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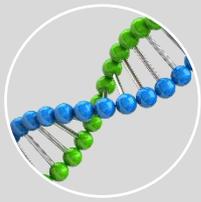
Nelson Essentials of Pediatrics, 7th Edition 2015

Pediatric Decision-Making Strategies

Illustrated Textbook of Pediatrics

Short Atlas in Pediatrics





Learning outcomes

Understand abnormalities in the number and structure of chromosomes
LO1 →

Study the genetic syndromes associated with the chromosomal abnormalities:



Down LO2

Edward LO3

Patau LO4

Klinefelter LO5

Turner LO6

Cri-du-chat LO7

Fragile X LO8

Prader-Willi and Angelman Syndromes LO9

Changes in chromosomes number

A - increase in entire sets (polyploidy), lethal

B – increase or reduction in one chromosome (aneuploidy)

-Trisomy: having extra chromosome

-Monosomy: missing a single chromosome

Changes in chromosome structure

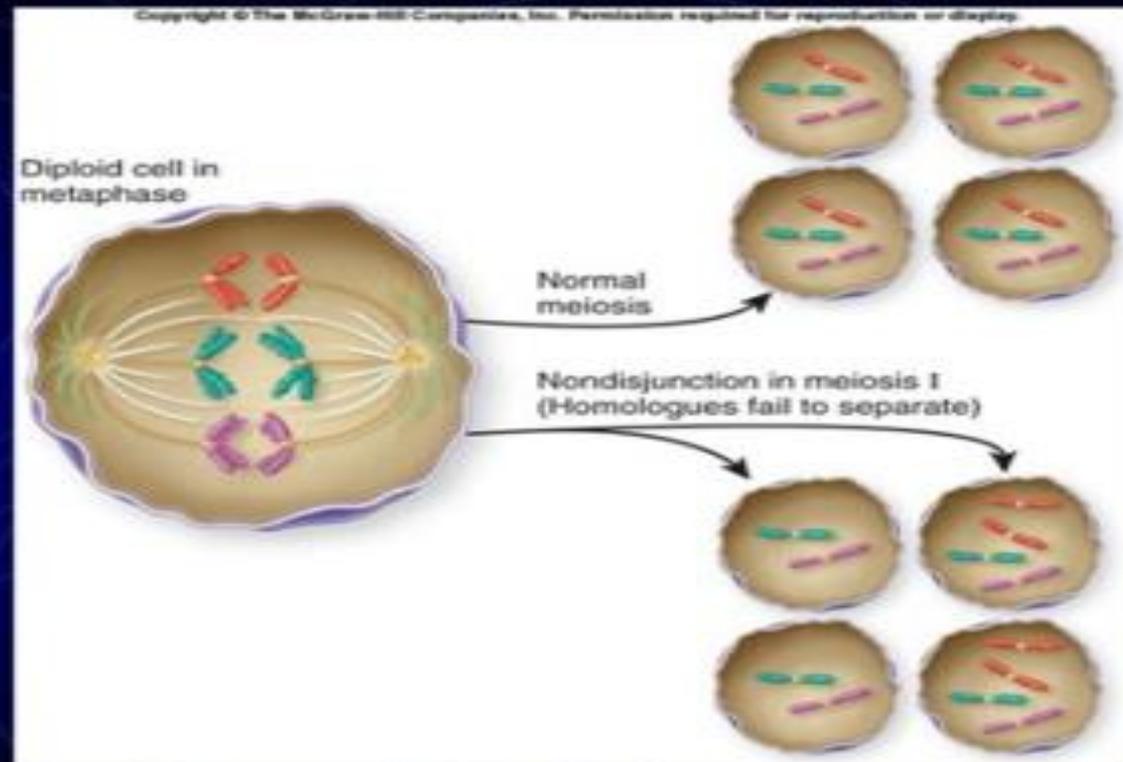
A – translocation/ chromosomal breaks

B – deletions

C – fragile sites

- The most common cause of aneuploidy is **nondisjunction**, the failure of chromosomes to disjoin normally during meiosis so the resulting gamete either lacks a chromosome or has 2 copies resulting in monosomic or trisomic zygote respectively.
- Trisomy can be complete and present in all cells, or it may be in mosaic form.

