



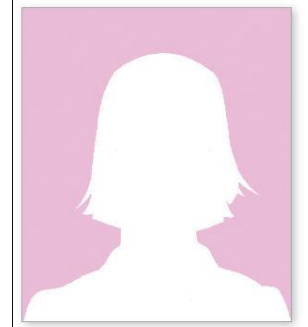
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16:30 - 18:30 WS #54: Paediatric Forum (120mins, not repeated)

# Common Endocrine Problems

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# Contents

- Diabetes
- Growth
- Puberty

# Diabetes concerning

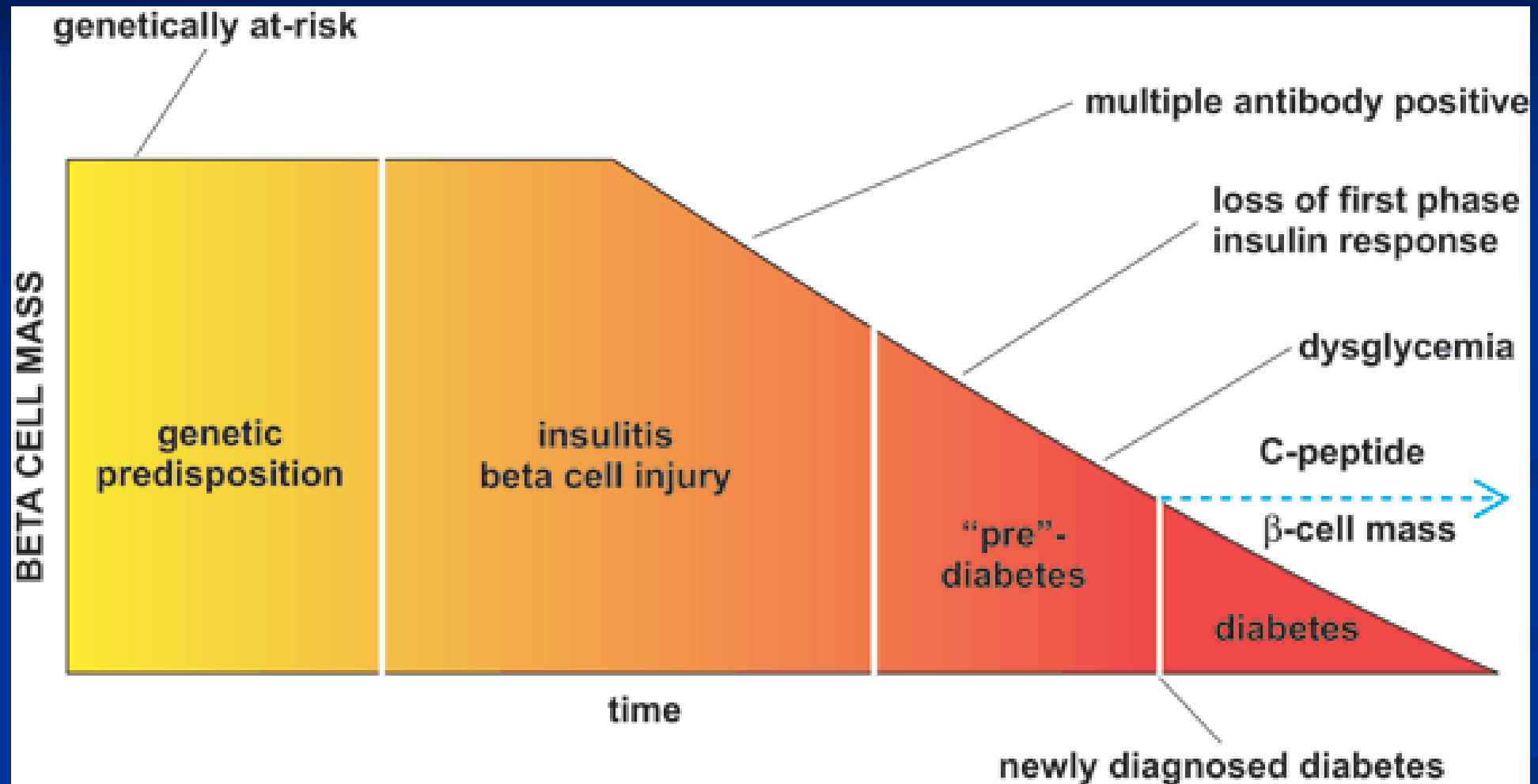
- DKA at presentation occurs in 40% of children according to international averages.
- Canterbury 2018, that figure was 70%
- Multifactorial BUT
  - Repeat presentations to GPs
  - Outpatient bloods and referrals instead of acute diagnosis and admission
  - 38 children diagnosed in Canterbury in 2018.

# Different presentations of diabetes mellitus

- Can present throughout infancy, childhood and adolescence
- POLYDIPSIA and POLYURIA, weight loss – cardinal features of diagnosis (need to ask)
- Diabetic ketoacidosis can present with abdominal pain and vomiting, heavy or rapid breathing, on background of polydipsia and polyuria

# Risk of Type 1 Diabetes compared with other chronic childhood diseases

| Disease                 | Rate/100,000 |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Type 1 Diabetes         | 24           |
| Cancer (< 15yr) Overall | 15.6         |
| Leukemia                | 5.3          |
| Brain                   | 3.6          |
| Cystic Fibrosis         | 3.1          |
| J.C.A.                  | 3.0          |
| Nephrotic Syndrome      | 1.3          |



>90% beta cell function loss: Type 1 diabetes

# Diagnosis

- Typical symptoms AND
- Urine positive for ketones and glucose
- Blood glucose: random  $> 11$  mmol/L  
fasting  $> 7$  mmol/L

