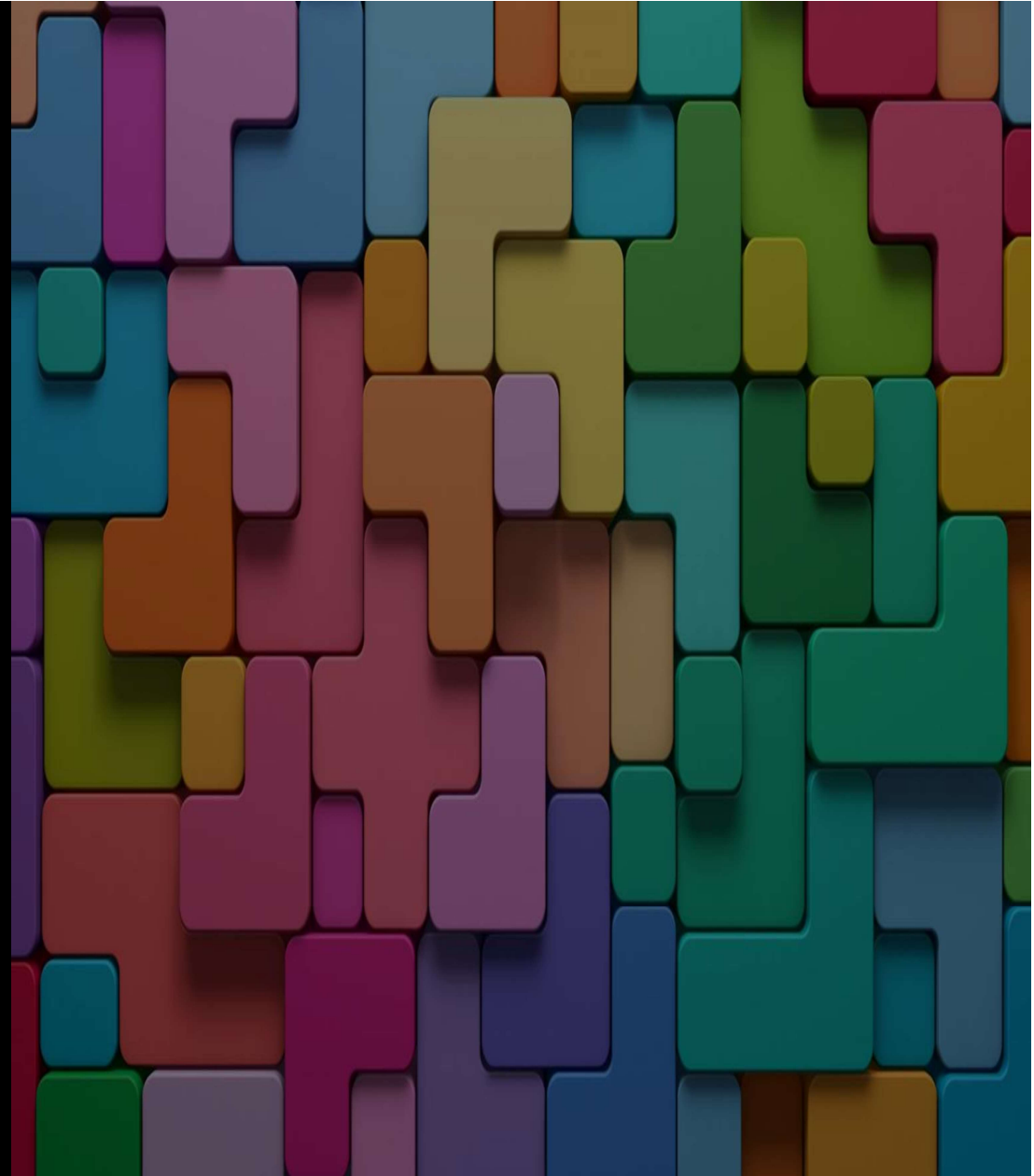


Case presentation

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Objective

Case Overview

What to do?

