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immunoblotting experiments using polyclonal antibodies raised against human placental cytochrome oxidase identified a similar profile of bands to those seen in controls, supporting the view that cytochrome aa3 deficiency in this case may be a secondary consequence of a failure of assembly related to a severe proximal respiratory chain defect.

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We report on 3 Puerto Rican brothers with the clinical and laboratory findings of aspartylglucosaminuria (AGU). Their parents were manifestations of AGU, including developmental disabilities, progressive "coarsening" of the face, and early onset of hepatosplenomegaly. Biochemical studies showed elevated levels of urinary aspartylglucosamine and very low activity of aspartylglucosaminidase(AGA) in cultured fibroblasts. With long term follow-up, previously undescribed manifestations were noted, including radiographic evidence of spondylolysis and spondylolisthesis in early childhood and development of macro-orchidism during puberty. This family shows that AGU is not limited to individuals of Finnish background, but that the gene is panethnic in distribution and that additional changes, not previously noted, may present with

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schizophrenia, personality disorder, or substance abuse more often than the latter. While there were no overall differences between twins and non-twins, there were relatively more twins in the above three diagnostic groups. We suggest that the factors leading to the death of one twin are implicated in the later psychiatric morbidity of the survivor. Chitkara U see Lynch L

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Electroencephalogram (EEG) recordings were made from 26 pairs of monozygotic (MZ) and 26 pairs of dizygotic (DZ) adult male twins, before and after alcohol ingestion. After a baseline EEG and a light breakfast, 1.2 ml/kg of ethanol was given orally over 15 min and the EEG repeated four times

at hourly intervals. Alcohol caused a significant drop in the percentage of beta waves (14-30 cycles/sec) during the 1st hr. For the percentage of beta waves in 38 pairs of twins with complete data, MZ twin beta-wave intraclass correlations (RMZ) ranged between 0.85 and 0.91 before and after alcohol, but the DZ intraclass correlations (RDZ) started at 0.54 and fell to 0.05 at 2 hr after alcohol before recovering and fell to 0.05 at 2 hr atter alcohol before recovering to baseline levels. These correlations resulted in heritability estimates [2(RMZ-RDZ)] of 0.68 at baseline and 1.73 at 2 hr. A heritability of 1.43 was found for the 1st hr drop in percentage of beta waves (RMZ = 0.78, RDZ = 0.06). These unrealistically high heritabilities, due to RDZ's approaching 0.0, suggest a failure of assumptions in the linear twin model that was used. Also, these findings are similar model that was used. Also, these findings are similar to, but more exaggerated than, findings in resting EEG's and visually evoked EEG potentials of twins and are compatible with the influence of gene interactions.

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Midshaft radial bone mass was first measured from Midshaft radial bone mass was first measured from 1970 through 1972 by photon absorptiometry in 42 pairs of monozygotic (MZ) and 38 pairs of dizygotic (DZ) male Caucasian twins (age 44–55 years). The MZ intraclass correlation (rMZ) of .70 was significantly larger (P less than .05) than the DZ correlation (rDZ) of .45, providing evidence for genetic influences (Smith et al. 1973). Radial bone mass measurements repeated (I years later (1986-87) mass measurements repeated 16 years later (1986-87) on 25 of the MZ pairs and on 21 of the DZ pairs revealed an rMZ of .61 and an rDZ of .44, but the difference was not significant (P greater than .05). The twins had an average radial mass loss of 0.49%/year between the two examinations. The rMZ (.52) and rDZ (.49) values for the 16-year loss in radial mass were both significantly different from zero, but their similar size indicated that the correlations were due to nongenetic factors. In search for the source of genetic influences on adult radial mass, heritability was estimated by the formula 2(rMZ - rDZ) for radial width and was found to 2(MZ - 1DZ) for radial width and was found to be .66 and .76 (P less than .05) for examinations to and 2, respectively. An index of radial density (mass/width) was calculated, and the differences between rMZ and rDZ were not significant at either examination. The intraclass correlations (rMZ = .35; rDZ = .43) were both significant for the loss of bone density between examinations but provided no evidence for genetic influences, results similar to the findings for the loss of mass.(ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 250 WORDS)

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women delivered vaginally. While the first was successful, the second resulted in vaginal delivery of the first two triplets followed by emergency CS for the third. That infant had a cord blood pH of 6.96 (BE-19), was resuscitated and survived. All 10 CS were successful. The mean cord blood gas tensions and pH were normal. In addition, Apgar scores, the requirement for mechanical ventilation or supplemental oxygen, and mortality did not differ or supplemental oxygen, and mortality did not differ between the first and third-born triplet. These observations suggest that CS was beneficial. Our very low mortality rate supports the concept that CS delivery and aggressive neonatal resuscitation and therapy greatly enhances survival.

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Twin pregnancies pose particular problems in both prenatal diagnosis and obstetric management. We present 19 twin pregnancies that underwent fetal blood sampling (FBS). The indications were mostly similar to those for singleton pregnancies, with both fetuses being sampled. There was one indication specific to twin pregnancies; disseminated intravascular coagulation in the retained twin after the death-in-utero (DIU) of the other. In 5 cases, only 1 twin was sampled; in 2 because the second twin was female in the diagnosis of an X-linked disorder; in 1 because of technical failure, and in 2 the other twin had predeceased. Eight pregnancies continued after the FBS delivering 2 live, healthy infants, though 5 were delivered before 37 weeks of gestation. In 7 cases there was a discordance in the diagnosis between the twins. In 3 of these cases the affected fetus underwent selective termination by air embolism; in 2 cases the pregnancies were continued and the affected twin not resuscitated; 1 pregnancy is still in progress, and 1 patient had a non-medically supervised termination of both twins in another country. Two patients miscarried within a week of the FBS. Two patients had only 1 living twin at the time of FBS; I had a second DIÚ a month after the FBS and the other a neonatal death at 11 days of age in an infant with severe porencephaly. FBS is technically feasible for similar indications as for singleton pregnancies though discordance in

