

Constitutional Delay of Growth and Puberty and Isolated Hypogonadotropic Hypogonadism: Two Sides of the Same Coin? Can We tell Heads from Tails?

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Often not!

But Distinguishing (when possible) is important

Allows for appropriate counselling of youth and family

Alleviates distress--lack of diagnosis generates anxiety and worry about a potential lifelong condition with attendant fertility implications

Avoids unnecessary testing, such as MRIs, that may be done

Simplifies treatment decisions as regimens for CDGP/SLDP are complicated by need to interrupt therapy and reassess for endogenous puberty

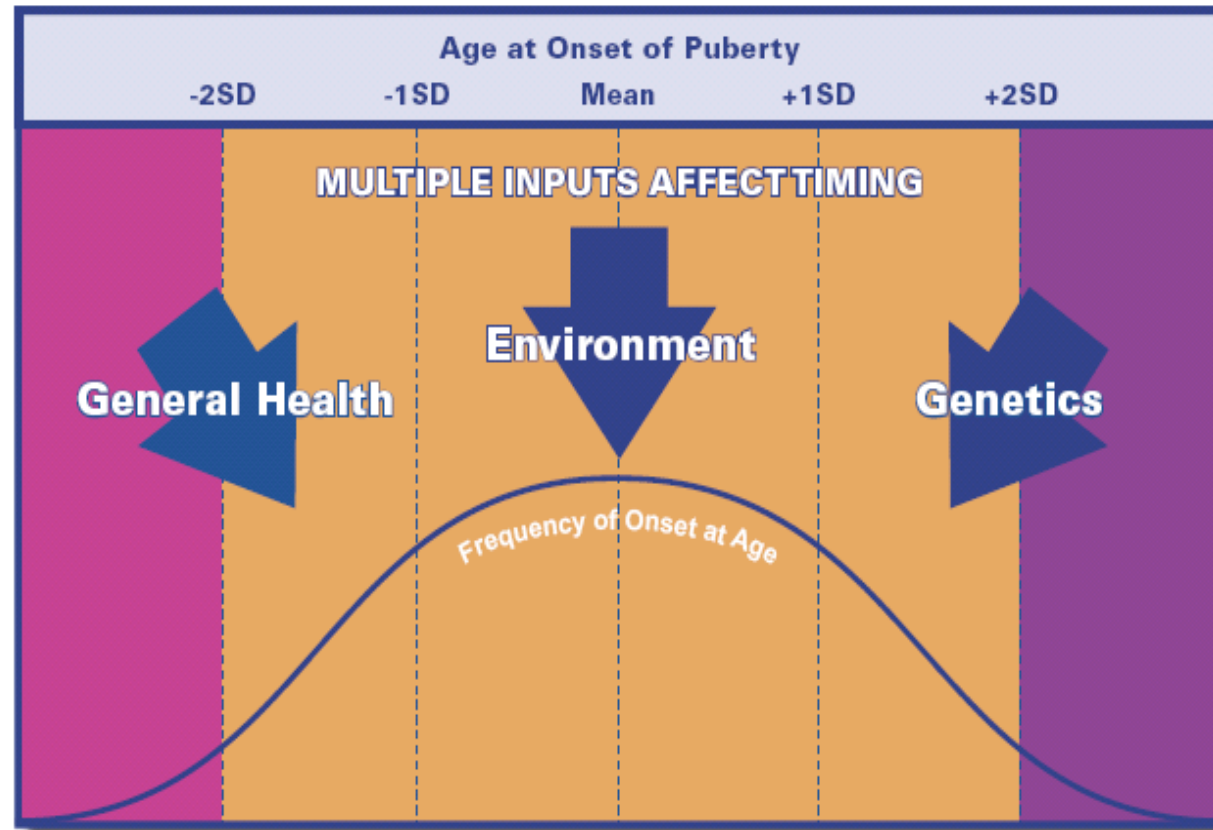
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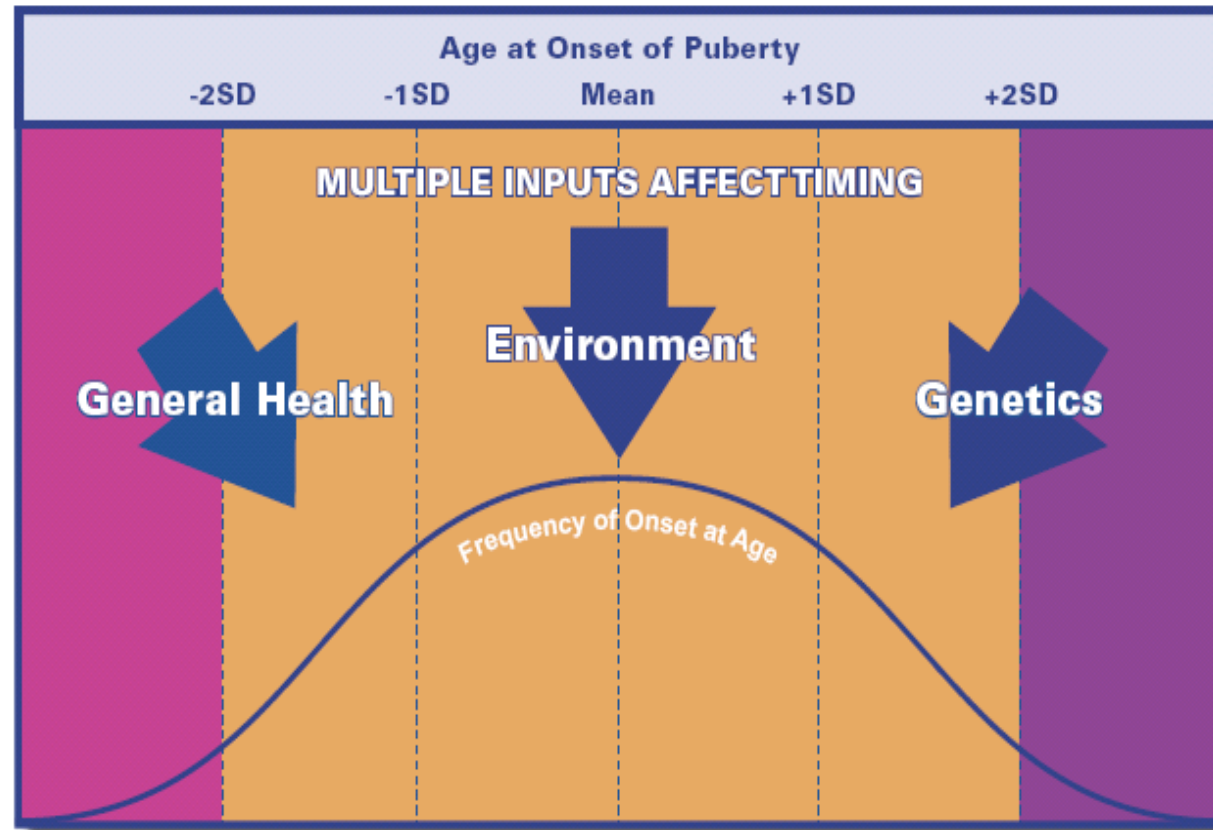


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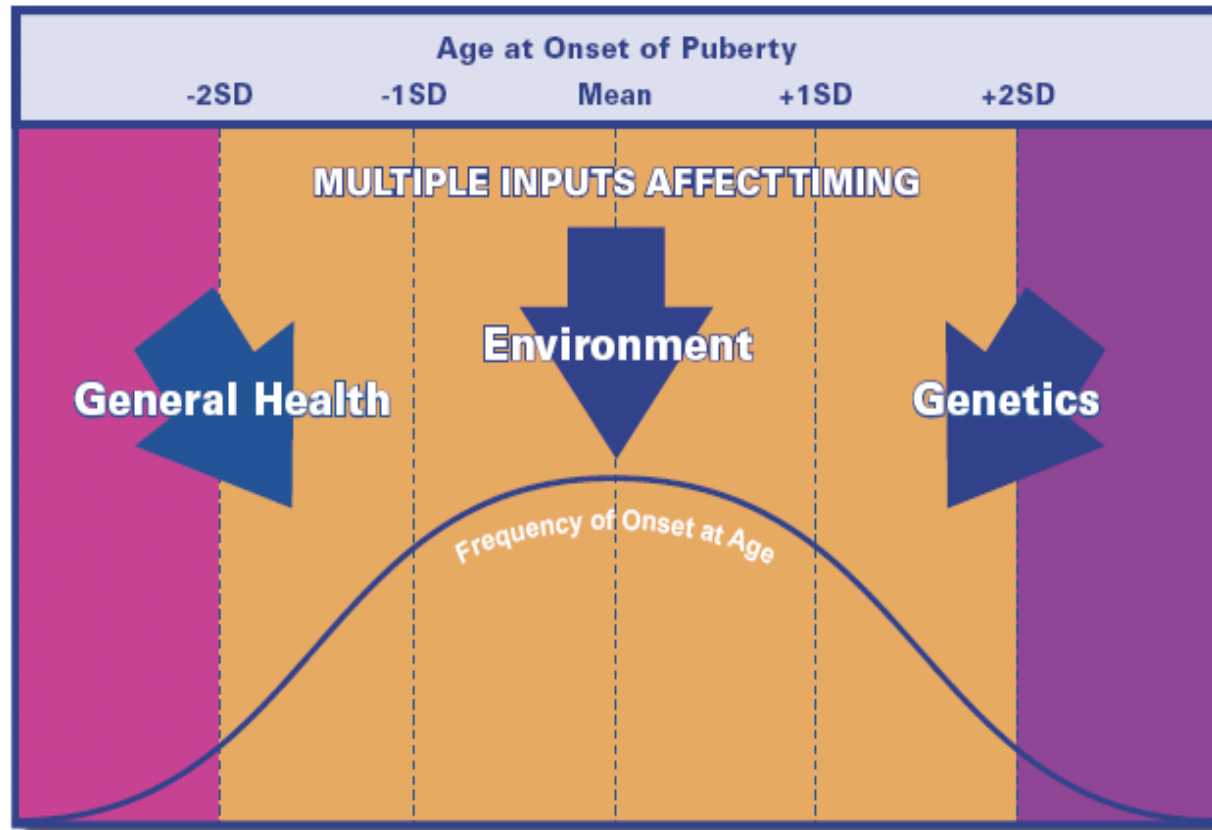
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40 genes have been identified to cause IHH/CHH

