

# What we know about Li-Fraumeni syndrome

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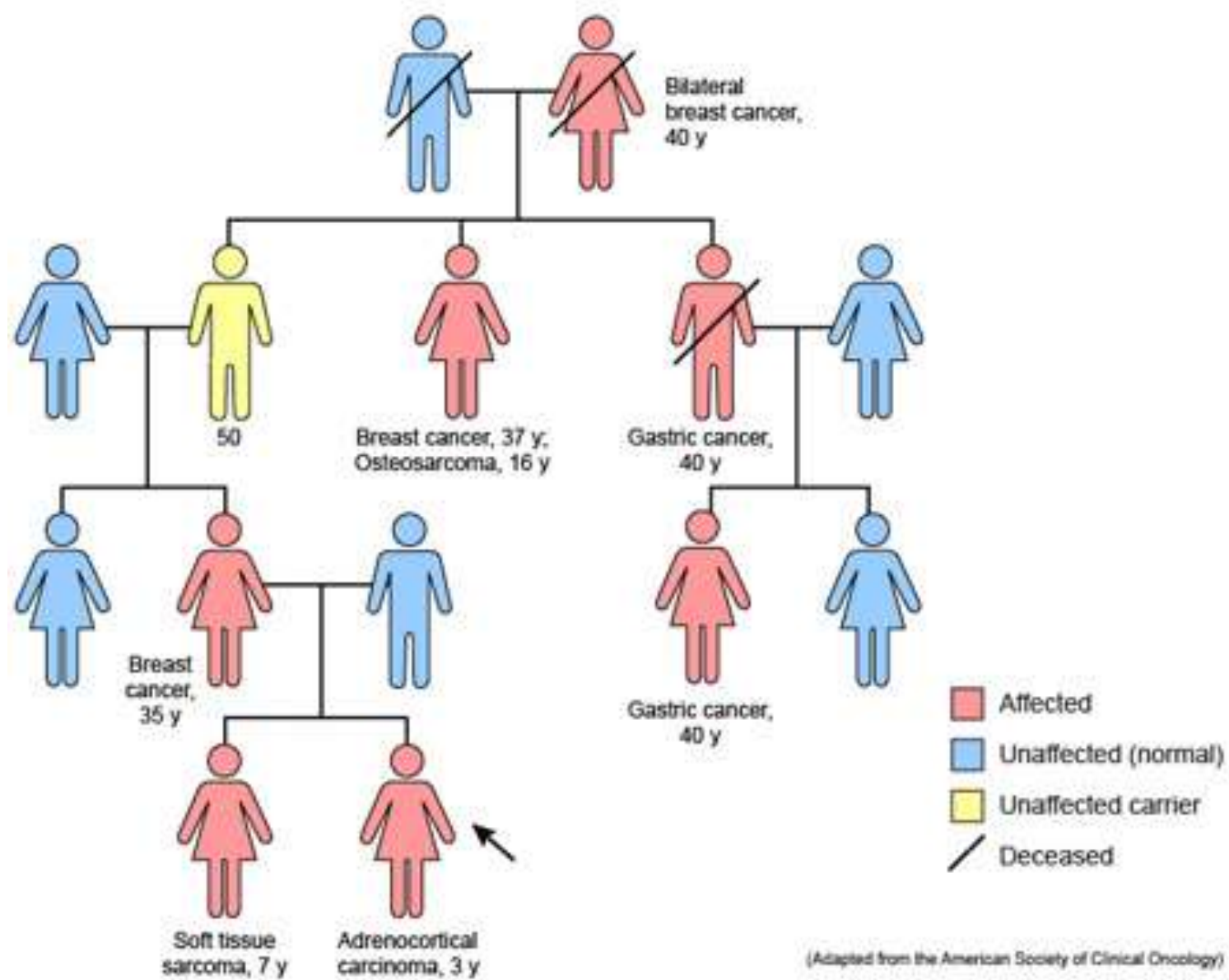
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# History of LFS

- 1969 Li and Fraumeni describe four families from their studies of childhood rhabdomyosarcoma
- They observe that these families have multiple early onset cancers
- Other clinicians report similar families
- 1982 the pattern of cancers is called Li-Fraumeni syndrome



