

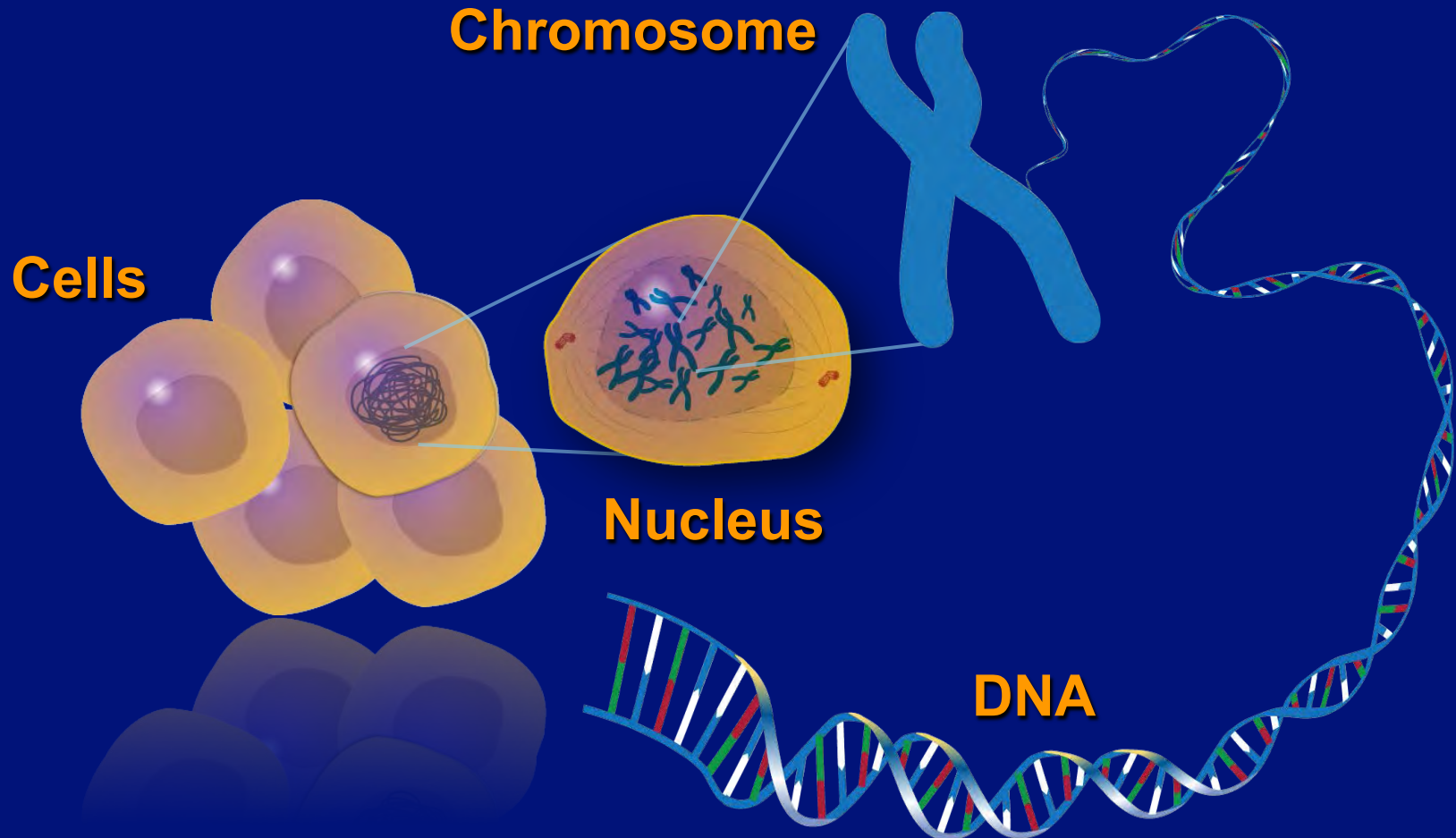


Human Genomics a Decade after the Human Genome Project: Opportunities and Challenges

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The Human Genome



**Human Genome:
~3 billion bases ('letters')**

Human Genomics Landscape

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MOLECULAR STRUCTURE OF NUCLEIC ACIDS A Structure for Deoxyribose Nucleic Acid



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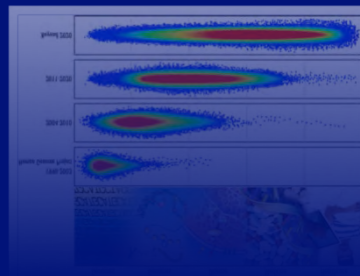
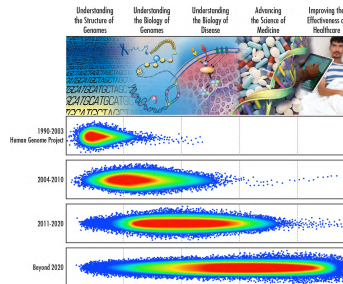
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The Origin of “Genomics”: 1987

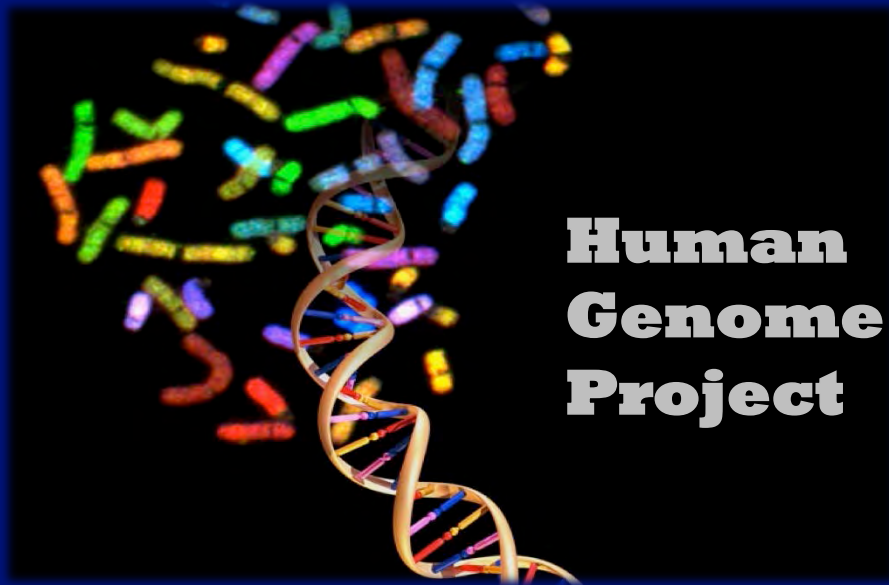
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A New Discipline, A New Name, A New Journal

Genomics (1987)

“For the newly developing discipline of [genome] mapping/sequencing (including the analysis of the information), we have adopted the term GENOMICS... The new discipline is born from a marriage of molecular and cell biology with classical genetics and is fostered by computational science.”

October, 1990



Human Genome Project Begins

April, 2003



Human Genome Project Ends

Myriad Applications of Genomics

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Genomic Medicine

An emerging medical discipline that involves using genomic information about an individual as part of their clinical care (e.g., for diagnostic or therapeutic decision-making) and the other implications of that clinical use



The Path to Genomic Medicine



Human
Genome
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Realization of
Genomic
Medicine



“Fulfilling the Promise”



A blueprint for the genomic era.

The completion of a high-quality, comprehensive sequence of the human genome, in this fiftieth anniversary year of the discovery of the double-helical structure of DNA, is a landmark event. The genomic era is now a reality.

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Our ability to explore genome function is increasing in specificity as each subsequent genome is sequenced. Microarray technologies have catapulted many laboratories from studying the expression of one or two genes in a month to studying the expression of tens of thousands of genes in a single afternoon¹. Clinical opportunities for gene-based pre-symptomatic prediction of illness and adverse drug response are emerging at a rapid pace, and the therapeutic promise of genomics has ushered in an exciting phase of expansion and exploration in the commercial

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NHGRI Strategic Vision for Genomics



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As it did eight years ago¹⁷, the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) has engaged the scientific community (<http://www.genome.gov/Planning>) to reflect on the key attributes of genomics (Box 1) and explore future directions and challenges for the field. These discussions have led to an updated vision that focuses on understanding human biology and the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of human disease, including consideration of the implications of those advances for society (but these discussions, intentionally did not address the role of genomics in agriculture, energy and other areas). Like the HGP, achieving this vision is broader than what any single organization or country can achieve—realizing the full benefits of genomics will be a global effort.

This 2011 vision for genomics is organized around five domains extending from basic research to health applications (Fig. 2). It reflects the view that, over time, the most effective way to improve human health is to understand normal biology (in this case, genome biology) as a basis for understanding disease biology, which then becomes the basis for improving health. At the same time, there are other connections among these domains. Genomics offers opportunities for improving health without a thorough understanding of disease (for example, cancer therapies can be selected based on genomic profiles that identify tumour subtypes^{18,19}), and clinical discoveries can lead back to understanding disease or even basic biology.

The past decade has seen genomics contribute fundamental knowledge about biology and its perturbation in disease. Further deepening this understanding will accelerate the transition to genomic medicine (clinical care based on genomic information). But significant change rarely comes

quickly. Although genomics has already begun to improve diagnostics and treatments in a few circumstances, profound improvements in the effectiveness of healthcare cannot realistically be expected for many years (Fig. 2). Achieving such progress will depend not only on research, but also on new policies, practices and other developments. We have illustrated the kinds of achievements that can be anticipated with a few examples (Box 2) where a confluence of need and opportunities should lead to major accomplishments in genomic medicine in the coming decade. Similarly, we note three cross-cutting areas that are broadly relevant and fundamental across the entire spectrum of genomics and genomic medicine: bioinformatics and computational biology (Box 3), education and training (Box 4), and genomics and society (Box 5).

Understanding the biology of genomes

Substantial progress in understanding the structure of genomes has revealed much about the complexity of genome biology. Continued acquisition of basic knowledge about genome structure and function will be needed to illuminate further those complexities (Fig. 2). The contribution of genomics will include more comprehensive sets (catalogues) of data and new research tools, which will enhance the capabilities of all researchers to reveal fundamental principles of biology.

Comprehensive catalogues of genomic data

Comprehensive genomic catalogues have been uniquely valuable and widely used. There is a compelling need to improve existing catalogues and to generate new ones, such as complete collections of genetic variation, functional genomic elements, RNAs, proteins, and other biological molecules, for both human and model organisms.

Genomic studies of the genes and pathways associated with disease-related traits require comprehensive catalogues of genetic variation, which provide both genetic markers for association studies and variants for identifying candidate genes. Developing a detailed catalogue of variation in the human genome has been an international effort that began with The SNP Consortium²⁰ and the International HapMap Project²¹ (<http://hapmap.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>), and is ongoing with the 1000 Genomes Project²² (<http://www.1000genomes.org>).

Over the past decade, these catalogues have been critical in the discovery of the specific genes for roughly 3,000 Mendelian (monogenic) diseases

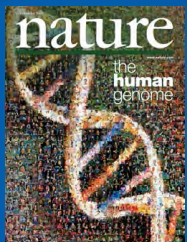
Figure 1 | Genomic achievements since the Human Genome Project (see accompanying rolloff). ►

