# **The eXtraordinary Babies Study:**

# Health and Neurodevelopment in Infants with Prenatal Diagnoses of Sex Chromosome Trisomy

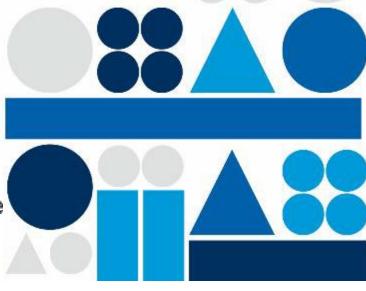
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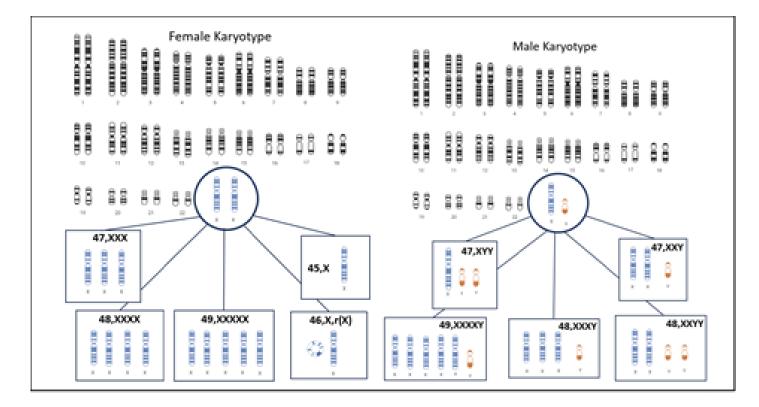






# **Outline**

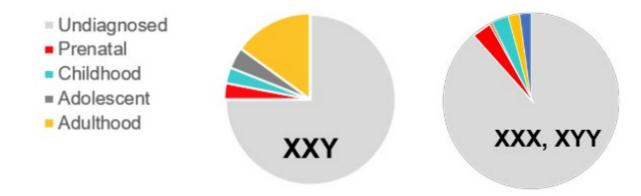
- eXtraordinarY Babies Study
  - Background & Study Aims
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  - Medical Features in Year 1 of life
  - Developmental Milestones
  - Predictors of Outcomes at 3 years of age
  - Role of Infant Testosterone Treatment in Developmental Outcomes
  - XXYY syndrome results



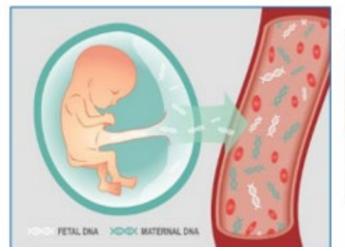
### **BACKGROUND**

Historically, X&Y Chromosome Variations have been underdiagnosed by medical professionals

Individuals <u>diagnosed with</u> X&Y variations were just a fraction of those who actually have the condition

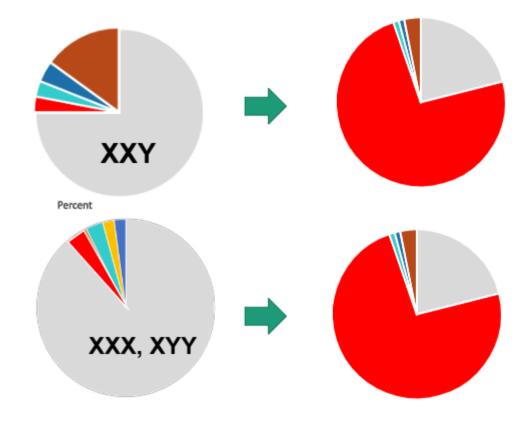


### Since 2011 in US....





**Noninvasive Prenatal Screening** 



### **IMPACTS OF INCREASED DIAGNOSES:**

Increased need for genetic counseling for X&Y variations

Many more babies presenting to pediatric offices as newborns for medical care

Many more babies presenting for developmental care / therapies

### **OPPORTUNITY:**

Large cohort of babies to follow prospectively from birth

Less bias than previous research and clinical samples

Opportunity to understand family experience

Opportunity to improve genetic counseling

Opportunity to improve medical care and developmental care



Natural History of Health and Neurodevelopment Infants with a Prenatal Diagnosis of Sex Chromosome Trisomy

#### The eXtraordinarY Babies Study:

Natural History of Health and Neurodevelopment in Infants with Prenatal Diagnoses of Sex Chromosome Trisomy



#### Potential Risk or **Protective** Factors

Race/Ethnicity Socioeconomic status Location/resources Parental cognition Mosaicism/genetics Prematurity/birth weight

Sex Chromosome Trisomy:

Prenatal exposures Parent Stress Community Support Screening/Testing Lifestyle (diet, sleep) Developmental therapies Hormonal therapies Hormone levels

### **Longitudinal Patient-Centered Outcomes**

Early Childhood School Age

**Cognitive Function** 

Adaptive Function

**Early Literacy & Learning** 

**Language Skills** 

**Anxiety/Emotional Health** 

**Autism/Social Function** 

**Child Quality of Life** 

Medical conditions

Adiposity/metabolism

Sleep / Fatigue

**Gonadal function** 

Adolescence

**Cognitive Function Adaptive Function Learning Disabilities** Academic achievement Social functioning Language/ Self-Expression **Mental health Diagnoses** Self-Esteem

Hypogonadism

#### Adulthood

**Disabilities & Services** Level of Independence Career / Economic **Educational &** Occupational Achievements **Quality of Life** Relationships **Mental Health Diagnoses** Ovarian/Testicular Failure Sexual Health Fertility **Type 2 Diabetes** Cardiovascular Disease Other Medical Conditions Mortality

**Cognitive Function** Language Milestones **Motor Milestones Early Social skills** Infant Temperament **Adaptive Function** Medical conditions Feeding / Growth **Body composition** 

**Quality of Life** Metabolic syndrome Insulin Resistance Other Medical conditions Fatigue **Pubertal development** 

Future Directions



- Prenatal identification of sex chromosome variation
- Diagnostic confirmatory testing
- English or Spanish speaking
- Child age 6 weeks to 12 months on enrollment



- Previous diagnosis of a different genetic or metabolic disorder with neurodevelopmental or endocrine involvement
- Prematurity less than 34 weeks gestational age
- Complex congenital malformation not previously associated with X&Y variations
- History of significant neonatal complications
- Known brain malformation identified by neuroimaging