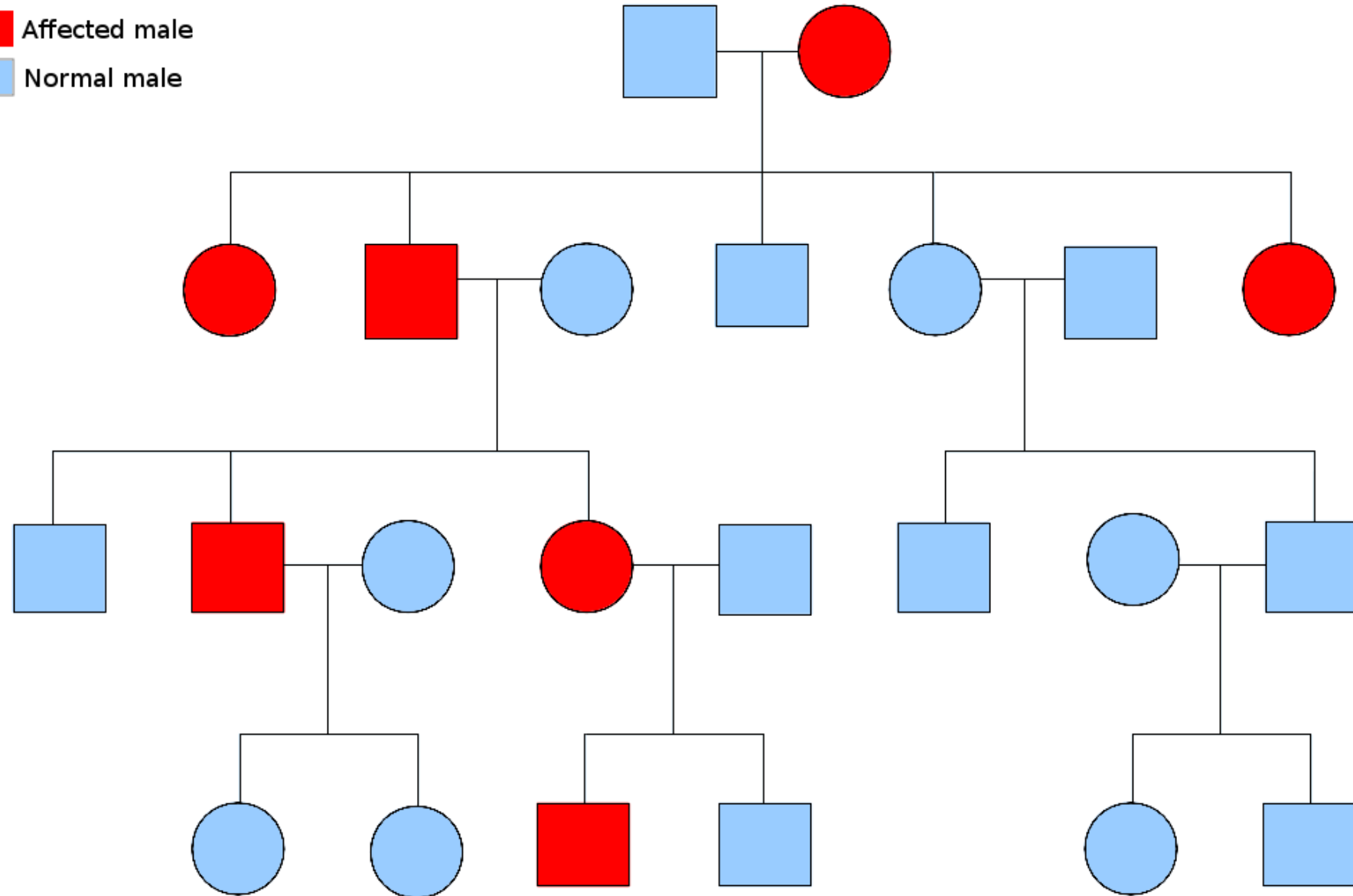
## Li-Fraumeni Syndrome



# Classic LFS

- 1988 Li and Fraumeni undertake a further study to further define the clinical features of this syndrome
- They select 24 families from the National Cancer institute according to strict clinical criteria “three close family members affected with cancer at a young age including at least one case of sarcoma”
- These criteria become known as the Classic LFS criteria
- Follow up studies of these families suggest key LFS associated cancers are sarcoma, breast, brain and adrenocortical cancer
- Appears that condition is inherited in an autosomal dominant pattern

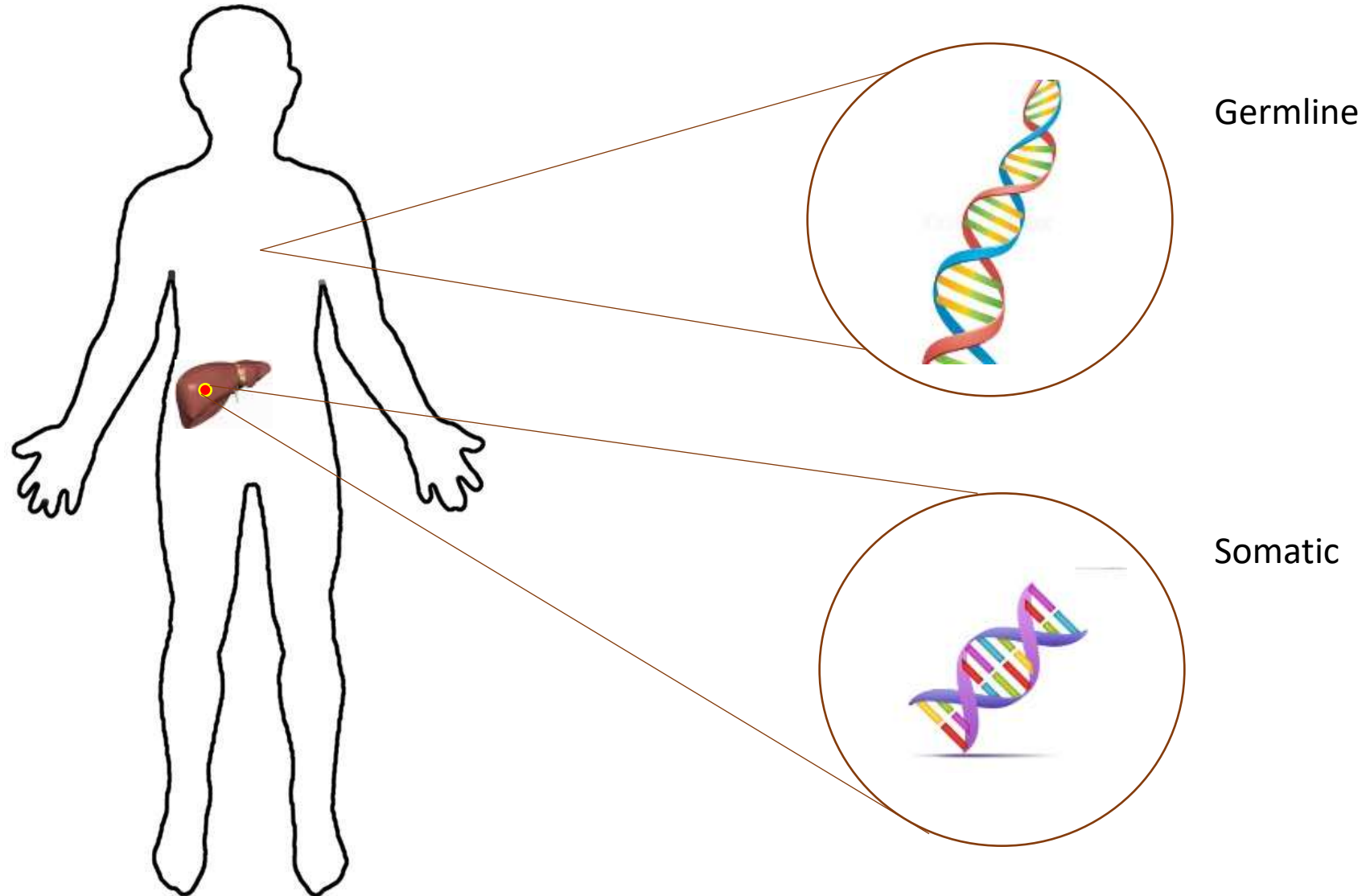
- Affected female
- Normal female
- Affected male
- Normal male



