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"From their vantage through the microscope, the cytogeneticists' view of the genome is





Figure 12.6



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Nomenclature of chromosomes



Chromosome Shape



Human chromosomes

- DNA and associated proteins are organized into chromosomes
- Human somatic cells are diploid and have 22 pairs of autosomes AND 1 set of sex chromosomes (XX or XY)= total of 46
 - Females XX
 - Males XY
- Germ cells are haploid and contain 22 chromosomes plus 1 sex chromosome (X or Y)



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Interphase

- Gap 1 (G1)– many cytoplasmic organelles are constructed; RNA, protein and other molecules are synthesized; cell almost doubles in size
- Synthesis (S)– DNA is replicated and chromosomes duplicate, forming 2 sister chromatids attached at the centromere
- Gap 2 (G2)– more cell growth; mitochondria divide; spindle precursors form





Mitosis

- Produces identical daughter cells
 - (46 chromosomes)
- It must be accurate for cells to function properly
- Continuous process but divided into distinct steps:
 - Prophase
 - Metaphase
 - Anaphase
 - Telophase





The Stages of Meiosis

- After chromosomes duplicate, two divisions follow
 - Meiosis I (reductional division): homologs pair up and separate, resulting in two haploid daughter cells with replicated chromosomes
 - Meiosis II (equational division) sister chromatids separate
- The result is four haploid daughter cells with unreplicated chromosomes



Figure 13.7-1





Newly forming microtubules in Plasma the cytoplasm membrane Interactions between motor The nuclear envelope is breaking apart; proteins and microtubules microtubules will be are moving one of two pairs of centrioles toward able to penetrate the nuclear region. the opposite spindle pole.

(a) Prophase I

Meiosis



One pair of homologous chromosomes (each being two sister chromatids)

(a) Prophase I

(b) Metaphase I

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(e) Prophase II



(e) Prophase II

(f) Metaphase II

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Homologous chromosomes



Prophase I

- Leptotene
 - Replicated chromosomes align and begin to condense
- Zygotene
 - homologous chromosomes pair along entire length (synapsis)
 - synaptonemal complex forms
- Pachytene
 - Synapsis is complete and each pair of homologues is called a tetrads (bivalent)
 - Crossing over occurs (recombination at chiasmata)
- Diplotene
 - Homologous chromosomes separate some but remain bound at chiasmata
 - usually 2 chiasmata/chromosome, more frequent in females)
- Diakinesis
 - Further chromosome condensation; tetrads viable





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Genetic consequences of meiosis

- Reduction of chromosome number
- Diploid to haploid (essential for gametes)
- Random assortment of maternal and paternal chromosomes
 - genes on different chromosomes
 - maternal/paternal chromosomes
 - Number of possible chromosomal combinations = 2²³ or 8,388,608
 - Recombination between chromosome pairs increases the possible combinations
- Segregation of alleles
- Recombination/crossing-over
 - Allows new combinations of genes to be produced
 - Important for normal chromosome disjunction
 - Ensures genetic diversity

Chromosome combinations: independent assortment



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