



# Genetic Testing

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# Introduction

# Rare Disease

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- Definition: affects less than 200,000 persons in the U.S.
- Over 7,000 rare diseases
- 25-30 million Americans living with a rare disease
- 80% of rare diseases have a genetic cause
- Roughly 70% of rare disease are pediatric onset
- The average time from symptom onset to diagnosis is 5 years

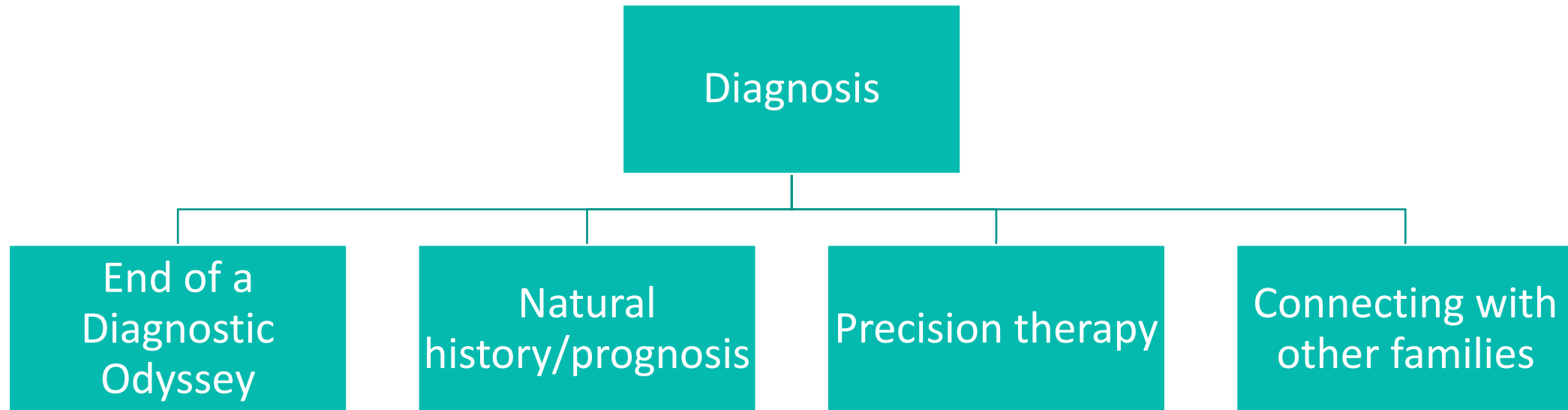
JAMA Pediatr. 2020 September 01; 174(9): 821–822

<https://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/diseases/pages/31/faqs-about-rare-diseases>

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41431-019-0508-0>

# What is an “actionable” diagnosis?

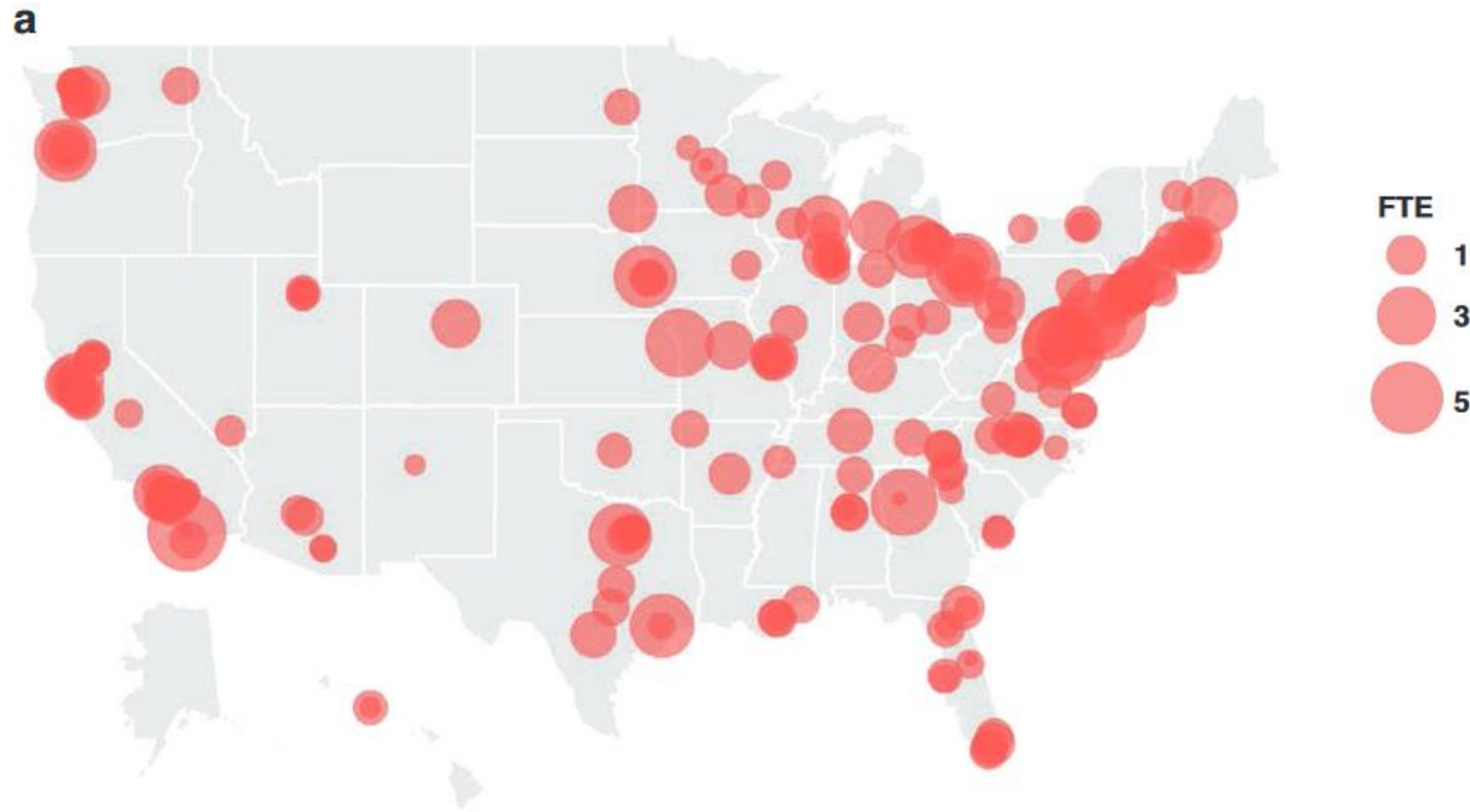
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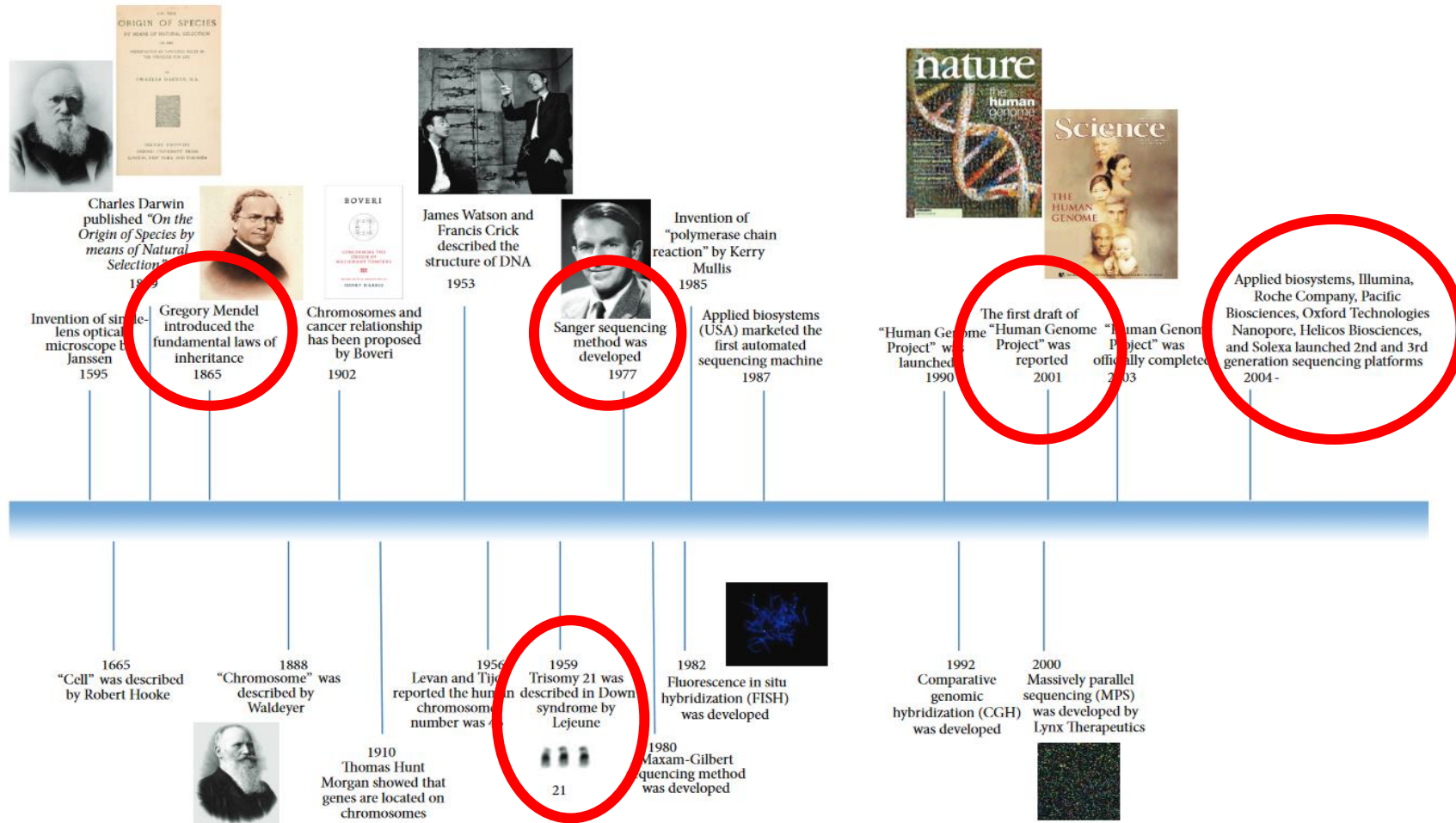
## Endangered Species

