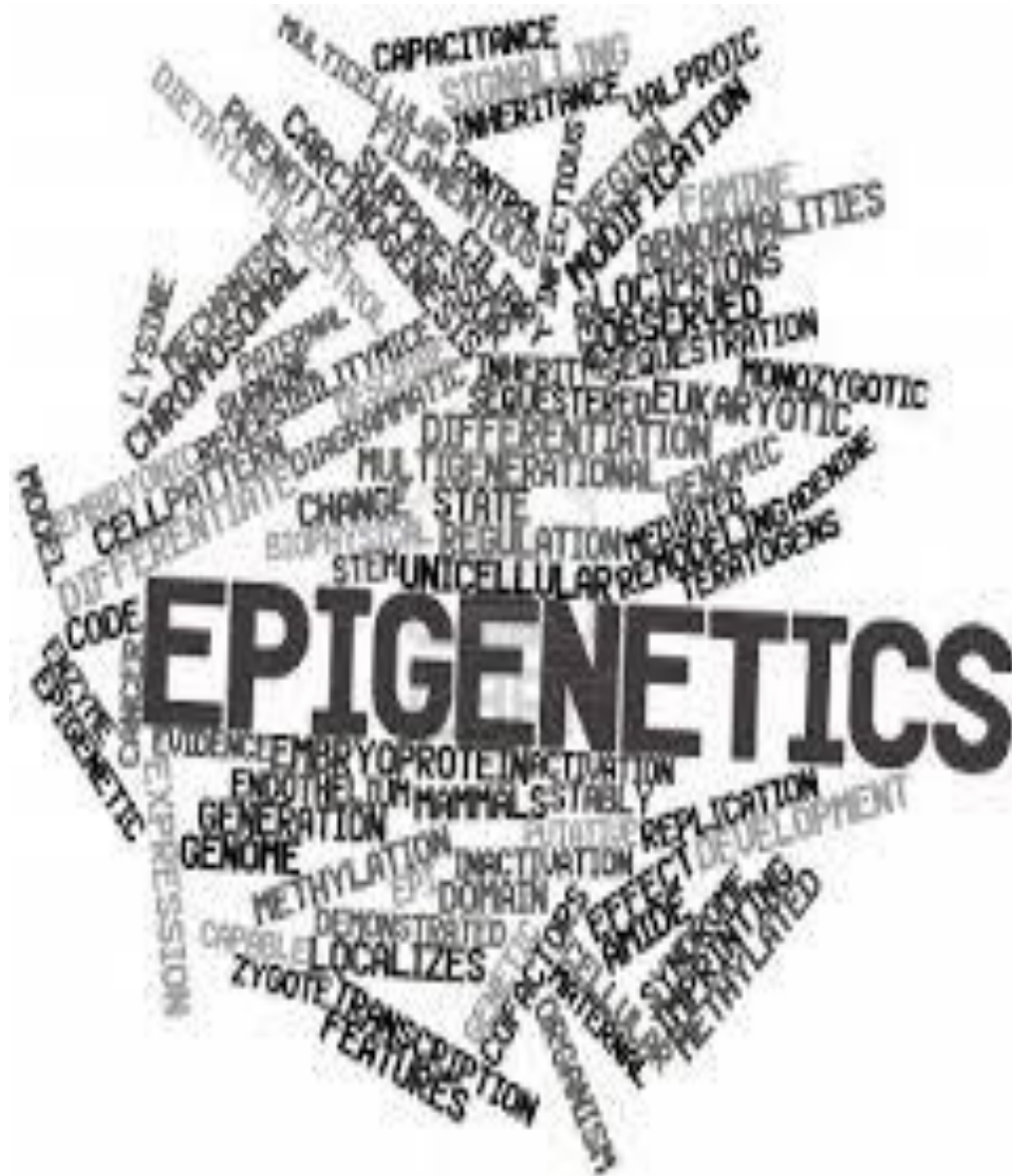
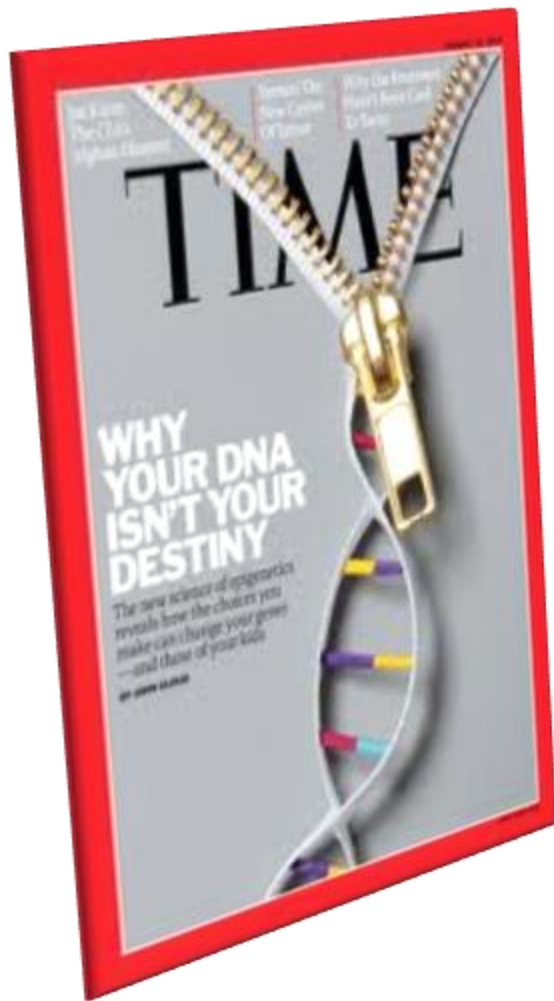