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We evaluated six pairs of conjoined twins: four pairs were dicephalus, and two were of the ischiopagus type. In three of the four dicephalus pairs, the right twin had an abnormality of laterality that included a right aortic arch, reversed great vessel orientation, bilateral right-sided isomerism of the lungs, asplenia, and situs inversus of the viscera. The left twin had normal great vessel orientation and situs solitus in each case. The finding that was unique in these three dicephalus twin pairs was their fused hearts, which were similar in orientation and configuration. The fourth dicephalus twin pair had one normally rotated heart, which was located in the midline and had normally placed chambers and great vessels. Each normally placed chambers and great vessels. Each twin of this pair had normal visceral situs. In the two pairs of ischiopagus twins, each pair had two separate hearts, with normal cardiac structure and great vessel relationships. The viscera expressed normal laterality. Documentation of a defect in laterality in the right twin in three conjoined twin pairs with fusion of the hearts combined with the pairs with fusion of the hearts, combined with the presence of normal laterality in three pairs without cardiac fusion, has implications regarding the mechanisms leading to laterality of the human embryo. We suggest that rotation of the heart initiates the embryo's process of lateralization and that the laterality defects of the viscera seen in the right twin are a result of their abnormal cardiac

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Retrospective information about teenage alcohol use was obtained from 1589 adult twin pairs aged 20-30 years from the Australian twin register. Twin pairs were highly concordant both for teenage drinking (or abstinence) and for early versus late onset of drinking. Sociodemographic variables (e.g., paternal occupation and parental religious affiliation) and psychosocial variables (e.g., personality and attitudinal traits), assessed when the twins were adults, were comparatively poor predictors of teenage drinking. Environmental influences on onset of drinking appeared to be sex-specific, i.e., uncorrelated over twins from unlike-sex pairs Among drinkers, early versus late onset of drinking was more strongly influenced by inherited factors in females, but by shared features of the social environment (e.g., family background or school experience) in males.

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The principle of the continent urinary reservoir involves use of a variety of intestinal segments providing continence, a mechanism of antireflux and a catheterizable stoma in either an abdominal or pelvic location. This concept was used to create a continent urinary reservoir in a 3-year-old former ischiopagus tripus conjoined twin. The solitary renal unit had been drained into a hydrocolpos with an antirefluxing ureteral reimplantation at separation. The patient remained incontinent through the urogenital sinus. At subsequent reconstruction the posterior aspect of the hydrocolpos was tubularized as a vagina, while the remainder of the hydrocolpos was augmented with ileum to create a urinary reservoir. The conduit was constructed with imbricated ileum, in which myectomy had been performed to allow for easier imbrication and tubularization for a narrow neourethra. A second set of conjoined twins have been separated similarly. Of these twins 1 will undergo creation of a continent urinary reservoir in an identical fashion. This represents the first report of the use of hydrocolpos

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subset) (P less than .05), but a similar level was detected in their nondiabetic cotwins. In 12 pairs studied greater than 5 yr after the diagnosis and in whom the nondiabetic twin is less likely to develop diabetes, the percentage of cells reacting with OKT8 was reduced in both the diabetic (P less than .05) and the nondiabetic (P less than .01) twins. Reductions were also seen with OKT3 (recognizing the CD3 antigen present on the total T-lymphocyte population) and OKT4 (recognizing the CD4 antigen present on the helper/inducer subset), but only in the diabetic twins from the group with longer discordance. We conclude that a reduced percentage of suppressor/cytotoxic cells is associated with type I diabetes, but the reduction appears to be genetically determined. Total T-lymphocytes are also reduced but mainly in the helper/inducer subset and only in diabetic patients of long duration. Such a reduction cannot therefore be primarily genetically determined.

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Kinnunen E, Juntunen J, Ketonen L, Koskimies S, Konttinen YT, Salmi T, Koskenvuo M, Kaprio J: Genetic susceptibility to multiple sclerosis. A co-twin study of a nationwide series. Arch Neurol 1988 Oct;45(10):1108-11 The problems of differentiation between environmental and genetic influences on the development of multiple sclerosis are well known. Twin studies may provide valuable information on this question. However, most published twin series are selected and no through clinical twin studies

based on epidemiologic series have been carried out. based on epidemiologic series have been carried out. In this study, all available same-sex twin pairs with clinically definite multiple sclerosis derived from the Finnish Twin Cohort of 15815 pairs were studied by clinical evaluation, magnetic resonance imaging, and visual and auditory evoked responses. The mean length of follow-up of the pairs after the onset of symptoms of multiple sclerosis was 20 years. Two of the seven monozygotic pairs were concordant; one was definitely so, and in the other, the co-twin of the index case had, in addition to clinical findings, white matter changes suggestive of multiple sclerosis in magnetic resonance imaging and abnormal visual evoked responses. All six dizygotic pairs were discordant. The frequency of the HLA antigen DR2 in probands (69%) was significantly increased, but the distribution among the healthy subjects and patients showed nonsignificant differences. The results indicate a genetic influence on the susceptibility to multiple sclerosis, although still unknown genetic determinants are possible involved.

Kiyama T see Matsukura N
Knapp JC see Heller RF
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Knuppel RA see Morales W Kodama A see Sameshima K Konttinen YT see Kinnunen E Koskenvuo M see Kinnunen E Koskenvuo M see Lassila R Koskenvuo M see Laustiola KE Koskenvuo MK see Teikari JM Koskimies S see Kinnunen E Kovacs B, Shahbahrami B, Platt LD, Comings DE:

Molecular genetic prenatal determination of twin zygosity. Obstet Gynecol 1988 Dec;72(6):954-6 A method of human identity determination using synthetic oligonucleotide probes was applied to prenatal determinations of twin zygosity. Deoxyribonucleic acid "fingerprints" were obtained from chorionic villi or amniocytes. In all cases, the technique predicted twin zygosity with very small tissue samples. The accuracy and simplicity of the method far exceed those of any other currently used technique. This technique should be applicable in those situations in which prenatal determination of relationship is needed.