Meiotic
nondisjunction
causes either gain
or loss of single
chromosomes



Trisomy

- Autosomal trisomy (21, 18, 13.....)
- Sex chromosome trisomy (47, XX)

Monosomy

45, X0

Down syndrome

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- The only autosomal trisomy that allows survival until adulthood
- Karyotype: 47, xx,+21 or 47, xy,+21 extra chromosome is maternal in origin in 97% of cases



Clinical findings

Hypotonia,

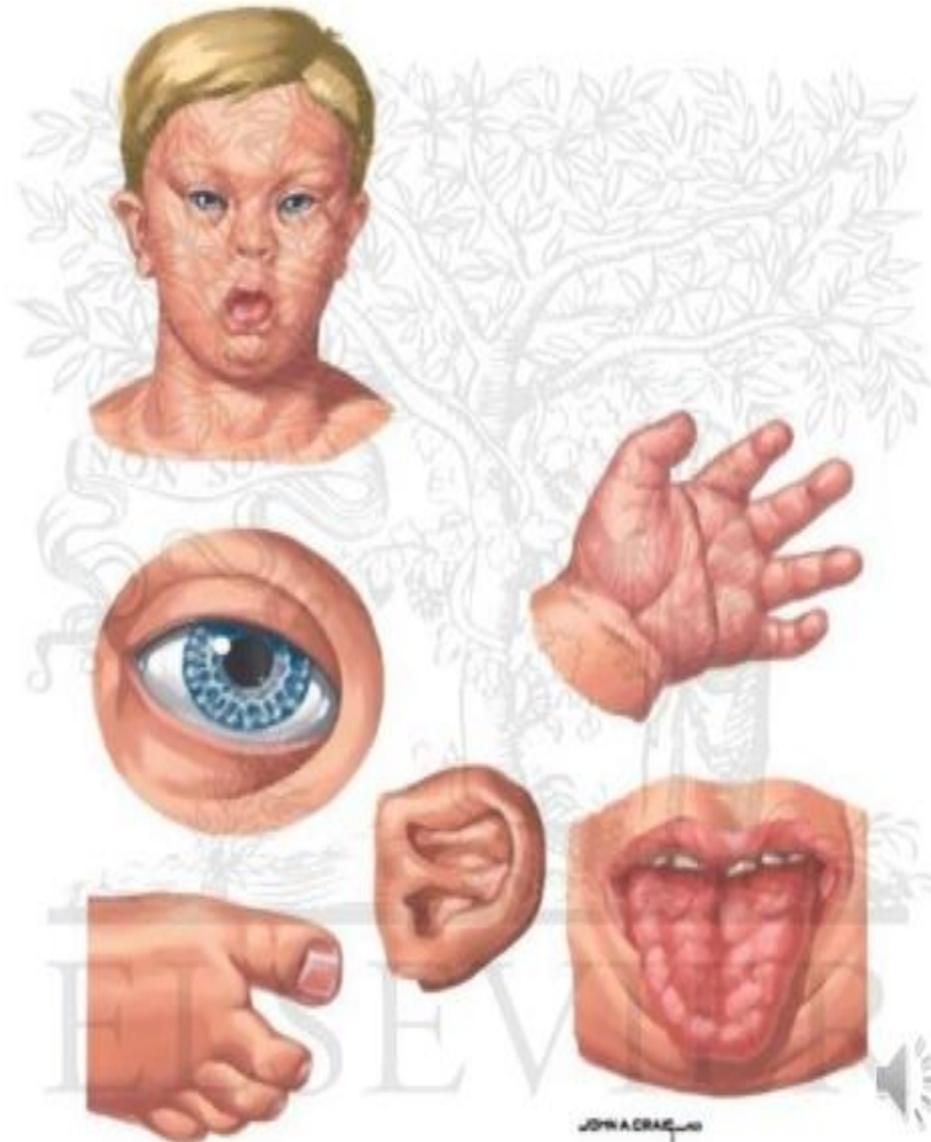
Eyes: upward and slanted palpebral fissures and epicanthic folds, speckled irises(Brushfield spots)

Hands: short broad, simian crease, hypoplasia of middle phalanx of 5th finger

Flat occiput

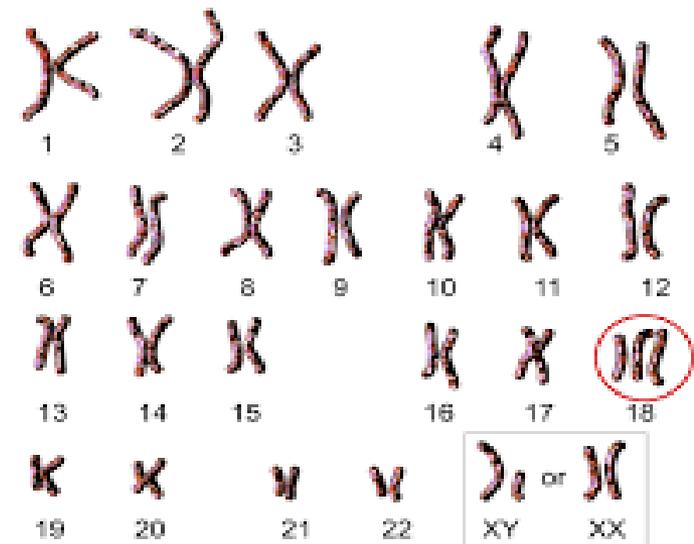
cardiac malformations, duodenal atresia, high arched palate.

