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# **XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM: When the lifeguard of the gene pool goes on strike**

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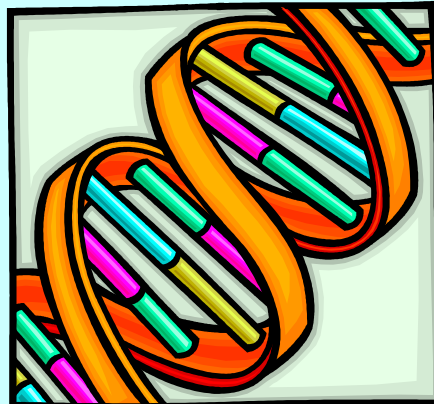
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## **DISCLOSURE OF RELEVANT RELATIONSHIPS WITH INDUSTRY**

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**I do not have any relevant relationships with industry.**

# **WHY STUDY RARE HUMAN GENETIC DISEASES?**

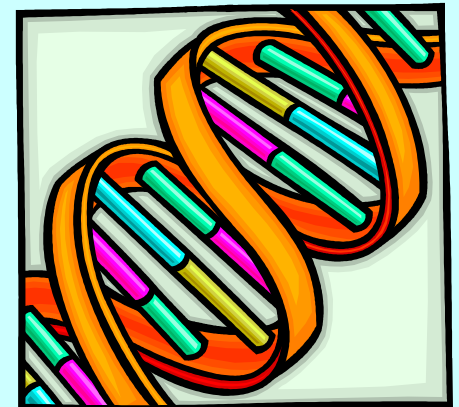
## **Importance of Natural History Studies**

- **CARE FOR AFFECTED PATIENTS**
- **DISCOVER MECHANISMS OF DISEASE**
- **DOCUMENT BASELINE PARAMETERS - USE FOR COMPARISON WITH FUTURE TREATMENTS**
- **DEVELOP NEW THERAPEUTIC PARADIGMS: USING SMALL NUMBERS OF PATIENTS AT HIGH RISK OF CANCER**

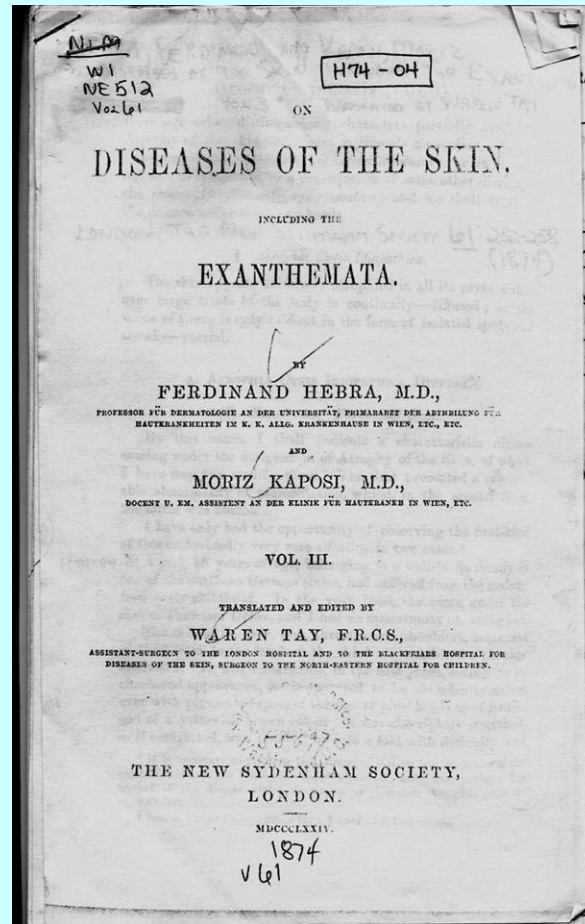


# Outline

- **Early history of xeroderma pigmentosum (XP)**
- **NIH studies of XP and trichothiodystrophy (TTD) – clinic to laboratory and back**
- **Molecular Epidemiology**
- **Patient Management**



# FIRST DESCRIPTION OF XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM 1874 - MORIZ KAPOSÍ



**Moriz Kohn 1837 - 1902**

**1953 – Watson and Crick describe double helix DNA structure**

**1964 – Richard Setlow and Phil Hanawalt separately describe DNA repair replication in bacteria**

**1968 – James Cleaver describes DNA repair defect in XP**



## Defective Repair Replication of DNA in Xeroderma Pigmentosum

by

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University of California Medical Center,  
San

NATURE, VOL. 218, MAY 18, 1968

Normal skin fibroblasts can repair ultraviolet radiation damage to DNA by inserting new bases into DNA in the form of small patches. Cells from patients with the hereditary disease xeroderma pigmentosum carry a mutation such that repair replication of DNA is either absent or much reduced in comparison to normal fibroblasts. Patients with xeroderma pigmentosum develop fatal skin cancers when exposed to sunlight, and so the failure of DNA repair in the skin must be related to carcinogenesis.



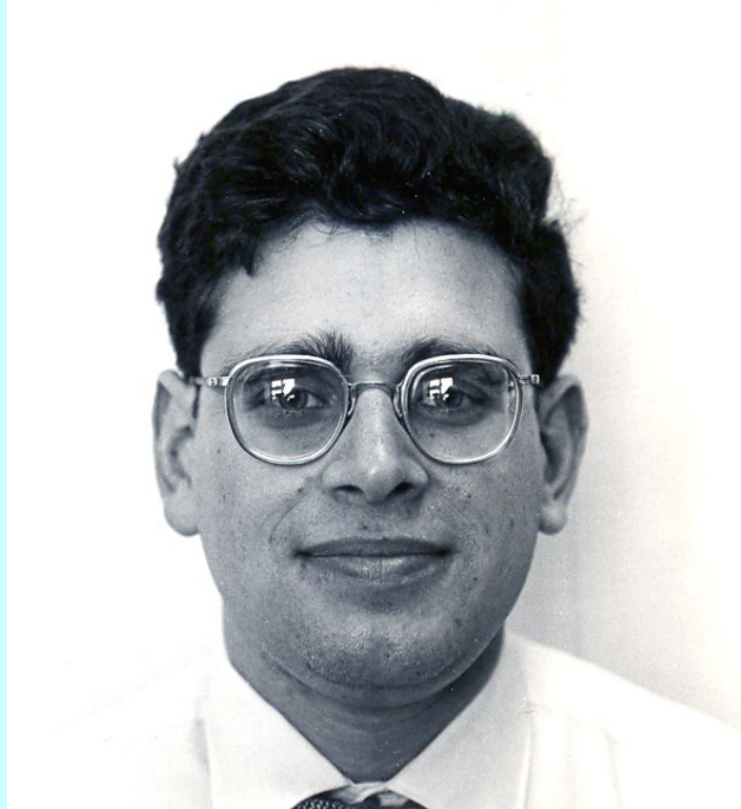
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**1971**

**Harlem Hospital, NY**



**1971 – NIH**

**US Public Health Service**



**2009**

**DR. JAY ROBBINS**



## Xeroderma Pigmentosum

An Inherited Disease with Sun Sensitivity, Multiple Cutaneous Neoplasms, and Abnormal DNA Repair

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# Detailed clinical and laboratory description of 15 XP patients – Varied phenotypes

DNA repair comprise four distinct complementation groups, indicating that at least four mutations can cause defective DNA repair.

DR. JAY H. ROBBINS\*: Xeroderma pigmentosum is

DNA-repair defect has been studied in fibroblast strains from approximately 60 patients with xeroderma pigmentosum. In the Dermatology Branch of the National Cancer Institute we have performed photobiological studies of the DNA-repair process in various types of cells from 15 of these patients, representing 12 kindreds (9-15). We have also evalu-



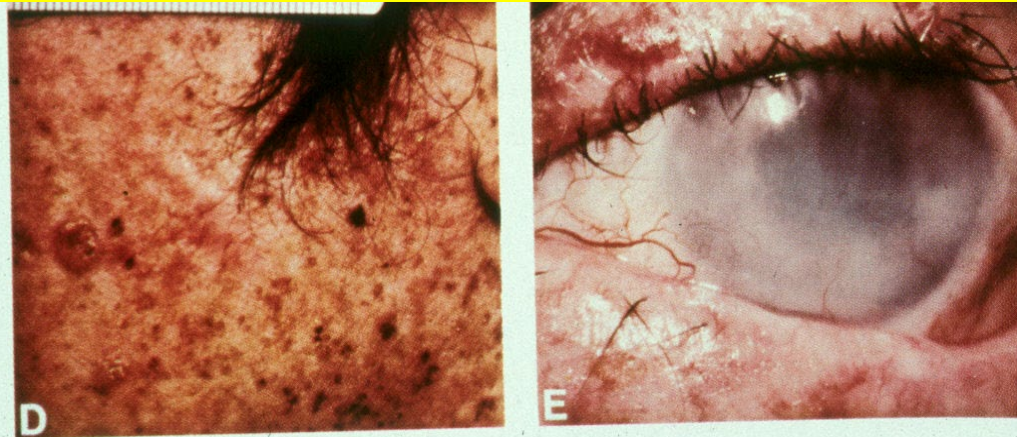
% of the normal DNA repair rate, show many of the cutaneous and numerous freckles with different intensities of pigmentation. The deformities of the nose and left eye, whose cells have no detectable defect in UV-induced DNA repair. The white, relatively disease-free areas of skin were obtained several years earlier from sun-protected, relatively normal skin and the destruction of the left lower eyelid. C. Patient 5 has 55% of the normal DNA repair rate. The parents of patient 5. The nose of Patient 5 has undergone several surgical procedures. D. Back and buttocks of Patient 6, showing the

# Donated cells from all patients to cell bank – made available to scientific community

# XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM CLINICAL FEATURES



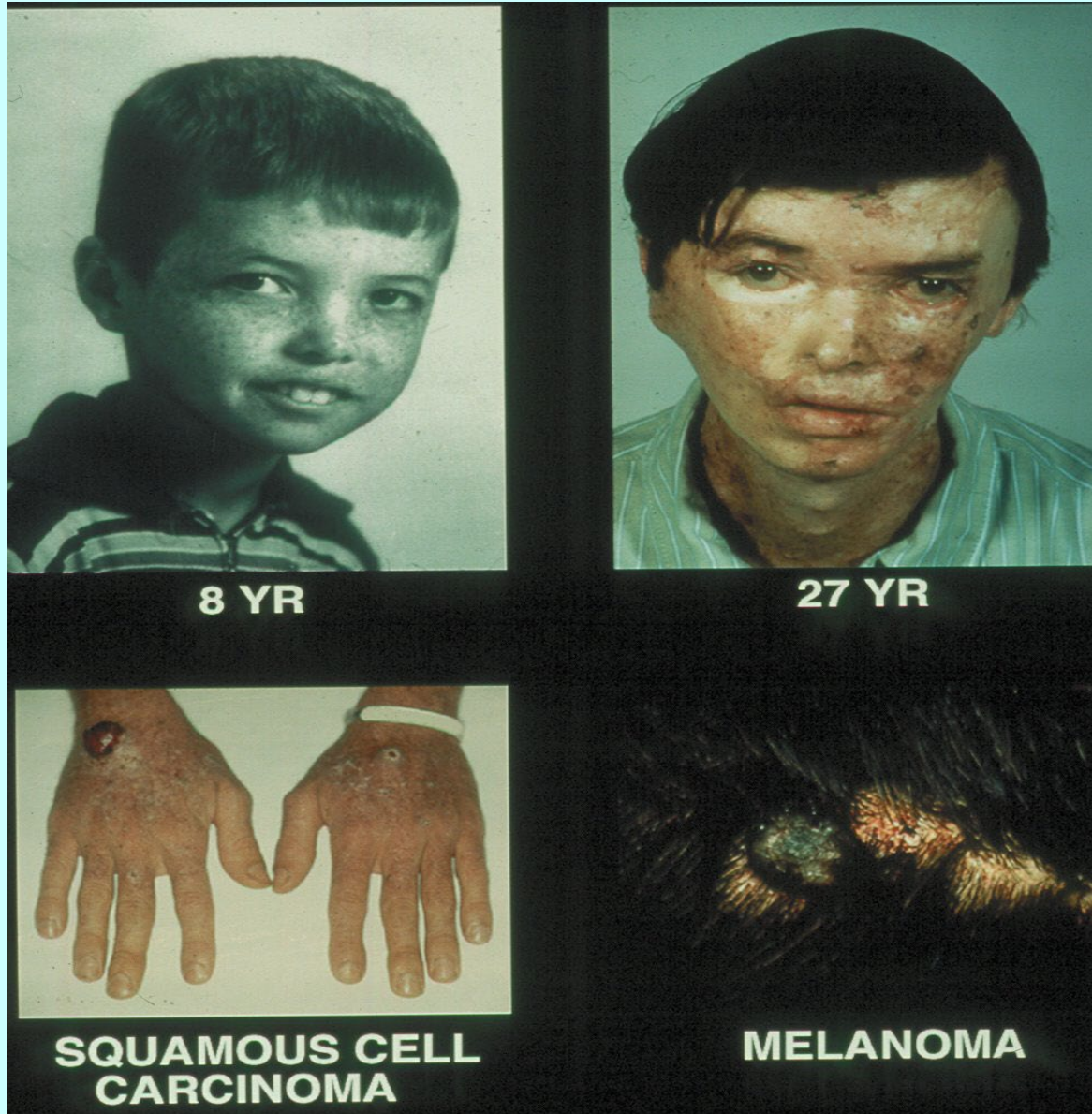
**Premature photoaging of epidermis**



**Mol. Medicine  
Today 5: 86 (1999)**



# XP VARIANT - XP4BE



**Polymerase eta defect**

**Died age 27 yr of metastatic melanoma**

**Multiple *PTEN* mutations in metastatic melanoma lesions**

**Wang et al JID 2009**

# AFRICAN BROTHERS WITH XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM

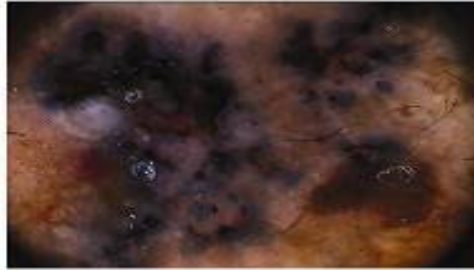


A

23 y/o



B



C



D

17 y/o

SCC



Pigmented  
BCC

XP reported in all races

Mahindra et al JAAD 59:881 (2008)



# XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM / COCKAYNE SYNDROME



**XP/CS group B - XP11BE**

**28 yr**

**Mother**

# DR. DIRK BOOTSMA - ROTTERDAM



**Reported 2 complementation groups in XP cells in 1972**

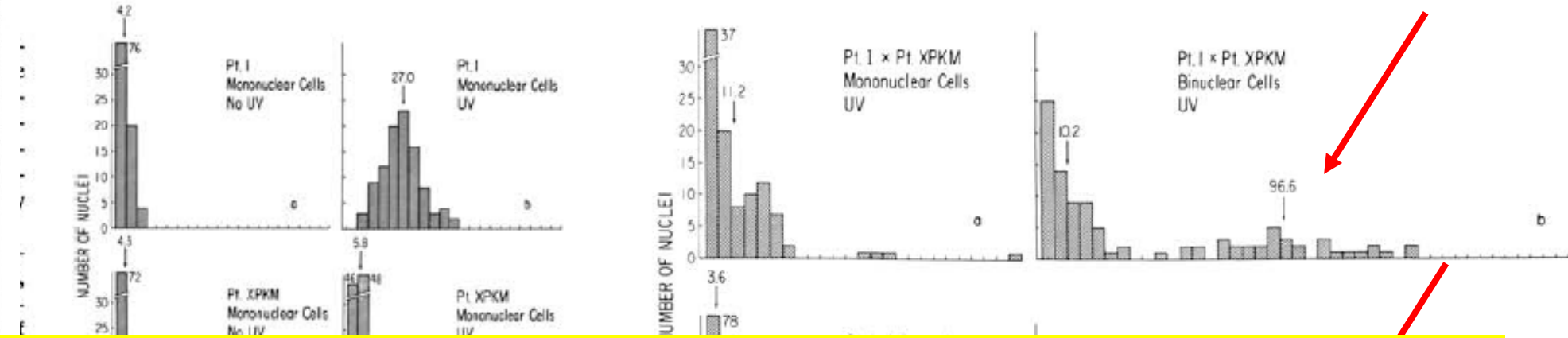
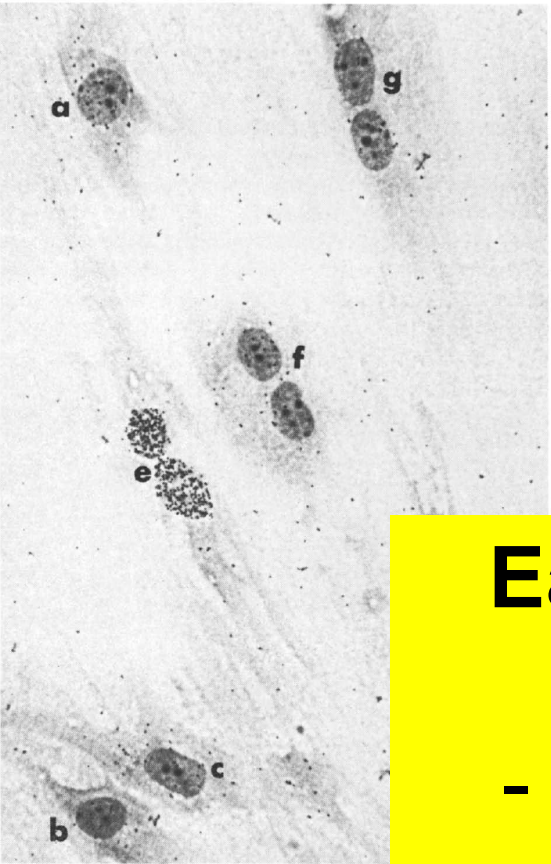
**Genetic Heterogeneity of Xeroderma Pigmentosum demonstrated by Somatic Cell Hybridization**

