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*Knowing and concerns the  
Intersex*

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- Intersex = middle sex = Bi-sex
- Third Sex = Hermaphrodite =
- Disorders of sex development
  - (DSD)
- Variations of sex development
  - (VSD)
  - = 陰陽人

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## How to identify Sex ?

- *penis or vagina ?*
- *testis or uterus&ovary ?*
- *breast or not ?*
- *XX or XY ?*
- *Strong body or weak body ?*
- *Masculine or Feminise ?*

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## Do Intersex exist really ?

- Hiker (Taiwan)
- Jonalyn (Philippines)
- Morgan (Austria)
- Hida (USA)
- Sally (South Africa)
- Ruth (Malta)
- May be 2000 babies have one! (PAIS)

◦ IS are beside you always!

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What is Intersex ?

*Intersex is a human*

As you

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- *Intersex is a human, is a variation in sex characteristics including chromosomes, gonads, or genitals that do not allow an individual to be distinctly identified as male or female. Such variation may involve genital ambiguity, and combinations of chromosomal genotype and sexual phenotype other than XY-male and XX-female.*
- *Genitals that cannot be classified as male or female*
- *Incomplete development of internal reproductive organs*
- *Variations of the sex chromosomes*
- *Different development of the testes or ovaries*



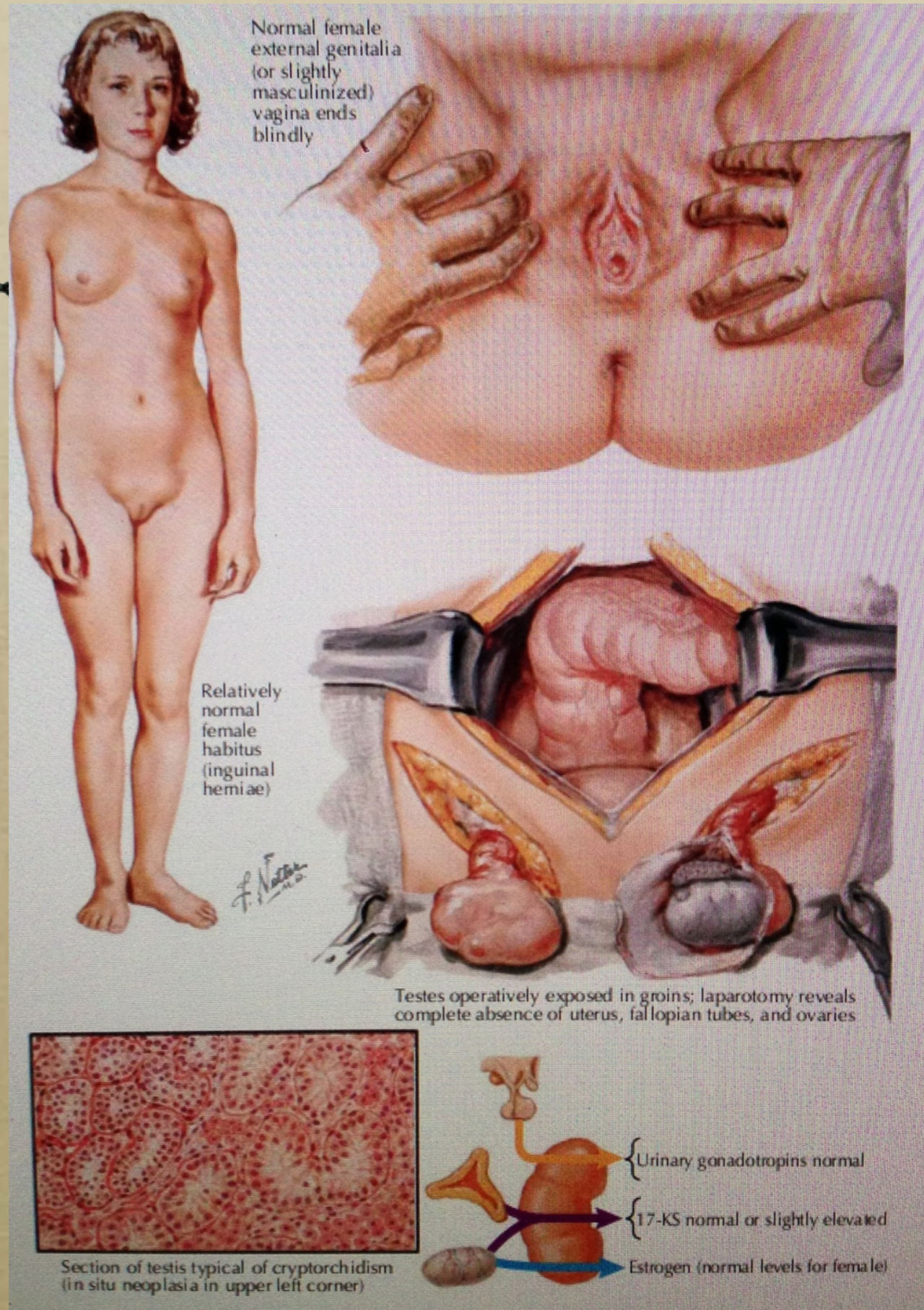
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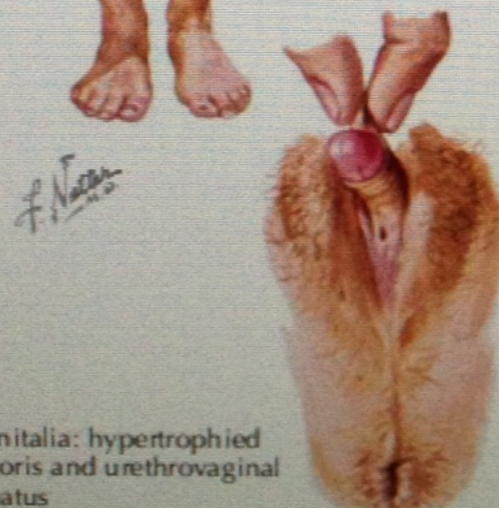
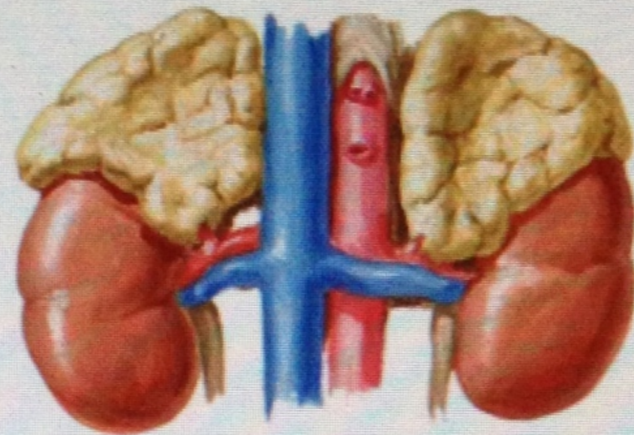
## What make Intersex ?

