

MUTATIONS & GENETIC DISORDERS

MUTATIONS

Mutation:

- Any mistake or change in the DNA sequence

Point mutation:

- Change in one nitrogen base in DNA
- Ex: albinism

point mutation

WILD-TYPE
DNA

ATGCATGCATGC
TACGTACGTACG

change in one
base

MUTANT
DNA

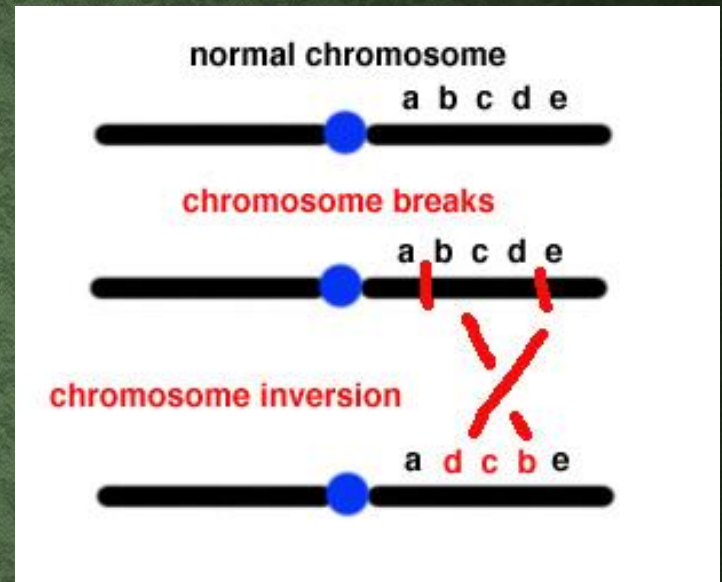
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Chromosomal Mutation:

- Changes in chromosome structure. There are four types.

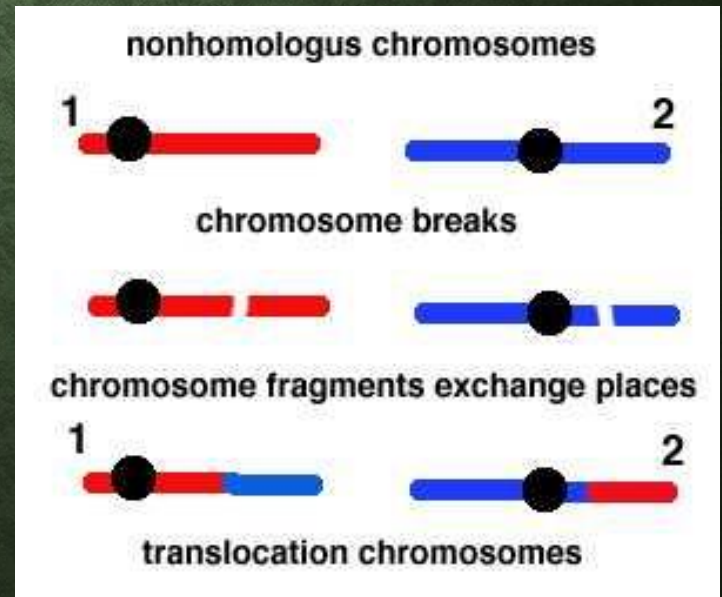
1) INVERSION:

- the order of genes on a chromosome is inverted



2) TRANSLOCATION:

- the movement of a chromosome fragment to a nonhomologous chromosome



3. DELETION

- Loss of a few bases
- Loss of large regions of a chromosome

deletion mutation	
WILD-TYPE DNA	ATGCATGCATGC TACGTACGTACG ATG deleted TAC
MUTANT DNA	ATGCCATGC TACGGTACG