**E. A. DE WEERD-KASTELEIN, W. KEIJZER & D. BOOTSMA**

**Nature New Biology 238: 80–83 (1972)**

**photo1994**

# AUTORADIOGRAPHY WITH CELL FUSION



**Each cell supplies what the other is missing –  
they COMPLEMENT each other**

- 3 complementation groups in Netherlands;
- 3 in NIH

**Figure 9.** Autoradiogram of unfused mononuclear cells (a to d) and of binuclear fibroblasts (e to g) treated culture containing cells from Patient 11 in different complementation groups. The cells were exposed to 150 ergs/mm<sup>2</sup> of UV light and treated as described in the legend of Figure 3. The binuclear cell with numerous grains over its nuclei (e) is a heterokaryon whose nuclei have complemented each other, since both nuclei seem to have a normal or nearly normal amount of UV-induced <sup>3</sup>HTdR incorporation, compared with the incorporation in the normal cells in Figure 3B. The other binuclear cells (f and g) are homokaryons, and their nuclei have no more incorporation than the nuclei of the unfused mononuclear cells (a to d). (Acid hematoxylin; magnification,  $\times 420$ .)

of grains, the grain classes were subdivided into 10, 11 through 15, and so forth. Each arrow indicates the mean grain count for the 100 consecutively evaluated nuclei of each histogram, except that occasional cells with a high grain count that were apparently not in the grain distribution of the group evaluated were excluded (for example, the single cell in the 61-through-65 grain class of d). When more than thirty nuclei are in a single grain class, the bar representing them is truncated, and the number of cells in that class is printed above. See text for further description and interpretation.

of these heterokaryons has 40 or more grains over it. C. Nonirradiated mononuclear cells, not treated with virus, from a normal control donor. D. Irradiated mononuclear cells, not treated with virus, from the normal control donor. The grain distribution and mean grain count for the UV-induced <sup>3</sup>HTdR incorporation into these normal cells (d) is approached by the complementing heterokaryons in b. One hundred nuclei were evaluated for each histogram, except that only fifty were evaluated for d. Details are explained in legend of Figure 11. See text for further description and interpretation.



# FIVE COMPLEMENTATION GROUPS IN XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM

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## Summary

A collaborative study was undertaken to determine the relationship between the three DNA repair complementation groups in xeroderma pigmentosum found at Erasmus University, Rotterdam, and the four groups found at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda. The results of this study reveal that there are five currently known complementation groups in xeroderma pigmentosum.

## Introduction

Patients with xeroderma pigmentosum (XP) develop malignancies and pigmentation abnormalities on areas of skin exposed to sunlight [10]. Skin fibroblasts from most patients with this autosomal recessive disease are unable to perform excision repair of UV-induced pyrimidine dimers in their DNA as rapidly as normal fibroblasts [2,3,10]. This defective repair can be manifest as a decreased rate of UV-induced unscheduled DNA synthesis (UDS) [2,3,10]. In 1972 investigators at Erasmus University, Rotterdam, found two complementation groups in XP by showing that nuclei in heterokaryons formed by fusing fibroblasts from certain pairs of such repair-defective XP patients performed UV-induced UDS at a normal rate [11]. Subsequently a third complementation group was found among the Rotterdam XP strains [12].

The demonstration of genetic heterogeneity for DNA repair among the Rotterdam XP

Abbreviations:  
dine; NIH, Nat

# 5 complementation groups – named in order of increasing residual repair Mutat Res1975

TABLE III

COMPARISON OF UV-INDUCED UDS IN THE REPRESENTATIVE XP STRAINS MEASURED IN BOTH INSTITUTES

Complementation group	Strain	UV-induced UDS (% of normal rate)	
		Rotterdam <sup>a</sup>	NIH <sup>b</sup>
A	Control donors	100	100
	XP25RO	<5	<2
	XP12BE		<2
	XP1LO	<5	<2
B	XP11BE	4	4.8
C	XP4RO	10–15	12.9
	XP1BE		19.8
	XP2BE	24–27	13–18
D	XP5BE	10	27.1
E	XP2RO	40–60	60

<sup>a</sup> Expressed as a percentage of the levels found in normal cells after a UV dose of 10 J/m<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>b</sup> Expressed as a percentage of the levels found in normal cells after a UV dose of 30 J/m<sup>2</sup>.

# Co-operation/ collaboration among laboratories studying DNA Repair

## Review Article

# Xeroderma Pigmentosum

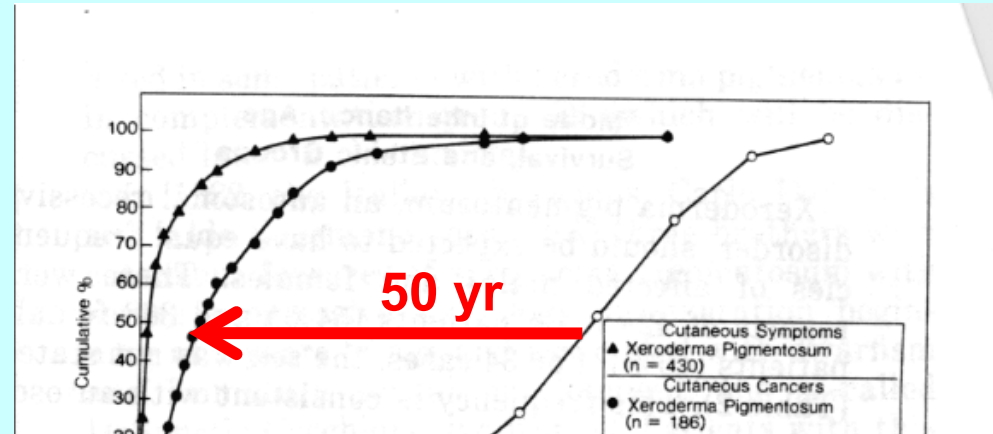
Cutaneous, Ocular, and Neurologic  
Abnormalities in 830 Published Cases

Kenneth H. Kraemer, MD; Myung M. Lee; Joseph Scotto, MS

• Quantitative frequencies of clinical abnormalities in xeroderma pigmentosum were estimated by abstracting published descriptions of 830 patients in 297 articles obtained from a survey of the medical literature from 1874 to 1982. The median patient age was 12 years with nearly equal numbers of male and female patients. Cutaneous symptoms (sun sensitivity or freckling) had a median age of onset of between 1 and 2 years. Forty-five percent of the patients described had basal cell carcinoma or squamous cell carcinoma of the skin. The median age of first nonmelanoma skin cancer among patients with xeroderma pigmentosum was 8 years, more than 50 years less than that among patients with skin cancer in the United States. Melanomas were reported in 5% of patients. Ninety-seven percent of the reported basal and

Xeroderma pigmentosum is a rare genetic disease with clinical and cellular hypersensitivity to ultraviolet radiation and defective DNA repair. Patients with xeroderma pigmentosum experience sun-induced cutaneous and ocular abnormalities, including neoplasia. Some patients have, in addition, progressive neurologic degeneration. Xeroderma pigmentosum, thus, serves as a model disorder linking defective DNA repair with clinical abnormalities and neoplasia. Quantitative information concerning the frequency of various clinical features of xeroderma pigmentosum would be useful in guiding patient management and in increasing understanding of the manifestations of defective DNA repair. To obtain such information rapidly, and to complement the

## XP literature review – 830 patients



## XP patients develop skin cancer 50 years earlier than in the general population

mental deterioration, hyporeflexia or areflexia, and progressive deafness in some patients in association with dwarfism and immature sexual development. There was

of xeroderma pigmentosum was prepared to probe for 207 items of clinical or laboratory information. A separate form was prepared for each patient mentioned in a report.

or pigmentation) was reported for 430 patients. Age at first skin cancer was reported for 186 patients and is compared with age

## Strong evidence of the importance of DNA Repair in PREVENTION of skin cancer



STUDY

## The Role of Sunlight and DNA Repair in Melanoma and Nonmelanoma Skin Cancer

### *The Xeroderma Pigmentosum Paradigm*

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**Background and Design:** The frequency of melanoma and nonmelanoma skin cancer is increasing rapidly in the United States. However, the linkage of these cancers to sun exposure has been questioned because of differences in anatomic site distribution. To obtain insights into the development of these skin cancers, we examined reports of 132 patients with xeroderma pigmentosum (XP), an inherited cancer-prone, DNA repair-deficient disorder with

cancers (basal cell and squamous cell carcinomas), anterior eye cancers, and tongue cancers, but unlike that of internal neoplasms, was increased 1000-fold or more in patients with XP who were younger than 20 years. As in the general population, the anatomic distribution of melanomas was different from that of nonmelanomas in the patients with XP.

## XP Registry— 132 patients

cell carcinoma, and 22% had melanoma. The frequency of melanomas, like the frequency of nonmelanoma skin

(Arch Dermatol. 1994;130:1018-1021)

**T**HE FREQUENCY of both melanoma and nonmelanoma skin cancer is increasing rapidly in the United States.<sup>1-3</sup> The degree of asso-

group was young, with a median age of 16 years; 123 of the patients were younger than 40 years. Malignant skin neoplasms were reported in 93 (70%) of the patients. The median age for development of

## 70% had skin cancer – median age 8 years

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marked clinical and cellular UV hypersensitivity and defective DNA repair in all cells, develop numerous skin cancers.<sup>4,7</sup> In a search for insight into factors that are important in the development of melanoma and nonmelanoma skin cancers in humans, we analyzed information obtained from reports to the Xeroderma Pigmentosum Registry, Newark, NJ.

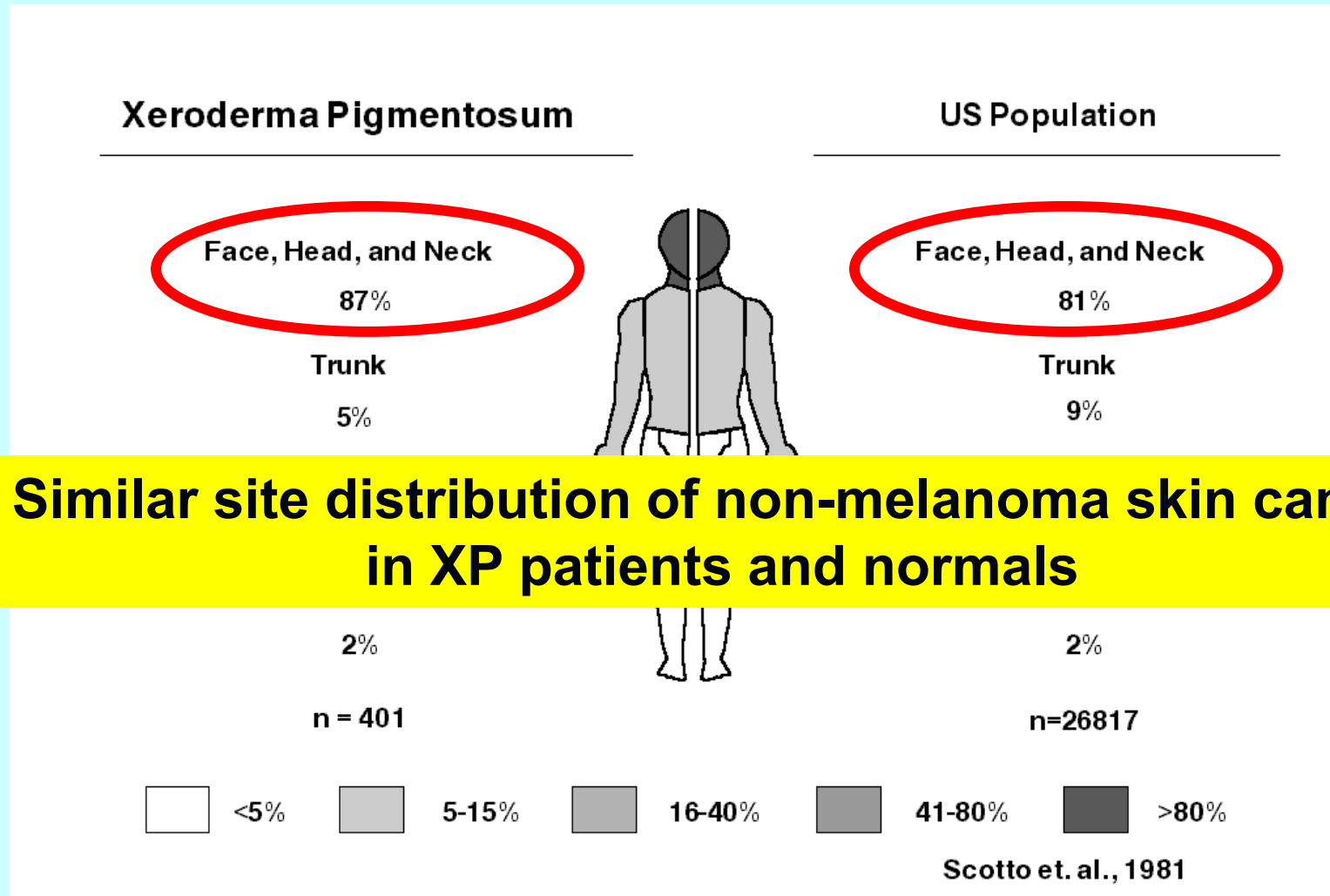
### RESULTS

A total of 132 patients with XP were registered: 72 males and 60 females. The

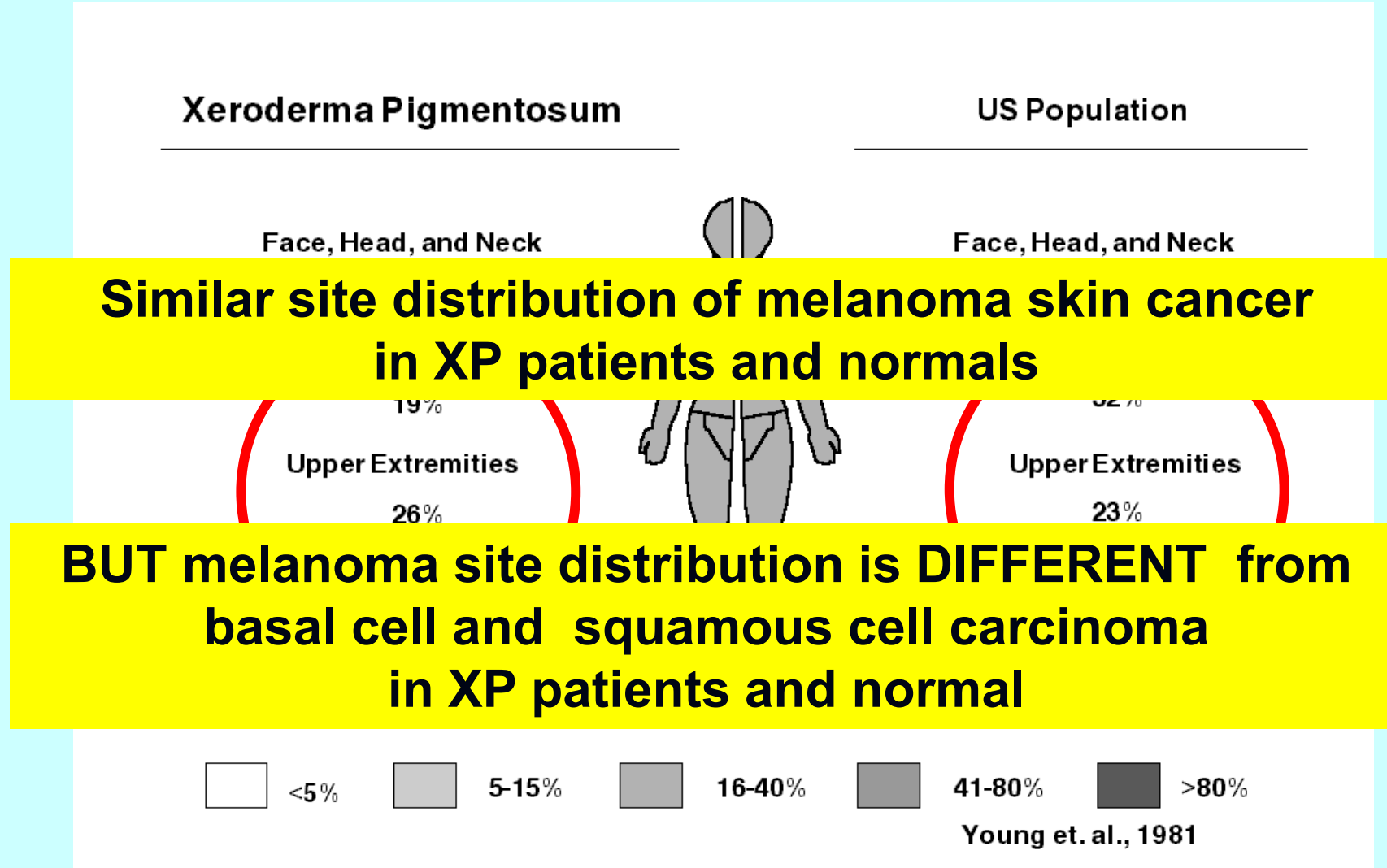
multiple skin cancers: 73 patients had more than one cancer (20 of these had both basal cell carcinoma and melanoma), and 32 patients had more than 20 skin cancers each (based on the 82 reports in which the number of skin cancers was specified).

