Ambiguous genitalia! Is it still ambiguous?

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When a baby is born and it is difficult to determine whether it is a boy or a girl then it is said that the baby has ambiguous genitalia. It is a traumatizing information to the parents and it should be dealt with in a very delicate manner. It could signify a life threatening condition that’s why it is crucial to determine the etiology as soon as possible and start a plan of management. The formation of a typical female or male external genitalia results from a series of genetic and physiological events starting with sex determination and progressing through differentiation of the internal and external sexual organs. Failure of determination and differentiation in the usual manner can result in what is called disorder of sex development. We will try to go through causes and management and ways to simply understand and deal with it.

Biography

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