



Genetic Diagnosis

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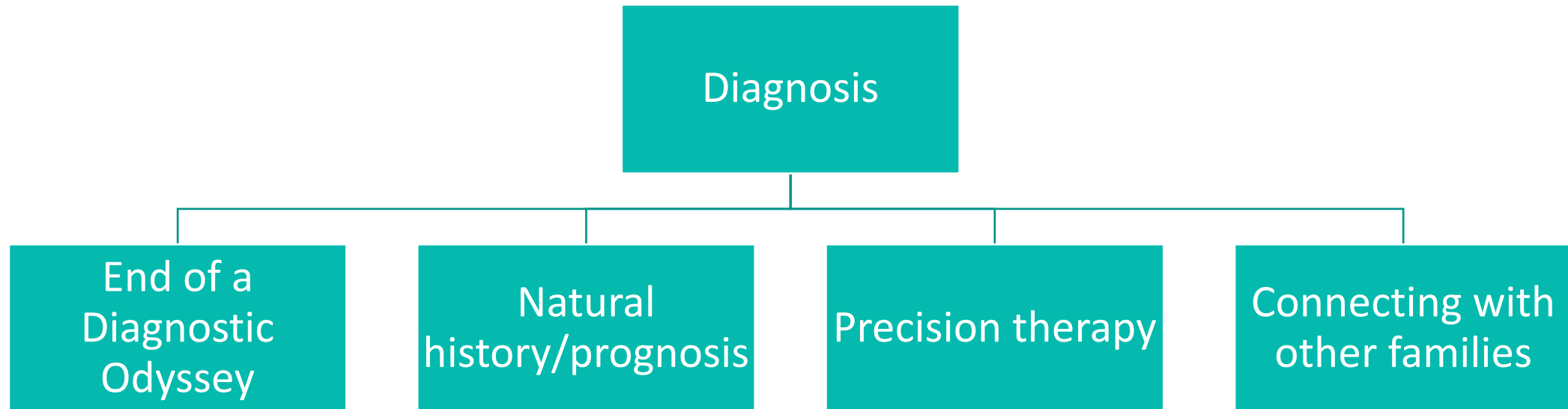
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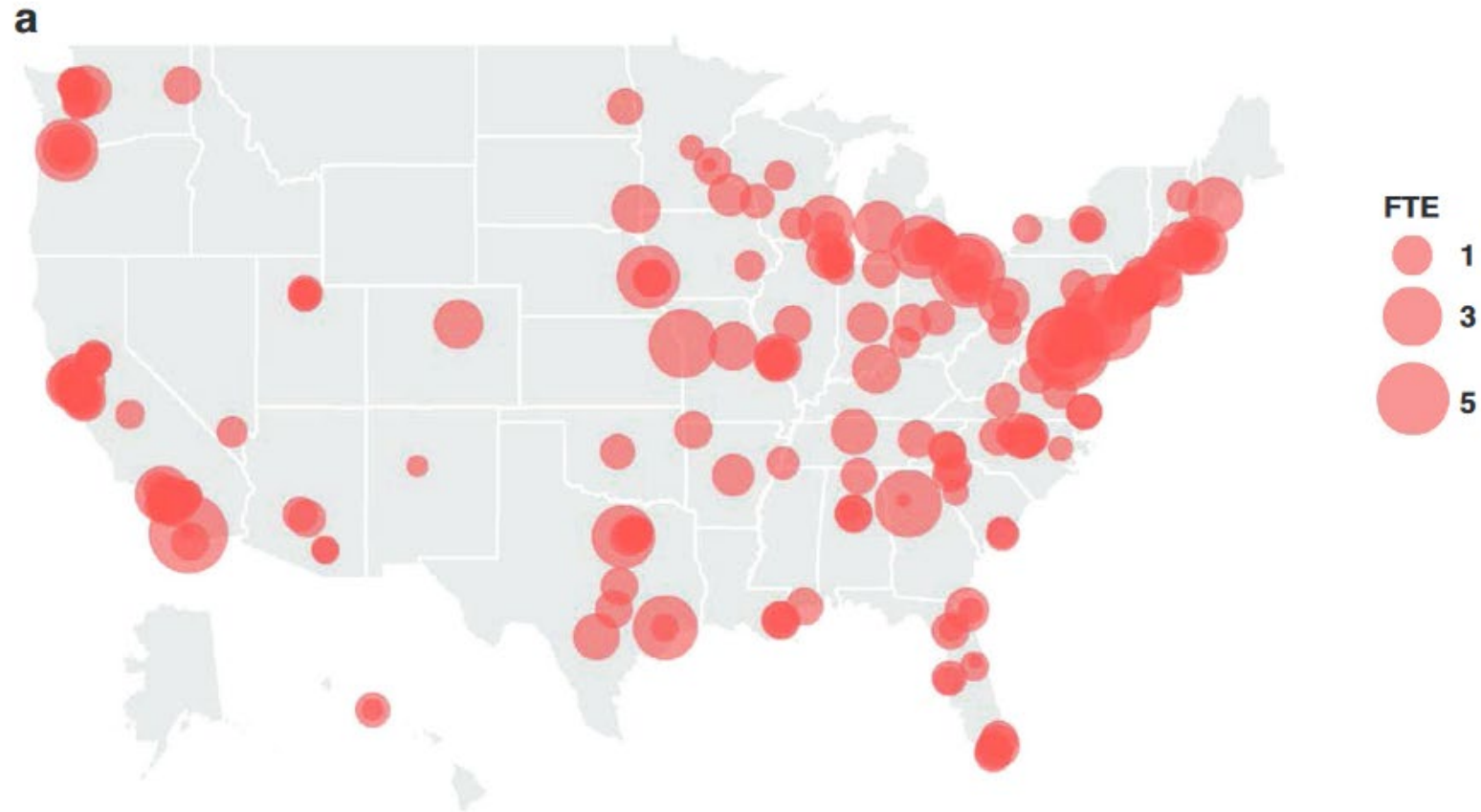
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How is a diagnosis “actionable”?



