

CONGENITAL HAND DIFFERENCES

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CONGENITAL DEFORMITIES

Upper Extremity

- Common
- 1 in 626 live births
- Many are single gene disorders

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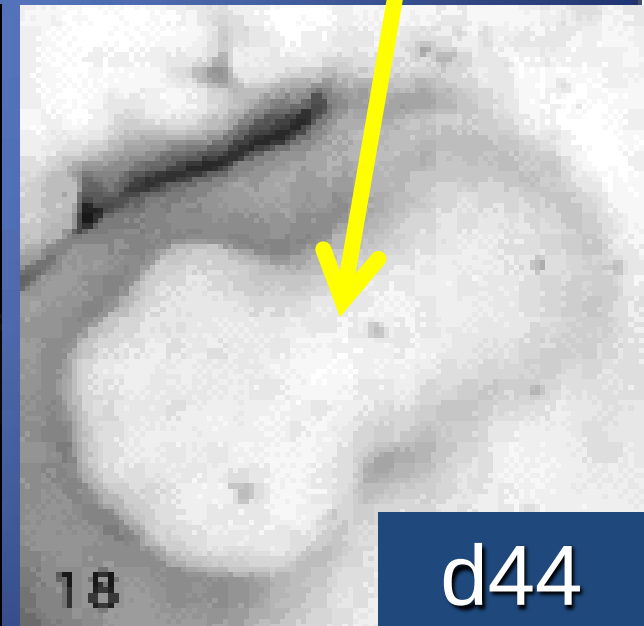
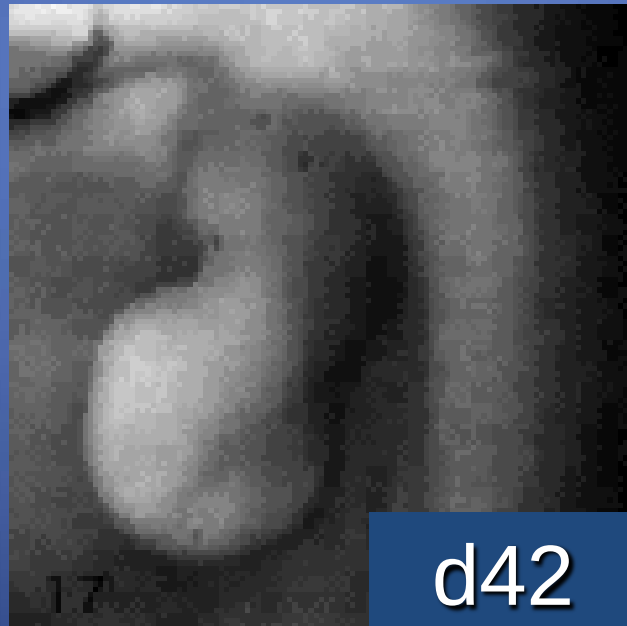
DIFFERENTIATION OF THE UPPER LIMB

- Limb buds - ventrolateral wall of embryo
- Limb buds appear 4th week (day 26)
- Limb buds develop from day 26-47

