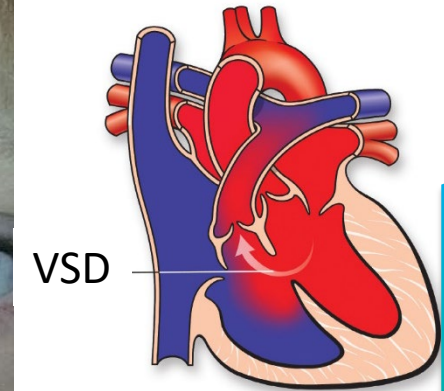
# PHENOTYPE-GENOTYPE PATHWAY



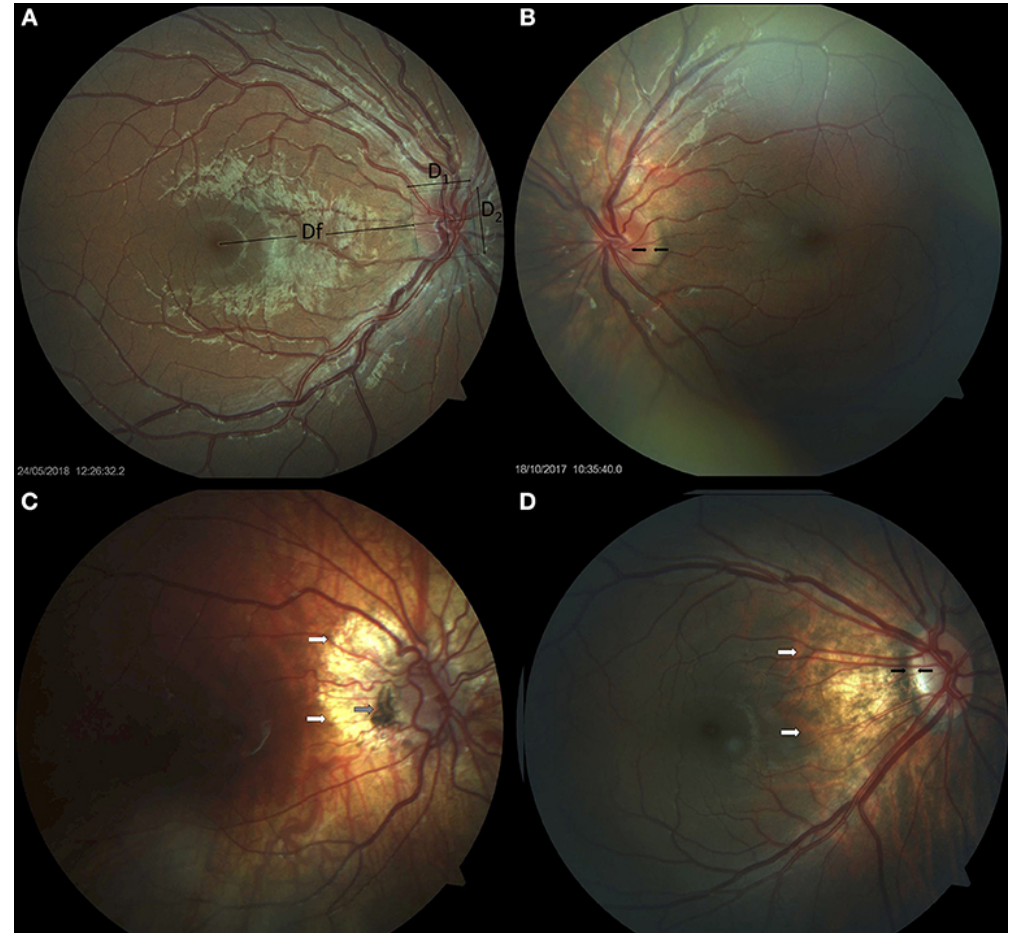


# Down-syndrome (1)

Brushfield spots



# Down-syndrome (2)



## Down syndrome

### Epidemiology

Incidence: ~ 1:700 live births

### Etiology

Three complete copies of chromosome 21; due to meiotic nondisjunction in 95% of cases

### Karyotype

♀ : 47,XX,+21

♂ : 47,XY,+21

### Complications

Due to organ malformations and immunodeficiency.  
Increased risk of AML/ALL.  
Early onset Alzheimer's disease

