

Medical Genetics

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Course Info

- ▶ Textbook
 - ▶ Medical Genetics, (Jorde, Carey, Bamshad) 5th Edition
- ▶ 12 Lectures
 - ▶ Quick review of cell biology
 - ▶ Short history
 - ▶ Genetic variation, mutational, non-mutational, and their detection
 - ▶ Single gene disorders
 - ▶ Clinical cytogenetics
 - ▶ Biochemical genetics



Clinical Impact of Genetic Disease

TYPE OF GENETIC DISEASE	LIFETIME PREVALENCE PER 1000 PERSONS
Autosomal dominant	3-9.5
Autosomal recessive	2-2.5
X-linked	0.5-2
Chromosome disorder	6-9
Congenital malformation	20-50
Total	31.5-73





Quick Review



STUDIES ON THE CHEMICAL NATURE OF THE SUBSTANCE INDUCING TRANSFORMATION OF PNEUMOCOCCAL TYPES

INDUCTION OF TRANSFORMATION BY A DESOXYRIBONUCLEIC ACID FRACTION ISOLATED FROM PNEUMOCOCCUS TYPE III

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PLATE 1

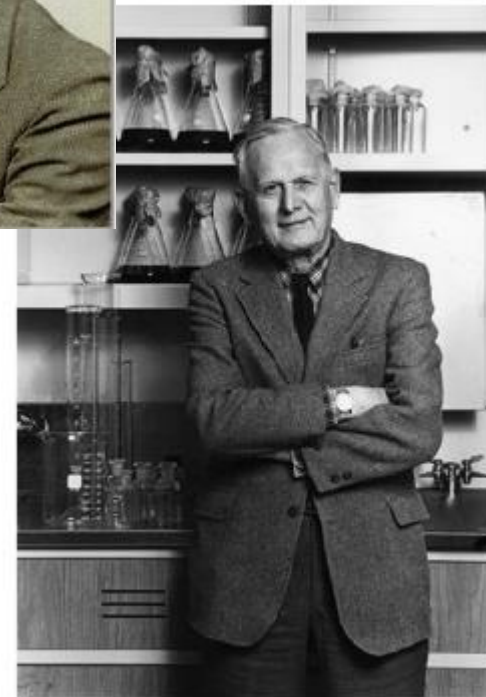
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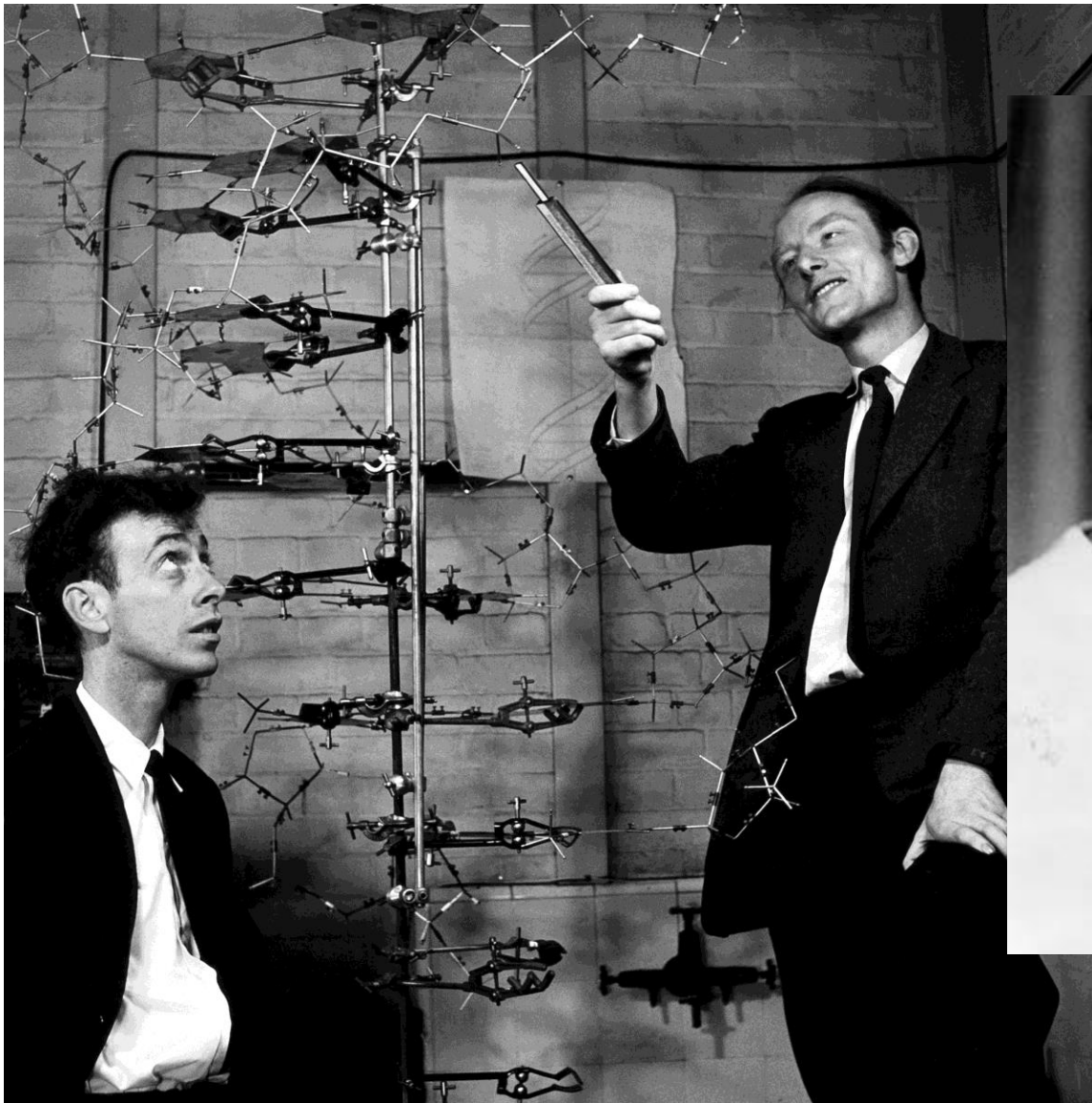
Biologists have long attempted by chemical means to induce in higher organisms predictable and specific changes which thereafter could be transmitted in series as hereditary characters. Among microorganisms the most striking example of inheritable and specific alterations in cell structure and function that can be experimentally induced and are reproducible under well defined and adequately controlled conditions is the transformation of specific types of *Pneumococcus*. This phenomenon was first described by Griffith (1) who succeeded in transforming an attenuated and non-encapsulated (R) variant derived from one specific type into fully encapsulated and virulent (S) cells of a heterologous specific type. A typical instance will suffice to illustrate the techniques originally used and serve to indicate the wide variety of transformations that are possible within the limits of this bacterial species.

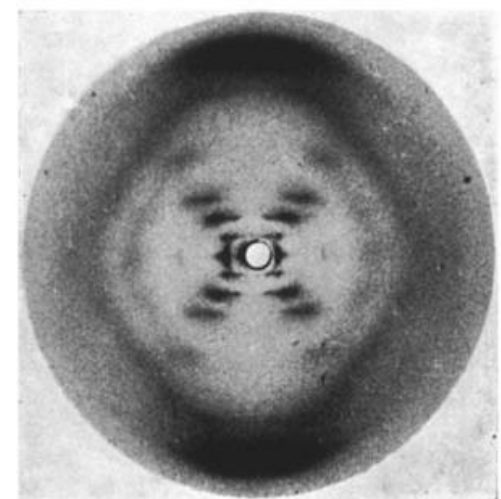
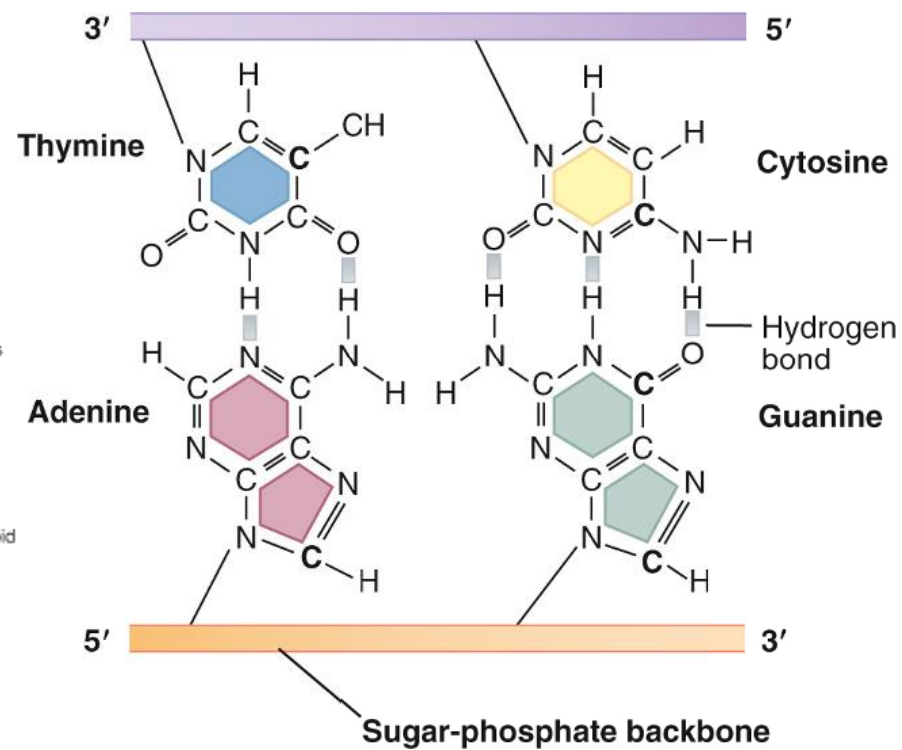
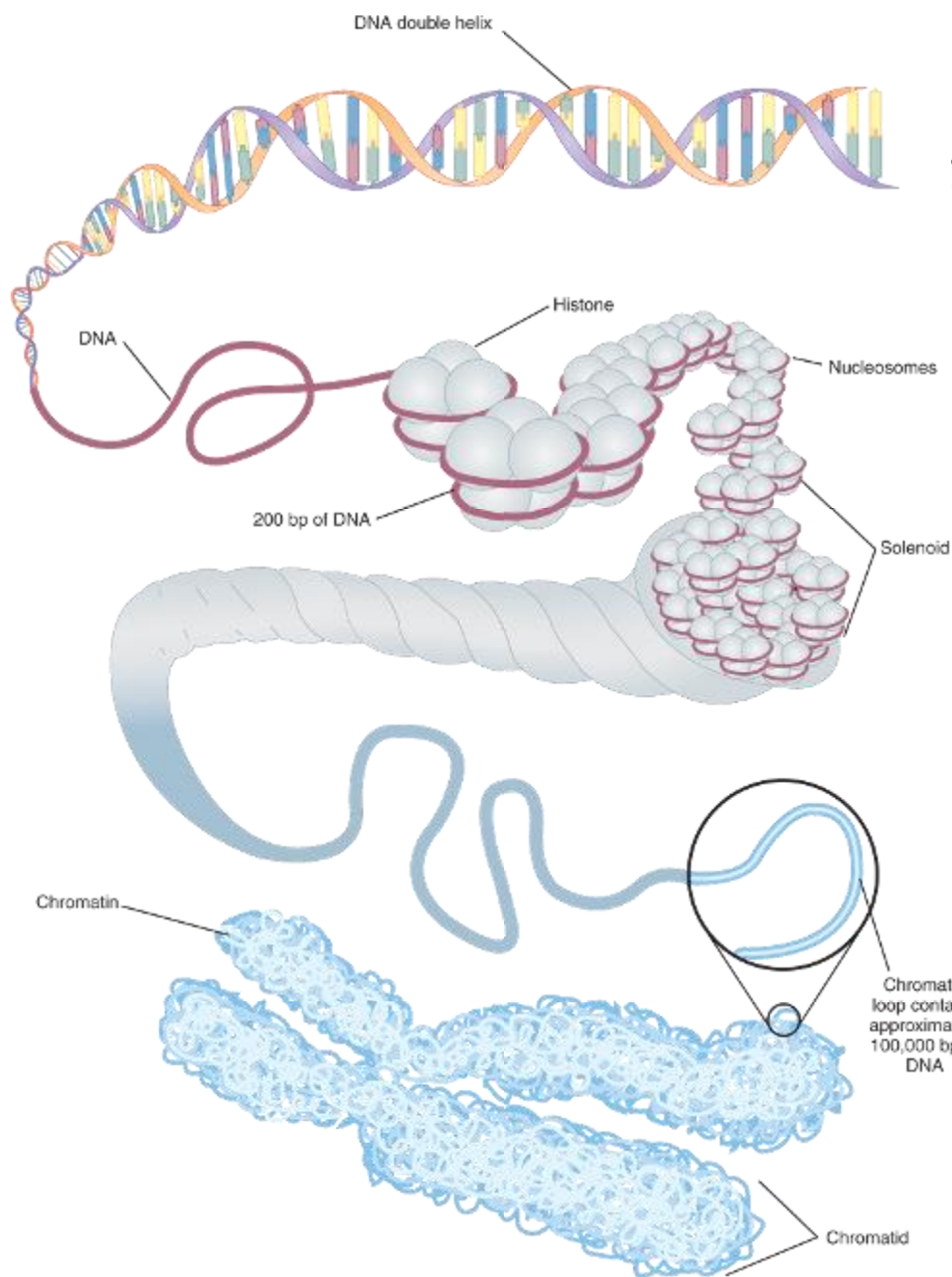
Griffith found that mice injected subcutaneously with a small amount of a living R culture derived from *Pneumococcus* Type II together with a large inoculum of heat-killed Type III (S) cells frequently succumbed to infection, and that the heart's blood of these animals yielded Type III pneumococci in pure culture. The fact that the R strain was avirulent and incapable by itself of causing fatal bacteremia and the additional fact that the heated suspension of Type III cells contained no viable organisms brought convincing evidence that the R forms growing under these conditions had newly acquired the capsular structure and biological specificity of Type III pneumococci.

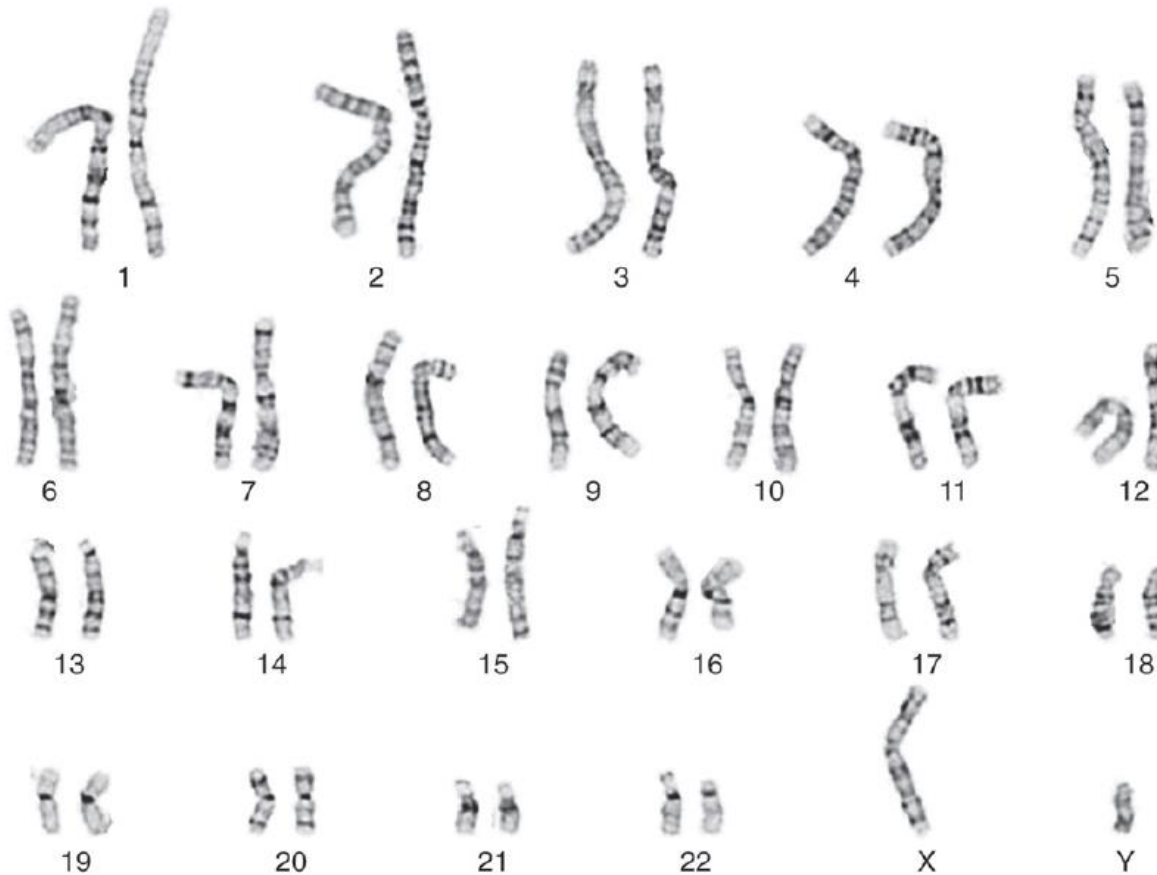
The original observations of Griffith were later confirmed by Neufeld and Levinthal (2), and by Baurhenn (3) abroad, and by Dawson (4) in this laboratory. Subsequently Dawson and Sia (5) succeeded in inducing transformation *in vitro*. This they accomplished by growing R cells in a fluid medium containing anti-R serum and heat-killed encapsulated S cells. They showed that in the test tube as in the animal body transformation can be selectively induced, depending on the type specificity of the S cells used in the reaction system. Later, Alloway (6) was able to cause

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Super Quick Review

Somatic/Gamete

Diploid/Haploid

Autosome/sex
chromosome

Homologues - cross over

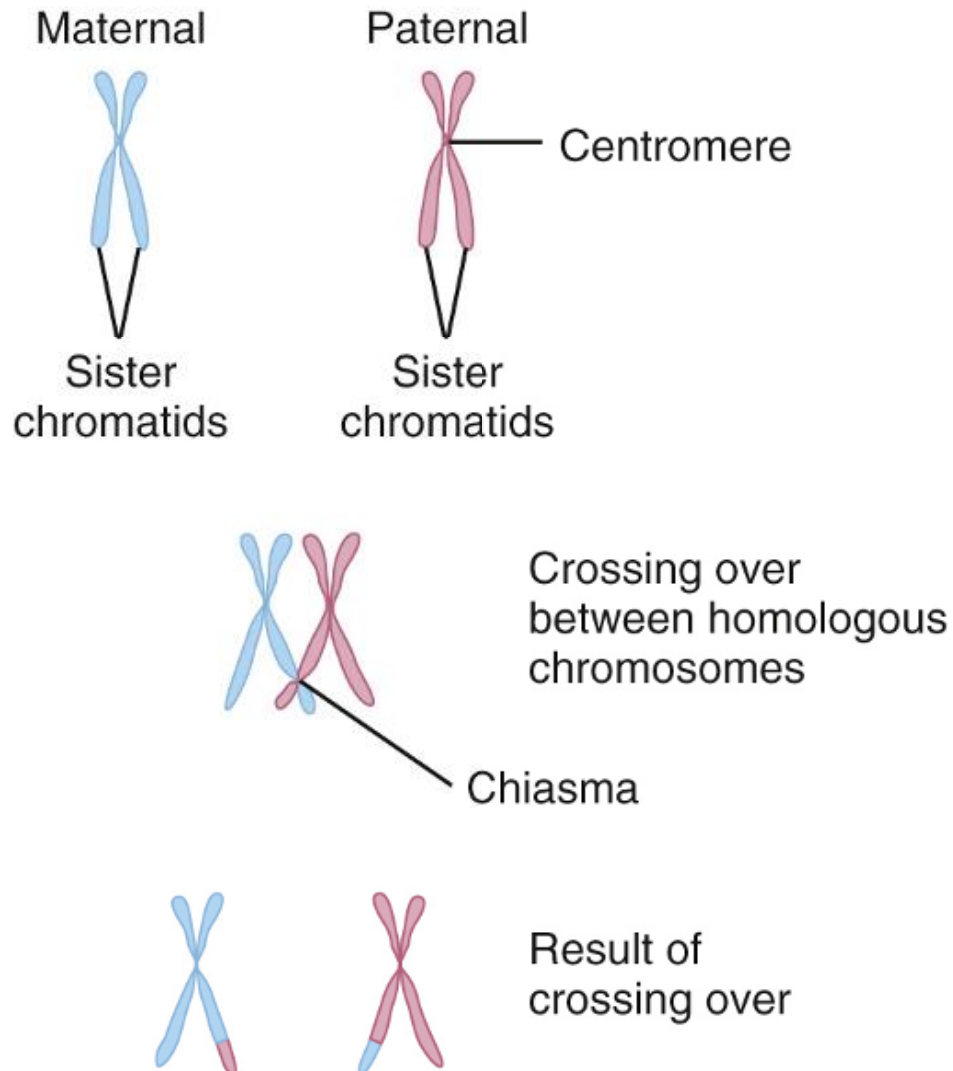
Mitosis/Meiosis

Transcription/Translation

Exon/Intron - Splicing



Homologous chromosomes



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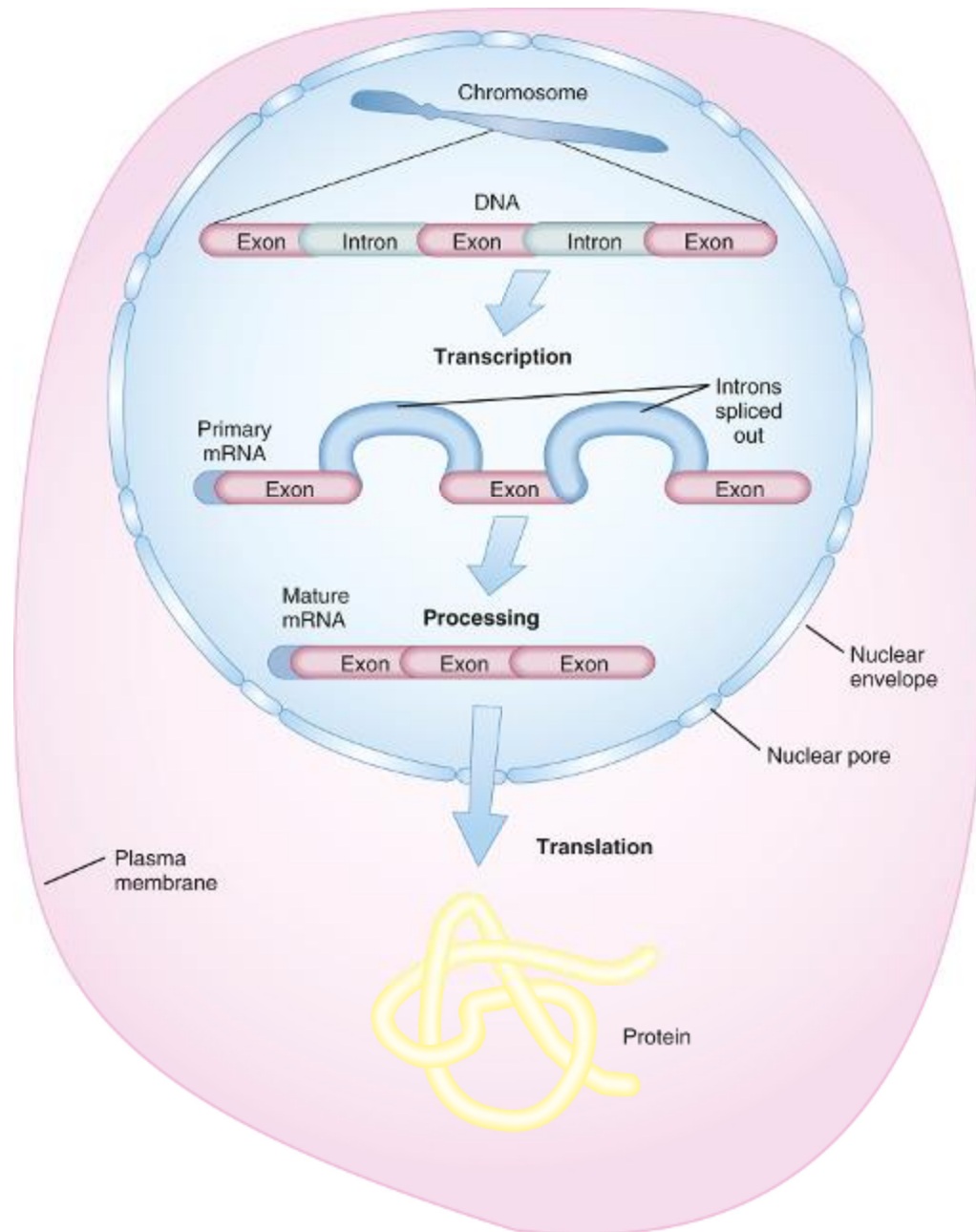
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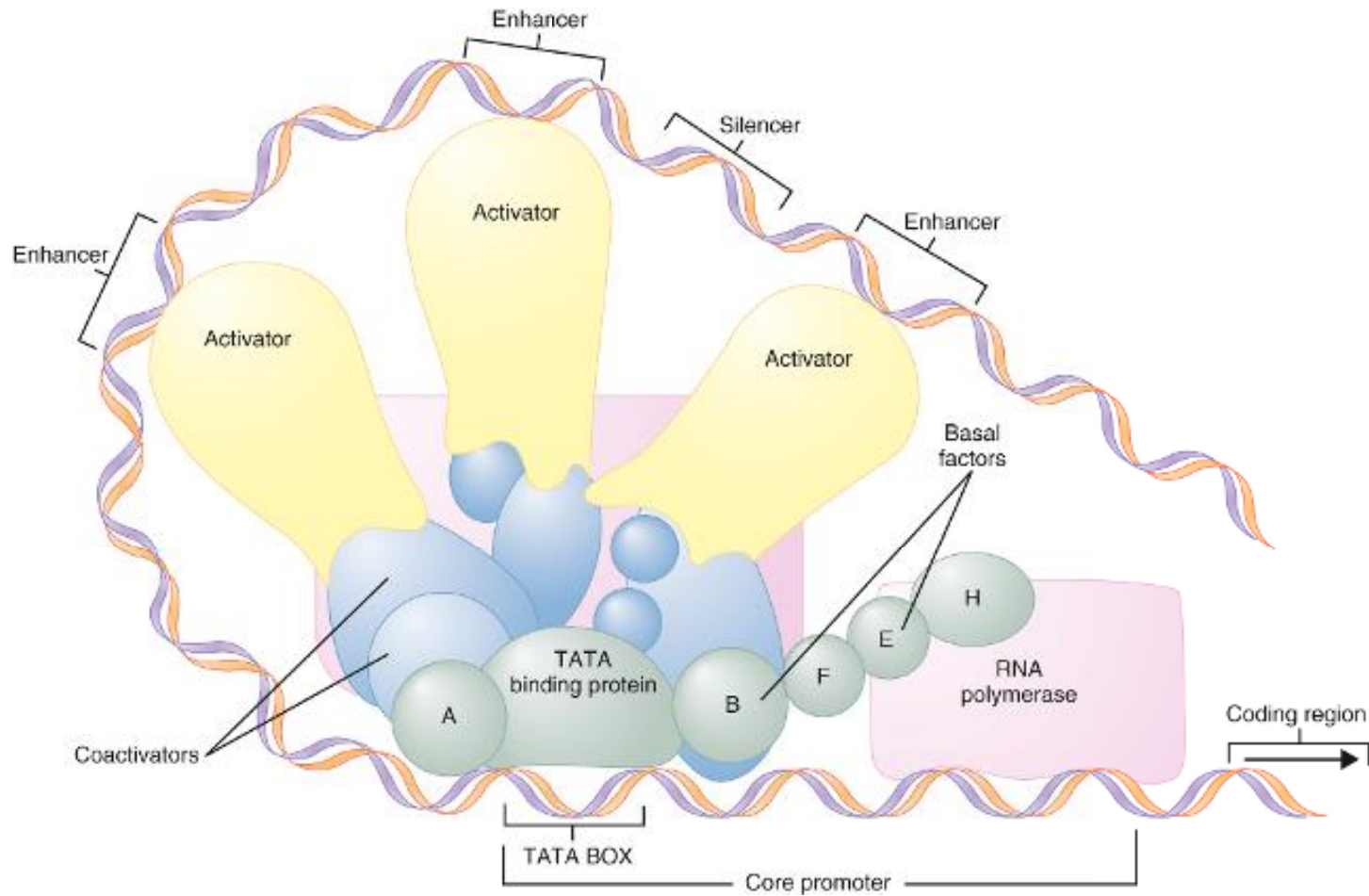
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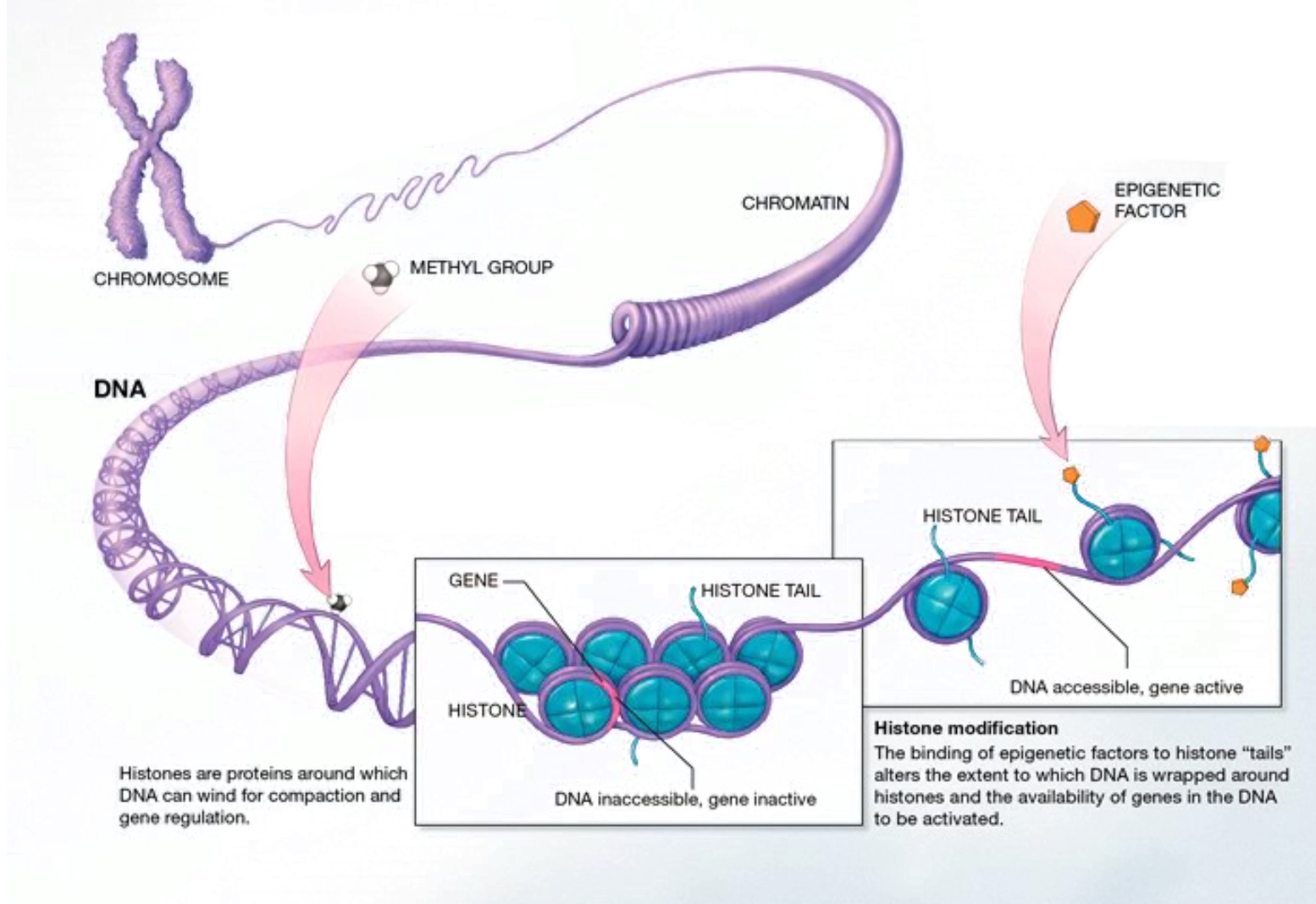
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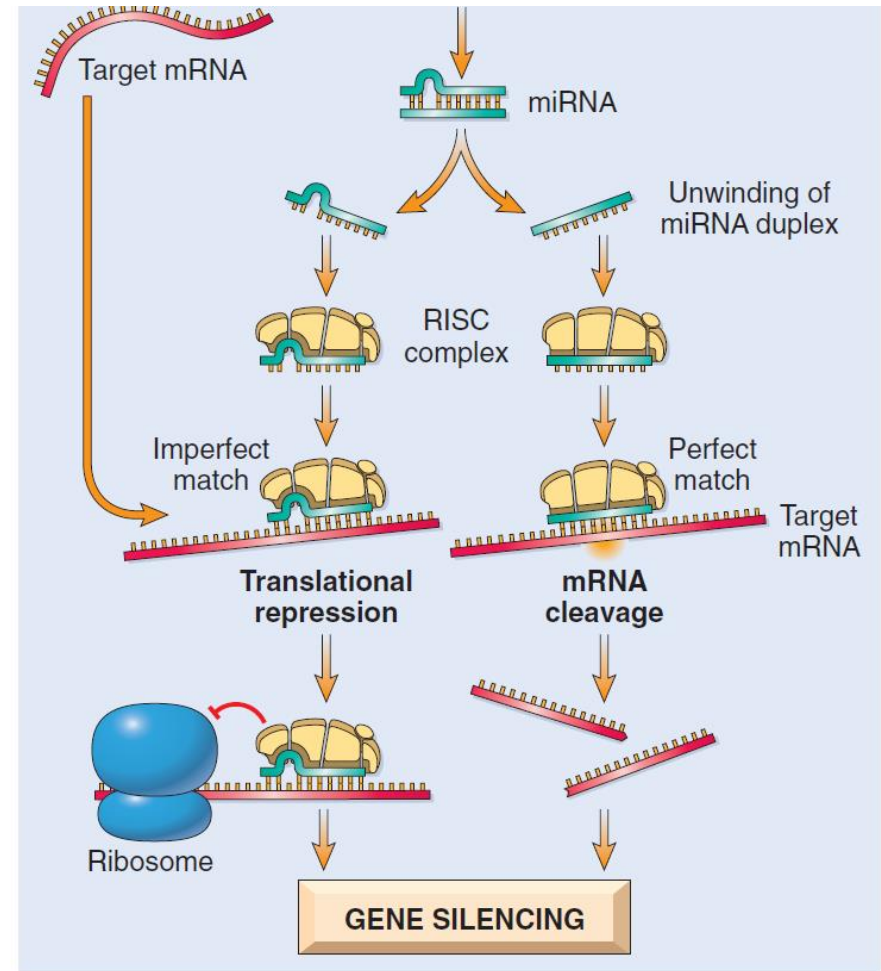
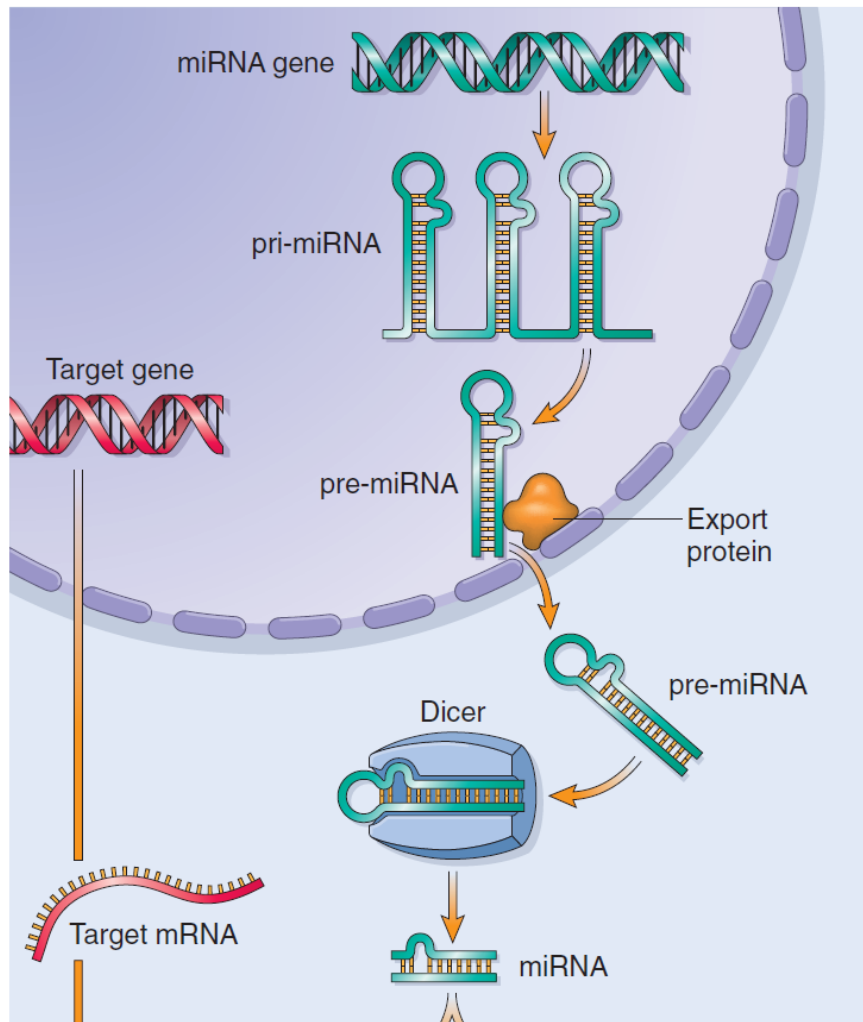
Transcription factors, Epigenetics, & miRNA



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		Second letter				
		U	C	A	G	
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	G	GUU } GUC } Val GUA } GUG }	GCU } GCC } Ala GCA } GCG }	GAU } Asp GAC } GAA } Glu GAG }	GGU } GGC } Gly GGA } GGG }	U C A G

The genetic code

Codon

- aa
- stop

Degenerate

Universal (*mitochondria)