### Sex development disorder

- Food? Water?
- Air?
- Nuclear energy?
- Close relative sex? Cross race sex?
- Old age pregnancy?
- Stress for pregnant women?



picture from : Netter Collection of Medical Illustrations: Reproductive System



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## *Klinefelter Syndrome*

- *Klinefelter syndrome is the set of symptoms resulting from additional X genetic material in males. Also known as 47,XXY or XXY.*
- *Klinefelter syndrome is a genetic disorder in which there is at least one extra X chromosome to a standard human male karyotype, for a total of 47 chromosomes rather than the 46 found in genetically typical humans.*
- *This chromosome constitution (karyotype) exists in roughly between 1:500 to 1:1000 live male births, but many of these people may not show symptoms.*

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## *Androgen insensitivity syndrome*

- *AIS is a condition that results in the partial or complete inability of the cell to respond to androgens.*
- *Unresponsiveness of the cell to the presence of androgenic hormones can impair or prevent the masculinisation of male genitalia in the developing fetus.*
- *But does not significantly impair female genital or sexual development.*
- *AIS is divided into three categories that are differentiated by the degree of genital masculinization: complete AIS (CAIS) - female; mild AIS (MAIS) - male, and partial AIS (PAIS) is indicated when the external genitalia are partially.*
- *2000 babies may have one.*

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## Congenital adrenal hyperplasia

- CAH are any of several autosomal recessive diseases resulting from mutations of genes for enzymes mediating the biochemical steps of production of cortisol from cholesterol by the adrenal glands (steroidogenesis).
- Most of these conditions involve excessive or deficient production of sex steroids and can alter development of primary or secondary sex characteristics in some affected infants, children, or adults.
- 7000 babies may have one.

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## What do Intersex need?

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- *Physical support, Mental support, Society support*
- *Physical: medical care, living help*
- *Mental: professional support, peer support, information giving, partnership*
- *Society: public education, against discrimination, government facilitating, professional equipment*
- *Right: dicision making right, Full body right, non- binary gender right*

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## Intersex-Homosexual-Transexual

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- *Gender ambiguous / Sex ambiguous*
- *Sex vs Gender Identity vs Sexual Orientation*
- *Intersex Lady Lesbian*
- *Intersex Man Gay*



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## How to help Intersex ?

- *Knowing them*
- *Tell others what you know*
- *Pray for them*
- *Show your concern and understand*
- *Give your hand, give your love, give your acceptance*
- *Join our project*

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## The Goals of the international Intersex Movement :

- *The goals of the intersex movement are to raise awareness, and achieve an equal place in society. We seek the right to bodily autonomy, the right to a life without stigma and discrimination, and the right to a life without shame and secrecy.*

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## At the Past

- No Intersex ?
- Less Intersex ?
- Hidden Intersex ?
- No one know Intersex ?
- Denial the present of Intersex ?

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## At the Present and the Future

- More and more Intersex babies will born
- More and more Intersex will be living around you
- More and more Intersex will stand out to fight for the human right

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# *Contact Info*

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