

# Simple Genetics



## Section 3 – Studying Heredity

# Inheritance of Traits

## **Autosomal**

**Non-sex** chromosomes

The gene will appear in both sexes equally  
ex: hair or eye color

# Inheritance of Traits

## **Sex-linked**

The allele of the gene will only appear on the X  
or Y gene

**Mostly recessive**

ex: Albinism or Red-green colorblindness or  
Male Pattern Baldness

# Inheritance of Traits

## Autosomal Dominant

Every individual with the condition will have a parent with the condition

Example: **Huntington's Disease**

# Inheritance of Traits

## Recessive

Every individual with the condition can either have one, two or neither parent with the condition

Example: **Cystic Fibrosis**

# Traits cont.

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- ❖ **Heterozygous or Homozygous Dominant:**  
The individual will show the dominant allele  
Example: **Detached Earlobes**
- ❖ **Homozygous:**  
They will show the recessive allele  
Example: **Attached Earlobes**

## Review Questions:

1. Using 1-3 sentences summarize the words; autosomal, sex-linked, heterozygous dominant and recessive, so someone can understand the differences (do not just copy definitions).
2. Devise a possible plan to figure out which traits you received from your mother and which you received from your father based on autosomal and sex-linked traits.

# Recap of Day 2

- 1. Heterozygous and Homozygous Dominant**
  - a. Examples: Gg and GG**
- 2. Punnett Square Purpose**
- 3. Probabilities**



# Karotype



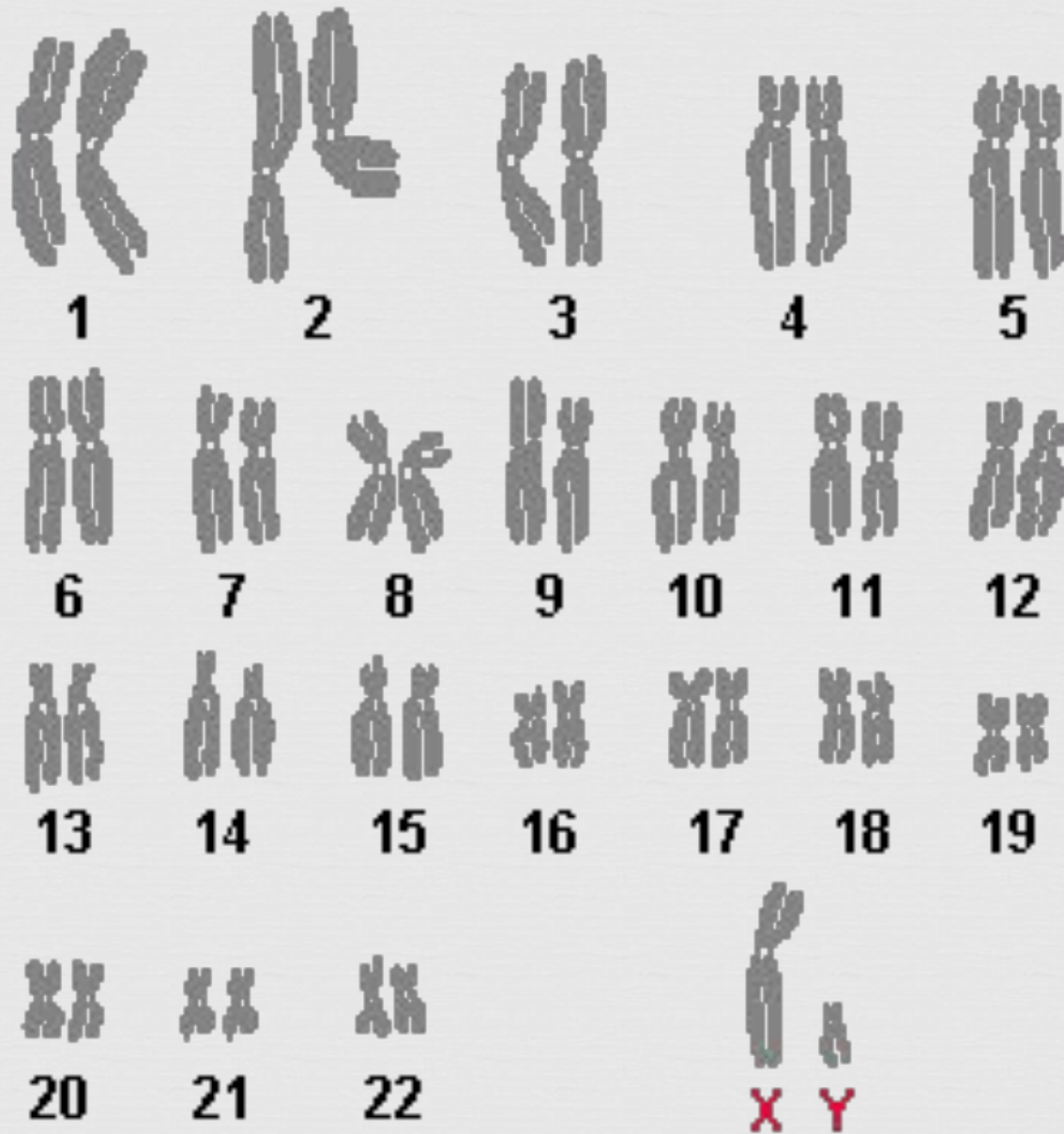
Useful to determine if there are **extra or missing chromosomes** due to **abnormalities** in meiosis and fertilization

