Sexual Maturity Rating – Tanner Classifications

Tanner Classification in Female Adolescents

Stage	Breast Growth	Pubic Hair Growth	Other Changes
Stage I	Pre-adolescent	None <_10 years	Pre-adolescent
Stage II	Breast bud (areolar hyperplasia with small amount of breast tissue)	Long downy pubic hair appears with breast buds or later 10 – 11 years	Peak velocity growth soon after stage II
Stage III	Further enlargement of breast tissue and areolar with no separation of the contours	Increased amount and pigmentation of the hair 12 – 14 years	Menarche in 25% of girls in late stage III
Stage IV	Separation of contour, areolar and nipple form secondary mound above breast tissue	Adult type but not in distribution 13 – 15 years	Menarche occurs in most girls in stage IV 1-3 yrs after menarche
Stage V	Large breast with single contour	Adult distribution 16+ years	Menarche occurs in 10% of girls

Tanner Classification in Male Adolescents

Stage	Testes	Penis	Pubic Hair Growth	Other Changes
Stage I	Pre-adolescent < 2.5cm	Pre-adolescent	None <_10 years	Pre-adolescent
Stage II	Testes enlarges Pigmentation of scrotal sac	Minimal or no growth in size	Long downy hair appears after testicular growth 10 – 11 years	
Stage III	Further enlargement	Further enlargement especially in width	Increased amount and curling 12 – 14 years	
Stage IV	Further enlargement	Further enlargement especially in width	Adult type but not in distribution 13 – 15 years	Axillary hair and some facial hair develops
Stage V	Adult size	Adult size	Adult type and distribution (medial aspects of the thighs and line alba) 16+ years	Body continues to grow and muscles to increase in size for several months-year

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