



Management of fertility preservation in young patients with Turner syndrome

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Turner syndrome diagnosis

Median: 15 years
Range: 0-86 years
n = 746

- 1/2500 / 1/3000 female newborns
- 10 - 20% spontaneous abortion
- <1% of 45,X viable
- **Mostly prenatal diagnosis or childhood (~12 years)**
- **~50% before 12 years**
- **Short stature / Ovarian insufficiency (puberty retardation)**

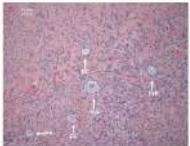
[Stocholm al., 2006 - Trovo de Marqui et al., 2014 - Silvia D'Ippolito et al., 2017 - Culen et al., 2017 - Gravholt et al., 2017]

Puberty / Fertility

Spontaneous puberty	~40-50% (mosaic form +++) <small>[Hednott, 2011]</small>	
Spontaneous menarche	10% <small>[Hovatta, 1999 - Welt, 2008 - Hednott, 2011 - Hewitt, 2013]</small>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 45,X/46,XX – Xp distal deletion (>Xp11.1, Xp21.1, Xp22.1.22) 		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – 45,X – Xq deletion Xq (Xq13.2, Xq26, Xq27) – Chromosome X ring – Y chromosome material 		
Premature ovarian failure	29.3 years (TS mosaic) <small>[Reindalo RH, 1996]</small>	
1.8 to 7.6 % of spontaneous pregnancy	<small>[Hovatta, 1999 - Hednott, 2011 - Chakhtoura, 2013 - Hewitt et al., 2013]</small>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Birth rate – Age at pregnancy 	3 à 40% <small>[22;24] years</small>	

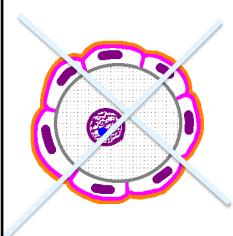
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From prenatal life to puberty

