

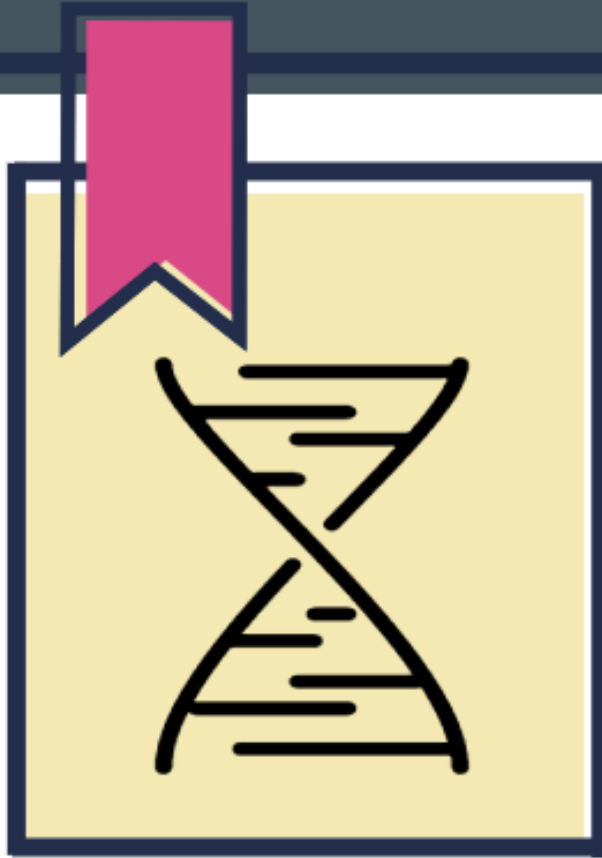
# FRAGILE X SYNDROME



Fragile X syndrome is associated with intellectual disability in males, characteristic appearance (large head, long face, prominent forehead and chin, protruding ears), joint laxity  
Males are more severely affected than females



Fragile X syndrome is X-linked  
If a woman is a carrier, her partner does not need to be tested



## Repeat Size and Carrier Type

- ☐ 29-44 CGG repeats: Normal, not a carrier
- ☐ 45-54 CGG repeats: Fragile X intermediate carrier
- ☐ 55-200 CGG repeats: Fragile X pre-mutation carrier
- ☐ Number of **AGG** repeats effects likelihood of expanding into full mutation in a generation
- ☐ >200 CGG repeats: Fragile X full mutation

## Clinical Features Associated with Carrier Status

Intermediate

No clinical signs or symptoms

Pre-mutation





20% chance of premature ovarian failure (occurring in the 20s/30s)  
8-16% chance of Fragile X-associated tremor-ataxia syndrome

Full mutation

Females with a full mutation can be as severely affected as males.



## Interesting Facts

-  Natera and Counsyl automatically reflex to AGG repeats when pre-mutation carrier is detected
-  Prenatal testing through CVS or amniocentesis can be done ONLY if patient is a confirmed pre-mutation carrier
-  If a patient tests negative, this reduces but does not eliminate the chance that they could have a child with the disease
-  If a patient tests positive, family members should be informed since they are at a 50% chance to test positive