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Laing S see Sherman SL Lancet M see Blickstein I Lassila R, Laustiola KE: Physical exercise provokes platelet desensitization in men who smoke cigarettes—involvement of sympathoadrenergic mechanisms—a study of monozygotic twin pairs discordant for smoking. Thromb Res 1988 Jul 15; 51(2):145-55 Since chronic smoking is known to be a dominant risk factor for morbidity and mortality in cardiovascular diseases related to enhanced atherogenesis and arterial thrombogenesis, the mechanisms causing these effects are of interest. The present study aims to assess the basic biochemical and haemorheological parameters among male monozygotic twinpairs, who have been discordant for smoking in average for over 20 years. Because smoking is known to cause enhanced sympathoadrenergic activation, the study was designed to further stimulate this by means of

physical exercise. The platelet aggregation in vitro and serum-thromboxane B2 (S-TxB2) did not differ

at rest, but after exercise smokers' platelets were desensitized to all doses of adrenaline and low doses of ADP as well as collagen and the levels of S-TxB2 were lower than among nonsmokers. This finding was supported by the decreased release of serotonin and TxB2 during aggregation induced with adrenaline. The leucocyte counts were significantly higher among smokers at rest and haematocrit as well as platelet counts showed the same tendency. Fibrinogen tended to be be elevated among smokers after exercise and together with haematocrit levels implicated increased blood viscosity. FVIII, vWF and beta-thromboglobulin did not differ. In conclusion we suggest that in smokers the significant exhaustion of platelets to in vitro stimulation might be a consequence of continuous platelet activation during physical stress. This phenomenon together with our other findings implies that the sympathoadrenergic system has a multiple role in vivo, which needs further research to elucidate the mechanisms involved in the effects of smoking on cardiovascular disease

Lassila R, Seyberth HW, Haapanen A, Schweer H, Koskenvuo M, Laustiola KE: Vasoactive and atherogenic effects of cigarette smoking: a study of monozygotic twins discordant for smoking. BMJ 1988 Oct 15;297(6654):955-7

The mechanism by which atherosclerotic disease is induced by cigarette smoking has not yet been identified unequivocally. Chronic cigarette smoking and the generation of vasoactive prostanoids and the size of carotid atherosclerotic plaques were studied in nine pairs of identical male twins discordant for smoking for over 20 years. The urinary excretion of 2,3-dinor-thromboxane B2 (thromboxane B2 metabolite) of the smoking twin was significantly higher (on average 1.8 times higher) in every pair and that of 2,3-dinor-6-keto-prostaglandin F1 alpha (prostacyclin metabolite) was significantly higher (on average 1.3 times higher) in eight of the nine pairs. The ratio of excretion of these metabolites was significantly higher, being 4.0 (95% confidence interval 2.7 to 5.4) among the smokers compared with 2.9 (2.1 to 3.8) among the non-smokers, thus favouring a mechanism of vasoconstriction. Excretion of the thromboxane B2 metabolite was related to the urinary concentrations of nicotine metabolites. Atherosclerotic plaques detected by ultrasonography in the carotid arteries were significantly larger among smokers but did not correlate with the urinary excretion of prostacyclin and thromboxane B2 metabolites or intensity of smoking. Smoking was concluded to induce activation of platelets by an effect mediated by nicotine. The increased prostacyclin production, on the other hand, suggested a compensatory mechanism for the general vasoconstrictive properties of cigarette smoking.

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Laustiola KE, Lassila R, Nurmi AK: Enhanced activation of the renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system in chronic cigarette smokers: a study of monozygotic twin pairs discordant for smoking. Clin Pharmacol Ther 1988 Oct;44(4):426-30 Plasma renin activity (PRA) and aldosterone concentration were measured before and during submaximal exercise in 10 male monozygotic twin pairs who were discordant for smoking. In nine twin pairs PRA was higher in the smoker both at rest and during exercise. The mean PRA was 99% higher at rest and 84% higher during exercise than in nonsmokers. Plasma aldosterone levels were higher at rest in seven smokers and during exercise in eight

smokers compared with the respective nonsmokers. The mean aldosterone level at rest was 23% and during exercise 40% higher in the smokers than in the nonsmokers. Chronic smoking induces increased PRA, which results in increased aldosterone formation, presumably via enhanced generation of angiotensin II. This may partly explain the greater vasoconstrictive reactivity typical of the arteries of chronic smokers.

Laustiola KE, Lassila R, Kaprio J, Koskenvuo M: Decreased beta-adrenergic receptor density and catecholamine response in male cigarette smokers. A study of monozygotic twin pairs discordant for smoking. Circulation 1988 Nov;78(5 Pt 1):1234-40 The effect of long-term cigarette smoking on beta-adrenoceptor density and catecholamine response was studied in 10 monozygotic male twin-pairs discordant for smoking, with an average discordance time for smoking of 23 years (range, 12-35 years). The density of beta-adrenergic receptors was 40% lower in the lymphocytes of smoking twins compared with their nonsmoking cotwins (beta-receptor density, 6.7 +/- 1.2 and 11.1 +/- 1.8 fmol/10(6) cells, respectively; p less than 0.05). The corresponding apparent Kd values were 31.7 +/- 5.5 and 26.7 +/- 5.4 pM, respectively. Stimulation of the lymphocyte beta-receptors resulted in significantly lower levels of cyclic adenosine monophosphate in the smokers compared with the nonsmokers (16.2 \pm / \pm 3.3 vs. 29.2 \pm / \pm 6.5 pmol/10(6) cells, p less than 0.05). When subjected to submaximal exercise, the smokers had a lower level of civilic adenosine monophosphate. a lower level of cyclic adenosine monophosphate in plasma (25.9 +/- 1.2 vs. 28.6 +/- 1.0, p less than 0.05) and a net decrease was seen in plasma free fatty acids in the smokers compared with a net increase in the nonsmokers (-15% vs. +19%, p less than 0.01). The total plasma catecholamine level was, in the basal state, significantly higher in smokers compared with nonsmokers (74.8%, p less than 0.05). The intrapair difference in plasma norepinephrine predicted well the intrapair difference in beta-receptor density (r = -0.84, p less than 0.001). We conclude that the autonomic neurohumoral response evoked by cigarette smoking results in downregulation of beta-adrenergic receptors in

long-term smokers.

