

Genetic Testing and Gene Therapy

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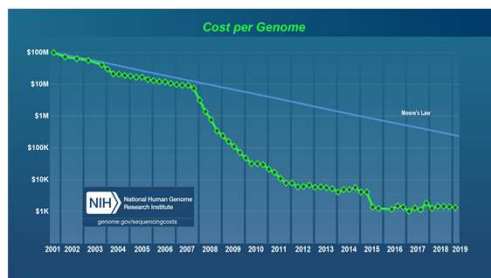
Genetic Testing and Gene Therapy

- Pertinent and happening now
 - Increase in direct-to-consumer genetic testing
 - Growth in clinical genetic testing
 - Gene therapies approved since 2017 and more on the way

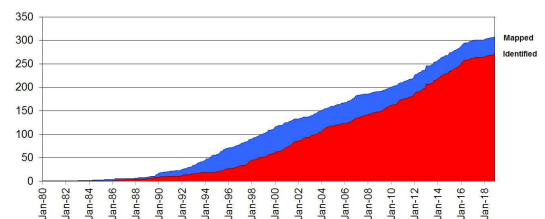
Growth is Fast

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Decrease in Cost



Improved Testing



<https://sph.uth.edu/retnet/sum-dis.htm>

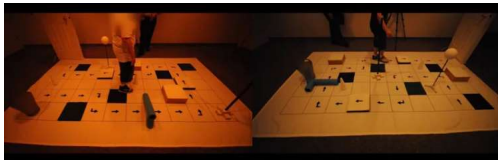
What's New?

- 40+ Clinical Trials
- In development...
 - More gene replacement therapies
 - CRISPR gene editing
 - Antisense oligonucleotide based therapies
 - Optogenetics

Importance of Genetic Testing & Gene Therapy

Gene Therapy Outcomes

- *voretigene neparvovec-rzyl* result
 - Improvement in multi-luminance mobility testing (MLMT) score
 - [Luxturna video from Spark Therapeutics]



<https://luxturnahcp.com/efficacy/clinical-trial-results/>

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- FDA approved 2017
- Only for patients with RPE65 gene mutations (small percentage of patients with RP and LCA)

Gene Therapy Outcomes

- Improvement in functional vision
- Improvement in mobility under different luminance settings
- Improvement in light sensitivity
- Improvement in VF
- Non-statistical improvement in VA

Testing Recommendations

- **“Recommendations on Clinical Assessment of Patients with Inherited Retinal Degenerations – 2016”**
- Numbers refer to clinical phenotypes:
 - 1. Rod-cone degenerations
 - 2. Cone-rod degenerations
 - 3. Chorioretinal degenerations
 - 4. Inherited dystrophies that involve the macula

Clinical Evaluation: Inherited Retinal Degenerative Diseases

Assessment	Initial Visit	Follow Up Visit Every 1-2 Years
History <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ocular (including current needs) Medical (including current medications and history of retinotoxic medication use) 	1-4 ^b	1-4
Pedigree (family history)	1-4	1-4
Clinical eye examination <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best corrected visual acuity: ETDRS (or equivalent) Slit-lamp biomicroscopy Intraocular pressure Indirect ophthalmoscopy 	1-4	1-4
Imaging <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Color fundus photos Spectral Domain Optical Coherence Tomography Fundus autofluorescence: Short wavelength with reduced illumination when possible Infrared autofluorescence (when available) 	1-4 1-4 1-4 ^b 1, 3, 4	1-4 1-4 ^b 1, 3, 4
Visual Fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kinetic Static Microperimetry (when available) 	1-4 ^c 1-3 ^d 1-4	1-4 ^c 1-3 ^d 1-4
Electroretinography <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full-field ERG^e (when appropriate) Multifocal ERG^e (when appropriate) 	1-4 2,4	1-3 2,4
Genetic Diagnostic Testing	1-4	



AAOphthalmology Clinical Statement

- “Genetic testing plays an important role in improving the accuracy of diagnosis and prognosis, providing patients and families with specific inheritance risks, and guiding treatment decisions.”

AAOphthalmology Clinical Statement

- “...a causative mutation can be identified in up to 60-80% of patients with inherited retinal disorders”

GENETIC TESTING

Types of Genetic Testing

- Direct-to-consumer
 - Mainly provide info on ancestry/ genealogy services, traits, genetic predisposition to common conditions, carrier status
- Health care provider ordered

Differences Between Direct-to-Consumer and Health Care Provider Ordered Tests

- Regulation
- Analytical validity, clinical validity, clinical utility
- Diagnostic ability
- Guidance and counseling access
- Data privacy
- Relevance to patients with inherited retinal dystrophies

Ethical & Other Considerations

- Data privacy
- Does the patient want to know? Do the family members want to know?
- What will be done with the information?
- Is it ethical to test children?
- Who can give consent for testing?