Examples:

Down Syndrome

Polydactyl - extra limbs

# Human Male Karyotype





Male



Female



Affected individual



Mating

I



Offspring in birth order; I and II are generations; offspring numbered II-1 and II-2

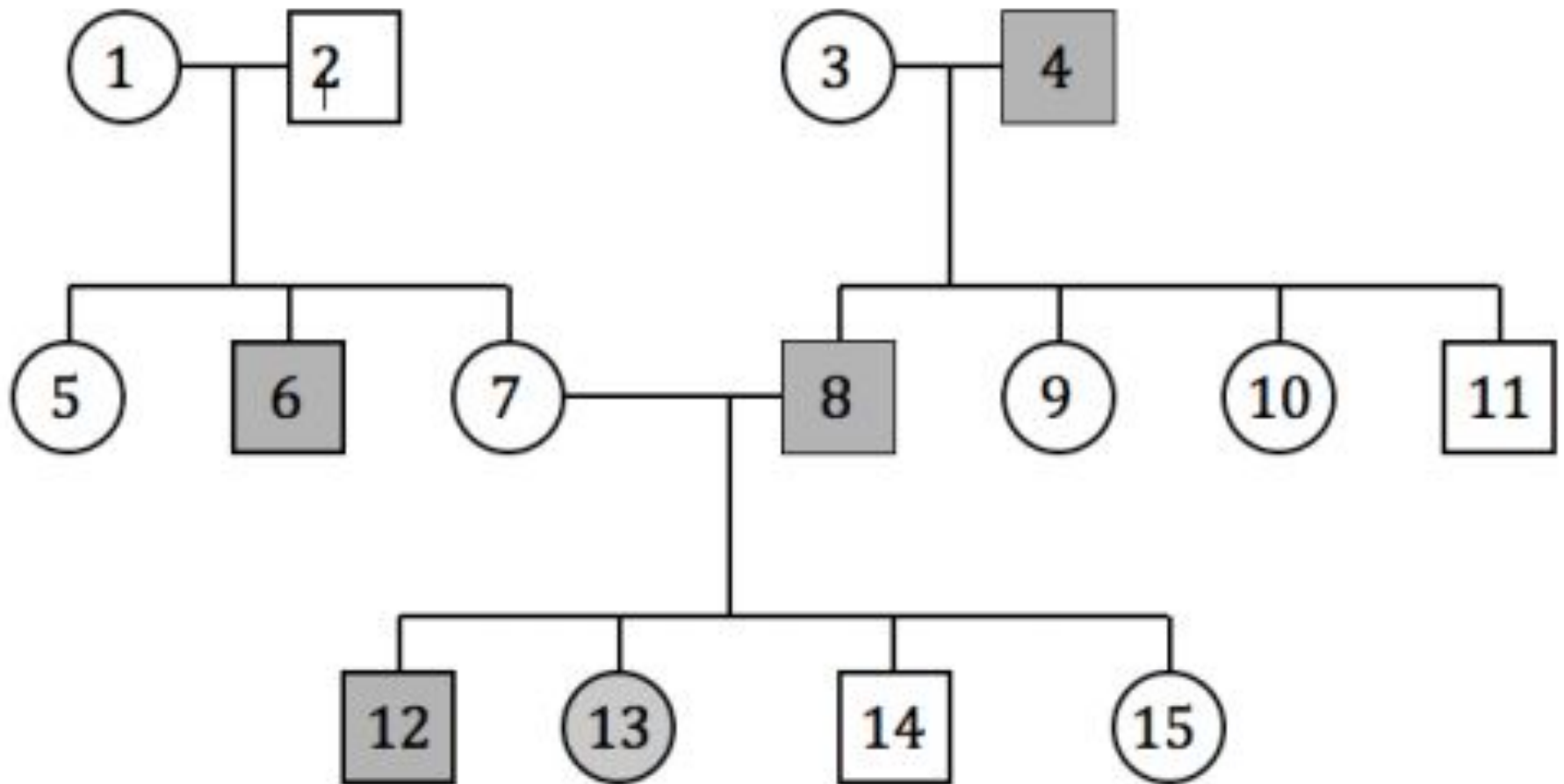
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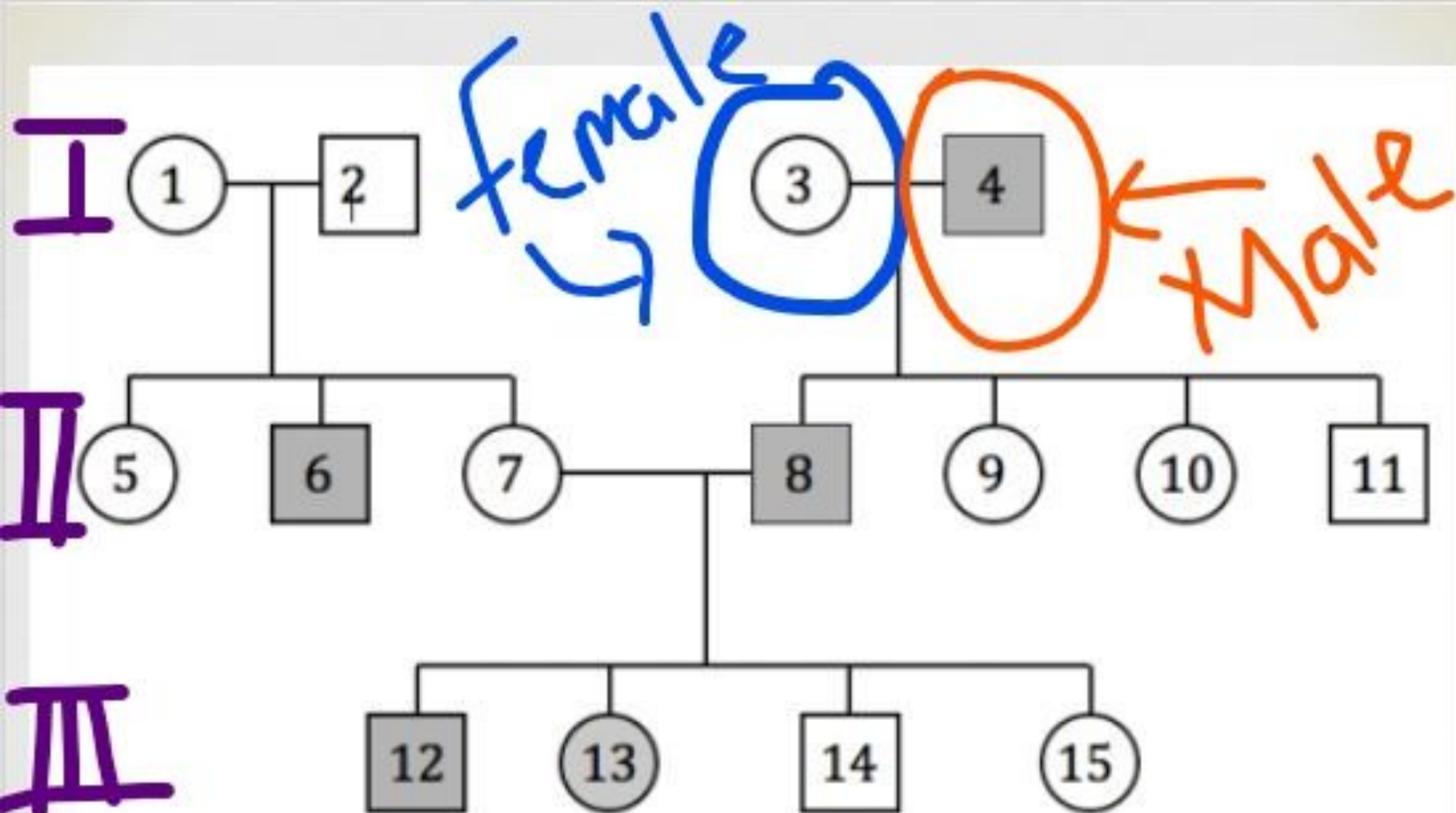
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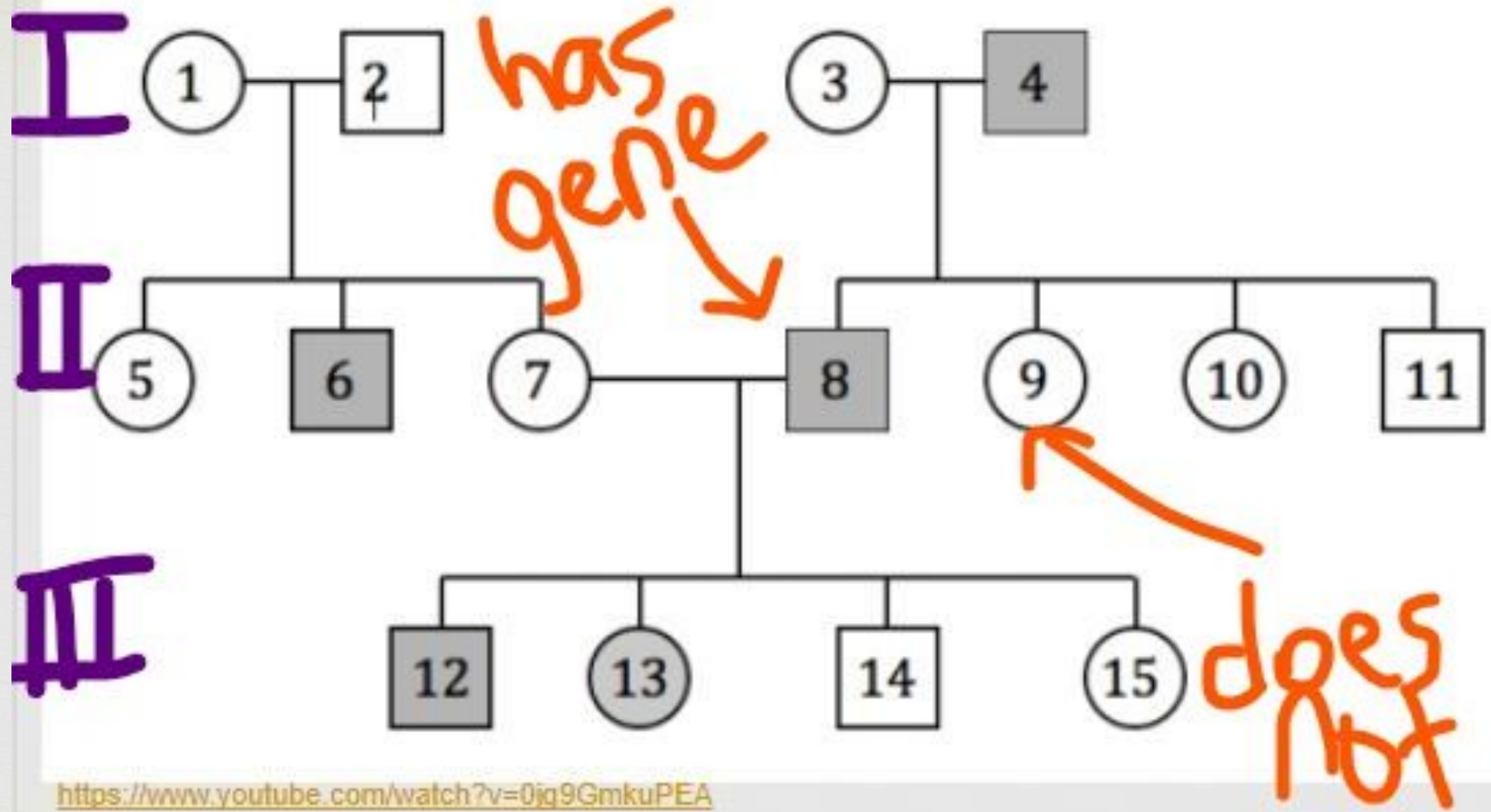
Non-identical twins