## **Part 3:**

- Genetics epigenetics,  
food and reproduction**



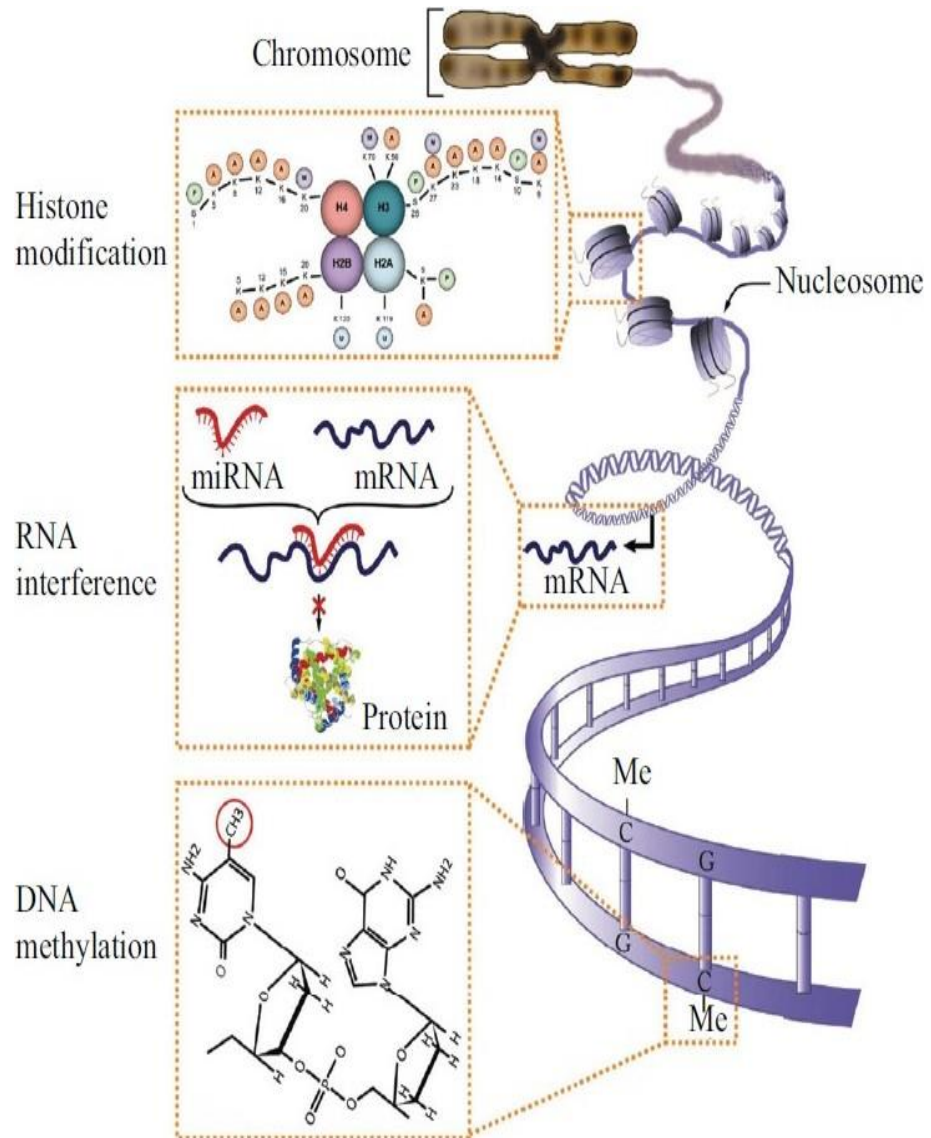


## DNA IS NOT DESTINY

The new science of epigenetics rewrites the rules of disease, heredity, and identity