Over 50% of cases
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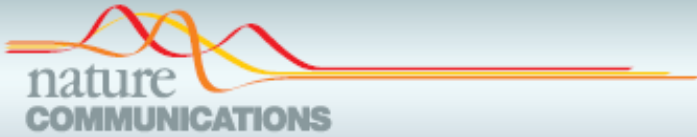
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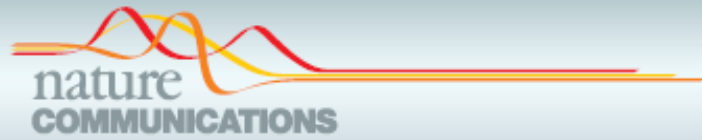
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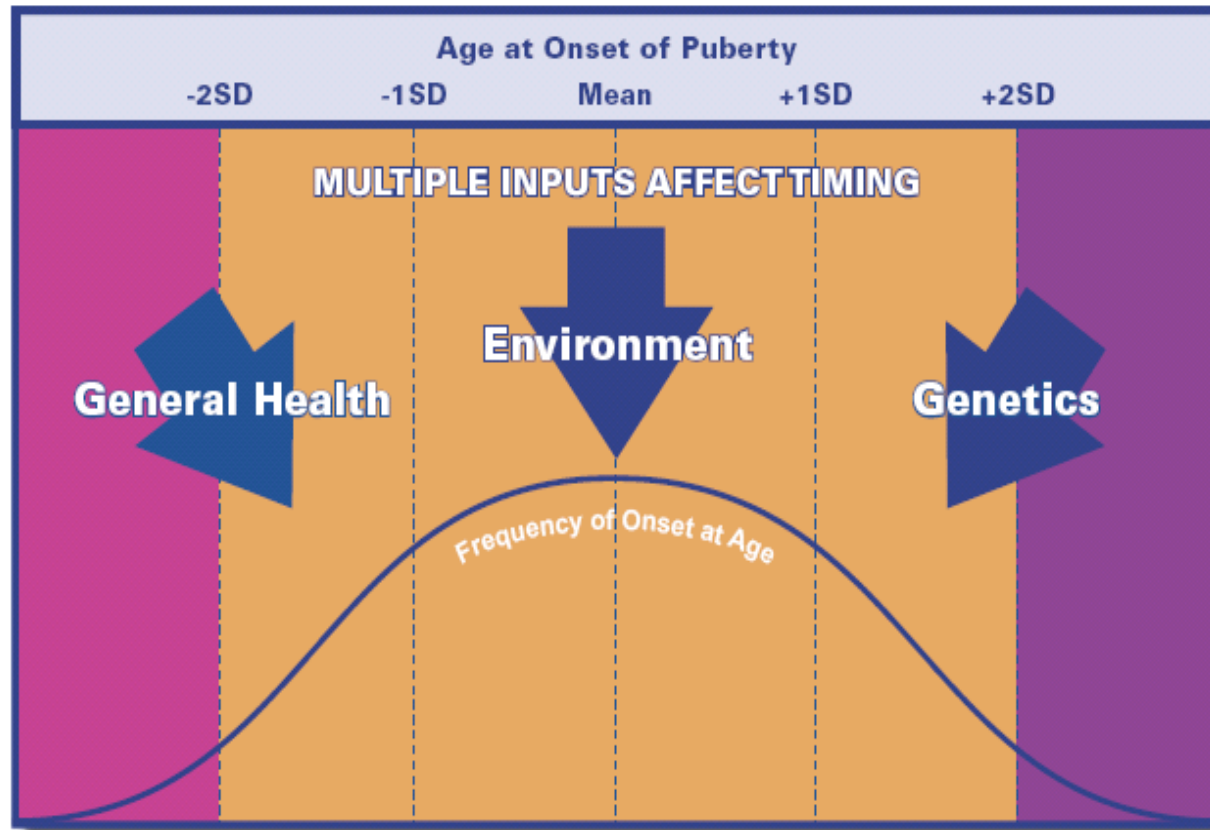
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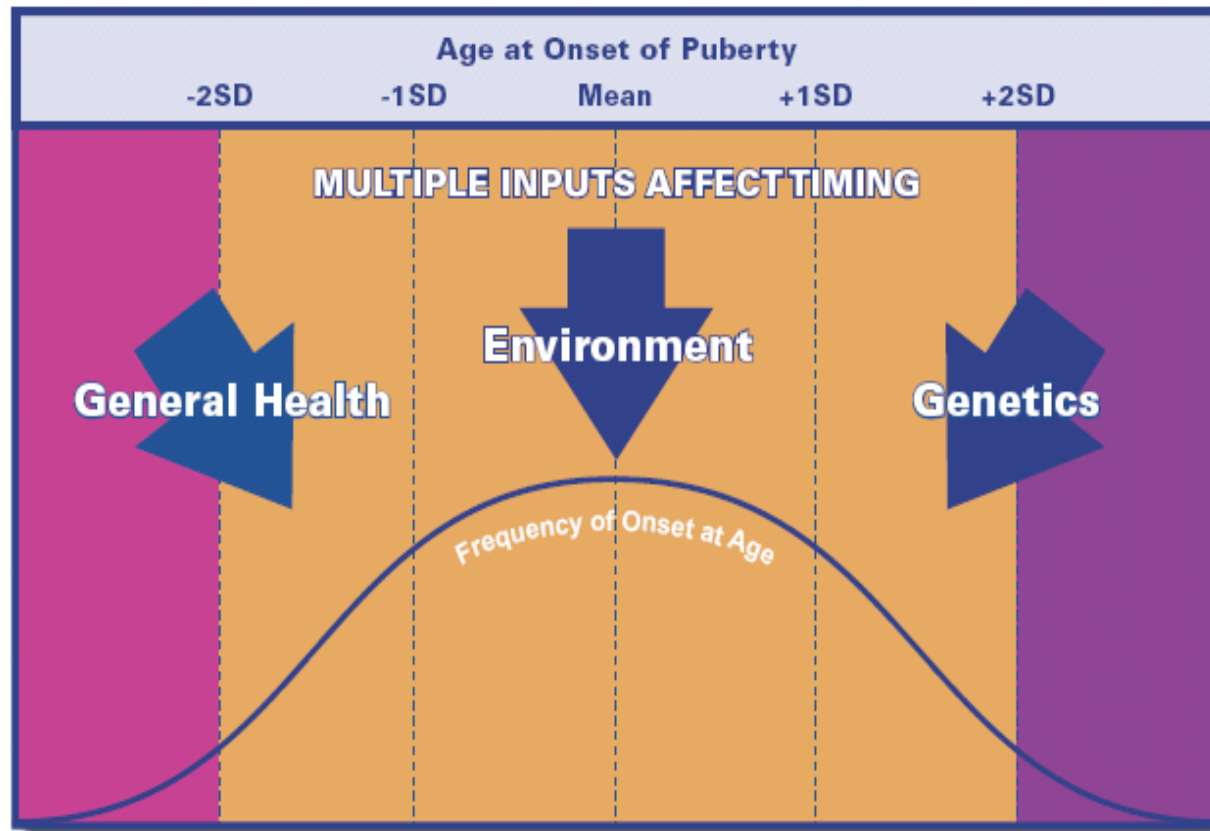