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# Comparing Pedigrees

## Dominant

- ❧ If two affected parents have an unaffected child
- ❧ Occurs more often in a pedigree = more shaded individuals

## Recessive

- ❧ If two unaffected people have an affected child, it is a recessive pedigree

# Comparing Pedigrees

## Autosomal Dominant

- All unaffected are **homozygous recessive** (ex. dd)
- The affected parents of an unaffected child must be heterozygotes Dd

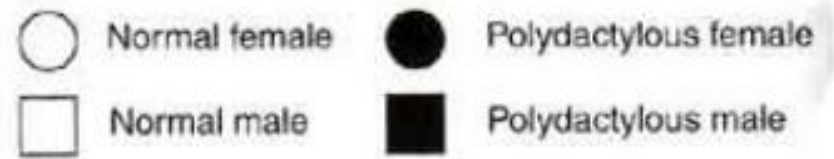
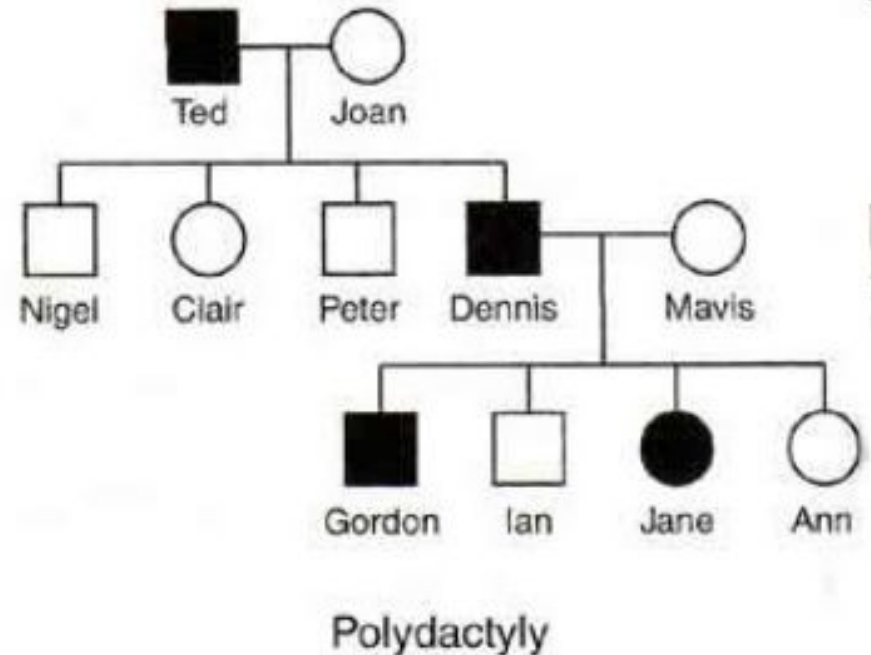
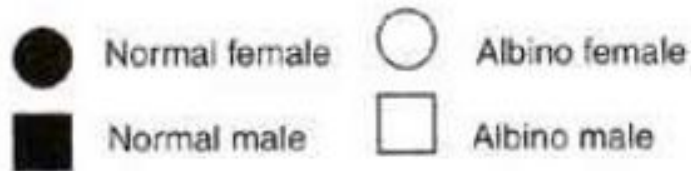
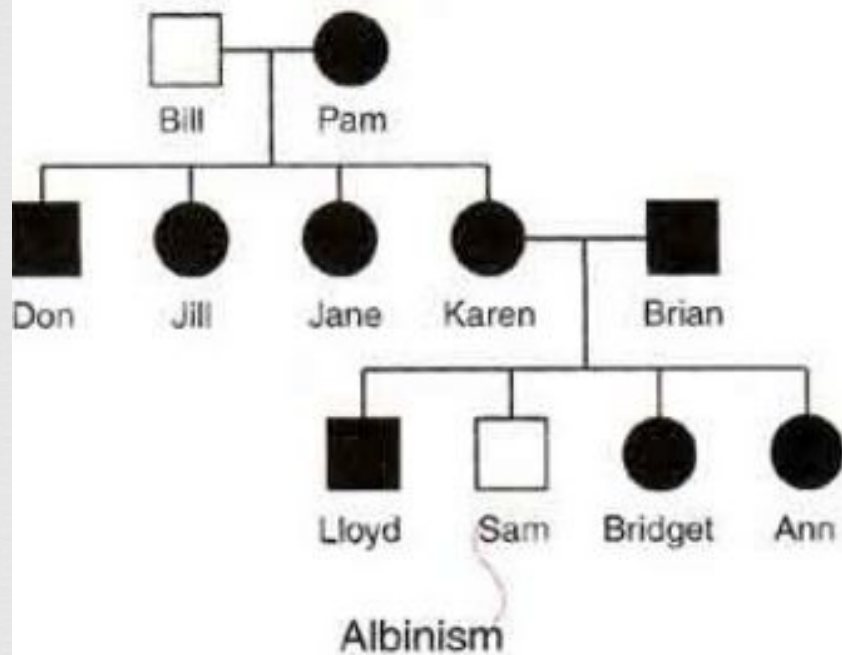
## Autosomal Recessive