varying degrees of mental and growth retardation



Trisomy 18, Edward's syndrome

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clinical findings:

Low birth weight

closed fists with index finger overlapping the 3rd digit and the 5th digit overlapping the 4th

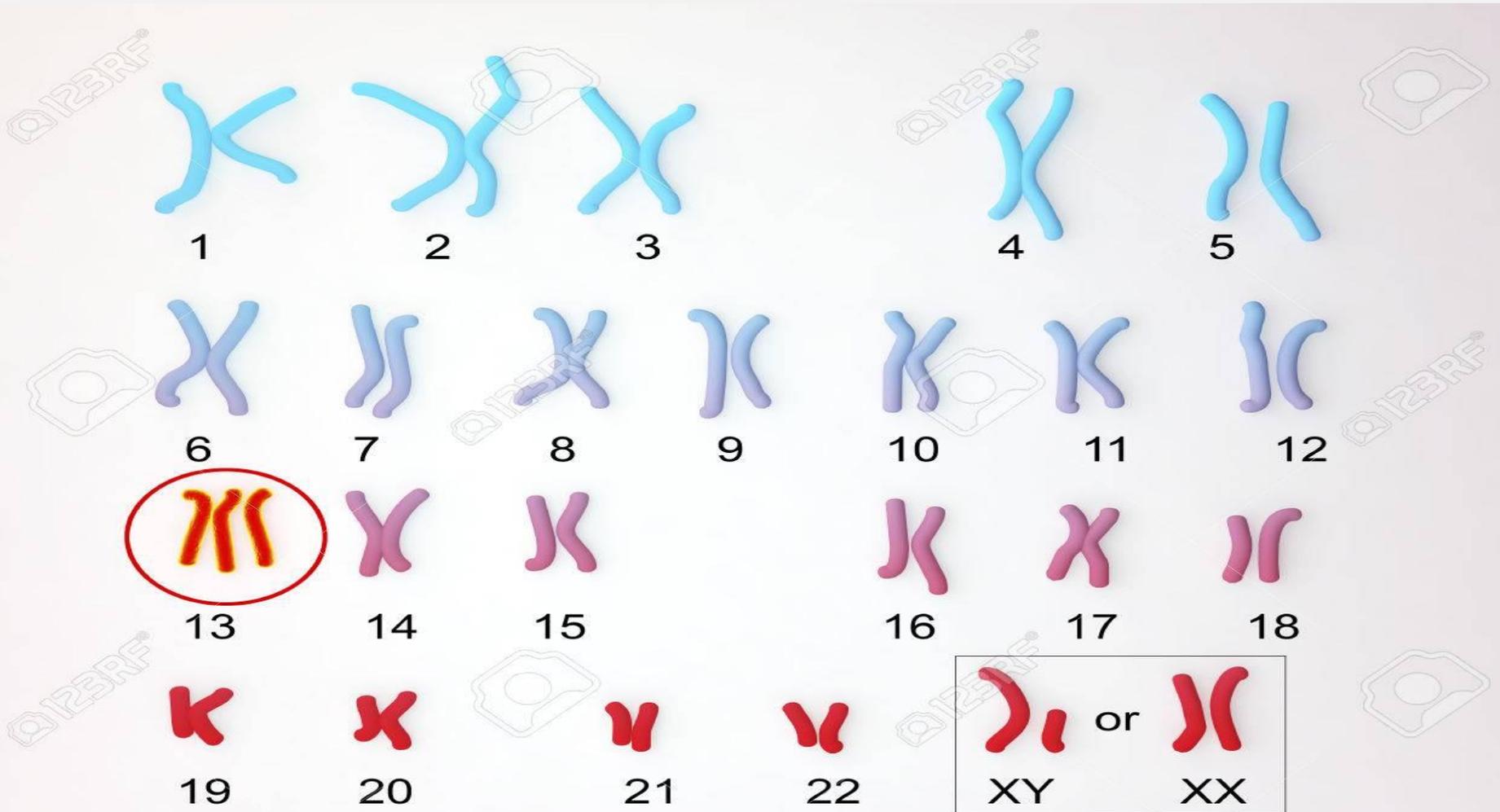


narrow hips with limited abduction, short sternum, rocker-bottom feet, microcephaly, prominent occiput, micrognathia, cardiac and renal malformations, mental retardation and lethal in 95% of cases in the 1st year

