

## Topic 3: Pedigrees

- By the end of this topic, I should be able to:
  - Analyze pedigrees
  - Create a pedigree

## Pedigree

A diagram representing a family tree that shows how a trait is passed from generation to generation

The alleles that each person in the family has



Offspring in birth order; I and II are generations; offspring numbered II-1 and II-2



## **Squares indicate MALES**



### **Circles indicate FeMALES**



#### that have the trait



There are <u>2 individuals</u> in this pedigree that are affected!

#### Matings Between individuals = Horizontal lines





# Vertical line from relationship line = children







# We label each individual by their generation and number











Pedigree 7. X-linked recessive inheritance.

### How are individuals II.1 and II.2 related?

Marriage!







4. List the individuals in generation III that have the trait.

III-1, III-6, III-8



5. How many children did the couple from generation 15 children have?



6. What is the relationship between individual II-8 and III-9?

Mother-Daughter

# **Pedigrees and Traits**

Pedigrees are most useful when <u>analyzing</u> <u>a family's history of genetic diseases and</u> <u>traits.</u>

We can also <u>predict if future family</u> <u>members will inherit a disease or trait</u> using a pedigree.

Let's look at some examples

**Example 1:** The pedigree below shows the inheritance of handedness in humans over three generations. The allele for right-handedness (R) is dominant over lefthandedness (r). The shaded individuals below are recessive for handedness



R = righthanded



How many generations are there? 3

2. How many individuals are left handed? 4

3. Which individuals in the third generation are right handed?



# **Example 2:** Huntington's Disease (H) is a dominant disorder.



**Brother and sister** 



2. What is the relationship between individual II-3 and III-4

**Aunt-nephew** 

How many individuals in generation II do not have Huntington's disease? **3 people (not shaded)** 

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IV



4. Based on the <u>traits</u> of IV-5, IV-6, and IV-7, what MUST the <u>genotype</u> of III-8
be? Hh (Heterozygous)

# If individual IV-7 mated with a heterozygous individual, what is the percentage their offspring has



hh

Hh

Genotype of IV-7:

Heterozygous genotype:



50% has the disease

### \*\*Note on sex-linked pedigrees

•For sex-linked traits, female carriers are always represented as <u>a circle half-way</u> <u>shaded</u>, even though they do not express the recessive trait.

•A female carrier looks like:





Which generation has female carriers in it?

A.Generation 1 B.Generation 2 C.Generation 3

#### PEDIGREE FOR INHERITANCE OF NORMAL ARCHES