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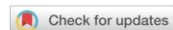


# Genetic Testing

# Testing Progress







## ACMG PRACTICE GUIDELINE

## Exome and genome sequencing for pediatric patients with congenital anomalies or intellectual disability: an evidence-based clinical guideline of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG)

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Reliance on this EBG is completely voluntary and does not necessarily ensure procedure or test, the clinician should consider the best available evidence, and preferences and specific clinical circumstances presented by the individual patient. This guideline is not intended to replace the clinical judgment of the clinician, and to consider other medical and scientific information that becomes available.

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## PRACTICE GUIDELINE

National Society of  
Genetic  
Counselors **WILEY**

Genetic testing and counseling for the unexplained epilepsies:  
An evidence-based practice guideline of the National Society  
of Genetic Counselors

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# Short Read Sequencing/exome sequencing/genome sequencing

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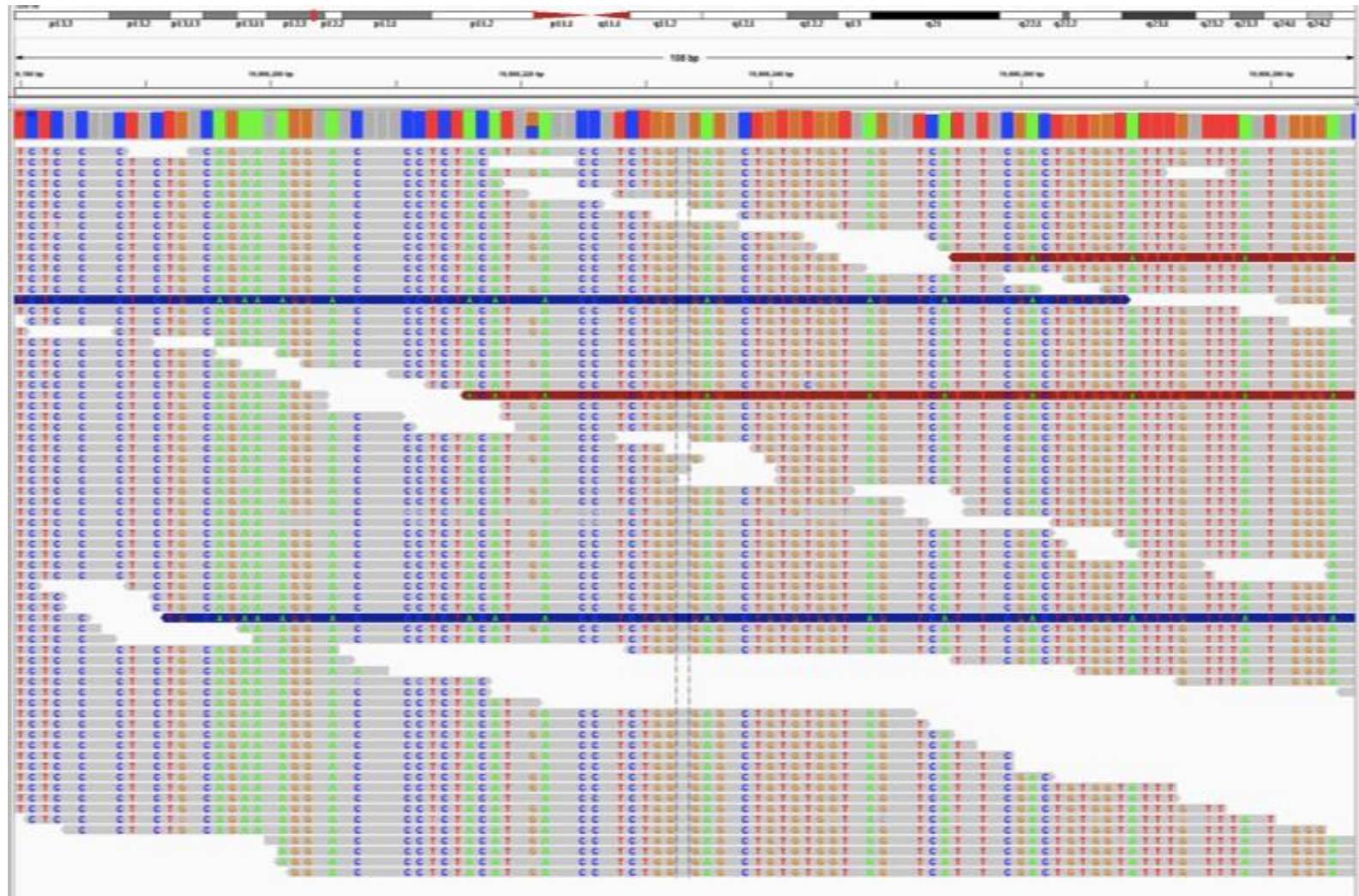
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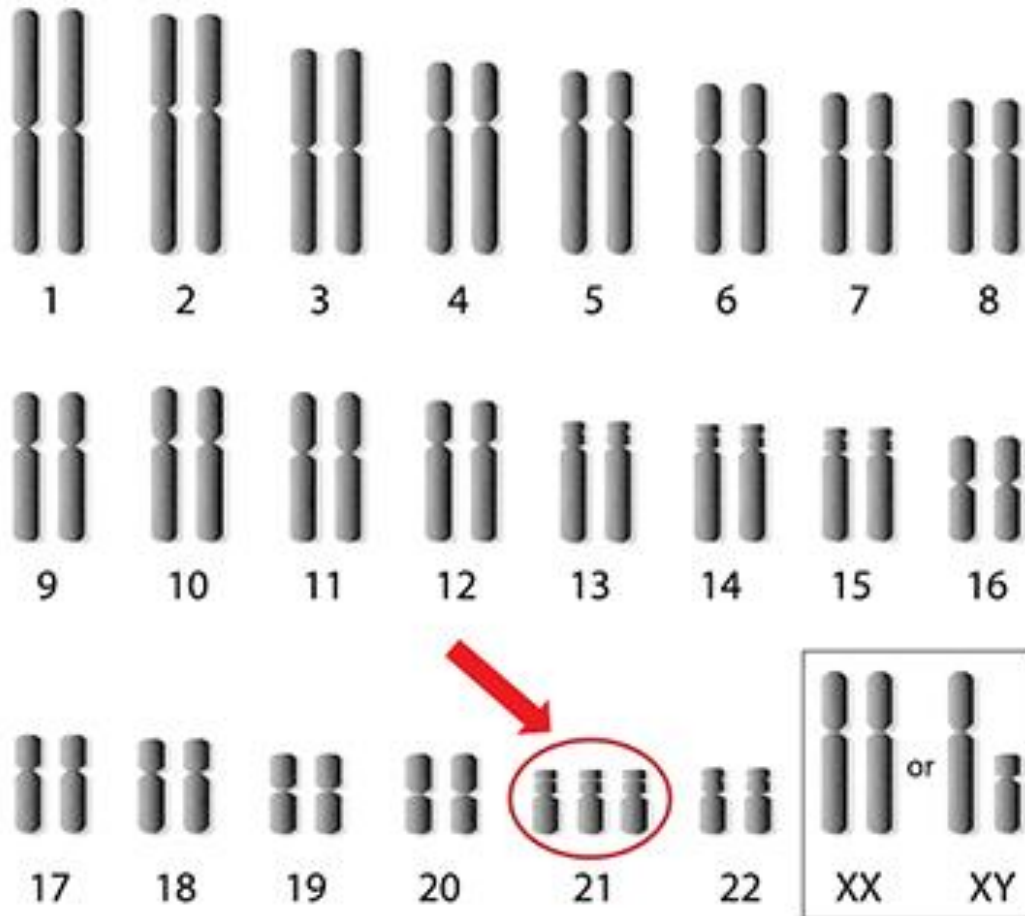
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# Aneuploidy

