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What is the cause of inherited **breast, ovarian and colorectal cancer**?

How can we personalise our healthcare through **Genomic Medicine**?

What is the best way of reducing inequalities in access to healthcare?

Can we reduce the need for **amniocentesis** in pregnancy?

Does aspirin lower the risk of developing cancer?

How can we diagnose **prostate cancer** at an early stage?

Can gene mapping identify new causes of **learning difficulties**?

What is the cause of **non-alcoholic liver disease**?

CLINICAL GENETICS

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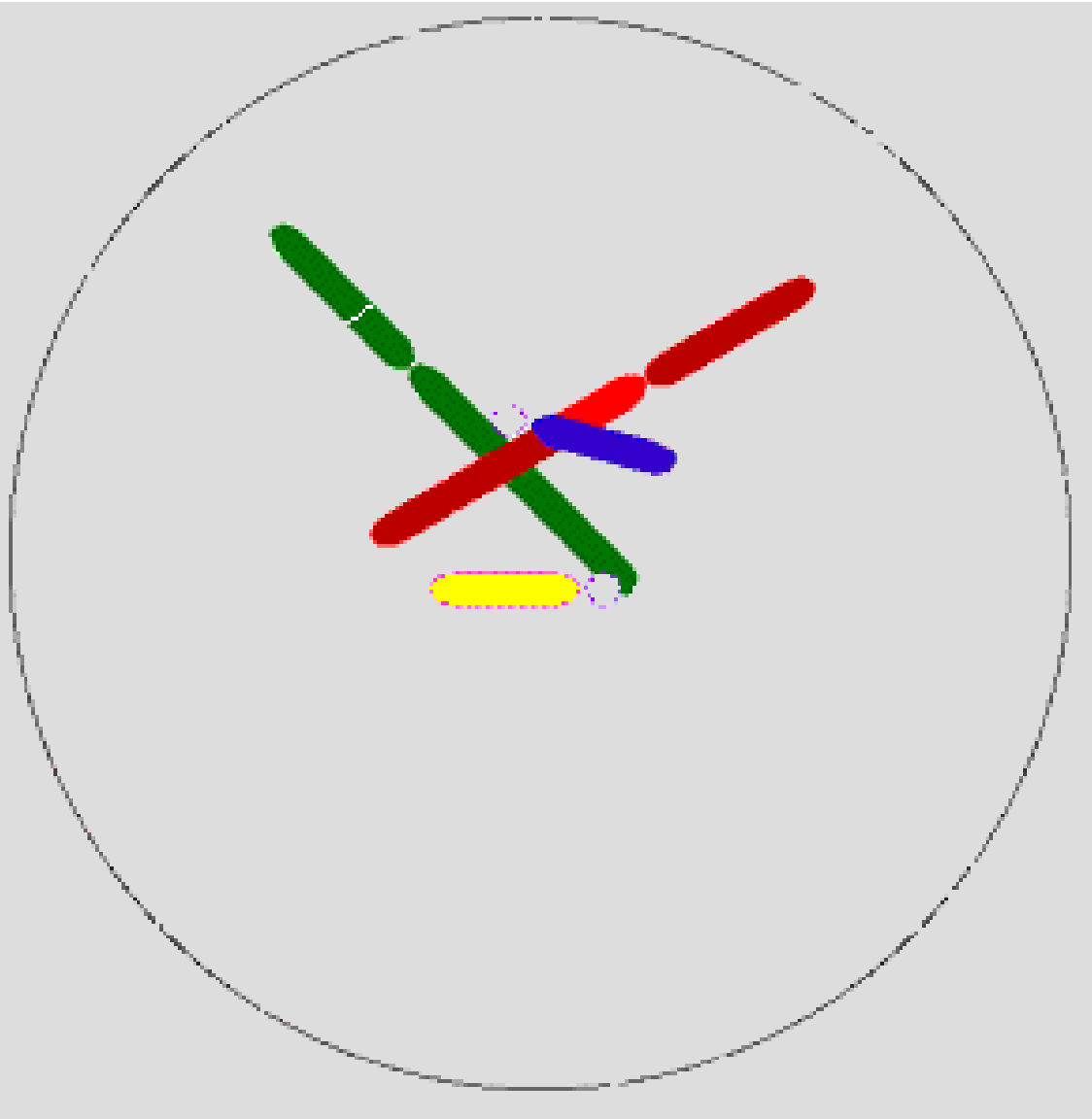
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Genomics england

The image shows a group of approximately 15 people, including men and women of various ages, standing in a hallway. Behind them is a poster titled 'CLINICAL GENETICS'. The entire scene is overlaid with a blue background that contains several research questions in colorful speech bubbles. Logos for the Leicester Hospitals Charity, NHS National Institute for Health Research, University of Leicester, and Genomics England are also present.

Triage

Variant  
Analysis



<b>Aberdeen</b>	<b>Inverness</b>
<b>Belfast</b>	<b>Leeds</b>
<b>Birmingham</b>	<b>Leicester</b>
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<b>Edinburgh</b>	<b>Oxford</b>
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<b>Glasgow</b>	<b>Southampton</b>

*[http://www.contexo.info/DNA\\_Basics/Meiosis.htm](http://www.contexo.info/DNA_Basics/Meiosis.htm)*

What's more important-your DNA code or post code?

DNA code currently wins in less than 5%

Sanitation and immunisations key

40 years for post code internationally

2 months lost per kilo overweight

7 years lost per packet per day

20% variation in life-span inherited

## Question Seven

### A 12 year old boy

A 12 year old boy is taken to see the paediatric endocrinologist because of obesity, abdominal discomfort and poor behaviour. His father previously had kidney stones and his older sister is being investigated for galactorrhoea.

**What are the causes of galactorrhoea in a women with no history of previous pregnancy?**

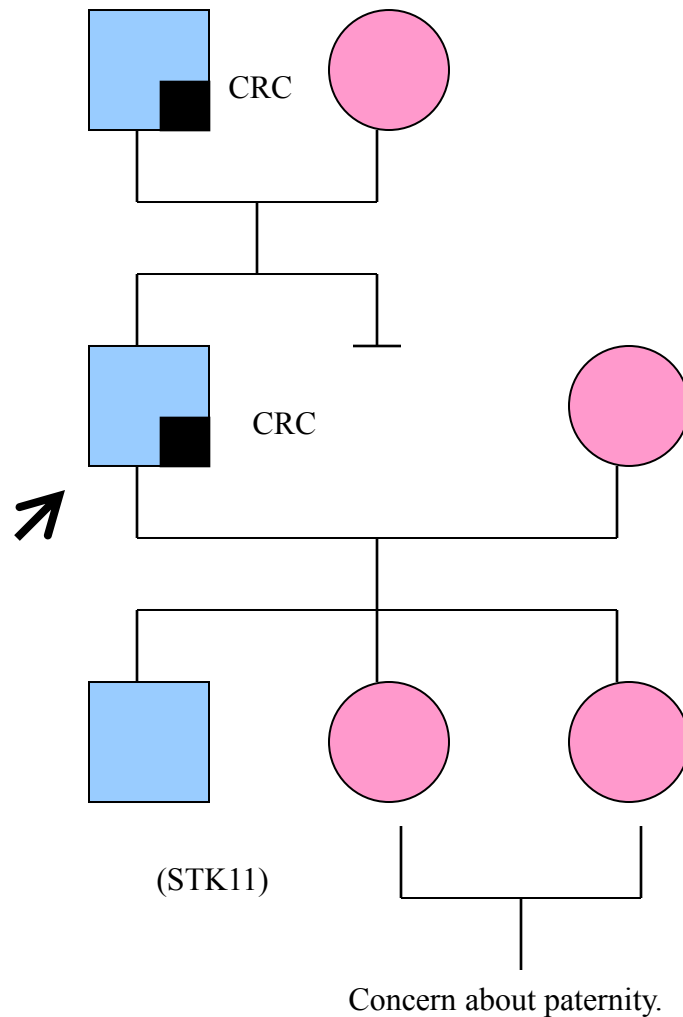
**What are the causes of kidney stones?**

**Which abdominal tumour can cause increased appetite and poor behaviour?**

**Which syndrome can link all of these things?**

Is our role of making a diagnosis changing?

# Who has a right to know?





# Genethics Club

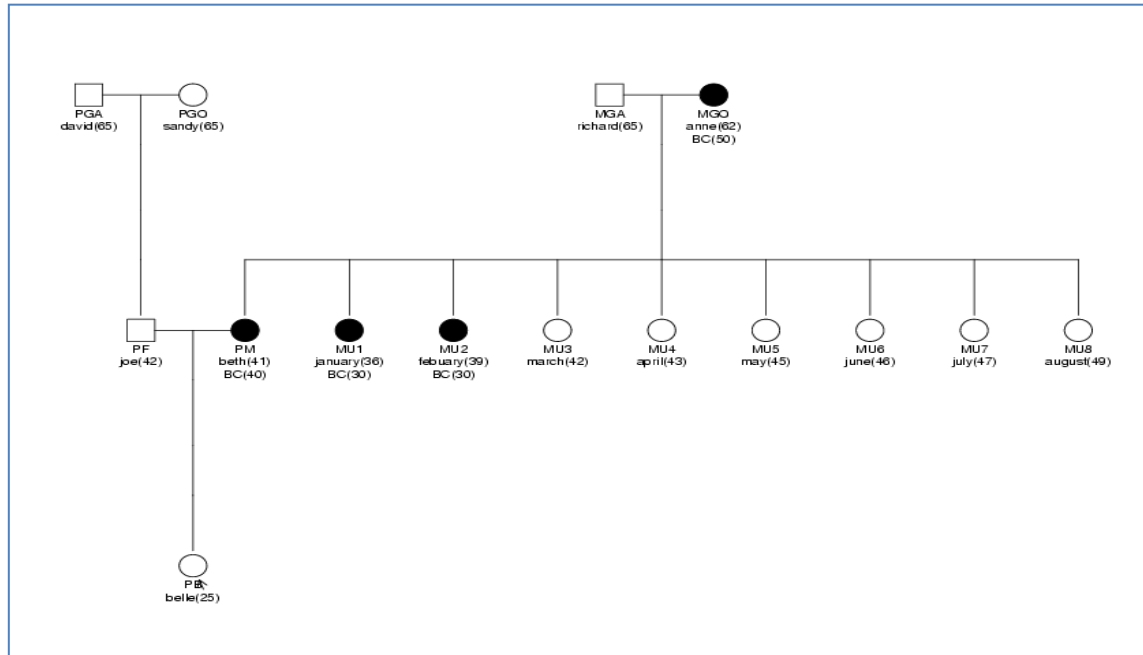


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# Computer modelling and mendelian risk



<http://ccge.medschl.cam.ac.uk/boadicea/>

Can the machine beat the human in calculating risk?

