

The ENT Management of Syndromic Children

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‘You don’t need to know all about
the syndrome to treat the child’

Definitions

- **Syndrome** = collection of traits / health problems / birth defects which usually have a single underlying cause e.g. Down
- **Sequence** = all features results from a single abnormality e.g. Pierre Robin
- **Association** = recognisable pattern without a single cause e.g. CHARGE

Achondroplasia



- Short stature
- Large head
- Short extremities
- Mid face hypoplasia
- Frontal / mandibular prominence
- Cervical instability

Achondroplasia - ENT

- OSA
 - Beware cervical instability
- Mixed hearing loss
- Fused ossicles

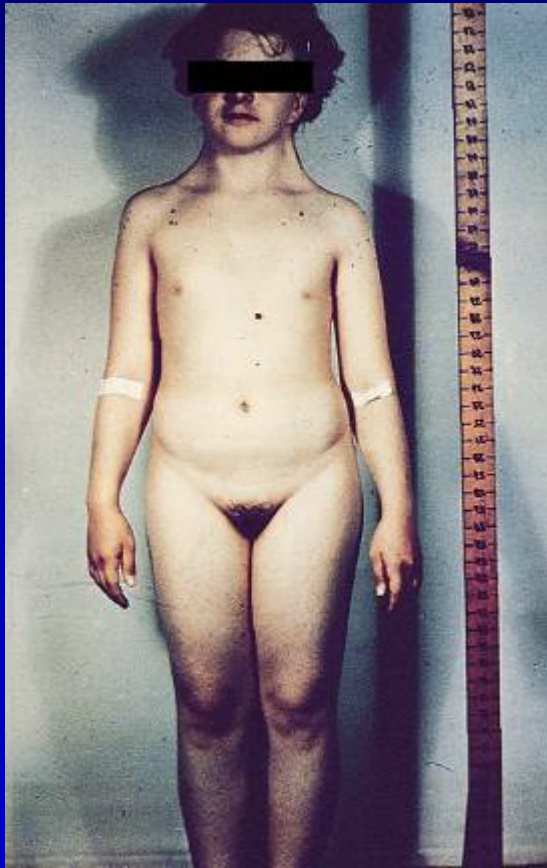
Pierre Robin Sequence



- Small jaw
- Glossoptosis
- Cleft palate

Feeding and airway
issues

Turner's Syndrome - XO



- Short stature
- Low hairline
- Down turned mouth
- Webbing neck/digits
- Widely spaced nipples
- Cubitus valgus
- Gonadal aplasia

Turner's Syndrome - ENT

- Mixed hearing loss
- Ossicular deformities
- Micrognathia

Treacher Collins Syndrome



- Mandibular / maxillary hypoplasia
- Microtia
- Down slanting palpebral fissures
- Cleft palate
- Choanal atresia

Treacher Collins - ENT

- Airway obstruction / Difficult intubation
- Choanal atresia
- Conductive deafness
- Mastoid hypoplasia
- Absent parotid
- Absent / Small Sinuses

Goldenhar's Syndrome and Associated Conditions

Unilateral Dysmorphogenesis in 1st and 2nd
branchial arch development

- Hemifacial microsomia
- Oculoauricular vertebral dysplasia
- Branchio-oto-renal syndrome

Goldenhar's Syndrome



- Facial asymmetry
 - Mandibular hypoplasia
 - Micrognathia
 - Macrostomia
- Microtia
- Epibulbar dermoid
- Associated with vertebral, renal and cardiac anomalies

Hemifacial Microsomia



- Facial asymmetry
 - Mandibular hypoplasia
 - Micrognathia
 - Macrostomia
- Microtia

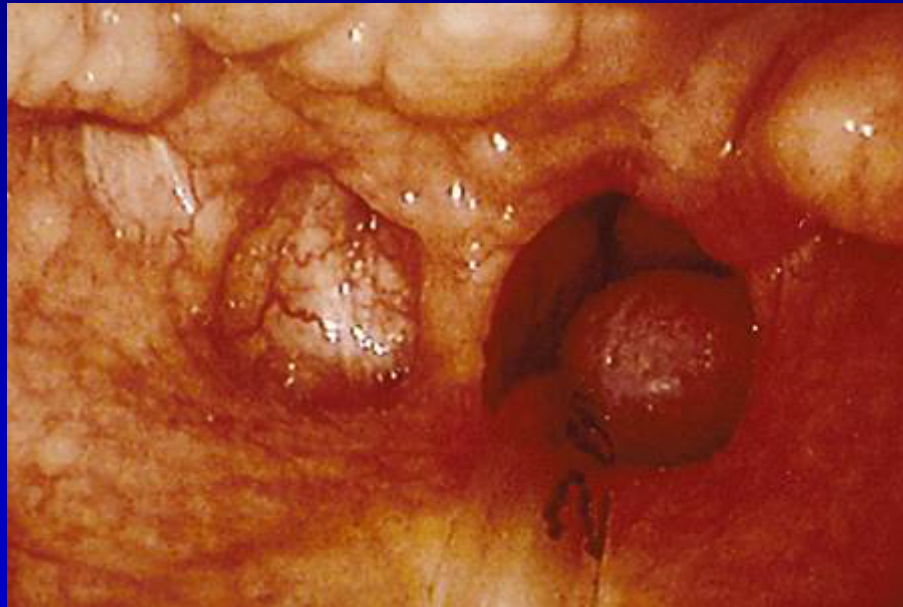
Goldenhar's Syndrome / Hemifacial Microsomia - ENT