## **Study Protocol**

























2 & 6m

**12m** 

18m

24m

36m

**4** y

**5y** 

**6y** 

**7**y

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**8y** 

9y

**10**y

### **Family participation:**

- Complete 13 study visits
  - 5 in-person visits
  - 8 telehealth

### **Data Collected:**

- Demographics
- Prenatal/birth history
- Health history
- Developmental skills
- Interventions/education
- Family history

### **Direct assessments (in-person visits)**:

- Cognitive, academic, executive functioning, language, social and motor assessments
- Physical examination
- Sample collection (blood/urine/stool)
  - Biobanking
- Body composition (pea pod/bod pod)
- Parent cognitive testing





# **Study Participants**

Enrollment closed!

o Original goal: 200

Current Youngest: 5m old

Oldest: 9y old

114 participate at Nemours Children's Hospital

• 258 participate at Children's Hospital Colorado

Funding until March 2028

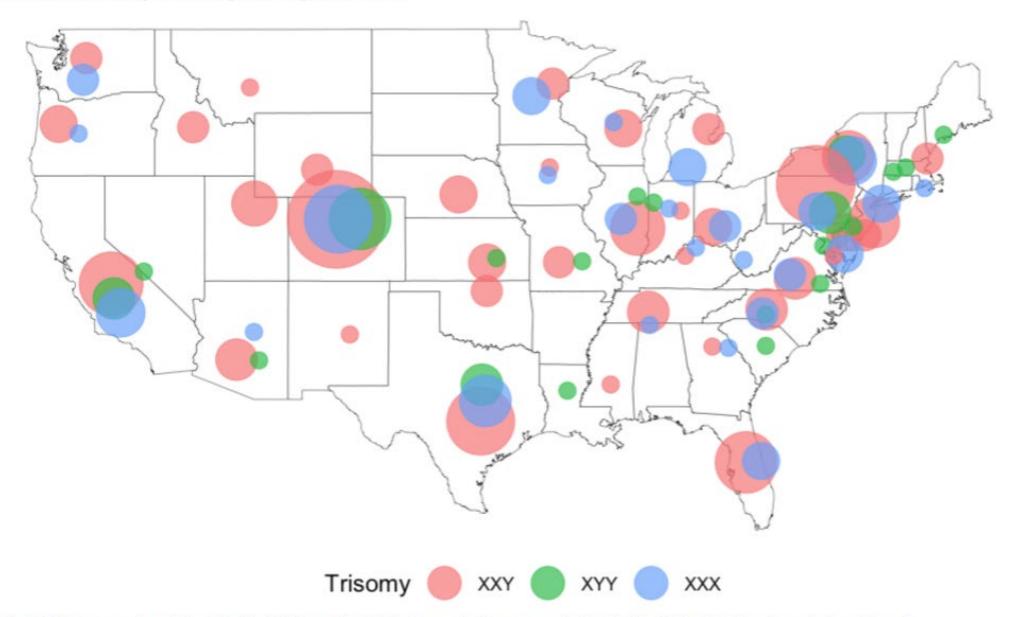
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Total Study Enrollment				
XXY	201			
XYY	35			
XXX	87			
XXYY	15			
XXXY	3			
XXXX	1			
Total	372			





FIGURE 2: Participant US Regional Representation





# **Demographics**

	All (%)	XXX	XXY	XYY	p-value
Race(%) Asian Black >1 race White	3.1 2.8 11.6 82.6	5.1 1.3 7.6 86.1	3.1 2.6 12.8 81.5	0 5.7 2.6 81.1	0.364
Ethnicity (%) Hispanic Non-Hispanic	15.3 84.7	13.9 86.1	15.9 84.1	15.1 84.9	0.969
Annual Household Income (%) <\$75K \$75-150K \$150-250K >\$250K	13.1 33.3 26.0 26.9	10.1 32.9 32.9 22.8	12.8 33.3 24.6 28.7	18.9 34.0 20.8 26.4	0.604



# 2024 & 2025 updates



eXtraordinarY Babies Study Visits: 390 (2024), ~150 (2025)



Publications: 12 (published), 2 (in press), 6 (in preparation)



Students & Trainees: 20 (2024), 11 (2025)



Professional Presentations: 25 (2024), 13 (2025)



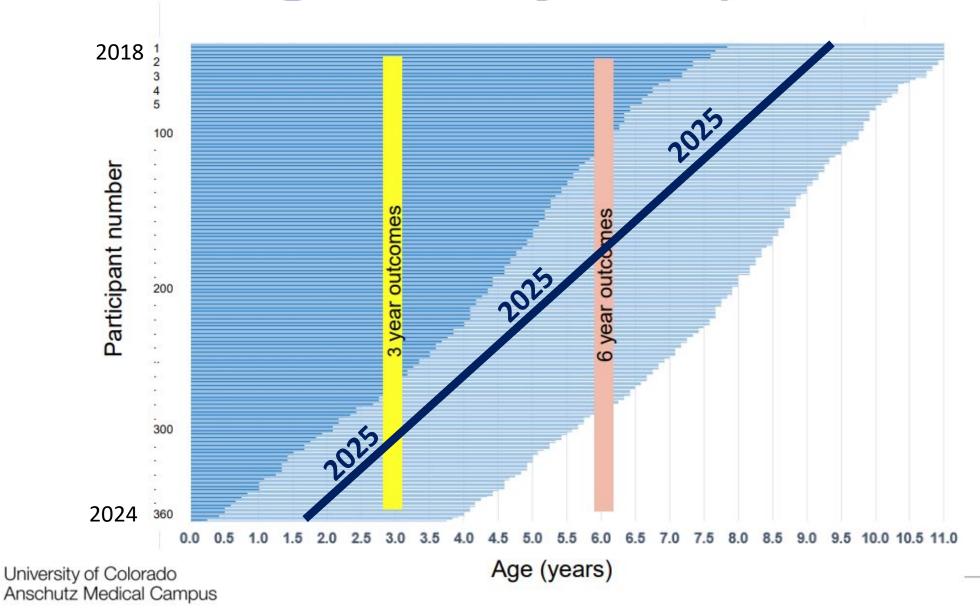


# **STUDY RESULTS**





# **Ages of Study Participants**



# Medical Care for SCT in the 1<sup>st</sup> Year of Life: Results from *eXtraordinarY Babies Study*

TABLE 5: Medical Conditions at Higher Risk in Infants with Prenatal SCT Diagnosis and Guidance for Clinical Care