AAOphthalmology Current Recommendations

- “Recommendations for Genetic Testing of Inherited Eye Diseases- Report of the American Academy of Ophthalmology Task Force on Genetic Testing”

5 Steps

- 1) clinical exam – presence of genetic eye disease
- 2) molecular investigation of genomic samples
- 3) analysis of data
- 4) interpretation of data in context of clinical findings
- 5) patient counseling

“Recommendations for Genetic Testing of Inherited Eye Diseases- Report of the American Academy of Ophthalmology Task Force on Genetic Testing”

Additional Specific Recommendations

- Use of CLIA- approved laboratories
- Avoid direct-to-consumer tests
- Avoid unnecessary parallel testing
- Avoid genetic testing for genetically complex disorders
- Avoid testing asymptomatic minors for untreatable disorders

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Current Genetic Testing Relating to Eye Care

- **Multiple single gene and panel tests available**, including for:
 - Inherited retinal dystrophies
 - Age-related macular degeneration risk
 - Keratoconus risk
 - Corneal dystrophies
 - Glaucoma risk
 - Mitochondrial conditions
 - And more...
- **Consider the pros, cons, and limitations**

TIMELINE OF SIGNIFICANT GENETICS DISCOVERIES AND BREAKTHROUGHS

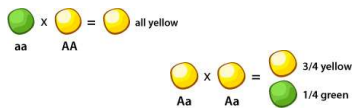
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1859

- Charles Darwin published, *On the Origin of Species by Means of Natural Selection*

1865

- Gregor Mendel first publishes on his plant hybridization experiments
- Mendelian inheritance



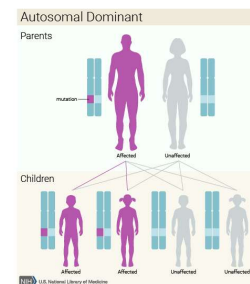
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Genotypes vs Phenotypes

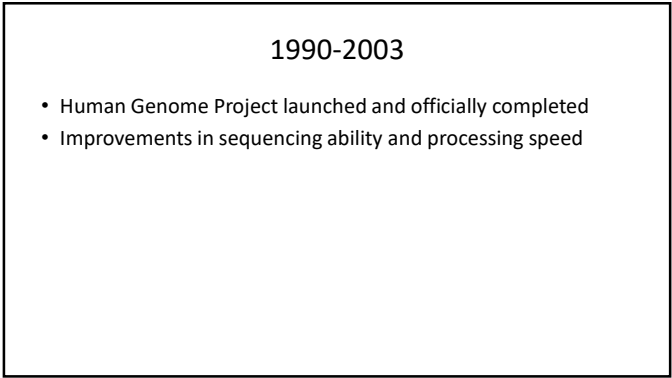
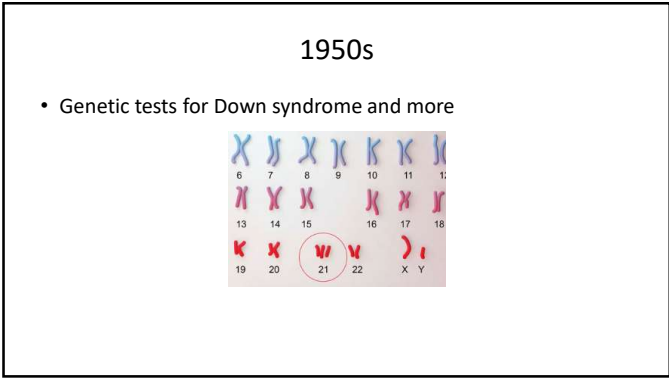
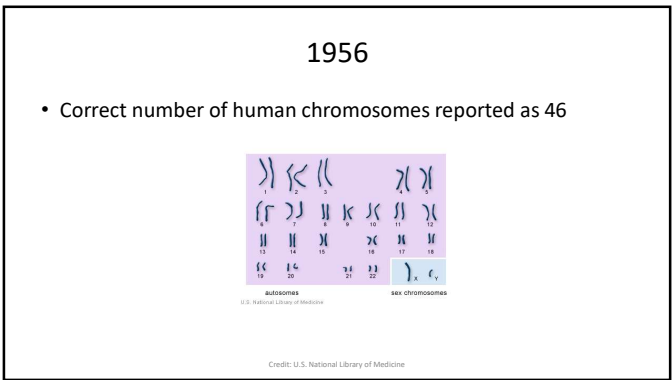
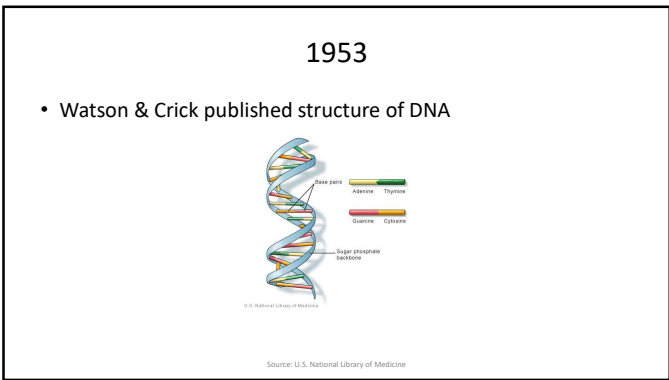
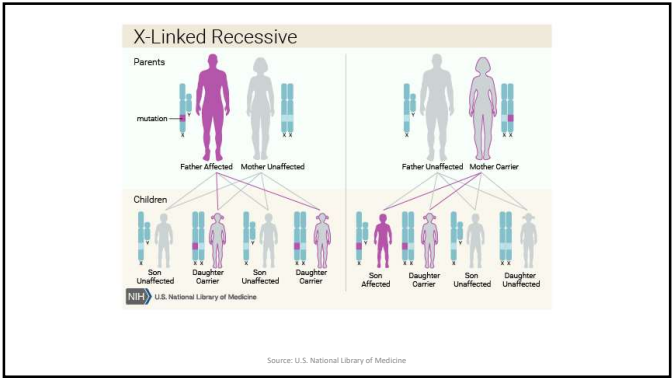
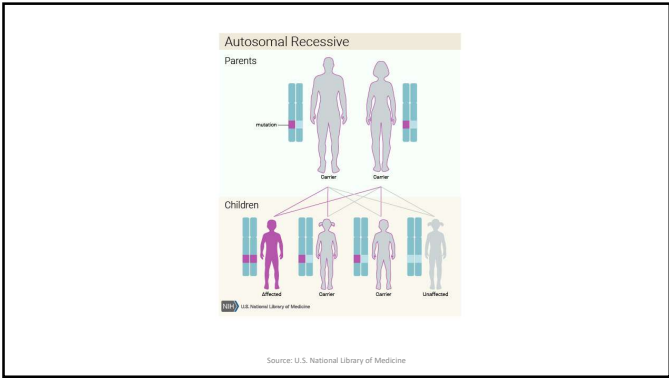
- 2 copies of each gene; one from each parent
- Alleles
 - Dominant
 - Recessive
- Genotype- the genes
- Phenotype- how they are expressed as characteristics

