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Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS)

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Definitions

Hormone

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Diabetes

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Insulin resistance

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Obesity

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A condition in which women have high levels of male [hormones](#), increasing the risk of irregular or absent menstrual cycles, infertility, [obesity](#), ovarian cysts, heart disease, and [diabetes](#). PCOS is associated with [insulin resistance](#).