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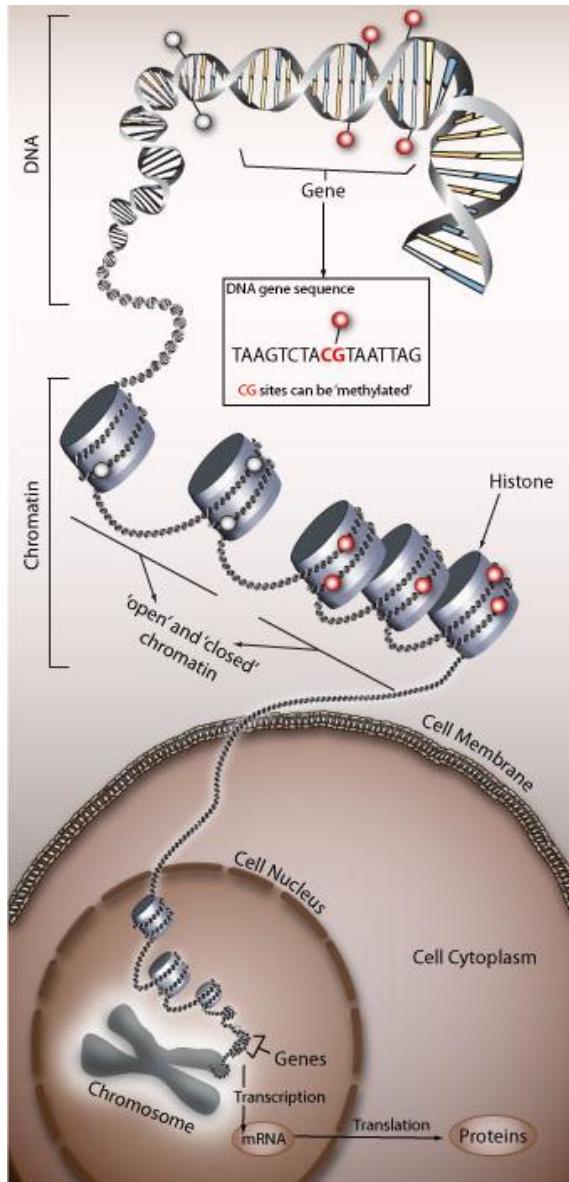
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Definition

- “Heritable changes in gene expression not attributable to nucleotide sequence variation”

Epigenetic marks



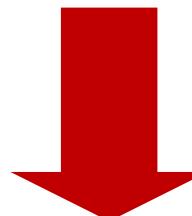
DNA methylation

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Histone modifications



Alterations in chromatin structure

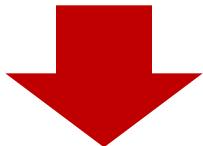


Gene expression regulation

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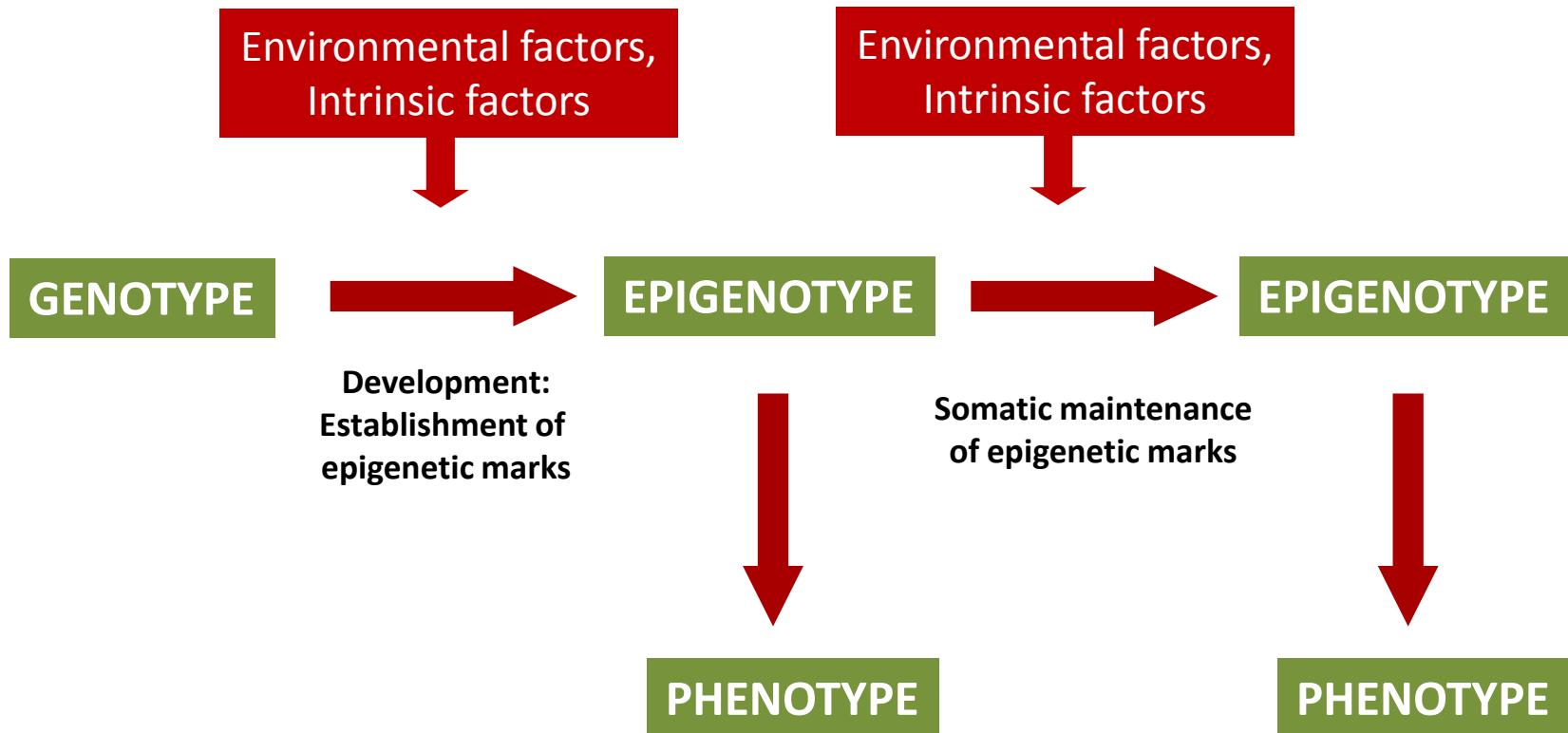
Gene
expression
patterns