By Ethan Watters





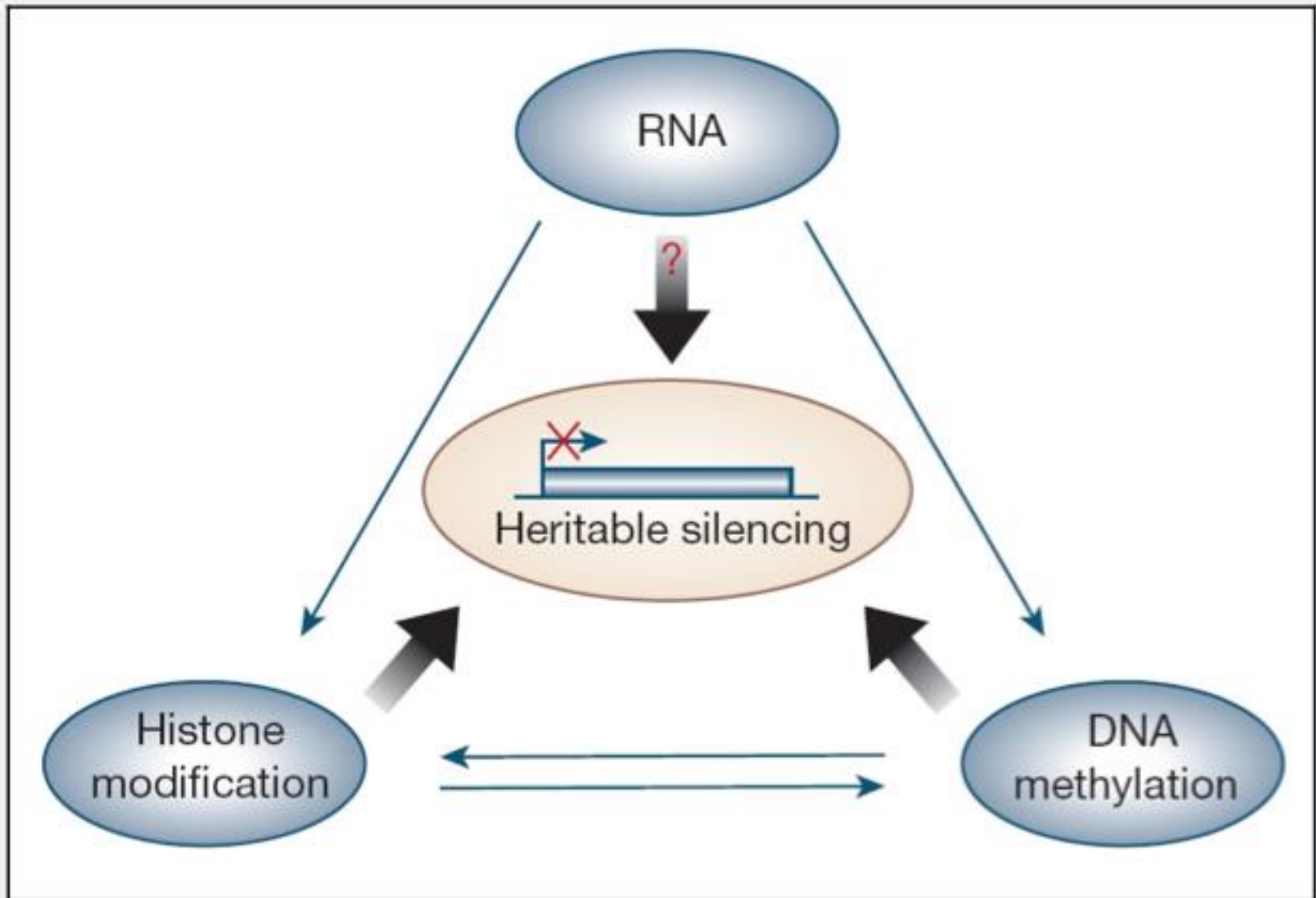


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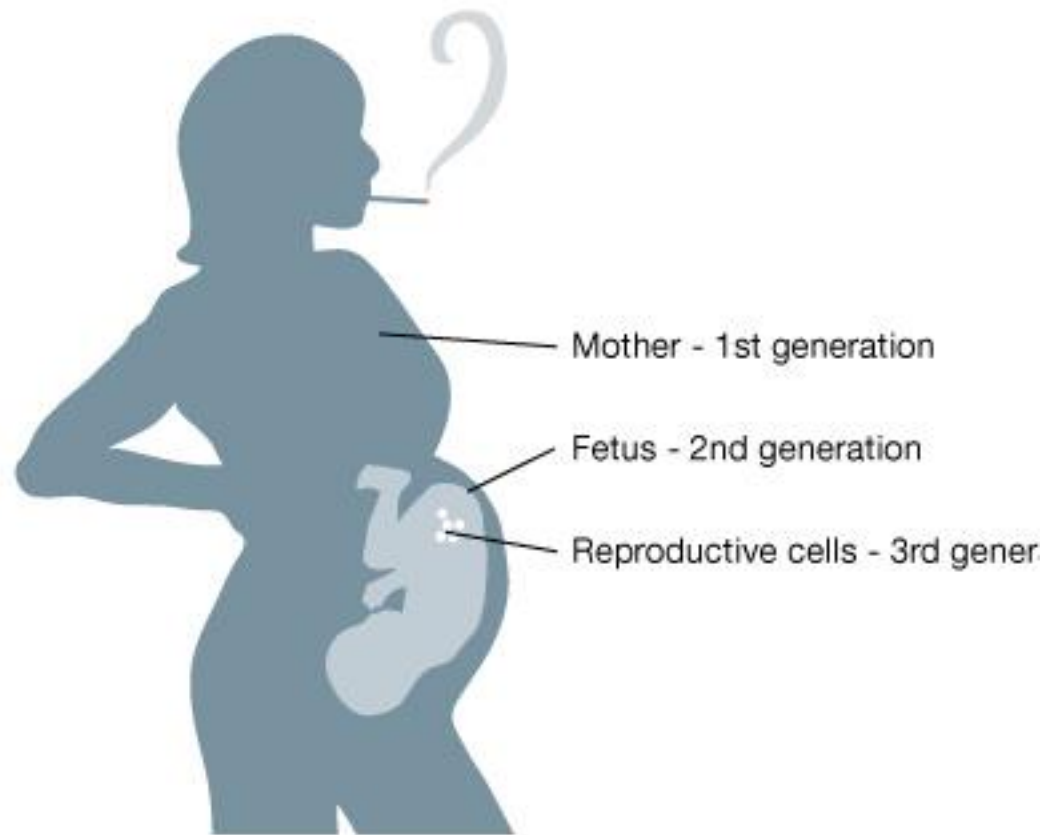
A phenomenon of methylation in plants.



**Epigenetics Warning:**  
**What You Eat Today Could Harm  
The Health of Your Children  
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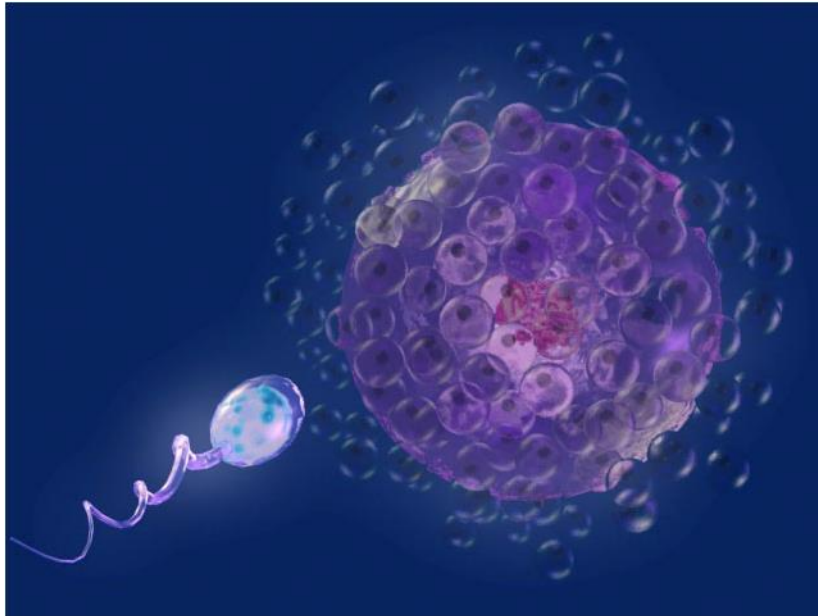
**DNA**

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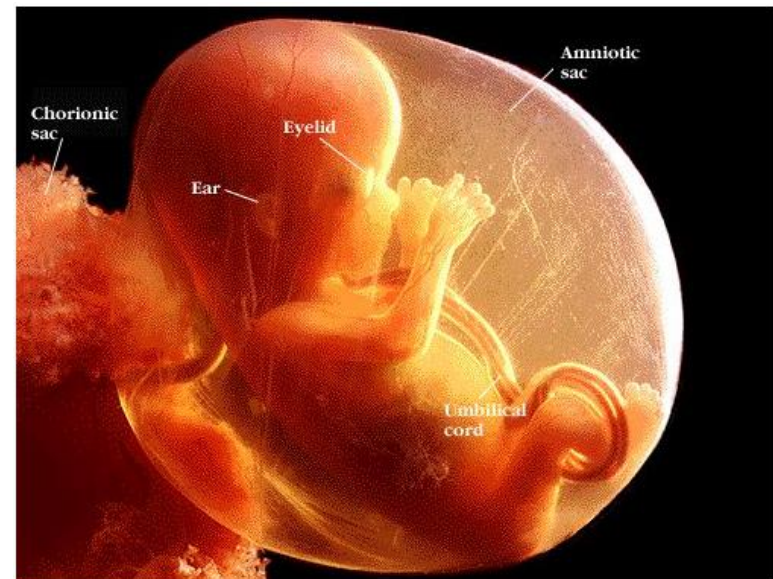