Genetic Variation & Mutation





Locus

Allele

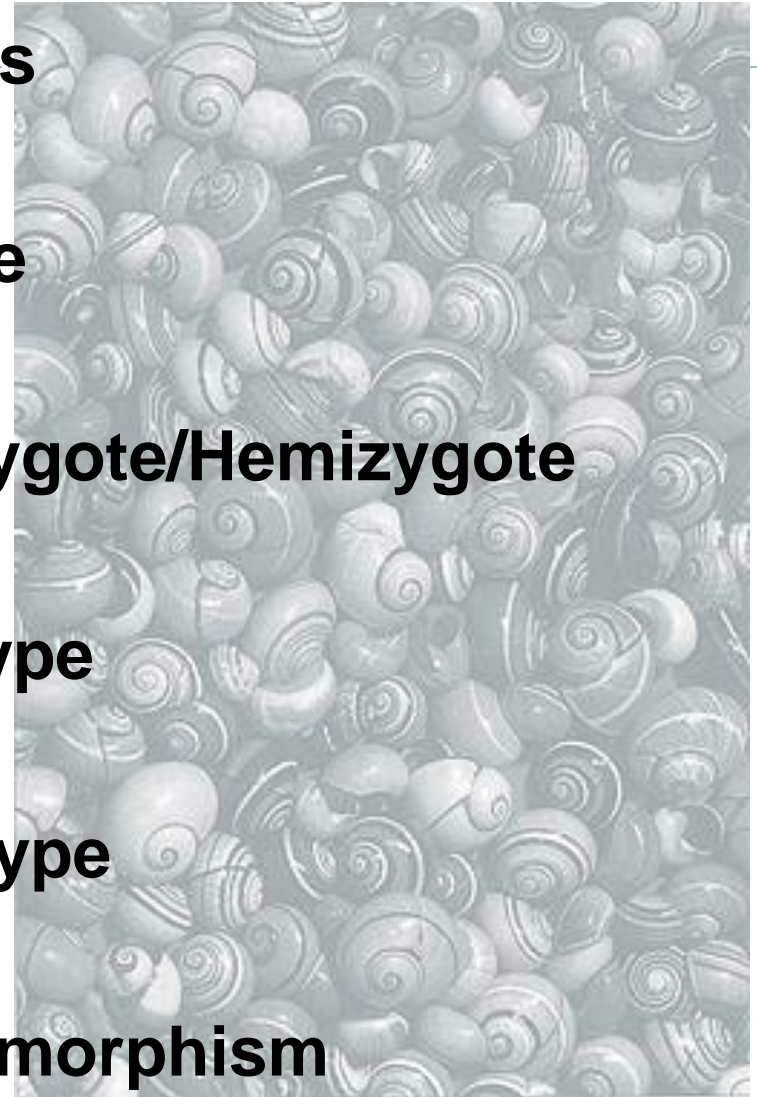
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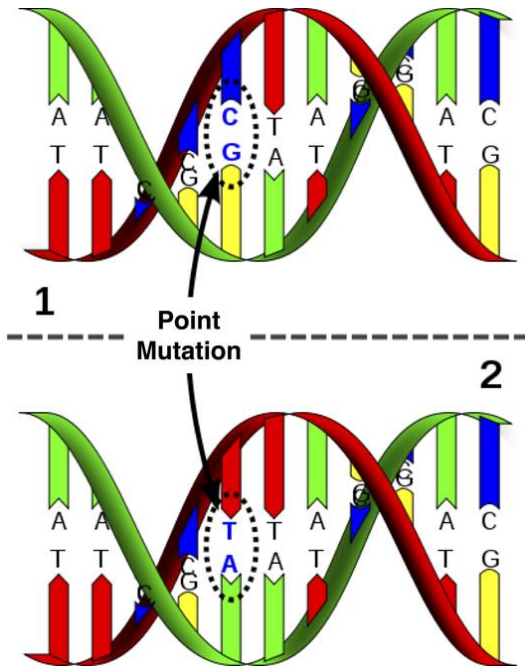


Genotype

Phenotype

Mutation/Polymorphism





Normal



BEAST

Substitution



FEAST

Insertion



BREAST

Deletion



BEST

Mutations

Germ → Progeny

Somatic → Cancer

Point

- Silent
- Missense
- Nonsense (stop codon)
- Insertions
- Deletions

Frameshift

- Insertions
- Deletions

DNA Sequence

Amino Acid Sequence

Normal:

CAG	CCC	ACT
Codon 1	Codon 2	Codon 3

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Gln	Pro	Thr
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Insertion Mutation (Frameshift):

CAG	TCC	CAC	T
Codon 1	Codon 2	Codon 3	Codon 4

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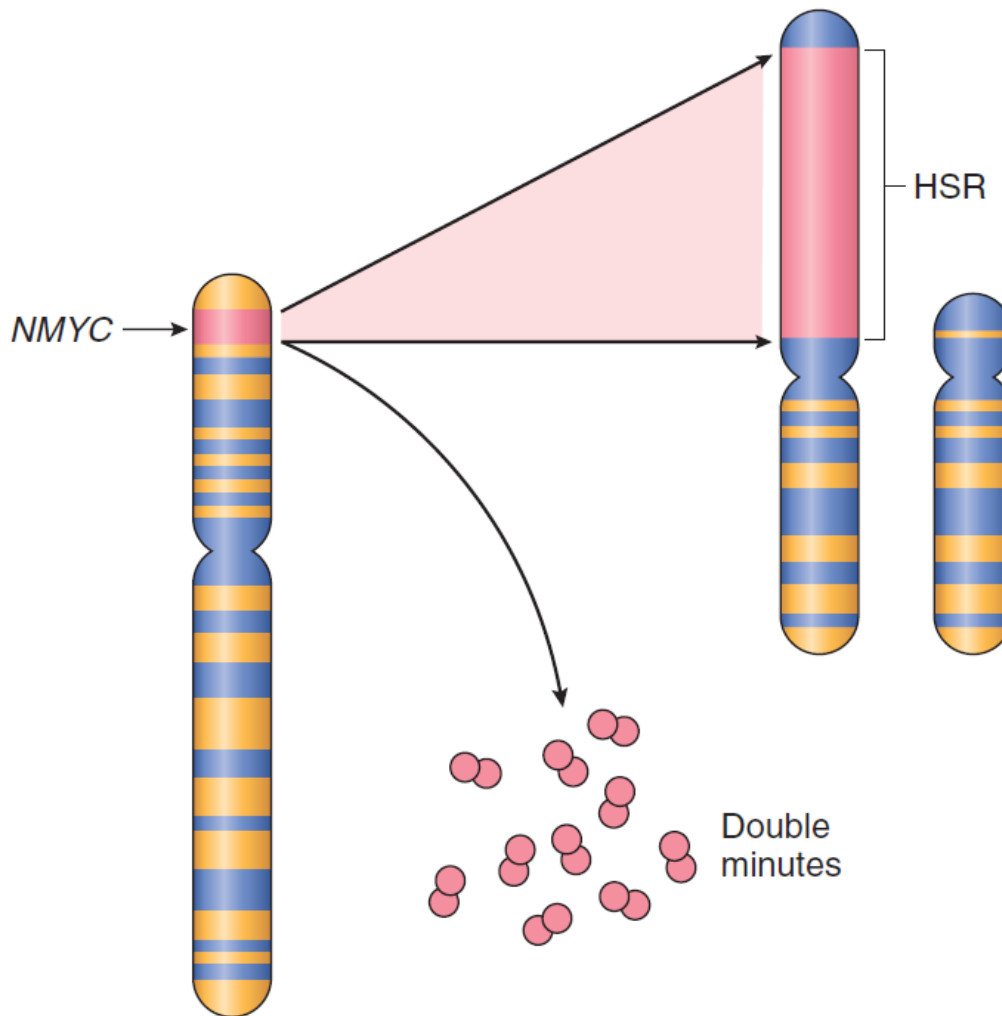
Gln	Ser	His	?
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Insertion Mutation (Non-frameshift):

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Gln	Phe	Pro	Thr
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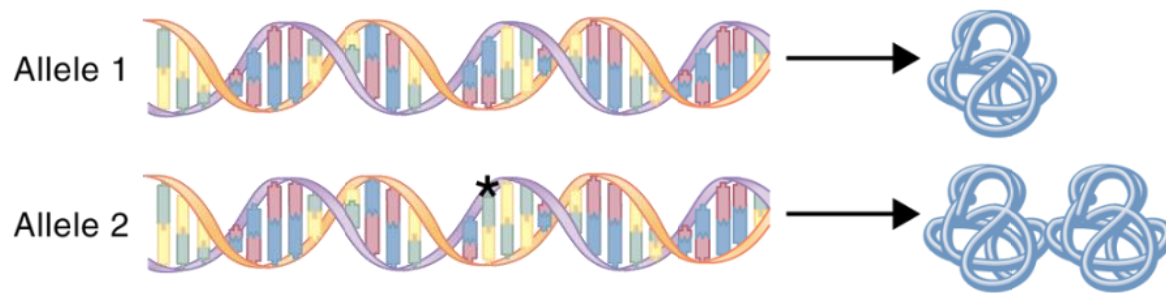


Larger Scale Changes

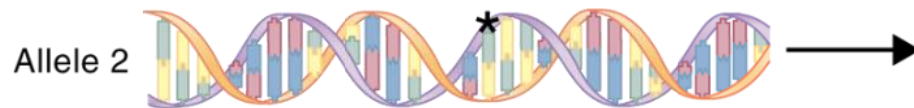
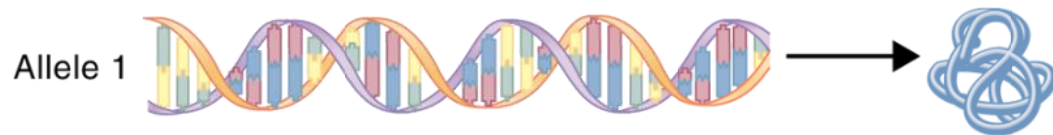
Duplication
(Amplification)

Homework:

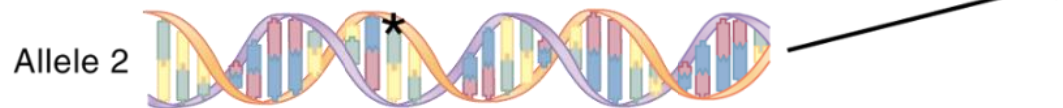
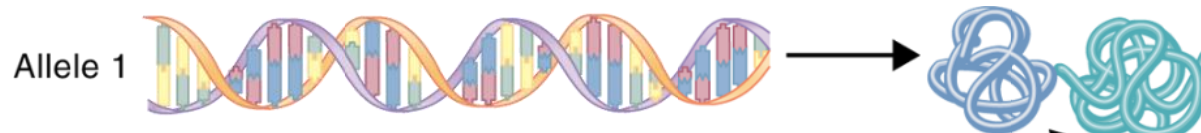
- Charcot–Marie–Tooth
- Hereditary neuropathy
- Dejerine–Sottas syndrome
- PMP22
- Dosage sensitivity



Gain of function mutation produces novel or excess protein product



Loss of function mutation reduces or eliminates protein product



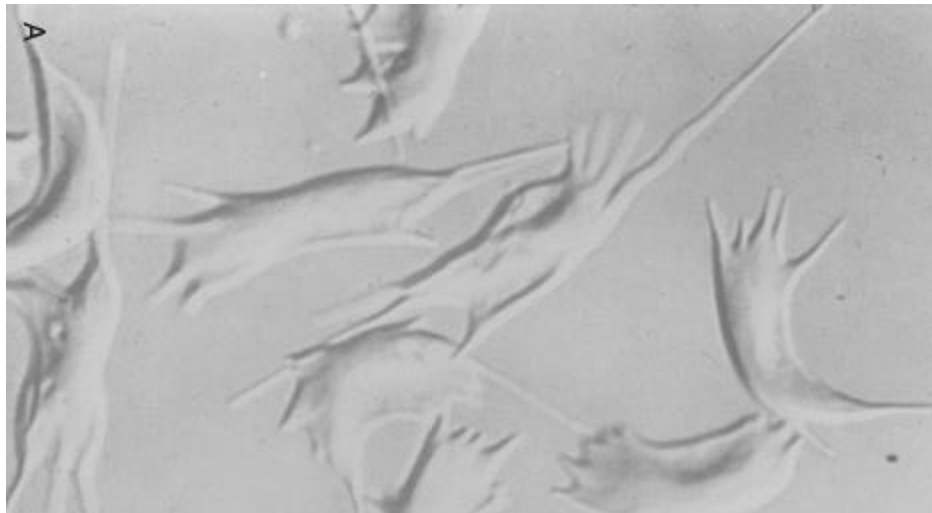
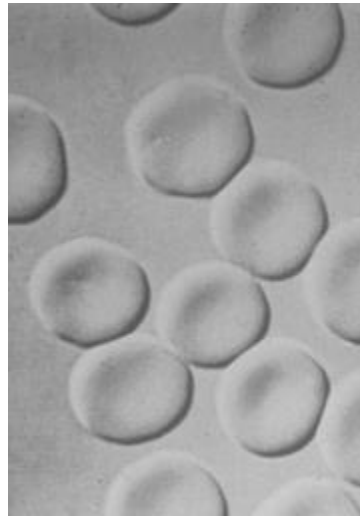
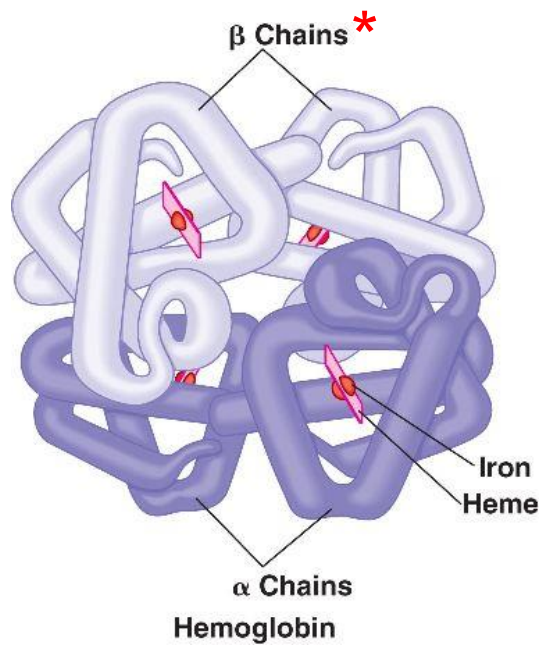
Dominant negative mutation (allele 2) produces abnormal protein product that interferes with normal protein produced by allele 1

Molecular Consequences of Mutation

Gain of Function - Dominant

Loss of Function - Recessive/
Haploinsufficiency

Dominant Negative

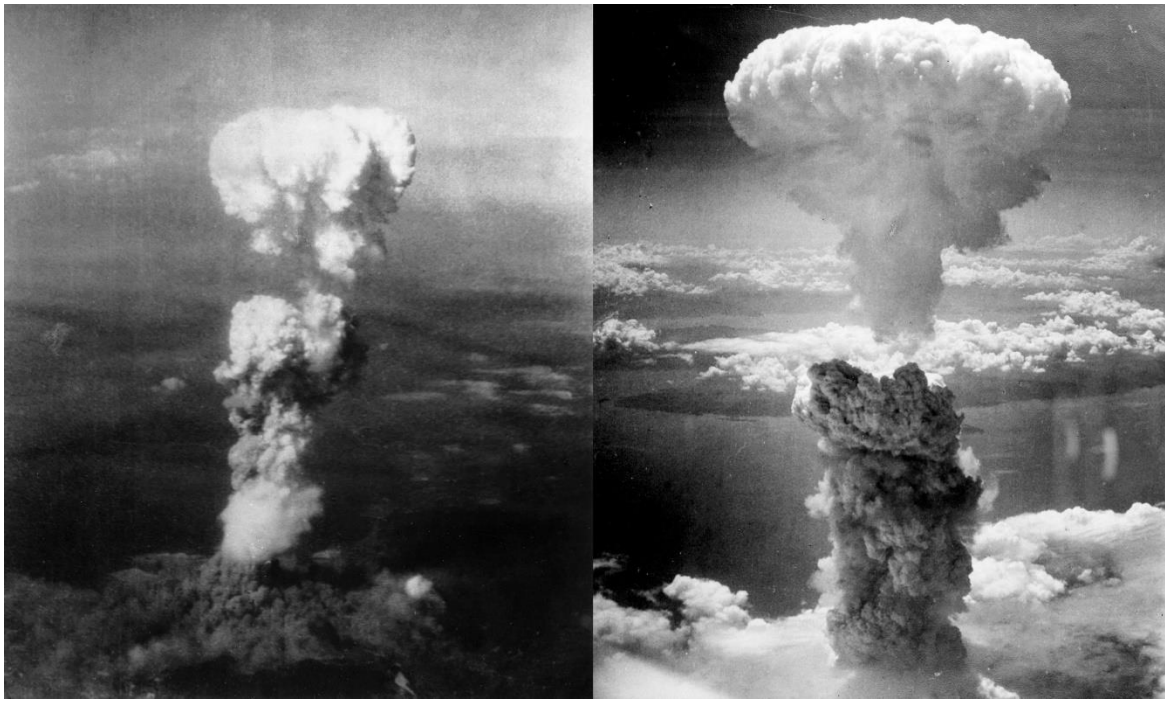


Clinical Consequences of Mutation (example)

Hb disorders as a nearly encompassing illustration

One example: sickle cell disease

- Missense mutation
- Homozygote disease
- Hb aggregates (low O_2)
- Vascular obstruction
- Anemia
- Splenomegaly
- Autosplenectomy



Causes of Mutation

Radiation

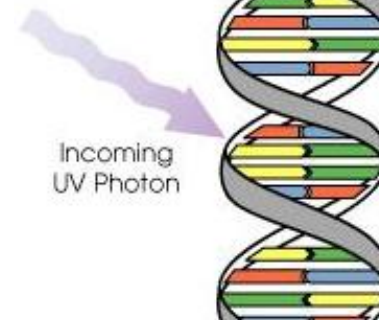
UV, X-rays, nuclear

- Chromosome breakage
- Translocations
- Point mutations
- Pyrimidine dimers

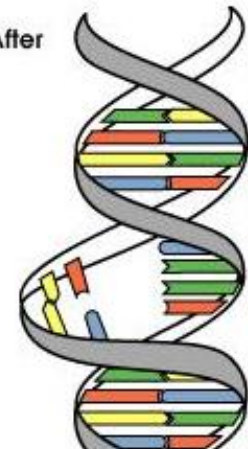
Chemicals



Before



After



DNA damage and repair

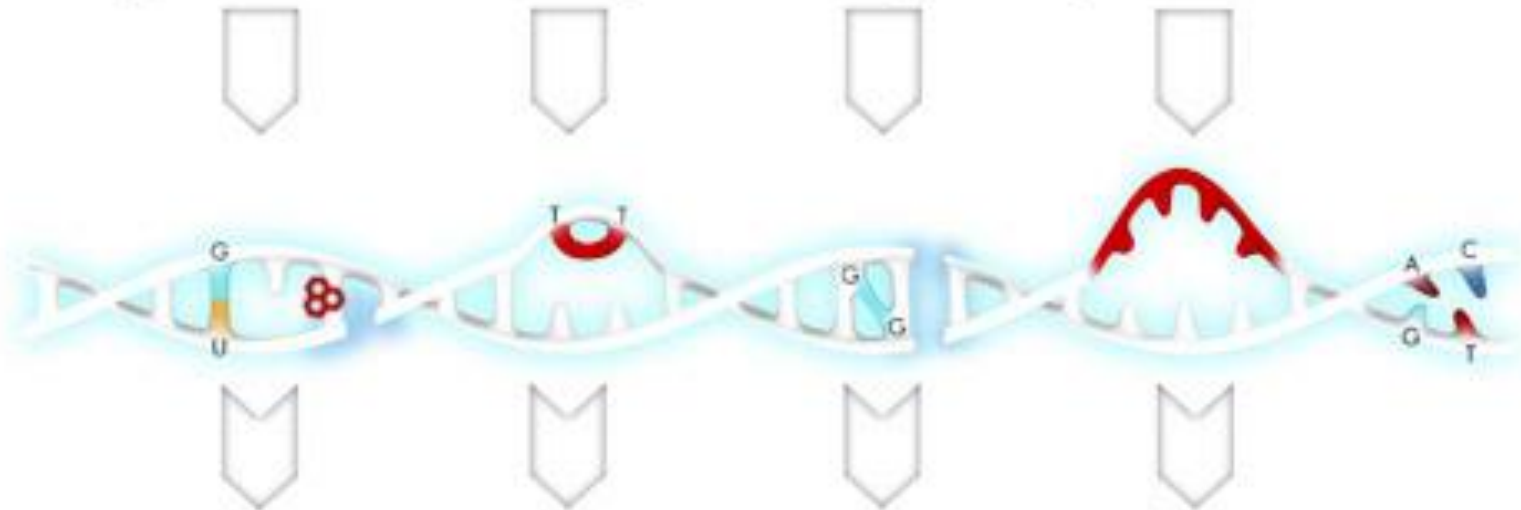
Damaging agents

X-rays
alkylating agents
hydrolysis
O₂ radicals

UV irradiation
chemical mutagens

X-rays
anti-tumor agent

replication errors



abnormal bases
base adducts
single-strand break
abasic site

bulky adducts
thymidine dimers

double-strand break
interstrand crosslink

A-G mismatch
T-C mismatch
base insertion
base deletion

Repair processes

base-excision
repair (BER)

nucleotide-excision
repair (NER)

recombination
repair (HR, EJ)

mismatch repair



Spontaneous Mutation...

...or why are we not all superheroes already?!

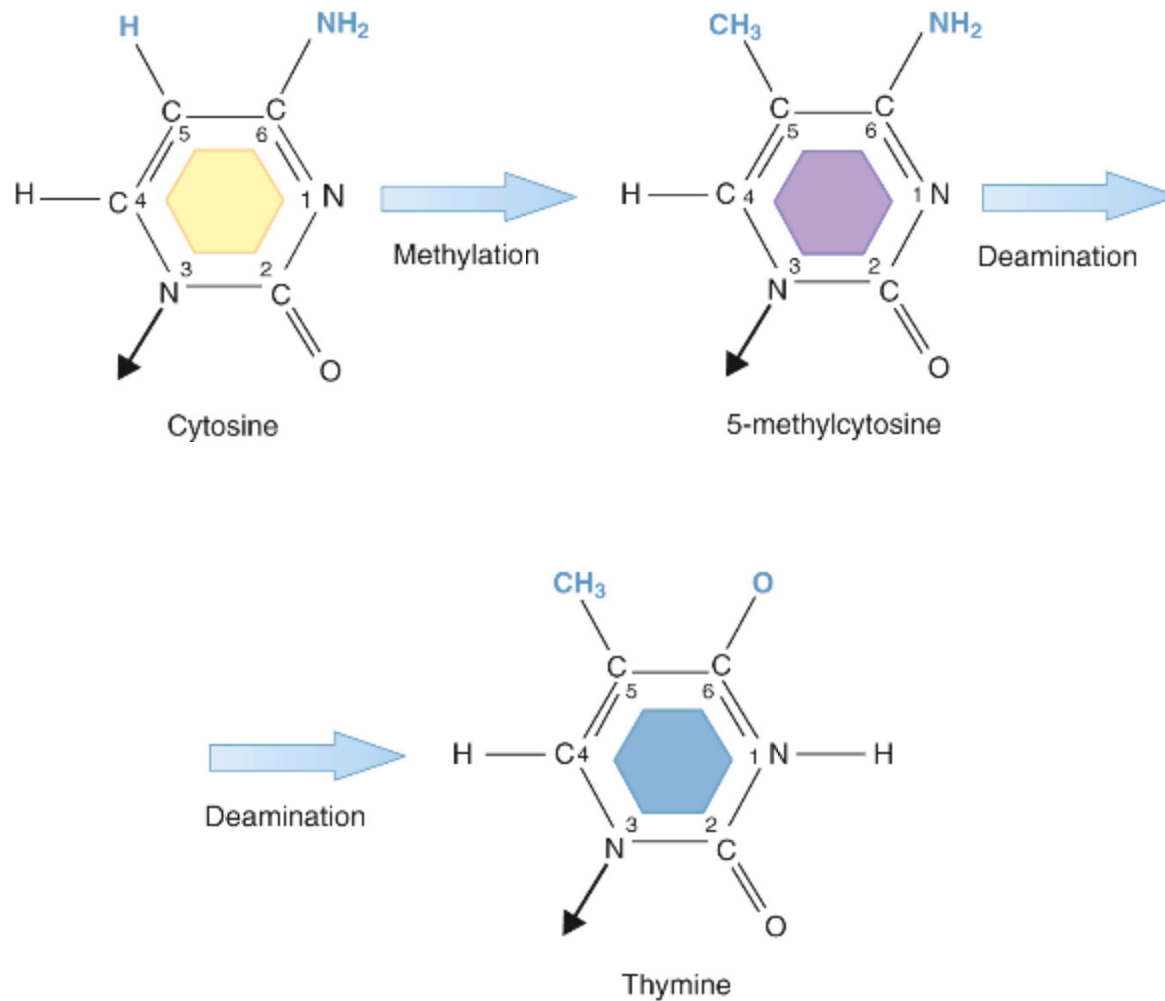
30 new mutations per gamete

Percent of DNA encoding proteins

Gene size

Mutational hotspots





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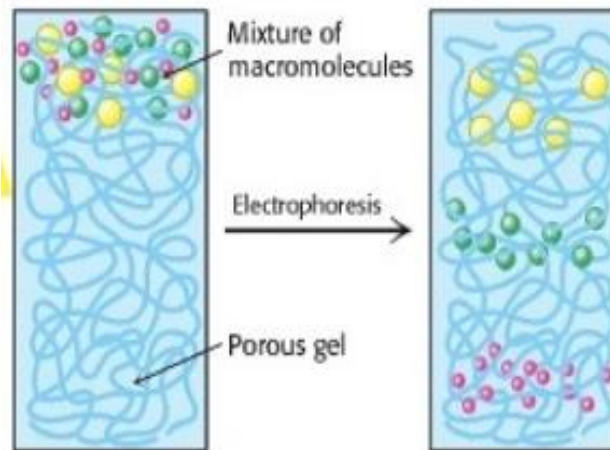
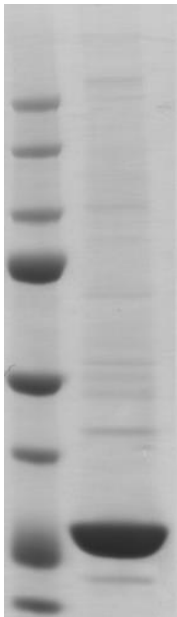
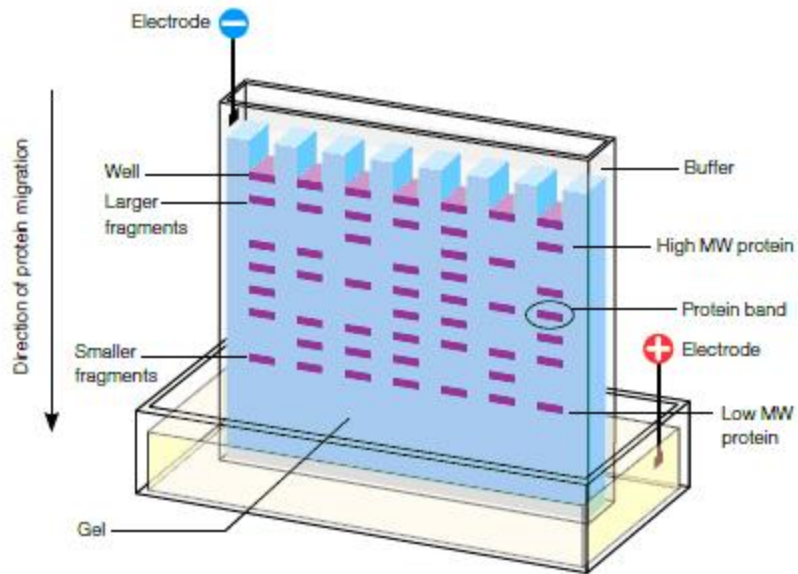
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Mutational hotspots (e.g. CpG)

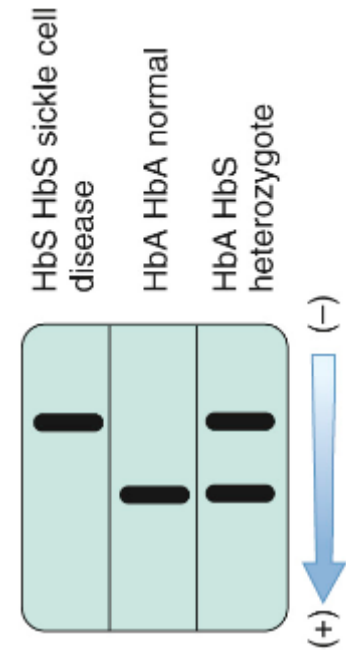


Detection & Measurement of Genetic Variation

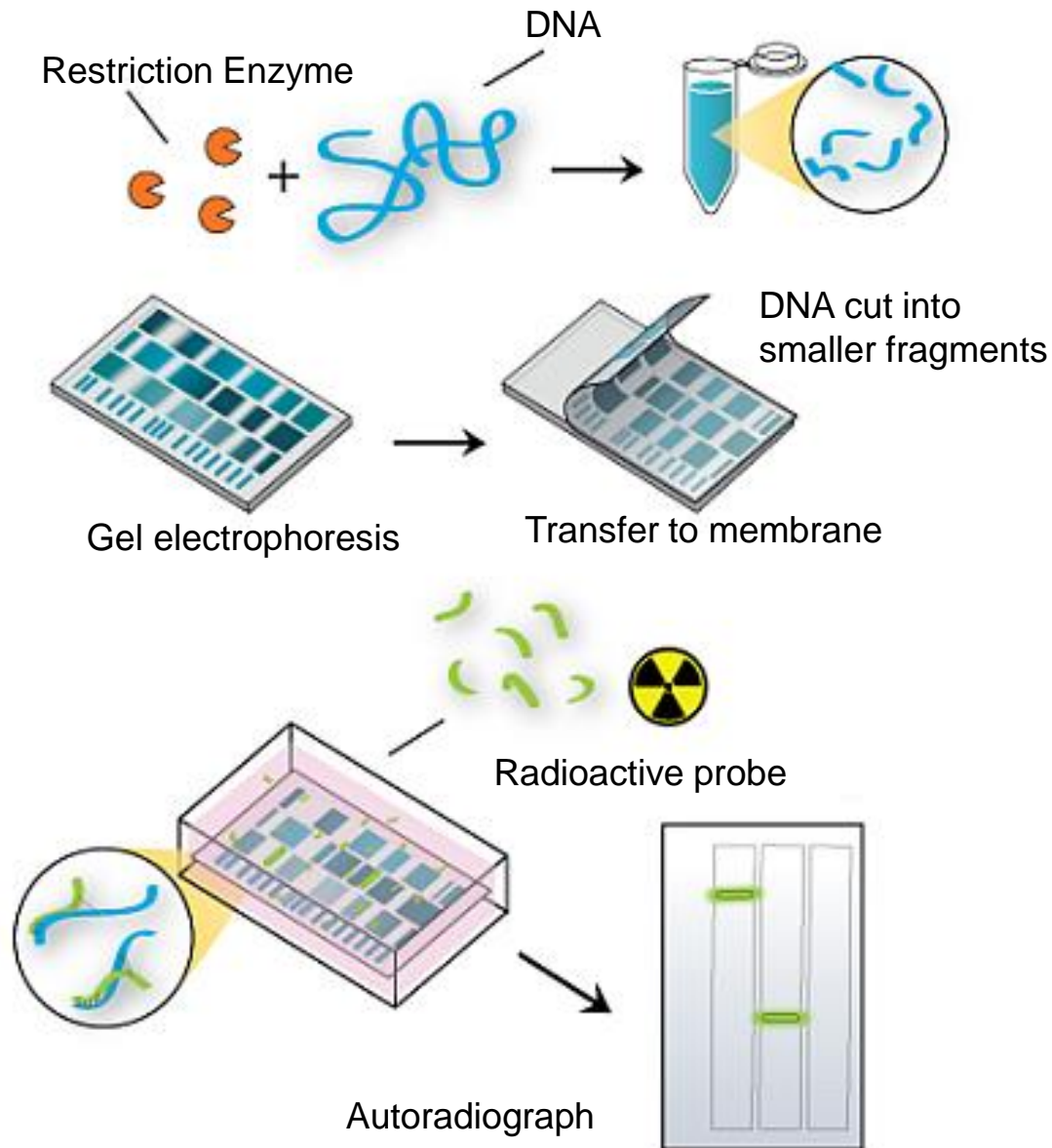


Protein Electrophoresis

Separate by size and/or charge



Southern Blotting & Restriction Fragment Analysis

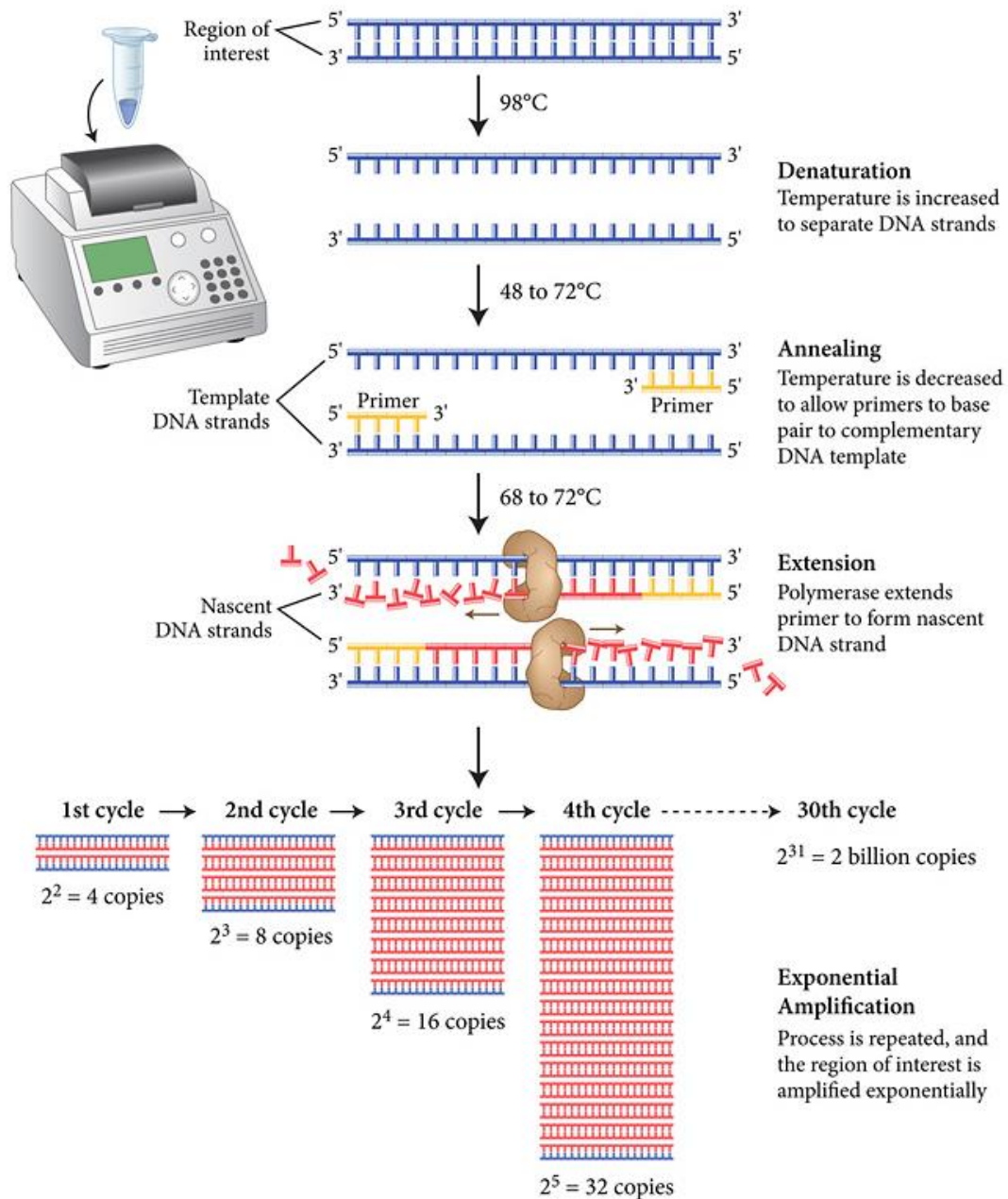


Restriction enzymes cleave human DNA at specific sequences (restriction sites).