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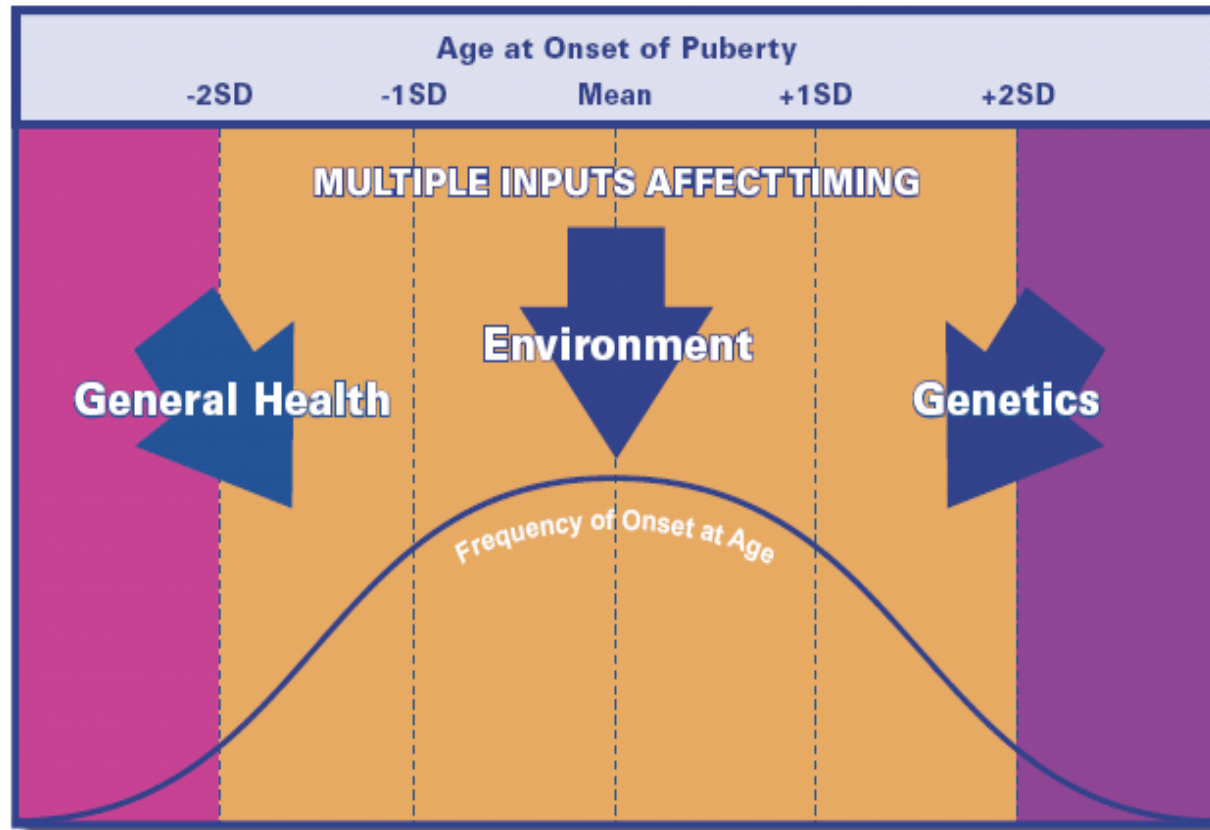
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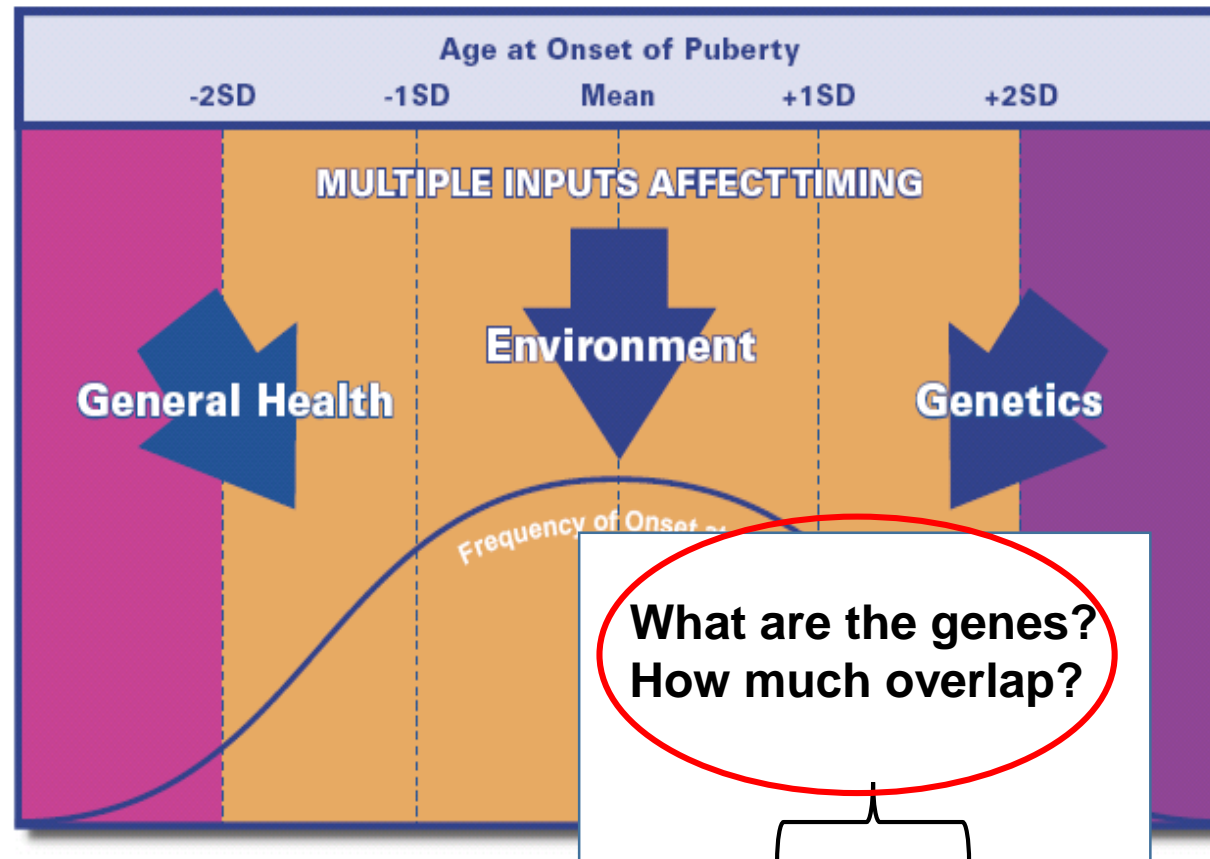


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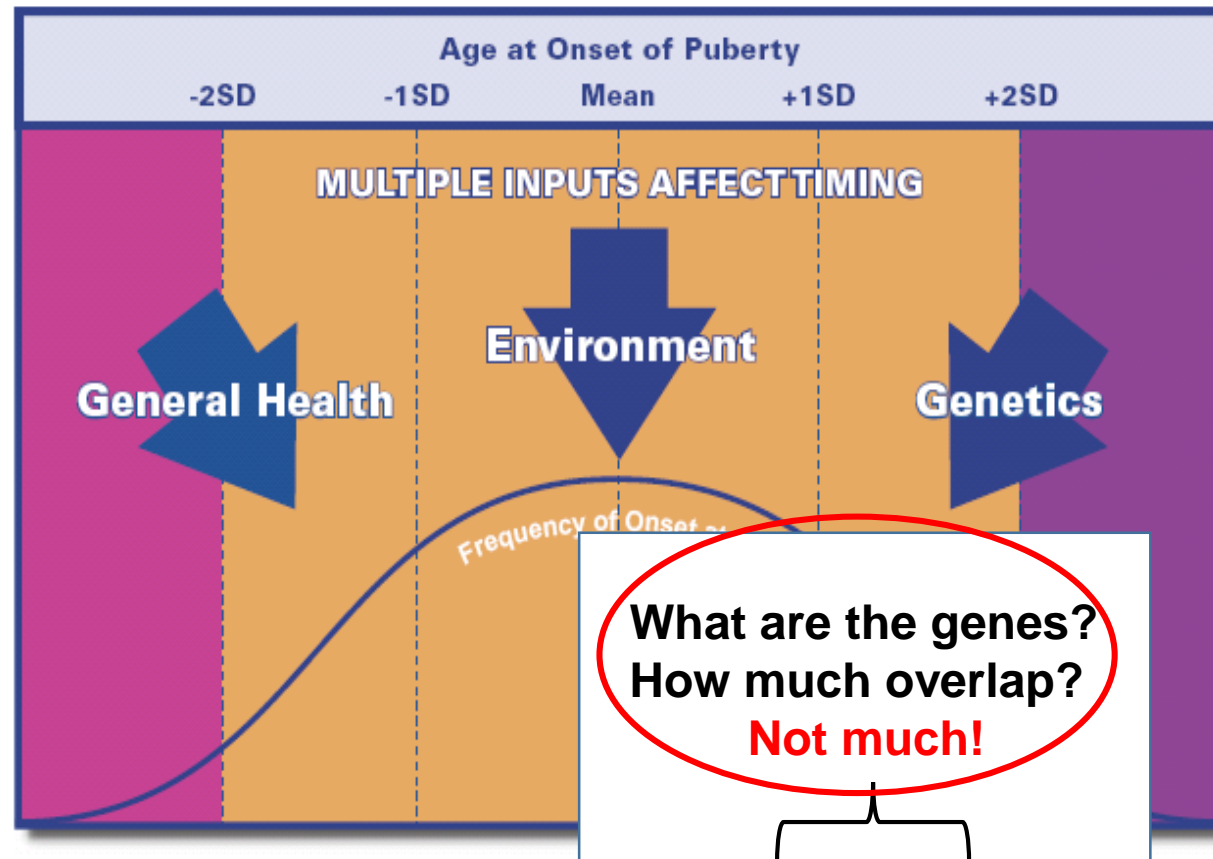