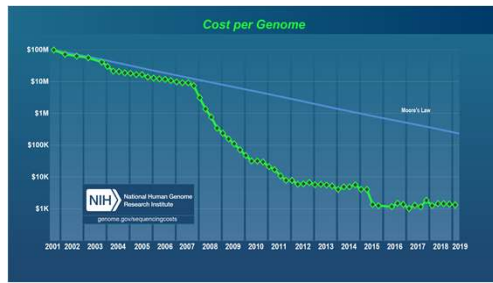
Inheritance Patterns

- Autosomal dominant
 - One mutated copy of the gene is sufficient for a person to be affected
- Autosomal recessive
 - Both copies of the gene must be mutated for a person to be affected
- X-linked
 - Caused by mutations in genes on the X chromosome
 - Females have XX; Males have XY



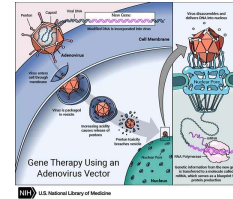
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2017

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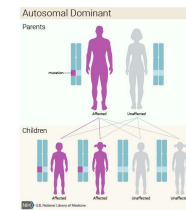


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WHAT WE KNOW NOW...GROUPED BY INHERITANCE PATTERNS

Autosomal Dominant Inheritance

- Ex. Best Vitelliform Macular Dystrophy



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Best Vitelliform Macular Dystrophy

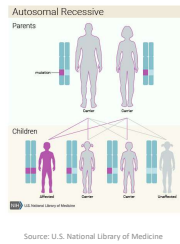
- Autosomal dominant BEST1
- Early-onset vitelliform macular dystrophy
- Yolk-like macular lesion
- Decreased central VA and metamorphopsia

Best Vitelliform Macular Dystrophy

- *Clinical implications:*
 - Patients will have family members with the condition
 - Straightforward to do genetic testing for this condition

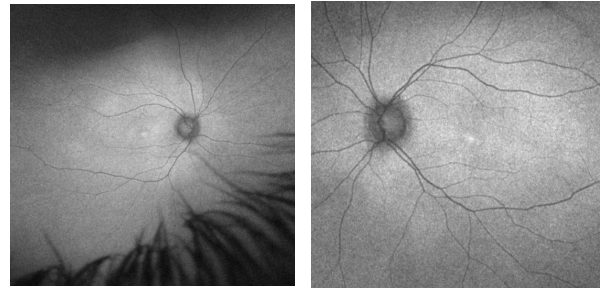
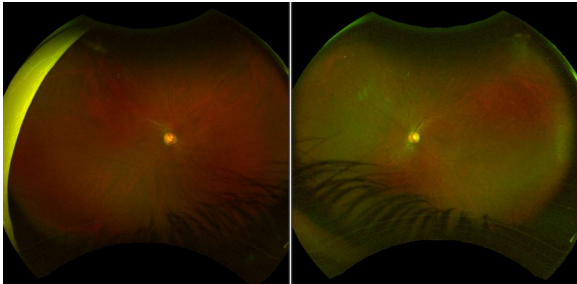
Autosomal Recessive Inheritance

- Ex. Achromatopsia, Oculocutaneous albinism



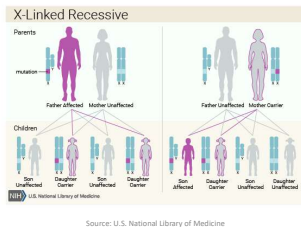
Achromatopsia

- Autosomal Recessive
- CNGA3, CNGB3, GNAT2, PDE6C, PDE6H
 - CNGA3, CNGB3 account for ~75%
- Clinical implications:*
 - Genetic causes of this condition have been well identified
 - Genetic testing will most likely give a positive result
 - Genetic testing, though unlikely to change clinical diagnosis easily determined through clinical testing, is needed for eligibility for current clinical trials



X-Linked Recessive Inheritance

- Ex. Choroideremia, X-Linked Juvenile Retinoschisis, X-Linked RP



Choroideremia

- 1 in 50,000-100,000
- Progressive vision loss- childhood night vision impairment, peripheral vision loss, later decreased VA

