

# "Genetic Testing and Genetic Counseling in Prostate Cancer"

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# Prostate Cancer Celebrities

Same disease, different stories in the news.....

- **Senators Dole & Kerry, Colin Powell, Ben Carson Ben Stiller**
  - PSA screening, then surgery
- **General Schwarzkopf; Len Dawson**
  - Rectal exam abnormal, then surgery
- **Mayor Giuliani**
  - Hormones + seeds + external beam radiation
- **Ian McKellan (Gandalf & Magneto): Active surveillance**
- **Arnold Palmer**
  - Surgery, rising PSA, radiation
- **Archbishop Tutu**
  - Radiation, rising PSA, cryotherapy
- **Pat Robertson**
  - Laparoscopic prostatectomy
- **Johnny Ramone, Jerry Orbach, Thurl Ravenscroft, Merv Griffin, Dan Fogelberg, Dennis Hopper**
  - Died from prostate cancer

# Prostate Cancer Issues and Controversies

- Prostate cancer crisis due to aging population.
  - “Death with rather than of prostate cancer”
- Cost from screening to treatment: mostly older men, government pays most.
- Prevention: no options.
- Imperfect and controversial screening.
- Local disease: too many options, side effect issues.
- Advanced disease: *suddenly* too many options.
- Technology: Rapid and expensive.
- Genetic Testing: Rapidly evolving.



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## 17 genes

that run in families have been discovered that have overlap from prostate cancer to other cancers.



Since 1993, deaths from prostate cancer have been cut in half.



If the prostate cancer is caught at an early stage, most men will not experience any symptoms.

# 100%

Prostate cancer is 100% treatable if detected early.

Prostate cancer has one of the highest survival rates of any cancer.

# 10 THINGS TO KNOW

A man of African descent is 70% more likely to develop prostate cancer.

# 70%

As men age, their risk of developing prostate cancer increases exponentially.

Thanks to emerging science, in the next 5 years, we may see an end to all incurable prostate cancer.



Prostate cancer is the **most common** non-skin cancer in America.



# 2x

Men with relatives with a history of prostate cancer are twice as likely to develop the disease.

# Background

- Approximately 5-10% of cancers are due to an inherited predisposition.
- Genetic counseling and genetic testing may benefit patients by identifying the genetic basis leading to cancers in their family.
- This can help with decisions for cancer screening, cancer risk reduction, and other preventive measures.



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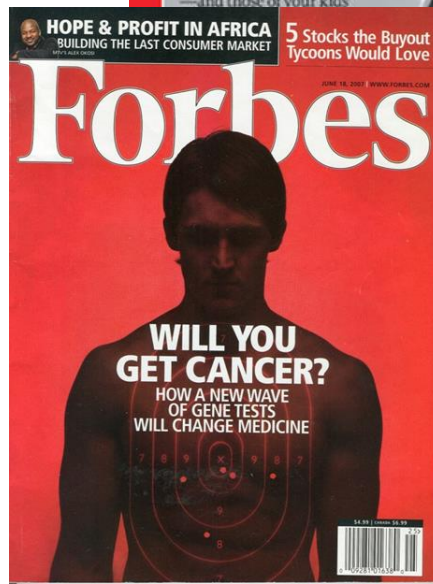
# TIME

## Want to Know My Future?



### WHY YOUR DNA ISN'T YOUR DESTINY

The new science of epigenetics reveals how the choices you make can change your genes — and those of your kids



### CANCER AWARENESS

## Genomics, studies try to uncover prostate cancer

By Paul Jablow  
FOR THE INQUIRER

**F**or researchers, physicians — and patients — prostate cancer has always been among the most maddening and elusive of foes.

The third-most common cancer in the United States, behind breast and lung cancers, its course is less

one cancer from another. Now researchers at Thomas Jefferson University and elsewhere think they are coming closer to solving it through increasingly sophisticated genetic studies.

The payoff would be in saving lives, and also in avoiding the overuse of surgery, radiation, and other treatments that have debilitating

## FDA to Finalize LDT Guidance Amid Uncertainty on Number of Genetic Tests Impacted

Feb 04, 2016 | [Turna Ray](#)

## 60,000 Genetic Tests!!!

NEW YORK (GenomeWeb) — An analysis conducted by Tennessee-based healthcare IT firm NextGxDx suggests there may be around 60,000 genetic testing products currently on the market, comprising more than half of the US laboratory-developed test market.

Moreover, depending on the criteria used, NextGxDx has projected that around 7,600 of these genetic testing products could be deemed high risk by the US Food and Drug Administration, for which labs may have to meet premarket review requirements. Since the agency intends to finalize its draft oversight plan for LDTs this year, it's critical that the FDA and industry players have an accurate estimate of currently marketed tests.

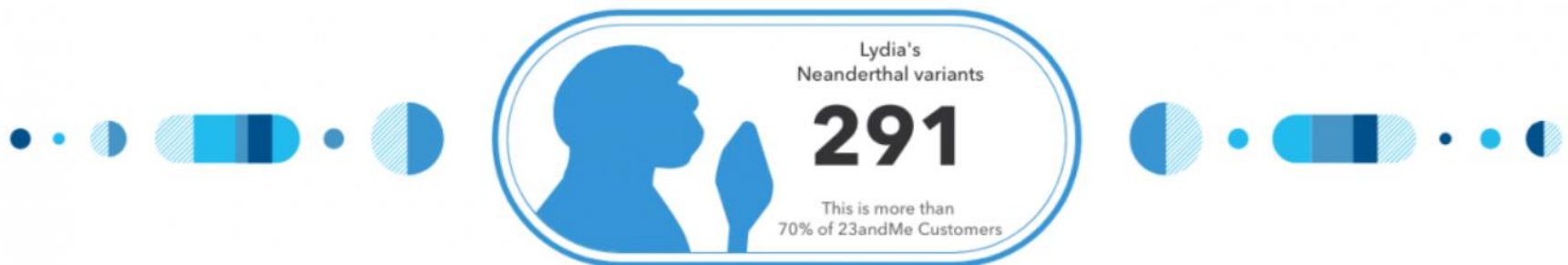
### Recreational Genomics????