Feature	General Population Prevalence <sup>a</sup>	SCT Prevalence <sup>b</sup> (95%CI)	Relative Risk <sup>b</sup> in SCT	
Infant-related breastfeeding difficulties	19% <sup>43</sup>	51.1% (45.6-56.7%)	2.7 (2.1-3.4)	
Failure to Thrive / Growth Faltering	10% 44	18.4% (14.1-22.8%)	1.8 (1.42.5)	
Constipation (requiring intervention)	7.0% 45,46	33.7% (28.4-38.9%)	5.1 (4.2-6.2)	
Any Allergies	10.4%	24.3% (19.5-29.1%)	2.6 (2.1-3.2)	
Food / Formula Allergies	8.8% 47	19.4% (15-23.8%)	2.4 (1.9-3.1)	
Eczema All SCT XXX Only XXY and XYY	13.7%48	47.6% (42-53.1%) 31.6% (21.1-42%) 52.8% (46.4-59.2%)	3.5 (3.1-3.9) 2.3 (1.7-3.2) 3.9 (3.4-4.4)	

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Feature	General Population	SCT Prevalence <sup>b</sup>	Relative Risk <sup>b</sup>	Considerations for Clinical Care
	Prevalence <sup>a</sup>	(95%CI)	in SCT	
Infant-related breastfeeding				Encourage prenatal breastfeeding classes if parent plans to breastfeed
difficulties				Proactive lactation consultation after delivery  Breast pump for expressed breastmilk in case of delay with successful latch
	19%43	51.1% (45.6-56.7%)	2.7 (2.1-3.4)	or ongoing breastfeeding challenges
				Targeted history in newborn nursery and first well child checks
				Evaluate for ankyloglossia and consider referral for further evaluation
Failure to Thrive /				Early feeding / breastfeeding support as above
Growth Faltering				Close follow-up for growth / weight gain in first months of life
	10% 44	18.4% (14.1-22.8%)	1.8 (1.42.5)	Caloric supplementation and other medical work-up as indicated
				Consideration of feeding therapy by feeding specialist, speech, or
				occupational therapy
Constipation	15 16			Sorbitol-containing juices (eg. apple, prune, or pear)
(requiring intervention)	7.0% 45,46	33.7% (28.4-38.9%)	5.1 (4.2-6.2)	Lactulose, polyethylene glycol, glycerin suppositories under physician
				supervision; Referral to gastroenterology if needed
Any Allergies	10.4%	24.3% (19.5-29.1%)	2.6 (2.1-3.2)	Awareness of increased risk and consideration of allergic etiology for skin,
				sleeping, or gastrointestinal concerns
Food / Formula Allergies				Parent education of milk protein and food allergy symptoms, staged
	8.8% 47	19.4% (15-23.8%)	2.4 (1.9-3.1)	introduction of new foods, indications for diphenhydramine administration,
				and when to seek emergent care
Eczema				Awareness of increased risk, targeted physical exam, standard pediatric
All SCT	13.7%48	47.6% (42-53.1%)	3.5 (3.1-3.9)	eczema interventions
XXX Only	15.770	31.6% (21.1-42%)	2.3 (1.7-3.2)	
XXY and XYY		52.8% (46.4-59.2%)	3.9 (3.4-4.4)	

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Positional Torticollis	3.9% 49,50	29.4% (24.4-34.5%)	7.5 (5.3-10.7)
Male genitourinary abnormalities			
Cryptorchidism (XXY only)^	1.1%51	3.4% (1.4-5.5%)	2.2 (1.1-4.5)
Hypospadias	0.4% 52	1.3% (0-2.5%)	3.0 (1.0-9.4)
Chordee	4.5% 53	5.2% (2.7-7.6%)	1.3 (0.73-2.3)
Penis length z-score <-2.0	2.5%	3.4% (1.4-5.5%)	1.7 (0.37, 8.0)
Strabismus			
	2.4% 54	7.1% (4.3-10%)	3.3 (2.2-5.0)
Cardiac septal defects			
All SCT	0.45% 55	7.8% (4.8-10.8%)	17.3 (11.8-25.3)
XXX Only	0.4370	15.8% (7.6-24%)	35 (20.9-59)
XXY and XYY		5.2% (2.3-8%)	11.4 (6.6-19.9)
Renal malformations			
All SCT	0.46% 56	4.5% (2.2-6.8%)	10.1 (6.0-16.8)
XXX Only	0.4070	13.2% (5.6-20.8%)	29.2 (16.4-52.1)
XXY and XYY		1.7% (0-3.4%)	3.8 (1.4-10.1)
Hypotonia			
	8% 57	38.5% (33.1-43.9%)	3.9 (3.0-5.1)
Other minor dysmorphologies			
(epicanthal folds, increased			
intercanthal distance,			
clinodactyly, ear differences)			

\*Estimated general pediatric population based on cited literature references; SCT = sex chromosome trisomy

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AXYY prevalence not different than the general population