### Important

Risk increases with maternal age

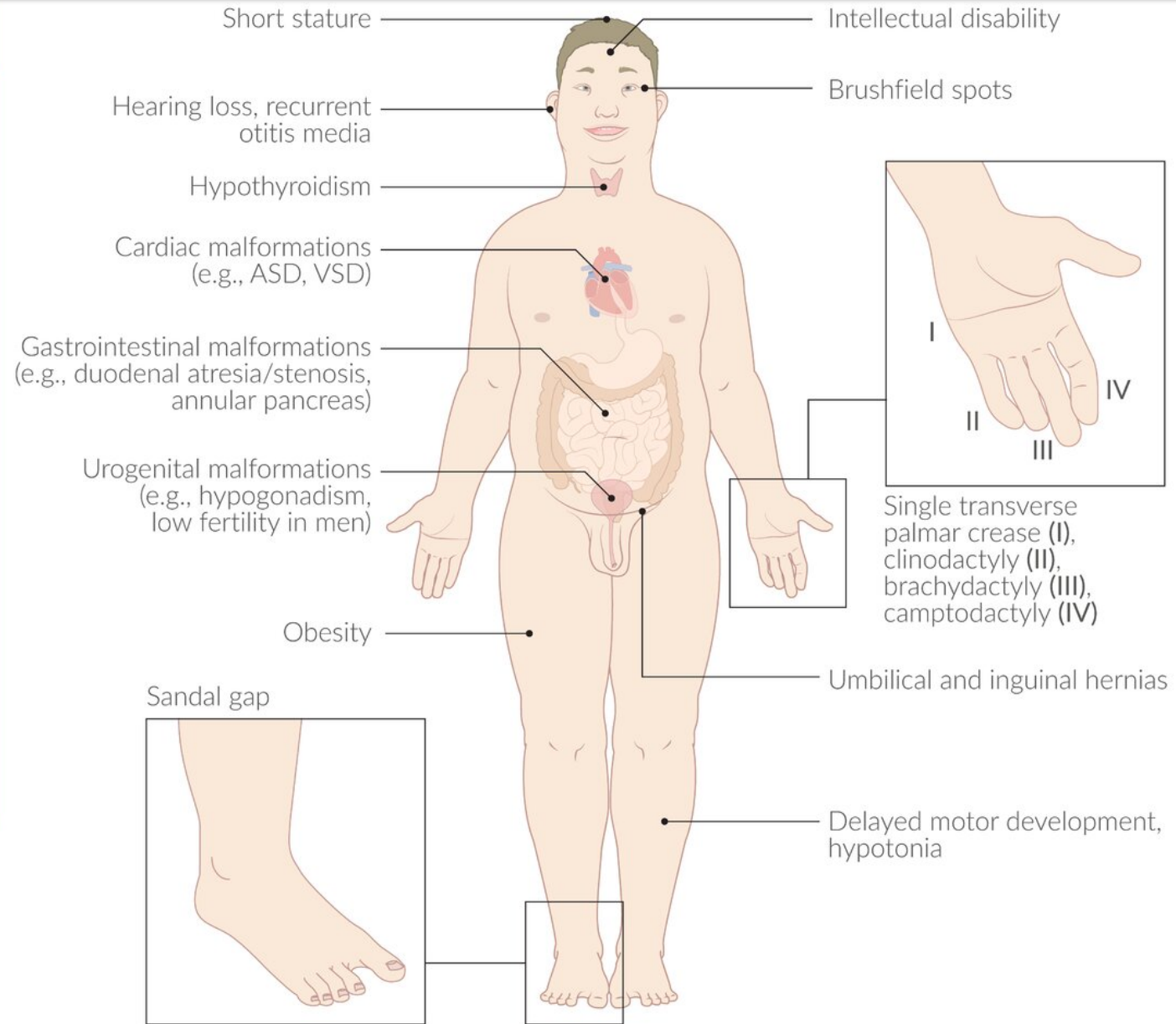
### Life expectancy

~50 years

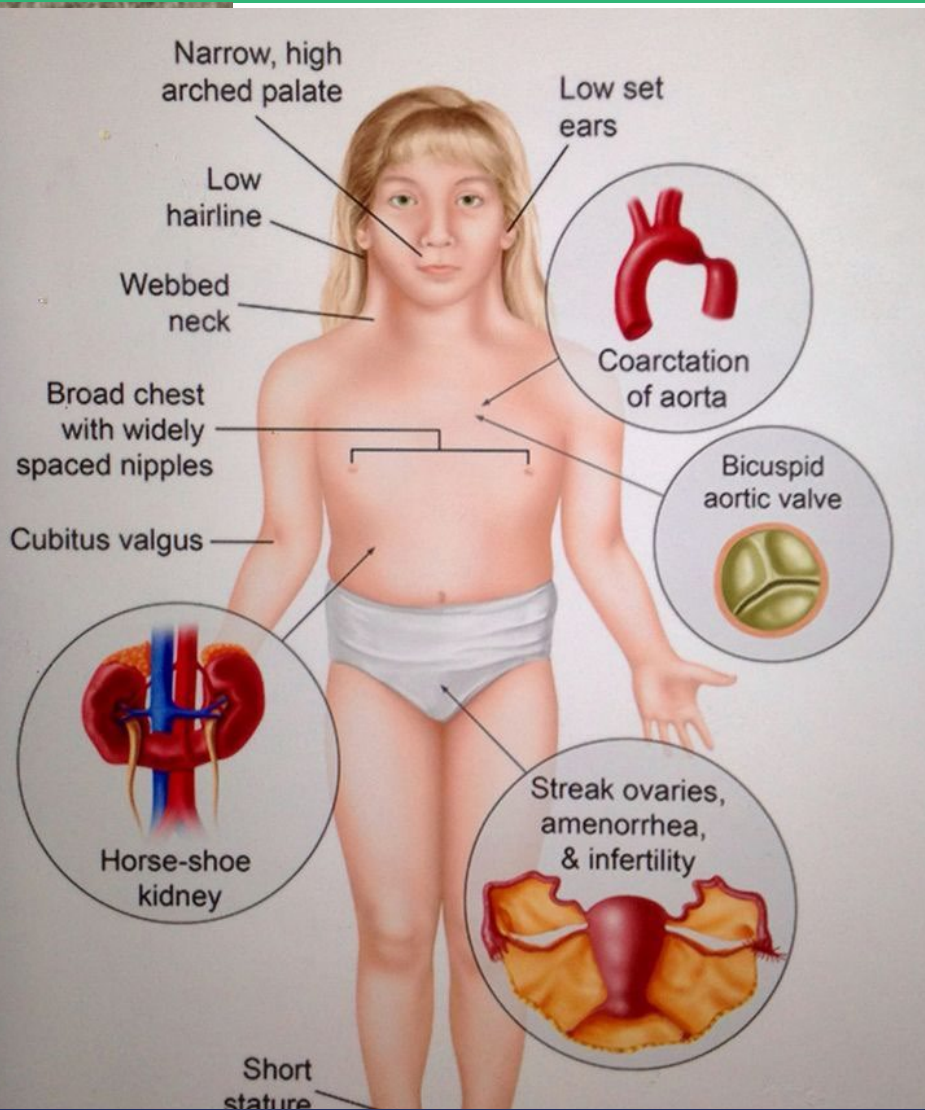
### Karyotype



+21



# TURNER syndrome



# KLINFELTER syndrome



## Klinefelter syndrome

### Epidemiology

Incidence approx. 1:650 in the US

### Etiology

Usually due to nondisjunction of sex chromosomes during meiosis. Associated with an advanced maternal age

### Karyotype

47,XXY

Rarely 48,XXXYY or 48,XXYY

Barr body is present

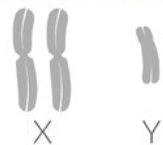
### Phenotype

Male

### Important

Possible developmental delay; onset of symptoms usually at the start of puberty; one of the most common causes of male hypogonadism

### Karyotype



Tall stature

Reduced facial and body hair, female body hair distribution

Gynecomastia

Mitral valve prolapse