## Neanderthal Ancestry

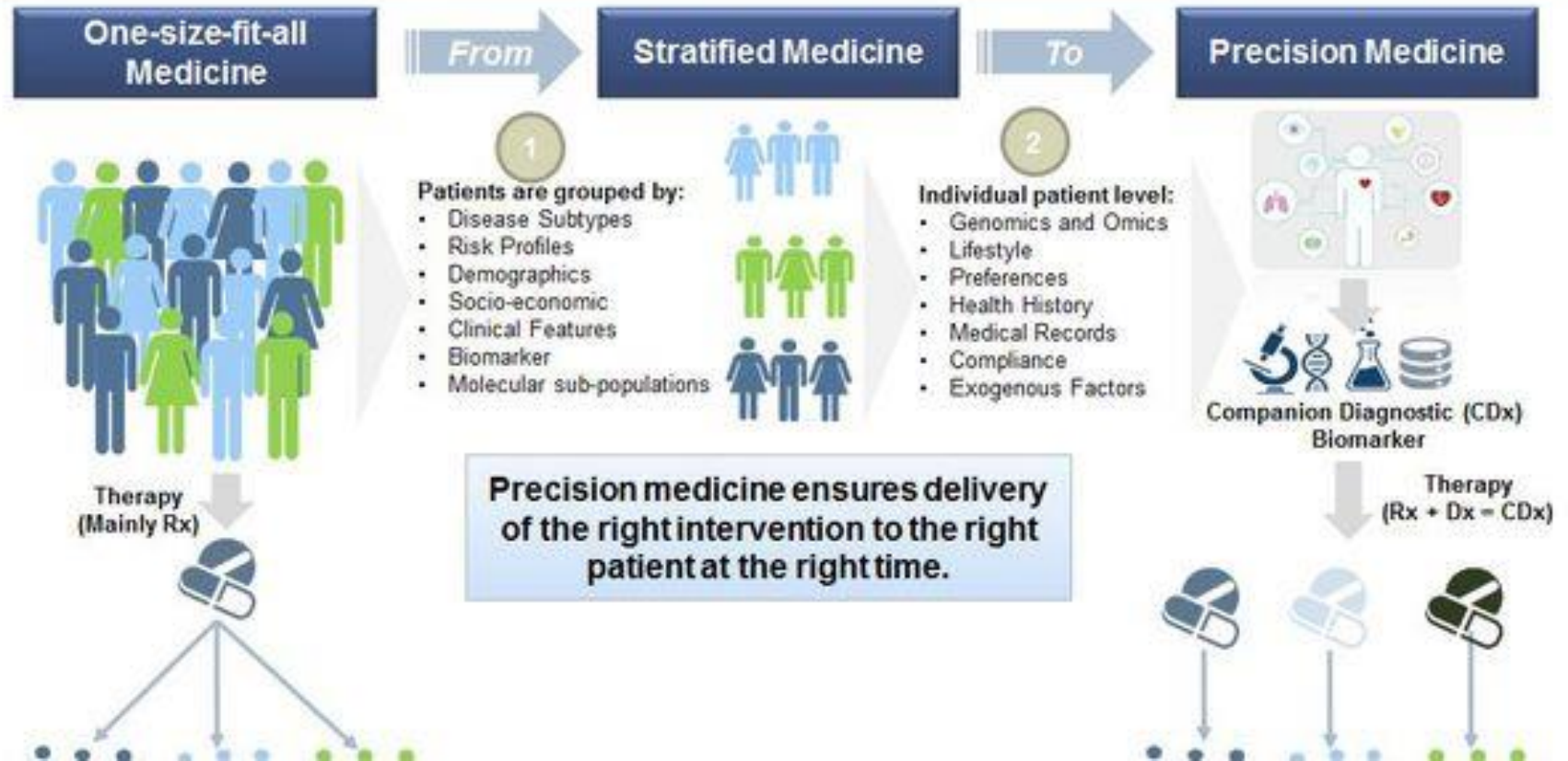
Neanderthals were ancient humans who interbred with modern humans before becoming extinct 40,000 years ago. This report tells you how much of your ancestry can be traced back to Neanderthals.

You have 291 Neanderthal variants.





You have more Neanderthal variants than 70% of 23andMe customers.  
However, your Neanderthal ancestry accounts for less than 4% of your overall DNA.

# Evolution of Precision Medicine





# Your GENOME & YOU



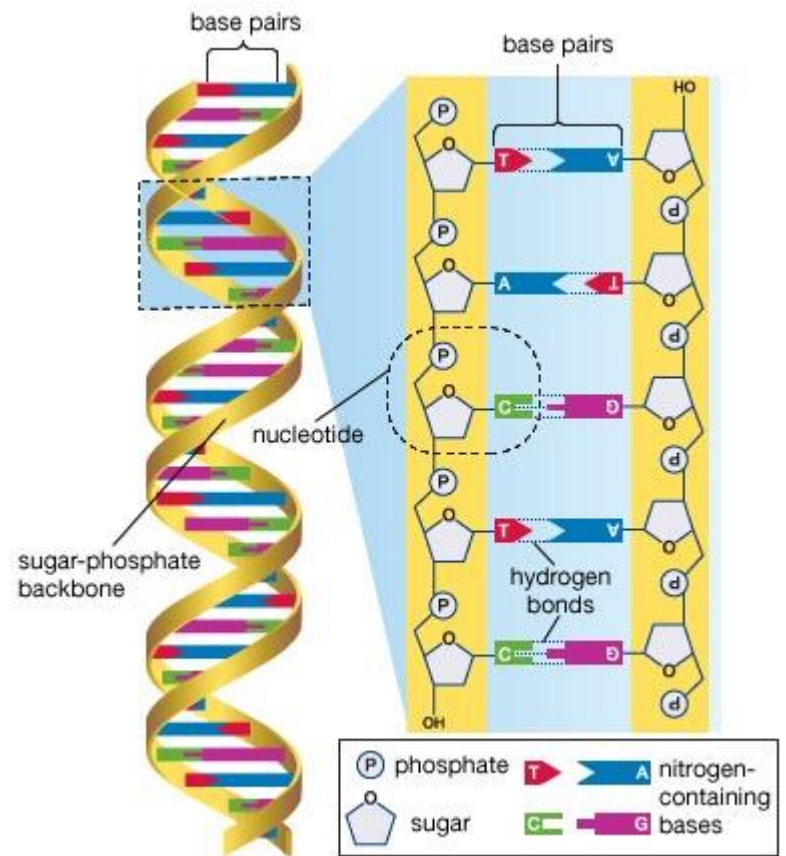
Knowing about your genome helps you understand your health and supports your health decisions.

**GENOME is just a fancy word for all your DNA.**



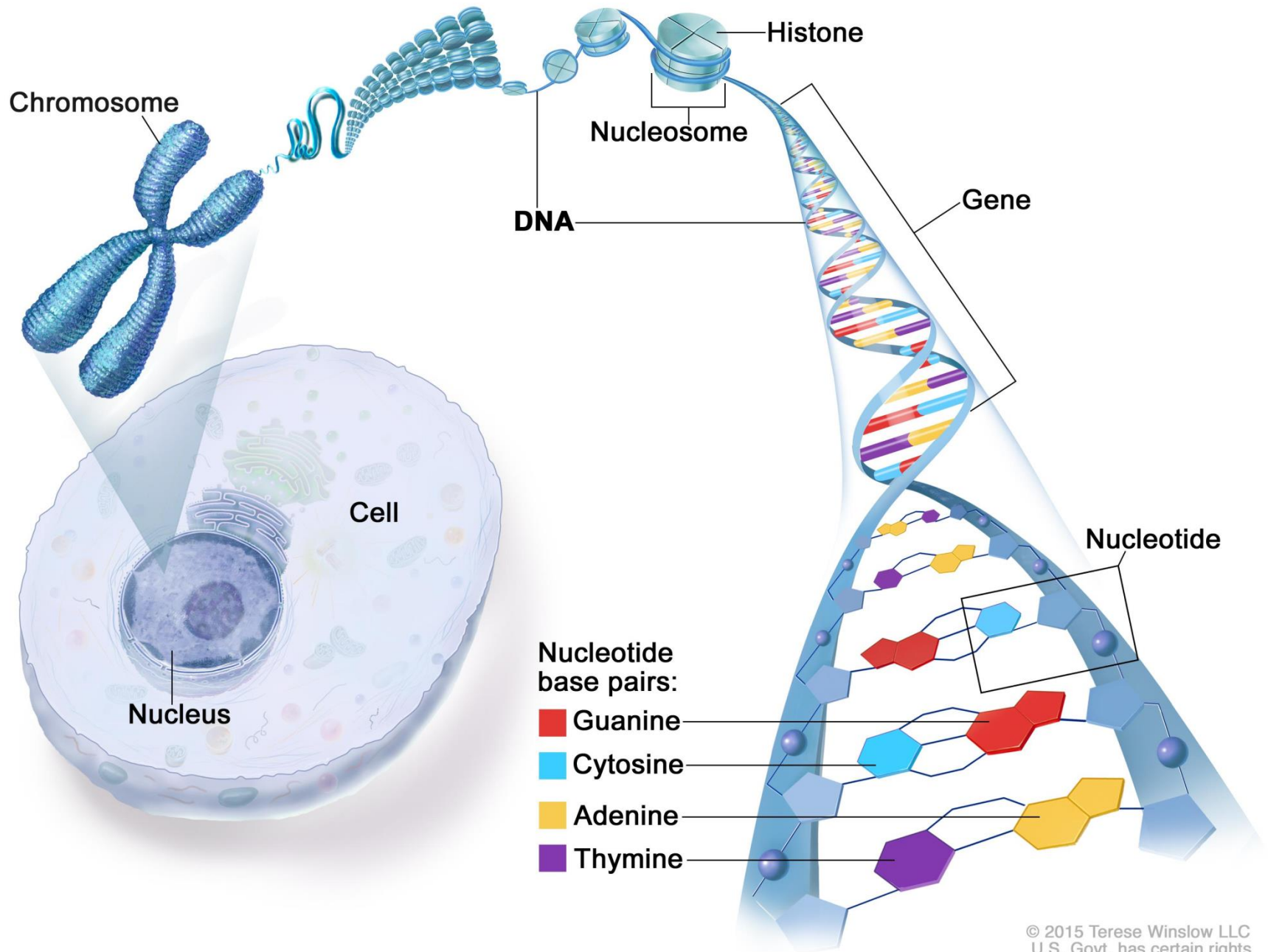
# Welcome to the genome...