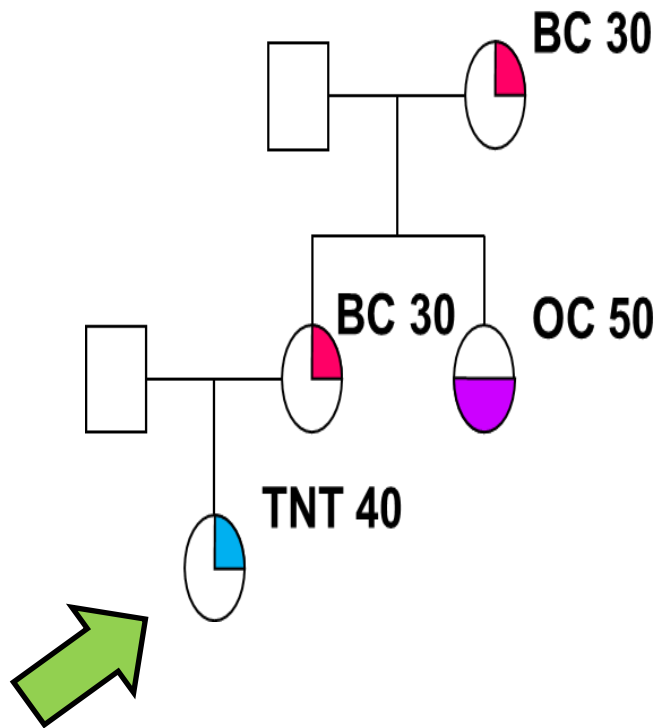
## BOADICEA

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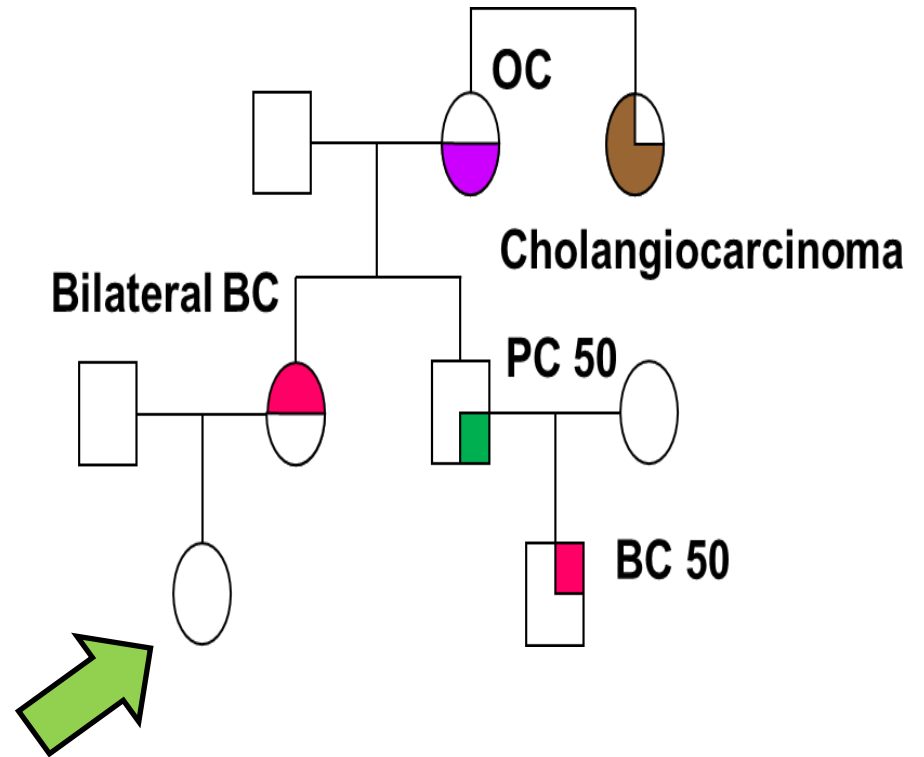
### Family member:belle(PB)

Genetic status	Mutation carrier probabilities
No mutation	0.7800
BRCA1	0.1169
BRCA2	0.1031

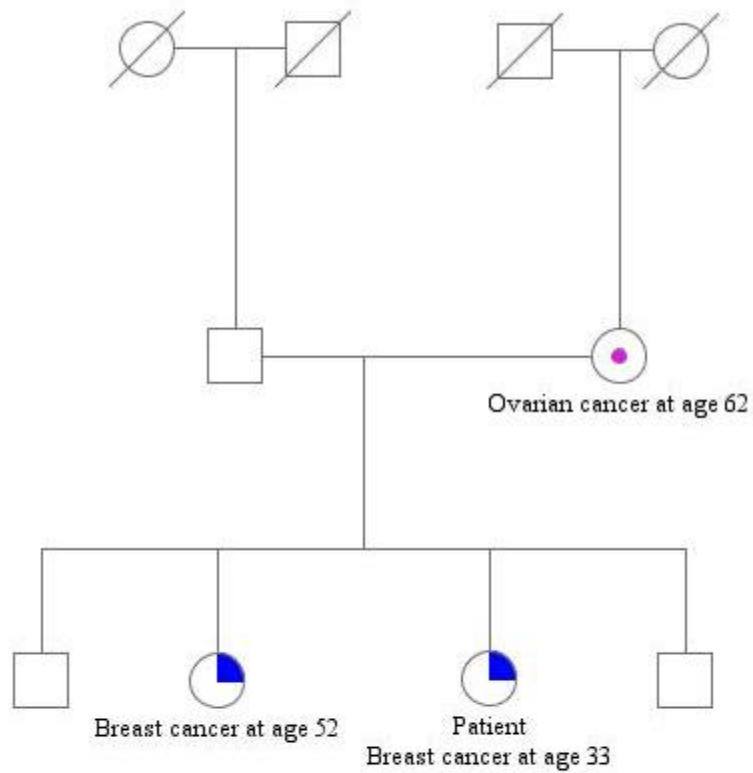
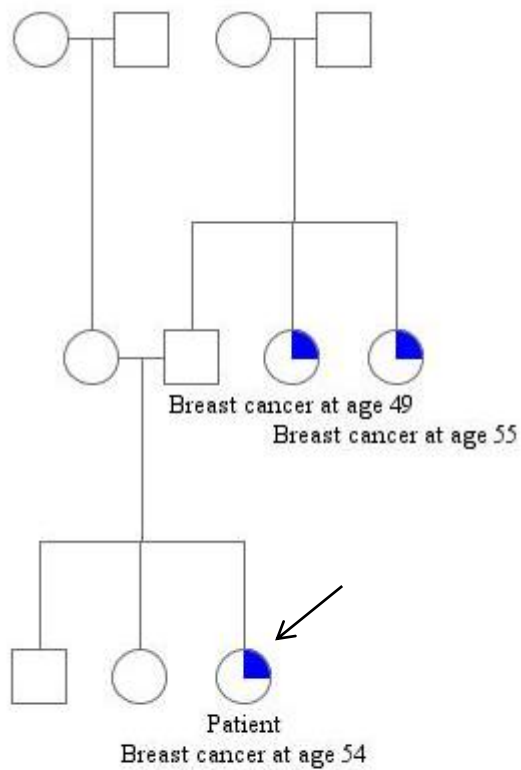
Classic BRCA1 pedigree



Pedigree showing bilateral breast cancer, male breast cancer and prostate cancer, which are common in BRCA2.







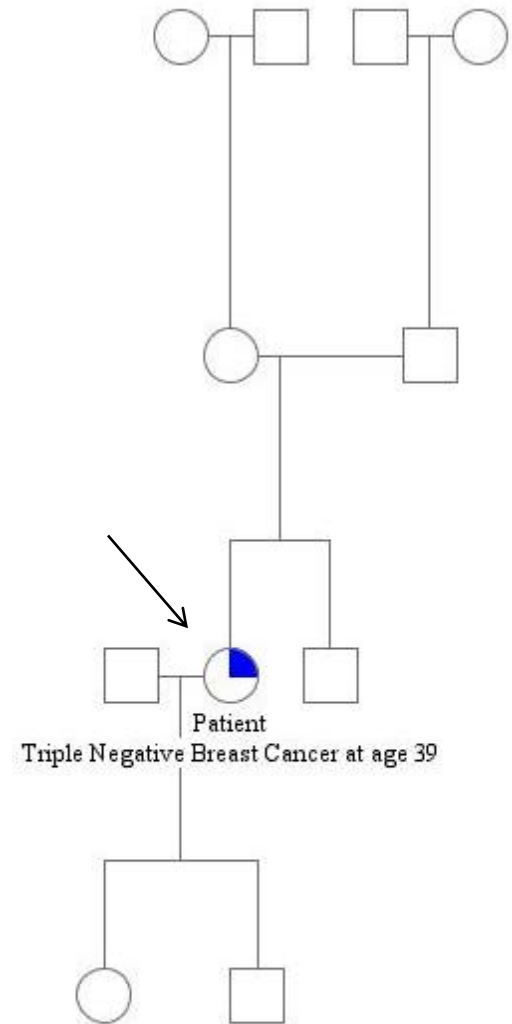
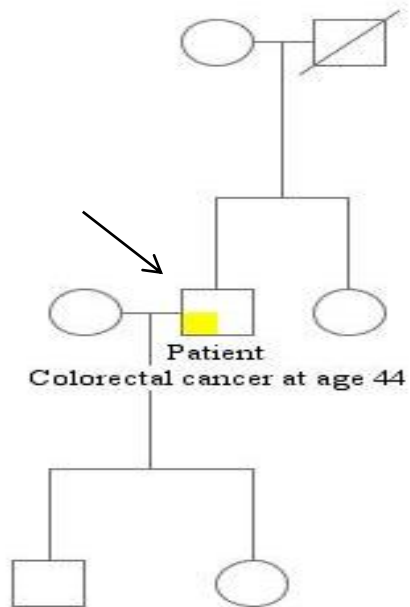
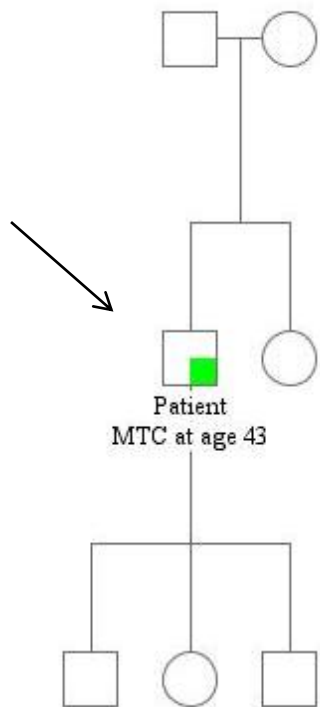
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**Action:**

