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The frequency of triplets in the U.S. white population may have reached an all-time low around 1964, at 78 sets per million deliveries. One-fourth of those were monozygotic as estimated by the difference method, or 18% by Bulmer's theoretical model. By 1983 the frequency of triplets had nearly doubled, the increase presumably occurring in dizygotic and trizygotic types. In Belgium most triplet pregnancies now result from artificial induction of coulding which is expected to account induction of ovulation, which is expected to occur mainly in older mothers. In the U.S., however, triplets have increased as much in young mothers as in older mothers, proportionally. This age distribution of the increase may be partly explained by a decrease in parity in older mothers since 1964.

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The rise in twinning rates previously reported for U.S. between 1964 and 1987 after adjustment for maternal age and birth order occurred in each of the nine conventional geographic divisions except the Pacific States. Differences and consistencies in rank order among the divisions with respect to crude and adjusted twinning rates and other demographic parameters may hold clues to yet unidentified influences in twinning

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Craniopagus parasiticus, or épicome, is a rare teratological type, of which only six cases have been recorded in the medical literature. It differs from craniopagus conjoined twins in that the body and limbs of the parasitic twin are underdeveloped, leaving in some cases only a parasitic head, inserted on the crown of the autositic twin. The first case of this malformation was Everard Home's famous Twin-Headed Boy of Bengal, whose skull is preserved at the Hunterian Museum. In this historical review, Home's case is presented in some detail, and the later cases are used to explain further some of its particulars.

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A model to analyze resemblances of twins and

A model to analyze resemblances of twins and parents using LISREL is outlined and applied to sports participation and heart-rate data. Sports participation and heart rate were measured in 44 monozygotic and 46 dizygotic adolescent twin pairs and in their parents. Genetic factors influence variation in both sports behavior and heart rate, while there is no evidence for transmission from parental environment to offspring environment. For sports participation the data support a model in which there is a high positive correlation between environments of spouses and between environments of female twins. This correlation is absent for male

twins and negative for opposite sex twins. For heart rate, a positive correlation between environmental influences was observed for all twins; there is no evidence for assortative mating. The proposed model can also handle data sets where parents and twins have been measured on more than one variable. This is illustrated by an application to the observed

association of sports participation and heart rate. Boomsma DI, Martin NG, Molenaar PC: Factor and simplex models for repeated measures: application to two psychomotor measures of alcohol sensitivity in twins. Behav Genet 1989 Jan;19(1):79-96 As part of a larger study, data on arithmetic computation and motor coordination were obtained from 206 twin pairs. The twins were measured once before and three times after ingesting a standard dose of alcohol. Previous analyses ignored the time-series structure of these data. Here we illustrate the application of simplex models for the genetic analysis of covariance structures in a repeated-measures design and compare the results with factor models for the two psychomotor measures. We then present a bivariate analysis incorporating simplex processes common and specific to the two measures. Our analyses confirm the notion that there is genetic variation affecting psychomotor performance which is "switched on" in the presence of alcohol. We compare the merits of analysis of mean products versus covariance matrices and confront some practical problems that may arise in situations where the number of subjects is relatively small and where the causal structure among the latent variables places a heavy demand on the data.

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Bowden JB, Hebert AA, Rapini RP: Dermal hematopoiesis in neonates: report of five cases. Am Acad Dermatol 1989 Jun;20(6):1104-10 We report five cases of dermal hematopoiesis in newborn infants. Dermal hematopoiesis, manifested clinically as a blueberry muffin eruption, has been associated with both intrauterine viral infections and congenital hematologic dyscrasias. Of our five patients, four of whom were boys, the cutaneous findings could be attributed to congenital infections in two instances. The infectious agents were cytomegalovirus and coxsackie virus B-2. Two infants had hematologic abnormalities, including twin transfusion syndrome and ABO blood group incompatibility. In our fifth patient a cause was not identified.

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Serial plasma, urinary, and postmortem tissue aluminum levels were determined in 32-week, appropriate-for-gestational-age twins from 45 to 151 days postnatal age. Estimated total aluminum absorptions were 56.7 mg, and 28 mg, twin A and twin B, respectively. At autopsy, Twin A had a hypoplastic right kidney while Twin B had normal kidneys. Mean plasma aluminum levels (twin A, 34.2 micrograms/liter and twin B, 32.3 micrograms/liter) and urinary aluminum levels expressed as aluminum creatinine ratios (twin A, 11.3 and twin B, 8.5) were similar. These levels were elevated compared to normal plasma aluminum levels of 5.1 +/- 3.6 (1

SD) and urinary aluminum creatinine ratios of 0.64 +/- 0.75 (1 SD). Twin A had higher tissue aluminum levels than twin B in all tissues except for brain. Bone and liver aluminum contents for both twins were increased as compared to infants receiving short-term or no parenteral nutrition. We conclude; (1) tissue aluminum loading occurs in infants receiving aluminum-containing solutions, (2) plasma and urinary aluminum levels are poor predictors of tissue aluminum content, (3) enteral solutions may add significant aluminum exposure.

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Prematurity is the most significant determinant of neonatal morbidity among twins, but the relative importance of other factors is unclear. We compared the prognostic value of intrauterine growth retardation, discordancy, and other classifications in 131 consecutive sets of surviving twins. A four-factor model for neonatal morbidity was developed from 161 potential outcome measures. Individual evaluation of each twin for intrauterine growth retardation using singleton growth curves was more effective than discordancy and other classifications in predicting neonatal morbidity. Our findings suggest that evaluation of twin growth should concentrate on individual twin growth rather than discordancy. These results also speak against interpreting growth curves based on twins in the same way as growth curves based on singletons; it is apparent that the frequency of growth retardation with associated neonatal morbidity is increased

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density lipoprotein cholesterol in women studied by the method of co-twin control. Am J Epidemiol 1989 May;129(5):988-99 This study examines the relation between each of the following risk variables and high density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol: cigarette smoking, alcohol use, leisure exercise, postmenopausal estrogen use, and body mass, before and after adjustment for genetic and nongenetic variables shared by monozygous and dizygous co-twins. Subjects were 179 dizygous and 255 monozygous twin pairs from the Kaiser Permanente Twin Registry who participated in a special examination in 1978-1979 in Oakland, California. A multivariate co-twin analysis made it possible to adjust for measured covariables and also to adjust for unmeasured familial variables shared by co-twins. After adjustment for measured covariables, further adjustment for the unmeasured familial variables shared by monozygous co-twins reduced a positive association between alcohol and HDL cholesterol and eliminated a positive association between exercise and HDL cholesterol. On the other hand, adjustment for unmeasured familial variables shared by monozygous co-twins had little effect on significant associations between smoking and HDL cholesterol, postmenopausal estrogen use and HDL cholesterol, and body mass and HDL cholesterol. Although an important role for random error was not ruled out in the sample size available, findings are consistent with the following interpretations: 1) alcohol consumption and leisure exercise may have smaller effects on HDL cholesterol than predicted by studies unadjusted for familial factors because

effects of these variables are confounded by familial factors; and 2) smoking, postmenopausal estrogen, and body mass have effects predicted by studies unadjusted for familial factors and may therefore be good targets for interventions to raise HDL cholesterol.