Choroideremia

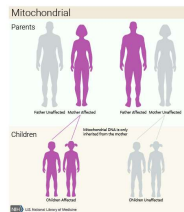
- X-Linked Recessive
- CHM
 - Rab escort protein-1 (REP-1) → loss of retina, choroid, RPE
- Genetic testing very effective
- *Clinical implications:*
 - More likely to affect males than females
 - Females likely to be carriers

X-Linked Juvenile Retinoschisis

- 1 in 5,000-25,000 men
- RS1 gene
 - Retinoschisin protein, likely involved in intercellular adhesion & retinal cell organization
- Macular involvement in 1st decade

Mitochondrial Inheritance

- Ex. Leber Hereditary Optic Neuropathy



Mitochondrial Inheritance

- Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) mutation
- Maternal inheritance
 - Males: none of their children will inherit the mtDNA mutation
 - Females: all children will inherit the mtDNA mutation
- Ex. Leber hereditary optic neuropathy

GENETICS & GENOMICS CHALLENGES

Our genes aren't everything

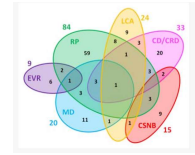
- CONs
 - Depending on the condition and the genetic test, genetic testing by itself may not tell us the whole clinical picture.
- PROs
 - Lifestyle and environmental changes can make a difference in some cases.

Genotypic & Phenotypic Heterogeneity

- Patients may have similar phenotype but have different affected genes.
- Patients may have same affected gene and have different phenotypes
 - Even within the same family!

Genotypic Heterogeneity

- Some IRDs are associated with many different genes
- Some genes are associated with many different IRDs



Cremeres FPM, Boon CJF, Bujakowska K, Zeitz C. Special Issue Introduction: Inherited Retinal Disease: Novel Candidate Genes, Genotype-Phenotype Correlations, and Inheritance Models. *Genes*. 2016; 9(4):215. <http://doi.org/10.3390/genes9040215>

Ex. Retinitis Pigmentosa

- >100 identified genes, >60 genes associated with non-syndromic RP
- **AD** (RHO,...), **AR** (USH2A,...), **X-linked recessive** (RPGR, RP2,...), **de novo**

Ex. Retinitis Pigmentosa

- Highly varied RP fundus appearances, age of onset, speed of progression, VA and VF loss
 - Ex. X-linked RP associated with earlier onset and faster progression
- **Understanding genetics can provide better understanding of condition and prognoses.**

Ex. Retinitis Pigmentosa

- 20-30% have syndromic RP
 - Ex. Usher syndrome
 - Ex. Bardet-Biedl syndrome
- **Early identification can lead to better management of systemic condition.**

Leber Congenital Amaurosis (LCA)

- 2-3 / 100,000 newborns
- Mutations in 14-22 (?) different genes
- Most autosomal recessive
- Most common mutations: CEP290, CRB1, GUCY2D, RPE65
- Some autosomal dominant: CRX, IMPDH1
- 30% unknown cause

Stargardt Macular Degeneration

- 1 / 8,000-10,000
- Most common- Autosomal recessive (ABCA4)
- Autosomal dominant (ELOVL4)

Conditions affected by one gene vs multiple genes

- Added complexity when multiple genes are involved.
 - Ex. Risk of keratoconus affected by multiple genes

Complex Multifactorial Disorders

- AAOphthalmology Recommendation: Avoid genetic testing for genetically complex disorder.
 - Ex. AMD
 - Other risk factors: age, smoking

“Nature vs. Nurture”

- Both genetics and environment play a role.
 - Some conditions are more affected by genetics.
 - Some conditions are more affected by environment.

Epigenomics

- Not all genes are active.
- External epigenetic factors can affect gene activity, determining when genes are “turned off” or “turned on”.

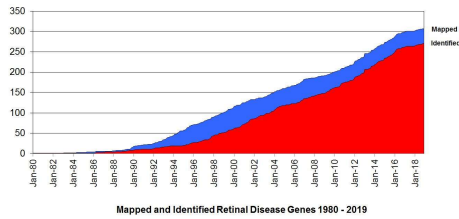


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Not always as simple as Punnett Squares...

- Reduced penetrance
 - Ex. Not all people with the mutation will develop the condition
- Variable expressivity
 - Ex. Not all people with the condition exhibit the same severity

Unidentified Genes



<https://sph.uth.edu/retnet/sum-dis.htm>

Result Interpretation

- Not all genes are tested. Not all tests will deliver satisfactory results.
- **Positive result**- found pathogenic mutation in the gene(s) tested
- **Negative result**- did not find mutation in the gene(s) tested
- **Inconclusive results**

Variant Classification

- Pathogenic
- Likely Pathogenic
- Uncertain Significance
- Likely Benign
- Benign

Result Interpretation

- Variants of Uncertain Significance
 - May be reclassified in the future
- Pathogenic (low penetrance)

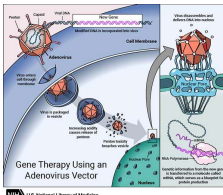
Genetic Testing + Clinical Findings

- **IMPORTANT:** Consider the genetic testing results within the context of clinical findings
 - Ocular findings
 - Systemic findings
 - Family history

GENE THERAPY - CURRENT

2017

- First FDA approved *in vivo* gene therapy



The diagram illustrates the process of gene therapy using an adenovirus vector. It shows the virus entering a cell, releasing its DNA, and the DNA being integrated into the host genome. The process is labeled with steps: 1. Adenovirus enters cell, 2. Adenovirus DNA is released from capsid, 3. Adenovirus DNA is transported to nucleus, 4. Adenovirus DNA is integrated into host genome, 5. Host cell produces and releases new adenovirus particles. The diagram also includes a section on 'Gene Therapy Using an Adenovirus Vector' and a 'Notes' section.