Restriction digest → Restriction fragments

You can detect:

- Insertions
- Deletions
- Mutations affecting restriction sites (e.g. sickle cell disease)



Polymerase Chain Reaction

Advantages:

Can be used with extremely small quantities of DNA

Faster than cloning

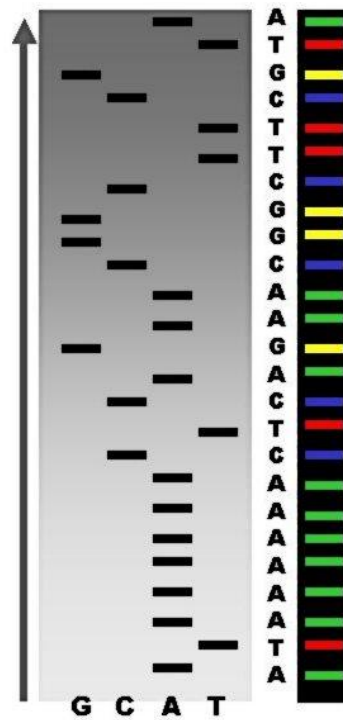
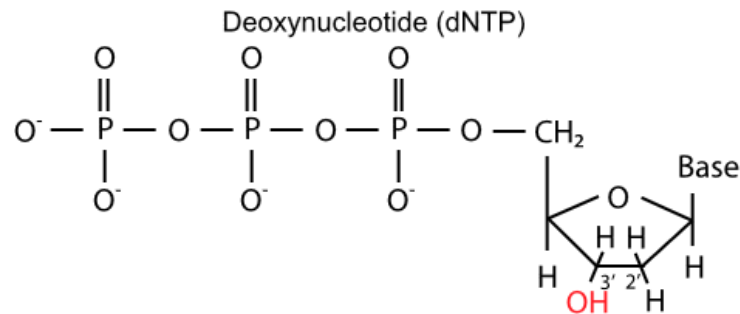
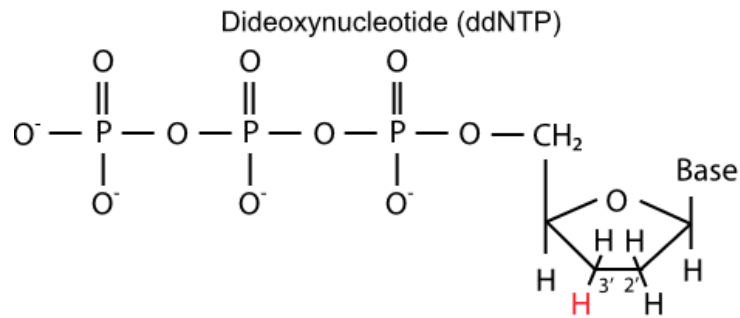
No radioactive probes required

Disadvantages:

Known sequence required

Contamination

Limited to a few Kb

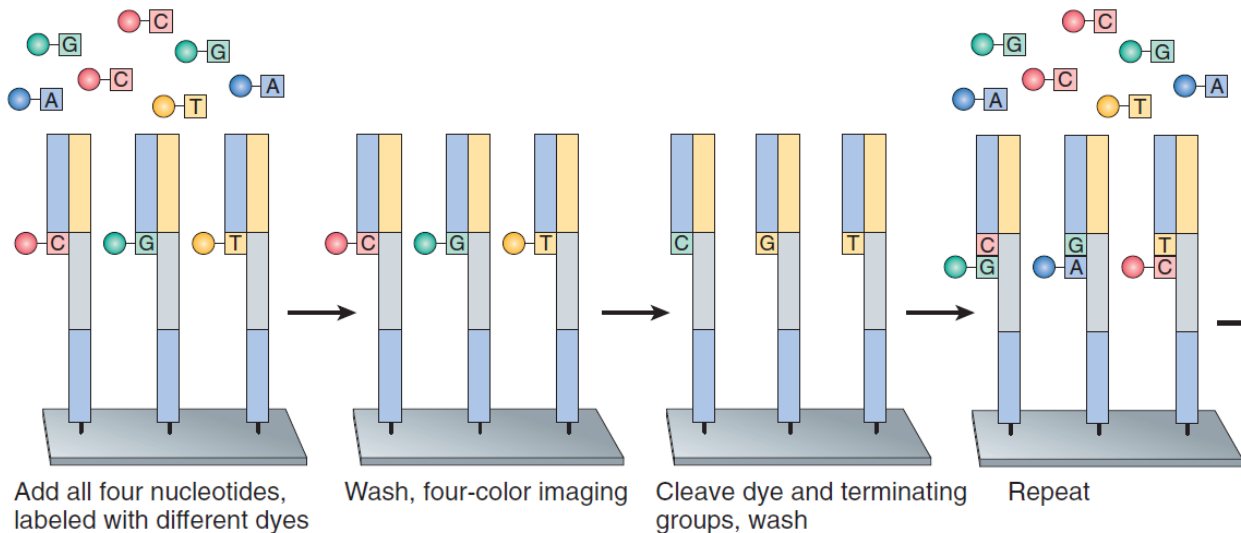


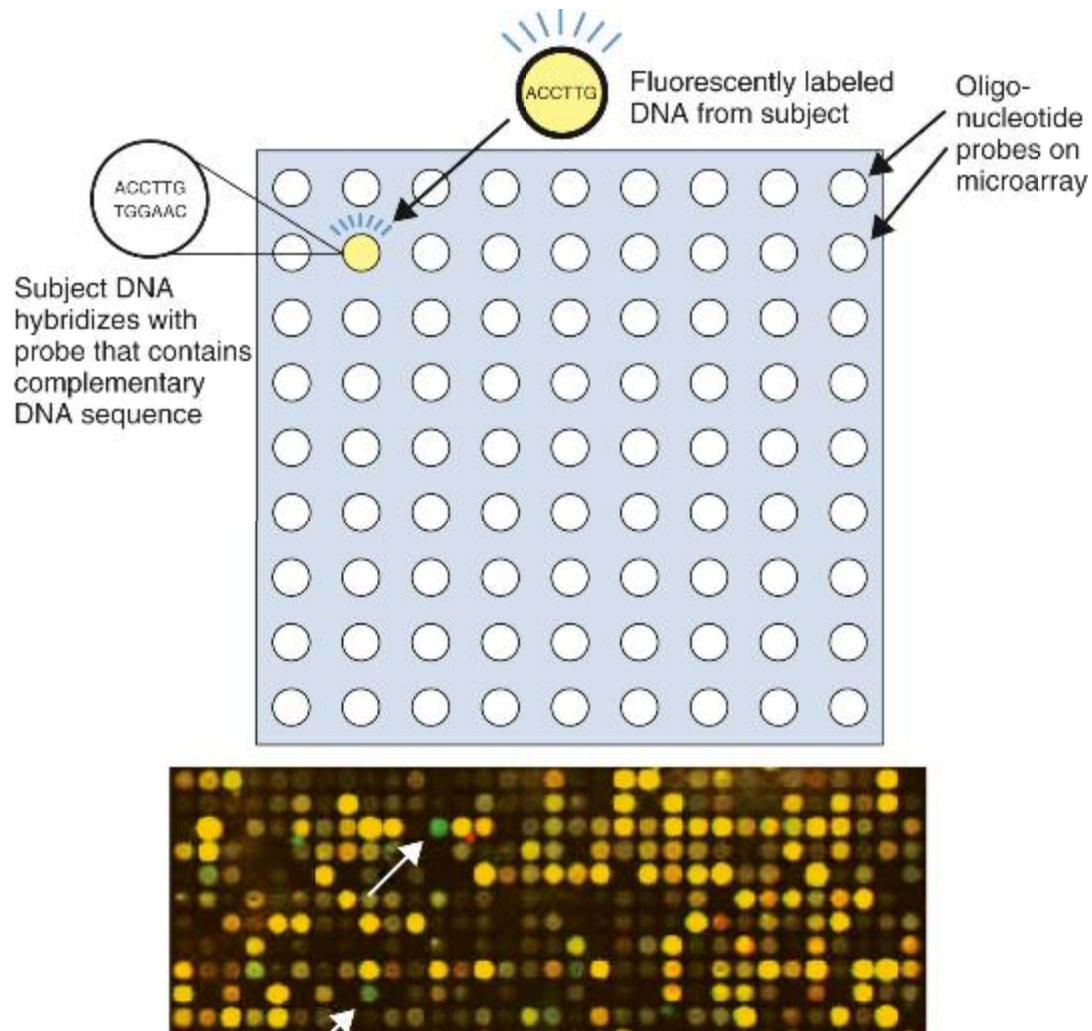
DNA sequencing

Sanger sequencing
(dideoxynucleotides)

Automated sequencing
using 4 flouorochromes

High throughput DNA
sequencing





Microarrays

DNA

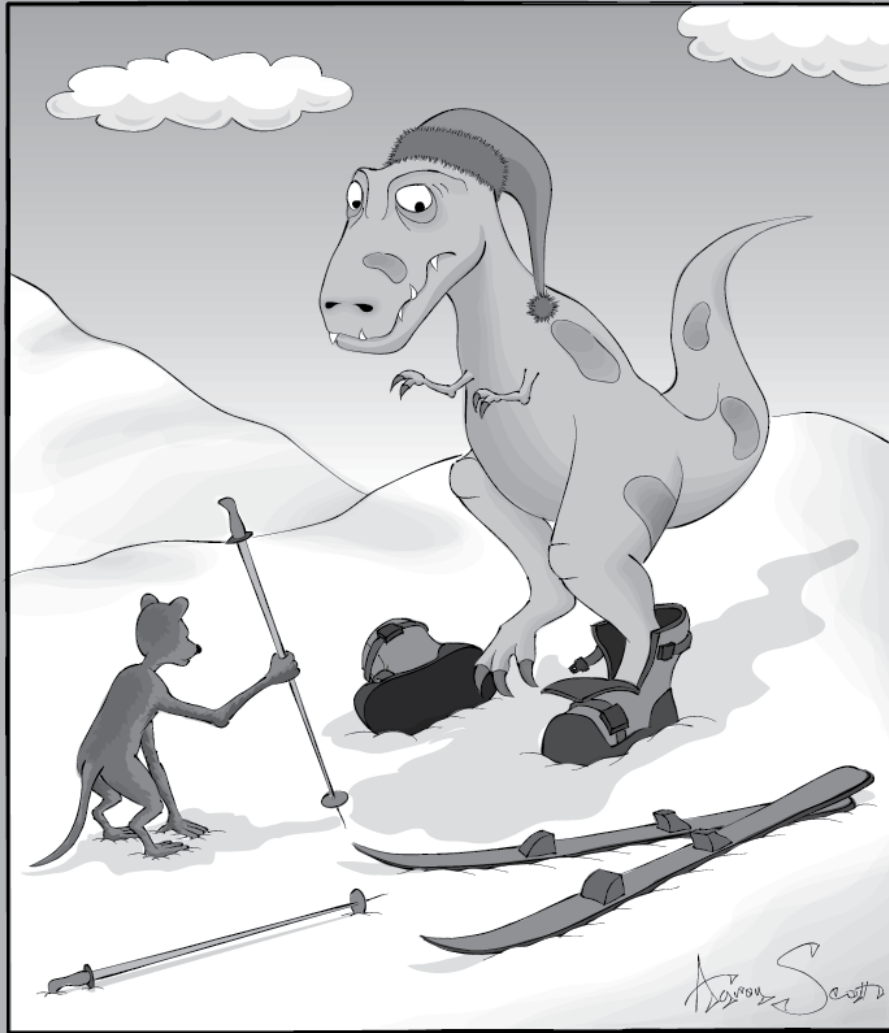
Known mutations only

mRNA

Expression

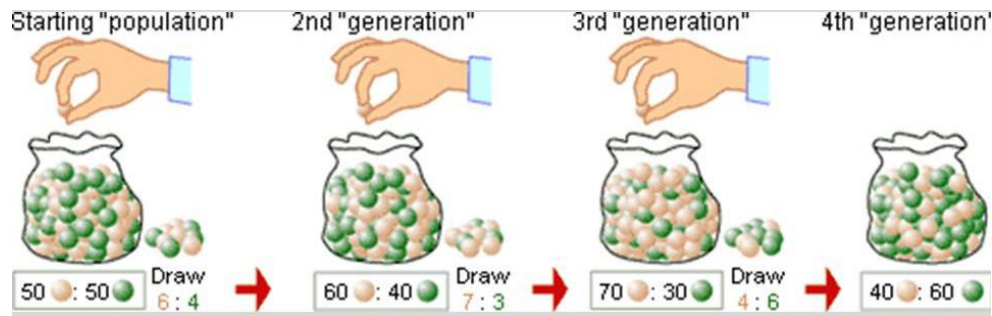


Non-mutational Genetic Variation



One contributing factor to the mass extinction was the dinosaur's inability to deal with a changing global climate.

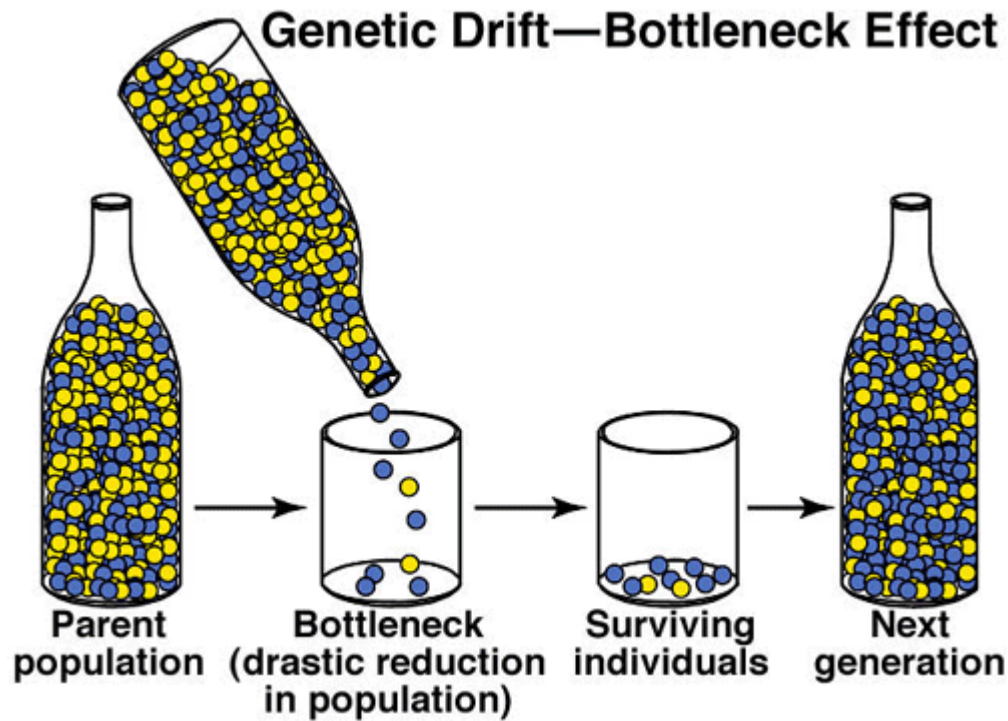
Natural selection



Genetic Drift


& the bottleneck effect

& the founder effect



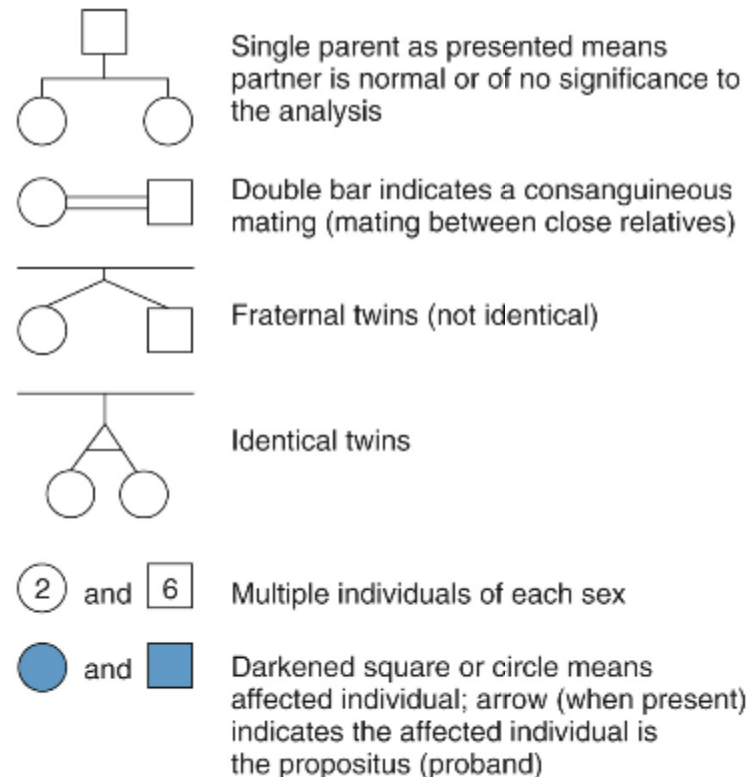
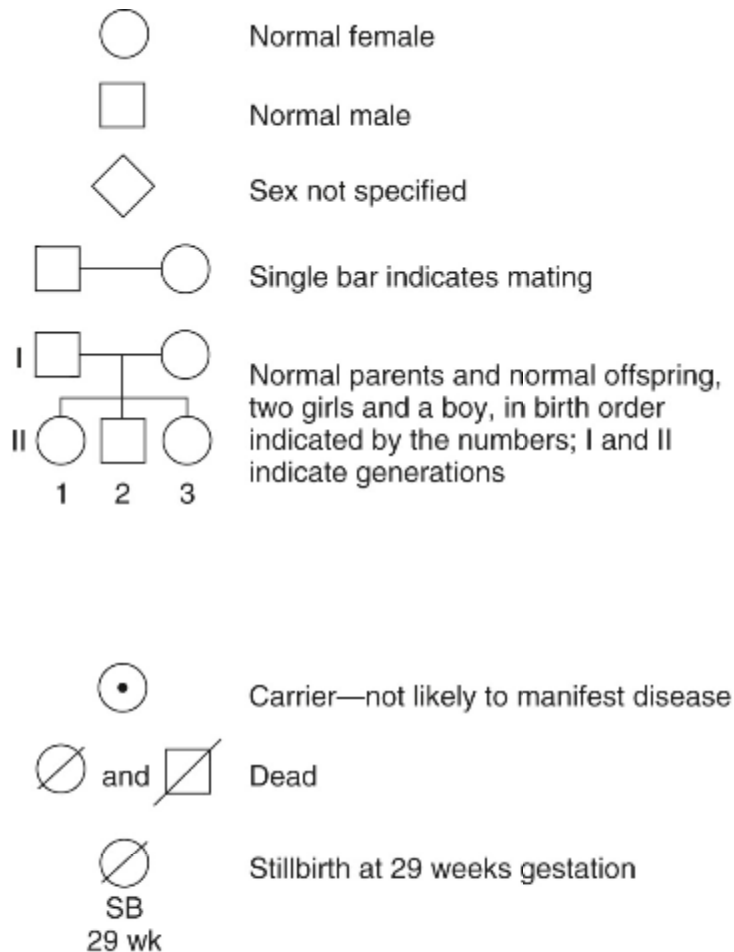
Gene flow



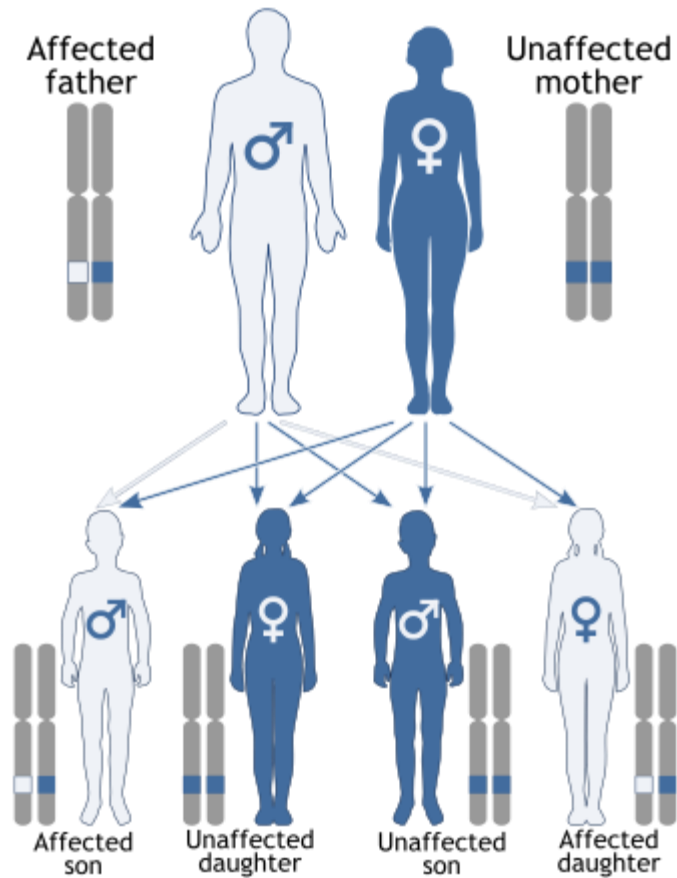


Single Gene Disorders (AD,AR)

Basic Pedigree

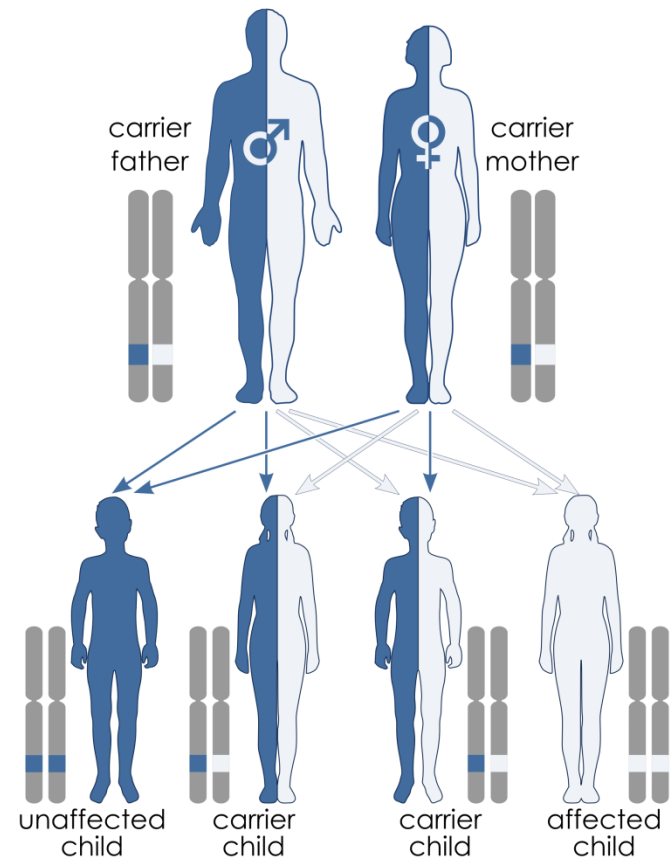


Autosomal dominant



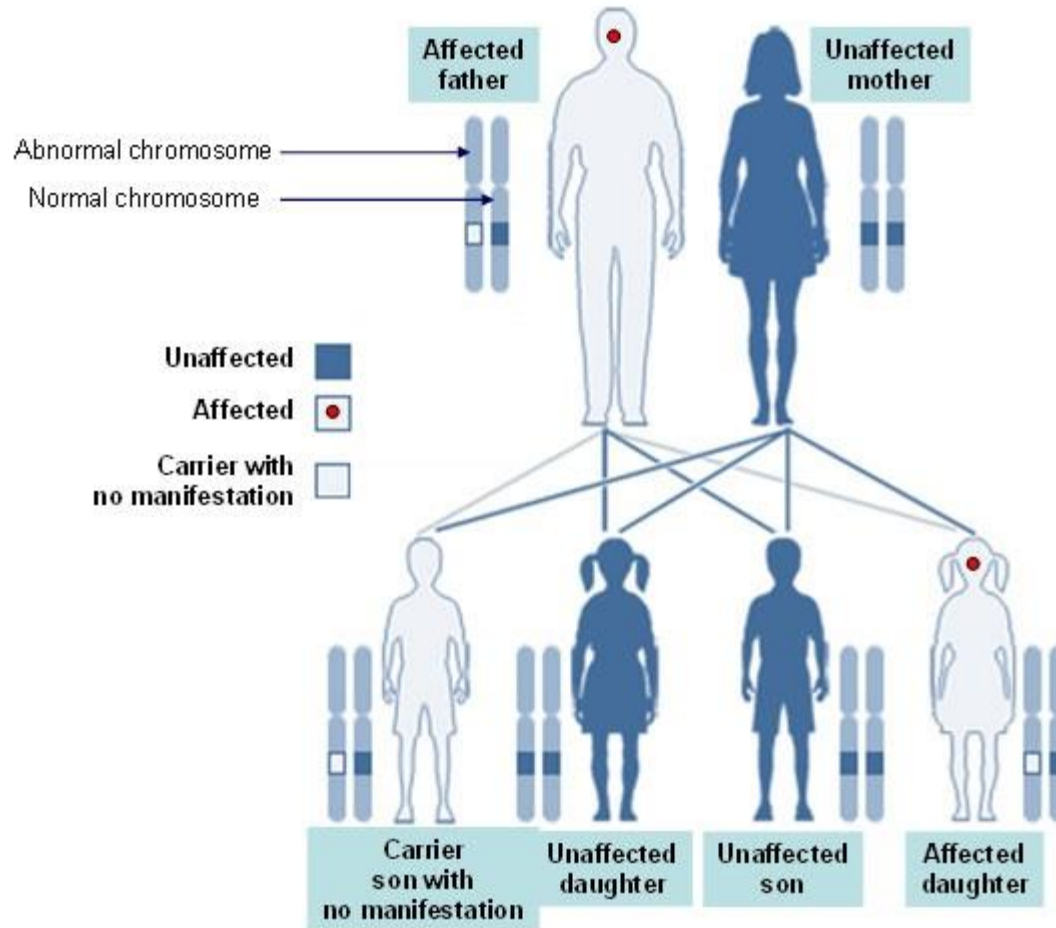
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□ Affected

Autosomal recessive inheritance

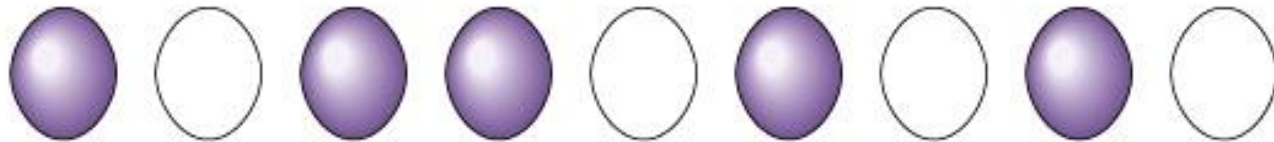


■ Unaffected
□ Affected
▨ Carrier

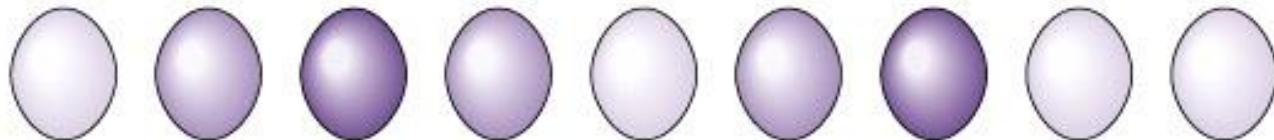
Autosomal dominant disease with incomplete penetrance



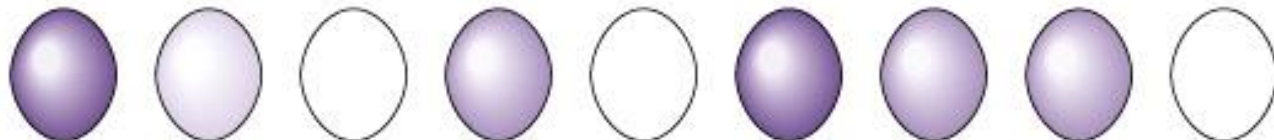
Phenotypic expression
(each oval represents an individual)



Variable penetrance

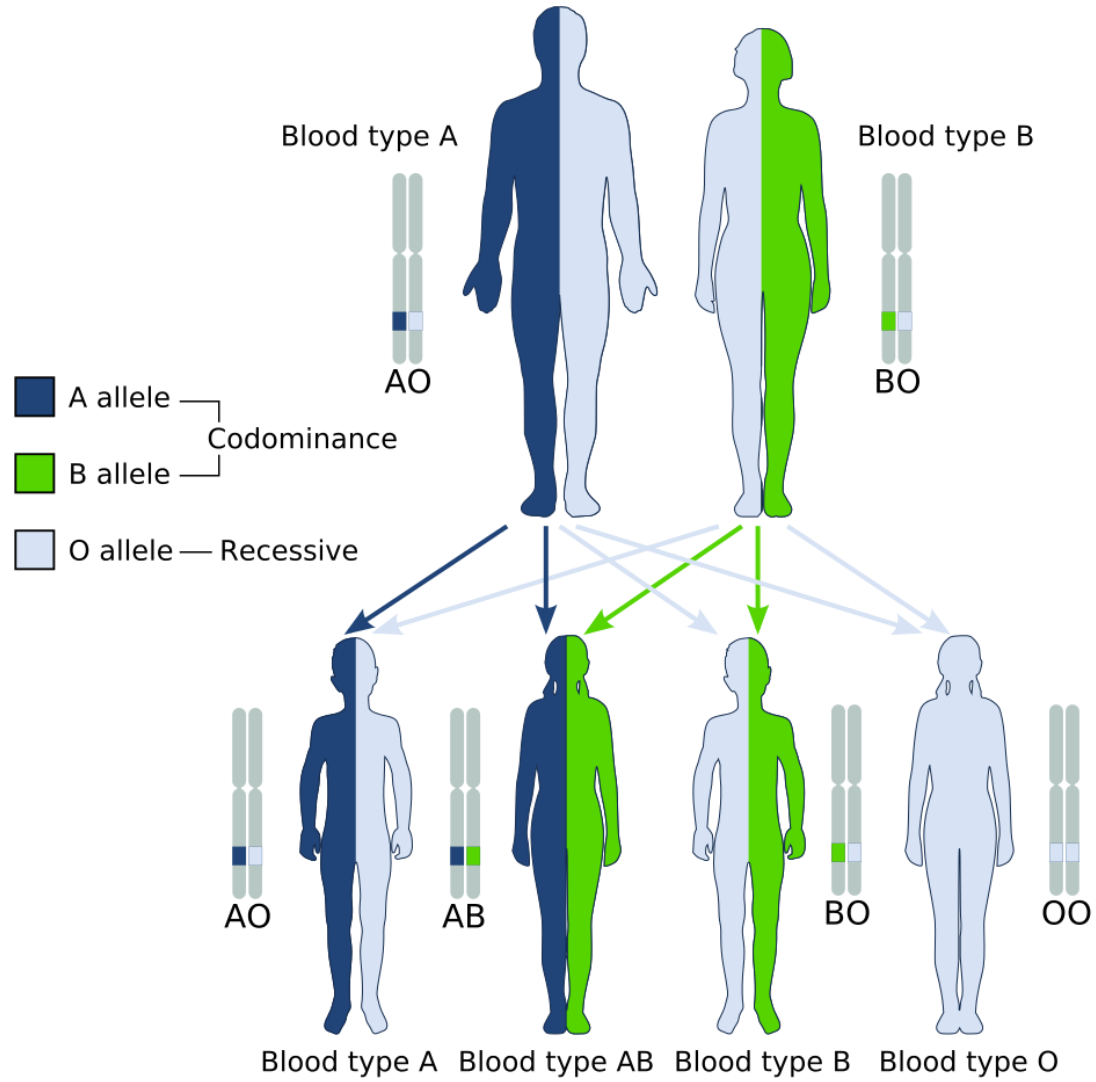


Variable expressivity



Variable penetrance and expressivity





Dominant Negative

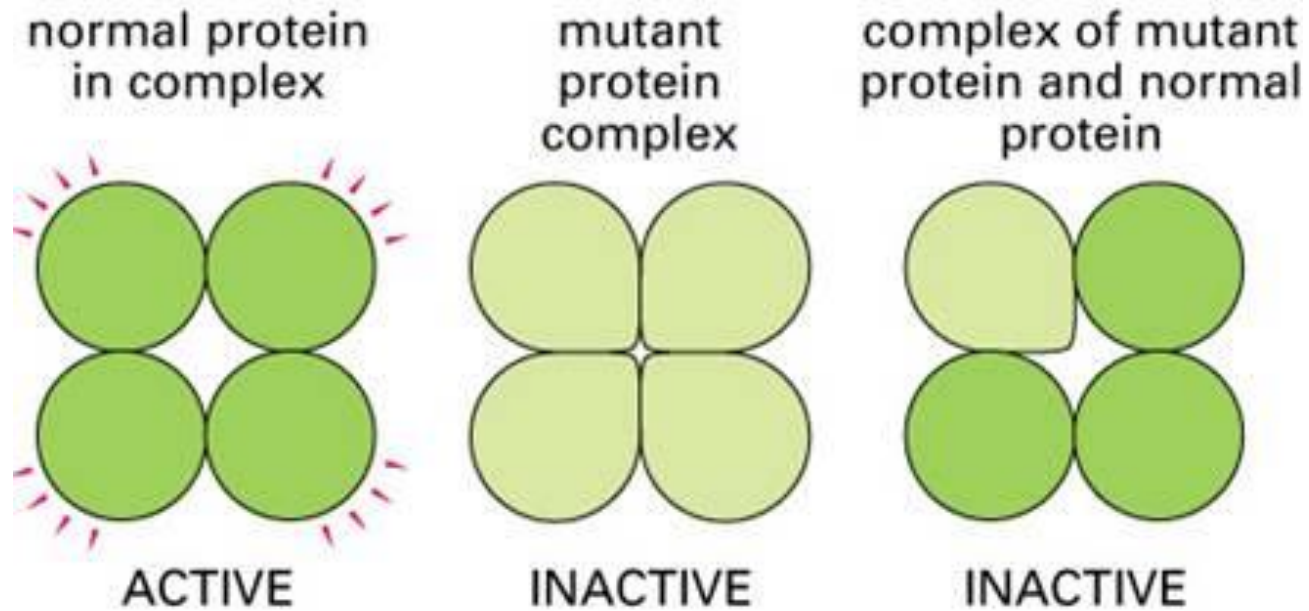


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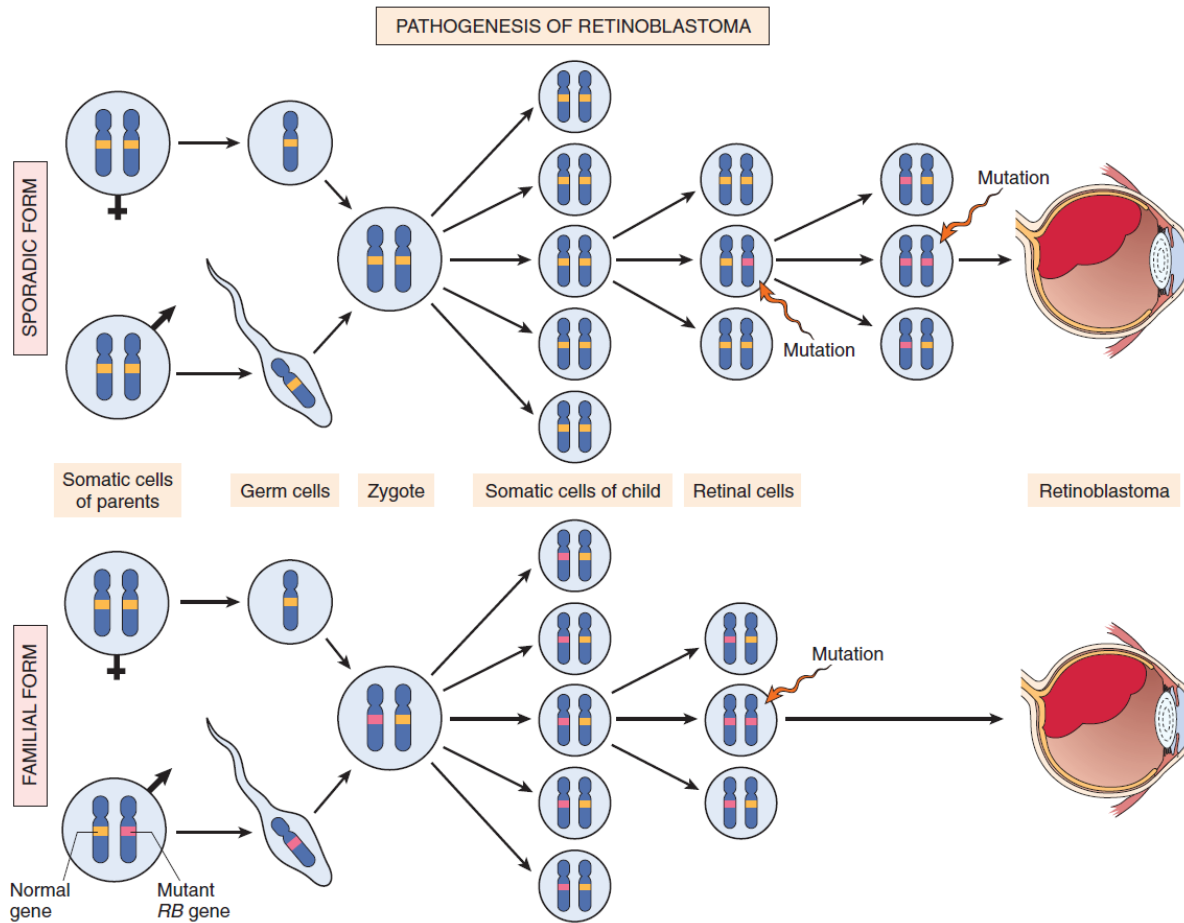
RB (Reduced Penetrance)

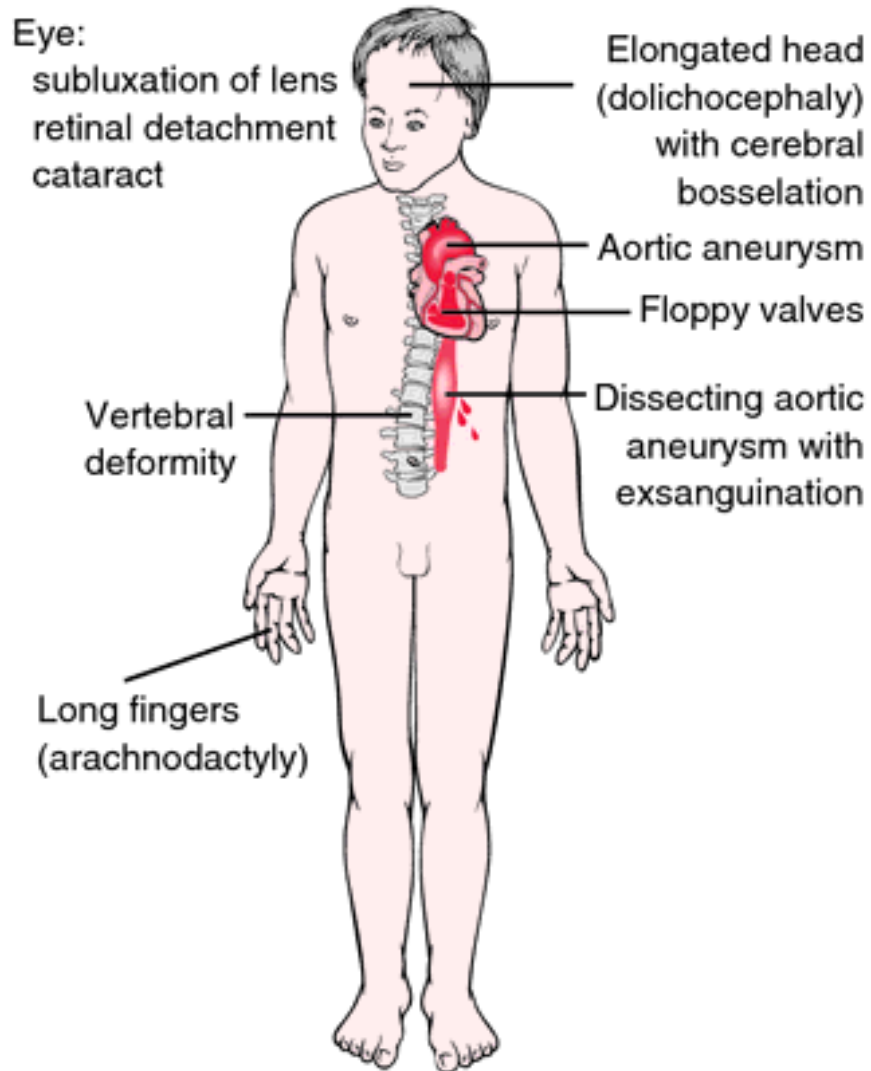
Knudson “two-hit” hypothesis

Two defective copies needed

Familial: -inherited
-somatic mutation

Sporadic: 2 somatic mutations





Marfan Syndrome (pleiotropy & locus heterogeneity)

AD

FBN1 Fibrillin (ECM)

Dominant negative

Effect on TGF β
sequestration in the ECM

TGF receptor type II
(Marfan Syndrome type 2)

Clinical trials on
angiotensin receptor
blockers

Cystic Fibrosis (modifiers & allelic heterogeneity)

AR

CFTR Chloride channel

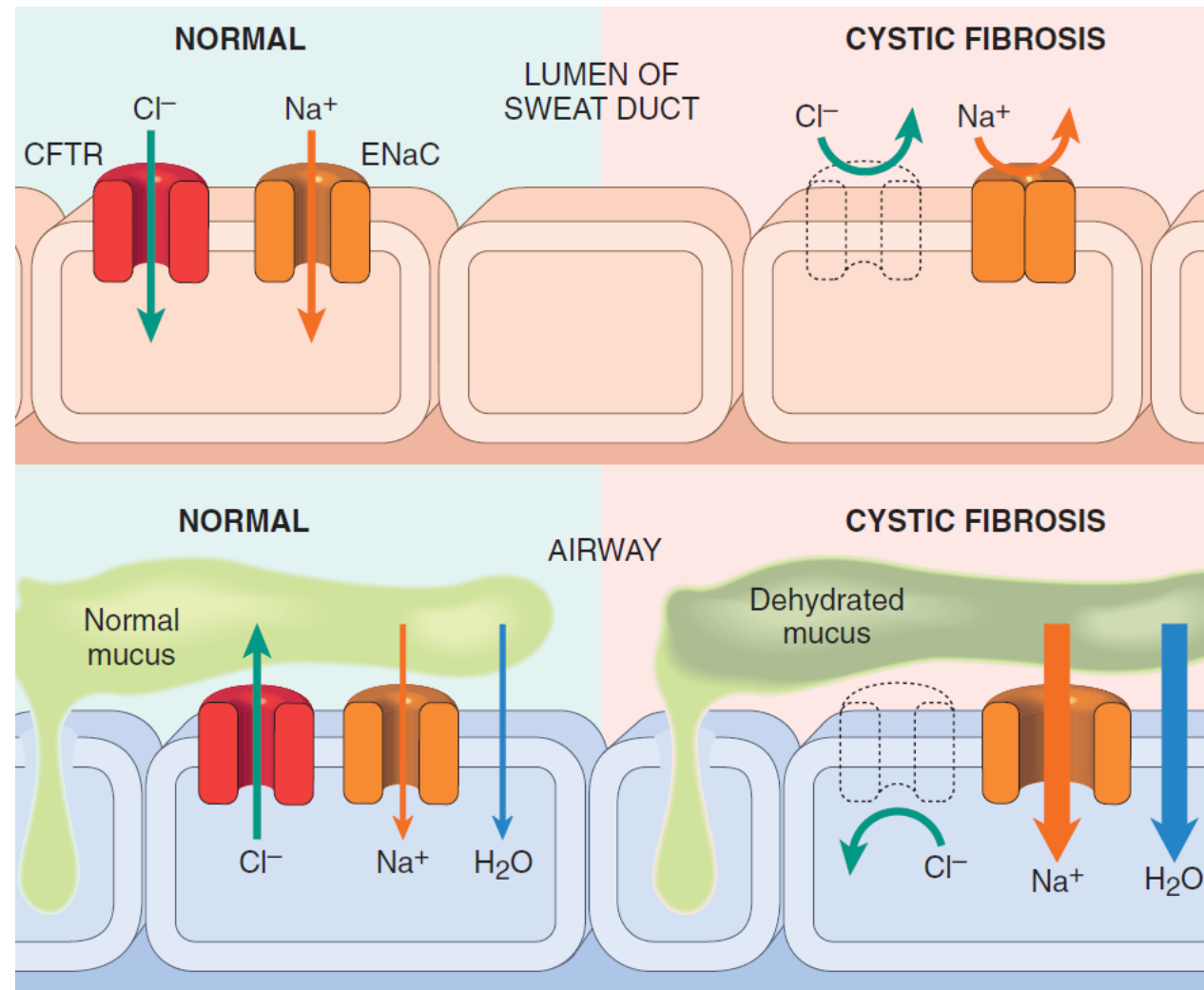
>1300 mutations (mild-severe)