Testicular hypoplasia, reduced fertility

Long extremities

Osteoporosis

## Diagnosis



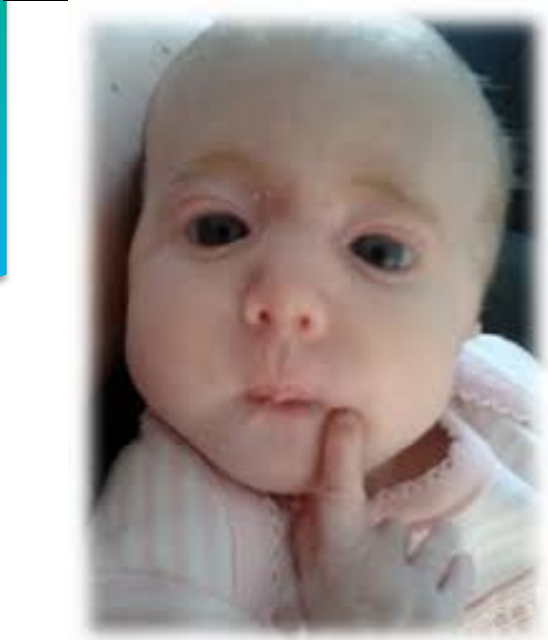
↓Sertoli cells → ↓inhibin B → ↑FSH

↓Leydig cells → ↓testosterone → ↑LH

# EDWARDS syndrome



Clenched hands



„rocker-bottom” feet



## Edwards syndrome

### Epidemiology

Incidence: ~ 1:6.000

♀ > ♂

### Etiology

presence of an extra chromosome 18

### Karyotype

♀ : 47,XX+18

♂ : 47,XY+18

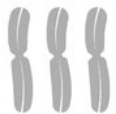
### Important

Second most common trisomy after Down syndrome (trisomy 21); risk increases with maternal age

### Life expectancy

Only 5–10% survive past 12 months of age

### Karyotype



+18

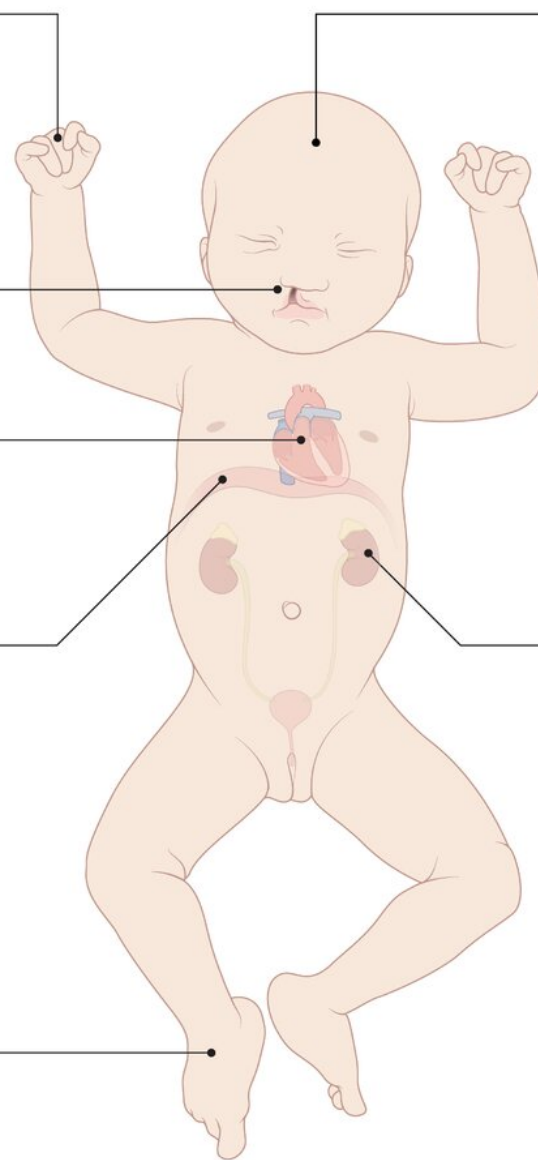
Clenched fists with flexion contracture of the fingers

Broad nose, cleft lip and palate, high palate

Congenital heart defects (e.g., VSD, ASD, tetralogy of Fallot)

