# Hormones and Receptors

- · Pairing between signal and receiver
- · Synthesis and processing of Hs
- · Regulation of Hs, Rs
- · Many are closely related

Questions???

## Assignment

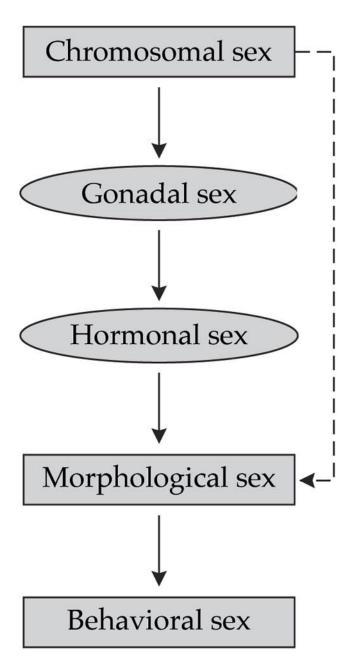
- Textbook pages to reinforce today (pg. 109-130)
- · Two extra credit assignments posted
- · Nothing quizzable for Tuesday

# BIG questions

- Why do organisms pair up to reproduce?
- Why should this pairing up mean that they take 2 distinct forms?
- How do they come to take these distinct forms -- female and male?

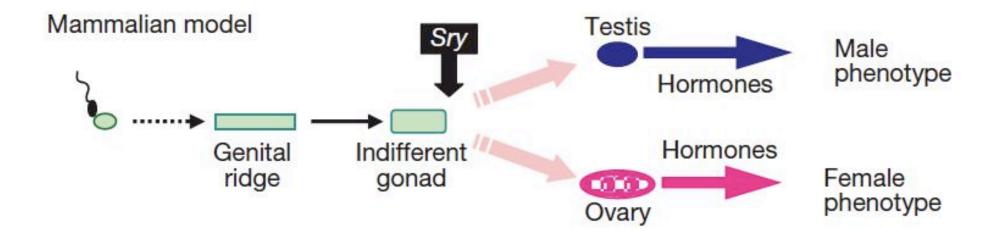
 Sexual Dimorphism -- different forms for female, male; how far does this extend?

- Sexual Differentiation -- process of becoming different
- · Developmental program

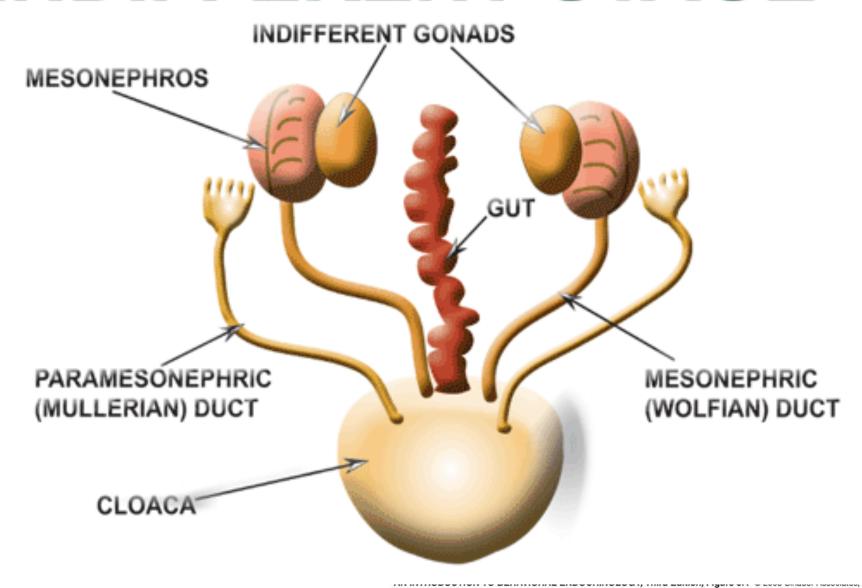


## sex determination

- · Temperature in turtles
- Social factors in fish
- For mammals, genetic determination (XX or XY)