## Aneuploidy:

number of chromosomes  
NOT equal to 46

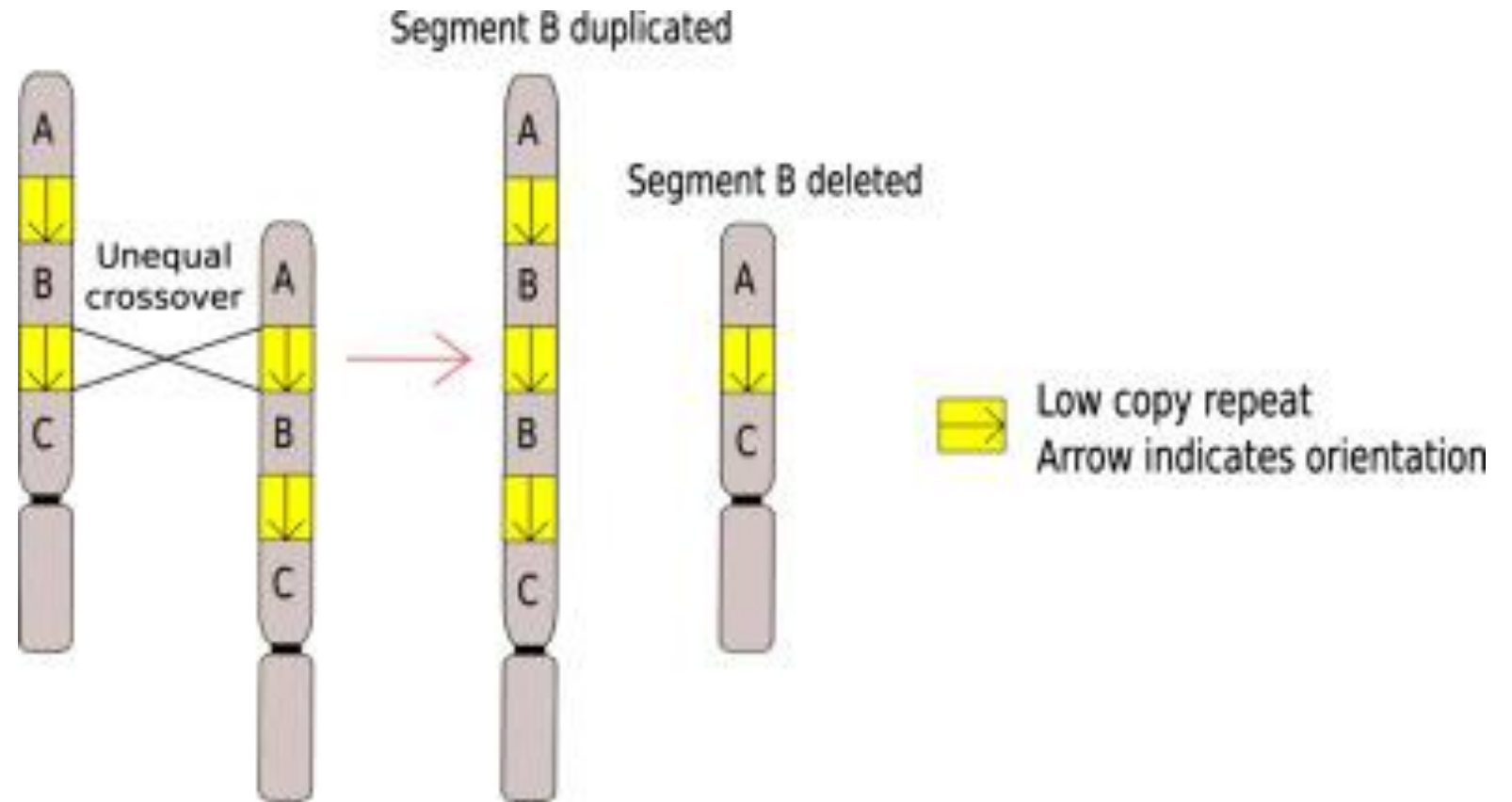
Down Syndrome - Trisomy 21



# Copy Number Variants

## Copy Number Variant:

duplications or deletions  
greater than 1000 nucleotides  
(1kb)