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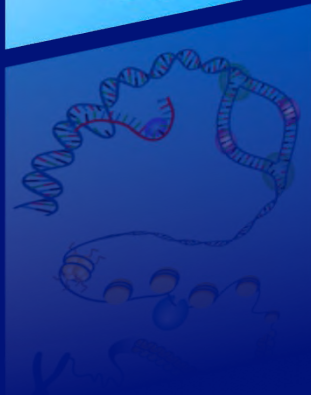
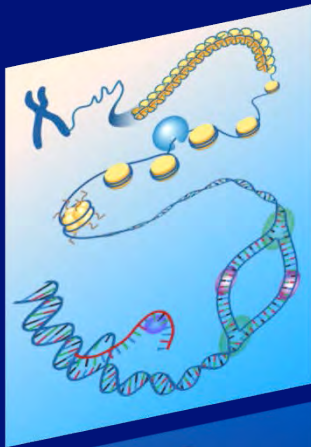
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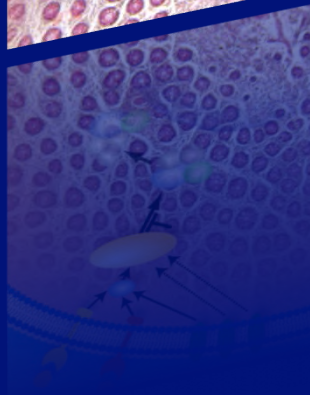
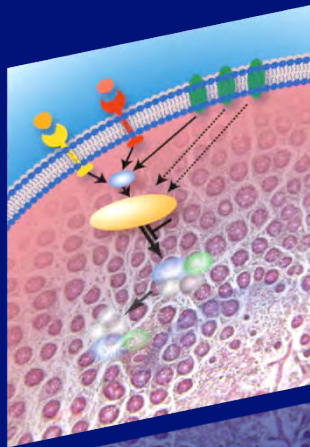
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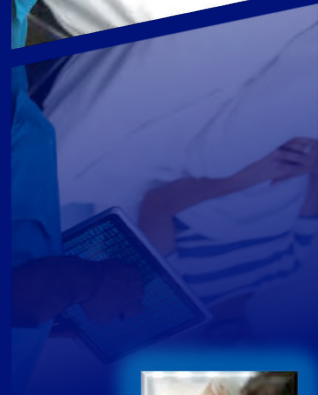
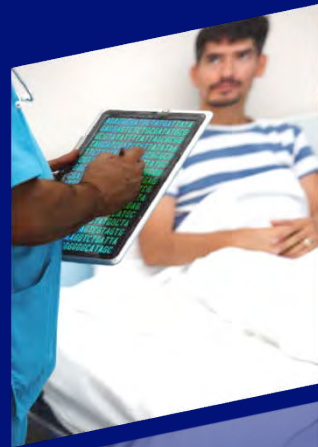
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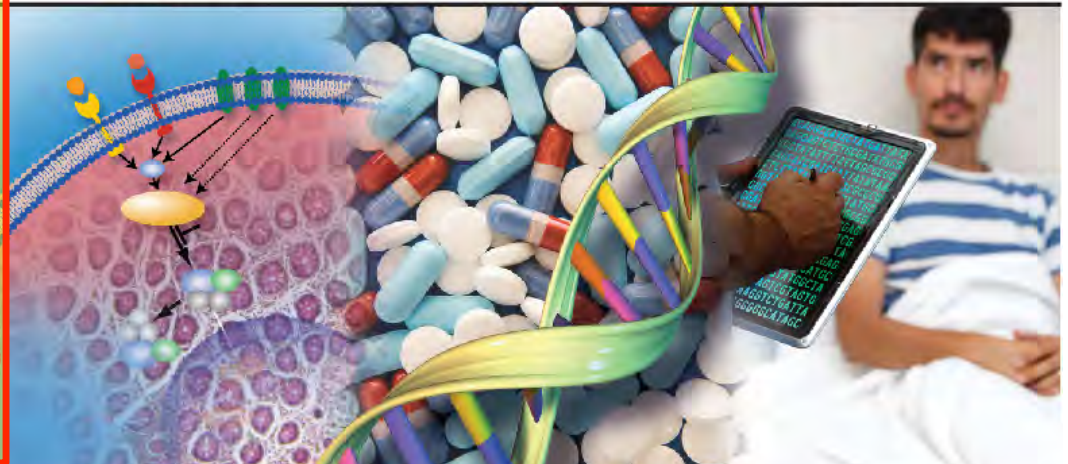
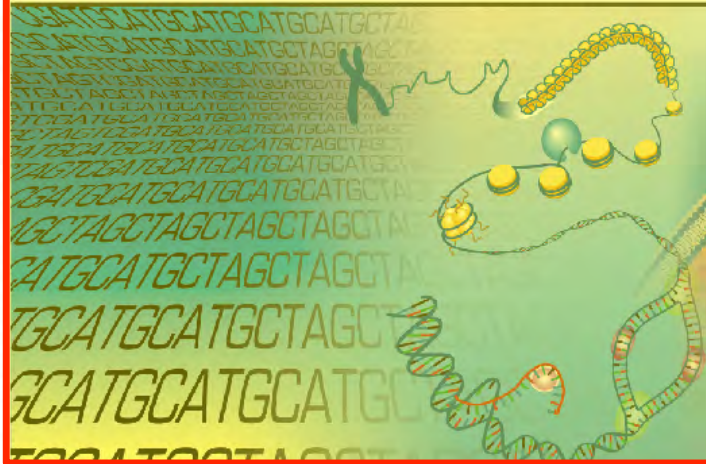
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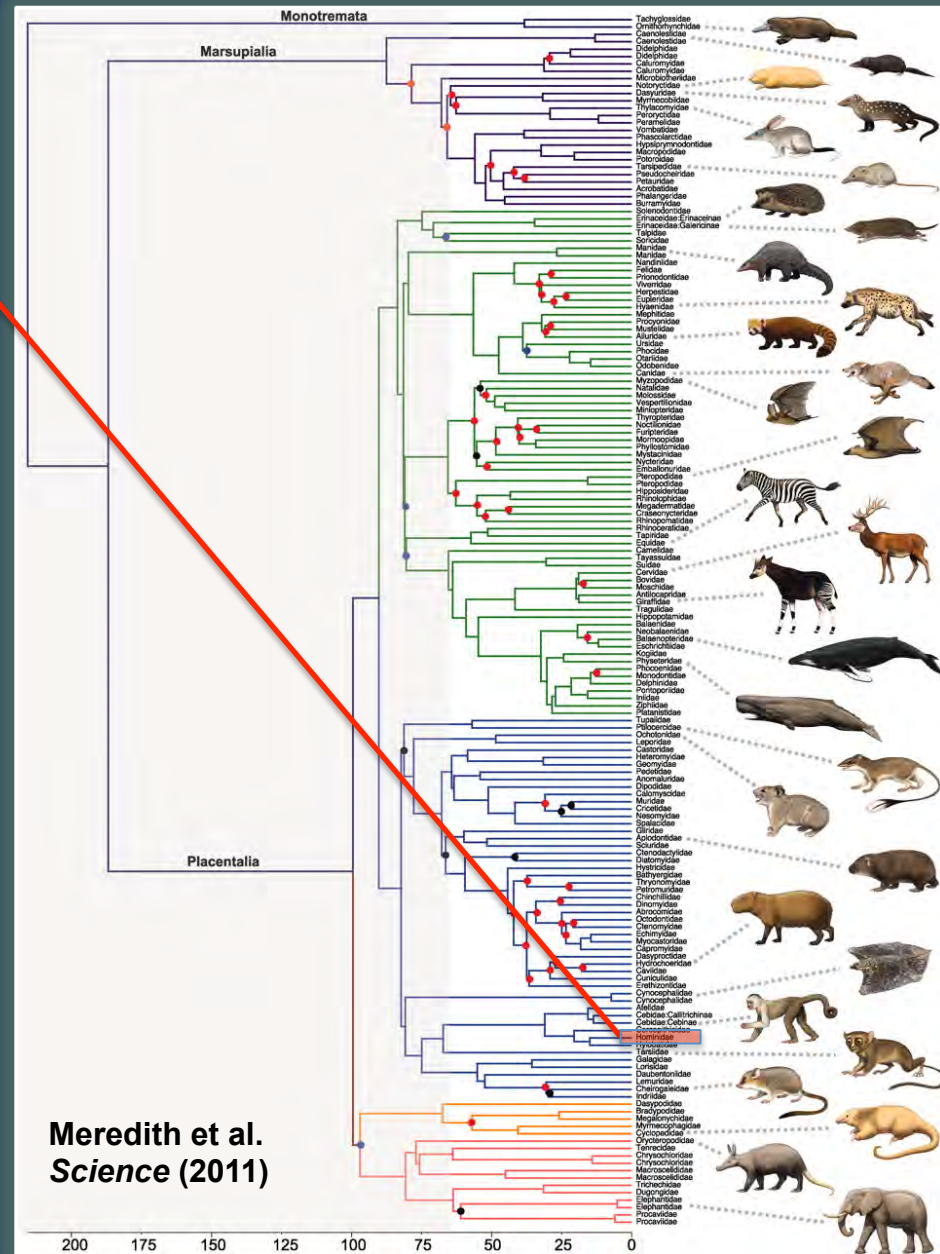
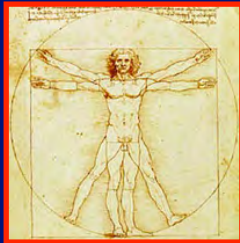
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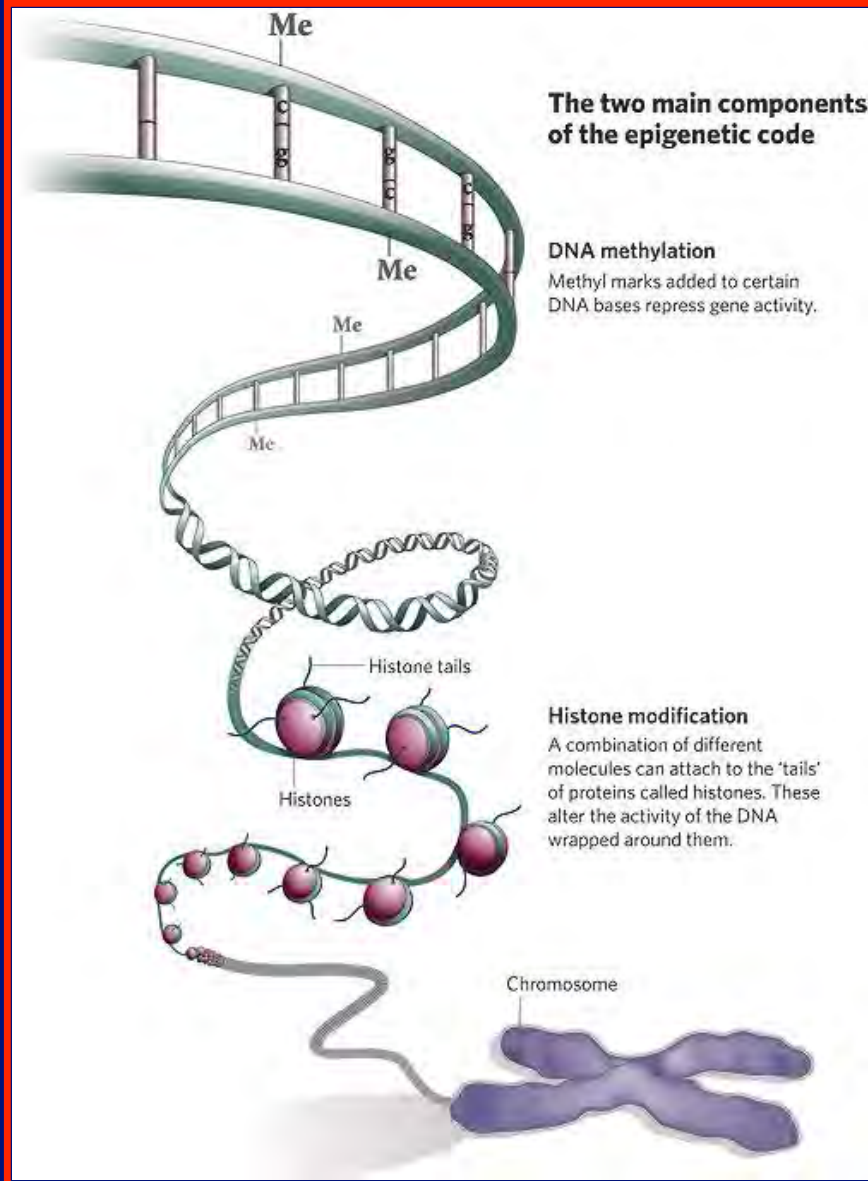
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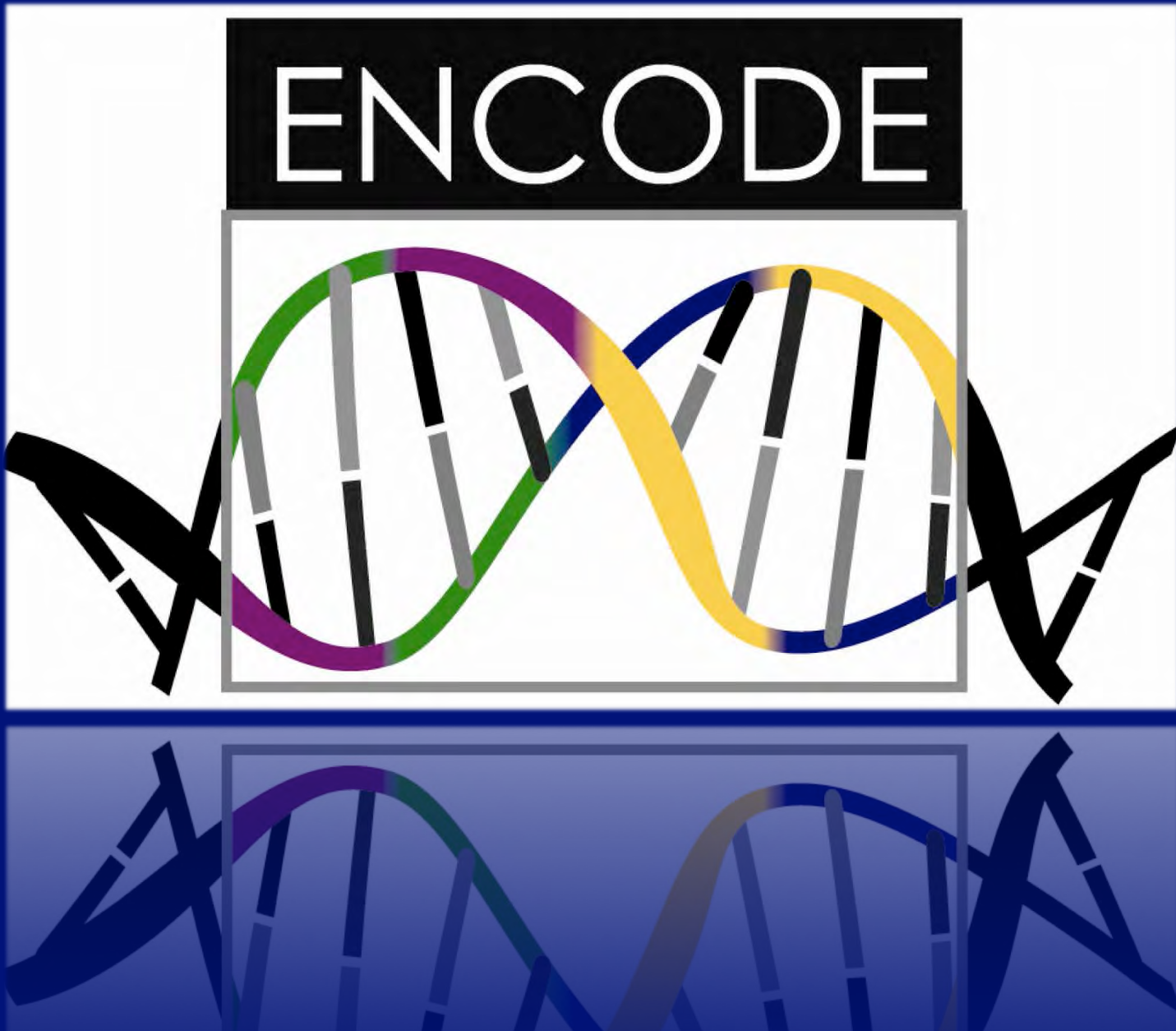
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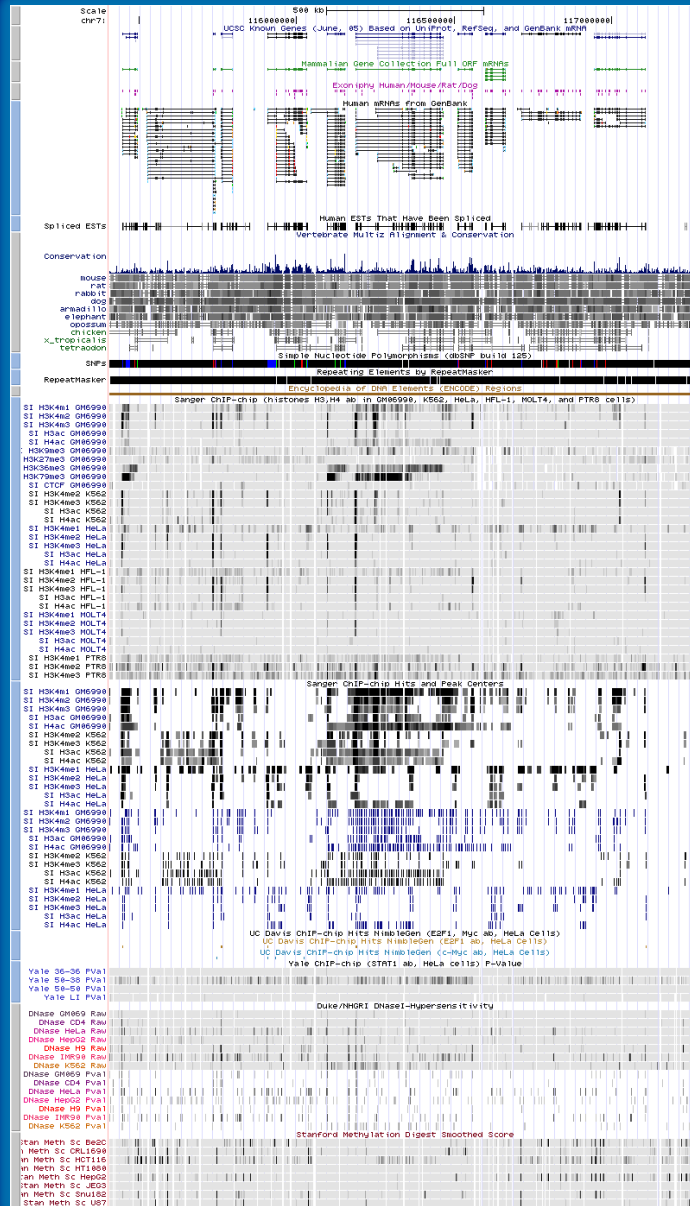
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A 'GPS' View of the Human Genome