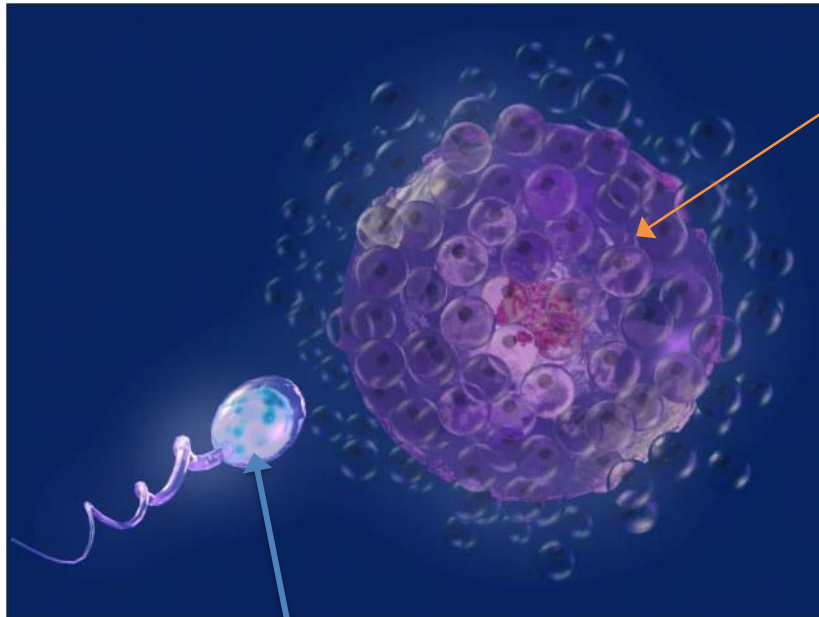
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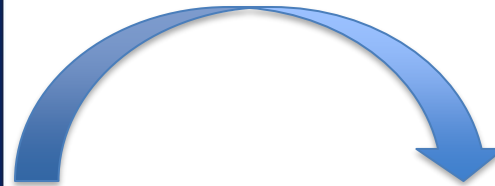
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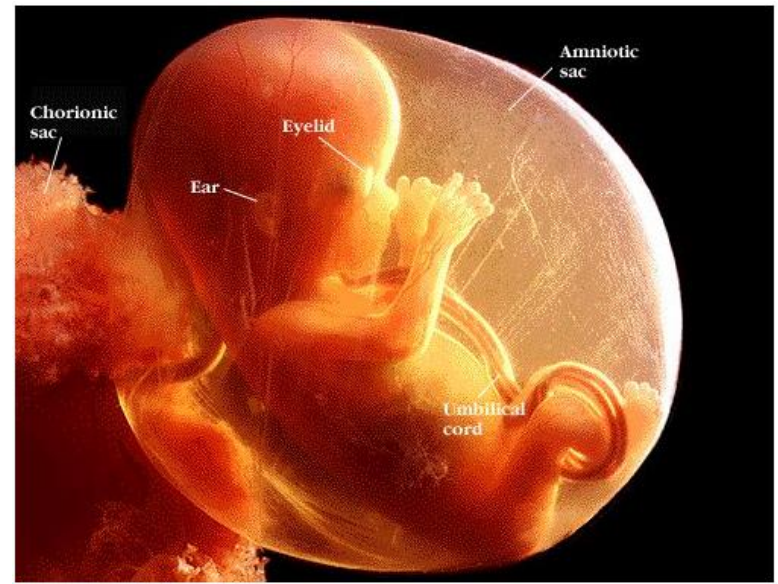
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**Paternal life style**



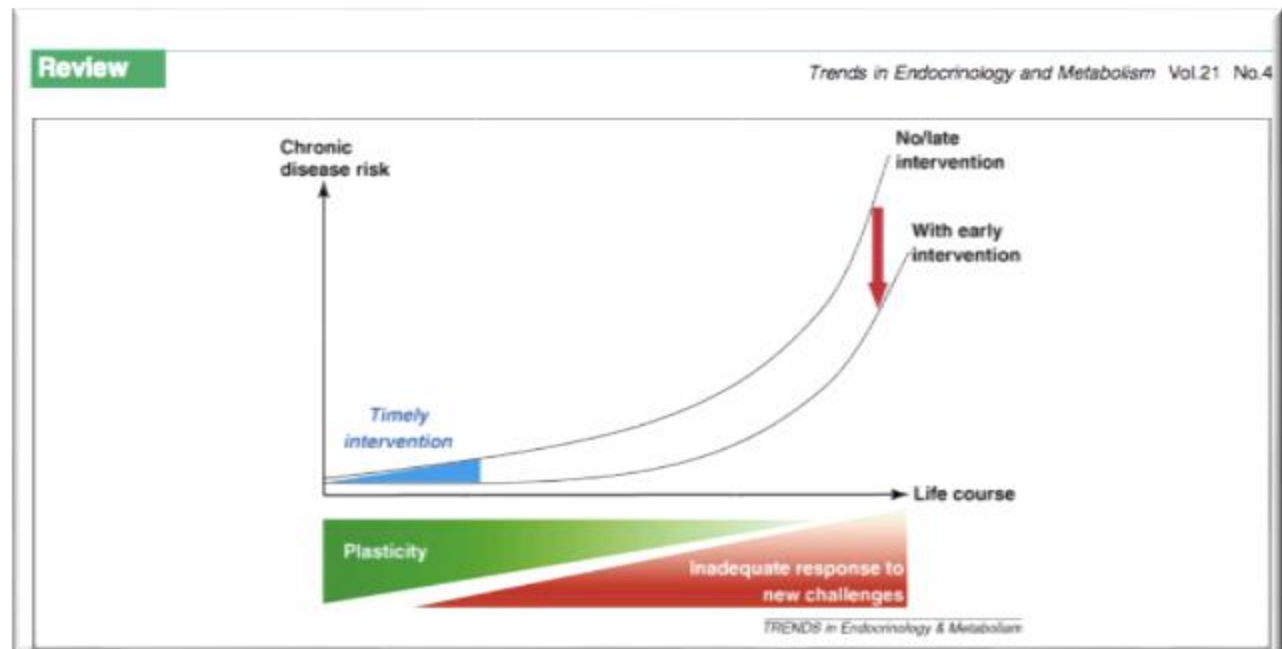
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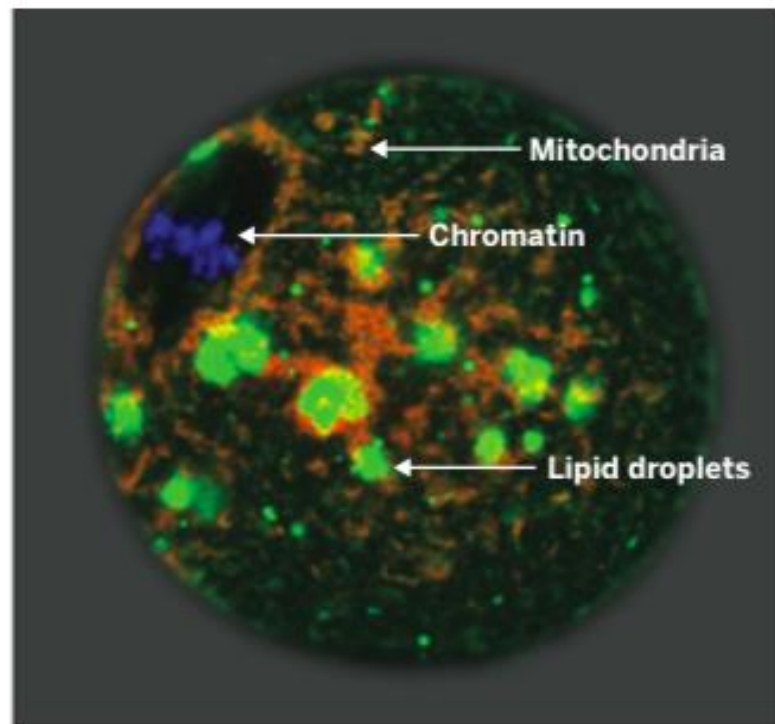
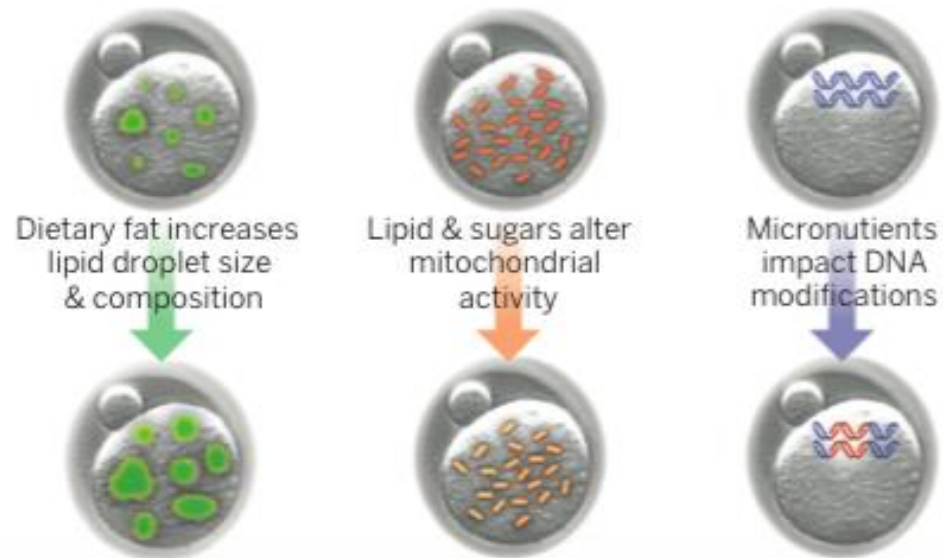