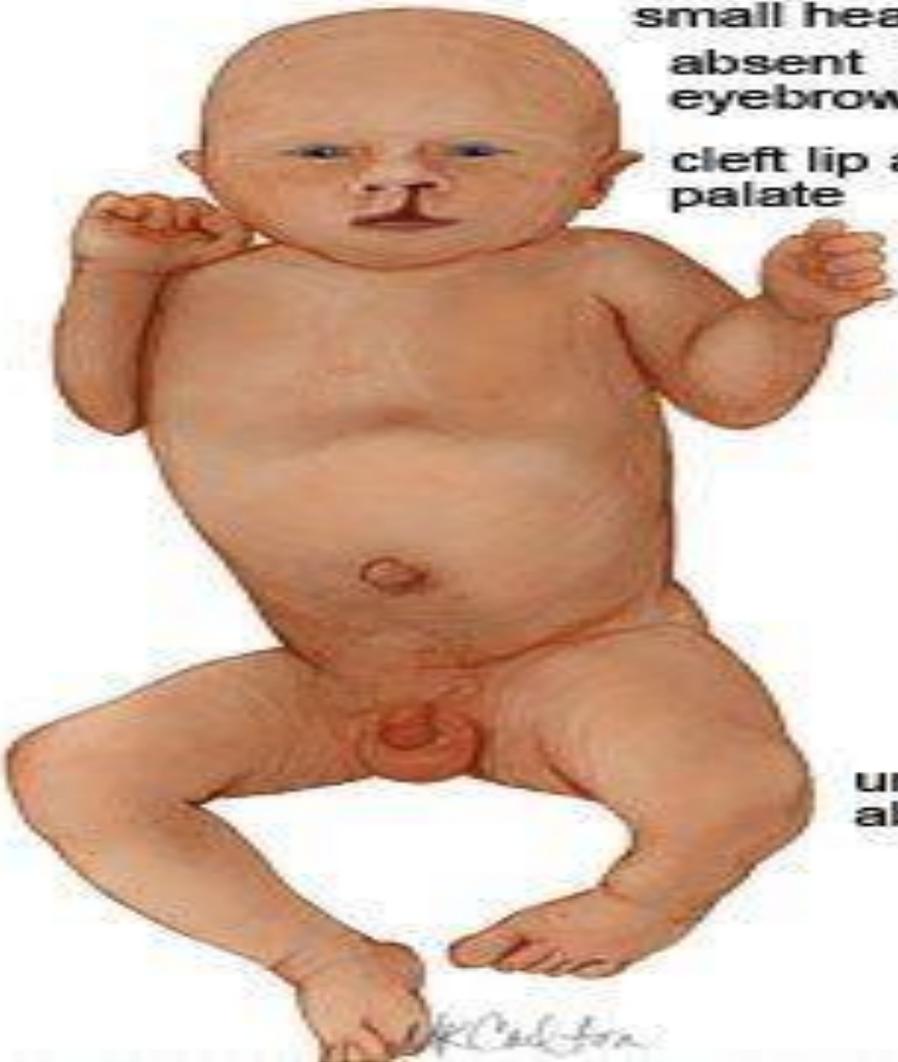


Trisomy 13 – Patau syndrome

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Clinical features



**small head
absent
eyebrows**

**cleft lip and/or
palate**



**dysplastic, or
malformed ears**



**clenched hands
and polydactyly,
or extra fingers**

**undescended or
abnormal testes**

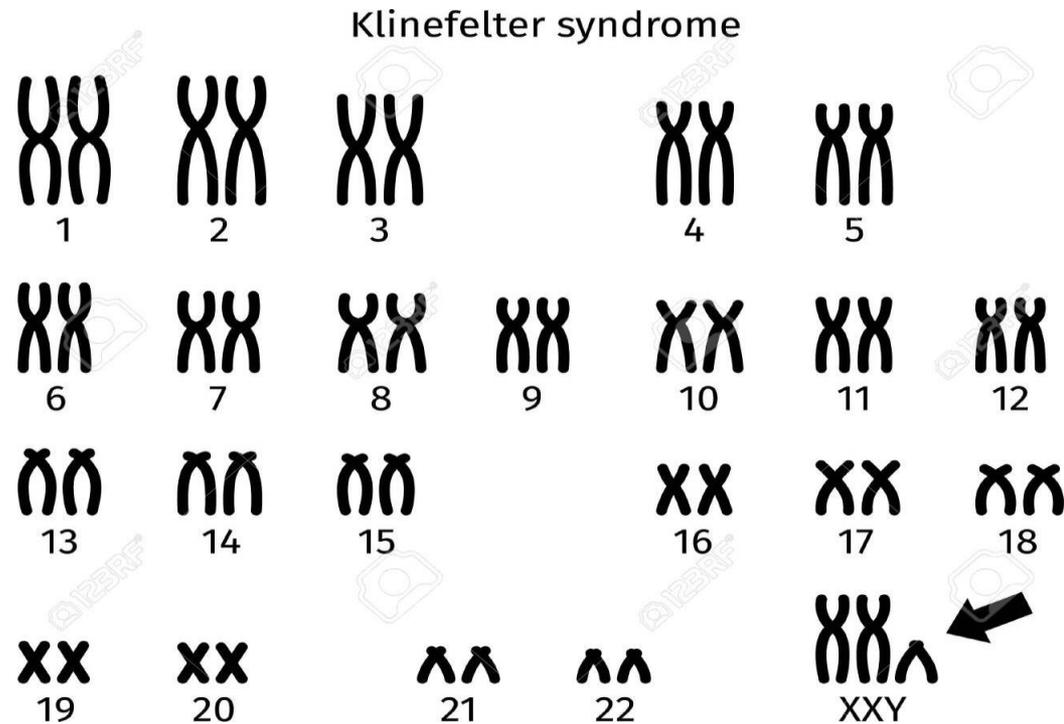
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Sex chromosomes aneuploidy