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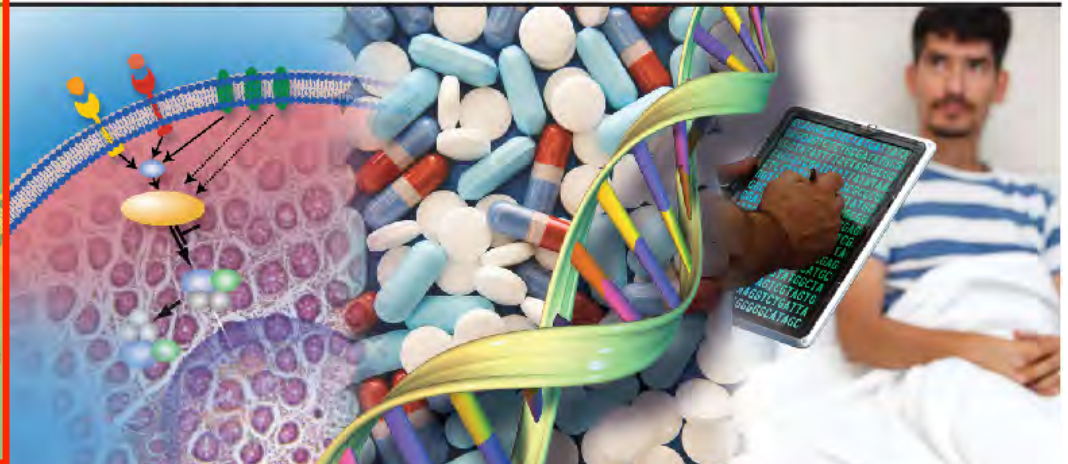
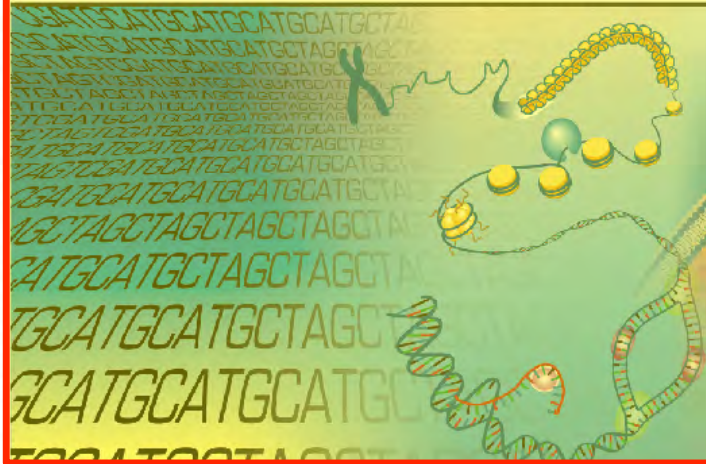
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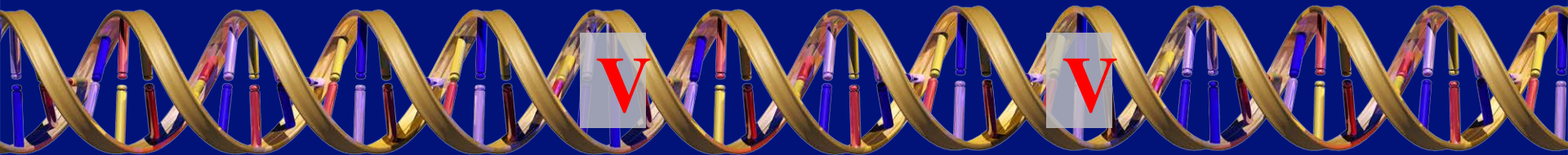
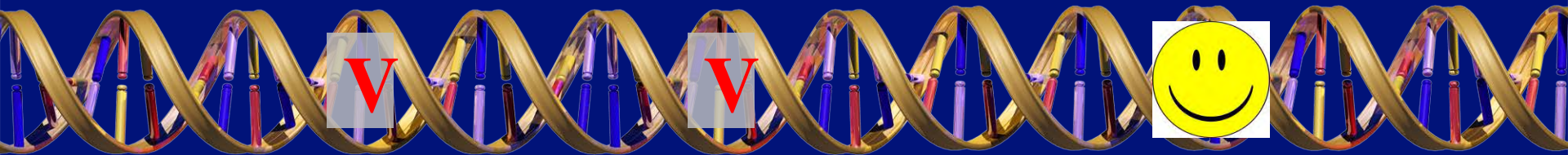
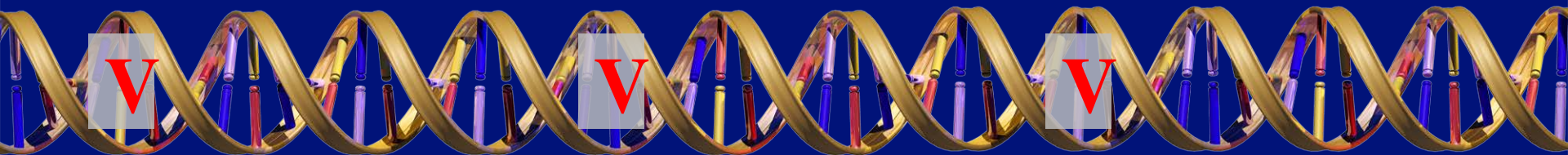
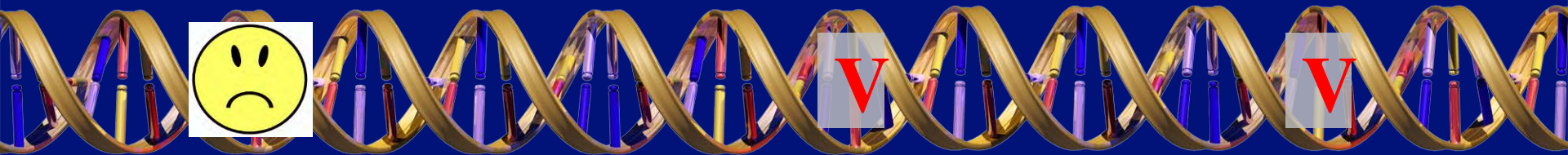
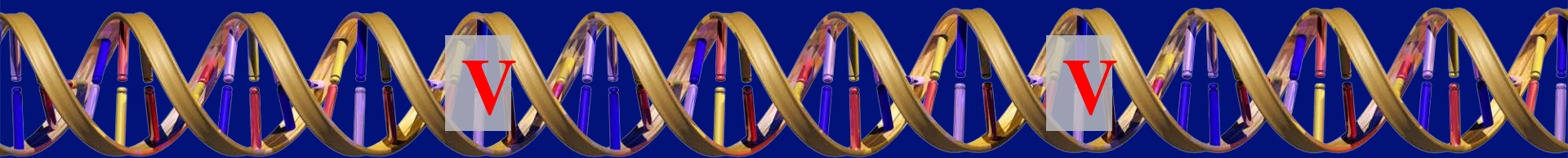
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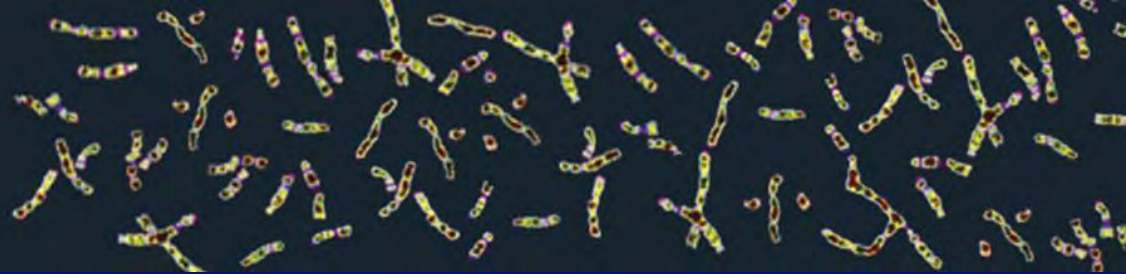
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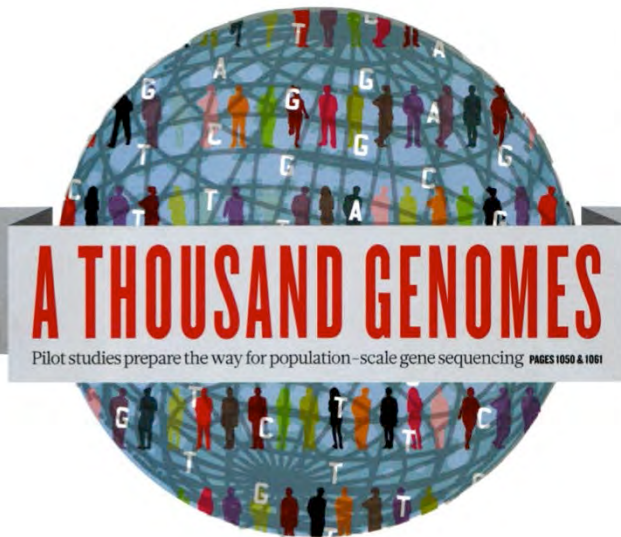
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A Deep Catalog of Human Genetic Variation



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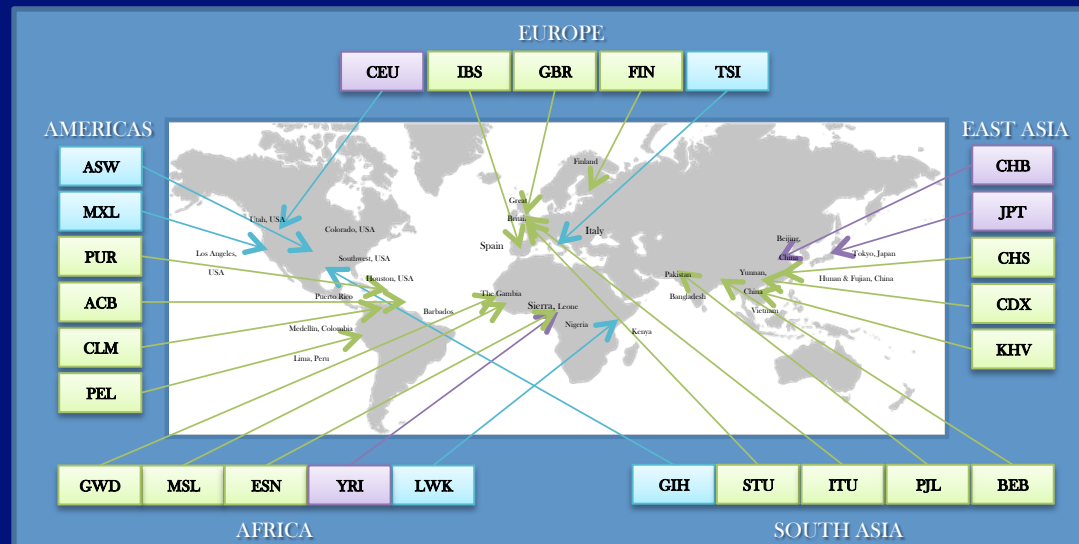
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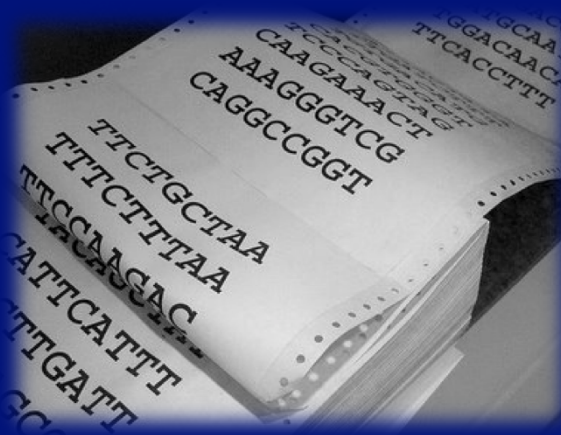
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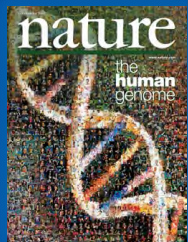
2535 Humans, 26 Populations

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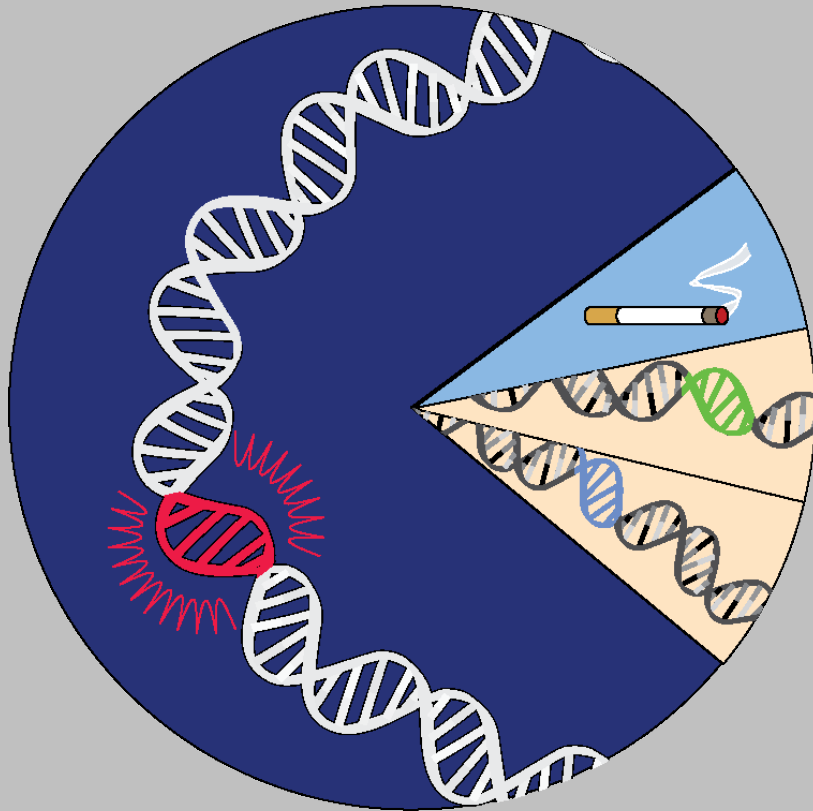