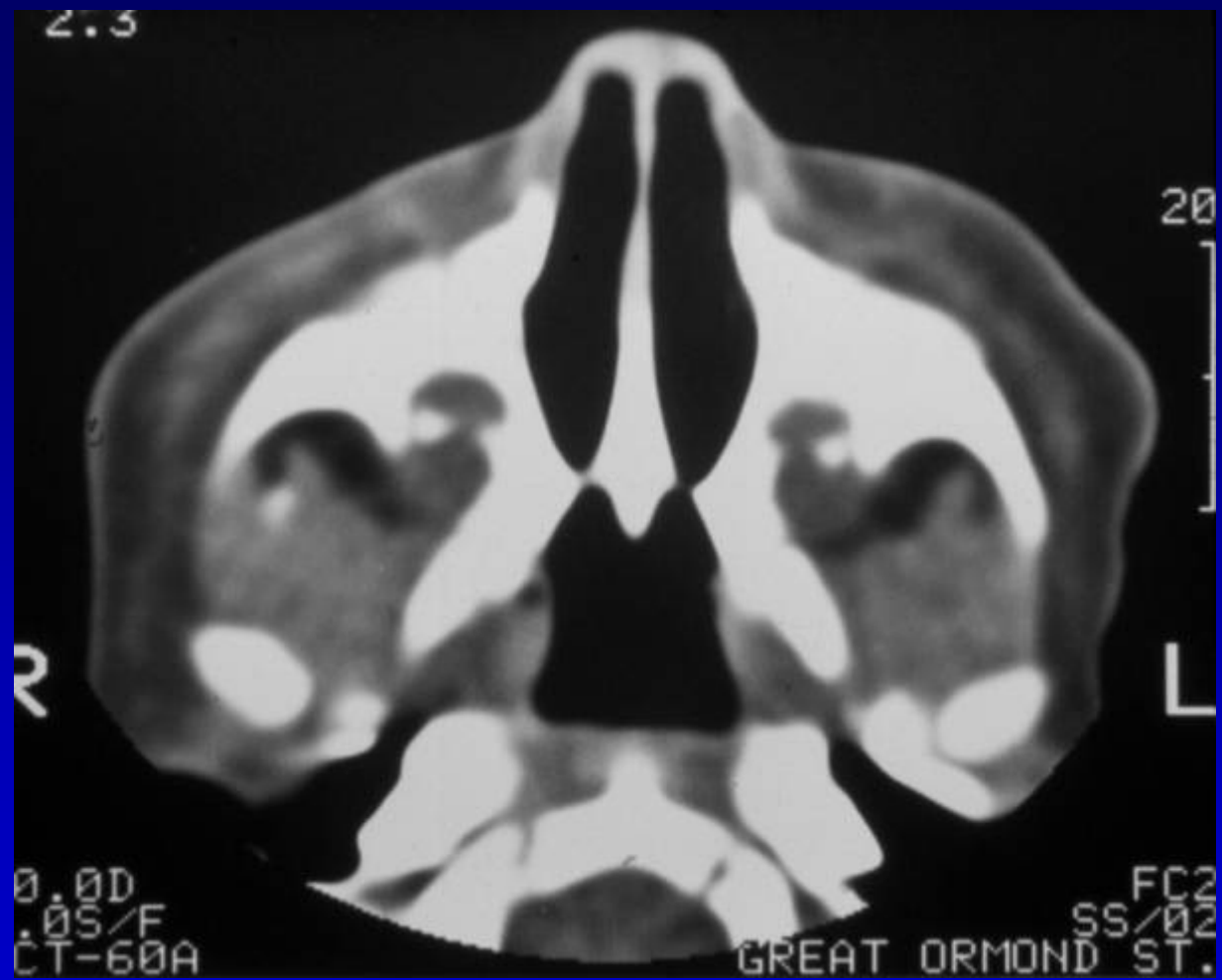
- Airway obstruction
- Facial nerve weakness
- Ossicular malformations
- Inner ear abnormalities
- Reduced / Absent parotid secretion
- Branchial cleft remnants in antero-lateral neck