See Methods on next page

# SITES OF BASAL CELL CARCINOMA AND SQUAMOUS CELL CARCINOMA IN XP AND NORMALS

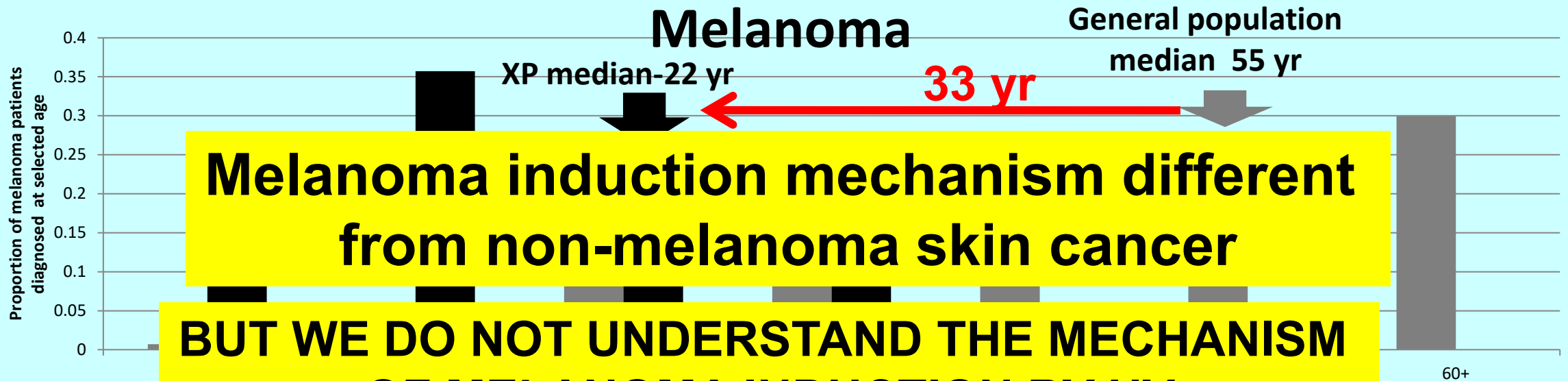
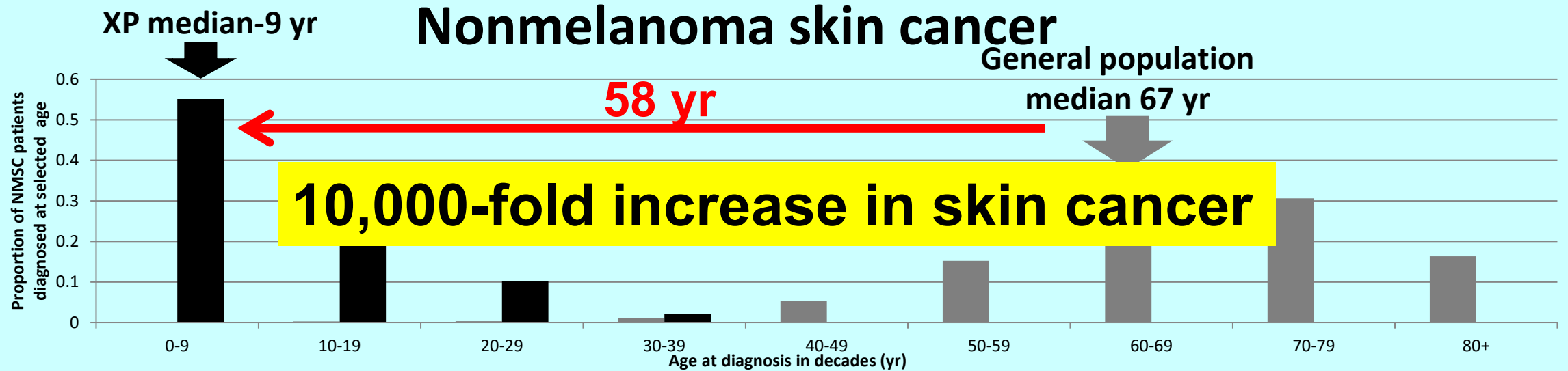


# SITES OF MELANOMA IN XP AND NORMALS





# EARLY AGE OF ONSET OF SKIN CANCER IN XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM



# PHOTOSENSITIVE AND NON-PHOTOSENSITIVE XP PATIENTS



**XP-D Age 9 mo**  
**photosensitive**



**XP-C Age 2 yr**  
**photosensitive**

About 50% of XP patients have  
acute burning on minimal sun exposure



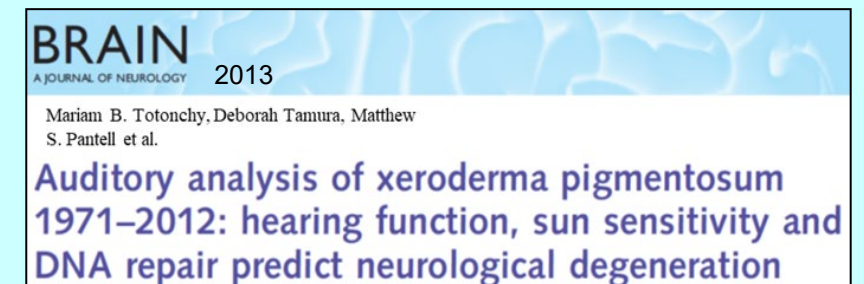
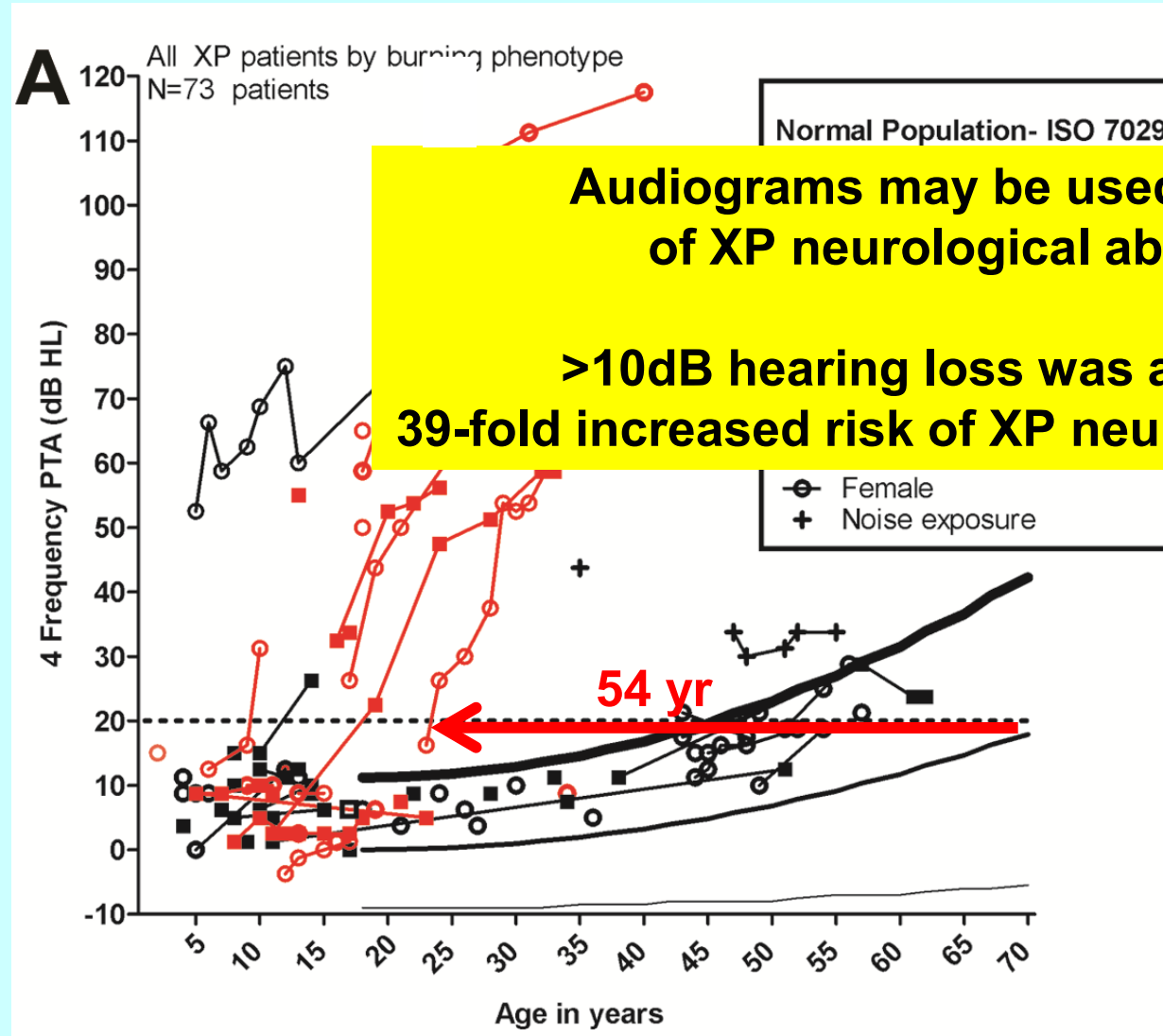
**XP-A Age 35 yr**  
**photosensitive**

**Bradford et al**  
**J Med Gen 2010**

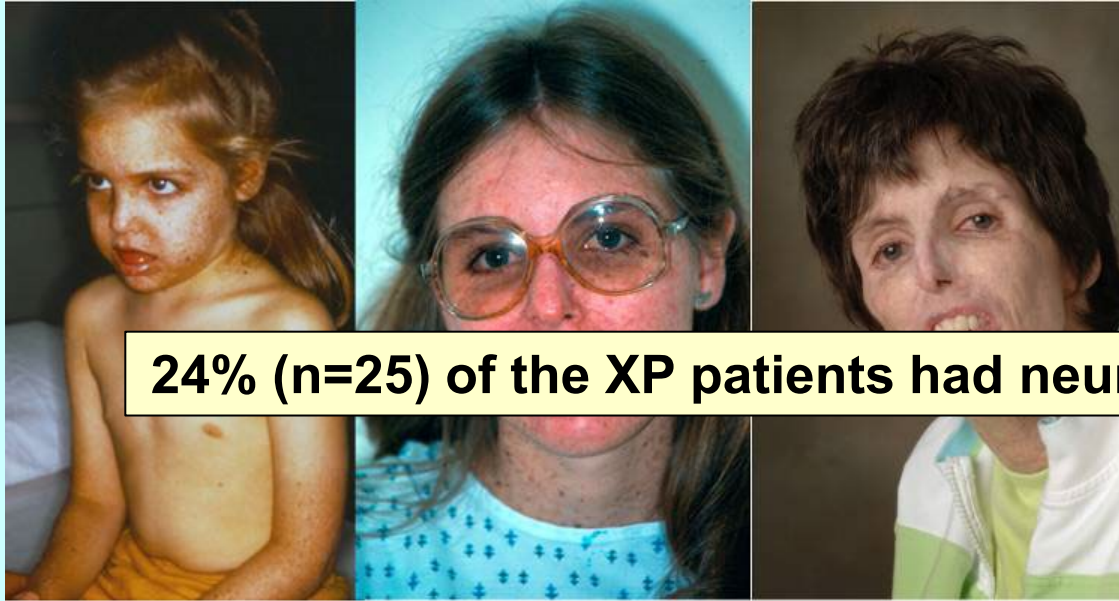


**XP-C Age 23 yr**  
**Non-photosensitive**

# 40 YEARS FOLLOW-UP OF XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM AT NIH HEARING LOSS AND ACUTE BURNING ON MINIMAL SUN EXPOSURE ARE PREDICTORS OF PROGRESSIVE NEUROLOGICAL DEGENERATION (n=73)



# 40 YEARS FOLLOW-UP OF XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM AT NIH PROGRESSIVE NEURODEGENERATION with BRAIN ATROPHY