Tissue specific effects

Viscid mucous secretions

- Chronic pulmonary infections
- Pancreatic insufficiency

Innate immunity
polymorphism modifiers





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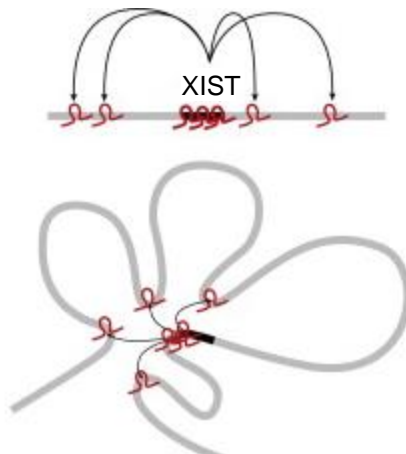
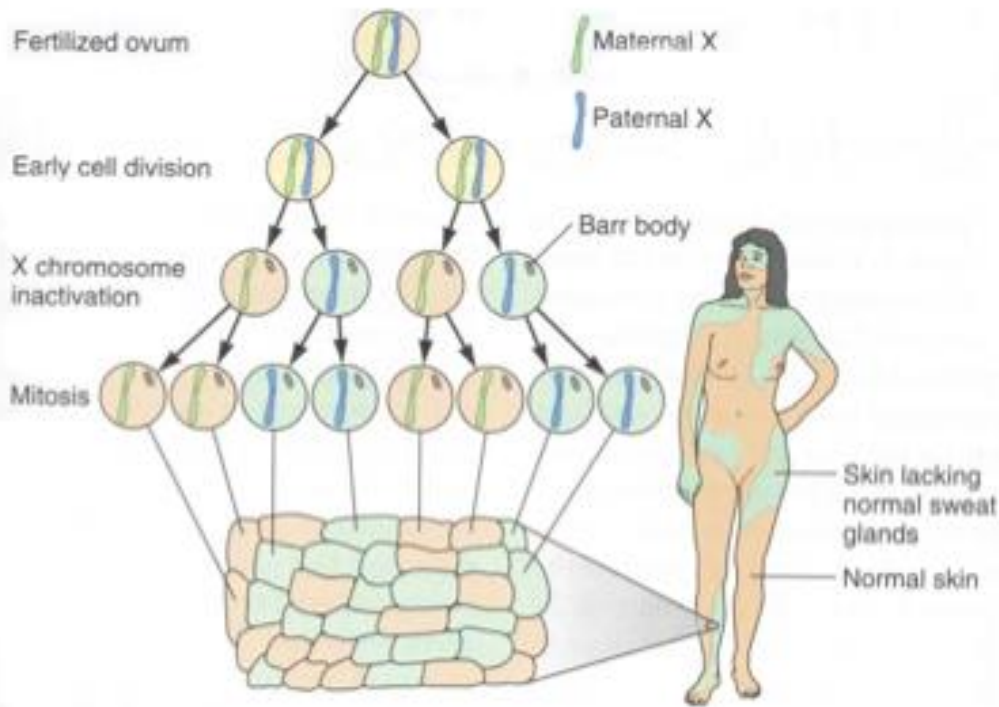
Consanguinity





Single Gene Disorders

(Sex chromosomes & nontraditional inheritance)



Lyonization

X chromosome inactivation early in fetal life

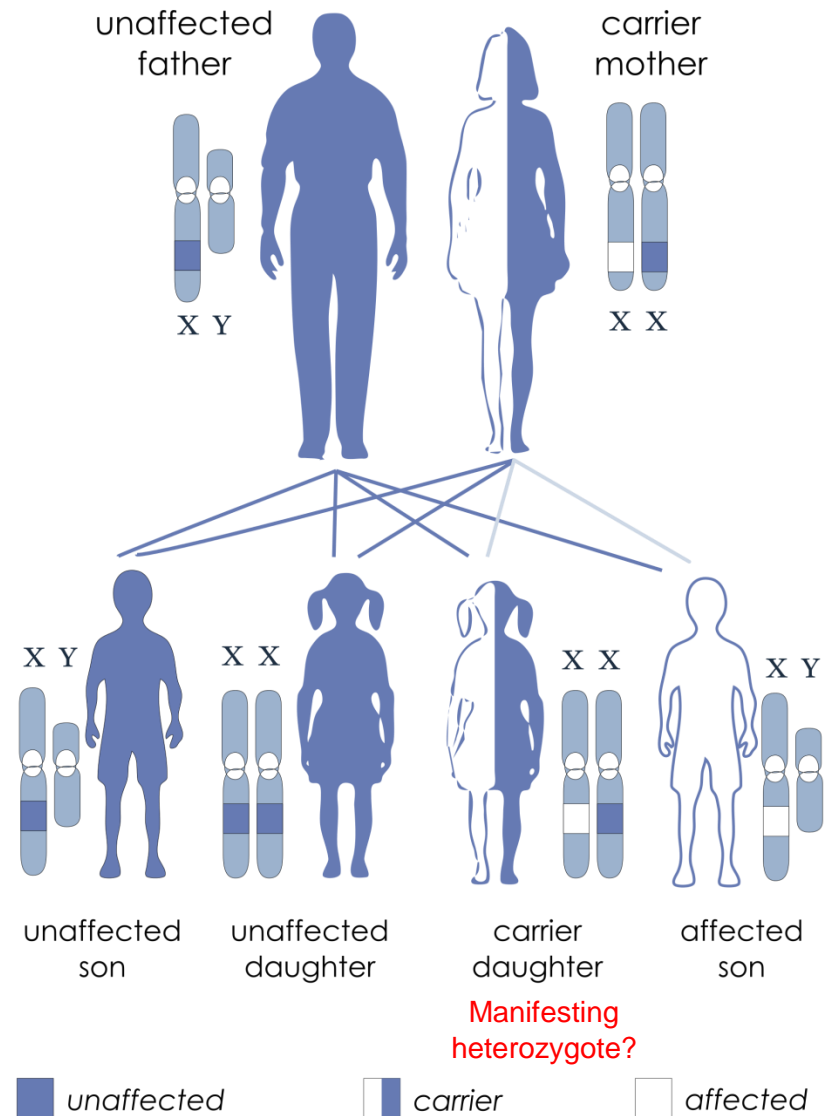
Random

Normal females are mosaics

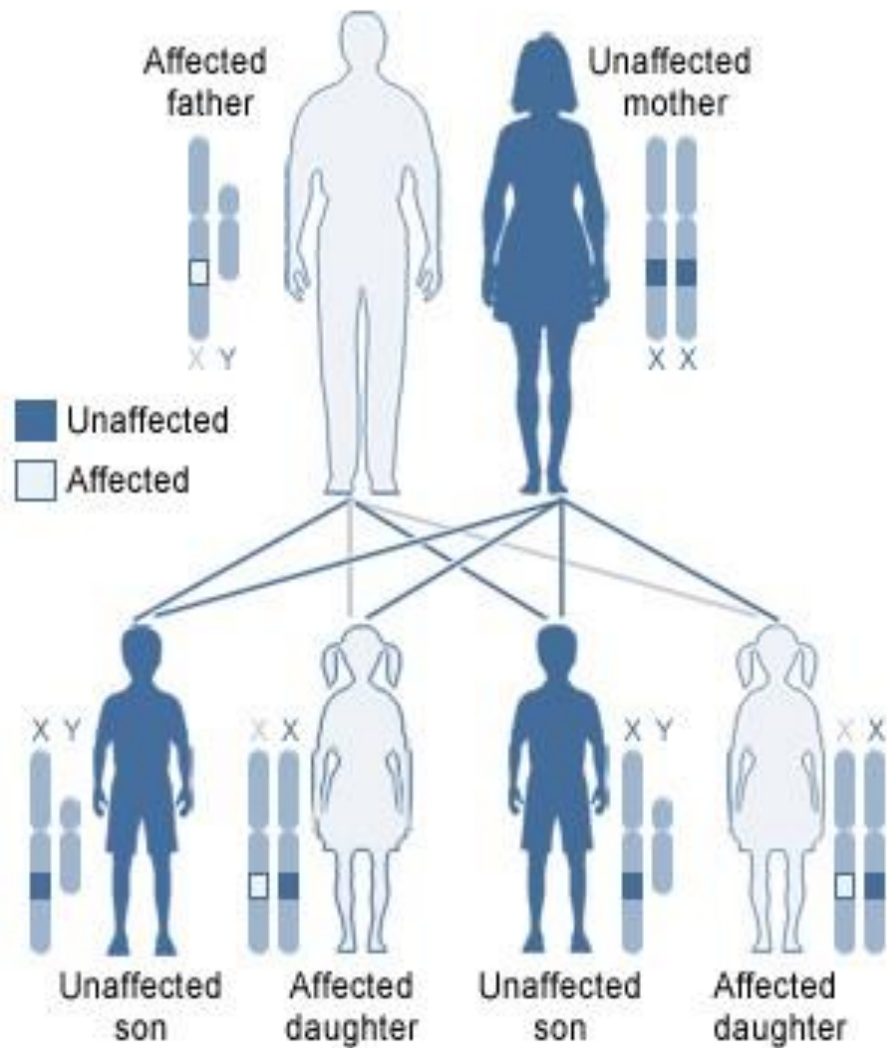
Small percentage of genes do escape inactivation

XIST (lncRNA)

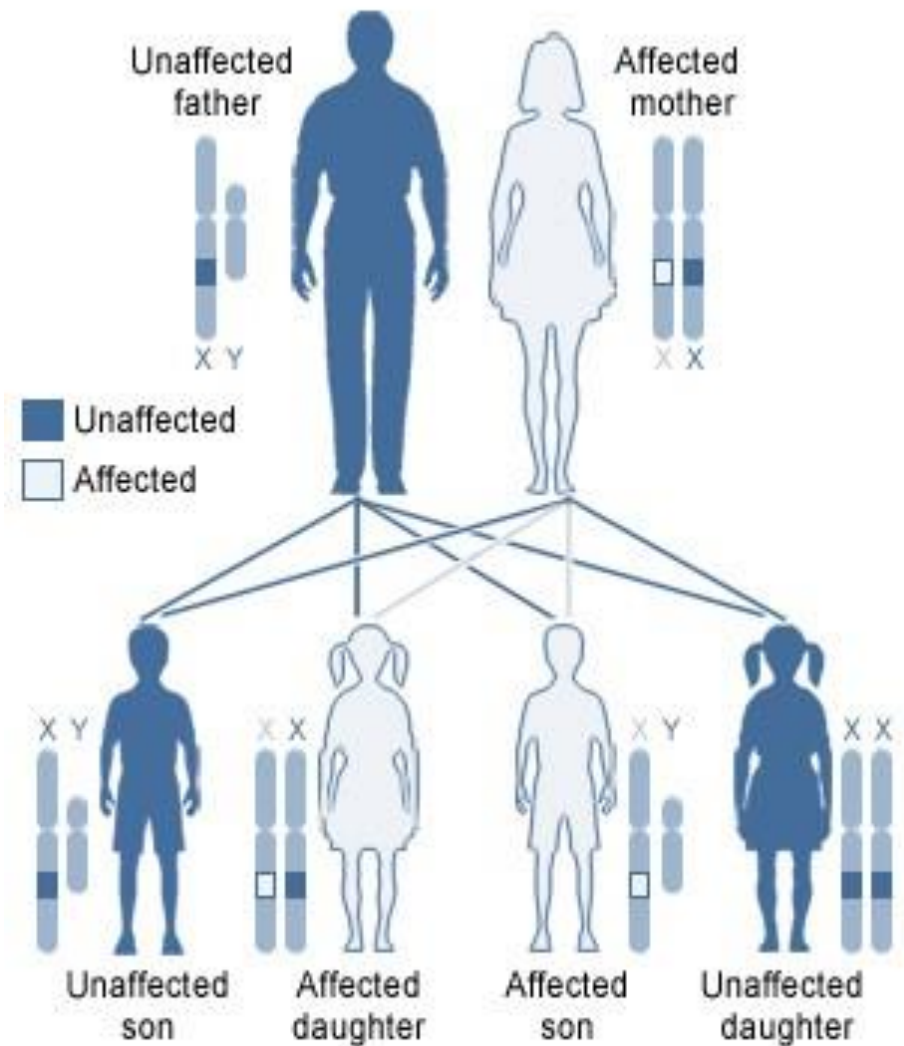
X-linked recessive inheritance



X-linked dominant, affected father



X-linked dominant, affected mother



Sex-Limited and Sex-Influenced Traits



COMB OVER
You're Not Fooling Any Of The Ladies Bro

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Mitochondrial Inheritance

Circular DNA

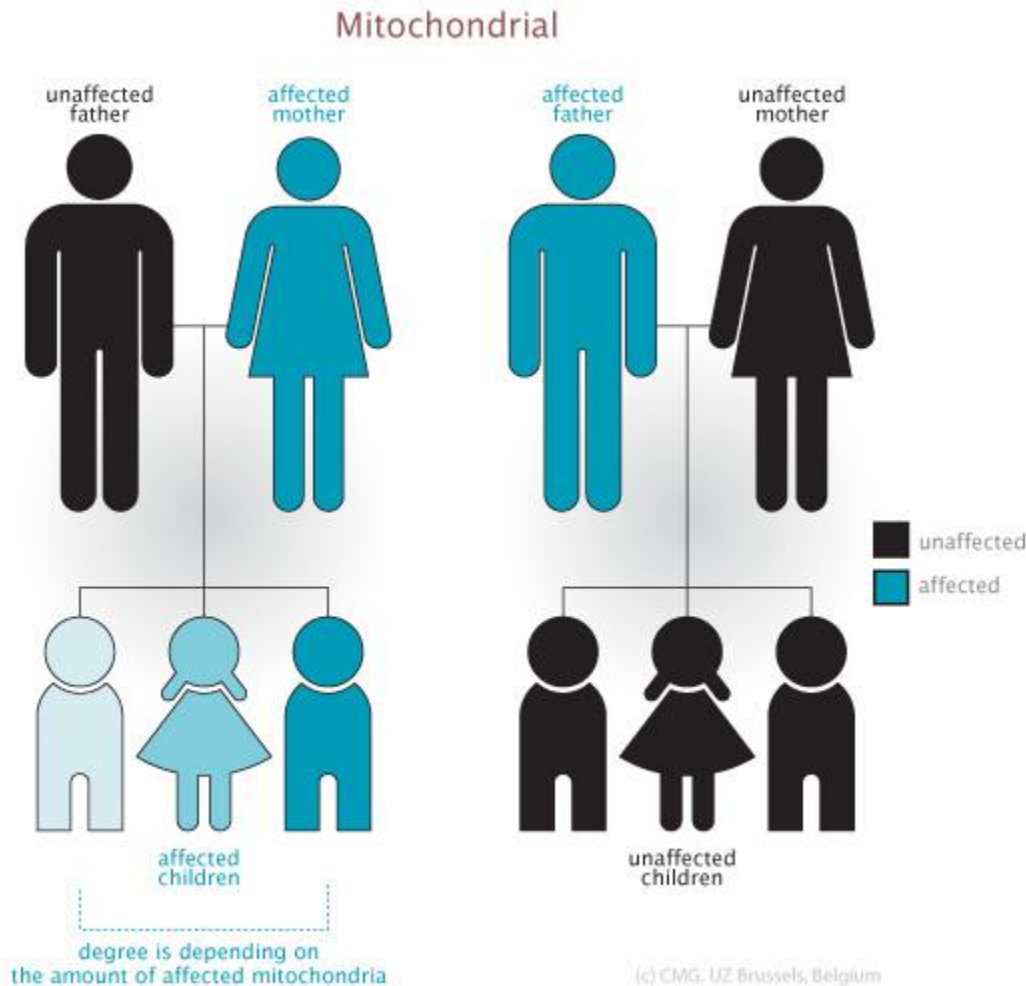
Higher mutation rates
(heteroplasmy)

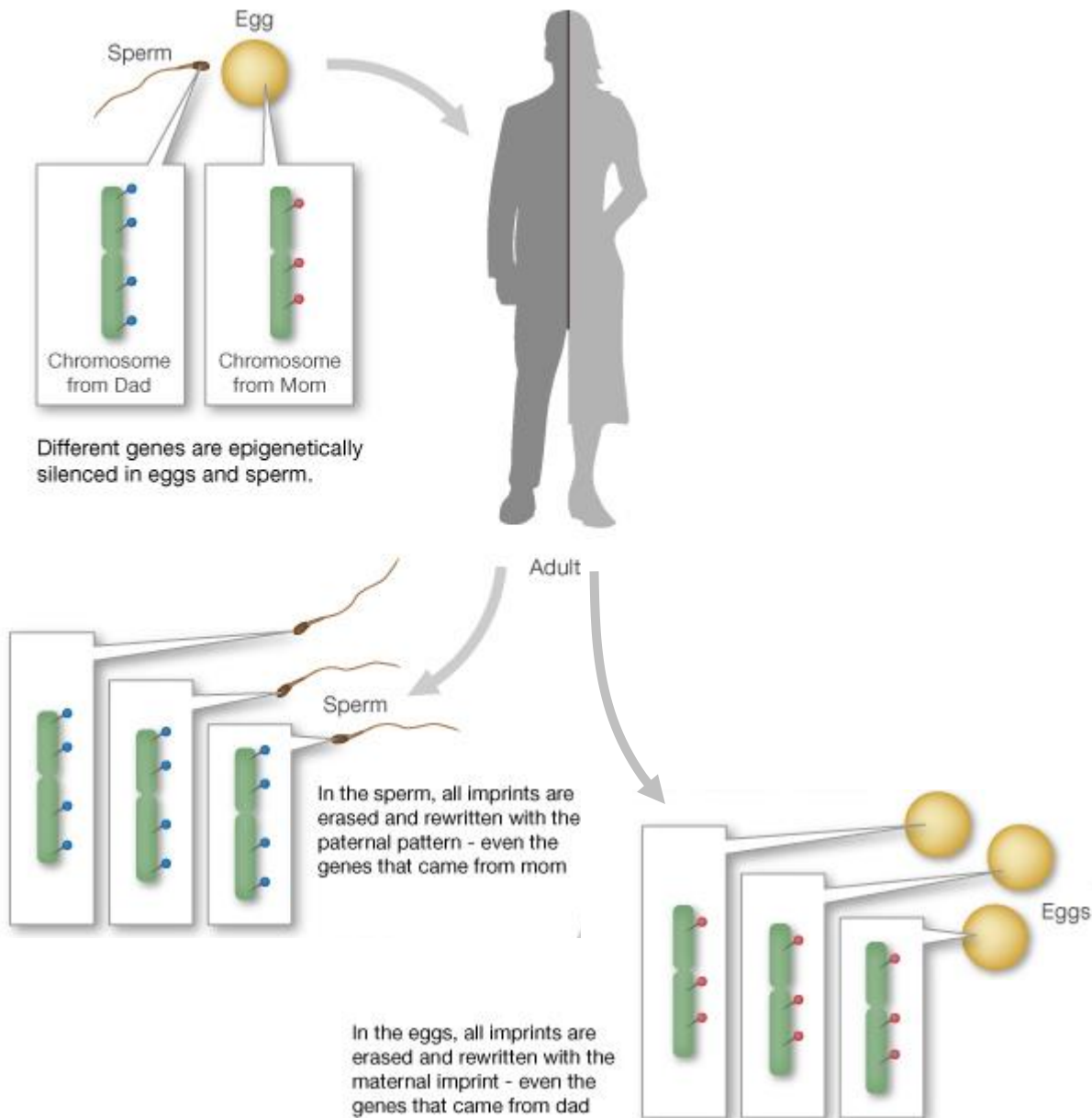
Maternal inheritance

Genes involved in
oxidative phosphorylation

Affect organs most
dependent on oxidative
phosphorylation (skeletal
muscle, heart, brain)

e.g. Leber hereditary
optic neuropathy





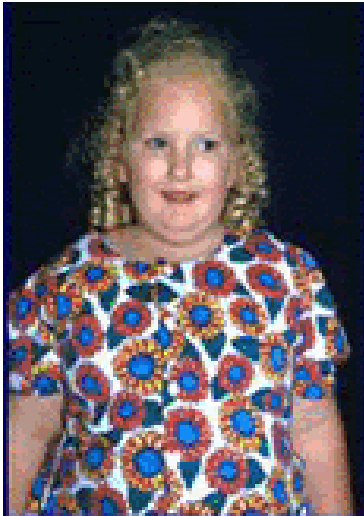
Genomic Imprinting

Transcriptionally inactive allele inherited from one of the parents

Methylation/histone deacetylation silencing

PWS

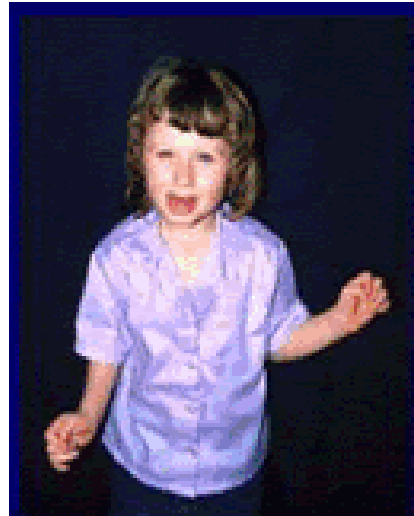
Paternal



moderate intellectual disability, short stature, hypotonia, obesity, small hands and feet, and hypogonadism

AS

Maternal



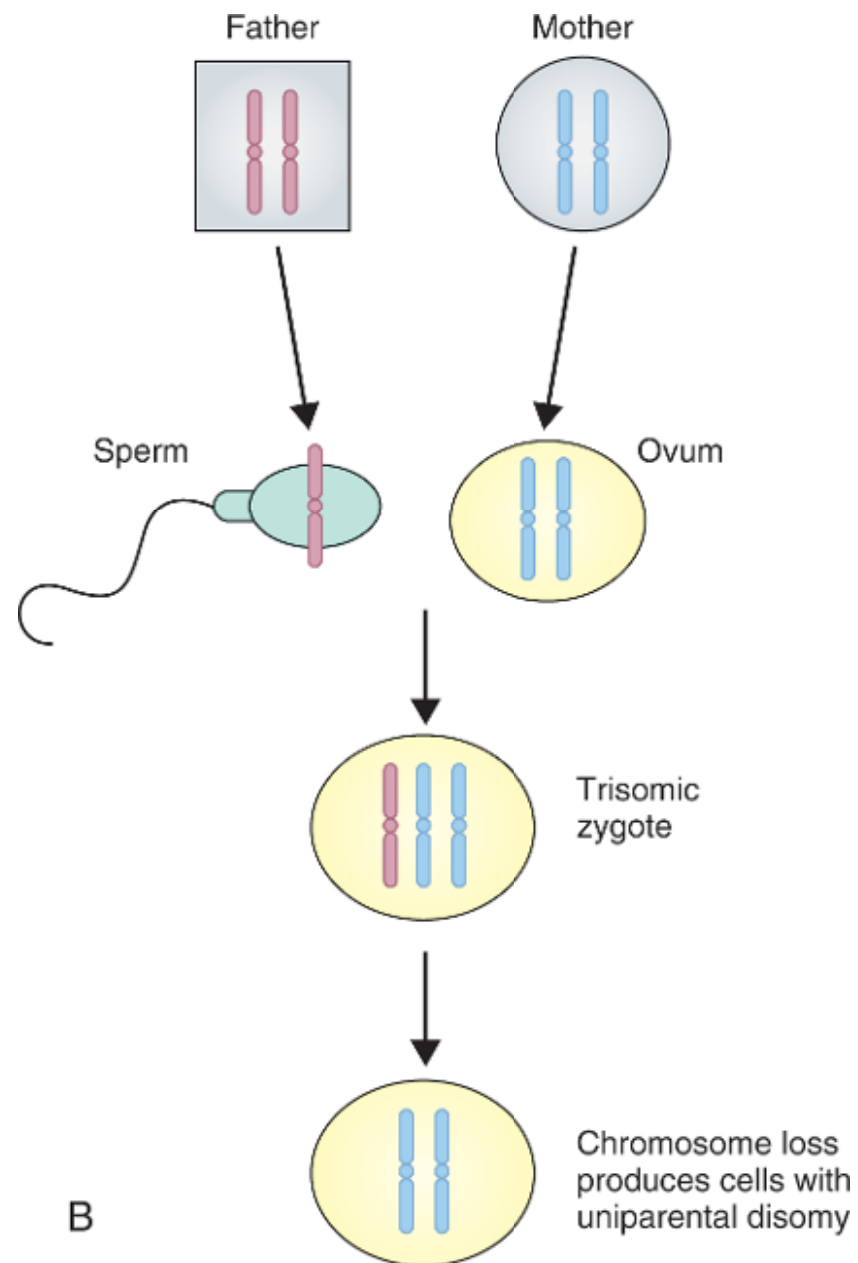
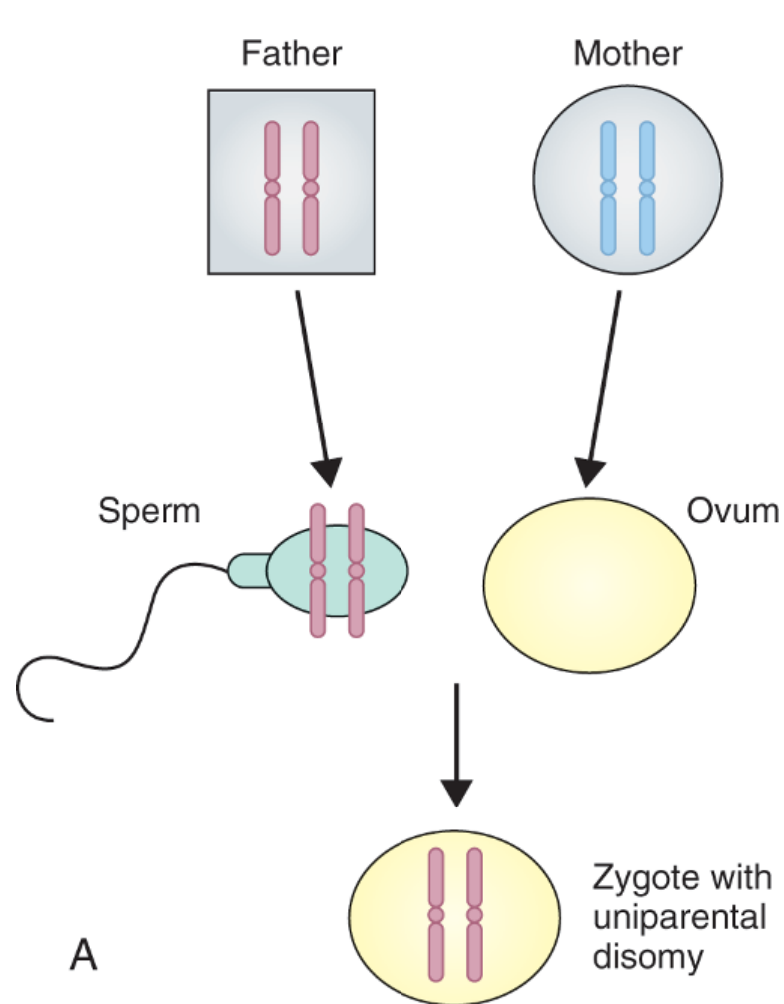
severe intellectual disability, ataxic gait, seizures, and inappropriate laughter

Prader-Willi and Angelman Syndromes

Both result from deletion of the same region on chromosome 15, but are distinct diseases??

One is from a deletion of the paternal copy and the other the maternal.

Can also result from uniparental disomy



Increased IGF2 expression

BWS



overgrowth,
predisposition
to cancer,
enlarged
tongue, ear
lobe creases

Beckwith–Wiedemann & Silver–Russell Syndromes

Uniparental disomy
(paternal vs maternal
respectively), or changes
in methylation status of a
region containing IGF2
changing its expression

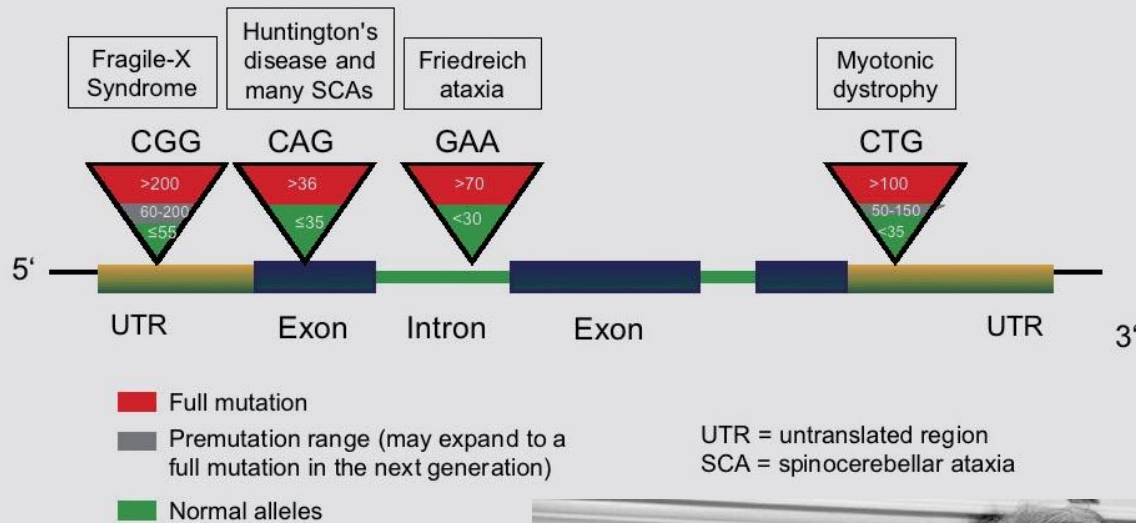
SRS

Reduced IGF2 expression



growth retardation,
proportionate short
stature, leg length
discrepancy, and a
small, triangular-
shaped face

Trinucleotide repeat diseases



Anticipation & repeat expansion

More severe and earlier presentation with each passing generation

Better diagnosis?

Biological phenomenon?

Myotonic Dystrophy

AD

DMPK trinucleotide repeat

Muscle degeneration

Myotonia

Cardiac arrhythmias

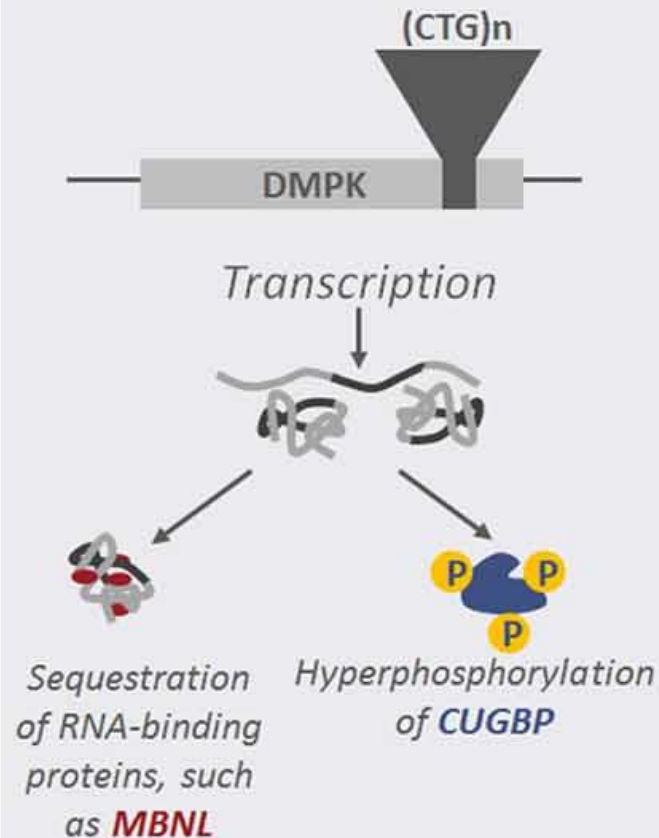
Testicular atrophy

Insulin resistance

Cataracts



RNA-INDUCED TOXICITY



Altered splicing factors induce the abnormal splicing of several mRNAs, leading to DM1 phenotype.

• Aberrant protein expression

CIC-1
SERCA
IR
Tnnt
Tau
NMDAR1
etc.

MBNL
CUGBP1
DMPK
SIX5
ZNF9
NKX2-5
Sp1
etc.

• Loss of cell function and viability

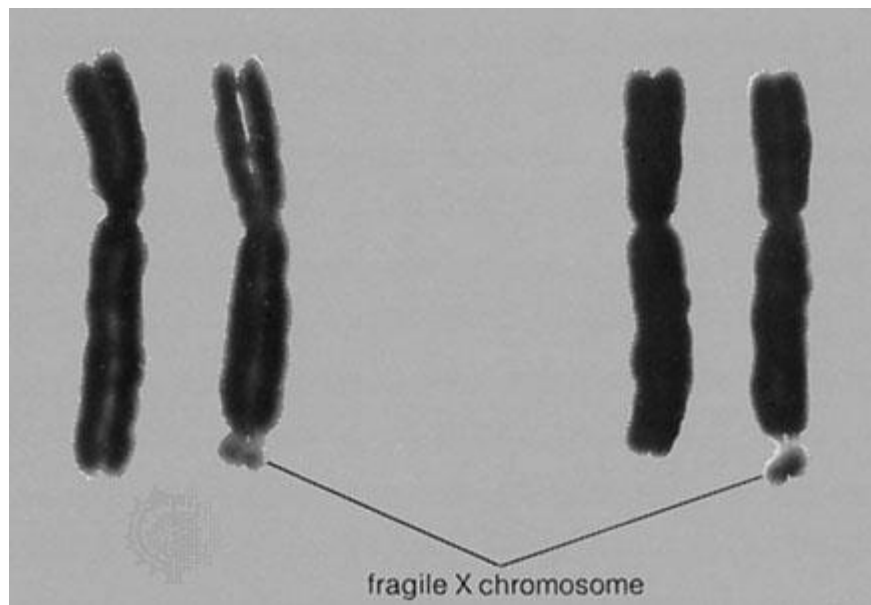
Myotonic Dystrophy (Anticipation, pleiotropy, & locus heterogeneity)

Second type on
chromosome 3 vs type 1
on chromosome 19

Same molecular
mechanism

Similar features

Sometimes less severe



Fragile X Syndrome

Fragile X mental retardation 1 gene mutation (*FMR1*)

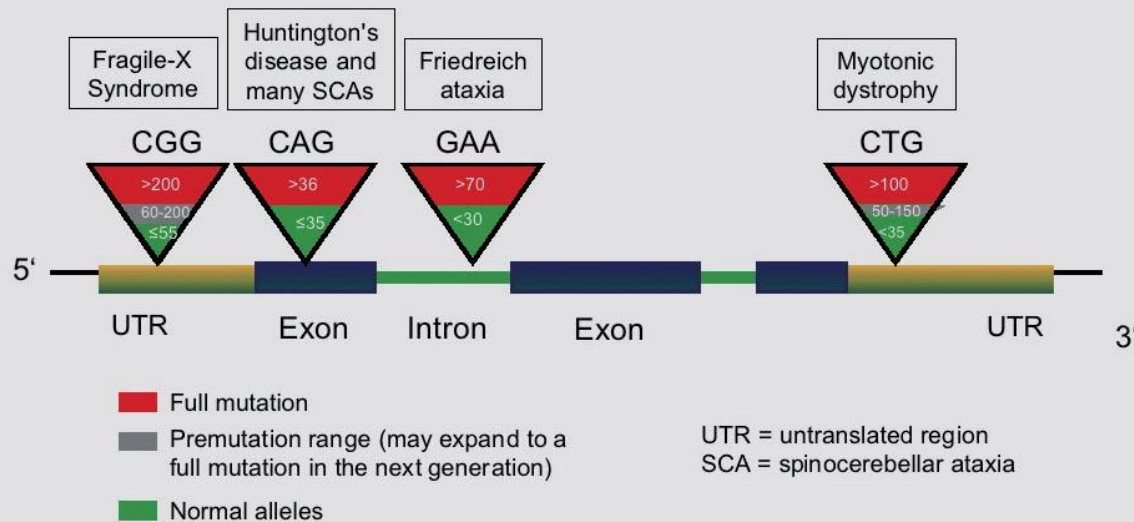
More common in males (X inactivation)

Second most common genetic cause of mental retardation, after Down syndrome

Anticipation & the Sherman paradox

Homework

Trinucleotide repeat diseases





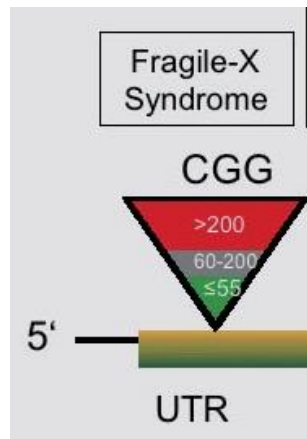
Fragile X Syndrome

Moderate to severe
mental retardation

long face with a large
mandible

large everted ears

large testicles
(macroorchidism)

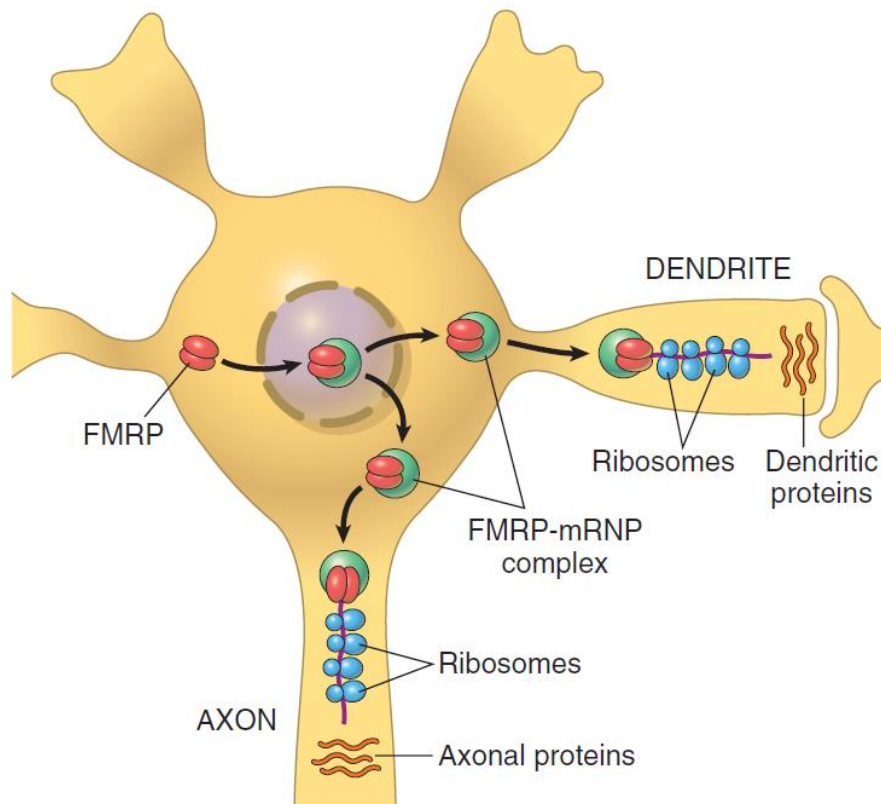


Fragile X Syndrome

Methylation (silencing) of the promoter

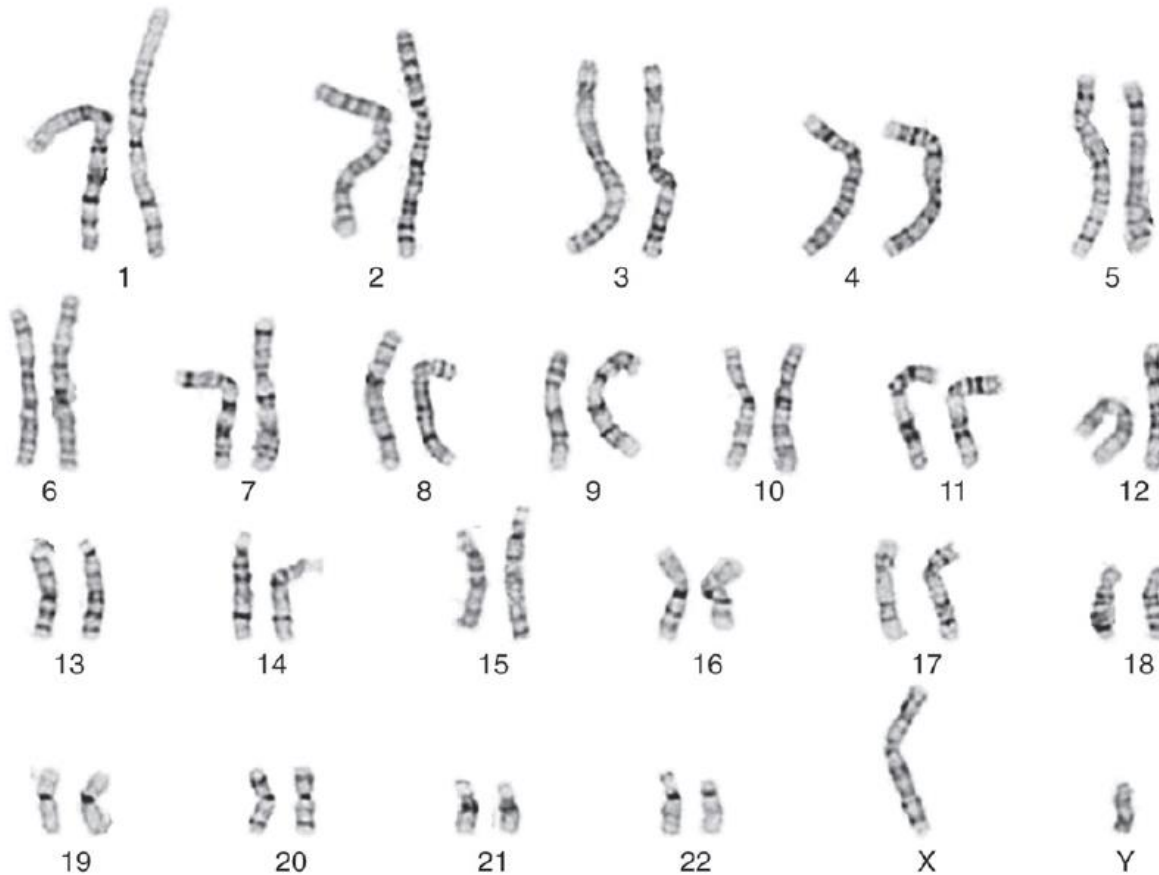
mRNA shuttle

Translation regulator





Clinical Cytogenetics

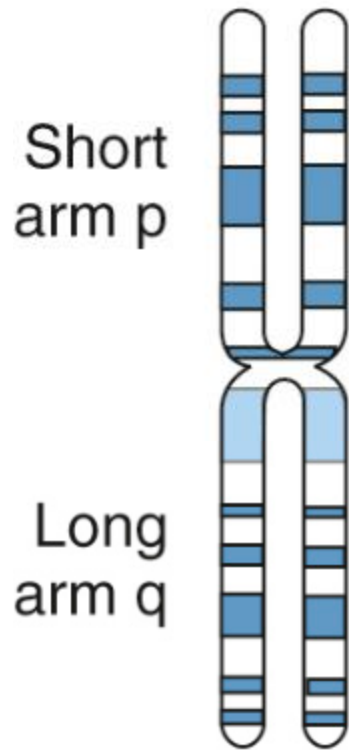


Karyotype

A karyotype is a photographic representation of a stained metaphase spread in which the chromosomes are arranged in order of decreasing length.