Diaphragmatic hernia

Rocker-bottom feet



Microcephaly, prominent occiput, low-set ears, malformed auricles, micrognathia

Malformation of ureters and kidneys (horseshoe kidneys)

### Diagnosis



Quadruple test:

↓ Free estriol

↓ AFP

↓ Inhibin A

↓ Beta-HCG



# DiGeorge syndrome



## 22q11.2 Deletion syndrome (DiGeorge syndrome)

### Epidemiology

Incidence ~1 in 2,000 - 7,000 live births

### Etiology

Microdeletion on chromosome 22  
(22q11.2)  
(>90% spontaneous mutations)

### Prognosis

Highly variable, depending on  
severity of symptoms  
Degree of cardiac involvement is the  
most important prognostic factor

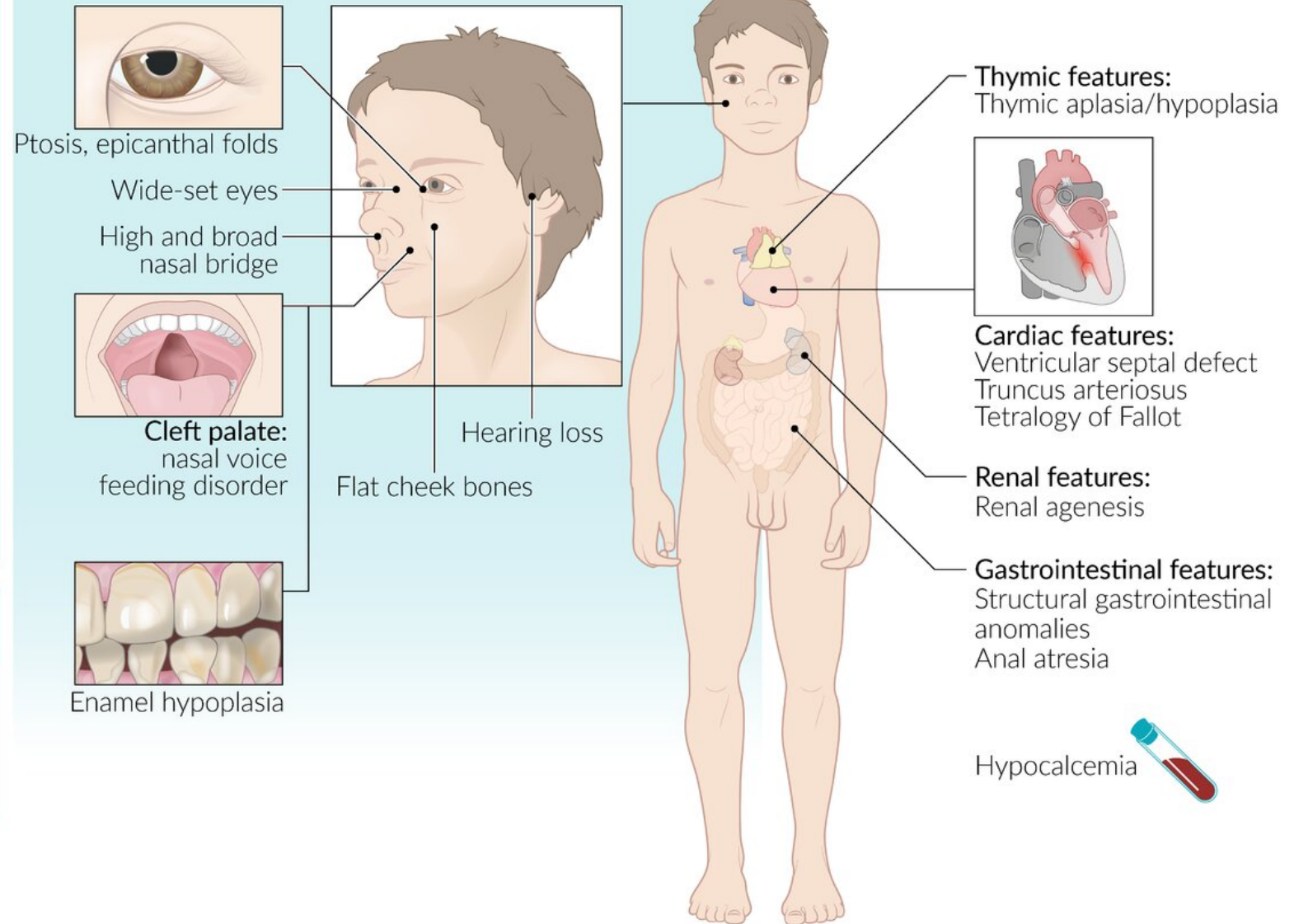
### Life expectancy

Mostly normal life expectancy

## Psychiatric features

Learning difficulties and  
psychiatric disorders  
(e.g., ADHD, schizophrenia)

## Characteristic facial features



# Prader–Willi syndrome



## Prader-Willi syndrome

### Epidemiology

Prevalence ~ 1 in 16000 - 25000

♂ = ♀

### Etiology

Paternal deletion 15q11q13 (> 70%)

Maternal uniparental disomy

Low risk of inheritance (mostly spontaneous mutation)