Weeks 5-6

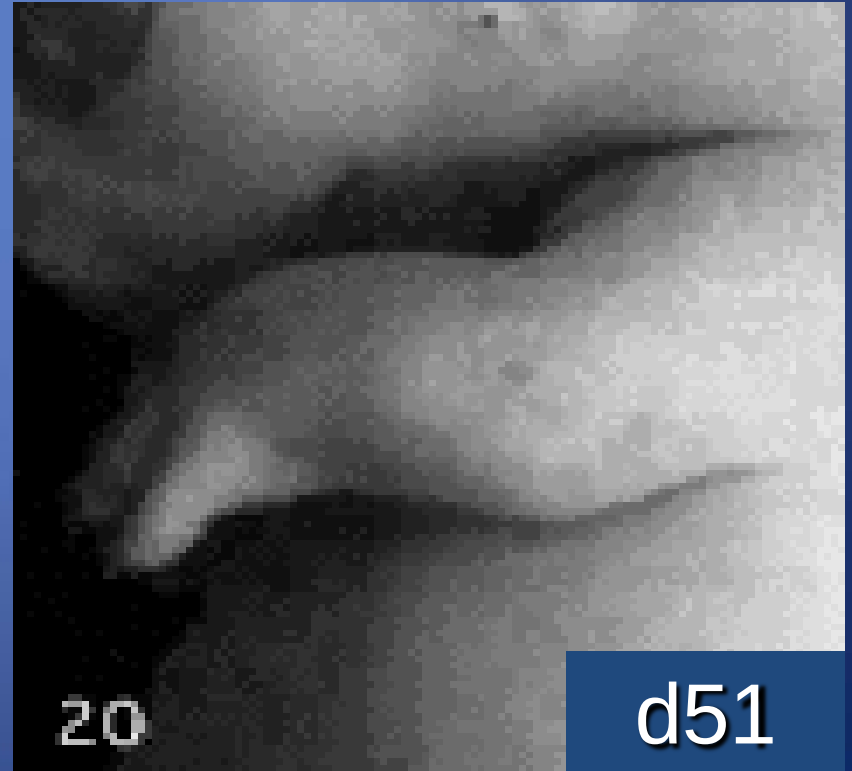
- Hand paddle develops
- Nerve ingrowth from spinal cord rami begins to occur proximally

Hand Paddle



Weeks 6 - 7

- Fingers begin to separate
- Cartilaginous “bones” form



Weeks 7 — 8

- The UE grows and rotates 90°
- Elbows project posteriorly
- Dorsal mesenchymal stem cells – extensors
- Ventral mesenchymal stems cells - flexors



21

d53



22

d55



23

d58

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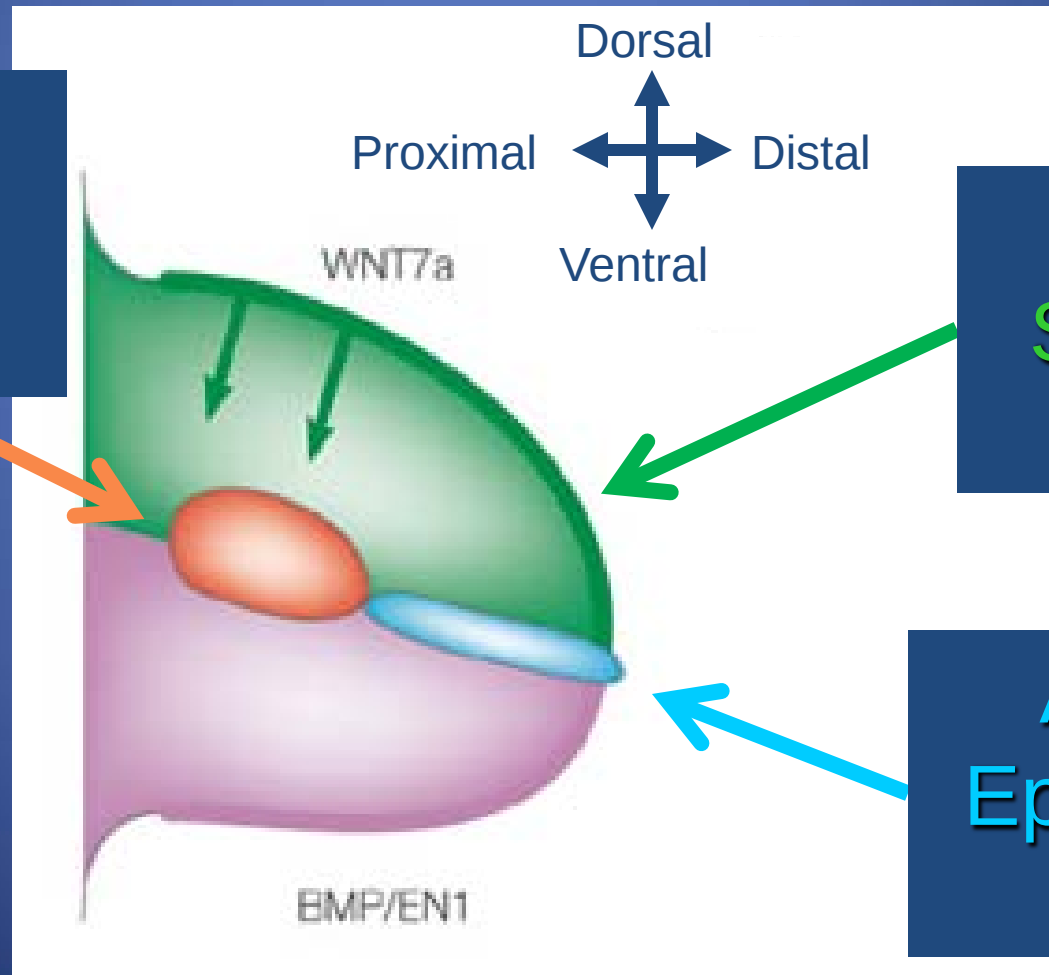
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SIGNALING CENTERS IN LIMB DEVELOPMENT