**Paternal life style**



Although the greatest increase occurs in adult life, the trajectory is set much earlier, being influenced by factors such as the mother's diet and body composition before and during pregnancy, and fetal, infant and childhood nutrition and development



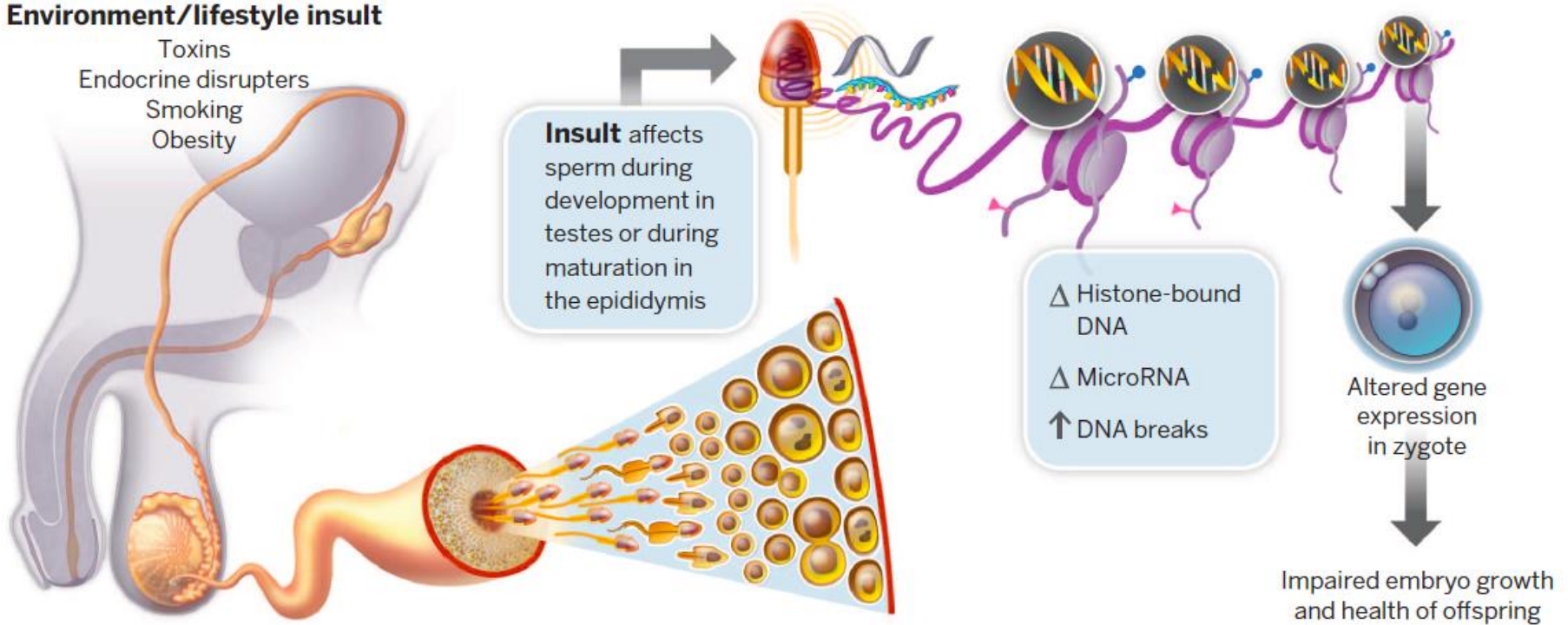
**A****B****Altered diet, inflammation, toxins**

