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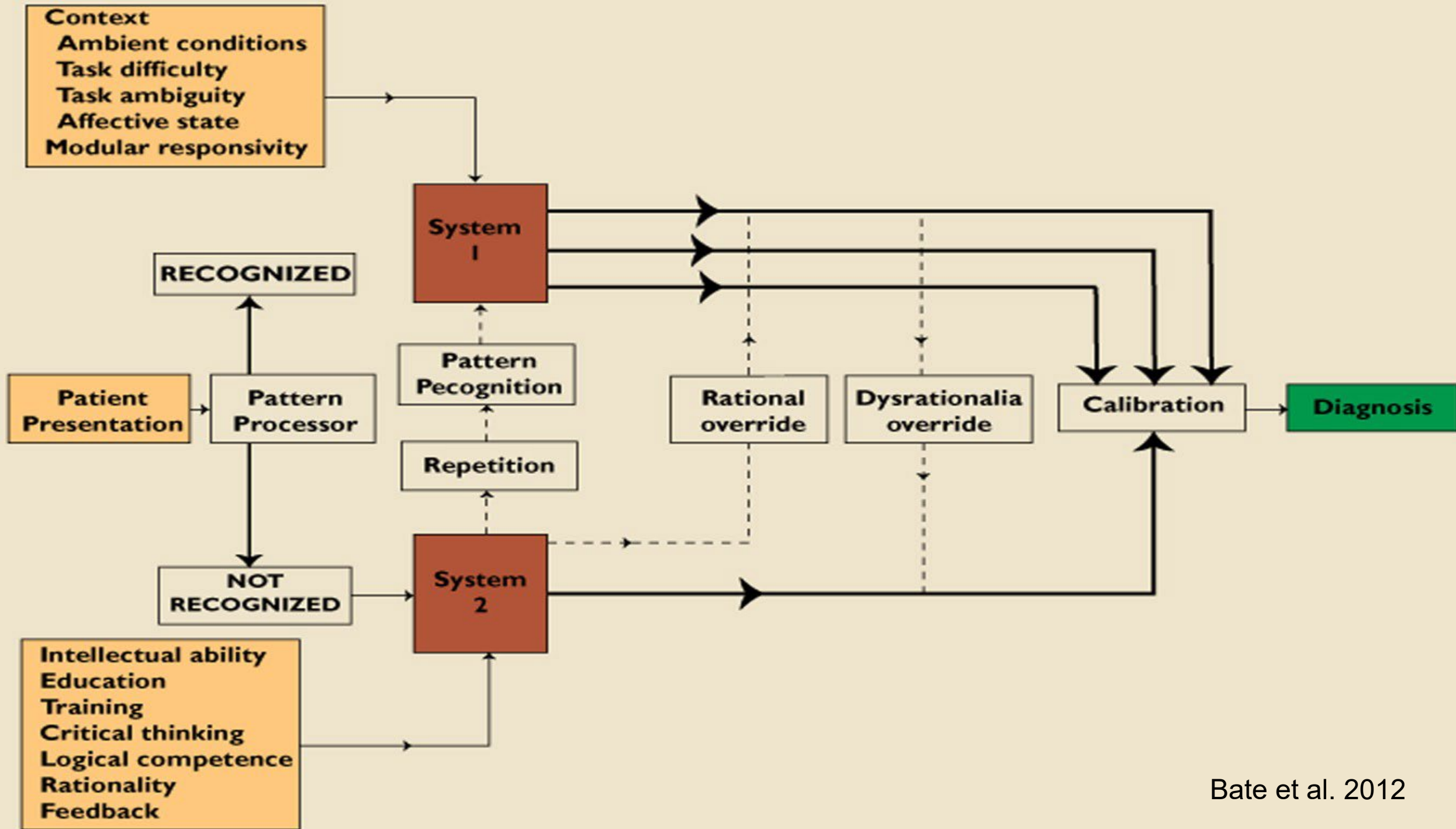
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Objectives

- Explain the process of diagnostic reasoning through an interesting clinical case.
- Organize diagnostic thinking in difficult cases using this case as an example.
- Demonstrate how to evaluate a patient with oto-sino-pulmonary disease.

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Diagnosis



Presentation

Let's meet today's patient

- 9-year-old male with history of recurrent otitis media with effusion s/p multiple tympanostomy tubes presenting with “chronic nasal congestion and cough”
- Runny and stuffy nose for years without typical allergy symptoms
 - Nasal irrigation and antibiotics only temporize symptoms
 - Nasal drainage persists despite sinus surgery 5 years ago

History Highlights

- Chronic “chunky” and wet cough that is year round
 - Worse with exercise
- No recurrent upper respiratory tract infections
- Born late preterm with a 7-day NICU course for NEC
- Twin with allergies

Exam Highlights

- Vitals

BP 90/55 | Pulse 85 | Ht 54.69" (138.9 cm), 74th percentile |
Wt 63 lb 11.2 oz (28.9 kg), 47th percentile | BMI 14.98 kg/m²,
21st percentile. SpO₂ 98%.

- Pale nasal mucosa and cobblestoning in pharynx
- Coarse breath sounds without wheeze

Our patient's work-up

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41% neutrophils, 46% lymphocytes, 8% monocytes, 4% eosinophils, 1% basophils

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- Negative ANCA testing
- Negative allergy testing

Age specific norms

Our patient's work-up

Sweat Chloride testing: 17mmol/L x2

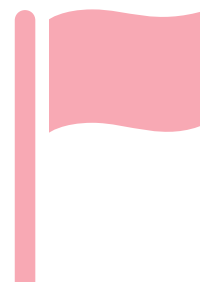
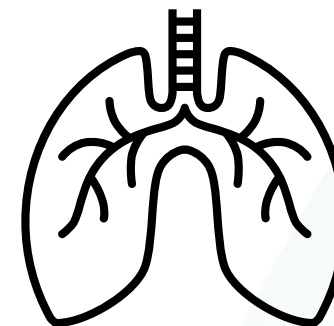
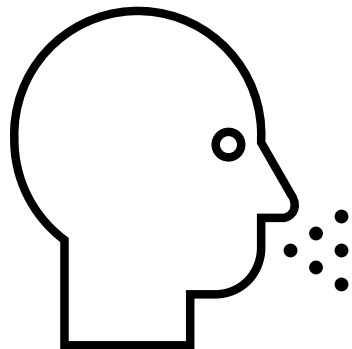
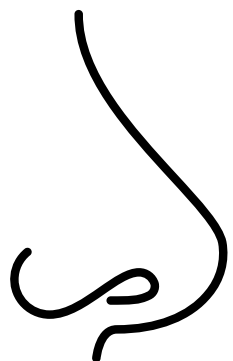
CXR: Bronchial wall thickening and airspace opacities within the right middle lobe and lingula

Sinus pathology (from age 4): Mucosa: Biopsy: Cilia with focal disorganization, favor reactive-type changes.