OGTT NOT INDICATED

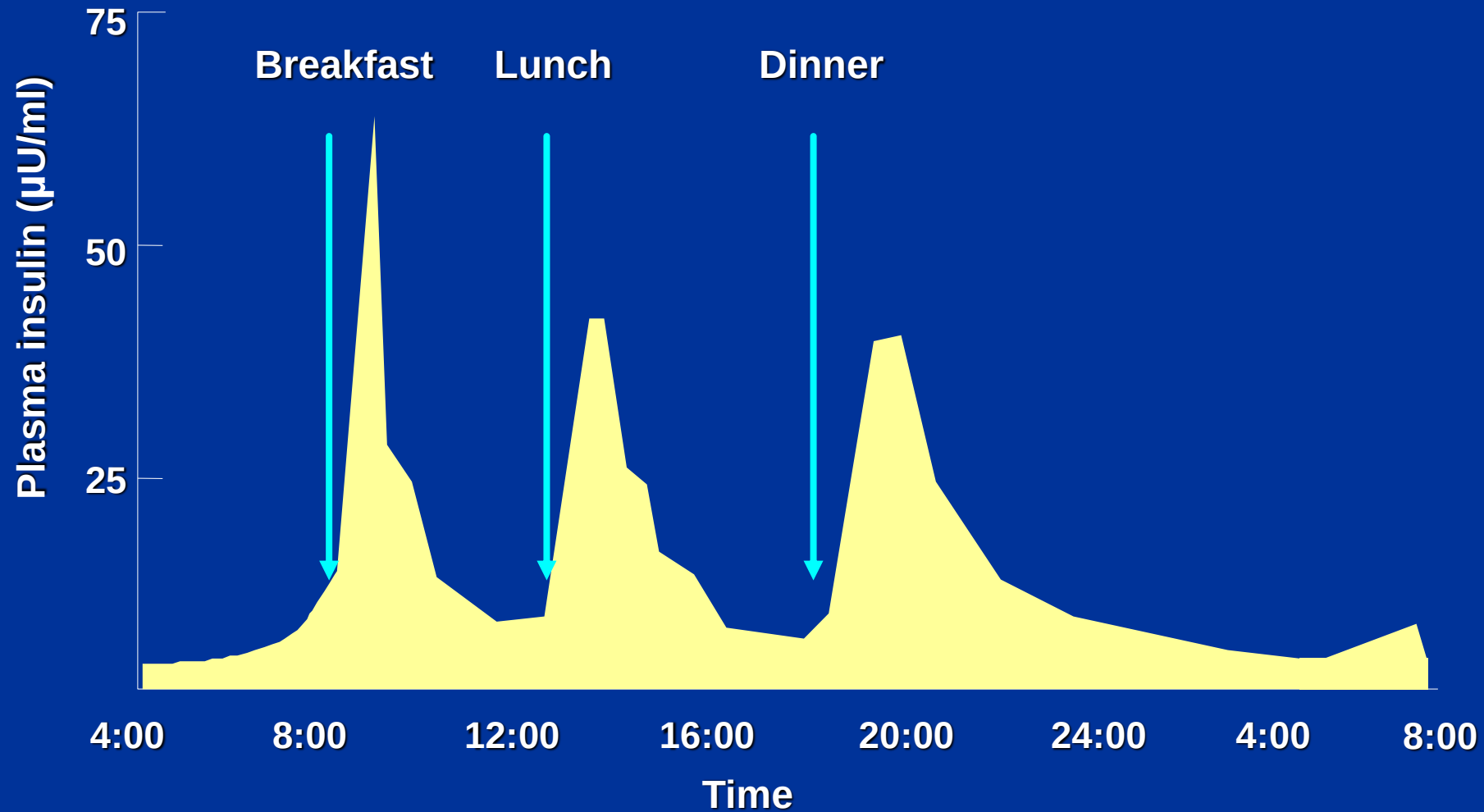
Urgent referral is necessary



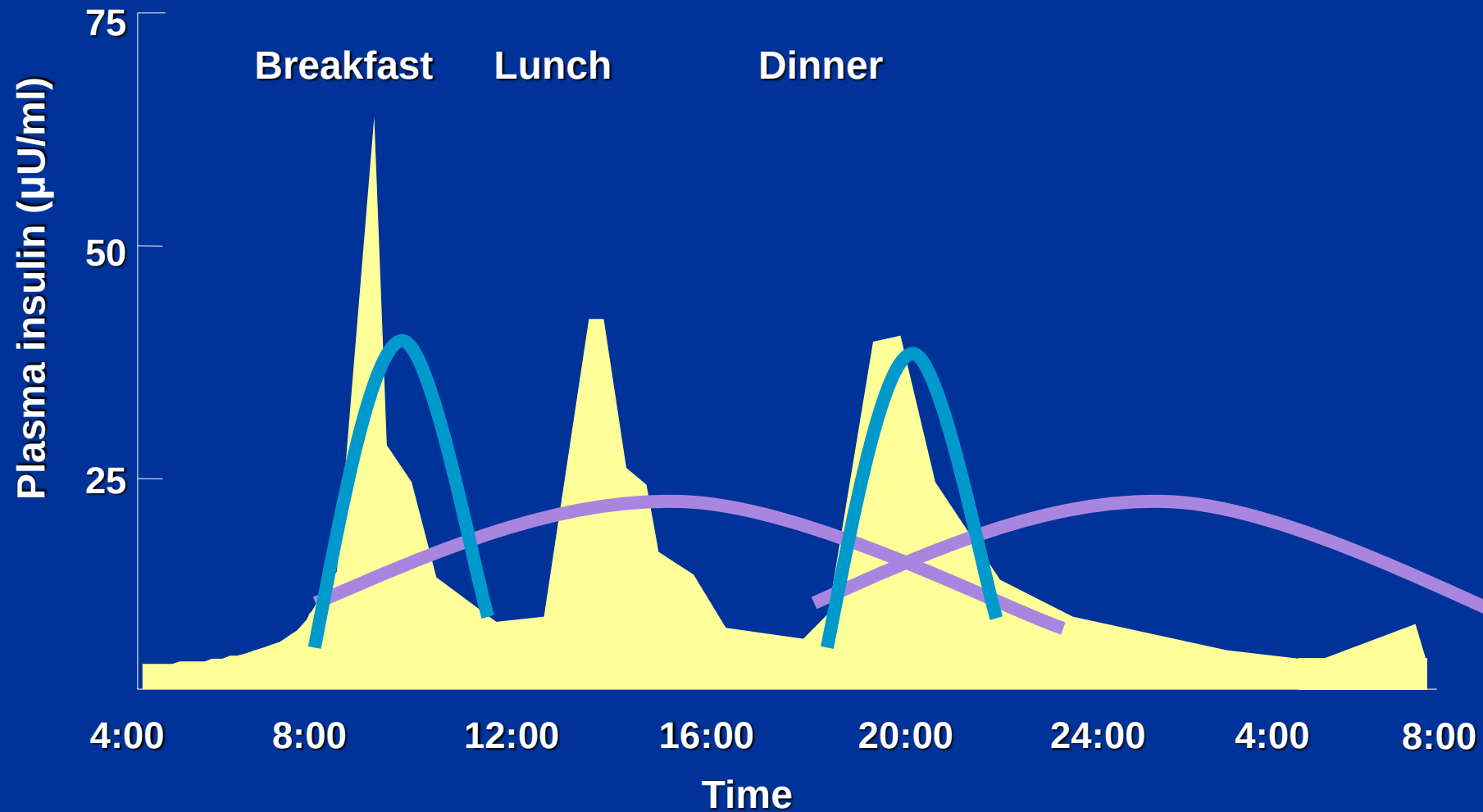
# Outpatient Insulin Therapy

- Try to mimic physiological insulin secretion
- - illustrated in the following slides:
  - Physiological profile
  - BD insulin regimen
  - MDI
  - Insulin pump

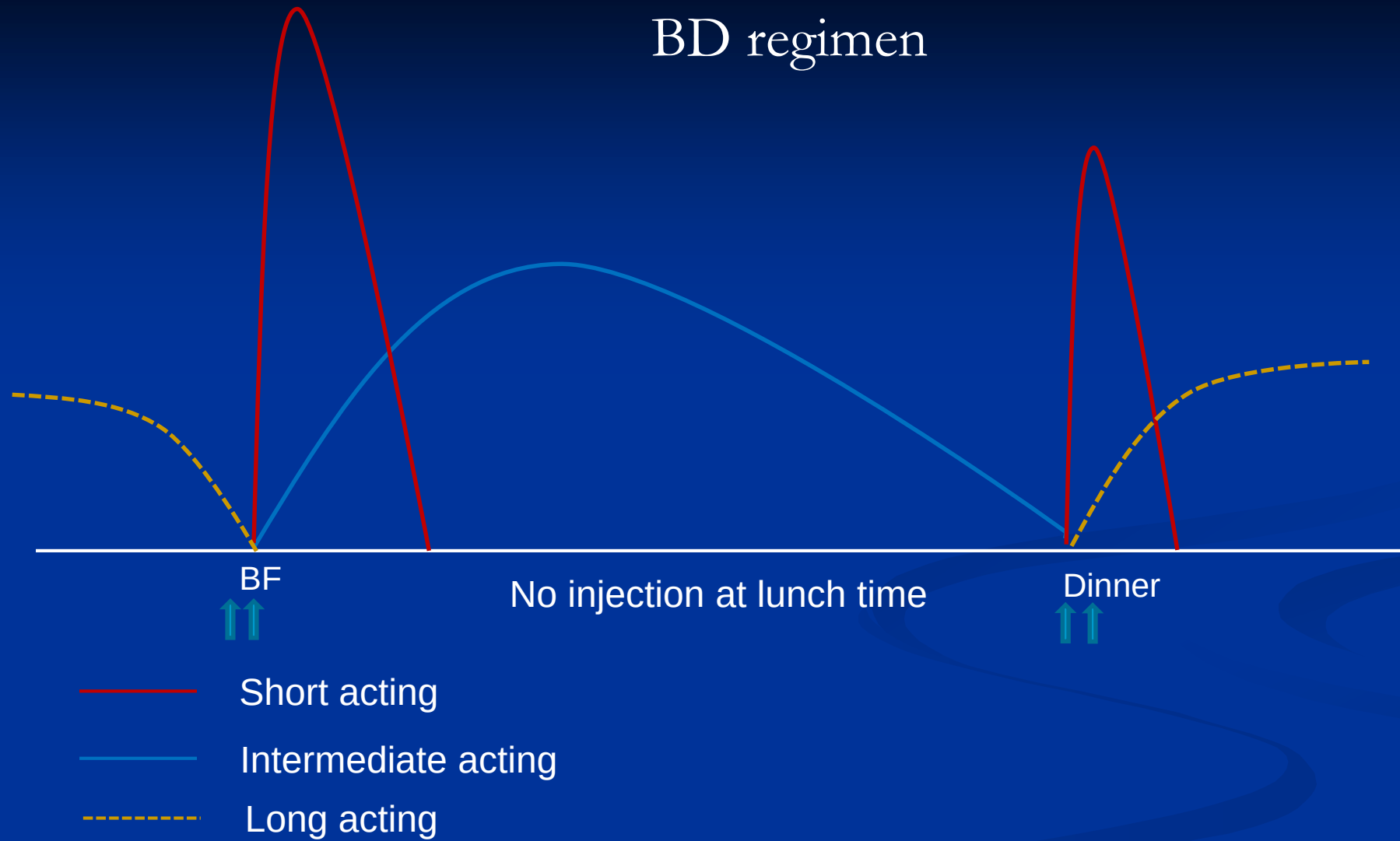
# Physiological Serum Insulin Secretion Profile



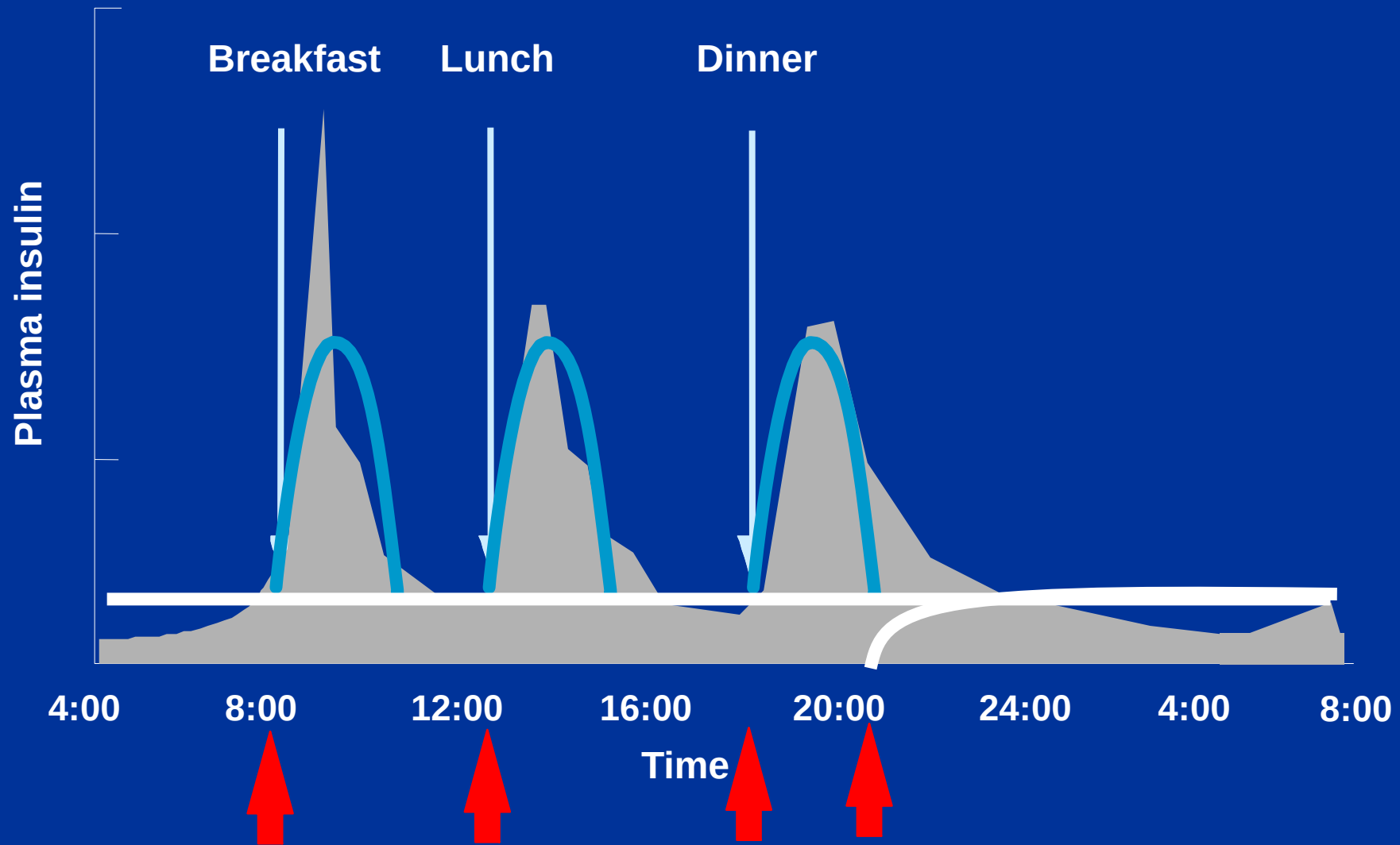
# BD regimen – mixture of quick and intermediate-acting insulins given twice daily