**XP12BE  
– XP-A  
death age 44**

**24% (n=25) of the XP patients had neurodegeneration**

**4 yr**

**17 yr**

**41 yr**

# XP-G PATIENTS – SEVERE and MILD DISEASE

**XP/CS**

**Died age 6 y/o**

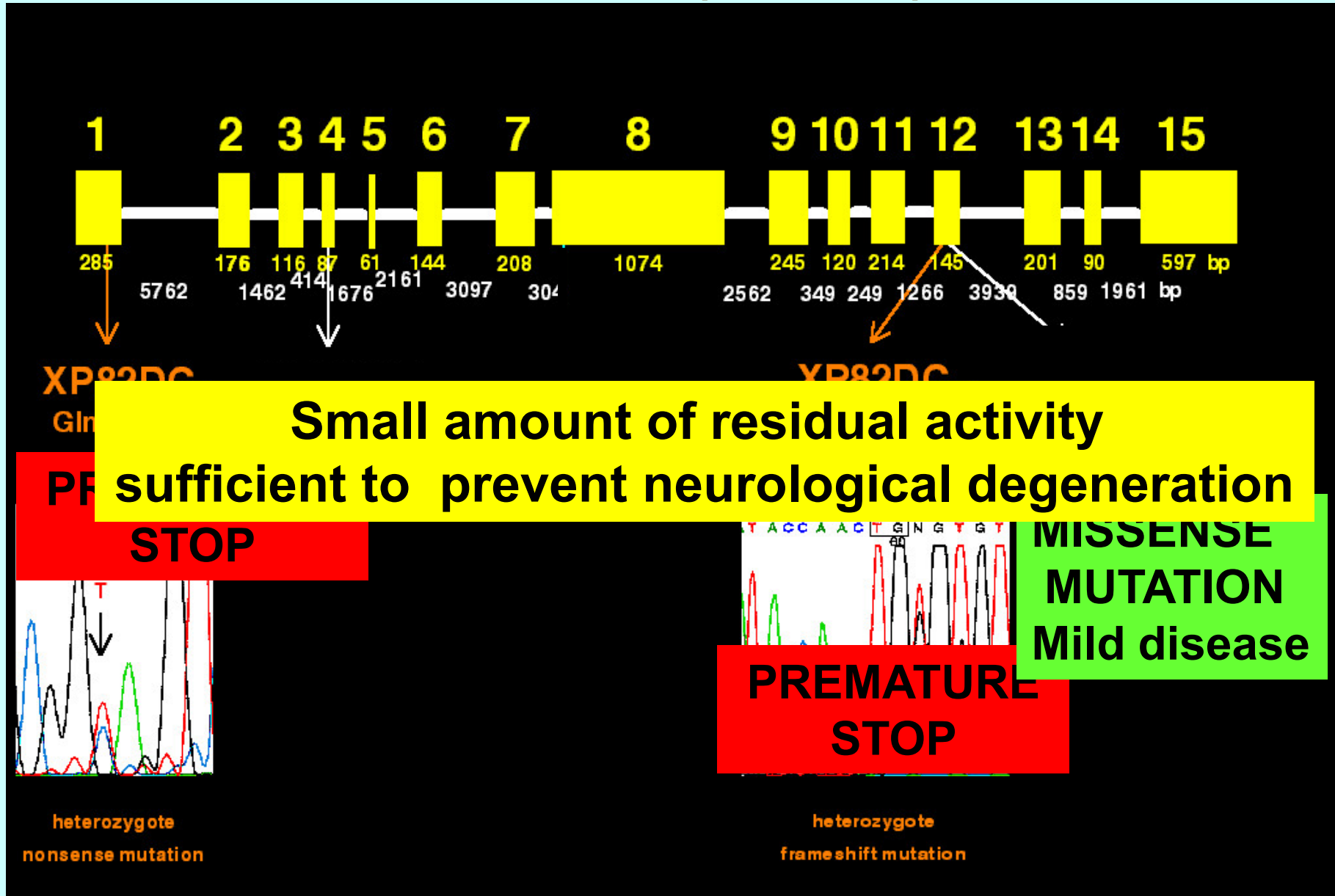


**XP82DC – 3 y/o**

**Emmert et al J Invest Dermatol (2002)**

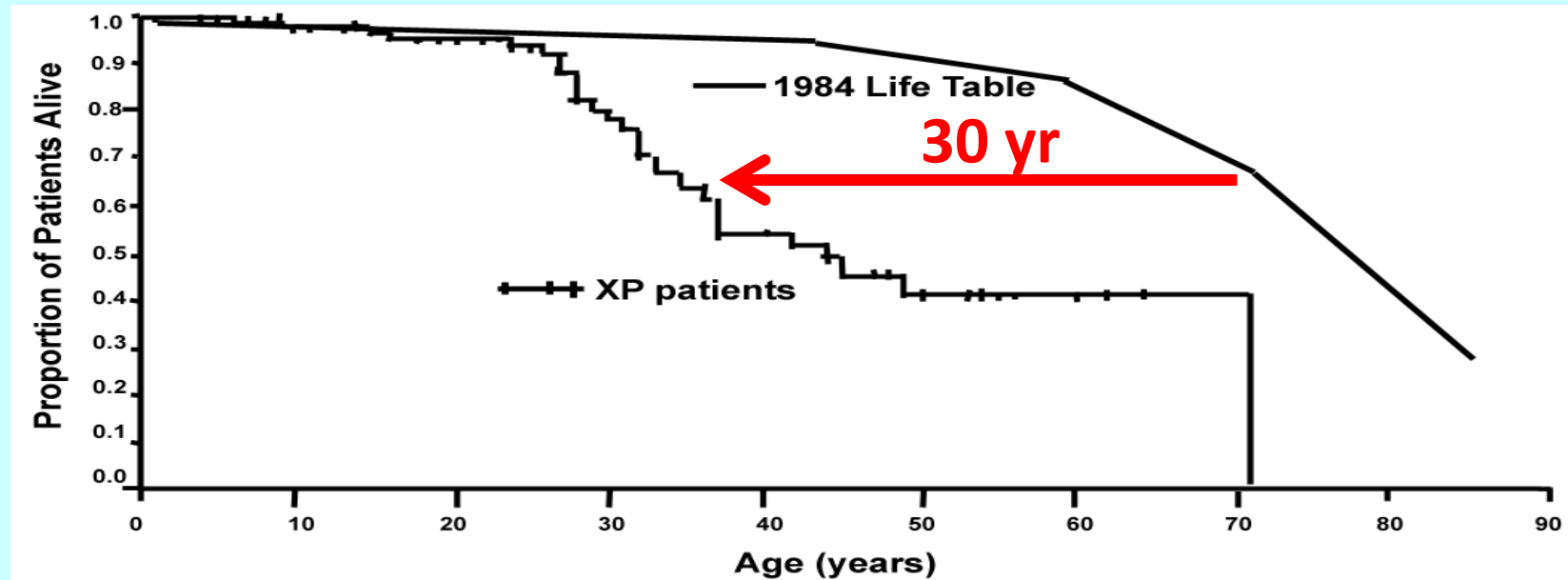


# MUTATIONS IN *XPG (ERCC5)* GENE

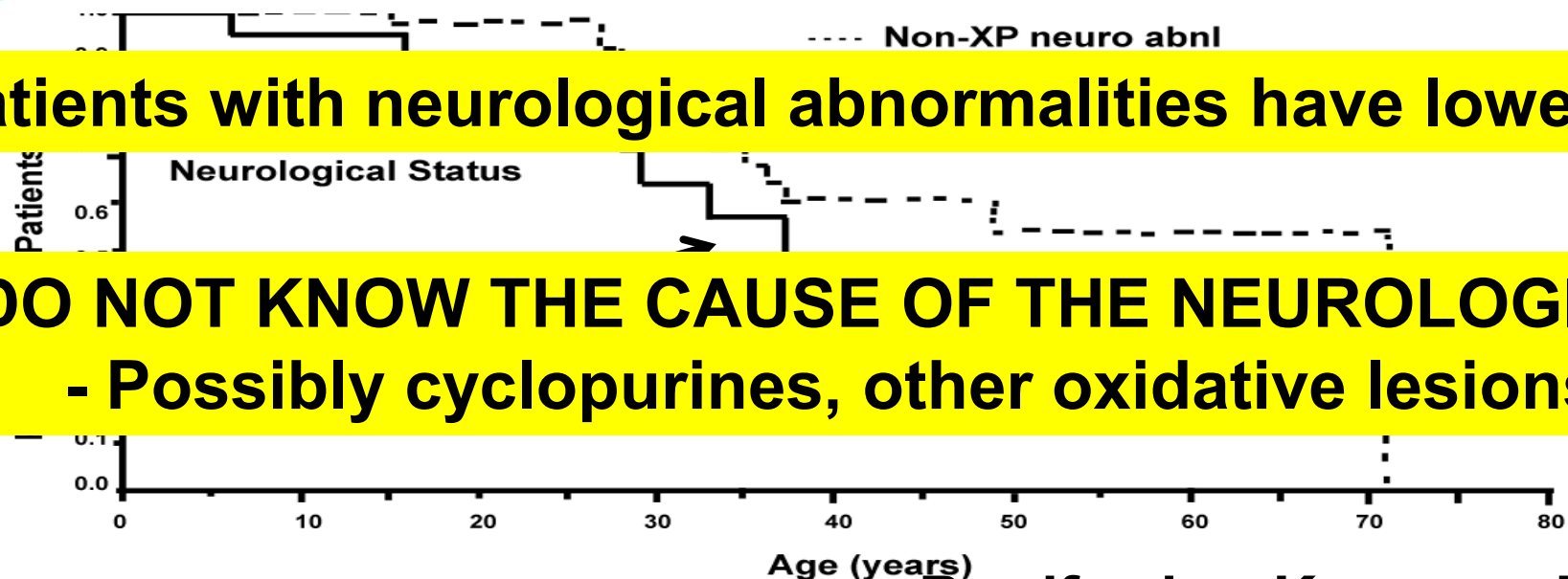


# 40 YEARS FOLLOW-UP OF XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM AT NIH

## REDUCED SURVIVAL IN XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM

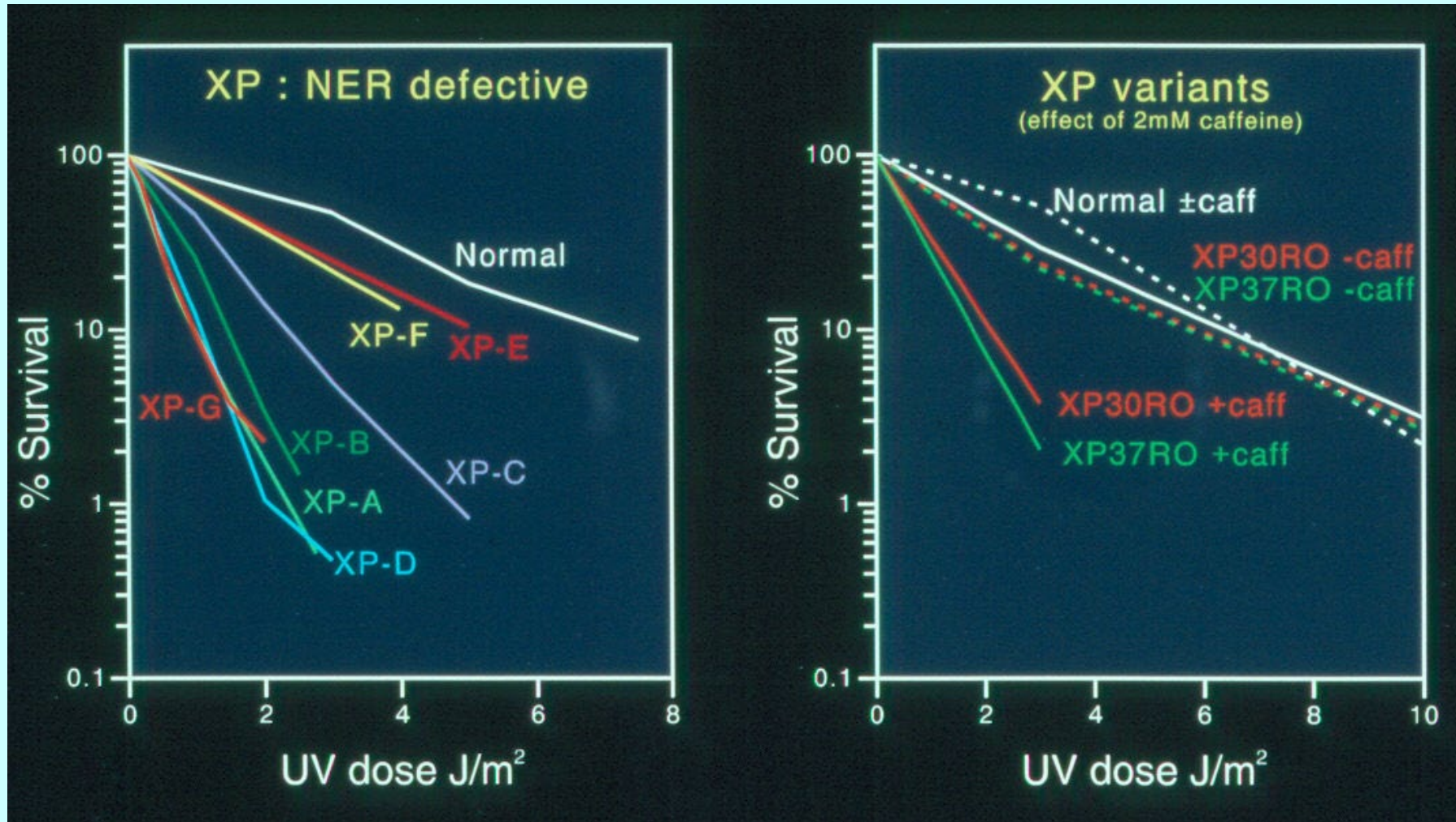


**XP patients with neurological abnormalities have lower survival**



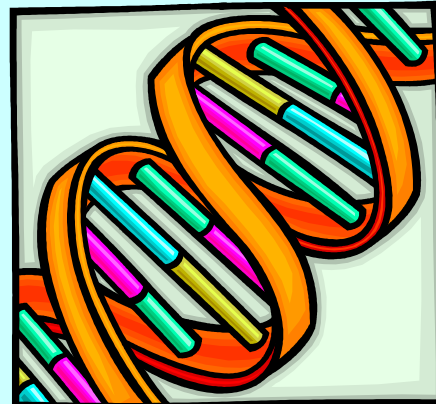
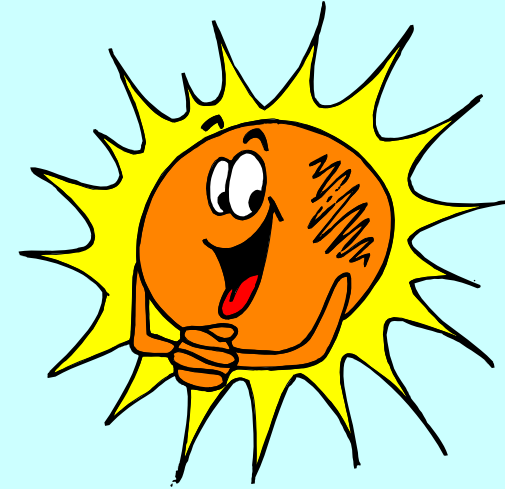
**BUT WE DO NOT KNOW THE CAUSE OF THE NEUROLOGICAL DAMAGE**  
**- Possibly cyclopurines, other oxidative lesions?**

# UV HYPERSENSITIVITY OF XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM CELLS

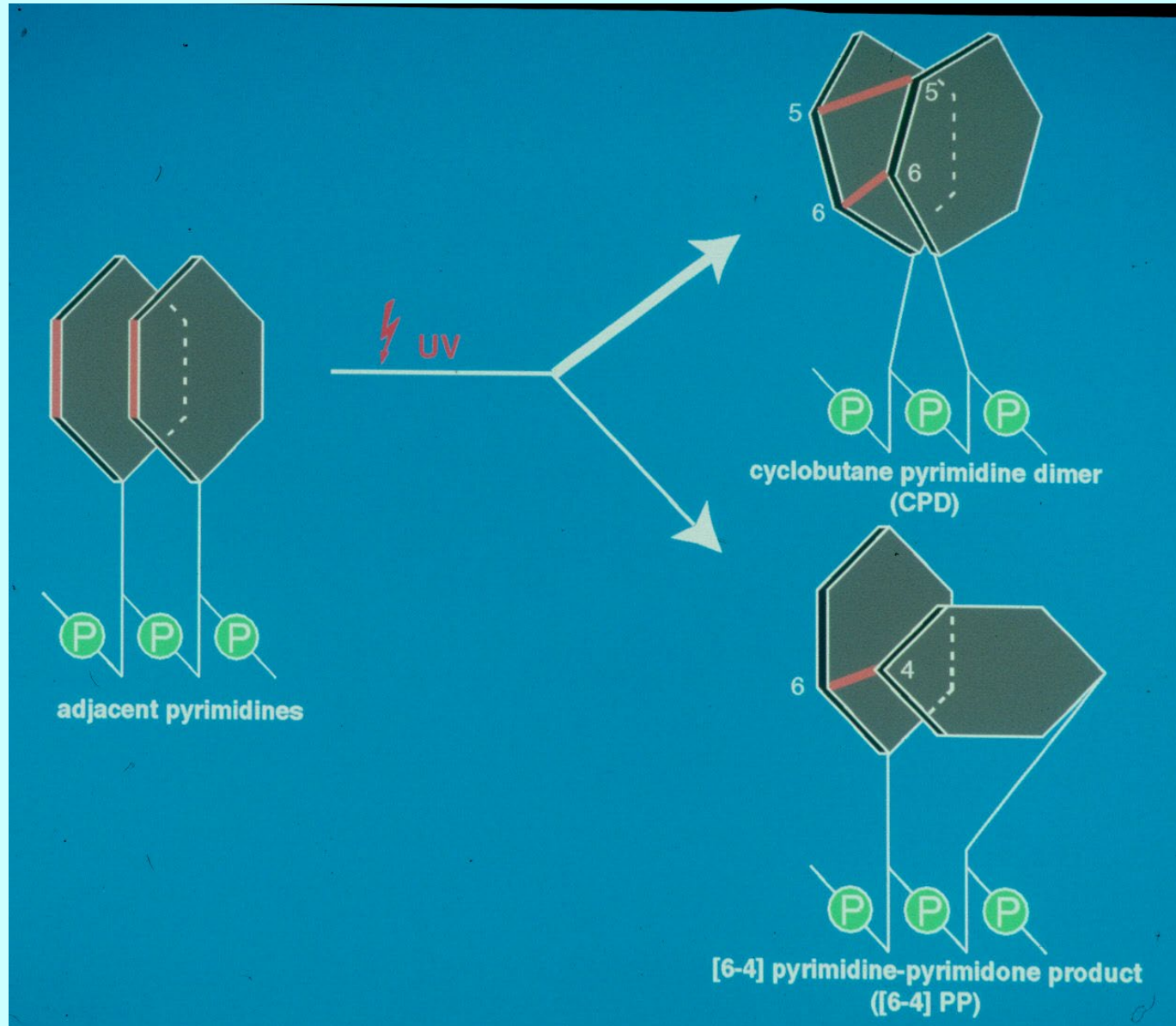




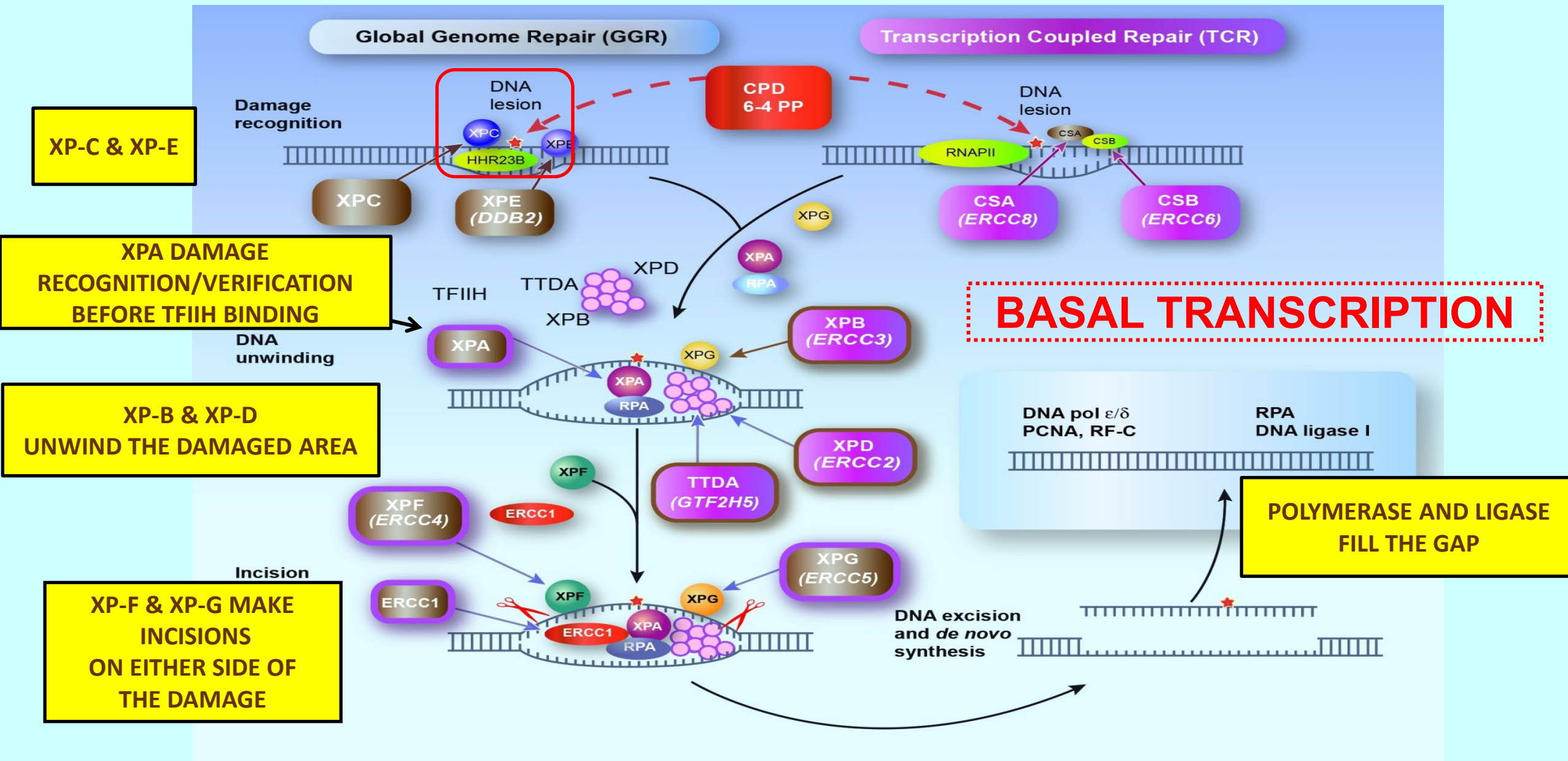
# DNA REPAIR – THE LIFEGUARD OF THE GENE POOL