Three centers control limb development

Zone of
Polarizing
Activity



Wnt
Signaling
Center

Apical
Epidermal
Ridge

Transverse Limb Deficit

- Removal of the AER → truncated limb (congenital amputation)
- Placement of the AER elsewhere → ectopic limb
- Can replace AER with Fibroblast growth factor



APICAL EPIDERMAL RIDGE

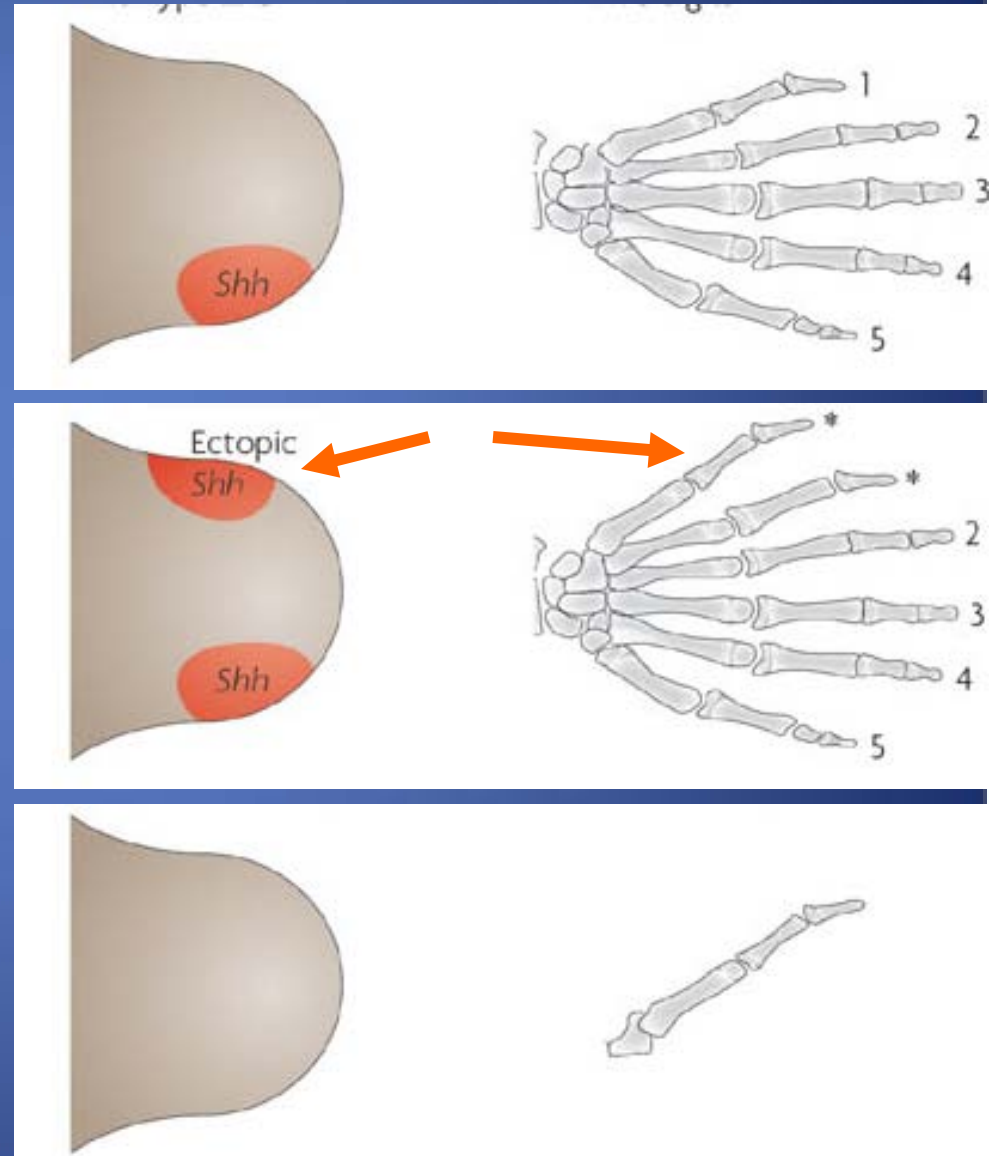
- The AER is also responsible for interdigital apoptosis
- Separates the webbed hand