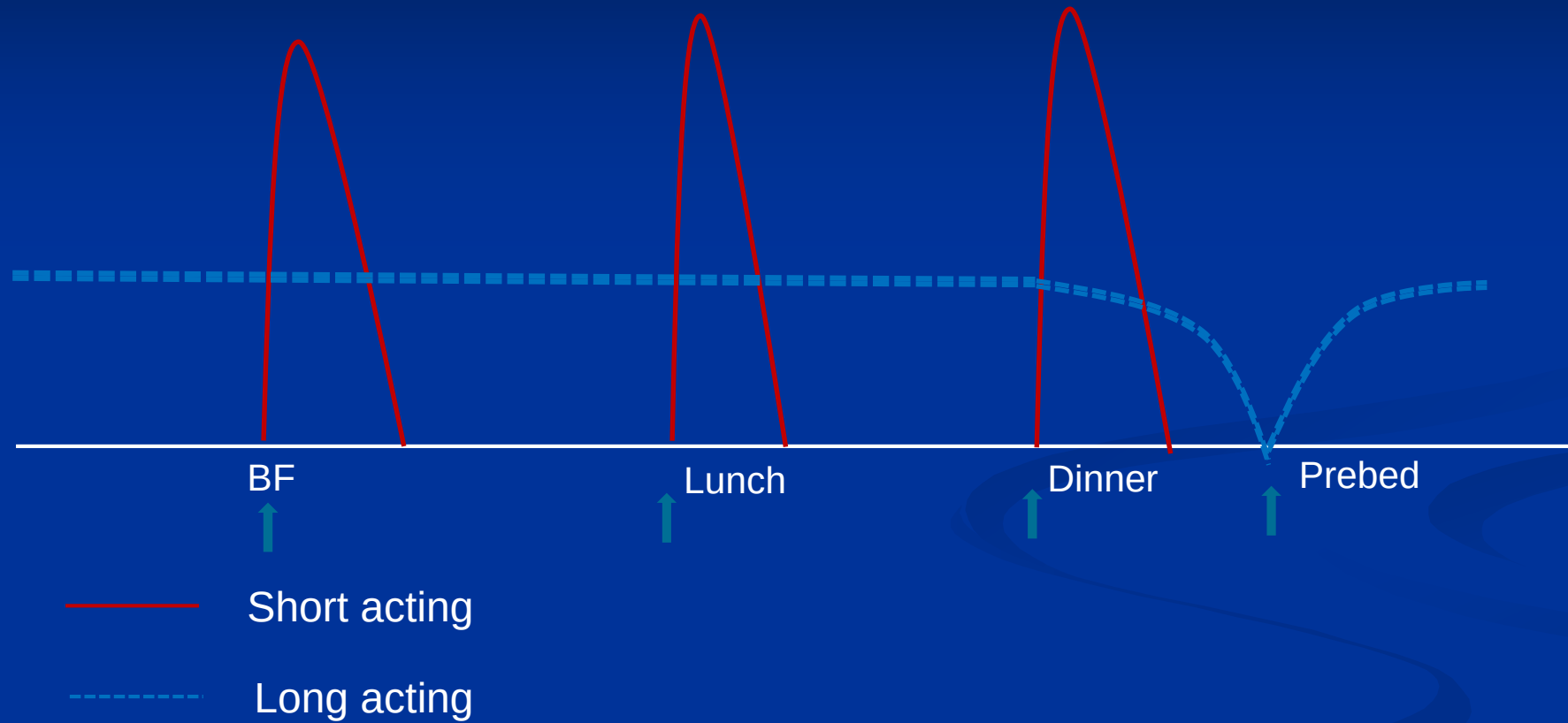
## BD regimen



# Basal/Bolus (MDI) – quick insulin before meals and long before bed)



# Multiple daily insulin (MDI) regimen



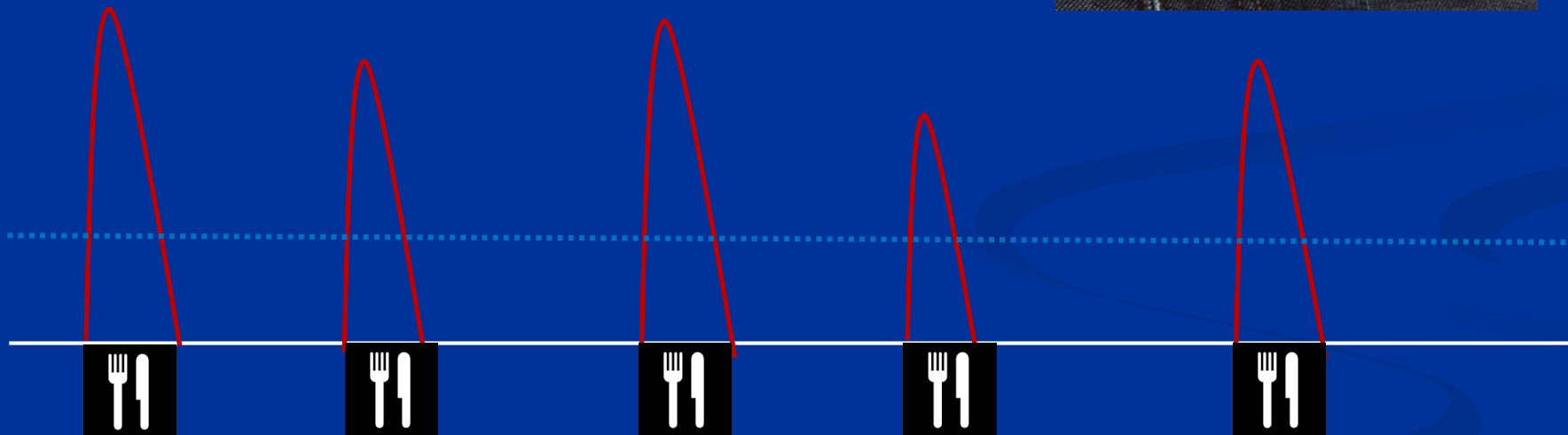
# Insulin pump :

continuous infusion of rapid acting insulin



# Insulin pump

— Bolus  
- - - Basal  
Short acting insulin





# New Technologies

- Flash glucose monitoring
  - No calibrations
  - \$100 a fortnight
  - Hopefully PHARMAC will fund



- Automated insulin delivery
  - Commercially available Australia, Europe, USA
  - Research occurring in NZ

# GP role

- Consolidation of support
- Transition
- Other issues
  - Acne
  - Mental health
  - Prescriptions

# Diabetes TAKE HOME MESSAGE

- Diagnose T1D in the clinic
  - Urine, or finger prick
  - An OGTT is not indicated
  - If you are ticking HbA1c on a form for a child, please check the BG and urine at that time, as you might need to send to hospital NOW

# Growth and Puberty

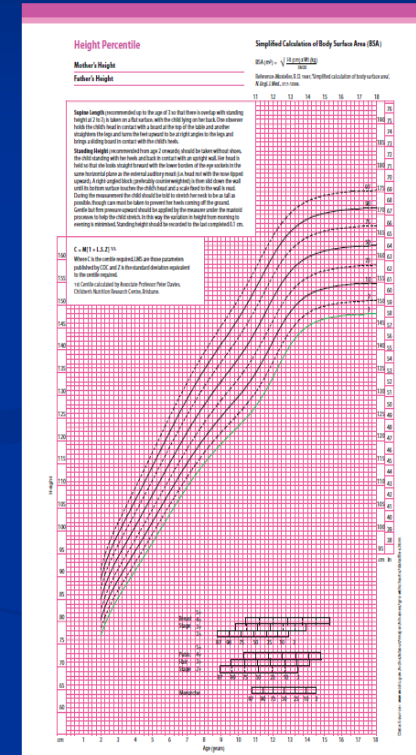
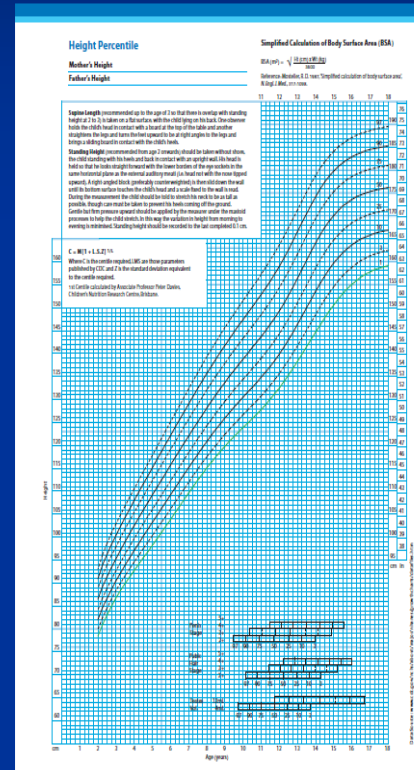
# Growth monitoring: an essential part of child health surveillance

- Height and weight should be measured whenever child attends hospital/clinic – **serial measurements important**
- Stadiometer
- Plot on appropriate growth charts (height, weight, ht/wt velocity)