# Finding the cause of LFS

- TP53 gene was known to be a gene commonly mutated in human cancer

# Cancer is a battle of two genomes

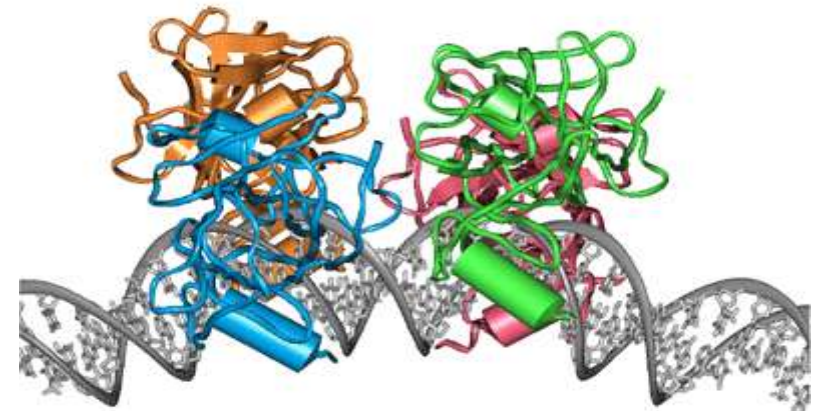
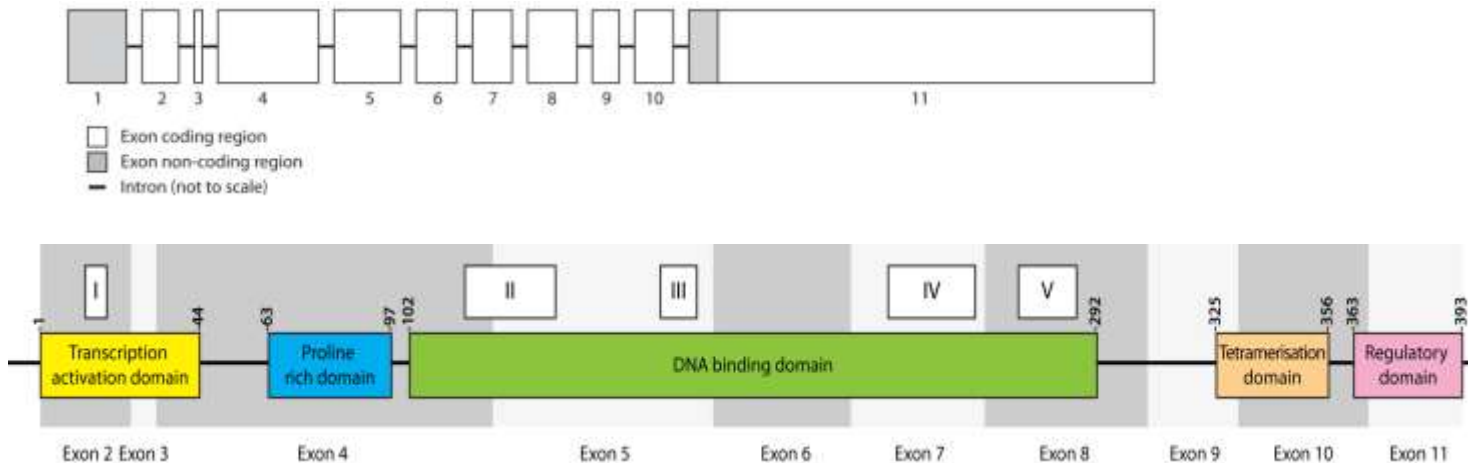


# Finding the cause of LFS

- Researchers hypothesised that germline TP53 mutations could be the cause of LFS
- Genetic testing was undertaken in five families with features of classic LFS and mutations in TP53 identified in **all** families

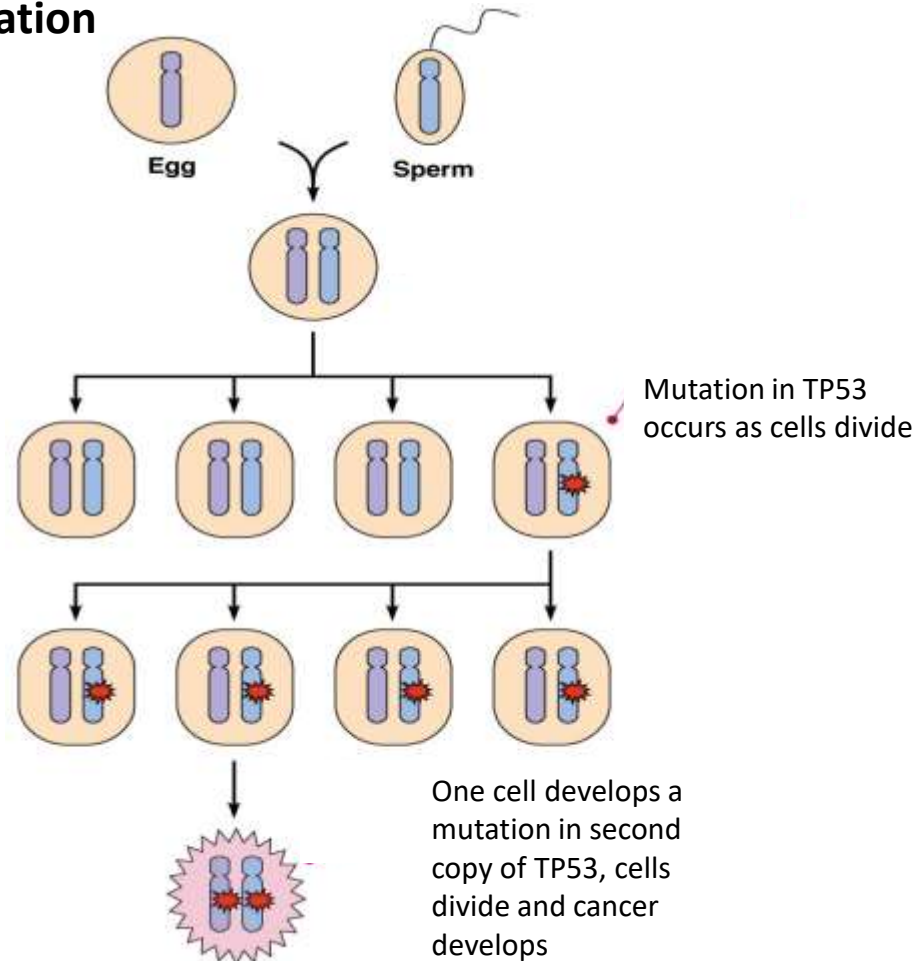
# TP53 Guardian of the genome

- Normal role is to preserve the genetic integrity of the cell
- If cell is damaged TP53 has the ability to activate hundreds of other genes to either repair damage to DNA, cause the cell to “self-destruct” or stop dividing
- These mechanisms prevent cancer developing

