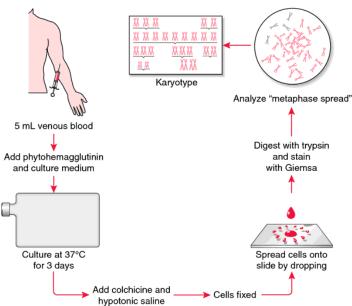
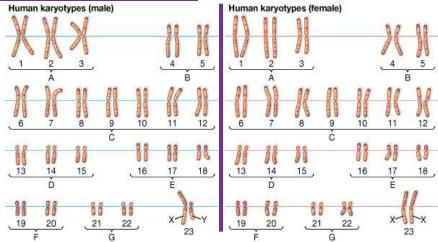
Unit II – Problem 4 – Genetics (Lab): Cytogenetics and Molecular Cytogenetics Techniques



- **Definition**: a laboratory technique used to analyze chromosomes in order to look for any major chromosomal anomalies which may cause a genetic condition. It is the complete set of metaphase chromosomes in a cell.
- When to do karyotype?
 - ✓ Indeterminate gender (male or female?).
 - ✓ Dysmorphysms.
 - ✓ Developmental delay or mental retardation.
 - ✓ Delayed puberty.
 - ✓ Infertility or repeated spontaneous abortions.
- Process of karyotyping (notice that the sample is mainly taken from blood lymphocytes):



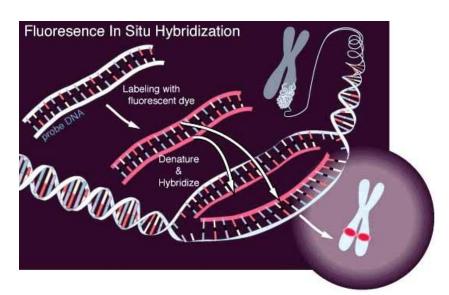
- Classification of human chromosomes:



Chromosomal staining:

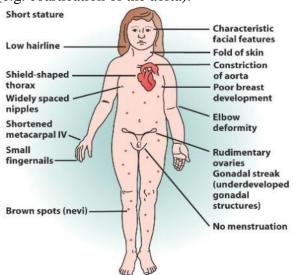
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G-banding	Staining metaphase chromosome with Giemsa to show AT-rich
	regions.
Q-banding	Fluorescent dye showing AT-rich regions.
C-banding	Treated with acid and base then stained with giemsa
R-banding	Reverse banding
FISH (Fluorescence	Use of fluorescent tags to label cellular DNA thus visualizing the
In Situ	chromosome. The use of multicolor FISH probes can determine
Hybridization)	the number of chromosome copies in interphase nuclei.





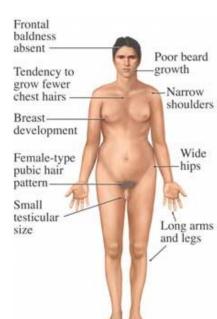
Turner syndrome:

- Monosomy X (only one X chromosome is present).
- Clinical features:
 - ✓ Short stature.
 - ✓ Webbed neck.
 - ✓ Shield chest with widely spaced nipples.
 - ✓ Ovarian dysgenesis which causes delayed puberty and infertility.
 - ✓ Cardiac defects (e.g. coartication of the aorta).



- Klinefelter syndrome (XXY):

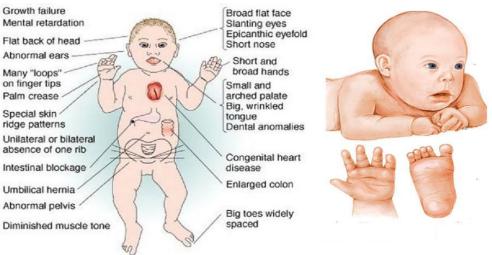
- It is the most common cause of male hypogonadism and infertility.
- Clinical features:
 - ✓ Tall stature with long extremities.
 - ✓ Hypogonadism.
 - ✓ Gynecomastia.
 - ✓ Shyness or aggression.



Down syndrome:

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Clinical features	Complications	
Craniofacial features:	Leukemia	
 Brachycephaly. 		
 Epicanthal skin folds. 		
 Upslanting palpebral fissures. 		
 Brushfield spots. 		
 Protruding tongue. 		
Hypotonia.	Early Alzheimer's disease	
Mental retardation.	Obstructive sleep apnea	
Musculoskeletal features:	Hypothyroidism	
 Clindodactyly. 		
 Single palmar crease. 		
 Wide space between first and second toes. 		
Gastrointestinal features:		
 Duodenal atresia. 	Cataracts	
 Hirchsprung's disease and omphalocele 	Cataracts	
 Pyloric stenosis. 		
Cardiac features (40%):	Glucoma	
• Endocardial cushion defects (most common)		



Edward's syndrome:

- Trisomy 18 which is more commonly seen in females.
- 95% of cases die within first year of life ⊗
- Clinical features:
 - ✓ Mental retardation.
 - ✓ Hypertonia.
 - ✓ Small facial features.
 - ✓ Clenched hands with overlapping digits.
 - ✓ Rocker-bottom feet.