..the miraculous blueprint of your DNA, coiled tight as a spring in the nucleus of each cell of your body. If unwound, the DNA from just one cell, while only a molecule in width, would stretch six feet in length! The information stored in its double helix structure - three billion bits worth - could fill 142 Manhattan phone books.

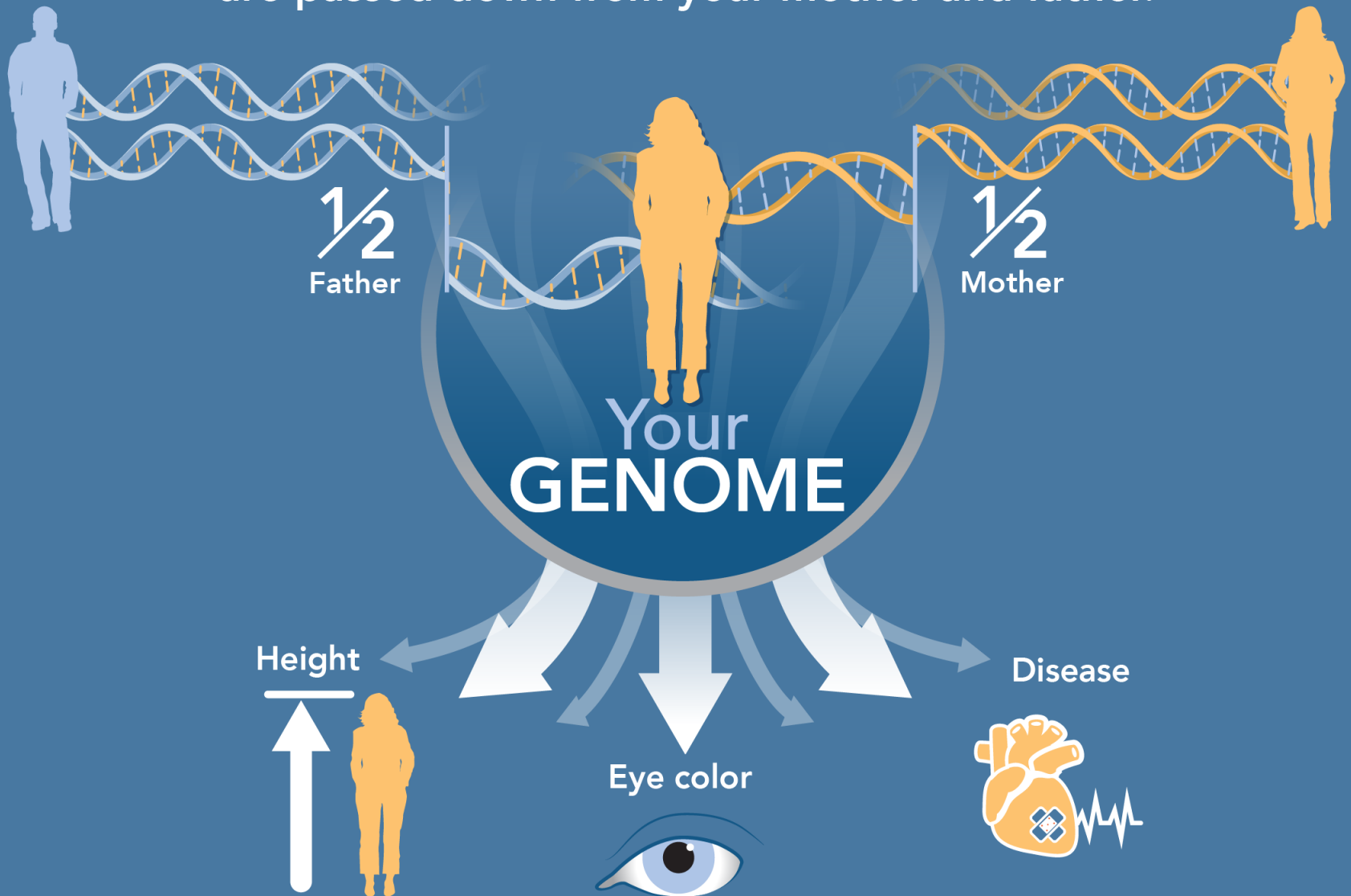


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# DNA Structure



Your GENOME contains all the instructions for you to grow throughout your lifetime. These instructions are passed down from your mother and father.