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Martinville B: Absence of detectable chromosomal and molecular abnormalities in monozygotic twins discordant for the Wiedemann-Beckwith syndrome. Am J Med Genet 1988 Jul;30(3):821-33 Monozygotic twins discordant for the Wiedemann-Beckwith syndrome (WBS) were studied by cytogenetic and molecular methods to determine if a genetic lesion could be detected in the affected child. Probes known to be localized on the short arm of chromosome 11 and a low copy-repetitive probe were used. No genetic lesions could be ascertained in normal or affected tissue obtained from the WBS twin.

Lumbiganon P, Pengsaa K, Puapermpoonsiri S, Puapairoj A: Neonatal melioidosis: a report of 5 cases. Pediatr Infect Dis J 1988 Sep;7(9):634-6 Melioidosis, caused by Pseudomonas pseudomallei,

occurs in tropical areas and is diagnosed mostly in adults. In Khon Kaen, a province of northeast Thailand, five cases of infantile melioidosis were managed at Srinagarind Hospital. The patient's specimens were submitted to microbiologic and serologic examination for P. pseudomallei demonstrated by indirect hemagglutination. Possible modes of transmission such as environment, perinatal exposure and venereal transmission were

investigated.

Lykken D see Hanson B

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Lynch L, Berkowitz GS, Chitkara U, Wilkins IA,
Mehalek KE, Berkowitz RL: Ultrasound detection of Down syndrome: is it really possible? Obstet Gynecol 1989 Feb;73(2):267-70 Several ultrasonographic signs have been described in second-trimester fetuses at high risk for Down syndrome. We examined these parameters in twin pregnancies in which one fetus was affected with Down syndrome and the other was normal. Biparietal diameter to femur length ratio was concordant (either normal or abnormal) in eight of nine sets of twins. Actual femur length to expected femur length ratio was concordant in seven of nine sets of twins. Nuchal fold thickening (6 mm or more) correctly identified five out of nine affected fetuses and was not present in any of the normal fetuses. In conclusion, neither ratio was helpful in differentiating the fetus with Down syndrome from its normal cotwin. A thickened nuchal fold was the most informative parameter examined.

Lytton H, Watts D, Dunn BE: Stability of genetic determination from age 2 to age 9: a longitudinal twin study. Soc Biol 1988 Spring-Summer; twin study. 35(1-2):62-73

McClearn GE see Nesselroade JR McClearn GE see Pedersen NL

McCollum JA: Parent playfulness: a case study of infant twins with handicaps. Child Care Health Dev 1988 Jul-Aug;14(4):235-53

This longitudinal case study was designed to provide descriptive data on game playing between one mother and father and their infant twin sons, each of whom had handicaps. Specific issues addressed were the proportion of interaction time spent playing parent/infant games, the types and characteristics of the games played, whether these varied between the mother and father, and whether there was a relationship between parental game playing and the developing but different abilities of the infants.

Results showed many parallels with existing literature on parent/infant games and on differences between mothers and fathers. Results also indicated variations in game playing in relation to the extent of handicap in the infant.

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Martin NG see Heath AC
Marzuki S see Byrne E
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Matsukura N, Onda M, Tokunaga A, Yoshiyuki T,
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Kiyama T, Tanaka N, et al: Simultaneous gastric
cancer in monozygotic twins. Cancer 1988 Dec 1;
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Monozygotic twins developed gastric cancers that were found almost simultaneously. A 47-year-old man complained of nausea and vomiting; an upper gastrointestinal series and endoscopy revealed advanced gastric cancer invading the serosa. advanced gastric cancer invading the serosa. Palliative subtotal gastrectomy was performed. In his asymptomatic twin a gastric polyp was detected during a screening examination, and this was observed for 2 years. After the former twin had undergone surgery, the latter twin was given a detailed endoscopic examination, and biopsy revealed gastric cancer limited to within the mucosa. Curative subtotal gastrectomy was performed. The noncancerous gastric mucosa of the former twin showed severe intestinal metaplasia, but that in the latter showed only spotty metaplasia. They had lived together for 40 years, but the former was a heavy smoker and drank alcohol, while the latter did not. These differences in taste might have contributed to the observed difference in intestinal metaplasia, which indicates chronic mucosal damage.

which indicates chronic mucosal damage.

Mehalek KE see Lynch L

Meikle AW see Slattery ML

Meininger JC, Hayman LL, Coates PM, Gallagher P:
Genetics or environment? Type A behavior and cardiovascular risk factors in twin children.

Nurs Res 1988 Nov-Dec;37(6):341-6

The heritability of Type A behavior and other cardiovascular risk factors was investigated in twin cardiovascular risk factors was investigated in twin school-age children. The purpose was to differentiate those risk factors that have the potential to respond to environmental and life-style changes. The sample consisted of 71 monozygotic and 34 same-sex, dizygotic twin pairs 6 to 11 years old residing in the Philadelphia metropolitan area. Systolic and diastolic blood pressure, triceps skinfold thickness, body mass, and fasting blood specimens Teachers rated the children's Type A behavior and two of its subcomponents, impatience-aggression and competitive achievement-striving, using the Matthews Youth Test for Health. Statistically significant heritability estimates were found for Type A behavior and its subcomponents, triglycerides, systolic blood pressure, and body mass.