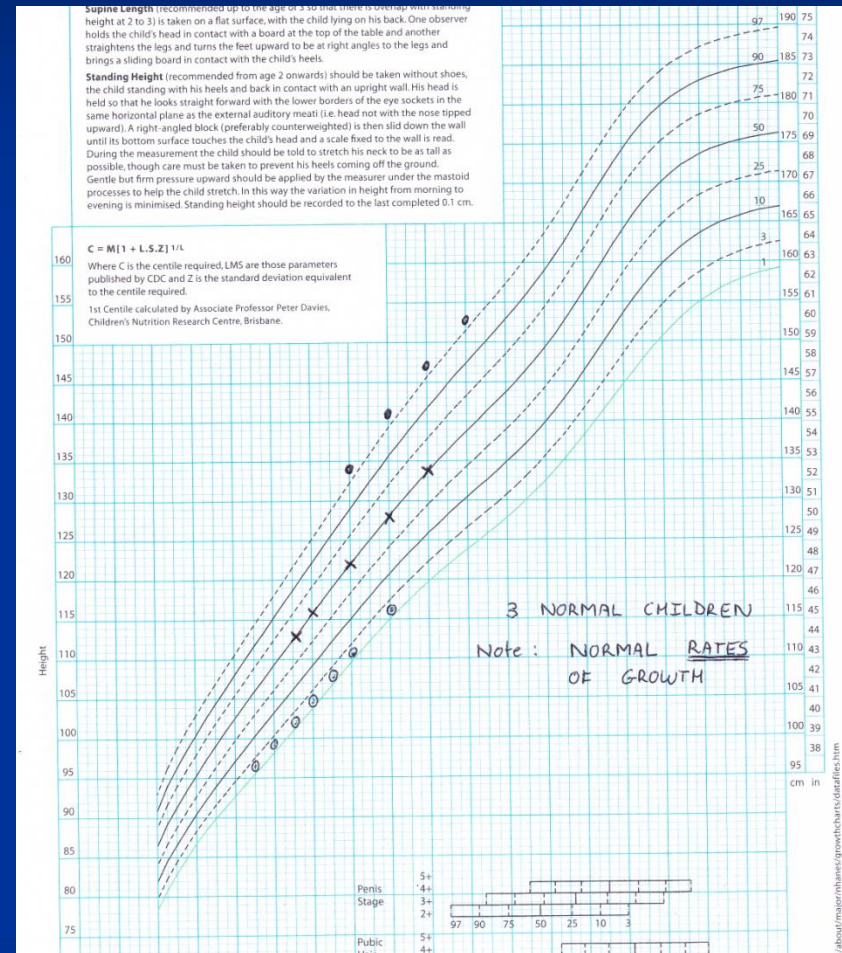
# Growth Chart

- Demonstrate the range of normal growth
- Percentile curves derived from the normal distribution (bell-shaped curve) of the growth data



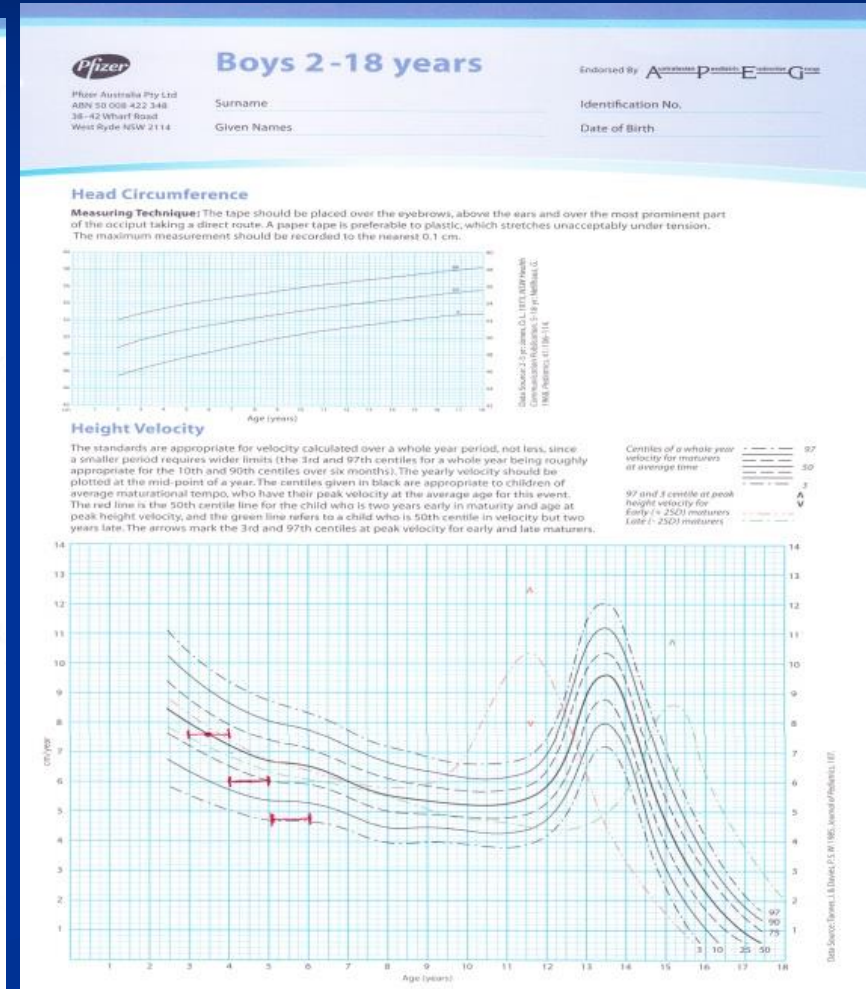
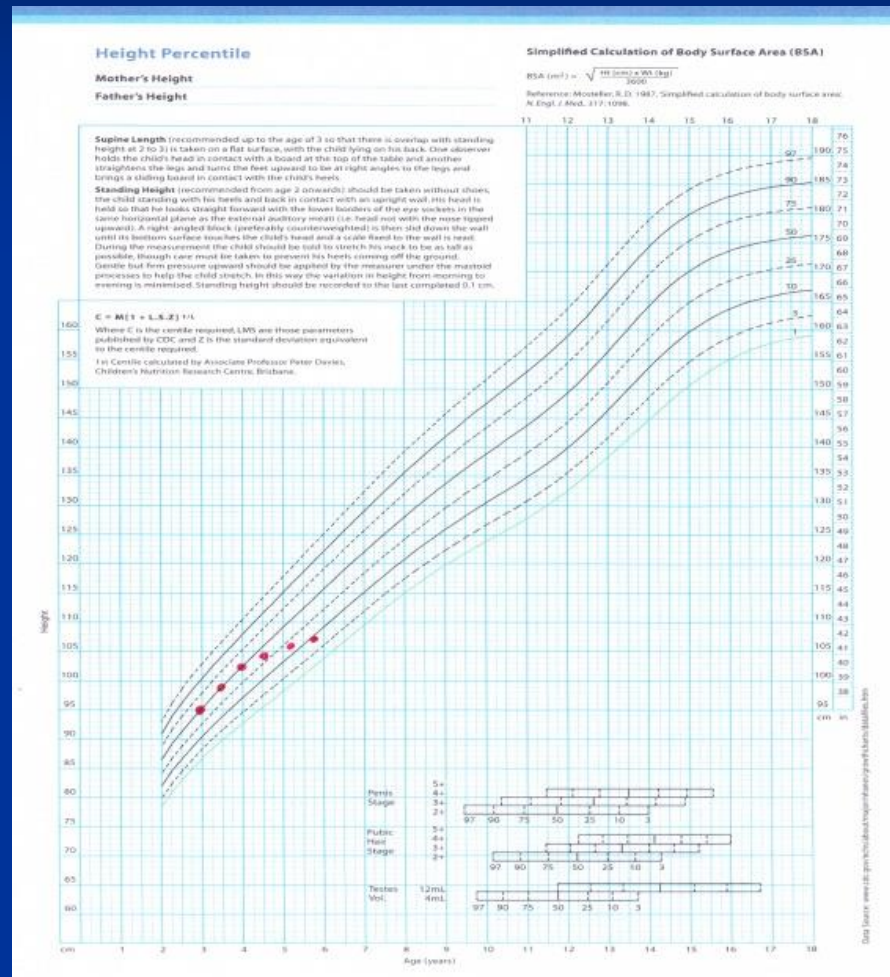
# Growth chart

- Median is 50<sup>th</sup> percentile: 50% of children lie above and 50% below
- 3% of NORMAL children will be <3<sup>rd</sup> percentile and 3% above 97<sup>th</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 97<sup>th</sup> percentiles approximately represent 2 SD from the mean