Coon H, Carey G: Genetic and environmental determinants of musical ability in twins.

Behav Genet 1989 Mar;19(2):183-93 Analyses of musical ability data from the Loehlin and Nichols National Merit Scholarship study are presented. Musical ability is indexed by four measures: interest in a profession in music, performance in school, performance outside of school, and receiving honors in music. These variables pose a challenge for behavior genetic analysis since they do not conform to the assumptions of traditional linear models. For example, there is a dependent relationship between the honors and the performance variables; one cannot obtain honors without performance. Several methods were employed to deal with these relationships, and the following conclusions appeared regardless of the method used. First, twin appeared regardless of the method used. First, twin correlations were always high, ranging from 0.44 to 0.90 in monozygotic (MZ) twins and from 0.34 to 0.83 in dizygotic (DZ) twins. Second, although there was evidence for heritable variation, the effects of common environment were almost always larger than the effects of heredity. Third, marital assortment was not of sufficient magnitude to account for these common environment effects. In the young adults in this sample, musical ability is influenced more by shared family environment than by shared genes.

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understanding of the twinning process.

J Reprod Med 1989 Jun;34(6):379-87 (34 ref.)
The Yoruba people of Nigeria possess a twinning rate more than fourfold that of Caucasian populations. As such, they provide extraordinary possibilities for the study of multiple birth. Percy Nylander clarified many of the factors that contribute to this high incidence of twinning. His analyses of Nigerian placentation and zygosity have shown the increased rate of multiple pregnancy to be a result of higher proportions of dizygotic twins and trizygotic triplets as compared to Caucasian populations. Whereas a well–established genetic influence upon dizygotic twinning exists throughout the rest of the world, there may be an environmental factor in Nigeria responsible for the increased incidence of multiple births. Nylander's study of the Yoruba also has provided important contributions to the studies of perinatal mortality in multiple gestation. In totality, much of Nylander's work can be applied to further the understanding of ethnic

and zygosity.

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In a prospective study of 69 consecutive twin gestations, chorionicity was assessed ultrasonographically, by the new technique of counting the number of layers visualized in the dividing membrane. For purposes of the study the antenatal categorization of chorionic type was based only on the number of layers observed. The pregnancy was classified as monochorionic when only two layers were identified and as dichorionic if three or four layers were seen. Confirmation of chorionic type was obtained after delivery by histopathologic examination of the placenta. The ultrasonographic technique used correctly determined chorionicity in 68 of 69 twin pregnancies. The predictive accuracy was 100% for 51 pregnancies designated by ultrasonography as dichorionic and 94.4% for 18 pregnancies considered to be monochorionic. These results suggest that counting the number of layers seen in fetal membranes by ultrasonography examination is an accurate way of determining chorionicity in twin gestation.

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The multiple regression analysis of twin data in which a cotwin's score is predicted from a proband's score and the coefficient of relationship (the basic model) provides a statistically powerful test of genetic etiology. When an augmented model that also contains an interaction term is fitted to the same data set, direct estimates of heritability (h2) and the proportion of variance due to shared environmental influences (c2) are obtained. A simple transformation of selected twin data prior to regression analysis facilitates direct estimates of h2g (an index of the extent to which the difference between the mean of probands and that of the unselected population is heritable) and a test of the hypothesis that the etiology of deviant scores differs from that of variation within the normal range.

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The fetal internal carotid artery and umbilical artery flow velocity time waveforms were studied in 17 consecutive twin pregnancies. The pulsatility index was calculated for each fetus in each artery as an index of vascular resistance. All studies were done within 14 days before delivery. In 8 pregnancies both fetuses were of birthweight appropriate for gestational age; whereas, in 9 patients one or both of the infants were small for gestational age (SGA). From ultrasound criteria and Doppler studies of the umbilical and fetal internal carotid arteries, decreased fetal internal carotid artery pulsatility index (cut off value less than or equal to 1.2) was found to be the best predictor of SGA (sensitivity 83%, specificity 95%, positive predictive value 91%, negative predictive value 91%).

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highest positive and negative predictive values (73% and 90%, respectively). **Doherty JD:** Perinatal mortality in twins, Australia, 1973-1980: I. Acta Genet Med Gemellol (Roma) 1988;37(3-4):313-9

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The perinaial outcome of twin births in Australia is described from 1973 to 1980. Over that period, the perinatal mortality rate declined more slowly in twins than singletons. The stillbirth rate actually increased in twins due to a rise in antepartum deaths. An increasing proportion of monozygotic twins may have contributed to this trend. The overall perinatal mortality rate was 82.85/1,000 for twins and 16.49/1,000 for singletons, giving a relative risk of 5.0

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The influence of maternal age and congenital

malformations on perinatal mortality in twins in Australia from 1973 to 1980, is described. Stillbirths and neonatal deaths in twins fell with advancing maternal age. For teenage mothers, the twin perinatal mortality rate was 127.15/1,000. The sex ratio in twins is closer to unity than in singletons. Perinatal mortality due to malformation fell as maternal age increased up to 35 years. The role of zygosity and the distribution of birth weight with maternal age are discussed.

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Acta Genet Med Gemellol (Roma) 1988; 37(2):119-25

The trends in births and in twinning in Australia are compared from 1854 to 1982. Until about 1930 the twinning rate increased as births fell. The two rates then became concordant. The relationship of fecundity to twinning is discussed. Comparison with other countries is made. The period embraces the demographic transition when changing contraceptive practices would have had a variable

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A method is introduced to test the hypothesis that both the phenotypic means and the phenotypic covariances can be modeled with the same common genetic and environmental factors. LISREL can be used to implement the method. An illustration is given with simulated twin data

given with simulated twin data.

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D'Souza M see Singal DP
Dudley DK see D'Alton ME

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Obstet Gynecol 1989 May;73(5 Pt 2):866-7 (6 ref.) Vasa previa was suspected when sudden bleeding occurred in a twin pregnancy during an attempt to attach a scalp electrode. Shortly thereafter, we observed sustained fetal bradycardia using a portable ultrasound. Delivery was accomplished immediately with cesarean section, and an exsanguinated twin A and a normal twin B were delivered. After appropriate resuscitation and transfusion, twin A recovered, and both neonates appear normal at the age of 6 months. According to our review of the literature, this is the first reported case in which both twins survived vasa previa complicated by ruptured membranes.

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Eaves LJ, Fulker DW, Heath AC: The effects of social homogamy and cultural inheritance on the covariances of twins and their parents: a LISREL model. Behav Genet 1989 Jan;19(1):113-22 In general, models involving parent-offspring transmission are not possible to specify in LISREL due to the complex constraints implied by assortative mating and genotype-environmental correlation. In this short note we describe one simple model of resemblance among twins and their parents which can be accommodated in the LISREL specification due to the strong assumption of social homogamy. The specification is described fully and checked for

identification, and its power to resolve different parameters is briefly examined.