- All affected are **homozygous recessive**
- If two unaffected mate and have an affected child, both parents must be **Rr heterozygotes**



# Pedigree charts

## Pedigree showing albinism



**Fig. 3.8:** Pedigrees showing inheritance of albinism and polydactyly.

# Pedigree charts

## Pedigree showing albinism

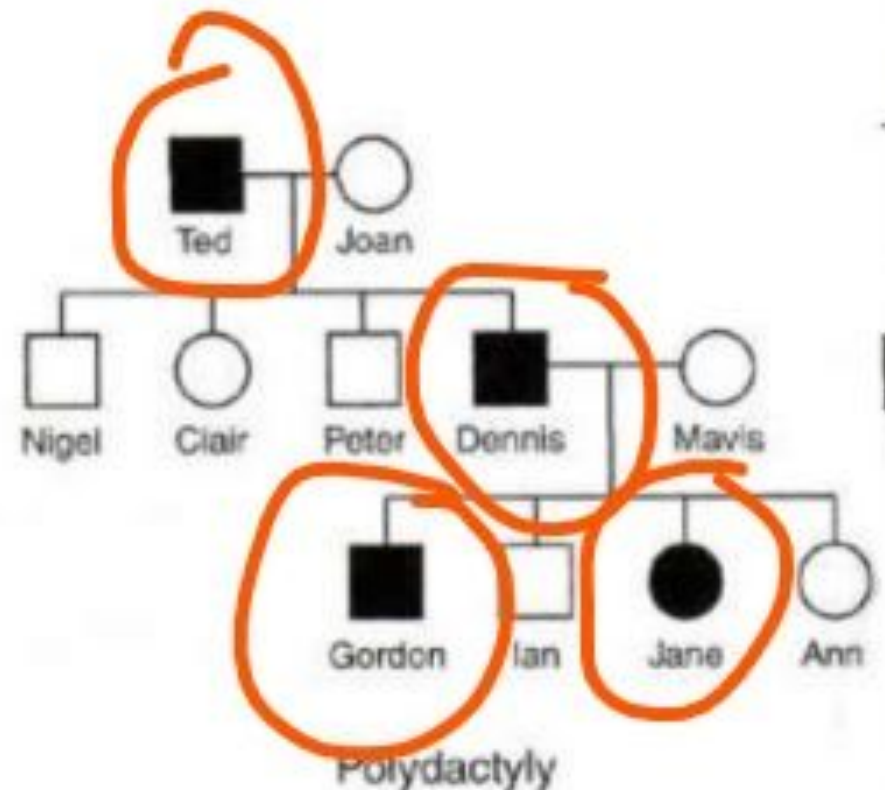
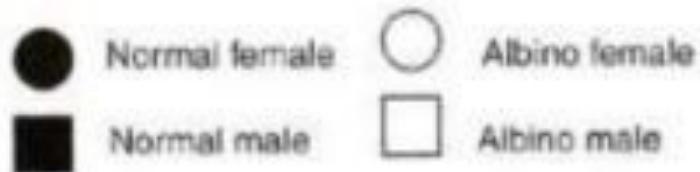
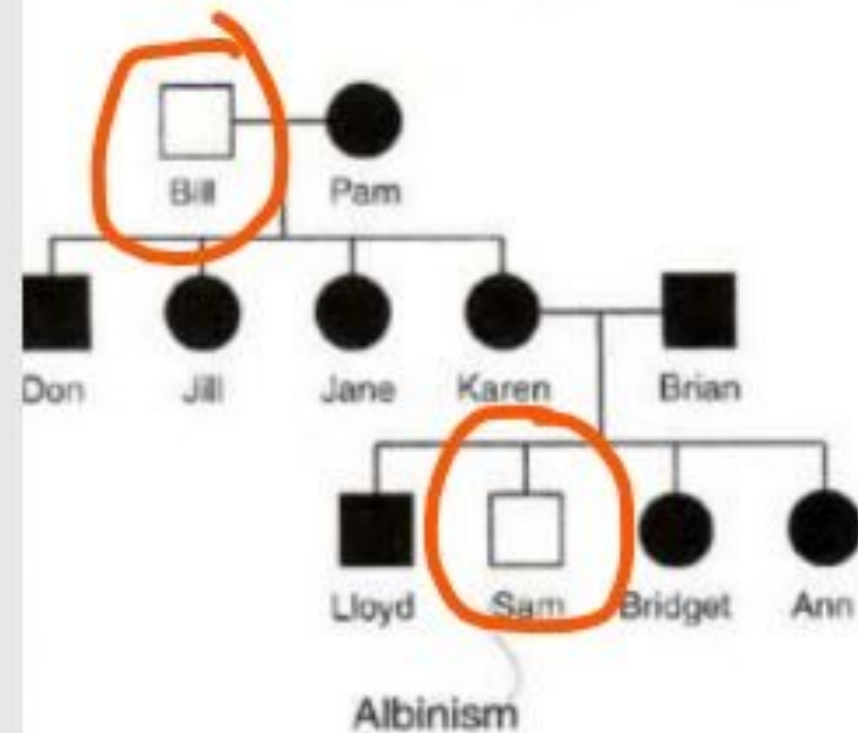