The 2019 US medical genetics workforce: Endangered Species



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Terminology

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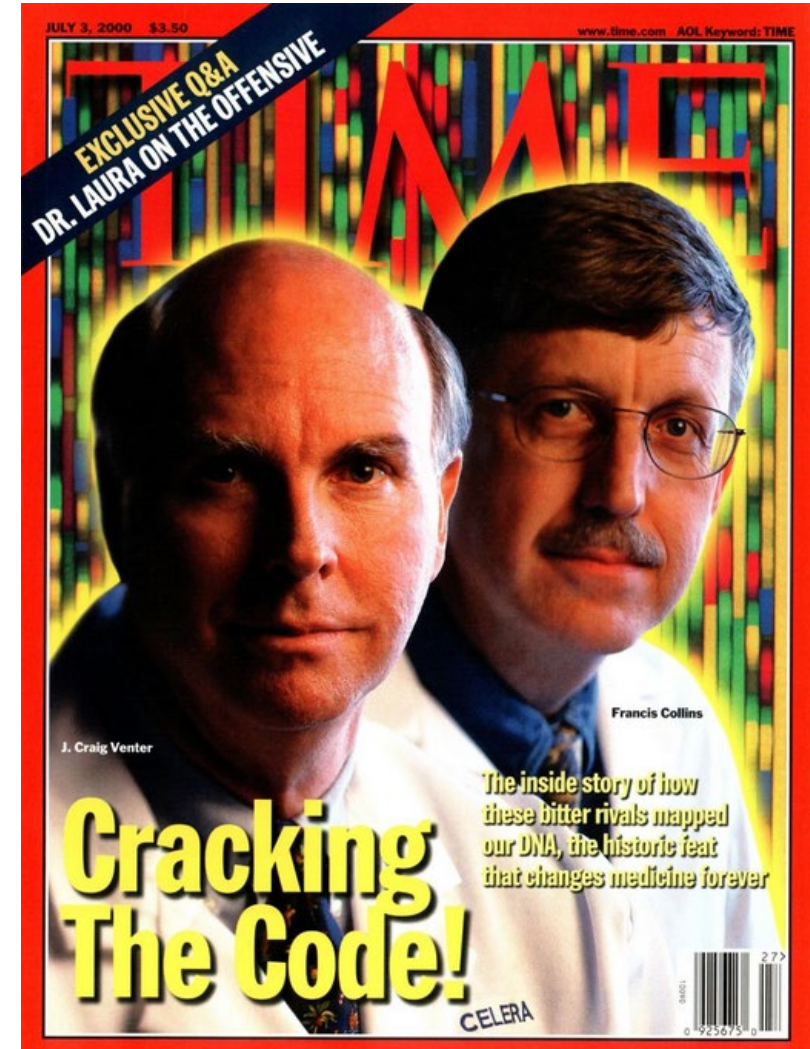
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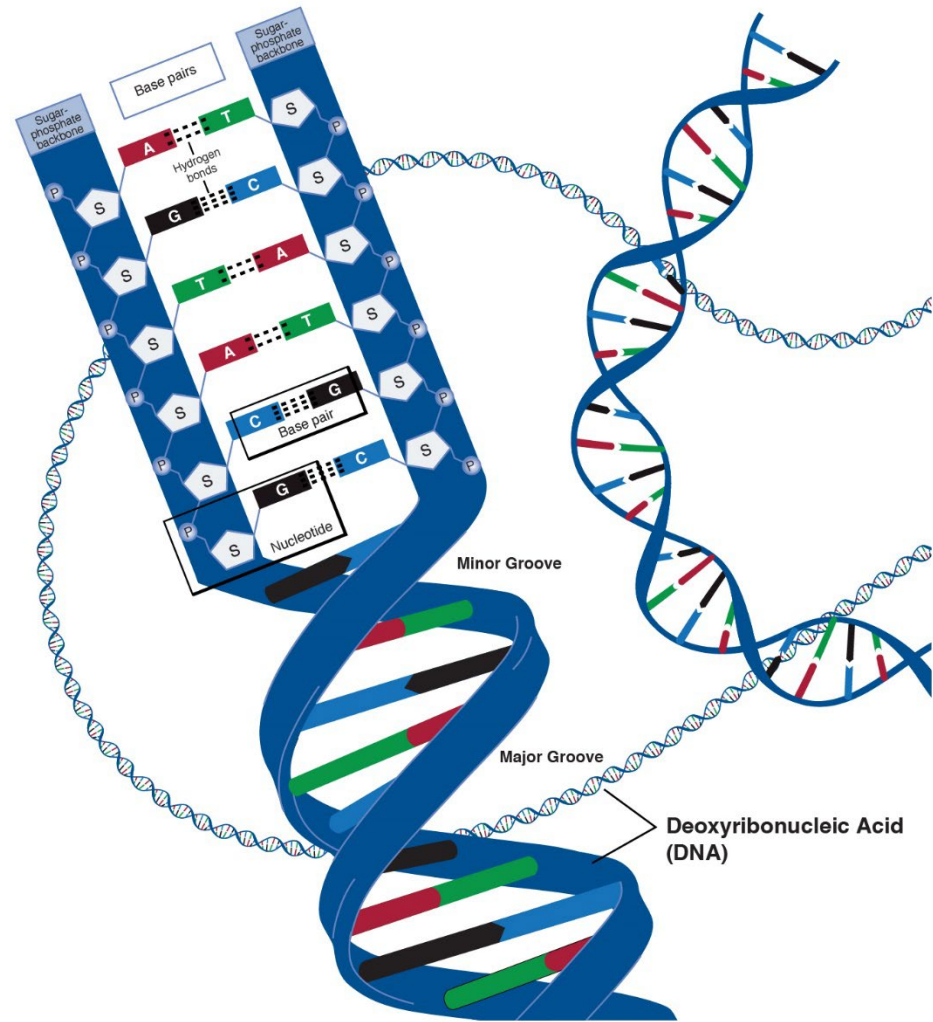
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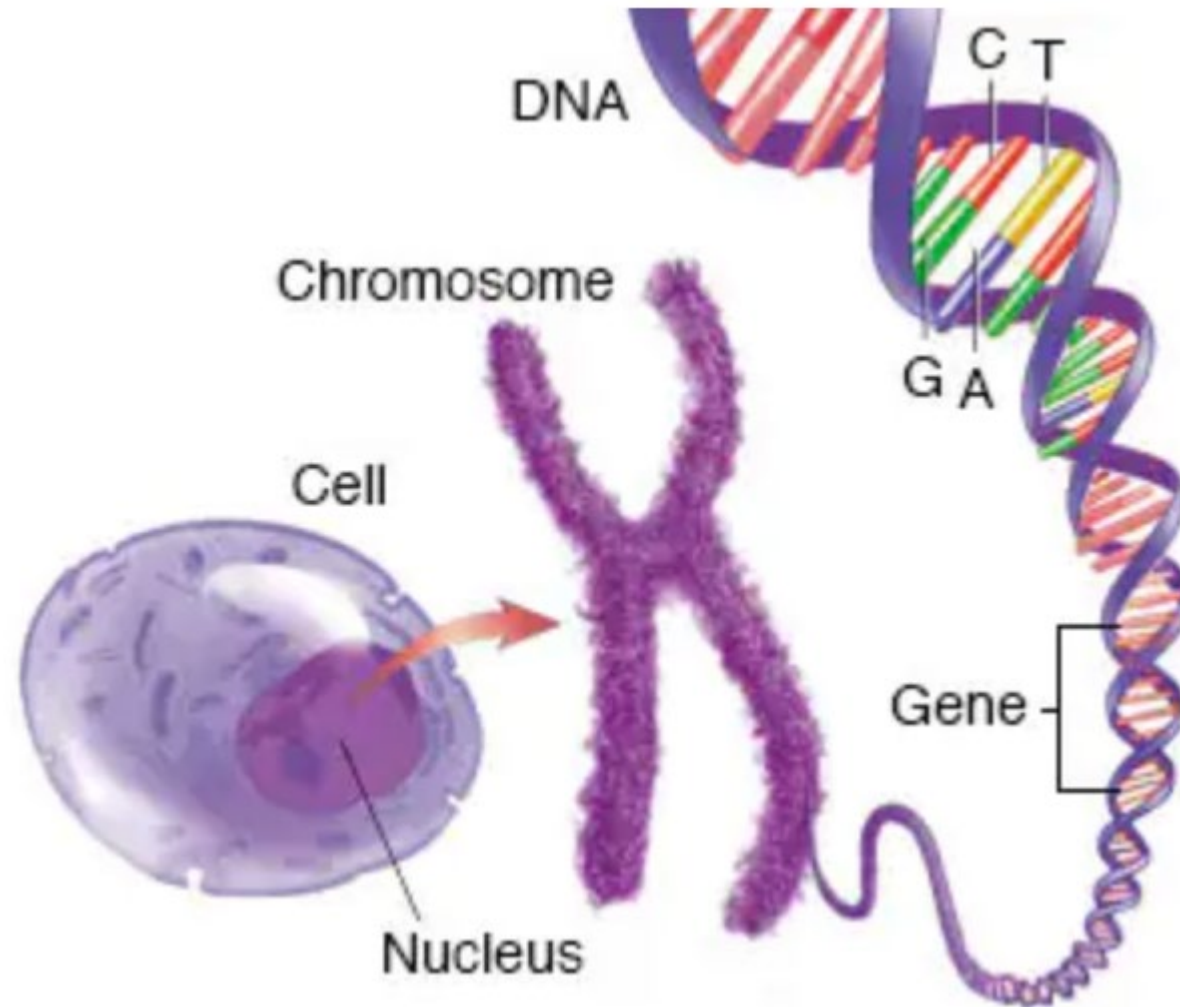
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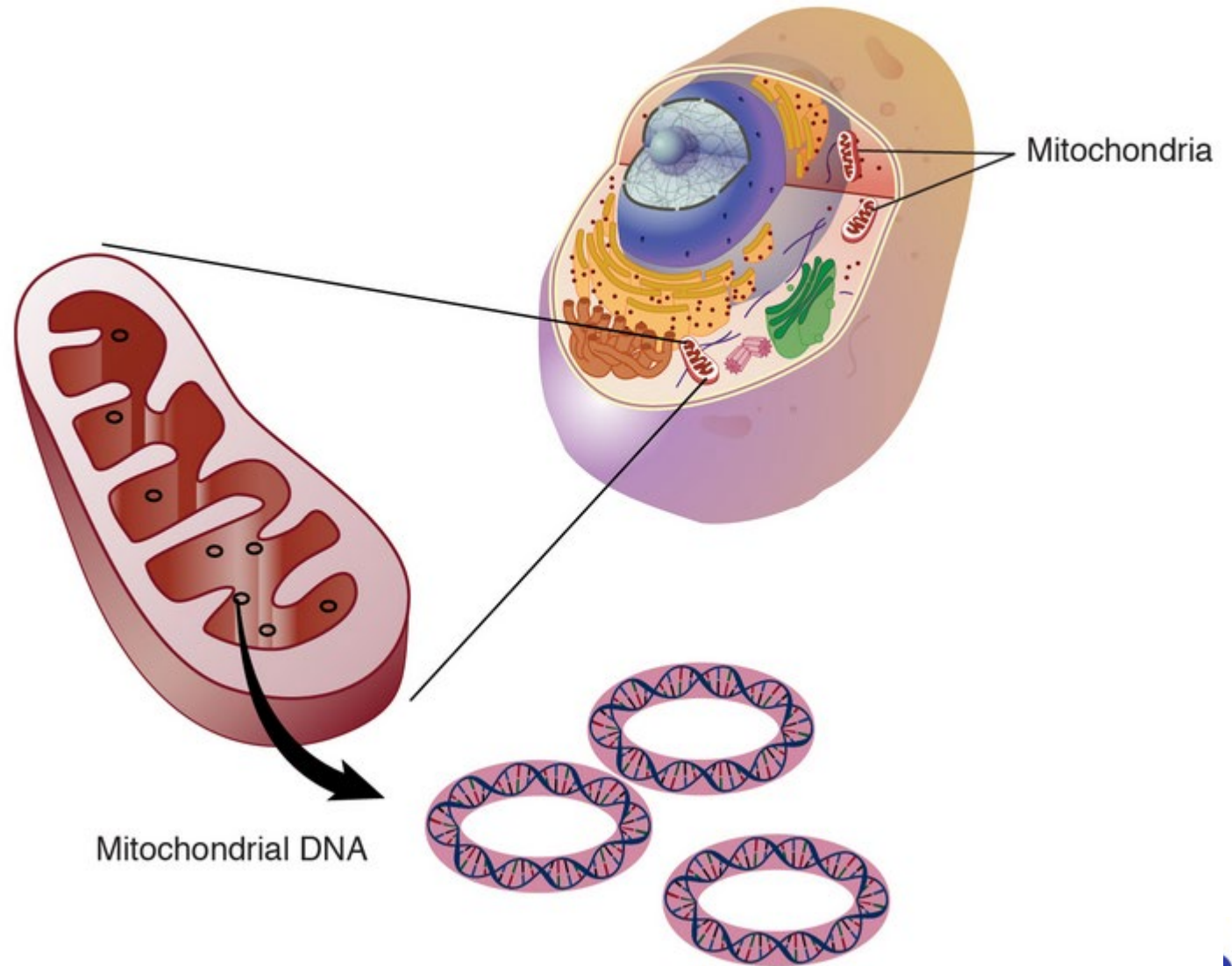