Abnormal ZPA Signaling

Transplantation of the ZPA or SHH anteriorly
→ duplication along the radioulnar axis

Remove the ZPA or SHH → fingers fail to form



Mirror Hand Deformity



CONGENITAL HAND ANOMALIES

Classification and Examples

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FAILURE OF FORMATION OF PARTS TRANSVERSE DEFICIENCY



FAILURE OF FORMATION OF PARTS

LONGITUDINAL DEFICIENCY

Complete

longitudinal failure

phocomelia

Partial

Radial (preaxial)

Central

Ulnar (post-axial)



- Radial Longitudinal Deficiency

- Associated conditions

- Fanconi anemia

- Lethal pancytopenia by 5-6 years

- Need early diagnosis to search for bone marrow donor

- Thrombocytopenia-absent radius (TAR)

- Severe thrombocytopenia in infancy

- Spontaneously improves after 1 year

- VACTERL

- Vertebral, anal, cardiac, tracheoesophageal, renal, radial, and lower limb anomalies

- Holt-Oram

- Cardiac anomalies, usually septal defects



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HYPOPLASTIC THUMB

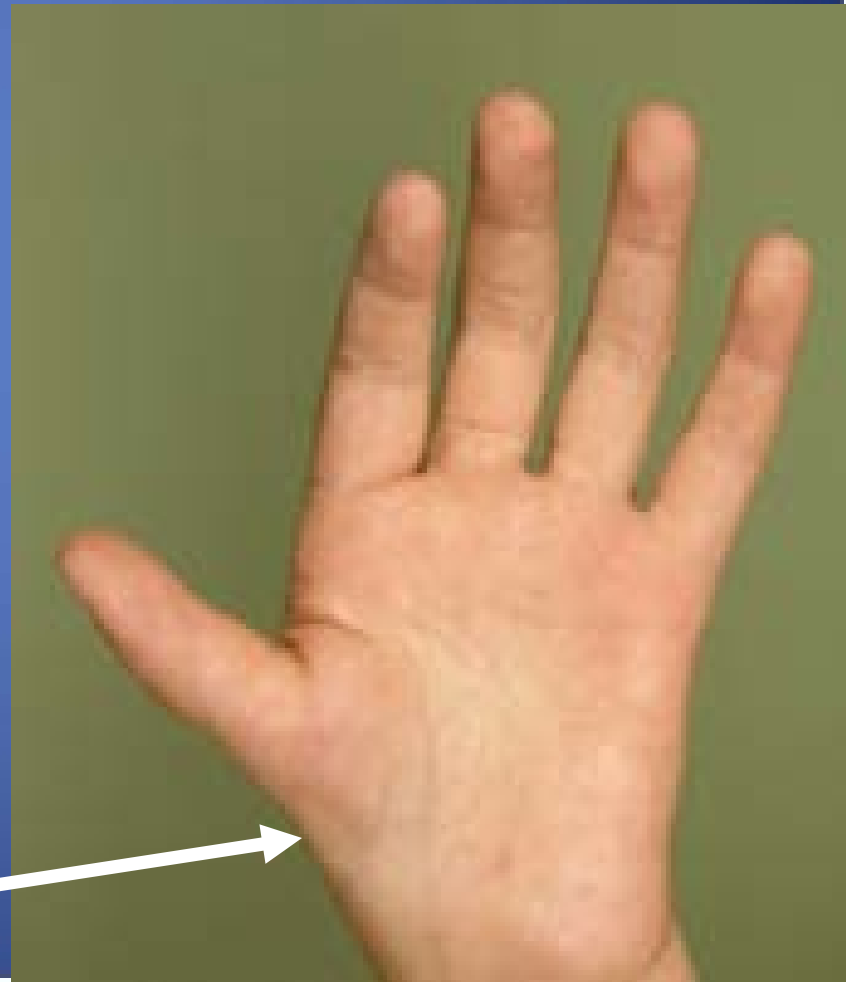
Grade I

Mild shortening

Grade II

Moderate shortening

Thenar hypoplasia



****TYPE III HYPOPLASTIC THUMB****



TYPE IV - FLOATING THUMB



TYPE V - ABSENT THUMB

- Lateral pinch grip between index and middle fingers
- Secondary rotation of index finger
- Pollicization improves grasp and tip-to-tip pinch