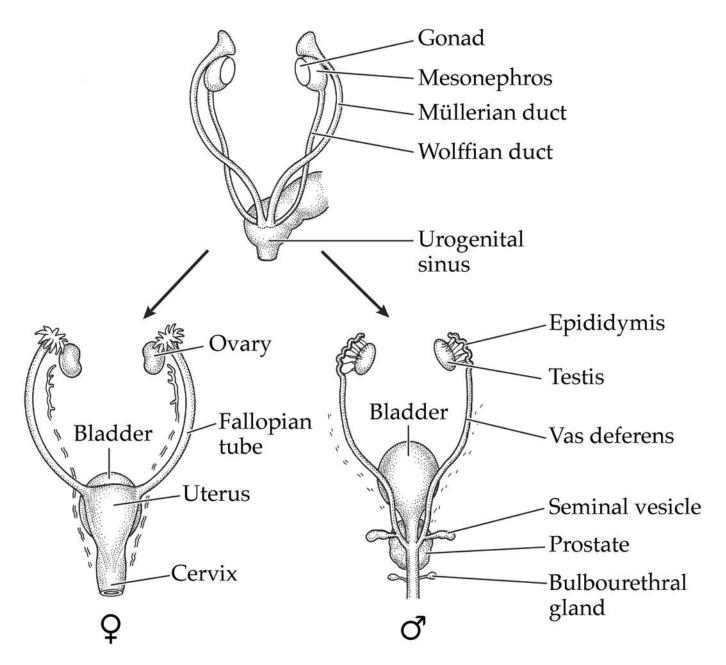
# INDIFFERENT STAGE



- Until 1 month, no differences = indifferent gonac Sry gene makes Sry protein
  - → indifferent gonad to be testis.
- Absence of Sry protein allows gonad to hang out later becomes ovary
- Pattern is called single anlage the F/M organ derives from same structure

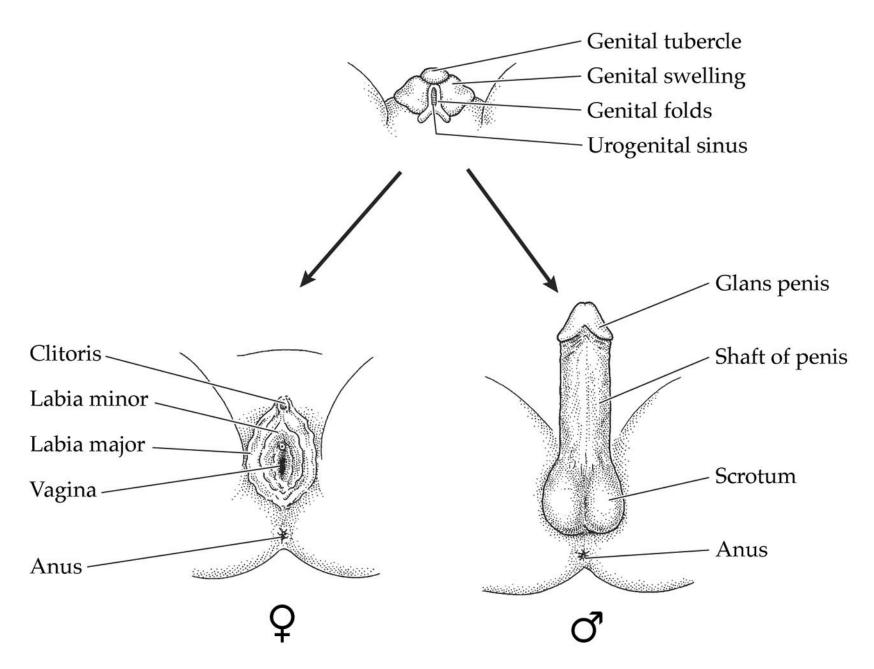
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- $T \rightarrow DHT$  (by enzyme)
  - Growth of penis/maturation of scrotum

#### • Dual anlagen:

- Wolffian ducts epididymis etc.
- Mullerian ducts uterus, vagina, fallopian tubes

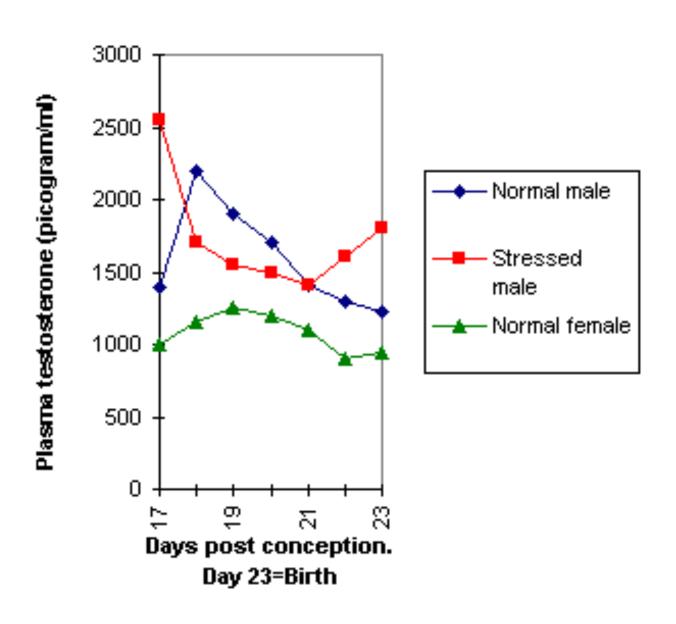
#### • Single anlage:

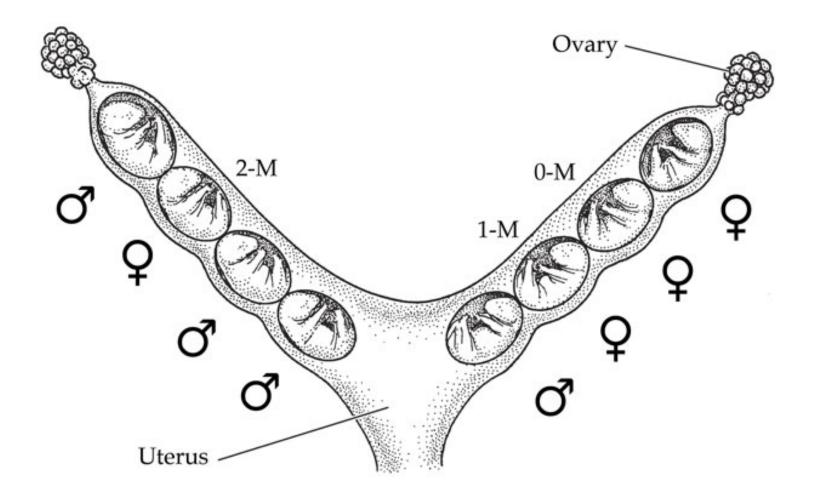
- Genital tubercle clitoris OR penis
- Genital folds labia OR scrotum

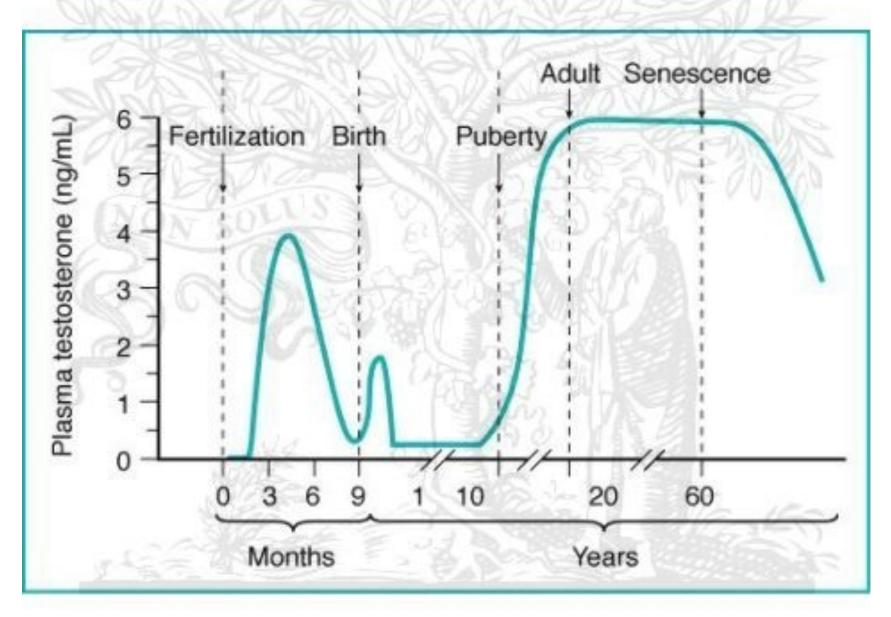
## Environmental influences

- · Red deer
  - High status ==> more males
  - Stress ==> more females

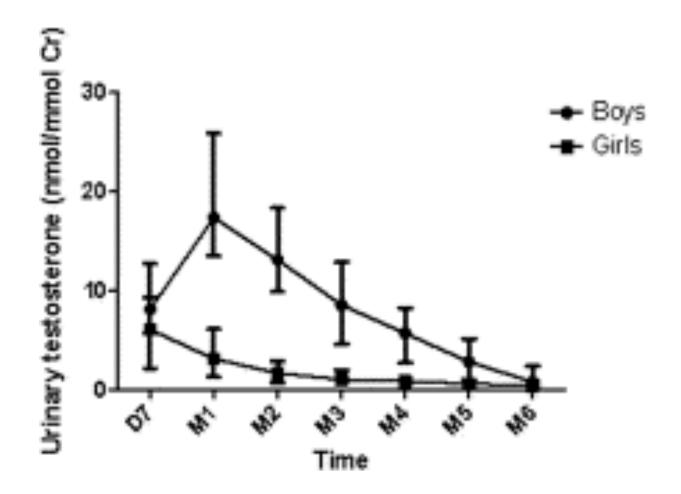
#### Effect of prenatal stress on testosterone levels







