Transitional Phases in childhood



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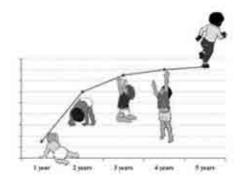
Children...

- Their development is our future!
- "Children are the touchstone of a healthy and sustainable society. How a culture or society treats its youngest members has a significant influence on how it will grow, prosper and be viewed by others" (Shonkoff & Meisels, 2000, p3)

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Periods in childhood

- Neonate
- Infancy
- Toddler
- Pre School
- School
- Adolescents



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Normal development quiz...

- 1. Crawling
- 2. Full head control
- 3. Smile
- 4. 3 Word sentences
- 5. Scribbles
- 6. Stranger anxiety
- 7. Understand "No"
- 8. Release on request
- 9. Pick up, drink and put down a cup
- 10. Open a sweet with little help

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3. Smile 6weeks

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Answers....

3. Smile

6weeks

2. Full head control

6 months

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3. Smile 6weeks

2. Full head control1. Crawling9months

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Answers....

3. Smile 6weeks

2. Full head control 6 months

1. Crawling 9months

6. Stranger anxiety 9 months

3. Smile 6weeks
2. Full head control 6 months
1. Crawling 9months
6. Stranger anxiety 9 months
7. Understand what "no" means 10months

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Answers....

3. Smile
2. Full head control
3. Smile
4. Full head control
5. Crawling
6. Stranger anxiety
7. Understand what "no" means
8. Release on request
6. Sweeks
6. months
7. Understand what "no" means
8. Release on request
12 months

3. Smile 6weeks 2. Full head control 6 months 9months 1. Crawling 6. Stranger anxiety 9 months 7. Understand what "no" means 10months 12 months 8. Release on request 5. Scribbles 12-15months

Answers....

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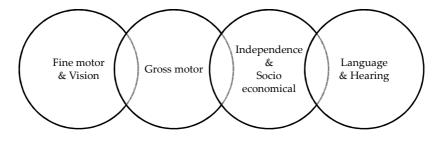
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Remember...

•You will not recognize the abnormal... if you do not know the normal



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How do we assess development in children?



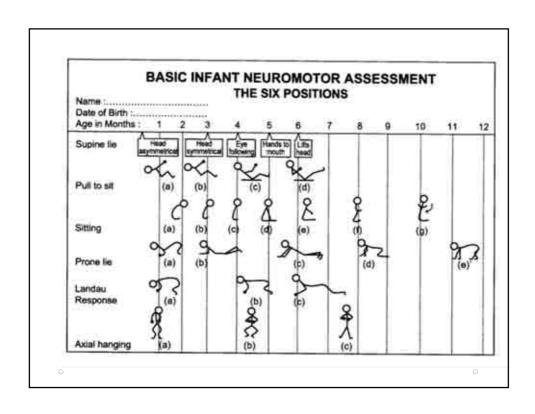
From 0-12 months

- •Developmental Milestone
- •Neurological screening
- -6 Test positions
- Motor
- Reflexes
- Language
- •Socio-emotional



SO, HOW DO WE DO THIS?

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Toddlers



- Developmental Milestone
- •Remember to look at
- -Gross motor
- -Fine motor
- -Communication
- -Personal, Social
- Play Based Assessment