Nevertheless, there was substantial environmental influence on these risk factors. The greatest environmental influence was observed for HDL-cholesterol, LDL-cholesterol,

apolipoprotein-B and diastolic blood pressure. Melamed J see Stauffer A Merrick D see Collins JW Jr

Meulepas E, Vlietinck R, van den Berghe H: The probability of dizygosity of phenotypically concordant twins. Am J Hum Genet 1988 Dec;

A basic element in the determination of the zygosity of a twin pair is the proportion of genotypically concordant pairs among the dizygotic pairs. Two methods to derive this proportion are in common use: the first method requires a laborious enumeration of parental genotypic mating types, and the second method relies on a set of formulas, one for each of the possible combinations of genotypes of two full sibs. In this paper the relation between both methods is uncovered. The set of formulas of the second method is reduced to a single general formula, of which the connection with the ITO method (Li and Sacks 1954) is indicated. By applying both methods in turn to an example concerning the MNS blood group system (Fisher 1951), Fisher's way of performing the calculations according to the first method is unraveled, and the preferability of

the second method is made clear. Next, formulas are derived for the probability of genotypic or phenotypic concordance of dizygotic twins when direct information on the genotype or phenotype of one of the parents is available. The case of an X-linked locus is also considered. To facilitate

applications, tables are given.

Miller JZ, Christian JC, Fineberg NS, Grim CE:
Nutrient intake and blood pressure: families of adult
identical twins. J Am Coll Nutr 1988 Dec;

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To investigate the relationship of dietary intake to blood pressure, 198 adults and 53 children who were members of 92 nuclear families completed a 3-day diet diary prior to an outpatient clinic examination for cardiovascular disease risk factors. Nutrient intake was significantly related to age and anthropometric variables in adults. Sodium and potassium intake were related to blood pressure in adults, but this relationship was no longer significant after adjustment for caloric intake. The diet and blood pressure relationships in children were less clear. Multiple linear regression techniques using age, anthropometric variables, and nutrient intake demonstrated that in adults age and skinfold were the principal determinants of blood pressure, but in children age and saturated fat intake were most likely to enter the equations. In comparisons of normotensive and hypertensive adults, there were no differences in the dietary intakes of these electrolytes. The results of this investigation underscore the complex interaction of nutrient intake with body size and age. Investigators who focus only on a few nutrients and fail to account for other sources of variation can be misled.

Miller MT see Kaufman LW

Millward BA see Johnston C
Mirsky AF, Quinn OW: The Genain quadruplets.
Schizophr Bull 1988;14(4):595-612

The Genain quadruplets are a unique set of monozygous women who are concordant for schizophrenia but discordant for the severity of their disorder. They were studied by David Rosenthal and colleagues at the National Institute of Mental Health in the late 1950's when they were in their twenties and again in 1981 when they were 51. They are faring about as well now as they ever have in their adult lives. The results of psychological tests, some of which were repeated more than 20 years apart, are discussed, as are the effects of medication on attention and memory. The differential response of the Genains to neuroleptic drugs, as well as certain other findings in the 1981 study, leads to a different conclusion about the discordant severity of their disorder from that reached in 1963 by Rosenthal and Quinn. These observations emphasize the value of long-term followup studies in genetically related individuals, with repeated assessments of the same functions.

Miyata K see Sameshima K
Moilanen I: Psychic vulnerability as a sequel to perinatal morbidity. A longitudinal twin study with special reference to psychiatric morbidity and inter-twin dependency

Acta Paediatr Scand Suppl 1988;344:95-105 In this follow-up study 497 twins from 335 twin deliveries were examined between the ages of 12-20 years to ascertain late effects of perinatal complications and mild neurological abnormalities on mental health, by means of questionnaires filled in by the parents and by the twins themselves. One third of the twins had not suffered from any perinatal complications, while one third had been small for

gestational age, one third had been born prematurely and one third had suffered from respiratory disorders. Neonatal hypoglycaemia had been found in 22% and hyperbilirubinaemia in 7% of the twins. Perinatal complications had occurred in almost all those twins who later underwent inpatient psychiatric treatment. Most perinatal problems were reflected in the twin's dependency on his co-twin, showing in particular a cumulative effect when occurring simultaneously. Those twins who are currently more dependent learned to walk and speak later than the non-dependent ones, and their EEG background activity of ten years ago, at the age of 2-10 years, was more abnormal than that of the probably perceptual, factors enhancing the development of inter-twin dependency. The dependent twins were more submissive and had the most frequent feelings of inferiority. The neurological, psychological and family interactional factors that cause a twin to distrust himself and depend on his co-twin are also discussed in this study.

Morales WJ, O'Brien WF, Knuppel RA, Gaylord S, Hayes P: The effect of mode of delivery on the risk of intraventricular hemorrhage in nondiscordant twin gestations under 1500 g. Obstet Gynecol 1989 Jan;73(1):107-10

The effect of birth order, presentation, and mode of delivery on neonatal outcome in nondiscordant twin gestations under 1500 g was investigated. All neonates had echoencephalograms performed by the fourth day of life to diagnose the presence and severity of intraventricular hemorrhage. One hundred fifty-six sets of twins were included in the study, of which 59 were in a vertex/vertex presentation, 59 in vertex/nonvertex presentation, and 38 with twin A in a nonvertex presentation. Second twins were characterized by a higher incidence of respiratory distress syndrome (RDS): 66 versus 54% (P less than .05), and severe grades of intraventricular hemorrhage: 30 versus 19% (P less than .01). For vertex/vertex twins, cesarean delivery did not result in improved outcome. Rather, the incidence of RDS was significantly increased in neonates from this group delivered by cesarean birth: 67 versus 46% (P less than .01). Among twins in which at least one of the fetuses was in a nonvertex presentation, those born via cesarean delivery demonstrated a lower incidence of both severe grades of intraventricular hemorrhage and mortality. However, after multivariate analysis to correct for differences in birth weight between the groups, no advantage for cesarean delivery could be demonstrated. Therefore, differences in birth weight, rather than in mode of delivery, accounted for the differences in the neonatal outcome of

nonvertex-presenting twins.