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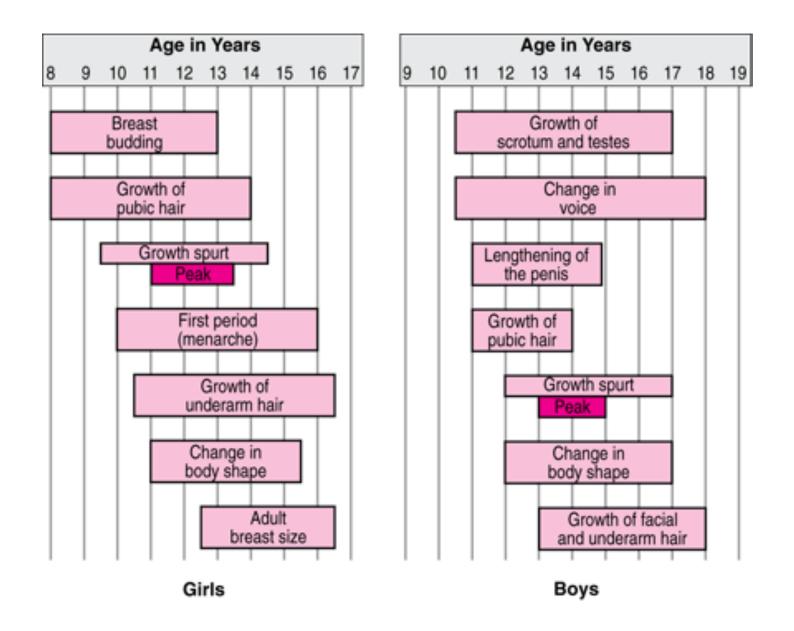
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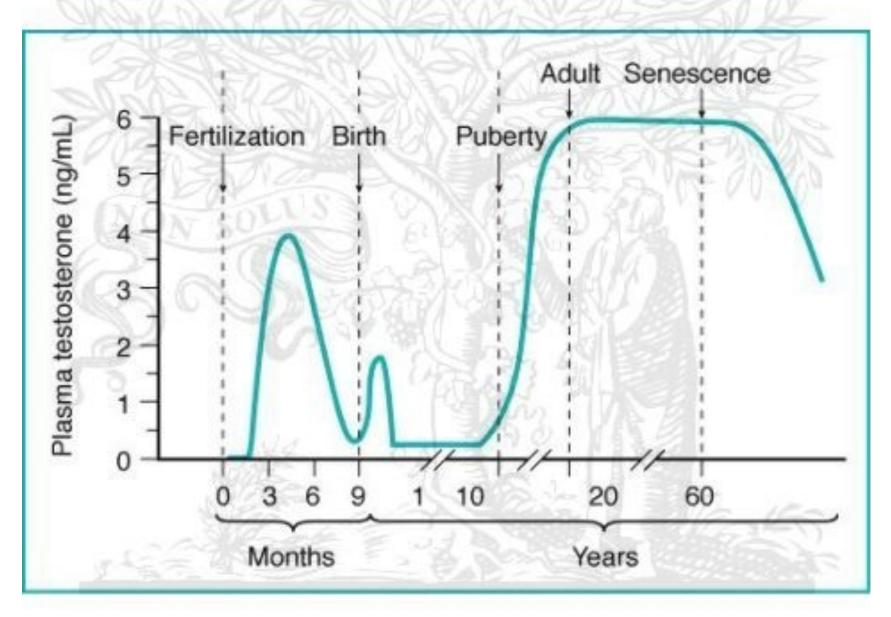
Small predictor of toy choices at 14 months???

# Puberty

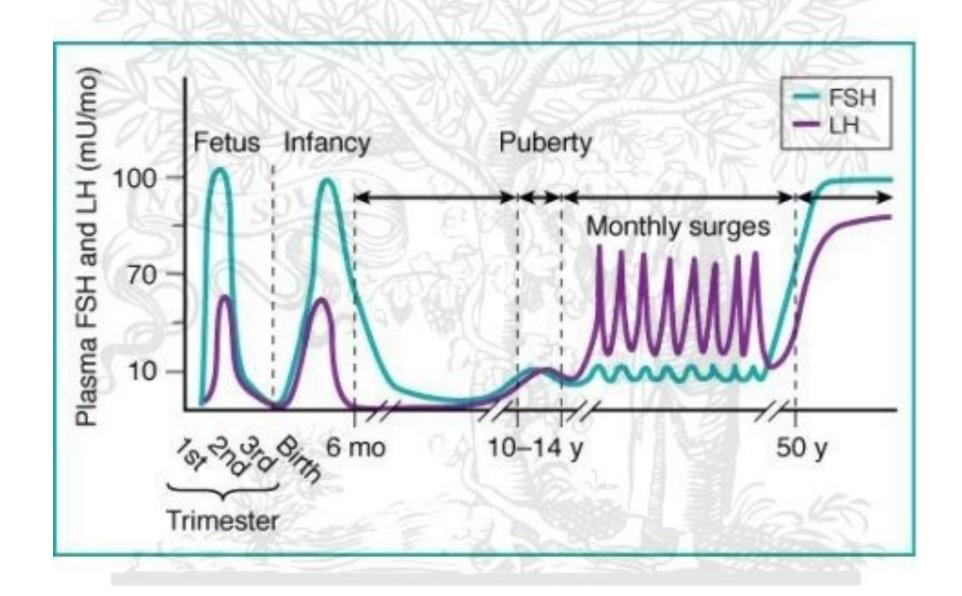
Body changes Hormonal changes Behavioral changes