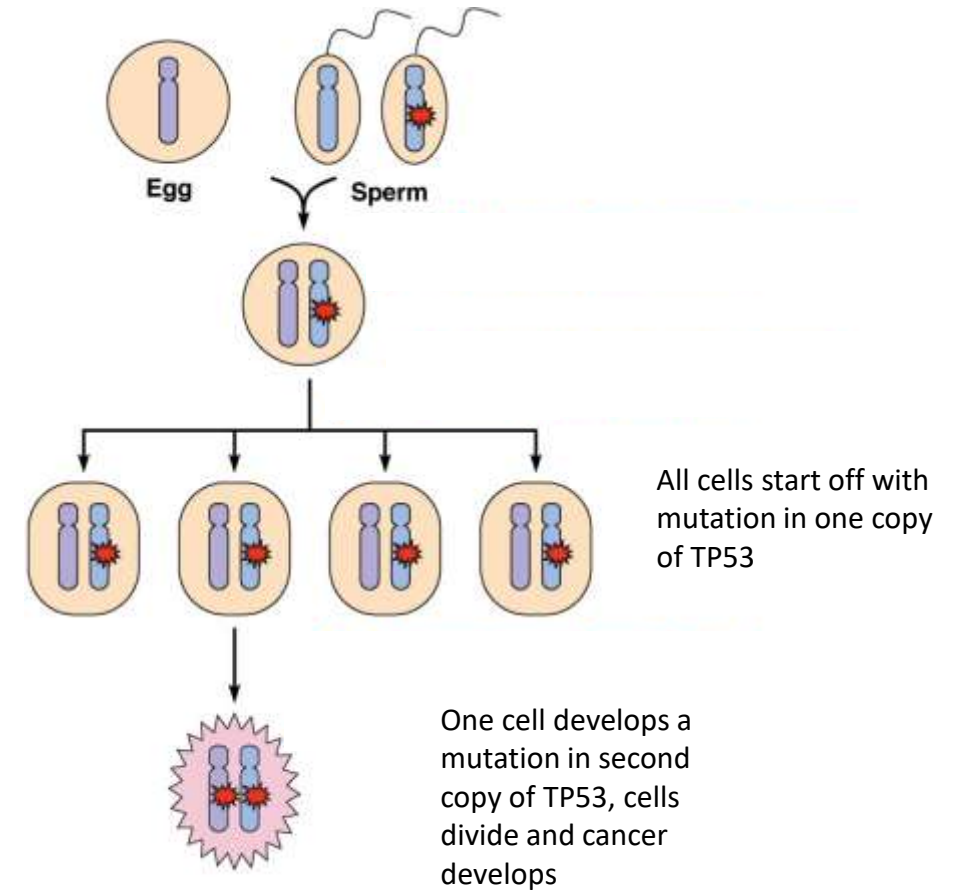


# Tumour suppressor gene

## Cancer in general population –somatic mutation



## Cancer in TP53 carrier –hereditary mutation



# What is a mutation?

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The genetic code is 'read' in 3-letter words...

**TTCTCGGCACTGATATGGACC**

TTC TCG GCA CTG ATA TGG ACC



Phe - Ser - Ala - Leu - Iso - Trp - Thr

**TTCTCGGAGCTGATATGGACC**

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Phe – Ser – **Glu** – Leu – Iso – Trp - Thr

‘Missense’ mutation

**TTCTCGGAGCTGATATGAACC**

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Phe – Ser – Glu – Leu – Iso – **Stop**

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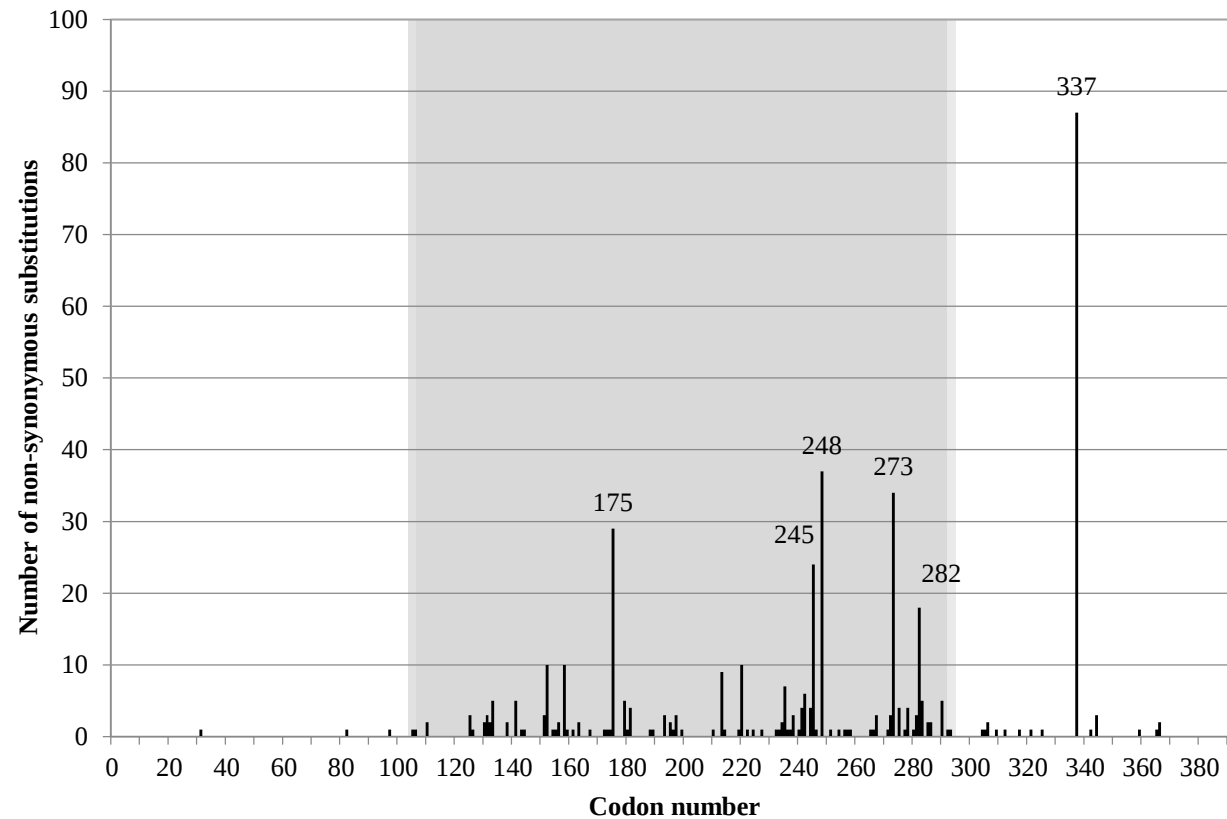


Phe - Arg - His - Stop

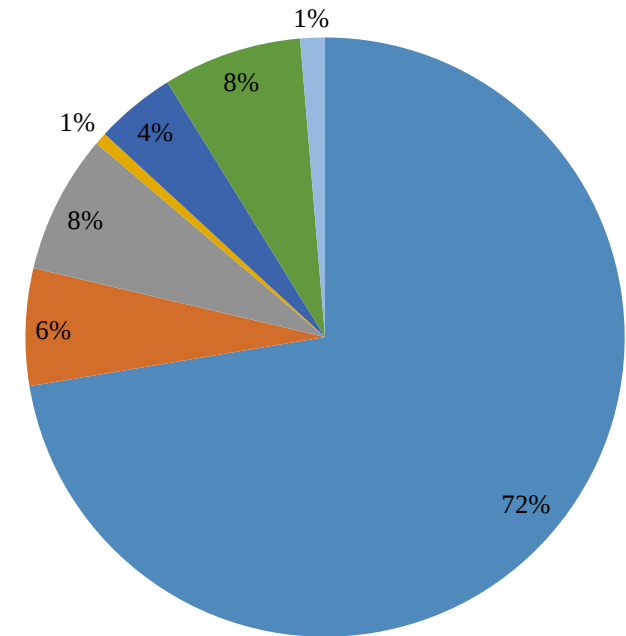
‘Frameshift’ mutation

# Mutation spectrum

a) Codon distribution of constitutional non-synonymous *TP53* substitutions (n=435)