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Determining zygosity in the Vietnam Era Twin Registry: an approach using questionnaires. Clin Genet 1989 Jun;35(6):423-32 The Vietnam Era Twin Registry (VETR) is a

registry of 7375 American male veteran twin pairs born between 1939 and 1955 who served in the armed forces of the United States between 1964 and 1975. Optimal use of registry data requires the determination of zygosity. Two approaches are available: analysis of blood genetic marker systems and responses of twins to questions about sibling similarity. Zygosity for the VETR was determined using the questionnaire technique supplemented with blood group typing data abstracted from military records. After comparing four alternative zygosity assignment methods, a logistic regression technique which uses discriminating variables based on race was selected. The approach is similar to that described by Magnus et al. (1983) in their study of Norwegian twins, suggesting that questionnaire responses are independent of nationality and reinforcing the reliability of the questionnaire method for zygosity ascertainment.

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Eng HL, Chuang JH, Lee TY, Chen WJ: Fetus in fetu: a case report and review of the literature. J Pediatr Surg 1989 Mar;24(3):296-9

A cystic tumor was first found in the abdomen of a Taiwanese girl at the age of 9 months. The tumor gradually increased in size and caused no symptoms until the girl was 7 years of age, when surgical removal was carried out. Pathological examination disclosed two "fetuses" within the fibrous sac. The pathogenesis of fetus in fetu and its differentiation from retroperitoneal teratoma are still controversial issues. Further work needs to be done to elucidate whether it is a natural progression of the twinning process to teratoma or the inclusion of a monozygotic diamniotic twin within the bearer.

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The NHLBI Twin Study is a longitudinal study of cardiovascular disease risk factors in 514 pairs of white, middle aged, male, veteran twins. The initial examination took place between 1969-1973. Ten years later, 81% of the living cohort returned for a second examination. Data collected up to 30 years prior to recruitment for the initial examination were used to characterize participants and nonparticipants; data from the initial examination were used to characterize returnees and nonreturnees to the second examination. Participants had significantly lower diastolic blood pressure and higher socioeconomic status than nonparticipants as measured thirty years earlier. Between the first and second examinations, the mortality of participants was less than 50% of the mortality of nonparticipants. Returnees to the second

examination had a better health profile at the initial examination than nonreturnees, with significantly lower levels of cigarette smoking, glucose intolerance, hypertension, and diabetes and higher levels of pulmonary function. However, returnees were more obese than nonreturnees. Thus, this study of cardiovascular disease risk factors in twins appears to be affected by response bias in a way similar to studies of individuals. Additional analyses of biases that may affect the genetic component of the study indicated that factors related to classical twin analyses were relatively unaffected by selection.

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Friedman A see Blickstein I Fulker DW see DeFries JC Fulker DW see Eaves LJ Fulker DW see Heath AC Fulker DW see Neale MC

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Gillberg IC see Steffenburg S Girz BA see Divon MY

Gocke SE, Nageotte MP, Garite T, Towers CV, Dorcester W: Management of the nonvertex second twin: primary cesarean section, external version, or primary breech extraction. Am J Obstet Gynecol 1989 Jul;161(1):111-4

Six hundred eighty-two consecutive twin deliveries were reviewed. Included in the study were 136 sets of vertex-nonvertex twins with birth weights greater than 1500 gm. A primary attempt at delivery of the second twin by external version was performed on 41 twins, 55 twins underwent attempted breech extraction, and 40 patients had a primary cesarean section solely because of physician preference. There were no differences in the incidence of neonatal morbidity or mortality among the modes of delivery. External version was associated with a higher failure rate than primary breech extraction (p less than 0.01). External version was associated with complications (fetal distress, cord prolapse, and compound presentation) that were not seen in the other two groups. Primary breech extraction of the second

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In twin studies (and other matched-pair studies) of the effect of a K-level risk factor on disease risk, one must estimate the proportion of pairs in each of K2 possible pair categories, of which K(K-1) categories represent discordant pairs. In particular, for a binary factor, one must estimate proportions within two discordant-pair categories and the variances of functions of these estimates. This paper shows how to do so when misclassification is present and stable estimates of the classification rates are available. Unlike methods that estimate only the discordance ratio, one can use the methods presented here to improve estimates of epidemiologic effects.

Grymer LF, Melsen B: The morphology of the nasal septum in identical twins. Laryngoscope 1989 Jun; 99(6 Pt 1):642-6 A comparison was made of the nasal septums of 41

pairs of identical twins to assess the impact of genetic and environmental factors on the formation of deformities of the nasal septum. Deformities of the anterior nasal septum (cartilaginous septum) were present in 22% of all the individuals studied, and in the posterior nasal septum (bony septum), some deformity was present in 74% of the persons studied. The distribution of deformities within pairs suggests that anterior deformities might be of external origin (e.g., traumatic), and posterior deformities may be considered to be part of a normal developmental process of the maxillary complex, where both genetic and epigenetic factors may play a role. Guidetti DA see Divon MY

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From a nationwide twin panel, identical twin pairs with highest discordance in cigarette smoking were selected for a study of arteriosclerosis (49 pairs with a mean age of 52 years). Smoking history was obtained in 1975, 1981, and 1986. The mean life-long smoking dose of the smoking cotwins was 20 package-years. The smoking and nonsmoking cotwins had similar systolic and diastolic blood pressures, total plasma cholesterol level, body mass index, and some psychosocial factors; the only difference was found in use of alcohol, which was greater among smoking cotwins. Duplex sonography of carotid arteries was performed. Carotid artery

stenoses (narrowing of area of the lumen with 15-60%) were found in nine pairs: in nine smoking twins and in two of their nonsmoking cotwins (p = 0.036). The total area of carotid plaques was 3.2 times larger in smoking cotwins (p less than 0.001). The thickness of the inner layer of carotid arteries was more marked in smoking cotwins (p less than 0.001). The size of plaques and the degree of inner layer thickening correlated with the dose of smoking (NS). The association of smoking with carotid arteriosclerosis was highly significant even after the adjustment for age, total plasma cholesterol level, diastolic blood pressure, and body mass index in multiple logistic regression analyses.

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Information about drinking practices has been obtained by questionnaire from 1,984 monozygotic and dizygotic adult female twin pairs from the Australian twin register, including 1,690 pairs where both twins have used alcohol. Statistical analyses of these data show that marital status is an important modifier of genetic effects on drinking habits. In young twins, aged 30 years or less, genetic differences between individuals account for only 31% of the variance in alcohol consumption of married respondents, but for 60% of the variance of unmarried respondents. In twin pairs, aged 31 years or more, genetic differences account for 46-59% of the variance in married twins, but for 76% of the variance in unmarried twins. In our young sample (average age 35 years) there is no evidence that individuals genetically predisposed to

evidence that individuals genetically predisposed to heavy drinking are any less likely to be married than the rest of the population. Some alternative explanations of these findings are also rejected. Heath AC, Neale MC, Hewitt JK, Eaves LJ, Fulker DW: Testing structural equation models for twin data using LISREL. Behav Genet 1989 Jan; 10(1), 255 19(1):9-35

Simple genetic models can be fitted to twin data using software packages such as LISREL (Jöreskog and Sörbom, 1986a). After discussion of data preparation and routine checks on possible violation of assumptions of the twin method, we illustrate univariate, bivariate, and multivariate genetic models which can be tested in cross-sectional twin data using LISREL. These include models for cohort or cohabitation effects, genotype x sex interaction, and certain types of genotype x environment interaction

and genotype-environment correlation.

