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## **APPROACH TO A CHILD WITH DYSMORPHIC FEATURES**

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**Abstract:** *Pediatricians often have to deal with a child having dysmorphic features. Though genetic testing has advanced in recent times, the first step is clinical evaluation. Making a diagnosis in such children can provide parents and professionals with important information which may not only influence the management but also understanding the natural history and prognosis.*

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### **Points to Remember**

- *Pediatricians are the first to identify congenital anomalies in a child.*
- *Whenever a dysmorphic feature is recognized, a comprehensive evaluation for the presence of other dysmorphic features must be undertaken.*
- *Malformation syndrome may have an underlying genetic etiology, may be multifactorial or may be due to an environmental cause.*
- *Recognition of a syndrome may help in management, prognostication and enable recurrence risk estimation for future pregnancies.*

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