# Growth velocity

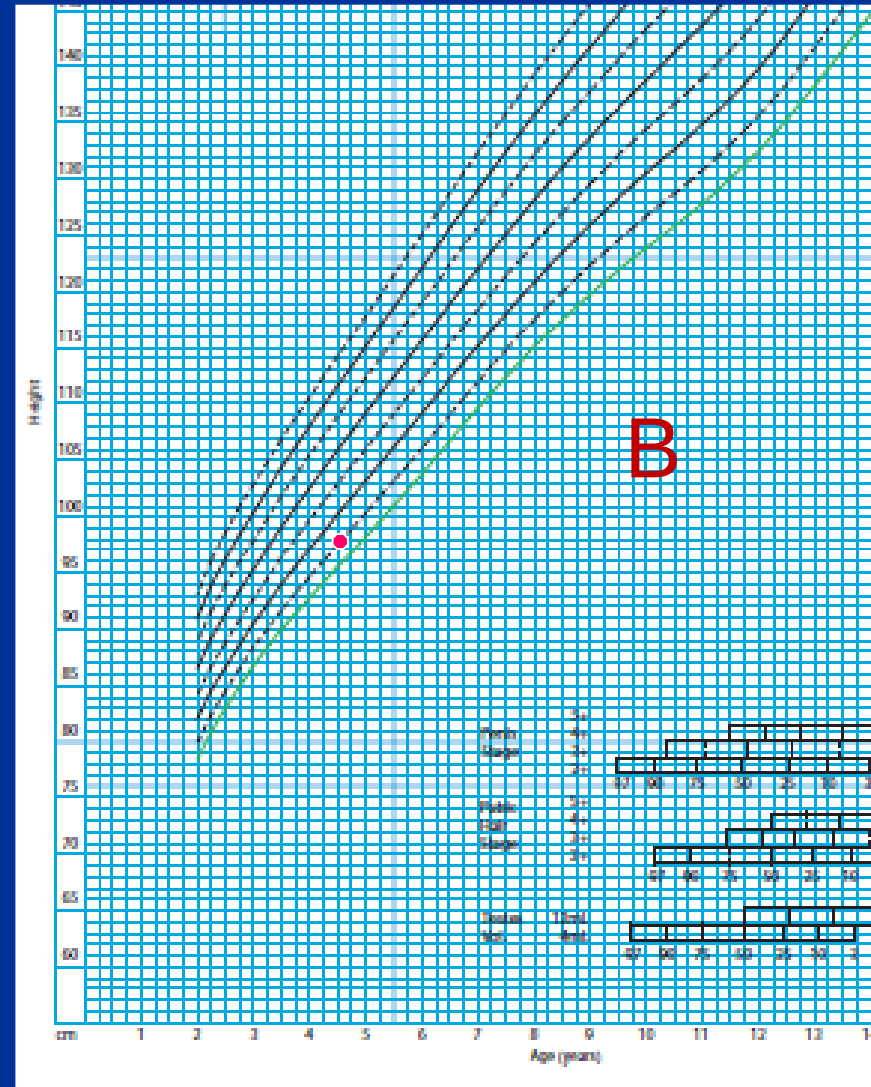
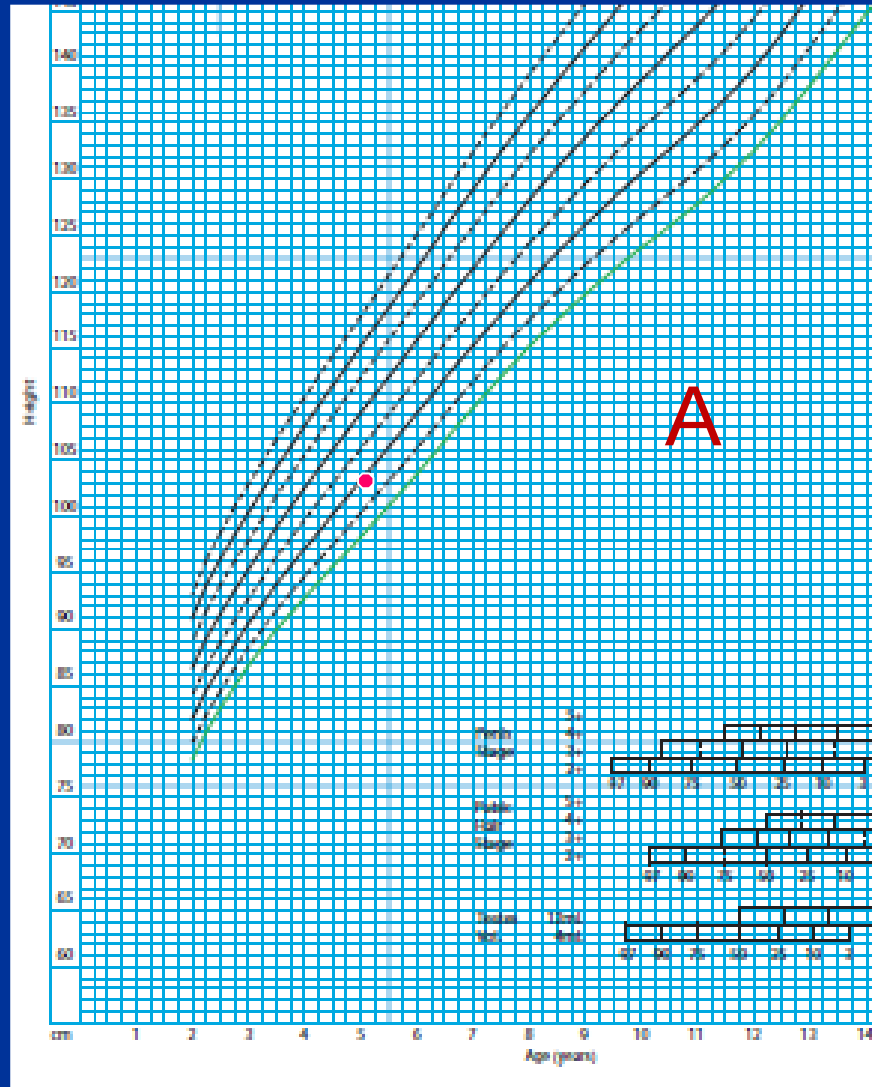




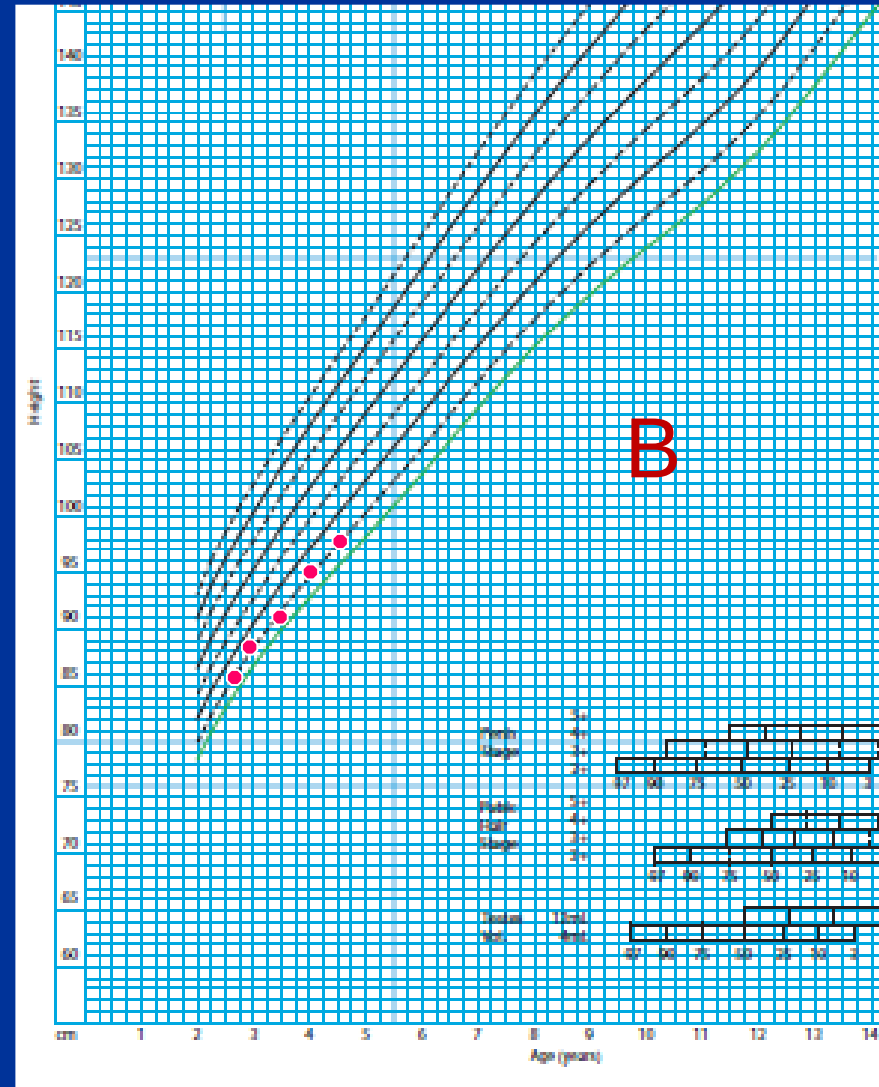
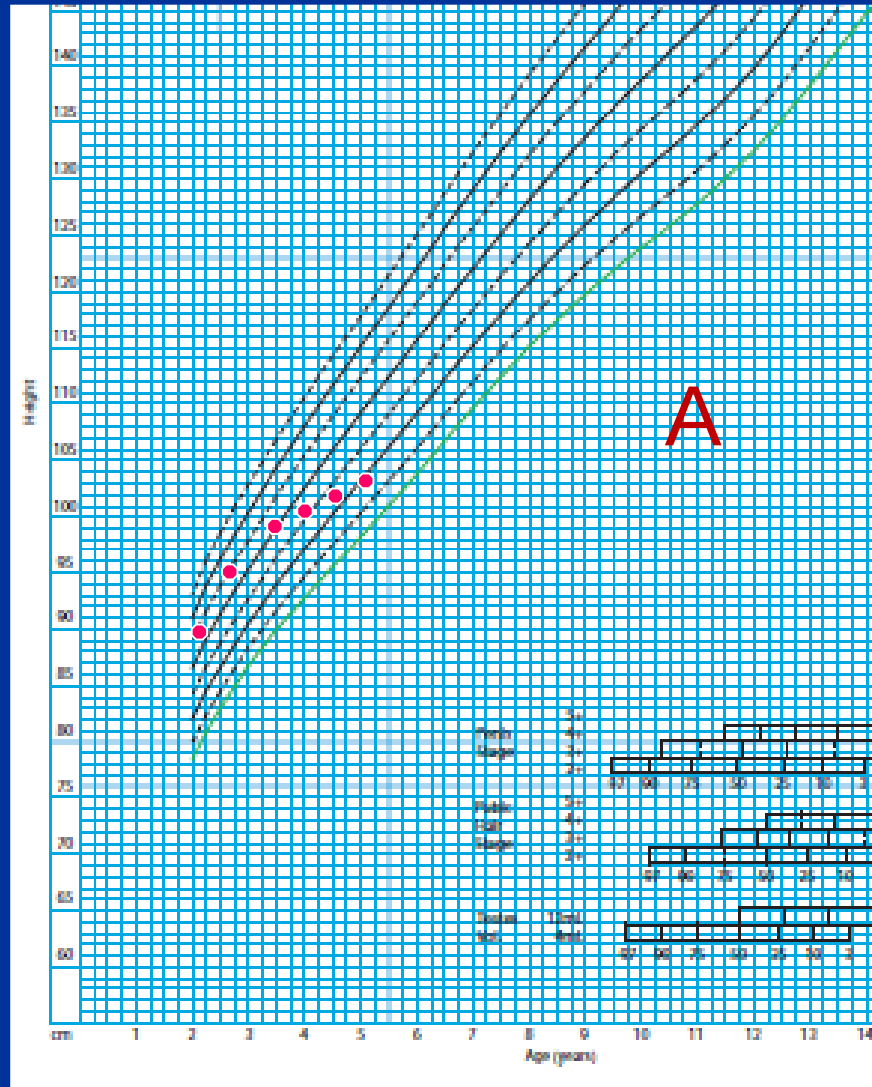
# Growth rate (velocity)