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Forty families that have had more than one sibling with a congenital diaphragmatic hernia have been identified. The 85 children among the 40 families describe a subset of congenital diaphragmatic hernia displaying an autosomal recessive inheritance mode. The chance of a diaphragmatic hernia among siblings

within this subset is 25%.

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Craniopagus parasiticus, or épicome, is a rare teratological type, of which only six cases have been recorded in the medical literature. It differs from craniopagus conjoined twins in that the body and limbs of the parasitic twin are underdeveloped, leaving in some cases only a parasitic head, inserted on the crown of the autositic twin. The first case of this malformation was Everard Home's famous Twin-Headed Boy of Bengal, whose skull is preserved at the Hunterian Museum. In this historical review, Home's case is presented in some detail, and the later cases are used to explain further some of its particulars

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Sleep spindle characteristics and spindle power periodicity were studied in 4 identical and 3 fraternal twin pairs (mean age, 16 years). There were no significant genetic effects such as concordance between the identical twins and discordance between the fraternal twins for mean duration, mean amplitude and mean frequency of spindles. Spindle periodicity, which is correspondent to the sleep cycle, was visually more similar between the identical twins than between the fraternal twins. These observations suggest that the sleep cycle which is expressed by periodic appearance of spindle powers is genetically determined. On the other hand, some spindle characteristics and some physical measures had significant relationships. These relationships may suggest that some spindle characteristics are influenced by the individual development rather than by a genetic trait.

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The psychologic and behavioral changes that may occur with the impact of orthognathic surgery on the physical appearance of an identical twin set have been addressed. This unique situation has not been discussed in the literature with respect to reconstructive or cosmetic facial surgery. A report on elective orthognathic surgery performed on identical twins and the subsequent impact on the twin relationship due to alterations of "self-image phenomenon" is given. Such an impact was a consideration in this case. Further collective study in this area is needed but is difficult to obtain because of the rarity of occurrence of this type of case.

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Husain AN, Muraskas J, Lambert G, Dado D, Lynch J: Parasitic conjoined twins with omphalocele and tetralogy of Fallot. Pediatr Pathol 1989;9(3):321-8 Human parasitic twins are very rare. Here we report a unique case of a partial twin attached to the host in the midline at the forehead, chin, chest, and epigastrium. The parasite lacked thoracic organs and major neural tube derivatives. However, it had small peripheral nerves and ganglia within perirenal and pericolonic connective tissue. Also present were a well-developed small intestine, colon, and appendix with normal submucosal and myenteric plexuses These findings may represent either the initial presence of a neural tube that later regressed or migration of autosite neural crest cells. The parasite had a mature, functioning kidney with its ureter opening to skin and complete absence of urinary bladder or genital organs. This raises questions about the embryological development of the ureteric bud, which is an outgrowth of the mesonephric duct. The host had tetralogy of Fallot and omphalocele nost nad tetralogy of Failot and omphalocele containing the parasitic kidney and bowel. Parasitic twinning occurs at 3 weeks of gestation, tetralogy of Fallot at 3-7 weeks, and omphalocele at 6-10 weeks. A single noxa acting at 3 weeks could have caused sequential malformations that initially seem unrelated.

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During the period from 1969 to 1985, 107 pairs of twins, of which at least one in each pair had congenital hydrocephalus, were ascertained in Japan. The rate of concordance for hydrocephalus among these twins was 15%, with a slightly higher rate in like-sex male twins (28%) than in like-sex female twins (14%). The rates were 21% in like-sex and 0% in unlike-sex pairs. Two twin pairs had one anencephalic twin and one hydrocephalic twin.

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Nation-wide data in Japan on the 112 sets of conjoined twins from fetal deaths and from postnatal deaths during 1979-1985 were analysed. Female conjoined twins accounted for 60% of cases. The incidence rate of conjoined twins remained constant incidence rate or conjoined twins remained constain except in 1985. Overall incidence rate was 10 per million births. Maternal age effect was found in mothers over the age of 40, where the highest incidence rate was obtained. The incidence rate of conjoined twins increased with birth order. There

was no seasonal variation in the time of conception. Ionasescu R see Ionasescu VV Ionasescu VV, Searby CC, Ionasescu R, Patil S:

Duchenne muscular dystrophy in monozygotic twins: deletion of 5' fragments of the gene. Am J Med Genet 1989 May;33(1):113-6 A recombinant DNA study for deletion evaluation was performed in a 4 generation family with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) in twins. The patients were 6 years old, had a history of progressive difficulty in walking since age 4, and showed weak gluteals, iliopsoas, latissimus dorsi, rhomboids, lower trapezius, sternocleidomastoids, pseudohypertrophic calves, and tight heelcords. Both patients had high serum creatine kinase of 19,000 and 11,000 IU, respectively, and the muscle biopsy of the left vastus lateralis showed dystrophic alterations. Both twins had the same red cell types for ABO, Rh, CDE, MNSs, Kelly, Lewis, Duffy, and Kidd. HLA typing also detected the same antigens in both twins: A2, B44, DR4, and DR5. Cytogenetic studies were consistent with 46, XY male individuals with normal banding pattern. By cDNA probes the entire DMD gene was surveyed for missing or abnormal-sized restriction fragments. Both twin boys showed absence of 8.5, 8.0, 4.6, 4.2, and 3.1 kb fragments on Hind III blots and absence of 13.5, 3.7, 2.9, and 1.4 kb fragments on Bgl II blots both hybridized with cDNA 1-2a corresponding to most 5' region of the DMD gene. The mother and other relatives of the patient did not show deletion. These findings strongly suggest that the deletion in the DMD monozygotic twins represents a new mutation.

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To determine the value of islet-cell antibodies, both complement-fixing and non-complement-fixing, in predicting the later development of Type 1 insulin-dependent) diabetes, we studied different groups of identical twins. Twelve twins have developed diabetes and 11 of these had non-complement-fixing islet-cell antibodies before diagnosis, and eight out of nine tested had complement-fixing islet-cell antibodies. Of the twins who have remained non-diabetic for many years and are now unlikely to develop diabetes, twelve have had non-complement-fixing islet-cell antibodies at some stage but only four have ever had complement-fixing antibodies. In 29 non-diabetic co-twins tested within 5 years of the diagnosis of diabetes in the affected twin the presence of islet-cell antibodies, especially complement-fixing, predicted the progression to frank diabetes with a high specificity (100%), sensitivity (88%) and predictive value (100%). In pairs remaining discordant the antibodies were found more frequently in the diabetic than the non-diabetic twin. We conclude that the presence of islet-cell antibodies is not genetically determined and can occur without

progression to diabetes. However, the presence of islet-cell antibodies, especially complement-fixing, in non-diabetic twins tested soon after the diagnosis of their co-twin, indicates a high risk for the development of diabetes.