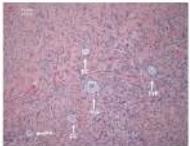



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- Accelerated degeneration of primordial follicles ~ 18 Weeks
- Follicular loss depending on chromosome abnormality
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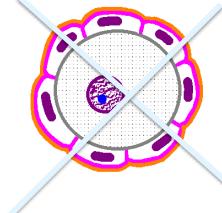
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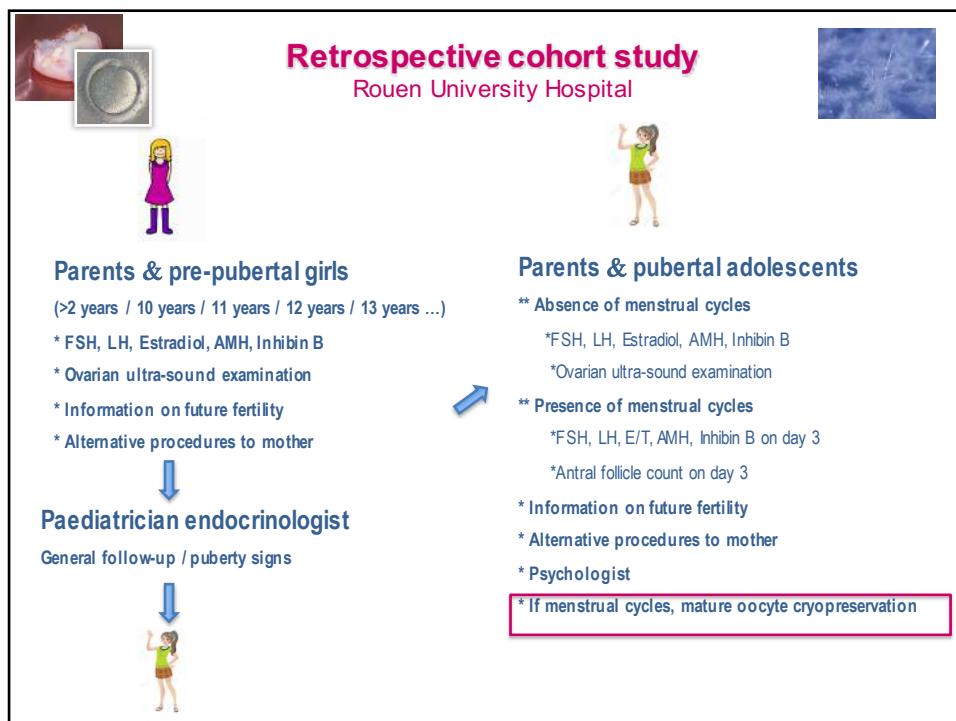
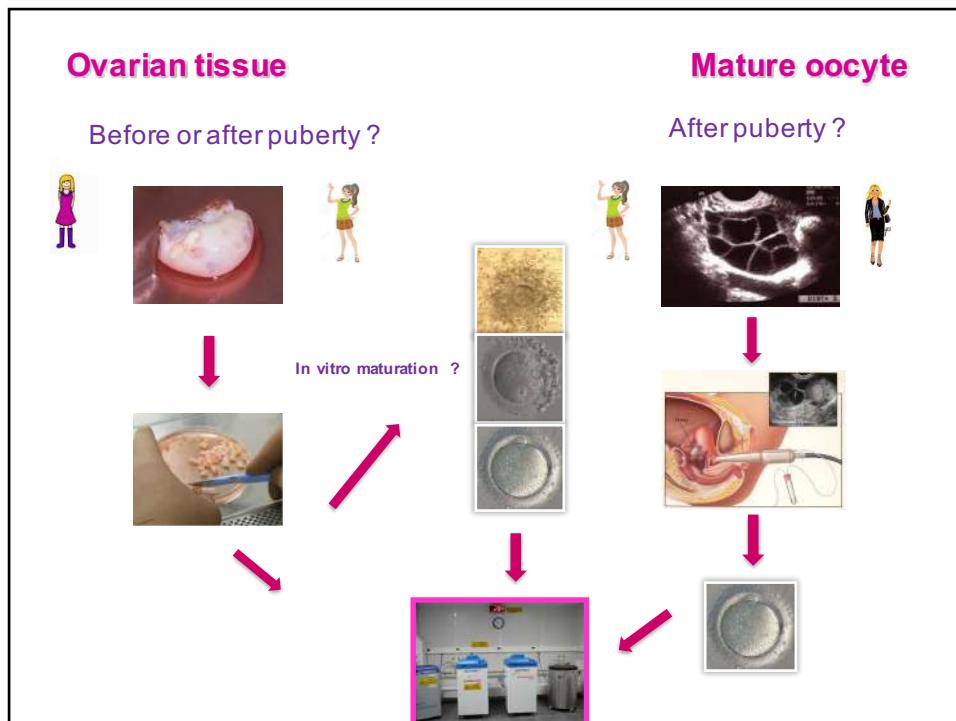



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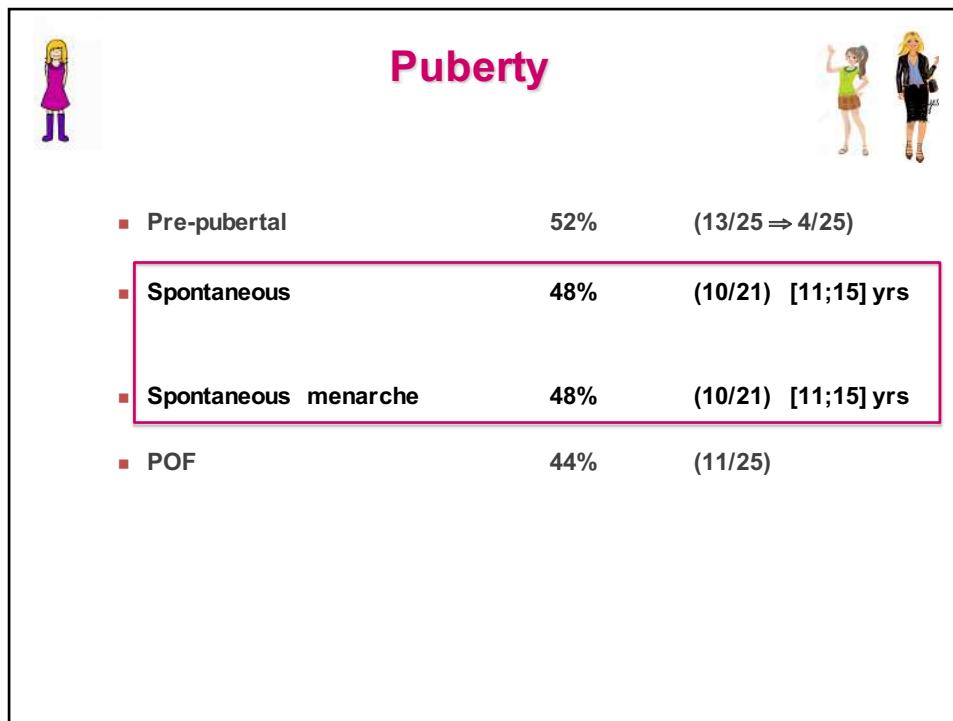
→ Fertility preservation ?





