

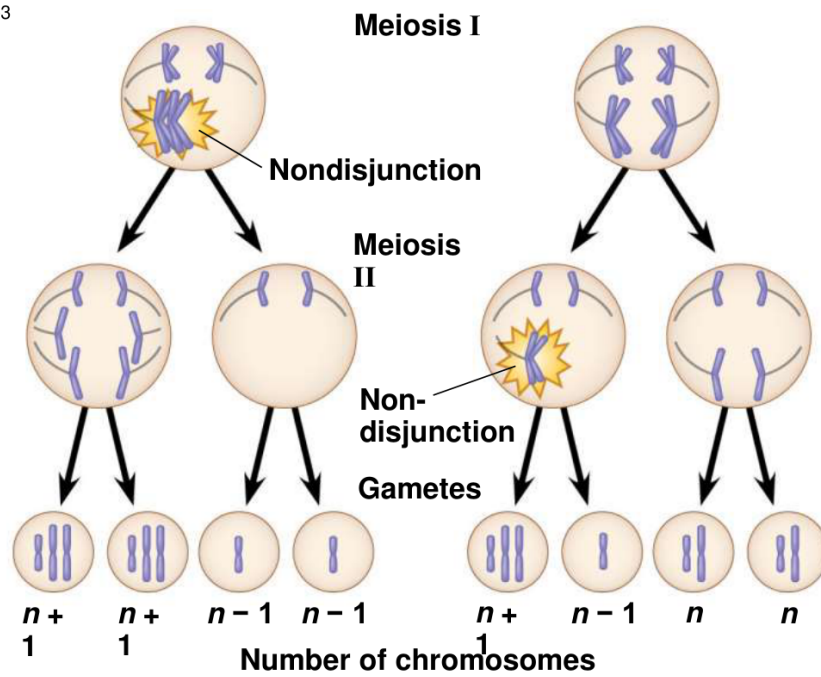
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# AUTOSOMAL CHROMOSOME AND NUMERICAL CHROMOSOMAL ABERRATIONS

Comprehensive Study Sheet

Organized directly from the lecture slides.

Figure 15.13-3



(a) Nondisjunction of homologous chromosomes in meiosis I

(b) Nondisjunction of sister chromatids in meiosis II

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*Nondisjunction outcomes in meiosis I and meiosis II*

## Lecture map

The sheet follows the lecture in order so every slide is covered.

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## 1. Numerical chromosome abnormalities

**Nondisjunction** is the failure of a **chromosome pair** to disjoin during **meiosis I** or the failure of **sister chromatids** to separate during **meiosis II or mitosis**.

**Aneuploidy** results from fertilization of gametes in which nondisjunction occurred, producing an abnormal number of a particular chromosome.

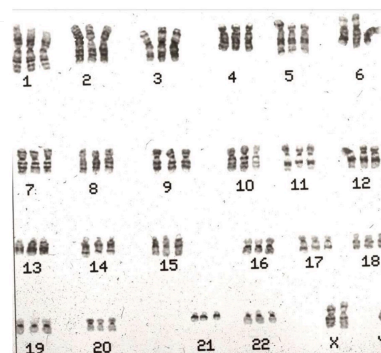
**Monosomy** means one copy of a particular chromosome. **Trisomy** means three copies of a particular chromosome.

Concept	Lecture meaning
Meiosis I nondisjunction	Homologous chromosomes fail to separate. Result: two n+1 gametes and two n-1 gametes.
Meiosis II nondisjunction	Sister chromatids fail to separate. Result: two normal gametes, one n+1, and one n-1 gamete.
Polyploidy	More than two complete sets of chromosomes; triploidy = 3n, tetraploidy = 4n.
Euploid	A chromosome number that is an exact multiple of the haploid number (n).
Haploid / diploid / triploid / tetraploid	1 set / 2 sets / 3 sets / 4 sets.