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Rory O'Sullivan

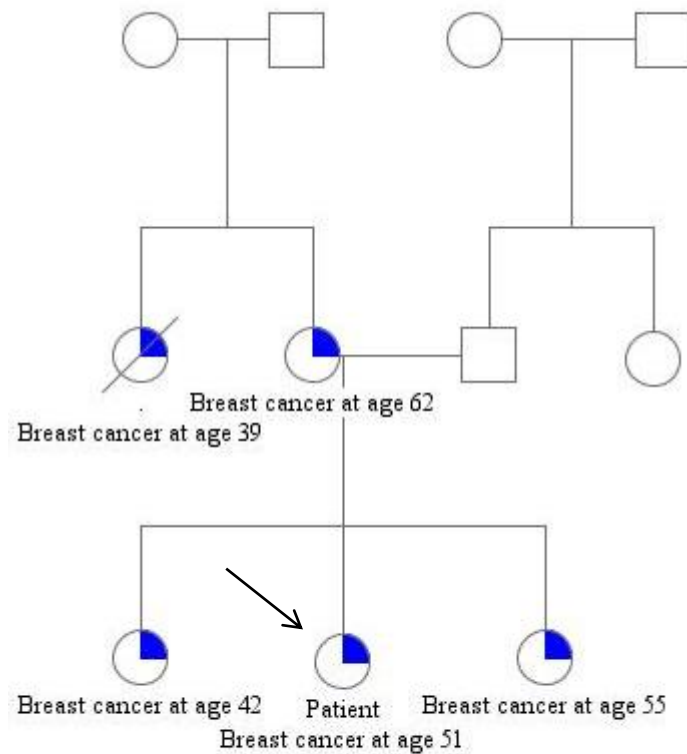
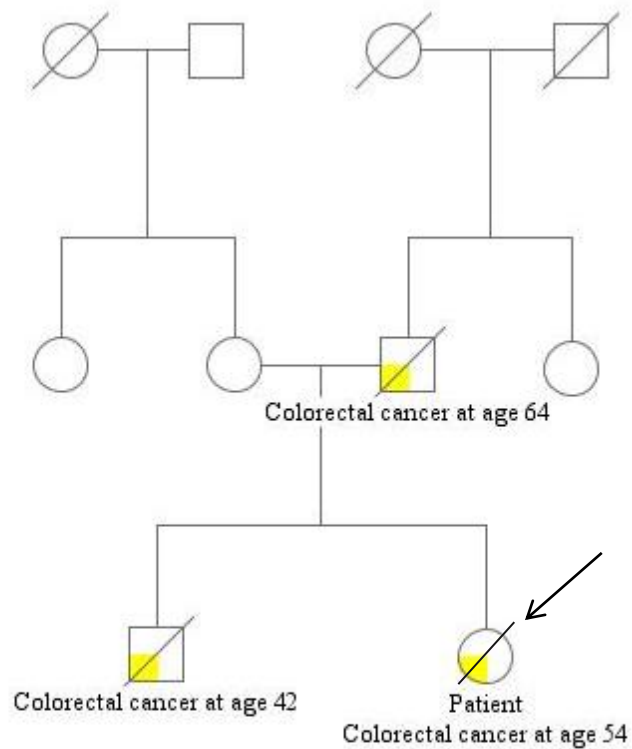




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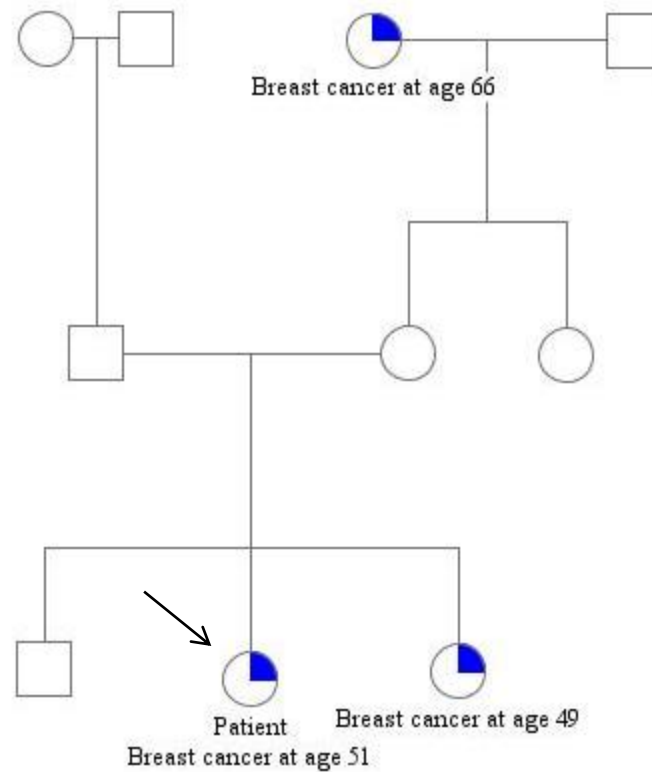
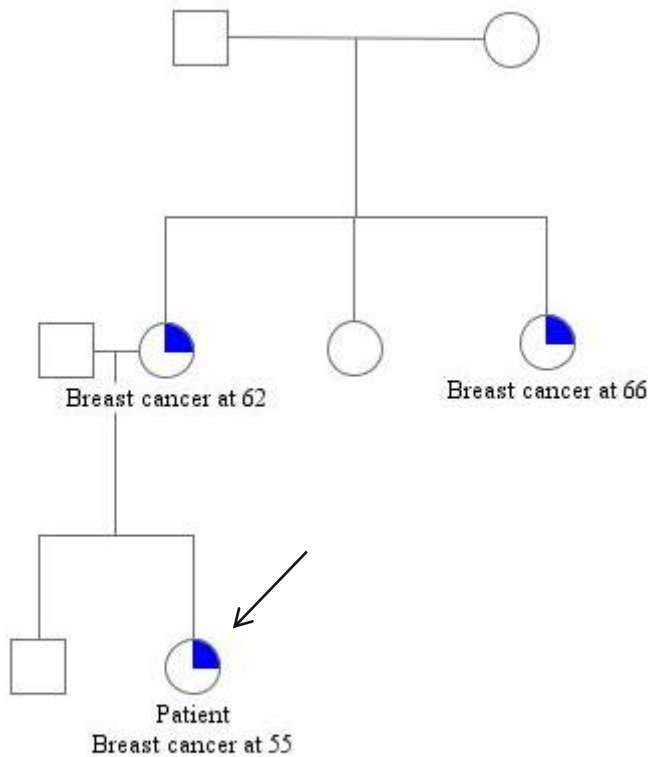
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## Inclusion of diverse populations in genomic research and health services: Genomix workshop report

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**Abstract** Clinical genetic services and genomic research are rapidly developing but, historically, those with the greatest need are the least to benefit from these advances. This encompasses low-income communities, including those from ethnic minority and indigenous backgrounds. The “Genomix” workshop at the European Society of Human Genetics (ESHG) 2016 conference offered the opportunity to consider possible solutions for these disparities from the experiences of researchers and genetic healthcare practitioners working with underserved communities in the USA, UK and Australia.

institutions involved in funding research, commissioning and redesigning genetic health services also need to be adequately represented by underserved populations with intrinsic mechanisms to disseminate good practice and monitor participation. Further, as genomic medicine is mainstreamed, educational programmes developed for clinicians should incorporate approaches to alleviate disparities in accessing genetic services and improving study participation.

**Keywords** Disparities · Genetic services · Ethnic minorities · Inclusion of diverse populations · Genomix workshop



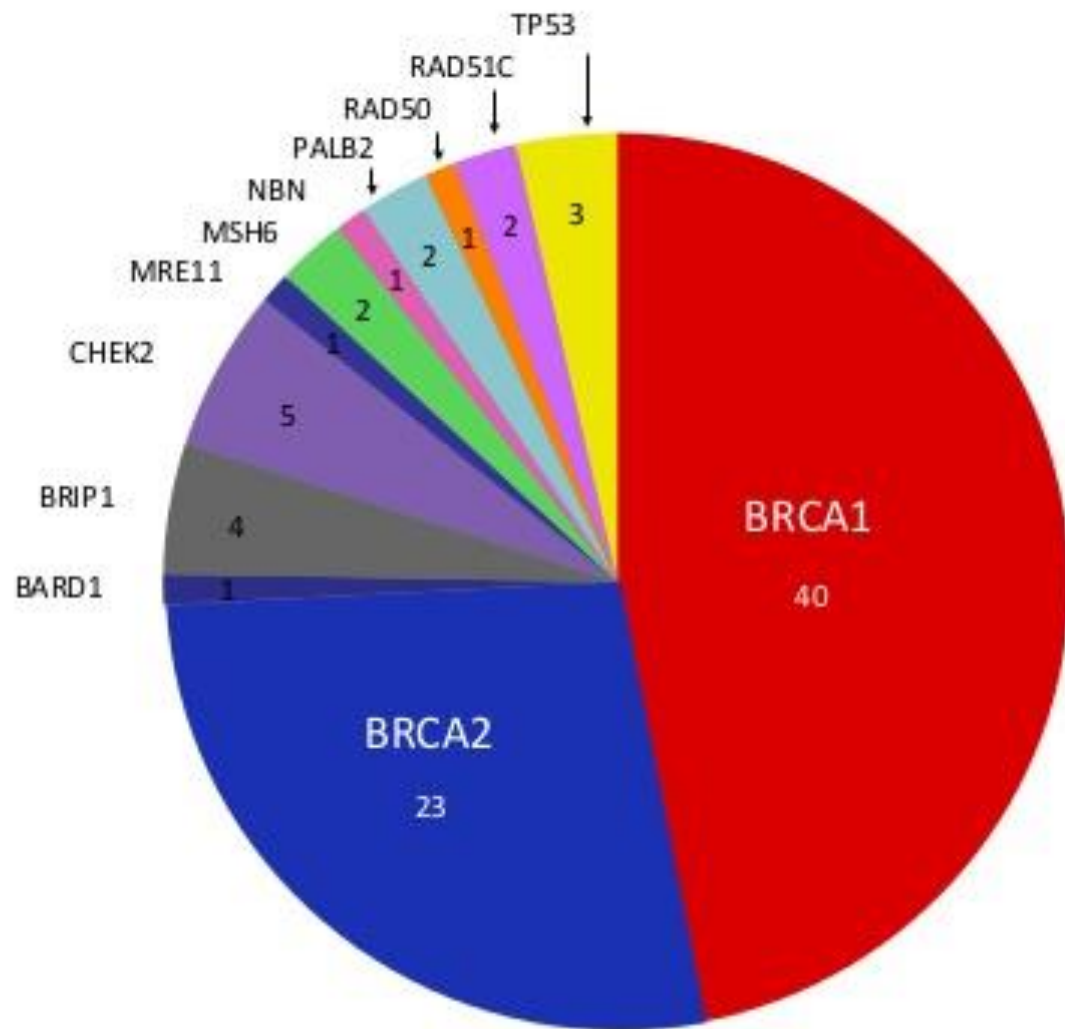
Play Domino Talk Prostate (Cancer) - PROSTaid informational video.





