

Main genetic entities associated with supernumerary teeth

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ABSTRACT

Supernumerary teeth represent a common human dental anomaly, defined as presence of extra teeth-more than the normal number foreseen in primary or permanent dentition. The prevalence has been reported between 0.2 to 3%, and is more frequent in males than females. The etiology is heterogeneous, highly variable and most of the cases are idiopathic. However, the presence of multiple impacted or erupted supernumerary teeth is rare and associated with some genetic syndromes: cleidocranial dysplasia, familial adenomatous polyposis, trichorhinophalangeal syndrome type I, Rubinstein-Taybi syndrome, Nance-Horan syndrome, Opitz G/BBB syndrome, oculofaciocardiodental syndrome and Robinow syndrome (autosomal dominant). The supernumerary teeth should be considered in order to possibly diagnose these entities with the aim of offering an interdisciplinary management and treatment, as well as offer adequate family genetic counseling.

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INTRODUCTION

Supernumerary teeth (ST) or hyperdontia represent a common human dental anomaly,¹⁻⁴ defined as extra teeth-more than the normal number of teeth present primary or permanent dentition.^{4,5} The prevalence has been reported between 0.2 to 3%,⁴ varied among populations, and is more frequent in males than females, with a ratio of approximately 2:1.4.¹ This anomaly is etiologically heterogeneous and is highly variable, differing in numbers, location, morphology, relationship with other teeth, presence in the primary dentition, and/or permanent and associated problems such as impaction.^{2,3} Other complications include eruption failure, rotation or displacement of the adjacent teeth, dilacerations, root resorption,

crowding, malocclusion, fistulas and cystic formation, as well as delayed or abnormal root development of permanent teeth.⁴

The most common ST are located in the maxillary incisor and is referred as mesiodens, which are typically conical, small and peg-shaped.¹ Moreover, in the molar regions adjacent or distal are referred to as paramolars or distomolars, respectively.⁴

Most ST are idiopathic,^{2,3} autosomal dominant non-syndromic (OMIM 108700), autosomal recessive transmission pattern, or association with the X chromosome have been reported.^{1,4} However, the presence of multiple impacted or erupted ST is rare and mostly is associated with some genetic syndromes.²⁻⁵ According to what is found in the literature, eight very different entities present ST as distinctive feature and these are mentioned in *Table 1*, and are developed in this review. The objective of this review is to summarize eight clinical entities with different inheritance patterns that present ST among their main findings, and thus provide interdisciplinary medical care that includes dental evaluation and provide timely genetic counseling.

CLEIDOCRANIAL DYSPLASIA

Cleidocranial dysplasia (OMIM 119600), is a rare congenital skeletal dysplasia with an autosomal dominant pattern of inheritance,⁶⁻¹¹ Approximately 40% of patients appear to have spontaneous mutations. The prevalence is 1 in a million,⁸ and affect both sexes equally.^{8,11} Present complete penetrance and widely variable expressivity.⁸ The main cause is due by a haploinsufficiency in the *RUNX2* gene (OMIM 600211),

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located on chromosome 6p21.^{1,9-12} and encodes an essential transcription factor for osteoblast differentiation and skeletal development.¹

Is characterized by short stature, delayed closure of the cranial fontanelles and sutures,^{1,9,11,13} skull with flattened appearance (brachycephaly),^{8,10} wormian bones,^{8,10,11} frontal bossing, hypertelorism,^{8,10} wide and depressed nasal bridge,⁸ midfacial hypoplasia,^{8,9} high and narrow palate,^{10,11} cleft hard and soft palate,¹⁰ prognathic mandible,⁸ hypoplasia and/or aplasia of the clavicles (placement of the shoulders close to the front of the body),^{1,8-10,13} deformation of the scapulas and the sternum, aplasia or additional cervical ribs, the chest cone-shaped (a bell), kyphoscoliosis,¹⁰ congenital dislocation of hip,¹¹ wide and delayed closure pubic symphysis,^{1,11} joint hypermobility, muscle laxity and normal intellectual development.¹⁰

The radiograph is the most important means by which the diagnosis can be confirmed, and shows hypoplastic or aplastic clavicle, broad suture lines and the fontanelles are large, accessory centers of ossification bones of the head which gives the appearance of large numbers of wormian bones, diffuse areas of rarefaction with most ossification in the frontal bones and paranasal sinuses are usually underdeveloped and narrow.¹¹