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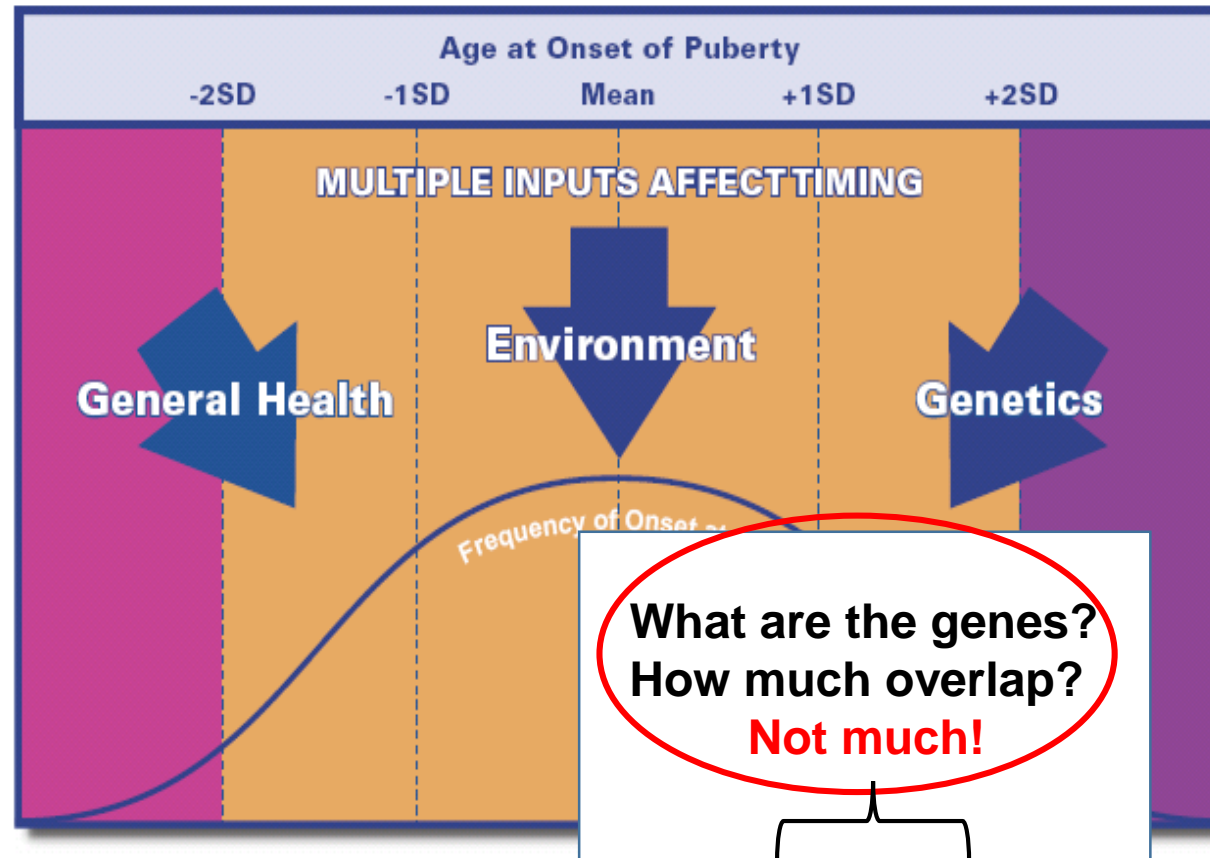


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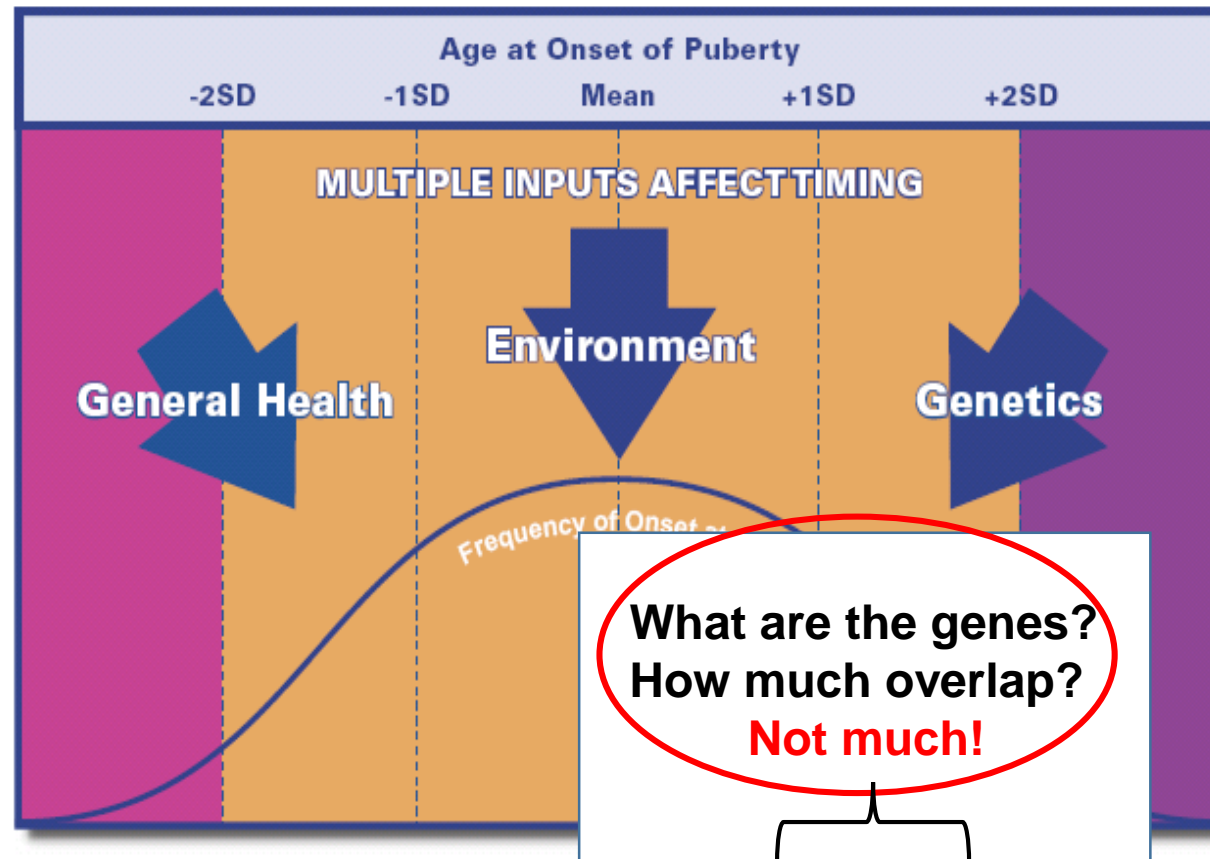
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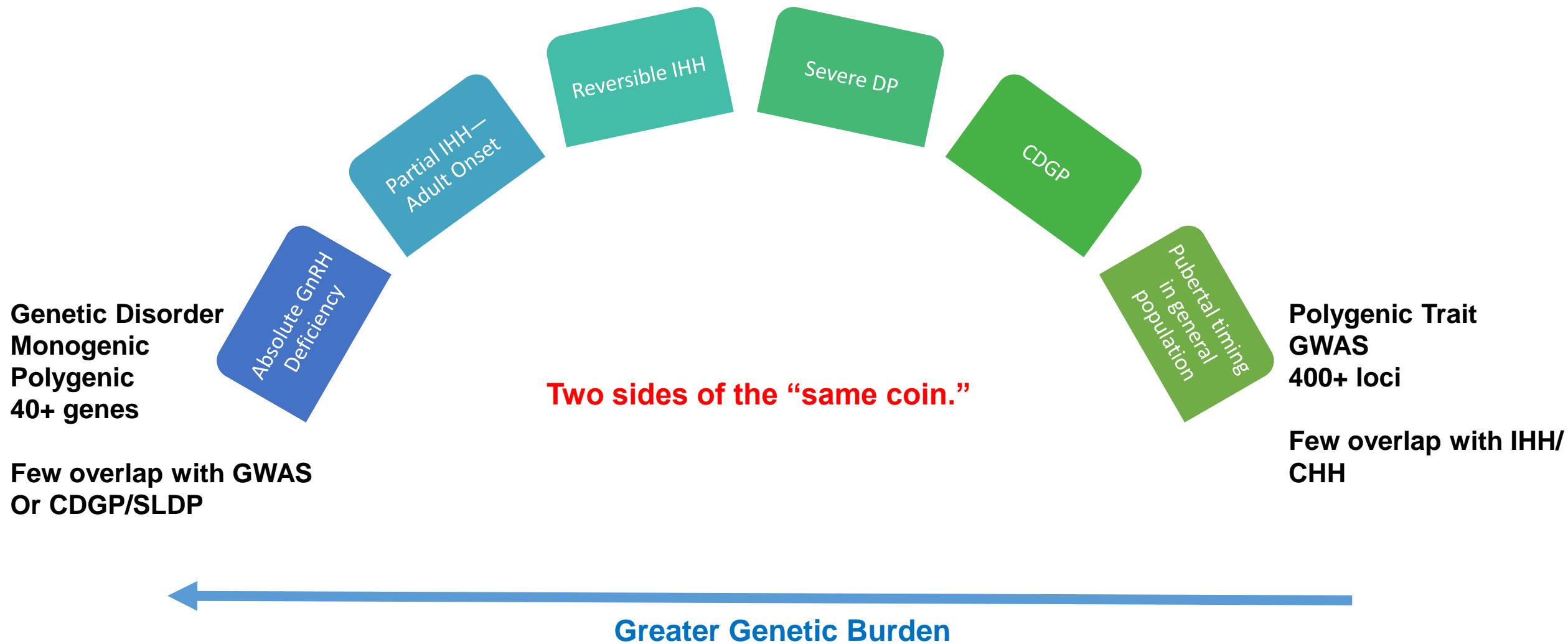
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Some genetic causes of disorders of puberty overlap; most don't

