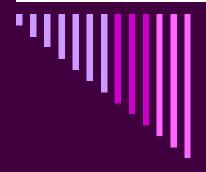


Single Trait Inheritance in Humans

(Mendelian Inheritance)



- Most Mendelian conditions affect 1 in 10,000 or fewer individuals.
- Examples of some Mendelian disorders in humans:
 - Cystic fibrosis
 - Maple syrup urine disease
 - Phenylketonuria (PKU)
 - Sickle cell anemia
 - Tay sachs disease
 - Huntington's disease
 - Familial hypercholesterolemia
 - Familial Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy
 - Polydactyly
 - Achondroplasia

Modes of Inheritance

Rules that explain the common patterns that inherited characteristics follow as they are passed through families.

- Autosomal Dominant and Autosomal Recessive are the two modes of inheritance directly derived from Mendel's laws.
- An autosome is a non-sex chromosome (ex. Chromosomes #1-22 in humans)

Autosomal Dominant Inheritance

Can appear in either sex
If a child has the trait, at least one parent must also have it

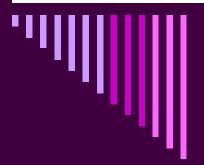
□ Does NOT skip a generation

If one parent has an autosomal dominant trait and the other does not, each offspring has a 50% chance of inheriting the disorder.

Autosomal <u>Recessive</u> Inheritance

□ Can also appear in either sex.

- □ Homozygous recessive genotype (ex. aa)
- Heterozygotes are known as "carriers" because the mutant allele is masked by a dominant allele
- Blood relatives who have children together have a higher risk of having children with an autosomal recessive condition (consanguinity)
- When both parents are carriers, offspring has a 25% chance of inheriting the disorder.



□ cracking the code □ PBS NOVA

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