Various staining techniques, commonly used as seen here is the Giemsa staining (G banding)

Metacentric



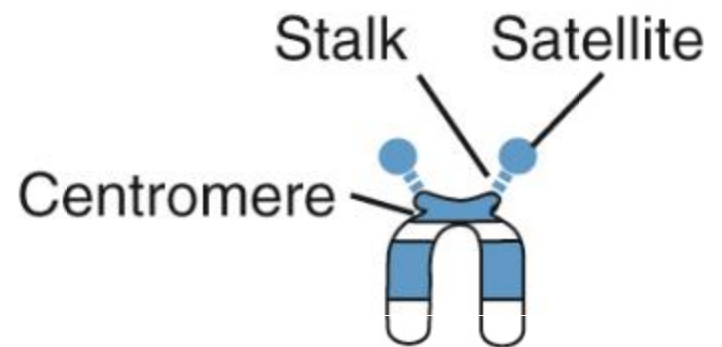
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Submetacentric

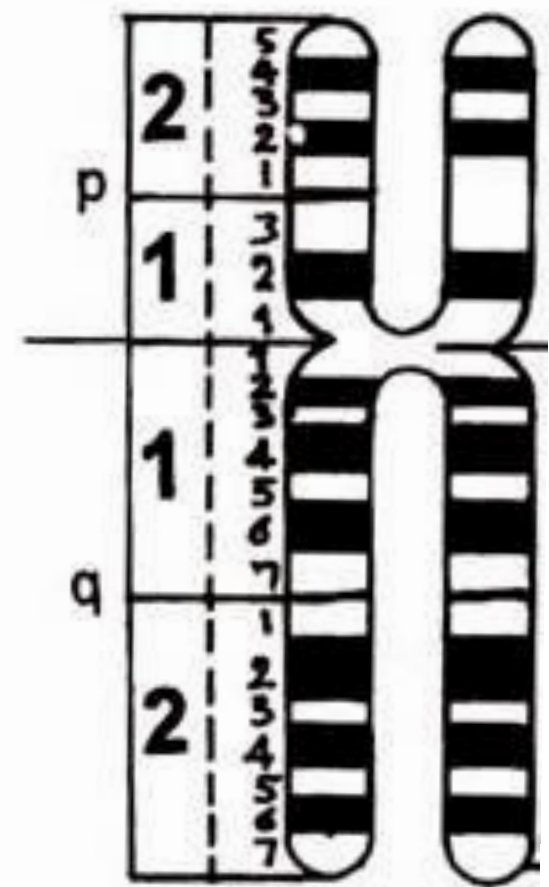
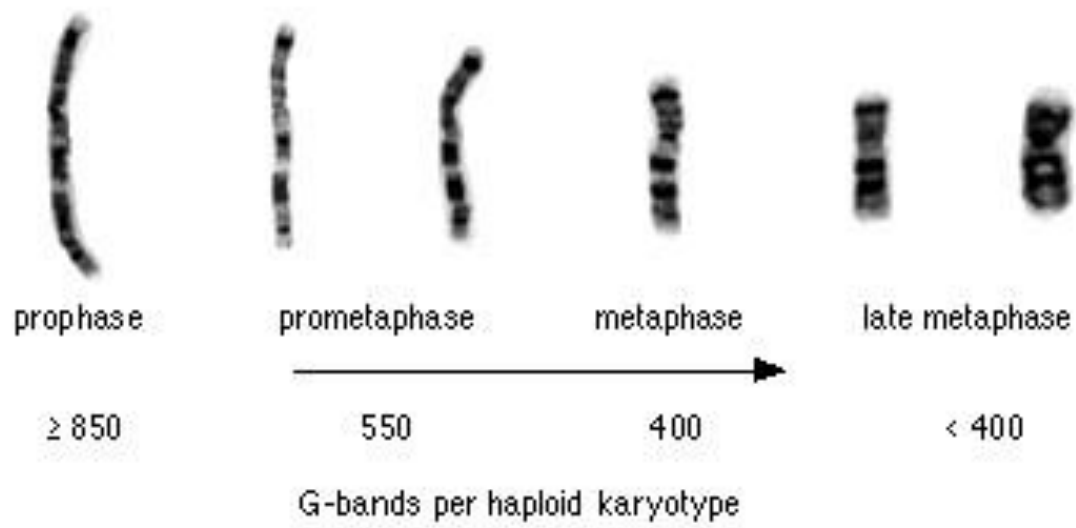


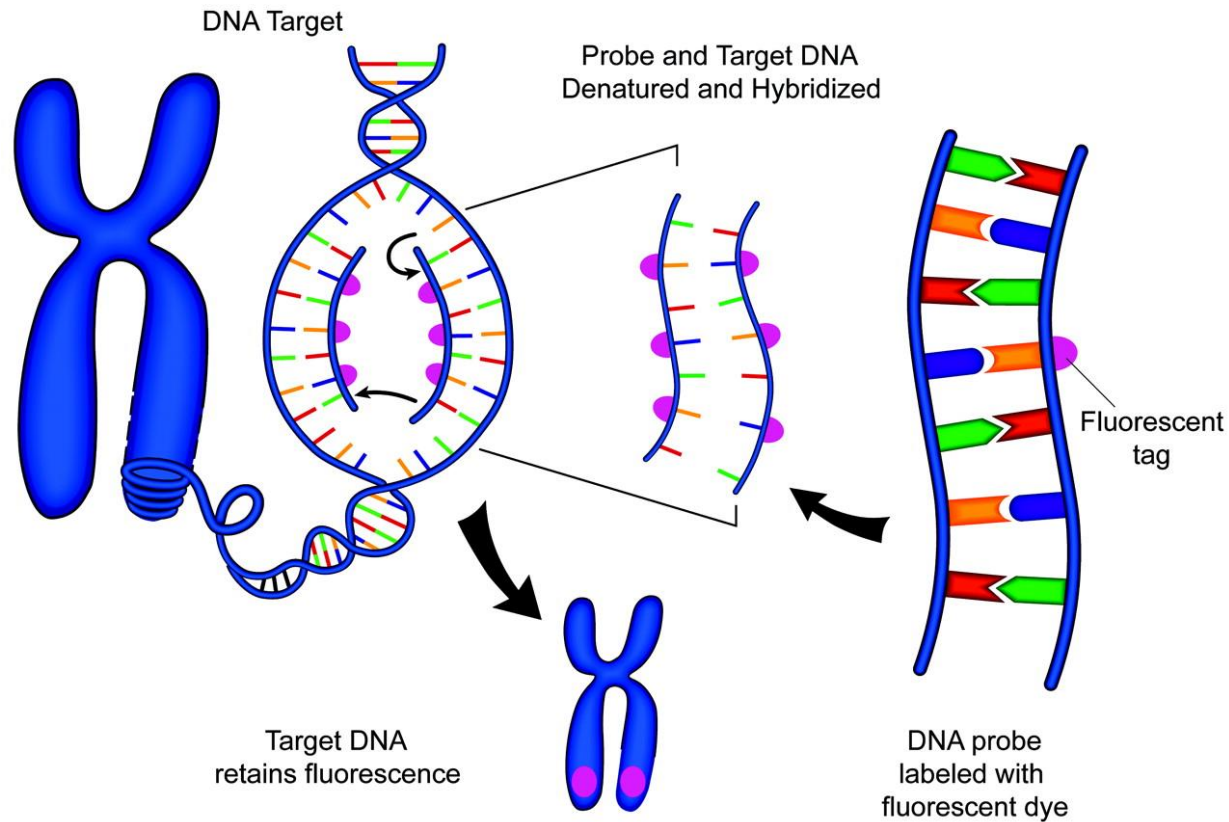
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Acrocentric



21



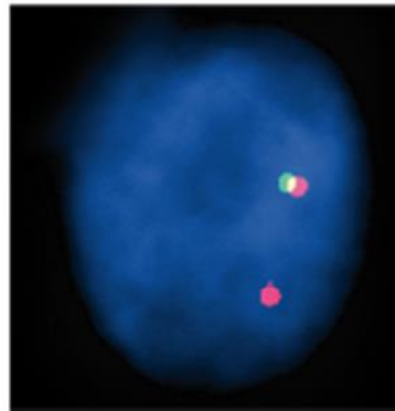
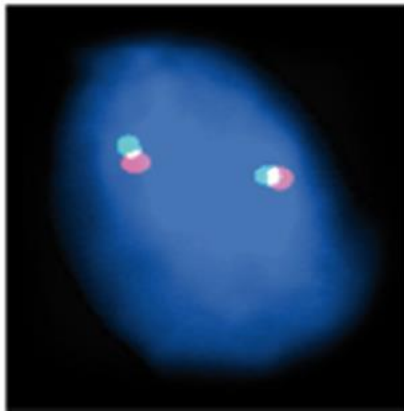
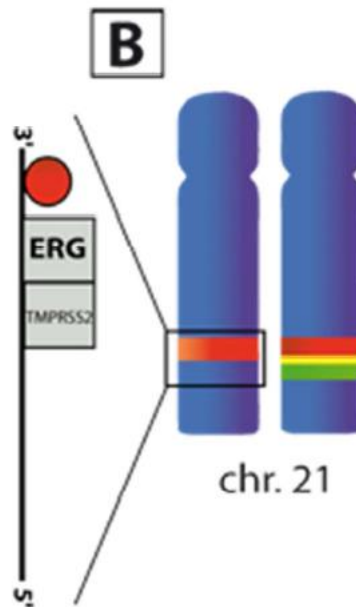
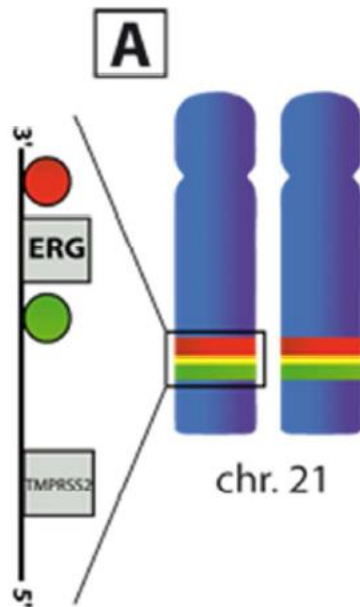


F.I.S.H.

Can be carried out with interphase chromosomes

Single or multiple probes

Detects deletion or addition of genetic material as well as translocations



F.I.S.H.

Can be carried out with interphase chromosomes

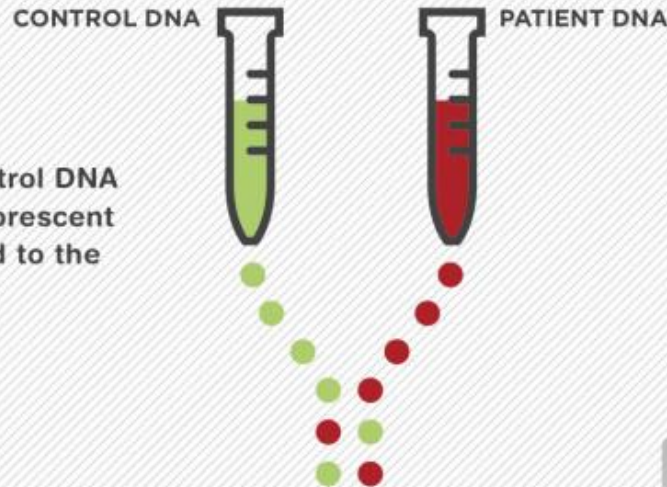
Single or multiple probes

Here we're detecting deletion.

The Process of Array CGH

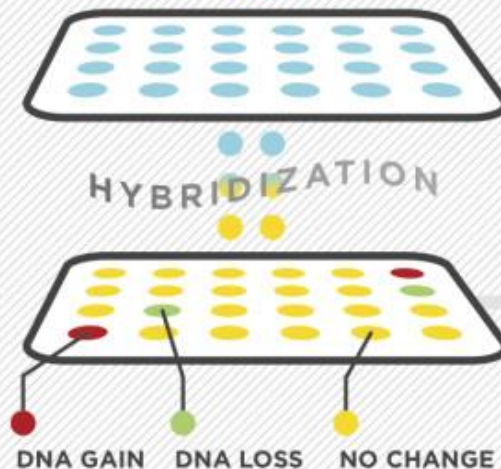
1

Patient and control DNA labeled with fluorescent dyes are applied to the microarray.



2

Patient and control DNA are hybridized to the microarray.



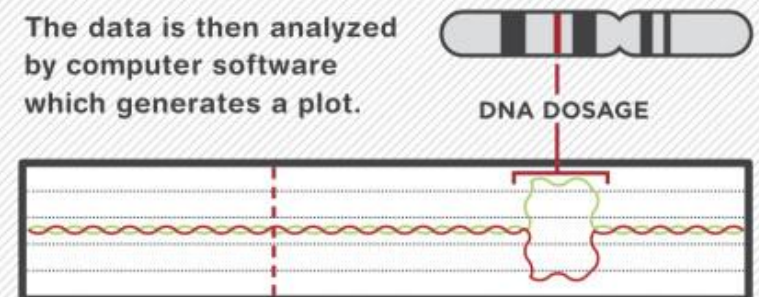
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The fluorescent signals are measured by the microarray scanner.



4

The data is then analyzed by computer software which generates a plot.



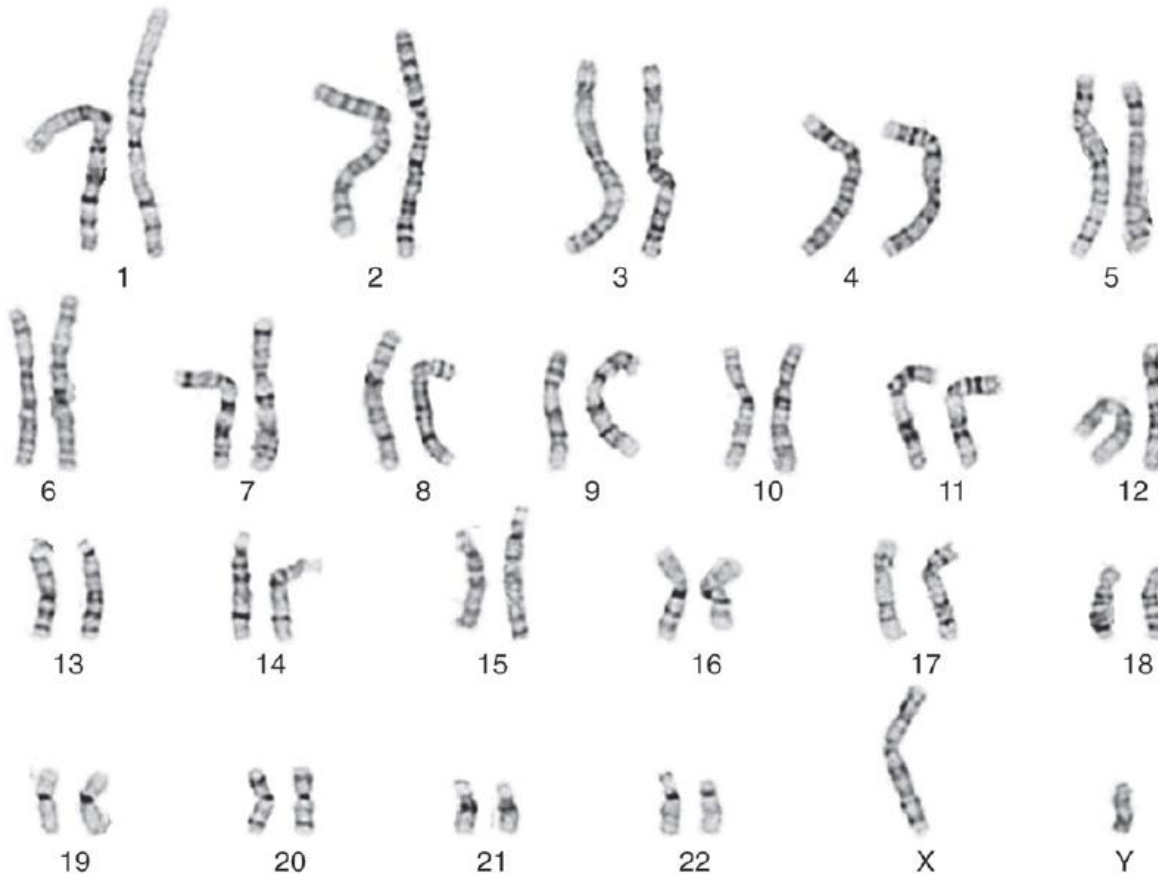
Numeric Abnormalities

$2n=46$

Euploid

Polyploid

Aneuploid



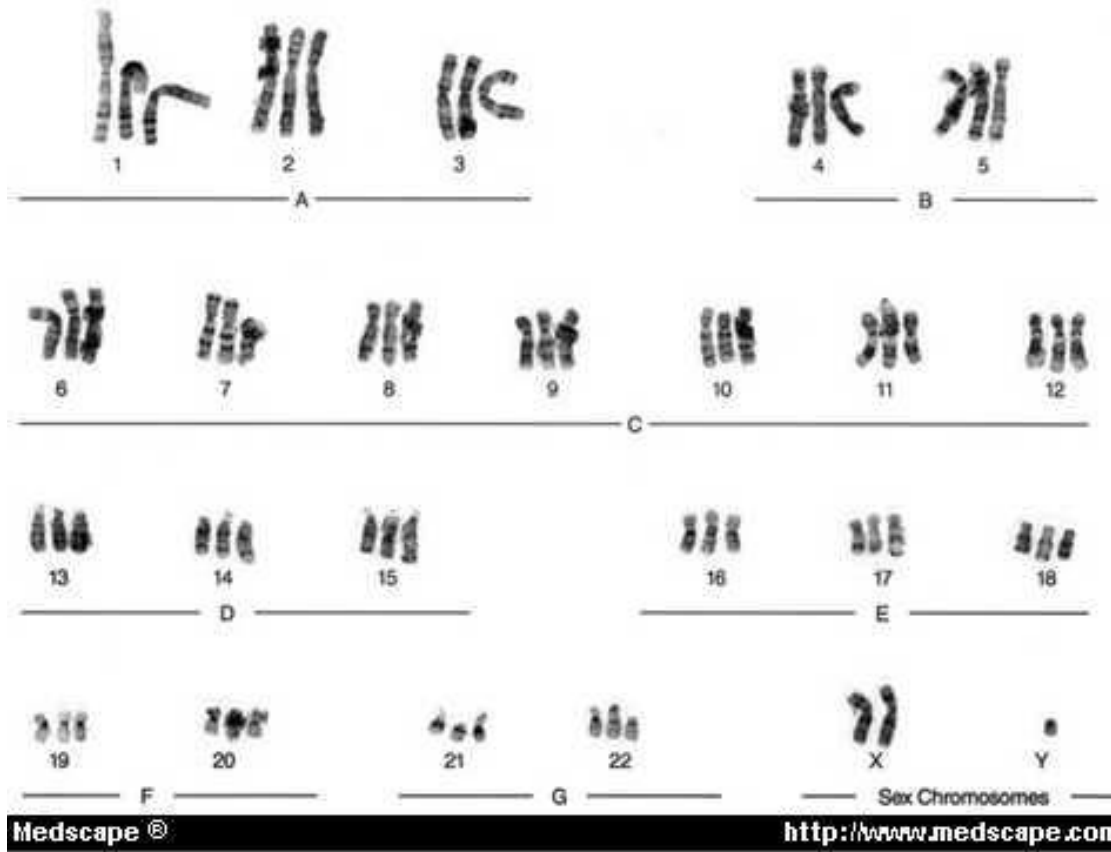
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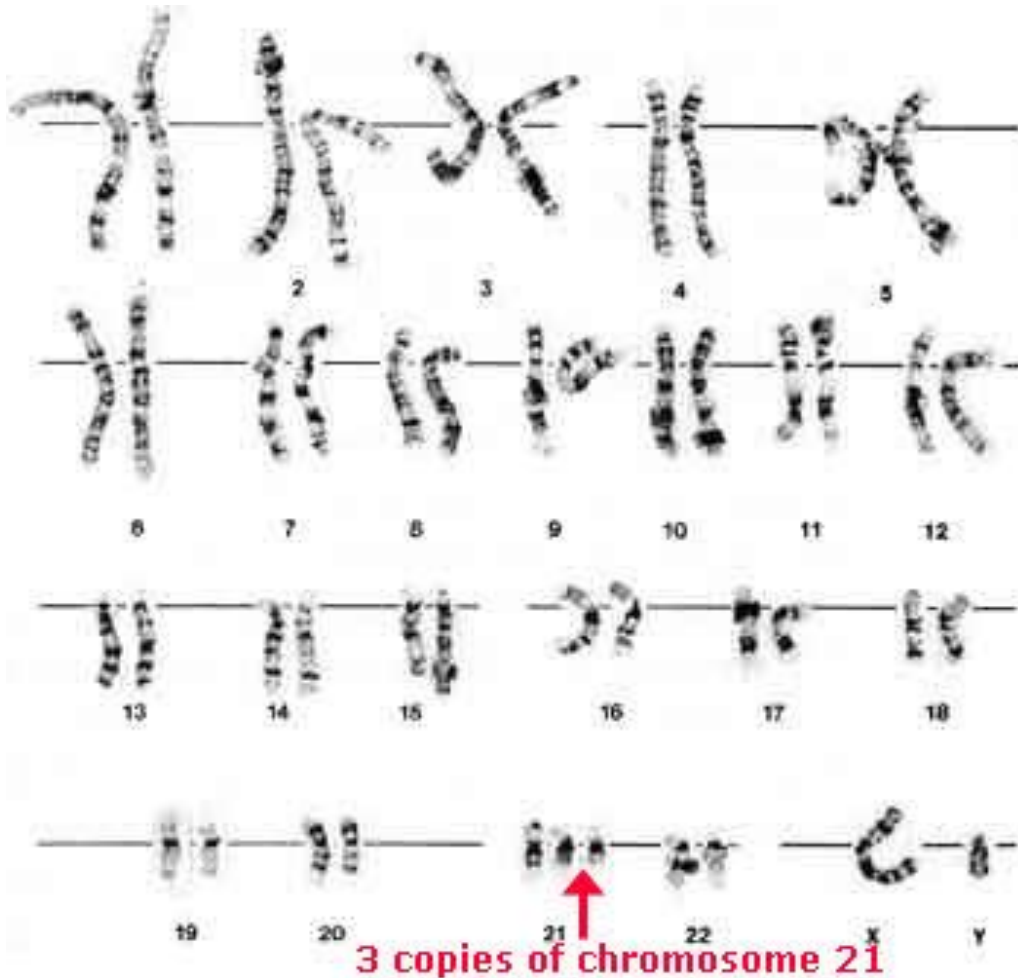
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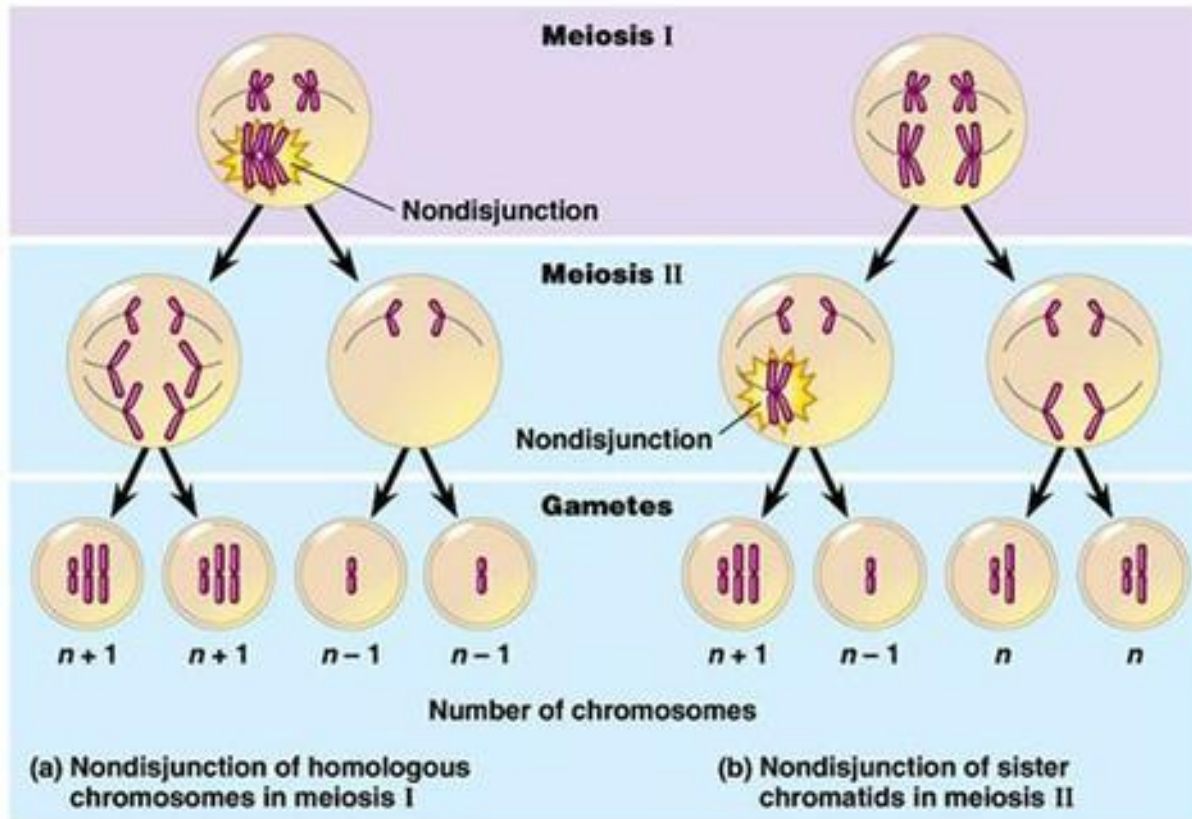
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Trisomy 21: Down Syndrome

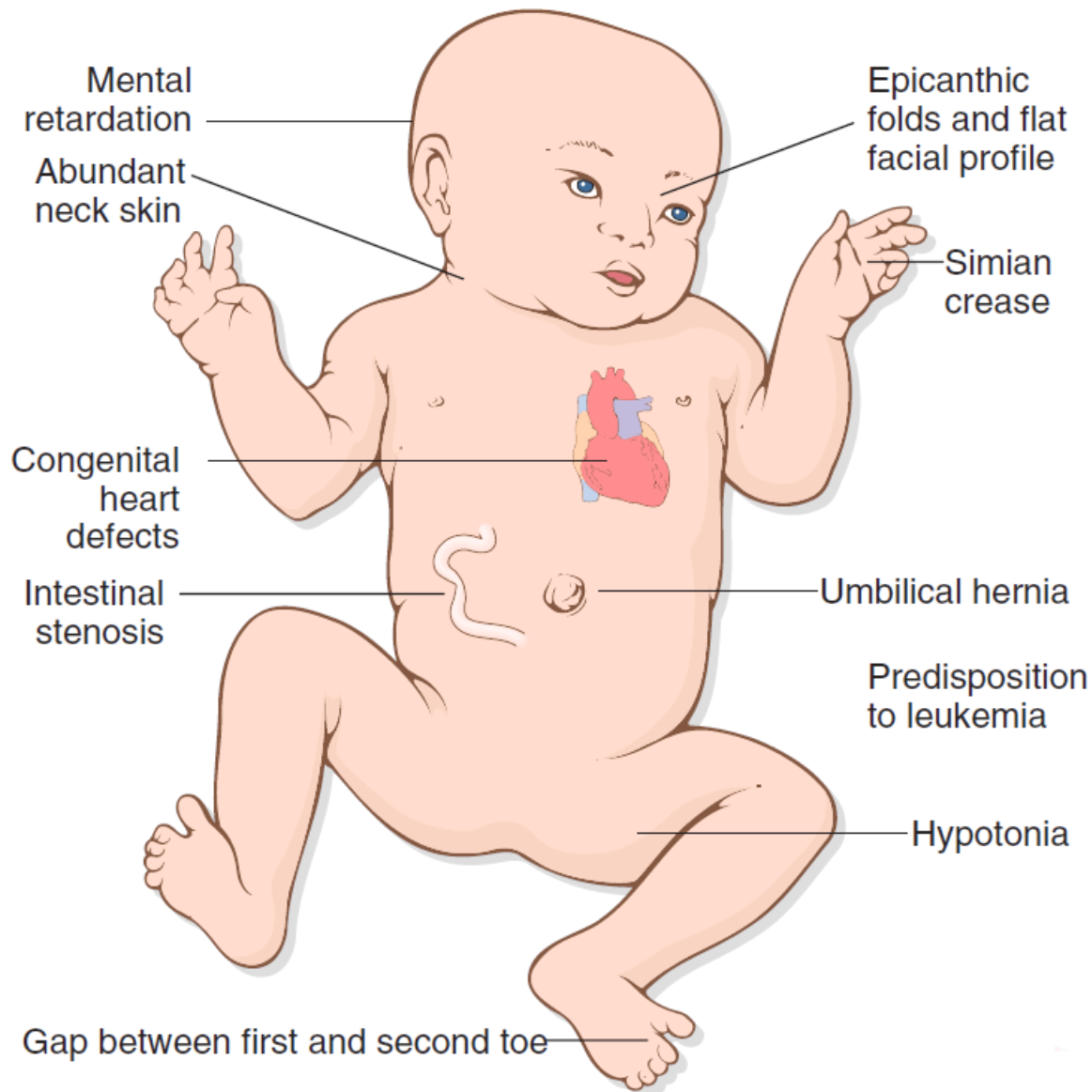
Incidence: 1 in 700 births

Karyotype
47,XY,+21 or 47,XX,+21

Can also occur due to
translocations and
mosaicism

47,XY,+21[10]/46,XY[10]





Trisomy 21: Down Syndrome

Normal parents

Increased incidence with maternal age reaching as high as 1:25 >45yr

Maternal meiotic nondisjunction

Majority have mental retardation associated with gentle manner

>40 gain features of Alzheimer's



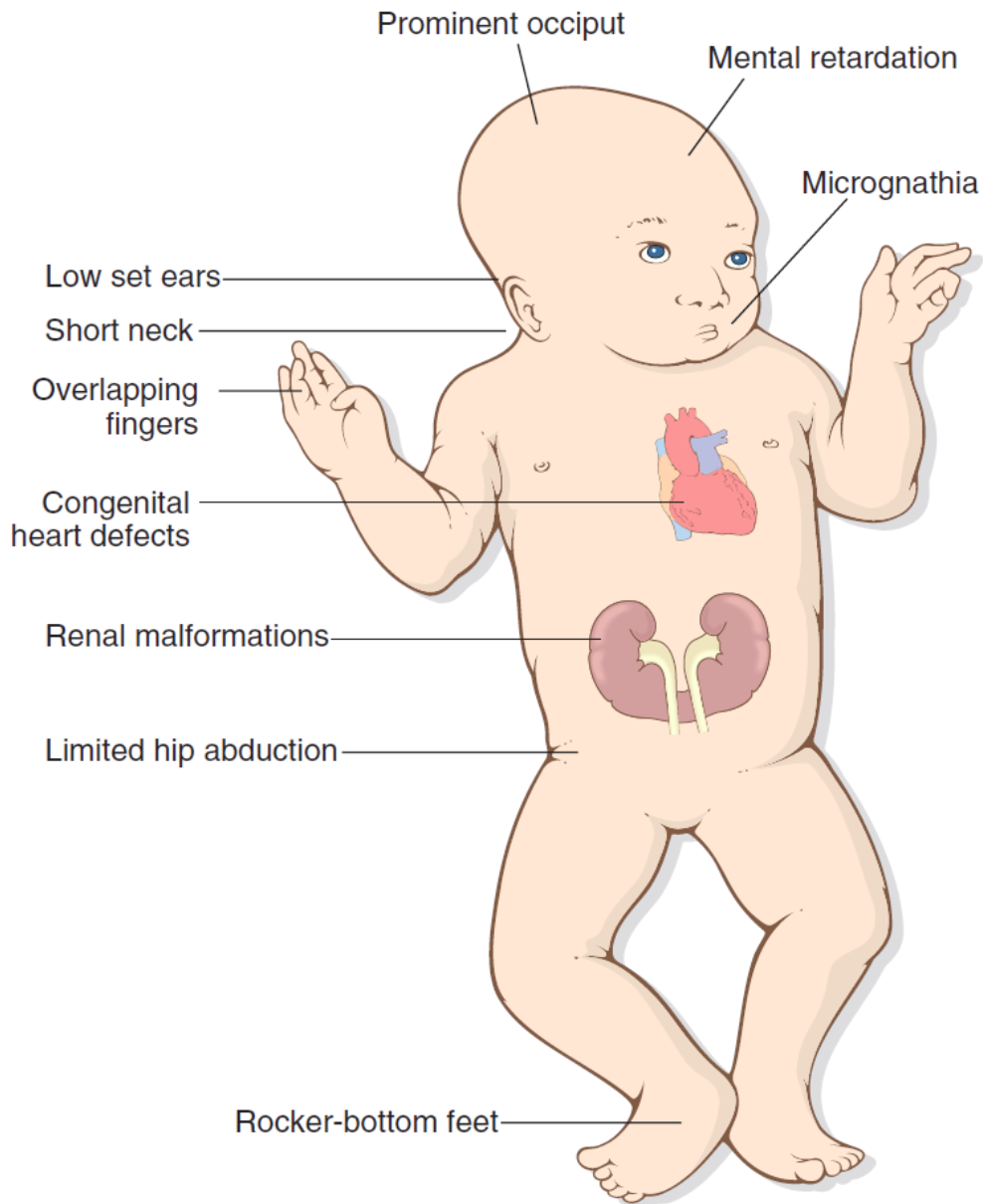
Trisomy 18: Edwards Syndrome

Second most common autosomal trisomy

Karyotypes:

Trisomy 18 type:
 $47,XY,+18$ or $47,XX,+18$

Mosaic type:
 $46,XX/47,XX,+18$



Trisomy 18: Edwards Syndrome

As in trisomy 21, there is a significant maternal age effect, and more than 90% of trisomy 18 cases are the result of an extra chromosome transmitted by the mother.