- Specific
- Mitotically heritable
- Reversible
- Susceptible to environment influence (diet, inflammation, drugs...)

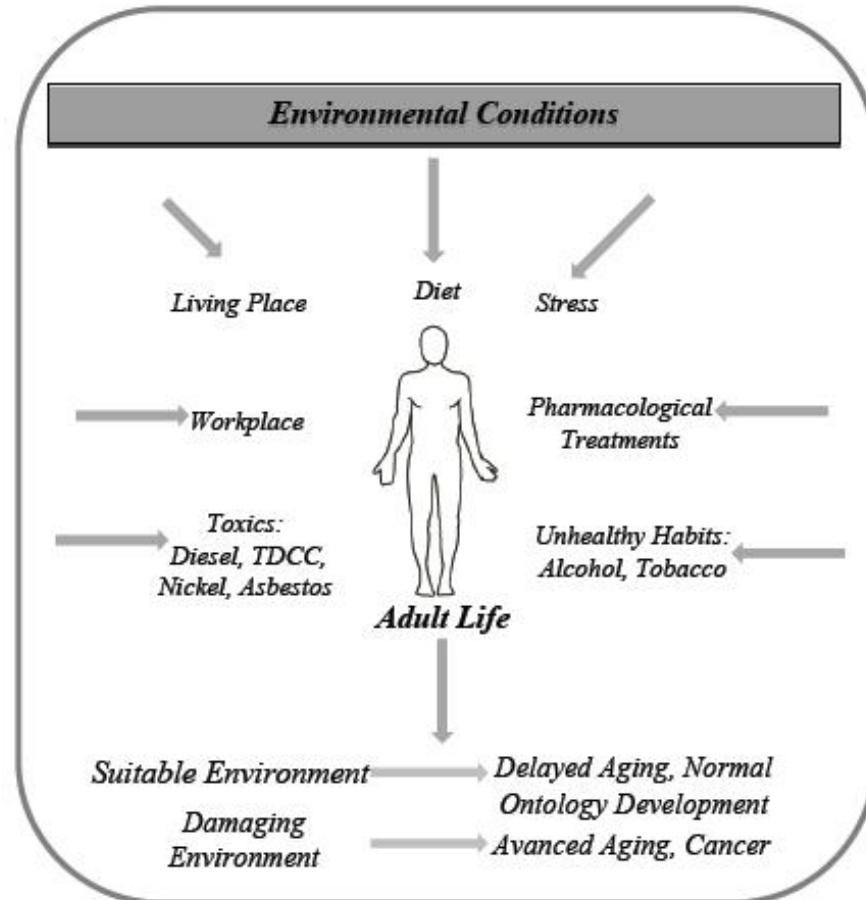
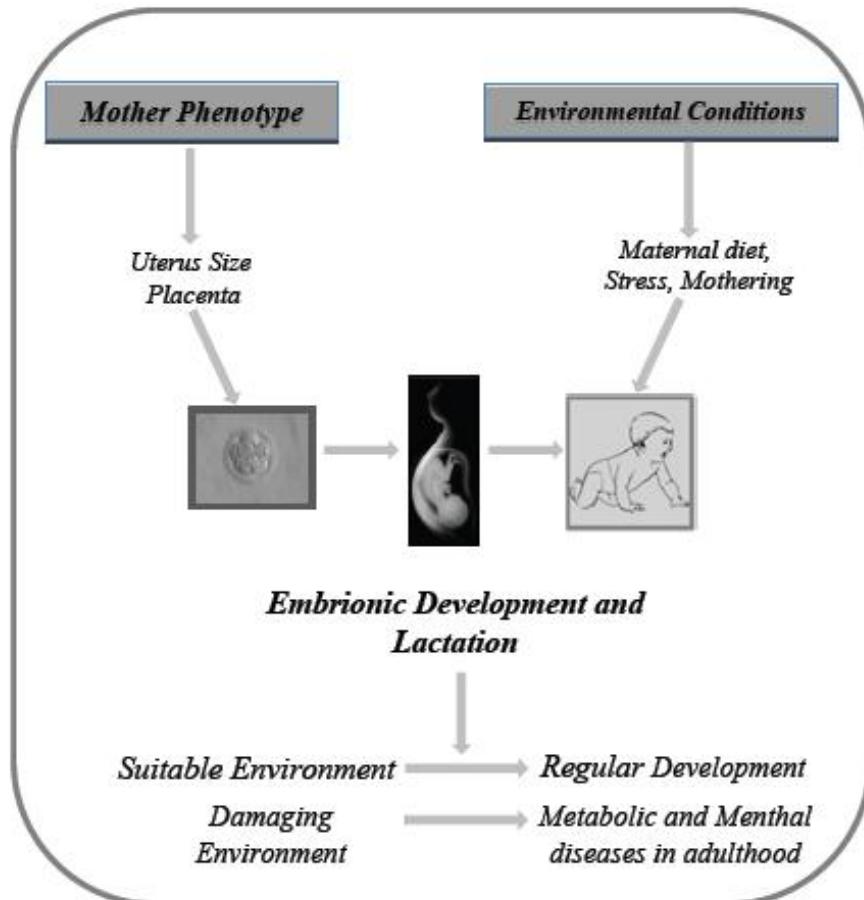