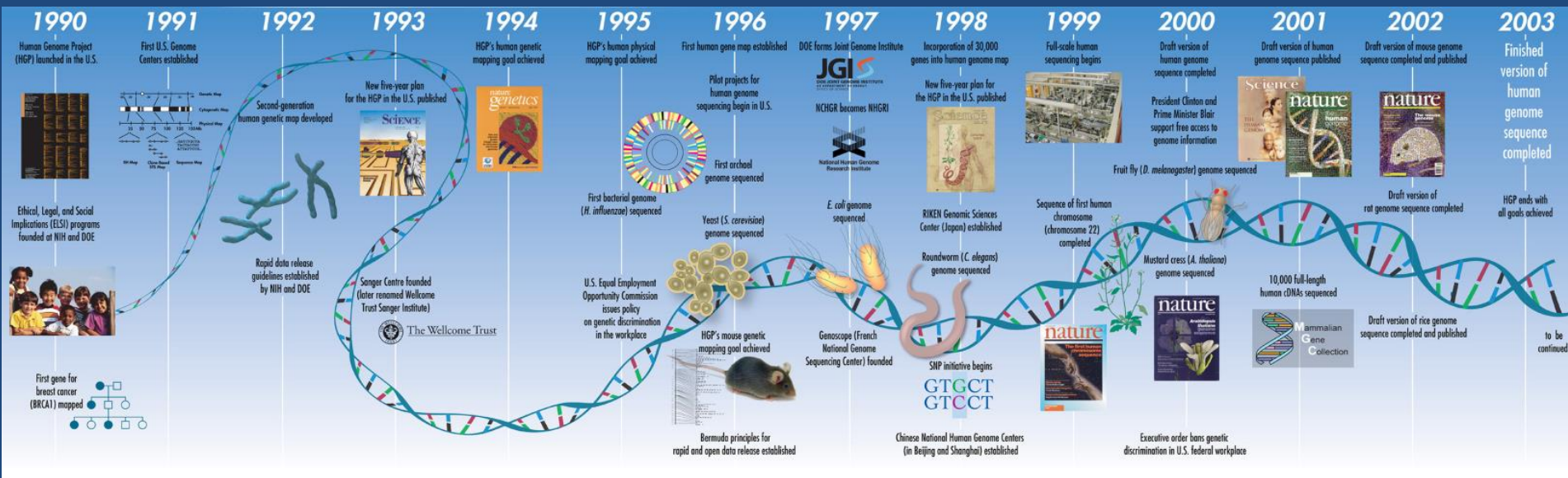
These instructions make you unique.

You can play an active role in keeping your genome healthy.  
You can eat healthy foods. You can exercise.  
You can avoid things that might cause diseases.



We are learning new things about the human genome every day.

# Human Genome Project 1990-2003



3.2 billion base pairs

[https://www.mun.ca/biology/scarr/Human\\_Genome\\_Project\\_timeline.html](https://www.mun.ca/biology/scarr/Human_Genome_Project_timeline.html)

# Genetics vs Genomics

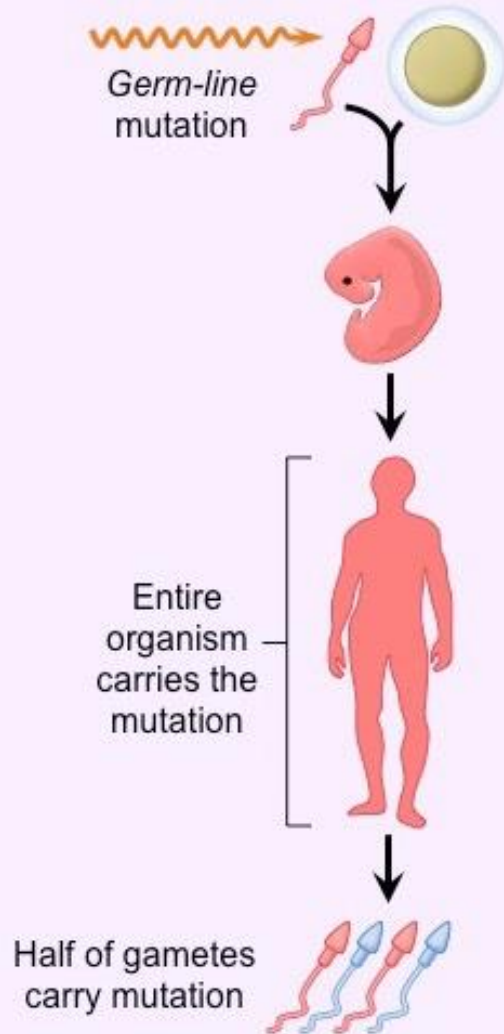
- Genetics:

- **TRADITIONAL:** the study of specific, individual genes and their inheritance
  - Eg, sickle cell anemia and cystic fibrosis, a single gene
- **MODERN:** multiple genes inheritance pattern

- Genomics:

- **MORE COMPLEX;** refers to an organism's entire genetic makeup (genome) or an extensive number of genes
- Study diseases caused by multiple genes interacting with each other and the environment (ie. cancer, diabetes)
- MODERN GENETIC TESTING RELIES ON GENOMICS

## GERM-LINE MUTATIONS



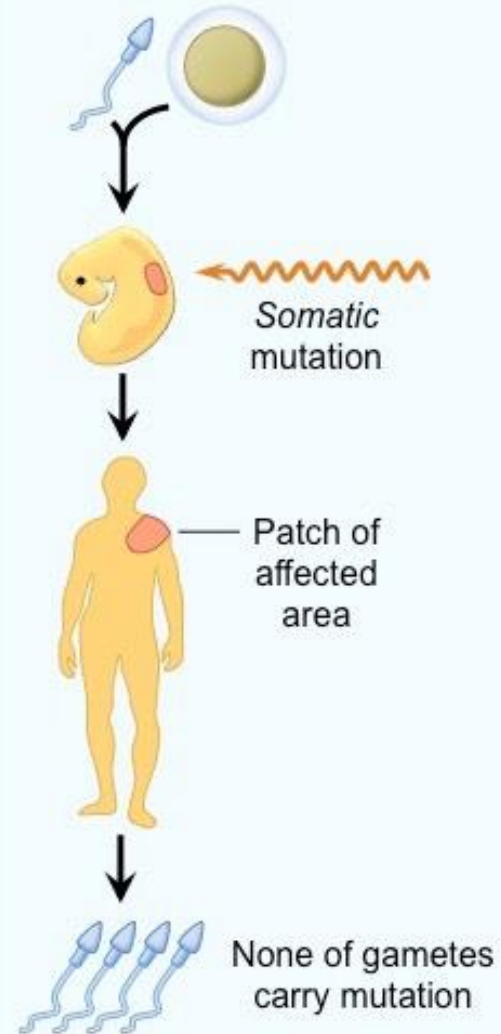
Parental Gametes

Embryo

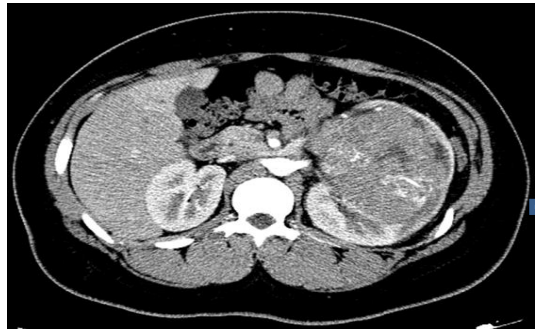
Organism

Gametes of Offspring

## SOMATIC MUTATIONS



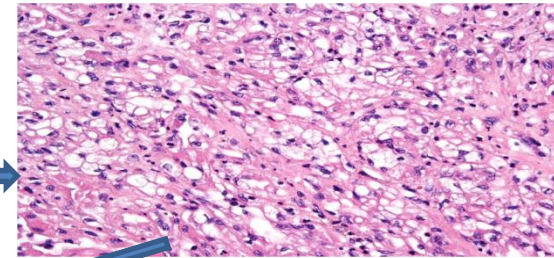
# EVOLUTION OF TUMOR EVALUATION



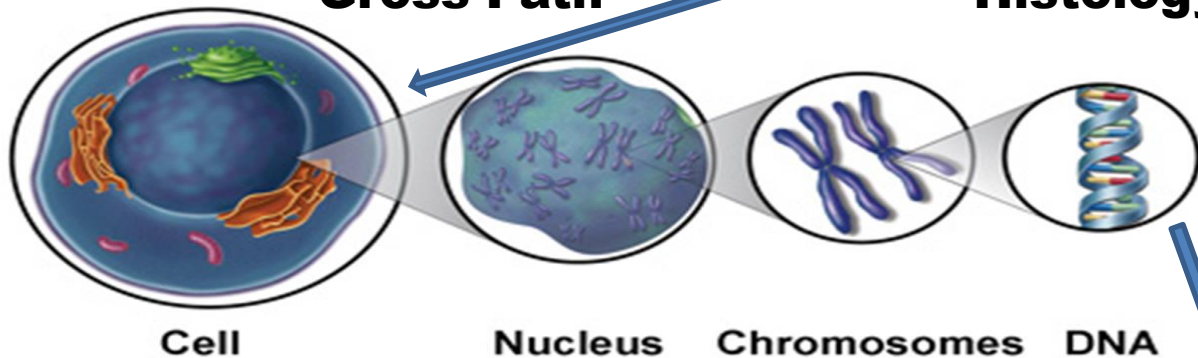
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**Gross Path**