# UV PHOTOPRODUCTS



# NUCLEOTIDE EXCISION REPAIR PATHWAY



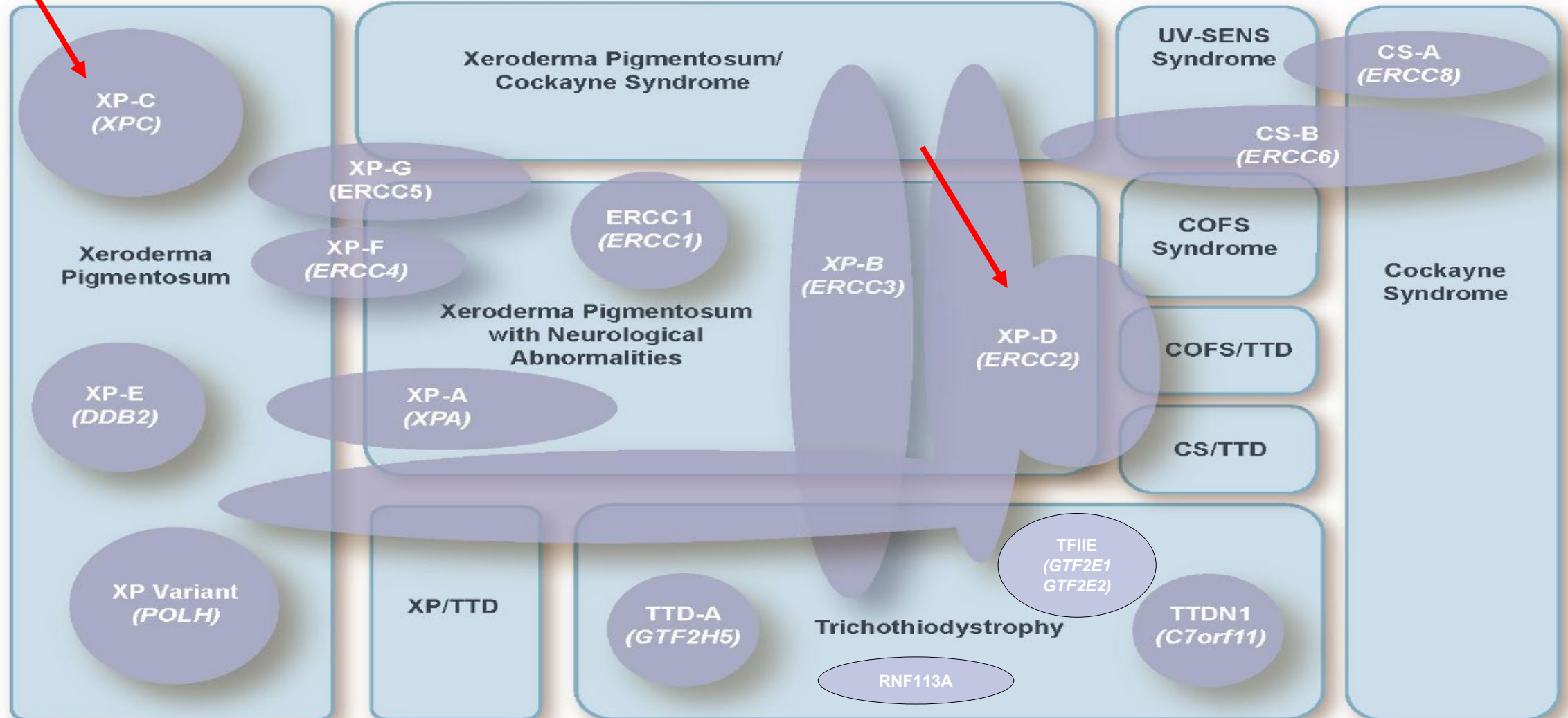


# DNA REPAIR DISORDERS

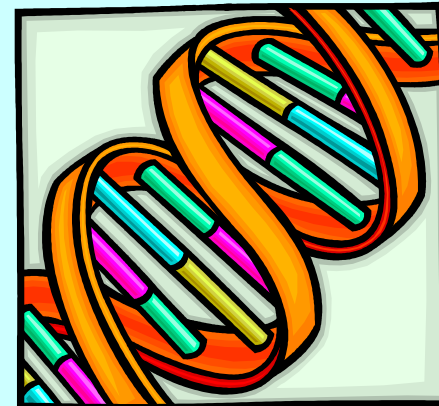
Clinical Disorders (10)

and

Molecular Defects (15)



# **DNA REPAIR IN INTERNAL CANCERS AND AGING**



# INTERNAL CANCERS IN XPC PATIENTS



**XP3BE  
LUNG  
CANCER**



**XP23BE  
ASTROCYTOMA  
SPINAL CORD**



**XP24BE  
GLIOMA  
BRAIN**

# MIXED PHENOTYPE ACUTE LEUKEMIA

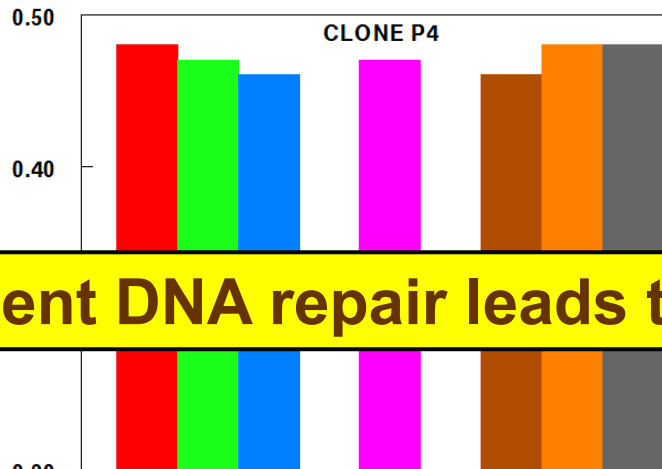
19 y/o XP-C patient from Morocco

40+ skin cancers; multinodular thyroid; **North African XPC founder mutation**

18% blast cells: B/myeloid, T/B/myeloid, T/B blasts

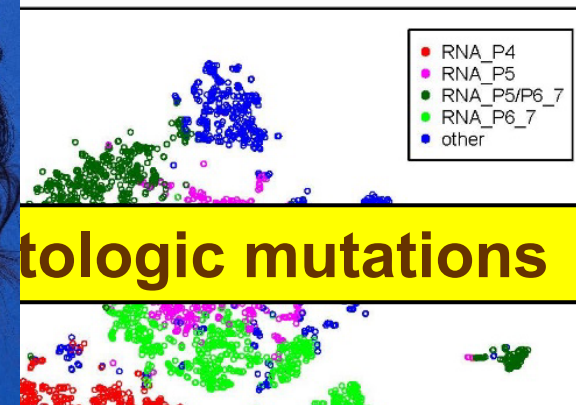
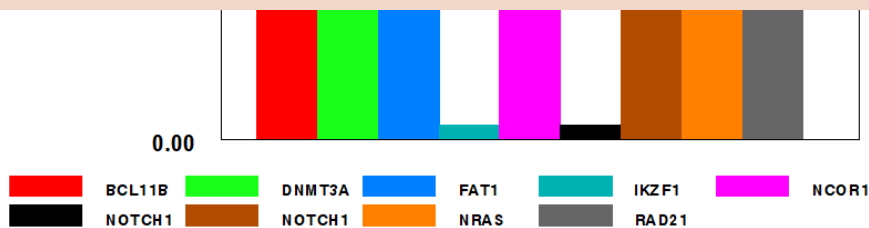
Hematologists, NHLBI –  
Sawa Ito, Carolyn Oetjen

9 oncogenic mutations

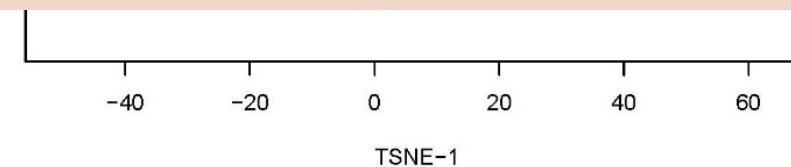


Deficient DNA repair leads to

Digital droplet PCR shows  
Multiple oncogenic mutations



Single cell RNA sequencing  
shows differential clonal  
expression



Sikandar  
Khan



Maxwell  
Lee



Howard  
Yang

Unpublished



# HEMATOLOGIC NEOPLASMS IN XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM

	Sex/Age	Complementation Group	Mutation	Outcome
MDS/AML	M/34 yr.	C	c.1643-1644delTG c.1103 1104delAA	Died 38 yr. - AML
MDS	M/19 yr.	C	c.622 2A>C	Died 20 yr. - complications transplant
Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma	M/29 yr.	C	c.1643-1644delTG	Died 30 yr. – disease progression
MPAL	F/19 yr.	C	c.1643-1644delTG	Alive 20 yr. - chemotherapy

**DNA repair plays a role in prevention of hematologic neoplasms**

Mutations in **Red** are a common founder mutation.

MDS – myelodysplastic syndrome; AML – acute myeloid leukemia; MPAL – mixed phenotype acute leukemia

**Question:** Why is this **North African founder mutation** associated with hematologic neoplasms? - 13/161 (8%) of patients with **homozygous founder mutation** had MDS, AML or T-ALL -*Sarasin et al Blood (2019)*

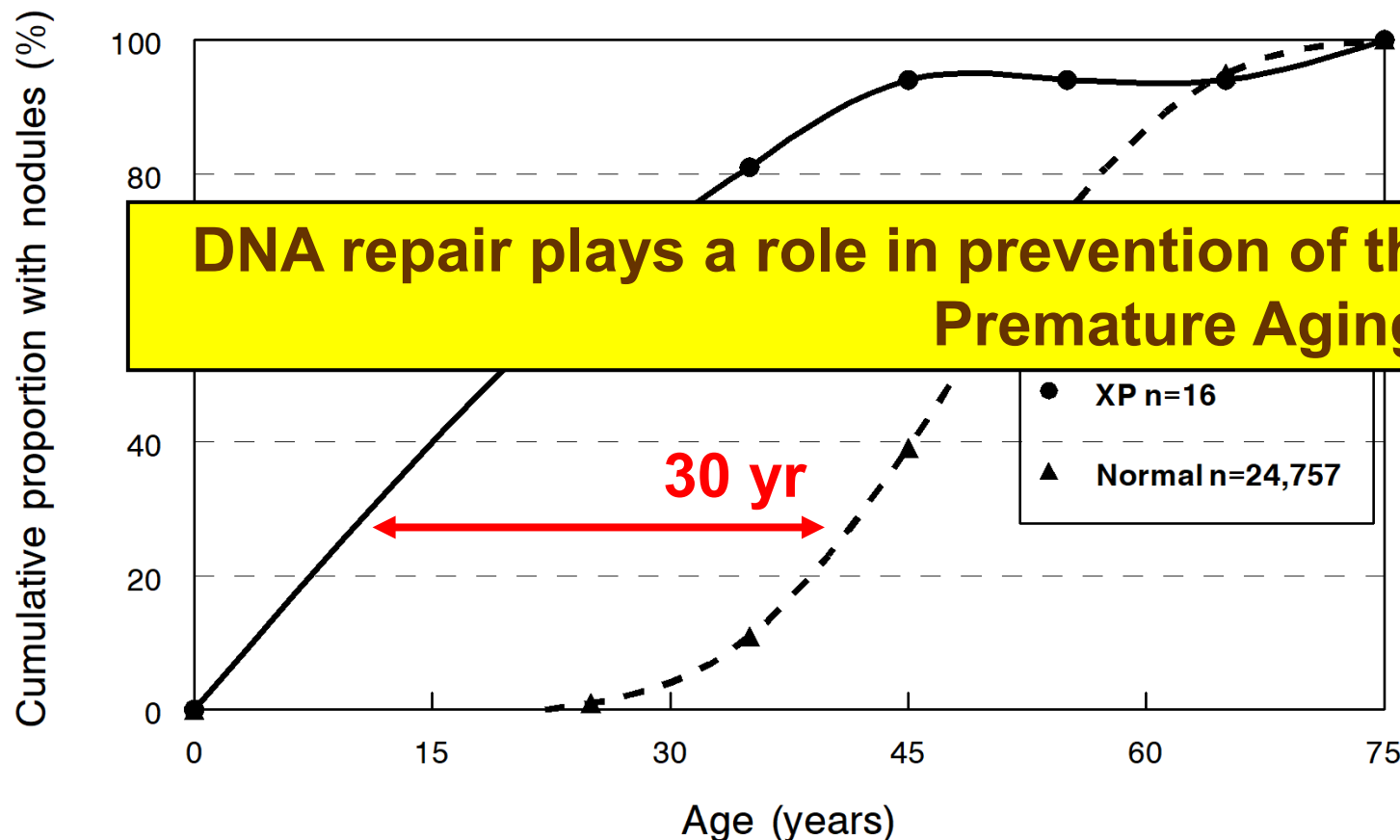


# EARLY AGE OF THYROID NODULES IN XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM PATIENTS



Samuel Kouatcheu

Radiology CC –  
Jamie Marko



2 XP patients had thyroid cancer

Thyroid cancer  
*TFG-NTRK1*  
fusion mutation




RESEARCH

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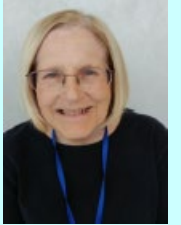
# Increased risk of internal tumors in DNA repair-deficient xeroderma pigmentosum patients: analysis of four international cohorts

Sergey Nikolaev<sup>1\*</sup>, Andrey A. Yurchenko<sup>1</sup> and Alain Sarasin<sup>2\*</sup> 