[https://media.springernature.com/m312/springer-static/image/art%3A10.1038%2Fs10038-020-00838-1/MediaObjects/10038\\_2020\\_838\\_Fig1\\_HTML.png?as=webp](https://media.springernature.com/m312/springer-static/image/art%3A10.1038%2Fs10038-020-00838-1/MediaObjects/10038_2020_838_Fig1_HTML.png?as=webp)

# Indel

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smaller than 1kb

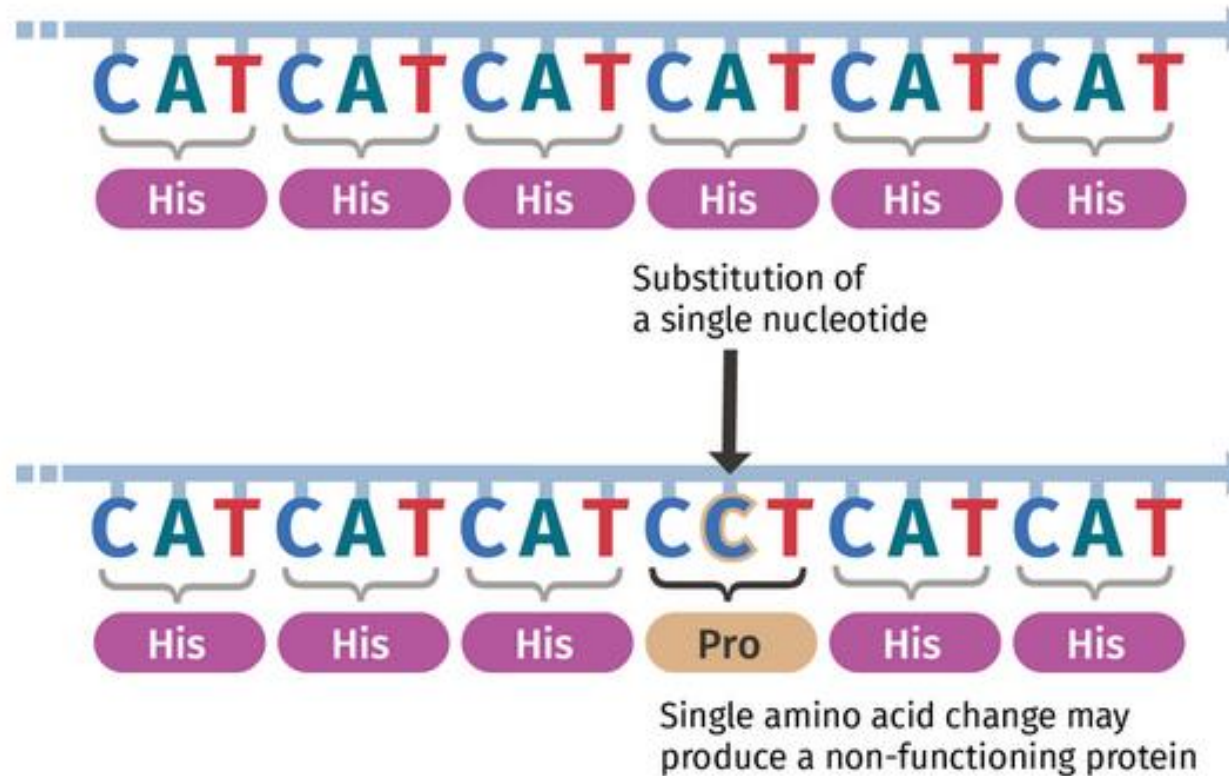
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<https://www.cshl.edu/a-shift-in-the-code-new-method-reveals-hidden-genetic-landscape/>

# Single Nucleotide Variant



# Repeat expansion disorders:

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More than 40 diseases, most of which primarily affect the nervous system, are caused by expansions of simple sequence repeats dispersed throughout the human genome.

Difficult to detect on exome and genome.

## Fragile X

### Group of disorders

#### 5' UTR TRDs

- FXS
- FXTAS
- Other FX disorders

## Huntington Disease

### Intronic TRDs

- FRDA
- C9ORF72 TRDs (includes subset of ALS and FTD)