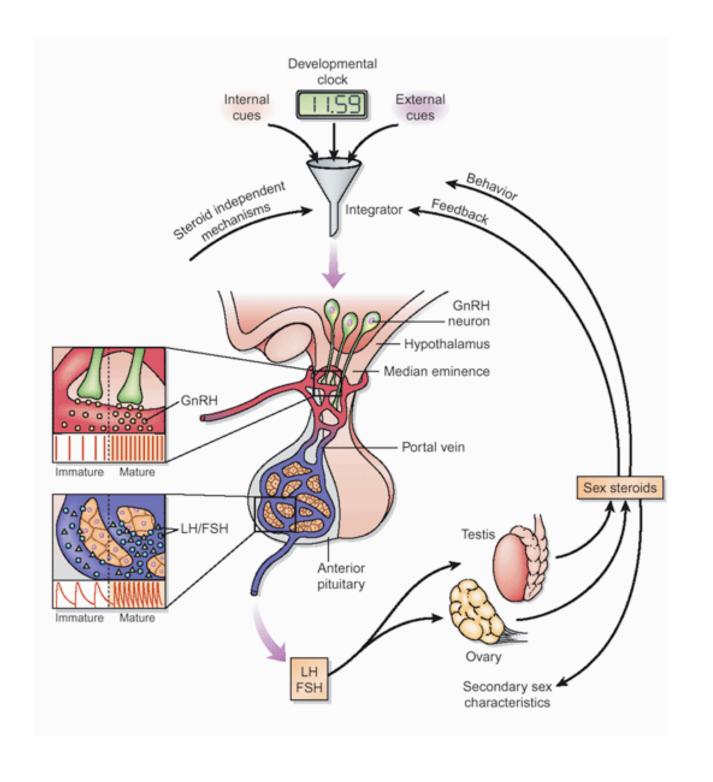
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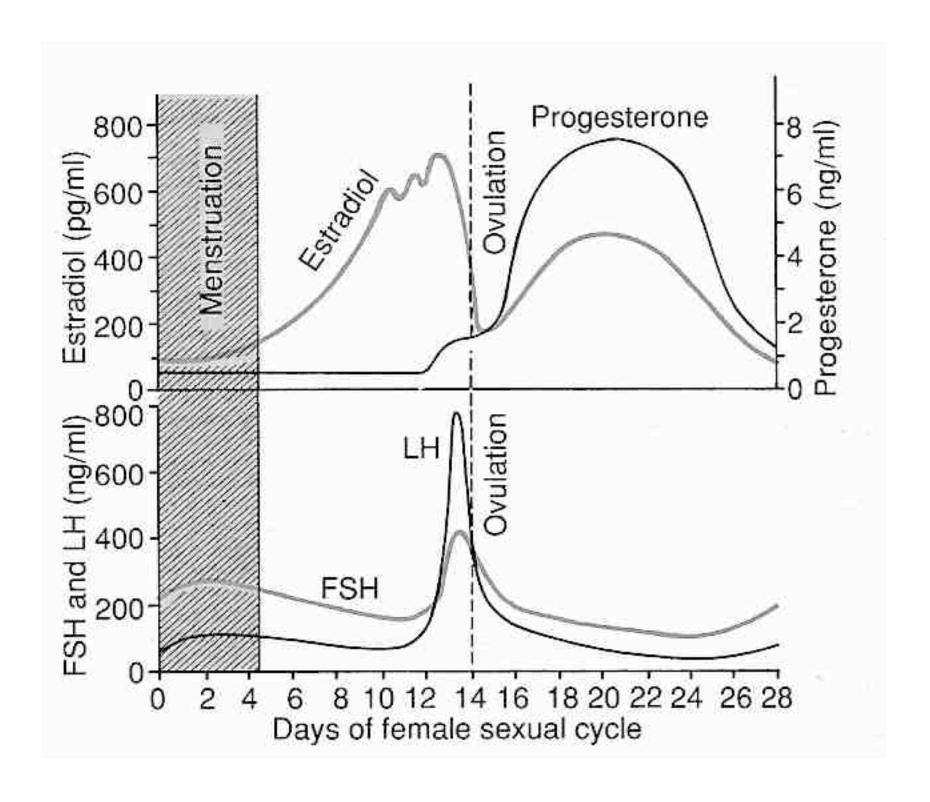