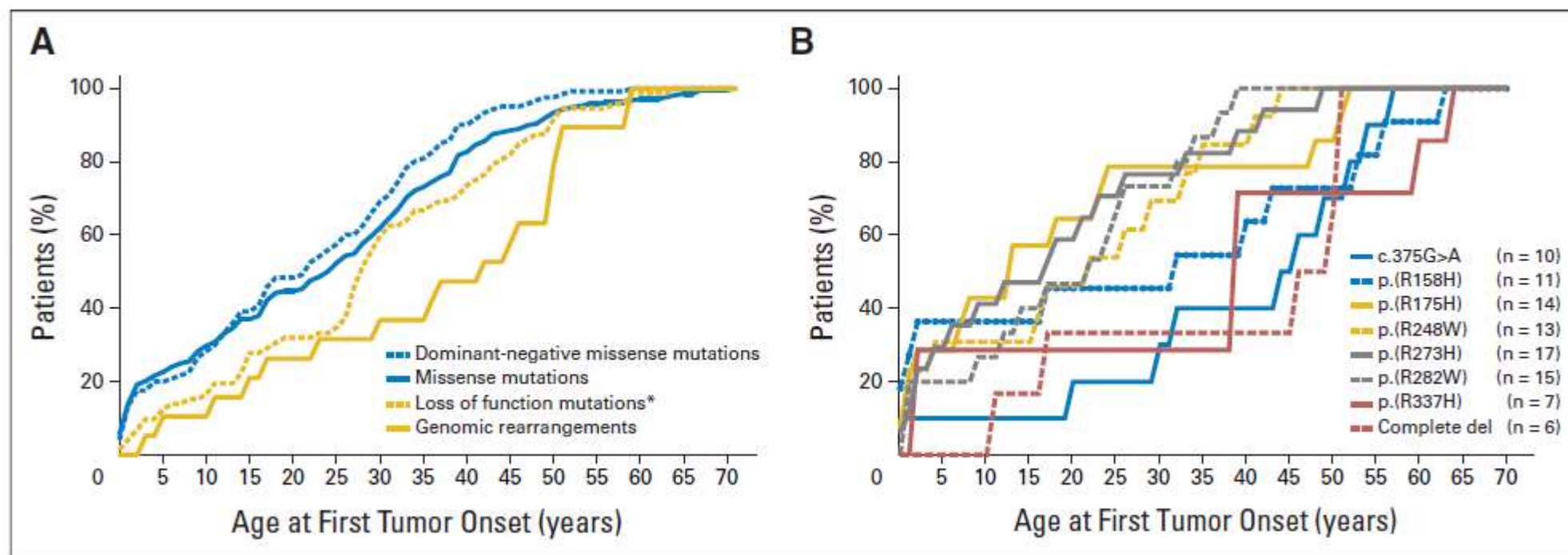
a) Mutation type of 597 constitutional *TP53* mutations



Type of mutation may affect cancer risk –further work needs to be done-

# Revisiting Li-Fraumeni Syndrome From *TP53* Mutation Carriers

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# Variants of unknown significance

- Genetic variation makes us unique
  - “polymorphisms”
- Is the basis for evolution



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Phe – Ser – Glu – Leu – Iso – Trp - Thr

Change in code– but does this affect the  
function of the gene?

# TP53 variants of unknown significance

- We know there are normal variants in the TP53 gene R72P and P47S
- Found at significant frequency in control population
- Other variants may be rare
- Some variants are hard to classify on the available evidence and need to remain under review until further statistical evidence or functional studies are performed

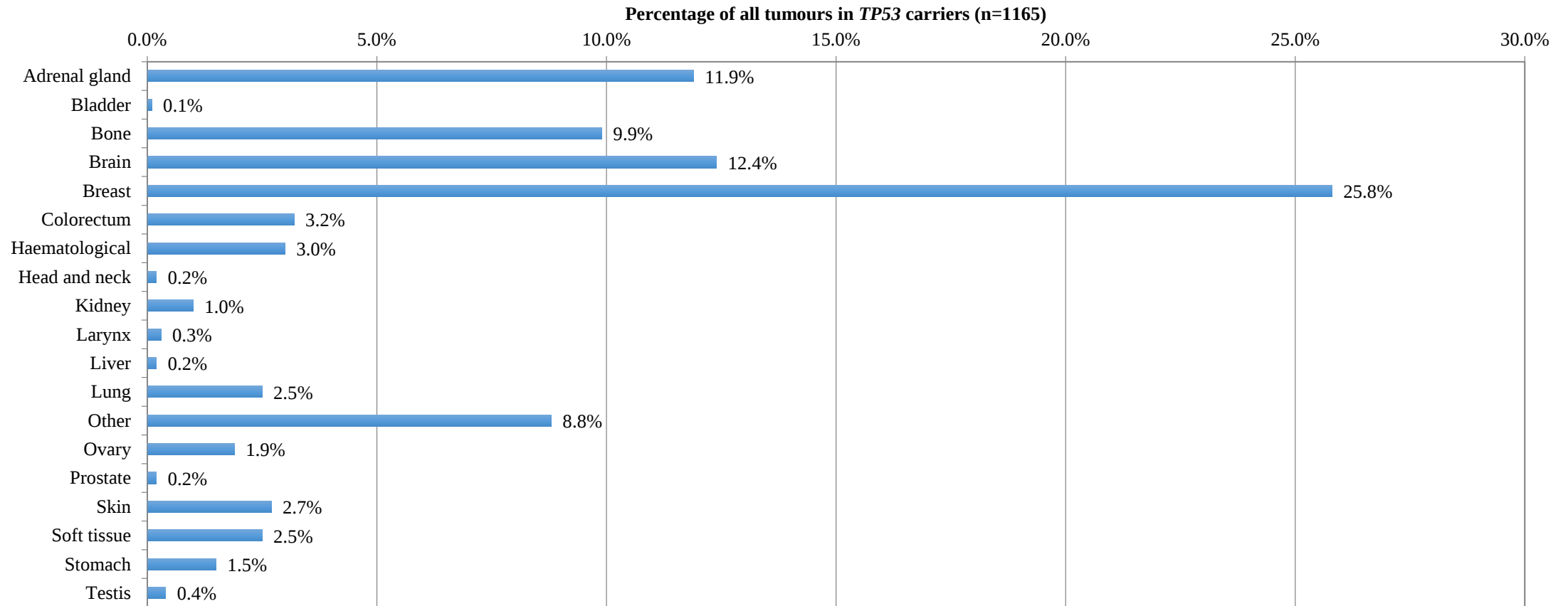
# Prevalence of LFS

- Hard to estimate
- Families have been highly selected for testing
- We know that TP53 mutations are identified in families who don't meet LFS criteria –but probably many other patients and families have not been tested