### Polyglutamine TRDs

- HD
- SCA1, SCA2, SCA3, SCA6, SCA7 and SCA17
- SBMA (Kennedy disease)
- DRPLA

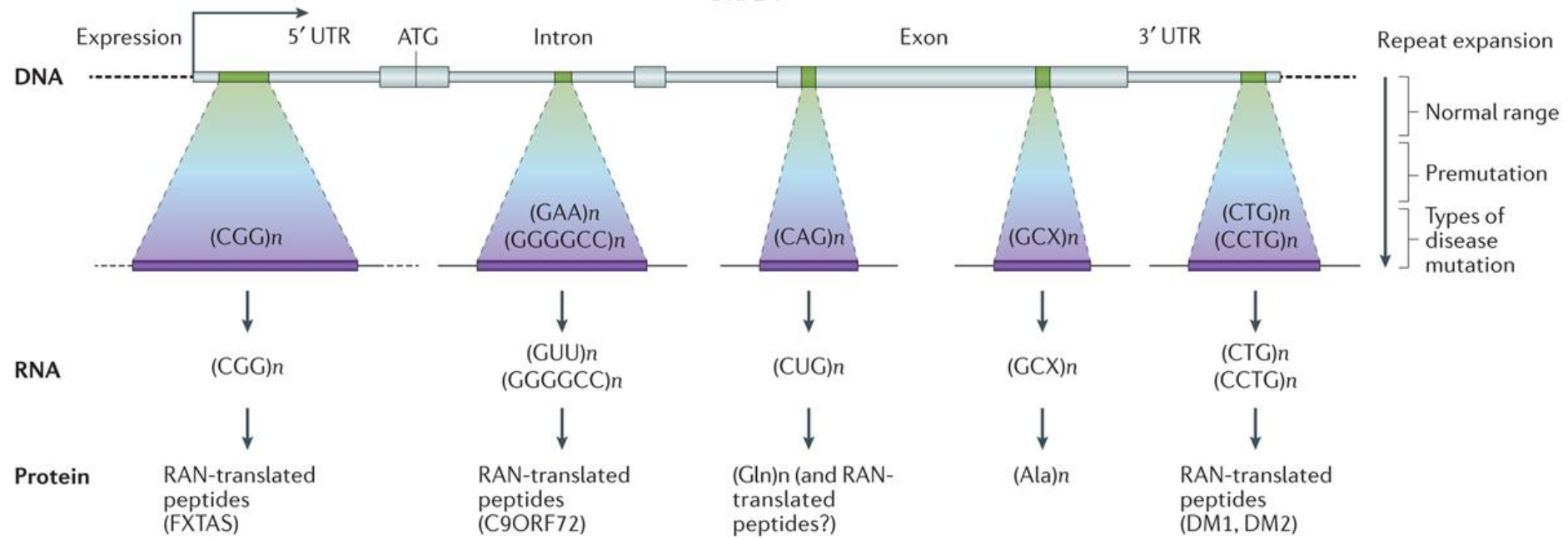
## Myotonic dystrophy

### Polyalanine TRDs

- OPMD and eight other developmental disorders

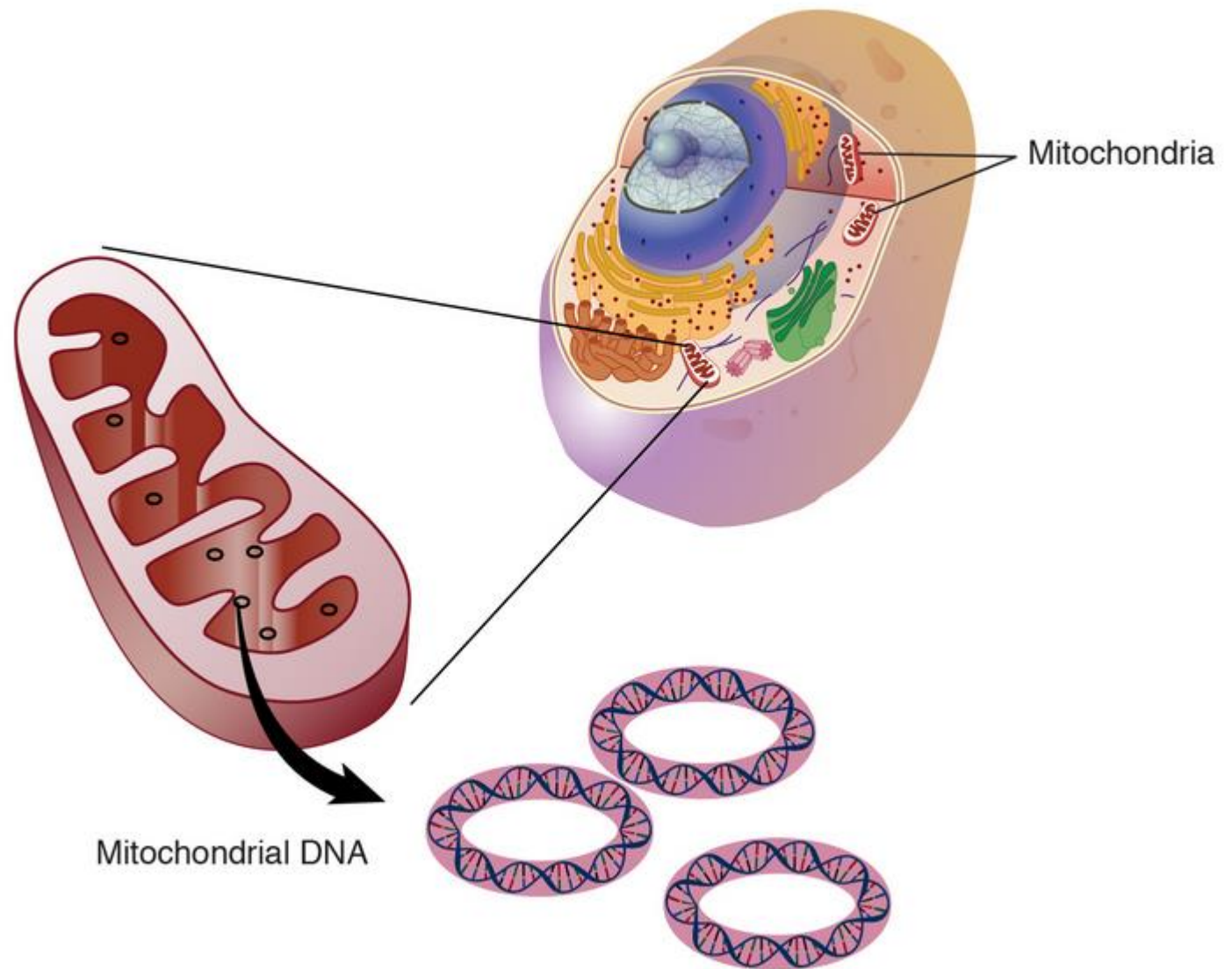
### 3' UTR TRDs

- DM1 and DM2



## Mitochondrial DNA

### Maternal inheritance

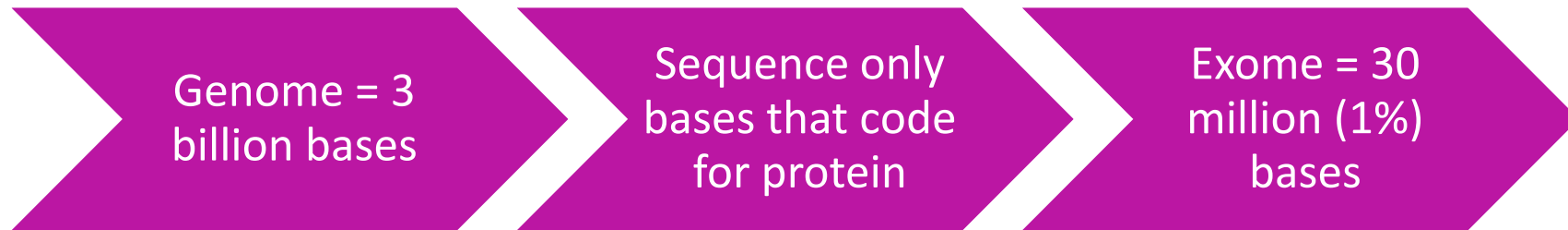




# Exomes and Genomes

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# Genomes and Exomes



The exons are separated by DNA of unclear function

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# Genomes and Exomes

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- 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

## Cost per Human Genome



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](https://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  
Medical 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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## Whole Exome and Whole Genome Sequencing

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# Bootcamp – Fall - 2024

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Yellow for Yiannis IRF2BPL Foundation	IRF2BBPL-NEDAMSS
CureARS	ARS disorders
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NPHP1 Family Foundation	NPHP1 retinal dystrophy
Cure GM1 Foundation	GM1 gangliosidosis
Shark Tooth Biotech	Charcot Marie Tooth Disease Type 1A
Lagos Consulting/clife4life.org	AVM/Ataxia/Hypertrophic Olivary Degeneration
Child's Cure & CDKL5 South Asia	CKDL5 disorder
Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome (TBRS) Community	Tatton Brown Rahman Syndrome
The Lilly and Blair Foundation	Spastic Paraplegia (SPG4)
Bloom Syndrome Association	Bloom Syndrome
Cure LBSL	LBSL
WVOX Foundation of America	WOREE Syndrome
Brave River Science	Neurofibromatosis Type 1
ADNP Kids Research Foundation	ADNP Syndrome
Cure Lowe Foundation	Lowe Syndrome
Tanner Pharma Group	Mosaic variegated aneuploidy syndrome (mva)
Kizuna Foundation	KIZ-mediated retinitis pigmentosa
Cure Pogz Disorders Foundation	Pogz-Related Syndrome/White Sutton Syndrome
TESS Research Foundation	SLC13A5 Epilepsy
Lottie's Light Foudation	CerTra Syndrome (Cert1)
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# Newborn Screening