- ~6B nucleotides
 - ~3-5M single-nucleotide variants
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- ~100 'disruptive' variants in genes
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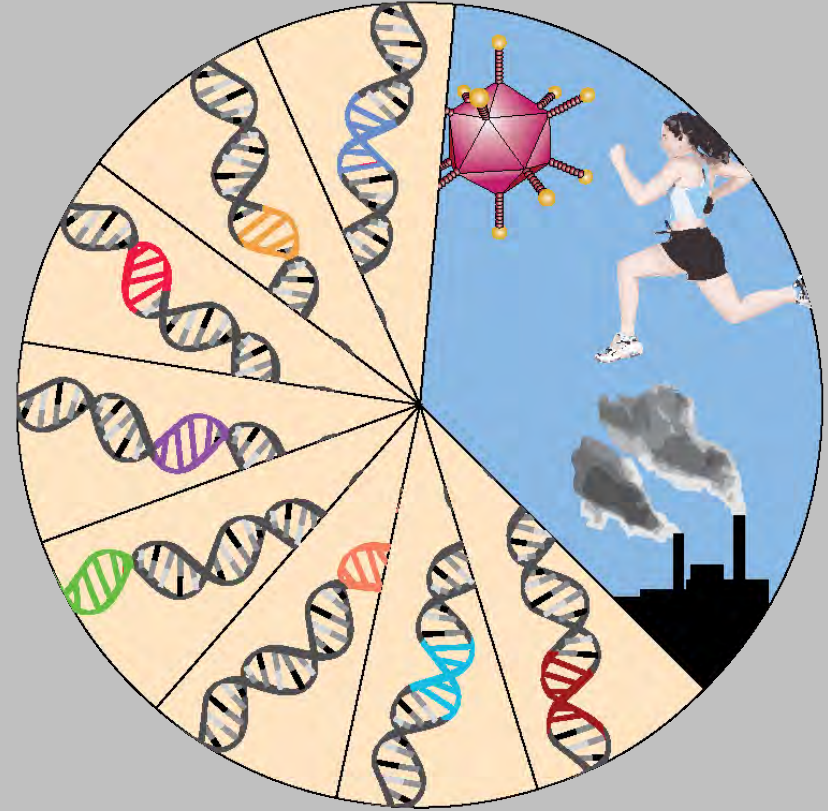
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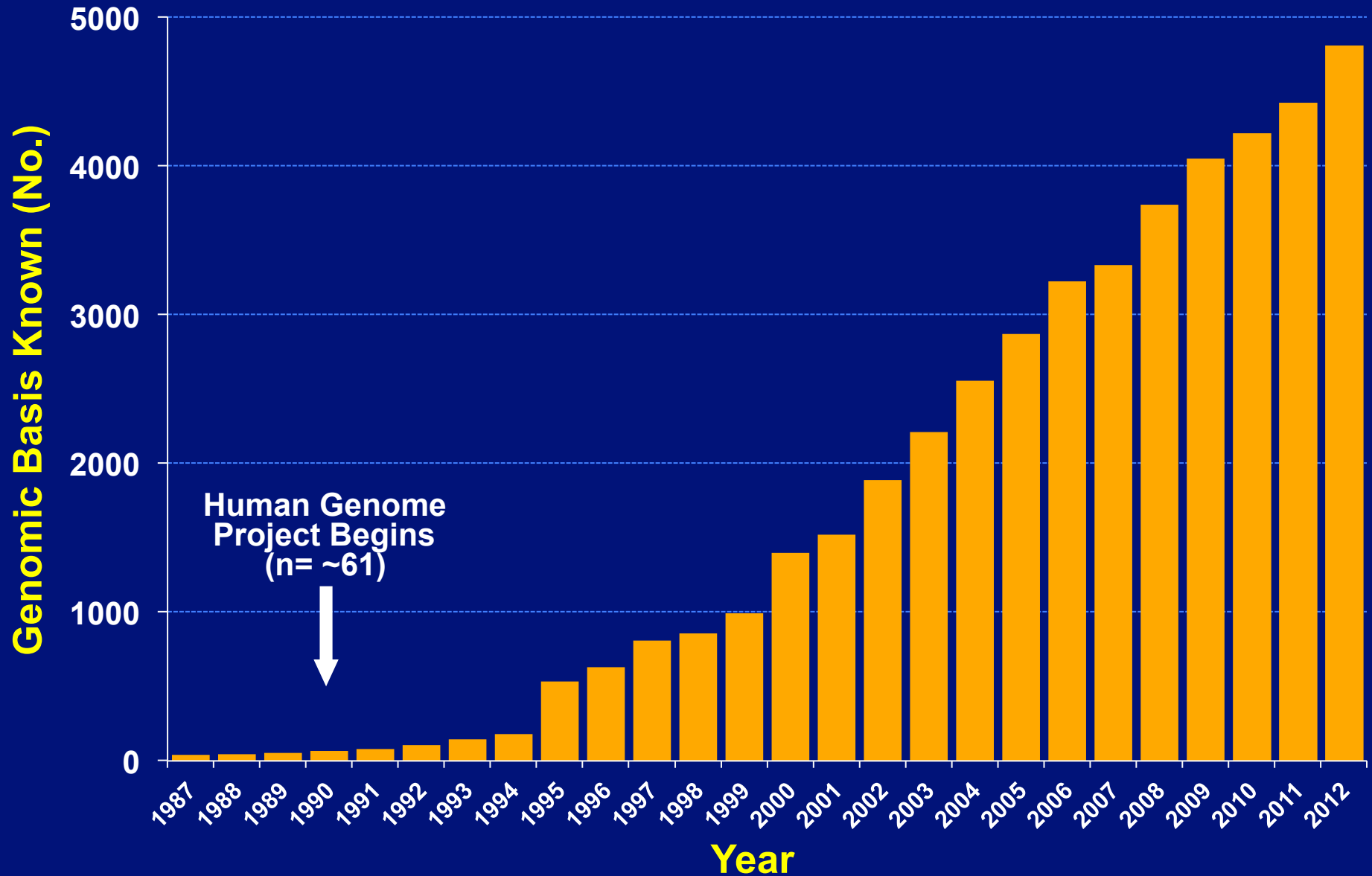
**Rare, Simple, Monogenic,
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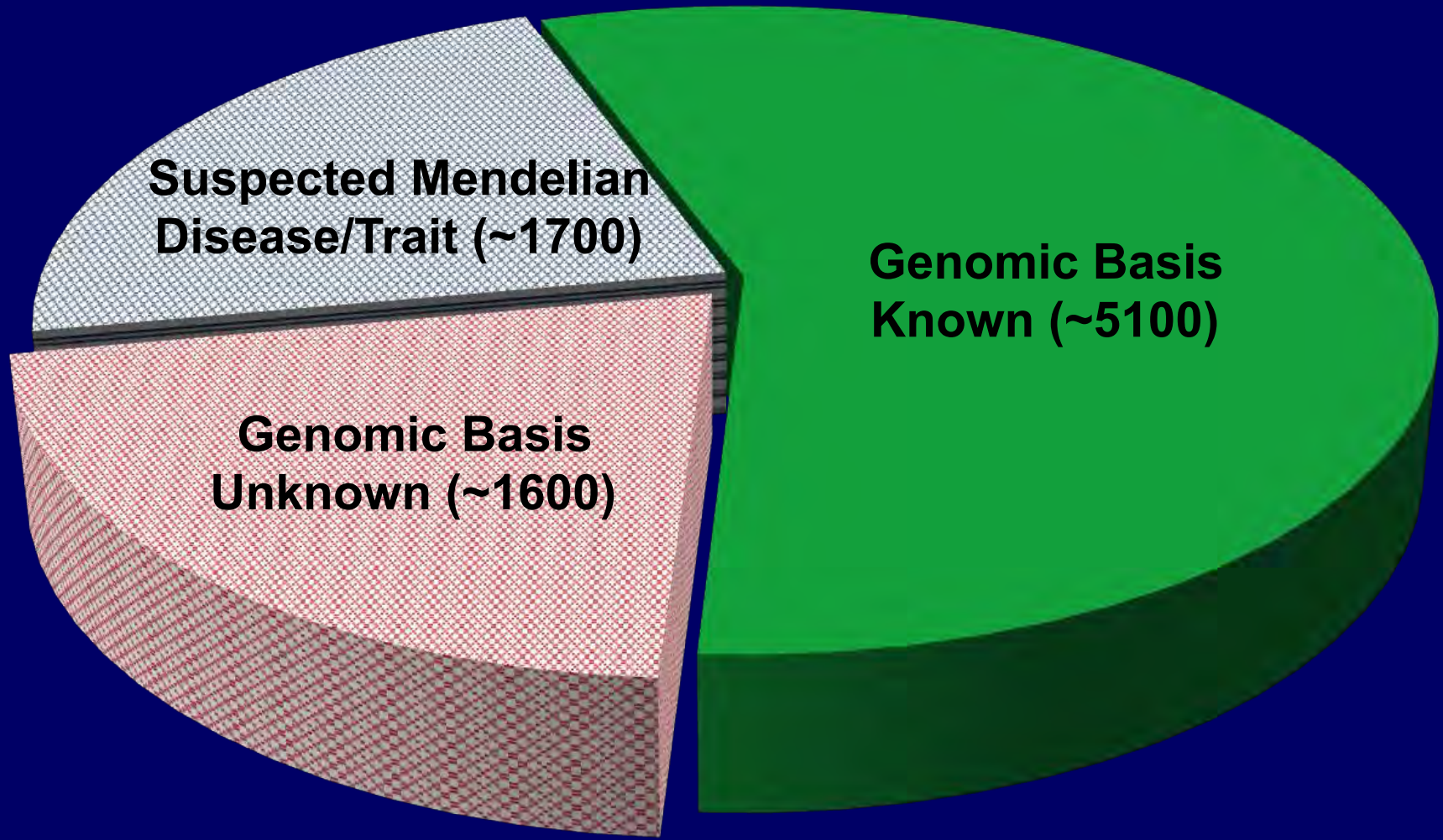
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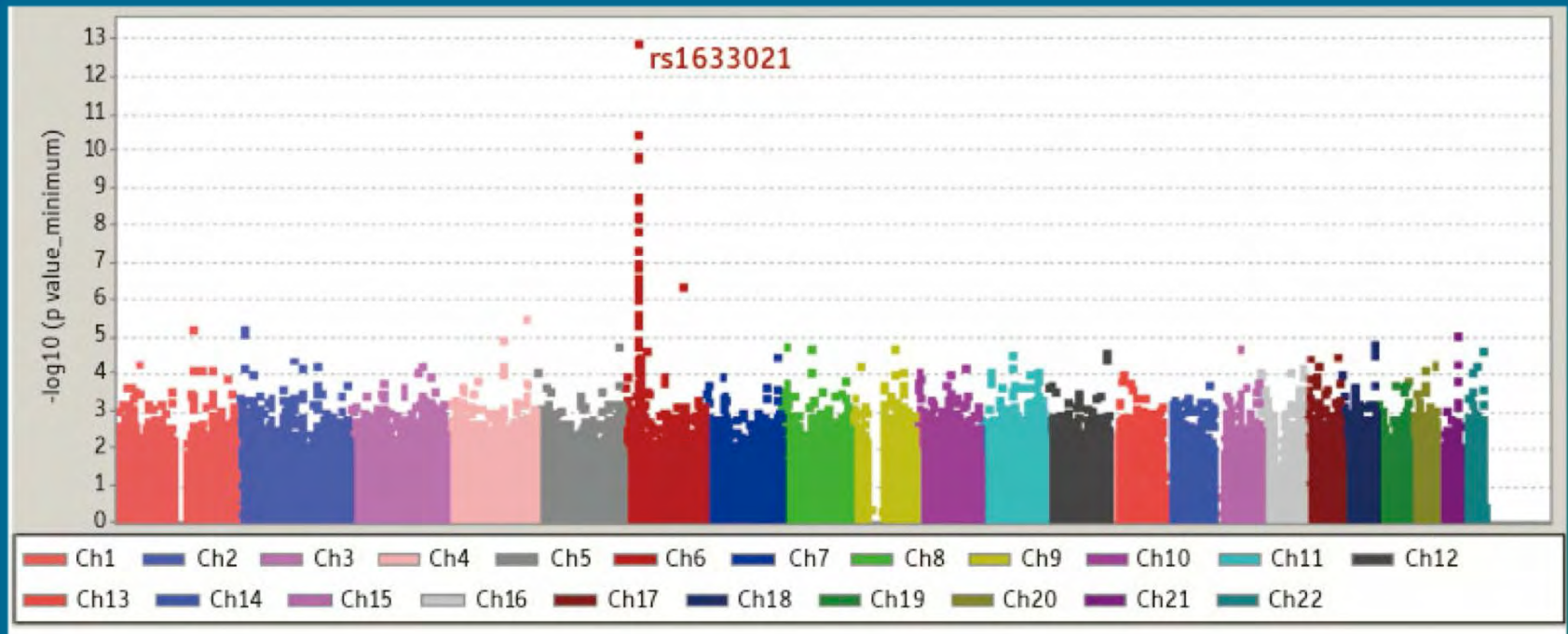
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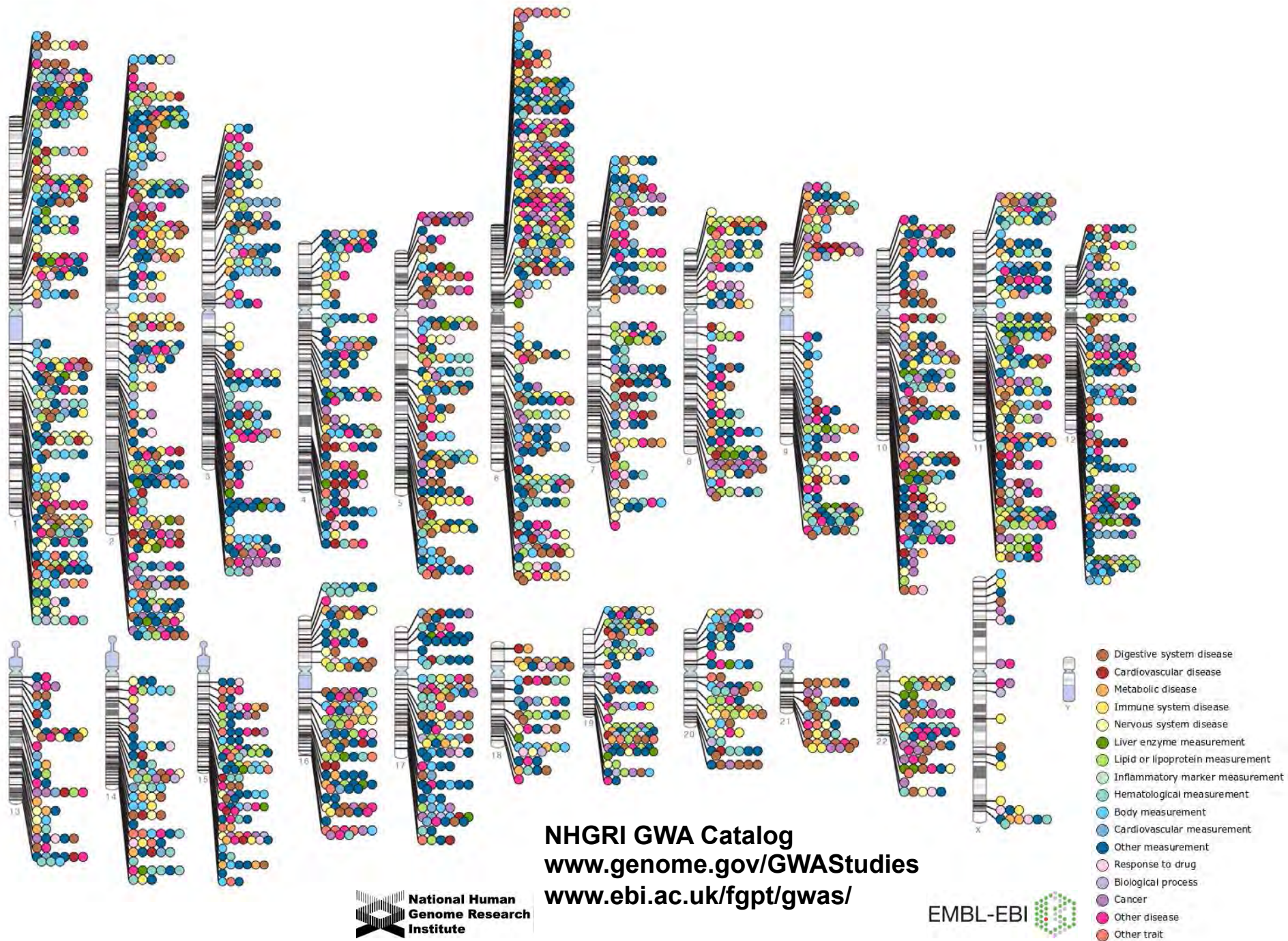
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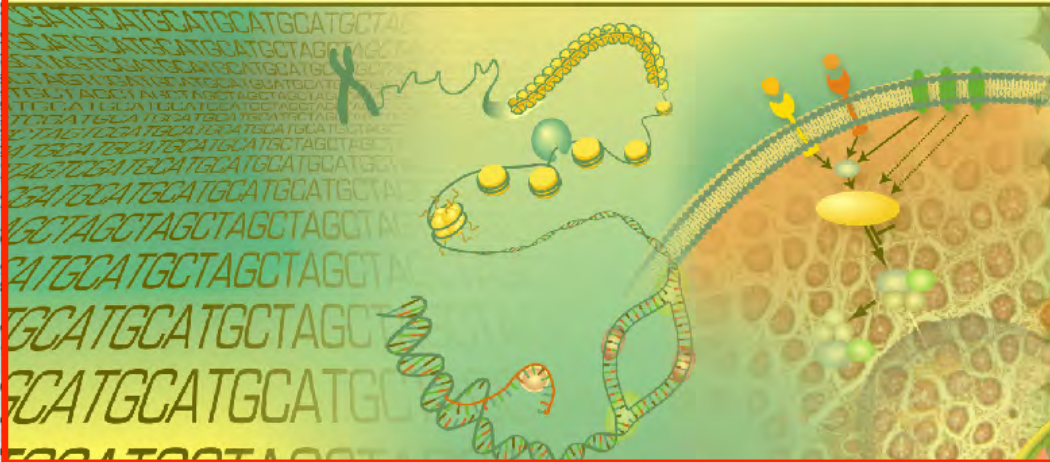
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**Routine Whole-
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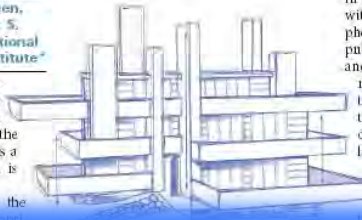
A vision for the future of genomics research

A blueprint for the genomic era.