- Much more important than single measurement or position on chart
- Based on serial measurements (3-6 monthly) over 1 year
- Most children tend to follow their centile – SIGNIFICANT DEVIATION IS IMPORTANT

# Which child are you more worried about?



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# Assessment of short stature

- Is he/she short? Chart on growth chart
- Is he/she growing slowly?
  - SERIAL measurements/growth trend
- What is the cause? Direct history, examination and investigations towards these causes

# Causes of Short Stature

## ■ VARIATIONS OF NORMAL

### ■ Genetic/familial short stature

- Low genetic height potential, height tracks parallel to 3<sup>rd</sup> centile, growth velocity is normal, normally timed puberty

### ■ Constitutional delay in growth and puberty

- “late bloomer”

# Determining genetic potential \*interest only!

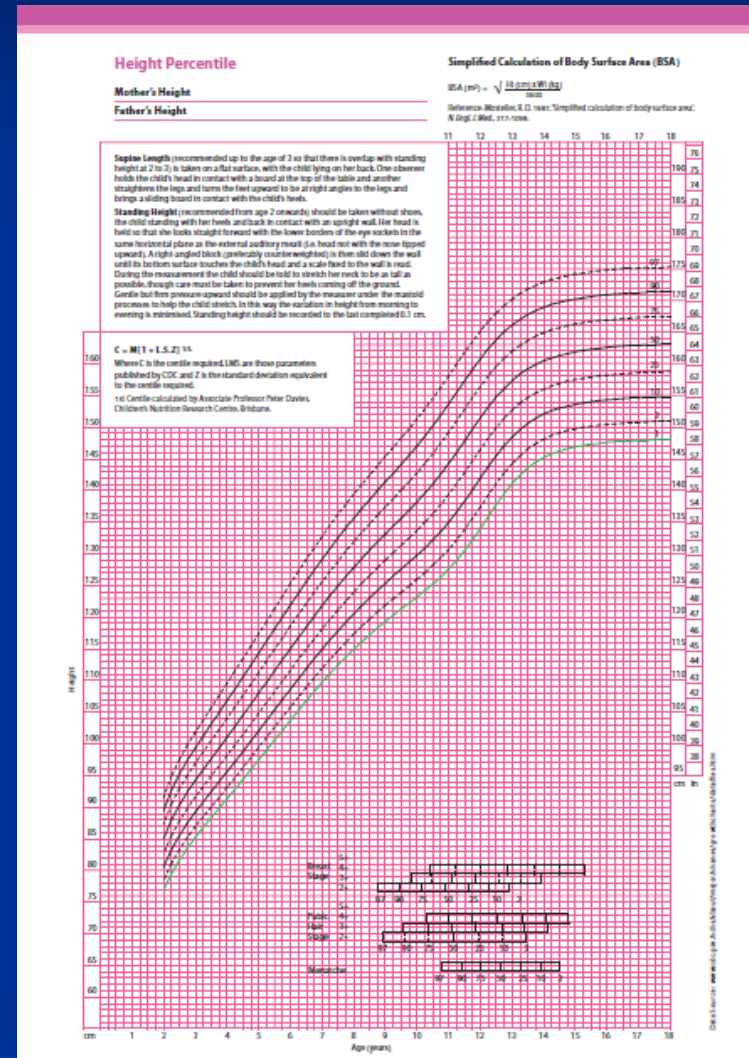
Boys:

$$\frac{M \text{ Ht} + F \text{ Ht} + 13 \text{ cm}}{2}$$

Girls:

$$\frac{M \text{ Ht} + F \text{ Ht} - 13 \text{ cm}}{2}$$

Target Range  
 $\pm 6.5 \text{ cm}$



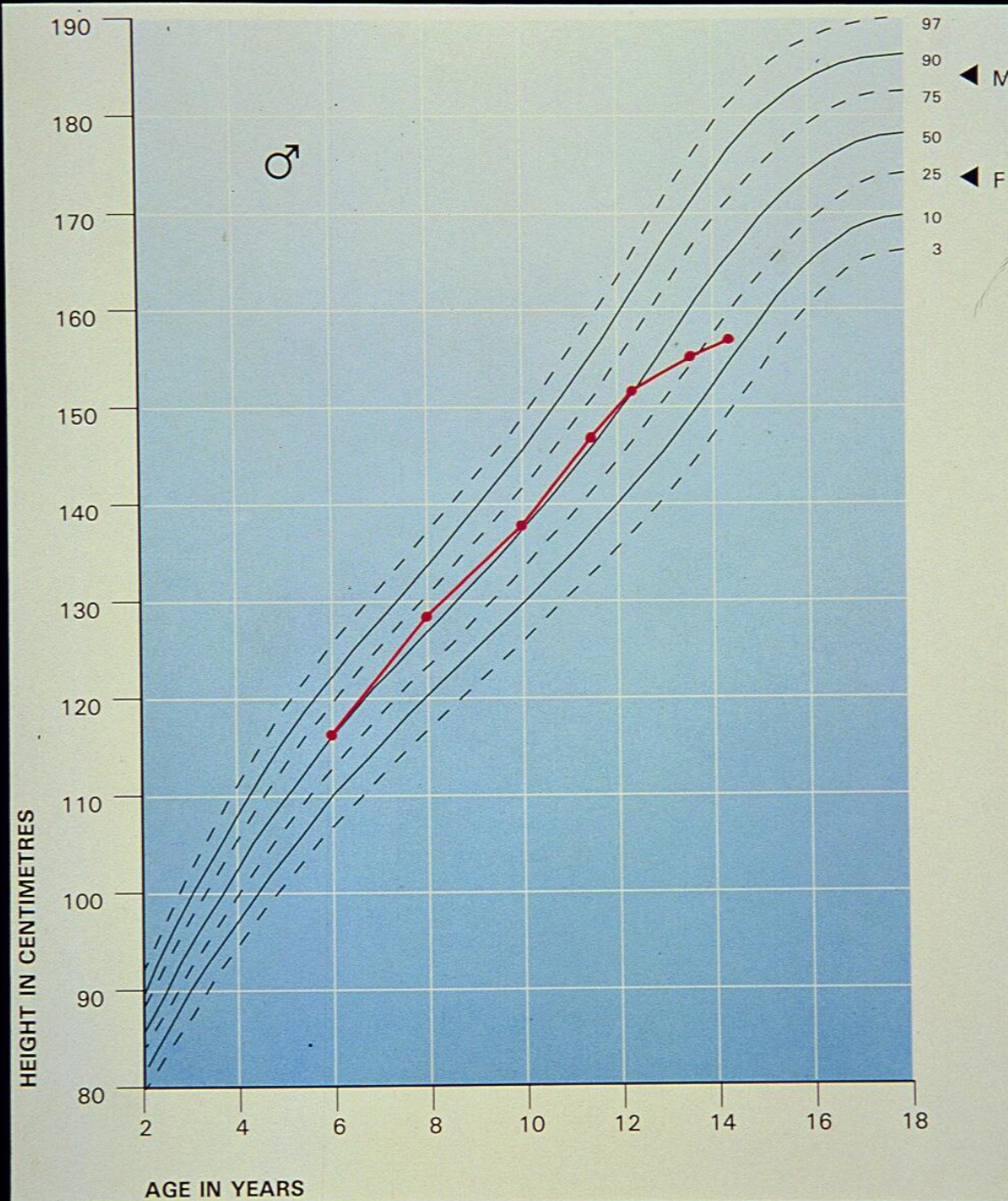
## ■ Pathological

- SGA
- Chronic illness/malnutrition/drugs
- Chromosomal abnormality/syndrome
- Psychosocial
- Skeletal dysplasia
- **Endocrine** (growth hormone deficiency, thyroid hormone deficiency, steroid excess, pubertal delay)

Short and lean

Short and fat







# Constitutional delay of growth + puberty

- Common variation of normal growth but exclude pathological causes of slow growth
- More common in boys
- Usually family history of similar growth pattern
- Look younger than age, later puberty, grow for longer, final target height preserved, bone age delayed for chronological age\*

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# Bone age X-ray (Left hand and wrist)