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

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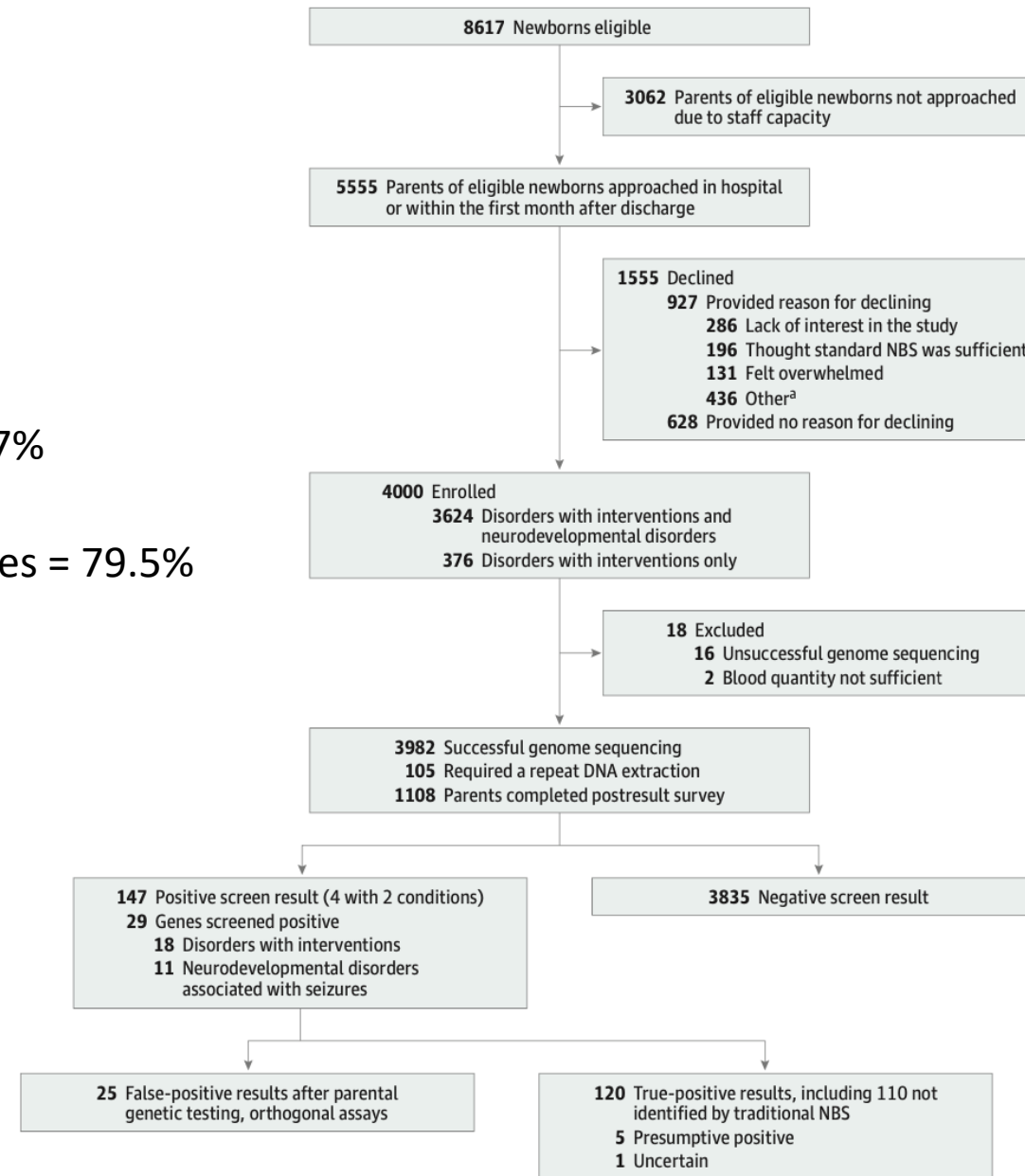
<https://guardian-study.org/>

**JAMA** | **Original Investigation**

# Expanded Newborn Screening Using Genome Sequencing for Early Actionable Conditions

Alban Ziegler, MD; Carrie Koval-Burt, MS, CGC; Denise M. Kay, PhD; Sharon F. Suchy, PhD; Amber Begtrup, PhD; Katherine G. Langley, MS, CGC; Rebecca Hernan, MS, CGC; Laura M. Amendola, MS, CGC; Brenna M. Boyd, MS, CGC; Jennifer Bradley, BS; Tracy Brandt, PhD; Lilian L. Cohen, MD, MPH; Alison J. Coffey, PhD; Joseph M. Devaney, PhD; Beata Dygulska, MD; Bethany Friedman, MS, LCGC; Ramsay L. Fuleihan, MD; Awura Gyimah, BS; Sihoun Hahn, MD, PhD; Sean Hofherr, PhD; Kathleen S. Hruska, PhD; Zhanzhi Hu, PhD; Médéric Jeanne, MD, PhD; Guanjin Jin, BS; D. Aaron Johnson, MS; Haluk Kavus, MD; Rudolph L. Leibel, MD; Steven J. Lobritto, MD; Stephen McGee, PhD; Joshua D. Milner, MD; Kirsty McWalter, MS, CGC; Kristin G. Monaghan, PhD; Jordan S. Orange, MD, PhD; Nicole Pimentel Soler, MA; Yeyson Quevedo, BA; Samantha Ratner, BS; Kyle Retterer, MS; Ankur Shah, MD; Natasha Shapiro, MD; Robert J. Sicko, BS; Eric S. Silver, MD; Samuel Strom, PhD; Rebecca I. Torene, PhD, MMSc; Olatundun Williams, MD; Vincent D. Ustach, PhD; Julia Wynn, MS, CGC; Ryan J. Taft, PhD; Paul Kruszka, MD, MPH; Michele Caggana, ScD; Wendy K. Chung, MD, PhD

Figure 2. Genomic Uniform-Screening Against Rare Disease in All Newborns (GUARDIAN) Flow of Participants