- Polyploidy is common in plants, but not animals
- Polyploids are more normal in appearance than aneuploids

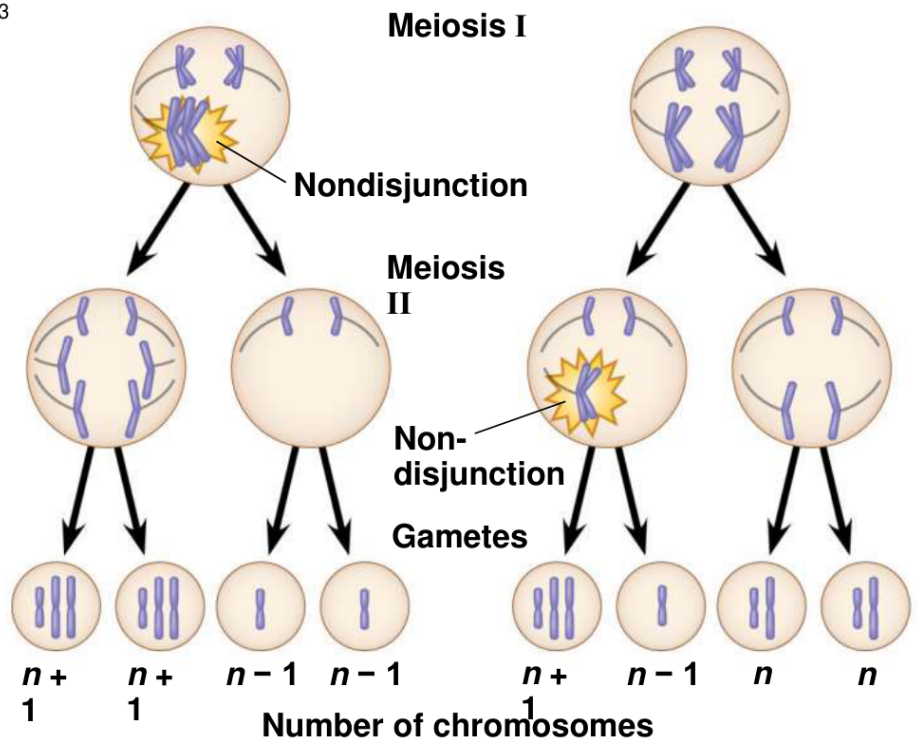
Quick Comparison Table		
Feature	Aneuploidy	Polyploidy
What changes?	Individual chromosomes	Whole chromosome sets
Chromosome number	Not a multiple of n	Exact multiple of n
Example	Trisomy 21 ( $n+1$ )	Triploidy (3n)
Viability in humans	Sometimes viable	Usually lethal
Common cause	Nondisjunction	Failure of cell division

to be understood



Triploidy  
69,XXY

Figure 15.13-3



(a) Nondisjunction of homologous chromosomes in meiosis I

(b) Nondisjunction of sister chromatids in meiosis II

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Slides 3-6: meiosis I vs meiosis II nondisjunction

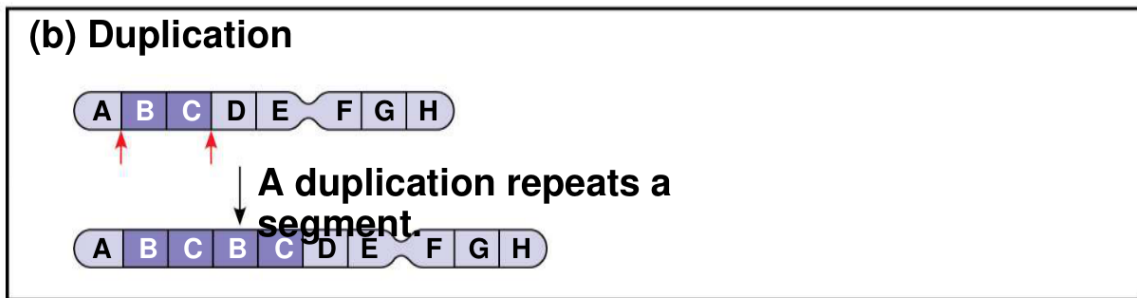
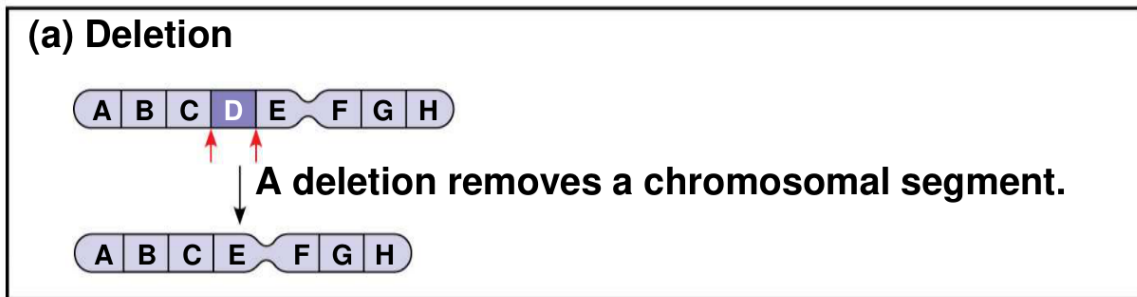
## 2. Alterations of chromosome structure