# Cancer risk

- Defined on classic LFS families
- Females have higher lifetime cancer risks due to risk of breast cancer
- Female carriers: Ages 20 (18%), 30 (49%), 40 (77%), and 50 (93%)
- Male carriers: Ages 20 (10%), 30 (21%), 40 (33%), and 50 (68%)
- Risk likely more variable
- Some mutations appear to be associated with lower or more specific cancer risks e.g R337H
- LFS is a clinical diagnosis –need to move to TP53 related risks –more research required

# Spectrum of Cancers



**Table 1.** Distribution of Tumors in Affected Germline *TP53* Mutation Carriers

| Tumor                                 | No. of Tumors  | No. of Patients | % of Affected Mutation Carriers | Mean/Median Age at Tumor Onset, Years (range)* |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| In All Patients (N = 322; 213†, 109‡) |                |                 |                                 |                                                |
| Breast carcinoma                      | 172 (172‡; 0‡) | 127 (127‡)      | <b>60†</b>                      | 35/33 (20-69‡)                                 |
| Soft tissue sarcoma                   | 104 (54‡; 50‡) | 86 (46‡; 40‡)   | <b>27</b>                       | 29/31 (0.5-67‡; 0.5-70‡)                       |
| Osteosarcoma                          | 53 (24‡; 29‡)  | 50 (23‡; 27‡)   | <b>16</b>                       | 18/16 (8-55‡; 5-54‡)                           |
| CNS tumor                             | 43 (25‡; 18‡)  | 42 (25‡; 17‡)   | <b>13</b>                       | 15/11 (0.3-67‡; 1-33‡)                         |
| Adrenocortical carcinoma              | 43 (30‡; 13‡)  | 42 (29‡; 13‡)   | <b>13</b>                       | 6/1 (0.5-41‡; 0.7-19‡)                         |
| Lung cancer                           | 18 (8‡; 10‡)   | 18 (8‡; 10‡)    | 6                               | 42/44 (14-58‡; 37-54‡)                         |
| Leukemia                              | 16 (9‡; 7‡)    | 14 (7‡; 7‡)     | 4                               | 14/12 (6-35‡; 2-16‡)                           |
| Prostate cancer                       | 4 (4‡)         | 4 (4‡)          | 4‡                              | 63/62 (57-71‡)                                 |
| Colorectal cancer                     | 12 (5‡; 7‡)    | 11 (5‡; 6‡)     | 3                               | 40/40 (21-74‡; 27-52‡)                         |
| Renal cancer                          | 11 (4‡; 7‡)    | 9 (3‡; 6‡)      | 3                               | 51/49 (34-68‡; 41-70‡)                         |
| Melanoma                              | 11 (9‡; 2‡)    | 8 (6‡; 2‡)      | 2                               | 40/43 (25-65‡; 15-55‡)                         |
| Lymphoma                              | 7 (3‡; 4‡)     | 7 (3‡; 4‡)      | 2                               | 18/13 (11-42‡; 2-32‡)                          |
| Stomach carcinoma                     | 7 (3‡; 4‡)     | 7 (3‡; 4‡)      | 2                               | 41/44 (44-58‡; 17-54‡)                         |
| Pancreas carcinoma                    | 6 (2‡; 4‡)     | 6 (2‡; 4‡)      | 2                               | 46/39 (32-64‡; 37-66‡)                         |
| Head and neck cancer                  | 6 (1‡; 5‡)     | 6 (1‡; 5‡)      | 2                               | 41/42 (21‡; 30-59‡)                            |
| Skin cancer                           | 6 (4‡; 2‡)     | 5 (3‡; 2‡)      | 2                               | 31/31 (29-39‡; 19-ND‡)                         |
| Chondrosarcoma                        | 5 (2‡; 3‡)     | 5 (2‡; 3‡)      | 2                               | 32/31 (21-57‡; 19-33‡)                         |
| Ovary carcinoma                       | 3 (3‡)         | 3 (3‡)          | 1‡                              | 43/35 (26-69‡)                                 |
| Nephroblastoma                        | 3 (0‡; 3‡)     | 3 (0‡; 3‡)      | 0.9                             | 3/2 (1-6‡)                                     |
| Thyroid carcinoma                     | 3 (3‡; 0‡)     | 3 (3‡; 0‡)      | 0.9                             | 42/40 (35-50‡)                                 |
| Endometrial carcinoma                 | 2 (2‡)         | 2 (2‡)          | 0.9‡                            | 54/54 (31-77‡)                                 |
| Testis choriocarcinoma                | 1 (1‡)         | 1 (1‡)          | 0.9‡                            | 17/17 (17‡)                                    |
| Esophageal cancer                     | 2 (0‡; 2‡)     | 2 (0‡; 2‡)      | 0.6                             | 63/63 (59-67‡)                                 |
| Bladder carcinoma                     | 2 (1‡; 1‡)     | 2 (1‡; 1‡)      | 0.6                             | 49/49 (66‡; 31‡)                               |
| Cervical carcinoma                    | 1 (1‡)         | 1 (1‡)          | 0.5‡                            | ND‡                                            |
| Gestational choriocarcinoma           | 1 (1‡)         | 1 (1‡)          | 0.5‡                            | 30/30 (30‡)                                    |
| Neuroblastoma                         | 1 (1‡; 0‡)     | 1 (1‡; 0‡)      | 0.3                             | 0.5/0.5 (0.5‡)                                 |
| Mesothelioma                          | 1 (1‡; 0‡)     | 1 (1‡; 0‡)      | 0.3                             | 52/52 (52‡)                                    |
| Myeloma                               | 1 (0‡; 1‡)     | 1 (0‡; 1‡)      | 0.3                             | 43/43 (43‡)                                    |
| Thymoma                               | 1 (1‡; 0‡)     | 1 (1‡; 0‡)      | 0.3                             | 33/33 (33‡)                                    |
| Appendix carcinoma                    | 1 (1‡; 0‡)     | 1 (1‡; 0‡)      | 0.3                             | 45/45 (45‡)                                    |

# Management for TP53 carriers

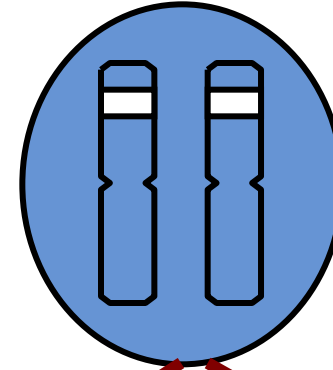
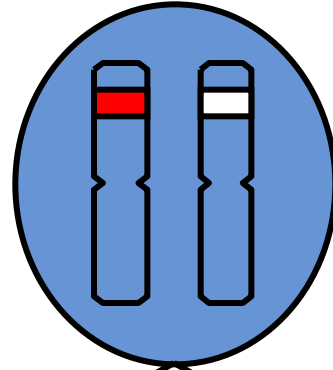
- Lyon working group 2007
- No evidence for surveillance other than breast cancer
- Breast MRI and discussion of risk reducing mastectomy
- Screening strategies under investigation

