

# Babies are Tiny Comedians

*Infants' Interpersonal knowledge is more sophisticated previously thought.*



- Long before they speak, infants laugh and crack jokes.
- New way of thinking about infant humor that may help uncover important new findings about babies' cognitive abilities.
- First longitudinal investigations to find that infants as young as 5 months can detect incongruity (i.e., the mismatch between familiar objects and their typical use and/or people and their typical behavior), and find it humorous independent of emotional cues offered by parents.
- This research has revealed the developmental timeline for and early influence of social referencing, increasing knowledge of emotion regulation in infants, including risk for affective and/or developmental disorders.

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### Teasing and clowning in infancy

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