Francis S. Collins, Eric D. Green, Alan E. Guttmacher and Mark S. Guyer on behalf of the US National Human Genome Research Institute*

The completion of a high-quality, comprehensive sequence of the human genome, in this fiftieth anniversary year of the discovery of the double-helical structure of DNA, is a landmark event. The genomic era is now a reality.

In contemplating a vision for the future of genomic research, it is important



in a few weeks by a single graduate student with access to DNA samples and associated phenotypes, an Internet connection to the public genome databases, a thermal cycler and a DNA-sequencing machine. With the recent publication of a draft sequence of the mouse genome¹, identification of the mutations underlying a vast number of interesting mouse phenotypes has similarly been greatly simplified. Comparison of the human and mouse sequences shows that the proportion of the mammalian genome under evolutionary selection is more than twice that

THE GENOMIC ERA

“...‘technological leaps’ that seem so far off as to be almost fictional but which, if they could be achieved, would revolutionize biomedical research and clinical practice.

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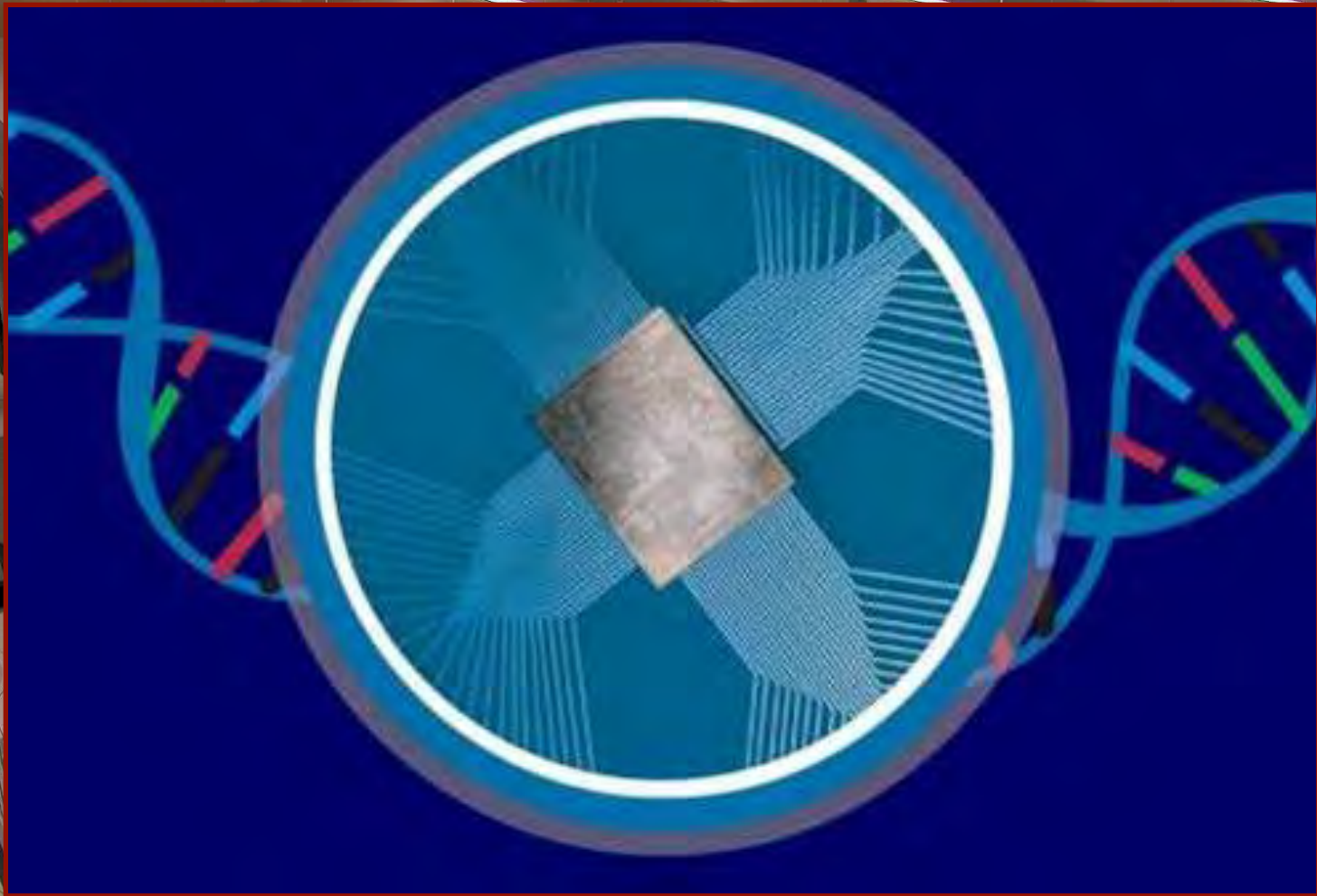
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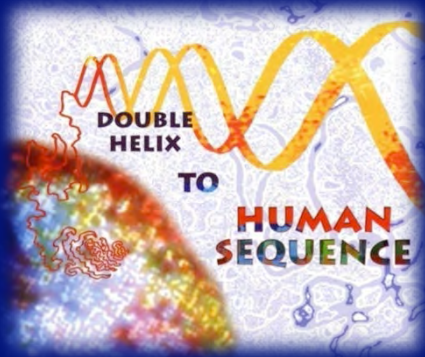
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Sequencing a Human Genome

HGP
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~6-8 years

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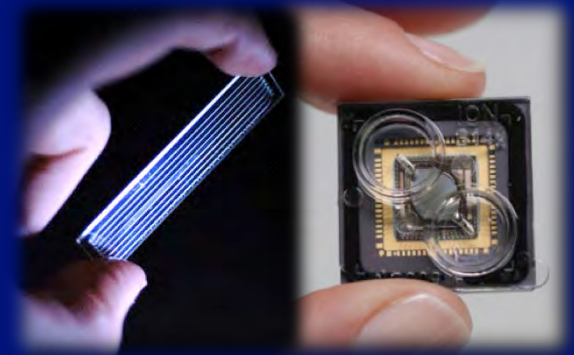
Immediate
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~3-4 months

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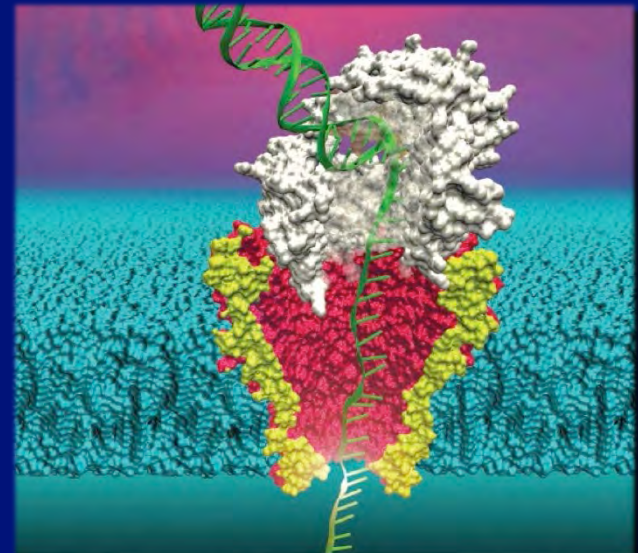
Today



~1-3 days

~\$3-5K

And Yet Newer Technologies...



Search for Pore-fection



Genome Sequencing as a 'Commodity'

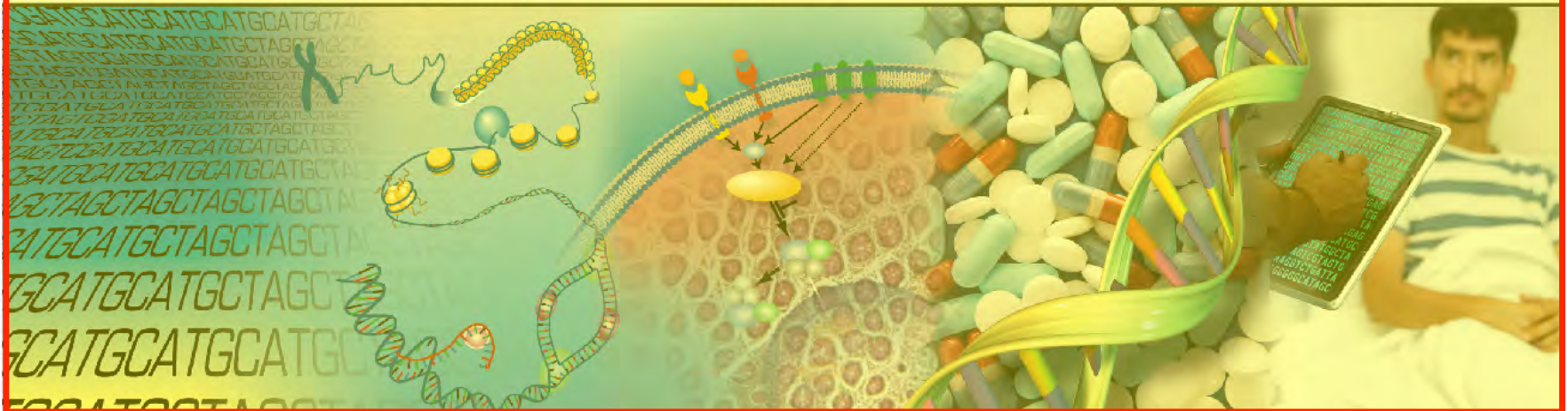
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**Routine Analysis of
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The Largest Current Bottleneck in Genomics...



The Data Analysis Bottleneck

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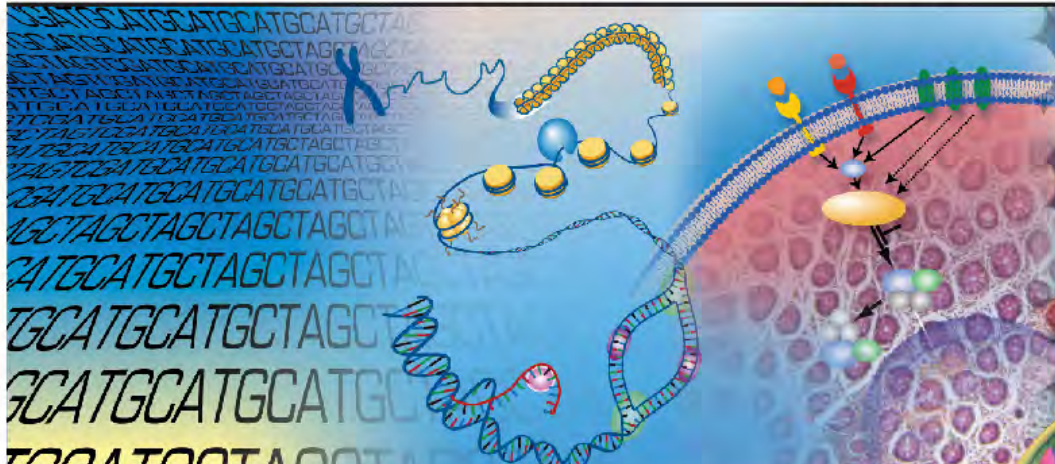
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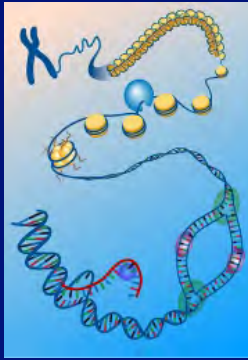


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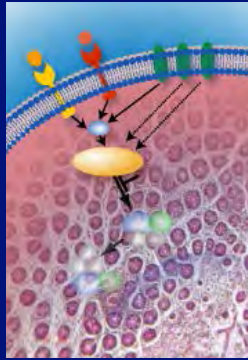
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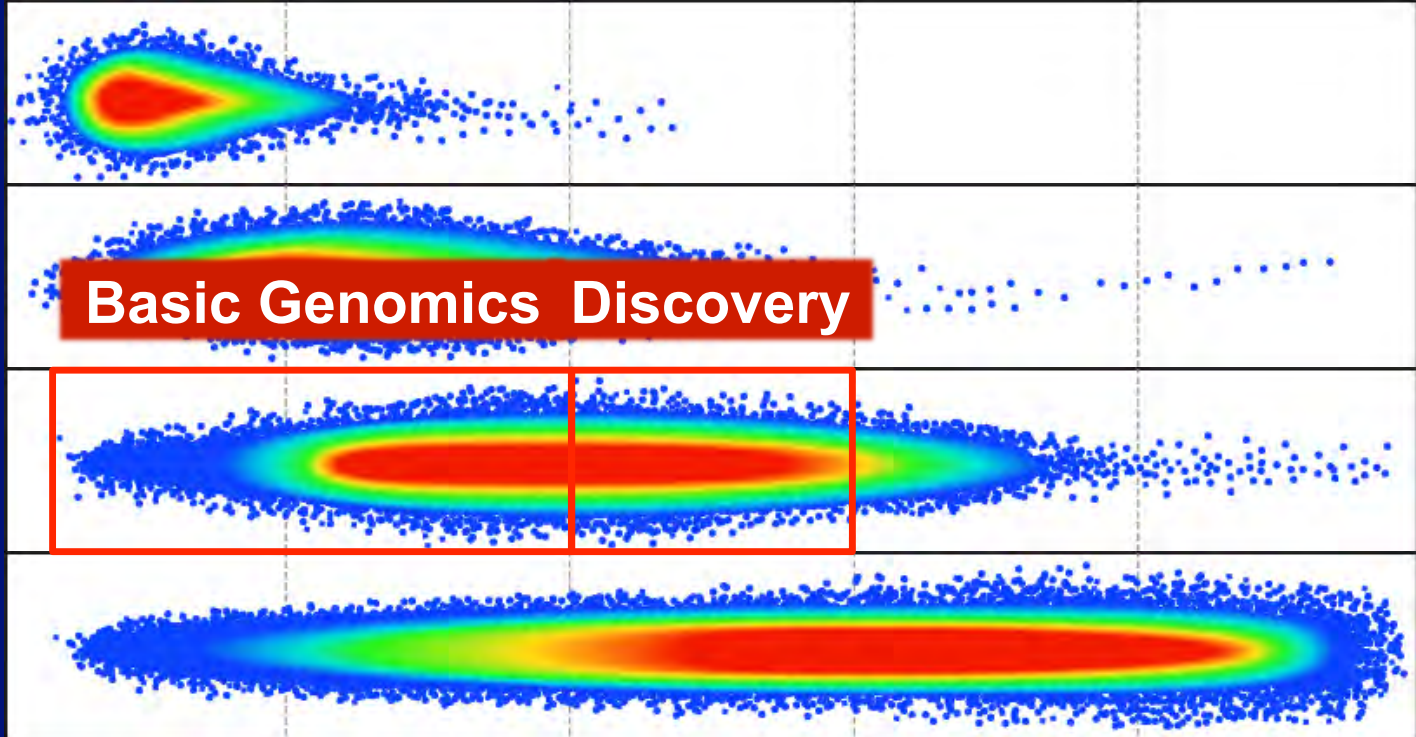