**2022**

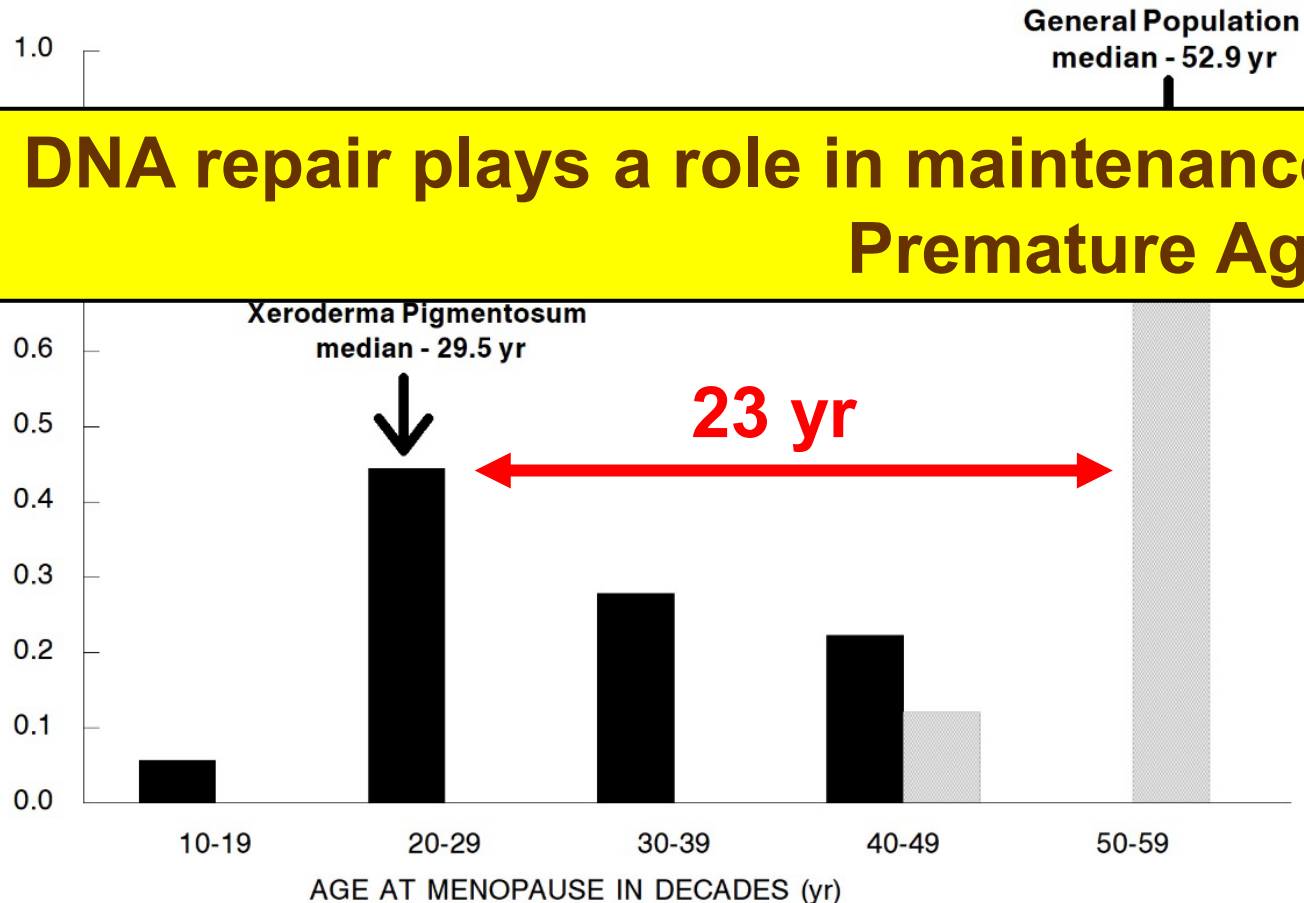
- **34 - fold increased risk for all internal tumors**
- **CNS tumors, hematologic cancer most commonly seen**

# PREMATURE MENOPAUSE IN WOMEN WITH XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM



Deborah  
Tamura

Ob-Gyn NHGRI –  
Melissa Merideth



in 14/45 (31%) of the XI  
women 18 years or older

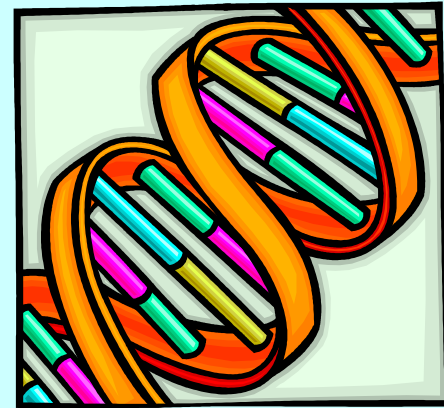
9 women had documented  
primary ovarian insufficiency

2 women had atrophic  
ovaries on autopsy

Merideth, Tamura... Kraemer  
Obstetr Gynecology (2019)

# **TRICHOTHIODYSTROPHY (TTD)**

## **DNA REPAIR/ TRANSCRIPTION GENES**





# TRICHOTHIODYSTROPHY: CLINICAL FEATURES



Alan Zhou

MATERNAL  
PREGNANCY  
ABNORMALITIES



**TTD is primarily a developmental disorder**

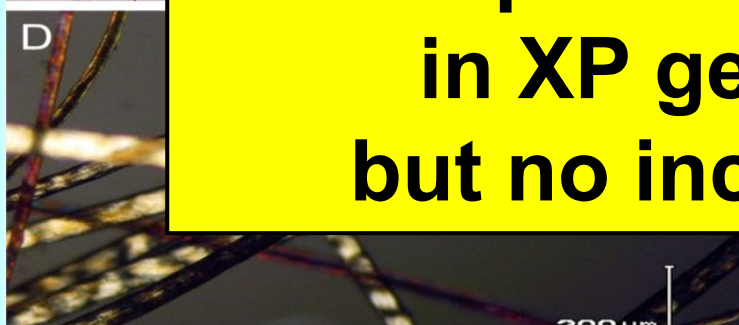
**TTD patients have mutations  
in XP genes (*XPD*, *XPB*)  
but no increase in cancers**

SHORT, SPARSE  
BRITTLE SCALP  
AND EYEBROW  
HAIR  
LONG  
EYELASHES  
4 Y/O  
*XPD*

MEMBRANE  
AT BIRTH

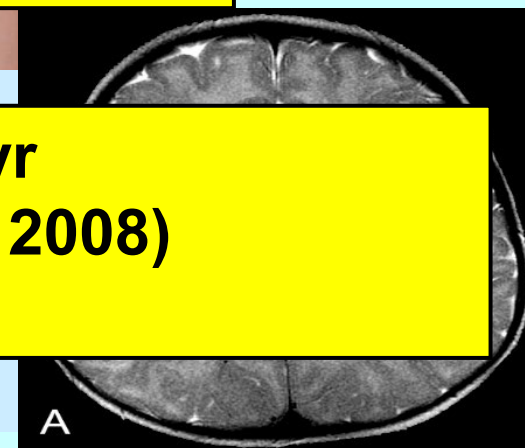
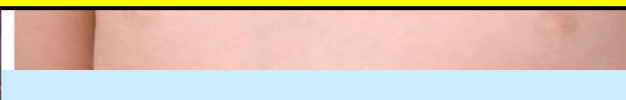
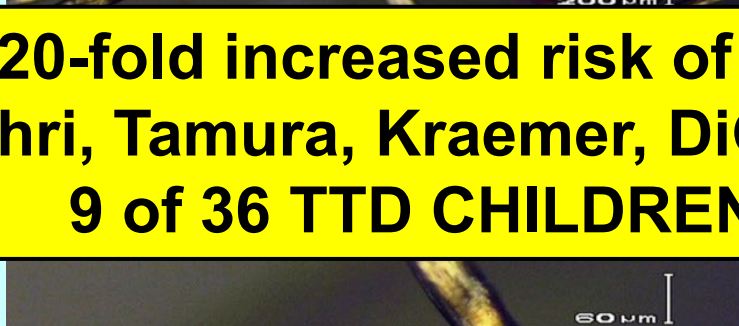


TIGER-TAIL  
BANDING  
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**20-fold increased risk of death under age 10 yr  
(Faghri, Tamura, Kraemer, DiGiovanna J Med Gen 2008)  
9 of 36 TTD CHILDREN in our study DIED!**

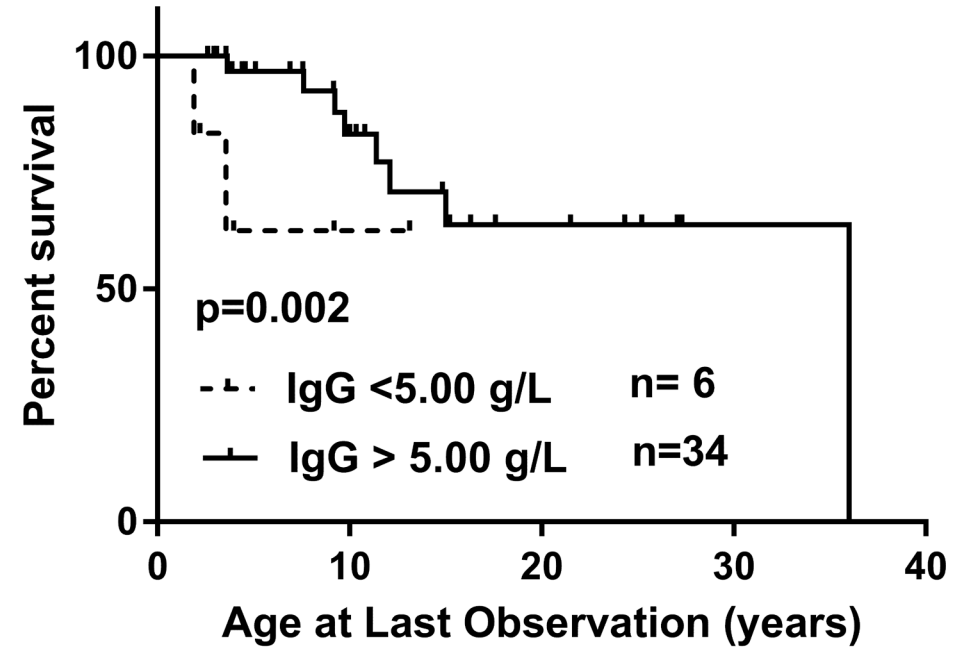
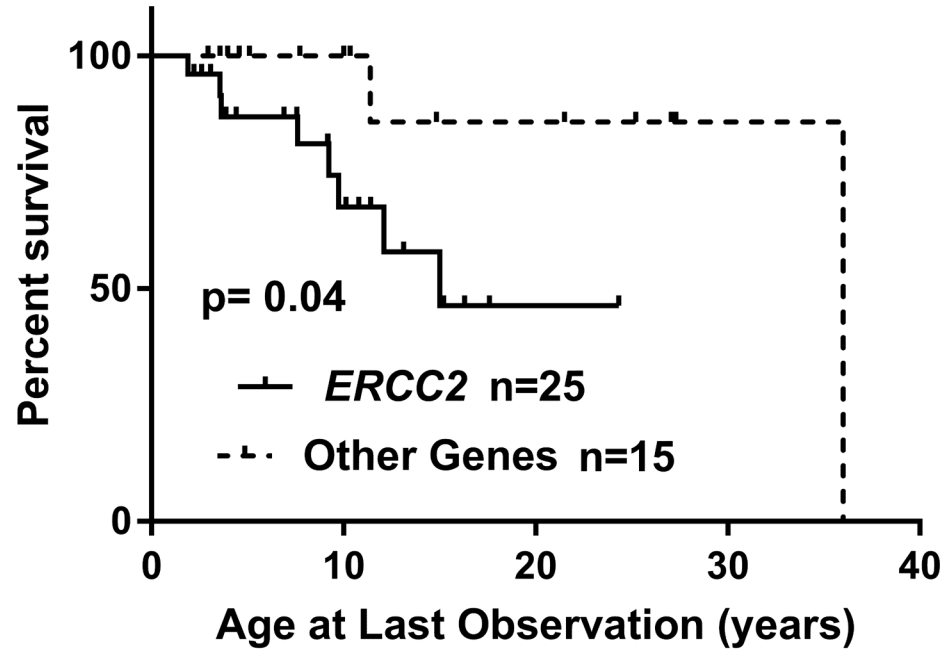
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# DECREASED SURVIVAL OF TTD PATIENTS WITH *ERCC2/XPD* MUTATIONS OR LOW IgG






Reduced survival of trichothiodystrophy patients with *ERCC2* (*XPD*) mutations or immune deficiency

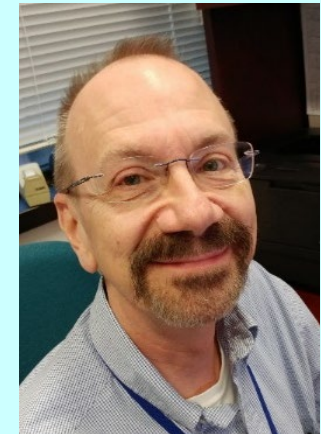
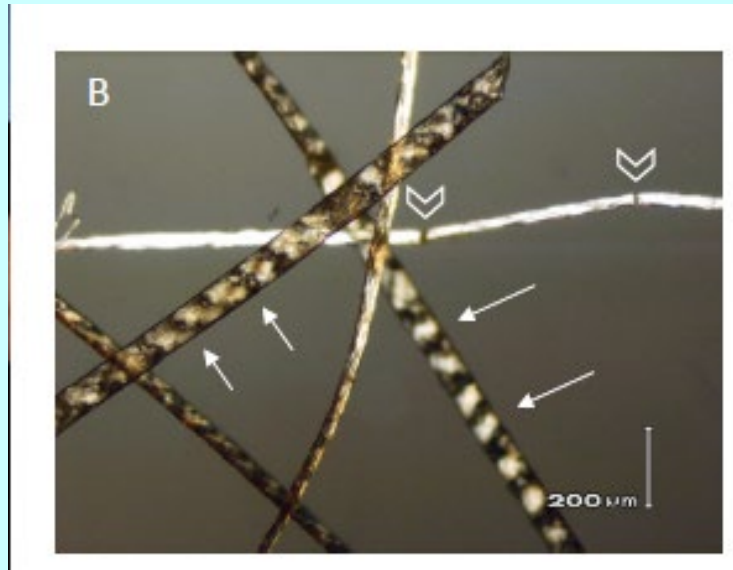
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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

# Debilitating hip degeneration in trichothiodystrophy: Association with *ERCC2/XPD* mutations, osteosclerosis, osteopenia, coxa valga, contractures, and osteonecrosis