The dental abnormalities manifest a wide range of severity,⁸ including ST,^{1,7,8,10,11,13} localized in both jaws frequently in areas of premolars;¹¹

teeth often have an aberrant shape related to impaction and crowding.¹³ ST retained deciduous teeth without root resorption,⁷ displace the developing permanent teeth and delayed or absent eruption,^{7,8,10,11,13} resulting in multiple impacted teeth around which dentigerous cysts frequently arise,^{10,11} and a serious malocclusion. Intrafamilial variations have been reported in the number of ST, indeed environmental and epigenetic factors have been proposed as the mechanism mediating these phenotypes.¹⁴ The teeth often have hypoplastic enamel and dilacerated roots without cellular cementum. Some tooth germs are deformed and rudimentary, and microdontia and twinning are also present.⁷ Although there is a variable expressivity of cleidocranial dysplasia early diagnosis through dysmorphic features and also oral findings are possible.⁴

FAMILIAL ADENOMATOUS POLYPOSIS

Familial adenomatous polyposis (OMIM 175100), is a disease characterized by the presence of at least 100 adenomas of the large bowel and several extracolonic manifestations with an autosomal dominant pattern of inheritance,^{15,16} and prevalence estimated to be approximately 1 in 10,000 live births.¹⁷ It is caused by a germline mutations in the *APC* gene (OMIM 611731),¹⁵⁻¹⁸ and less frequently, by mutations in the *MUTYH* gene (OMIM 604933).¹⁵

APC is located on chromosome 5q21.5 is a

TABLE 1. Entities with strong association to ST

Entity	Gene/Location	Pattern of inheritance	Craniofacial findings	Skeletal dysplasia	Mental retardation
Cleidocranial dysplasia	<i>RUNX2</i> /6p21.1	AD	+	+	-
Familial adenomatous polyposis	<i>APC</i> /5q21.5 <i>MUTYH</i> /1p34.1	AD	-	-	-
Trichorhinophalangeal syndrome type I	<i>TRPS-1</i> /8q24	AD	+	+	-
Rubinstein-Taybi syndrome	<i>CREBBP</i> /16p13.3 <i>EP300</i> /22q13.2	AD			
Nance-Horan syndrome	<i>NHS</i> /Xp21.1-22.3	XL	+	-	+
Opitz G/BBB syndrome	<i>SPECC1L</i> /22q11.2 <i>MID1</i> /Xp22.2	AD XL	+	-	+
Oculofaciocardiodental syndrome	<i>BCOR</i> /Xp11.4	XL*	+	+	+
Robinow syndrome (AD)	<i>WNT5A</i> /3p14.3 <i>DVL1</i> /1p36.33 <i>DVL3</i> /3q27.1	AD	+	+	-

AD: Autosomal dominant

XL: X-linked

* Lethal on males

tumour suppressor gene that plays a central role in the Wnt signalling pathway.^{2,17,18} Familial adenomatous polyposis is the result of a series of genetic changes, including activation of oncogenes or inactivation of tumor suppressor genes, epigenetic variations in addition to chromosomal changes.¹⁹ Environmental and dietary factors can contribute to the variation in clinical expression.¹⁶ Somatic mutations in *APC* is also a key molecular event in sporadic colorectal cancer present in about 80% of patients.¹⁸

The number and size of adenomas increase drastically from puberty until the gastrointestinal tract becomes completely filled by dysplastic polyps,¹⁶ with the develop of colorectal cancer by the age of 40 years in nearly 100% of individuals.²⁰ Common symptoms include abdominal pain, diarrhea, hematochezia, and melena. Patients may present with severe dehydration due to electrolyte imbalances and depletion from diarrhea. Adenomas at the ampulla of Vater can obstruct bile flow and pancreaticobiliary enzymes, leading to acute pancreatitis.¹⁶ Among the extra colonic alterations, including other types of cancers, gastric and duodenal polyps, desmoids tumors,¹⁷ congenital hypertrophy of the retinal pigment epithelium,^{17,21} osteomas,²¹ epidermal cysts,¹⁷ and oral abnormalities,²¹ which are reported to be present from 58 to 100% of affected individuals.¹⁷ Among these include ST,^{2,17,22} appeared in 11–27% of patients, mostly between teeth in the alveolar bone or attached to follicle of an impacted tooth, common sites were anterior and around canines,² dentigerous cysts,²² unerupted teeth,^{17,22} congenital absence of one or more teeth,²² odontomas,^{17,22} and osseous jaw lesions.¹⁷