Trisomy 13: Patau Syndrome

Karyotypes:

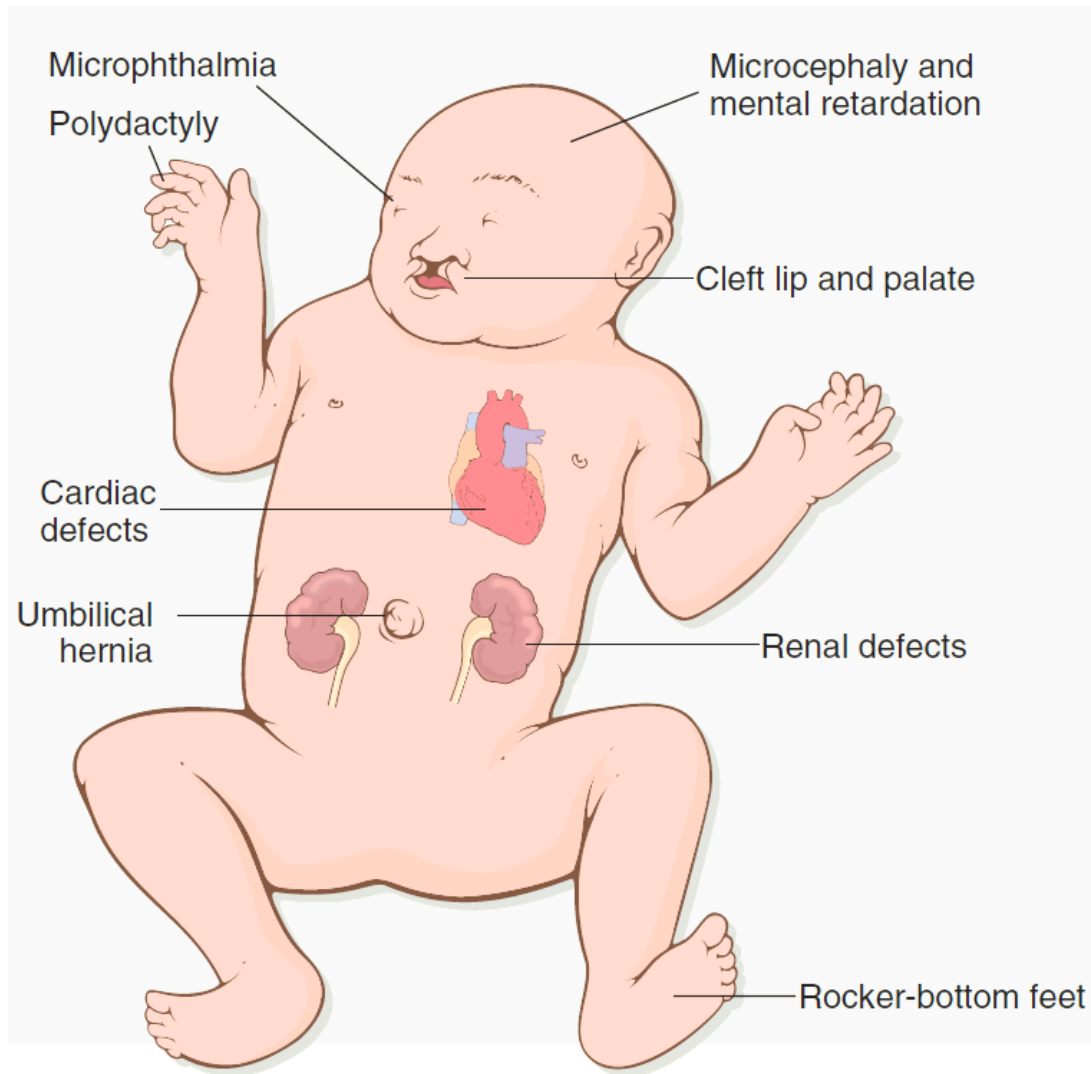
Trisomy 13 type:
47,XX,+13

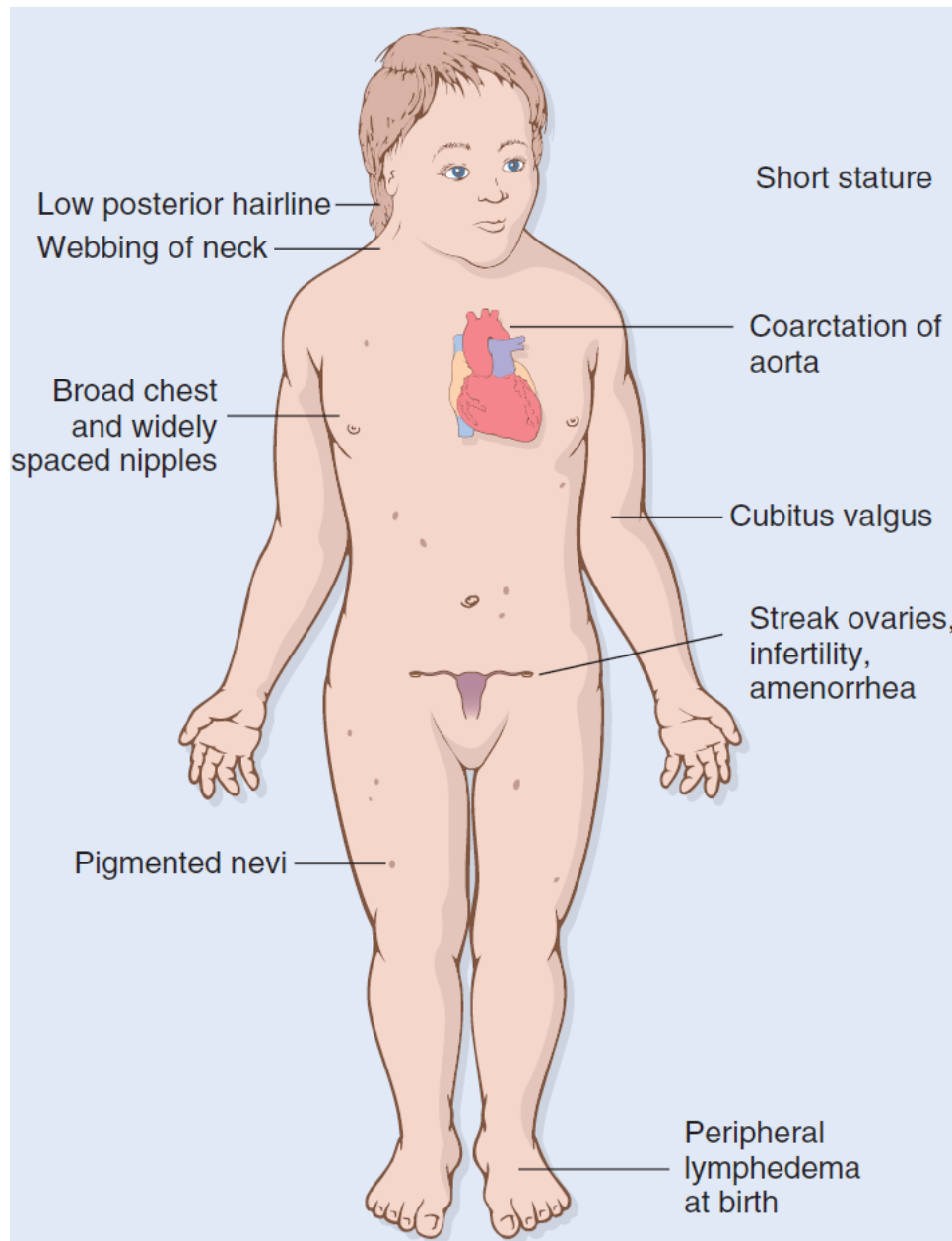
Can also occur due to translocations duplicating the long arm of chromosome 13 as well as mosaicism



Trisomy 13: Patau Syndrome

Similar mortality rates to trisomy 18 with 95% not surviving through their first birthday





Turner Syndrome

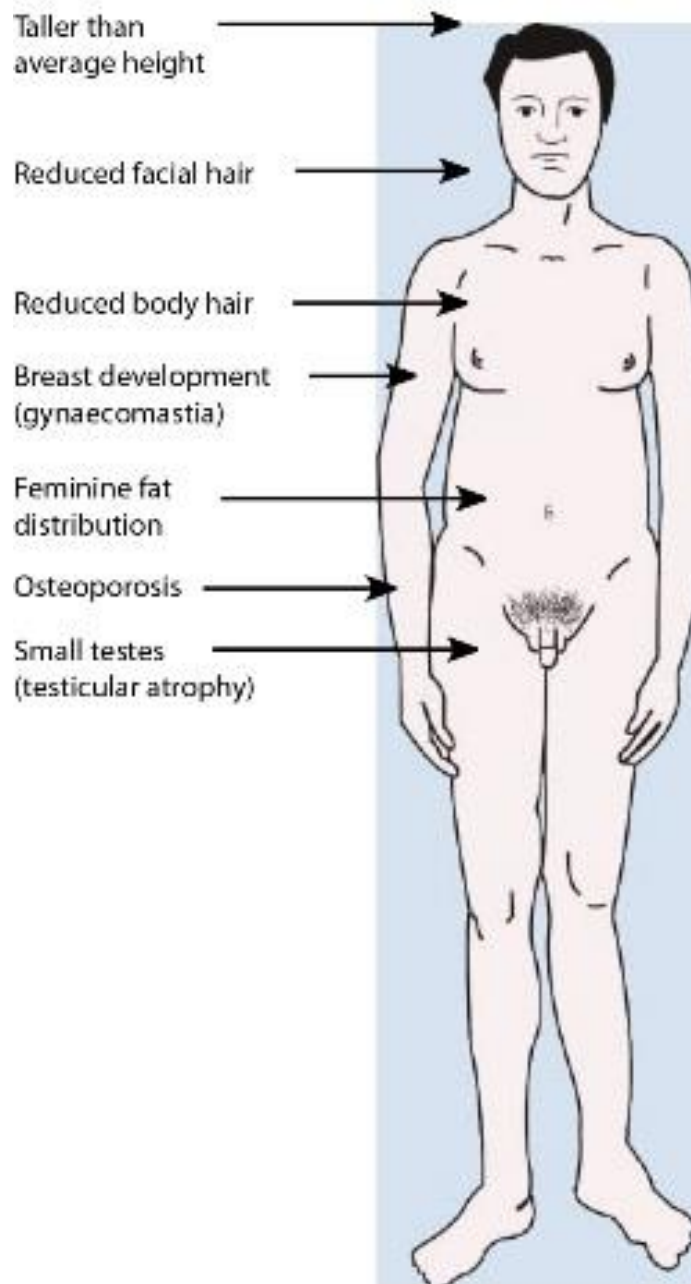
Partial or complete monosomy of the short arm of the X chromosome

Primary hypogonadism

Hypothyroid

Mosaics milder

GH & estrogen therapy



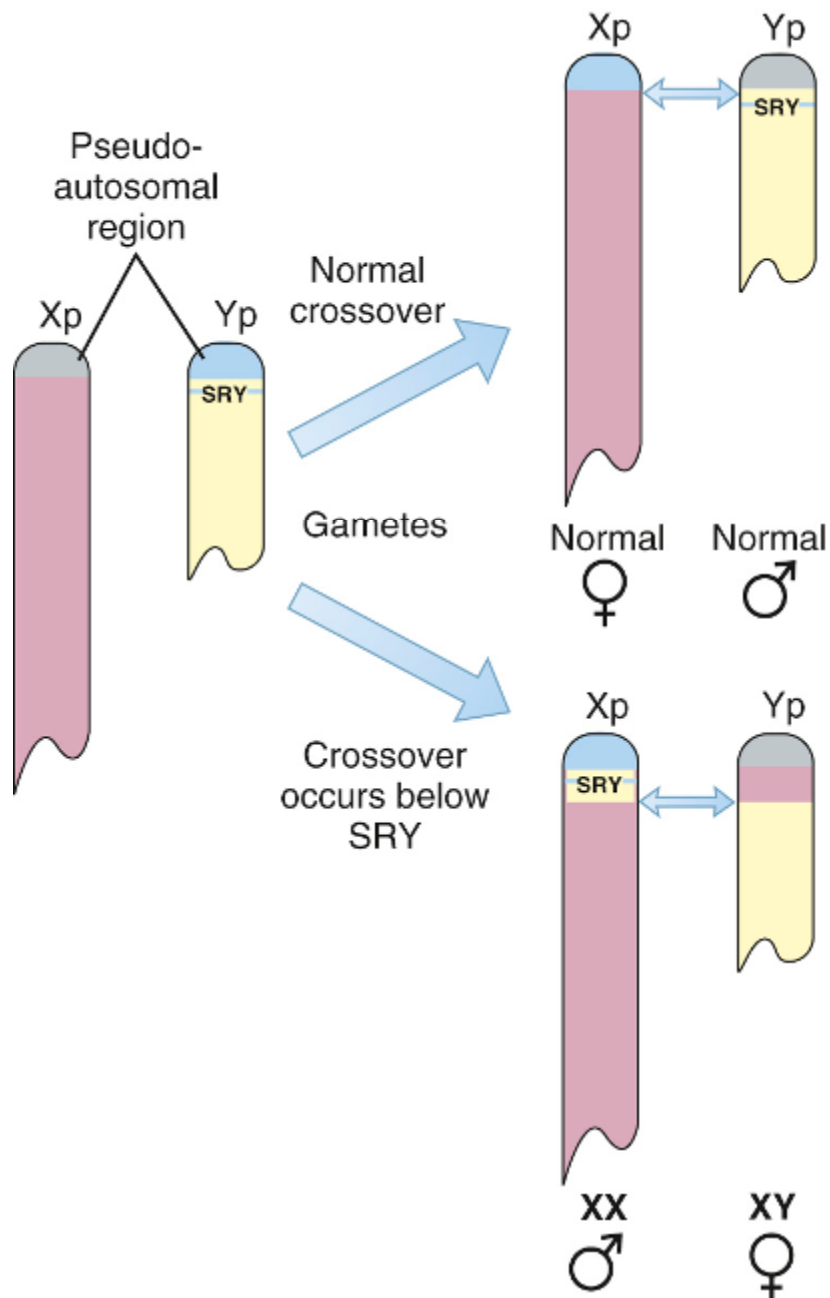
Klinefelter Syndrome

Most common cause of hypogonadism in males

Commonly 47,XXY

Mosaics can be fertile with a milder clinical condition

Increased risk of breast cancer

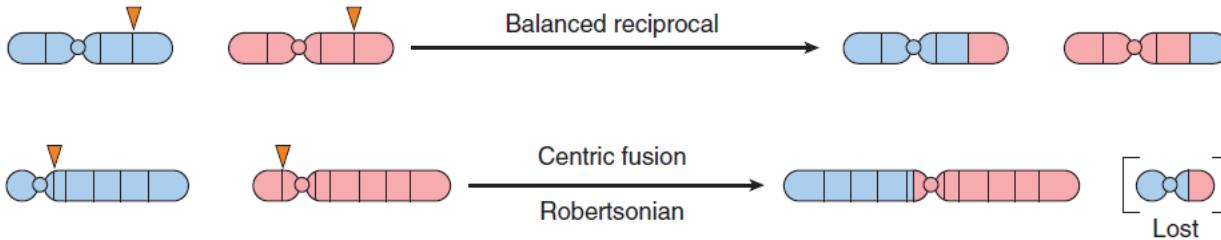


The XX and XY of it all

SRY sex-determining region on the Y

Examples?

TRANSLOCATIONS



Structural Abnormalities

unequal crossover and chromosomal breakage followed by loss or rearrangement of material

Translocation

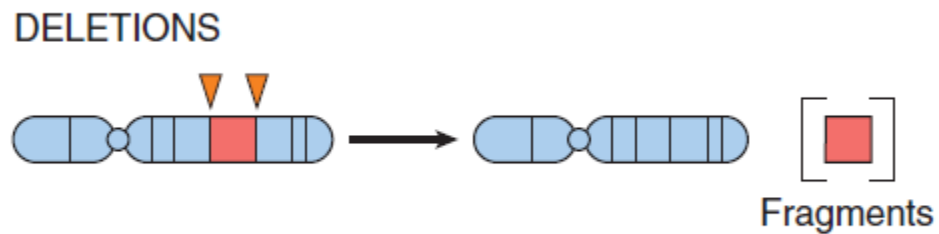
Deletion

Ring chromosome

Inversion

Isochromosome

Examples?



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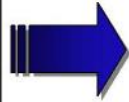
Isochromosome

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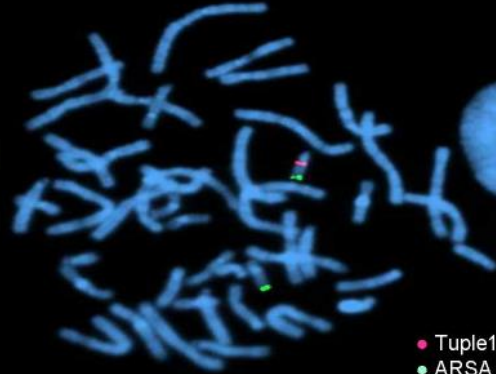
NORMAL



● TUPLE1
● ARSA



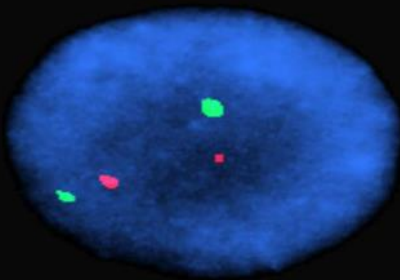
22q11.2 Del



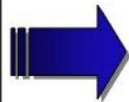
● TUPLE1
● ARSA

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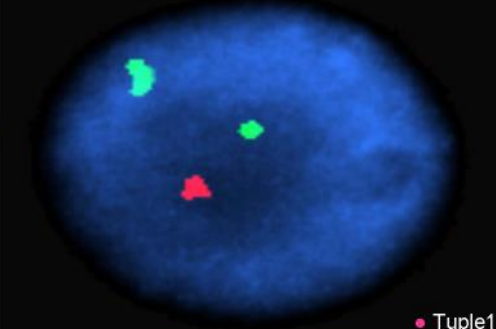
NORMAL



● TUPLE1
● ARSA



22q11.2 Del



● TUPLE1
● ARSA

22q11.2 Deletion Syndrome

- CHD
- Palate abnormalities
- Facial dysmorphism
- Developmental delay
- Thymic hypoplasia with impaired T cell immunity
- Parathyroid hypoplasia
- Hypocalcemia

Previously, DiGeorge syndrome and velocardiofacial syndrome

Schizophrenia and Bipolar disorder?

Structural Abnormalities

unequal crossover and chromosomal breakage followed by loss or rearrangement of material

Translocation

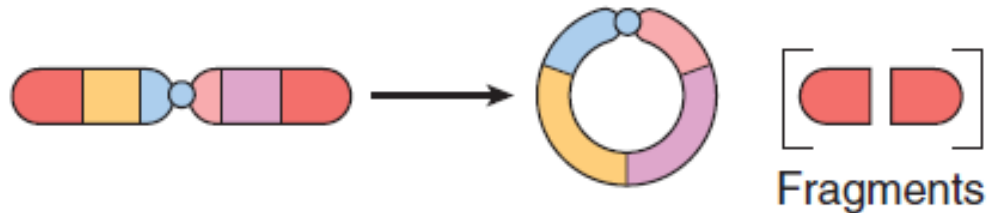
Deletion

Ring chromosome

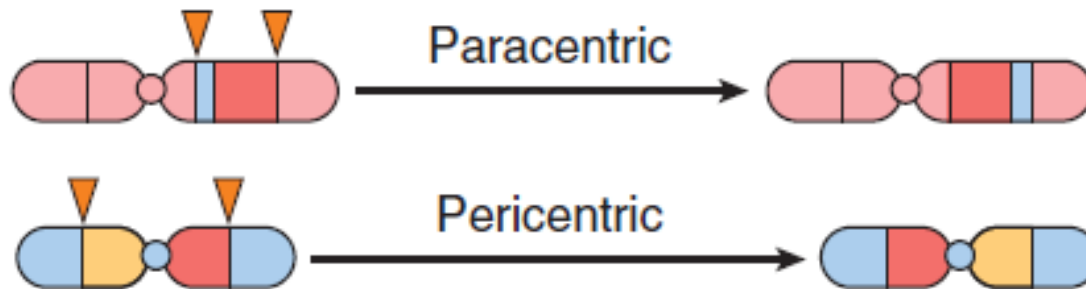
Inversion

Isochromosome

RING CHROMOSOMES



INVERSIONS



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Translocation

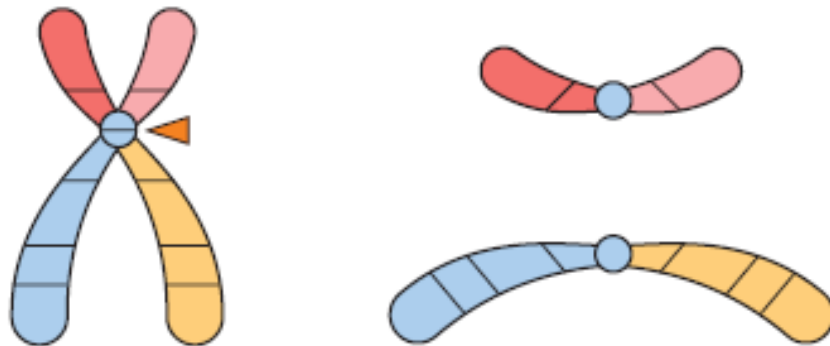
Deletion

Ring chromosome

Inversion

Isochromosome

ISOCHROMOSOMES



Structural Abnormalities

unequal crossover and chromosomal breakage followed by loss or rearrangement of material

Translocation

Deletion

Ring chromosome

Inversion

Isochromosome

When do we order chromosome analysis?

General features

- ▶ Developmental delay/intellectual disability
- ▶ Characteristic facial and limb features
- ▶ Growth delay
- ▶ Congenital malformations

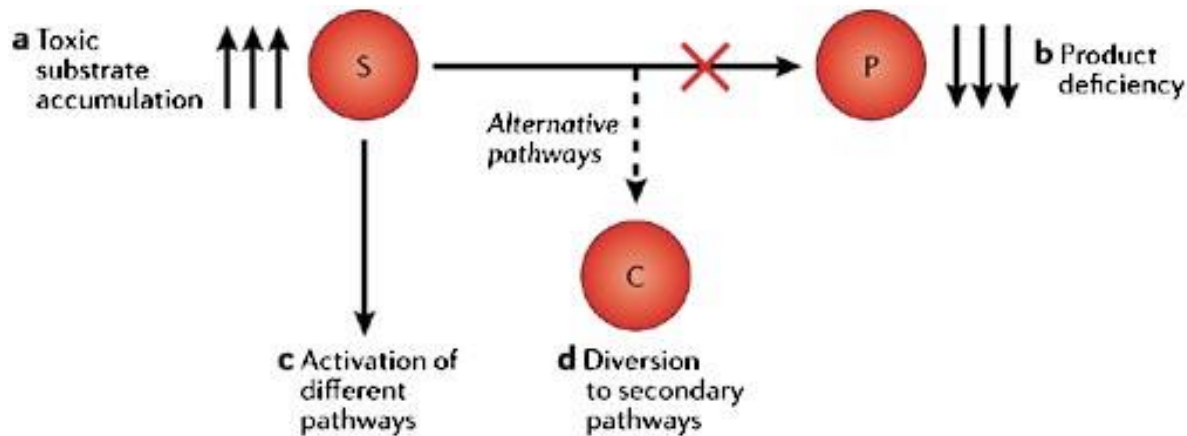
Indications

- ▶ Suspected chromosomal syndrome
- ▶ ≥ 2 malformations
- ▶ Ambiguous genitalia
- ▶ Stillborn with either malformations or no recognizable reason for death
- ▶ Males with small testes and/or gynecomastia
- ▶ Short females with primary amenorrhea





Biochemical genetics (aka inborn errors of metabolism)



IEMs

Mostly AR

Frequently challenging to diagnose due to wide variability of presentation even within the same disease

Improved genetic testing panels make your lives easier

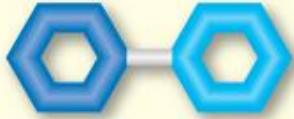
Biomolecules:

nucleic acids, proteins, carbohydrates, and lipids

Major metabolic pathways:

glycolysis, citric acid cycle, pentose phosphate shunt, gluconeogenesis, glycogen and fatty acid synthesis and storage, degradative pathways, energy production, and transport systems

Lactose: a type of sugar



MILK

In the body, lactose is split into glucose and galactose



Glucose



Galactose

Used for energy

Normal

GALT binds to galactose ...

...and converts it to glucose, which is then used for energy



GALT



Galactosemia

No GALT



Galactose concentration rises to toxic levels, causing

- kidney failure
- cataracts
- enlarged liver
- brain damage

Carbohydrate IEMs (Galactose)

Galactosemia (classic)

AR

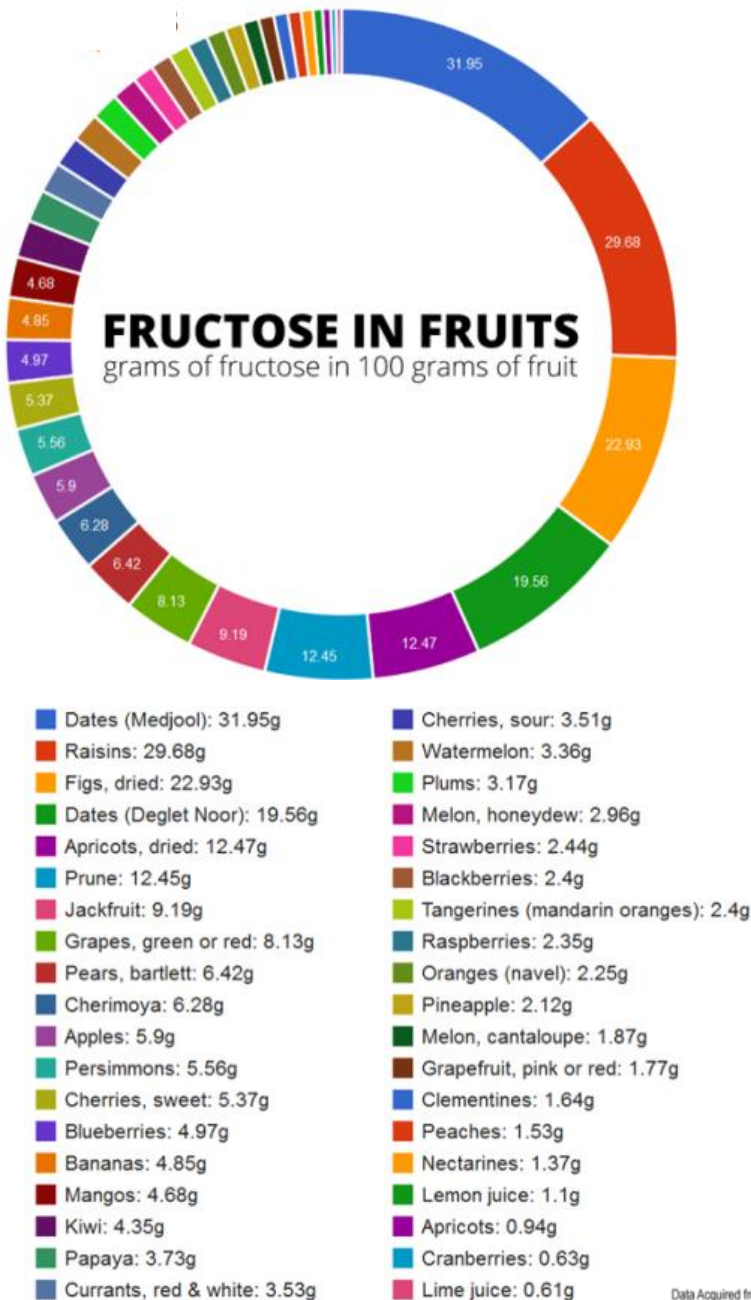
galactose-1-phosphate
uridylyltransferase (*GALT*)

Failure to thrive from birth

- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Jaundice

Remove galactose from
the diet at least for the
first 2 years of life

Galactokinase or UDP-
galactose-4-epimerase



Carbohydrate IEMs (Fructose)

AR

fructokinase

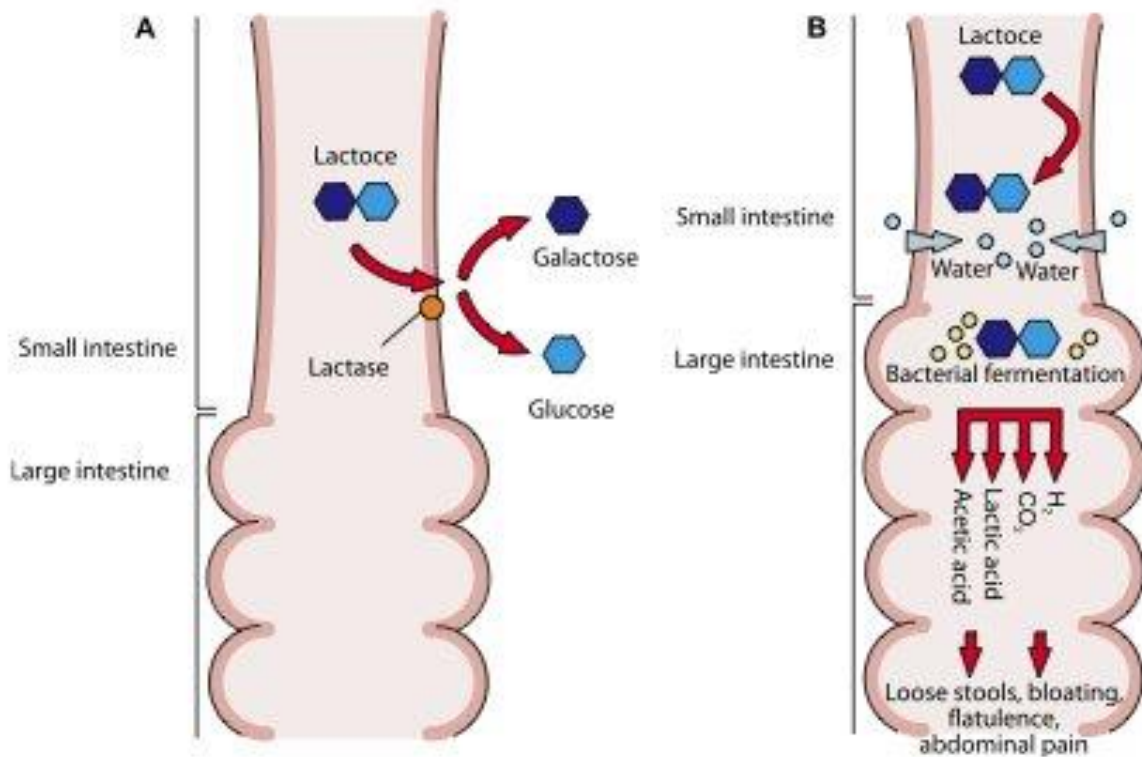
- Asymptomatic
- Fructose in Urine

*fructose 1,6-bisphosphate
aldolase* (HFI)

- poor feeding
- FTT
- Liver/renal insufficiency
- Death

*fructose 1,6-
bisphosphatase*

- Hypoglycemia
- Metabolic acidemia

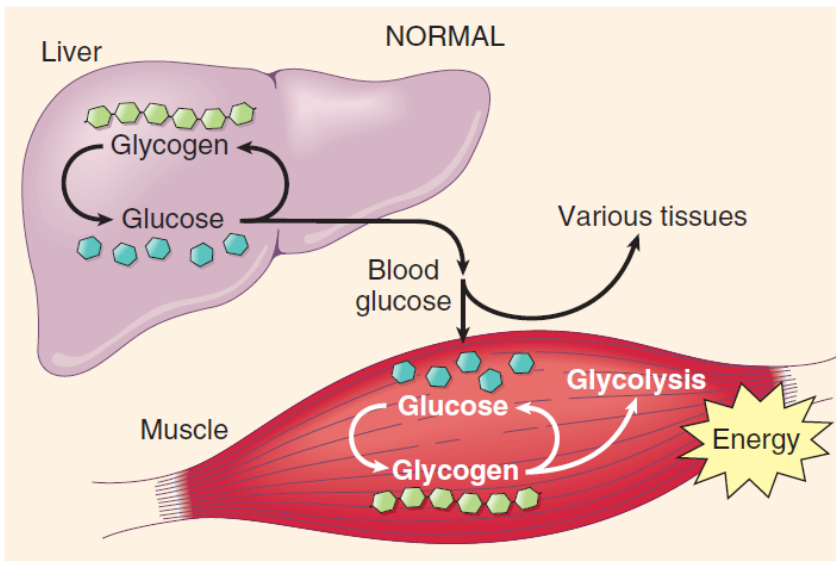


Carbohydrate IEMs (Lactose)

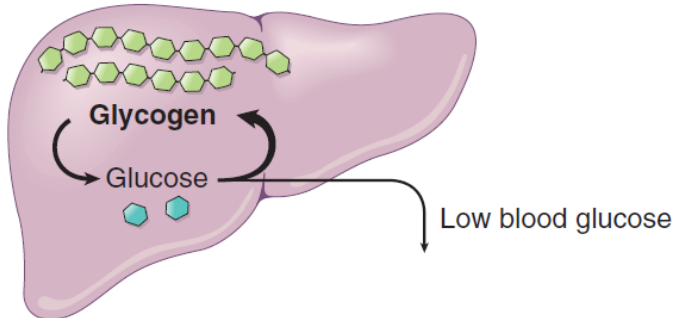
Lactase persistence - AR

Acquired downregulation
after childhood or after
enteric viral/bacterial
infections

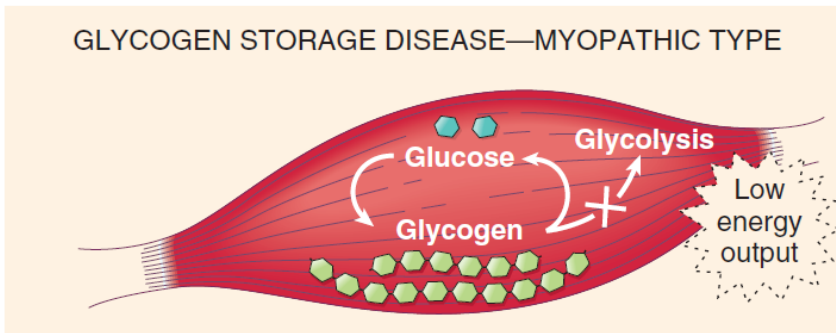
Congenital lactase
deficiency - AR rare



GLYCOGEN STORAGE DISEASE—HEPATIC TYPE



GLYCOGEN STORAGE DISEASE—MYOPATHIC TYPE



Carbohydrate IEMs (Glycogen)

Hepatic:

- Enlargement
- Hypoglycemia

Myopathic type:

- Cramps
- Myoglobinuria
- No lactate production

TYPE	DEFECT	MAJOR AFFECTED TISSUES
Ia (Von Gierke)	Glucose-6-phosphatase	Liver, kidney, intestine
Ib	Microsomal glucose-6-phosphate transport	Liver, kidney, intestine, neutrophils
II (Pompe)	Lysosomal acid β -glucosidase	Muscle, heart
IIIa (Cori)	Glycogen debranching enzyme	Liver, muscle
IIIb	Glycogen debranching enzyme	Liver
IV (Anderson)	Branching enzyme	Liver, muscle
V (McArdle)	Muscle phosphorylase	Muscle
VI (Hers)	Liver phosphorylase	Liver
VII (Tarui)	Muscle phosphofructokinase	Muscle

Carbohydrate IEMs (Glycogen)

Hepatic:

- Enlargement
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PKU: the Problem

1 Phe is in most of the foods you eat



2 A defective enzyme (PAH) in the body fails to process the Phe



3 This leads to high Phe levels in the blood



4 This can lead to problems in thinking and behavior



Amino acid IEMs (PHE)

Phenylketonuria - AR

PAH (phenylalanine hydroxylase)

Increased PHE levels

Impaired brain development (mental retardation)

PHE restricted diet (Screening)

Maternal PKU



Sapropterin, a synthetic form of BH₄ can boost PHE metabolism

Amino acid IEMs (PKU)

Phenylketonuria - AR

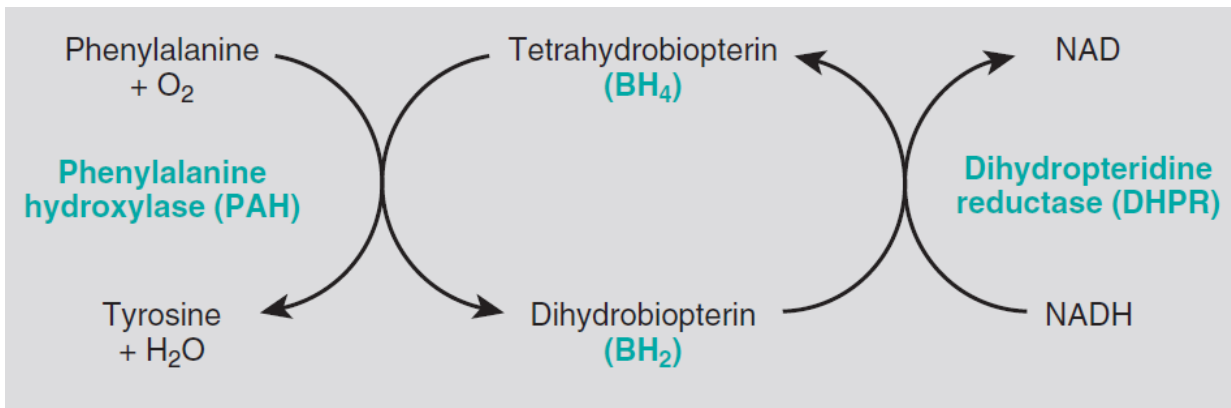
PAH (phenylalanine hydroxylase)

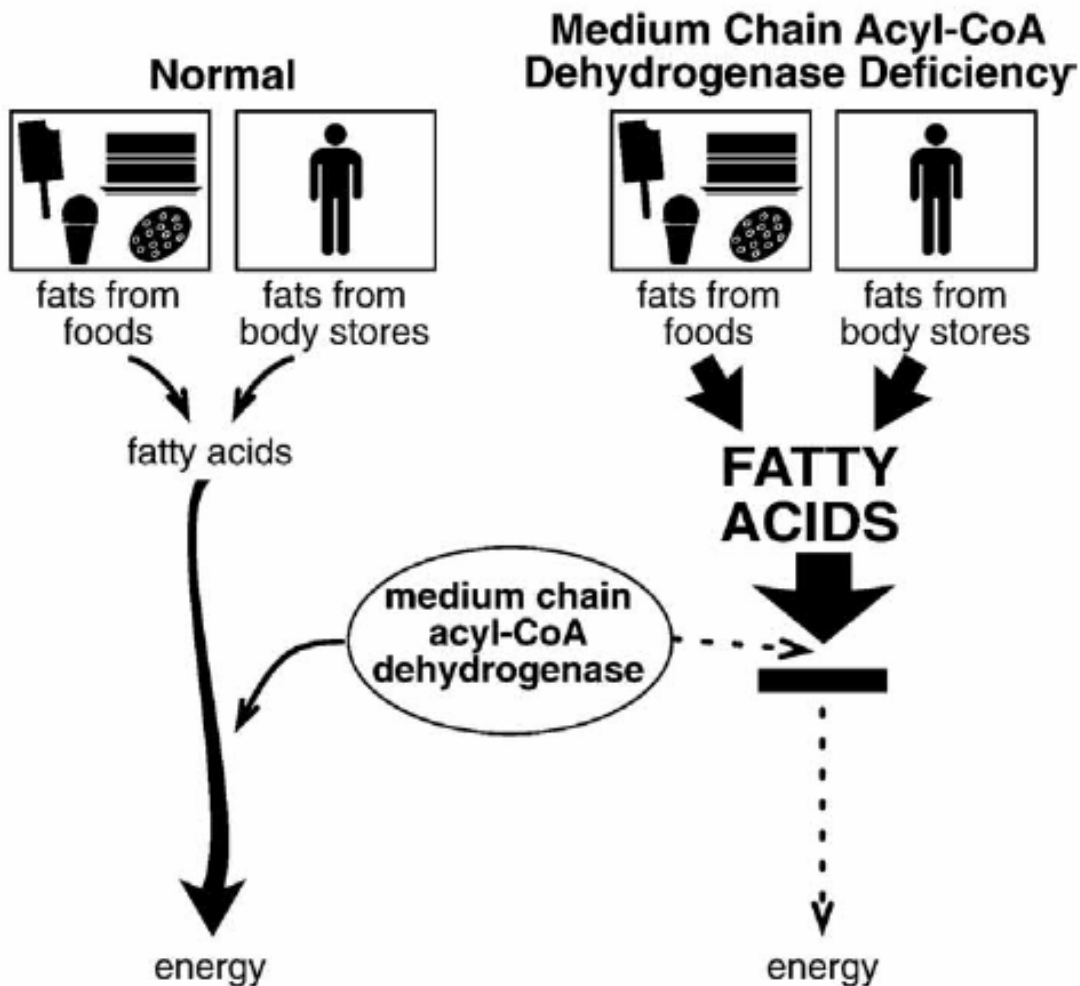
Increased PHE levels

Impaired brain development (mental retardation)

PHE restricted diet (Screening)

Maternal PKU





Lipid IEMs (Fatty acids)

Medium chain

MCAD deficiency

Hypoglycemia provoked
by fasting

Difficult to catch but
characteristic clinical
course should raise
suspicion

Avoid fasting, adequate
caloric intake, supportive
care when required

DDx Reye's syndrome

Lipid IEMs (Fatty acids)

Long chain

LCHAD deficiency

Severe liver disease,
cardiomyopathy, skeletal
myopathy, retinal
disease, peripheral
neuropathy, and sudden
death

Avoid fasting, low-fat diet,
supplementation with
medium-chain
triglycerides and carnitine

Pregnancy HELLP/AFLP





Lipid IEMs (Cholesterol)

Smith–Lemli–Opitz
syndrome

DHCR7 deficiency

Congenital anomalies of
the brain, heart, genitalia,
and hands

Cholesterol
supplementation?