**Histology Path**



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**Base Pairs**

# Our understanding of genomics relies on computational biology support

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BRCA2 gene section

-27 exons total

-coding region

10,433 base pairs

-12 pages long

-image is a very  
small portion of  
exon 11

# Genomic Testing Basics

- Genome = organisms complete DNA set
- DNA made up of base pairs (e.g., AT TC CG GA)
- Base pairs: Bacterium 600,000; Humans >3 billion
- Except for RBC all cells have entire set of genes
- Humans 23 chromosome pairs w/50-250  $10^6$  base pairs
- Genes, the sequence that makes proteins, only 2% of genome
  - Most of DNA “non-coding” (structural, housekeeping)
  - Human genome 30-40,000 genes

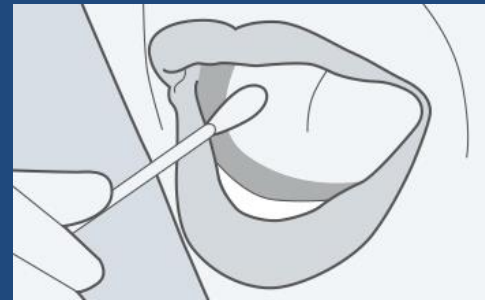
## Genomic Tissue Testing

- 5 x 5μ FFPE sections (0.5-1.0mm length) + H&Es
- Most through Pathology
- Price: \$3000-5000
- > 90% success (Warn patients!)



## Genetic Testing

- Buccal saliva swab most common



- “Recreational” testing unlikely to deep sequence
- Medical labs: beware low cost

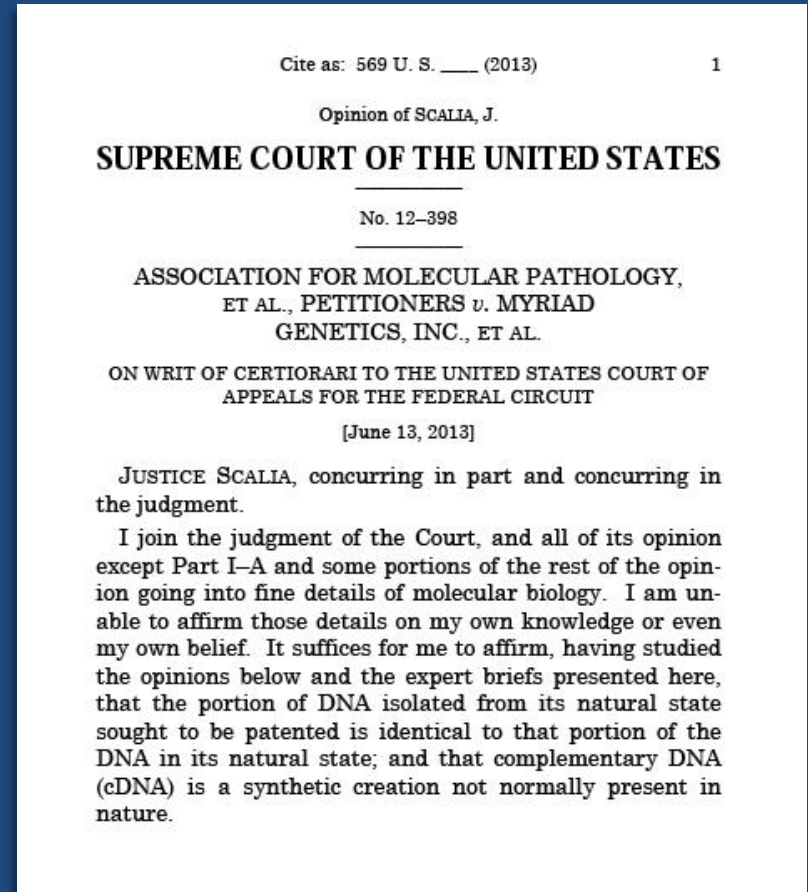
- Deep sequencing (hours to days):
  - Sequencing a region many times
  - Minimizes errors
  - More sequencing = more expensive = more accurate



# Spring 2013: Everything Changed



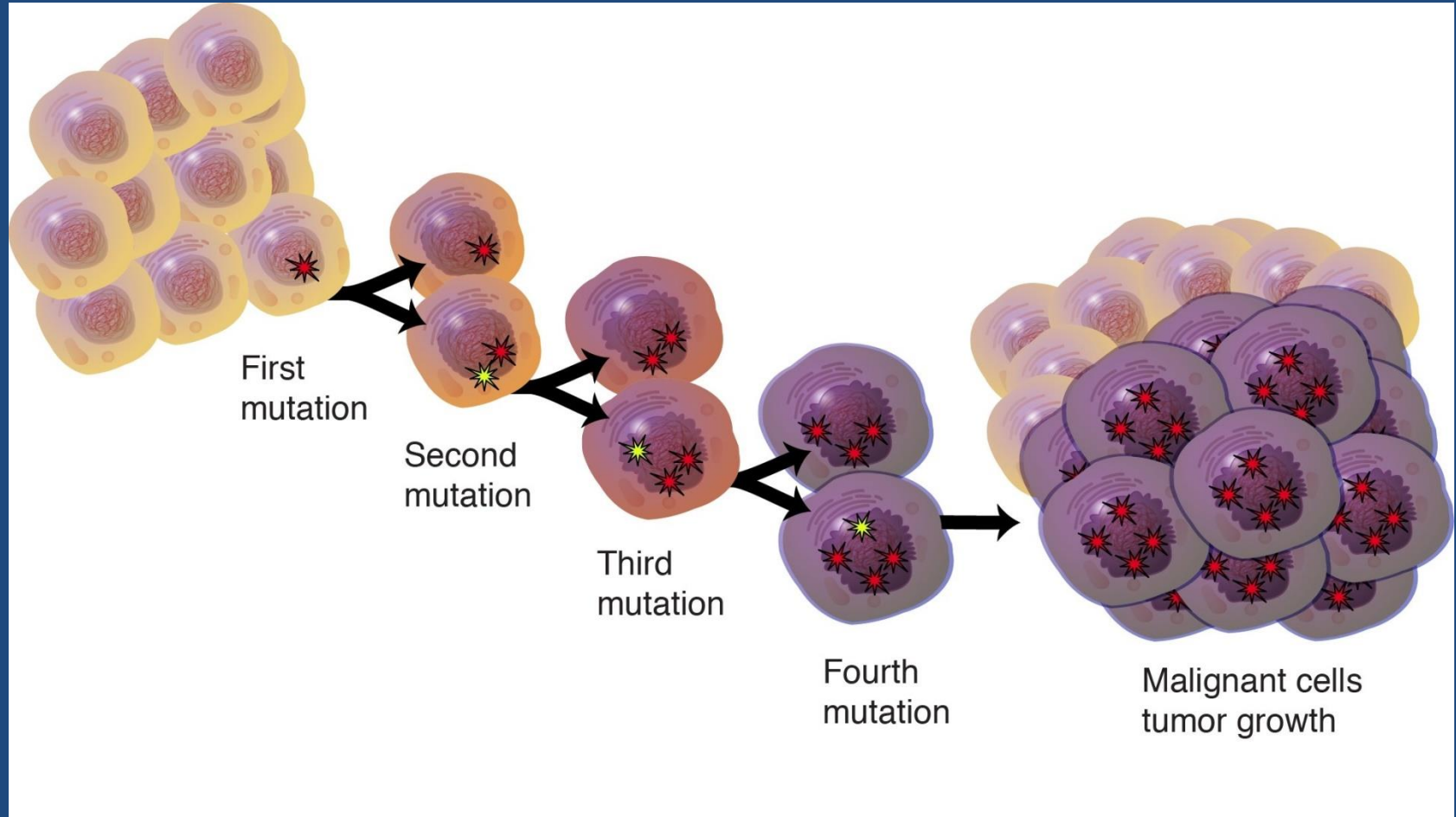
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# All Cancer is Genetic