# Basic Short stature work-up

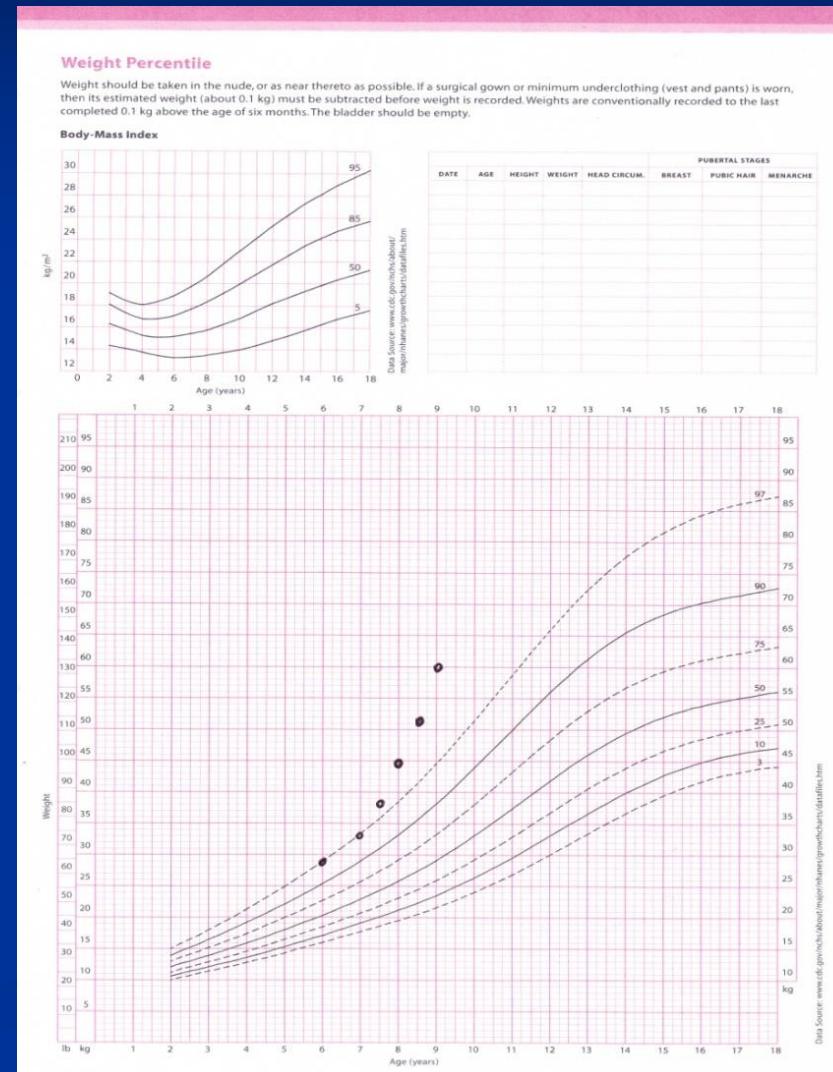
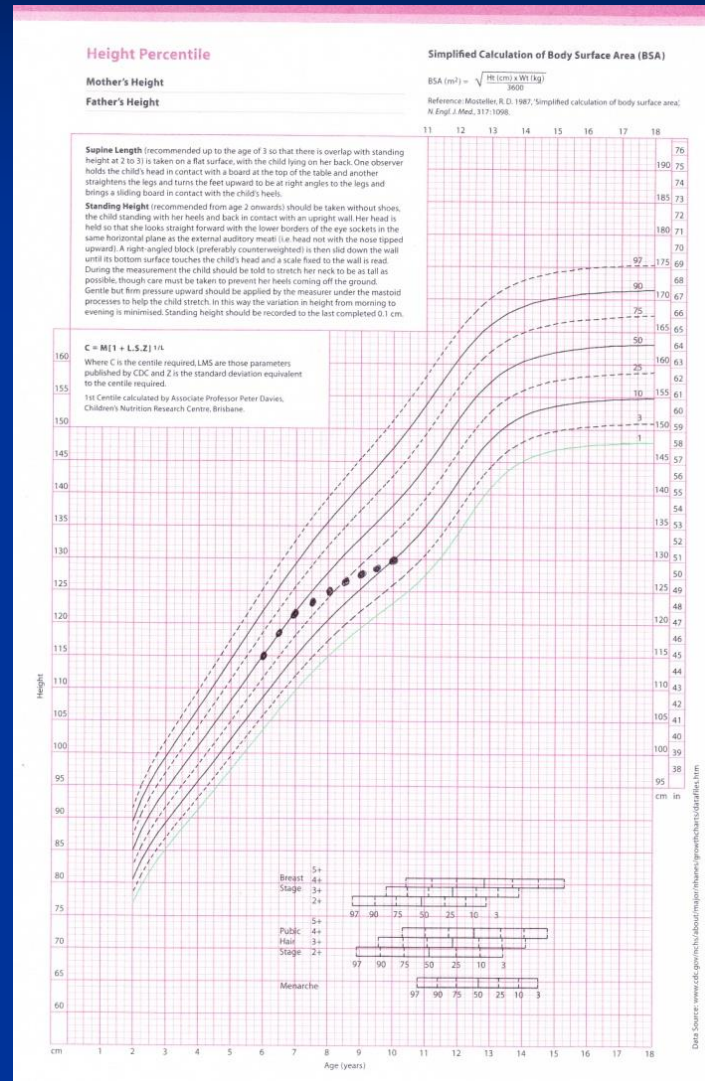
## ■ Labs:

- TFTs
- Coeliac Screen
- IGF-1
- Electrolytes and renal
- ESR
- KARYOTYPE IN ALL GIRLS

## ■ Radiology

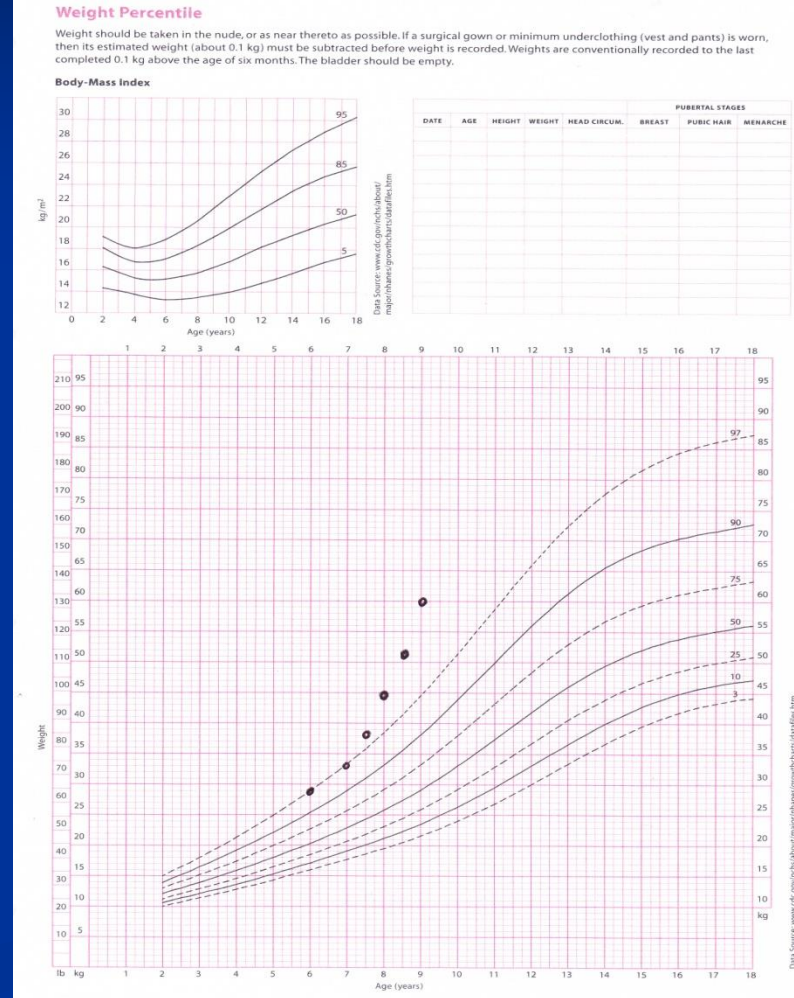
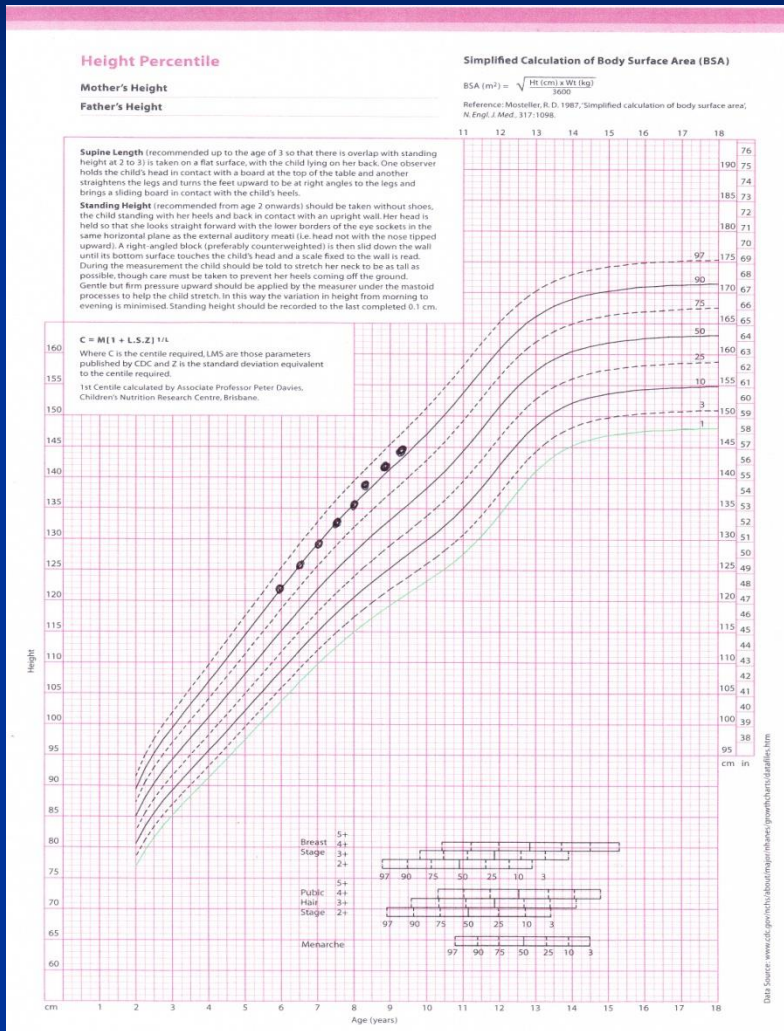
- Bone age