# Inheritance

- Autosomal dominant
- De novo

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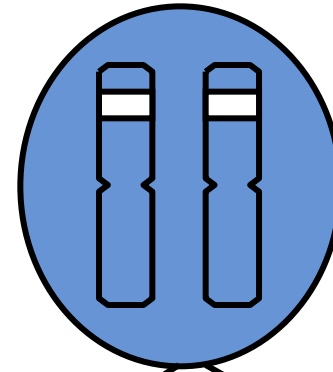
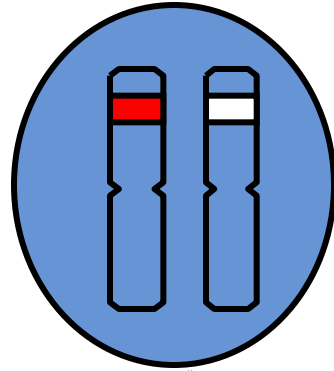


*Gametes*  
*egg/sperm*



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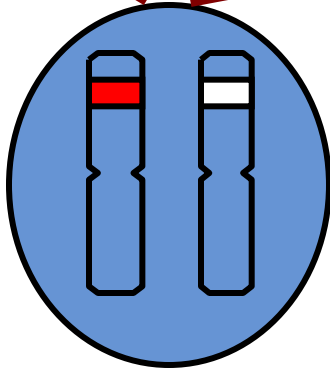
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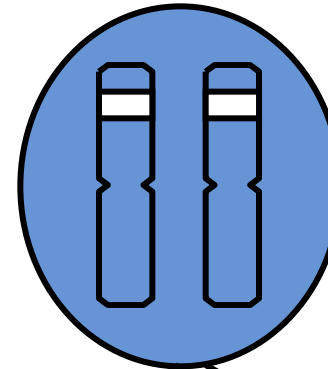
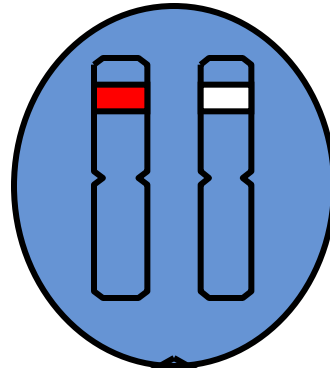


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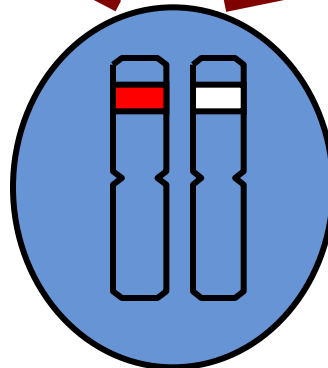
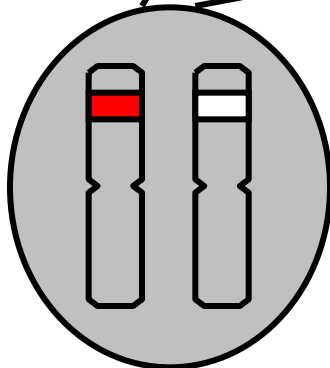
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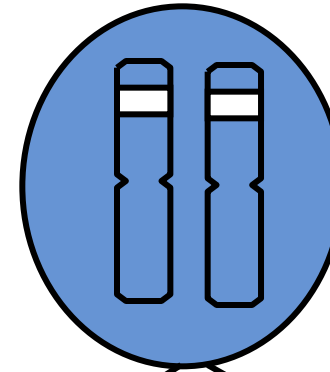
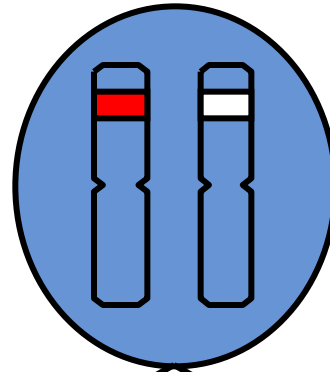


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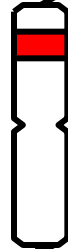


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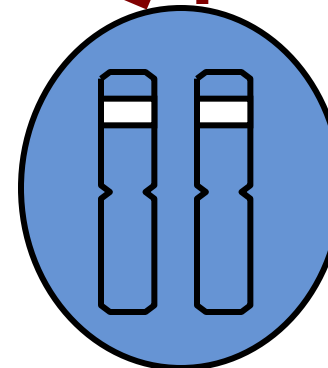
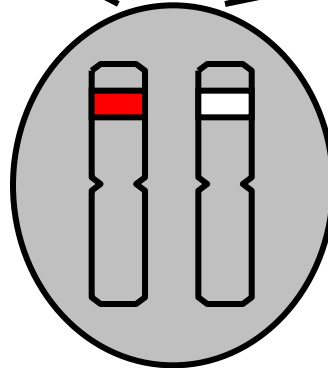
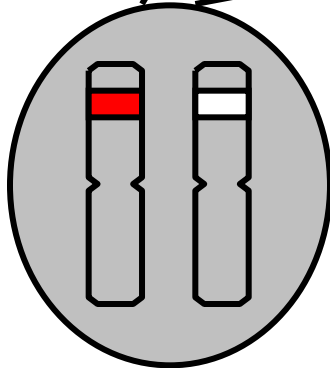
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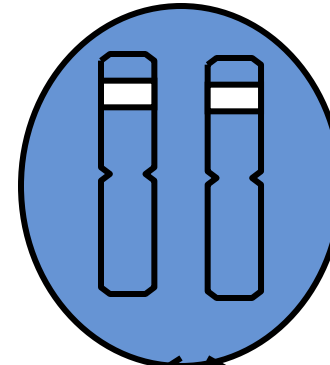
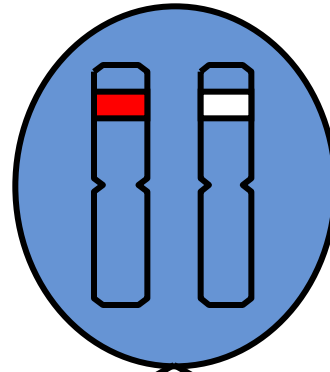


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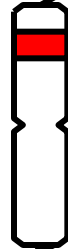