Fig. 3.8: Pedigrees showing inheritance of albinism and polydactyly.

# Genetic Disorders

☛ Think time!

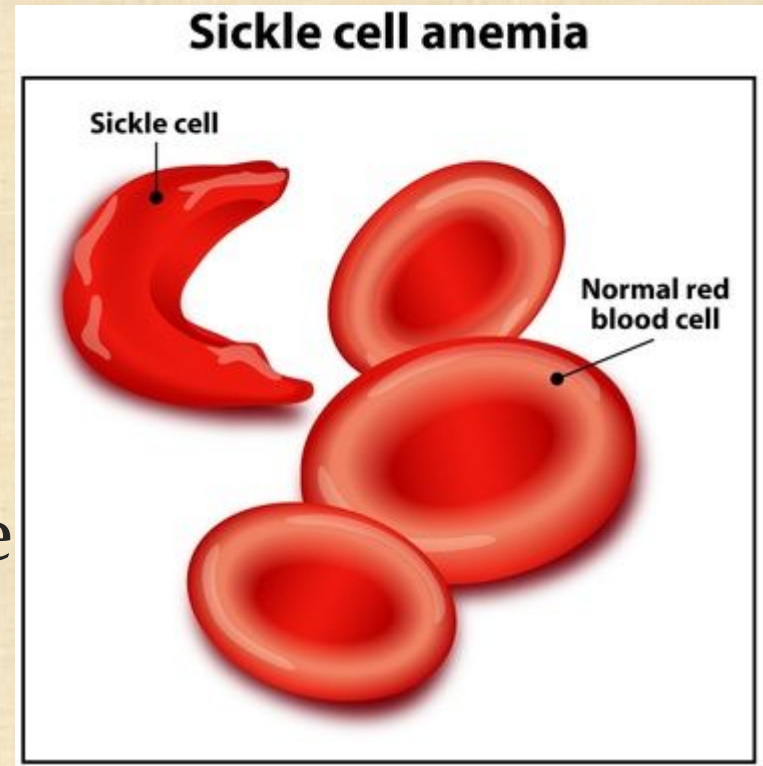
What is a genetic disorder?

Can they be prevented?