	LLN	Pred	Baseline	%Pred	POST	%Chg	%Pred Post
FVC	2.57	3.16	2.76	87	2.78	1	88
FEV1	2.17	2.69	2.29	85	2.43	6	90
FEV1/FVC	75	86	72	84	73	1	
PEF	4.12	5.73	5.82	102	5.37	-8	
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Case Review

Pattern Recognition



Focused Differential

- Unifying
 - Primary Immunodeficiencies
 - X-Linked Agammaglobulinemia (XLA)
 - Common Variable Immunodeficiency (CVID)
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 - Granulomatosis with polyangiitis
- Other Considerations
 - Asthma + allergic rhinitis + chronic sinusitis

Turn 1: Chronic Sinusitis



Chronic Rhinosinusitis (CRS)

- Diagnosis of CRS is 2 or more of the following symptoms for at least 12 weeks
 - Nasal obstruction
 - Facial Pressure/pain
 - Purulent rhinorrhea
 - Cough

Factors contributing to pediatric CRS

Frequent viral URIs

Anatomical abnormalities of sinus/ostia

Immune immaturity or deficiency

Biofilm formation

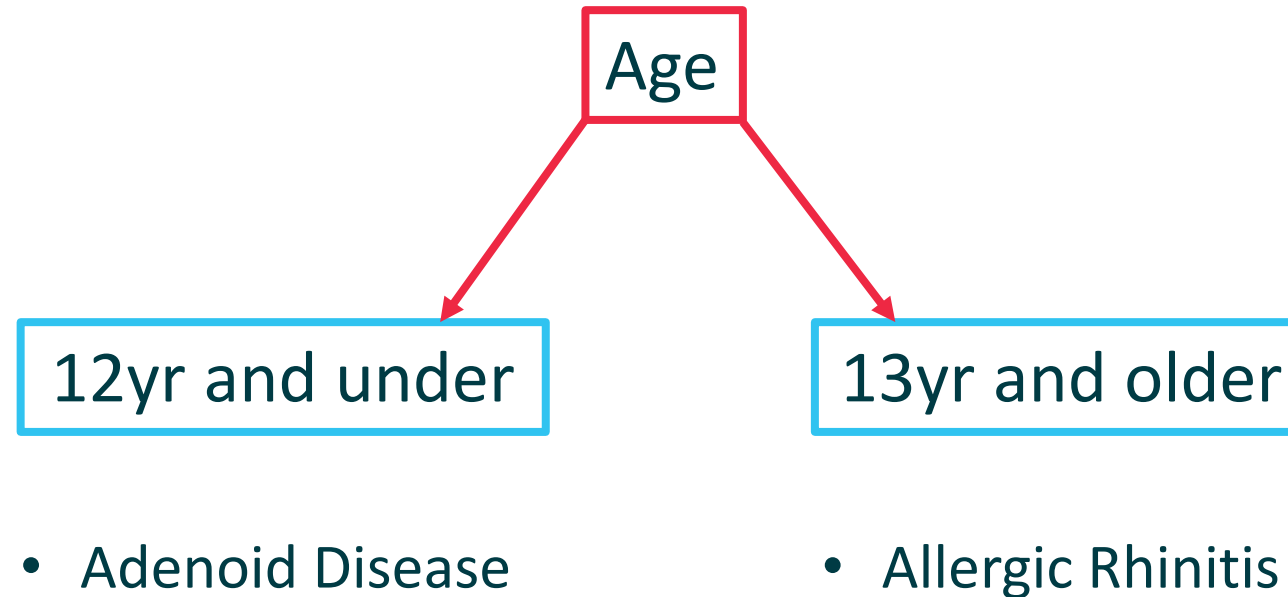
Adenoid Enlargement

Allergy

Impairment of mucociliary clearance

Hamilos 2015

Treatment Considerations:



Treatment Options: Non-operative

↳ **Intranasal Steroids**

Nasal Saline Irrigation

Antibiotics

Biologics



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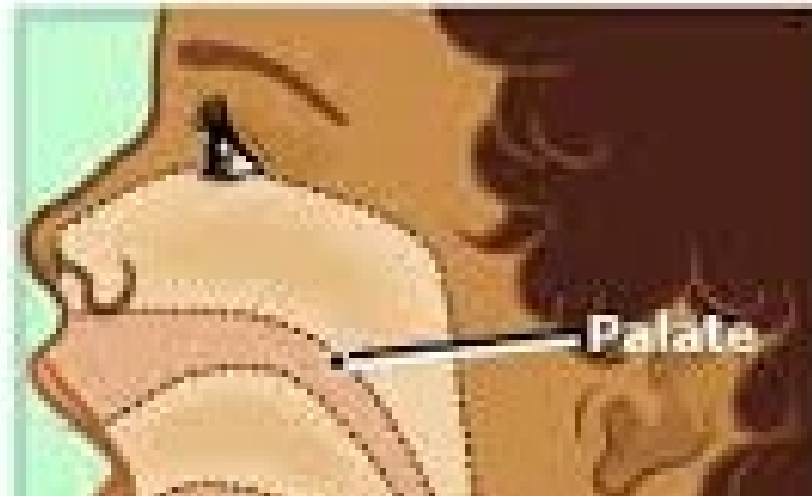
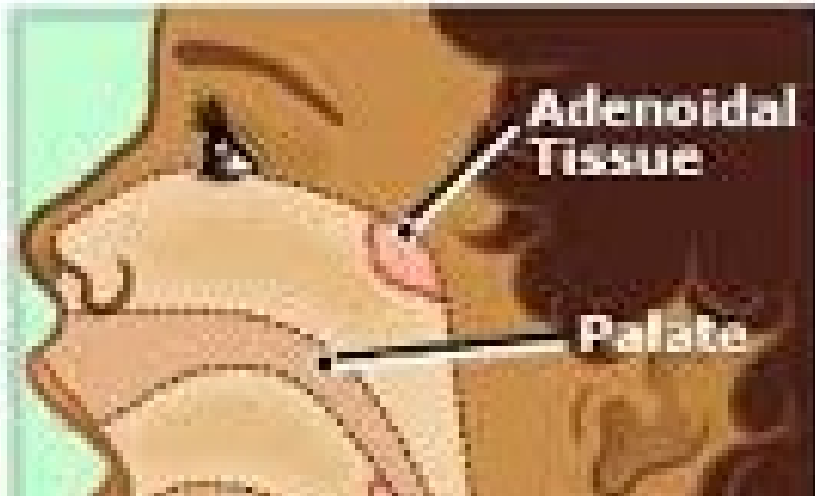