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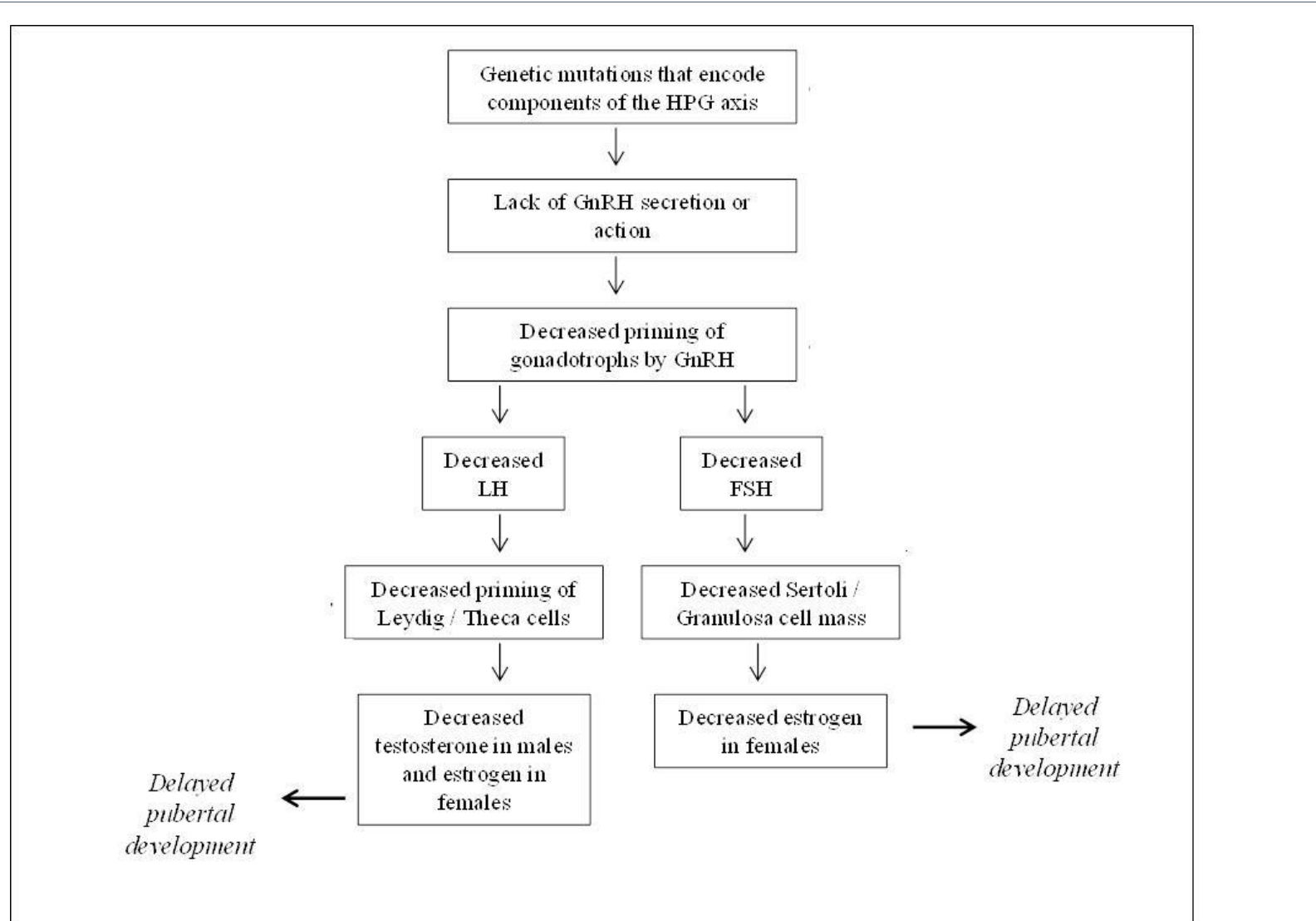
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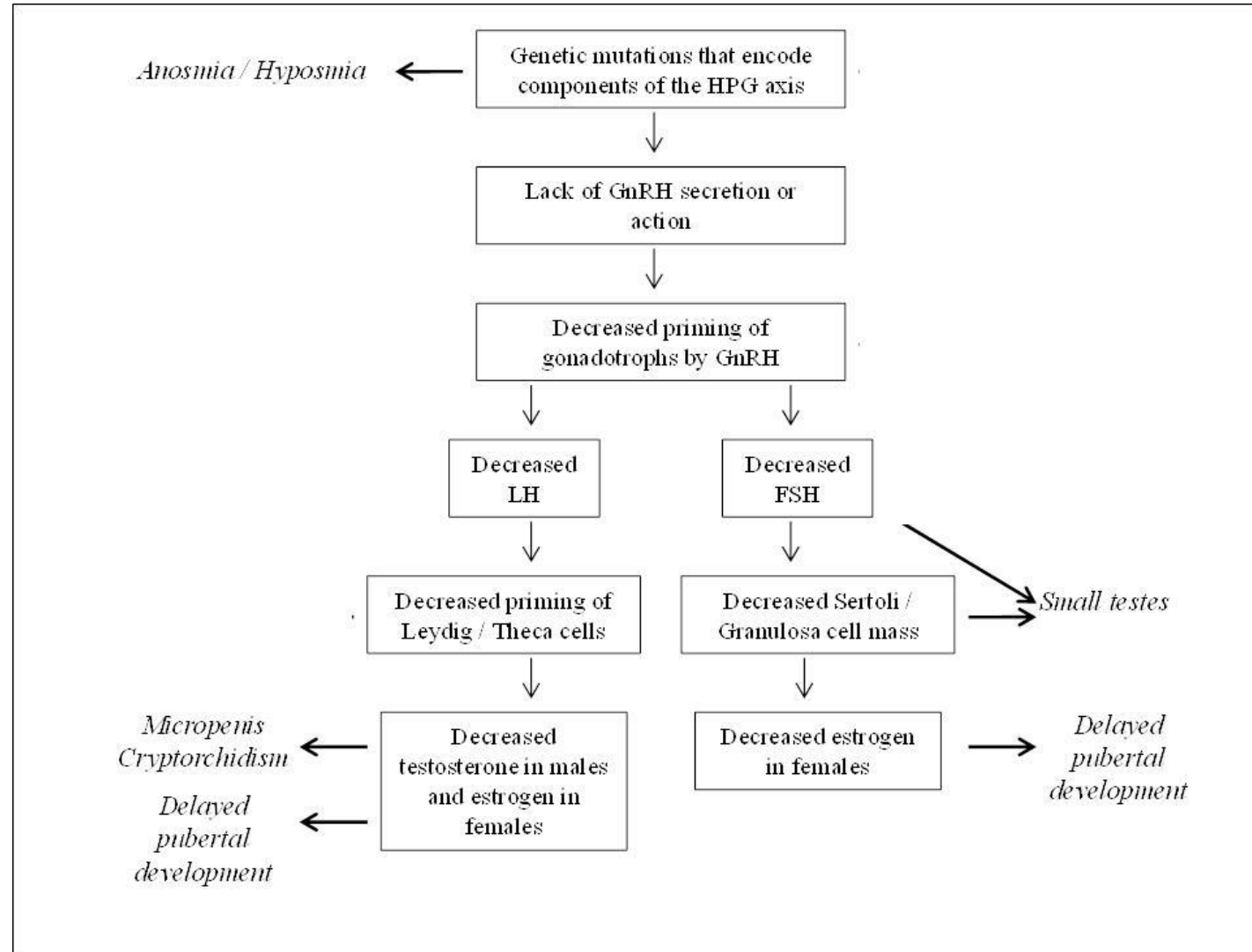
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Classic Features/Questions—IHH/CHH:

Abnormal sense of smell

Small testis/cryptorchidism

Micropenis

And, of course:

Family History of Delayed Puberty—CDGP/SLDP

Family History of IHH or infertility—IHH/CHH

And one other:

Timing of adrenarche—Often delayed in CDGP/SLDP; “on time” with IHH/CHH

Histories pointing to syndromic CHH can also be useful

Physical exams complement histories

Differentiating CDGP/SLDP from IHH/CHH: History

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE *Puberty, ageing and HRT*

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Taneli Raivio^{1,3,*}, and Matti Hero¹

Clinical and biochemical criteria met by
174 boys and 70 girls

Findings:

No feature of history among girls identified IHH/CHH

Among boys, cryptorchidism was associated with IHH/CHH
(odds ratio of 17.2 (95% CI 3.4-85.4))

Testicular volume of ≤ 1 ml had sensitivity of 100% and specificity of 91% for IHH/CHH

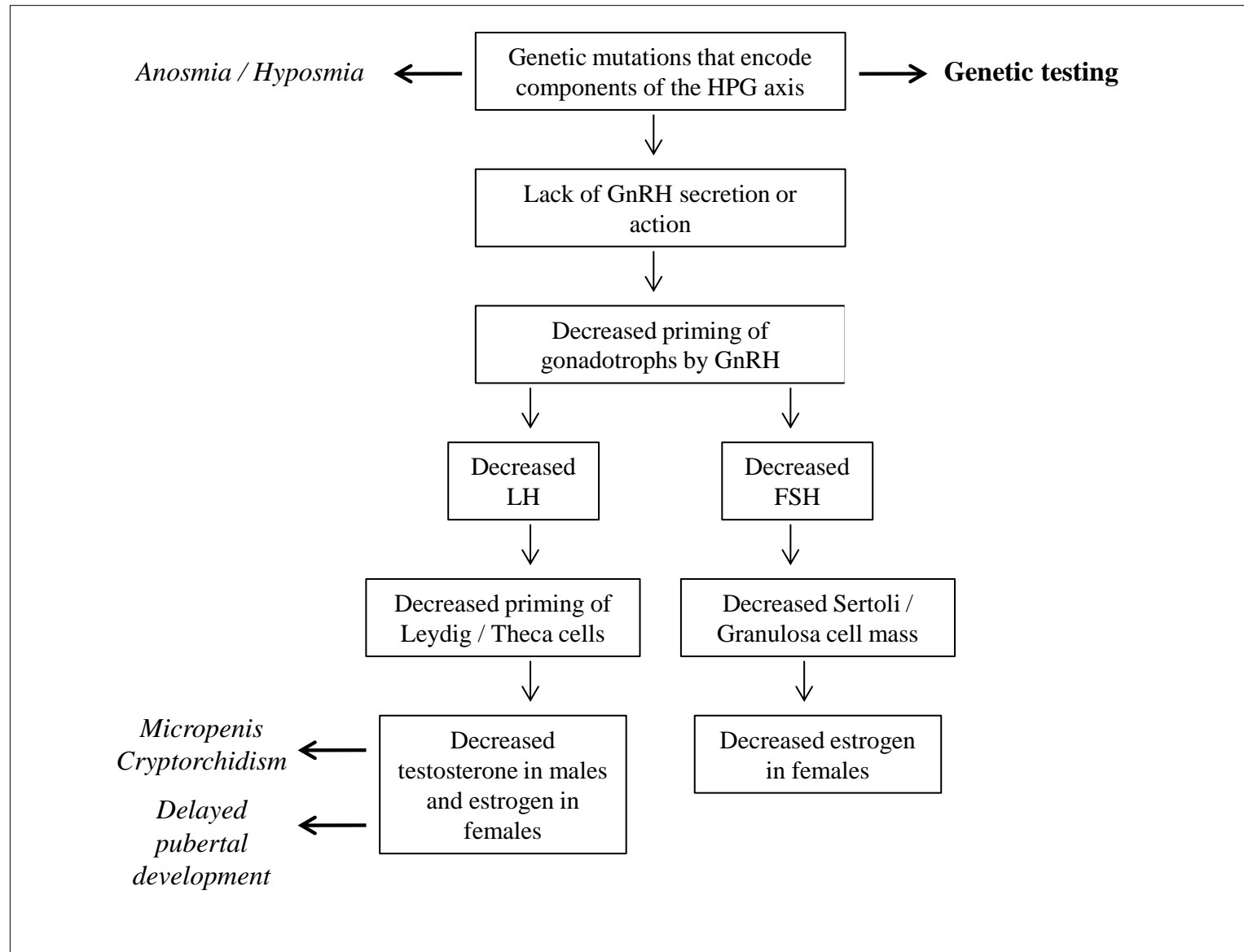
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Specific clinical features may help prioritize genetic screening

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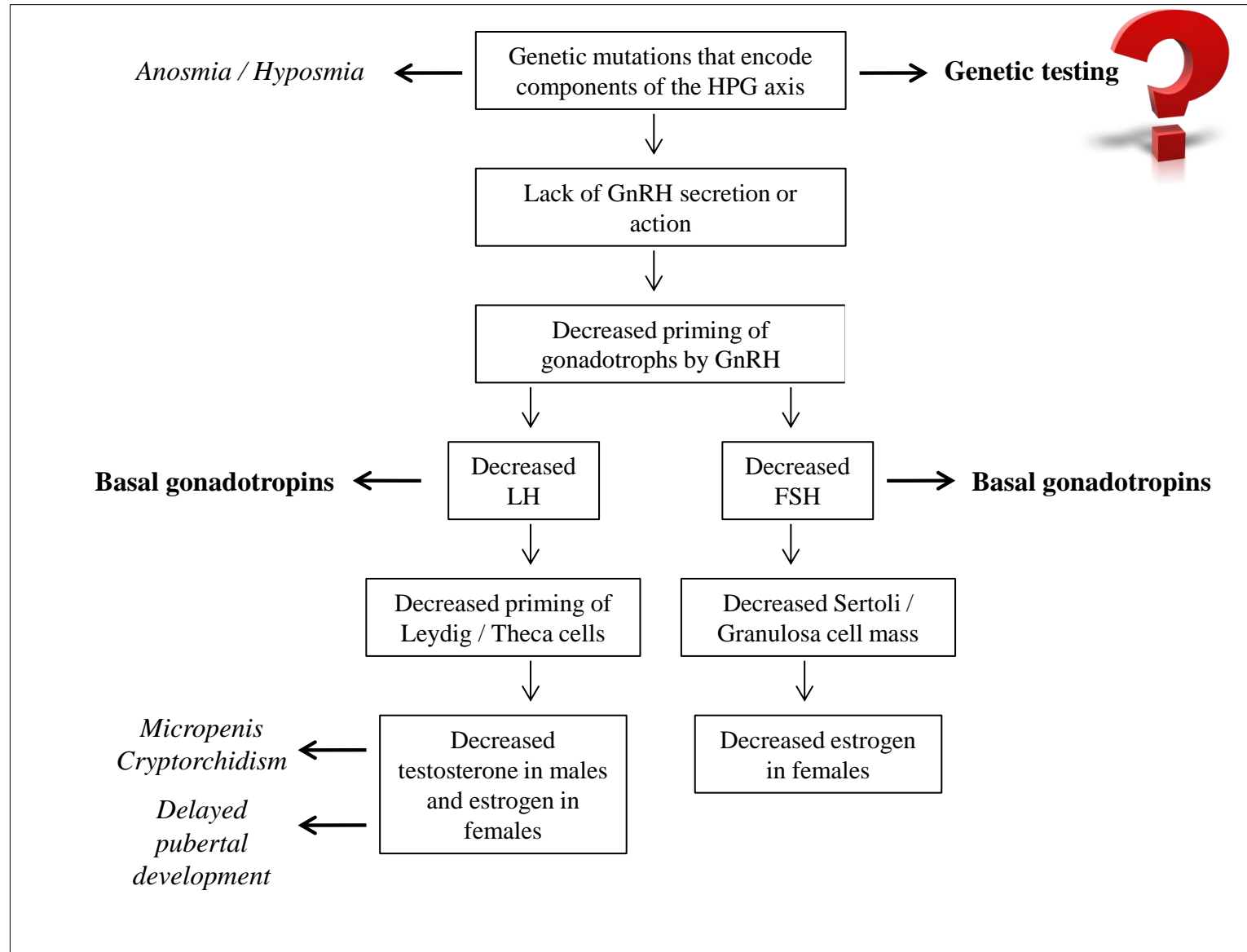
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But routine testing to distinguish CDGP/SLDP from IHH/CHH—no recommendation made

Utility and use will likely increase as panels become more available, costs decrease and % of unknown causes decreases.