Ways of thinking ...

knowing the principle



Case Overview Miss One

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10 ½ year old Indian Girl

Problems

Concern about height and puberty

**Emotional distress secondary to
above**






Background History

Constitutional growth delay


Known delay bone age

- wrist X-ray bone age was 7 years 10 months but her chronological age was 10 years 3 months(29 months delay).






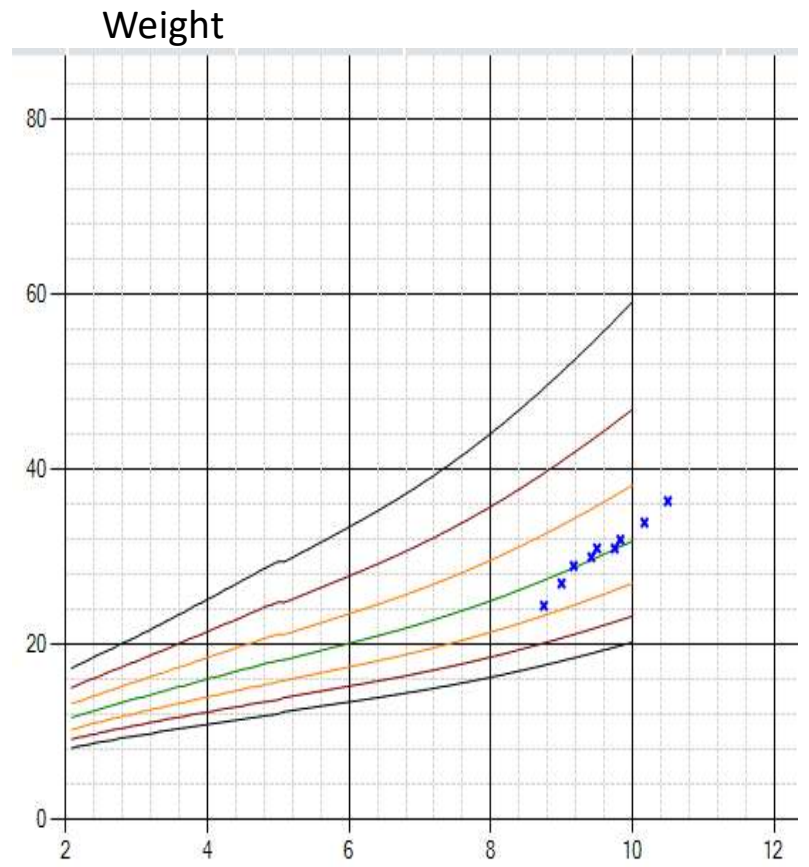
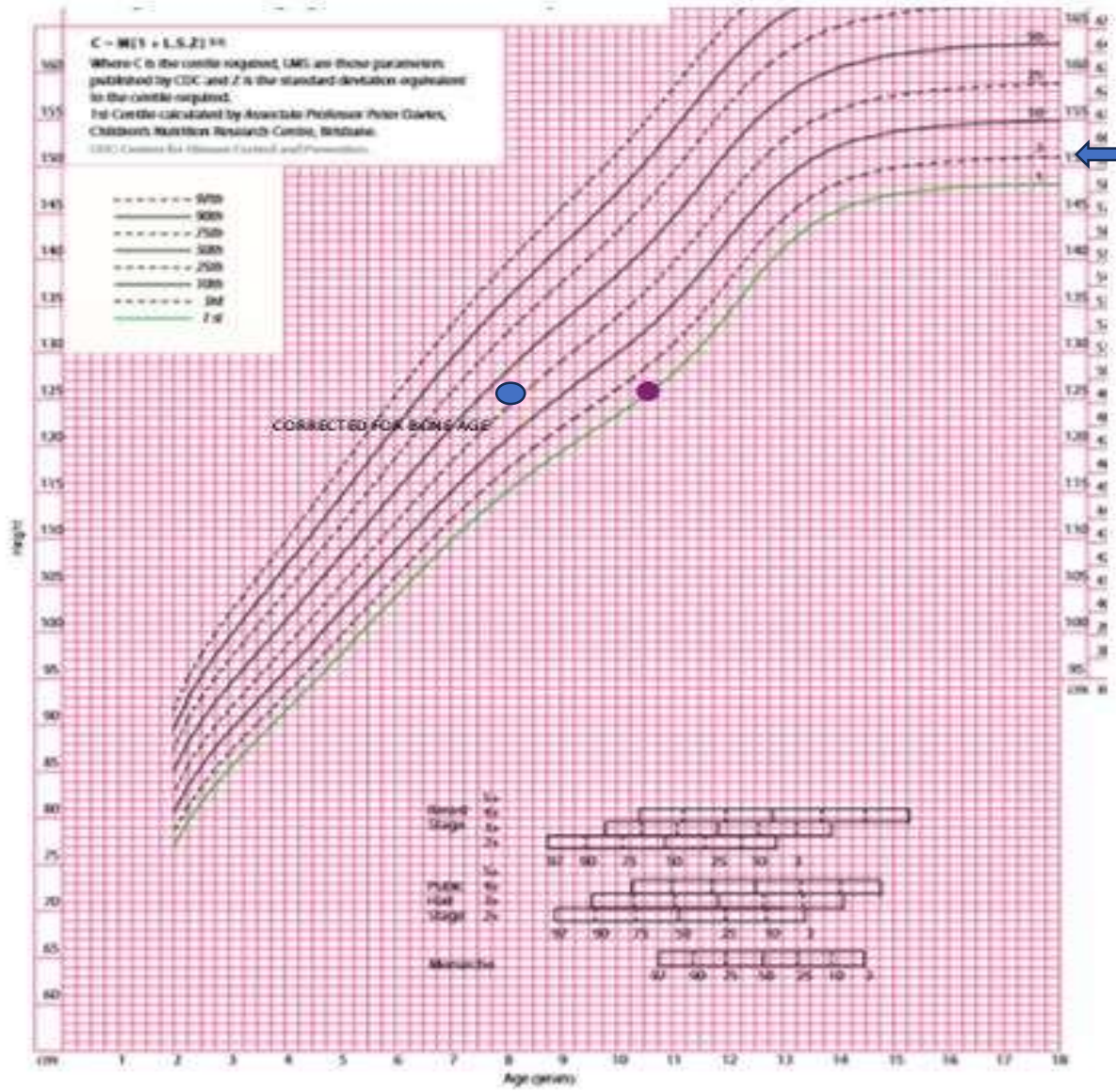
History