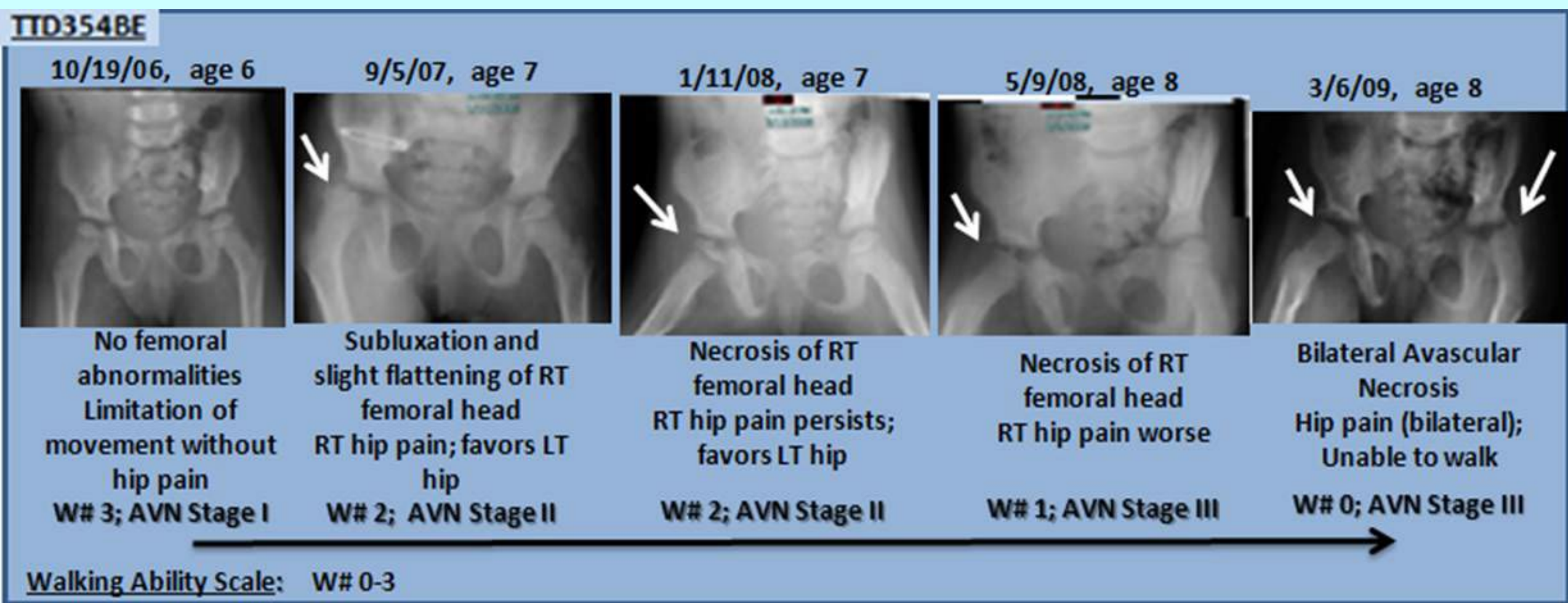
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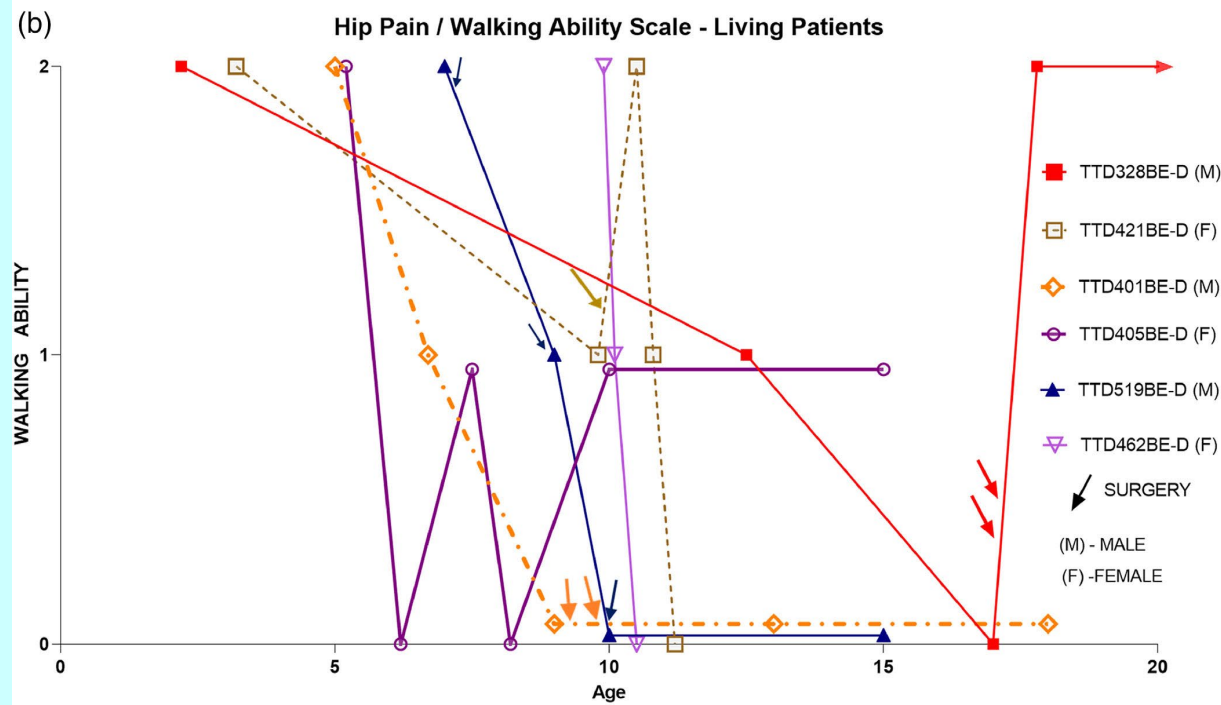
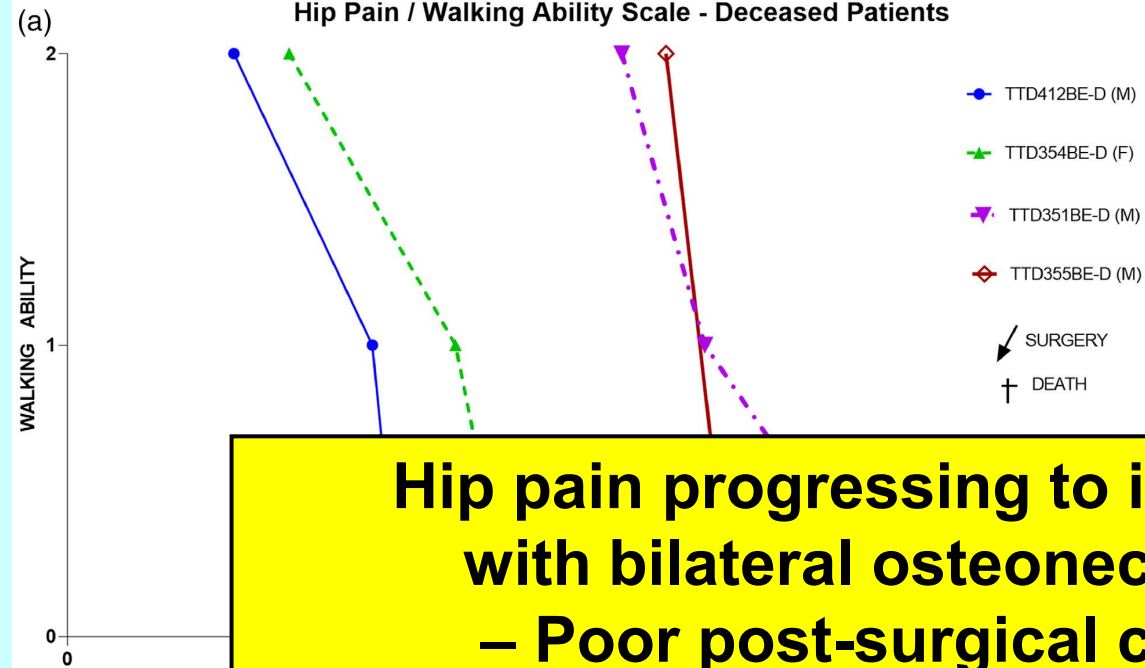
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# PROGRESSIVE AVASCULAR NECROSIS OF HIPS IN YOUNG TRICHOIODYSTROPHY PATIENT



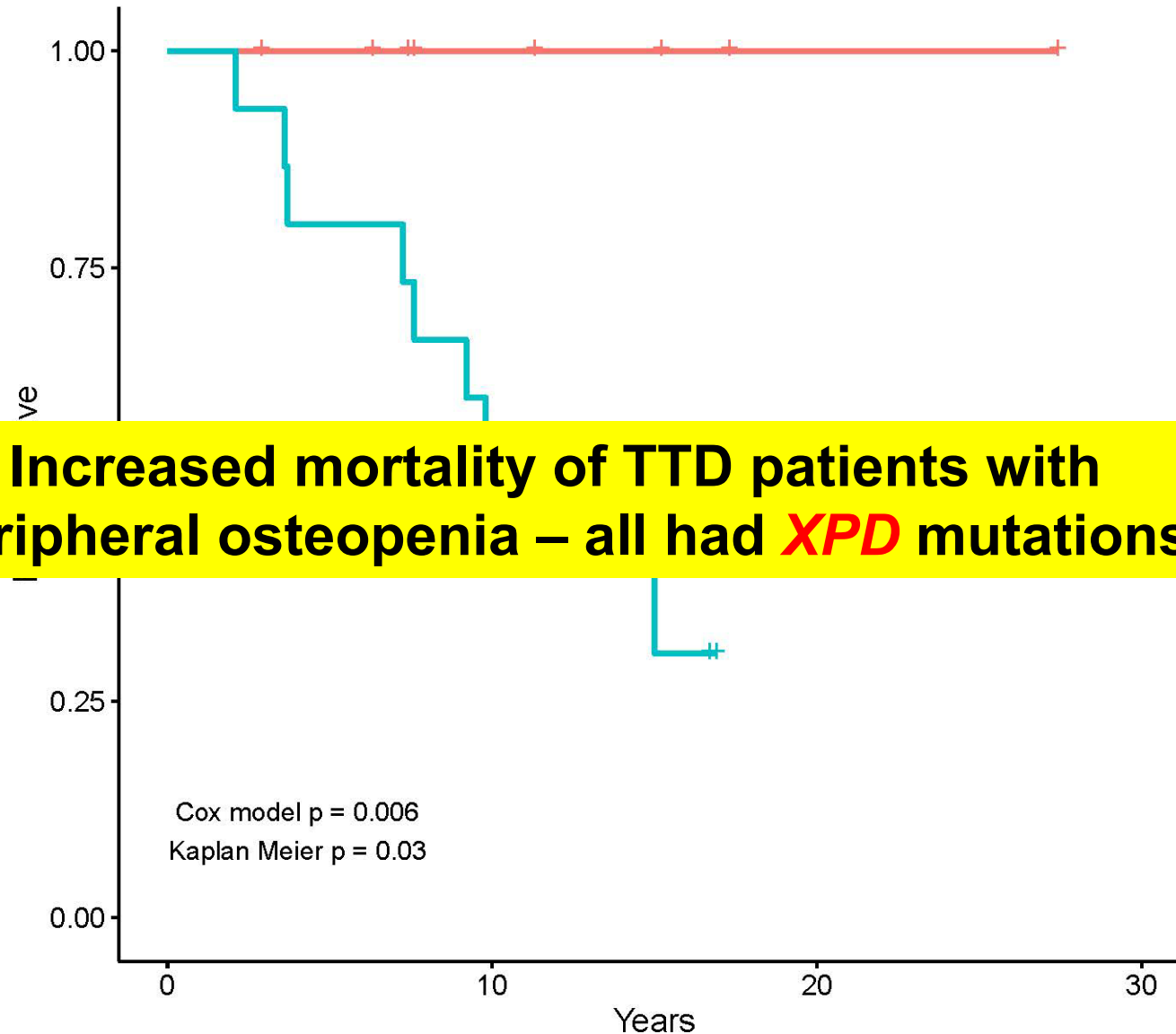




**DiGiovanna et al**  
**Am J Med Gen 2022**

### Survival for TTD subjects, effect of Perip\_Osteo

variable strata — Perip\_Osteo absent (n = 8) — Perip\_Osteo present (n = 15)





Deborah  
Tamura

# High-risk pregnancy and neonatal complications in the DNA repair and transcription disorder trichothiodystrophy: report of 27 affected pregnancies

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Roxana Moslehi<sup>7</sup>

**81% of mothers with *XPD* mutations carrying a TTD fetus have pregnancy complications**

Pre-term delivery  
Pre-eclampsia

**No mothers with *XPD* mutations carrying a XP fetus have pregnancy complications**

Low birth weight



**DNA repair/transcription genes play a role in normal fetal development**

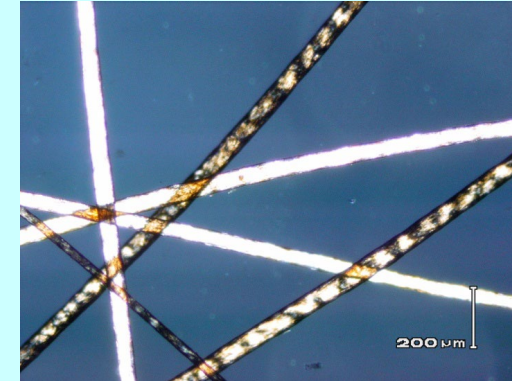
# TTD PATIENT: 10 Y/O INDIAN MALE



Brittle hair, sparse eyebrows  
Mild nystagmus, micrognathia



Ichthyosis involving the trunk, back, scalp and legs



Tiger-tail banding under polarized light microscopy



Microcephaly, Short stature

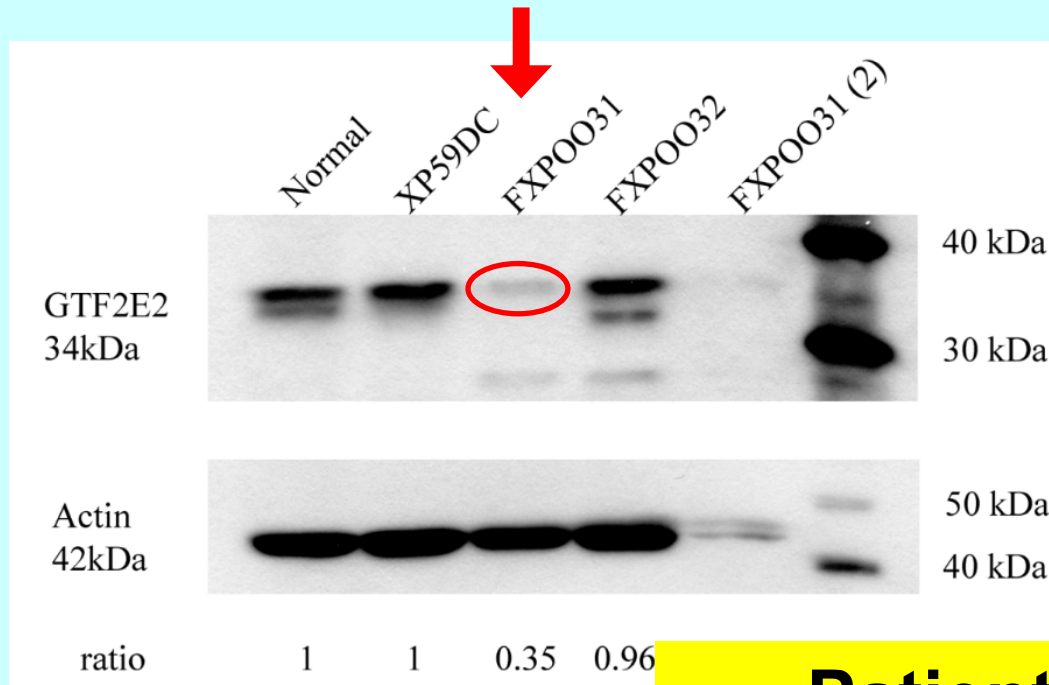
**No mutations in known TTD genes  
(*XPB*, *XPD*, *TTD-A*, *TTDN1*)**



Hair shaft abnormalities  
(fracturing; irregular contour)

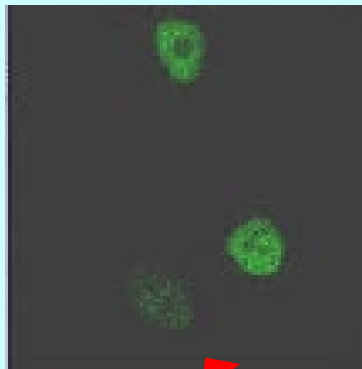


# GTF2E2 MUTATION



- Reduced TFIIIE protein
- Normal post-UV cell survival
- Normal level of XPB, XPD
- Normal post-UV localization of NER proteins

**Patient has reduced GTF2E2 protein but normal nucleotide excision repair  
“Pure” transcription defect**

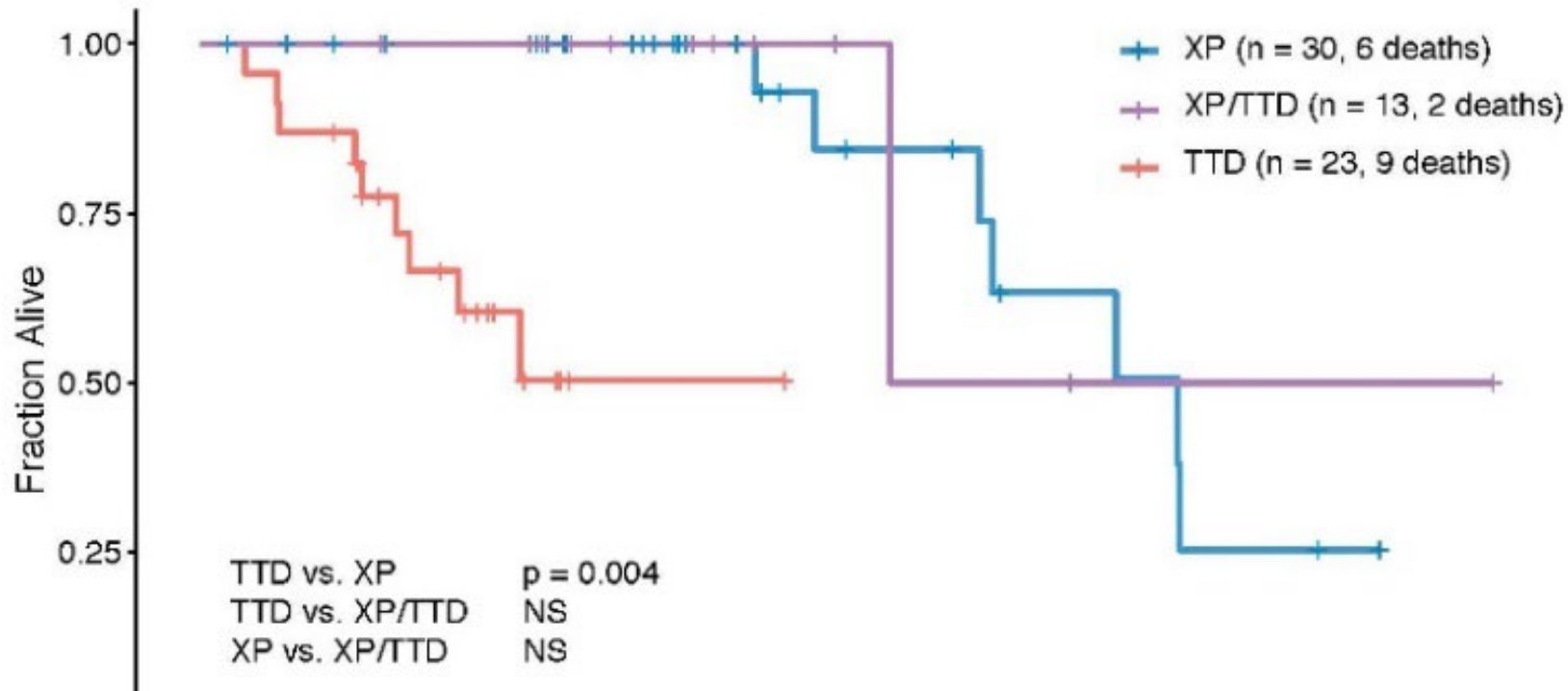


**Kuschal et al Am J Human Genetics 2016**

# DEEP PHENOTYPING with HIERARCHICAL CLUSTERING of CLINICAL FEATURES ASSISTS IN PROGNOSIS

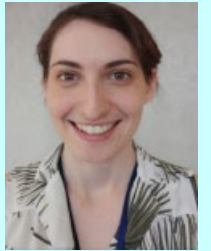
66 patients with *ERCC2* (*XPD*) mutations:

**30 XP**, **13 XP/TTD**, **23 TTD**



**TTD patients have a greater reduction in survival  
than the XP or XP/TTD patients**

***TTDN1*  
patients have  
distinct  
phenotype  
JID 2014**



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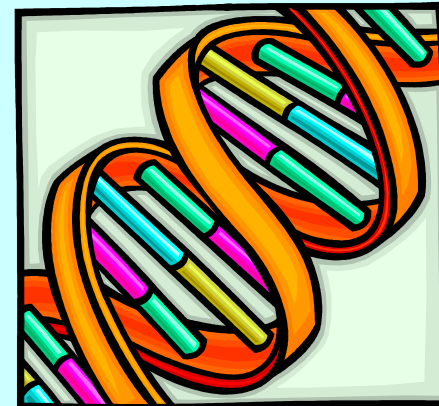


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# Heterozygous individuals bearing a founder mutation in the *XPA* DNA repair gene comprise nearly 1% of the Japanese population

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## 1 million carriers of the *XPA* mutation in Japan

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## Cancer risk of *XPA* heterozygotes is not known

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# USE OF **BIG DATA** TO ESTIMATE PREVALENCE OF DEFECTIVE DNA REPAIR VARIANTS IN THE US POPULATION

**Question:** Do databases of exome sequences reliably correlate with the prevalence of individuals with defective DNA repair?