TRICHORHINOPHALANGEAL SYNDROME TYPE I

Trichorhinophalangeal syndrome type I (OMIM 190350), is a rare genetic disorder characterized by distinctive craniofacial and skeletal abnormalities with an autosomal dominant pattern of inheritance due to defects in the *TRPS-1* gene (OMIM 604386), located on chromosome 8q24, which have been identified as the most common cause,²³⁻²⁵ and encodes a zinc finger transcription repressor involved in the regulation of chondrocyte modulation and perichondrium development.^{2,25,26}

Is characterised by fine, sparse and slow-growing scalp hair,²³⁻²⁶ high frontal hairline,²⁶ medially thick and laterally sparse eyebrows

(Herthoge sign),^{24,25} protruding ears,²⁵⁻²⁷ mid-facial hypoplasia,²⁷ bulbous pear-shaped nose,²³⁻²⁵ long and flat philtrum, thin upper lip,²⁵⁻²⁷ bulge under lower lip, high-arched palate,^{27,28} and dental anomalies such as malocclusion,²⁸ and multiple erupted ST.²⁷⁻²⁹ Also cone-shaped phalangeal epiphyses of the hand,²³⁻²⁶ deformities of the interphalangeal joints resembling those in rheumatoid arthritis,²³ short stature and frequently but not pathognomonic, hip displasia (Legg-Calve-Perthes like disease of the femoral head).^{24,25}

Three subtypes have been described with these common clinical findings. Moreover, patients with trichorhinophalangeal syndrome type II or Langer-Giedion syndrome (OMIM 150230) have mental retardation, multiple cartilaginous exostoses and skin abnormalities. The presence of severe brachydactyly and severe short stature with the absence of exostoses differentiates trichorhinophalangeal syndrome type III or Sugio-Kajii syndrome (OMIM 190351).^{24,25}

RUBINSTEIN-TAYBI SYNDROME

Rubinstein-Taybi syndrome (OMIM 180849 and 613684) is a rare autosomal dominant neurodevelopmental disorder, due to mutations in *CREBBP* gene (OMIM 600140), located on chromosome 16p13.3, encoding a CREB-binding protein, and *EP300* gene (OMIM 602700), located on chromosome 22q13.2 and encodes E1A-associated protein p300.^{30,31} Both genes act as transcriptional coactivators in the expression of genes involved in embryology, cell growth and differentiation, and tumor suppression. They also act as a histone acetyltransferase crucial for gene expression,^{30,32} therefore, is regarded as a genetic syndrome caused by altered epigenetic.³³ Approximately 230 causative mutations in *CREBBP* and 28 in *EP300* have been described, accounting for approximately 50 to 70% and 5 to 8% of cases, respectively.^{30,31} Furthermore, the phenotypic features associated with EP300 mutations are less severe and quite variable that typical cases with *CREBBP* mutations.³³ Affects males and females equally with a birth prevalence of 1 in 100,000-125,000 live births.³¹

Is characterized by a wide range of multiple congenital anomalies as broad thumbs and halluces, craniofacial dysmorphisms,^{30,31} (microcefalia,^{32,34} prominent forehead,³⁴ full and arched eyebrows, long eyelashes,^{34,35} ptosis of eyelids,³⁴ downslanted palpebral fissures,^{30,31,34} epicanthal fold, nasal lacrimal duct obstruction,

strabismus,³⁴ broad nasal bridge, beaked nose,^{30,31,34,35} low hanging columella,^{30,31} cupped or posteriorly angulated ears,³⁶ grimacing or unusual smile,^{30,31,34} and micrognathia).^{34,35} Intraoral examination which shows high arched palate, talons cusps on the upper incisors of the permanent dentition,^{30,31,34,37,38} have been observed in over 90% of cases,³⁴ which resulting caries-susceptible developmental grooves and irritation of the tongue during speech and mastication, hypodontia,³⁸ unerupted ST,^{38,39} and natal teeth.^{34,38} Moreover, postnatal growth deficiency, moderate to severe intellectual disability,^{30,31,35} and have a slightly increased predisposition to cancer.^{30,31}