# Cushing





# Obesity-Exogenous



# PUBERTY

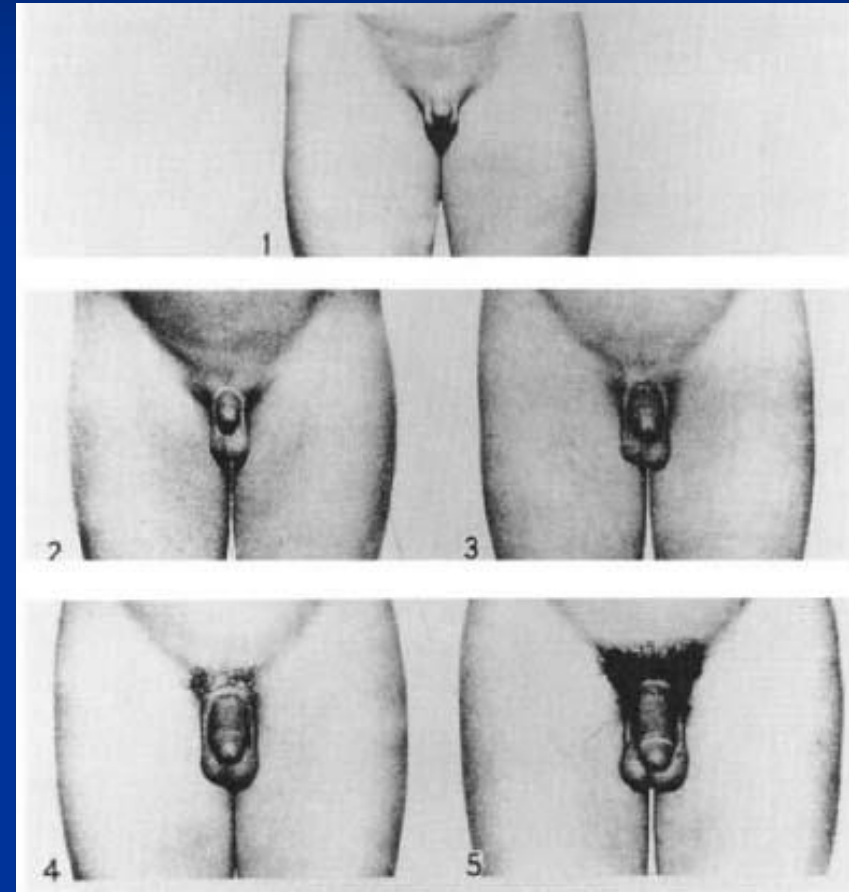
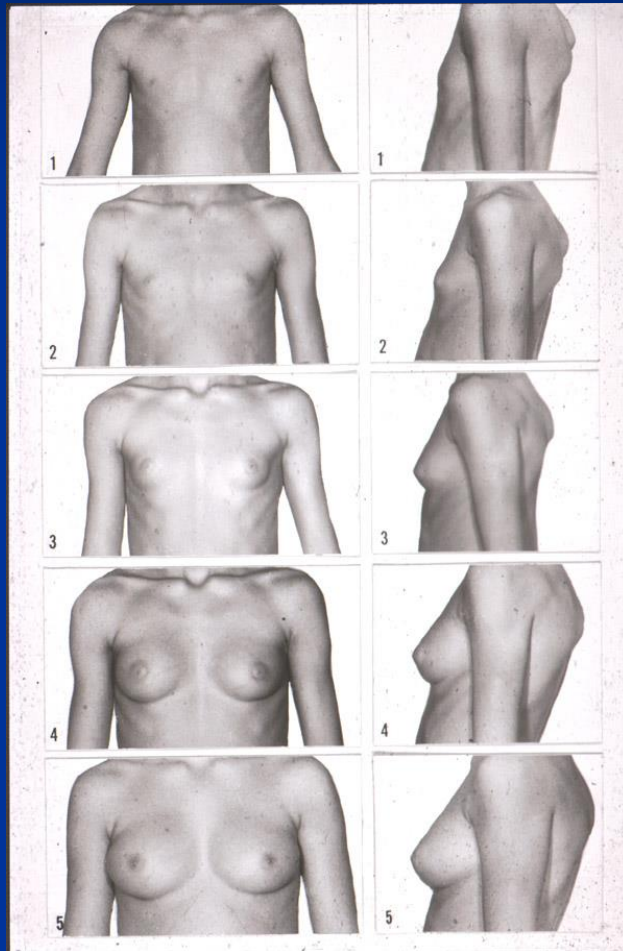
- Acquisition of reproductive capability
- Marked by:
  - Appearance of secondary sexual characteristics; (female breast development, sexual hair, male genital growth, male voice changes)
  - Growth spurt

# Puberty - physiology

- Increasing pulses of gonadotrophin releasing hormone from hypothalamus →
- ↑secretion of gonadotrophins - follicle stimulating hormone (FSH) and luteinizing hormone (LH) →
- ↑secretion of sex steroids – oestrogens and androgens → secondary sexual characteristics

# Tanner Stages of puberty:

( I prepubertal-V fully pubertal)





## Boys 2-18 years

### Stages of Puberty

Ages of attainment of successive stages of pubertal sexual development are given in the Height Percentile chart.

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### Genital (Penis) Development

**Stage 1.** Pre-adolescent. Testes, scrotum and penis are of about the same size and proportion as in early childhood.

**Stage 2.** Enlargement of scrotum and testes. Skin of scrotum reddens and changes in texture. Little or no enlargement of penis at this stage.

**Stage 3.** Enlargement of the penis which occurs at first mainly in length. Further growth of the testes and scrotum.

**Stage 4.** Increased size of penis with growth in breadth and development of glans. Testes and scrotum larger; scrotal skin darkened.

**Stage 5.** Genitalia adult in size and shape.

### Pubic Hair Development

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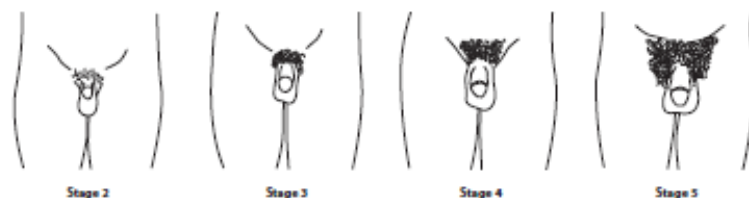
**Stage 2.** Sparse growth of long, slightly pigmented downy hair, straight or slightly curled at the base of the penis.

**Stage 3.** Considerably darker, coarser and more curled. The hair spreads sparsely over the junction of the pubes.

**Stage 4.** Hair now adult in type, but area covered is still considerably smaller than in the adult. No spread to the medial surface of thighs.

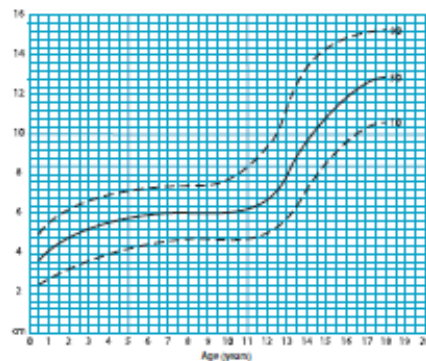
**Stage 5.** Adult in quantity and type with distribution of the horizontal (or classically 'feminine') pattern. Spread to medial surface of thighs but not up linea alba or elsewhere above the base of the inverse triangle (spread up linea alba occurs late and is rated stage 6).

### Genital and Pubic Hair Development Stages



### Stretched Penile Length

Measured from the pubo-penile skin junction to the tip of the glans (Shonfeld & Beebe, 1942, *Journal of Urology*, 48, 759-777).



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**Stage 1.** Pre-adolescent. The vellus over the pubes is not further developed than that over the abdominal wall, i.e. no pubic hair.

**Stage 2.** Sparse growth of long, slightly pigmented downy hair, straight or slightly curled, chiefly along labia.

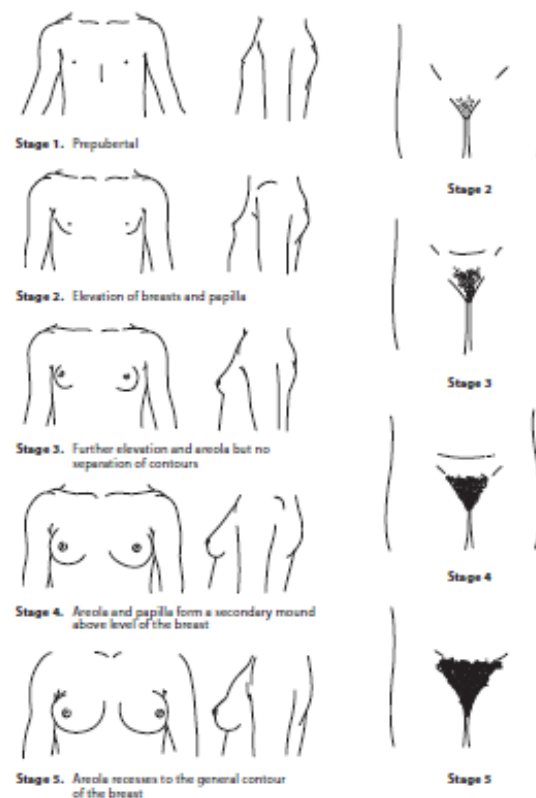
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### Breast Development Stages

### Pubic Hair Stages



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# Puberty in boys

- Marked by **testicular enlargement** 4 cc or more
- Growth spurt at testicular size of 12 cc (late)



# Normal Puberty in Girls

- First evidence usually **breast budding**
- Increase in growth velocity (**growth spurt** peak st3 breast development)
- Most growth occurs in first half of puberty
  - (prior to menarche), ave 4-6 cm afterwards
- Interval between pubertal onset and **menarche** about 2 years
- Av duration of pubertal development 3-4 yrs

# Abnormal puberty

## Boys

- Precocious if occurs  
< 9 years
- Delayed if no puberty by 14 years

## Girls

- Precocious if occurs  
< 8 years
- Delayed if no breast budding  
by 13.5 years or no menses  
five years after thelarche

- 6 year old girl with breast growth for 6 months + growth spurt
- Investigations:
- FSH and LH in pubertal range
- Pelvic U/S: enlarged uterus with endometrial thickening
- Diagnosis: **Central** precocious puberty
- Brain MRI: hypothalamic hamartoma





# Age 15



- Worried about lack of breasts and having not started her period
- Pubic hair present for 4 years
- Otherwise well
- Parents tall
- Ht 140 cm, prepubertal

## ■ Investigations:

- low oestrogen, high FSH and LH  
(**hypergonadotrophic hypogonadism**) → end-organ failure
- Karyotype: 45 XO

## ■ Diagnosis: Turner Syndrome

- 50% of Turner karyotypes 45XO
  - Tend to have more phenotypic features
- 40% have no features other than delay in puberty +/- short stature



# Common clinical issues related to growth and puberty



# Premature adrenarche/pubarche

- production of adrenal androgens (adrenarche) causing appearance of pubic hair(pubarche) at  $< 8$  yrs
- NOT indicative of true puberty if isolated (no other signs of puberty (increasing testes in boys, growth spurt, breast budding in girls))

# Pubertal Gynaecomastia

- Breast growth in pubertal boys
- Common (40-70%)
- Usually minor and transient, may be asymmetrical
- May require plastic surgery if significant/permanent

# Premature thelarche

- Isolated breast development, either unilateral/bilateral
- Relatively common in girls <2 yrs, characteristically waxing and waning in size
- Can occur later
- Not progressive and not accompanied by other signs of puberty

# Thank You

**Don't forget  
to take the  
session survey!**

