# CHILD & ADOLESCENT ATHLETES LOWER LIMB PAIN/INJURIES (HIP TO LOWER LEG) Dr D. S. Hanson

### USA AND KIPP (KNEE INJURY PROTECTION PROGRAM)

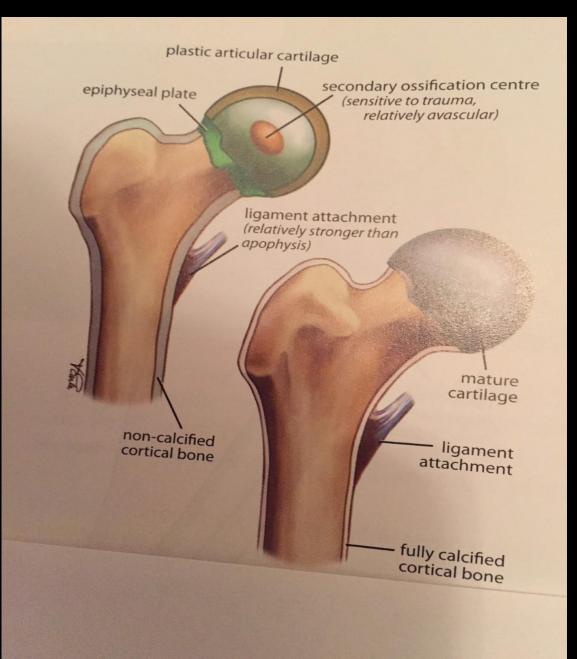
- 30 45 mill youth (6 18 yrs.) in USA participate in sports annually
- 50% of injuries are related to overuse

<u>Teen Girls</u>

- >20,000 high school girls suffer sports related knee injuries
- Girls six times more likely to injure ACL than boys in similar sports
- Usually results from landing from a jump or sudden change of direction
- Risk of degenerative arthritis increased ten fold

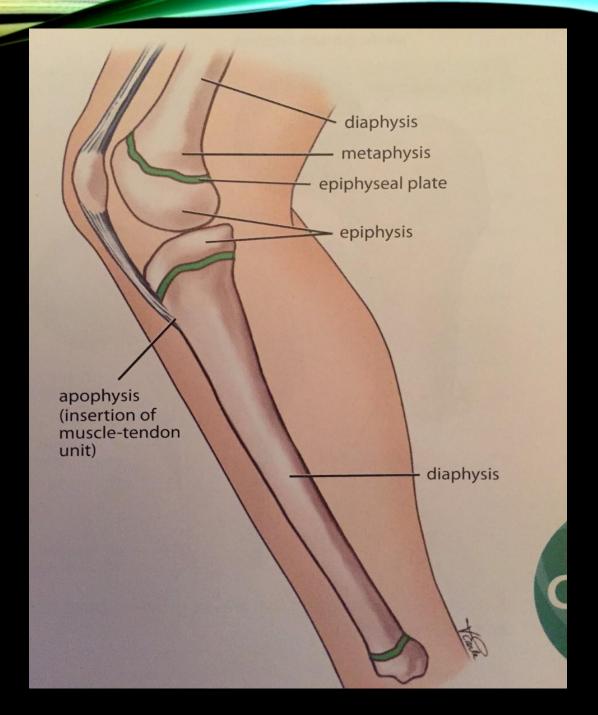
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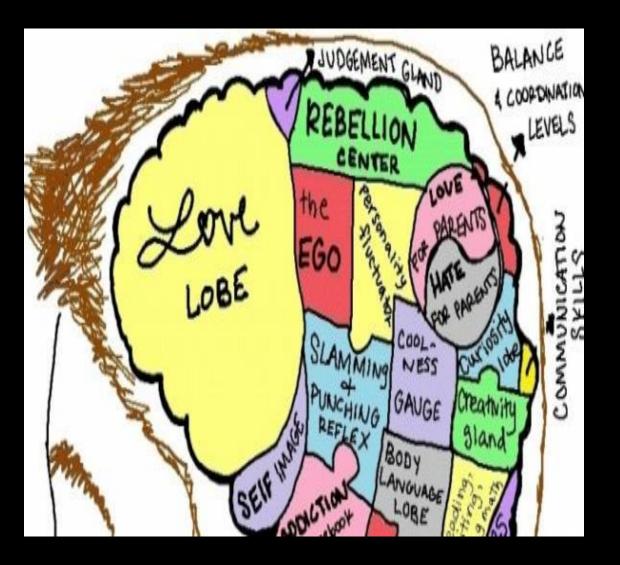
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### BRAIN AND ENDOCRINE SYSTEM (SOFTWARE)

- . Non-linear growth patterns
- Immature motor skills
- Growth spurts: periods of greater risk
- Variable biological maturation within the same year group