Chromosome abnormalities		
25 patients [3;27] yrs Median : 12±5 yrs		
Chromosome abnormalities		Fertility prognosis
45,X	(3)	
46,X,i(X)(q)	(2)	
45,X/46,X i(X)(q)	(2)	
45,X/46,X r(X)	(1)	13/25 (52%)
45,X/46,X i(Y)	(2)	
45,X/46,XX,del(X)(p)	(1)	
46, XX,del(X)(q)	(1)	
45,X/46,X,+marY	(1)	
45,X/46,XX	(9)	
45,X/47,XXX	(1)	12/25 (48%)
45,X/46,XX /47,XXX	(1)	
46,XX,del(X)(p)	(1)	

Clinical features		
Context of diagnosis		
■ Prenatal diagnosis		10 (40%)
■ Growth retardation		12 (48%)
■ No pubertal development		1
■ POF/ Growth retardation		2
Malformations		
■ Heart		5
■ Kidney		6
Learning disorder		10 (40%)
Psychosocial problem (Emotional immaturity)		25



Fertility preservation

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P1	1	45,X/46,XX	12	Prenatal diagnosis	5.6	5.6	10	15	antagonist	14	LO	80
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P7	1	45,X/46,XX	15	Short stature	4	8.2	40	16	antagonist	6		
P11	1	45,X/46,XX	13	Short stature	4.32	0.9	3	14	agonist	2	LO	21.65
P12	1	46,XX,delXp	15	Prenatal diagnosis	6.86	2.3	16	15	antagonist	5		
P15	1	45,X/46,XX	13	Short stature	7.28	1.1		15	antagonist	12		
P21	1	45,XX/47,XXX	15	Short stature	7.3	1	9	28	antagonist	3	4	
	2								antagonist			

■ Mature oocyte freezing

- 6 patients with at least one oocyte banking cycle
- 2 patients awaiting fertility preservation [45,X ; 45,X/47,XXX]
- 2 patient refusals [parents, « fear » of the patient]



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■ Ovarian tissue banking

- 2 patients in addition to oocyte banking
- 1 patient with POF (10 yrs)
- 3 patients with bilateral gonadectomy (Y chromosome material)
→ 1 with gonadoblastoma (3 yrs)



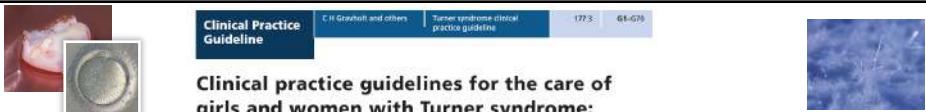
Parents' point of view

- Present [“23/25”; 2 patients > 25 yrs]
- Complete agreement with the procedure (21/23)
- The “syndrome” was too present
- They feeled guilty and were not completely objective
- No question on future sexuality of their daughter
- Experimental nature of the procedure



Patients' point of view

- 24 patients (>3 yrs)
 - Future fertility was a high priority for 20/24 patients
 - 5 patients did not have any knowledge about TS and fertility
 - 4 patients expressed some hesitations about fertility preservation with two refusals
 - Absolute necessity to discuss the possibility of POF
 - Absolute necessity to discuss alternative procedure to mother (adoption – oocyte donation – living without children)
 - 12 patients did not have any knowledge on oocyte donation
 - 3 patients talked spontaneously about oocyte donation
 - 4 patients talked spontaneously about adoption
 - We impose the necessity of parenthood to children ?
 - Informed consent ?



Clinical Practice Guideline | C H Graschott and others | Turner syndrome clinical practice guideline | 1773 | 64-676

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R 3.2. We suggest that young mosaic TS women with persistent ovarian function should be counseled that oocyte cryopreservation after controlled ovarian hyperstimulation is a possible fertility preservation option (⊕○○○).

R 3.3. We recommend against routine oocyte retrieval for fertility preservation of young TS girls before the age of 12 years (⊕○○○).

R 3.6. We suggest that other options for motherhood such as adoption or using a gestational carrier should be mentioned during preconception counseling (⊕○○○).