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CLEFT HAND

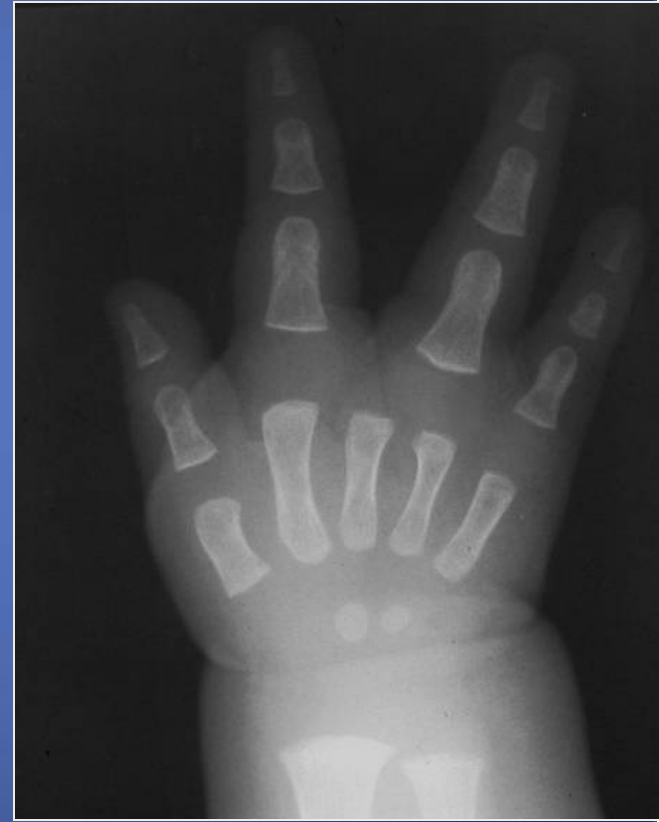
TYPICAL

Absent middle finger

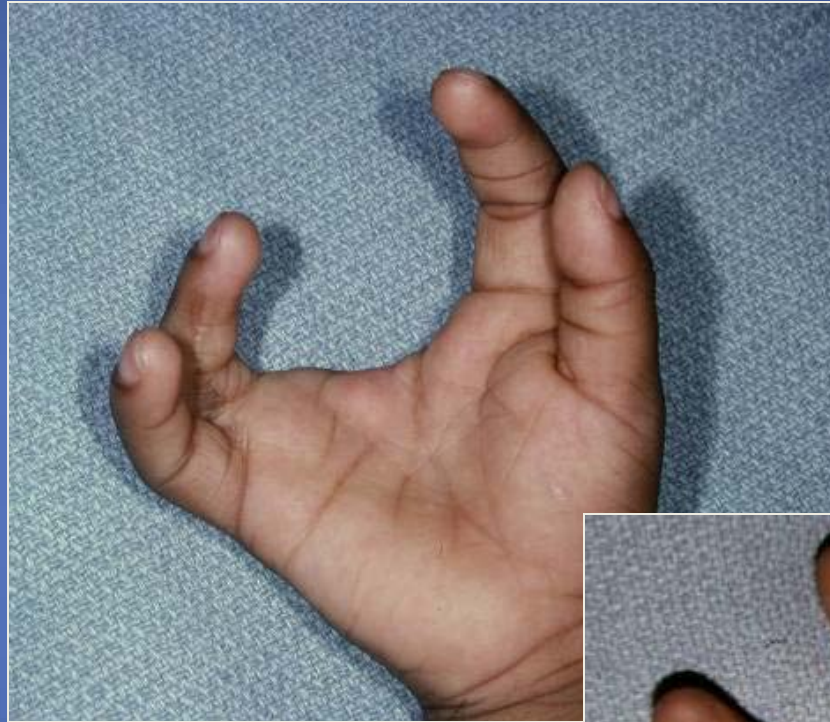
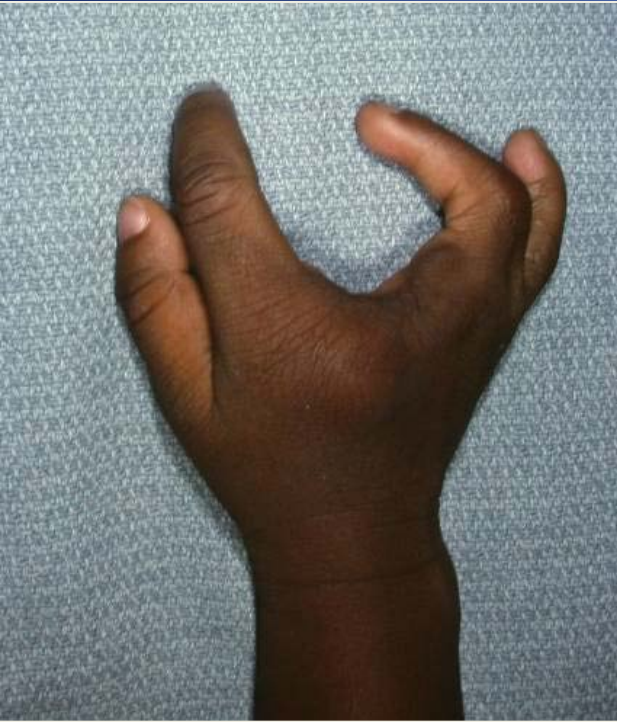
Usually bilateral

Assoc w/ cleft feet (50%)

Assoc with cleft lip, palate



TYPICAL CLEFT HAND



CONGENITAL HAND ANOMALIES

Classification

I Failure of formation of parts

II **Failure of differentiation**

Syndactyly

Camptodactyly

Clinodactyly

Kirner deformity

SYNDACTYLY

- 1 in 2000 live birth, sporadic vs. familial (10%)
- 50% bilateral
- Middle-ring finger web - most common
- Classification
 - Webbing: “complete” vs “incomplete”
 - Bone: not involved = “simple”
 - involved = “complex”

SIMPLE SYNDACTYLY



Incomplete



Complete

SIMPLE
COMPLETE
SYNDACTYLY
RF tethering MF



COMPLEX
COMPLETE
SYNDACTYLY



POLAND'S SYNDROME

symbrachydactyly
chest wall deformity
Thought to be vascular anomaly



POLAND'S SYNDROME



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- B. Homeobox D13 (HOXD13)
- C. Holt-Oram syndrome 1 (HOS1)
- D. Human zinc factor protein gene 3 (GLI3)
- E. Brachyury T-box 5 (TBX5)



ACROCEPHALOSYNDACTYLY

- APERT SYNDROME
- Mitten or spoon hand
- FGFR 2
- Common nail index, middle & ring fingers
- Complex bony deformities





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CAMPTODACTYLY

- Flexion contracture PIP joint
- Small finger - 90%
- ? Abnormal insertion of lumbrical muscle
- Bilateral - 66%
- Short FDS
- All structures probably involved



CAMPTODACTYLY Treatment

- Advise parents to accept the deformity
- Passive stretching, serial splinting rarely successful
- Consider surgery:
 Young child with severe contracture
 Rapid progression
- ???earlier intervention before fixed deformity



CLINODACTYLY

- Radial-ulnar curvature
- Usually small finger
- Usually radial deviation
- Delta phalanx