# Genetic Disorders

## ❖ Sickle Cell Anemia

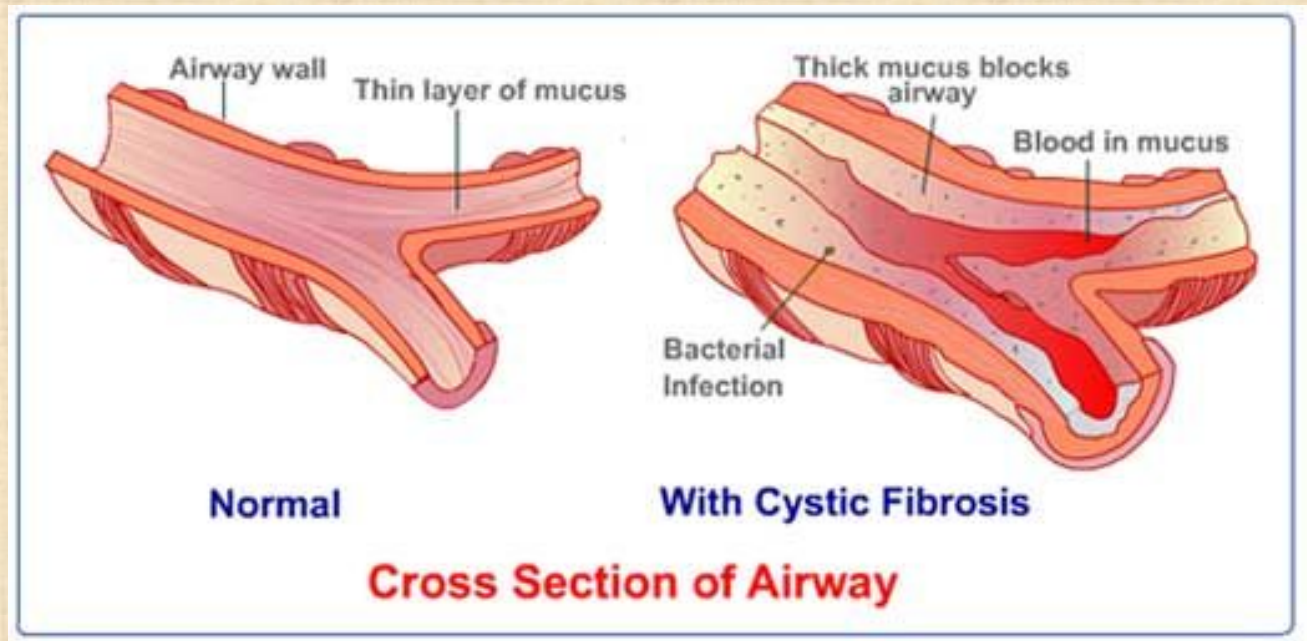
- ❖ Recessive genetic disorder that produces a defective protein hemoglobin
- ❖ Allows for less oxygen to be carried through the blood
- ❖ Protects against the disease - Malaria



# Genetic Disorders

## ❧ Cystic Fibrosis

- ❧ Recessive disease which causes a defective gene that makes a protein that allows Cl to move in and out of the body
- ❧ Fatal – as airways are **blocked by mucus** build-up



