

Hormone disorders ignored: experts

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KOCHI: Experts in endocrinology have said that while genes do play a role in the growth of a child, it is the hormones in the body that have a final say on it.

Researchers in endocrinology, as the study of hormones is called, have found that there are many endocrine disorders in children that are common and treatable, but are left untreated because of lack of awareness.

Speaking to the media on the issue, experts in paediatric endocrinology, Zeev Hochber from Israel and G. Jean Claude Karel from Paris, said that apart from thyroid problems that manage to get medical attention, a lot of disorders of pubertal development and growth get little medical attention.

Environment plays a major role in the proper growth of a child, starting from the status of a foetus in the mother's womb, said Dr. Hochler.