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The number of multiple pregnancies has been increasing as a result of the relatively widespread use of drugs for induction of ovulation and assisted conception techniques. This paper details the first reported cases of triplet pregnancies occurring in consecutive IVF cycles in two patients.

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circulation to this fetus. This pulsatile flow in the
umbilical vessel of the acardiac fetus was supported
by the cardiac function of the co-existing healthy

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in a co-twin control study on multiple sclerosis.
J Neurol Sci 1989 Jun;91(1-2):79-84
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peroxidase activity and lipid peroxides were
determined in patients with multiple sclerosis (MS).
The series consisted of 13 same-sexed twin pairs
derived from the Finnish Twin Cohort of 15,815
pairs. Fourteen subjects had a definite and 1 a

probable MS, and their 11 co-twins showed no evidence of central nervous system disease. No statistical differences were observed, but the 3 patients with active progressive MS had a higher mean level of lipid peroxides than the rest of the patients. We suggest that serum lipid peroxidation may be involved in the activity of MS.

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Six twin pregnancies complicated by hydramnios and premature labor were prospectively studied to determine whether indomethacin reduces amniotic fluid. Requirements for study entry included a gestational age less than 32 completed weeks and an amniotic fluid greater than 10 cm in one or both sacs. The amniotic fluid was measured using real-time ultrasonography before, during, and after treatment. Indomethacin treatment was initiated as a 100 mg rectal suppository and maintained thereafter by 50 mg orally every 6 hours. Treatment was discontinued after 32 completed weeks' gestation, if the patient was asymptomatic and the amniotic fluid was "normal" (less than 8 cm) or after the onset of oligohydramnios in one or both sacs (less than 2 cm). The interval from initiation of treatment to delivery ranged from 12 to 101 days. A coincidental reduction in amniotic fluid was observed in all seven treatment cycles. The time interval to obtain "normal" fluid ranged from 4 to 20 days (mean, 12.5 days). There were no perinatal complications attributable to indomethacin treatment. These data suggest that in selected pregnancies complicated by hydramnios, indomethacin may be of value not only in prolonging

gestation but also in amniotic fluid reduction.

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A study with ten identical twin pairs discordant for cigarette smoking for over 20 years was undertaken to evaluate the effect of smoking on platelet alpha 2-adrenoceptor binding ([3H]-yohimbine) and prostacyclin (IloprostR) sensitivity. Since plasma catecholamines, adrenaline and noradrenaline were increased in smokers (3.95 +/- 0.7 vs 2.26 +/- 0.1 pmol/ml, p less than 0.05) at rest, the objective of an acute additional adrenergic discharge by physical exercise was to uncover possible tachyphylaxis. Aggregation of adrenaline-stimulated platelets was significantly reduced in smokers after exercise and the refractoriness appeared to be maintained for 15 and 30 min afterwards. However, the densities of binding sites for the radioligand were not markedly different between the study groups at rest or after exercise. The binding affinity decreased after exercise in both groups. Adrenaline-stimulated platelets responded to prostacyclin by inhibiting aggregation and activating cAMP production equally in smokers and nonsmokers implying a preserved sensitivity to prostacyclin. Although smoking introduces long-term sympathoadrenergic effects, it does not alter alpha 2-adrenoceptor binding in platelets. Thus, the present data support a theory that smoking mediates its effects by platelet to vessel wall interaction and vasoactivity, rather than directly changing the properties of adrenoceptor in platelet or the coupling to adenylate cyclase.

Lawrence N, Bligard CA, Storer J, Courregé ML: Neonatal lupus in twins. South Med J 1989 May; 82(5):657-60

Neonatal lupus erythematosus (NLE) is a syndrome characterized by one or all of the following elements: cutaneous LE lesions, systemic disease, and congenital heart block. SS-A/Ro and SS-B/La have been implicated in the etiology of NLE, but because NLE is not uniformly manifested in all offspring of SS-A and SS-B autoantibody positive mothers, and because of the wide range of clinical manifestations associated with NLE, other contributing etiologic factors are being explored. HLA studies have revealed that infants of SS-A/Ro and SS-B/La positive mothers bearing HLA-A1, B8, DR3, DQ2, and DR52 are at greater risk of having NLE. Haplotyping in our dizygous twins supports these material HLA associations.

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the best fit to the observed data among the three models. The severity-liability model provided a modest fit to observed data, and Andreasen's model fit the data poorly. Results are interpreted as supporting the validity of the positive and negative symptom distinction in schizophrenia and as providing substantive empirical support for Crow's independent dual-process model. The methodological advantages of confirmatory factor analysis in the specification and evaluation of theoretical models in experimental and developmental psychopathology are discussed.

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Anticancer Res 1989 May-Jun;9(3):737-41 Chinese same-sex twins were recruited in order to study the distribution of different markers of hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection, including HBV surface antigen (HBsAg), antibody to HBV core antigen (anti-HBc), antibody to HBsAg (anti-HBs), HBV e antigen (HBeAg) and antibody to HBeAg (Anti-HBe), as well as to compare the concordance of these markers in pair-wise fashion among monozygotic (MZ) and dizygotic (DZ) twins and singleton controls. A total of 289 pairs of MZ twins, 102 pairs of DZ twins and 375 pairs of age-sex-matched singleton controls were studied. More than 50 percent of the members of each group (64.71% of MZ twins, 51.96% of DZ twins and 62.13% of controls) were found to be infected with HBV. In general, the patterns of the response to HBV infection in the 3 groups were similarly distributed. 20.17% of the members of the 3 groups (21.45% of MZ twins, 14.22% of DZ twins, and 20.80% of controls) were HBsAg carriers. Among the HBsAg carriers, 49.19% (44.35% of MZ twins, 34.48% of DZ twins and 55.77% of controls) were

HBcAg carriers. No significant difference in the concordance of HBV infection was observed in the MZ and DZ twins. However, highly significant differences were noted between MZ twins and controls, and between DZ twins and controls. Highly significant differences were also observed in the concordance of carrier status between MZ and DZ twins and between MZ twins and controls, but not between DZ and controls. As for the other HBV markers, no significant differences were observed. It is concluded that the genetic influence in response

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Identical male twins born in 1959 have developed chronic beryllium disease. Twin 1 was exposed to beryllium for more than 3 years. The diagnosis was first suspected at the time of his post-employment chest radiograph. Twin 2 was exposed for 21 months and ceased employment at the same time as his brother. His post-employment examination was normal. Thirty months later he developed an unusual skin rash which biopsy showed to be granulomatous. Further investigations proved the diagnosis. Both men have reduced tear secretion measured with Schirmer's test, a feature not previously reported in this condition. Bronchoalveolar lavage and laser microprobe mass spectrometry (LAMMS) were used as aids to the diagnosis. Sarcoidosis has been reported in identical twins, suggesting genetic susceptibility, which may also be of importance in chronic beryllium disease.