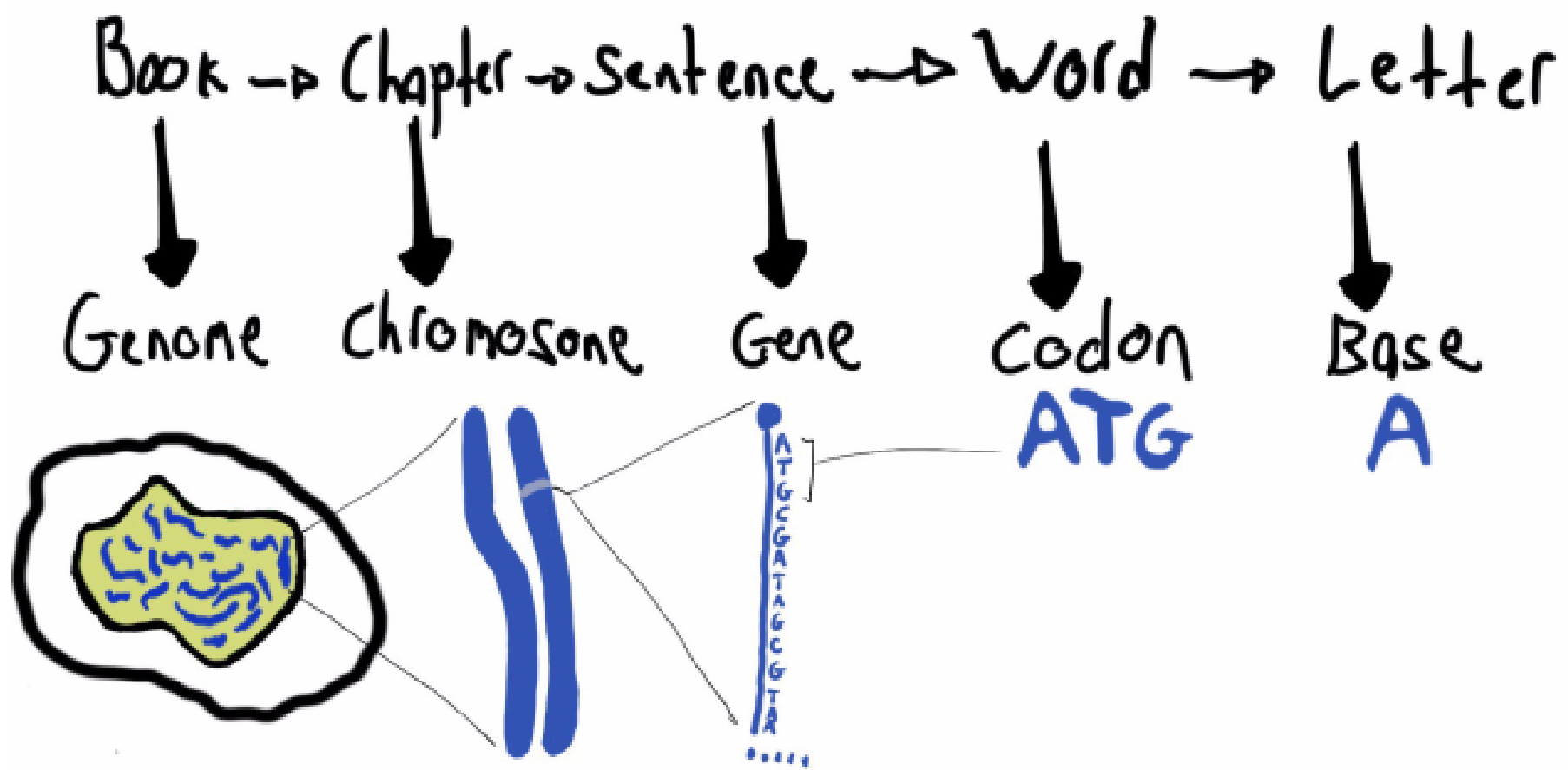
Nuclear DNA



Mitochondrial DNA

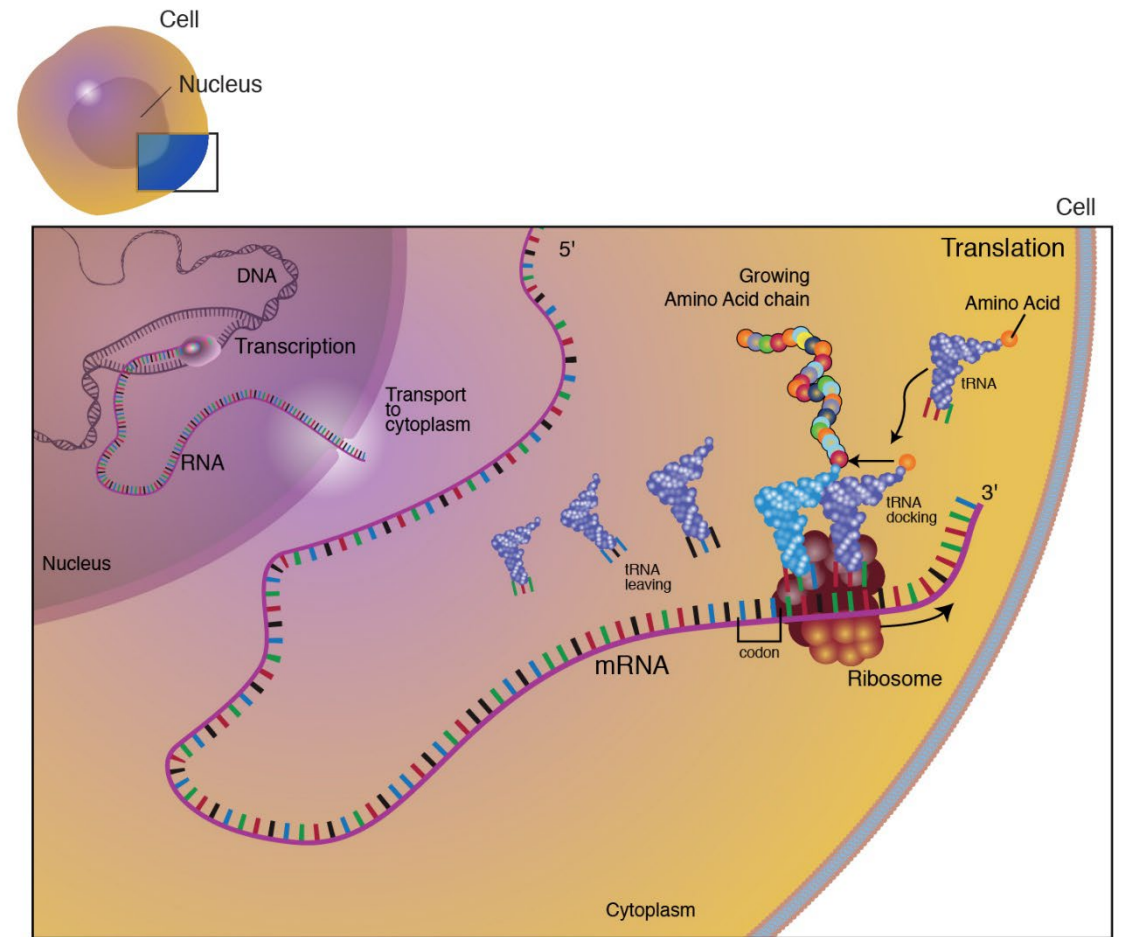
Maternal inheritance





<https://inacrutshell.com/2017/08/21/genetics-the-real-book-of-life/>

DNA → **RNA** → **PROTEIN**

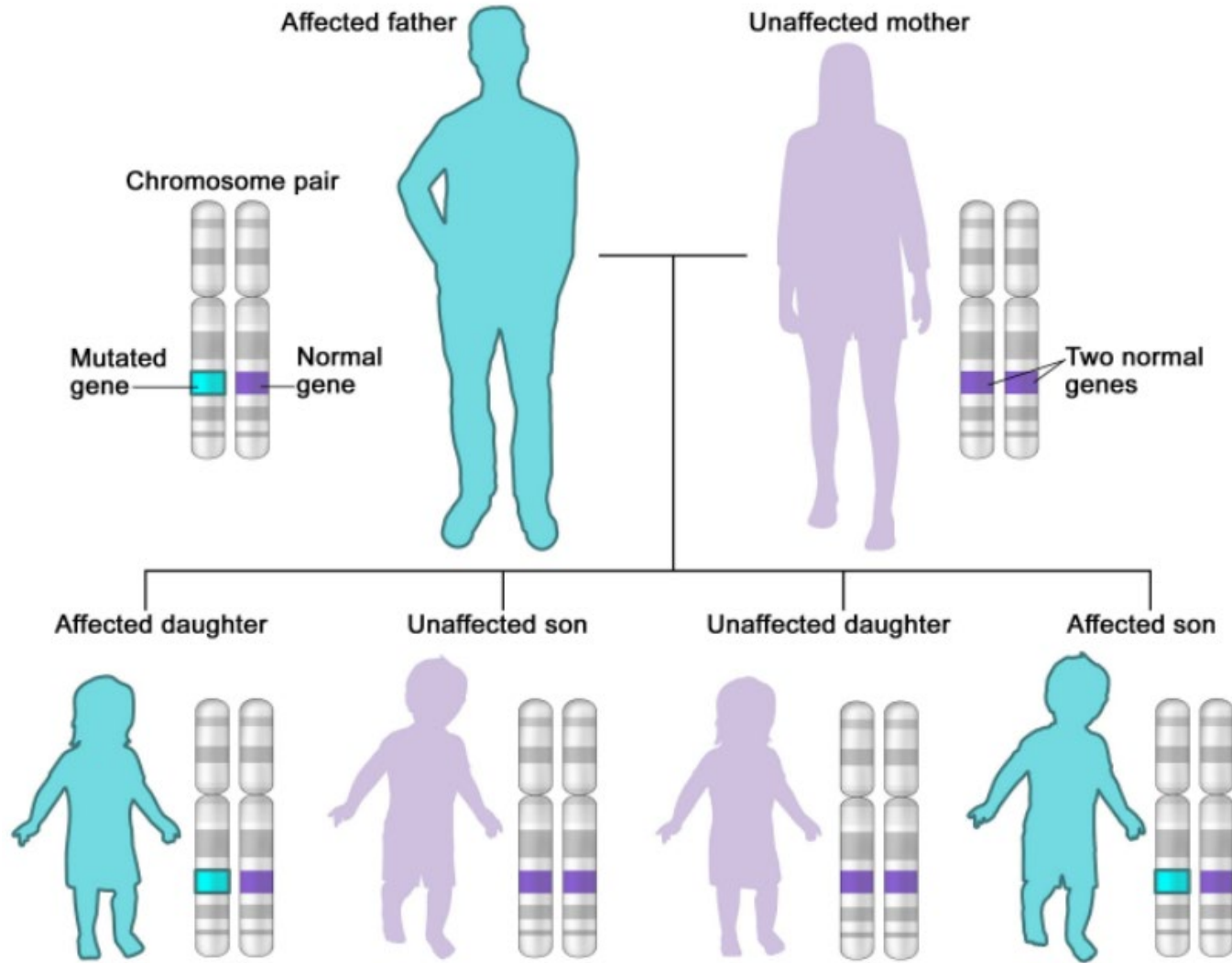


Inheritance

“Mendelian inheritance refers to patterns of inheritance that are characteristic of organisms that reproduce sexually. The Austrian monk Gregor Mendel performed thousands of crosses with garden peas at his monastery during the middle of the 19th century. Mendel explained