Klinefelter syndrome

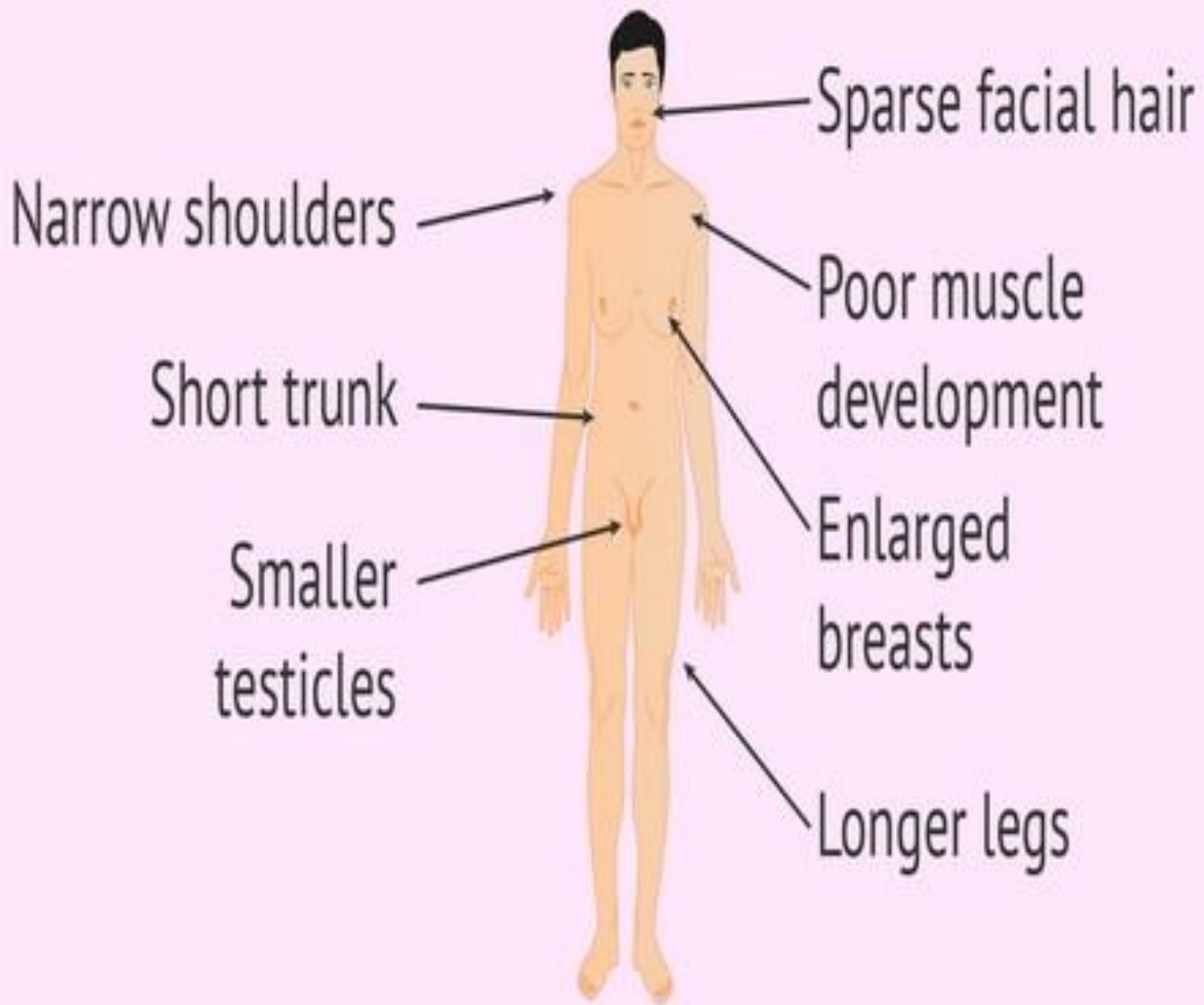
LO5

- 80% have a male karyotype with 47, xxy
- 20% with 48, xxxy; 48, xxyy; 49, xxxxy or Mosaicism 46, xy/47, xxy
- The greater the aneuploidy, the more severe the sexual and mental impairment.



