



DSD

Active Break

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Boy or Girl or ?



Task 1



A couple expects their first child. Routine controls are followed during pregnancy.

The ultrasound at 20 weeks pregnancy reveals unclear sex of the fetus. There is suspicion of ambiguous genitalia.

Please discuss:

Should the doctor inform the parents, even when they said that they do not want to know whether it will be a boy or girl?

What do you think, how correct is sex determination by ultrasound during pregnancy? How about genetic methods for sexing?

What are the PROS and CONS of further «workup» for DSD (e.g. getting the DSD team involved) during pregnancy or soon after birth from the perspective of a) the child, b) the parents, c) the care givers, d) others?

DSD and Competitive Sports



Task 2

Prevalence of DSDs is higher in competitive sports, especially in «female» athletes.

Please discuss:

Why is it (un)fair to let DSD females compete with typical females?

How to regulate the «unfair» biological advantage of 46,XY DSD in female athletes?

Would a third sex help? Why not or how?

How about transgender athletes?



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