- Shortest in her class.
 - Because of her physical stature, she is always upset and there has been times that she refused to go to school because of this.
 - Health wise generally well
 - Eat and drink well , bowel motions normal with no tummy pain
 - Not on any medication
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History

- Her father is 164 centimetres and her mother is 148.5 centimetres.
 - Calculated mid parental height was 150 (3rd centile).
 - Her height today was 125.2 centimetres (1st centile, Z score -2.54, but 25th centile based on corrected bone age) and her weight was 36.4 kilograms (50-75th centile).
 - Height velocity 1.6cm/year.
 - Self reported - Tanner 1 for breast and pubic hair
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Examination


She looks well with no dysmorphic feature

Cardiorespiratory normal

Abdomen was soft non-tender with no obvious organomegaly.


Normal body proportion

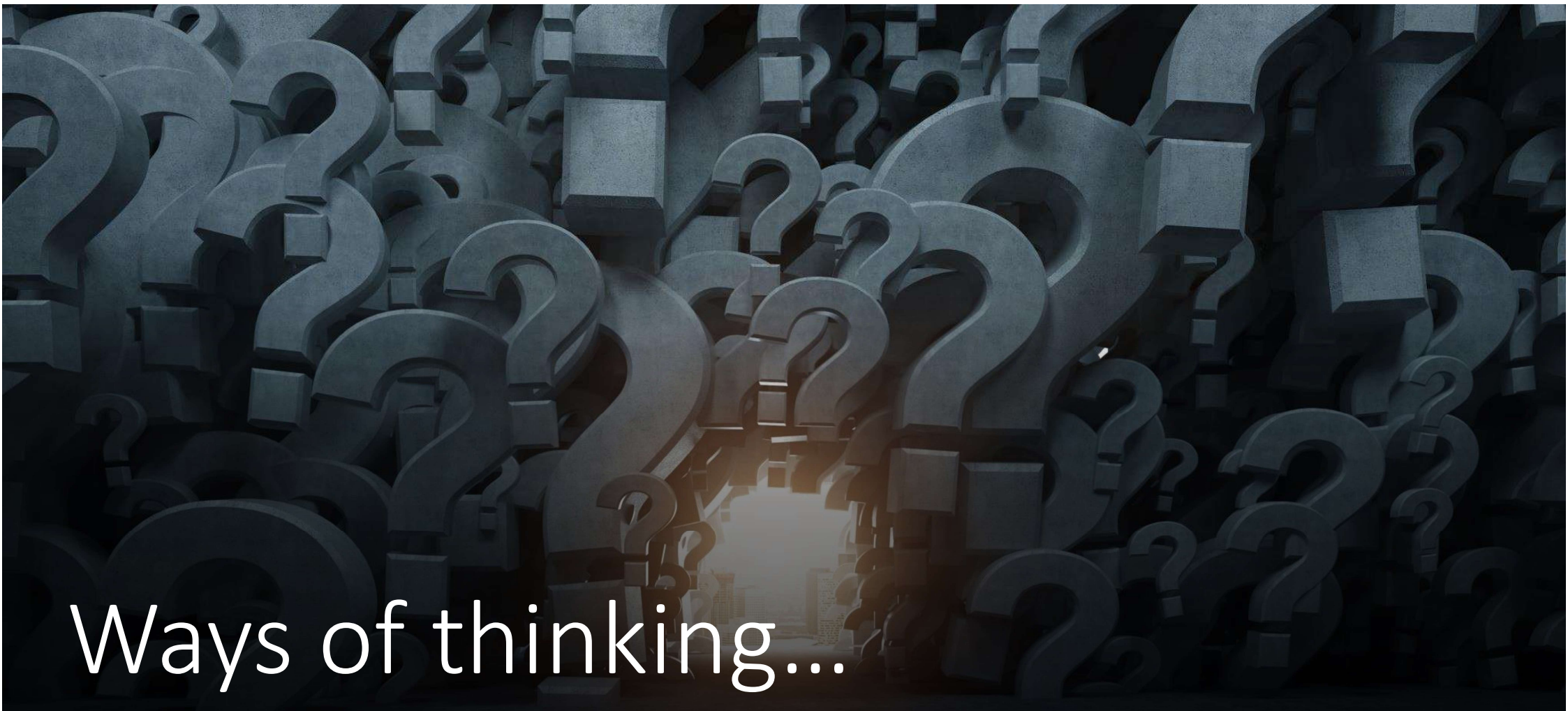
No signs of puberty





QUESTION:

- What are your thought ?
Height
Emotional distress
 - What is your plan ?
 - Any investigation ?
 - Treatment ?
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Ways of thinking...



Standing height measurement is appropriate for most children 2 years, and older.

1.

The child should stand barefoot, with heels together, legs straight and shoulders relaxed.

2.

Heels, buttocks and, if possible, scapulae should be against the wall.

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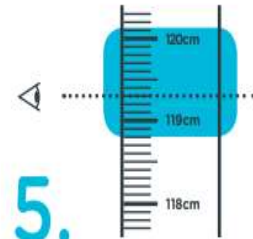
Position the headboard on the child's head and check that the child is looking straight ahead, with the lower margins of their eyes in the same horizontal plane as their ear canal.



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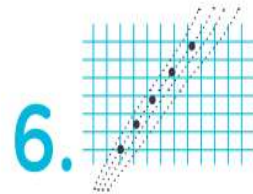


Tell the child to 'breathe in and stand tall'. Apply gentle but firm pressure to help the child stretch. Ensure the heels are not lifted from the ground. Tell the child to 'breathe out and relax' while the measurer maintains pressure on the head.



5.

Read the height to the last complete **millimetre** (do not round up!) Read from the same height as the top of the head.



6.

Plot the height measurement on the standard centile chart of height for age and sex and include in the child's medical record.