Breakage of a chromosome can lead to four major structural changes:

- **Deletion:** removes a chromosomal segment
- **Duplication:** repeats a segment
- **Inversion:** reverses the orientation of a segment within the same chromosome
- **Translocation:** moves a segment from one chromosome to another



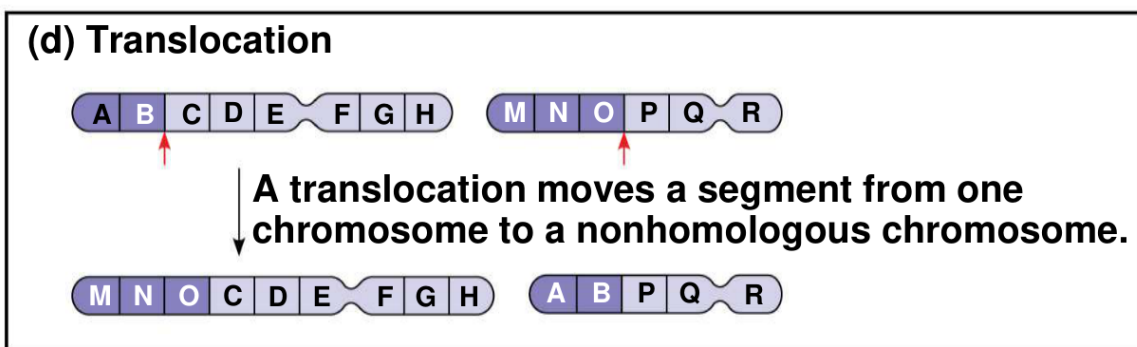
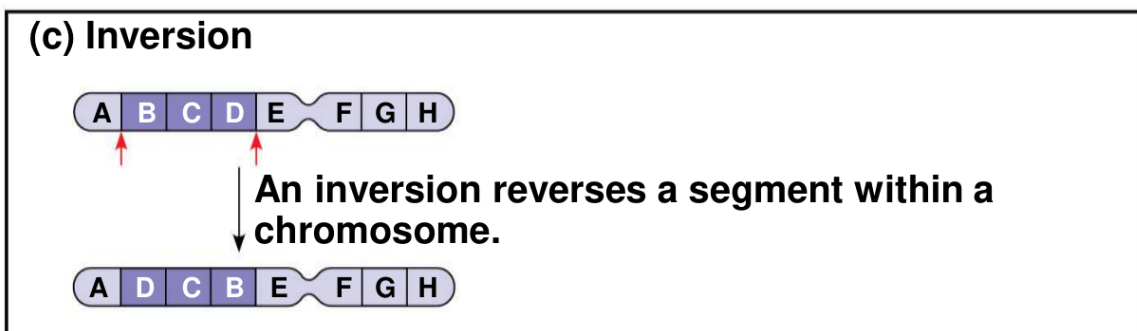
Figure 15.14a



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*Deletion and duplication*

Figure 15.14b



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*Inversion and translocation*

### 3. Disorders due to chromosomal alterations

Chromosome-number and chromosome-structure abnormalities can produce serious disorders. Some types of aneuploidy upset the genetic balance less severely, allowing survival to birth and beyond; the surviving individuals often show a characteristic syndrome.