NANCE–HORAN SYNDROME

Nance–Horan syndrome (OMIM 302350) or cataract-dental syndrome is a rare X-linked hereditary disorder due to mutations in *NHS* gene (OMIM 300457), located within the region Xp21.1-22.^{3,40,41} and encodes three different isoforms (NHS A–C) as a result of alternative splicing. Isoform A is a regulator of actin remodeling and cell morphology, is particularly expressed in multiple tissues including the lens, brain, craniofacial mesenchyme and dental primordia, with no clear phenotype-genotype correlations.^{41,42}

Is characterized by congenital bilateral cataract, dental abnormalities, facial dysmorphisms (broad nasal bridge, bulbous nose, large anteverted pinnae and long-narrow face),^{40,42-44} and short fingers.^{40,43} Furthermore, developmental delay, variable mental retardation,^{40,44} autism is more inconsistent,⁴⁰ and some present congenital cardiac defects.^{43,45} Affected males have severe bilateral congenital dense nuclear cataracts and others ophthalmological features, including microphthalmia, microcornea, nystagmus, and strabismus. Dental abnormalities consist of screwdriver-shaped incisors and bud molars in both the primary and the permanent dentition, ST maxillary incisors have been emphasized as major phenotypic traits and diastema.^{40,43,44} Heterozygous females present lens opacities centered on the posterior Y-sutures.⁴² This milder clinical manifestations with variable expressivity are result of possible skewed X chromosome inactivation.^{43,44}

OPITZ G/BBB SYNDROME

Opitz G/BBB syndrome is a rare genetically heterogeneous condition, with both an autosomal dominant form (OMIM 145410) which is caused by mutation in *SPECC1L* gene (OMIM 614140)

located on chromosome 22q11.^{2,46,47} responsible for the production of cytospin-A which interacts with cytoskeletal elements and microtubule stabilization,⁴⁸ and X-linked form (OMIM 300000) caused by mutation in *MID1* gene (OMIM 300552) located on chromosome Xp22.^{2,46,49} and produces the midline-1 protein responsible for microtubule binding.⁴⁸

Is characterized by several abnormalities along the midline of the body,⁴⁶ as craniofacial findings (craniosynostosis,⁴⁹ prominent forehead, widow's peak,⁴⁸ hooded eyelids,⁴⁹ hypertelorism,^{46,48,49} broad and flat nose^{48,50} anteverted nares,⁴⁸ thin upper lip,^{48,49} micrognathia,⁵⁰ low-set prominent ears), intraoral anomalies (high-arched palate,^{48,49} cleft lip and/or palate,^{46,49,51} ankyloglossia,^{50,51} geographic tongue,⁵⁰ bifid tongue,^{50,51} short lingual frenulum,⁵¹ tooth agenesis,⁵⁰ ST,^{50,51} bifid uvula),⁵¹ velopharyngeal incompetence, laryngo-tracheal–oesophageal defects,^{46,48} congenital heart disease,^{46,48,49} renal anomalies,⁴⁹ hypospadias,^{46,48,49} bifid scrotum, cryptorchidism,⁴⁸ and anal defects.^{46,48,49} Furthermore, variable developmental delays,⁴⁸ learning disabilities,⁴⁹ neuropsychiatric disorders, symptoms consistent within the autism spectrum,⁴⁸ brain anomalies,^{46,49} seizures, hearing loss, significant feeding problems, immune deficiency, hypocalcemia, growth hormone deficiency, autoimmune diseases and skeletal abnormalities.⁴⁹ The two inheritance pattern are clinically indistinguishable,⁴⁸ however, hypospadias and anal anomalies were found more commonly in male patients with *MID1* mutations than in those without.⁴⁷

OCULOFACIOCARDIODENTAL SYNDROME

Oculofaciocardiodental syndrome (OMIM 300166) is a rare X linked dominant disorder, been seen in heterozygous females and lethal on males.^{52,53} Is caused by heterozygous mutations in the BCL-6 interacting corepressor, *BCOR* gene (OMIM 300485), located on chromosome Xp11.^{4,52,54,55} This gene is ubiquitously expressed during early embryogenesis and the encoded *BCOR* protein functions as a transcriptional corepressor.^{53,55}

