Precocious Puberty

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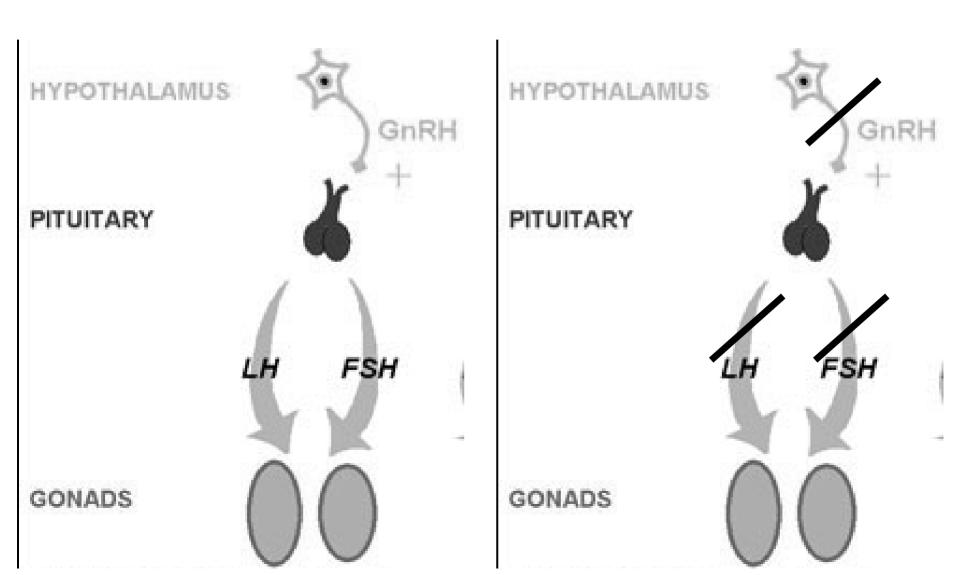
Precocious Puberty Definition

Boys: 9 years

Girls: 6-8 years

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Central versus Peripheral



Precocious Puberty Peripheral

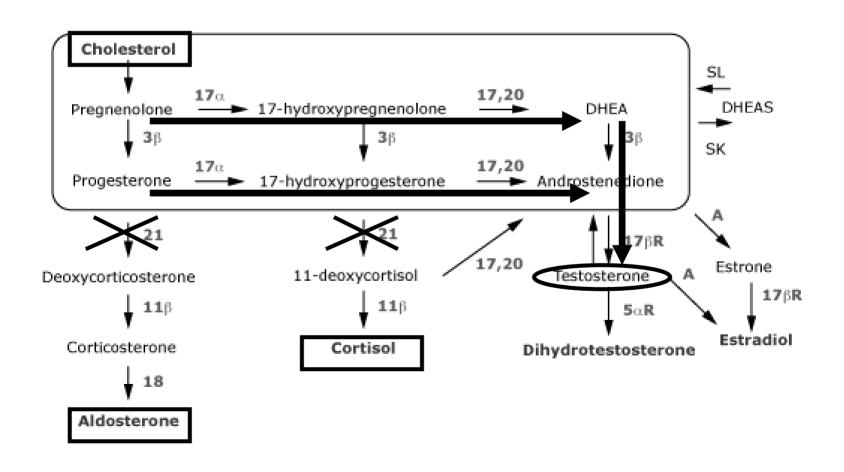
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- Acquired

Precocious Puberty Peripheral: Congenital

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- McCune-Albright Syndrome (MAS)
- Familial Male Precocious Puberty (FMPP)

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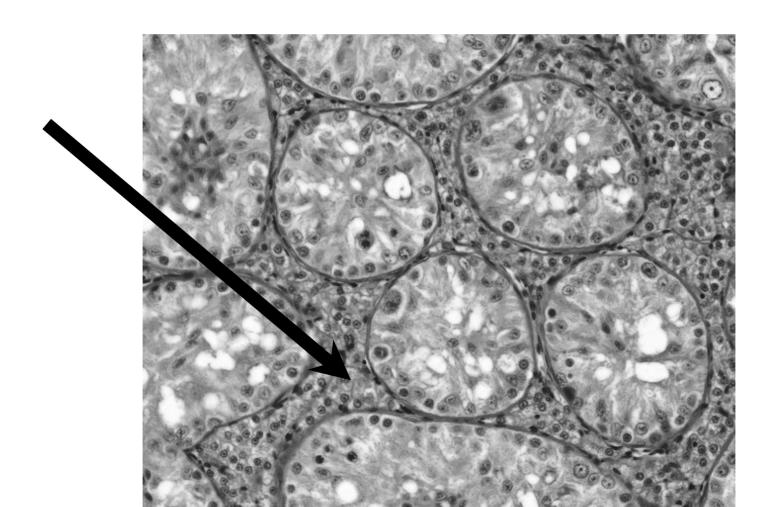
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McCune-Albright Syndrome (MAS)

- Fibrous dysplasia of the bone
- Café-au-lait spots
- Hyperfunction of endocrine tissues

Precocious Puberty Peripheral: Congenital

Familial Male Precocious Puberty (FMPP)



Precocious Puberty Peripheral: Acquired

Exposure to sex steroids:

endogenous

exogenous

Precocious Puberty Peripheral: Acquired Endogenous Sex Steroids

- sex steroid-secreting tumors
 - > ovary
 - > testis
 - > adrenal

germ cell tumors

Precocious Puberty Peripheral: Acquired

Exogenous Sex Steroids

estrogens ----- androgens

- accidental ingestion
 - > oral contraceptives
 - anabolic steroids
- skin-to-skin transmission
 - topical preparations (such as testosterone gel or estrogen cream)
 - > hair products
 - lavender and tea tree oil

Precocious Puberty Presentation: History

- general medical history
- family history
- medications intended and inadvertent
- onset and progression

Precocious Puberty

Presentation: Physical Exam

- pubic hair, axillary hair, acne, oily skin/hair
- phallic length and width
- testicular volume
- breast development
- clitoromegaly, labial fusion

Precocious Puberty Presentation: Testing

- bone age
- imaging pituitary MRI, testicular ultrasound, adrenal ultrasound
- bloodwork pituitary hormones (LH ad FSH), sex steroids, hCG and AFP

Precocious Puberty Short-Term Issues

- psychosocial
- behavioral

Precocious Puberty Long-Term Issues

physical deformity

short stature

Precocious Puberty Reference

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