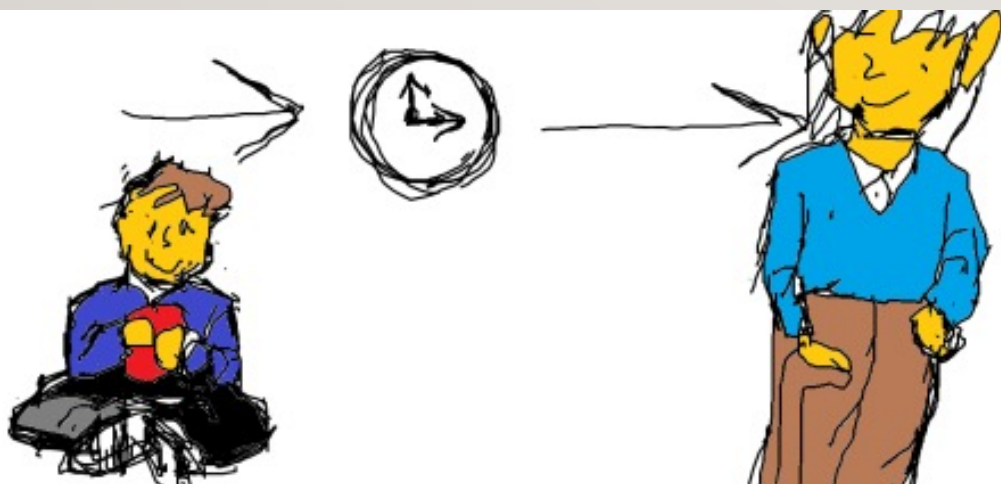


MENTAL AGE

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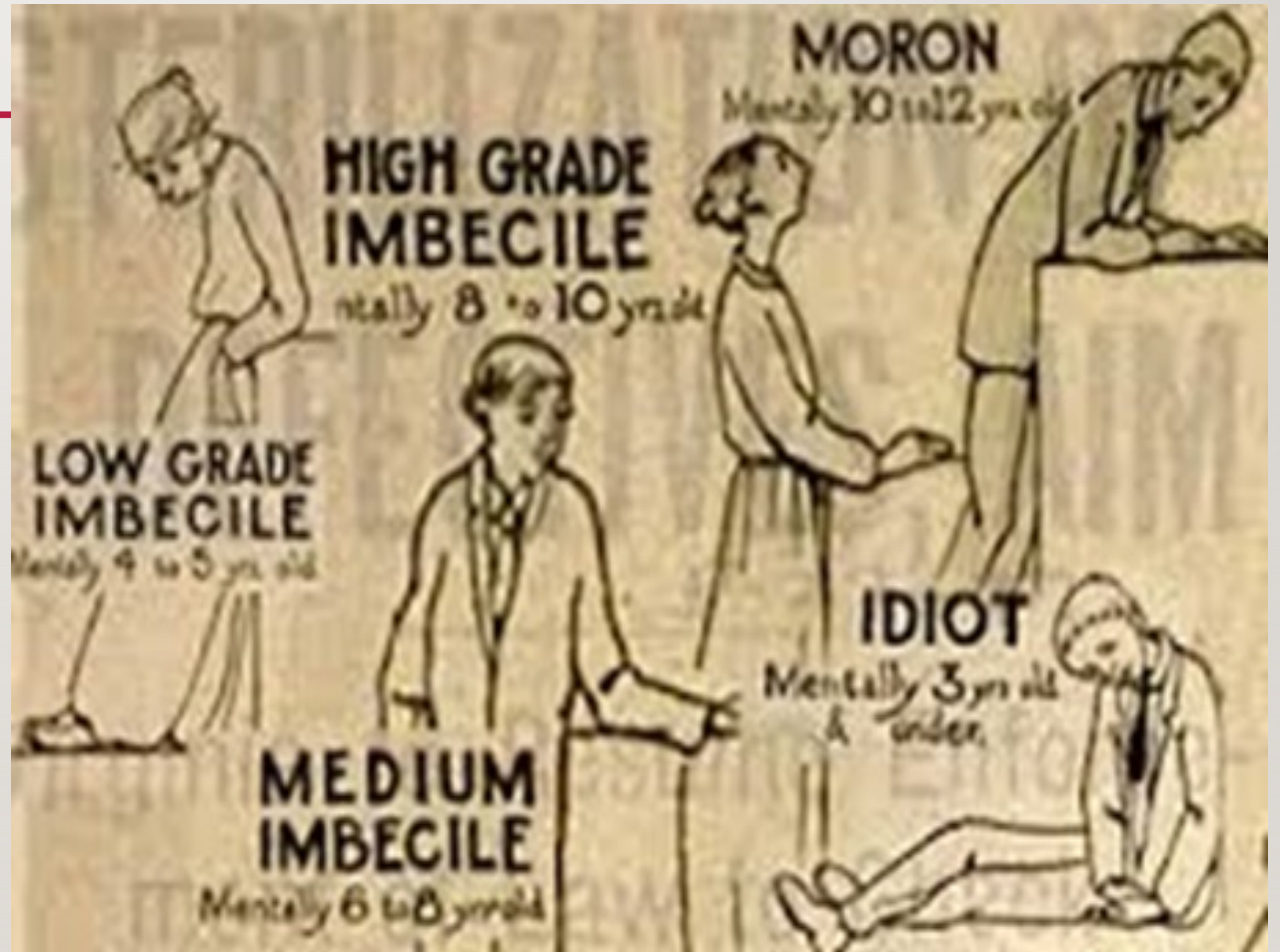
HISTORY