Gene Therapy Using an Adenovirus Vector

Notes

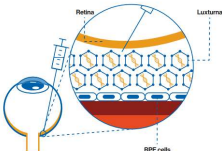
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- Pros
 - Effective treatment
 - Eye is immune privileged
 - Physiology of the eye
- Cons
 - Limitations of treatment
 - Number and rarity of genetic mutations
 - Cost

Current FDA Approved Gene Therapies

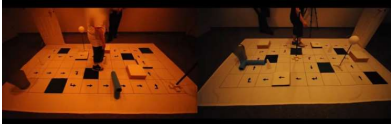
- Luxturna (*voretigene neparvovec-rzyl*)- Spark Therapeutics
- Approved for biallelic RPE65-mutation associated retinitis pigmentosa & Leber congenital amaurosis

- # *voretigene neparvovec-rzyl*
- Single subretinal injection
 - Copy of the RPE65 gene is delivered via a viral vector
 - Adeno-associated viral (AAV) vector
- 
- The diagram illustrates a subretinal injection into the eye. A syringe is shown injecting a viral vector into the subretinal space. The eye is shown in cross-section, with the retina and RPE cells labeled. The injection is performed into the subretinal space, which is the space between the retina and the RPE cells. The diagram also shows the choroid and sclera. Labels include: Retina, RPE cells, Choroid, Sclera, and Lusterma (likely a typo for Lusterma or Lusterma).
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voretigene neparvovec-rzyl

- Result
 - Improvement in multi-luminance mobility testing (MLMT) score



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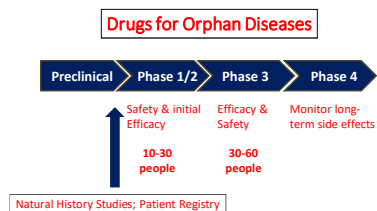
- Adverse Reactions
 - Conjunctival hyperemia 22%
 - Cataract 20%
 - Increased IOP 15%
 - Retinal tear 10%
 - Dellen 7%
 - Macular hole 7%
 - Subretinal deposits 7%
- Cost \$\$\$

GENE THERAPY – CLINICAL TRIALS & FUTURE

Achromatopsia videos

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7MLSxOz4HnE>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaugUyMDkdk>

Phases of Clinical Development



Do Patients Need to Have Genetic Testing Before Enrolling in a Clinical Trial?

- Many clinical trials underway are for genetic therapies and will require that patients have a confirmed genetic diagnosis.
- There are several emerging cross-cutting therapies – for example, stem cells, oral drugs, and optogenetic approaches – that may not require a genetic diagnosis.

Time Commitment to Participate in a Clinical Trial?

- Depends on the clinical trial. Time commitment can be extensive.
 - Most trials for inherited retinal disorders (IRDs) require the visits to occur at the clinical trial site. About 12 visits year 1, visits 1-2x a year for 4 more years.
 - Consider time commitment for both patient and travel companion.
- Consider number and duration of visits.

Cost of Participation in a Clinical Trial?

- Depends on the clinical trial.
- All sponsors will cover the medical costs associated with a clinical trial
- Not all sponsors cover the travel and miscellaneous costs (food, lodging).
- Be wary of clinical trials that require out-of-pocket costs to participate or receive therapy.

Side effects/ risks of IRD gene therapy?

- Depends on route of administration and therapy (subretinal, intravitreal, suprachoroidal).
- The risks will be covered with the patient.
- Consider contraindications of steroids.
 - Oral, topical, and subtenon steroids may be administered before, during & after the procedure

Options for Patients Who May Not Qualify for a Current Clinical Trial

Patient Registries:

- Enrolling in the registry enables patients to get on the radar screen of clinical trial sponsors and investigators. Free genetic testing is often available through the registry.
- Personal information is never shared with third parties. Only de-identified information can be shared.

Natural History Studies

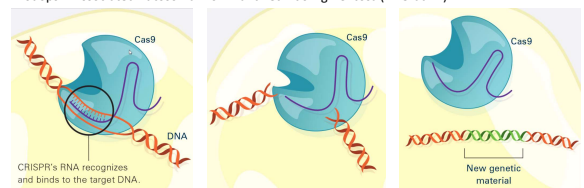
- A natural history study collects information about the natural history of a disease in the absence of an intervention, from the disease's onset until either its resolution or the individual's death. Although knowledge of a disease's natural history can benefit drug development for many disorders and conditions, natural history information is usually not available or is incomplete for most rare diseases; therefore, natural history information is particularly needed for these diseases.