his results by describing two laws of inheritance that introduced the idea of **dominant** and **recessive** genes.”

<https://www.genome.gov/genetics-glossary/Mendelian-Inheritance>

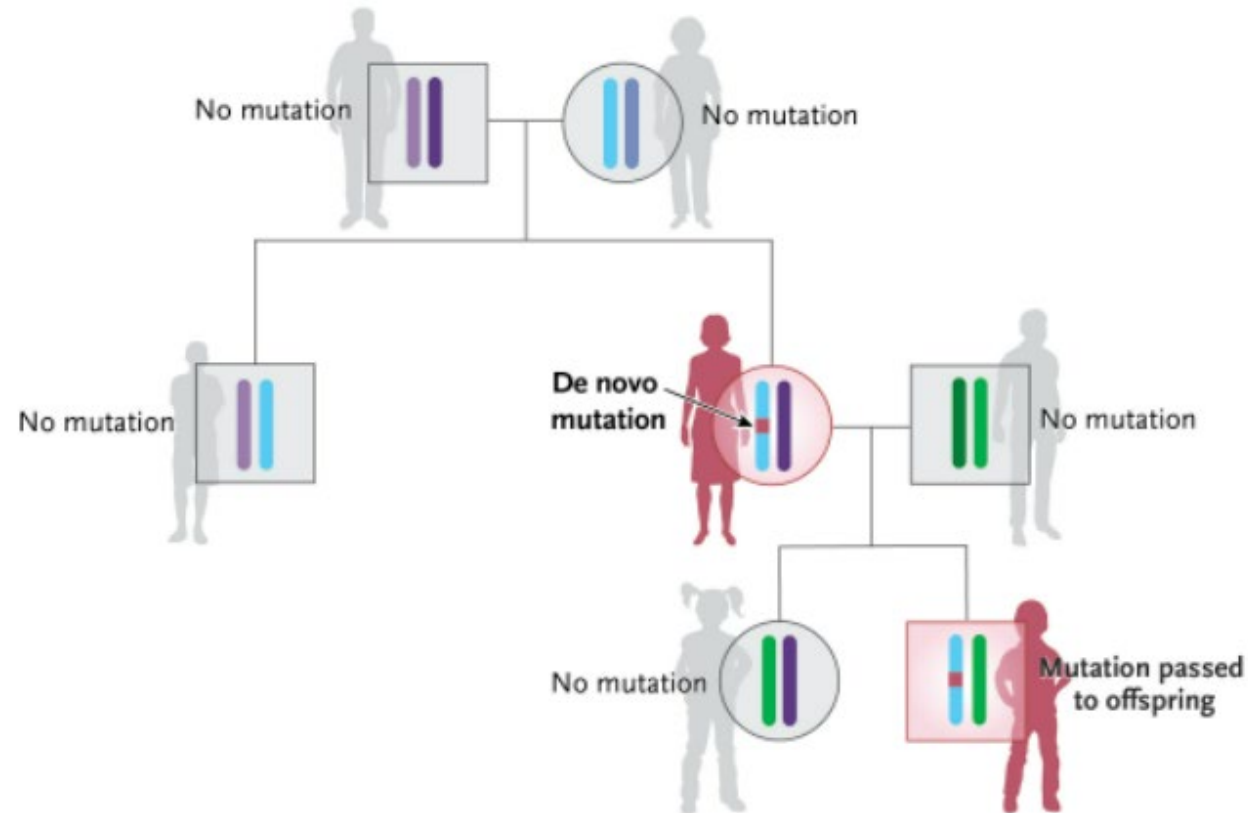
Autosomal Dominant Inheritance



Example - DEEs

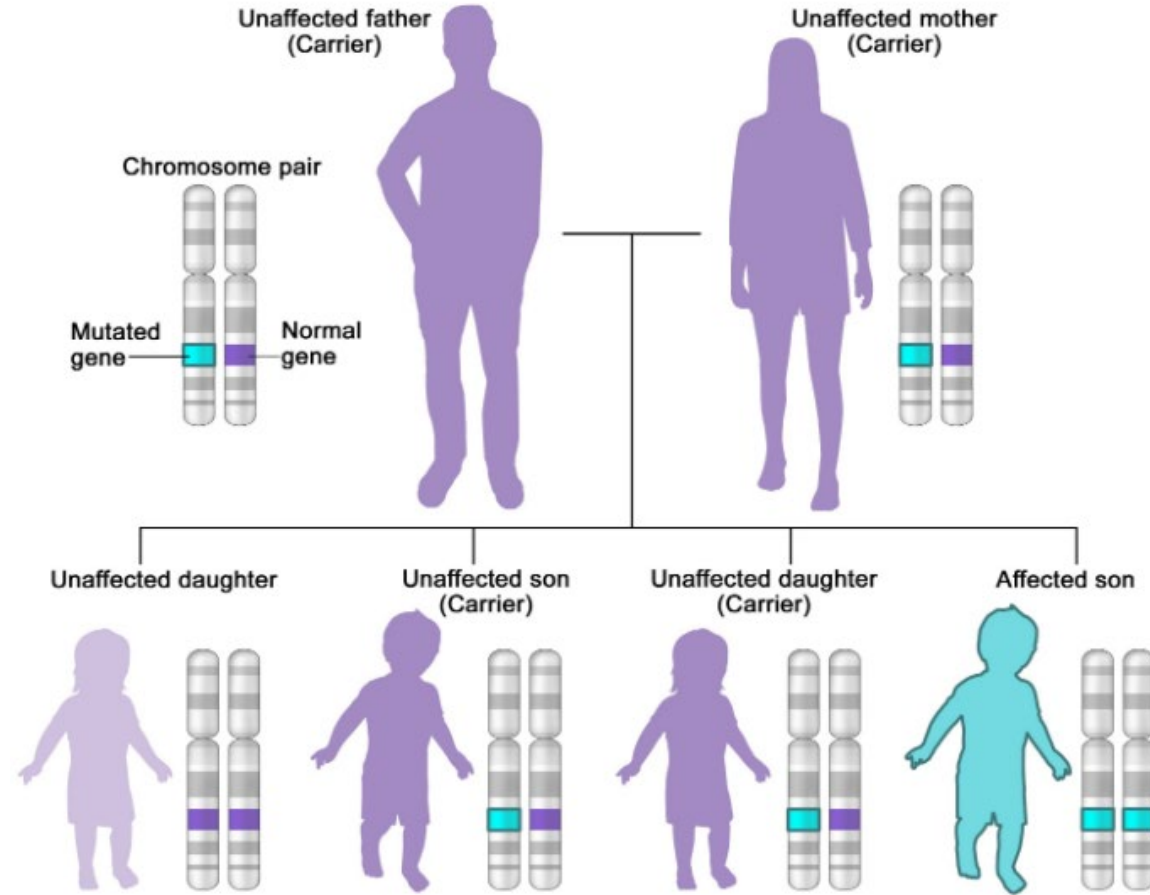
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De novo: Any DNA sequence change that occurs during replication, such as a gene alteration newly occurring in a family as a result of a DNA sequence change in a germ cell or a fertilized egg.

