### Factors Affecting Motor Development

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## Key Concept

Both the Processes and Products of Motor Development Are Influenced by a Wide Variety of Factors Operating in Isolation and in Conjunction With One Another.

Factors Affecting Motor Development & Growth

- Genetics
- Experience
- The demands of the task.

## Refining...developing

- Part of a complex interaction of...
- This interaction continues throughout life...

Factors Within the Individual

**Developmental Direction** 

- Cephalocaudal development
- Proximodistal development

Factors Within the Individual

• Neuro-motor maturational principles.

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## Factors Within the Individual

Rate of Growth

- Self-regulation
- Placticity



## Factors Within the Individual

**Reciprocal Interweaving** 

• The intricate interweaving of neural of opposing muscle systems into an increasing mature relationship.

## Factors Within the Individual

**Reciprocal Interweaving** 

- Differentiation
- Integration



- Readiness
- Critical and Sensitive Learning Periods

Factors Within the Individual

- Individual Differences
- Phylogeny and Ontogeny

## Factors in the Environment

• *Infant bonding* (Imprinting vs. Sensitive periods vs. Long term outcomes)

### Factors in the Environment

• *Infant stimulation* (Structured activity programs vs. Normal play environments)

Factors in the Environment

• *Infant deprivation* (Maturation vs. Experience)

## Physical - Task Factors

Prematurity

- Under 4.5 lbs. (2000 grams)
- Associated with...

### Physical - Task Factors

- Low-birth Weight (1500-2500gms. 3.35-5.56lbs. = -2SD < X for gestational age)
- Young-for-Date

#### Factors in the Environment

- Genetics & obesity (70% chance of being obese adult if not slimmed down by age 14)
- *Ethnicity and obesity* (Blacks, Hispanics, Whites)

# Physical - Task Factors

- Eating Disorders
- Fitness Levels (physical & mechanical factors)

#### **Overweight - Obesity**

- Overweight (BMI >25 = 20% of USA children & 55% adults)
- Obesity (BMI >30 = 11.6% of USA children & 55% adults, 300,000 deaths each year, second leading cause of unnecessary death)

#### **Eating Disorders**

- *Binge eating without purging* ("triggers" = depression & negative emotions)
- Bulimia (binge-purge process)
- Anorexia (self-starving process)
- Bulimia & anorexia (90% female, 3-4% of population)

### Physical - Task Factors

- Health-Related fitness
- Performance-based fitness

# Physical Factors Within the Task

- Physical Activity
- Physical Fitness
- Health-related components (genetic basis & nutritional status)
- Performance related components (generality of motor ability vs. specificity of motor abilities)