Lipid IEMs (Steroid hormones)

Congenital adrenal hyperplasia

Heterogeneous AR disorders of cortisol biosynthesis

- cortisol deficiency
- variable aldosterone deficiency
- excess androgens

Tx: replace cortisol, suppress androgens, mineralocorticoids, surgery?

Steroid hormone receptor mutations

CAIS/PAIS (XLR)

Genetically 46,XY

Mutations in the X-linked androgen receptor

Complete: typical external female characteristics but absence of mullerian development

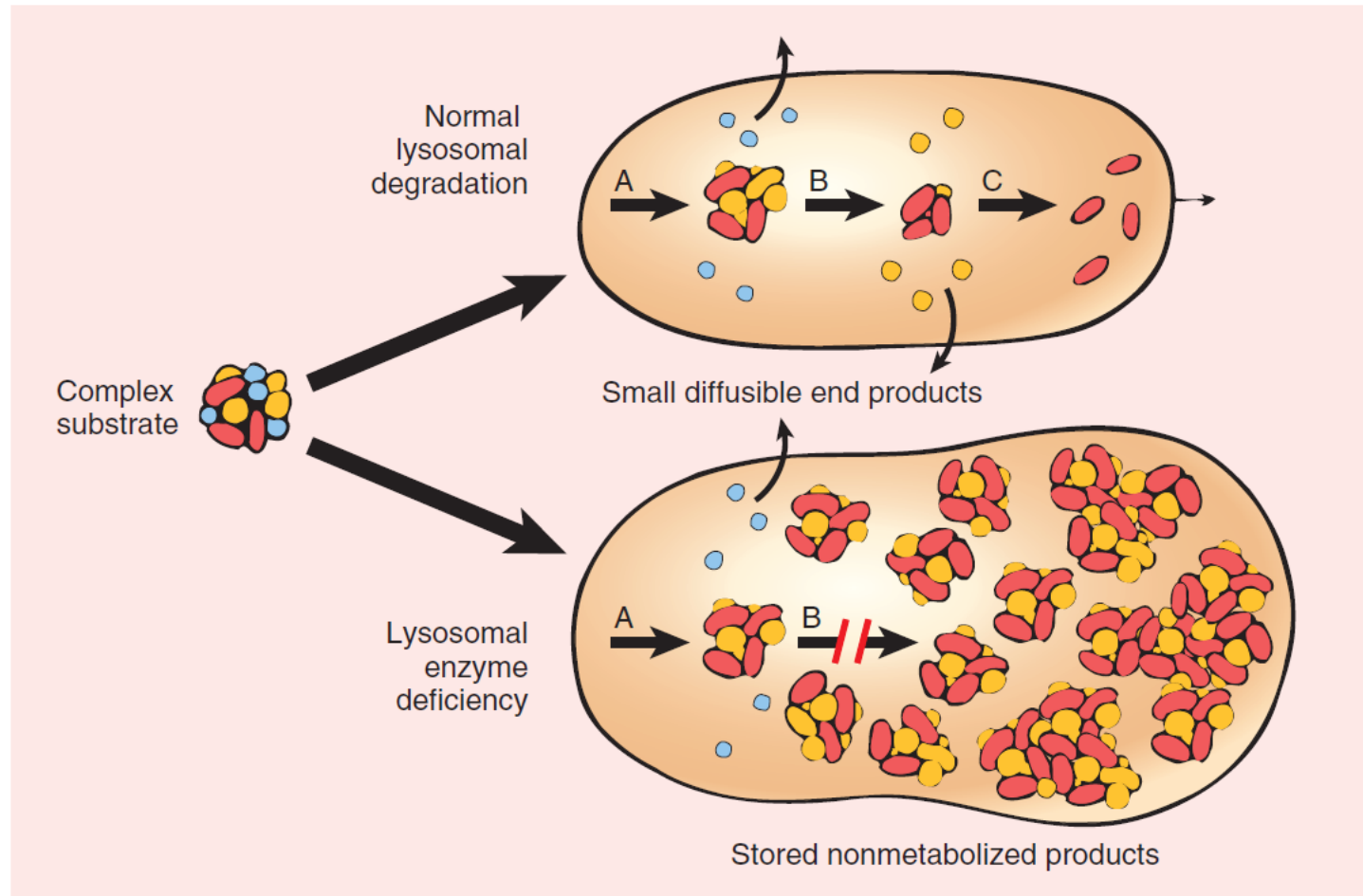
Partial: ambiguous genitalia

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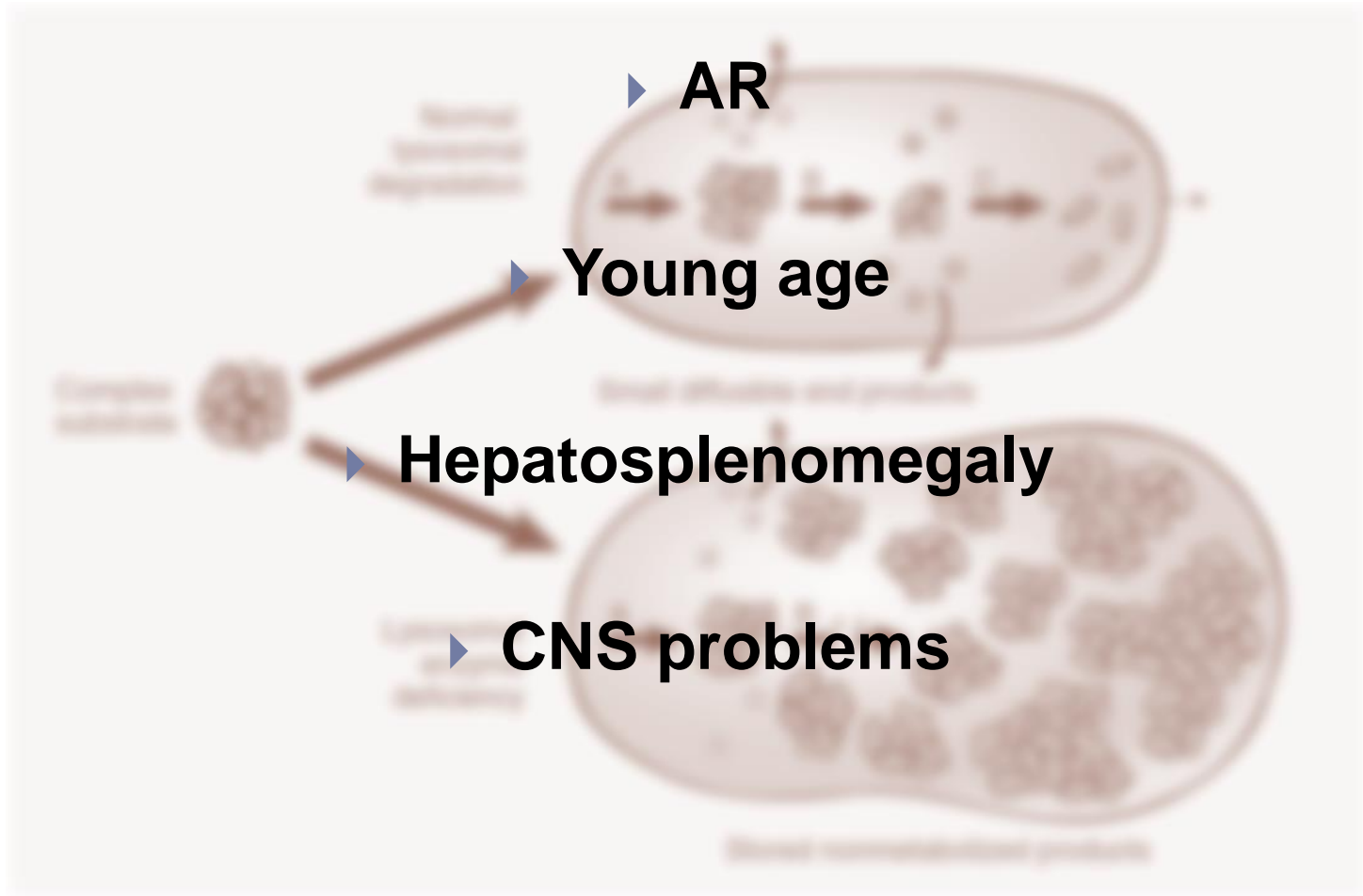
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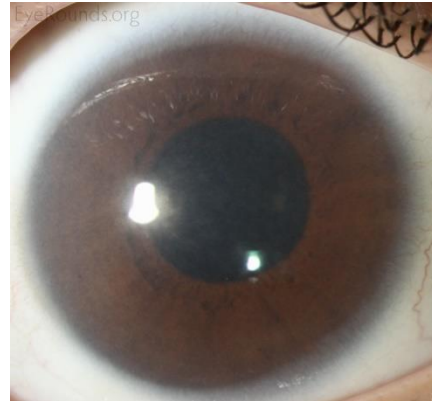
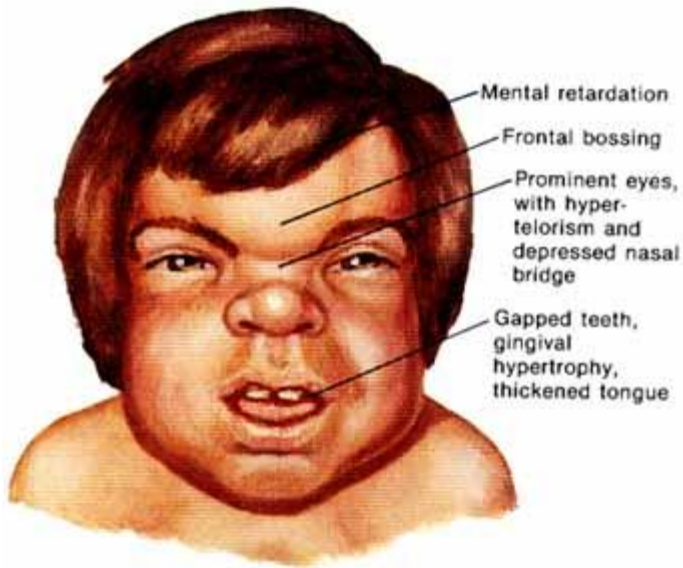
Lysosomal Storage Diseases



Lysosomal Storage Diseases



Type I: Hurler Syndrome



AR
Mental Retardation
6-10 year life expectancy
Death often due to cardiac complications

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Several catabolic enzymes in the pathway

MPS types I-VII

Common findings:

- Hepatosplenomegaly
- Skeletal deformities
- Lesions of heart valves
- Subendothelial arterial deposits
- Brain lesions

Type II: Hunter Syndrome



X-Linked recessive
No corneal clouding
Milder clinical course

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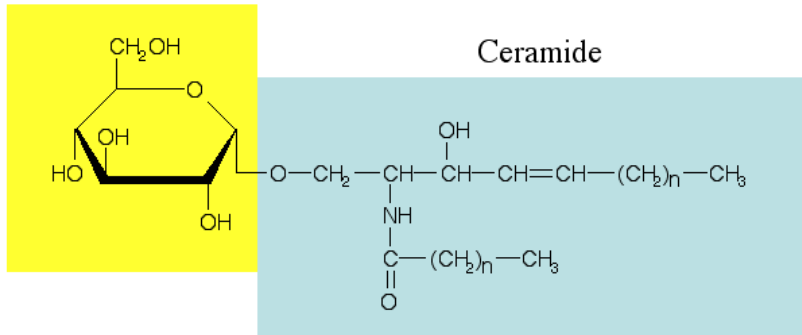
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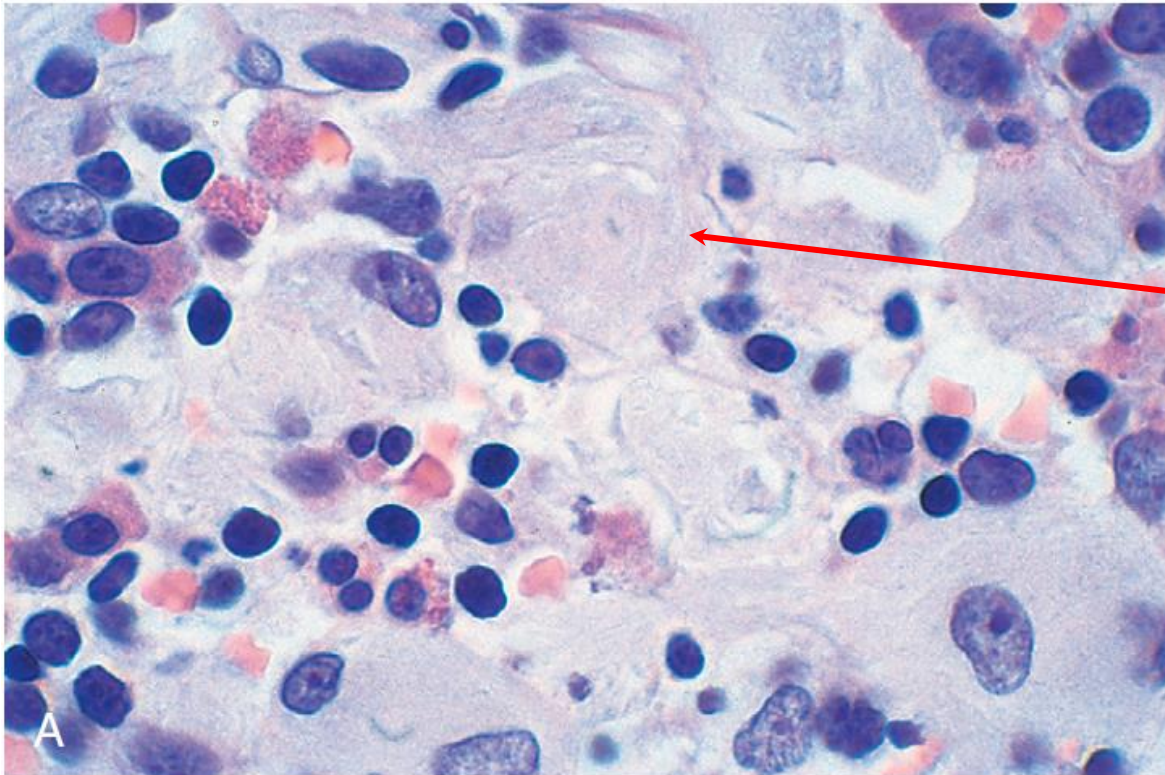


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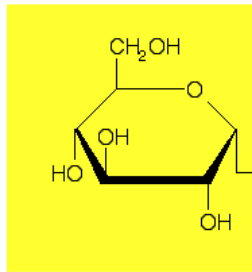
Glucocerebrosidase
mutation

Accumulation of
glucocerebroside in
phagocytes (Gaucher
cells)

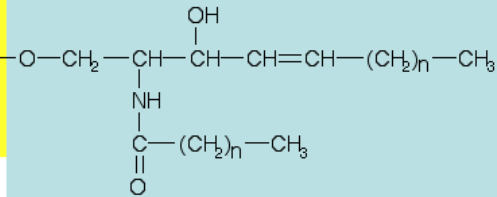
“Wrinkled tissue paper”
(pathognomonic)



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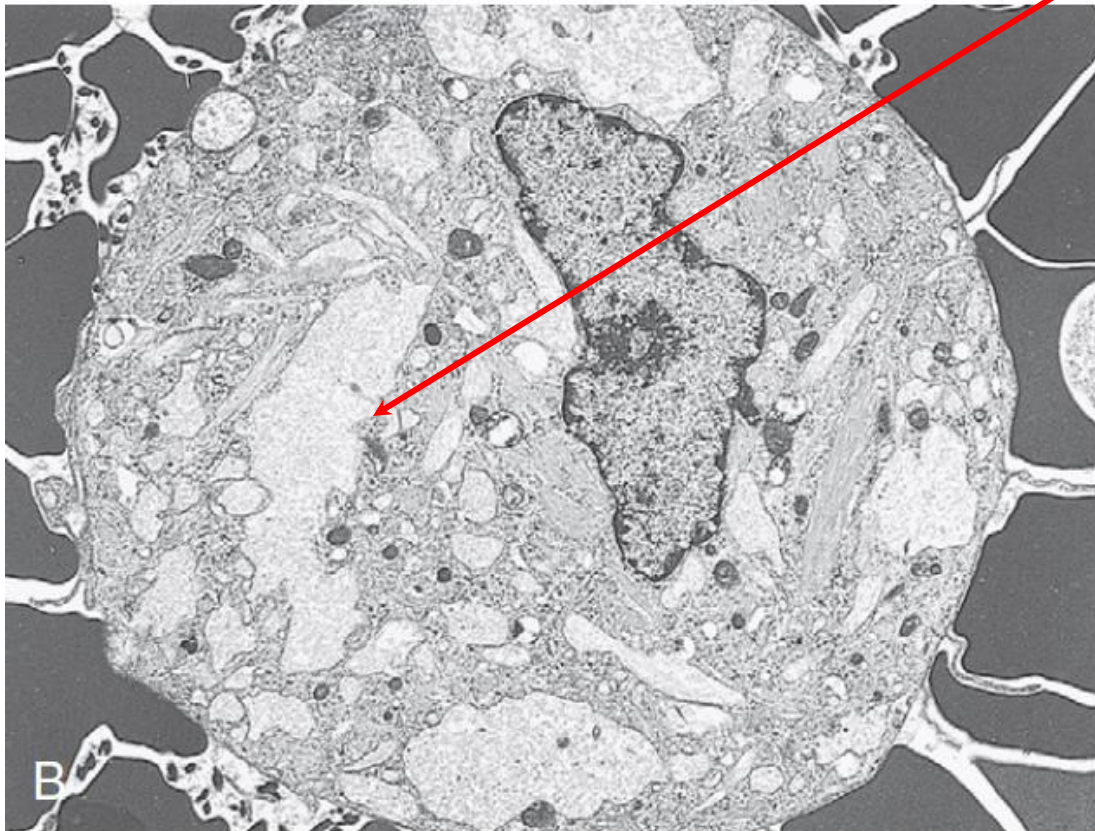
Ceramide



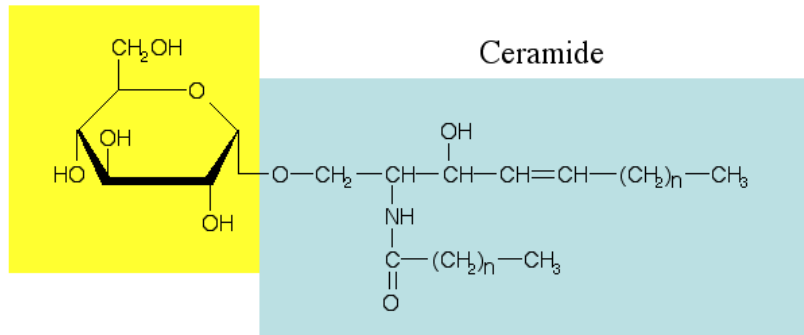
Sphingolipidoses (Gaucher Disease)

Distended elongated
lysosomes

Macrophage activation
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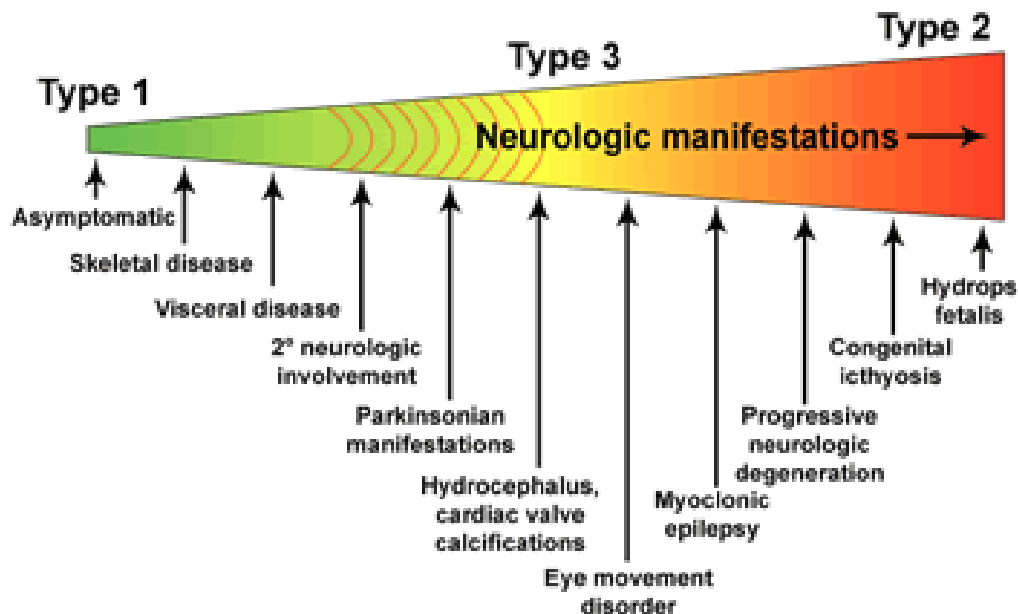
Clinical findings:

- Bone involvement
- ↓ blood elements
- Hepatosplenomegaly
- CNS involvement

Treatment:

- Enzyme replacement
- Inhibition of synthesis
- BMT

Gaucher Disease - a phenotypic continuum



Patients with Gaucher disease can have a spectrum of symptoms, ranging from mild to severe neurological effects. The classic categories of types 1, 2 and 3 have blurry edges along this continuum.

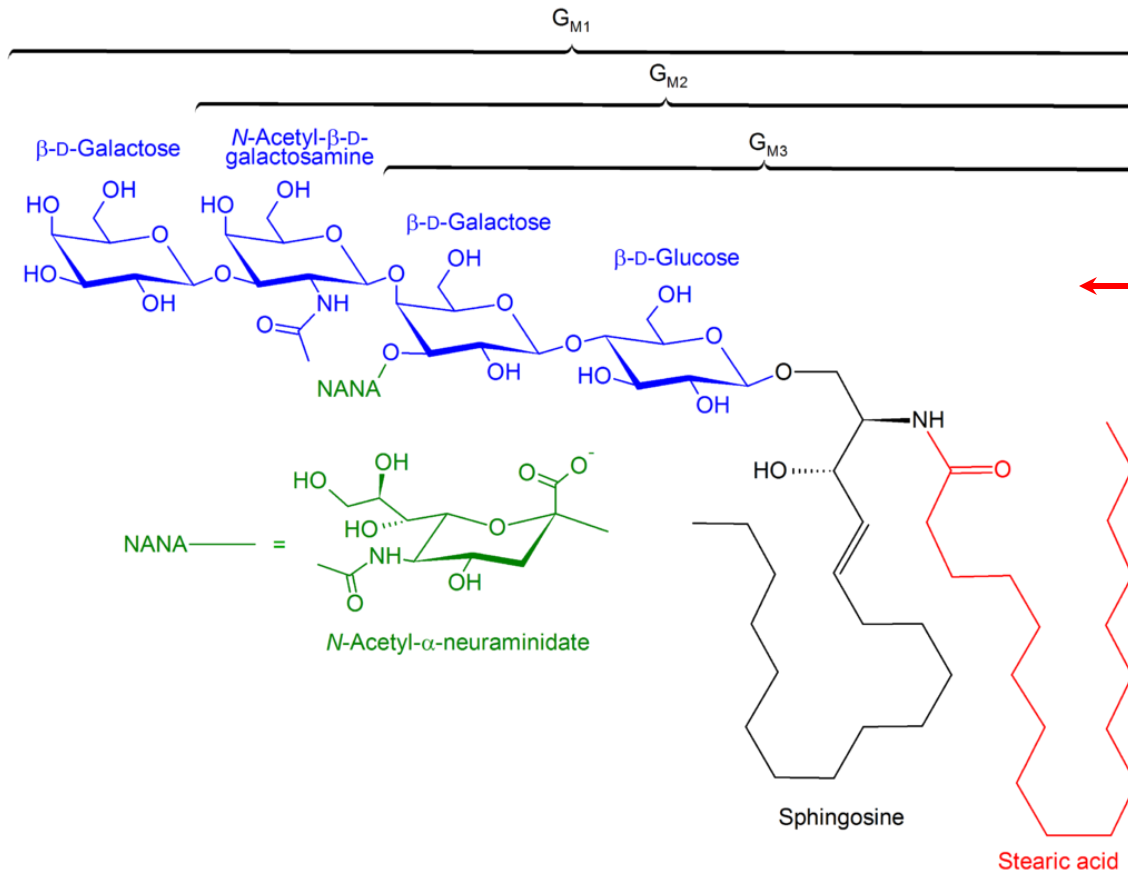
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AR

Gangliosidoses

Ganglioside

- cell surface
- nervous system
- cell-cell communication
- immunity

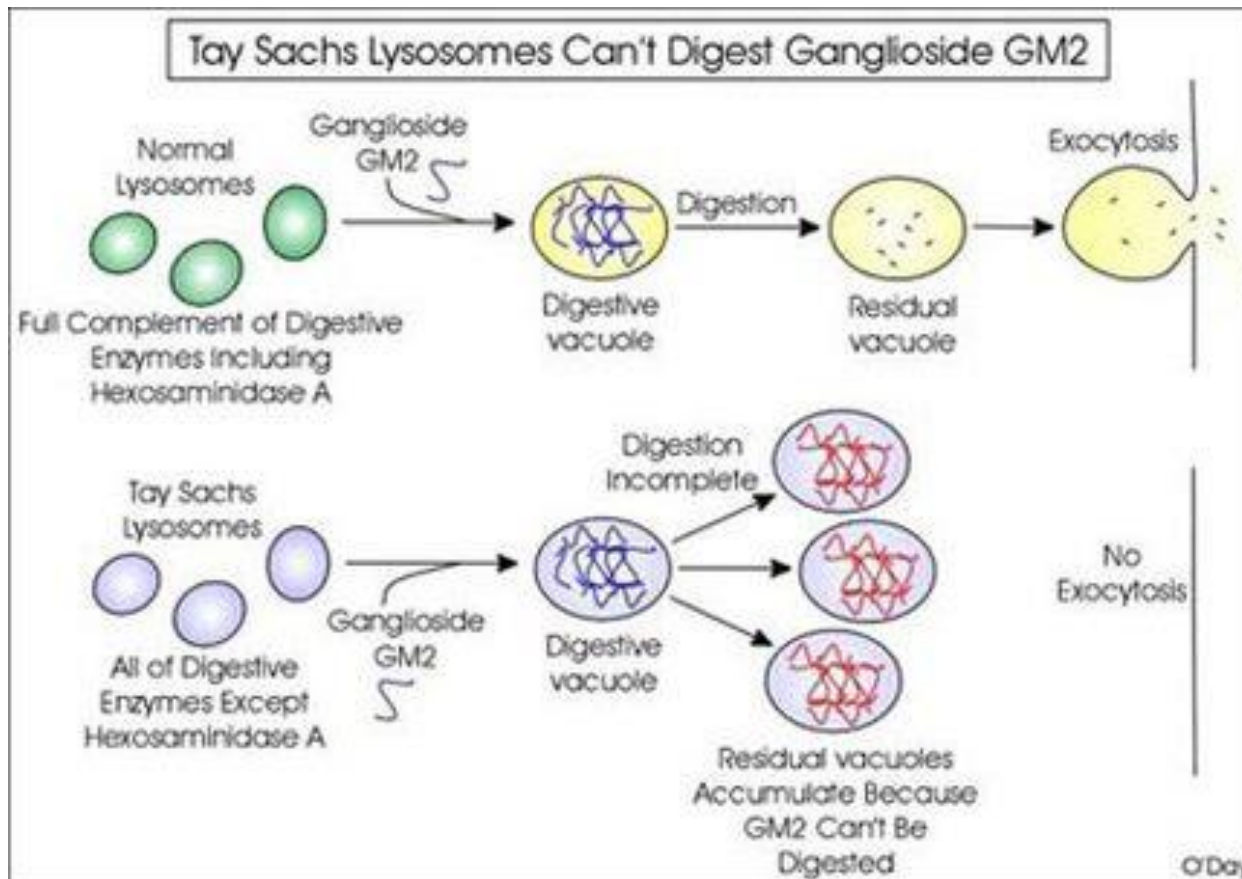


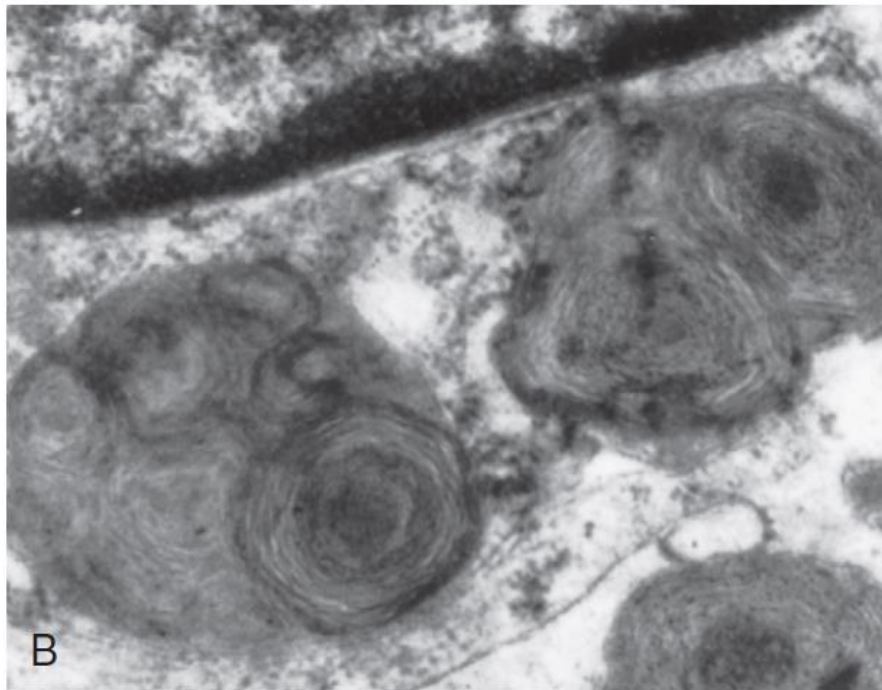
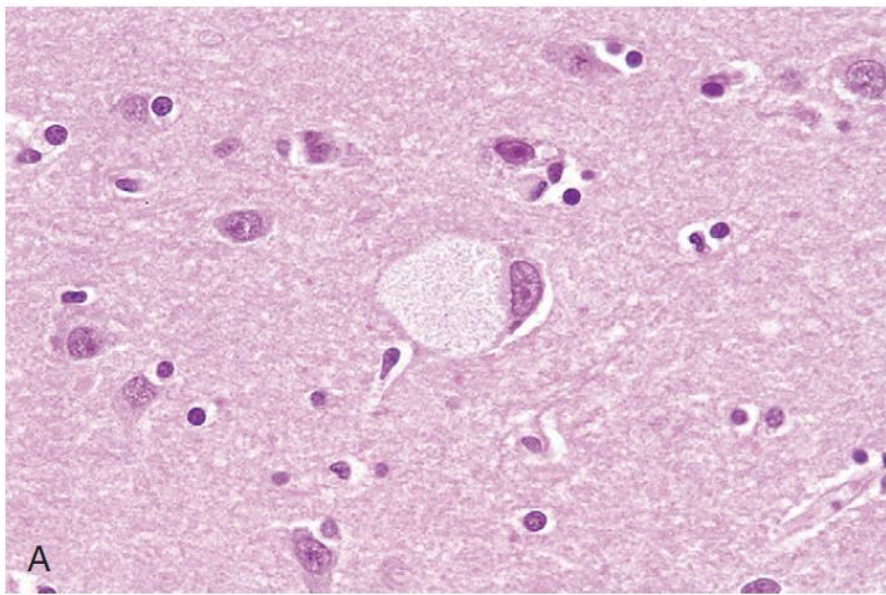
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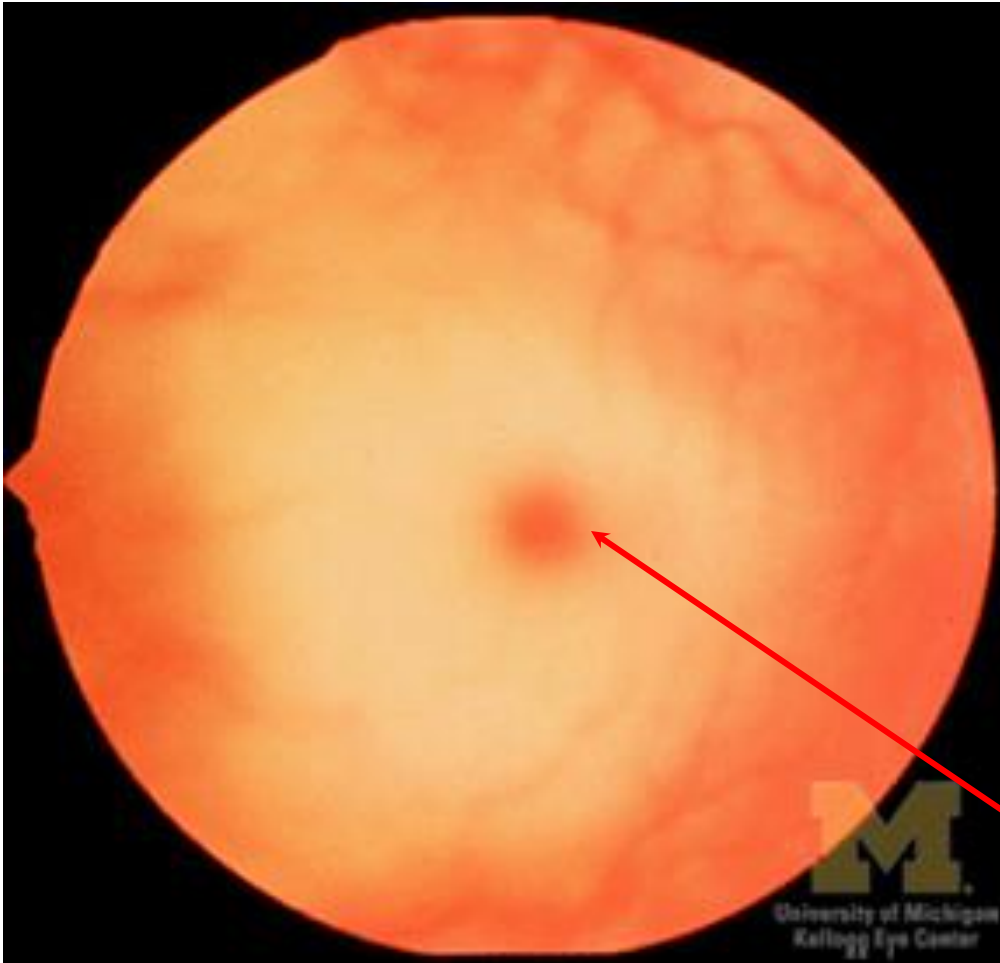
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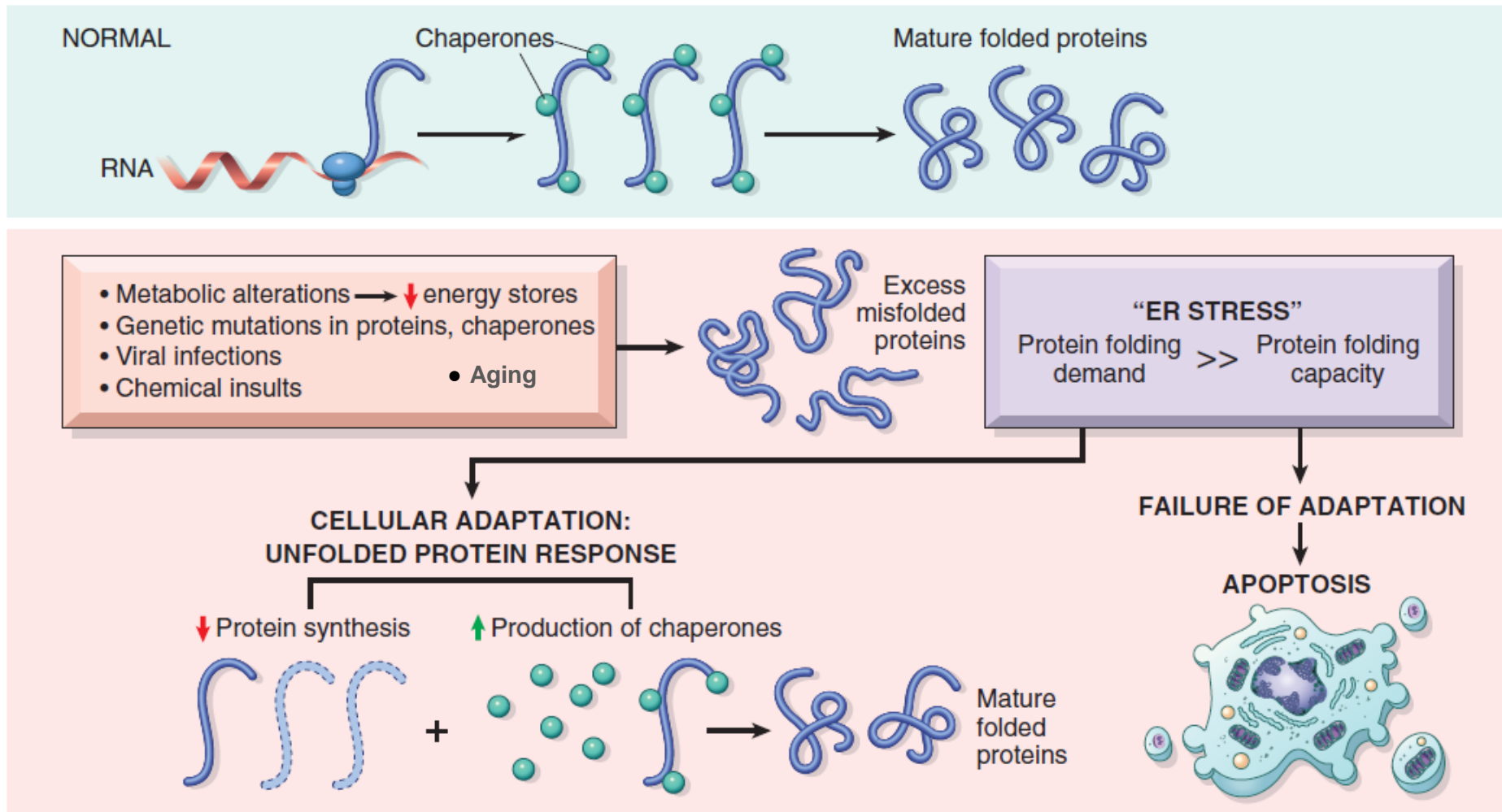
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"Cherry red" spot, retina