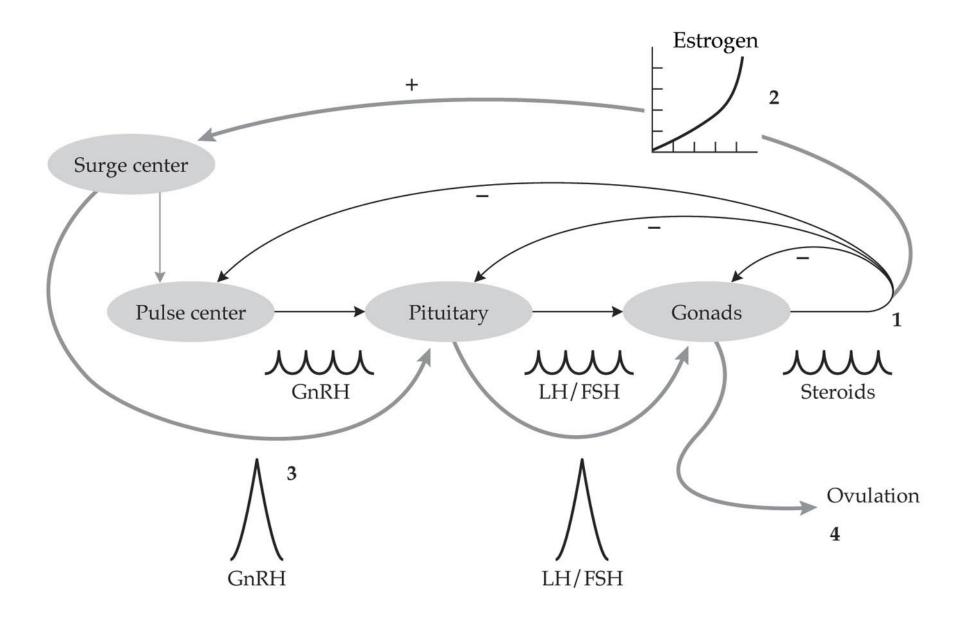


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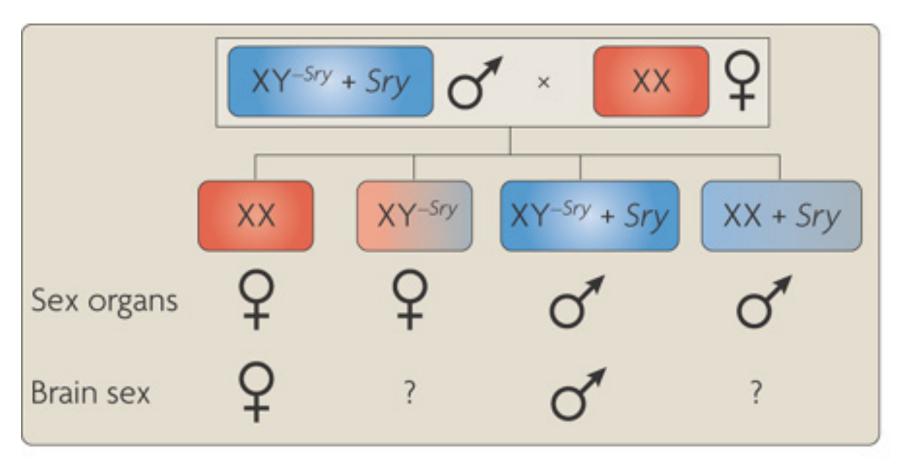