Morgan MA see Robie GF

Morley JB see Byrne E

Murphy JP see Holcomb GW 3d

Nakagawa S see Chitayat D Naritomi K see Sameshima K R. Bergeman CS: Factorial and criterion validities of telephone-assessed cognitive ability measures. Age and gender comparisons in adult twins.
Res Aging 1988 Jun;10(2):220-34
Nielsen J see Olsen J

Nilsson H see Ahlfors K Nishi K see Matsukura N Norton JA Jr see Christian JC Nurmi AK see Laustiola KE Nyström M, Ranta R: Dental age and asymmetry in the formation of mandibular teeth in twins concordant or discordant for oral clefts. Scand J Dent Res 1988 Oct;96(5):393-8 The aims of this investigation were: 1) to study the effects of zygosity and the type of cleft on dental age in pairs of twins concordant or discordant for oral clefts, 2) to compare dental age in the twins with that in a population of normal Finnish children, and 3) to study asymmetry in the formation of mandibular teeth with regard to zygosity and the type of cleft. Twenty-two pairs of twins (8 monoand 14 dizygotic) and one set of monozygotic triplets concordant or discordant for cleft lip (CL), cleft palate (CP), or both (CLP) were investigated. Four of eight mono- and 12 of 14 dizygotic pairs were discordant for clefts. An orthopantomogram of both twins was taken on the same day. In 7 of the 8 monozygotic (88%) and in 4 of the 14 dizygotic (29%) pairs, the dental age was the same in both twins. Of the 12 pairs discordant for clefts, the dental age of the twin with cleft was delayed in 5, advanced in 3, and the same in 4 compared with that of the twin without a cleft. The means of chronologic age and dental age were counted separately for the cleft subgroups and the non-cleft (NONC) group. The dental age was advanced in the CL twins and in the NONC twins, and was the same as chronologic age in the CP twins, but it was delayed in the CLP twins. Asymmetric formation of the 14 mandibular teeth (mostly the second premolars) was encountered in 3 of 8 CLP, in 3 of 18 CP, in 1 of 16 NONC, and in none of 5 CL children. The great similarity in tooth formation among the monozygotic twins indicates strong genetic control of dental maturation in twins concordant and also discordant for cleft.

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O'Brien WF see Morales WJ O'Connell DL, Heller RF, Roberts DC, Allen JR, Knapp JC, Steele PL, Silove D: Twin study of genetic and environmental effects on lipid levels. Genet Epidemiol 1988;5(5):323-41 A study of 106 pairs of monozygotic (MZ) and 94 pairs of dizygotic (DZ) twins tested the hypothesis that part of the previously described genetic influence on blood lipid levels can be ascribed to closer similarities among MZ than among DZ twin pairs in environmental factors that affect lipid levels. Participants were adult twin volunteers (age 17-66; 64 male and 136 female pairs) who were selected from the NH & MRC Twin Registry or were respondents to advertisements. They completed a 4-day weighed food diary from which mean nutrient intake was derived. Information on lifestyle and demographic variables was obtained by questionnaire and a nonfasting blood sample was taken for measures of total, low-density lipoprotein (LDL) cholesterol, and high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol and the HDL2 and HDL3 subfractions. Height and weight were measured, and body mass index (BMI) was calculated (kg/m2). Estimates of the heritability of sex-adjusted lipid levels were 0.72 for total cholesterol, 0.79 for HDL cholesterol, 0.69 for HDL2, 0.20 for HDL3, 1.06 for LDL cholesterol, and 0.44 for sex-adjusted BMI. In all cases except for HDL3, genetic variance was

statistically significant. After adjusting for the effects of environmental variables in three different ways, the estimates of heritability were somewhat lower for total cholesterol, HDL2, and BMI, and those for HDL cholesterol (borderline) and LDL cholesterol (definitely) remained statistically significant but were decreased. A genetic influence on HDL3 was not found. Adjusted heritability estimates obtained from one method of analysis were 0.35 for total cholesterol, 0.49 for HDL, 0.04 for HDL2, -0.34 for HDL3, 0.66 for LDL, and 0.32 for BMI. These results suggest that the assumptions made in the classical twin study approach are not appropriate when examining genetic effects on lipid levels or BMI, or indeed on any biological variable that may be affected by environmental factors that tend to be more similar in MZ twins than in DZ twins. In these circumstances, more complex models may be needed to differentiate between genetic and environmental influences.

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Olsen J, Bønnelykke B, Nielsen J: Tobacco smoking and twinning. Acta Med Scand 1988;224(5):491-4
In a case-control study an association was found between mothers' smoking habits and the frequency of dizygotic twinning. As cases were included all twins born in Denmark in 1984 and 1985. A random sample of 1.5% of mothers to singletons, born in the same period were selected as controls. Only live-borns, conceived after no hormonal treatment, were included in the study. The finding may be due to the well-known anti-estrogen effect of smoking.
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Payne GG Jr see Robie GF Pazderka F see Douglass AB Pedersen JC, Berg K: Normal DNA polymorphism at the low density lipoprotein receptor (LDLR) locus associated with serum cholesterol level. Clin Genet 1988 Nov;34(5):306-12 A restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) at the low density lipoprotein receptor (LDLR) locus detectable with the restriction enzyme PvuII exhibits association with total serum cholesterol level. People who are homozygous for absence of the PvuII restriction site have a significantly higher total cholesterol level than heterozygotes (the number of homozygotes for presence of the restriction site was too small to permit meaningful comparison). This difference is significant at the 29 level. Thus, this study of sex- and age-adjusted cholesterol levels in a sample of healthy people yields additional evidence and sustains our previous proposal that normal alleles at the LDLR locus contribute to the population variation in total cholesterol levels. Absence of the PvuII site appears to confer an odds ratio of approximately 2.7 for having a cholesterol level in the top quartile of the population distribution.