Clinical features

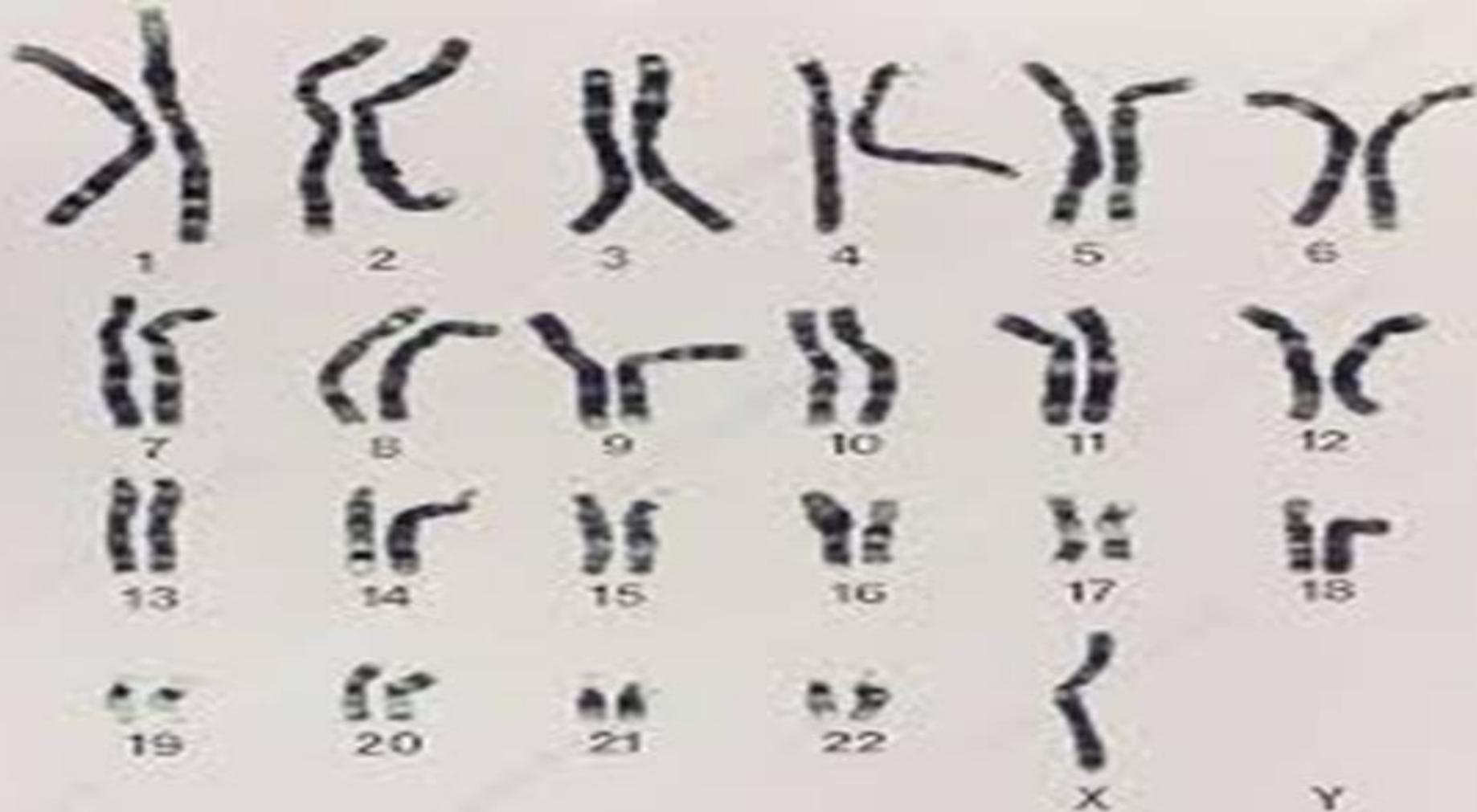
It is the most common cause of hypogonadism and infertility in males. Patients are phenotypically normal until puberty, puberty occurs at normal age but the testes remain small. Patients develop secondary sexual characteristics later, 50% develop gynecomastia, they usually do not have reduced intellect but may show deficits in language and executive functions.