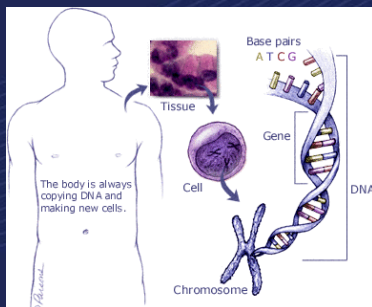
## Not All Cancer is Hereditary



# CANCER SUSCEPTIBILITY PATTERNS

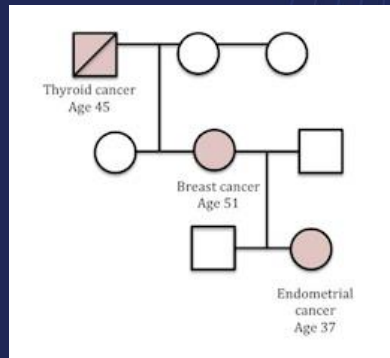
## Sporadic

- Cancers in family likely occurred due to chance or environmental exposure



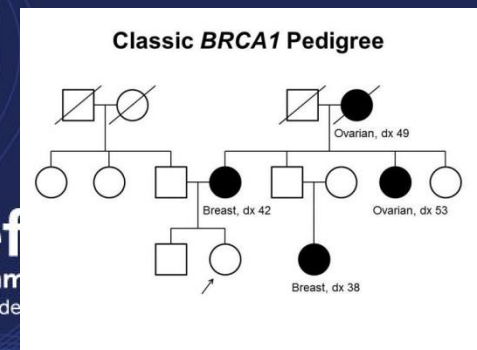
## Familial

- More cancers than expected by chance in family due to mixture of environmental and genetic factors



## Hereditary

- Known inherited reason for cancers in family



# Role of Genetic Testing for Inherited Prostate Cancer Risk: Philadelphia Prostate Cancer Consensus Conference 2017



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and

The Foundation for Breast and Prostate Health  
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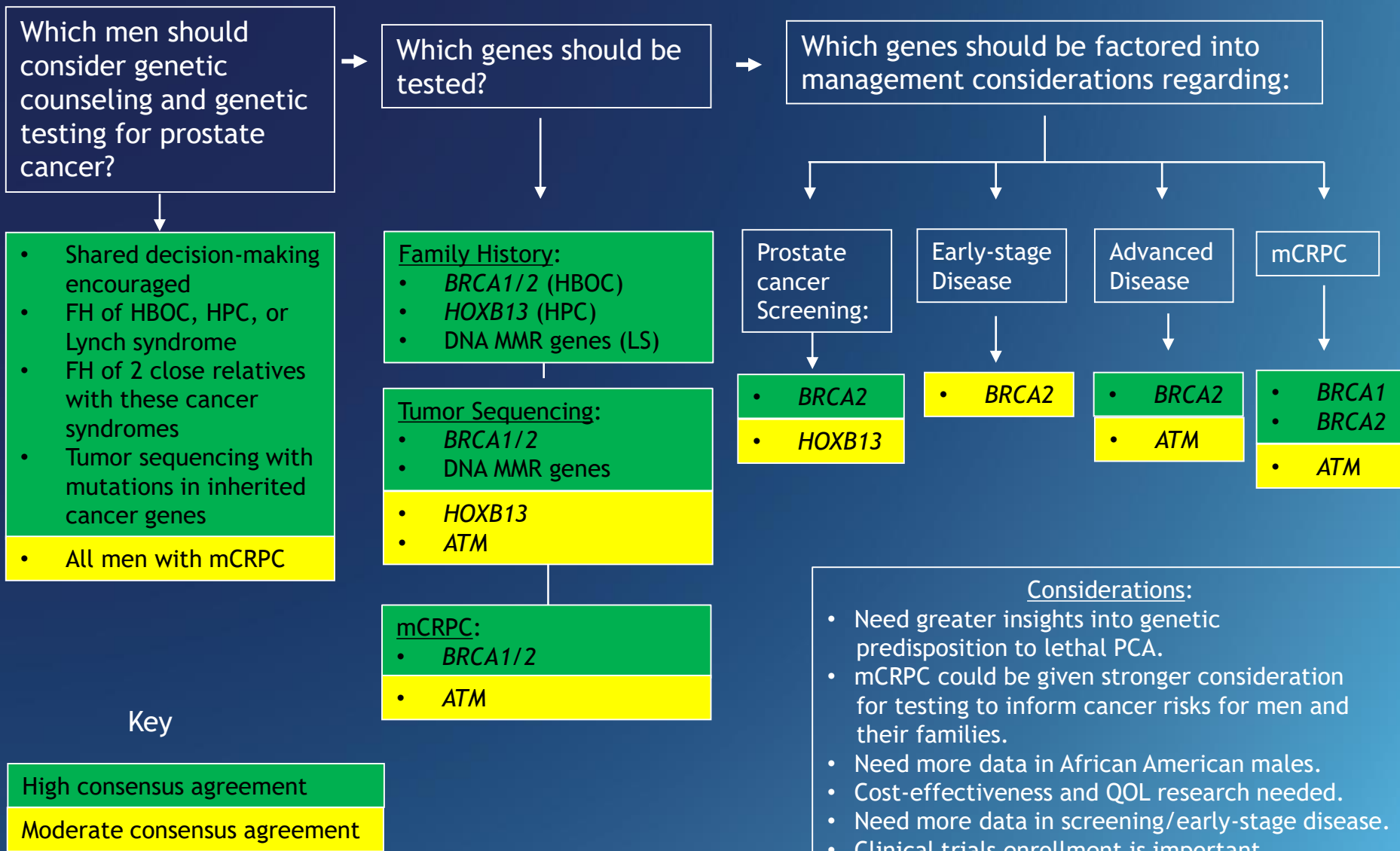
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# Philadelphia 2017 Consensus-Driven Framework for Multigene Testing for Inherited Prostate Cancer