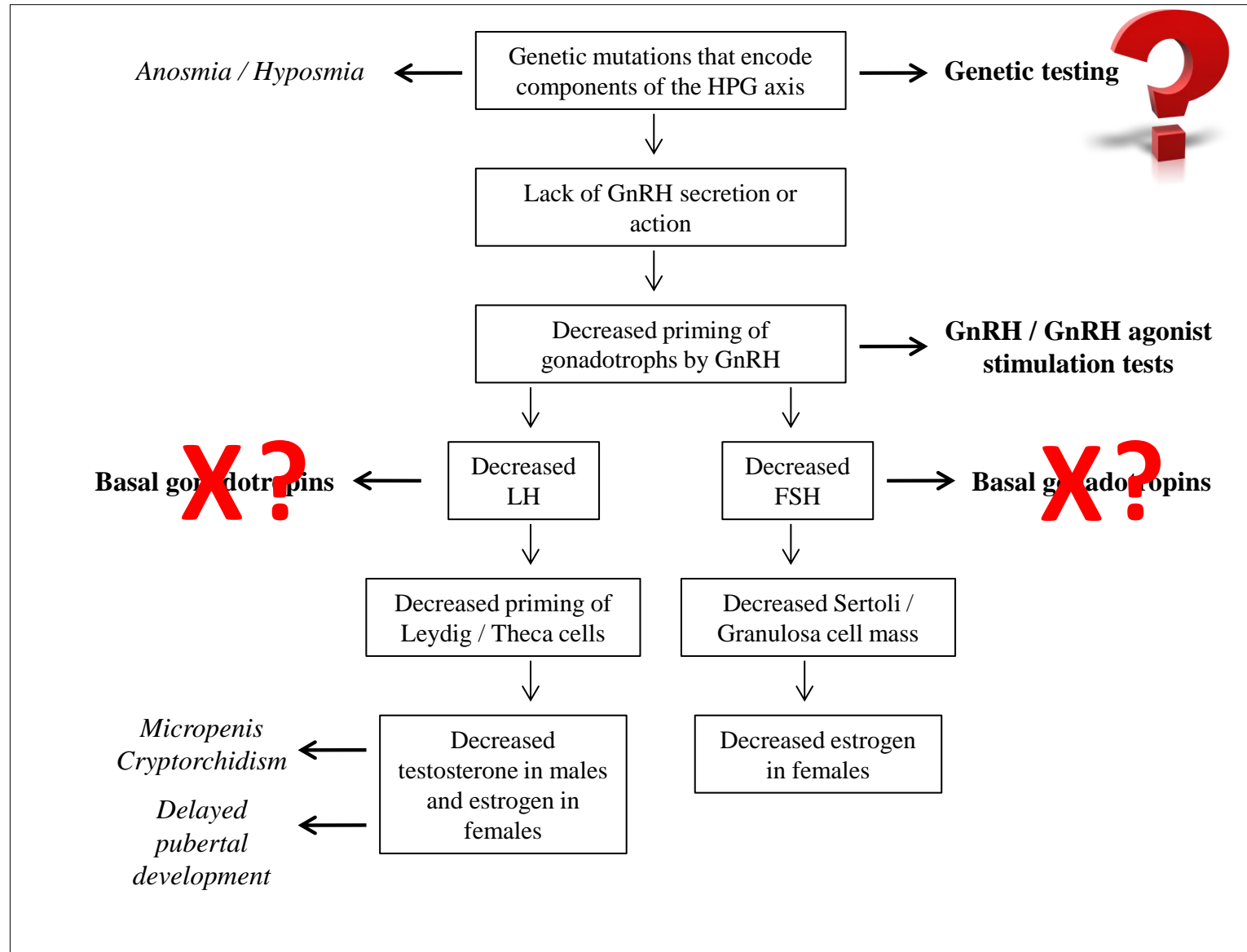
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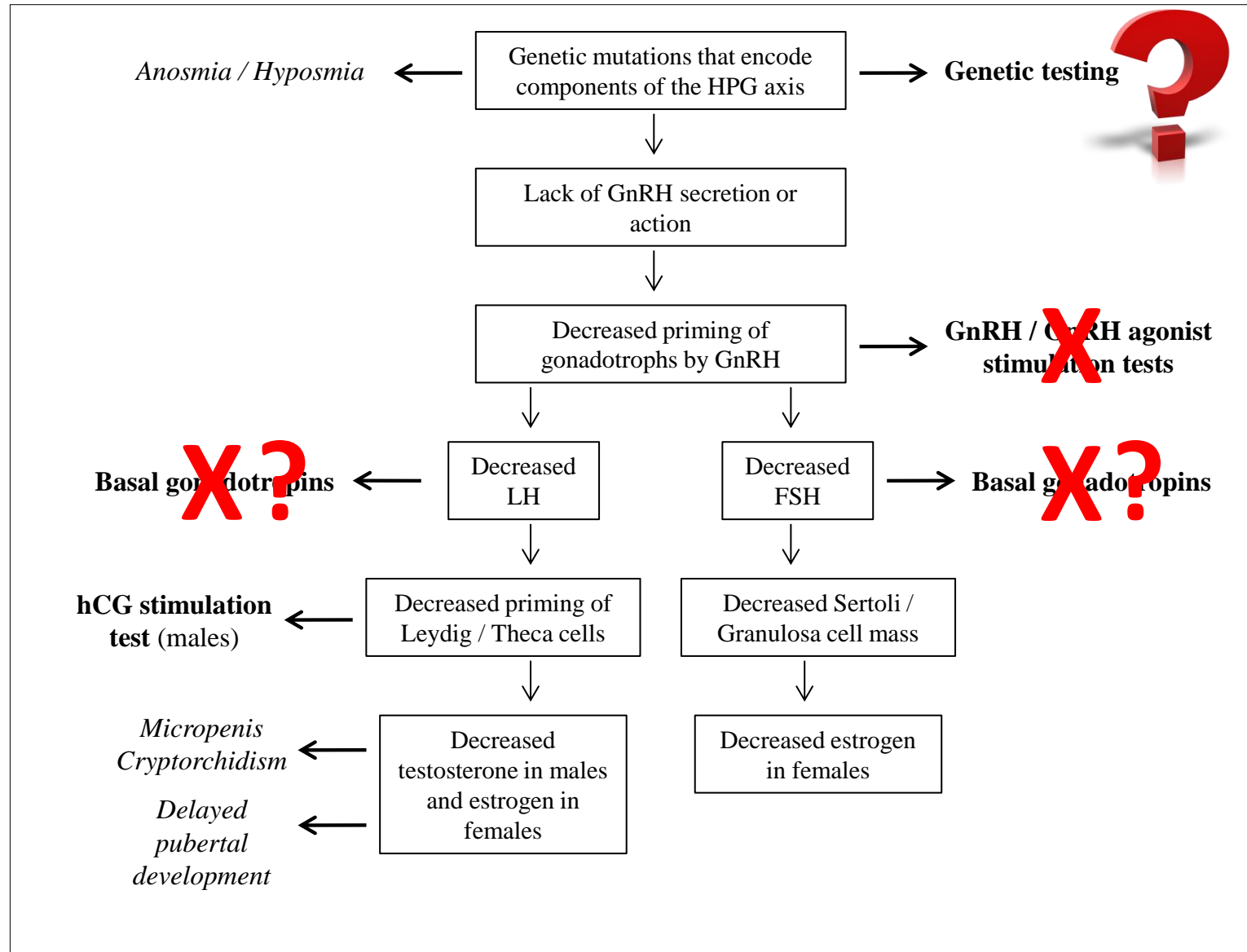
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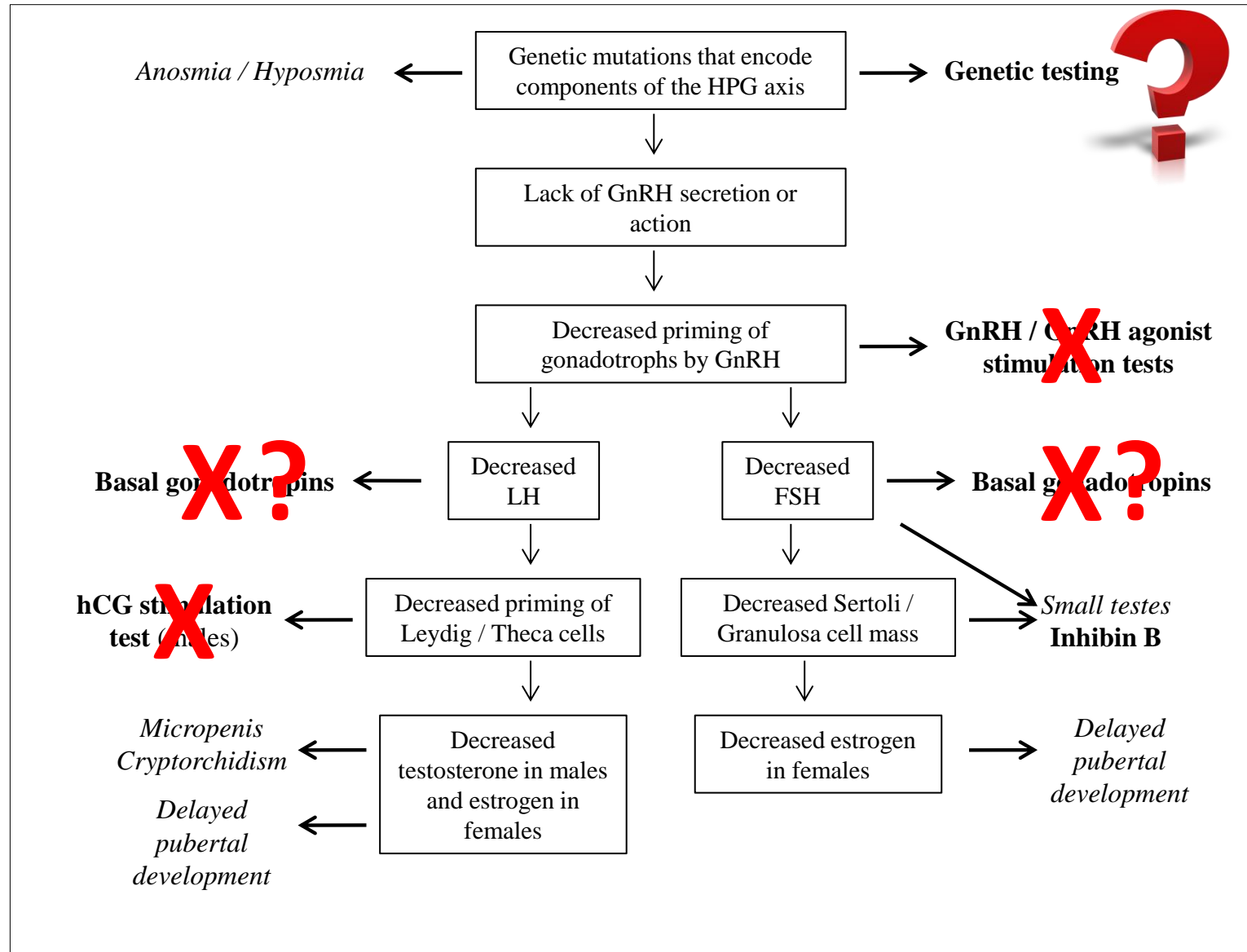
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Differentiating CDGP/SLDP from IHH/CHH: Some Numbers