CHARGE Association

- Coloboma
- Heart defects
- Atresia choanae
- Retarded growth
- Genital hypoplasia (male)
- Ear anomalies (deafness, pinnae)

Choanal Atresia







Beckwith Weidemann Syndrome



- Generalised overgrowth
- Hemihypertrophy
- Macroglossia

Beckwith - Wiedemann - ENT

- Airway obstruction
- Feeding difficulties

Consider anterior tongue reduction

Mucopolysaccharidoses



- Genetic enzyme defect
- Glycosaminoglycans accumulate in lysosomes
- Coarse skin
- Skeletal dysplasia
- Hepatosplenomegaly
- Progressive condition
- Hunter's / Hurler's most common

MPS - ENT

- OME - otorrhoea common post G's
 - MPS deposits in middle ear
- Ossicular abnormality in Hunter's
- SNHL
- Rhinosinusitis / Recurrent chest infections
 - poor mucociliary clearance
 - RS unresponsive to treatment

MPS - ENT

- Airway Obstruction
 - large tongue
 - adenotonsillar hypertrophy (cervical instability)
 - high larynx - obligate nasal breathers
 - narrow trachea (weakened cartilage)
 - thick secretions
 - Progressive condition - 44% T&A pts need subsequent tracheostomy

Craniosynostoses

- Premature fusion of cranial vault/base sutures
- Midface hypoplasia
- High arched palate
- Exorbitism
- Raised ICP/papilloedema
- Skeletal abnormalities

Craniosynostoses

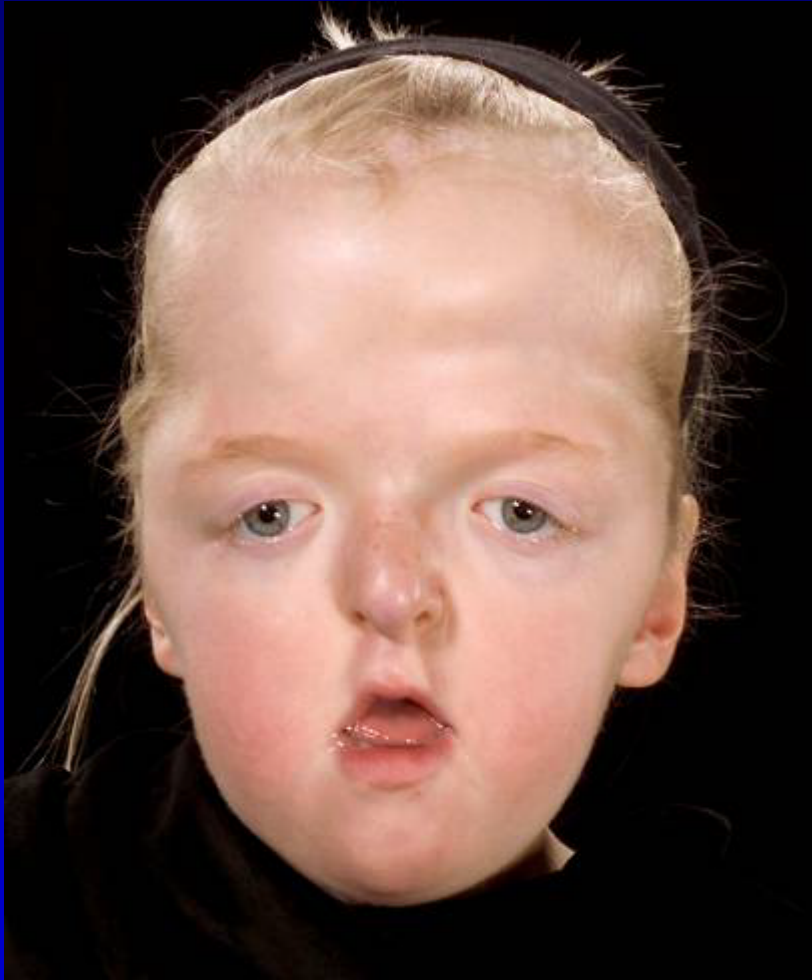
- Non-syndromic
 - 94% of total
 - isolated single suture (sagittal) synostosis most common
- Syndromic
 - fibroblast growth factor receptor mutations
 - Crouzon's, Apert's, Pfeiffer's, Saethre Chotzen

Crouzon's Syndrome



- Ocular proptosis
- Maxillary hypoplasia
- Class 3 malocclusion
- Hypertelorism
- Normal hands / feet
- Normal devt.