Popularized in the Eugenics era

Used as form of functioning labels

Been used to justify forced sterilization and institutionization

Used to justify people not being given equal education and employment



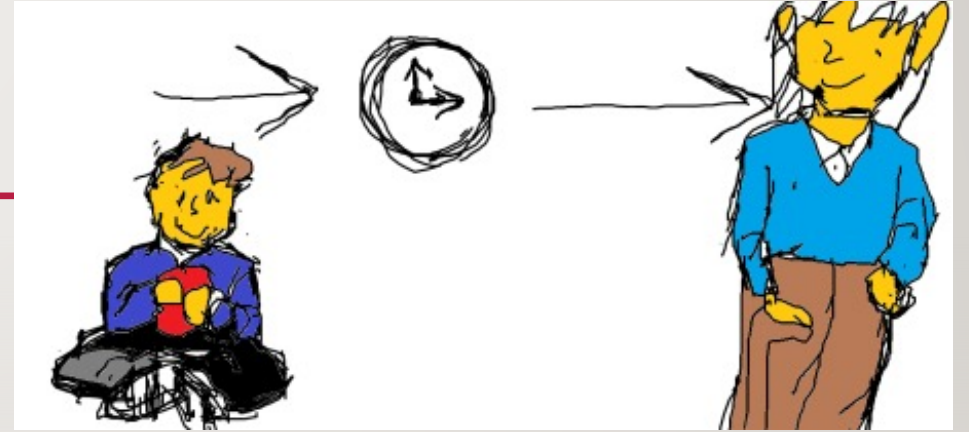
WHAT MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS NEED TO KNOW

- Children with intellectual disabilities will become adults with intellectual disabilities.
- Patients no matter their age need support and understanding of their bodies and their transition throughout their lifespan.
- Parents with intellectually disabled teens need support in helping their teens through puberty. And not denying that it is happening or that includes sexual health.



WHY IT WRONG

- our bodies grow so our brain grows as will
- Promotion of low expectations
- IQ scores don't take away life experience and time
- Lots of non disabled adults enjoy things from their childhood and don't have there adult age questioned.
- We all have the right to grow up!



QUESTIONS OR THOUGHTS