Lane et al.,  
Science 2014



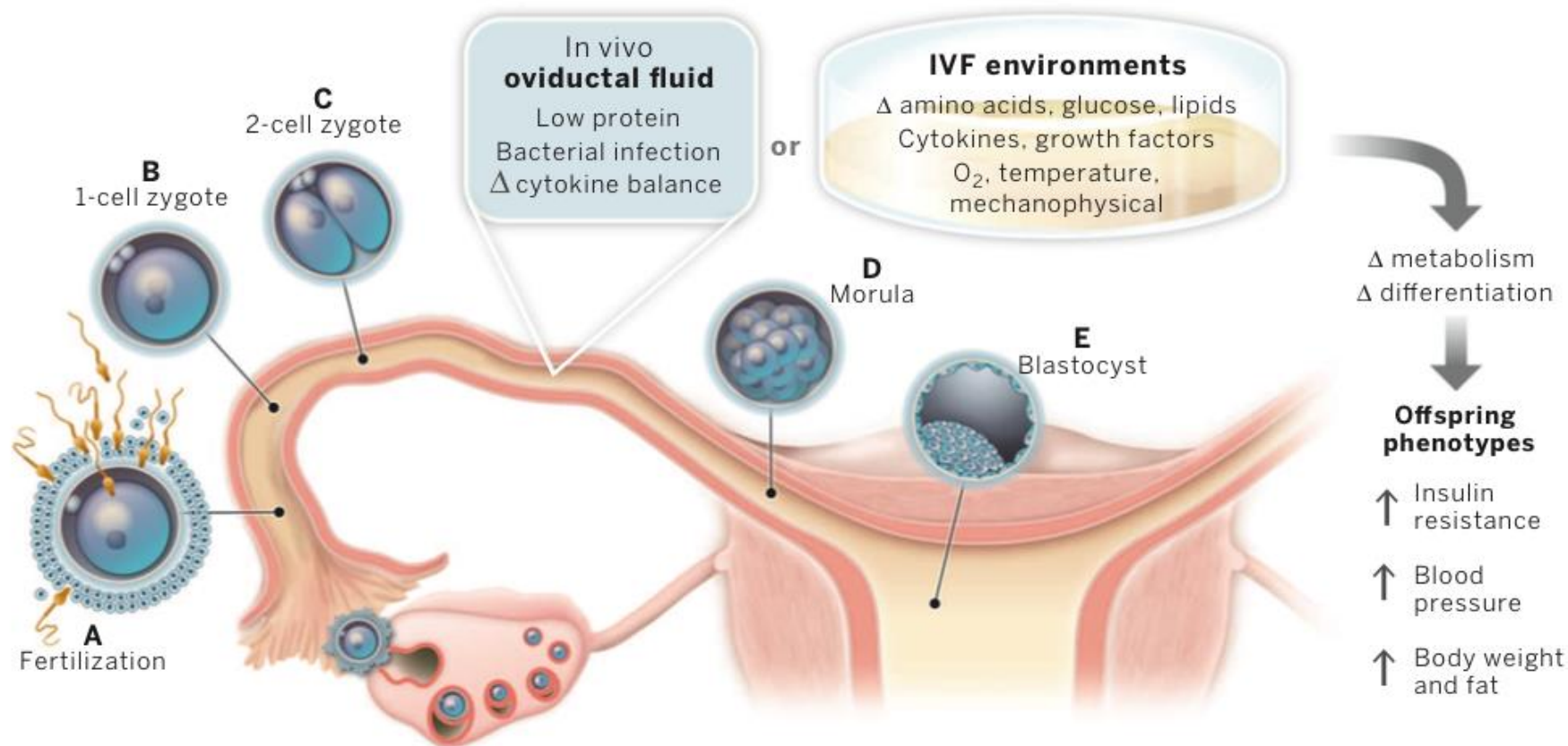
## Environment/lifestyle insult

Toxins  
Endocrine disruptors  
Smoking  
Obesity



# Parenting from before conception

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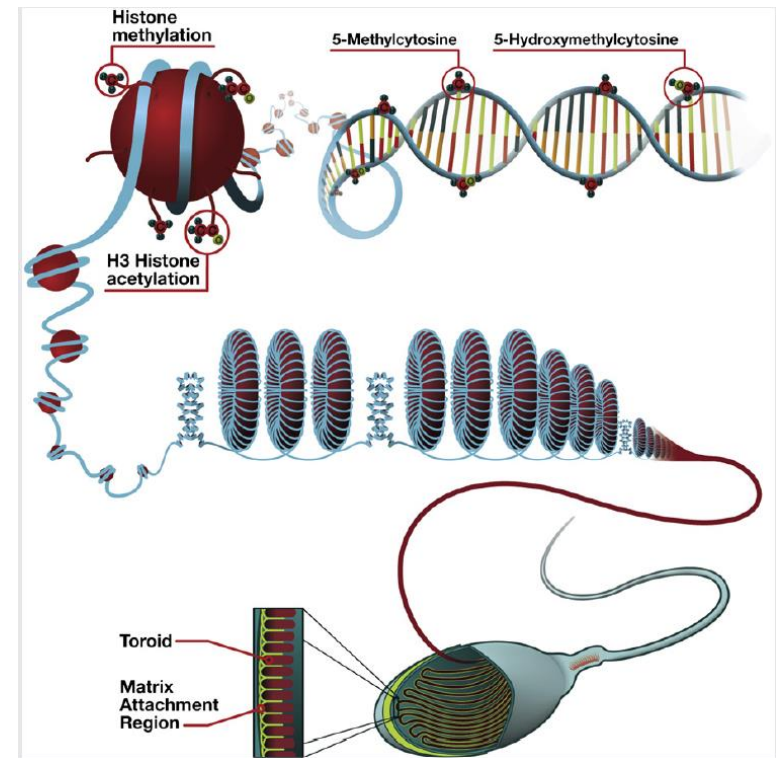
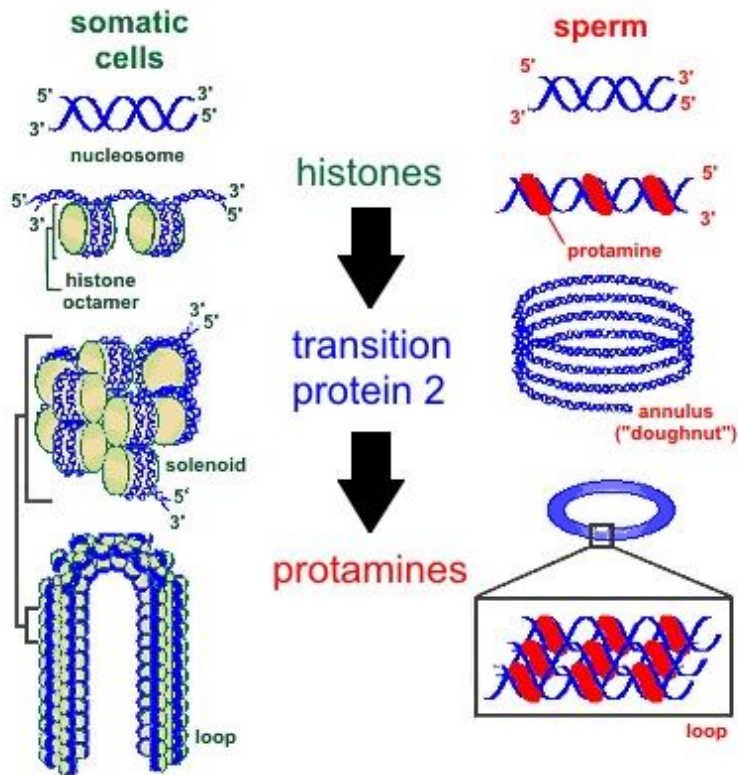




# Epigenetics of the male gamete

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# Tough nut to crack...