## BRCA1/BRCA2 mutations in ovarian cancer (UW, Seattle, USA)

Ovarian cancer:  
BRCA1/BRCA2  
mutations in **63/360**  
(**18%**) patients not  
selected for family  
history or age at  
onset



Walsh, Swisher et al. *PNAS* 2011

# Genetic Testing in Pheos

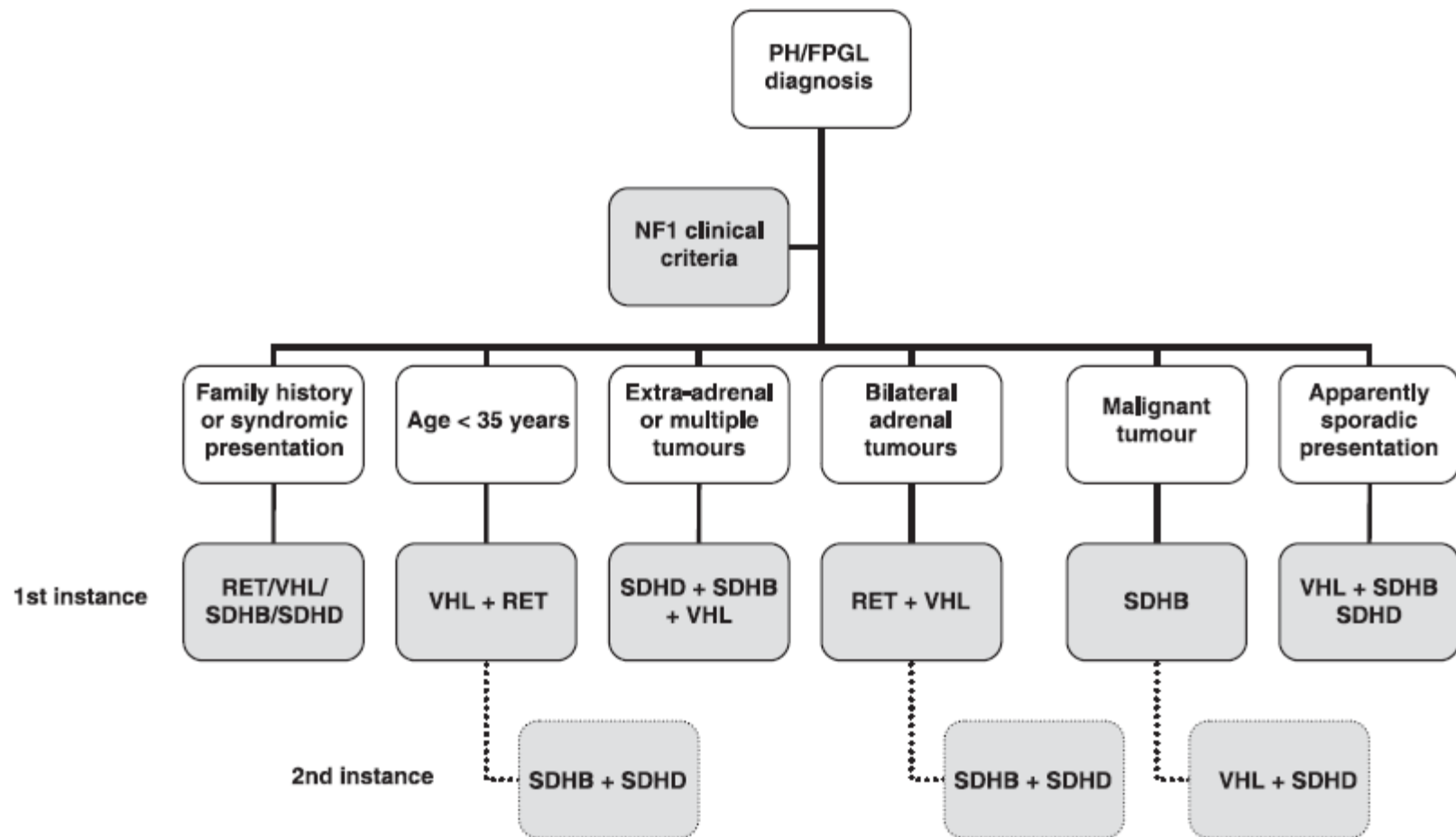
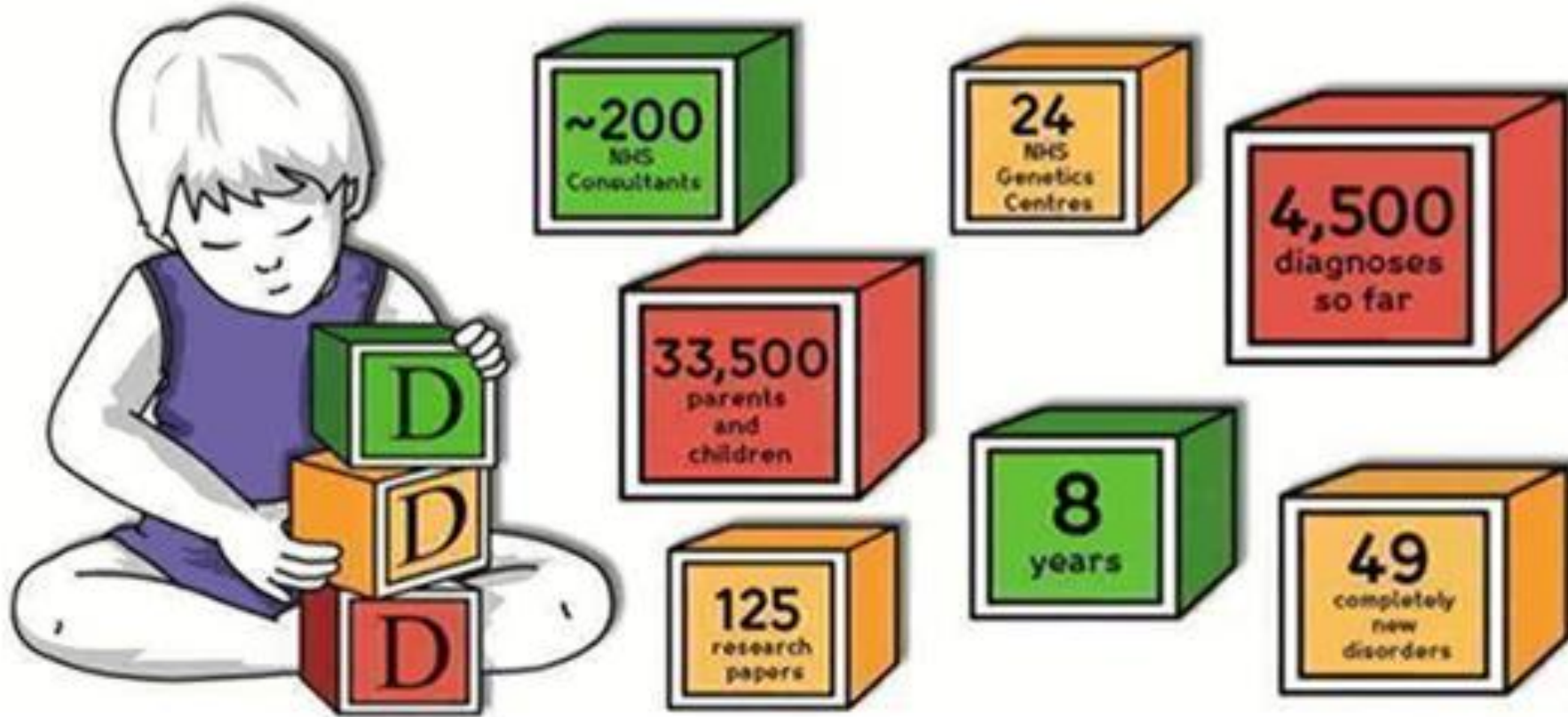


Fig. 1 The ENS@T PH/FPGL genetic screening algorithm.



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# Highlights of DDD

- **Recruited: 13,963 families consented**
- **Discovery of more than 50 new genes**
- **125 Publications including Lancet, Nature, Science and Nature Genetics**
- **Diagnostic yield from trio exomes up to ~43%**
- **Ongoing research analyses of 4,295 families**
- **Growing portfolio of >100 Complementary Analysis Projects**
- **Partnership with Genomics England**
- **Securing core institutional funding at Sanger to continue research analyses until 2021**

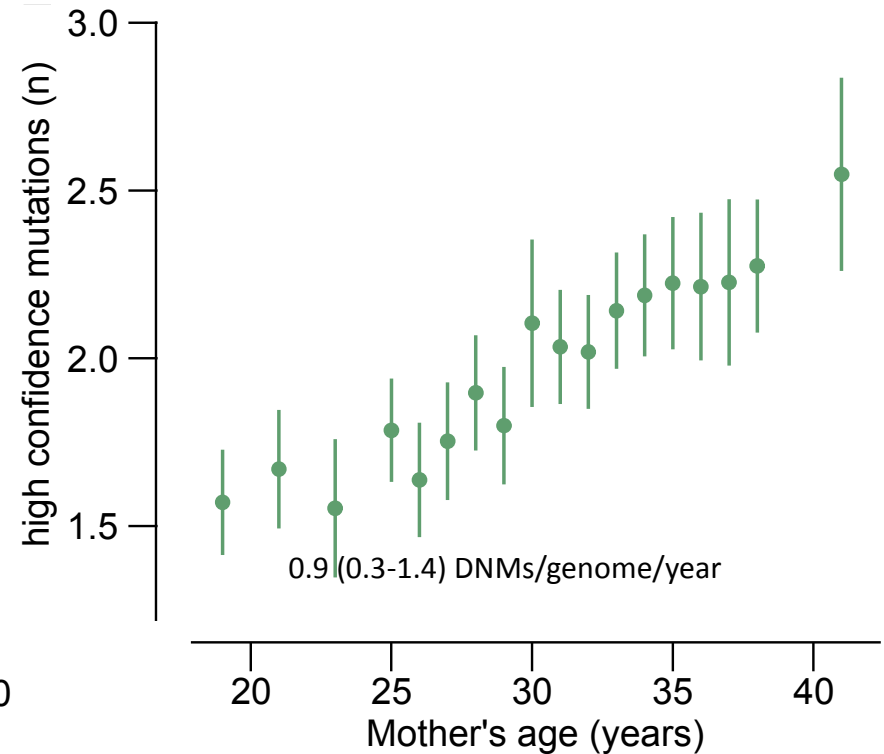
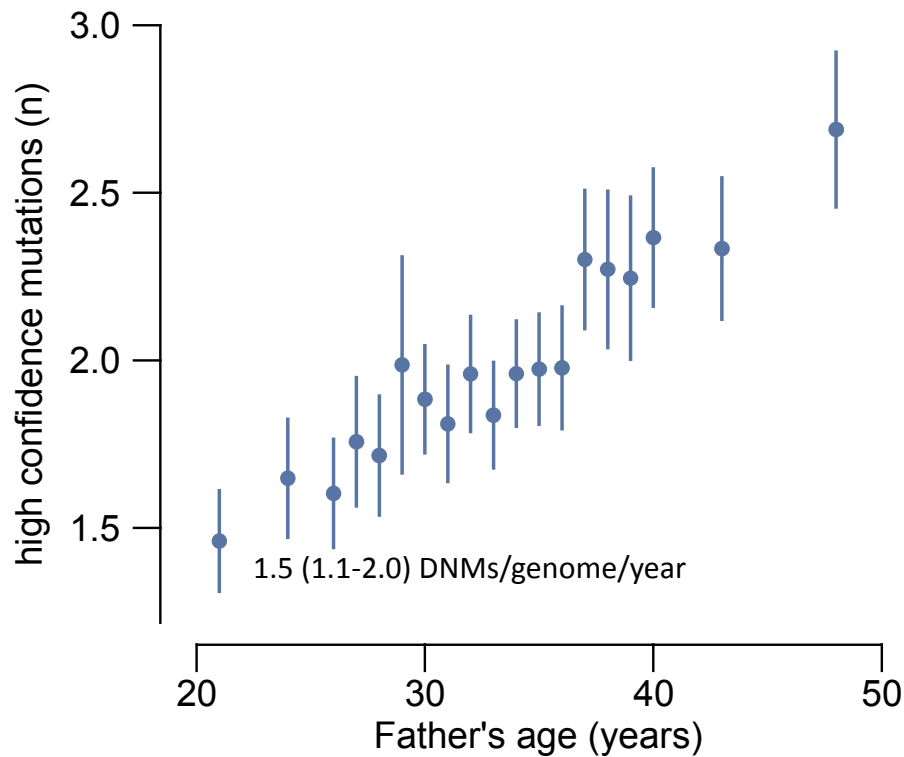
# Prevalence of severe dominant disorders