Apert's Syndrome

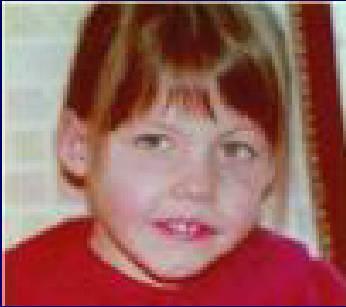


- Tower shaped skull
- Mid facial retrusion
- Hypertelorism
- Complete syndactyly
- hands and feet
- Acne
- Cleft palate

Pfeiffer's Syndrome



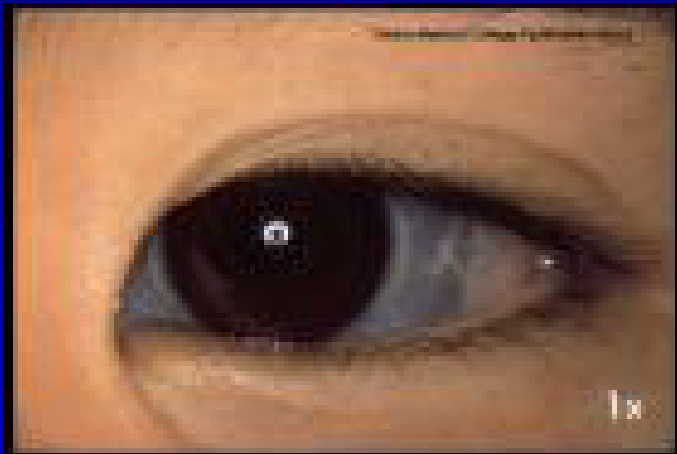
- Mid face retrusion
- Broad short thumbs
- Large toes
- Down slanting eyes
- Low set ears
- Various phenotypes
 - Clover leaf most severe



22q11 deletions

- Various defects – ‘CATCH 22’
- Cardiac anomalies
- Abnormal facial features
- Thymic aplasia
- Cleft palate
- Hypocalcemia
- Groupings of defects called DiGeorge Syndrome, Velocardiofacial Syndrome

Osteogenesis Imperfecta



- Autosomal dominant
- Blue sclera
- Long bone fractures
- Fusion ossicles
 - Role of stapedectomy ?

Congenital Hearing Loss

- Waardenburg – heterochromia irides / white hair
- Pendred – thyroid abnormalities
- Alport – renal problems
- Usher – retinitis pigmentosa
- Jervel / Lange – Nielson – prolonged QT interval

General Otological Management in Syndromic Children

- Mixed losses - early diagnosis
- Multidisciplinary approach
 - audiological physicians
 - speech/language therapist
- SNHL
 - hearing aids
 - cochlear implantation

Otology - Continued

- Conductive hearing loss
 - BC aids (soft bands)
 - BAHA
 - Ossiculoplasty
- Microtia
 - BAAP
 - Auricular reconstruction