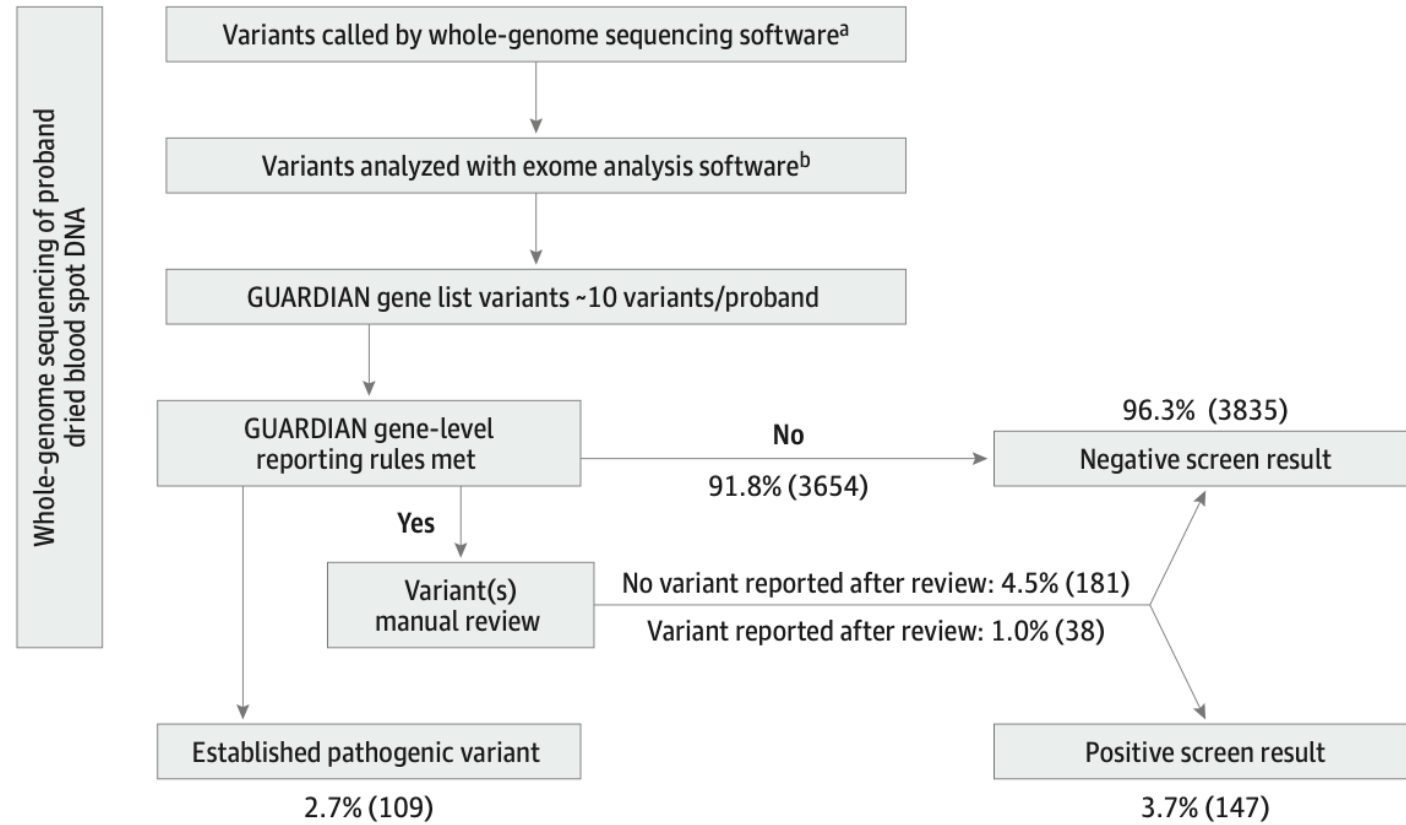


Consent rate = 72%

Screen positive rate = 3.7%

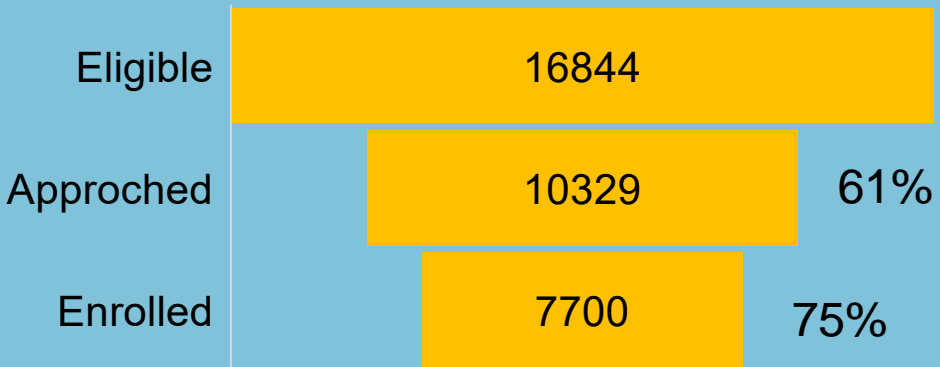
True positives/All positives = 79.5%

**Figure 3. Schematic of Variant Interpretation Workflow**

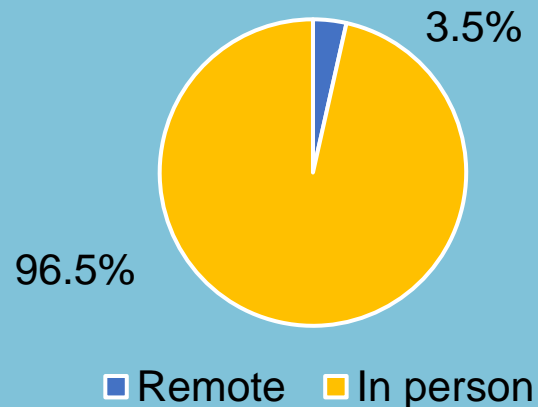


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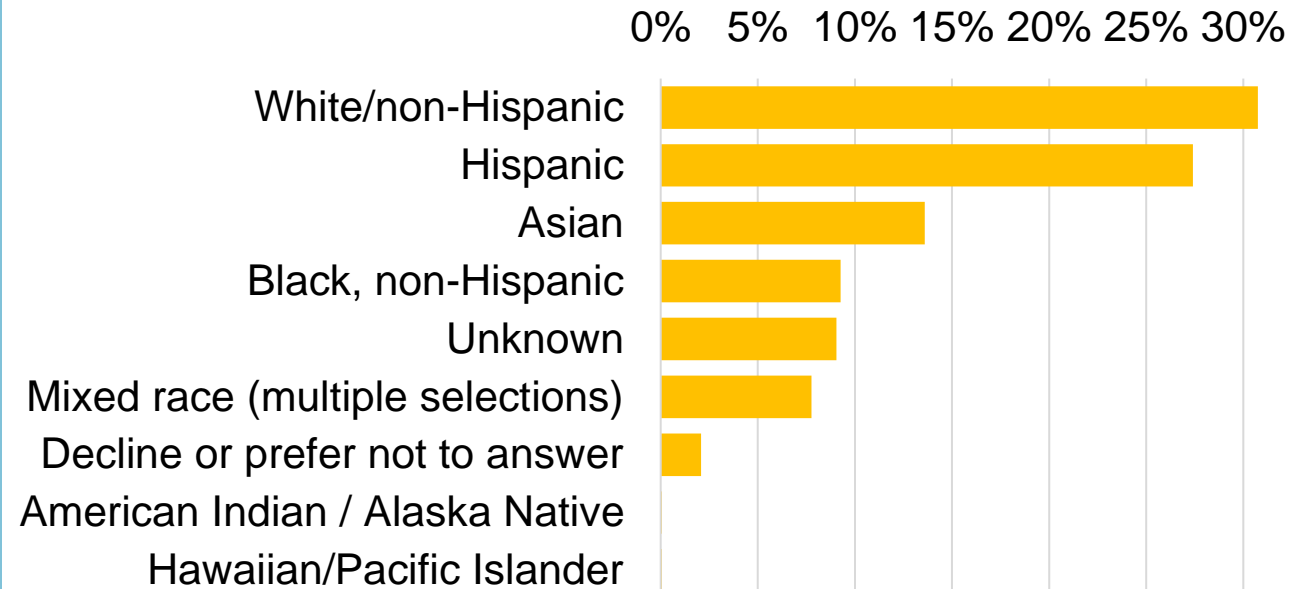
## ENROLLMENT



## TYPE OF CONSENT



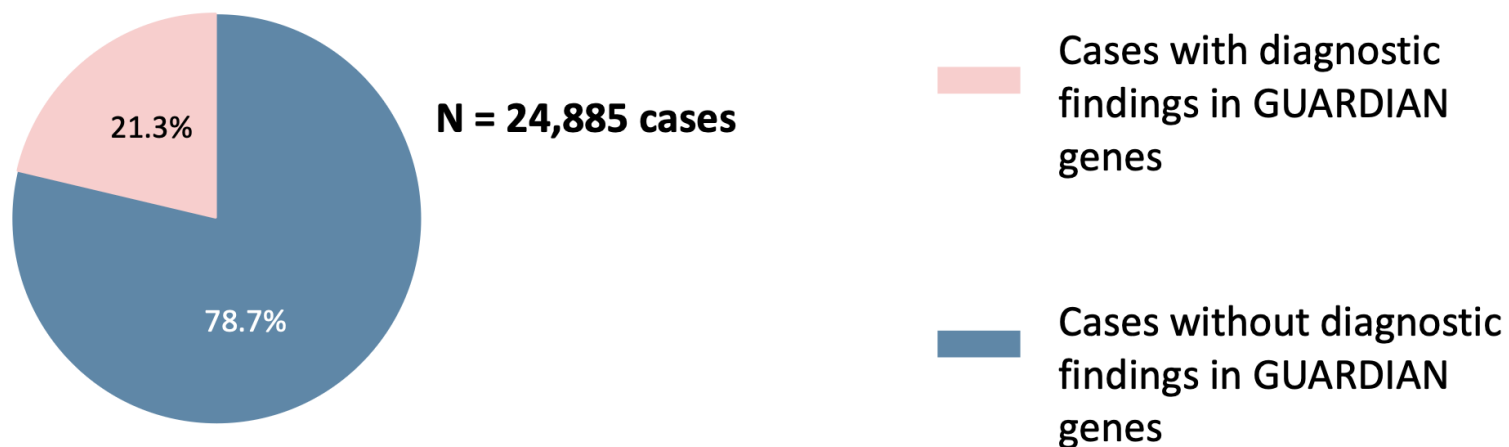
## ANCESTRY



## GROUP 2 CONSENT

	Overall	English	Spanish	Mandarin
Groups 1 + 2	92% (7100)	93.2% (6024)	83.6% (754)	92.2% (249)
Group1 only	8% (612)	6.8% (442)	16.4% (148)	7.8% (21)