Misfolded proteins ER Stress



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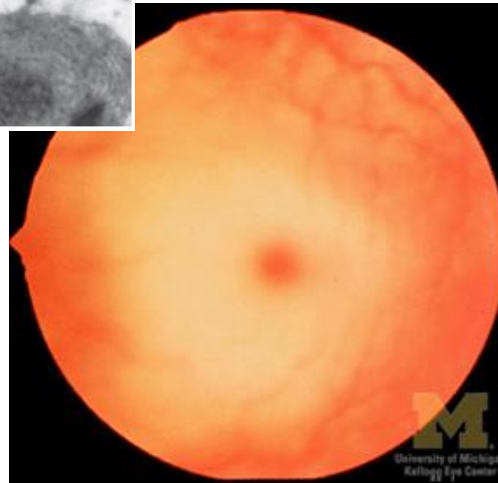
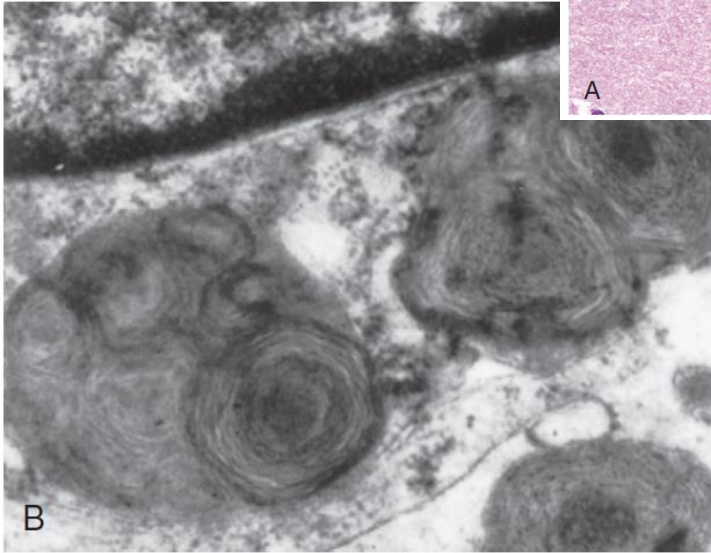
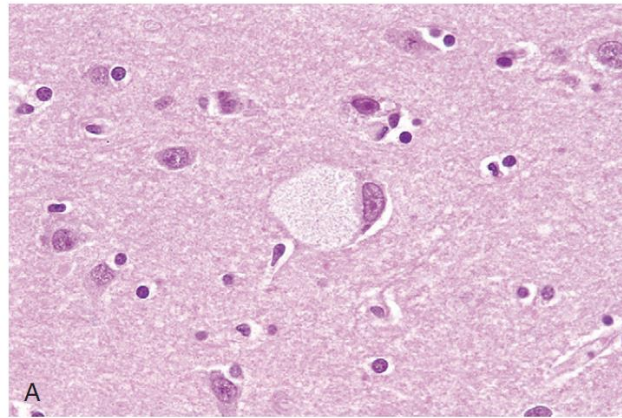
Multiple
variants/presentations

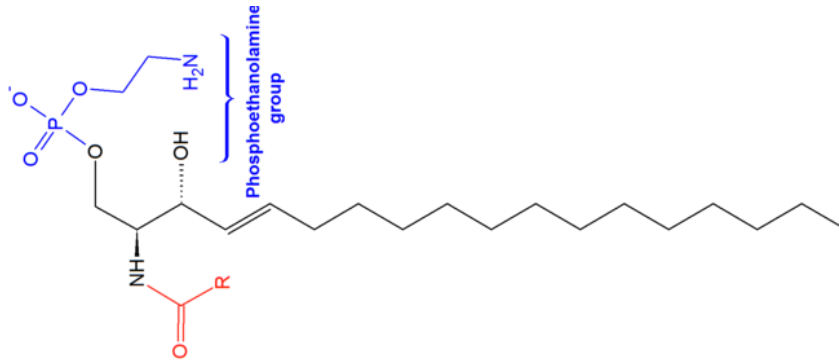
Normal at birth

Motor weakness @ 3-6
months

Blindness

Death within 2-3 years



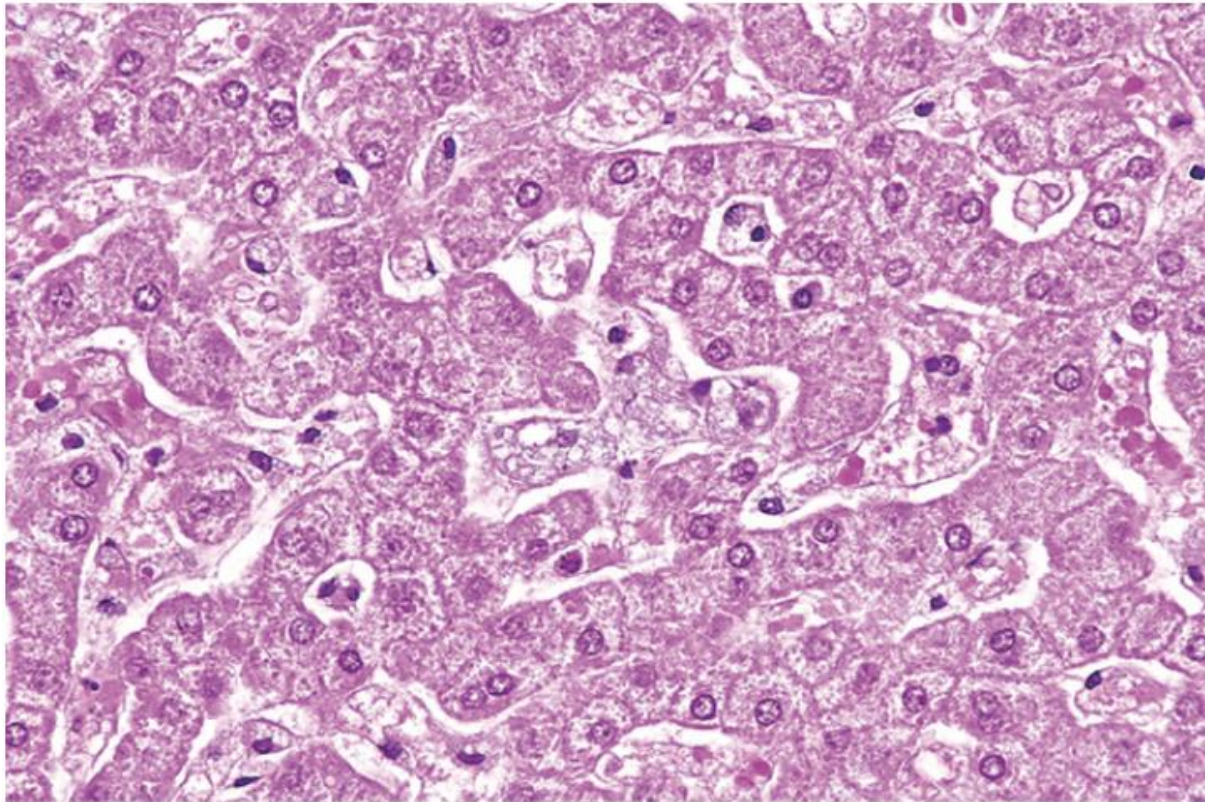


Sphingolipidoses (Niemann-Pick Disease Types A & B)

Deficiency of acid
sphingomyelinase

Accumulation of
sphingomyelin

- Phagocytes (spleen,
liver BM, LN, lungs)
- Neurons



Sphingolipidoses (Niemann-Pick Disease Types A & B)



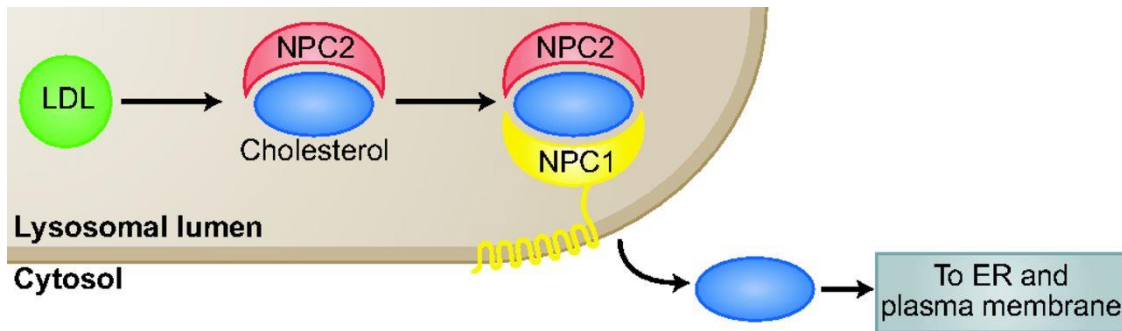
Type A

Severe deficiency:

- Massive visceromegaly
- Severe neurologic deterioration
- Death by 3yrs

Type B

- Less severe
- Organomegaly
- No neurologic manifestations



(Niemann-Pick Disease Type C)

Mutations in *NPC1*, *NPC2*

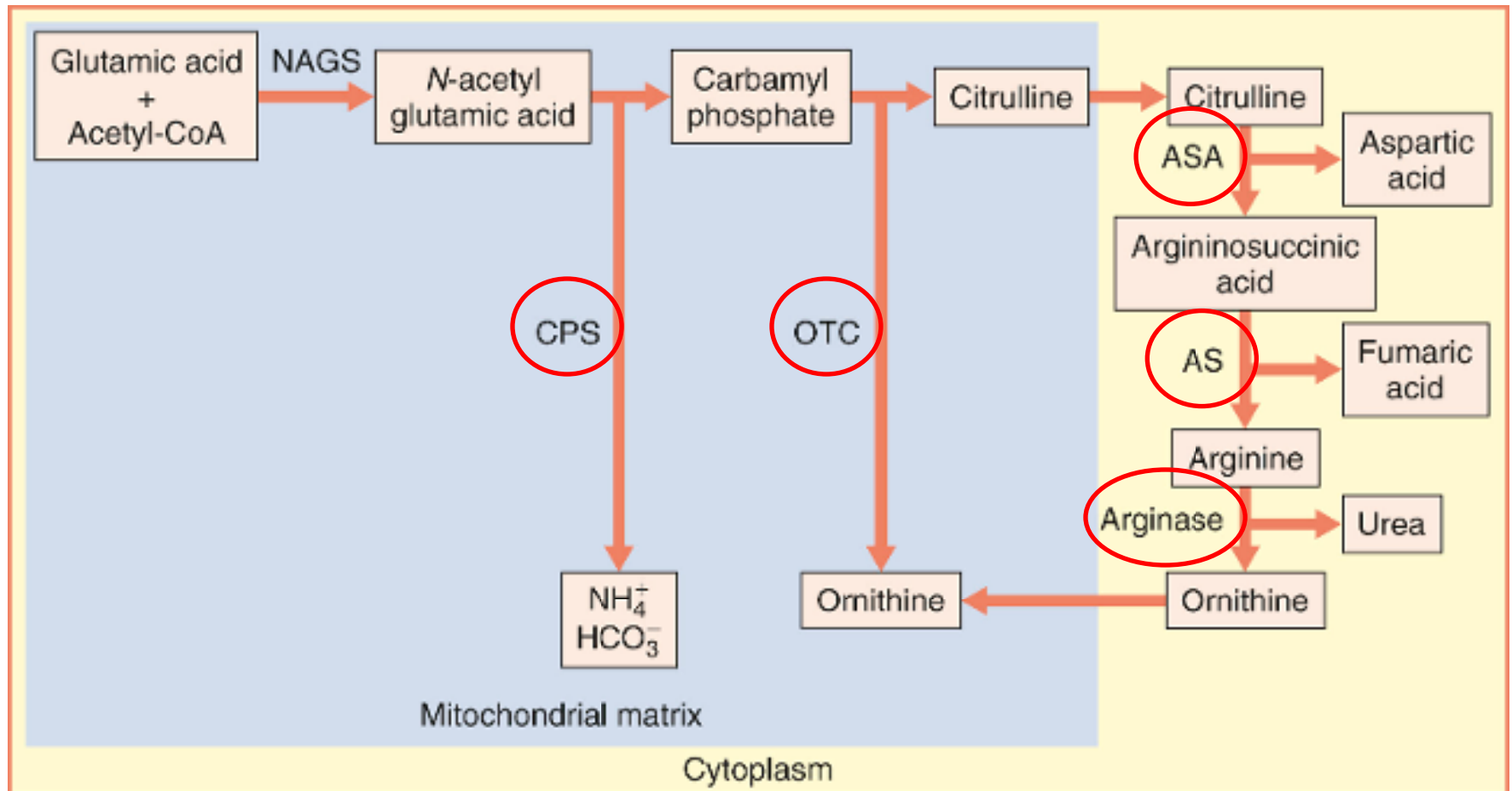
Lipid transport problems

Accumulation of cholesterol as well as gangliosides

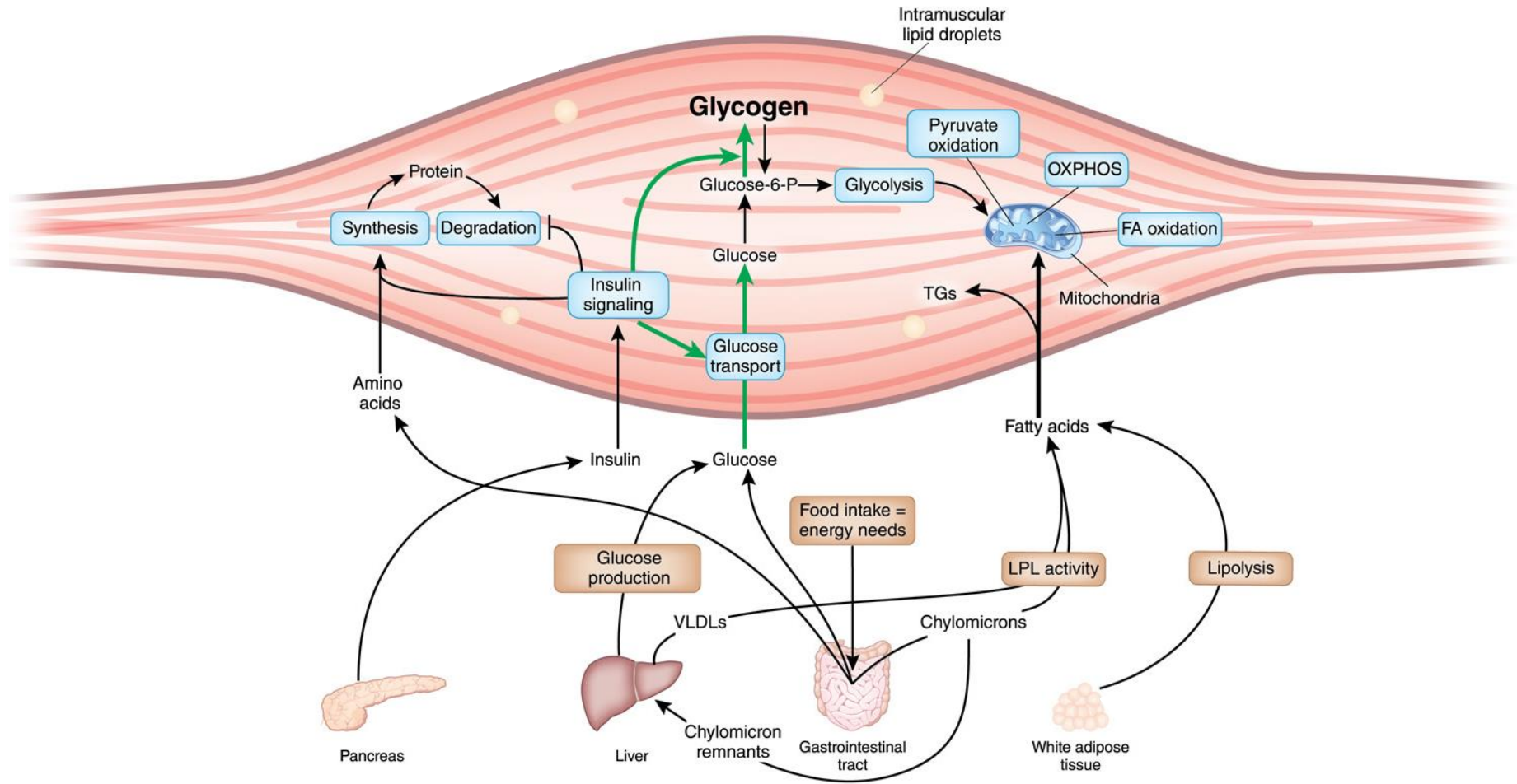
Clinically heterogeneous

- Childhood presentation
- Ataxia
- Gaze palsy
- Dystonia
- Dysarthria
- Psychomotor regression

Urea Cycle Disorders



Energy production defects



Transport system abnormalities

Cystinuria

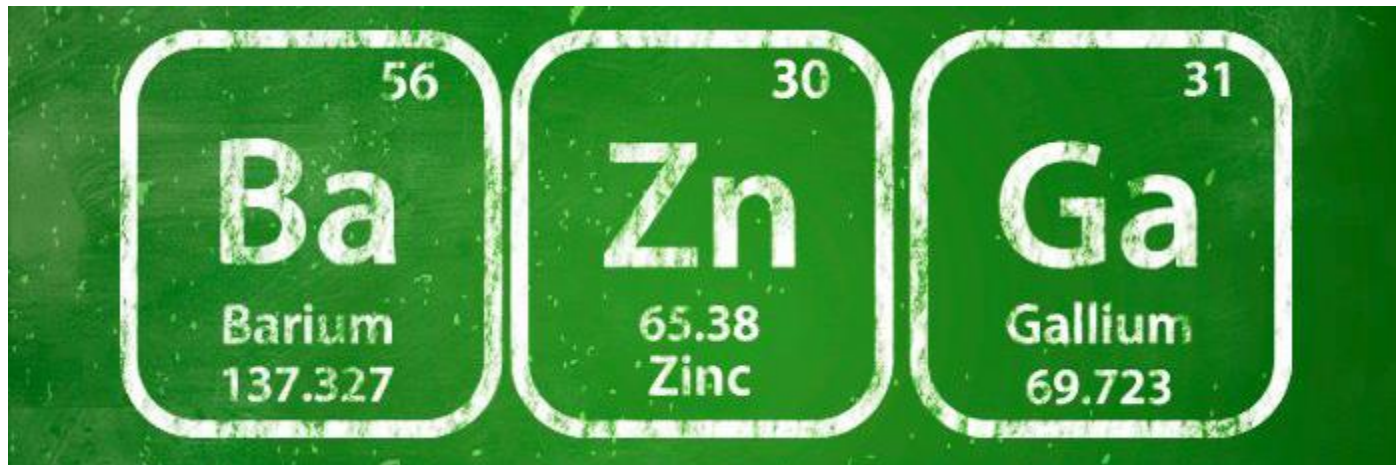
- ▶ Between cell and ECM
- ▶ Highly insoluble causing renal stones and their complications
- ▶ Tx: increase solubility (4-6L/day water), alkalinizing urine

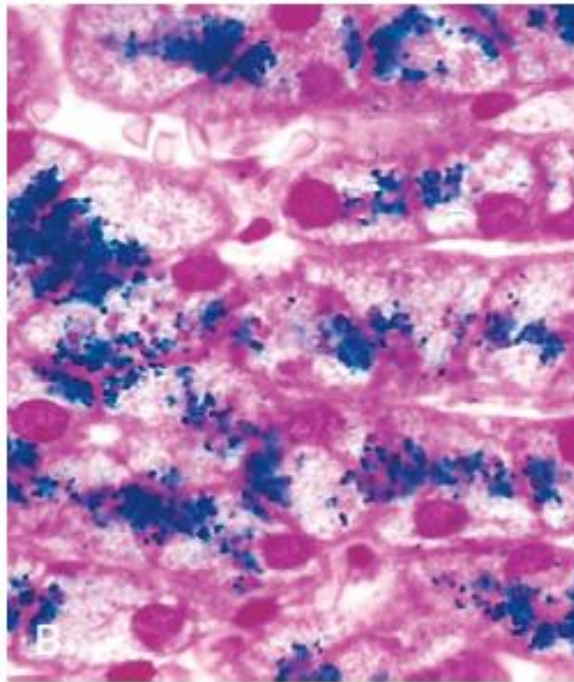
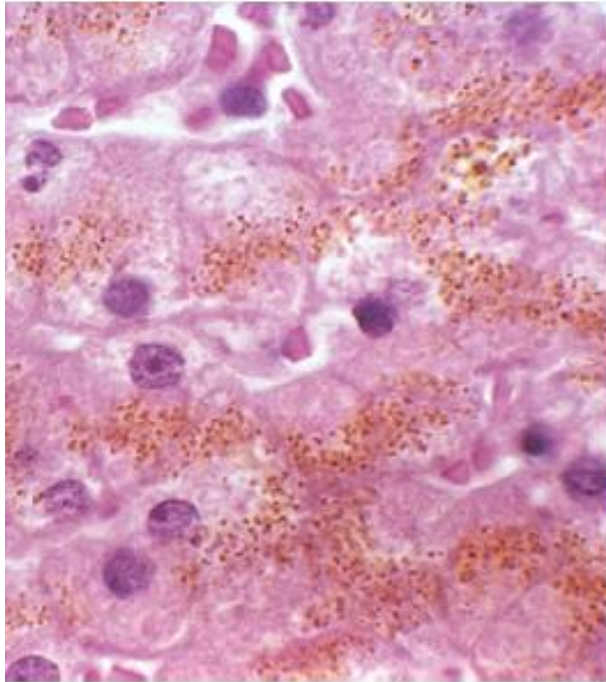
Cystinosis

- ▶ Between lysosome and cytoplasm
- ▶ Corneal crystals, rickets, renal damage followed by later complications of DM, pancreatic insufficiency, hypogonadism, myopathy, and blindness.
- ▶ Tx: Renal transplant, cysteamine



Transport system abnormalities (Heavy metals)





Fe

Hereditary
Hemochromatosis

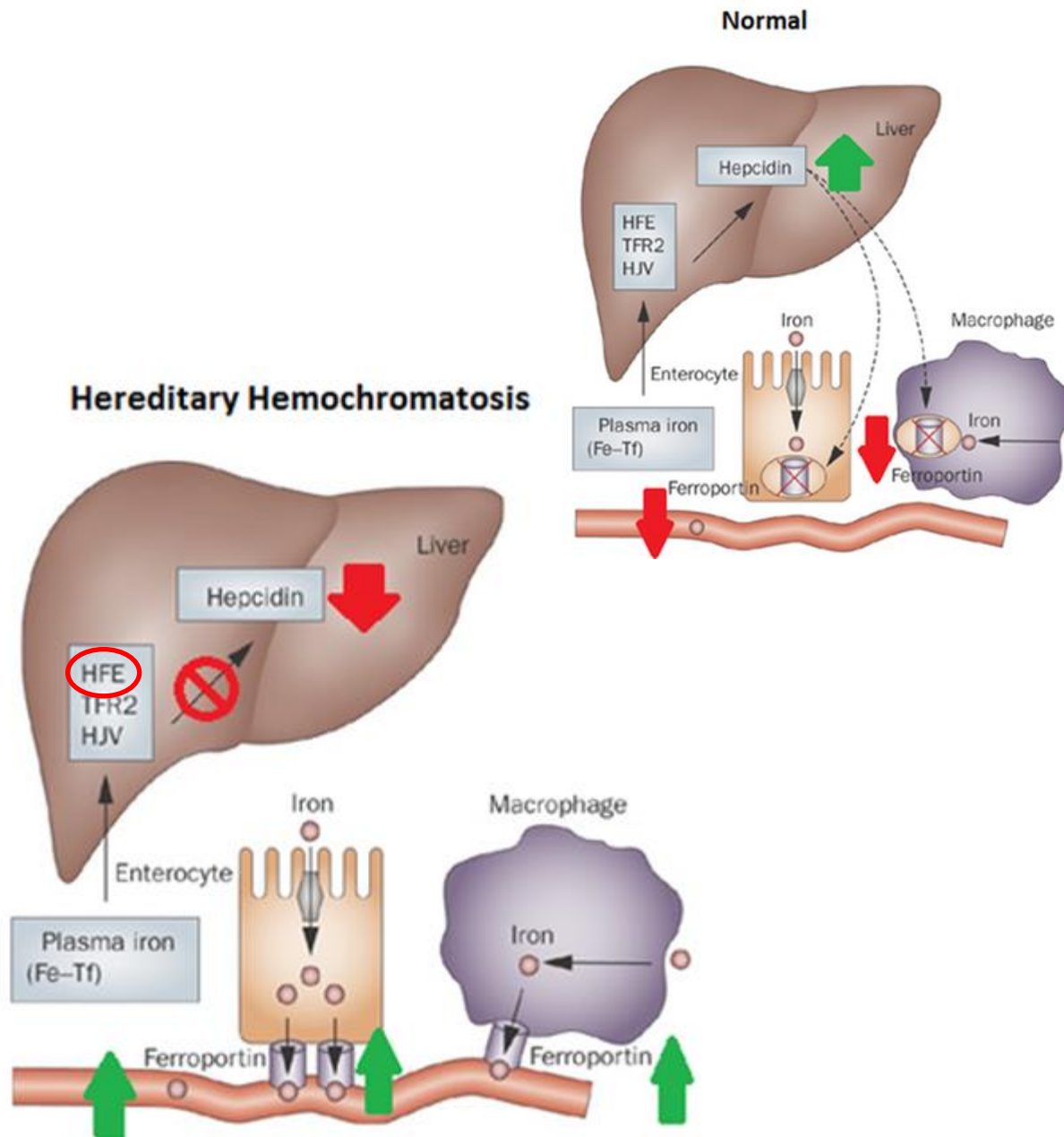
Most common form is AR

Incomplete penetrance

S&S: Fatigue, joint pain,
diminished libido,
diabetes, darkened skin,
cardiomyopathy, liver
enlargement, & cirrhosis

Lab: Abnormal serum iron
Histochemical staining for
hemosiderin





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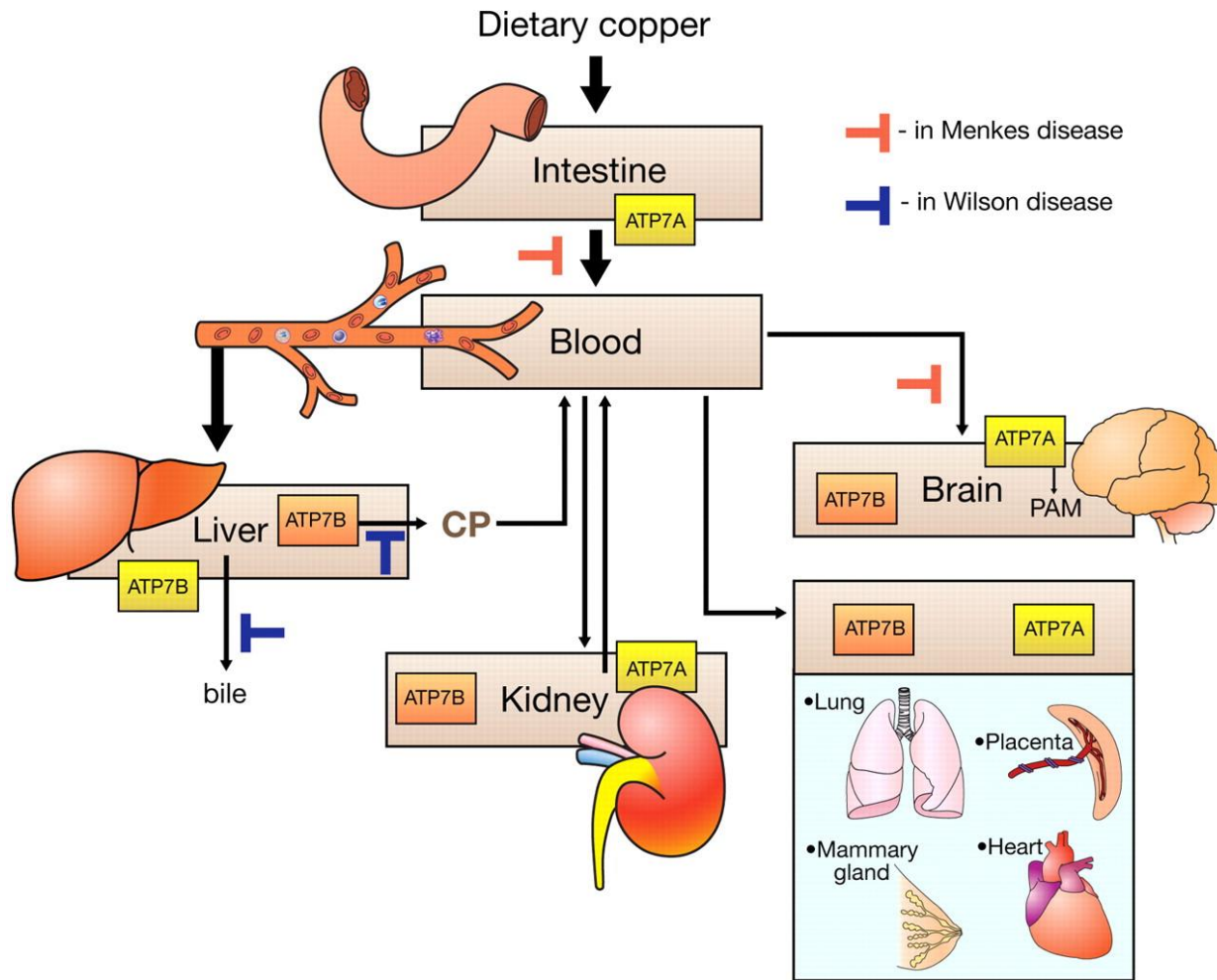
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HFE mutation impairs
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leading to increased
uptake from intestine

Tx: Serial phlebotomy or
chelation (deferoxamine)



Cu

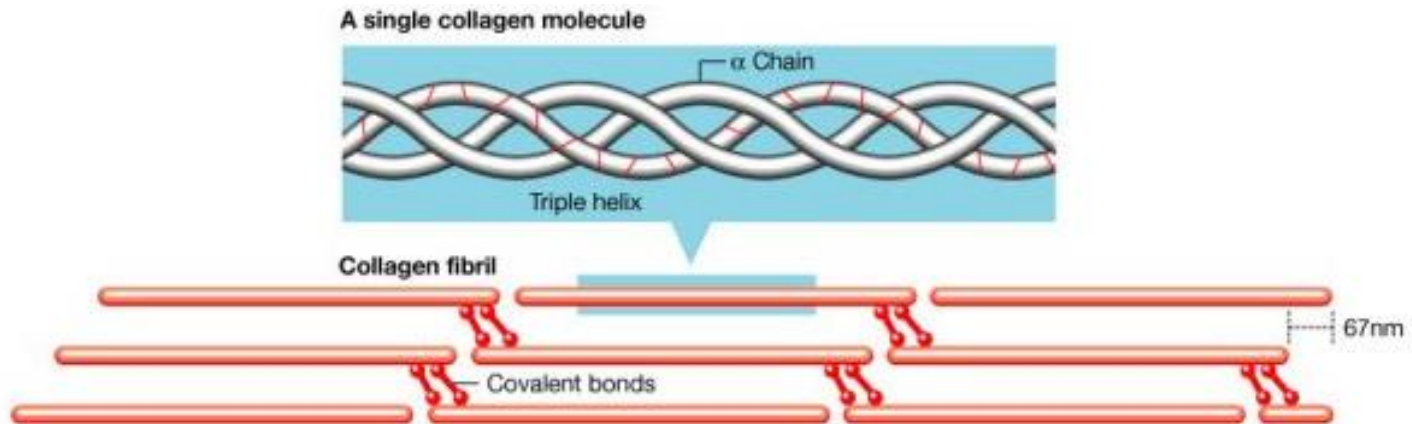
Menkes disease

X-linked recessive,
impaired absorption

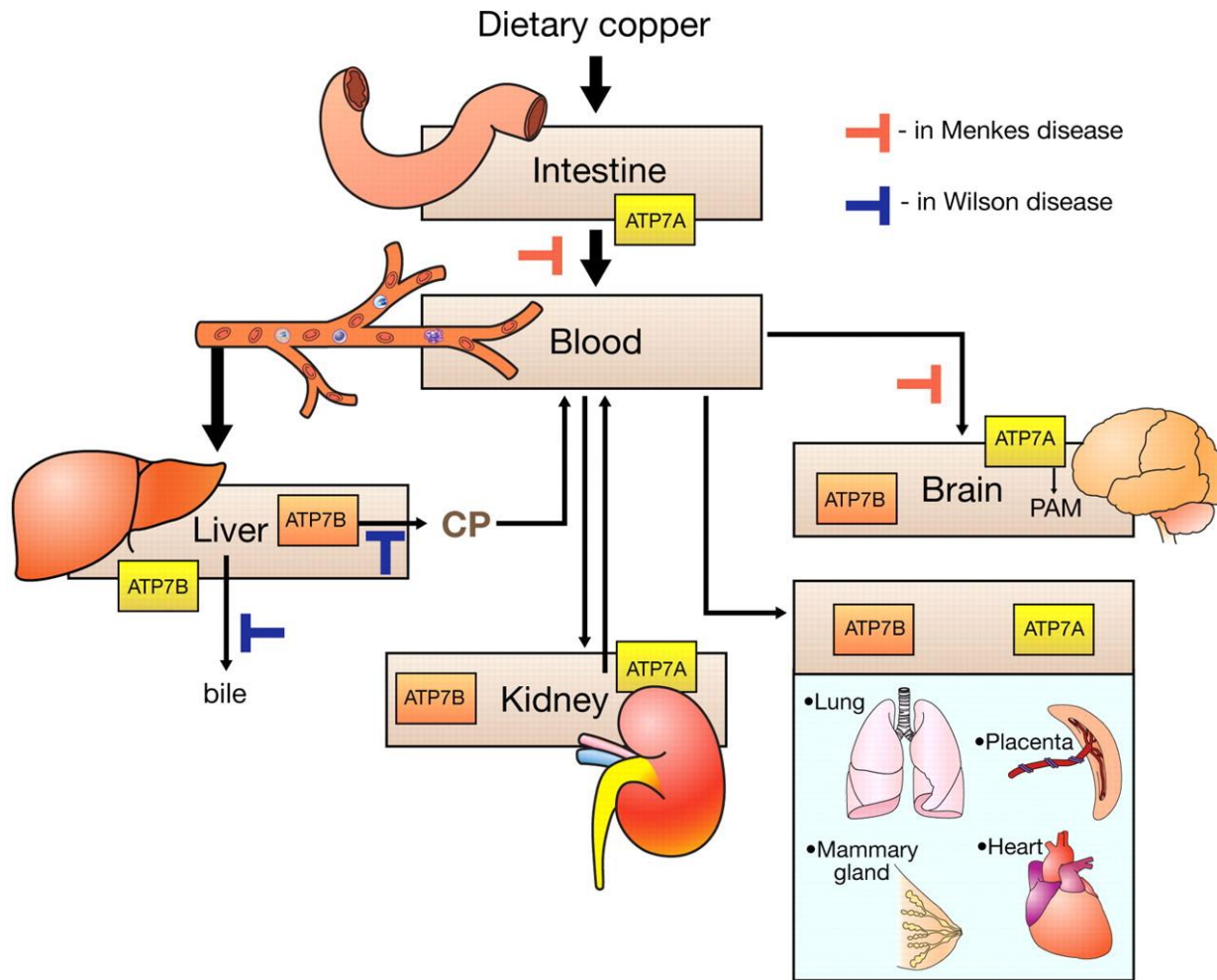
S&S: Intellectual
disability, seizures, pili
torti, loose skin, arterial
rupture, early childhood
death

Tx: Restore copper levels
(subcutaneous injections)

Collagen (fibrillar)



- types I, II, III, and V
- major proportion of the connective tissue in healing/scarring
- Lateral cross-linking of the triple helices catalyzed by lysyl-oxidase (Copper dependent)/lysyl-**hydroxylase** (Vit C dependent)



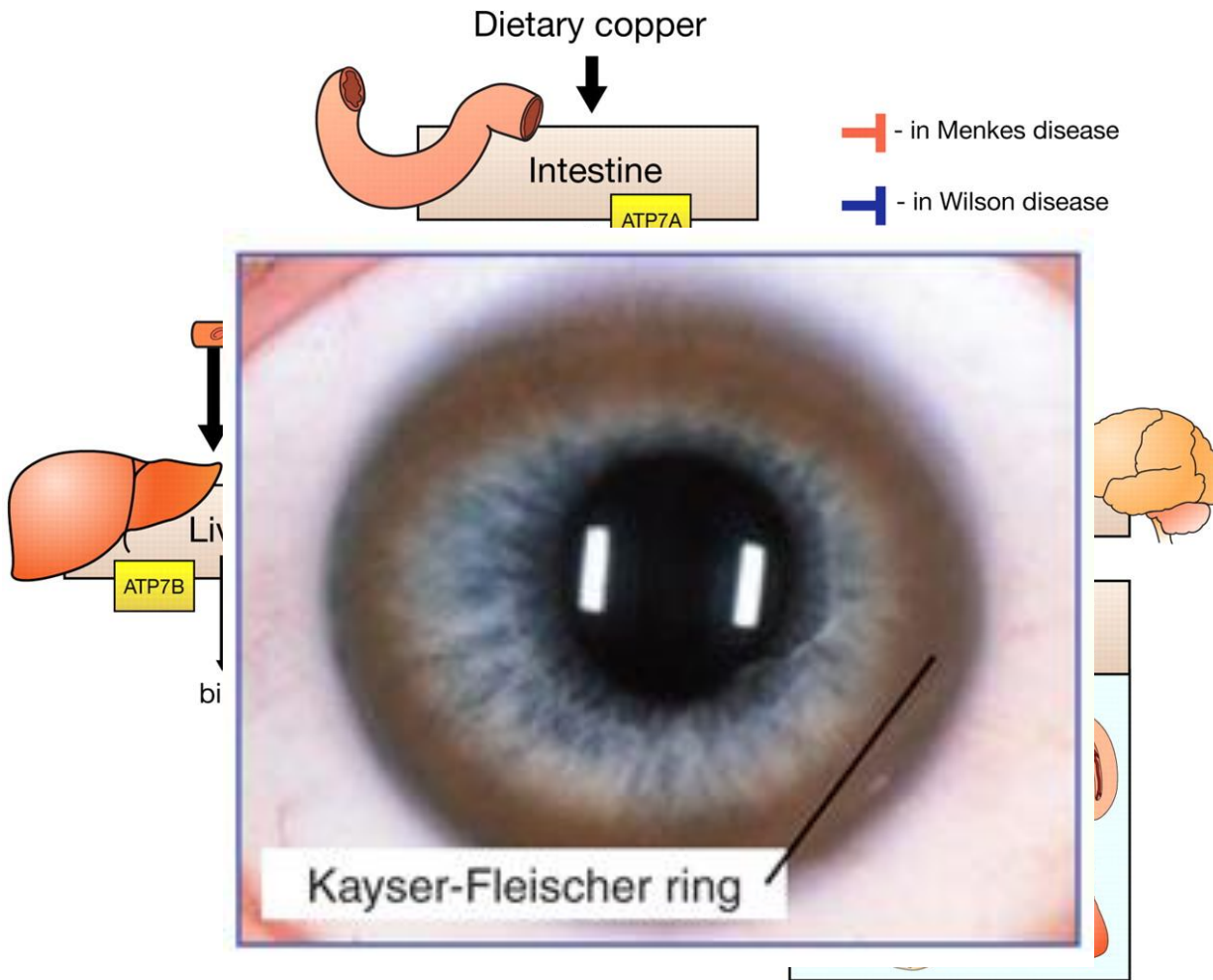
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Zn

Acrodermatitis
enteropathica

AR, defect in Zn intestinal
absorption

S&S: growth retardation,
diarrhea, immune
dysfunction, and severe
dermatitis

Tx: High doses of Zn