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE *Puberty, ageing and HRT*

Congenital hypogonadotropic hypogonadism, functional hypogonadotropism or constitutional delay of growth and puberty? An analysis of a large patient series from a single tertiary center

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Clinical and biochemical data met by
174 boys and 70 girls

Findings:

No feature of history among girls identified CHH

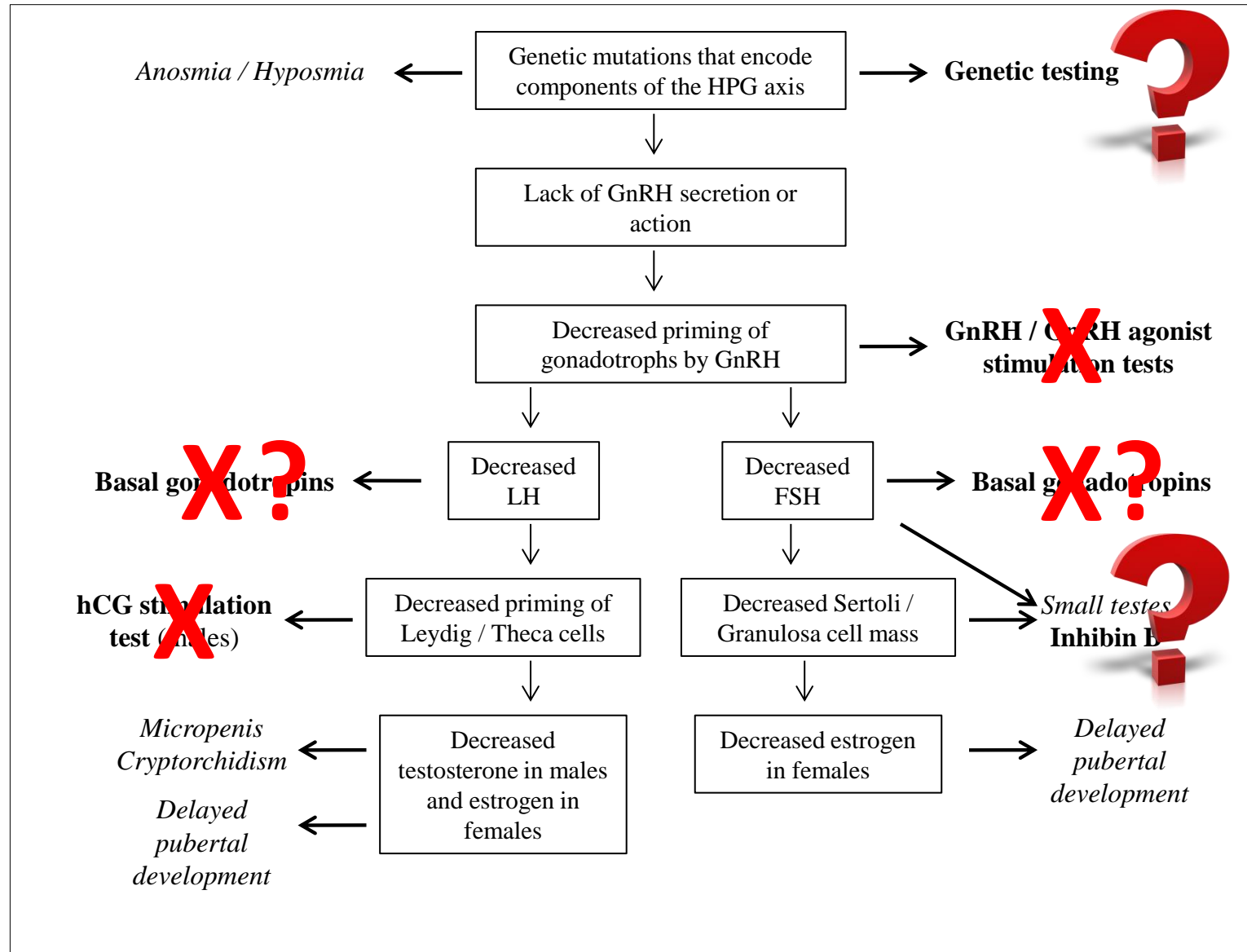
Among boys, cryptorchidism was associated with CHH (odds ratio of 17.2 (95% CI 3.4-85.4))

Testicular volume of ≤ 1 ml had sensitivity of 100% and specificity of 91% for CHH

What about tests? Not great.....

Inhibin B cut-off of 61 ng/L had 83% specificity

Differentiating: Rationale for diagnostic tests



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Rationale/Design:

-Hypothesis: kisspeptin would elicit LH response in youth with intact/emerging reproductive endocrine function

--Verify intact axis by measurement of overnight pulses

-Compare kisspeptin response to GnRH response

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In their study:

- First morning LH
- First morning FSH
- Response to exogenous GnRH

All overlapped—CDGP/SLDP and IHH/CHH, at least partially

However,

- Overnight LH pulses
- Response to kisspeptin

CDGP/SLDP differed from IHH/CHH

Will this really work? Who knows? This study included only 15 subjects (4 girls and 11 boys)

Kisspeptin as a diagnostic test

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Brief Summary:

Some children with delayed puberty will eventually enter puberty on their own. However, some children with delayed puberty have a permanent condition and require medical treatment to undergo puberty. Right now, there is no reliable diagnostic tool to tell whether a child's delayed puberty will be self-resolving or permanent. The hormone **kisspeptin** has the potential to prospectively diagnose adolescents with self-resolving or permanent delayed puberty.

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Let's discuss a couple cases

A 14 yr old young man with history of delayed puberty.....

Can we separate CDGP/SLDP from IHH/CHH?

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A 14 yr old young man with history of delayed puberty and....

- bilateral cryptorchidism and micropenis at birth
- absent sense of smell
- development of pubic hair at age 11.5 yrs

And family history of father who started puberty late, experienced stalled development, and required treatment for masculinization and to induce fertility

And physical exam that reveals 1 cc testes

Which does he have: CDGP/SLDP or IHH/CHH?

Let's discuss a couple cases

A 14 yr old young man with history of delayed puberty and.....

--no previous medical problems

--intact sense of smell

--development of pubic hair at age 13 yrs

And family history of mom with menarche at age 15 yrs and father who grew in height after high school

And physical exam that reveals testes that are 3 cc in volume

Which does he have: CDGP/SLDP or IHH/CHH?

Summary

1. Genetically CDGP/SLDP and IHH/CHH represent two sides of the same (similar) coin
2. In some ways we can even differentiate heads from tails. But not always...
3. In unclear cases, time and evidence of spontaneous, endogenous puberty may be our best discriminatory “tests.”