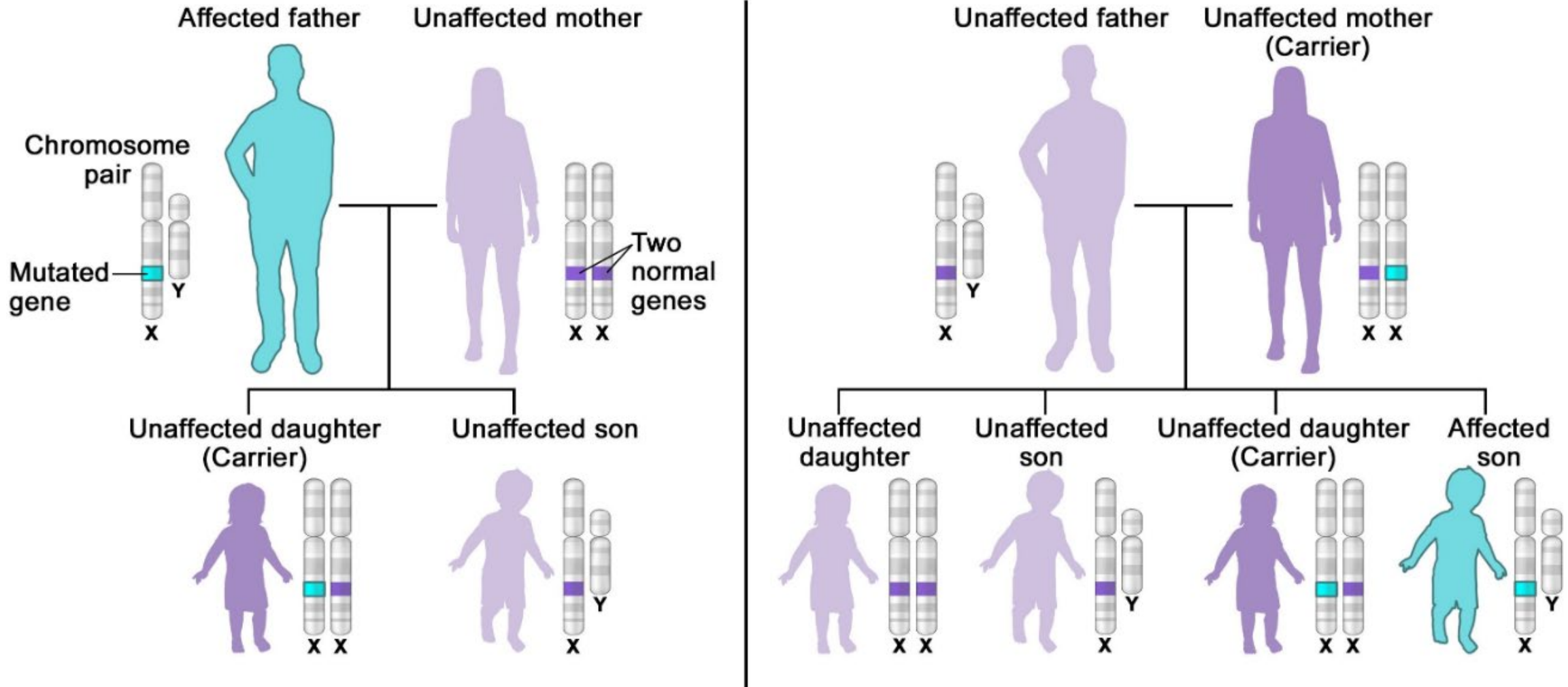


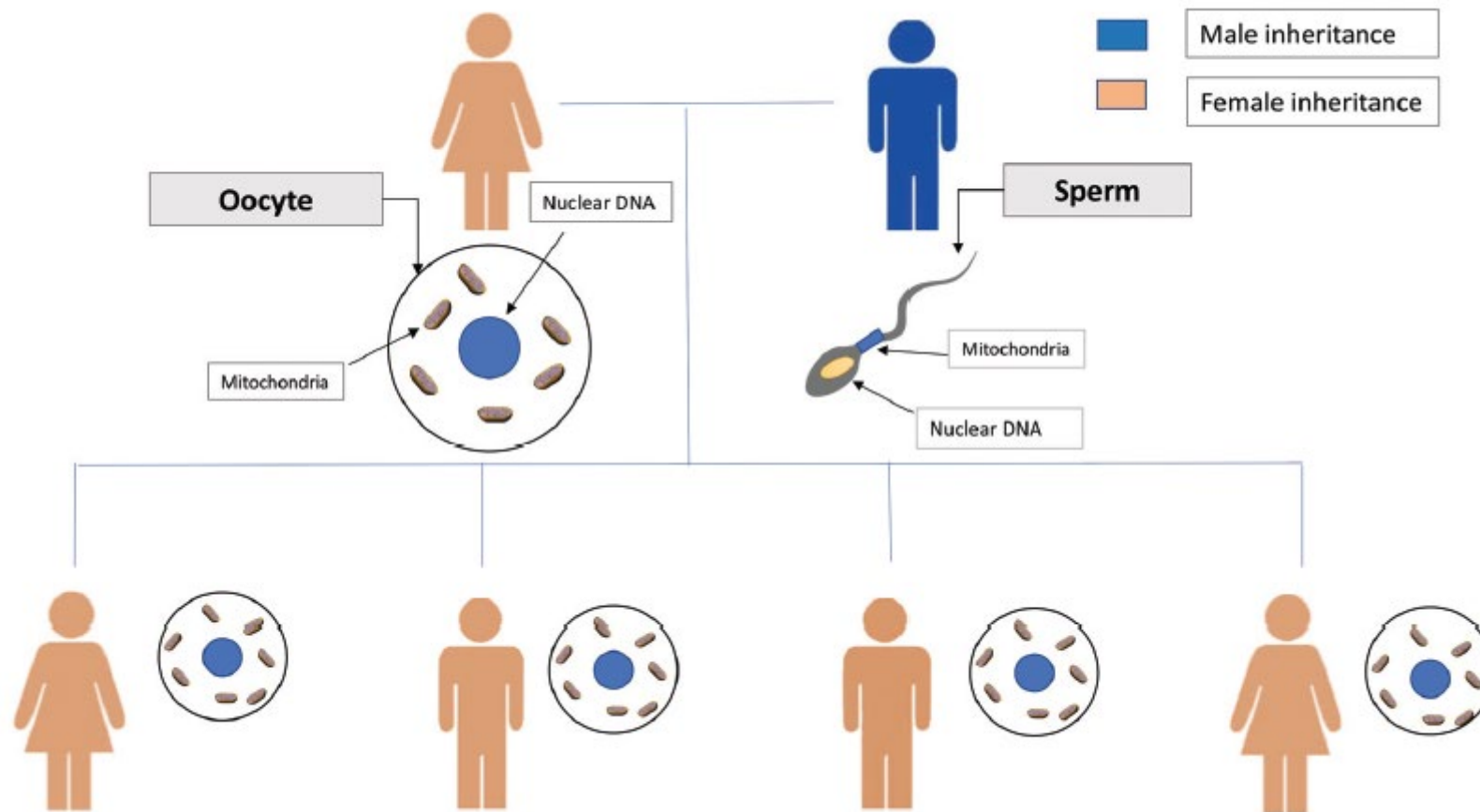
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Autosomal Recessive Inheritance