Ongoing and Future Gene Therapy Research & Clinical Trials

- Achromatopsia (CNGA3, CNGB3) – AGTC, MeiraGTx/Janssen
- Batten Disease (CLN5) – Neurogene
- Choroideremia (REP1) – 4DMT
- LCA (GUCY2D) - Atsena
- RP (PDE6B) - Coave
- RP (RLBP1) - Novartis
- RP (NR2E3, RHO) - Ocugen
- X-Linked Retinoschisis – NEI
- X-Linked RP (RPGR) – AGTC, MeiraGTx/Janssen

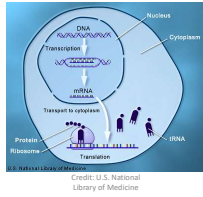
CRISPR/Cas9 Gene Eediting

- Editas Medicine/ Allergan
 - Leber Congenital Amaurosis 10 (CEP290)
 - Usher Syndrome (USH2A)
 - Rhodopsin-Associated Autosomal Dominant Retinitis Pigmentosa (RHO-adRP)



Antisense Oligonucleotide-Based Therapy

- Targets mRNA
 - Small fragments form complementary pairs with target mRNA - Inhibit mRNA translation, regulate gene expression
- ProQR
 - LCA (LCA10)
 - USH2A Exon 13
 - Autosomal dominant RP (RHO-P23H)



Credit: U.S. National Library of Medicine

Optogenetics

- Targets ganglion cells
- Vision enhanced when using goggles
- Limited improvement in vision
- Clinical trial: patients with advanced RP



Credit: Sahel, et al.; Nature Medicine

More...

- Gensight Biologics
 - LHON (mitochondrial gene ND4)
- jCyte
 - Neurotrophic factors for RP
- Alkeus
 - Modified vitamin A for Stargardts

Clinical Application of Genetic Testing, Gene Therapy, and Clinical Trial Referrals

Genetic Testing Referrals

- Search provider lists
 - ID Your IRD
- Complete Clinical Exam & Genetic Test

In-Office Testing

- Test panels
 - Can test just one or many (300+) genes in one test panel
 - **Need to select appropriate panel**
- Collection kit
 - Saliva-sample
 - Blood-sample
 - Buccal swab



Sample Test Panels

- Blueprint Genetics
 - <https://blueprintgenetics.com/tests/panels/ophthalmology/retinal-dystrophy-panel/>
 - 351 genes (including RPGR)
- Invitae
 - <https://www.invitae.com/en/inherited-retinal-disorders-panel/>
 - Recently updated to 330 genes (including RPGR)
- Alternative labs

- ## Conditions Tested Can Include...
- Achromatopsia
 - Best disease
 - Choroidal dystrophies
 - Choroideremia
 - Cone dystrophy
 - Cone monochromacy
 - Cone-rod dystrophy
 - Congenital stationary night blindness
 - Fundus albipunctatus
 - Fundus flavimaculatus
 - Gyrate atrophy
 - Leber congenital amaurosis
 - Retinitis pigmentosa
 - Retinoschisis (juvenile X-linked retinoschisis)
 - Rod-cone dystrophy
 - Rod dystrophy
 - Rod monochromacy
 - Stargardt disease
 - Usher syndrome
 - ...and more...

Example Panel				
Panel Content				
Genes in the Retinal Dystrophy Panel and their clinical significance				
Gene	Associated phenotypes	Inheritance	ClinVar	HGMD
ABCA4	Stargardt disease, Retinitis pigmentosa, Cone rod dystrophy, Retinal dystrophy, early-onset severe, Fundus flavimaculatus	AR	308	1231
ABCA4*	Pseudoxanthoma elasticum	AR	352	377
ABHD12	Polychorioretinopathy, hearing loss, ataxia, retinitis pigmentosa, and cataract	AR	16	20
ACQ1	Optic atrophy, Infantile cerebellar retinal degeneration	AR	16	15
ADAM9	Cone rod dystrophy	AR	6	10

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Ex. Lab Selection Process

- Your patient has a clinical diagnosis of retinitis pigmentosa. He has a relatively early onset and rapidly progressive field loss.
- After completing a pedigree, you suspect an x-linked inheritance pattern.

- ## Ex. Lab Selection Process
- You search for information about retinitis pigmentosa inheritance patterns and associated genes on MedlinePlus.
 - "Together, mutations in the [RPGR](#) and [RP2](#) genes account for most cases of X-linked retinitis pigmentosa."
 - <https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/condition/retinitis-pigmentosa/#synonyms>


Ex. Lab Selection Process

- You look through both test panels from the labs (Ex. Blueprint Genetics & Invitae)
- You find that both Invitae and Blueprint's panels currently test RPGR!
- The Blueprint panel testing is being sponsored by Foundation Fighting Blindness's My Retina Tracker Program and Invitae panel is being sponsored by Spark Therapeutics, so now you check that your patient meets their eligibility requirements.


- [illegible]

Ex. Alternate Scenario – past testing

- Patient has clinical diagnosis of RP with possible x-linked pattern.
- Genetic testing > 5 years ago with Invitae lab panel was negative
 - (This panel did NOT include RPGR 5 years ago)
- Consider retesting!

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INVITAE



ID

YOUR

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ORDER ID

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Requisition Form

ID YOUR ID# TRF48-2

This requisition form can be used to submit a specimen for the **ID YOUR IRD® program**, a sponsored testing program brought to you by **Spark Therapeutics** and **Invitae Corporation**. Please confirm that the patient meets the eligibility requirements for the program, including provision of written patient consent. Submit the sample according to the k1 instructions with the below **Test Requisition Form (TRF, pages 1-3)** and **Patient Authorization Forms (pages 4-7)** completed and signed.

