
Medical Edge Mayo Clinic

Bone Age

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	HOW BIG WAS THE BABY? IT'S ONE OF THE FIRST QUESTIONS THAT NEW PARENTS ARE ASKED. STATURE IS SOMETHING MANY PARENTS FRET OVER FOR A LONG TIME. DR. FREDERICK SCHWENK IS A PEDIATRIC ENDOCRINOLOGIST AT MAYO CLINIC.
Frederick Schwenk, M.D. Track 3 (:10)	"THERE ARE NORMAL WAYS OF GROWING, BUT THERE ARE ALSO VARIATIONS OF THAT, THAT ARE COMPLETELY NORMAL."

	<p>ONE WAY TO TELL IS TO COMPARE YOUR CHILD'S CHRONOLOGICAL AGE WITH THEIR BONE AGE. IT'S DONE WITH A SIMPLE X-RAY OF THE KNEE OR WRIST. EACH OF OUR BONES HAS SOMETHING CALLED GROWTH PLATES.</p>
<p>Dr. Schwenk Track 3 (1:45)</p>	<p>"CHANGES TAKE PLACE IN THESE GROWTH PLATES THAT CAN REALLY ALLOW SOMEONE TO SENSE HOW MUCH SKELETAL GROWTH REMAINS."</p>
	<p>A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD WITH A BONE AGE OF FIVE MAY JUST HAVE SOME CATCHING UP TO DO. BUT BONE AGE CAN ALSO ALERT PHYSICIANS TO SOMETHING MORE SERIOUS THAT MAY REQUIRE MEDICAL TREATMENT.</p>
	<p>FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.</p>