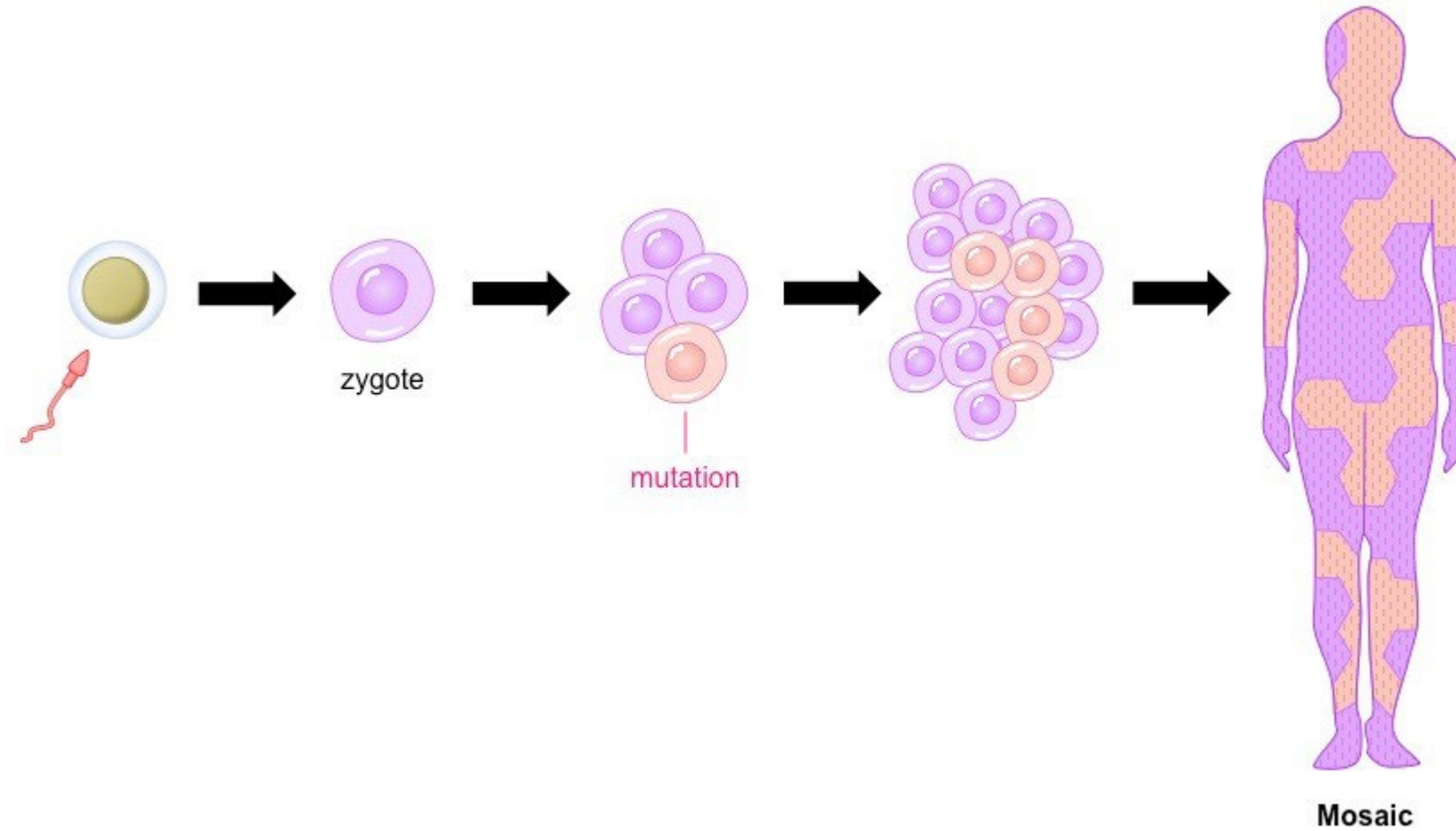


X-Linked Recessive Inheritance





Mosaicism in Genetics



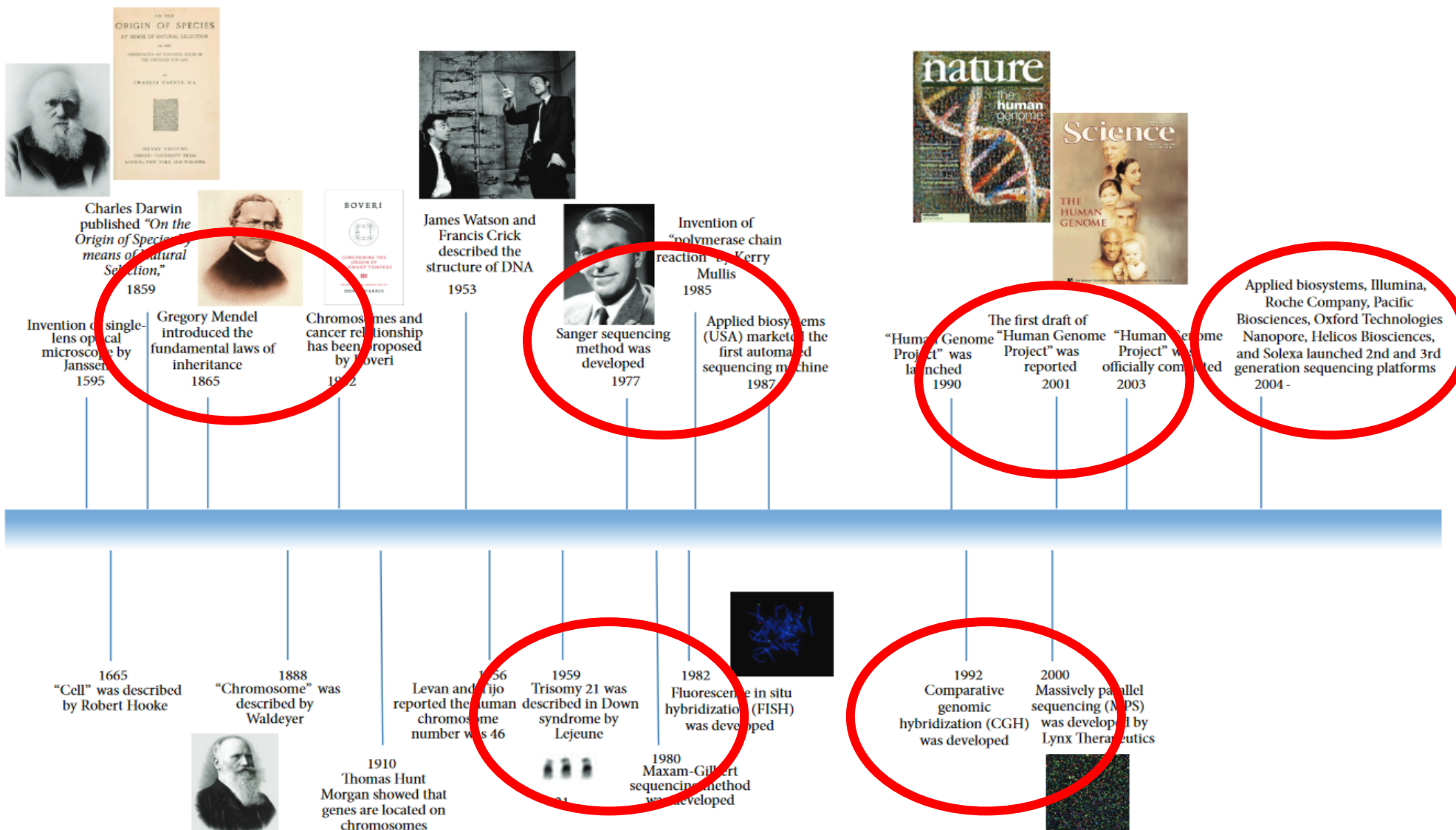


Genetic testing

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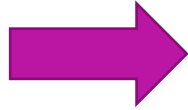


Next Generation Sequencing

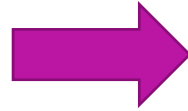




Accessions



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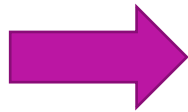
DNA extraction: 1.5h