Turner syndrome

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Complete or partial absence of the 2nd sex chromosome
(45, XO)



Turner syndrome

Common symptoms of Turner syndrome include:

- Short stature
- Lymphedema (swelling) of the hands and feet
- Broad chest (*shield chest*) and widely spaced nipples
- Low hairline
- Low-set ears
- Reproductive sterility
- Rudimentary ovaries
- Amenorrhoea
- Increased weight, obesity
- Normal intelligence
- Increased carrying angle of elbow
- Webbed neck
- Bicuspid aortic valve



Noonan syndrome

Autosomal Dominant disorder affects both sexes similar to Turner in their phenotype but mentally retarded.

Some times called male Turner



Cri-du-chat syndrome 5P-

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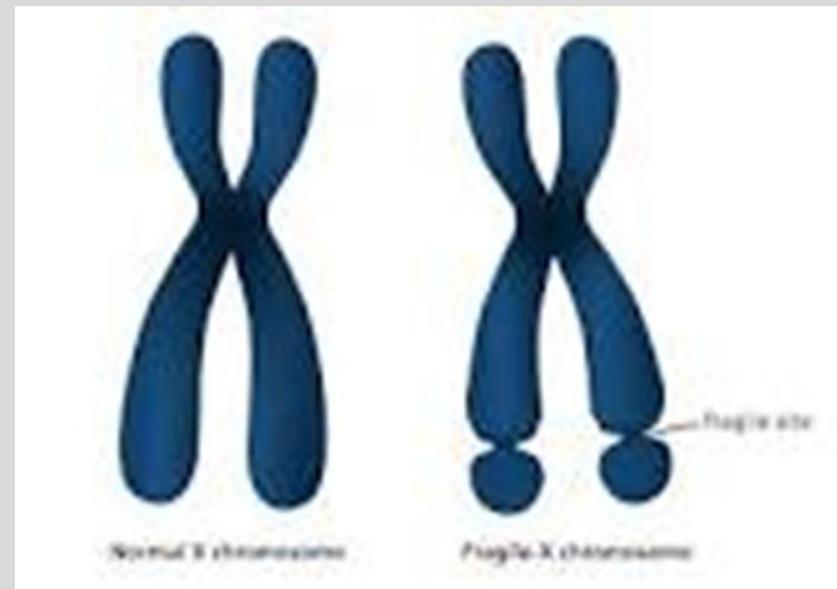
Low birth weight, poor growth, feeding problem, hyperactivity, aggression, unusual facial features.



Fragile X syndrome

LO8

Fragile sites are regions of chromosomes that show tendency for separation, breakage or attenuation under particular growth conditions. They appear as a gap in the staining, significant site is the distal long arm of chromosome X and this result in Fragile X syndrome, accounts for 3% of male with mental retardation. Other features include: autistic behavior, characteristic facial features, long face, prominent jaw, macroorchidism.