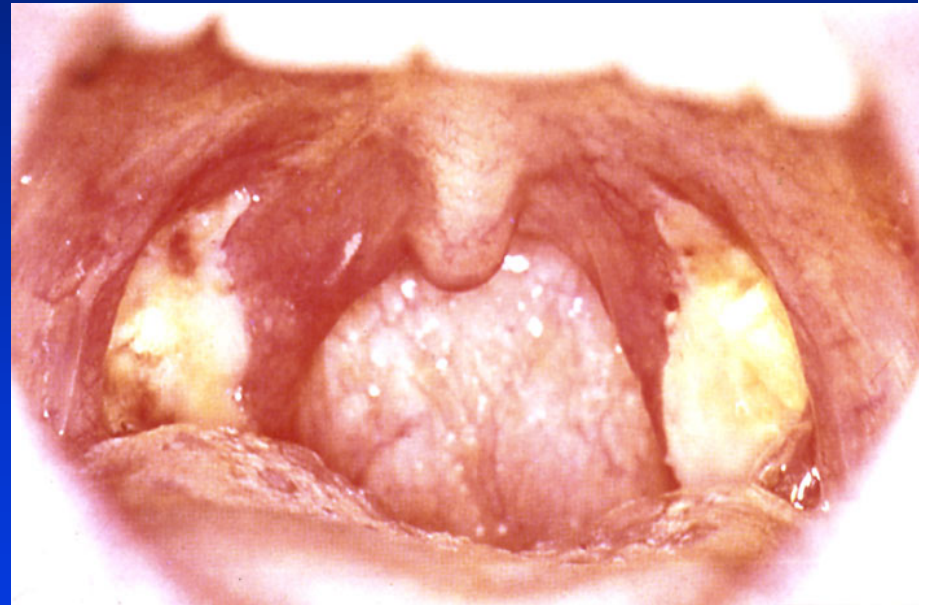
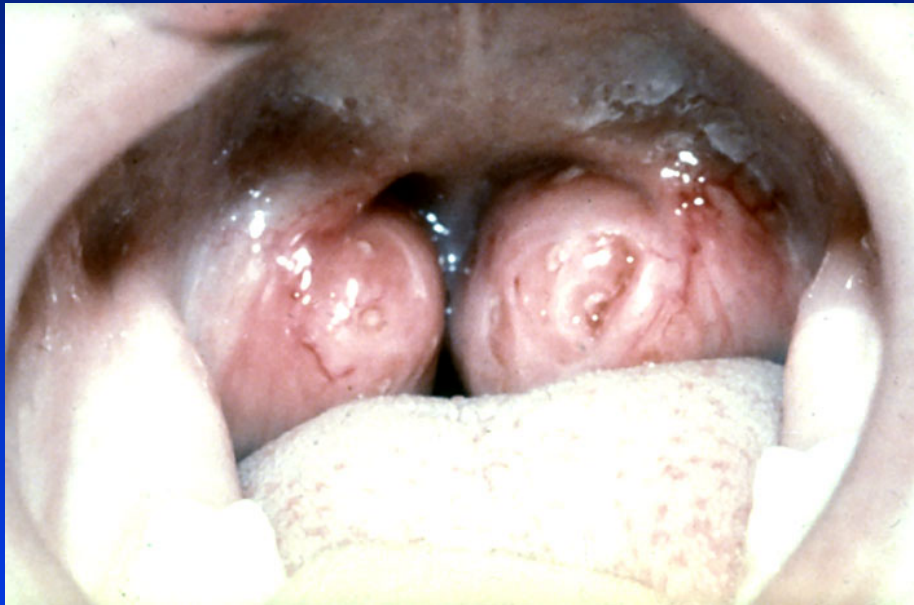
General Rhinological Management

- History
 - ? allergy
- Maximal Medical Treatment
- CT scanning
 - ‘C’ shaped mucosal thickening in CF
- Role of FESS

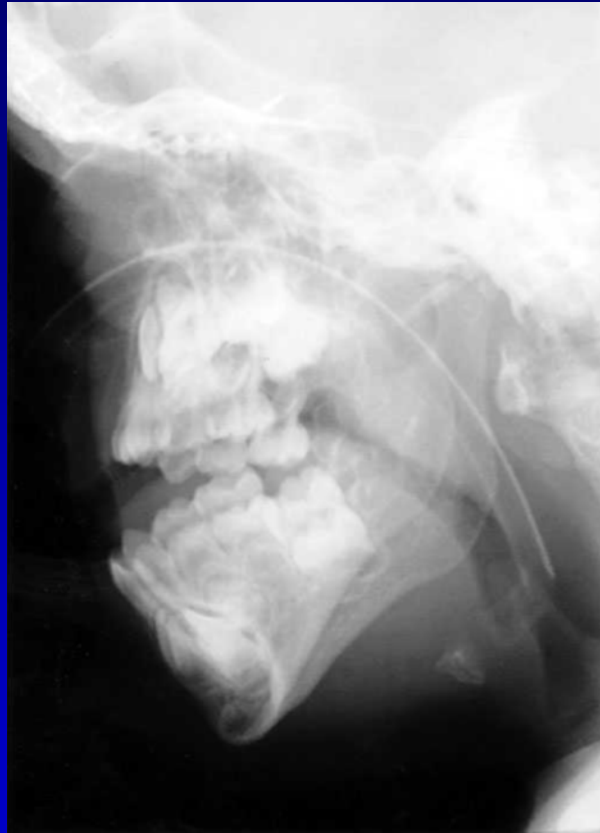
General Airway Management

- Stridor vs. Stertor
- Exclude airway anomalies (MLB)
- Remove enlarged TsAs
- Nasopharyngeal tube
- CPAP
- Tracheostomy
- Osteotomies / midface advancement

Adenotonsillectomy



Nasopharyngeal Airway



Nasal CPAP

acclimatisation
complications
compliance



Management - Surgery

- Adenotonsillectomy
- Tracheostomy
- Mid – facial advancement

Tracheostomy



QUESTIONS