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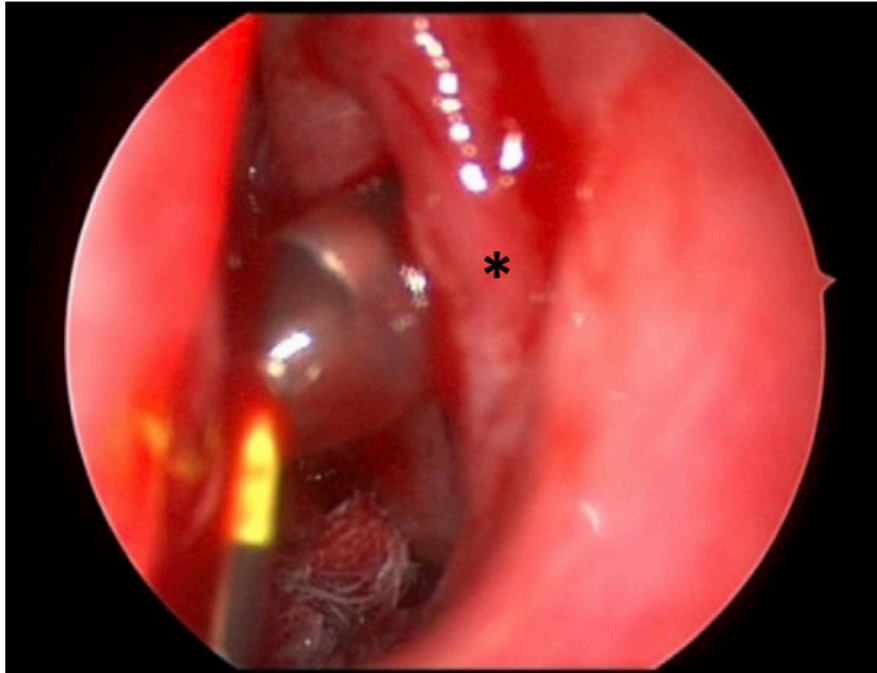
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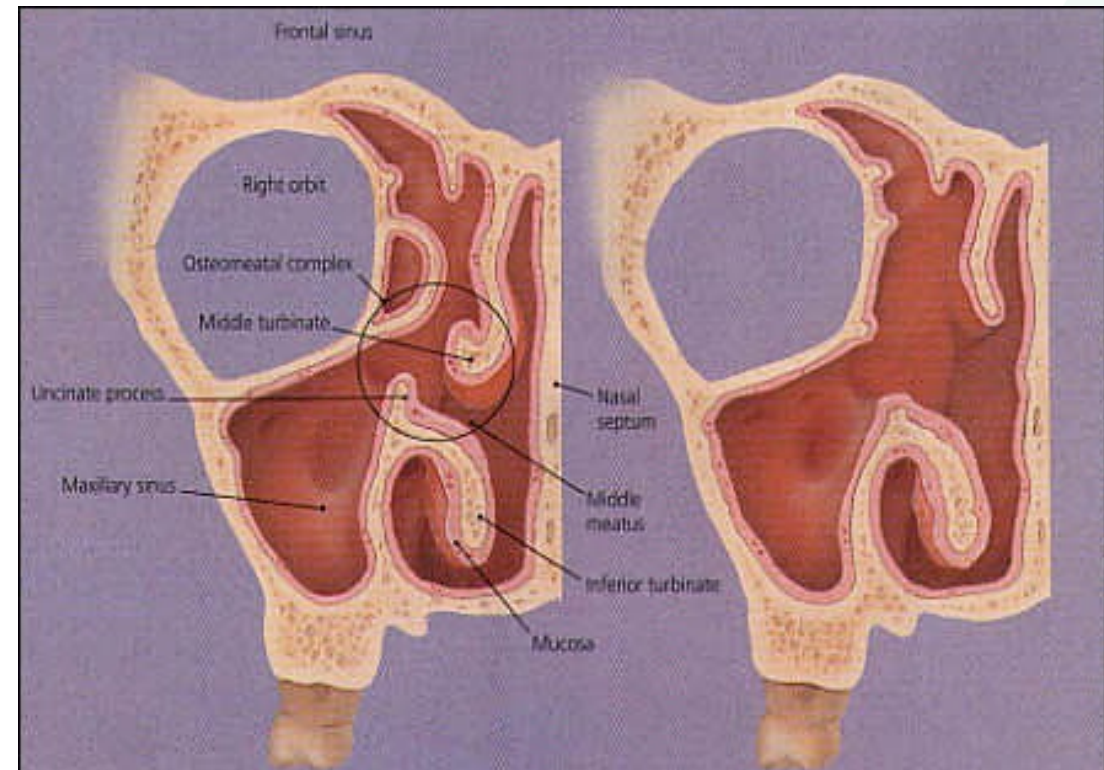
Functional endoscopic sinus surgery

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Adenoidectomy

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Functional endoscopic sinus surgery



What do we know about our patient?

Our patient: Oto-Sino-Pulmonary Disease

- Chronic snoring and nasal congestion with purulent discharge
 - Adenoidectomy performed (uncertain age)
 - Sinus surgery at age 4 (presumably FESS)
 - Mucosa Pathology: “cilia with focal disorganization, favor reactive-changes”
 - No relief with allergic rhinitis management and negative allergy testing
- Where do we go with this information?