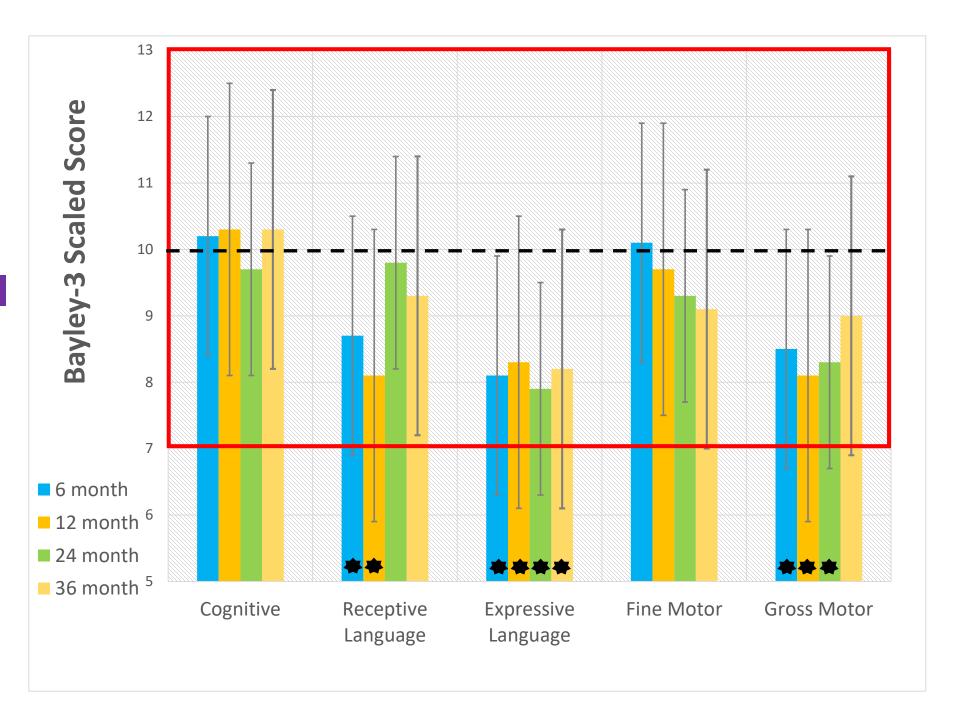
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Positional Torticollis				Targeted physical examination for identification
	3.9% 49,50	29.4% (24.4-34.5%)	7.5 (5.3-10.7)	Recommend tummy time, neck stretching exercises, and positioning
	3.970	29.4% (24.4-34.3%)		Consider referral to physical therapy
				Consider referral for molding helmet if associated with plagiocephaly
Male genitourinary abnormalities				Targeted physical examination for cryptorchidism, hypospadias, chordee,
Cryptorchidism (XXY only)^	1.1% 51	3.4% (1.4-5.5%)	2.2 (1.1-4.5)	webbing, short phallus
Hypospadias	0.4% 52	1.3% (0-2.5%)	3.0 (1.0-9.4)	Referral to Pediatric Urology if abnormalities identified
Chordee	4.5% 53	5.2% (2.7-7.6%)	1.3 (0.73-2.3)	Consider infant testosterone therapy if stretched penile length < 2cm in
Penis length z-score <-2.0	2.5%	3.4% (1.4-5.5%)	1.7 (0.37, 8.0)	term infant
Strabismus	2.570	3.170 (2.1.3.370)	2.7 (0.57, 0.0)	Targeted physical examination with awareness of possible
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	2.4%0 54	7.1% (4.3-10%)	3.3 (2.2-5.0)	pseudostrabismus related to epicanthal folds
G 1: 1 1 C .				Referral to ophthalmology if present after 6 months of age
Cardiac septal defects		7.00/ // 0.40.00/	47.0 (44.0 05.0)	Targeted cardiac examination
All SCT	0.45% 55	7.8% (4.8-10.8%)	17.3 (11.8-25.3)	Echocardiogram and referral to cardiology if abnormal findings
XXX Only		15.8% (7.6-24%)	35 (20.9-59)	
XXY and XYY		5.2% (2.3-8%)	11.4 (6.6-19.9)	
Renal malformations				Renal ultrasound to evaluate for structural abnormalities
All SCT	0.46% 56	4.5% (2.2-6.8%)	10.1 (6.0-16.8)	Referral to pediatric nephrology and/or urology if structural defects found
XXX Only	0.40%	13.2% (5.6-20.8%)	29.2 (16.4-52.1)	
XXY and XYY		1.7% (0-3.4%)	3.8 (1.4-10.1)	
Hypotonia				Close monitoring of motor development due to increased risk for delays
	8% 57	38.5% (33.1-43.9%)	3.9 (3.0-5.1)	Referral for physical therapy if associated with delays
		` ` `	` ´	Further neurologic evaluation if severe or asymmetric
Other minor dysmorphologies				No clinical implications, reassurance to family
(epicanthal folds, increased				
intercanthal distance,				
clinodactyly, ear differences)				
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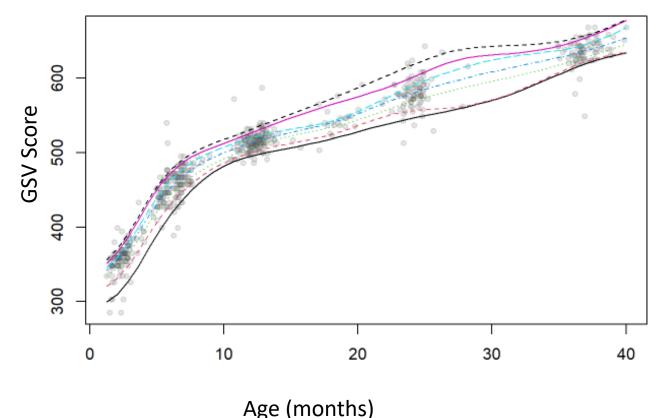
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# Developmental Testing Results



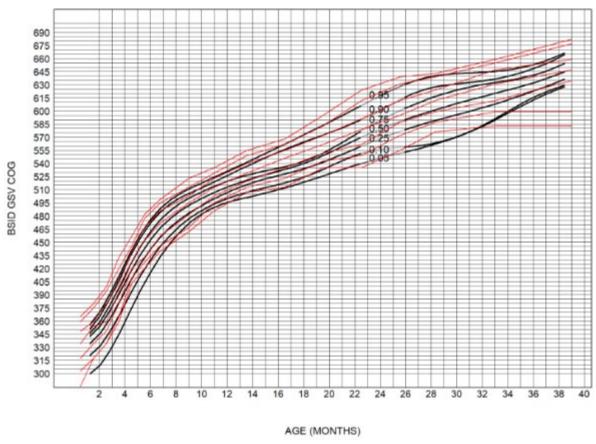
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Bayley Cognitive Subdomain Growth Scale Value (GSV) Ability scores over time



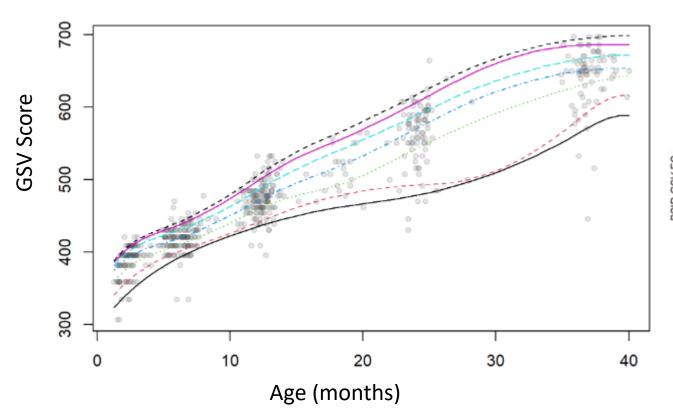
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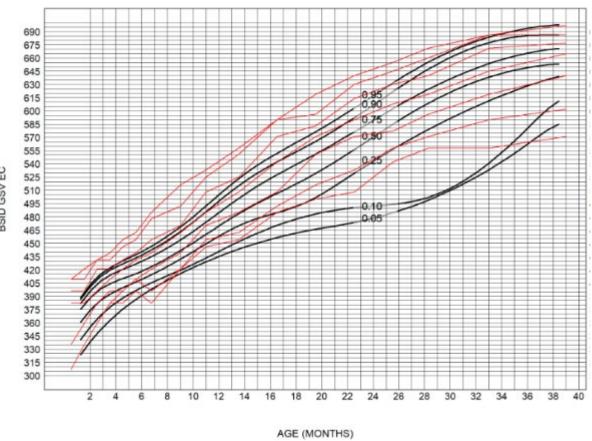