Principle for Height

Height - Distance from the bottom of the foot to the top of the head when standing erect

Genetics is the biggest determinant (about 80%)

Calculate mid parental height (MPH)

For girls: $(\text{maternal height} + \text{paternal height in cm} - 13)/2$

For boys: $(\text{maternal height} + \text{paternal height} + 13)/2$

The 3rd and 97th centile for the child are 10 cm to either side of the MPH.

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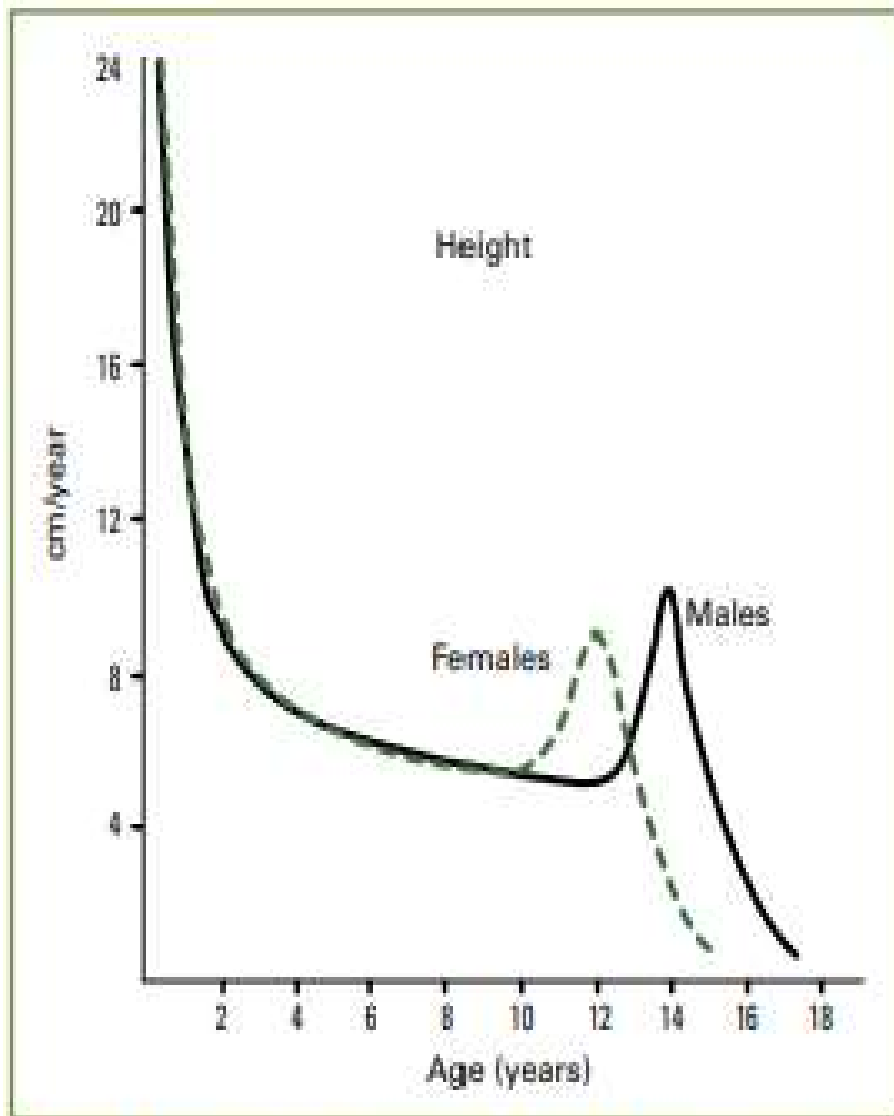


Figure 1. Growth velocity over childhood and adolescence (male and female)

Principle for Height

Measured at a six-month interval

Calculate growth velocity (different age)

- Birth to 1 years - 25 cm year
- 1 to 2 years - 12.5 cm per year
- 2 to 3 years - 8 cm per year
- 3 years to puberty - 5 to 6 cm per year
- Puberty - up to 15 cm per year