Etiology similar to that of Angelman syndrome

### Complications

Obesity and sequelae, e.g., diabetes mellitus and respiratory disorders

### Prognosis

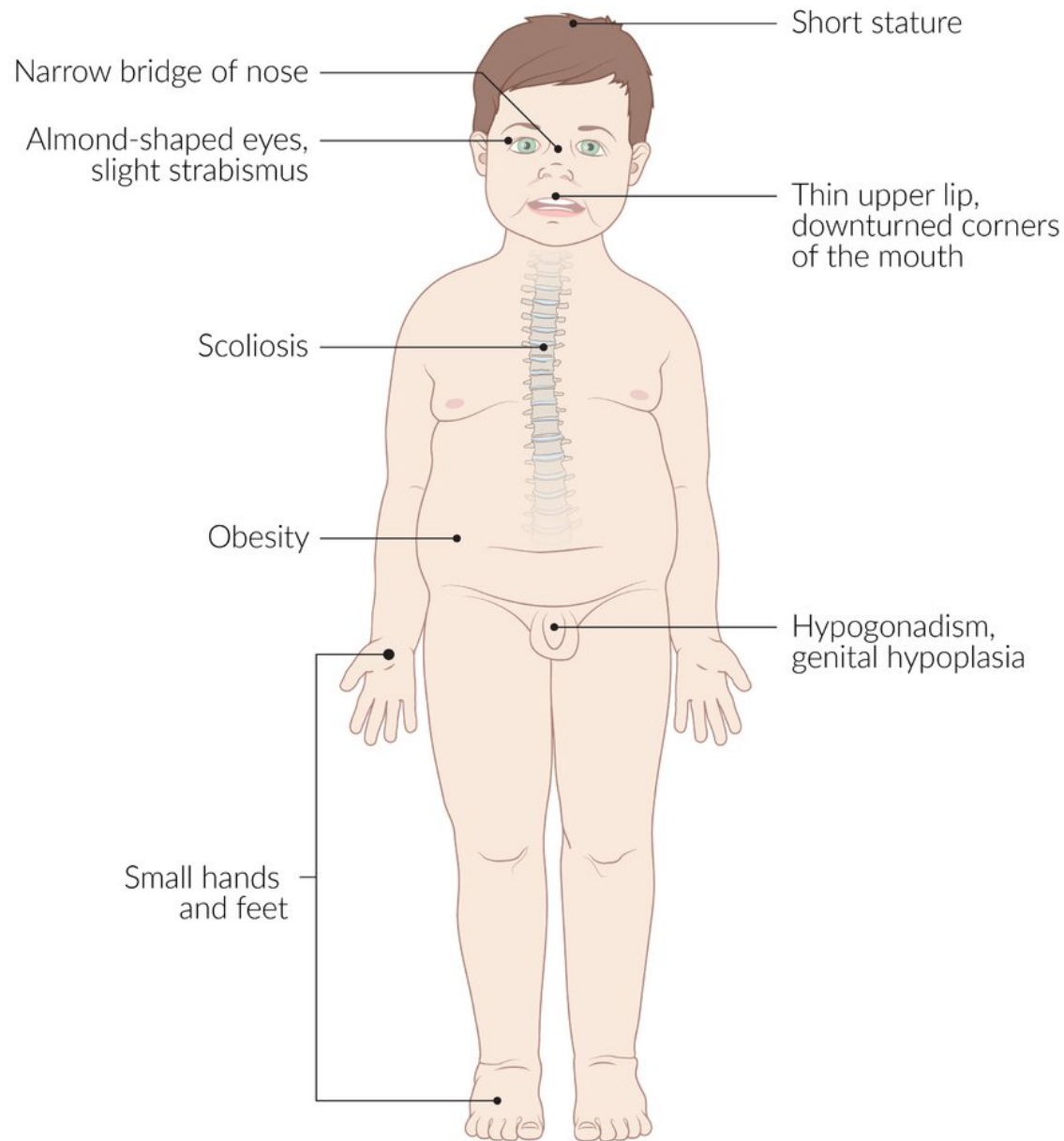
Partial autonomy is possible

### Life expectancy

Slightly below normal if obesity can be controlled

## Psychiatric and neurological features

Uncontrolled appetite with hyperphagia, learning difficulties, cognitive deficits, low impulse control, defiant behavior, psychosis



# ANGELMAN syndrome



## Angelman syndrome

### Epidemiology

Worldwide prevalence: 4–8/100,000

♂ = ♀

### Etiology

Maternal deletion 15q11q13 (> 70%)

Rarely paternal uniparental disomy

Low risk of inheritance (mostly spontaneous mutation)