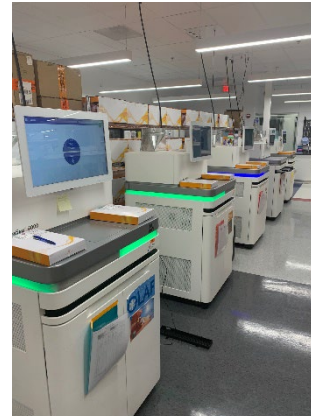
Sample Selection: 1h



Ultrasonicator: 0.5h



Library prep: 2.5h



Genome sequencing: 36h



Bioinformatics/review: 4-8h

FATHER

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MOTHER

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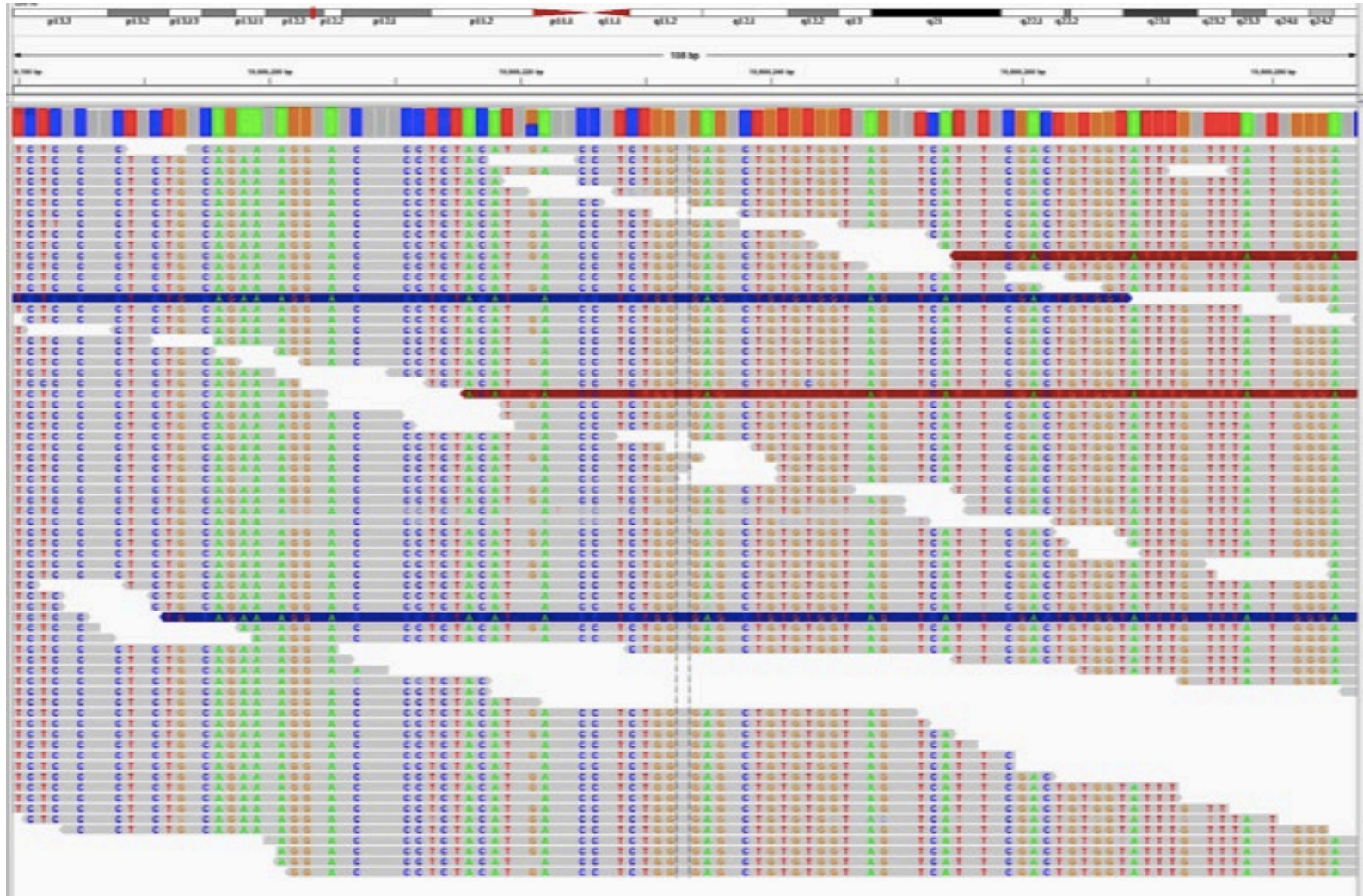
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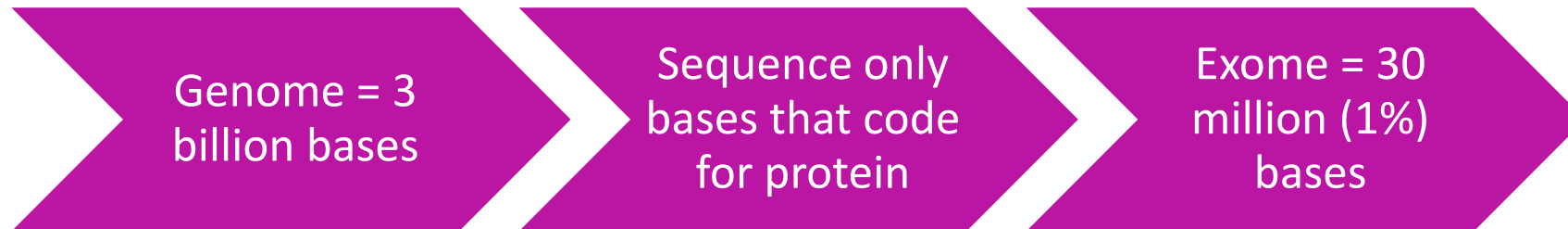
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Genomes and Exomes



The exons are separated by DNA of unclear function

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Genomes and Exomes

- Whole genome sequencing: file size of 150GB
- Whole exome sequencing: file size of 6-8GB
- Cost of whole genome in 2001: \$92,000,000
- Cost of whole genome today: \$700

DIVE BRIEF

ILLUMINA ushers in \$200 genome with the launch of new sequencers

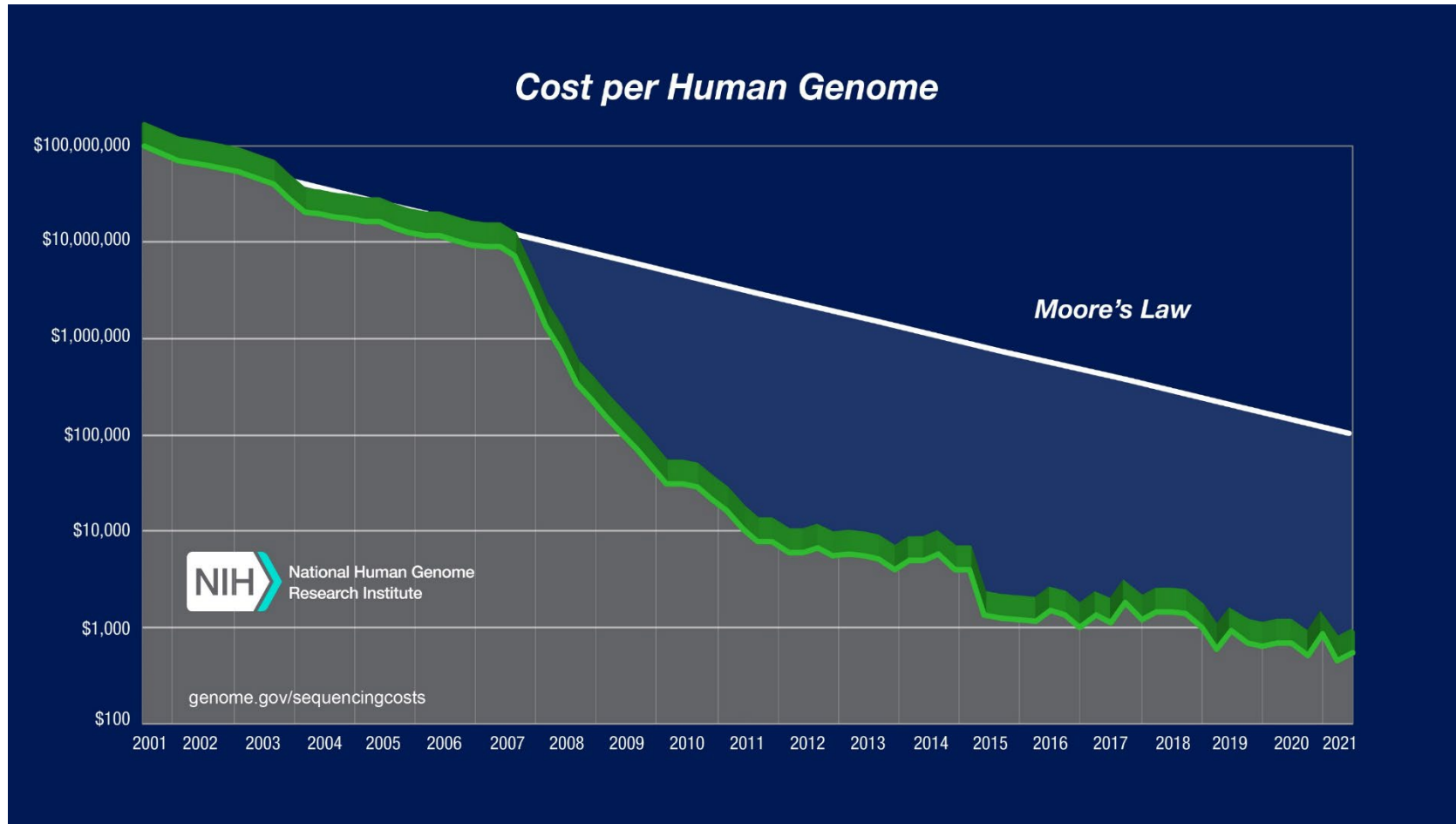
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Courtesy of Illumina

<https://www.medtechdive.com/news/illumina-ushers-in-200-genome-with-the-launch-of-new-sequencers/633133/>




In the NICU, rapid whole genome sequencing (rWGS/rGS) can deliver answers for critically ill newborns, so that the clinician can focus on what's next. @MichiganHHS just took a big step forward by providing coverage for rapid #genome testing. Learn more bit.ly/2YWgKjY



INSURANCE COVERAGE NEWS

Michigan is the first state to offer Medicaid coverage for rapid whole genome (rWGS) testing for eligible, critically ill infants