Height velocity centile

<https://fpnotebook.com/Endo/Exam/LnrGrwthVlcty.htm>

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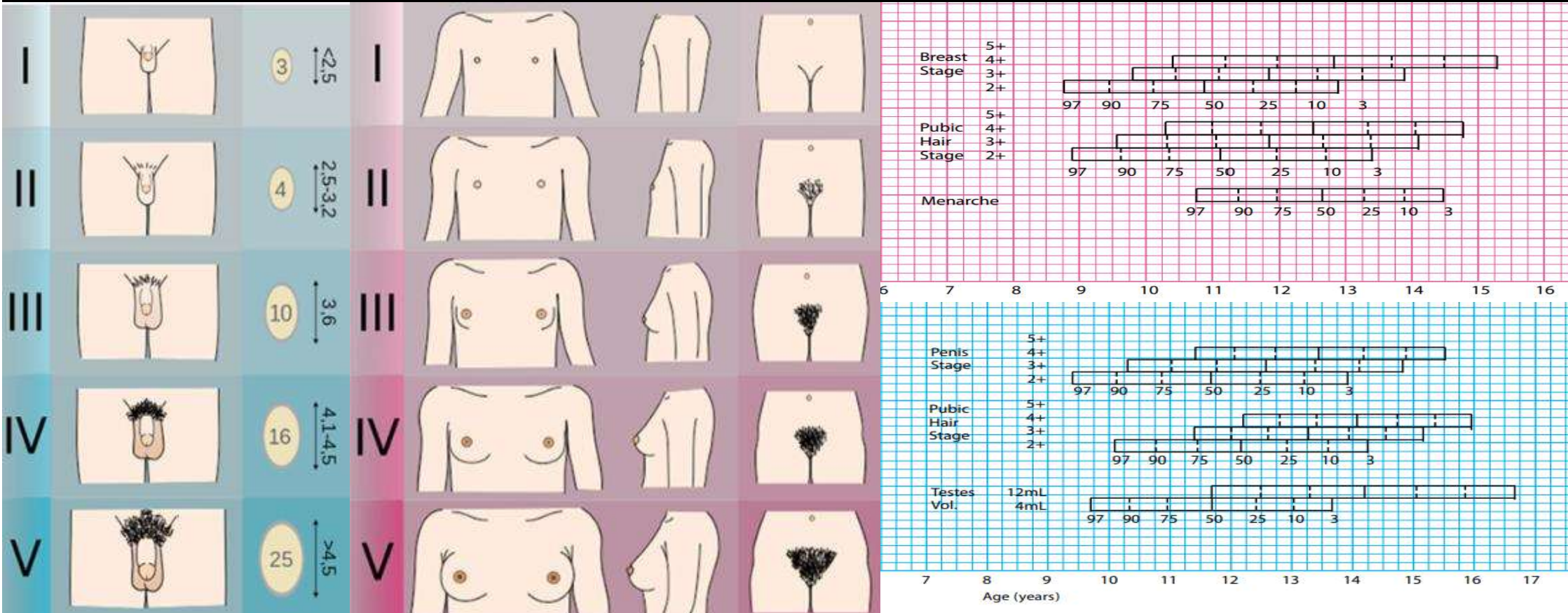
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<https://apeg.org.au/clinical-resources-links/growth-growth-charts/>

Determine pubertal stage by examination - Self reporting not accurate

Age not (early/late), Girl

Boys



Principle for Weight

- After birth will lose weight (< 10% of birth weight) and regain after 10 days of life
- The first few months of life expect 30 grams per day
- Double birthweight at four months
- Triple birthweight at first year
- Quadruple end of 2nd year
- At 7 years old - Seven times from birth weight
- Between 2 to 9 years of age (2 kg per year)
- Index of nutrient
- Will improve if underlying issues are addressed



Ask the question...

Is there a problem?

Reassure... Observe/monitor...

Short stature ? ...less than 3rd centile or Z score < -2.

Reach genetic potential ?

Appropriate height velocity ?

Puberty ? ... not late or early

Does it matter ?

Others: suggest pathological cause?

- Child <1st centile
 - Abnormally short for family heights
 - History/exam suggests chronic illness (especially weight loss more than height loss)
 - Abnormal growth velocity (<25th centile)
 - Body proportions abnormal
 - Dysmorphic features or midline defects
- Don't forget development/Head growth