Factors contributing to pediatric CRS

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Turn 2: Recurrent AOM



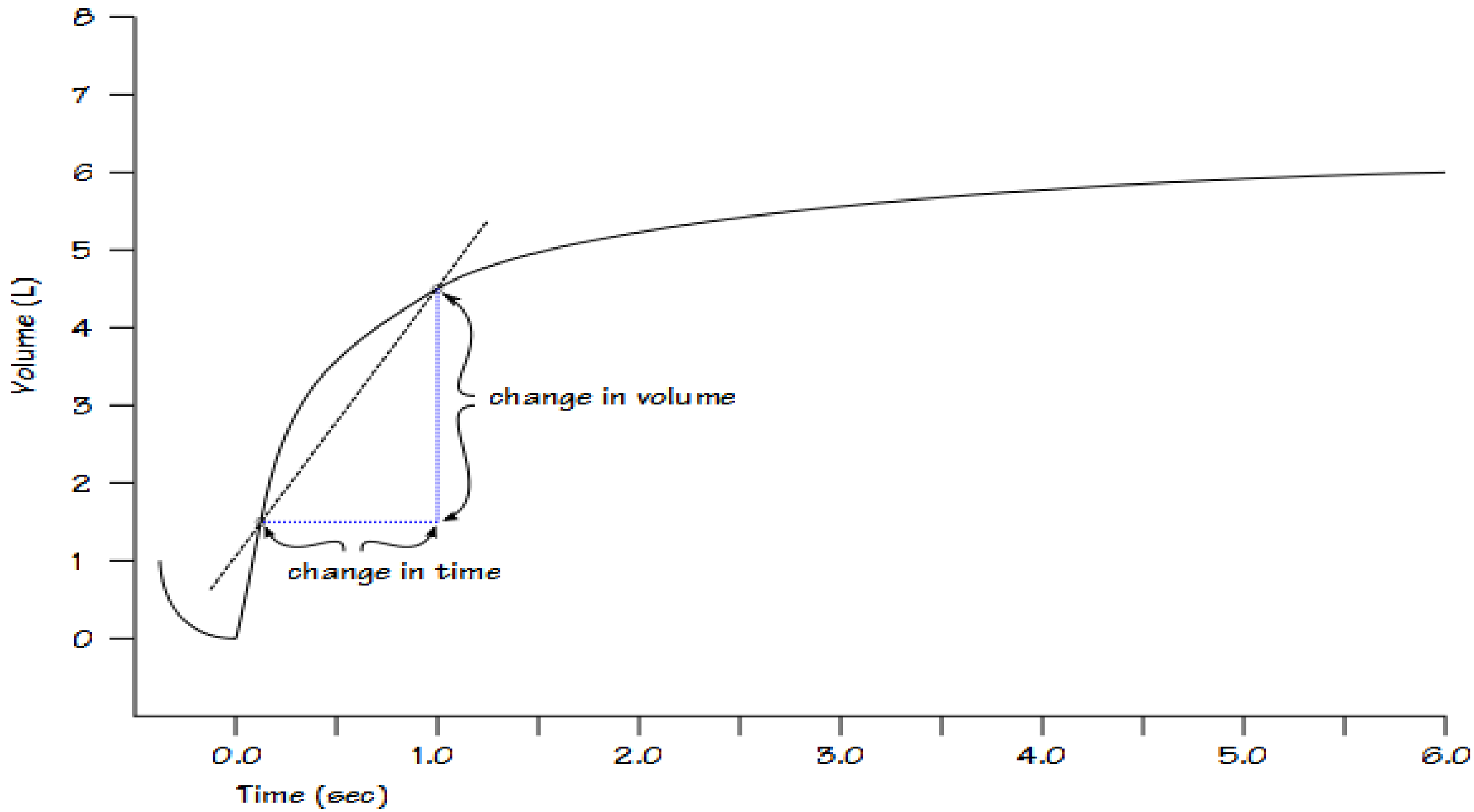
Turn 3: Lower Airway Disease



What do we know about our patient?

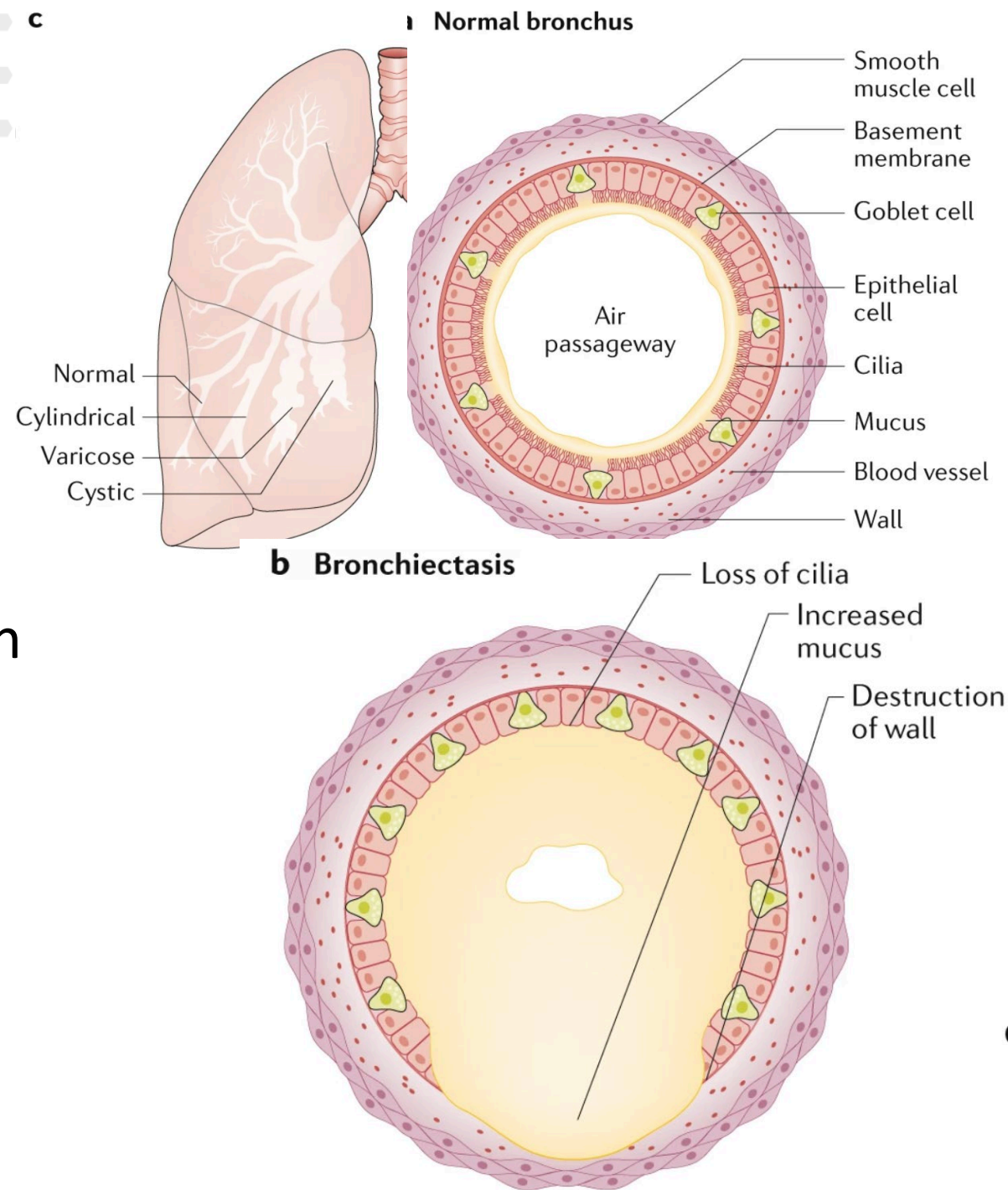
Our patient: Oto-Sino-Pulmonary Disease

- Chronic cough
 - Wet, productive, and worsens with exercise
- Consider
 - Post-nasal drip?
 - Cardiac etiology?
 - Lower respiratory tract disease?



