



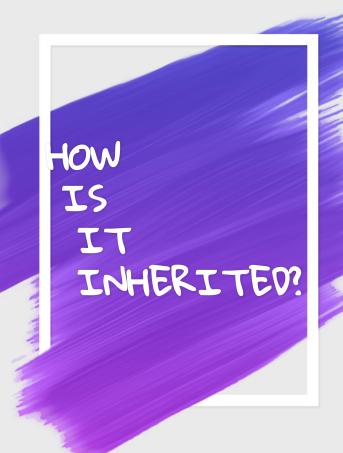


IT'S AN HETEROGENEOUS GENETIC DISORDER, CAUSED BY MUTATIONS IN DIFFERENT GENES, WHICH CREATES A REDUCTION OR TOTAL ABSENCE OF MELANIN (A DARK PIGMENT FOUND IN SOME CELLS THAT PROTECTS THE SKIN AGAINST SOLAR RADIATION) IN THE EYES, SKIN AND HAIR.

IT ALSO HAPPENED TO ANIMALS AND VEGETABLES.

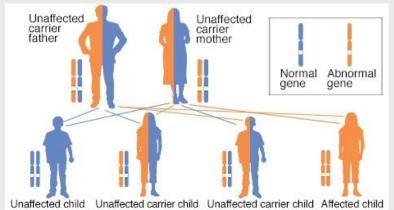






IT HAS AN AUTOSOMAL RECESSIVE INHERITANCE PATTERN, WHICH MEANS THAT IF THE PARENTS HAVE THE GENE

- 25% OF THEIR CHILDREN WONT RECEIVE IT
- · 50% WILL BE CARRIERS BUT WON'T DEVELOP IT
- 25% WILL DEVELOP IT





THERE ARE DIFFERENT TYPES, RANGING FROM HAVING WHITE HAIR, FAIR SKIN AND TRANSLUCENT IRISES THAT DON'T CHANGE WITH GROWTH, TO WHITE HAIR THAT DARKENS WITH AGE, WHITE SKIN THAT DEVELOPS PIGMENTATION AND BLUE IRIS THAT CHANGES TO GRAY OR GREENISH.





THERE IS ALSO AN OCULAR ALBINISM, WHICH IS MAINLY LIMITED TO THE EYES.

IT CAN ALSO REPRESENT VISION LOSS OF DIFFERENT TYPES, EITHER OF VISUAL ABILITY OR VISUAL PERCEPTION.