- Based on 4,300 families from the DDD study
- Estimate 1/300 pregnancies carry new, pathogenic mutation
  - >500 genes associated
  - Only know gene for ~60% of these disorders
  - Many not visible by ultrasound (e.g. severe intellectual disability)
- Equivalent burden to trisomies
  - Doesn't include recessive disorders
  - Single gene disorder burden > trisomy burden
- Can we identify subset at high risk?
  - Neither parent affected
  - Pre-conception testing is uninformative

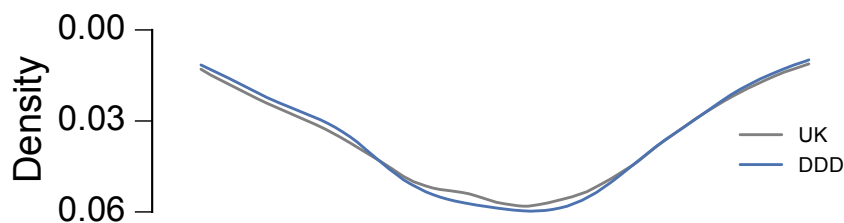
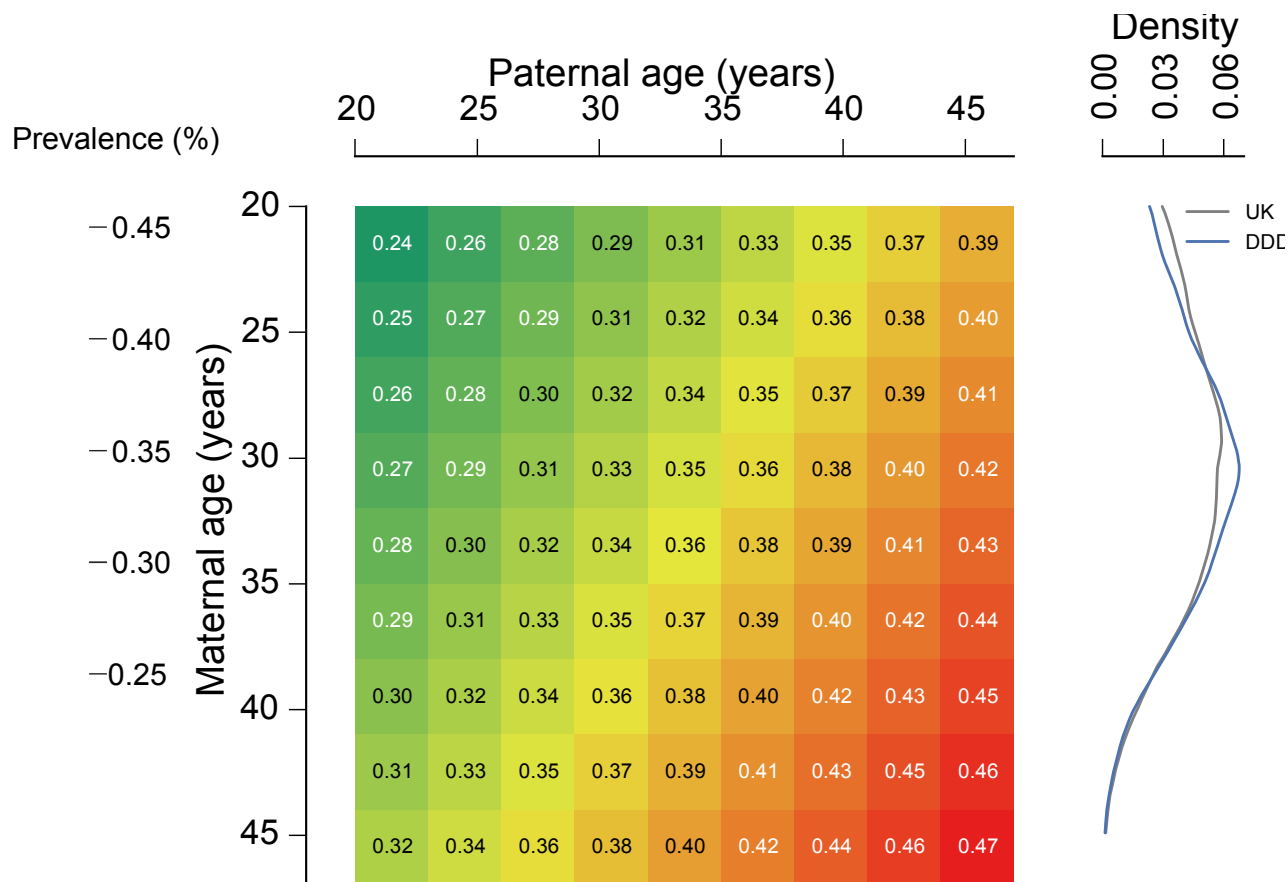


# Increasing parental age, more mutations, increased risk

**75-80% of *de novo* mutations come from Dad**



# Estimated age-dependent birth prevalence



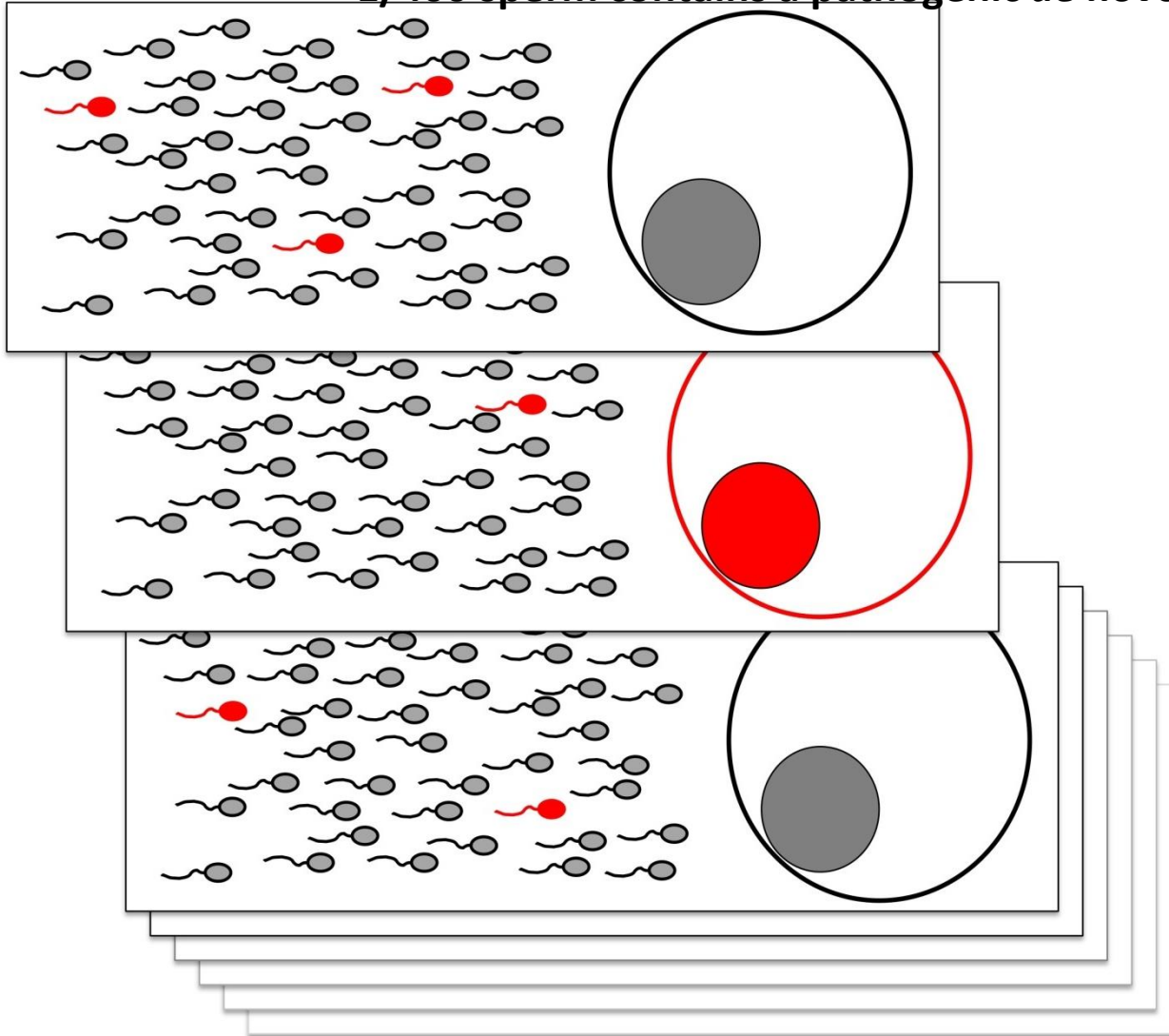
**Globally: ~400,000 born/year**

Nature, January 2017

# Every conception is a lottery

1/1,400 eggs contains a pathogenic *de novo* mutation

1/400 sperm contains a pathogenic *de novo* mutation



# 100,000 genomes project



## The 100,000 Genomes Project by numbers

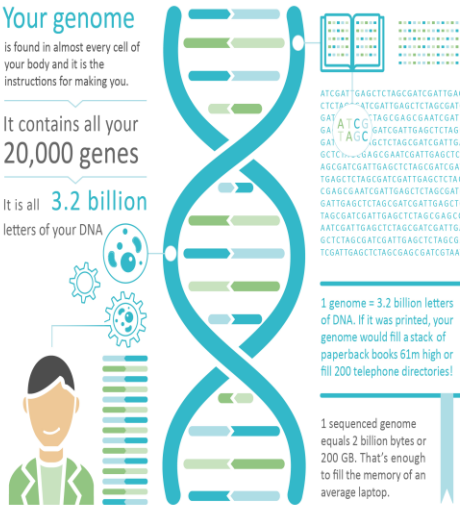


### Your genome

is found in almost every cell of your body and it is the instructions for making you.