## RARE DISEASE COHORT MOLECULAR-DIAGNOSED BY ES/GS AT GENEDX



Data presented at ACMG 2023

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# Cohort Building

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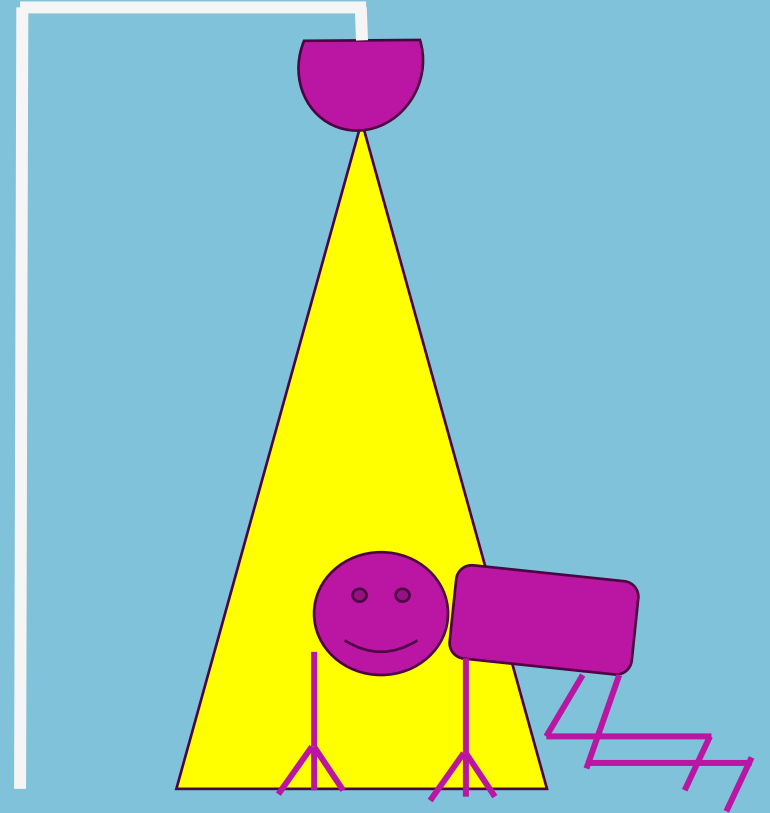
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# Future Technology



# Long Read Sequencing Projects at GeneDx

## Montefiore in the News

### **The New York Center for Rare Diseases at Montefiore to Partner with GeneDx, PacBio and Google Health to Increase Genomic Testing Options for Bronx Families**

November 8, 2023

*New Partnership to Advance Data, Enhance Disease Detection and Care in Diverse Communities*

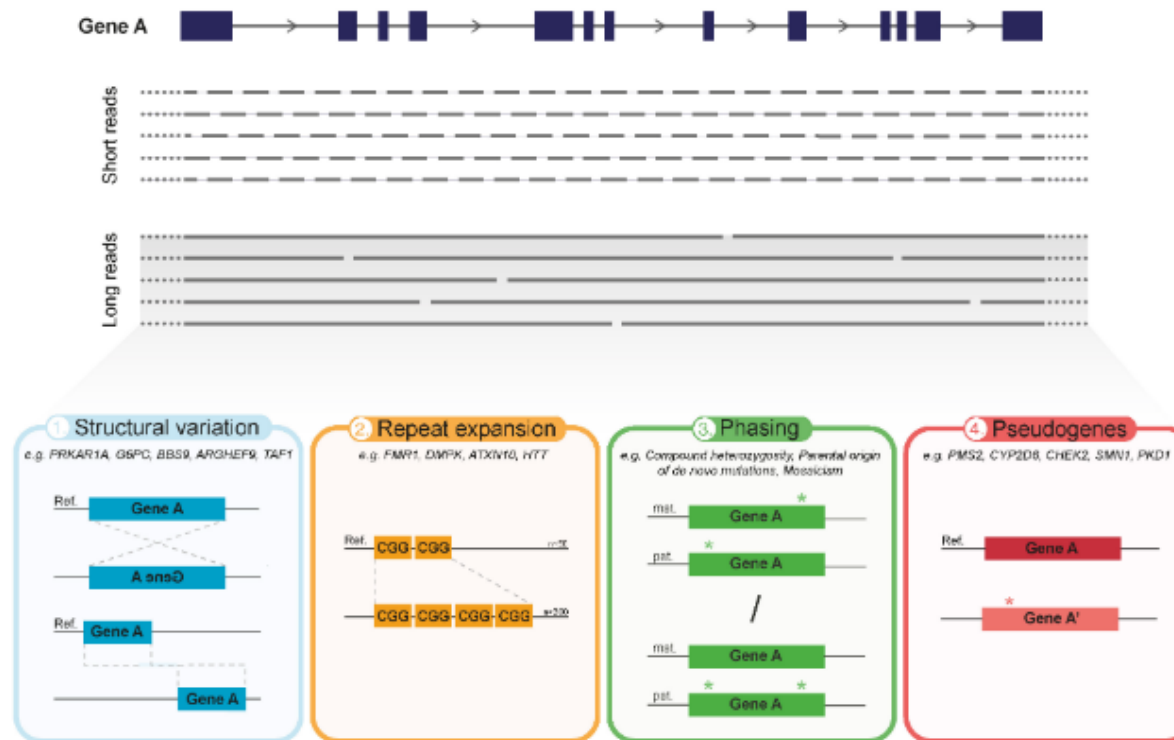
**BRONX, NY—November 8, 2023.** The New York Center for Rare Diseases (NYCRD) at Montefiore, [recognized](#) as a Center of Excellence by the National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD), is partnering with GeneDx, PacBio and Google Health to deliver genetic diagnoses for Bronx families living with rare diseases. The goal of the new partnership is to help identify the genetic causes of, and best treatments for rare diseases that have remained undiagnosed, despite using today's most advanced tests.

### **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*

MENLO PARK, Calif. and STAMFORD, Conn., Aug. 7, 2023 /PRNewswire/ — PacBio (Nasdaq: PACB), a leading developer of high-quality, highly accurate sequencing solutions and GeneDx (Nasdaq: WGS), a leader in delivering improved health outcomes through genomic and clinical insights, today announced a research collaboration with the University of Washington to study the capabilities of HiFi long-read whole genome sequencing (WGS) to increase diagnostic rates in pediatric patients with genetic conditions.

# Long Read Sequencing





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