PEARLS IN PAEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGY

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Type 1 Diabetes

- Diabetes progresses from islet cell antibodies through hyperglycemia and symptoms to ketosis to DKA
- Increasing annual incidence in younger children. 5.4% vs 3.9% (Ireland childhood incidence is 27.5/100,000/yr)
- Higher incidence of DKA at diagnosis in <5yrs. 33% and not improving (< 2yrs 40 to 50%). Why? No one thinks!
- Significant morbidity and mortality of DKA.
- Symptoms and CBG >11mmol/l. ? Ketones >1mmol/l.
Normal Growth

• Physiology
• How to Measure. Proportions.
• Growth Charts
• Mid Parental Percentile
• Weight versus height percentiles
• Growth velocity. Crossing centiles.
• Bone Age
• Screening tests
- Measure length until age 2, then height after age 2.
- A child's height is usually shorter than their length.
Growth: screening

FBC, Ferritin, U and E, CRP, LFT’s, TtG, Tft’s, IGF1.
Karyotype in all girls shorter than expected for family and/or growing slowly.
Referral point
Definitive testing for Growth hormone deficiency is difficult.
Causes of Short Stature

- Familial
- Constitutional Delay of Growth (and puberty).
- Underlying illness (Coeliac, Renal)
- Psychosocial
- SGA/IUGR (RSS)
- Turner Mosaic.
- Hypothyroidism
- Growth hormone deficiency. (1st stage diagnosis)
Puberty

- Physiology.
- 5 Tanner Stages for Pubic hair, genitalia and breasts.
- Precocious Adrenarche. Onset <6 yrs in girls or 7 in boys.
- Precocious Puberty if onset <8yrs in girls or 9yrs in boys.
- True (central) PP versus Pseudo(peripheral).
- Females versus males.
- LHRH agonists as treatment.
The bladder should be empty.

Third Charts (1986)

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 redness and changes in texture. Little or no enlargement of penis at the stage.

Stage 3. Enlargement of penis, which occurs at first mainly in length, further growth of 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

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Stage 2. Sparse growth of long, slightly pigmented downy hair, straight or slightly curled, chiefly 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 the 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 rated stage 6).

Decimal age

The system of decimal age has been used in all charts. Thus the year is divided
conveniently recorded to the last completed 0.1kg above the age of 6 months. The bladder should be empty.

Charts (1986)

Breast development

Stage 1. Pre-adolescent: elevation of papilla only.

Stage 2. Breast bud stage: elevation of breast and papilla as small mound. Enlargement of areola diameter.

Stage 3. Further enlargement and elevation of breast and areola, with no separation of their contours.

Stage 4. Projection of areola and papilla to form a secondary mound above the level of the breast.

Stage 5. Mature stage: projection of papilla only, due to recession of the areola to the general contour of the breast.
Delayed Puberty

- No signs after 12 in girls or 14 in boys.
- Family History.
- Height, Proportions, Sense of smell.
- Bone age delayed? CDGP if BA <12/14 yrs.
- If BA not delayed. LH and FSH. Testosterone No.
- If LH and FSH high Primary gonadal problem.
- If normal or low hypothalamo/pituitary or extreme delay
- Trail of testosterone/estrogen.
• Exogenous kids are tall for family and have advanced BA.
• Endocrine cause very rare.
• Consequences of Obesity. Social. Sleep. Metabolic syndrome from Insulin resistance. PCOS. DM type 2.
• Acquired Primary hypothyroidism. Short, myxedema, constipation, cold etc. Beware of T21 and + Fhx.
Syndromes

• Turner. 45X. (majority Mosaics)
• Klinefelter Syndrome 47xxy.