DELTA PHALANX

- Trapezoidal-shaped phalanx
- Abnormal C-shaped epiphysis
- Usually middle phalanx of the small finger



KIRNER DEFORMITY

- **Palmar-radial** curvature, rotation
- Distal phalanx, usually bilateral
- Associated musculoskeletal anomalies
- No functional limitations usually
- Observe
- Splint
- Correctional osteotomy



CONGENITAL HAND ANOMALIES

Classification

I Failure of formation of parts

II Failure of differentiation

III Duplication polydactyly

- Pre-axial = radial Thumb

- Central Index, middle, ring

- Post-axial=ulnar Small finger

POLYDACTYLY

- **Small** finger is most commonly involved
- More common in **African-American** infants (incidence = 1 in 300)
- More common in females

SMALL FINGER POLYDACTYLY

Type 1 – Rudimentary Soft Tissue



SMALL FINGER POLYDACTYLY

Type III – Metacarpal Duplicated



THUMB POLYDACTYLY

“Duplicate Thumb”

- Most common congenital anomaly----Ikuta
- Second to syndactyly-----Cohen

Types	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII
							
Bifurcation level	Distal phalanx	IP joint	Proximal phalanx	MP joint	Metacarpus	CM joint	Floating
Cases %	16 5.3%	61 20.1%	14 4.6%	97 31.9%	12 3.9%	25 8.2%	42 13.8%

THUMB DUPLICATION

Type 2



THUMB DUPLICATION

Type 3



THUMB DUPLICATION

Type 4



TRIPHALANGEAL THUMB

Type 7



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MACRODACTYLY

- 90% unilateral
- Multiple digits vs. single digit = 3 : 1
- Affects **radial** side of hand
- **Index** finger most frequently affected
- ? Related to neurofibromatosis

MACRODACTYLY



MACRODACTYLY

- Staged debulking of soft tissue
- Epiphysiodesis
- Wedge osteotomies to correct deviation
- Consider ray amputation

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V Undergrowth (brachydactyly)

- Short digit - normal # of bones, 1 is small
- Short metacarpal (brachymetacarpia)
- Short phalanx (brachyphalangia)

BRACHYMETACARPIA



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CONstriction RING SYNDROME

- Circumferential grooving or transverse amputation
- Associated anomalies (40-50%)
Club feet; cleft lip and palate
- Associated hand anomalies (80%)
Syndactyly



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- Madelung Deformity
 - Basics
 - Focal physeal abnormality of distal radius
 - Volar-ulnar corner growth inhibition
 - Abnormal radiolunate ligament from metaphysis of distal radius
 - Vicker' s ligament
 - Caused by mutation in SHOX gene
 - Associated with short stature, Turner syndrome, Leri-Weill dyschondrosteosis

- Madelung Deformity
 - Evaluation
 - Deformity becomes evident in adolescence
 - Volar sag to carpus
 - Dorsally prominent distal ulna
 - Self-limited period of pain in adolescence



- Madelung Deformity

- Evaluation

- Radiographs/MRI show typical volar-ulnar physeal fall-off and carpal subluxation
 - MRI reveals Vicker's ligament



- Madelung Deformity

- Treatment

- Physiolysis, resection of tethering Vicker's ligament may halt progression if done early enough

- Dome osteotomy of distal radius to correct established deformity

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Congenital Dislocation of the Radial Head

- Uncommon
- DDx: traumatic dislocation
- Sporadic or inheritable
- Isolated or syndromic
- 40-60% bilateral



Congenital Dislocation of the Radial Head

- Indications for treatment
 - PAIN
 - Skeletally mature



Congenital Proximal Radio-ulnar Synostosis

- Uncommon
- Sporadic, syndromic or other malformations
- 1/3 with fetal alcohol syndrome
- 50-80% bilateral
- No forearm rotation (usually fixed in pronation)
- Indications: function (esp if bilateral)
- Surgical repositioning



Infantile Trigger Thumb

- Common
- Isolated anomaly
- Developmental, not congenital
- May resolve spontaneously