# Genomic/Genetic Testing for Inherited Prostate Cancer Risk

Composition of Typical PCa Panel:

Gene	PCa Risk	
ATM	elevated	DNA-damage response
BRCA1	~ 20%	DNA damage repair
BRCA2	~ 20%	DNA damage repair
CHEK2	elevated	DNA repair through phosphorylation of BRCA2
EPCAM	up to 30%	upregulate c-myc
HOXB13	up to 60%	AR repressor
MLH1	up to 30%	DNA repair
MSH2	up to 30%	DNA Repair
MSH6	up to 30%	DNA repair
NBN	elevated	DNA repair
PMS2	up to 30%	DNA mismatch repair
TP53	unknown	Tumor suppressor
PALB2	preliminary evidence	Tumor suppressor
RAD51D	preliminary evidence	DNA repair

## • Background:

- 10-15% PCa are hereditary.
- Several abnormal genes linked to an increased risk of Pca but may not always cause cancer
  - Also increased risk for other cancers
  - Actionable genes identified

## • Why do Genomic Testing?

- Potential impact on therapeutic options
- Potential to screen/prevent for other at-risk cancers in the patient and family

Based on data in Nicolosi, et al ASCO Abstract 5009 2017 Chicago;  
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gene/>

## BRCA 1 / 2 Prostate Cancer Risks

- 2-6 fold increased lifetime risk (BRCA2 > BRCA1)
- 8.6-fold increased risk by age 65 (BRCA2)
- PCa Prognosis: More likely to have aggressive features: Gleason 8 or higher, node positive disease, mets, poor survival
- Other hereditary cancers: breast, ovarian, melanoma, pancreatic, Lynch Syndrome, colorectal, gastric

*Affected Father*



*Unaffected Mother*



*Affected Son*



*Unaffected Daughter*



*Unaffected Son*



*Affected Daughter*



If one of your parents has a BRCA mutation, you have a **50%** chance of inheriting the mutated gene.

# BRCA and Cancer

Although the risk of cancer is greater for women than men with BRCA 1/2 gene mutations, both sexes face elevated lifetime chances of several types of cancer. *Risk of cancer as a percentage, by gender.*

<b>MEN</b>			
<b>Cancer type</b>	<b>U.S. white</b>	<b>BRCA1 mutation carriers</b>	<b>BRCA2 mutation carriers</b>
Breast	0.1%	1-5%	7%
Prostate	16	*	25
Melanoma	2	N.S.	5
Pancreas	1	Up to 3	3-5
<b>WOMEN</b>			
Breast	13%	60-80%	50-70%
Ovary	1-2	20-45	10-20
Melanoma	2	N.S.	Up to 5
Pancreas	1	Up to 3	3-5

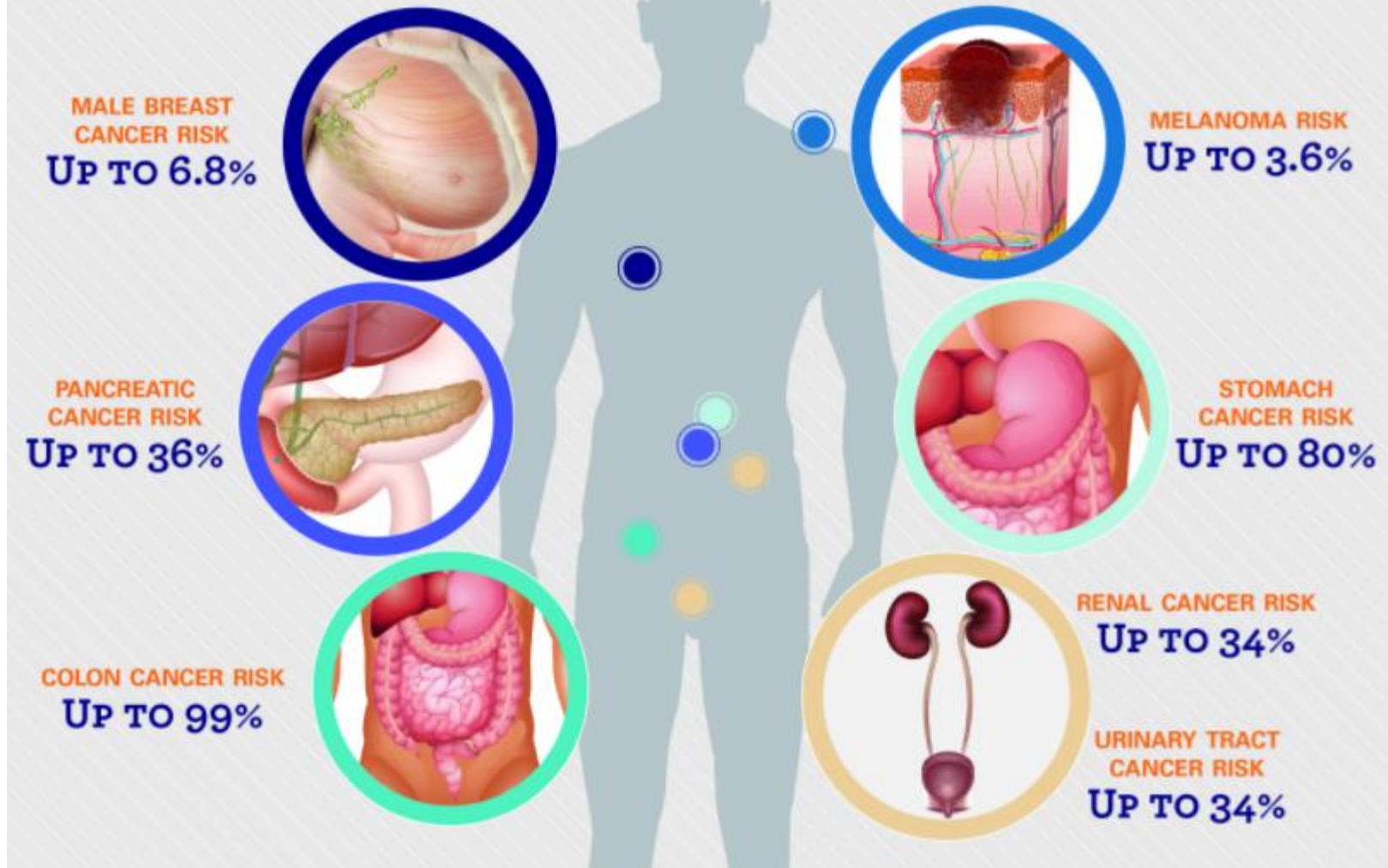
N.S. = Not significant; \*Some evidence of an increased risk for men younger than 65

SOURCE: Penn Medicine's Bassett Research Center for BRCA

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## Hereditary Prostate Cancer