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Malamud D, Christensen CM, Navazesh M, Davis C: Bacterial agglutinin activity in the saliva of human identical and fraternal twins. Arch Oral Biol 1988;

The major factor in human saliva responsible for the specific aggregation of oral streptococci is a high molecular-weight glycoprotein (agglutinin). To determine if the level of this glycoprotein in whole and parotid saliva was genetically determined, agglutinin activity for Streptococcus sanguis and Streptococcus mutans in saliva obtained from identical and fraternal twins was compared. Evidence for the heritability of agglutinin activity and also parotid flow rate and total protein was obtained. There was no evidence for a significant genetic contribution to salivary sodium concentration.

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Parents of multiples suffer unique stresses which can severely impair family health and welfare. Access to information, counseling, and community resources increase parents' abilities to cope, and reduce the risk of child and spousal abuse. Twinline, a social service agency in California, provides a variety of free and low-cost nonmedical perinatal services to meet the needs of a heterogeneous population of over 1,000 multiple birth families and parents expecting multiples in the urban and rural counties of the San

Francisco Bay Area. Manning FA see Lange IR Marin A see Bertranpetit J Markow TA, Gottesman II: Fluctuating dermatoglyphic asymmetry in psychotic twins. Psychiatry Res 1989 Jul;29(1):37-43 Fluctuating asymmetry of bilateral morphological traits is the result of prenatal developmental instability and has been shown to be greater in organisms having more homozygous genotypes (aabb vs. AaBb, for example). This expected increase in fluctuating asymmetry has been found among individuals having a high degree of liability for schizophrenia, as this disorder appears to have a polygenic basis. We tested the additional prediction that the greater genetic liability for schizophrenia necessary for concordance between twins should be associated with greater fluctuating asymmetry in twin pairs in which both twins are mentally ill compared to twin pairs in which one individual is normal. Our analysis of asymmetry for finger ridge counts from fingerprints of concordant and discordant pairs of twins supports this prediction and provides additional indirect support for the roles of polygenic transmission and prenatal epigenetic vulnerability in schizophrenia.

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The influence of twinning on developmental stability was measured by comparing fluctuating asymmetry in dermatologlyphic traits in monozygotic twins, dizygotic twins, and singletons. Despite reports that twinning has been reported to influence development of traits such as birth weight and I.Q., no significant difference in fluctuating asymmetry was found between different zygotic categories.

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In a laboratory study of psychomotor sensitivity to alcohol, twins were asked "Would you drive a car alconol, twins were asked would you drive a car now?" at 1, 2, and 3 h after drinking a standard dose of ethanol (0.75 g/kg). Correlations among these binary items, the Eysenck personality scales, and age were investigated using PRELIS and LISREL. Willingness to drive and Extraversion correlate at all three times in both males and females. In males, willingness to drive also correlates with Psychoticism, and in females it correlates negatively

with the Lie (or Social Desirability) scale. Most correlations between cotwins in willingness to drive were significant in both monozygotic (MZ) and dizygotic (DZ) male twins but correlations were lower in female twins. Factor and Markovian models were fitted. In males there seem to be both genetic and cultural influences on willingness to drive when drunk. About half the genetic variance seems to be the pleiotropic effects of genes influencing Extraversion. The correlations with Psychoticism,

on the other hand, seem to be largely environmental in origin. The small sample size and lack of proper significance tests mean that these results must be interpreted with caution.

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Observations were made on two twins attending the

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A subacute myelomonocytic leukemia was diagnosed in 28-month-old cotwins. At this age, their spontaneously dividing cells had a normal karyotype. A few months later, after treatment with Karyotype. A few months later, after treatment with 6-mercaptopurine, the following karyotypes were observed: 50,XX, +X, +13, +19, +21 in one and 51,XX, +X, +X, +10, +19, +21 in the other. After bone marrow transplantation, both relapsed although they had received high doses of chemoand radiotherapy. One developed a clone 46,XX,del(20q), which acquired other clonal rearrangements. The other child developed two different abnormal clones, both with unbalanced rearrangement of chromosome 13. Some of these clones may correspond to immature erythroblasts. The gain of chromosomes, especially for #13, which occurred independently in the cotwins by various mechanisms and at different periods during the disease, is very striking. It may indicate the existence of a strong selective advantage for trisomic 13 cells and may be related to the genetic constitution of the patients

Matheny AP Jr: Children's behavioral inhibition over age and across situations: genetic similarity for a trait during change. J Pers 1989 Jun;57(2):215-35 Ratings of behaviors pertaining to inhibition were observed for 130 twins participating in a longitudinal study. Ratings were available for four ages (12, 18, 24, and 30 months) and from three sources at each age: direct observations obtained in a laboratory setting, direct observations obtained in conjunction with infant mental testing, and a temperament measure from a questionnaire completed by parents. For the individual twins, the age-to-age correlations were in the moderate range (.26 to .64). The situation-to-situation correlations were generally in the same range (.17 to .64). When the twins were recombined into twin pairs, within-pair (intraclass) correlations indicated that monozygotic (MZ) twins were more concordant than dizygotic (DZ) twins for each of the behaviors at each of the ages. Also, the MZ twins were more concordant for the direction and degree of behavioral change from age to age or from situation to situation. These data provide additional evidence for the biological influence on behavioral inhibition, a characteristic that has been studied in temperament and personality research. The results suggest that the trait of behavioral inhibition and a change in the trait are genetically conditioned. In addition, it is suggested that the concept of trait be expanded to include the

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cigarette smoking, and plasma sex steroids in normal
male twins. Genet Epidemiol 1989;6(3):399-412 Smoking has been observed to affect plasma sex hormones and body mass index. The relationship between smoking, body mass index, and plasma concentration of sex hormones was studied in normal adult male twins. The analyses were performed for between 150 and 159 twin pairs for whom hormonal data were available on both twins. With bivariate analysis, neither body mass index nor smoking affected estrone, luteinizing hormone, follicle-stimulating hormone, ratio of testosterone to estradiol, or ratio of testosterone to dihydrotestosterone. Body mass index significantly (P less than 0.05) affected sex hormone binding

globulin, whereas smoking had no effect. The plasma contents of testosterone and dihydrotestosterone and the luteinizing hormone/testosterone ratio were affected by both body mass index and smoking, although, after allowing for body mass, smoking was less significant (0.05 less than P less than 0.10). A path model was formulated to examine the relationship of body mass and sex steroid levels. Our results suggest that body mass index affects sex steroids, since common environmental factors do not account for the strength of the relationship. The bivariate analysis suggests that the smoking effect on sex hormones (except perhaps for

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We present here the clinical cases of identical twins with Graves' disease associated with various mental

disorders. They showed restlessness, hyperexcitability, emotional instability, anxiety, depressive state, obsessive-compulsive manifestations, and delusions of persecution and reference. In the case of twin A, the psychiatric symptoms and Graves' disease were in parallel with their clinical course, and his psychiatric symptoms disappeared after a subtotal thyroidectomy. In the case of twin B, however, the psychiatric symptoms had almost disappeared during the period of

hypothyroidism for two months after a subtotal thyroidectomy, but the symptoms recurred in spite of the data of euthyroidism in blood examinations after that period of time. It was suggested that the psychiatric symptoms of twin B were due to the euthyroid Graves' disease. The close resemblance of the psychiatric symptoms in both twin A and B might be based on the same genetic disposition due to their being identical twins.