Mitosis

PGCs



- DNA, H3K4 and H3K9 demethylation
- Erasure of imprinting
- H4 deacetylation
- Expression of DNMT3A, DNMT3B and DNMT3L



Spermatogonia



- Progressive methylation of DNA
- Establishment of paternal methylation



Spermatocyte



- H3K9 methylation
- H3K4 methylation

Round spermatid



- Hyperacetylation of H4
- Histone to TPs transition
- DNMT1 expression

Histone



Elongated spermatid



- Maintenance of DNA methylation
- Demethylation of H3K9
- TPs to protamines transition

Protamines



Spermatozoa



- Maintenance of genomic imprinting

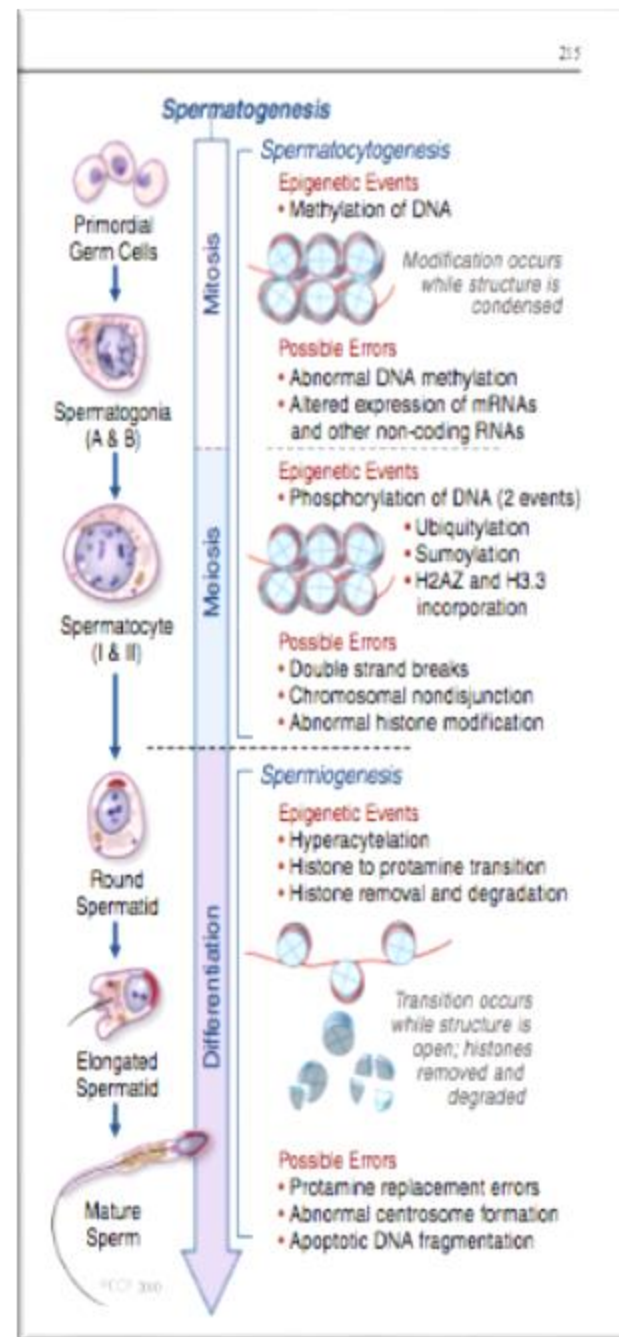
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Post-meiotic differentiation