Pedersen NL, Plomin R, McClearn GE, Friberg L: Neuroticism, extraversion, and related traits in adult twins reared apart and reared together.

J Pers Soc Psychol 1988 Dec;55(6):950-7
The relative importance of genetic and environmental factors for neuroticism, extraversion, impulsivity, and monotony avoidance were estimated in a sample of 99 monozygotic and 229

dizygotic pairs of twins reared apart (TRA) and a matched sample of 160 monozygotic and 212 dizygotic pairs of twins reared together (TRT). The average age was 58.6 (SD = 13.6); 72% of the twins were 50 or older. Model-fitting analyses verified the importance of genetic factors for all four measures; from 23% to 45% of the total variation was attributable to genetic sources. There was considerable evidence that these factors were operating in a nonadditive manner for extraversion and impulsivity. Shared environment accounted for less than 10% of the variance; some evidence for selective placement was found for neuroticism. Pedersen NL see Nesselroade JR Pengsaa K see Lumbiganon P

Pérez-Hiraldo MP see Fabre E Pescovitz OH see Litz CE Peters M see Feingold M Phillips J see Shah DM Pickens RW, Svikis DS: The twin method in the study

of vulnerability to drug abuse. NIDA Res Monogr 1988;89:41-51 Pickens RW see Svikis DS Platt LD see Kovacs B Plomin R see Nesselroade JR
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Prince MT, Souheaver GT, Berry DH:

Neuropsychological effects of irradiation and chemotherapy treatments upon children with acute tymphoblastic leukemia: a case study of monozygotic twins. Neurotoxicology 1988 Fall;9(3):341-9
Numerous attempts have been made to determine returnerous arterings have been made to determine the effects of irradiation and chemotherapy upon cognitive functioning when used for treatment of acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL). While many studies have demonstrated a deleterious effect, others have found no significant changes in neuropsychological functioning. The uncertainty regarding the cognitive effects of these treatments is exemplified via a presentation of monozygotic twins who were evaluated via neuropsychological tests. The children received similar induction-consolidation therapy which included intrathecal methotrexate and cranial irradiation. Neuropsychological tests yielded almost identical I.Q. patterns, however, subtle differences were noted

between the children when abstract reasoning abilities, achievement tests scores, motor speed, grip strength, performance on complex tasks requiring haptic sensitivity, and fingertip sensitivity were observed. This discussion also summarizes the previous findings related to cognitive function after chemotherapy and radiation therapy and some of the confounding factors which have been noted.

Propping P see Christian JC

Propping P see Stassen HH

Pschera H, Jonasson A: Is cesarean section justified

for delivery of the second twin?

Acta Obstet Gynecol Scand 1988;67(4):381-2 During the last 7-year period, the second twin was delivered by cesarean section in three of 161 twin pregnancies in our Department. The main reasons for this procedure were fetal distress caused by malpresentation or cord prolapse in 2 cases and in the third case placental separation. Cesarean section for delivery of the second twin is justified only in selected cases.

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Rapaport D, Colletto GM, Zatz M: Genetic and environmental components of serum creatine kinase (CK) and pyruvate kinase (PK) in normal twins: implication for genetic risks estimates in Duchenne muscular dystrophy carriers. Am J Med Genet 1988 Oct;31(2):291-8

The serum activity of creatine kinase (CK) and pyruvate kinase (PK) was measured in 98 pairs of same-sex Brazilian twins. The purpose of this study was to estimate the genetic and environmental components of serum activity levels for both enzymes. Heritabilities were estimated separately by path analysis in each sex. The results showed that CK and PK activities are under genetic control in normal males and females. Environmental components were not statistically significant for CK or PK. The genetic component of both enzymes estimated in females has implications in the calculation of genetic risks for Duchenne muscular dystrophy carriers.

Rathi SK: Aminophylline as diazepam antagonist in a preterm infant [letter] Indian Pediatr 1988 Aug; 25(8):803-4

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Rayburn WF see Viscardi RM

Redline S, Tishler PV, Rosner B, Lewitter FI, Vandenburgh M, Weiss ST, Speizer FE: Genotypic and phenotypic similarities in pulmonary function among family members of adult monozygotic and dizygotic twins. Am J Epidemiol 1989 Apr; 129(4):827-36

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Population studies have demonstrated that obstructive airways disease aggregates within families. The authors used a twin family model of analysis to estimate the genetic and environmental influences on pulmonary function. A total of 1,635 members of 414 families of adult twins (252 monozygotic, 162 dizygotic) enrolled in the Greater Boston Twin Registry were studied between 1981 and 1982. Correlations in levels of forced expiratory volume in one second (FEV1) and forced vital capacity (FVC), adjusted for age, sex, height, and current smoking status, were compared among 16 groups of relatives sharing various degrees of genetic relatedness. A direct relation between shared genotype and the magnitude of the familial correlations for pulmonary function was observed. For FEV1, the correlations were 0.71 for monozygotic twins (100% shared genotype), 0.16 to 0.29 for relatives with 50% shared genotype, 0.09 to 0.27 for relatives with 25% shared genotype, 0.06 for cousins with 12.5% shared genotype, and -0.14 to 0.14 for unrelated family members. Correlations for FVC were similar. Stratification of the analysis by concordance or discordance for passive tobacco smoke exposure or for frequency with which families visited one another did not systematically alter these relations. These data suggest that phenotypic similarities in pulmonary function relate directly to genetic similarities, and are consistent with a multifactorial mode of inheritance.