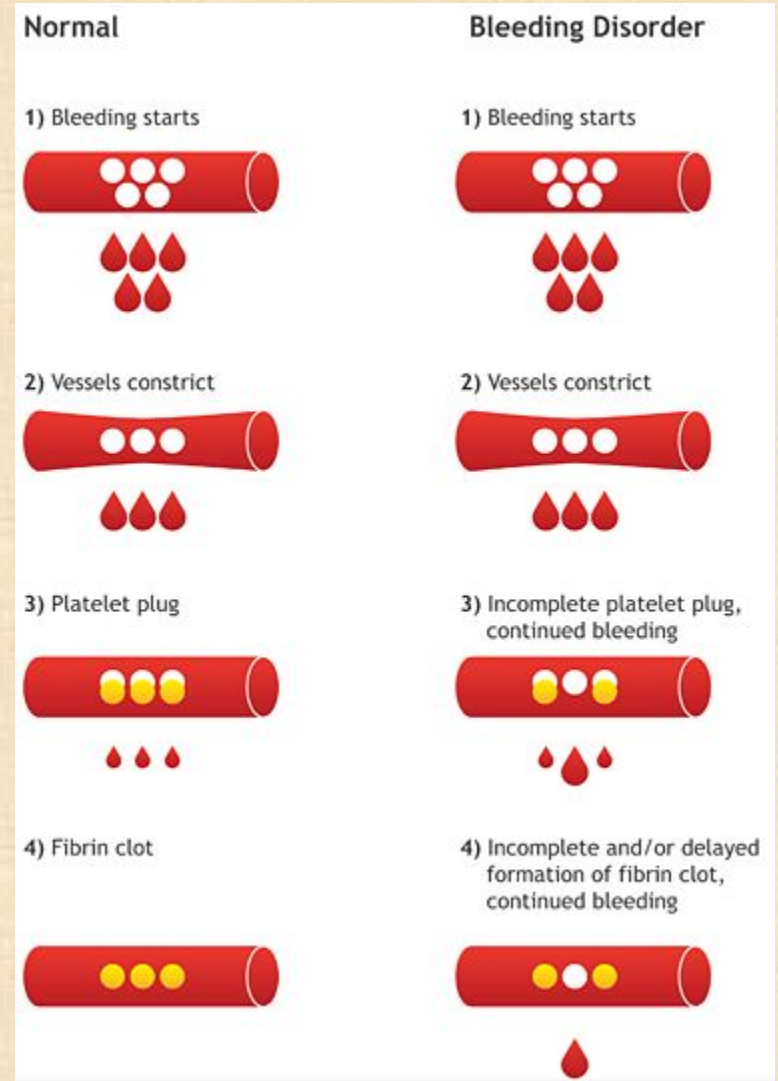
# Genetic Disorders

## 🦋 Hemophilia

🦋 Recessive and sex-linked disorder – blood is unable to clot

🦋 Mutation on an X gene = Hemophilia A

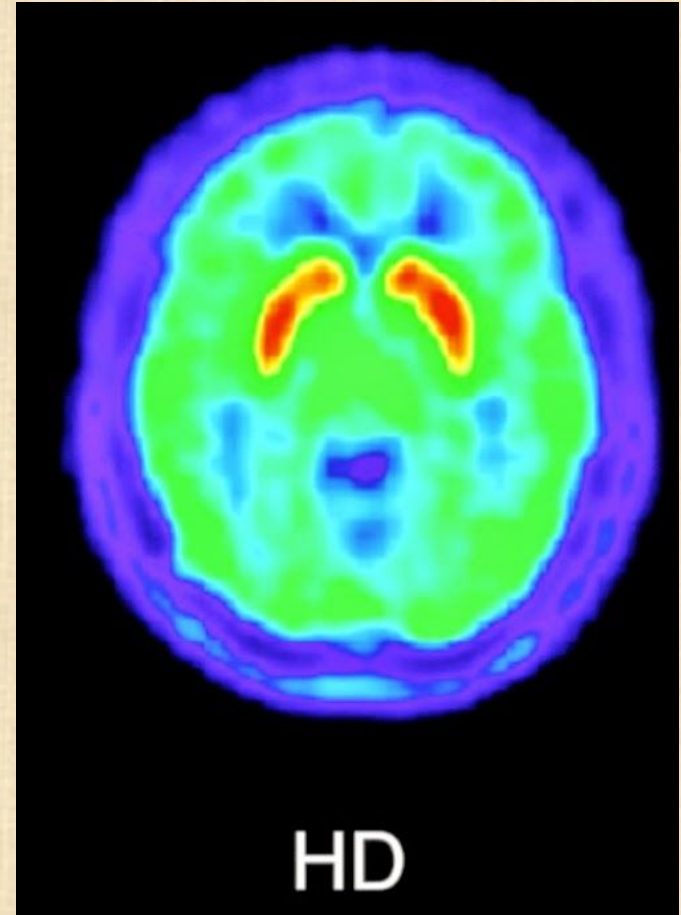
🦋 Son receives a mutated X from mother



# Genetic Disorders

## 🐛 Huntington's Disease

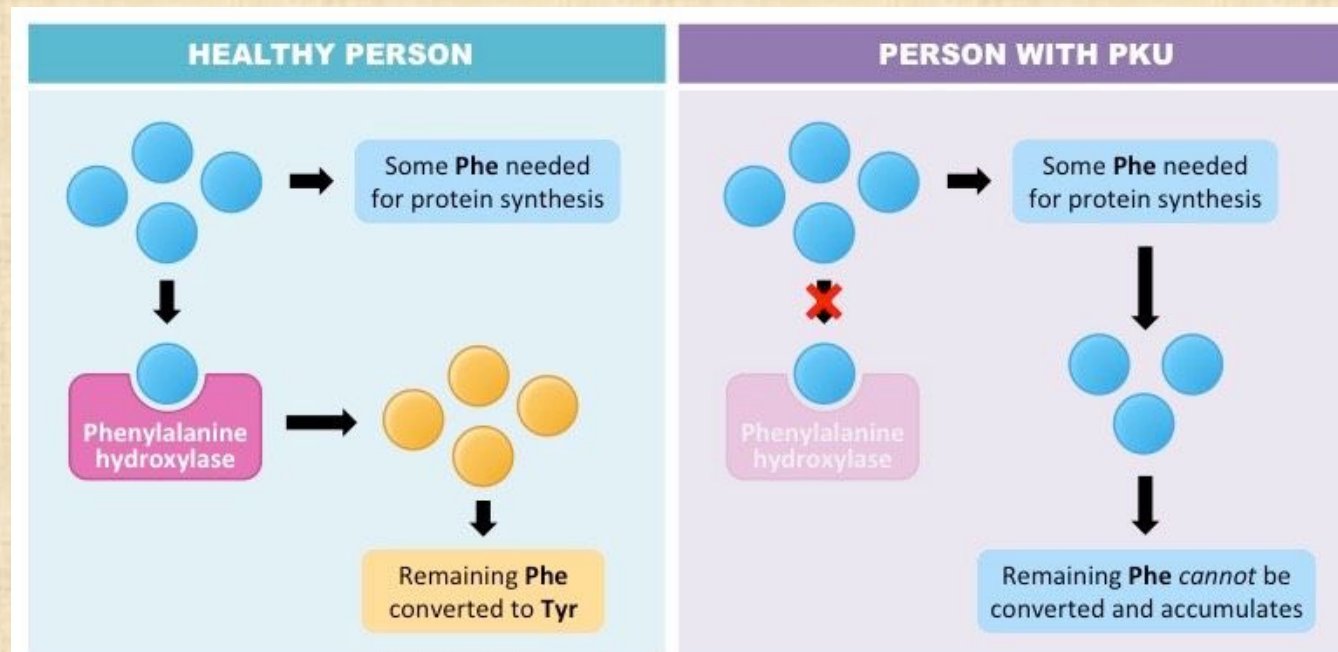
- 🐛 Dominant allele on an autosome gene
- 🐛 Causes memory and muscle control loss, severe mental illness and eventually death
- 🐛 Passed from one generation to next as diagnosis is in late 30s to 40s



See chart on page 181

# PKU Genetic Disorders

- Autosomal recessive
- Causes an amino acid called phenylalanine to build up in the body.
- Caused by a defect in the gene that helps create the enzyme needed to break down phenylalanine.





# Genetic Disorders

## ❧ Tay-Sachs

- ❧ Autosomal recessive
- ❧ progressively destroys nerve cells (neurons) in the brain and spinal cord.
- ❧ Children with this severe infantile form of Tay-Sachs disease usually live only into early childhood.