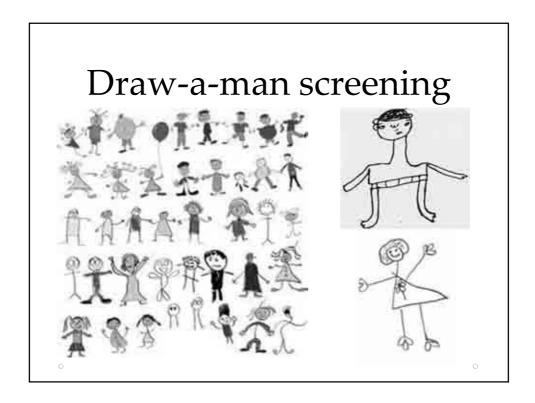


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Older children

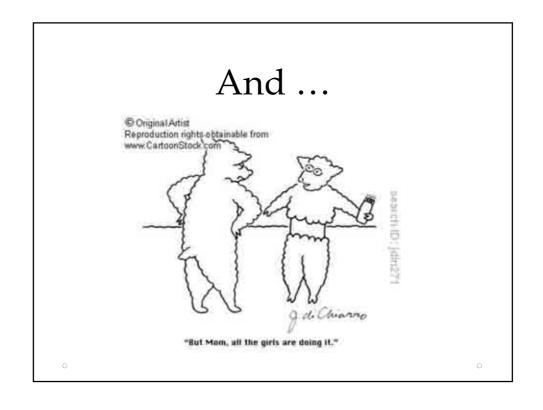
- •Draw-a-man screening
 - 3years and older (school going)
 - Screening for cognitive development
- Adapted from the Standardized test "Good enough Harris Draw a Man Test"
 - Be cautious if the child had no previous exposure to drawing
 - Stimulate and re-assess at the next visit











Moving on to

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Adolescents

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Adolescent Development

- Early 10 14 year old
- Middle 15 16 year old
- Late 17 20 year old

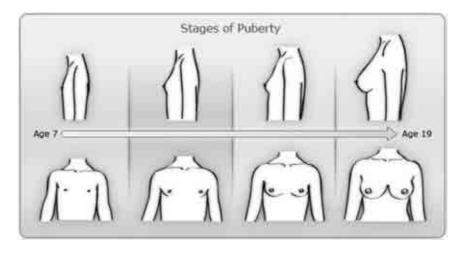
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Girls

- Puberty usually begins with growth of feet and hands
- **Breast buds** (caused by circulating oestrogens) are next for 85% of girls.
 - One side will typically bud first and show up as a hard, sometimes tender knot under the areola.
 - The other breast will bud within a few months (although maybe up to 6 months later).

Girls



Girls

- Vaginal discharge (also an oestrogen effect)
 - will begin shortly after breasts bud.
 - The discharge has an acid pH that can be irritating to the sensitive skin on the vulva.
 - As hair grows in, it pulls the discharge away from the skin and the irritation resolves. .

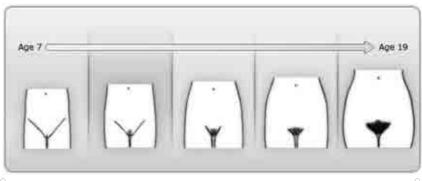
Body odour

• From circulating androgen hormones like testosterone.

Girls

· Pubic hair

- Another androgen related effect
- It starts as a few straight, darker hairs, then as more hair grows in, it begins to curl.



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Girls

- Oily skin, blackheads or acne
- Rapid growth spurt
- Menstruation.
- Brains are changing too!

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Boys

- Puberty usually begins with growth of his feet and hands
- And an increase in height and weight.
- Odour, as does the rest of his body.

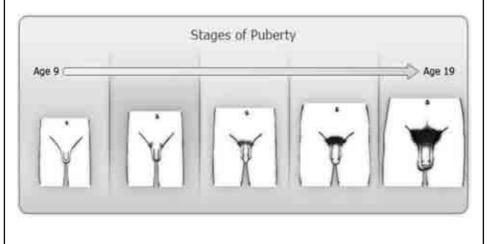
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Boys

- **Testicles** become larger and the **scrotum** hangs lower and darkens in color.
- The penis grows and then begins to take on a mind of its own with respect to erections. Erections occur more frequently and at unusual times, not just in response to physical stimulation or sexual thoughts. Make sure he knows this is normal.
- Pubic hair will darken and become coarse.

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Boys



Boys

- Hair growth increases on the legs and begins in the armpits
- Voice cracks begin as the vocal cords change and the voice deepens.
- Facial hair, oily skin and acne may show up around the same time.

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Boys

- A rapid growth spurt is common, but overall, boys also gain height over a longer time than girls,
- Muscle mass increases significantly and shoulders broaden
- Chest hair may begin, but not all boys get chest hair
- Final height is achieved usually in late teens.
 Brains are changing too! Through all this time, there are major changes going on in the way his brain functions and grows