Prader-Willi and Angelman Syndromes L09

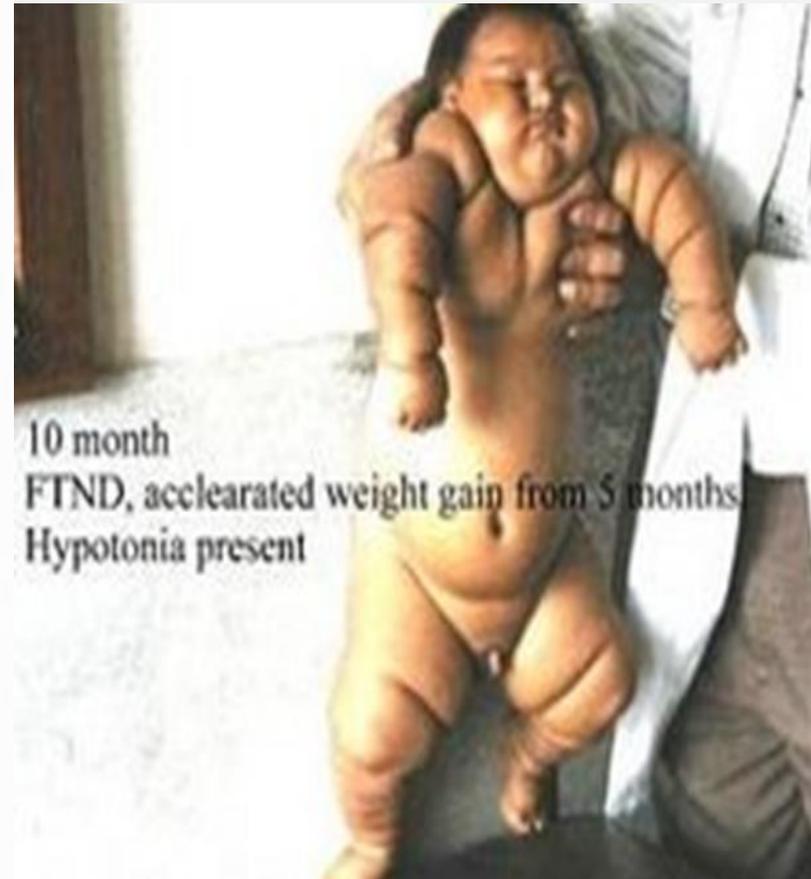
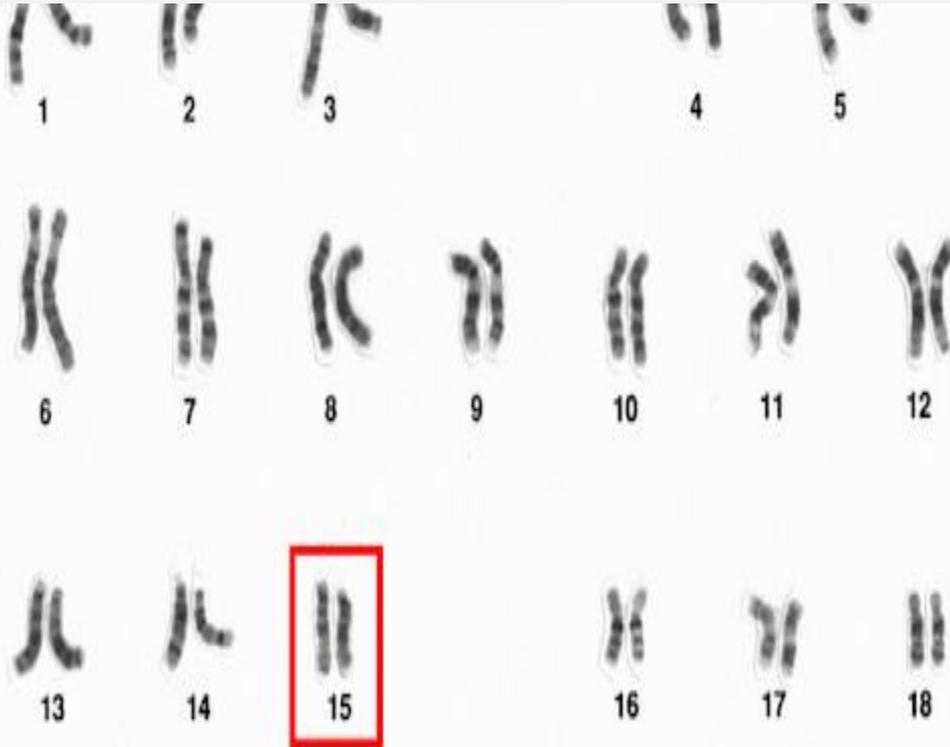
Deletion and uniparental disomy of chromosome 15

Lack of paternal segment of chromosome 15 result in Prader-Willi syndrome.

Lack of maternal segment (same segment) of chromosome 15 result in Angelman syndrome.

Clinical features

Prader-Willi: short stature, hypotonia, hypogonadism, behavior changes



10 month
FTND, accelerated weight gain from 5 months
Hypotonia present

Prader Willi



18 d.



2 m.



Clinical features

Angelman:

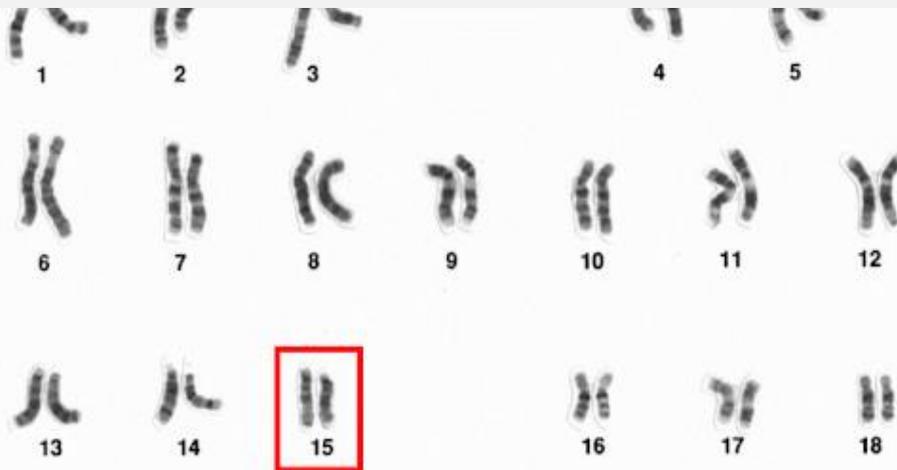
Developmental delays, Intellectual disability.

No speech or minimal speech.

Frequent smiling and laughter.

Happy, excitable personality.

Trouble going to sleep and staying asleep. unusually fair skin with light-colored hair



Assignment

- 1- what is meant by imprinting and uniparental disomy
- 2- write the karyotype of Noonan syndrome and the karyotype of a male with trisomy 18