### **DEVELOPMENTAL GROWTH CURVES: LANGUAGE**

Bayley <u>Expressive</u> Language Subdomain Growth Scale Value (GSV) Ability scores over time

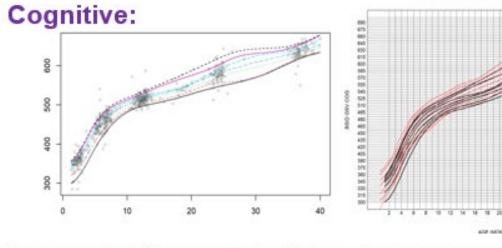


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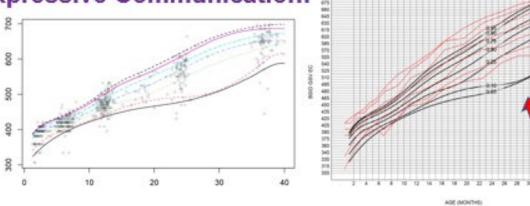


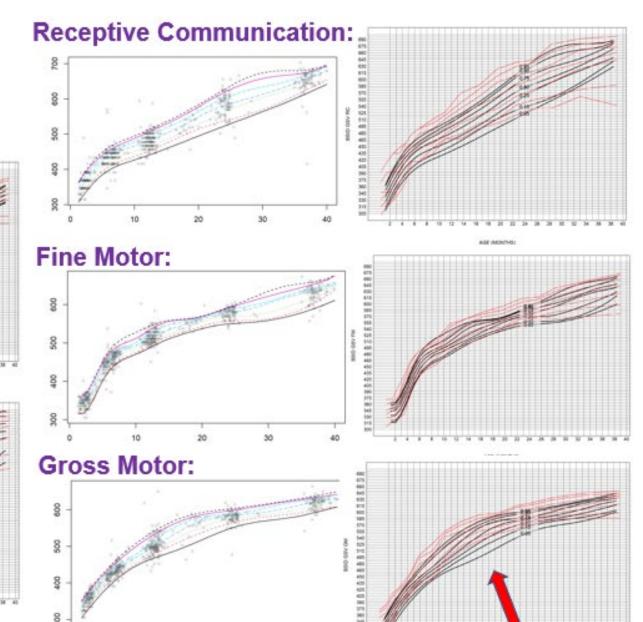
# eXtraordinarY Babies SCT Developmental Growth Curves

Black lines = SCT curves Red lines = Normative sample



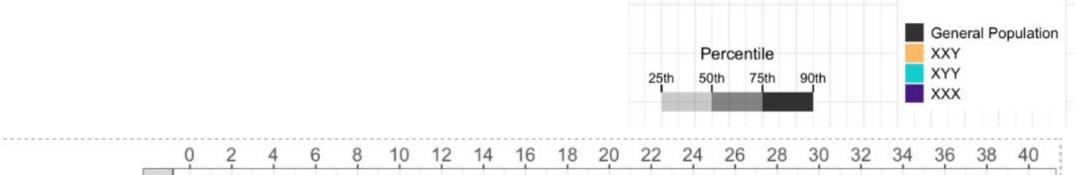


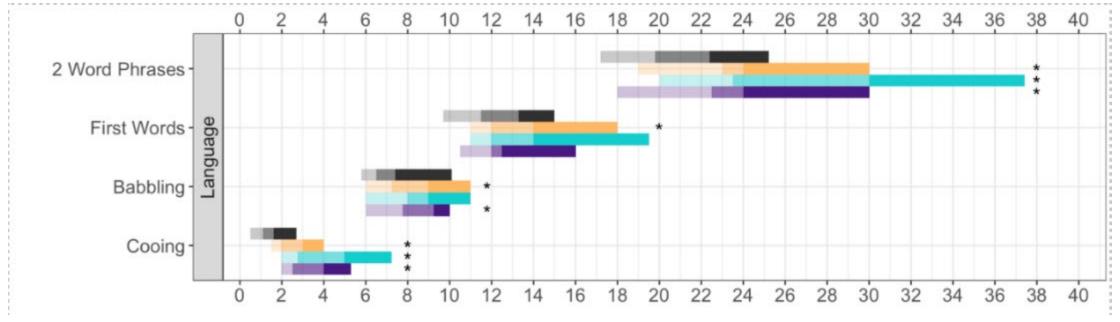




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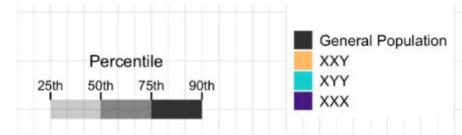
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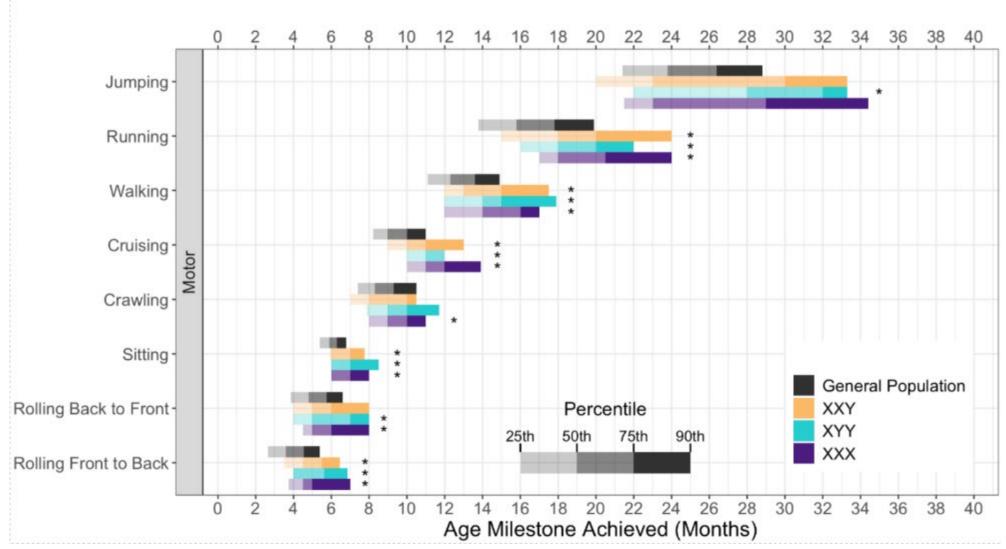