INSTRUCTIONS: Review the ordering options and then complete all sections of this form. Your ordering option will be indicated in the test selection section.

ORDERING OPTIONS

1. ID YOUR IRD® PROGRAM

For individuals that must the eligibility criteria below and wish to receive the program specific genetic testing panels.

REQUIRED: You must select the appropriate eligibility criteria for this patient below.

This program is available to patients suspected of having an inherited retinal disease AND who have experienced one or more of the following [select all that apply, patients must have at least one or more of the following]:

Note: This program does not test for genes associated with age-related macular degeneration or scalar/locuscoeruleus albinism.

☐ Nyctalopia
☐ Peripheral field loss
☐ Central vision loss

☐ Deterioration of color vision
☐ Photophobia
☐ Clinical or suspected diagnosis of an inherited retinal disease

2. GENE-SPECIFIC FAMILY FOLLOW-UP TESTING

For relatives of program participants who received a Pathogenic/Likely Pathogenic result or approved VUS who want to receive gene specific family follow-up testing at no additional cost. Relatives do not need to meet the eligibility criteria listed above. Learn more at www.invitae.com/family.

PATIENT INFORMATION				CLINICIAN INFORMATION			
First name		MI	Last name		Organization name		
Date of birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	Biological sex <input type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F	MRN (medical record number)		Phone		Fax	
Ancestry	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> White/Caucasian <input type="checkbox"/> Ashkenazi Jewish <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Native American <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> French Canadian <input type="checkbox"/> Sephardic/Jewish <input type="checkbox"/> Mediterranean <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____						
Phone	Email address (report access for clinical releases)			Primary contact email name (if different from ordering provider)		NPI	
Address	City			Primary clinical contact email address (for report access)			
State	ZIP/Postal code	Country		Ordering provider (select one ordering provider by marking the checkboxes below the name)			
Ship a <u>new</u> kit to this patient (do not submit, fax this form and Patient Authorization form to Ship Services at 415-270-1166)				<input type="checkbox"/> Name	NPI	Email address (for report access)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Ship kit to address above				<input type="checkbox"/>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Ship kit to alternate address:				<input type="checkbox"/>			
SPECIMEN INFORMATION Specimen type: Blood (DRL+purple EDTA) or Saliva (Oragene®) -> R- Assisted Saliva kits are unable to accept blood from patients with: • Allergenic bone marrow transplants • Blood transfusion <2 weeks prior to specimen collection							
Specimen collection date (MM/DD/YYYY): <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> / <input type="text"/> Special cases: <input type="checkbox"/> History of current hematologic malignancy in patient							
INVITAE PARTNER CODE				SPARK			
				Additional clinic(s) or laboratory contacts (optional, to share access to order online) Share this order with the primary clinic contact's default clinic name, manage at invitae.com Name _____ Email address (for report access) _____ Name _____ Email address (for report access) _____			

FAMILY HISTORY				CLINICAL HISTORY			
Is there a family history of disease for which the patient is being tested? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No				If yes, describe below and attach pedigree and/or clinical notes.			
Relative's relationship to this patient	Married or parental	Diagnosed condition	Age at diagnosis	Relative's relationship to this patient	Married or parental	Diagnosed condition	Age at diagnosis
PERSONAL HISTORY				SYMPTOMS			
Is/has this patient affected or symptomatic? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No				If symptomatic, means this patient has features or signs known or suspected to be related to the genetic testing being ordered and could include findings or physical manifestations, laboratory tests, or imaging.			
Provide details in the regional clinical history questions (if applicable)							
REQUIRED CLINICAL HISTORY							
Age of onset:				Extracocular features			
Clinical diagnosis, if known:				Y N UNKNOWN			
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				Intellectual disability			
				Sensorineural hearing loss			
				Skeletal abnormalities			
				Neural disease			
				Cardiac abnormalities			
Ocular features				Y N UNKNOWN			
Bone spicule/pigment clumping				<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> UNKNOWN			
Optic nerve atrophy/optic disc pallor				<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> UNKNOWN			
Abnormal fundus appearance				<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> UNKNOWN			
Abnormal ERG results				<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> UNKNOWN			
Is disease progressive in this individual?				<input type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N <input type="radio"/> UNKNOWN			
Other ocular features and/or detailed test results (e.g., ERG):				Other extracocular features:			
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COMMONLY ASKED PATIENT QUESTIONS – Q&A

Genetic Testing Q&A

- How much does genetic testing cost?
 - The lab testing might be free if the patient meets the eligibility requirements.
 - There may be cost associated with office visits.
- How long will it take to get the results?
 - Could be as short as 2 weeks; could be longer depending on the lab and testing.
- Do you need a blood sample?
 - Saliva sample is sufficient in most cases.

Genetic Testing Q&A

- Will this tell me what eye condition I have?
 - Not always. Genetic testing does not replace a clinical exam. Depending on the eye condition, genetic testing panel, and current knowledge on the condition, the possibility of positive or negative genetic test results varies.
- I did genetic testing a long time ago. Is this the same?
 - Consider retesting if genetic test was inconclusive in the distant past.
- Can children be tested?
 - Yes. However, there may be ethical considerations.

Gene Therapy Q&A

- Will I qualify for gene therapy?
 - Most likely not right now since gene therapy is only available for RPE65 mutation, but if you have RP or LCA there is a small possibility.
- Will I qualify for a gene therapy clinical trial?
 - Possibly. Can determine after receiving the genetic testing results.