Bronchiectasis

- Characterized by wet productive cough, recurrent infections, and/or dyspnea
- Diagnosis is made with high-resolution computed tomography (HRCT) evidence of bronchial dilation
- Spirometry has limited sensitivity or specificity



Bronchiectasis

- Chronic lung condition that is an endpoint of a variety of conditions
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Turn 4: Immunodeficiencies



Antibody Deficiency Disorders

When to Suspect

Recurrent bacterial infections of the sinopulmonary tract

- otitis media, sinusitis, and pneumonia

May have:

- Diarrhea
- Autoimmune conditions

Common Considerations

Selective IgA Deficiency

Common Variable Immunodeficiency

Congenital Agammaglobulinemias

Starting Work-up

Measure major immunoglobulin classes (IgG, IgA, IgM, and IgE)

Measurement of specific antibody responses (vaccines)

T-Cell or Combined T- and B-Cell Disorders

When to suspect

Growth faltering and recurrent infections with opportunistic pathogens

- Candida albicans
- Pneumocystis jiroveci
- cytomegalovirus (very early in life)

Diarrhea and Skin rashes are common

Common Considerations:

DiGeorge (thymic aplasia)

Hyper IgM

SCID

WAS

Immunodeficiency with ataxia-telangiectasia

Starting Work-up

Cell count with differential (severe lymphopenia)

Lymphocyte subpopulation evaluation

Phagocyte Dysfunction Syndromes

When to suspect

Recurrent bacterial and fungal infections of the skin, lymph nodes, lung, liver, and bone

Common Considerations

Chronic granulomatous disease (CDG)
Leukocyte adhesion deficiency (LAD)

Starting Work-up

Leukocyte count (with differential) and morphologic review
Consider direct assays

Complement Disorders

When to suspect

SLE-like illness
Frequent sinopulmonary infections
Recurrent infections with encapsulated organism

Common Considerations

C3 Deficiency
Membrane Attack Complex Deficiency

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Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia

- Genetically heterogeneous disorder of motile cilia
- Typical phenotype
 1. Neonatal respiratory distress (usually term)
 2. Chronic, persistent lower respiratory symptoms
 3. Chronic, persistent upper respiratory symptoms
 4. Laterality defects (situs inversus or situs ambiguous)

Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia

- Relatively low prevalence
- Recently identified clinical sensitivity and specificity (Leigh et al 2016)
 1. Year-round daily productive cough
 2. Year-round, daily/non-seasonal rhinosinusitis
 3. Neonatal respiratory distress (without known source)
 4. Laterality defects
 - 2 or more symptoms has a sensitivity of 80% and specificity of 72%
- Management is generally supportive
 - Gene therapy on the horizon