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Nagoshi CT, Wilson JR: Long-term repeatability of human alcohol metabolism, sensitivity and acute tolerance. J Stud Alcohol 1989 Mar;50(2):162-9 Thirty-eight subjects in the Colorado Alcohol Research on Twins and Adoptees (CARTA) were brought back between 3 and 39 months after their initial testing to be retested on a shortened version of the standard CARTA procedures. As before, subjects were given a dose of ethanol (0.8 g/kg) calculated to bring their blood alcohol level (BAL) to near 100 mg/dl, but no topping doses were administered in the retests to maintain BALs near peak for 3 hours, as was done previously Repeatability (test-retest correlation) for alcohol clearance rate was near zero, repeatability for time to peak BAL was 0.36 and that for peak BAL was 0.50. Repeatabilities of prealcohol baseline scores were generally high (median 0.55) for the shortened battery of physiological, motor coordination, perceptual speed and reaction time measures. Repeatabilities were near zero for sensitivity scores (median 0.02) and were low for acute tolerance scores (median 0.10) and perceived intoxication (median 0.27). These findings are highly consistent with an earlier report on repeatabilities of responses to alcohol over a 1-month time interval.

Nakamura K see Hisano K Nance WE, Neale MC: Partitioned twin analysis: a power study. Behav Genet 1989 Jan;19(1):143-50 Individual differences in the human genome may

now be measured with molecular genetic techniques. Therefore, dizygotic (DZ) twins may be classified as sharing two, one, or zero "genes" identical by descent for any measured polymorphism. As a result, we may partition genetic variation into two sources: (i) genotypes at and closely linked to particular marker loci identified with restriction fragment length polymorphisms (RFLPs) and (ii) other genetic variation. The power of the classical twin study to reject false models lacking either a marker effect or a residual genetic effect is explored. Additivity of genetic effects at or near the locus and of the residual genetic variation as well as random environmental variation are assumed. Results indicate that statistical rejection of models could be achieved with sample sizes which are within the range of several current twin registers. A design including monozygotic (MZ) twins is compared with one consisting of only DZ twins. MZ twins add considerable power for the detection of residual genetic variation but provide no information to resolve genetic marker effects. Navazesh M see Malamud D

Neale MC, Stevenson J: Rater bias in the EASI temperament scales: a twin study [published erratum appears in J Pers Soc Psychol 1989 May;56(5):845] J Pers Soc Psychol 1989 Mar;56(3):446-55 Under trait theory, ratings may be modeled as a function of the temperament of the child and the bias of the rater. Two linear structural equation models are described, one for mutual self- and partner ratings, and one for multiple ratings of related individuals. Application of the first model to EASI temperament data collected from spouses rating each other shows moderate agreement between raters and little rating bias. Spouse pairs agree moderately when rating their twin children, but there is significantly rater bias, with greater bias for monozygotic than for dizygotic twins. MLE's of heritability are approximately .5 for all temperament scales with no common environmental variance. Results are discussed with reference to trait validity, the person-situation debate, halo effects, and stereotyping. Questionnaire development using ratings on family members permits increased rater agreement and reduced rater bias. Neale MC, Martin NG: The effects of age, sex, and

genotype on self-report drunkenness following a challenge dose of alcohol. Behav Genet 1989 Jan; 19(1):63-78

Age is a potential source of variation that contributes to differences between, but not within, twin pairs. In most genetic analyses of twin data, linear and other functions of age are usually removed prior to model fitting. This correction is typically applied only within twin groups of the same sex and zygosity, and no heterogeneity test of age regressions zygosity, and no neterogeneity test of age regressions is performed. Here we include age as a variable in the model-fitting procedure and allow for tests of heterogeneity of age regressions across sex and zygosity groups. The LISREL formulation of the approach is illustrated with data collected from Australian twins on subjective impressions of drunkenness following alcohol consumption. The results indicate significant negative covariation of impressions of drunkenness with age. The data support a simple model of additive genetic and unique environmental variation. No evidence was found for sex differences in genetic or environmental components of variation.

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The antepartum management of 198 women who were delivered of triplets between 1985 and 1988 is reviewed. Women were managed with the assistance of ambulatory perinatal nursing to provide outpatient surveillance. Modified bed rest, prophylactic tocolysis, and betamethasone were liberally used and patients were hospitalized only when obstetrically indicated. The most common antepartum complication was preterm labor (66.2%) and the success of therapy with tocolytic agents is described. The mean gestational age and birth weight at delivery were 33.6 + /- 3 weeks (mean +/- SD) and 1871 +/- 555 gm, respectively. Comparison of the gestational age distribution at delivery with previous reviews demonstrates fewer deliveries less than 29 weeks' gestation and significantly more deliveries between 32 and 37 weeks gestation.

Cesarean delivery occurred in 94% of the triplets, which eliminated birth order as a factor that affects survival. The corrected perinatal survival rate was 95% in this contemporary review of outpatient triplet management and represents a major

improvement in the expected outcome for triplets. Newman TB, Browner WS: Use of the correlation of liability in twins and siblings in the study of birth defects. Teratology 1988 Oct;38(4):303-11 The epidemiologic approach to determining the etiology of disease involves identification of potential risk factors and then comparison of disease incidence among people with varying levels of exposure to the potential risk factors. This paper defines risk factors which correspond to different levels of genetic and environmental proximity to index cases of birth defects. Genetic proximity is estimated by the coefficient of relationship (R): 0.5 for siblings and dizygotic twins and 1.0 for monozygotic twins. Environmental proximity is measured by a combination of two variables: one variable for those potentially preventable risk factors common to siblings (S) and another for those common only to twins (T). Discordance in identical twins is attributed to a third type of environmental factors (U) that are unshared by twins and include random (stochastic) factors. The association between these risk factors and birth defects is estimated by using a linear model of the correlation of liability for different relatives. The coefficients derived from the model reflect the relative importance of genetic and

different types of environmental risk factors as causes for the defects and can be used to identify birth defects most likely to be caused by measurable and possibly preventable risk factors. These defects could then be assigned high priority for future studies and

preventive efforts.