4. DUPLICATION

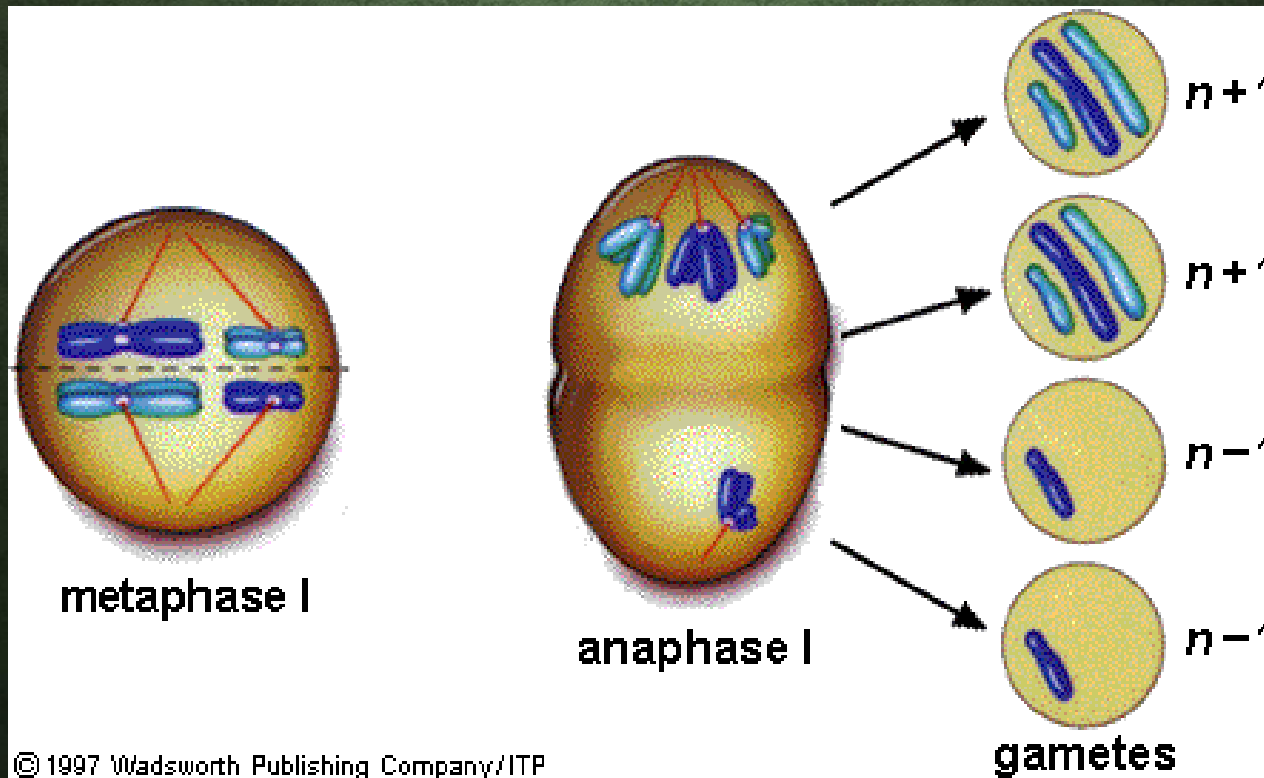
- Duplication of a few bases
- Duplication of large regions of a chromosome

DUPLICATION MUTATION	
WILD-TYPE DNA	ATGCATGCATGC TACGTACGTACG
MUTANT DNA	ATGCATATGCTACG TACGTATACGATGC duplication of AT AT TA

NONDISJUNCTION

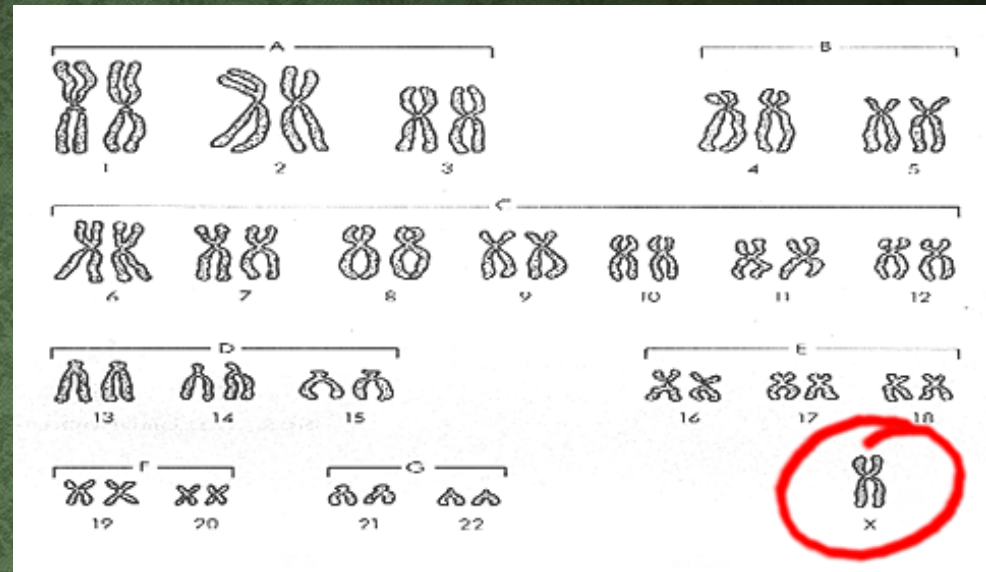
Nondisjunction:

- chromosome pair fails to separate properly during meiosis
- Two main types



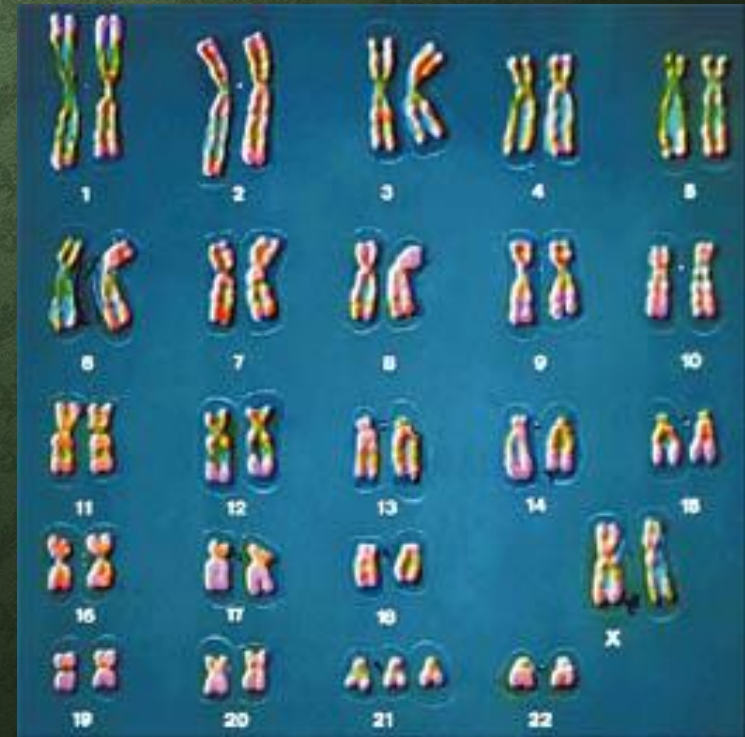
Monosomy:

- gamete has *1 less* chromosome than it should
- 45 chromosomes is the result



Trisomy:

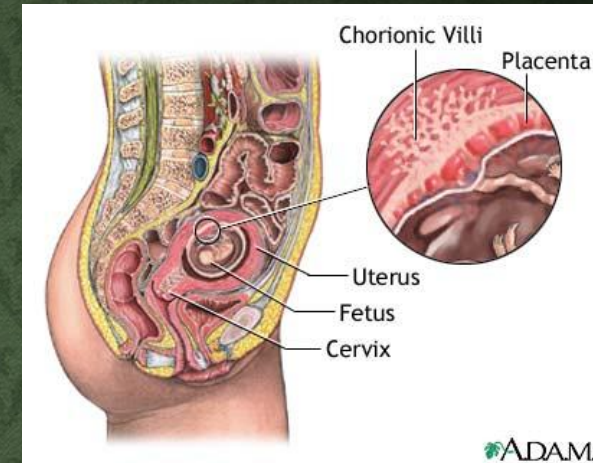
- Gamete has *1 more* chromosome than it should
- Result is 47 chromosomes



METHODS OF DETECTION

Chorion villi sampling:

- Take sample of the chorion
 - (membrane surrounding fetus)
- Chemical tests and **Karyotyping** performed



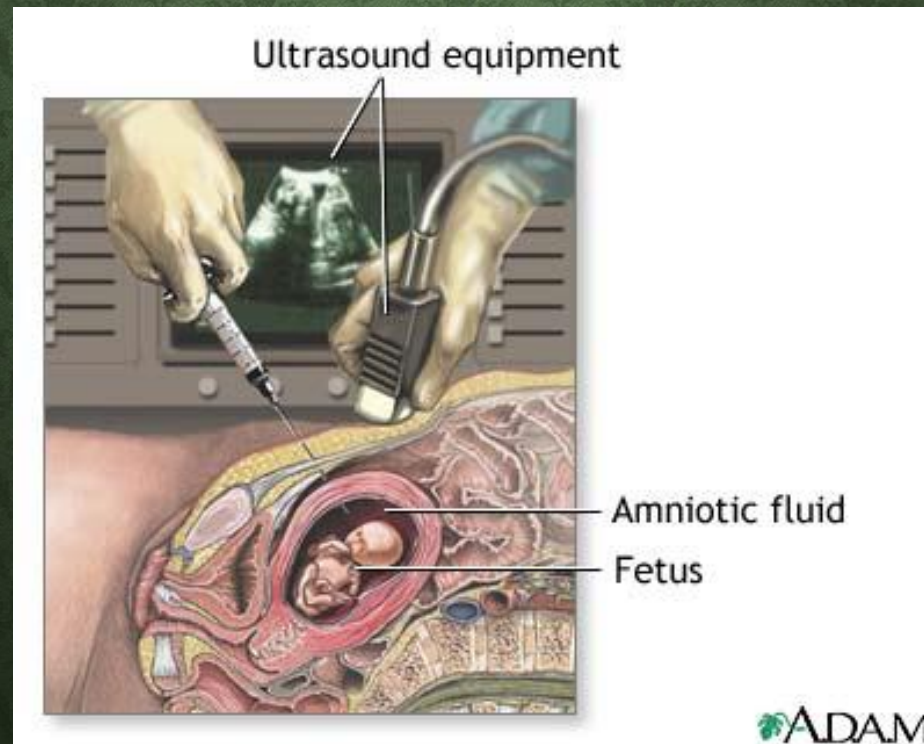
Ultrasound:

- Sound waves are used to generate an image of the unborn child.
- Used to detect abnormalities of limbs, organs, etc.



Amniocentesis:

- Fluid surrounding the fetus is drawn out by needle
- Fetal cells are collected and grown in a lab.
- Chromosomes can be then Karyotyped



KARYOTYPE

(PICTURE OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S CHROMOSOMES)

One of the ways to analyze the amniocentesis is to make a Karyotype

What genetic disorder does this karyotype show?

