



**Empower Your Family's Future:
Screen Smart, Plan Safe**



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HEALTHY CARRIERS OF GENETIC DISEASES ARE INDIVIDUALS WITH NO OVERT PHENOTYPE BUT CARRYING GENETIC VARIANT(S) WITHIN A DISEASE-GENE.

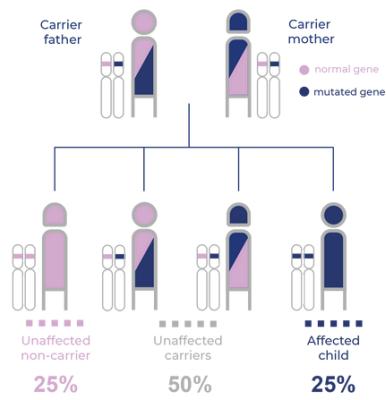
2-5%

of couples are at increasing risk to have an affected baby.¹

30/10,000

live births are affected by autosomal recessive (AR) and X-linked (XR) diseases.¹

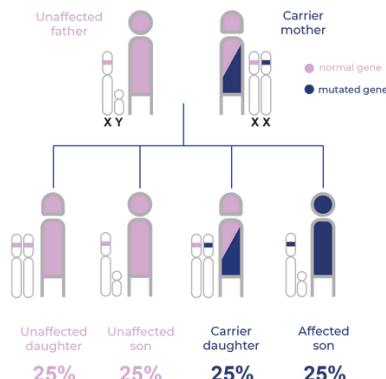
Autosomal Recessive Inheritance:
both parents are carriers



- Both females and males may be affected or carriers (**no sex ratio**)
- Affected people have two mutations:** one on each copy of the gene (homozygous or compound heterozygous)
- Carriers have only one mutation** (heterozygous)
- Both parents heterozygous (carriers): **1/4 (25%) risk of affected child**

- Males are affected while females are carriers**
- Affected males have one mutation on their X chromosome** (hemizygous)
- Carrier mothers have only one mutation** (heterozygous)
- Carrier mother: **1/4 (25%) risk of affected child (50% of males)**
- Only females will be tested for XL conditions**

X-Linked Recessive Inheritance:
carrier mother



Carrier screening test enables to identify couples at an elevated risk of having affected pregnancies.

Carrier screening (CS) is a genetic test applicable to individuals and couples within their **reproductive age**. This screening involves examining disease-causing pathogenic variants in autosomal genes for both members of the couple (for autosomal recessive diseases) or in a gene on the X chromosome for the female partner (for X-linked recessive diseases).



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“Carrier screening and genetic counseling ideally should be performed before pregnancy because this enables couples to learn about their reproductive risk and consider the most complete range of reproductive options.”

ACOG Clinical Guidelines

Genescreen is the carrier screening test developed by Eurofins Genoma and conducted using **Next Generation Sequencing**.

Selection of conditions and genes is based on:

- **CARRIER FREQUENCY**
- **PENETRANCE**
- **CLINICAL CORRELATION OF PHENOTYPE TO GENOTYPE**
- **GUIDELINES OF MAJOR HUMAN GENETICS AND REPRODUCTIVE SOCIETIES**

- Cystic Fibrosis (CFTR)
- Spinal muscular atrophy (SMN1)
- Fragile-X syndrome (FMR1)
- α-Thalassemia (HBA1)
- α-Thalassemia (HBA2)
- β-thalassemia and Sickle cell anemia (HBB)
- Xeroderma pigmentosum (XPC)
- Oculocutaneous albinism type 1A and type 1B (TYR)
- Phenylketonuria (PAH)
- Nonsyndromic hearing loss recessive 1A (GJB2)

PANELS AVAILABLE	Focus	Protect	Easy-Donor	Complete
N genes analysed	>30	>120	>400	>2000
N pathologies analysed	>30 AR/XL	>140 AR/XL	>450 AR/XL	>2100 AR/XL
Who is the test indicated for?	General couples	General couples	Donors	Consanguineous pregnancies couples with family or medical history
		Panel designed on: ACMG Practice Resource ² SEF Recommandation ³ ACOG Guidelines ⁴	Panel aligned with the IVF program of different Countries	Compatible with the majority of panels currently available in the market

CARRIER TEST CUSTOMIZABLE ACCORDING TO SPECIFIC NEEDS

Matching



The option to compare screening test results between the two partners (or donor and recipient), assessing the risk of inheriting diseases in the future child.

Extension



In case the carrier test performed by the partner/donor is not the same as one's own test, it is possible to request an extension of the test to a more comprehensive panel.

Customization



Flexibility to personalize the panel based on patient/couple needs.

When is the test indicated?

- During or before pregnancy (pre-conceptional or prenatal testing).
- During the reproductive age: all women and their reproductive partners, as well as to gamete (egg or sperm) donors.
Partners may be tested at the same time or at different moments after one of them tested positive (contextual or sequential approach).
- Consanguinity and positive family history are indications for pre-conceptional/prenatal carrier screening but genetic counselling is recommended.

How to perform Genescreen tests?



Consult the complete list of analysed genes on the website www.familyproject.it



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