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The occurrence of transient neonatal diabetes mellitus in male twins with almost identical courses of illness is reported. A trial with chlorpropamide treatment of twin A had no obvious influence on the insulin consumption or on duration of treatment. Very low values of plasma C-peptide and serum proinsulin with no detectable insulin antibodies supports the theory of delayed maturation of the beta-cell.

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We studied prospectively 49 non-diabetic identical twins of recently-diagnosed Type 1 (insulin-dependent) diabetic patients for up to 24 years (median 9 years). During this time 15 developed Type 1 diabetes. Actuarial analysis indicates that by 12 years 34% of the twins will have developed Type 1 diabetes and that thereafter only another 2% will do so. Inevitable bias in ascertainment of the twins makes it likely that the true figure is less. We conclude that factors which are not genetically determined must be important in the pathogenesis of the disease. The rates of developing Type 1 diabetes in the co-twins declines sharply in the years after diagnosis of the index twin, which suggests that the initiation of the process leading to Type 1 diabetes occurs within a finite, and not a prolonged, period.

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Magnetic resonance imaging morphology of the corpus callosum in monozygotic twins. Ann Neurol 1989 Jul;26(1):100-4

Recent reports describe wide variations in the size and shape of the human corpus callosum. To investigate genetic influences on this variability,

magnetic resonance images from 5 pairs of monozygotic twins and 10 unrelated control subjects were analyzed. Measurements of size and shape revealed greater similarity in twin pairs than in randomly paired controls. The results are consistent with the view that the anatomy of the corpus callosum, while clearly influenced by nongenetic factors, is under considerable genetic control.

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Pedersen NL, Gatz M, Plomin R, Nesselroade JR, McClearn GE: Individual differences in locus of control during the second half of the life span for identical and featernal twins rearred apart and rearred. identical and fraternal twins reared apart and reared together. J Gerontol 1989 Jul;44(4):P100-5 The relative influences of genetic and environmental factors for components of locus of control (LOC) were examined in the Swedish Adoption/Twin Study of Aging. The sample consisted of 84 pairs of monozygotic twins separated at an early age and reared apart, 173 pairs of dizygotic twins reared apart, 129 monozygotic pairs reared together, and 168 dizygotic pairs reared together. At the time of data collection, 72% were over 50 years of age. Three LOC components were measured in a mailed questionnaire: sense of personal control or lack of control over the direction of one's own life (Life Direction), beliefs about how responsible people are for misfortunes in their lives (Responsibility), and beliefs concerning the role of luck in determining people's outcomes (Luck). Model-fitting results indicated that genetic influences were of importance for Life Direction and Responsibility, accounting for somewhat over 30% of the variance in each component, while environmental influences

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The relative influences of genetic and environmental factors for Type A-like behaviors and related traits were examined in the Swedish Adoption/Twin Study of Aging. The sample consisted of 99 pairs of monozygotic twins separated at an early age and reared apart, 229 pairs of dizygotic twins reared apart, 160 monozygotic pairs reared together, and 212 dizygotic pairs reared together. The average age of the Swedish Adoption/Twin Study of Aging twins at the time of data collection in 1984 was 58.6 (SD 13.6); 72% of the pairs were over 50 years of age and 60% were female. The Framingham Type A Scale, three descriptors of the Type A behavior

pattern (pressure, hard-driving, and ambitious), and measures of hostility and lack of assertiveness were assessed in a mailout questionnaire. Heritability (the proportion of total variance due to genetic effects) was 27%, 28%, 43%, 37%, 20%, and 12%, respectively, for the six measures. The most conservative test of significance indicated significant genetic influence for all but the hostility and assertiveness scales. Sharing the same rearing environment was generally unimportant for twin similarity in the Type A behaviors later in life; however, 20% of the variation in the hostility and assertiveness measures could be attributed to shared family environment. Evidence for the effects of correlated post-rearing environments was found for hostility. Approximately 60% of the variation in each of the measures can be attributed to non-shared environmental experiences unique to the individual.

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events, while left-handedness in higher birth weight left-handed MZ co-twins may be associated with delayed zygotic splitting and disrupted asymmetry determination. Birth weight status within MZ twin pairs may predict a lower IQ for the lower birth weight twin only when lower birth weight twin only when lower birth weight co-occurs with left-handedness. Pre-natal insult similarly reduced Verbal IQ, but not Performance IQ, within these particular twinships.

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analysis (ASTER). A second study was performed under more strictly defined conditions of rest and where the respiratory variables were estimated with

respiratory inductance plethysmography to eliminate the possible effect of a facemask (5 pairs of twins). In each study, for each variable, the differences within twin-pairs were compared to the differences within random-pairs from the same subject population. In both studies, there were highly significant similarities within twin-pairs in the pattern of breathing, being best demonstrated when the entire 'shape' of the pneumotachogram (ASTER) or the spirogram (TRIAD) was considered.

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differences in maternal or neonatal morbidity or mortality rates in trial of labor versus no trial of labor groups. We conclude in this limited population that a trial of labor in a twin gestation after a previous cesarean delivery appears to be a reasonable consideration. The usual safeguards for attempted vaginal delivery in the twin gestation should be followed

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A twin study examines the relationship of affect attunement to four factors of development: zygosity, temperament, attachment, and twin preference. Affect attunement occurs when an infant expresses affect and a mother responds cross-modally, matching duration, intensity, and rhythm. A sample of 16, same sex, healthy twins (8 MZ, 8 DZ) and their mothers were recruited at 10 to 12 months of age. Monozygous twins attuned at more similar rates than dizygous twins. There was no relationship between attunement, attachment, and temperament, nor between affect signal rate and attunement. Five of eight mothers expressed a twin preference. Eleven of the 16 infants were classified securely attached. Affect attunement is discussed as a measure of the complementarity between an infant's affect signaling rate and a mother's contingent responsiveness.

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Non-mosaic trisomy 16 was observed in chorionic villus cytotrophoblasts (direct) as well as cultured mesenchymal core cells derived from the pregnancy of a 38-year-old woman. Chromosome preparations from amniotic fluid and neonatal cultures (cord blood) were 46,XX. Normal fetal growth as determined by serial ultrasound examinations occurred throughout the pregnancy, which resulted in a healthy 2724 g female. Multiple biopsies taken from the umbilical cord, placental cotyledons, and fetal membranes were 46,XX. However, a placental nodule and three of six cultures initiated from membranes (amnion and chorion) showed 46,XX/47,XX, +16 mosaicism. We propose that the trisomy 16 cells arose from residual villi derived from a trisomic co-twin that never developed. This case further demonstrates that normal fetal growth may presage normal outcome irrespective of cytogenetic findings in cytotrophoblasts (direct) and cultured mesenchymal core cells.

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causes of variation was found. As expected, the largest source of variation in bith weight was associated with gestational age. Other common environmental influences were non-significant. Heritability was significant, constituting approximately 40% of variation not associated with maternal and gestational age. A small but significant effect of chorionicity was found, such that dichorionic twins show a greater similarity than monochorionic.

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