Age Milestone Achieved (Months)

# SCT Motor Milestone Chart





# Early Diagnosis of Developmental Delays





# Are there predictors of which babies will have lower developmental outcomes?

 Identifying a high risk group to target with interventions / therapies

#### **METHODS**

Primary Outcome: Bayley-3 Expressive Language & Gross Motor Scaled score at 36-months of age

Univariate Logistic Regression with variables:

#### **Demographic Features**

Race, Ethnicity, Parental Education, Insurance, Household Income

#### **Family History**

Family history of speech / learning / mental health disorders, Parental age, Siblings

#### **Pregnancy History**

Prenatal exposures, Gestational diabetes, Prenatal genetic testing

#### **Birth History**

Gestational age, Birth trauma, Hyperbilirubinemia, Hypoglycemia, NICU stay

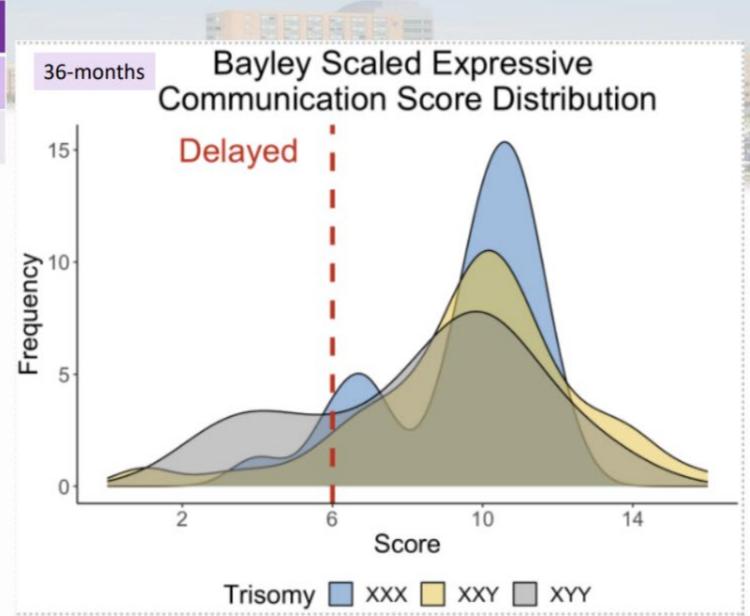
#### **Physical Features at Birth**

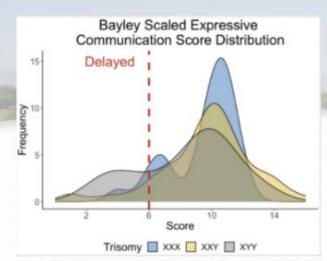
Birthweight, Malformations / Dysmorphisms (craniofacial, cardiac, extremities, GU)

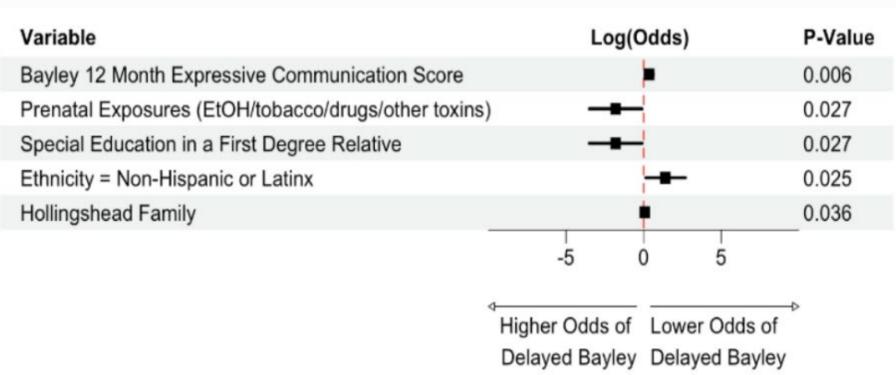
#### Infancy / Year 1

Mini-puberty Testosterone level (2m); 12-month developmental levels

	All	XXY/KS	XXX	XYY
TOTAL ENROLLED	364	198	86	60
36-month Visit	214	143	43	21

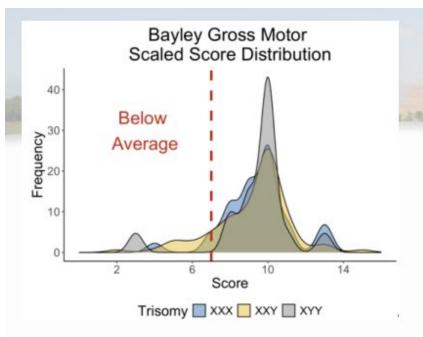


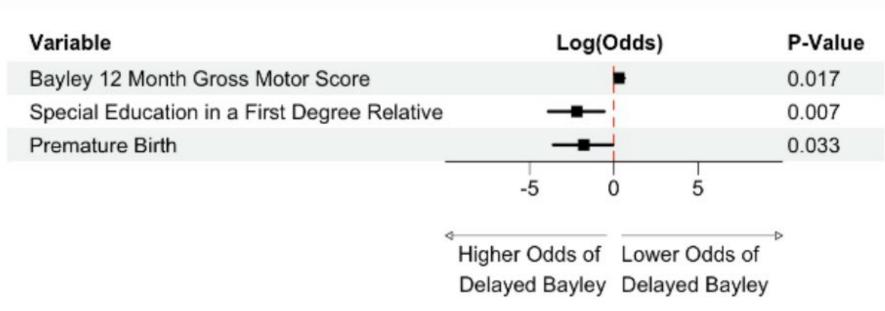




36-months Bayley Gross Motor Scaled Score Distribution 40 Below Frequency 500 Average 10 10 14 Score

Trisomy XXX XXX XXY XXY





### **RESULTS**

#### **Demographic Features**

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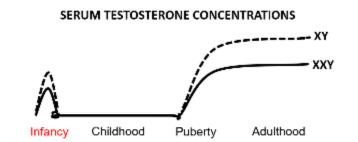
### Summary:

- Developmental profiles in SCTs with prenatal identification have significant overlap with the general population
- Variables associated with delayed expressive language and gross motor skills are commonly known risk factors:
  - Background genetics, prenatal exposures, prematurity, etc.
- In XXY, early testosterone levels do not seem to be associated, but more analyses are needed
- 12-month developmental levels do predict later outcomes, suggesting targeting those with delays at 12 months as a high-risk group

# WHAT ABOUT TESTOSTERONE IN INFANCY?

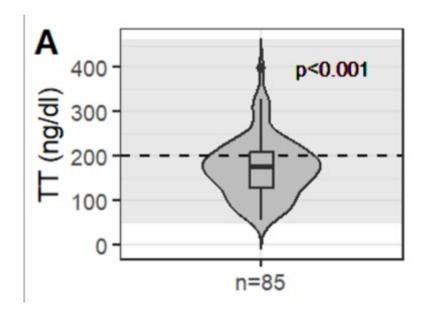
- Shanlee Davis, MD, PhD
- Shorter penile length (but <5% have micropenis)</li>
- Lack of penile growth in year 1
- Mini-puberty surge may be lower

#### Studies of Minipuberty in KS number of subjects Testosterone nmol/L upper limit of normal 10 normal median lower limit of normal Cabrol 2011. Latton 2014 Davis in progress Aksglaede, Davis et al, 2020



#### Baby study cohort n=85

median age 2.3 months (range 1-3.6 months)



#### **TESTOSTERONE TREATMENT IN INFANCY?**

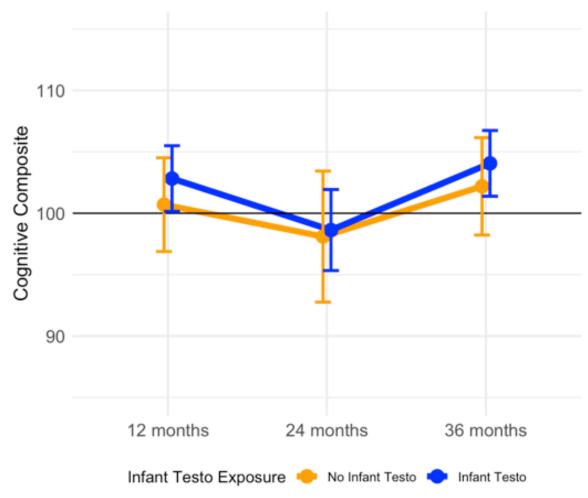
- Retrospective study has reported boys with 47,XXY who received testosterone in infants have:
  - Higher cognitive ability
  - Higher fine motor and coordination abilities
  - Higher expressive and receptive language abilities
  - Better reading skills
  - Better social skills
  - Lower parent-reported behavior concerns
  - *Is this due to testosterone or other confounders?*

# Demographic and Exposure Variables

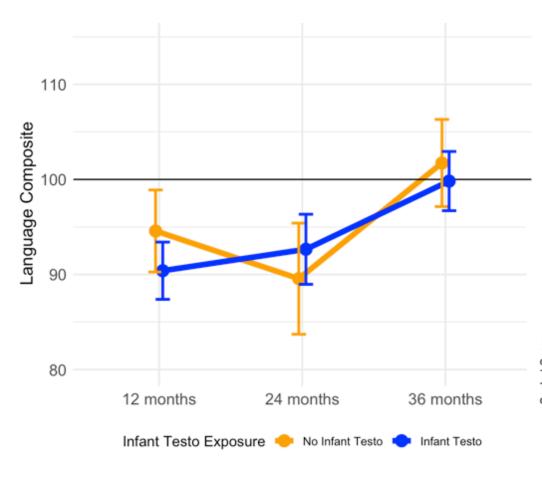
	Testo (n=105)	No Testo (n=55)	p-value
Nemours Site	23.8%	34.5%	0.208
Race: White	79%	83.6%	0.868
Ethnicity: Hispanic	16%	11%	0.505
Hollingshead Index	53.9 (9.6)	49.3 (9.4)	0.004
Breast milk	75%	53%	0.007
Physical therapy (% yes)	47%	36%	0.279
Speech therapy (% yes)	65%	46%	0.029
Maternal IQ	116 (13.5)	110 (16.6)	0.073
Paternal IQ	119 (12.8)	108 (13.3)	0.016

# Outcome: BSID3 Cognitive Composite

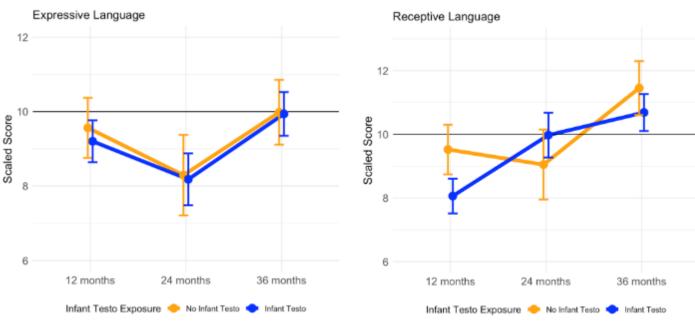
- Unadjusted at 12, 24, 36m:
  - 3 points higher at 12m (p=0.046)
  - Insignificant at 24 and 36m
- Adjusted model: p=<0.001</li>
  - Infant T: 2.1 [-1.7, 6.1], p=0.30
  - T\*time: p=0.63 and p=0.92
- No effect of T on cog composite
- No effect of T on cog composite trajectory; any effect of T is not time-dependent