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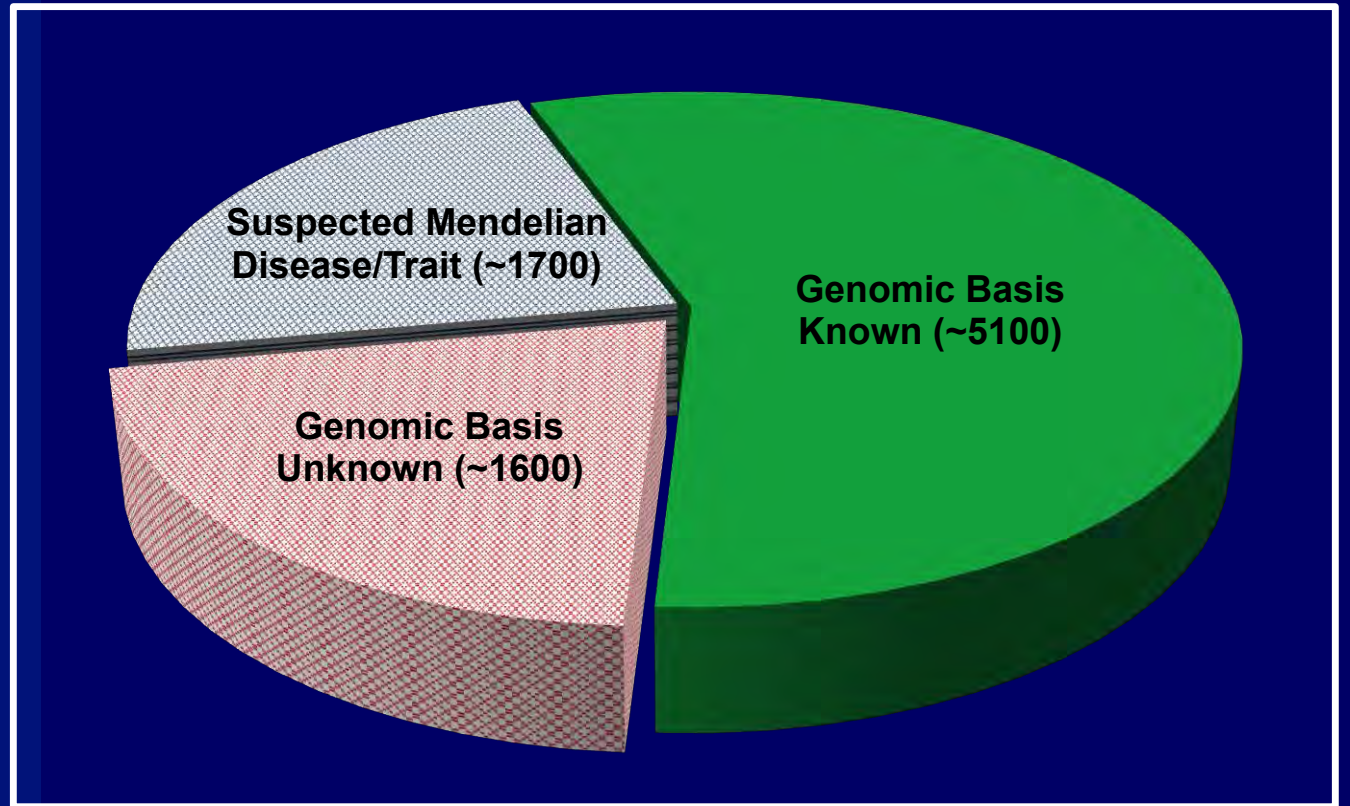
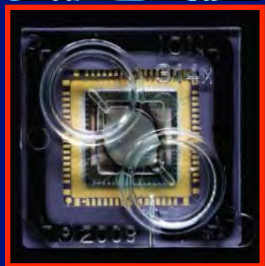
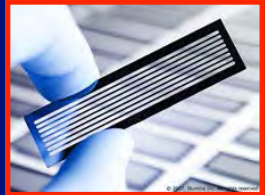
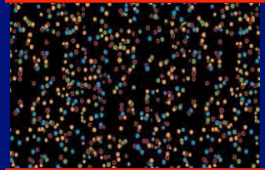
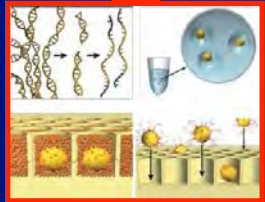
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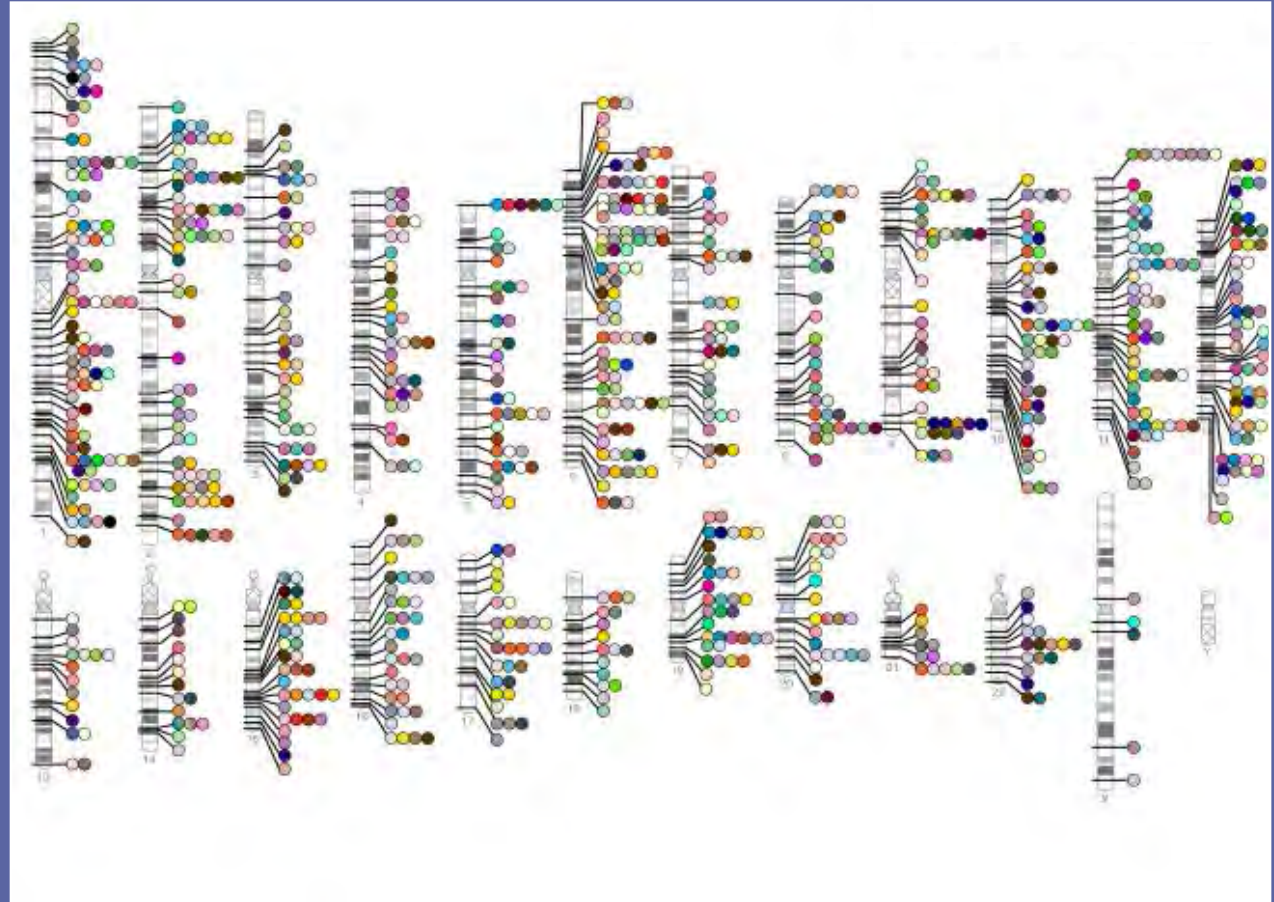
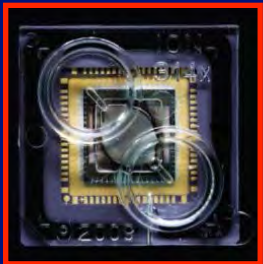
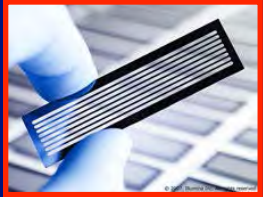
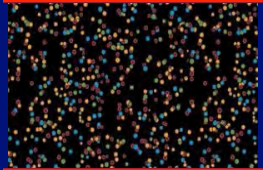
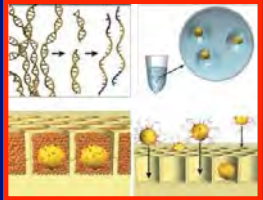
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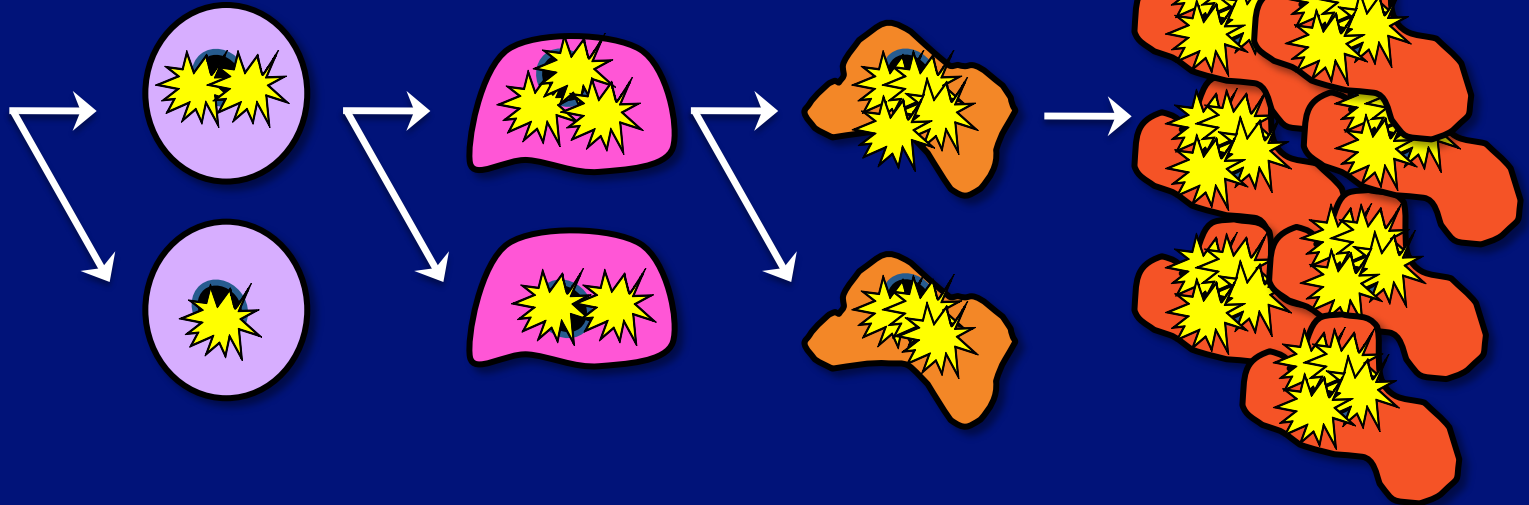
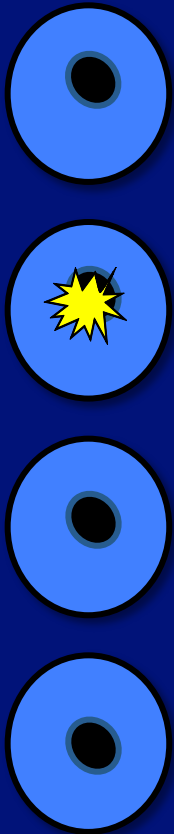
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Complex Diseases/Traits

Cancer is a Disease of the Genome

Normal



Tumor

It Takes Several Mutations to Make a Cell Malignant

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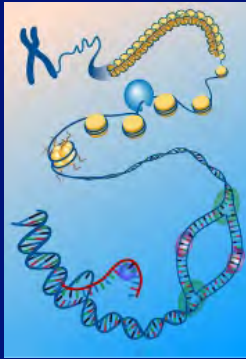
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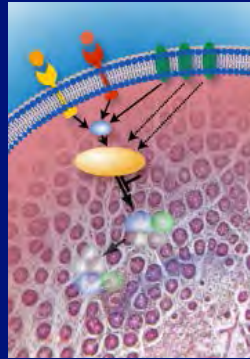
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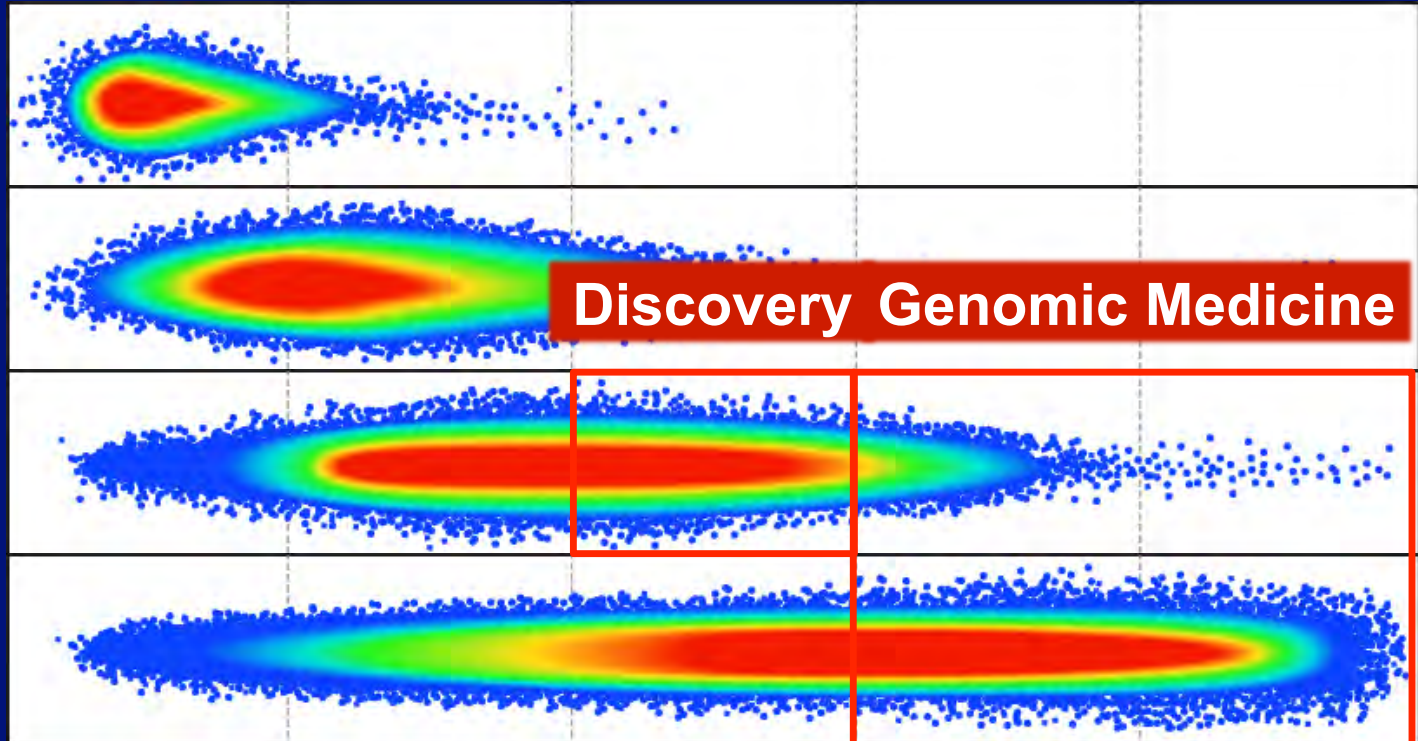