Abnormality	Prevalence at birth
47,XXY	1/1000
47,XYY	1/1000
45,X	1/5000
47,XXX	1/1000
Trisomy 21	1/800
Trisomy 18	1/6000
Trisomy 13	1/10,000
Robertsonian rearrangement	1/1000
Other balanced rearrangements	1/885
Unbalanced rearrangements	1/17,000
All chromosome abnormalities	1/154

Sex Chromosome aneuploidy

males

females

Autosomal aneuploidy

Balanced rearrangements

Structural abnormalities

Reciprocal

### 4. Down syndrome (trisomy 21)

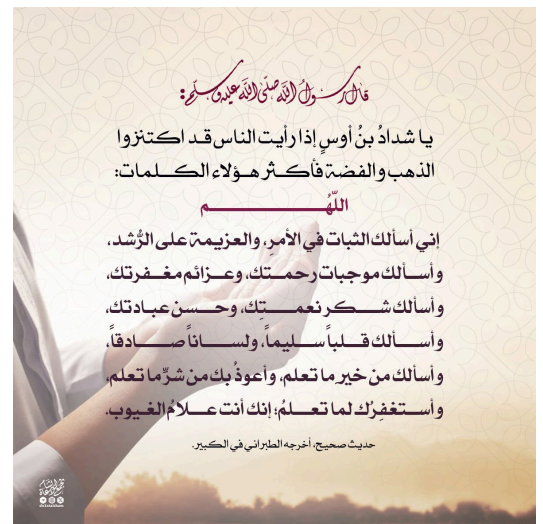
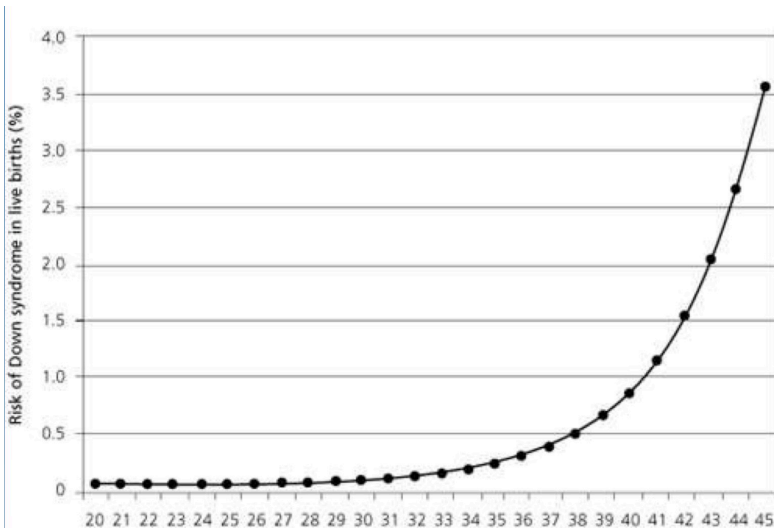
Definition: an aneuploid condition caused by three copies of chromosome 21.

Frequency: about 1 in 700 children born in the United States.