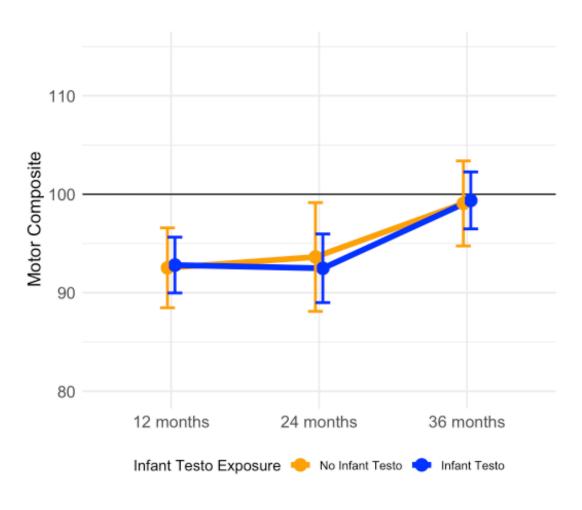
# Outcome: BSID3 Language



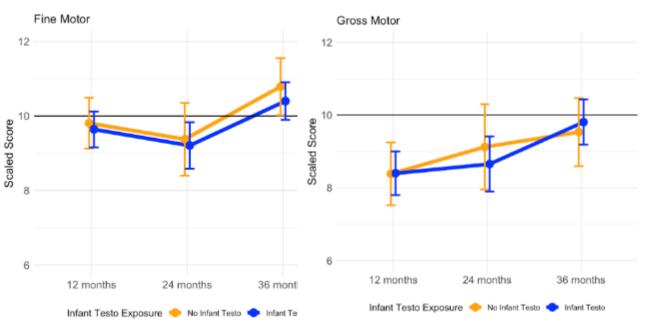
- Adjusted language model:
  - Infant T: -4.2 [-8.6, 0.21], p=0.07
  - T \* time: p=0.04 and p=0.46
- Borderline negative effect of T on language composite
- Potential effect of T on the trajectory?



## Outcome: BSID3 Motor



- Adjusted motor model:
  - Infant T: 0.28 [-3.8, 4.4], p=0.89
  - T \* time: p=0.67 and p=0.99
- No effect of T on motor composite
- No effect of T on the trajectory



The group of infants with 47,XXY receiving testosterone have protectant features at baseline

# SUMMARY OF RESULTS

No effect of testosterone on directly assessed (Bayley) or parent-reported (Vineland) development in the first 3 years of life

No effect of testosterone on the developmental trajectory in the first 3 years of life

The 95% CI for the maximal beneficial effect of infant testosterone on any neurodevelopmental outcome within the first 3 years of life is <5 points

## What about XXYY? (n=15)

Come to Kayla's poster!!!

Medical Problems & Physica mont		ires fron	Birth	to 12
	XXYY	XXY	XYY	р
n	12	172	25	
Breastfeeding Problems (%)	92.0	50.0	44.0	0.014*
Allergies				
Food/Formula Allergies	41.7	22.1	24.0	0.301
Environmental/Seasonal Allergies	33.3	7.0	12.0	0.008*
Eczema	33.3	52.9	40.0	0.233
Reactive Airway Disease	33.3	2.3	4.0	< 0.001
Otitis Media	50.0	26.7	32.0	0.210
Preauricular Ear Tag	16.6	5.0	0	0.006*
Bronchiolitis	50.0	15.7	12.0	0.007*
Pneumonia	8.3	3.5	0	0.644
Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease	66.6	38.4	24.0	0.043*
Constipation	25.0	32.0	40.0	0.616
Failure to Thrive (FTT)2	33.3	15.1	8.0	0.132
Strabismus	8.3	6.4	4.0	0.855
Torticollis	41.7	30.2	24.0	0.542
Plagiocephaly	16.7	22.1	12.0	0.424
Cardiac ASD or VSD3 – echo subset (n=87)	25.0	21.4	25.0	0.475
Inguinal Hemia	8.3	0.6	0	0.037*
Congenital Hip Dislocation / Dysplasia	8.3	0.6	4.3	0.047*
Cleft Lip / Palate	8.3	0.6	0	0.037*
Hypotonia	58.3	33.7	20.0	0.048*
Febrile Seizure	0	1 (0.6)	0	0.891
Epilepsy	0	0	0	NA
Cryptorchidism	8.3	63.5	4.0	0.699
Any hospitalization	33.3	12.1	28.0	0.017



#### **XXYY Developmental Milestones**

- Early milestones of rolling and sitting are similar between groups
- Milestones of walking, first words, and 2word phrases later in XXYY
- Most significant difference in XXYY is in acquisition of 2-word phrases (35 months)

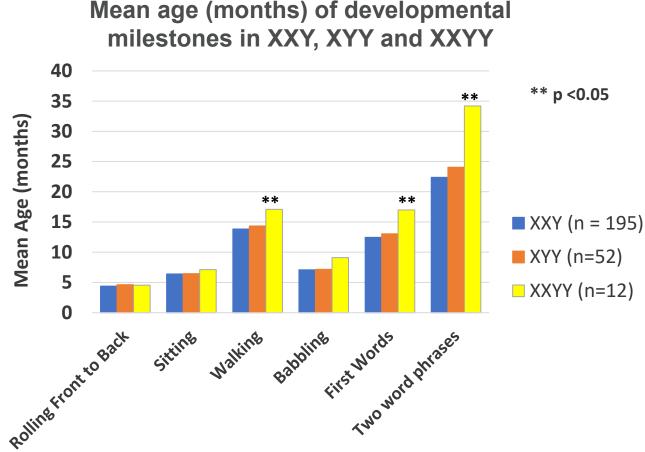
#### XXYY Walking:

Mean 17.1 months (range 16-20 months)

Previous literature mean 18.0 months (range 12-33 months)







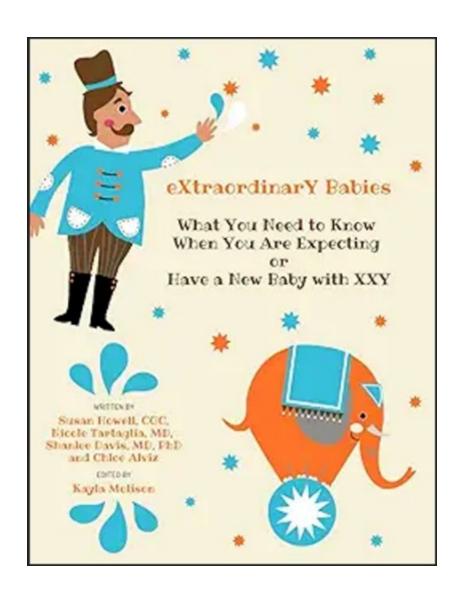
## Other Projects:

- Infant Temperament (Louderman)
- Early Social Development / Autism features (Wilson)
- Executive Functioning profiles (Janusz / Jolliffe)
- Cognitive & Adaptive Trajectories (Janusz)
- Language outcome measures as predictors / screening measures (George)
- Metabolomics (Davis)
- XXYY syndrome prenatal diagnosis phenotype (Nocon)
- "Aim 3" Genetic counseling experiences qualitative project (Howell, Molison, Thompson)

#### **Family Resources for X&Y Variations**

 New Book! "What you Need to Know When You Are Expecting or Have a New Baby with XXY" available on Amazon.com

- Trisomy X in progress
- XYY next
- Need \$\$





# QUESTIONS?