The Unexpected Speed Bump

Diagnostic Dilemma

Diagnostic Tools

- No current “gold standard”
- Emerging Options
 - Nasal nitric oxide (nNO) measurement
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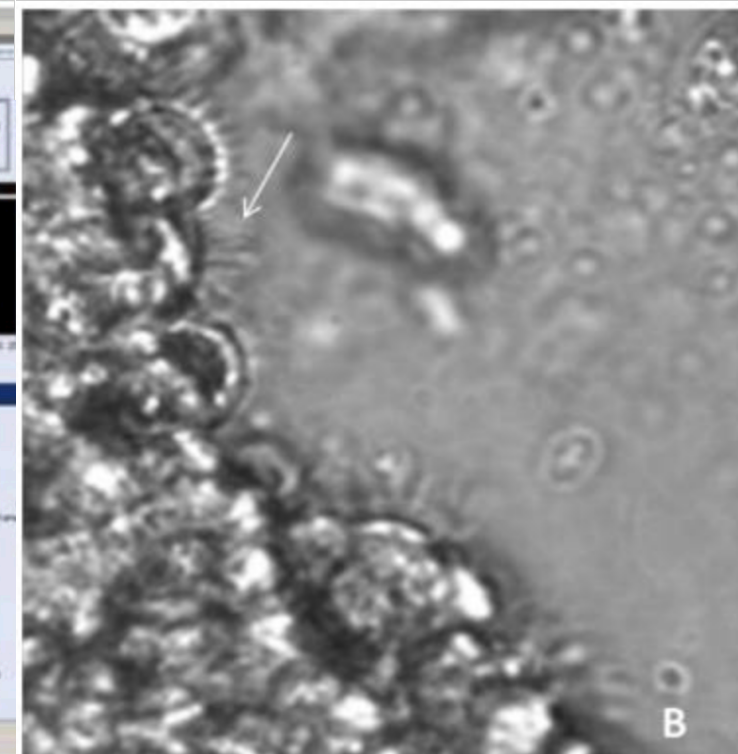
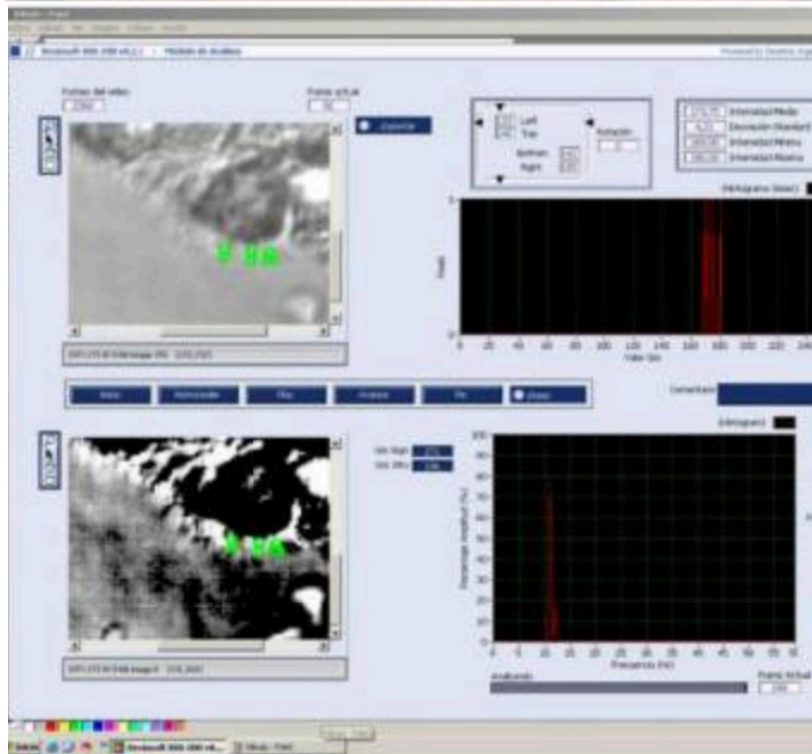
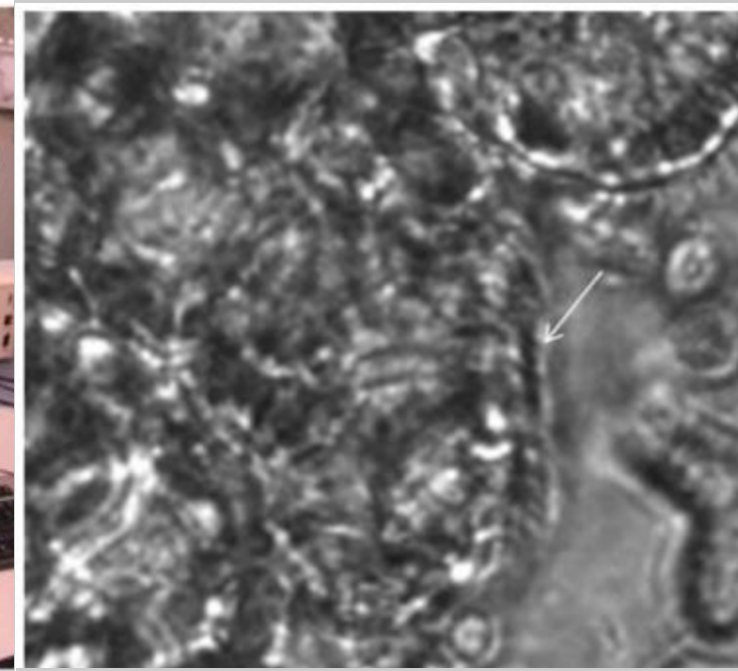
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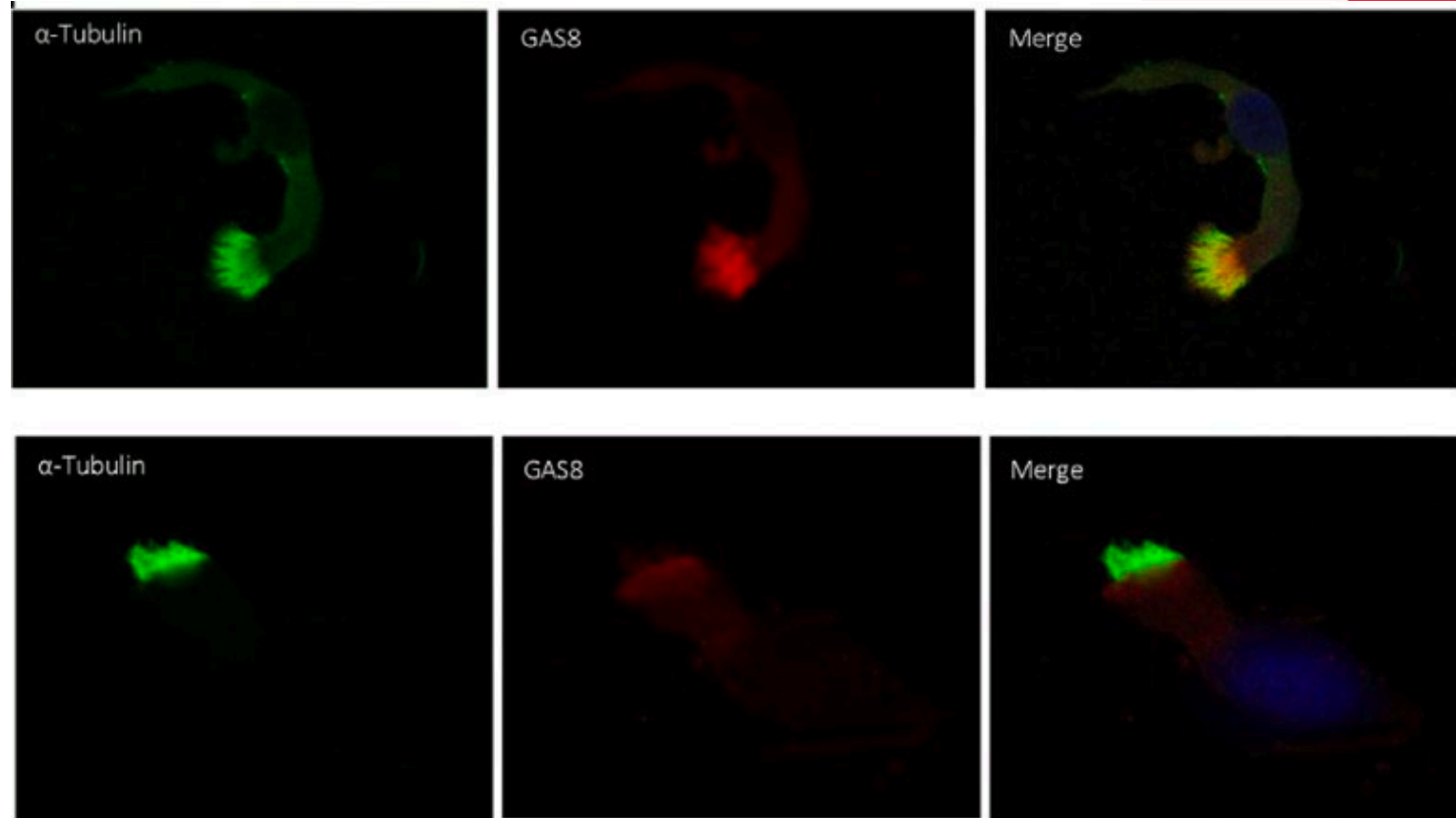
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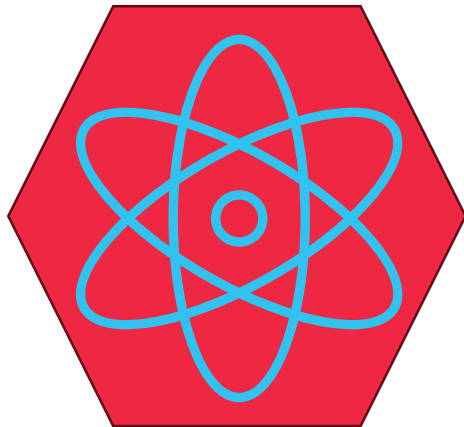
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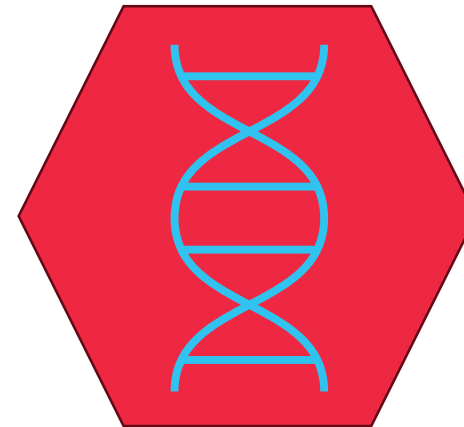