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A new inborn error in bile acid synthesis, manifest in identical infant twins as severe intrahepatic cholestasis, is described involving the delta 4-3-oxosteroid 5 beta-reductase catalyzed conversion of the key intermediates, alpha-hydroxy-4-cholesten-3-one and 7 alpha,12 alpha-dihydroxy-4-cholesten-3-one for chenodeoxycholic and cholic acid synthesis, to the respective 3 alpha-hydroxy-5 beta (H) products. This defect was detected by fast atom bombardment

excretion and predominance of taurine conjugated unsaturated hydroxy-oxo-bile acids. Gas chromatography-mass spectrometry confirmed these to be 7 alpha-hydroxy-3-oxo-4-cholenoic and 7 alpha, 12 alpha-dihydroxy-3-oxo-4-cholenoic acids (75-92% of total). Fasting serum bile acid concentrations were greater than 37 mumol/liter; chenodeoxycholic acid was the major bile acid, but significant amounts of allo(5 alpha-H)-bile acids (approximately 30%) were present. Biliary bile acid concentration was less than 2 mumol/liter and consisted of chenodeoxycholic, allo-chenodeoxycholic, and allo-cholic acids. These biochemical findings, which were identical in both infants, indicate a defect in bile acid synthesis involving the conversion of the delta 4-3-oxo-C27 intermediates into the corresponding 3 intermediates into the corresponding 3 alpha-hydroxy-5 beta(H)-structures, a reaction that is catalyzed by a delta 4-3-oxosteroid-5 beta reductase enzyme. This defect resulted in markedly reduced primary bile acid synthesis and concomitant accumulation of delta 4-3-oxo-and allo-bile acids. These findings indicate a pathway in bile acid synthesis whereby side chain oxidation can occur despite incomplete alterations to the steroid nucleus. despite incomplete alterations to the steroid nucleus, and lend support for an active delta 4-3-oxosteroid 5 alpha-reductase catalyzing the conversion of the delta 4-3-oxosteroid intermediates to the respective 3 alpha-hydroxy-5 alpha(H)-structures. Seyberth HW see Lassila R

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An excess of twins in families with the Martin-Bell or fra(X) syndrome was noted previously in one family study [Fryns, 1986]. We tried to confirm this observation in a second large sample of families from a different population. We calculated the number of twin births among the total number of live births of known obligate carriers found in fra(X) families ascertained in New South Wales, Australia. We only included births of known sex and excluded triplets. There were 5 male pairs, 3 female pairs and 9 unlike sex pairs of twins born among 752 live births. Thus the twining rate was 1/44 per live birth. We compared this rate to that found in two different types of individuals: 1) the rate of 1/96 which was obtained from the 1985 vital statistics for New South Wales, and 2) the rate 1/75 obtained from a sample of live births of obligate carriers with hemophilia A. The increase in twinning among heterozygotes with the fra(X) was highly significant when compared to the census data (p less than 0.001). However, it was not significantly different from that in the hemophilia data (p less than 0.05) which were

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possible in particular by the application of advanced information processing techniques such as "supervised learning," and the development of a problem-oriented "similarity" concept. Our work aimed at modeling previous findings regarding the distinct individuality of human brain-wave patterns, the high similarity between the EEGs of

monozygotic twins, and the average within-pair similarity of dizygotic twins. Thus, we had three objectives: First, we wanted to improve the quantification of EEG characteristics with respect dualitication of ELO characteristics with respect to reproducibility and specificity by means of adaptive procedures and repeated measurements. Second, we wanted to compare the "typical" within-subject EEG similarity with the "typical" within-pair EEG similarity of monozygotic and dizygotic twins brought up together. Finally, we were interested in the degree to which environmental factors affect the characteristics of human brain-wave patterns. Our investigations were based on the empirical data derived from five different populations: (1) 81 healthy subjects, (2) 24 pairs of monozygotic twins brought up together, (3) 25 pairs of dizygotic twins brought up together, (4) 28 pairs of monozygotic twins reared apart, and (5) 21 pairs of dizygotic twins reared apart. Following our similarity conception, repeated measurements on the set of 81 individuals were used as design samples, and new registrations from the same individuals taken 14 days later were referred to as test samples in order to develop the appropriate method and to determine all required calibration parameters. This specific approach allowed us to construct EEG spectral patterns which, with a specificity and reproducibility of greater than 90% each, largely met the requirements of genetic EEG studies. Hence, we were able systematically to investigate the within-pair EEG similarity of our twin samples. (ABSTRACT TRUNCATED AT 400 WORDS)

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congenital heart defect 3/18, upper urinary tract anomaly 4/9, and mental retardation 10/12. There is also an increased incidence of like-sex twinning, 11/18 in our families. This syndrome must be more common than reflected in published reports. Based upon the observation that males are much more severely affected than females and the lack of male to male transmission, it appears that this condition is most likely to be inherited in an X linked fashion. Further elucidation of the phenotype and documentation of the inheritance is needed. The distinction between the telecanthus-hypospadias syndrome and the G syndrome also needs further clarification.

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refractive errors especially for myopia. The twin
cohort was derived from adult same—sexed twins in
Finland. The total number of twins with both
members alive in 1984 was 23,570. Of these, 3,676
twin pairs were monozygotic, and 8,109 pairs
dizygotic. The sample for the present study was
linked from the Finnish Police Force data base in
1984, where information of a person's possession of
a driver's license and the obligation to wear glasses
for far correction when driving a motor vehicle is
recorded. Correlations in liability were estimated
according to a multifactorial method of Smith.
Falconer's heritability was 0.62 among males and
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The twinship paradigm describes a pattern of dyadic, quasi-object relationship, the purpose of which is to facilitate differentiation, separation, and integration. Twinships can arise at any point in the life cycle, when the self faces a developmental impasse. The twin functions as an alter-ego. Twin selection is based on two principles, namely sympathetic resonance of experience, and difference. The two essentials of the resonance are similarity of developmental task, and similarity of obstacles to its accomplishment. The essentials of the difference lie in the fact that the twin is seen either as an idealized alter-ego, or as the carrier of the self's intolerable aspects. Twinships can collapse, in the presence of massive investment in the archaic symbiotic bond. They then lose their transitional status, and can degenerate into a fixation on a separation-impeding dyadic mode of relating.

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