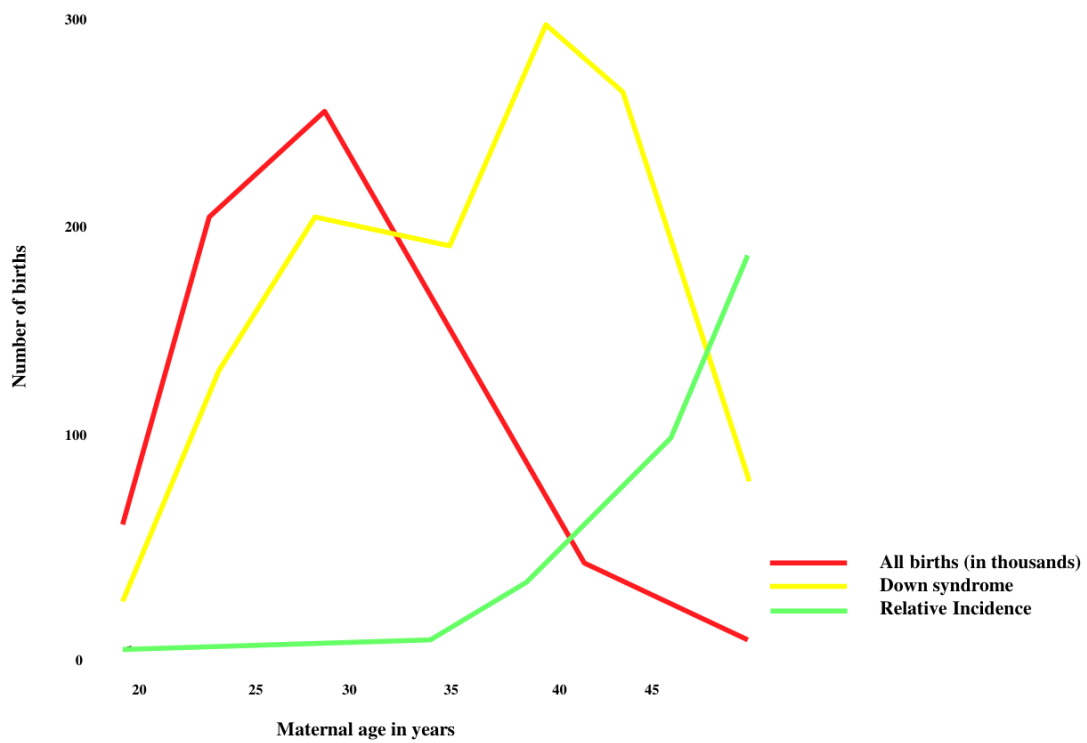
Risk factor: the frequency increases with maternal age. *A correlation hasn't been explained*

Sex ratio: male:female = 3:2.

Most common numerical abnormality in liveborns is Trisomy 21 (Down syndrome)



# Maternal Age and Nondisjunction

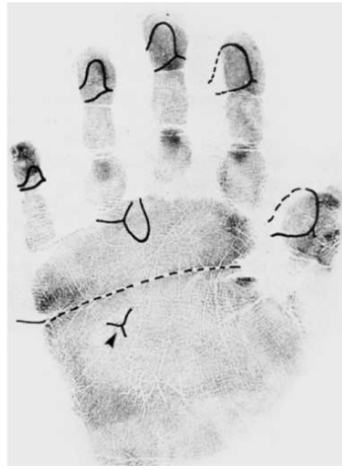


Maternal age and nondisjunction

Finding	What the slide says
Intellectual disability	IQ 25-50
Facial features	Epicanthic folds, low nasal bridge, upslanting palpebral fissures, small low-set ears, protruding tongue
Tone / growth	Hypotonia, growth retardation, intestinal problems
Hands / feet	Simian line, gap between first and second toes
Heart disease	30%-50%; VSD and AV canal are common
Other risks	15-fold increase in leukemia risk

The slide notes that these features are easily recognized at birth, and that about 40% of people with congenital heart disease die during the first year.

# Down Syndrome



Mental retardation (IQ 25-50)

\*Low nasal bridge (90%)

\*Hypotonia (80%)

\*Up slanting palpebral fissures (80%)

Small, low-set ears (60%)

\*Congenital heart disease (30%-50%)\*\*

\*Epicanthic folds

Protruding tongue

Intestinal problems

Gap between first and second toes

15-fold increase in risk for leukemia

\*Simian line (transverse crease) (45%)

*\*These features are easily recognized at birth.*

*\*\*The congenital heart problems noted in people having Down syndrome include ventricular septal defect (VSD) and arterioventricular defects (AV) canal. Approximately 40% with congenital heart disease die during the first year.*