It contains all your 20,000 genes

It is all 3.2 billion letters of your DNA



## The 100,000 Genomes Project in numbers



100,000 genomes



70,000 patients and family members



21 Petabytes of data.

1 Petabyte of music would take 2,000 years to play on an MP3 player.



11 Genomic Medicine Centres, and 74 NHS Trusts within them are involved in recruiting participants



1,500 NHS staff (doctors, nurses, pathologists, laboratory staff, genetic counsellors)



2,500 researchers and trainees from around the world

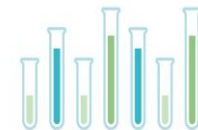
## What it is all about?

Patients who take part in the project may be able to get diagnosis.

For some, genome sequencing may mean a specific treatment can be recommended.



But for most, taking part means knowing they are helping medical research for future generations.



Research on genomes will help us understand diseases and what's causing them.

It can help researchers develop treatments and new diagnosis.

Sir John Chisholm, Professor Mark Caulfield, Professor Sue Hill OBE and Tom Fowler

## Discussion Points: Potential patients in the 100.000 Genome Project

### Data Storage

- Integrated EPR, stored for life, for use in healthcare.
- Anonymised and data protected.
- Patient agrees to allow viewing of unidentifiable data with researchers and approved companies but the data cannot be taken off the database.
- Patient may be contacted by future research projects (participation optional).

### Testing

- Uses whole genome sequencing and is the best chance of identifying a causative mutation. Finding no mutation does not exclude an inherited link.
- Not NHS diagnostic lab grade testing and results will need NHS lab confirmation.
- Need to confirm any findings through appropriate clinical and molecular investigations.
- Patient can withdraw at any time.

### Incidental Findings

- Incidental findings are **OPTIONAL** and include;
  - Additional Findings (Table 1), Carrier status if both parents agree-mother only required if X-linked (Table 2). This list is likely to change through the project.
- May not detect all mutations with this technology e.g. SMA and thalassaemia
- Need to confirm any findings through appropriate clinical investigations.
- Findings of unknown clinical significance will not be reported.

### Insurance

- Any findings from 100,000 Genome project **DO NOT** need to be disclosed to insurer
- Disclosure is not required if confirmed with NHS molecular testing
- Is disclosure required if confirmed with NHS clinical investigations i.e. if have a disease? Yes
- Need to disclose: Strong Family History, Medical investigations and Medical Treatment
- Diagnostic findings may affect ALL types of Insurance
- Predictive findings may affect: Life, Critical Illness, Income protection insurances, **ONLY**.



### **Table 1: Additional Findings**

#### **Adult onset:**

- Hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer / Lynch-syndrome
- MYH-Associated Polyposis
- Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer
- Child and adult onset:
- Familial Adenomatous Polyposis
- Von HippelLindau Syndrome
- Multiple endocrine Neoplasia Type 1
- Multiple endocrine Neoplasia Type 2
- Familial Medullary Thyroid Cancer
- Familial Hypercholesterolaemia

#### **Child onset:**

- Retinoblastoma

### **Table 2: Carrier Testing**

#### **Autosomal recessive conditions (both parents will be tested for these):**

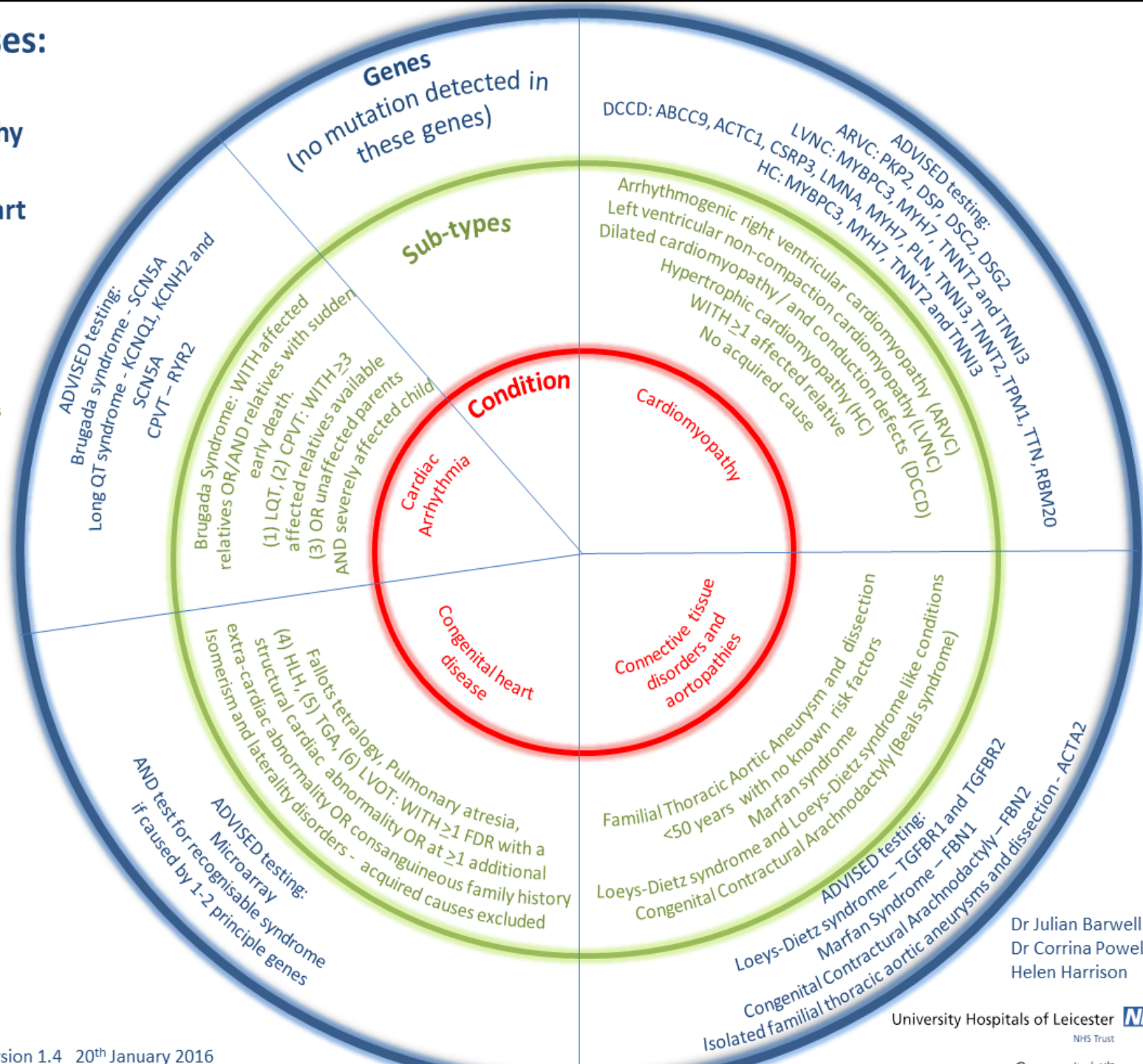
- Sickle Cell Anaemia
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Alpha Thalassemia
- Beta Thalassemia
- Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia 21
- Spinal Muscular Atrophy Type I

#### **X-Linked conditions (only the mother will be tested for these):**

- Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy
- Adrenoleukodystrophy
- Haemophillia A

# Rare Diseases: Cardiology Cardiomyopathy and Congenital heart disease

- (1) Long QT Syndrome
- (2) Catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia
- (3) Over 3 generations
- (4) Hypoplastic Left Heart
- (5) Transposition of Great Vessels
- (6) Left Ventricular Outflow Tract Obstruction disorders