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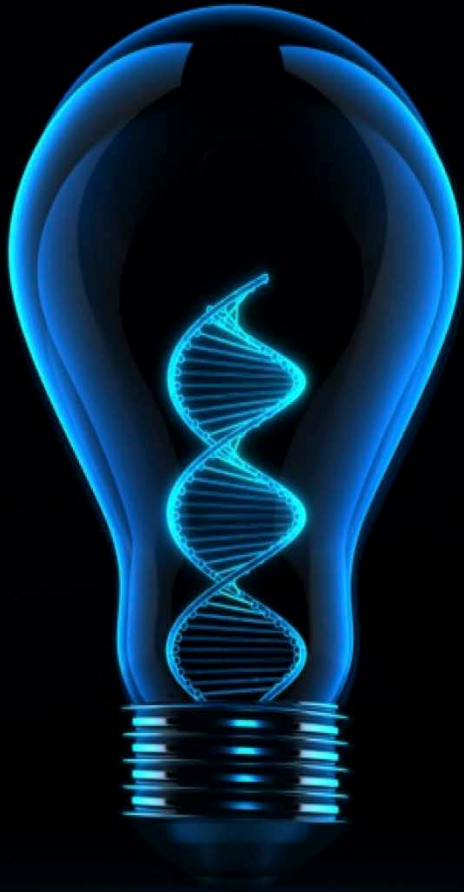
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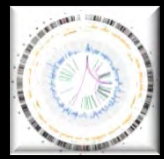
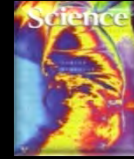
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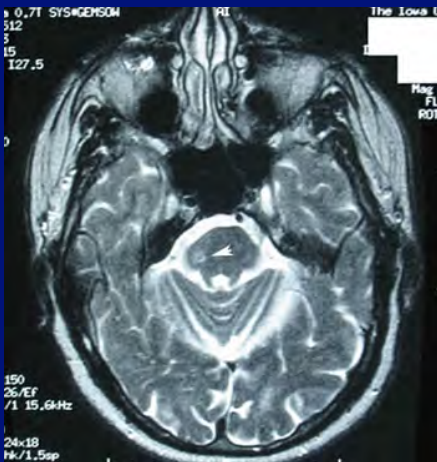


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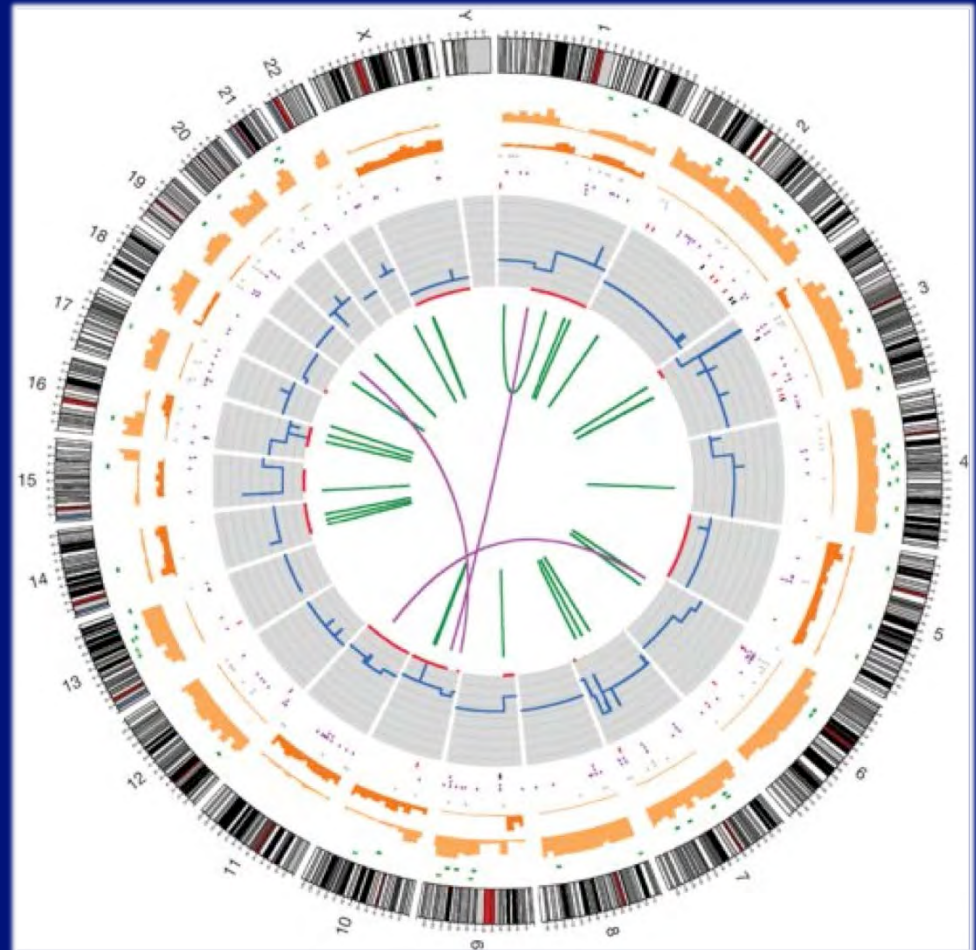


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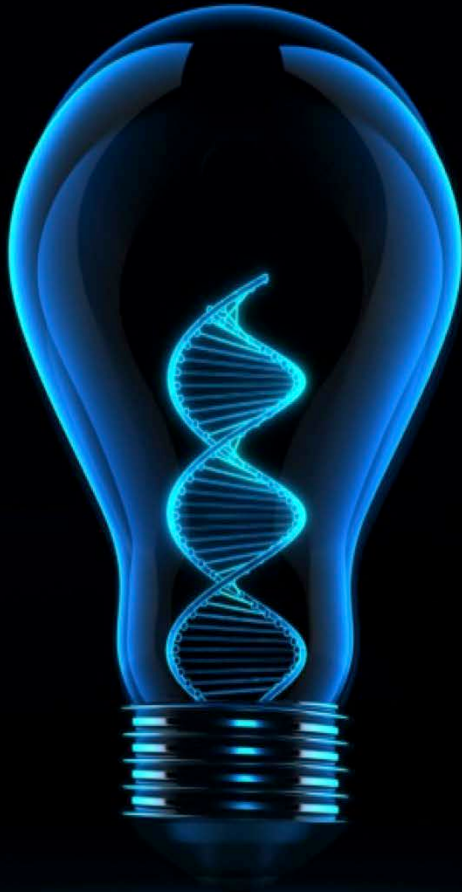
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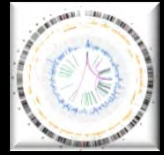
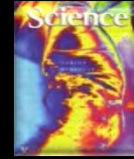


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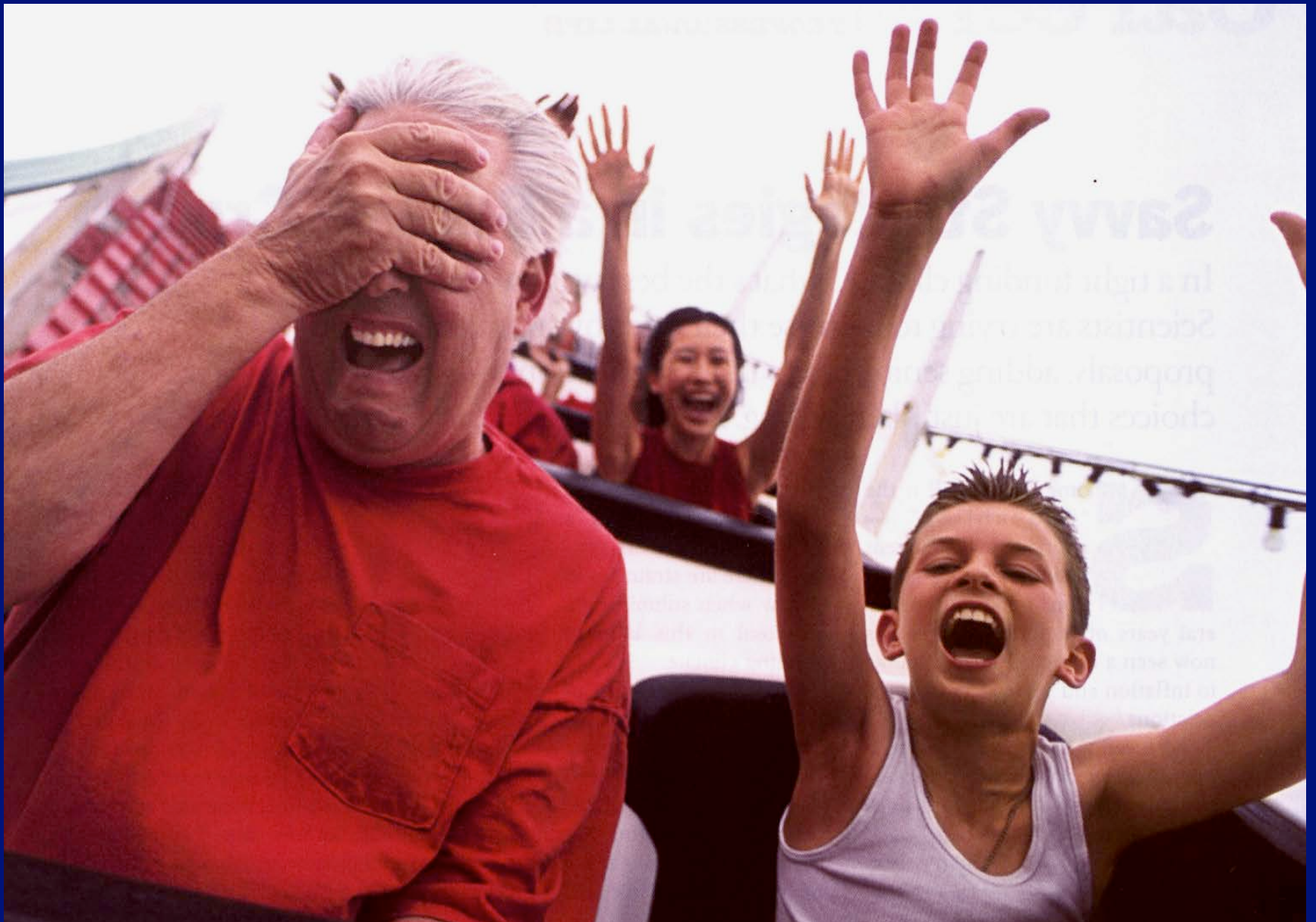


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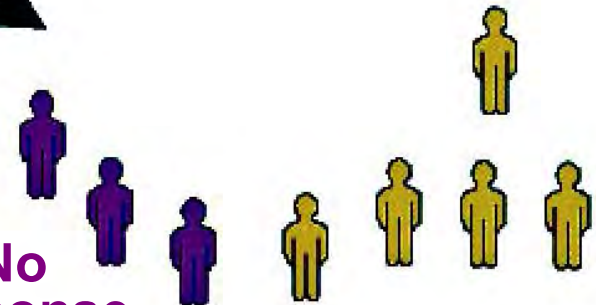
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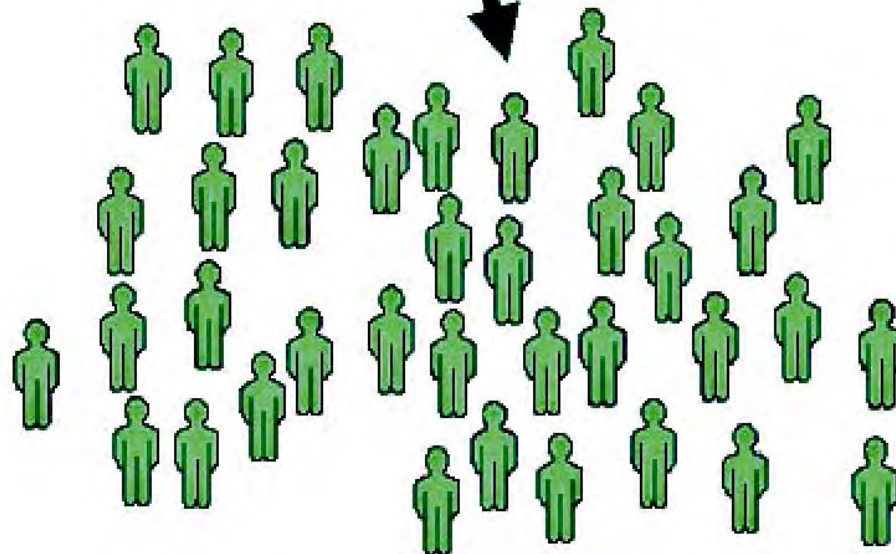
All patients with same disease



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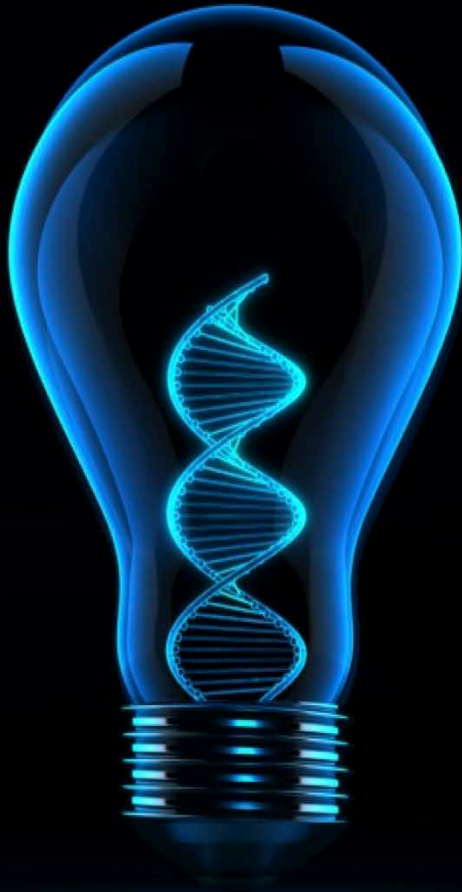


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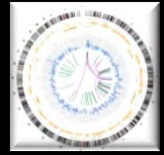
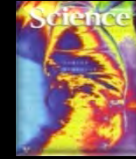


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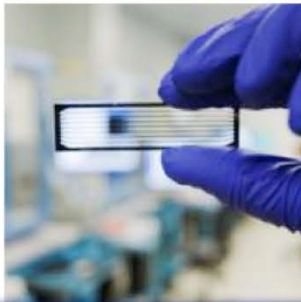
**Genomic Medicine
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Clinical Sequencing Exploratory Research (CSER)



Moving the genome into the clinic



In the past, standard medical practice for genetic testing involved looking at one gene at a time. With new advances in our understanding of the genomic basis of health and disease and in technology, it is now possible to test all of our genes at once using tests called whole exome or whole genome sequencing. Medical uses of genome sequencing are being applied and adapted on a case-by-case basis, but research to study the optimal uses and implementation of these tests is needed.