Patient Recommendations

- **Genetic Counseling** is recommended
 - Family counseling
 - Inheritance patterns
- Additional family member testing is indicated in some cases

Eligibility for Gene Therapy & Clinical Trials

- Determine eligibility and referral for gene therapy
- Determine eligibility and referral for clinical trial
 - [ClinicalTrials.gov](https://clinicaltrials.gov)
- Continuation of ocular health management
- Continuation of low vision rehabilitation

Next Steps

- Consider joining a registry
 - Ex. My Retina Tracker
- Consider joining a natural history study

Continued Management

- Continuation of ocular health management
- Continuation of low vision rehabilitation

GENETIC TESTING RESULT CASE EXAMPLES

Result- VUS Only

- Retest in future

RESULT: NO PATHOGENIC VARIANTS IDENTIFIED

Variant(s) of Uncertain Significance Identified.

GENE	VARIANT	ZYGOSITY	VARIANT CLASSIFICATION
ANKK1		heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
BDNF		heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
MRP8		heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
SRM11		heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
TRPM1		heterozygous	Uncertain Significance

About this test
This diagnostic test evaluates 248 gene(s) for variants (genetic changes) that are associated with genetic disorders. Diagnostic genetic testing, when combined with family history and other medical results, may provide information to clarify individual risk, support a clinical diagnosis, and assist with the development of a personalized treatment and management strategy.

Result- Positive

- Patient with achromatopsia, interested in clinical trial

Genetic Testing Summary

Syndrome	Test Type	Genes Tested/ Panel Name	Result (Positive Gene, Mutation, Lab)
inherited retinal dystrophies	panel testing	Retinal 12 Panel	CNGA3 (pathogenic) Lab: Blueprint homozygous

Syndrome	Test Type	Test	Results
inherited retinal dystrophies	panel testing	Retinal Dystrophies Panel	see details in table below Lab: Blueprint

Gene	Specific Variant	Zygosity
PCAR1		heterozygous
TTLL5		heterozygous

Find a study (click to expand)

Status

☐ Recruiting and not yet recruiting studies

☐ All studies

Condition or disease (for example: breast cancer)

Other terms (for example: NCT number, drug name, investigator name)

CNGA3

Country

Search Advanced Search

Referral for Clinical Trial

Row	Search	Status	Study Title	Conditions	Interventions	Locations
1	Research	Open	Gene Therapy for Achromatopsia (CNGA3)	Achromatopsia • Biological: AAV - CNGA3		Kellogg Eye Center Ann Arbor, Michigan, United States • Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust London, United Kingdom
2	Research	Open	Long-Term Follow-Up Gene Therapy Study for Achromatopsia (CNGA3) and (CNGB3)	Achromatopsia • Biological: AAV - CNGA3		Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust London, United Kingdom
3	Active, not recruiting	Closed	Safety and Efficacy of a Single Subretinal Injection of LAMN005A3 in Patients with CNGA3-related Achromatopsia	Achromatopsia • Drug: LAMN005A3		University Hospital Tübingen, Center for Ophthalmology, Tübingen, Germany
4	Research	Open	Safety and Efficacy Trial of AAV Gene Therapy in Patients with CNGA3-related Achromatopsia	Achromatopsia • Biological: AAV - CNGA3		Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States • Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, Miami, Florida, United States • Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, Massachusetts, United States • Juncal (Ames), Ames, Iowa, United States
5	Research	Open	Natural History Study for Achromatopsia	Achromatopsia • Diagnostic: Test: Ocular assessment		Moorfields Eye Hospital NHS Foundation Trust London, United Kingdom

Result- Positive

- 2 Brothers
 - 20 years old
 - 12 years old
- Retinitis Pigmentosa



Result- Positive

RESULT: POSITIVE

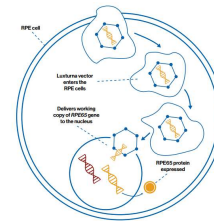
One Pathogenic variant and one Likely Pathogenic variant identified in RPE65. RPE65 is associated with autosomal recessive Leber congenital amaurosis and retinitis pigmentosa.

Additional Variant(s) of Uncertain Significance Identified.

GENE	Variant	ZYGOSITY	VARIANT CLASSIFICATION
RPE65		heterozygous	Pathogenic
CEP350		heterozygous	Likely Pathogenic
CEP350		heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
CEP350		heterozygous	Uncertain Significance
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Referral for Gene Therapy



RESOURCES

Resources

- Genetic Testing Resources
 - eyewant2know.com/IDYOURIRD/
 - Foundation Fighting Blindness
 - fightblindness.org
 - myretinatracker.org
 - Online registry
- National Institutes of Health (NIH)-Genetics Home Reference → MedlinePlus Genetics
 - ghr.nlm.nih.gov/primer/testing/genetic-testing
 - <https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/>

Resources

- Search for gene specific clinical trials/ Determine eligibility for clinical trials
 - ClinicalTrials.gov

Benefits of genetic testing

- Improve accuracy and specificity of diagnosis
- Improve accuracy of prognosis
- Improve accuracy of genetic counseling, family counseling
- Mutation/ mechanism-specific care
 - Gene therapy & clinical trials

Conclusions

- Increase public and patient awareness
- Increase access to genetic testing and gene therapy
 - Early testing and referrals

Q&A

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