## Hereditary-Associated Cancers:

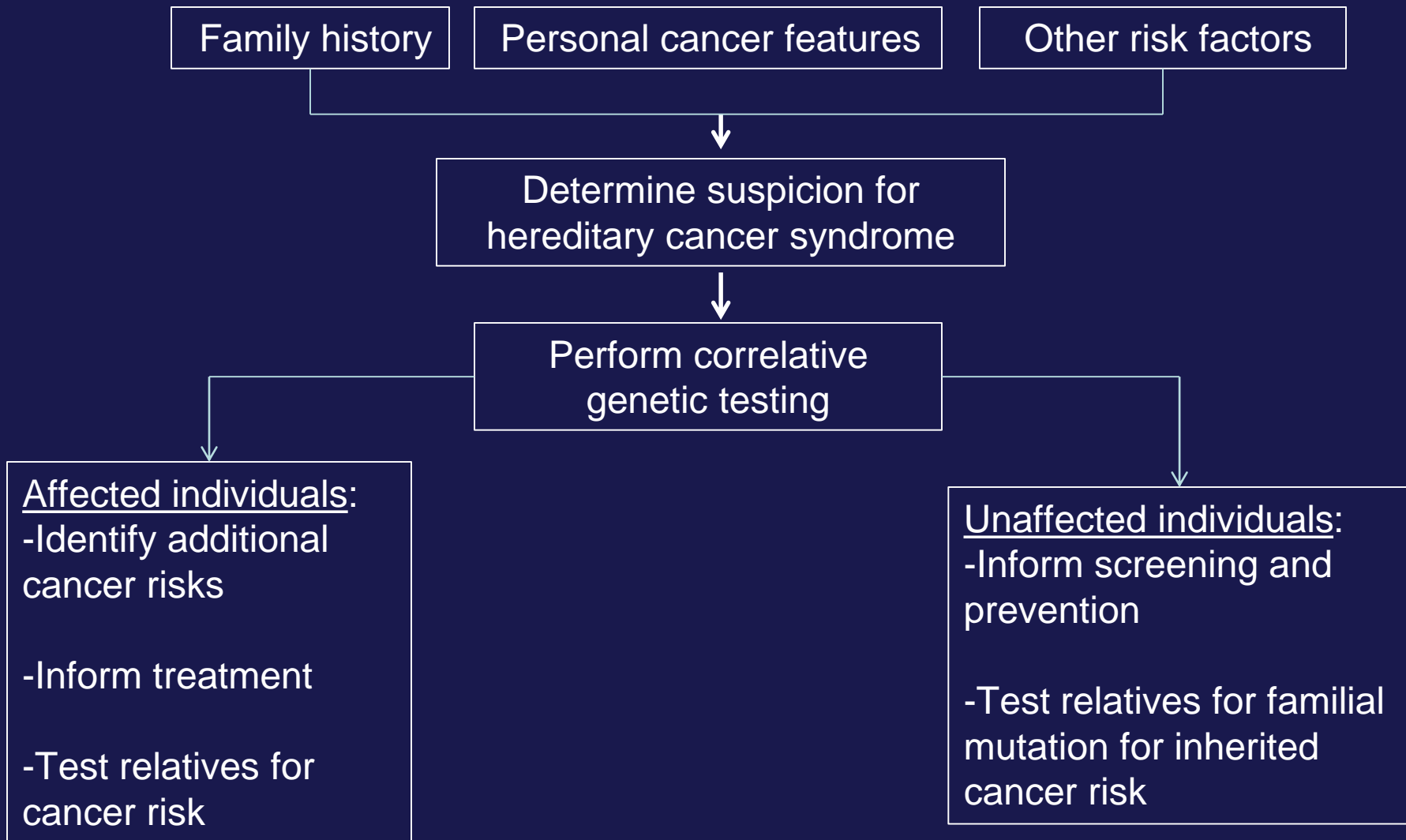


# Criteria for Referral to Genetic Counseling for Prostate Cancer

American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG)/National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC) practice guidelines

- $\geq 2$  cases of prostate cancer diagnosed at age  $\leq 55$  in close relatives
- $\geq 3$  FDRs with prostate cancer
- Aggressive (Gleason score  $>7$ ) prostate cancer and  $\geq 2$  cases of breast, ovarian, and/or pancreatic cancer in close relatives

# Model for Genetic Testing for Inherited Cancer Risk



# What is a Genetic Counselor?



- Health care professional trained in clinical genetics, assessment of personal risk for cancer, and options for managing the risk.
- Appointment typically lasts 1-2 hours and sometimes a second visit is necessary.
- During the appointment:
  - Information will be collected about family health history, personal health history) and pathology reports
  - Review what is seen in family and will discuss options for available genetic testing
  - Support your choices in the context of your personal values, beliefs, and goals
  - Help arrange for genetic counseling and genetic testing of other family members, as needed



# Why see a genetic counselor in a cancer setting?

“What does my cancer diagnosis mean for my family?”

“What are my chances of getting cancer and what types of screening should I do?”

“Many of my family members have had cancer and I am worried about getting cancer myself.”



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# Genitourinary Cancer Genetics Clinic

- The clinic is conducted in parallel with the GU Multidisciplinary clinic so that men presenting for prostate cancer management visits can have the opportunity to undergo genetic evaluation as well.
- First genetics clinic in the Philadelphia region focused on GU cancers
- Focus on genetic cancer risk assessment for prostate cancer, kidney cancer, and upper tract urothelial cancer
- Clinical staff include genetic counselor, Dr. Giri, and a research coordinator to enroll patients to research studies.



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# “Red Flags” for Hereditary Cancer Predisposition

- Cancer at earlier than typical ages
  - Often younger than 50
- Cancer in paired organs
- Multifocal disease
- Rare tumors
  - Pheochromocytomas, oncocytomas, medullary thyroid cancer
- Multiple close relatives on the same side of the family with the same or related forms of cancer
  - Breast and ovarian cancer



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# Referral for Hereditary Prostate Cancer

- Prostate cancer diagnosis at 65 or younger
- Gleason score  $\geq 7$  and family history of cancers related to Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Syndrome (breast, ovary, pancreas, prostate)
- Family history of cancers relevant to Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Syndrome, Hereditary Prostate Cancer or Lynch Syndrome

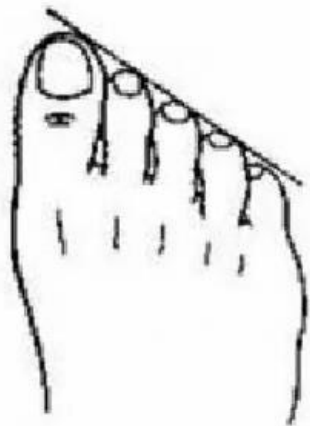


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# Conclusions

- Evolving recommendations for prostate cancer genetic testing
- Most critical genes today:
  - BRCA 1/2, HOXB13, ATM, CHEK2
- In the future genetic testing may guide prostate cancer screening
- Strongly consider referral for genetic testing AND counselling if high risk or strong family history
- Expanding role for these genetic counseling professionals in prostate cancer care
- Many new prostate cancer genetic panels are being made available commercially, need validation



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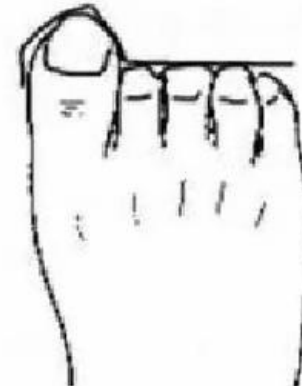
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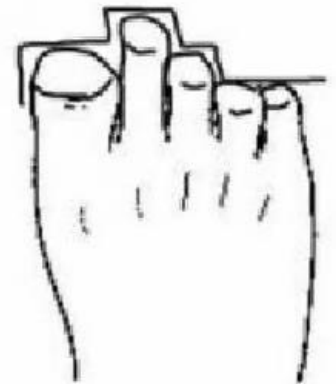
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