UnitedHealthcare® Commercial
Medicaid Policy

Whole Exome and Whole Genome Sequencing

Policy Number: 2023T0589M
Effective Date: March 1, 2023

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Medical Coverage Policy

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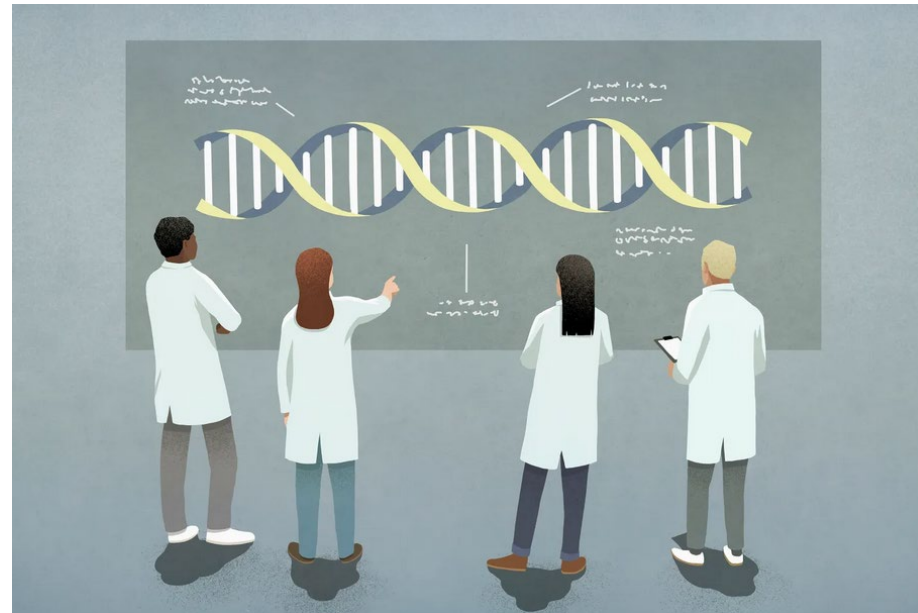
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It takes an average of 8 years for a rare disease patient to get diagnosed. Why is it so hard to get life-altering genetic testing in the U.S.?

BY ERIN PRATER

February 28, 2023 at 12:36 PM EST



<https://fortune.com/well/2023/02/28/rare-disease-patients-diagnostic-odyssey-whole-genome-sequencing-wgs-genetic-testing/>



Finding your group

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GeneRx 50



Request to Contact

Dear Physician or Genetic Counselor,

You have referred one of your patients for genetic testing to GeneDx. Based on the genetic test results, your patient may benefit from information about available support groups or be eligible to participate in a research study through an outside group. Details can be found in the attached letter. Please note that we have not disclosed identifying information for your patient to the outside group. If you or your patient(s) are interested in pursuing these opportunities, please contact the respective group directly via the contact information provided in the letter.

Of note, the attached letter is of an informational nature only. While GeneDx makes every effort to ensure its accuracy, this information is not meant to endorse a particular support group or research project, nor serve as medical advice. GeneDx presents this opportunity as a courtesy to clinicians and families who may wish to obtain more details and possibly participate.

Sincerely,
Your GeneDx Team

CureARS is a patient organization led by parents of affected children. We are dedicated to improving the lives of children and families affected by the Mitochondrial Aminoacyl tRNA Synthetase Disorders (ARS Genes). These disorders are neurometabolic disorders that cause a variety of Mitochondrial Diseases (Mito).

We are deeply committed to funding research, connecting & providing resources to patients, and raising awareness for these disorders. We welcome you to join our community. Please reach out directly or visit our website www.curears.org to learn more about Mitochondrial ARS Genes and our efforts.

We understand how overwhelming this diagnosis can be and are here to help you and your family!

We look forward to hearing from you!

Ashley Rowland & Desiree Magee
Founders & Parents of ARS Warriors
CureARS, A NJ Non-profit Corporation
E-mail: info@curears.org
Website: <https://www.curears.org/>
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Facebook Support Group @ARSGeneCommunity



Newborn sequencing

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The GUARDIAN study is a free newborn screening study to help all babies have healthier lives.

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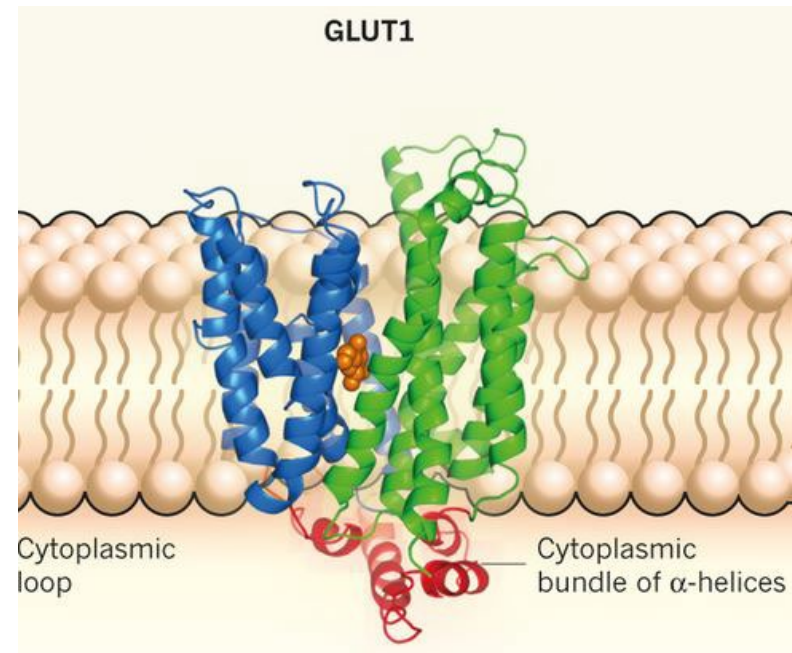
What is Early Check?

Early Check is a voluntary research study that provides free health tests to new babies.

The goal of Early Check is to find serious health conditions in babies so they can get help sooner.

When babies are born in North Carolina, they get a heel prick to screen for certain health conditions. This is called standard newborn screening (NBS) and is provided by the state of North Carolina. Early Check is a research study that offers **additional** free screening for around 200 serious health conditions in newborn babies. Early Check tests for some of the same conditions as standard NBS plus many more.

SEIZURES

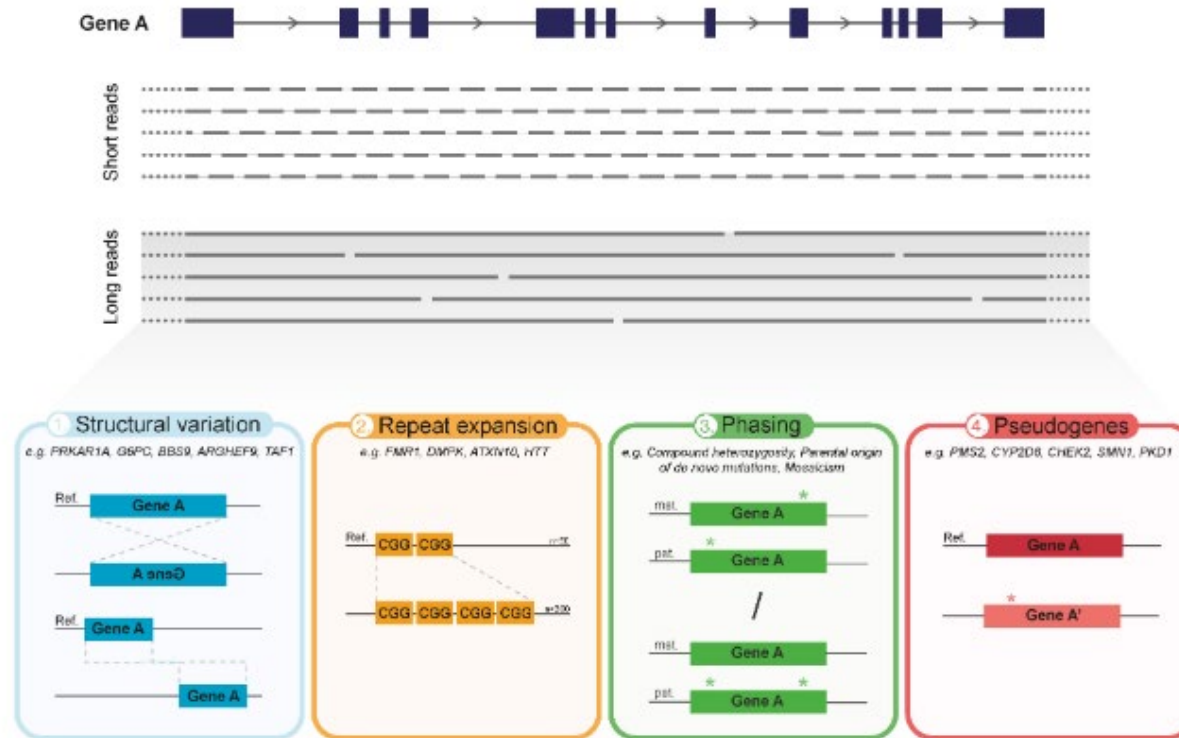


Glucose Transporter Type 1 Deficiency Syndrome

- Cases at GeneDx (HPO: seizure/epilepsy) = 77
- Average age 9.9 years
- Median age 7 years

Long read sequencing

Long Read Sequencing



PacBio and GeneDx Launch Research Collaboration with the University of Washington to Study Long-Read Whole Genome Sequencing for Increased Diagnostic Yield in Neonatal Care

Study is first of its kind to compare diagnostic rates across short- and long-read sequencing platforms

https://www.pacb.com/press_releases/pacbio-and-genedx-launch-research-collaboration-with-the-university-of-washington-to-study-long-read-whole-genome-sequencing-for-increased-diagnostic-yield-in-neonatal-care/



Thank you

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