Etiology similar to Prader-Willi syndrome

### Prognosis

Autonomy is never achieved

### Life expectancy

Normal

## Psychiatric and neurological features

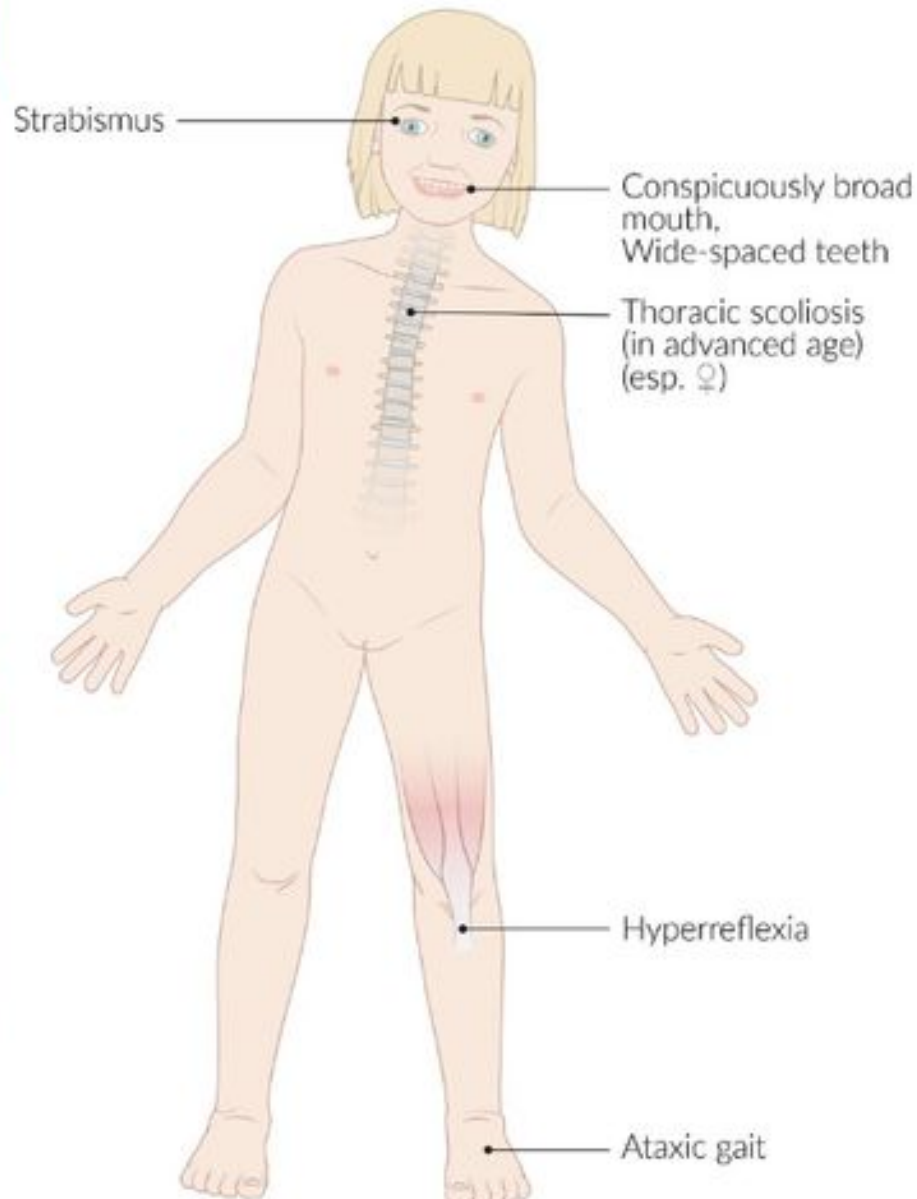
Severe intellectual deficiency

Severe speech development disorders

Cheerful demeanor with frequent smiling

Hyperactivity associated with hand-flapping movements

Seizures



# CRI-DU-CHAT syndrome



## Cri-du-chat syndrome

### Epidemiology

Approximately 1:45,000 liveborn infants  
Sex: ♀ > ♂ (2:1)

### Etiology

Structural aberration of the short arm  
of chromosome 5

### Karyotype

♀: 46,XX -5p

♂: 46,XY -5p

### Note

Cardinal symptom is a cat-like cry  
during infancy

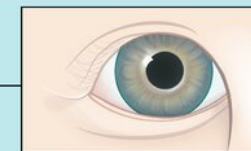
### Life expectancy

May be normal, depending on severity of  
symptoms and treatment

### Psychiatric features

Cognitive deficits

### Characteristic facies



Epicanthal folds

Broad bridge of  
nose

Microgenia

Short stature

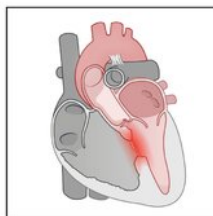
### Skeletal anomalies

Scoliosis

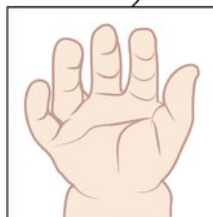
Narrow,  
square iliac crests

Shortened meta-  
carpal and meta-  
tarsal bones

### Cat-like cry



Cardiac defects  
(VSD)



Single transverse  
palmar crease



# Williams – Beuren syndrome



## Williams syndrome

### Epidemiology

1/10,000 live births

### Etiology

Microdeletion on chromosome 7  
(includes deletion of elastin gene)  
Mostly spontaneous mutation, rarely  
autosomal-dominant Inheritance

### Laboratory findings

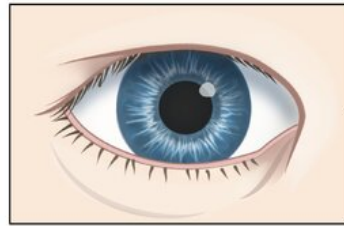
Intermittent hypercalcemia,  
mainly during early childhood  
(due to increased vitamin D sensitivity)

### Complications

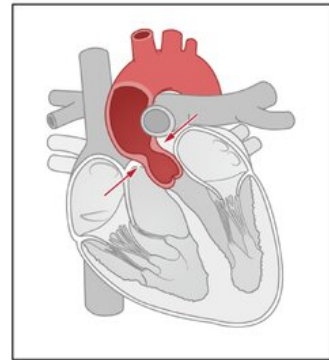
Mostly cardiovascular  
Gastrointestinal symptoms, vomiting  
and, subsequently,  
failure to thrive