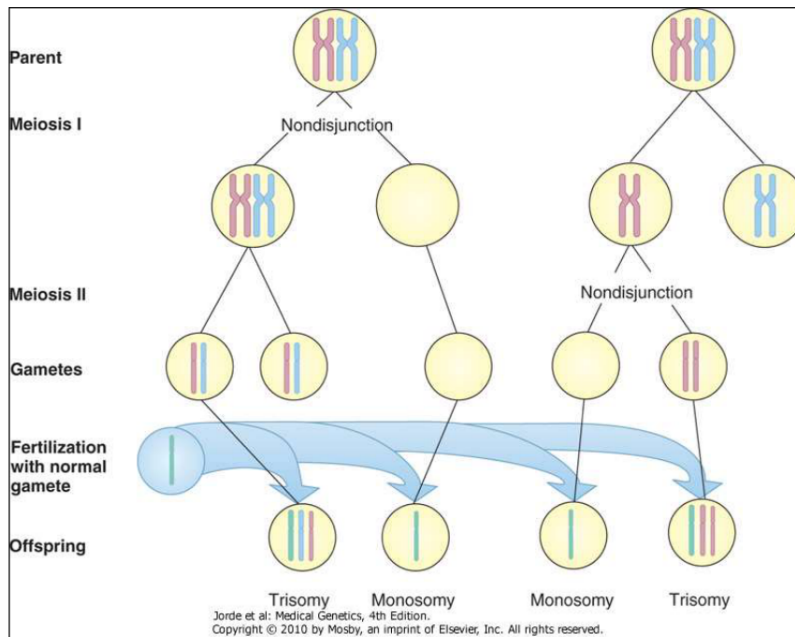
*Classic Down syndrome phenotypic clues*

## Origin of the extra chromosome in trisomy 21

**Maternal errors:** 94% of cases (MI 64%, MII 19%, indeterminate 11%).

**Paternal errors:** 4.5% of cases (MI 1%, MII 3.5%).

**Unknown:** 1.5%.



## Trisomy

**Maternal Errors: 94% of cases**

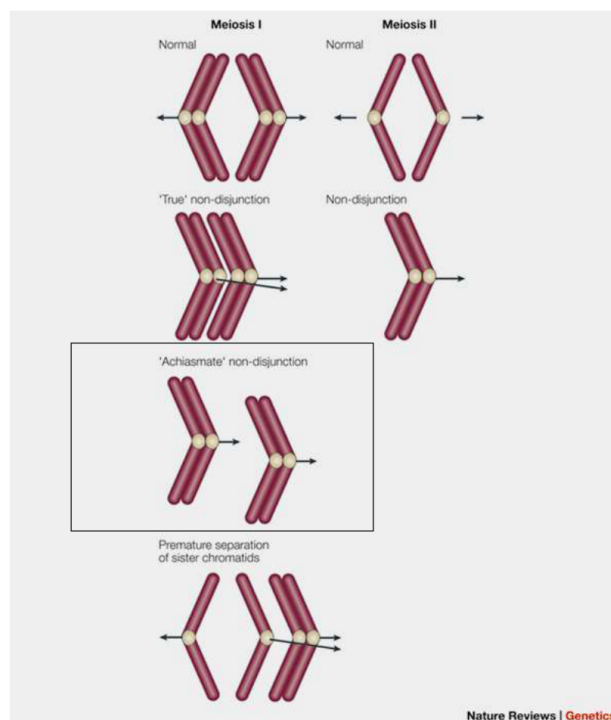
- MI 64%
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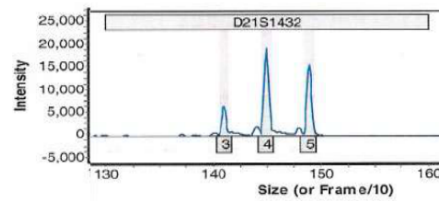
*Maternal and paternal nondisjunction pathways*



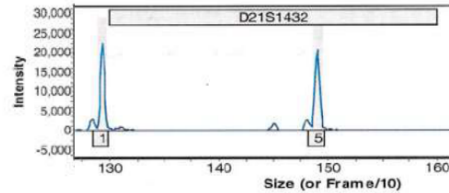
*Mechanisms discussed as causal factors in nondisjunction*

## Evaluate the Origin of the Extra Chromosome Using Polymorphic Markers

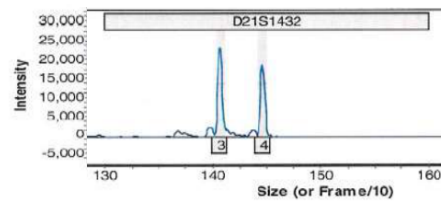
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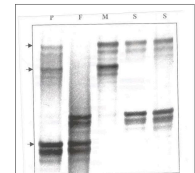
Father



