

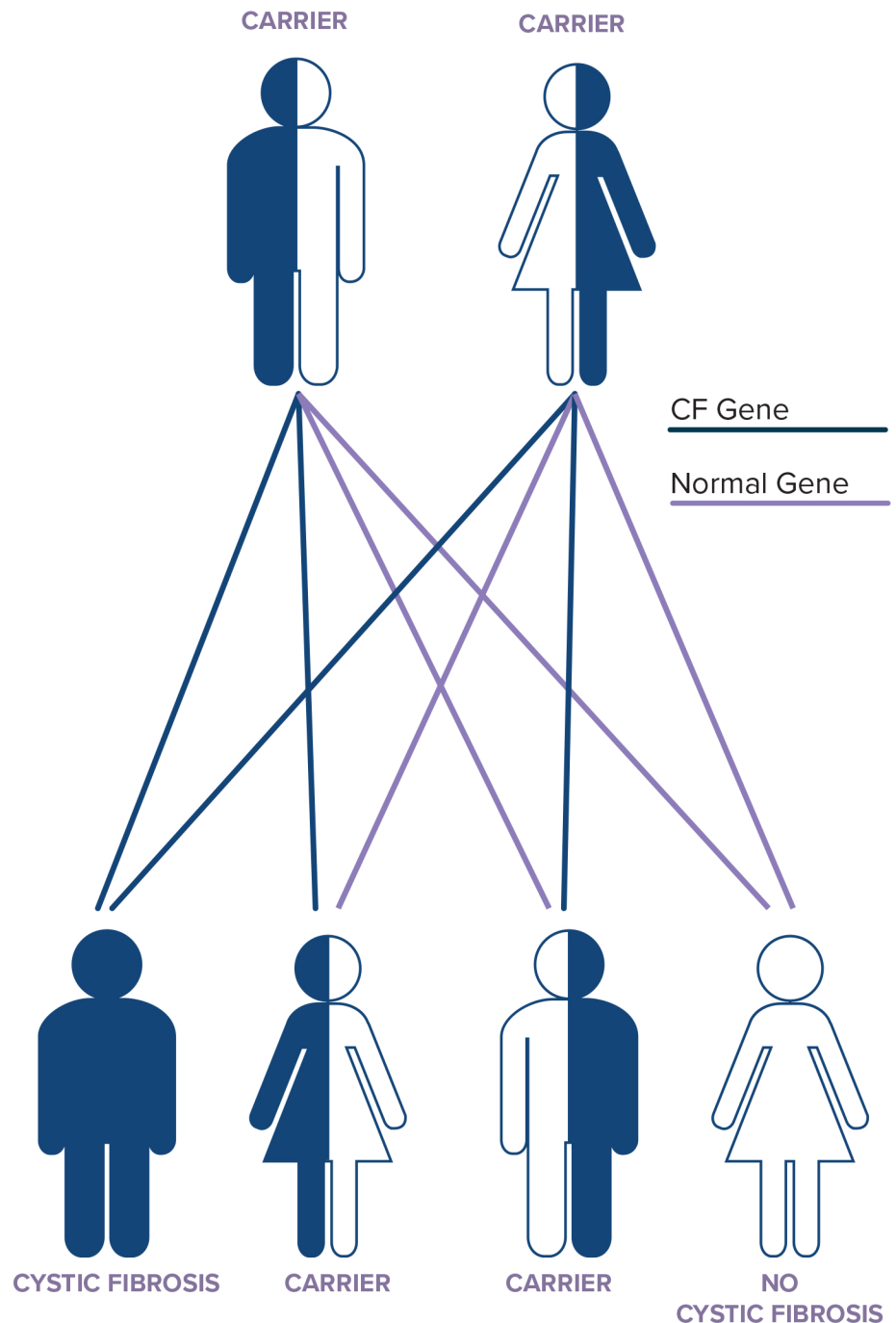
CARRIER TESTING Cystic Fibrosis



Cystic fibrosis

Cystic fibrosis (CF) is a genetic disorder that can affect all organs of the body but most often causes problems with digestion and breathing. Cystic fibrosis is a recessive disorder. This means both parents must pass the abnormal gene, to the child for the disorder to occur in the child.

If both parents are carriers of the gene a baby has a 25% chance of having the disease. The risk of being a CF carrier is higher in certain races and ethnic groups or if there is a family history of CF. Cystic fibrosis carrier testing is a simple maternal blood test which can be done if you are planning a pregnancy or if you are currently pregnant. This test only needs to be done once in your lifetime. If the test shows that you are a CF carrier, more testing can be done to determine the risk of the child having CF.



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