# CHILD/ADOLESCENT HIP PAIN

<u>Apophysites</u> :

ASIS – Sartorius

AllS – rectus femoris

Ischial tuberosity - hamstring

Lesser trochanter – iliopsoas

#### <u>Fractures</u>

traction apophysitis

(anterior superior iliac spine -

sartorius)

traction apophysitis (anterior inferior

iliac spine - rectus femoris)

Perthes' disease

Slipped capital femoral epiphysisAvulsionsGreenstick fractureSalter-Harris

<u>Osteochondrosis</u> – Perthe's disease

<u>Irritable hip</u>-hip pain, decreased ROM, negative blood test, radiographs, and scans

<u>Referred pain</u>

traction apophysitis (ischial tuberosity hamstrings)

traction apophysitis

slipped capital

femoral

epiphysis

### KNEE PAINS

#### <u>Osteochondrites</u>

Osgood-Schlatter lesion – tibial tuberosity growth plate Sinding-Larsen-Johansson lesion – inferior pole of patella <u>Anterior cruciate ligament</u> – female teens <u>Patello-femoral joint pain</u>

Patellar tendinopathy Referred hip pain Sprained collateral ligaments Meniscal injury

## LEG AND THIGH PAIN

Salter-Harris fractures Greenstick fractures Muscle strains Bone strain/periostitis Stress fractures Compartment syndrome Inflammation

# MANAGEMENT

### RECENT COMMENTS ON OVERTRAINING

- Glen Mills JASM conference early 2017
- Ambassador Stewart Stephenson Sunday Gleaner, Sept. 3, 2017
- Incidents of sudden death of young athletes
- Turf Talk with Dr. Paul Wright and Stratton Palmer- knowledgable guest

# MANAGING RISKS

#### <u>Reasons</u>

- Moral and ethical obligation to minimize risks and safeguard futures
  Minimizing time away from training/games means maximizing time spent honing skills
- Economics academies/schools invest a great deal of resources on sports programmes and must minimize losses to remain viable
   academies are lifeblood of clubs earnings from trades and

sales

 Medicolegal – young athletes are potential earners. When things go wrong the doctor, physiotherapist, the academy, and the umbrella organisation may be held liable.

# BRITISH FOOTBALL ASS. (FA) ACADEMIES

- 1998 38 member clubs of the F.A. established academies for boys aged 9 – 19 yrs
- July 1999 End of May 2001
  - clubs engaged by F.A. medical research programme to document/analyse nature and severity of injuries

Definition – a recordable event is one which prevents training/match for at least 48 hrs. after the day of injury

### INJURY TYPES

- 3,805 injuries logged at 0.4 injury/player/season
- 82,929 total absent days/mean of 21.9 days/injury: 6 % of season
- 90% lower limb injuries
- 50.4% match injuries vs 48.7% training injuries
- 66% soft tissue injuries
- 79% thigh injuries involving quads and hamstrings
- 5% Osgood-Schlatter's and Sever's disease
  Knee injuries 28% ligament injuries (MCL 85%)

<u>Peak injury periods – return from breaks</u>

Training: August & January Competition: October

### <u>PREVENTION</u>

#### British Football Association (FA) Academies

- up to age 13 yrs: competitive games are played 7 vs 7
- above age 13 yrs.: games are 11 vs 11
- up to age 17 yrs: training twice per week and games on wkends

#### New Castle United Club

- 8 11 yrs.: focussed training on co-ordination , balance, body awareness
- -12 16 yrs: range of motion and anthropometry measurements -specific training/conditioning program designed to minimize risk of injury when delayed skeletal maturation detected
- >16 yrs: strengthening, endurance, full-time training, aerobic/anaerobic training



# THE END

Thank you

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## <u>AETIOLOGY</u>

Neuromuscular control better in boys vs girls with certain activities

- Less hamstring usage
- Less flexion of knees and hips
- Greater inward collapse of knees

#### <u> Risk management -</u>

<u>KIPP</u> – Knee injury Protection Program (Ann & Robert Lurie Children's Hosp. of Chicago Inst. For Sports Med)

Coaches – trained to lead knee injury prevention warm-up routine

Athletes – 6/52 neuromuscular exercise program

ACL injuries – 482% Sprains - 470% Ankle sprains - 462%

## PREVENTIVE MEASURES

American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Sports Medicine and Fitness and other American inst.

- limit athletic activity to max 5/7 per wk and 1-2 days rest
- Rest for 1-3/12 per year
- Vary sport activities : reduce burnout, risk of injuries, imbalanced muscle development
- Specialize after puberty
- active warm-up better than static stretching
- Stretching better after work-out. Stretch major muscle grps 20-30 secs
- Hydration: <1 hr. use H2O.; >1 hr sports drinks
- Early response to injuries
- Equipment: appropriate for sport, proper fit
- Screening: Sports Medicine Physician