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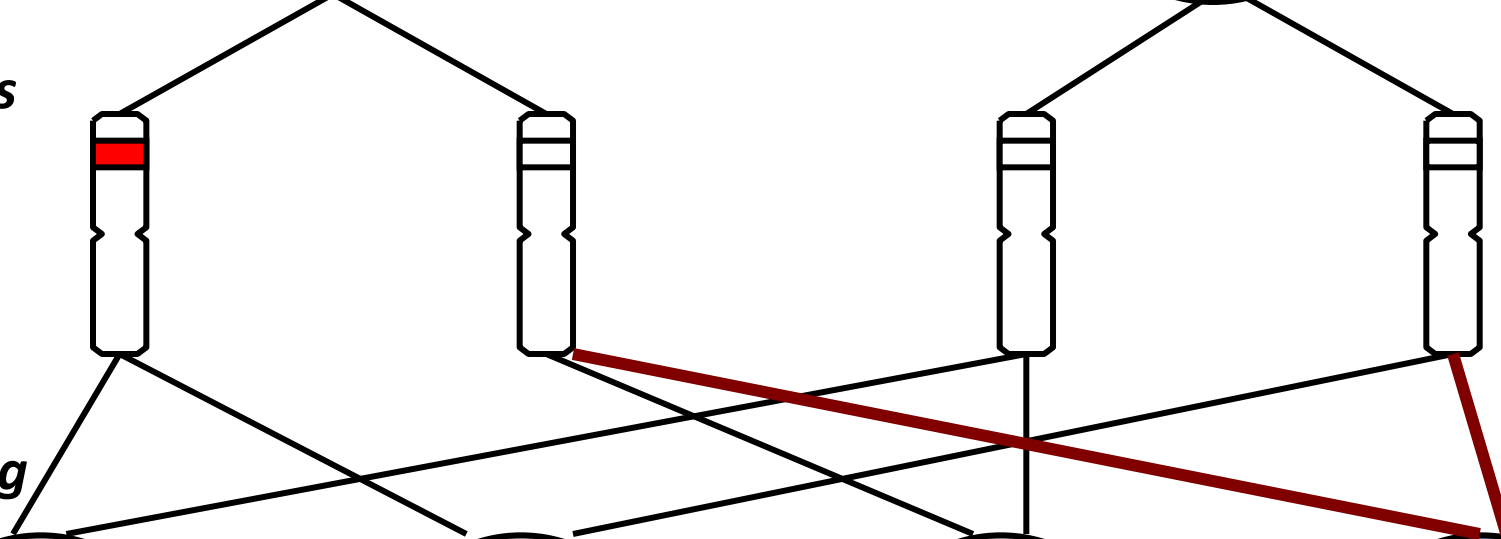
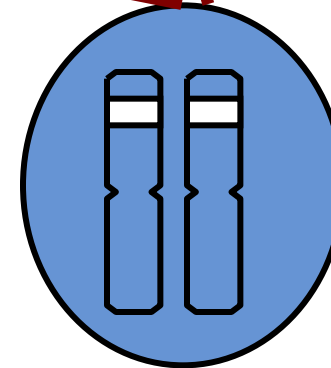
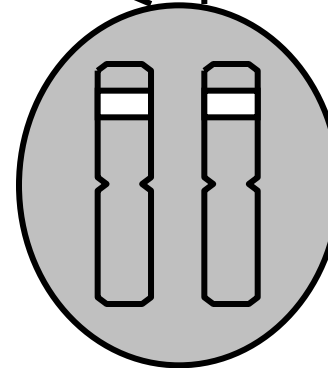
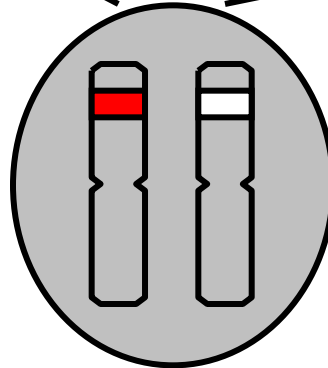
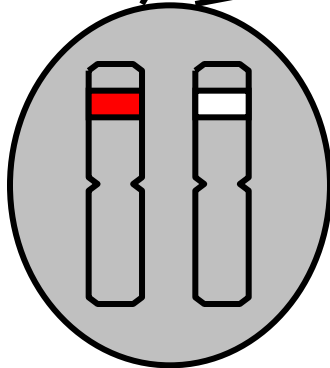
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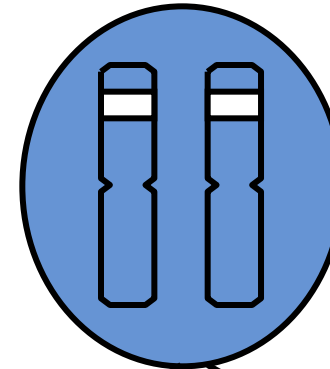
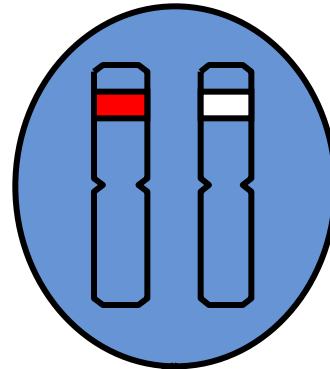


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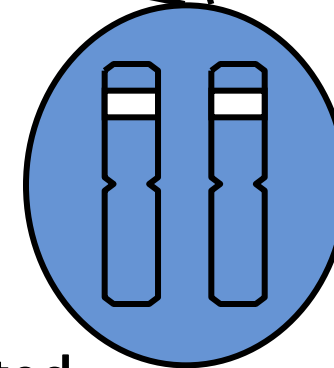
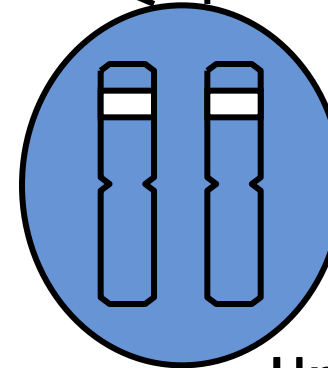
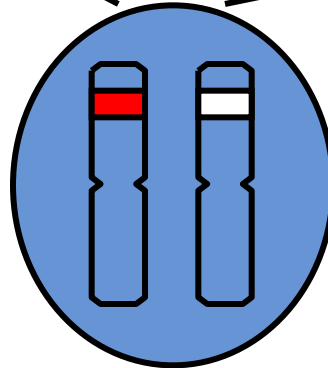
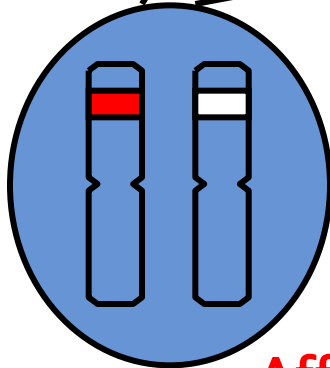
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**Affected**

**Unaffected**

# Reproductive options

- Pre-implantation genetic diagnosis
- Prenatal diagnosis

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# Next generation sequencing technologies



Genetic technologies have advanced meaning we now have the ability to test more cancer genes in more patients

Thank you  
Any questions?