Mother



DNA markers can be used to determine the parental origin of the extra chromosome in trisomic individuals



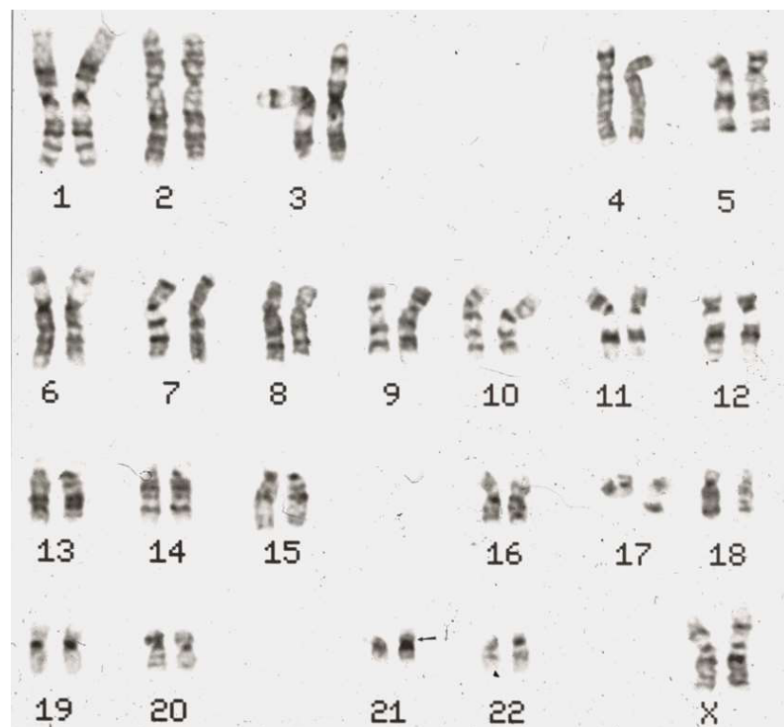
### D21S1432 Tetranucleotide STRP

*Polymorphic markers can determine the parental origin of the extra chromosome*

**Partial trisomy 21 (21q)** means only part of chromosome 21 is duplicated, but the phenotype can still be Down syndrome-like.



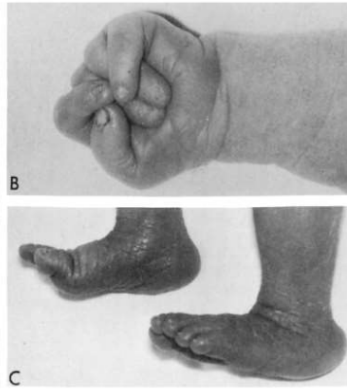
## Partial Trisomy 21 (21q)



## 5. Other autosomal trisomies

**Trisomy 18 (Edward syndrome):** CHD (95%), failure to thrive, mental retardation, growth retardation, hypertonia, prominent occiput, low-set malformed ears, short sternum, intestinal abnormalities, unusual hand position, and rocker-bottom feet.

### Trisomy 18 (Edward syndrome)



### Findings:

CHD (95%)  
Failure to thrive (FTT)  
Mental retardation  
Growth retardation  
Hypertonia  
Prominent Occiput



Low-set, malformed ears  
Short sternum  
Intestinal Abnormalities  
Unusual hand position  
Rocker bottom feet

*Trisomy 18: classic findings*

**Trisomy 13 (Patau syndrome):** CHD (85%), mental retardation, hyper- or hypotonia, scalp defects, microcephaly, small eyes, low-set malformed ears, cleft lip/palate, polydactyly and syndactyly, polycystic kidneys, and rocker-bottom feet.

## Trisomy 13 (Patau syndrome)



### Findings:

**CHD (85%)**  
**Mental retardation**  
**Hyper- or hypotonia**  
**Scalp defects**  
**Microcephaly**  
**Small eyes**  
**Low-set, malformed ears**  
**Cleft lip/palate**  
**Polydactyly and syndactyly**  
**Polycystic kidneys**  
**Rocker-bottom feet**



*Trisomy 13: classic findings*

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