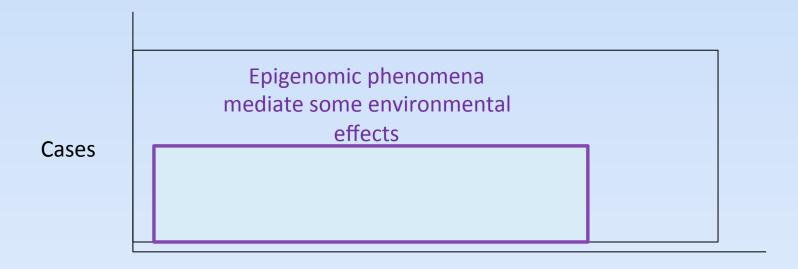
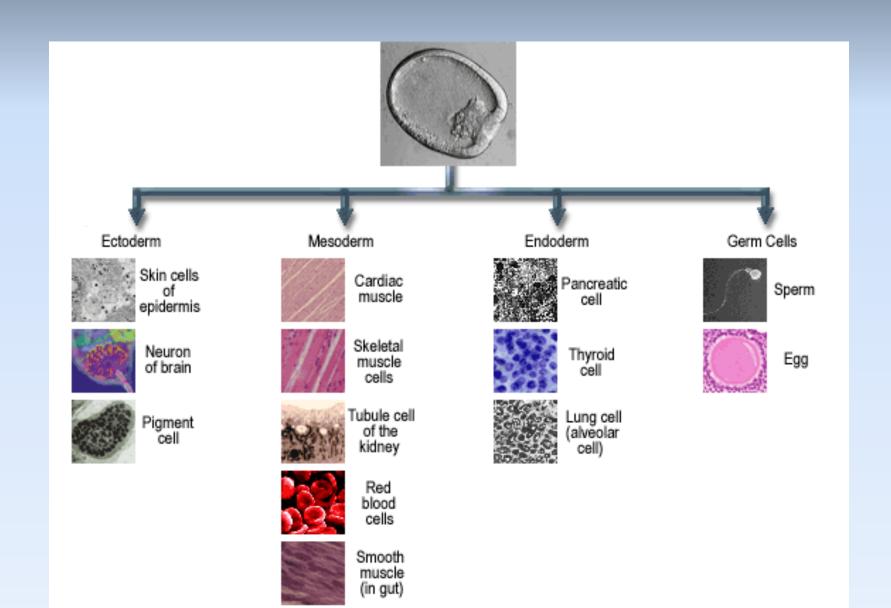
Rethinking Disease



Median Age at Presentation

A completely hypothetical example to Illustrate a point

How can one cell become so many different things?



A Few Key Points to Remember

All the cells in a multicellular organism contain essentially the same DNA

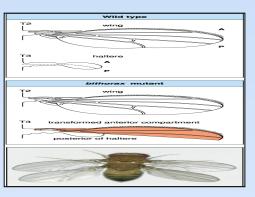
A cell typically expresses only a fraction of its Genes

Different types of cells arise because different sets of genes are being expressed

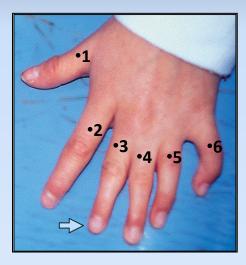
Cells can change the pattern of genes they express in response to changes in their environment

What happens when gene regulation goes awry?

Developmental abnormalities (birth defects)



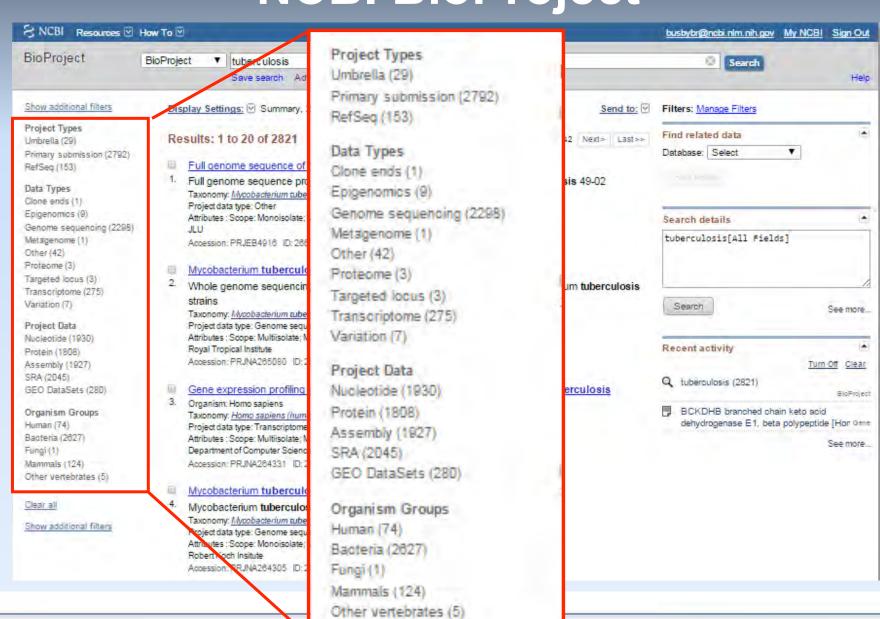




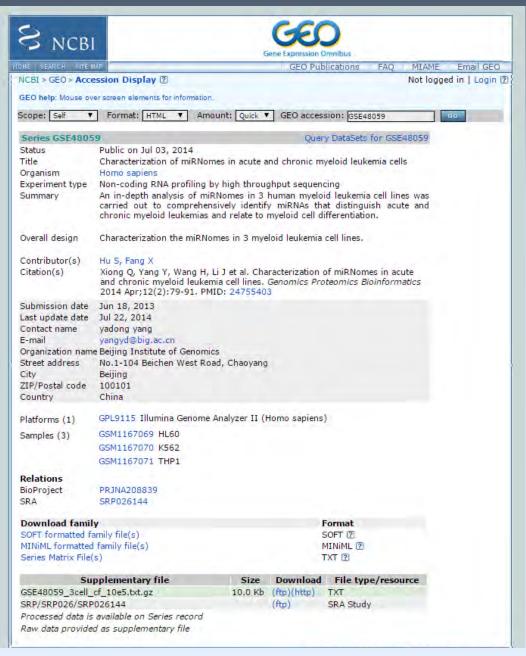
Disease examples

- Chronic myeloid leukemia
- Rheumatoid arthritis

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Gene-Environment Interactions are no Longer a Black Box, but we are Going to Need Lots of Data to Translate this into Medicine!

Approximate samples needed:

- Rare genetic variants ~ Hundreds
- More common genetic variants ~ Thousands
- Genetic variation-environment interplay ~ Millions

The most efficient way to do this is to share and reuse data in a public forum.

For more information go to: ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/learn