## Psychiatric manifestations

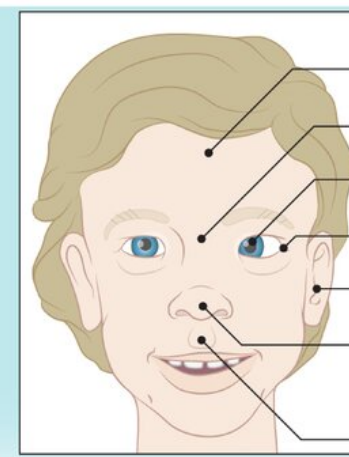
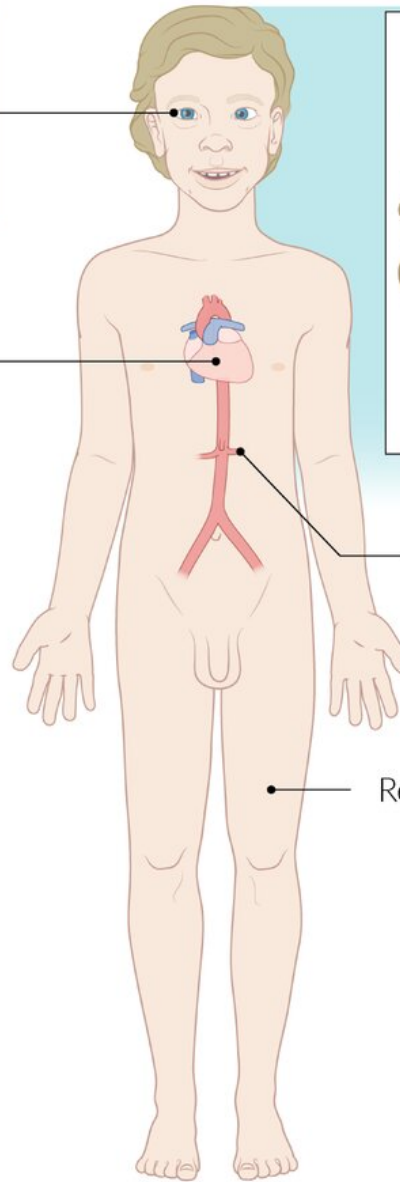
Cognitive deficits  
Typically sociable personality with good verbal skills  
(cocktail party personality)  
Anxiety disorders, phobias



Stellate pattern in the iris



Cardiac malformations  
(esp. supralvalvular  
aortic stenosis)



## Elfin facies

- Broad forehead
- Low nasal bridge
- Strabismus
- Short palpebral fissures
- Hyperacusis
- Upturned tip of the nose
- Long philtrum

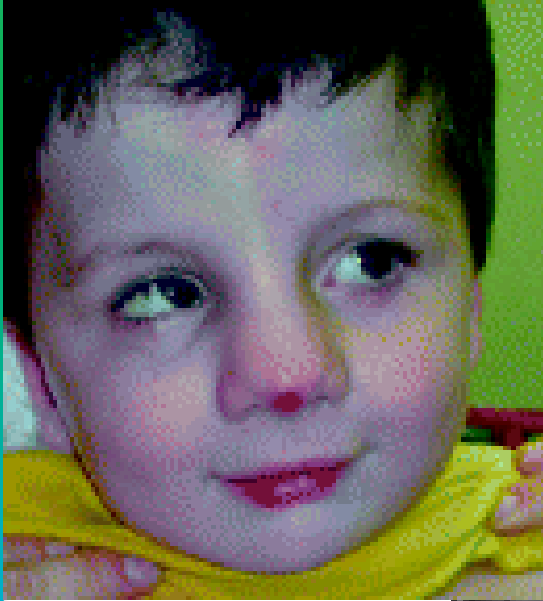
Vascular malformations  
(e.g., renal artery stenosis)