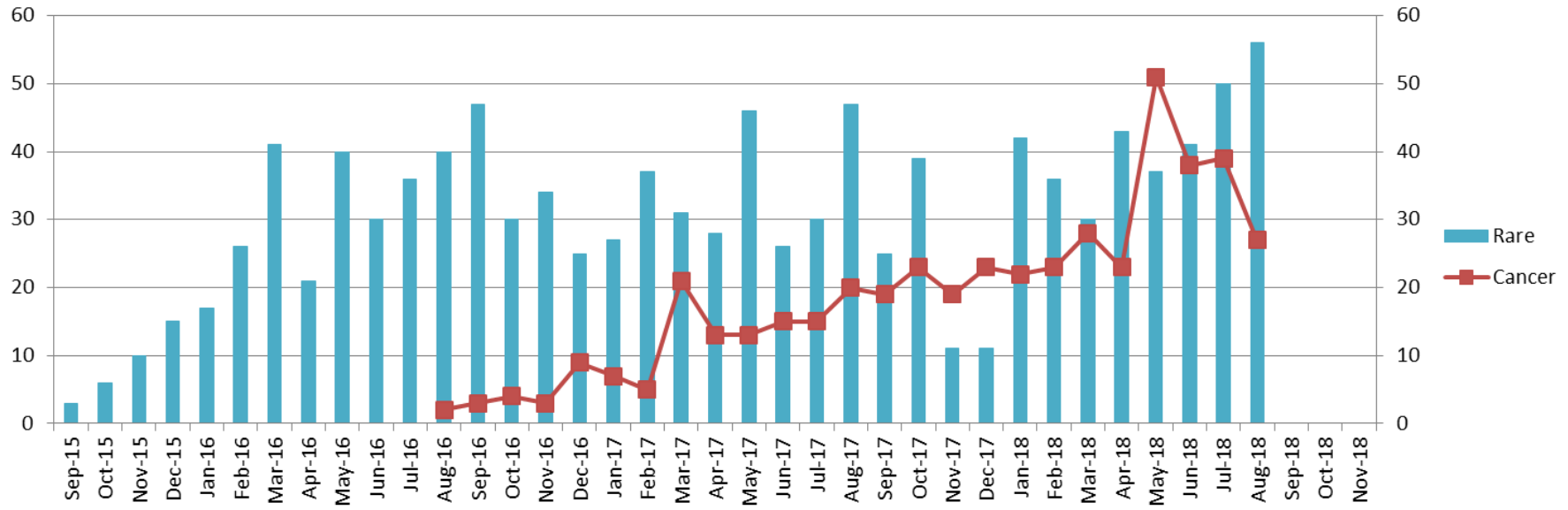


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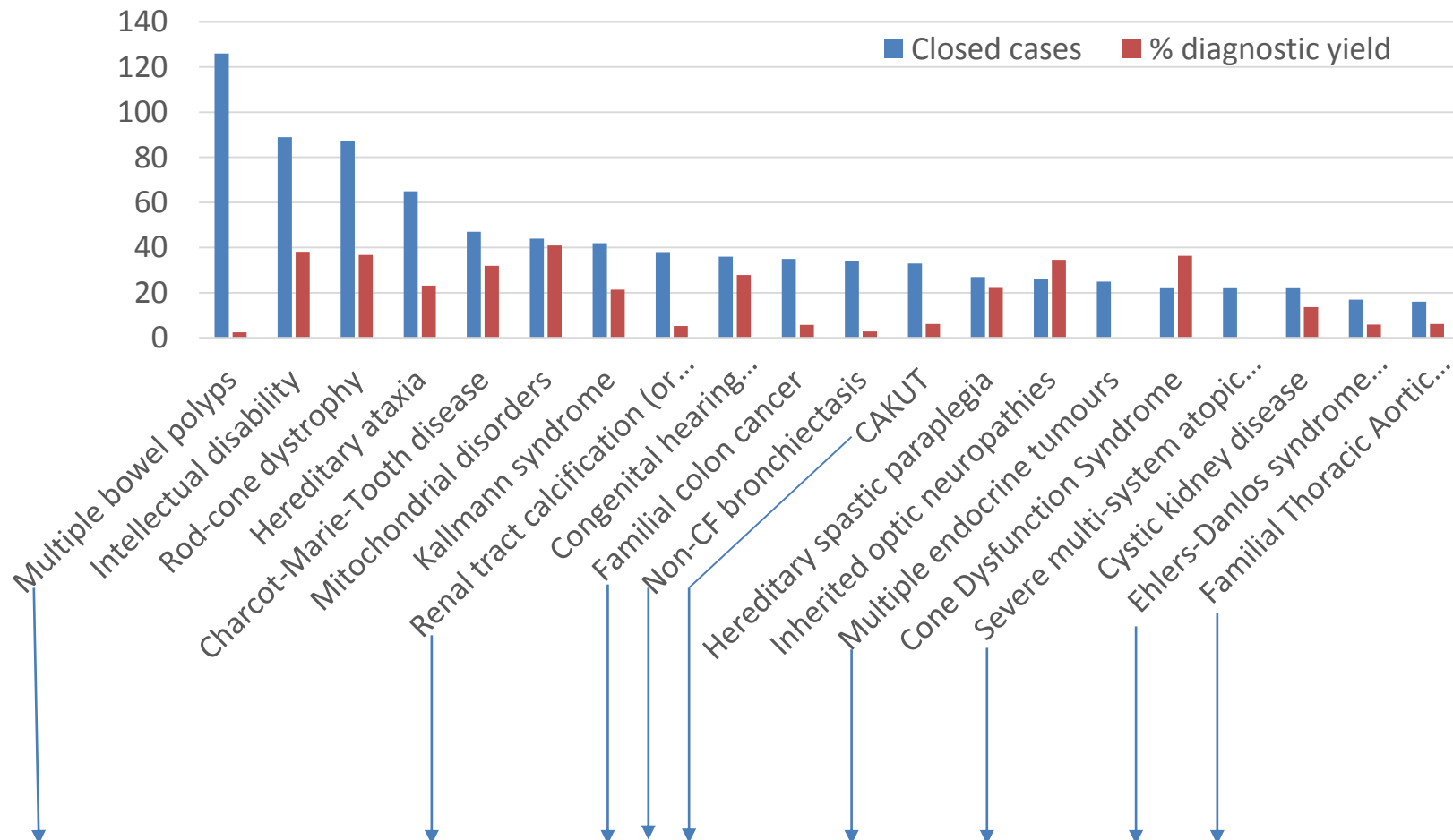
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# Recruitment

100,000 Genomes Recruitment - UHL



# Top 20 recruited diseases (pilot) and diagnostic yield



346 families with only 12 diagnoses

# Test Directory: candidate clinical indications for WGS in 2018/19

- A range of conditions where Whole Genome Sequencing should be used have been identified
- NHS England will commission and fund WGS - Additional funding has been allocated

## CANCER CLINICAL INDICATIONS

Neurological Tumour

Sarcoma

Acute Myeloid Leukaemia

Acute Leukaemia other

Blastic Plasmacytoid Dendritic Cell Neoplasm

Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia

Paediatric tumours

## RARE DISEASE CLINICAL INDICATIONS

Acutely unwell infants with a likely monogenic disorder

Congenital malformation and dysmorphism syndromes

Floppy infant with a likely central cause

Moderate, severe or profound intellectual disability

Ultra-rare and atypical monogenic disorders

Rare syndromic craniosynostosis or isolated multisuture synostosis

Skeletal dysplasia

Neonatal diabetes

Likely inborn error of metabolism - targeted testing not possible

Arthrogryposis

Cerebellar anomalies

Cerebral malformation

Childhood onset hereditary spastic paraplegia

Childhood onset leukodystrophy

Early onset or syndromic epilepsy

Hereditary ataxia with onset in adulthood

Hereditary ataxia with onset in childhood

Holoprosencephaly - NOT chromosomal

Hydrocephalus

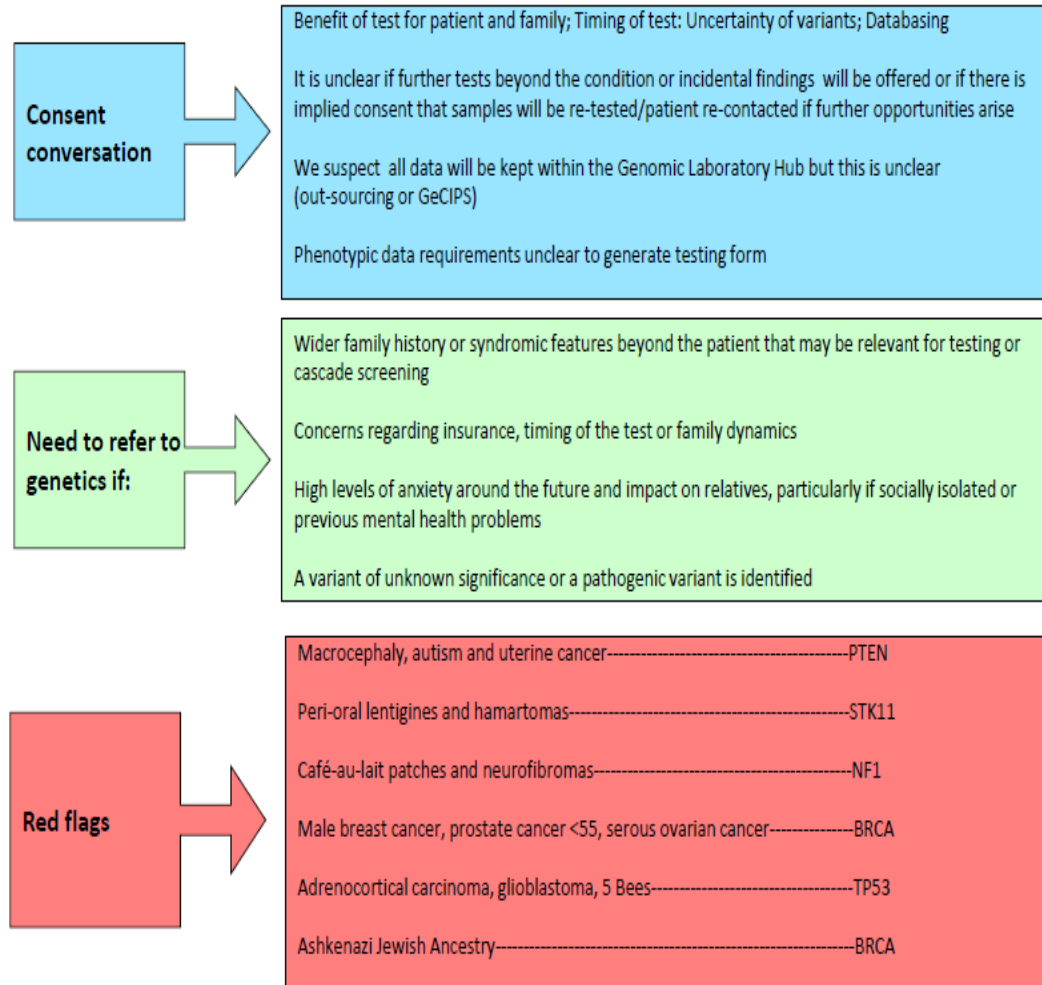
Other rare neuromuscular disorders

Severe microcephaly

Cystic renal disease



# Recruitment to the GLH test directory



# 5 ways of interpretation of genetic result

Literature search for the variant in other individuals affected by bowel cancer

databasing

Do members of the family who have a mutation develop the disease-

co-segregation

Is the variant associated with change in amino acid or change in reading frame may have variable effect on the protein

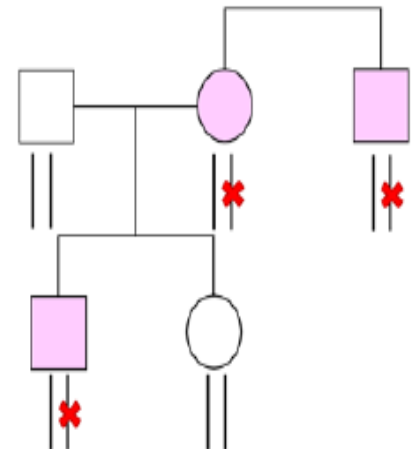
Chemistry

**Normal sequence:** CAT GCT AAC  
**Frame shift:** CAT GTA ACC (*truncated protein*)  
**Base change:** CAT **T**CT AAC (*variable effect*)

Is the protein produced result in normal function? **Functional** *in vitro* studies

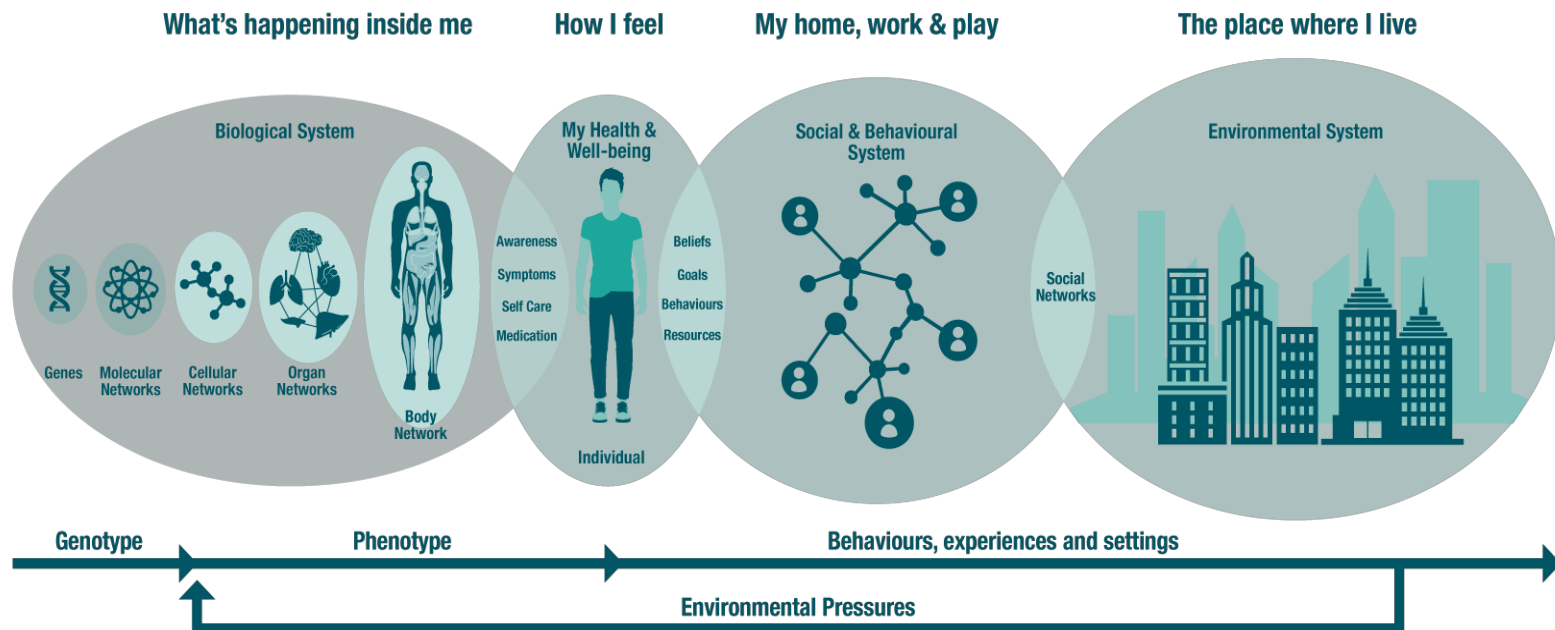
Is the position preserved in other species which would be suggestive that it is important for survival