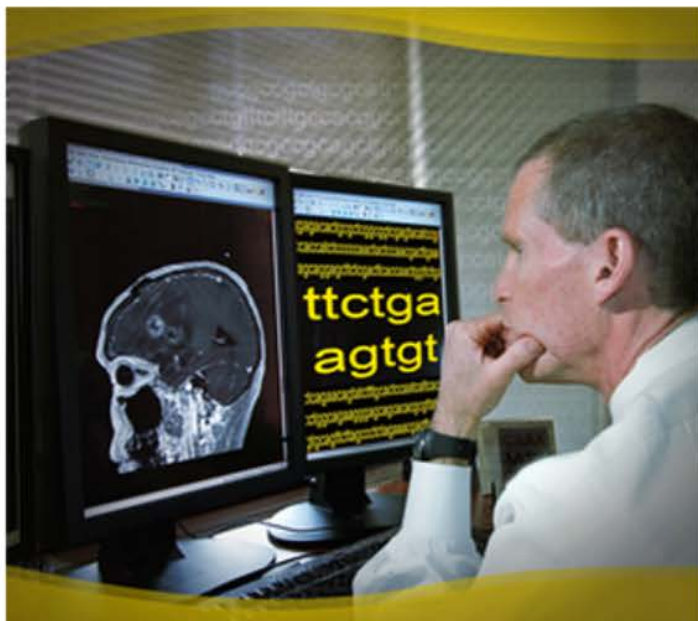
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Implementing Genomics into Clinical Practice Network (IGNITE)

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Overview



Findings from the genomics field have slowly started to find applications in clinical care. The field of "genomic medicine" could potentially improve patient health and treatment strategies or better predict the likelihood of disease.

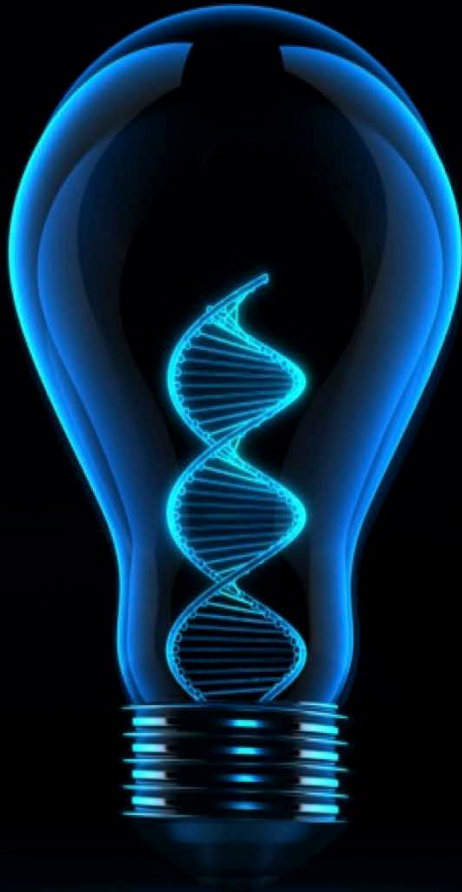
The Implementing Genomics in Practice (IGNITE) consortium ([RFA-HG-12-006](#), [RFA-HG-12-007](#) and [RFA-HG-13-004](#)) was created to enhance the use of genomic medicine by supporting the development of methods for incorporating genomic information into clinical care and exploration of the methods for effective implementation, diffusion and sustainability in diverse clinical settings.

These demonstration projects will incorporate genomic information into the electronic medical record (EMR) and provide clinical decision support (CDS) for implementation of appropriate interventions or clinical advice.

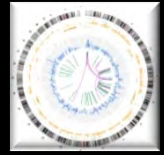
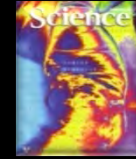
The sites will work together to develop new methods and projects and disseminate their findings to the public. Dissemination of these methods and developing best practices for implementation is a key goal so that the information generated from the program will contribute to the growing knowledge base of using genomic information in patient care.

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Noninvasive Prenatal Genome Sequencing



New York Times (2013)

Genome Sequencing in Newborns (NSIGHT)

NIH program explores the use of genomic sequencing in newborn healthcare



Bethesda, Md., Wed., Sept. 4, 2013 - Can sequencing of newborns' genomes provide useful medical information beyond what current newborn screening already provides? Pilot projects to examine this important question are being funded by the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) and the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI), both parts of the National Institutes of Health. Awards of \$5 million to four grantees have been made in fiscal year 2013 under the Genomic Sequencing and Newborn Screening Disorders research program. The program will be funded at \$25 million over five years, as funds are made available.

"Genomic sequencing has potential to diagnose a vast array of disorders and conditions at the very start of life," said Alan E. Guttmacher, M.D., director of NICHD. "But the ability to decipher an individual's genetic code rapidly also brings with it a host of clinical and ethical issues, which is why it is important that this program explores the trio of technical, clinical, and ethical aspects of genomics research in the newborn period."

The awards will fund studies on the potential for genome and exome sequencing to expand and improve newborn health care. Genomic sequencing examines the complete DNA blueprint of the cells, and exome

sequencing is a strategy to selectively sequence exons, the short stretches of DNA within our genomes that code for proteins.

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Sequenced from the start

Four US studies are set to explore how genomic data can best help healthy and ill newborns. They must also settle some questions of ethics.

Genetic sequencing has established itself as a powerful tool for diagnosis, but it is not yet clear how useful it will be for disease prevention or health management. A US\$25-million project announced last week aims to explore that issue in perhaps the most high-stakes patient group: newborn babies.

In the Genomic Sequencing and Newborn Screening Disorders (GSND) programme, four teams will sequence the exomes – the protein-coding portions of the genome – or the whole genomes of more than 1,500 babies, including not only infants who are ill, whether or not the disease has been diagnosed, but also healthy babies. The programme is funded by the US National Human Genome Research Institute and the Eunice Shriver Kennedy National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD). The studies will examine how useful sequencing information is for families and doctors, and whether it is superior to data gathered through conventional newborn-screening methods, which check for about 60 genetic disorders.

plans to give the raw genetic data to the children's families, even though that could allow the children to benefit from it throughout their lives.

Finally, should the data be shared with other researchers? This would be the best way for scientists to help tackle the tough question of how genes contribute to disease. But it is increasingly difficult to guarantee the privacy of genetic data (see *Nature* 493, 451; 2013), and this is an

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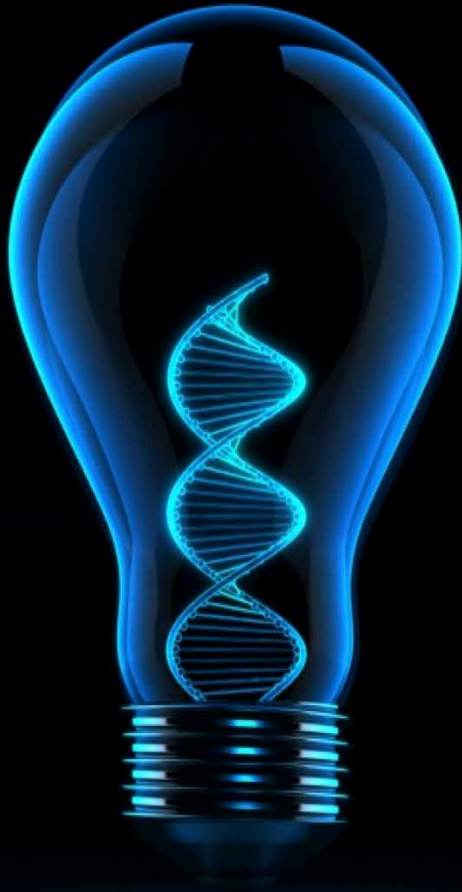
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As researchers explore these questions, sequencing costs continue

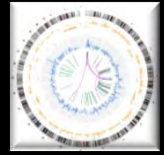
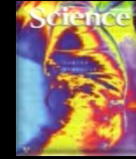
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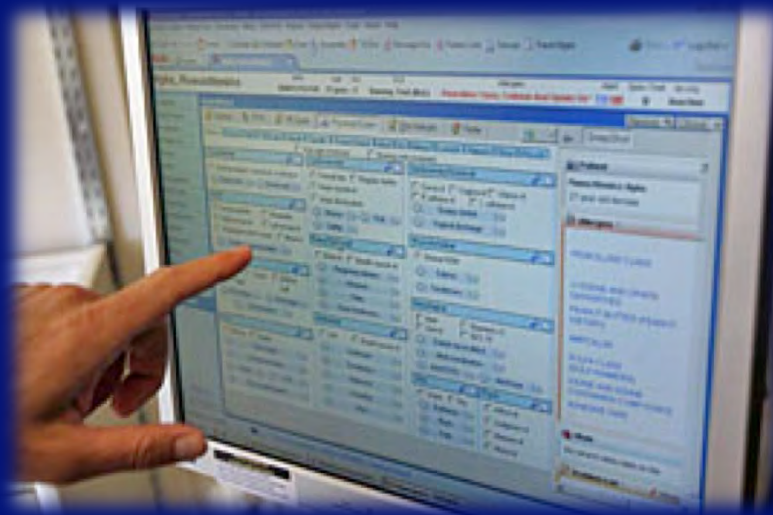


**Clinical Genomics
Information Systems**





Clinical Genomics Information Systems



Clinical Genome Resource (ClinGen)

New NIH-funded resource focuses on use of genomic variants in medical care



Bethesda, Md., Wed., Sept. 25, 2013 - Three grants totaling more than \$25 million over four years will help three research groups to develop authoritative information on the millions of genomic variants relevant to human disease and the hundreds that are expected to be useful for clinical practice. The awards are from the National Institutes of Health.

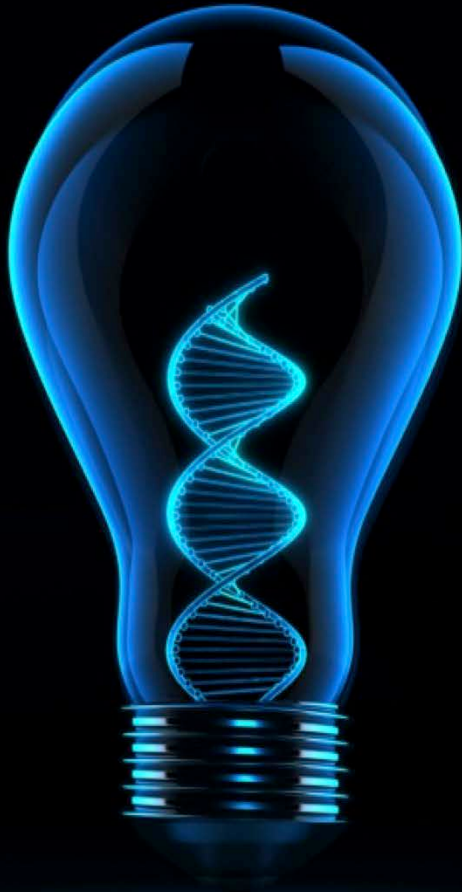
More and more medical and research centers are sequencing the DNA of whole genomes (the body's entire genetic blueprint) or exomes (the genome's protein-coding region) of patients. Each time, millions of DNA differences in genes and the regions between the genes are detected. But doctors struggle to know which of those differences, called variants, are relevant to disease and for a patient's medical care. As a result, information on few genomic variants is used in clinical practice.

The grants will support a consortium of research groups to develop the Clinical Genome Resource (ClinGen). The investigators will design and implement a framework for evaluating

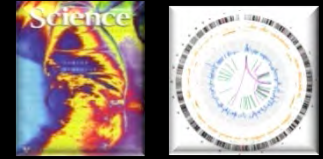
which variants play a role in disease and those that are relevant to patient care, and will work closely with the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) of the National Library of Medicine (NLM), which will distribute this information through its ClinVar database. The grants are funded by the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) and the *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), which, along with NCBI and NLM, are part of NIH. ClinGen was developed from NHGRI's Clinically Relevant Variants Resource program.

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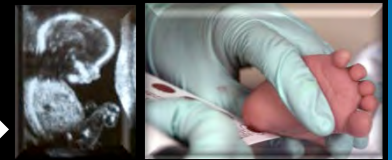
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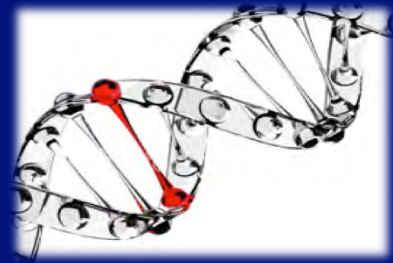
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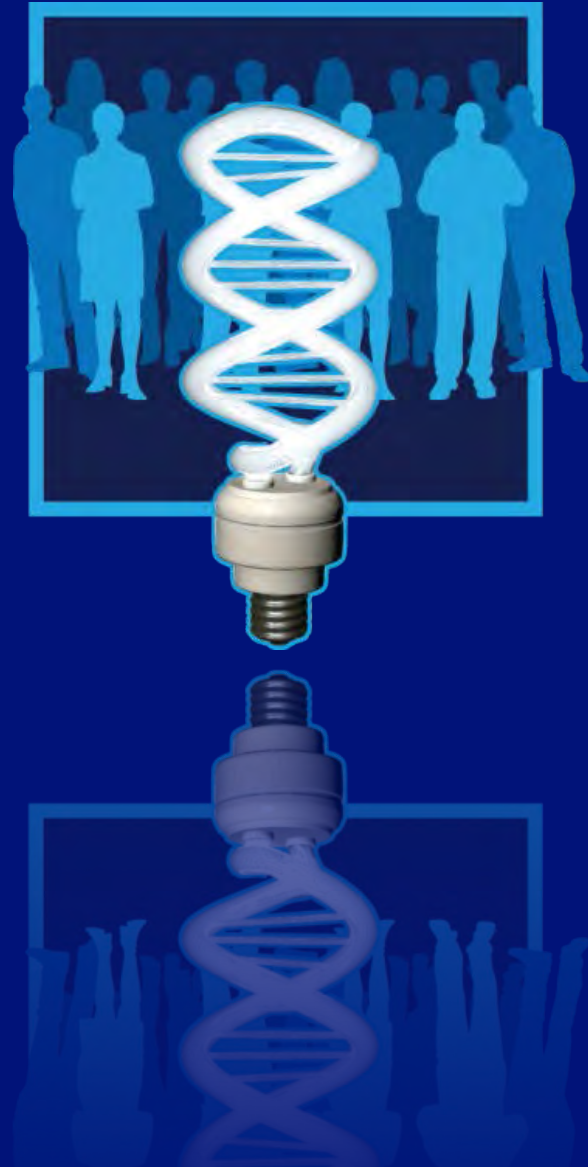
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