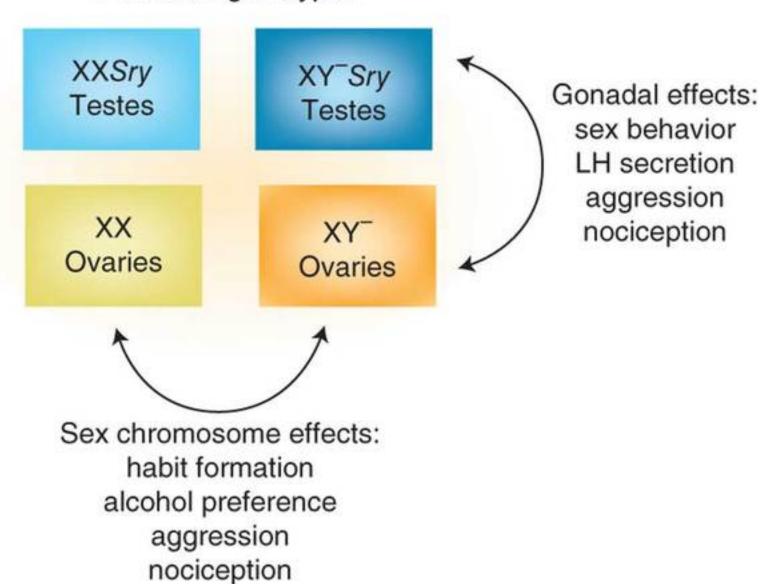


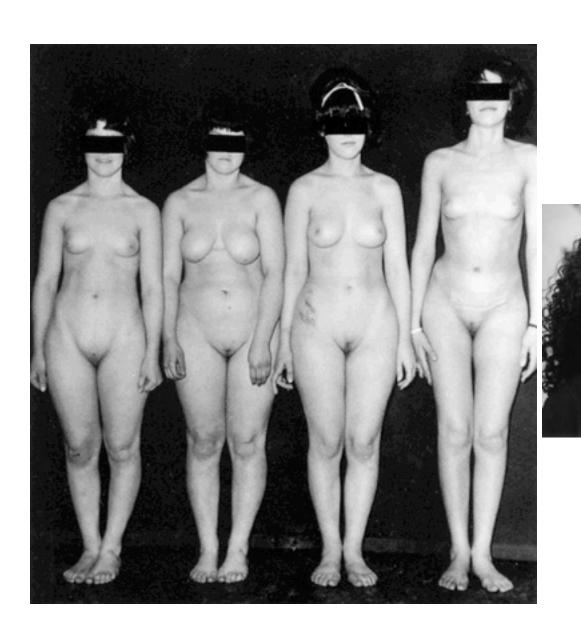


# Is SRY responsible for everything?



#### Four core genotypes



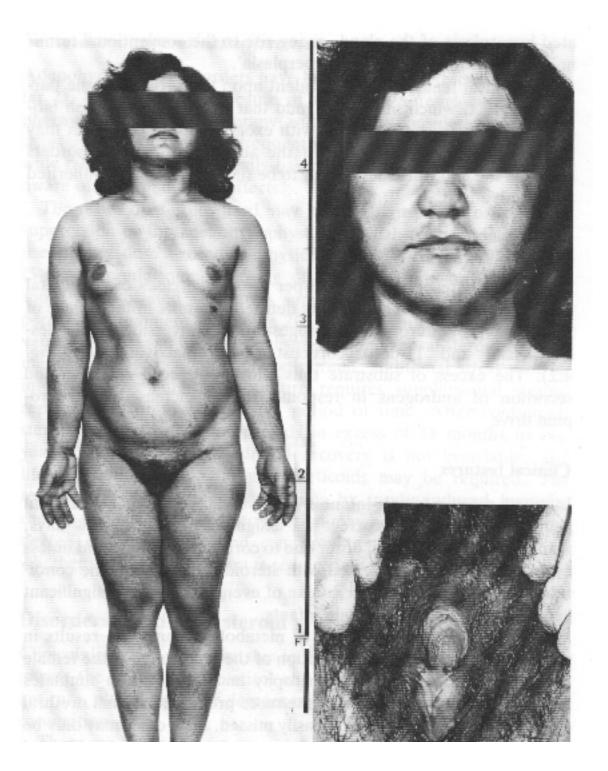






## Variations

- · Androgen Insensitivity Syndrome
  - Mutation on X chromosome
    - · Affects males only
- · Gonad?
- Sex steroids?
- Ducts?
- Genitals?
- · Gender Identity?

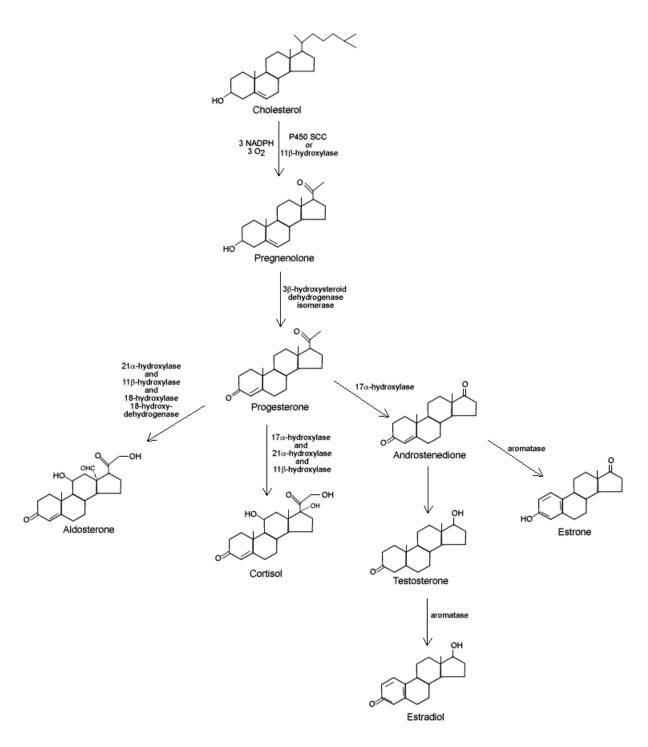


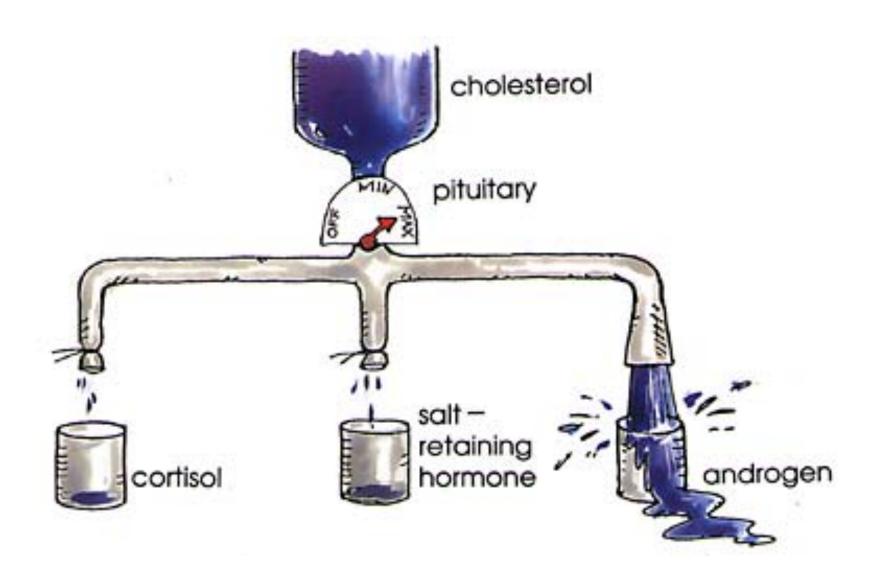
**Figure 3** Newborn genetic female (46XX) with congenital adrenal hyperplasia due to complete 21-hydroxylase deficiency