Sequence homology through evolution



The 21<sup>st</sup> Century health challenges call for a wider framing of the healthcare landscape

## From Cells to Cities - The Holistic Determinants of Health



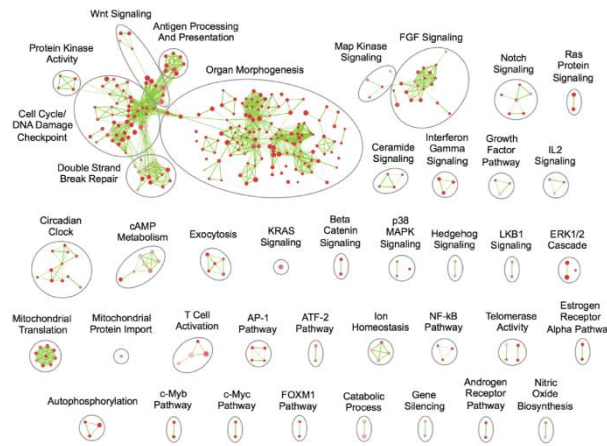
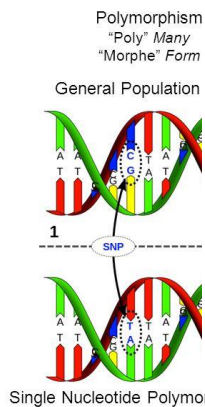


Do we have anything to add for complex disease and treatment?

Can we improve on basic biomarkers?

## Single Nucleotide Polymorphism

- The most common cause of genetic variation
- SNPs occur on average every 1000 bases
- Understanding SNPs has shown promise for improving disease detection and treatments



## P3 Personalized Pharmacogenetic Profile

All patients with same diagnosis.

Not all respond to the same medications.



**P3 - Normal**

Treat with conventional dose



**P3 - Moderate risk**

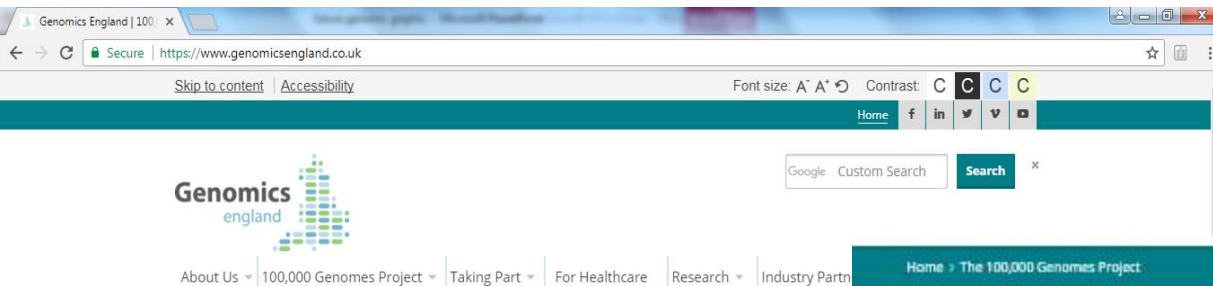
Consider alternative drug or dose



**P3 - Elevated risk**

Treat with alternative drug or dose





Germline, somatic, circulating DNA  
Microbiome, pharmacogenomics



## The 100,000 Genomes Project

The project will sequence 100,000 genomes from around 70,000 people. Participants are NHS patients with a rare disease, plus their families, and patients with cancer.

The aim is to create a new genomic medicine service for the NHS - transforming the way people are cared for. Patients may be offered a diagnosis where there wasn't one before. In time, there is the potential of new and more effective treatments.

The project will also enable new medical research. Combining genomic sequence data with medical records is a ground-breaking resource. Researchers will study how best to use genomics in healthcare and how best to interpret the data to help patients. The causes, diagnosis and treatment of disease will also be investigated. We also aim to kick-start a UK genomics industry. This is currently the largest national sequencing project of its kind in the world.

## Introduction to the 100,000 Genomes Project



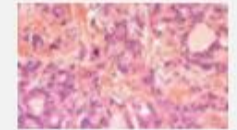
## History of the 100,000 Genomes Project

You can read about the background and history of the 100,000 Genomes Project below, or download the full narrative: [Narrative - Genomics England and the 100,000 Genomes Project \(opens as PDF\)](#).

### Useful links

#### Cancer

Introduction to cancer in the 100,000 Genomes Project.



#### Taking part

Information about taking part in the Project



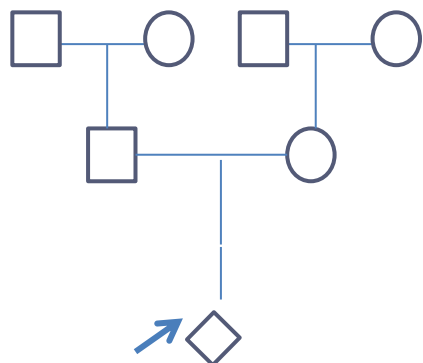
#### Insurance

Find out how taking part in the Project may affect insurance.



1. Treat disease for what it is, not what it looks like
2. Treat on risk, not age
3. Look beyond single genes
4. Machine learning and building an equation of life
5. Understand human variation

# NIPD:FGFR3-Skeletal Dysplasia



Sheffield Diagnostic Lab  
Compound heterozygous  
gene **ALPL**

**CONFIRMED DIAGNOSIS  
HYPOPHOSPHATASIA**

## Orphanet Journal of Rare



Review

### Hypophosphatasia

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The symptoms are highly variable in their clinical expression, which ranges from stillbirth without mineralized bone to early loss of teeth without bone symptoms. Depending on the age at diagnosis, six clinical forms are currently recognized: perinatal (lethal), perinatal benign, infantile, childhood, adult and odontohypophosphatasia. In the lethal perinatal form, the patients show markedly impaired mineralization *in utero*. In the prenatal benign form these symptoms are spontaneously improved. Clinical symptoms of the infantile form are respiratory complications, premature craniosynostosis, widespread demineralization and rachitic changes in the metaphyses. The childhood form is characterized by skeletal deformities, short stature, and waddling gait, and the adult form by stress fractures, thigh pain, chondrocalcinosis and marked osteoarthropathy. Odontohypophosphatasia is characterized by premature exfoliation of fully rooted primary teeth and/or severe dental caries, often not associated with abnormalities of the skeletal system.

The disease is due to mutations in the liver/bone/kidney alkaline phosphatase gene (*ALPL*; OMIM# 171760) encoding the tissue-nonspecific alkaline phosphatase (TNAP). The diagnosis is based on laboratory assays and DNA sequencing of the *ALPL* gene. Serum alkaline phosphatase (AP) activity is markedly reduced in hypophosphatasia, while urinary phosphoethanolamine (PEA) is increased. By using sequencing, approximately 95% of mutations are detected in severe (perinatal and infantile) hypophosphatasia.



A huge thank you!

- You Tube
- Triage support
- Community events
- Equality of access
- Media
- Study aids
- Academic papers
- Oversight & Insight
- Support for adopted women



# Commercial testing

Challenge/opportunities arising from commercial genomic testing	Why	Examples and specific technical details	Recommendation
1. Calibration	Do we trust the accuracy of the test? Could significant findings be missed	Not all tests look at DNA sequence/ amount from both parents in detail [SNP vs NGS, CNV and MLPA]	All labs have ISO 15189 accreditation thereby improving capacity
1. Consent prior to undergoing the test	Does the patient understand the limitations and implications?	The variety and complexity of potential results integrated into a person's socio-cultural and health background makes consent challenging	Ensure all companies have tests available and written information approved with medical device legislation and adhere to test directory standard of evidence
1. Context and validity of the result interpretation in unaffected patients with no family history	Without a relevant family history, is the interpretation and predictive power meaningful?	Ascertainment bias on how original data collected on inherited diseases can impact on interpretation of findings and alter predicted risk	Private companies should help pay for NHS validation and interpretation of findings
1. Clinical utility of the results and identifying carrier status in children	Does the result have a useful clinical intervention to lower disease burden?	Clinical grade genomic tests require linked evidence based interventions. Otherwise fatalism and carrier stigmatisation is a risk	Limit access tests for to non-actionable findings or insist on pre-test counselling. An ethical review on carrier testing is required.
1. Capacity to respond to the results	Can we offer downstream medical support to patient and family?	Cost effective and affordable are different in ring-fenced budgets	Health economic integration of diagnostics/therapeutic
1. Caldicott principle for data protection	Is the data secure and could it be used to identify or target people?	Highly sensitive data that predicts risks could be used to identify and discriminate against individuals	Legislation on the use and misuse of commercial data and moratorium with insurance companies
1. Cascading and Controls	Will the DNA be sent to NHS lab when testing at-risk relatives?	When cascading results in NHS to relatives, we need affected patient DNA (control)	All laboratories should release positive control DNA to NHS
1. Commercial forces and staffing in laboratories for clinical scientists	Will NHS trained staff join the private sector for higher wages?	The private sector may not have the training/governance challenges of the NHS and be more competitive	Public/Private partnership debate and consider STP training contract at outset
1. Continuing Professional Development for clinicians explaining results to patients	Will most doctors be able to understand/critically assess the data?	Many doctors find this a challenging area and a lack of results to date makes it feel irrelevant to their practice	Mandatory e-learning package for talking to patients, use of test directory and variant interpretation
1. Competition from other Countries	Can we compete at scale and pace with other groups keen to access big data sets?	A number of international competitors e.g. BGI/China National Gene bank are able to sequence at pace and scale	Drive life science industries and continue integration with NIHR and academic institutes

- A. Align commissioning between diagnostics and precision medicine taking into consideration proposed reconfigurations
- B. Develop local services with e-training for clinicians, staff retraining and recruitment of bioinformaticians
- C. Invest in digital health technologies for presenting actionable findings in a useful way for busy non-specialist clinicians
- D. Transform medical care predicated on accurate genomic information in a world beyond cultures and microscopes.
- E. Mobilise the Clinical Research Network to help assess change in practice in the longer term
- F. Defining the most useful tests may be different for each condition and requires economic modelling
- G. Develop and innovate inclusive genomic medicine access, diagnostics and therapeutic interventions
- H. Ensure confidentiality and data protection
- I. Commission additional research to discover how patients understand and respond to complex risk
- J. Clarify and evaluate impacts of Brexit on university grants and data/sample transfers