Goutaki & Shoemark 2022

Diagnostic Tools

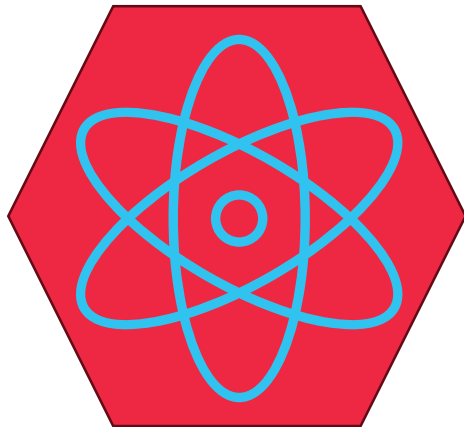


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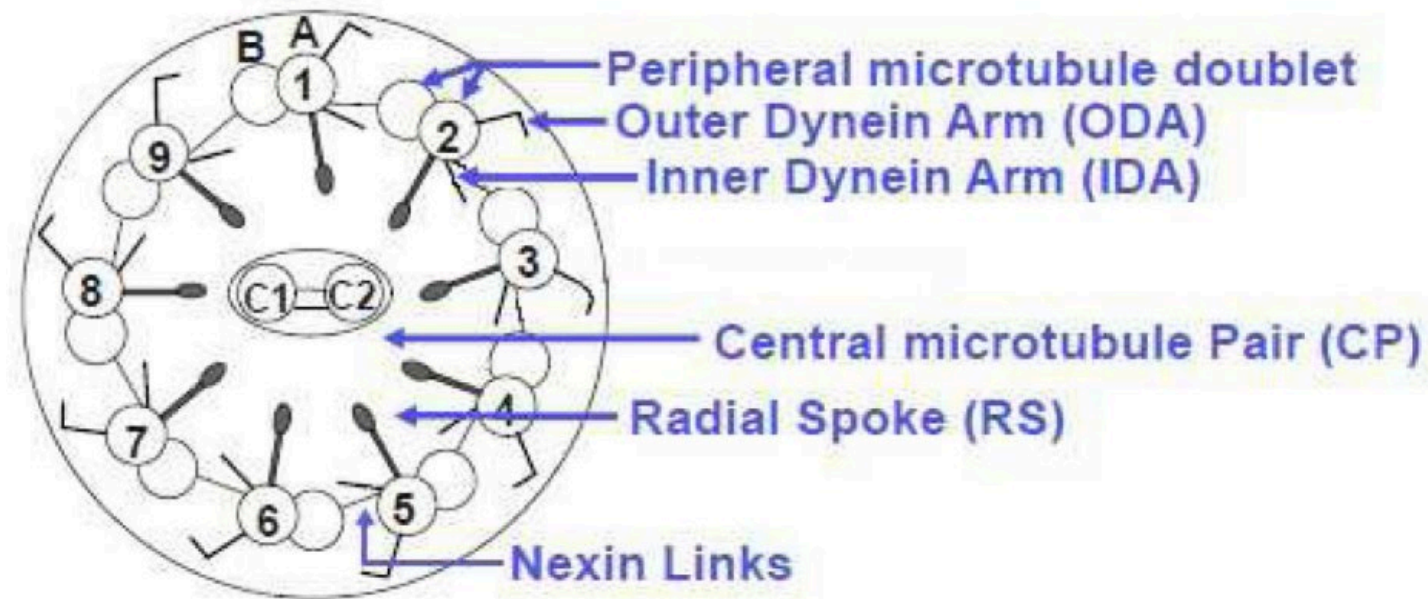