Is characterized by ocular abnormalities (congenital cataract, microphthalmia,^{52-55,57,58} and/or microcornea,⁵⁵ secondary glaucoma),^{53,58} craniofacial features (long and narrow face, high-nasal bridge,^{53,55-58} broad nasal tip,^{54,56-58} bifid nose,^{52,56} long philtrum,⁵⁴ ear deformity),⁵⁶ high and narrow palate,^{52,54} cleft palate,^{52-54,56,58} dental

findings (radiculomegaly of permanent teeth as consistent feature,⁵²⁻⁵⁶ delayed eruption and persistent primary dentition,^{54,56,57} oligodontia,^{52,53} and ST).^{53,56} These last anomalies are due to the *BCOR* gene is expressed in both dental epithelium and the mesenchyme during the early stages of tooth development.⁵³ The cardiac anomalies (atrial and ventricular septal defects,^{52-55,57} and mitral valve prolapse),^{53,57} skeletal abnormalities (syndactyly of the second and third toes,^{54,55} hammer toes,⁵⁵ and radioulnar synostosis).^{55,58} Furthermore, mental retardation, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, and hearing impairment.⁵⁸

ROBINOW SYNDROME (AUTOSOMAL DOMINANT)

Robinow syndrome is a rare genetically heterogeneous disorder, with autosomal-dominant form (OMIM 180700, 616331 and 616894), which can be caused by missense mutations in the secreted protein Wingless-type MMTV integration site family, member 5A, *WNT5A* gene (OMIM 164975),^{59,60} which encodes a protein that participates in the non-canonical, β -catenin-independent signaling cascade.⁶¹ Moreover, nonsense mutations in the C-terminal of the adapter protein Dishevelled *DVL1* gene (OMIM 601365) and *DVL3* gene (OMIM 601368).⁶² Also has a autosomal-recessive form (OMIM 268310).^{59,60} Present a prevalence of 1 in 500,000 live births.⁶²

Is a skeletal displasia characterized by mesomelic dwarfism,^{59-61,63} brachydactyly,^{63,64} clinodactyly,⁶⁴ bifid thumbs,⁶³ distinctive craniofacial features characterized as "fetal face",^{59,61-63} high and broad forehead,⁶¹ frontal bossing,^{59,62} prominent eyes,^{59,61} hypertelorism,⁶¹⁻⁶⁴ wide and depressed nasal bridge,^{59,61,62} short nose with anteverted nares and a broad tip,^{61,63,64} midfacial hypoplasia,⁶¹⁻⁶⁴ broad mouth,⁶³ micrognathia, dental irregularities,⁶² gingival hypertrophy, dental malocclusion,⁶³ ST (exclusively in dominant form),^{2,64} umbilical hernia,⁶⁴ genital hypoplasia,^{59-61,63} and normal intellect.^{59,61}

OTHER ENTITIES THAT MAY HAVE ST AMONG THEIR CLINICAL FINDINGS

Eventually, other genetic entities may present ST as dental anomalies: achondroplasia,⁶⁵ Ellis-van Creveld syndrome,^{2,4} Kreiborg-Pakistani syndrome, Apert syndrome,² Crouzon syndrome,^{2,66} mucopolysaccharidoses type IV

(Morquio syndrome),⁶⁷ and type VI (Marateaux-Lamy syndrome),^{67,68} Goldenhar syndrome,⁶⁹ Noonan syndrome,⁷⁰ neurofibromatosis type-1,⁷¹ Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, Hallermann-Streiff syndrome,² Nicolaides-Baraitser syndrome,⁷² Zimmermann-Laband syndrome,² dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa,⁷³ enamel-renal-gingival syndrome,⁷⁴ Fabry disease,^{2,4} and non-syndromic cleft lip and palate,^{4,75} among others.

CONCLUSIONS

A precise diagnosis of ST and its management requires clinical examination and a comprehensive radiographic screening.⁴ The majority cause clinical complications, which Pediatric Dentists and Pediatricians who usually visit children, can contribute to early diagnosis and planning more effective long-term interdisciplinary treatment,^{76,77} that can restore function and aesthetics. Important role prevention protocol must be established where they were instructed about the cleaning and maintenance of desirable conditions of oral health.⁷⁶

Eight different and infrequent genetic entities were described from the clinical point of view, which present ST as a representative finding. Five of them with an autosomal dominant inheritance pattern, two linked to the X chromosome and one with both inheritance patterns depending on the locus heterogeneity, *Table 1*. To recognize from the clinical point of view these entities is necessary to provide an interdisciplinary medical assistance according to the found findings and that includes the dental evaluation, and finally through the inheritance pattern to establish an opportune genetic family counseling. ■

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