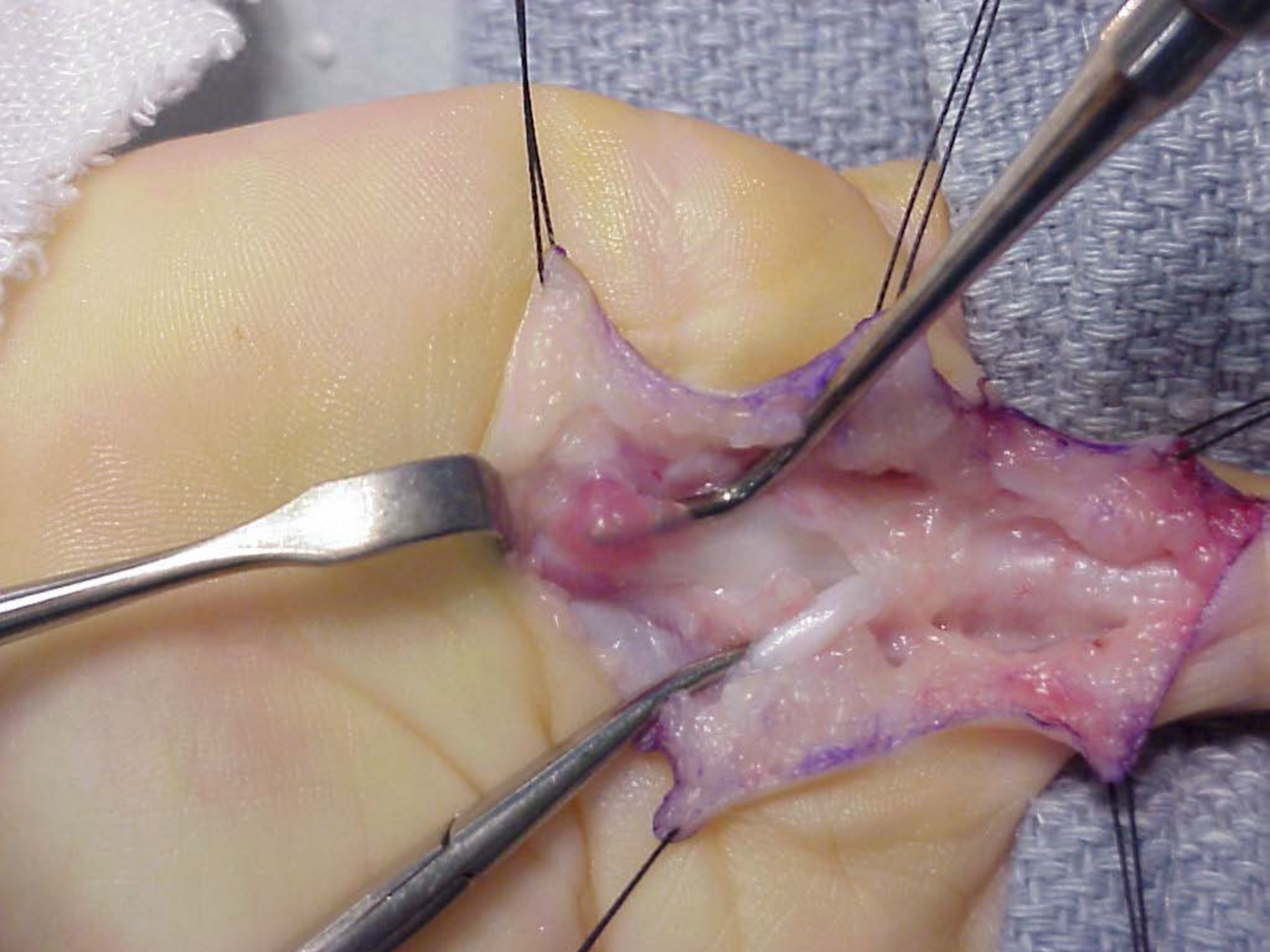
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- Surgical Indications
 - Persists for >1 yr after diagnosis
 - Dx at age > 4 y.o.
- Treatment
 - Surgical release of A1 pulley
 - Excellent results



TRIGGER FINGER

- Different than trigger finger in adult
- Extensile approach
- Look for anomalous muscle/tendon attachment



Thank you