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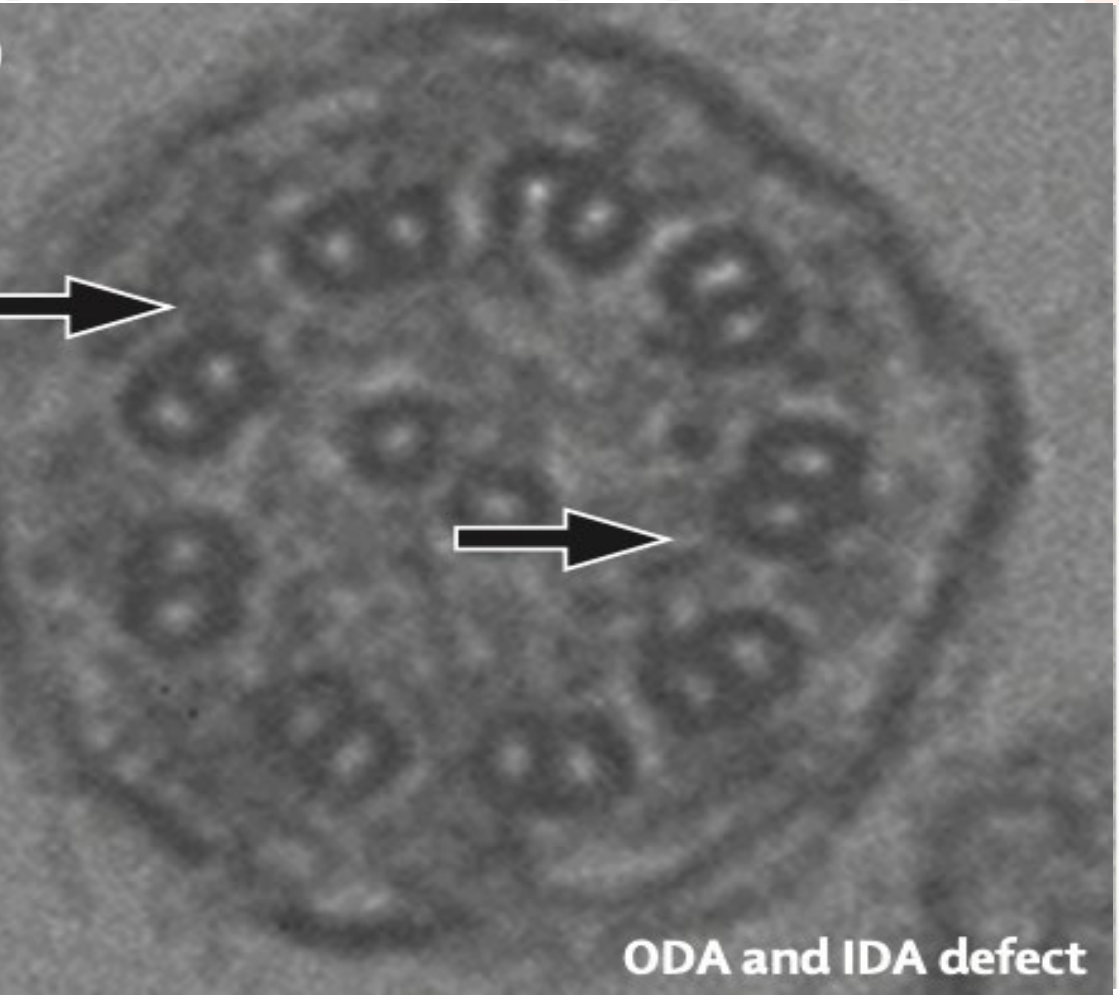
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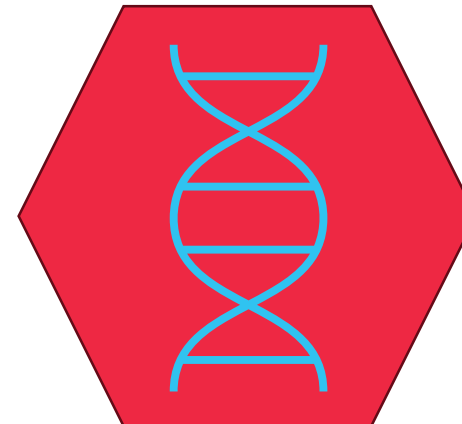
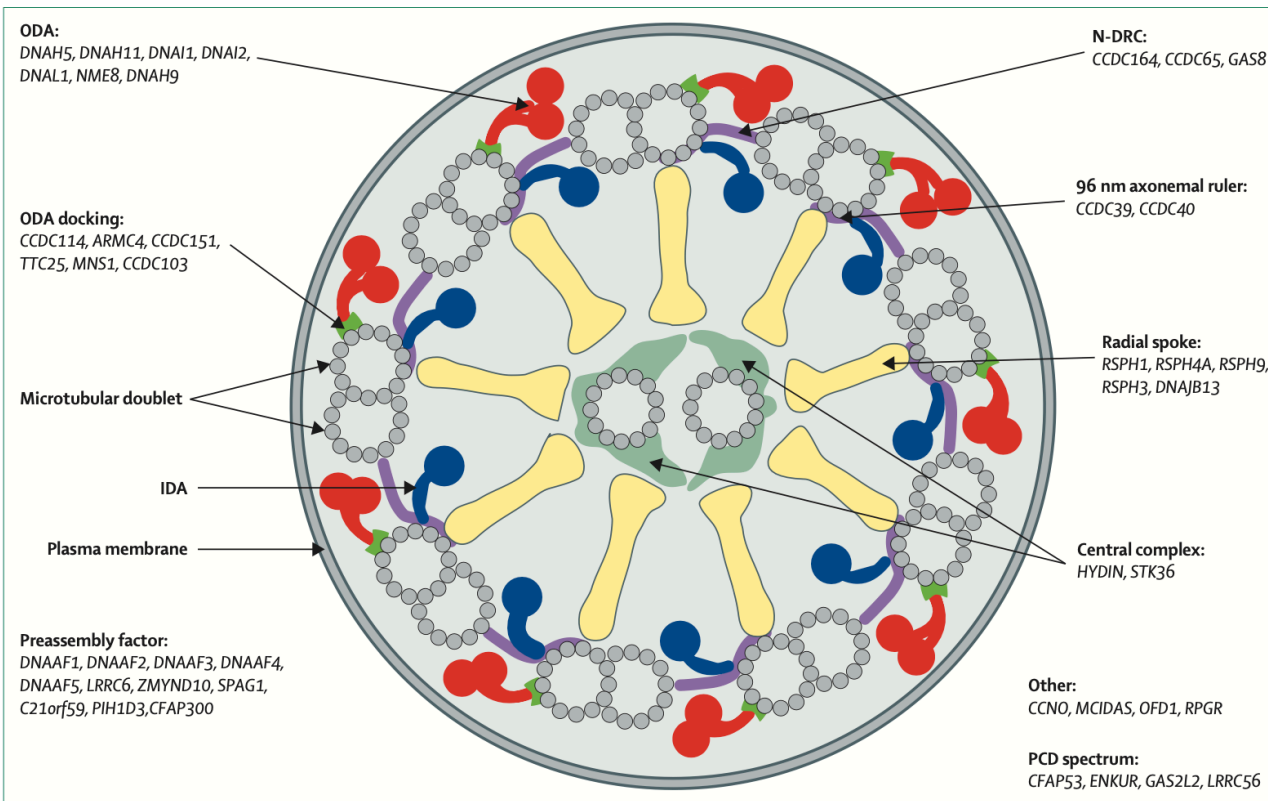


Knowles et al 2016



Lucas et al 2020

Diagnostic Tools



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Diagnosis of Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia

An Official American Thoracic Society Clinical Practice Guideline

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THIS OFFICIAL CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE OF THE AMERICAN THORACIC SOCIETY WAS APPROVED MAY 2018

At least 2 of the 4 key clinical features for PCD:
 Unexplained neonatal respiratory distress in term infant
 Year-round daily cough beginning before 6 months of age
 Year-round daily nasal congestion beginning before 6 months of age
 Organ laterality defect

No → PCD Unlikely

Yes

Access to nNO testing (with chemiluminescence device and standardized protocol) at specialty center
AND Cooperative patient ≥5 years old, capable of performing nNO testing maneuver

Yes to both
 (preferred pathway)

No to either

Nasal nitric oxide measurement*

Extended genetic testing panel†

Low nNO level

Normal nNO level

Biallelic pathogenic variants in PCD-associated gene

Single pathogenic variant in PCD-associated gene‡

No pathogenic variants in PCD-associated genes‡

Diagnosis of PCD, if CF is excluded.
 - Advise repeat nNO to verify low value‡

Unlikely PCD diagnosis
 Pursue genetic testing if strong clinical features§

Diagnosis of PCD

Electron microscopy of ciliary ultrastructure

Recognized ciliary ultrastructural defect¶

Normal ciliary ultrastructure

Inadequate sample or indeterminate analysis

Diagnosis of PCD

PCD Still Possible[▲]

Unknown
 Consider repeat TEM or referral to PCD specialty center

Pursue additional corroborative PCD testing:^{||}
 - Extended genetic panel testing (first line)
 - TEM of ciliary ultrastructure

What is CPC?

Diagnosis:

Primary Ciliary Dyskinesia

Confirmatory Test:

Extended Genetic Panel

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