Nelson CP and Gearhart JP (2004) Current views on evaluation, management, and gender assignment of the intersex infant. *Nat Clin Pract Urol* 1: 38–43 doi:10.1038/ncpuro0028





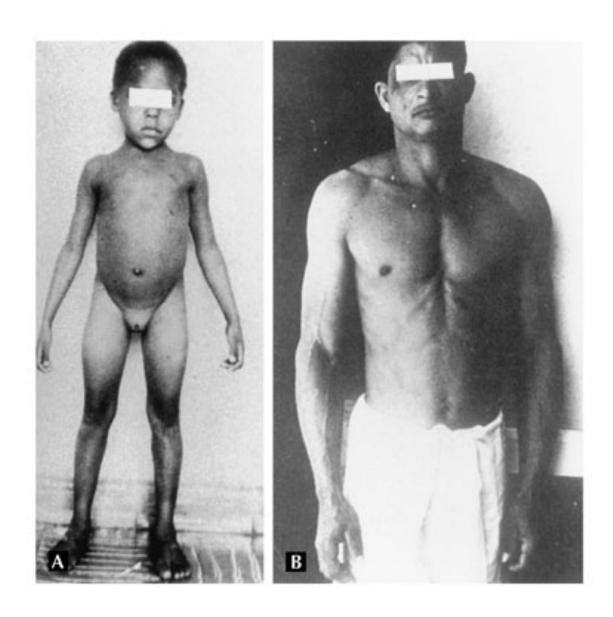


## Variations

- · Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia
  - Significant for females
- · Gonad?
- Sex steroids?
- Ducts?
- Genitals?
- · Gender Identity?

Figure 4. Two patients with 5a-reductase deficiencies.

Two patients with 5a-reductase deficiencies. A, Before puberty, the patient presents as a phenor



## Variations

- $\cdot$  5  $\alpha$  reductase deficiency
  - What does this do?
- · Gonad?
- Sex steroids?
- Ducts?
- Genitals?
- · Gender Identity?

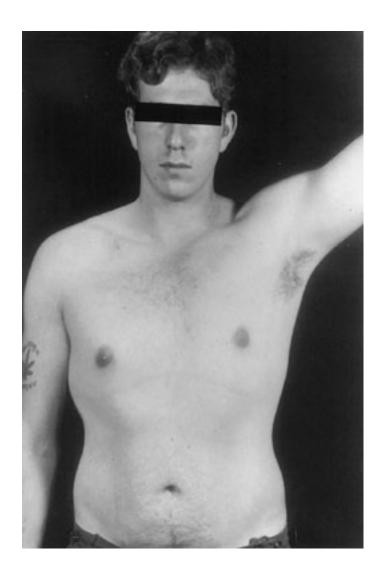


Figure 1. Patient with Klinefelters syndrome (XXY karyotype).

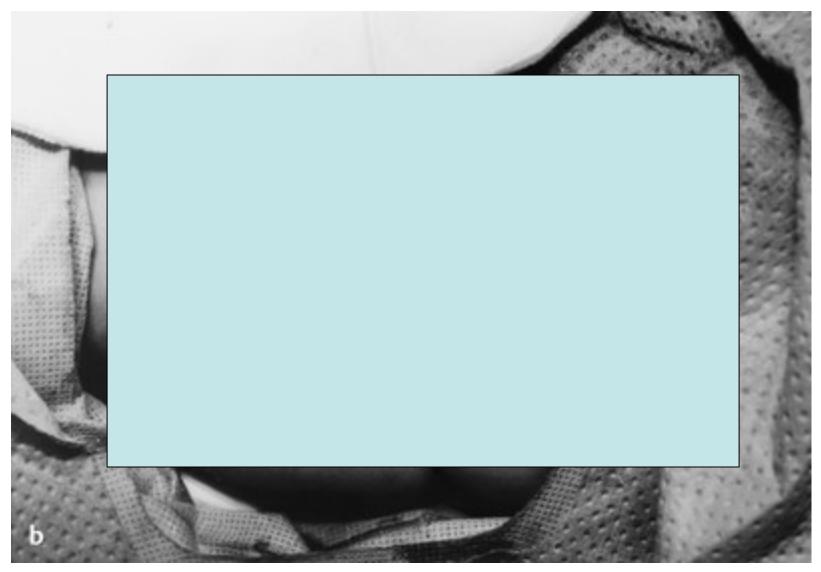
Patient with Klinefelters syndrome (XXY karyotype). Note the relatively normal masculine appearan

## Variations

- · Klinefelter's syndrome
  - Extra X chromosome
- · Gonad?
- Sex steroids?
- Ducts?
- Genitals?
- · Gender Identity?

### Variations

 Persistent Mullerian Duct Syndrome (PMDS)



Feminizing Genital Reconstruction: Experience with 52 Cases of Ambiguous Genitalia

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## Timeframe

- Will hormones reverse your sex in adulthood? Any part of it?
- · Permanent effects (organizational)
- · Reversible effects (activational)