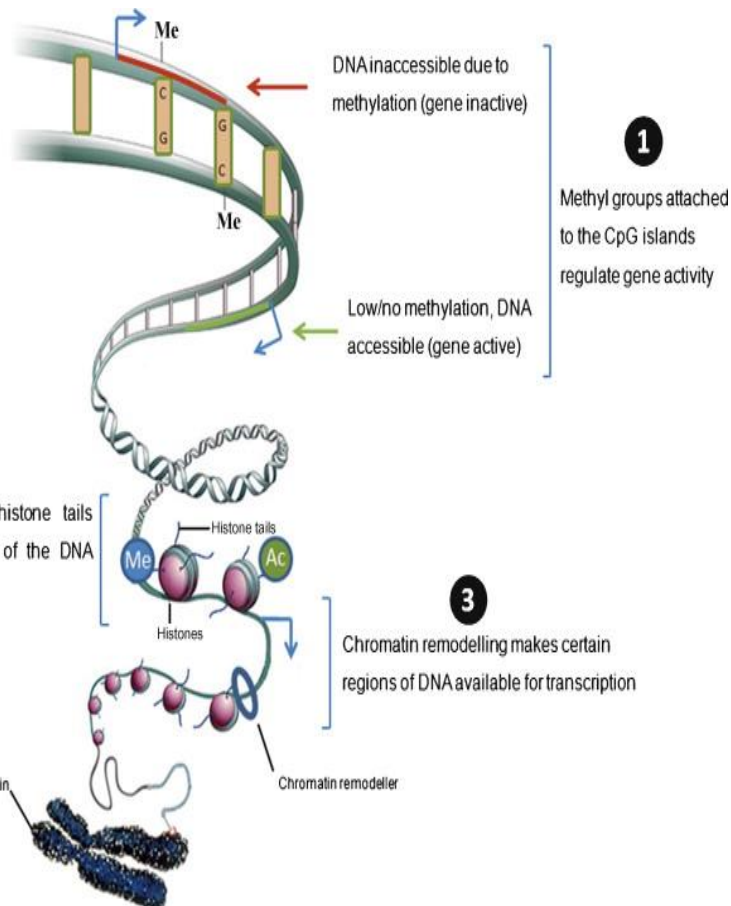
REVIEW

# Epigenetics and its role in male infertility

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### Review

## Epigenetics, spermatogenesis and male infertility

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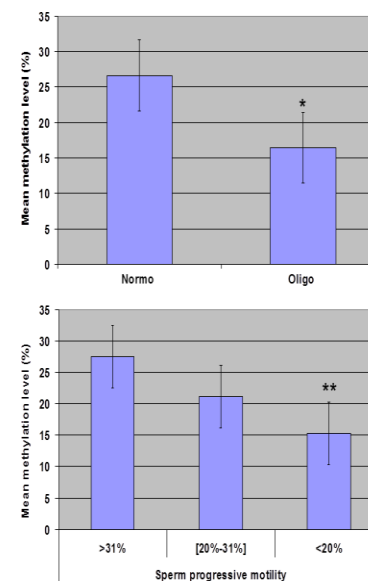
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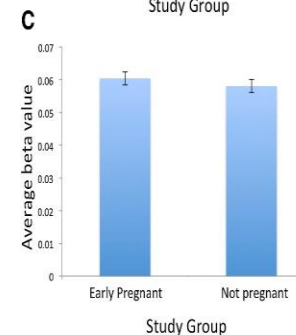
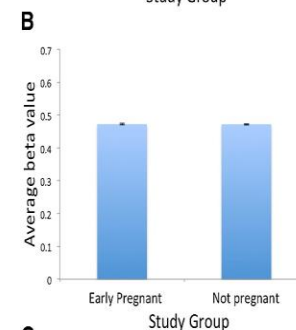
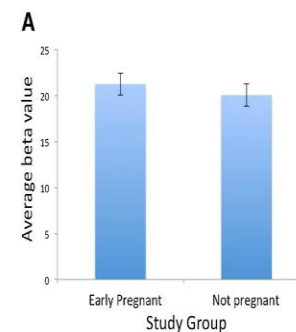
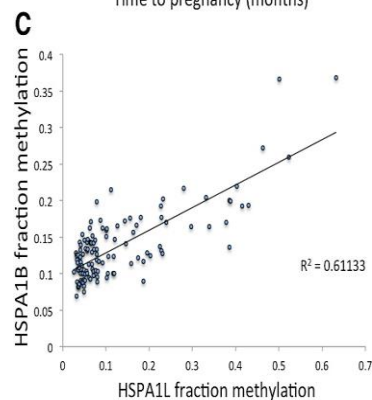
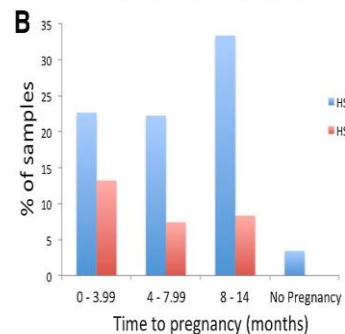
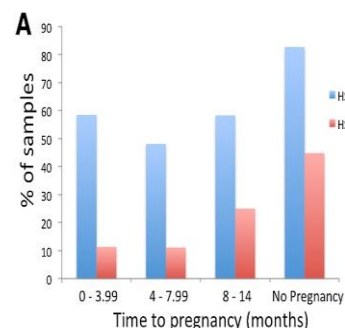
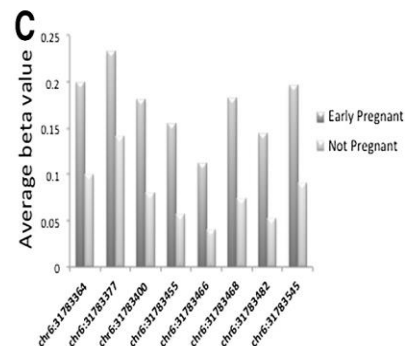
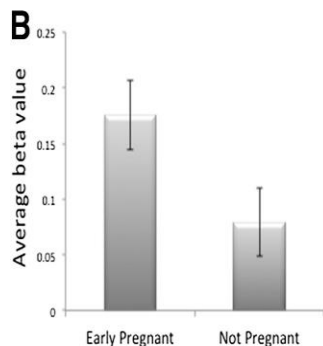
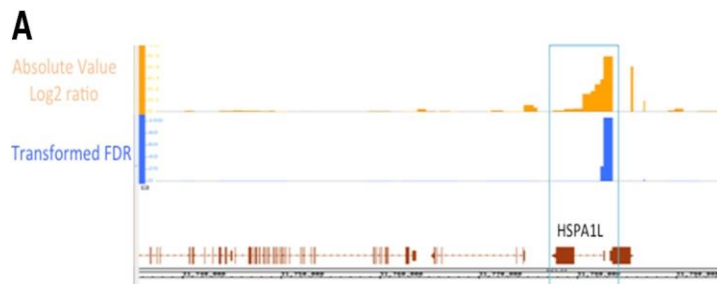
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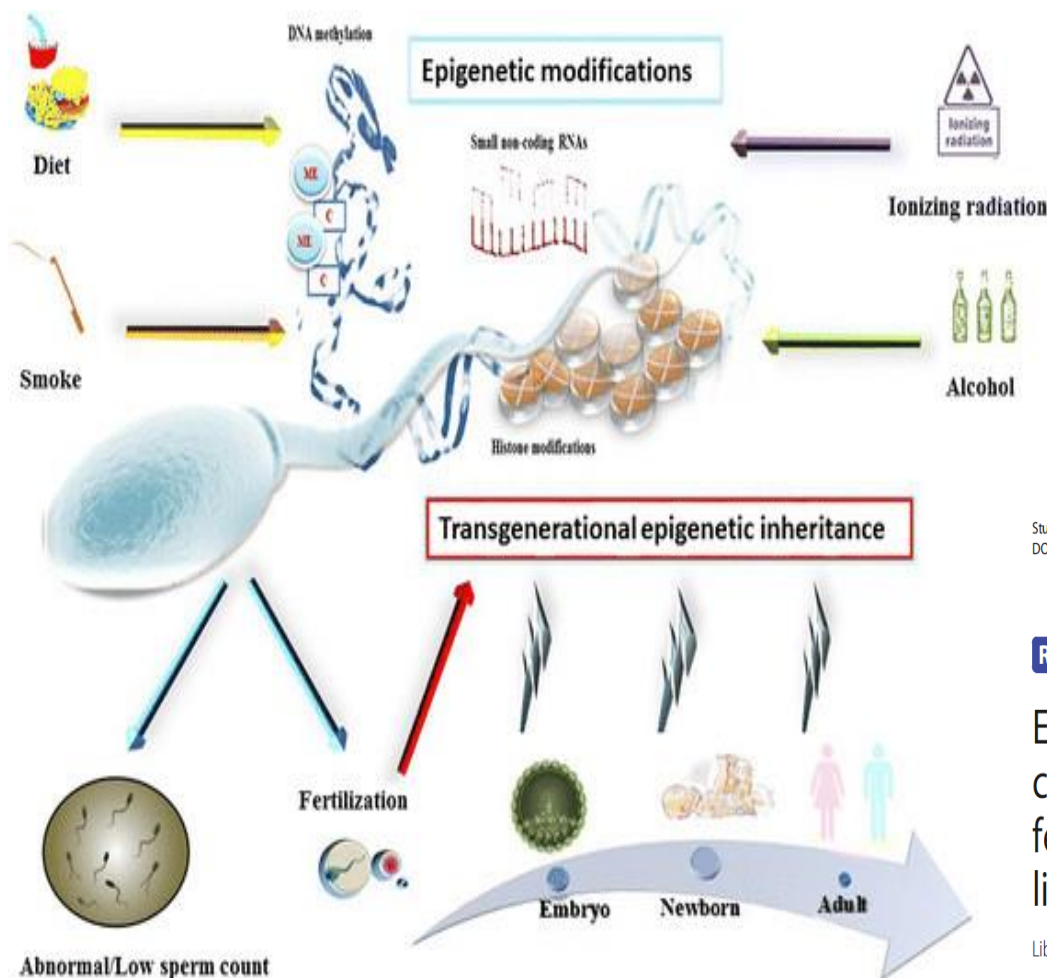
## Sperm global DNA methylation level: association with semen parameters and genome integrity

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## REVIEW

## Open Access



# Epigenetics and male reproduction: the consequences of paternal lifestyle on fertility, embryo development, and children lifetime health

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**Fig. 2** Epigenetic alterations induced by lifestyle and environmental factors (diet, smoking, radiation, alcohol consumption, etc.) can have substantial effects on the sperm function. As a first consequence, these modifications can induce sperm alterations leading to impairment of male fertility. When fertilization occurs, spontaneously or by ART, transgenerational epigenetic effects can be observed, in details leading to (1) alterations of embryo development, (2) congenital diseases at birth, and (3) late onset diseases (obesity, hypertension, diabetes, etc.) in the adult life