

Of hundreds of sperms, only one can fertilize the ovum.

Prenatal period **Embryonic period** – first 8 weeks **Fetal period** – remaining 30 weeks



The Primitive Streak





ECTODERM

- Epidermis of skin and its derivatives (including sweat glands, hair follicles)
- Epithelial lining of mouth and anus
- Cornea and lens of eye

Adrenal medulla

- Tooth enamel
- Epithelium of pineal and pituitary glands

MESODERM

- Notochord
- Skeletal system
- Muscular system
- Muscular layer of stomach and intestine
- Excretory system
- Circulatory and lymphatic systems
- Reproductive system (except germ cells)
- Dermis of skin
- Lining of body cavity
- Adrenal cortex

ENDODERM

- Epithelial lining of digestive tract
- Epithelial lining of respiratory system
- Lining of urethra, urinary bladder, and reproductive system
- Liver
- Pancreas
- Thymus
- Thyroid and parathyroid glands







HEREDITARY BASIC

Genetics

Diploid number of chromosomes

- In all cells except gametes
- Diploid number = 46 (23 pairs of homologous chromosomes)
 - 1 pair of sex chromosomes determines the genetic sex (XX = female, XY = male)
 - 22 pairs of autosomes guide expression of most other traits

Phenotype

- all of the characteristics of an organism or to one phenotypic trait.
- Also, phenotype refers to any of the detectable attributes of a living thing.
- The phenotype is the result of the interaction of the gene and environmental components.



Alleles

•Matched genes at the same locus on homologous chromosomes

•Homozygous: alleles controlling a single trait are the same

•Heterozygous: alleles for a trait are different

•Dominant: an allele that masks or suppresses its (recessive) partner



Homozygous Alleles

Homozygous Refers to the state of carrying identical alleles at one or more gene loci (e.g. AABB or aabb).



Heterozygous Alleles

Heterozygous

Refers to the state of carrying **different alleles** at one or **more gene loci** (e.g. AaBb).

Crossover and Genetic Recombination

Genes on the same chromosome are linked
Chromosomes can cross over, forming a chiasma, and exchange segments
Recombinant chromosomes have mixed contributions from each parent



with a homologous chromatid segment—in other words, crossing over occurs, forming a chiasma.





One Locus Inheritance

Mendel's 1st Law

Two members of a gene pair segregate from each other into the gametes, so half the gametes carry one member of the pair and the other half carry the other member of the pair.



Calculating Probabilities

- We want to predict patterns of inheritance of traits and diseases in pedigrees.
- E.g., we want to know the likelihood that a dog chosen at random from the study population will have blue eyes.



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X-linked Inheritance



Different results obtained from reciprocal crosses between red-eyed and white-eyed Drosophila.

Explanation: The gene responsible for eye-color is X-linked. Females have 2 X-chromosomes, while males have 1 X-chromosome and 1 Y-chromosome.



Medical Genetics

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When studying rare disorders, 6 general patterns of inheritance are observed:

- Autosomal recessive
- Autosomal dominant
- X-linked recessive
- X-linked dominant
- Codominant
- Mitochondrial

Autosomal recessive

- The disease appears in male and female children of unaffected parents.
- e.g., cystic fibrosis



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Autosomal dominant

- Affected males and females appear in each generation of the pedigree.
- Affected mothers and fathers transmit the phenotype to both sons and daughters.
- e.g., Huntington disease.



X-linked recessive

- Many more males than females show the disorder.
- All the daughters of an affected male are "carriers".
- None of the sons of an affected male show the disorder or are carriers.
- e.g., hemophilia



X-linked dominant

- Affected males pass the disorder to all daughters but to none of their sons.
- Affected heterozygous females married to unaffected males pass the condition to half their sons and daughters
- e.g. fragile X syndrome



Codominant inheritance

- Two different versions (alleles) of a gene can be expressed, and each version makes a slightly different protein Both alleles influence the
- genetic trait or determine the characteristics of the genetic condition. E.g. ABO locus



Mitochondrial inheritance

- This type of inheritance applies to genes in mitochondrial DNA
- Mitochondrial disorders can appear in every generation of a family and can affect both males and females, but fathers do not pass mitochondrial traits to their children.
- E.g. Leber's hereditary optic neuropathy (LHON)