Reduced muscle tone

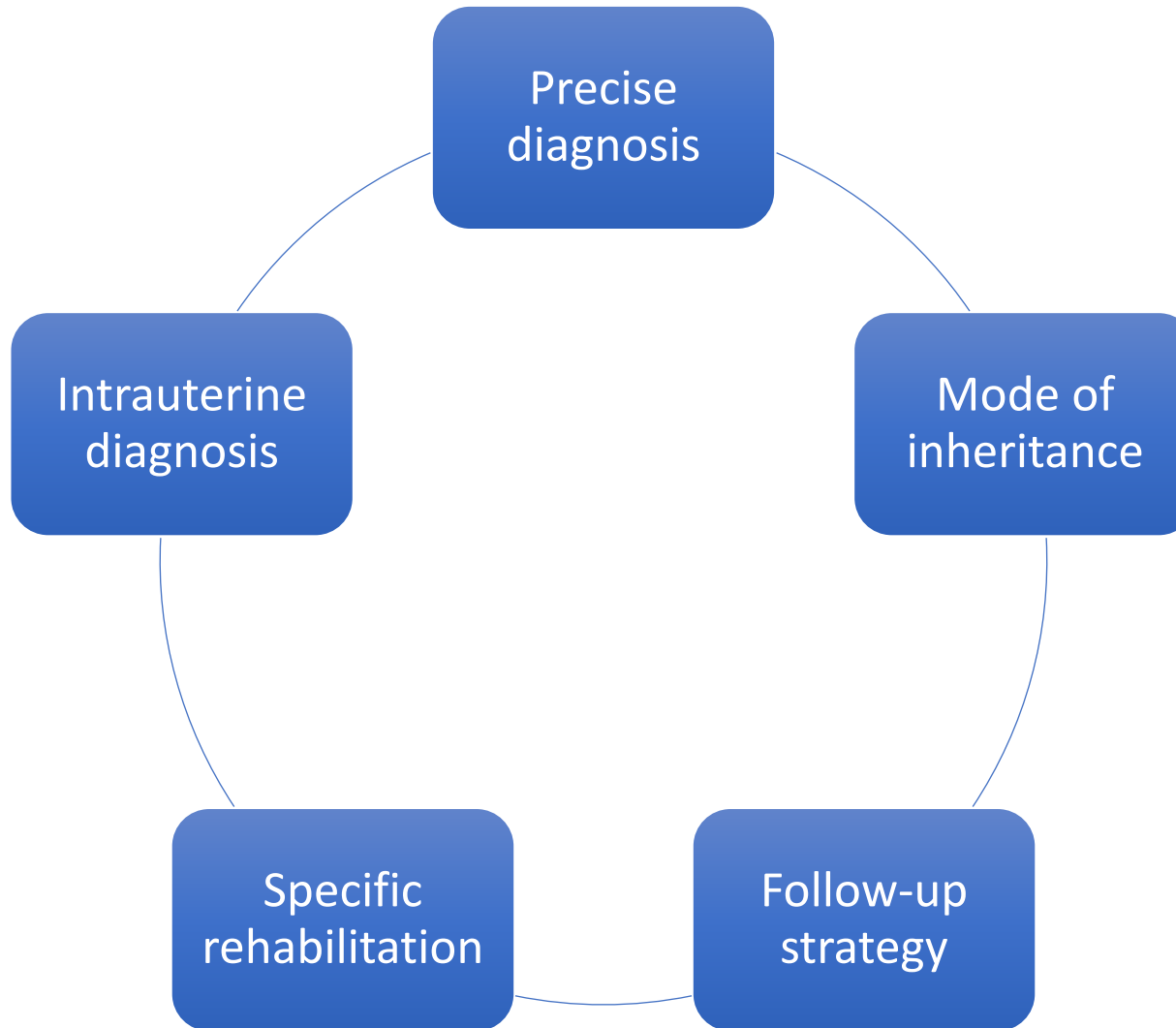
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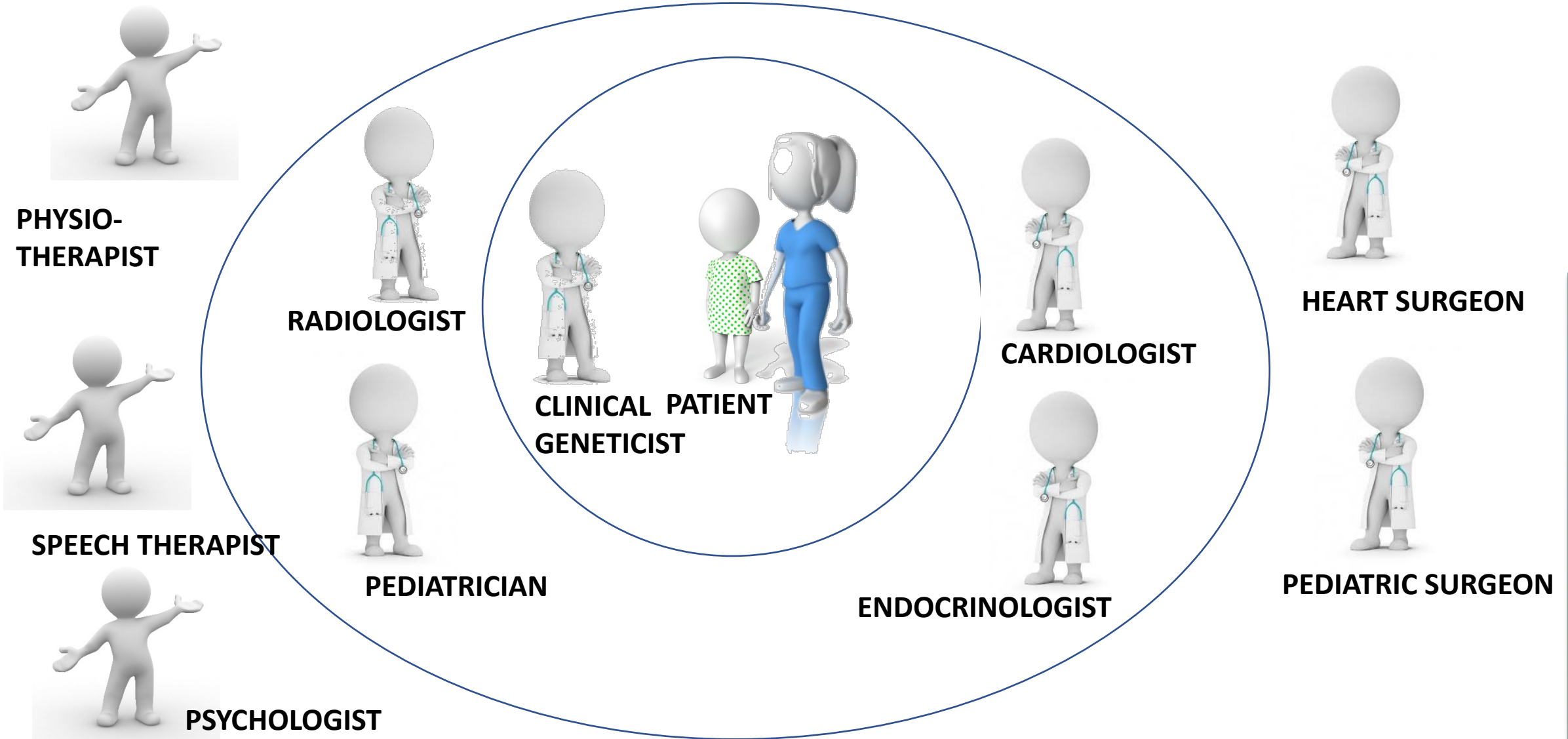
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