Table 2. Higher Frequency of *XPF* (*ERCC4*) and *XPC* Mutations in Genetic Databases Compared With Phenotypic XP Observed in the United States

Complementation Group (Gene)	Mutation Associated With XP	Total No. of Alleles Sequenced	No. of Individuals	No. of Alleles	% of Alleles Reported in Database (q)	Estimated % of Homozygous Affected Individuals ( $q^2$ ) <sup>a</sup>	Total No. of Genetic Homozygotes Reported in Database	Total No. of Genetic Homozygotes Estimated in Database <sup>a</sup>	rs No. <sup>b</sup>
gnomAD									
<i>XPF</i> ( <i>ERCC4</i> )	p.P379S	276 560	138 280	1122	0.41	$1.65 \times 10^{-5}$	4	2.28	rs1799802
<i>XPF</i> ( <i>ERCC4</i> )	p.R799W	277 034	138 517	124	0.04	$2.00 \times 10^{-7}$	0	0.03	rs121913049
<i>XPC</i>	p.P334H	274 914	137 457	838	0.30	$9.29 \times 10^{-6}$	7	1.28	rs74737358

**Large exome databases revealed high frequencies of 2 DNA repair gene mutations associated with xeroderma pigmentosum**



Jennifer Pugh

# PREDICTED FREQUENCY OF XP IN THE UNITED STATES

US estimations

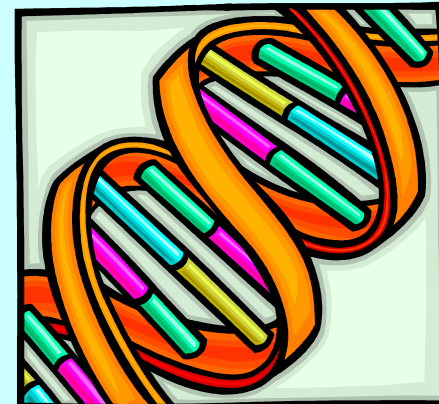
XPF (ERCC4)	p.P379S	NA	323 100 000 <sup>d</sup>	NA	0.41 <sup>e</sup>	$1.65 \times 10^{-5}$	3 <sup>f</sup>	5298 <sup>g</sup>	rs1799802
XPF (ERCC4)	p.R799W	NA	323 100 000 <sup>d</sup>	NA	0.04 <sup>e</sup>	$2.00 \times 10^{-7}$	11 <sup>f</sup>	66 <sup>g</sup>	rs121913049
XPC	p.P334H	NA	323 100 000 <sup>d</sup>	NA	0.30 <sup>e</sup>	$9.29 \times 10^{-6}$	1 <sup>f</sup>	3002 <sup>g</sup>	rs74737358
65 XP mutations <sup>h</sup>		NA	NA	NA	1.13 <sup>e</sup>	$2.81 \times 10^{-5}$	300 (US only) <sup>f</sup>	9007 <sup>g</sup>	NA

These frequencies estimate the presence of more than **8,000 people** with xeroderma pigmentosum in the US who are homozygous for these mutations, yet **only 4 individuals** were clinically identified.

**CONCLUSION:** Discrepancy between large number of XP genotypes in database and known number of XP patients.

**HYPOTHESIS:** Unsuspected mutations in known skin cancer genes may be responsible for some of the high frequency of skin cancers in the general population.

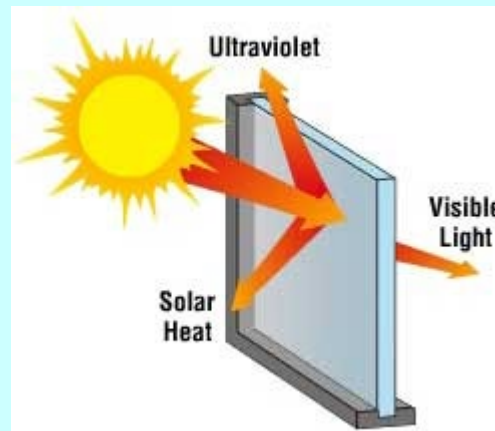
# MANAGEMENT OF PATIENTS WITH XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM



# XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM SUN PROTECTION



**“Window film screens out almost 100% of UV rays, without reducing visibility.”**  
-The Skin Cancer Foundation

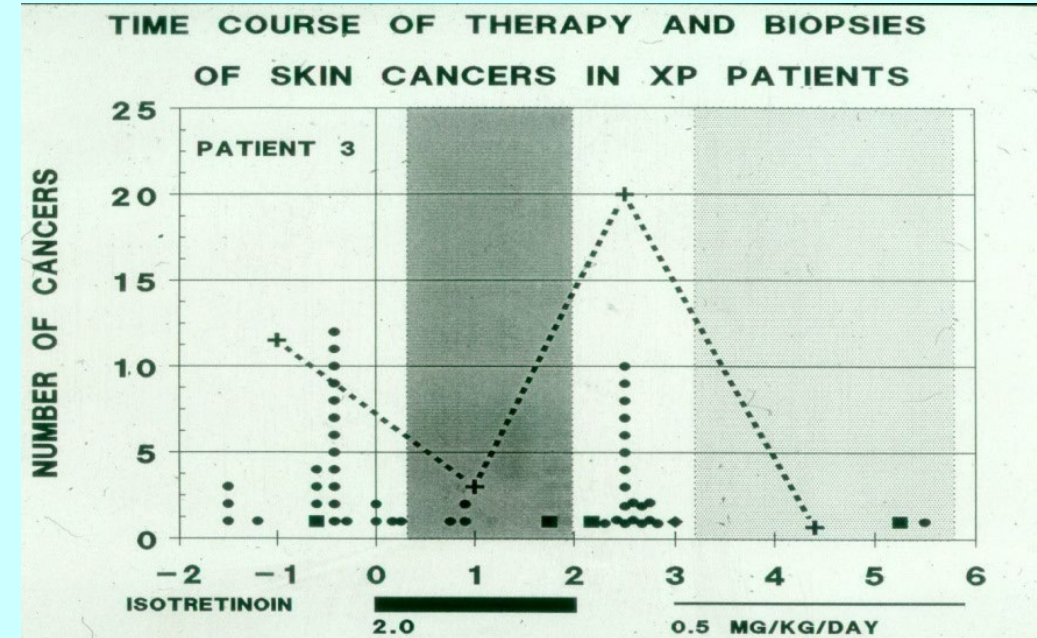




# ORAL ISOTRETINOIN PREVENTS NEW SKIN CANCERS IN XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM

Table 1. Number of Skin Cancers in Patients with Xeroderma Pigmentosum before, during, and after Therapy with Oral Isotretinoin (2 mg per Kilogram per Day).

PATIENT	AGE/SEX	BEFORE TREATMENT* (2 Yr)	DURING TREATMENT* (2 Yr)	AFTER TREATMENT† (12–14 Mo)
		<i>number (number per year)</i>		
1	19/F	43 (21.5)	3 (1.5)	18 (18.0)
2	12/F	37 (18.5)	4 (2.0)	29 (38.7)‡
3	17/M	23 (11.5)	6 (3.0)	20 (20.0)
4	39/M	10 (5.0)	3 (1.5)	4 (3.4)
5	10/M	8 (4.0)	9 (4.5)	10 (10.0)



Oral retinoid effective in PREVENTION of new cancers in XP patients

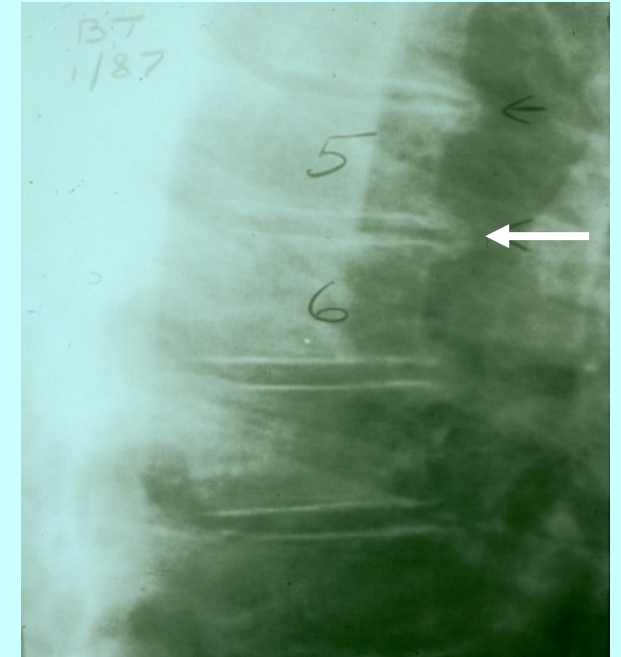
Kraemer et al NEJM 315: 1615 (1988)

# SIDE EFFECTS OF ORAL ISOTRETINOIN FOR XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM



Table 2. Frequency of Side Effects Observed in Seven Patients with Xeroderma Pigmentosum during Treatment with Oral Isotretinoin (2 mg per Kilogram per Day).

SIDE EFFECT	NO. OF PATIENTS AFFECTED
Dry skin	7
Cheilitis	7
Blepharitis or Conjunctivitis	7
Lightening or disappearance of freckles	6
Increased serum triglycerides	6
Abnormal liver-function tests	4
Arthralgias	4
Staphylococcal infection (perioral)	3
Multiple pyogenic granulomas	2
Skeletal toxicity	2



**Multiple side effects by use of oral retinoid in XP patients**

**Kraemer et al  
NEJM 315:1615 (1988)**





# LONG TERM SUN PROTECTION IN XERODERMA PIGMENTOSUM



**XP34BE**

**5 yr**

**XP35BE**

**1 yr**

**Living in Denver, CO**

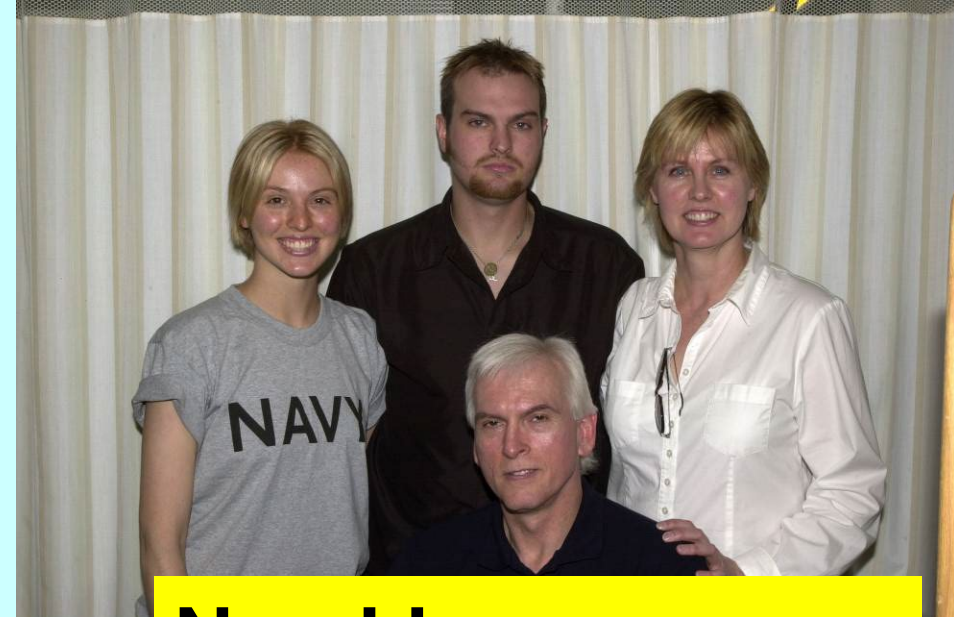
**XPD family**

**Moved to Seattle, WA**

**XP35BE XP34BE**

**19 yr**

**23 yr**



**No skin cancers**

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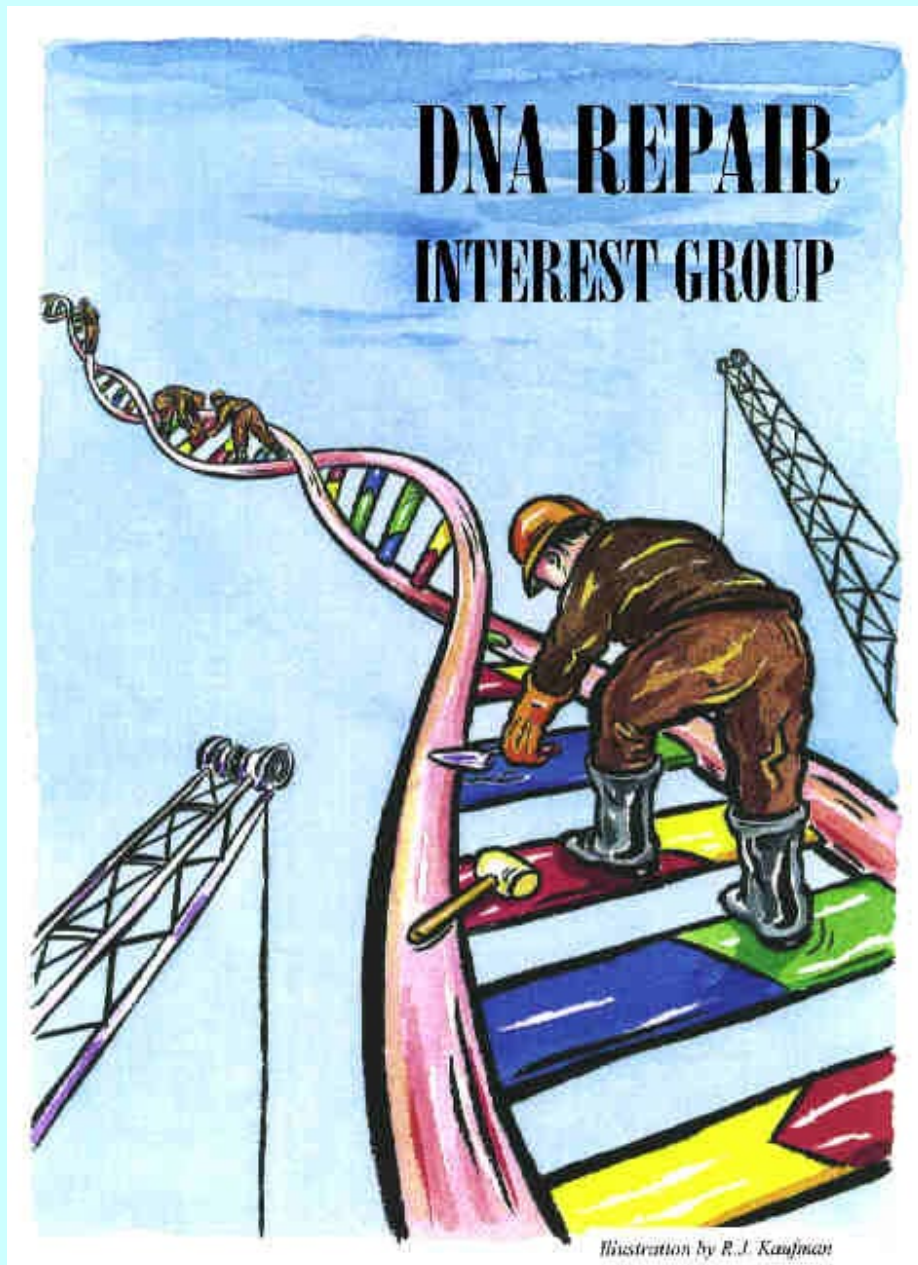


**OUR PATIENTS AND  
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