The epigenome permits that the genome “talks” with environment

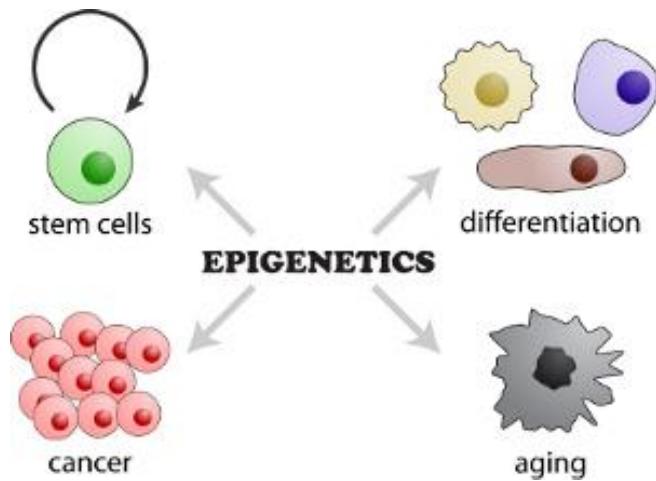
Effects of environment factors on epigenetics



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Physiological processes

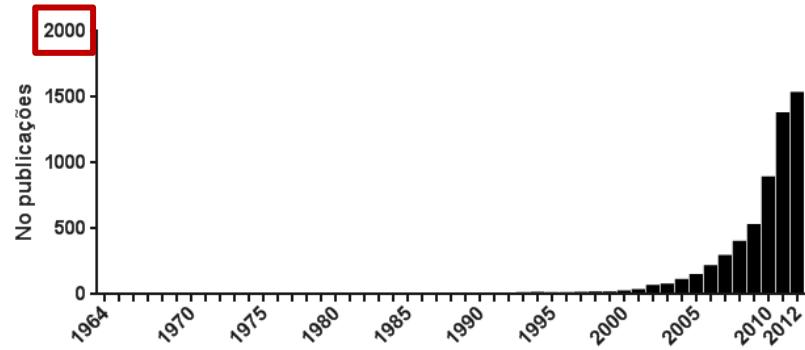
- Embryonic development
- Differentiation
- Genomic imprinting
- X chromosome inactivation
- Memory establishment

Pathological conditions

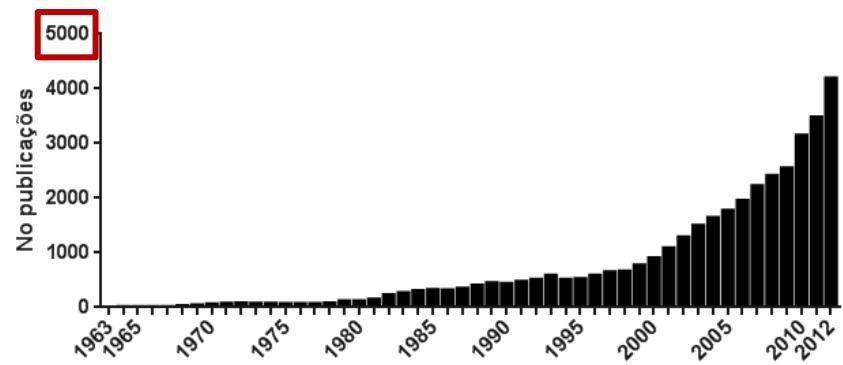
- Aging
- Neurological disorders
- Autoimmunity
- Obesity
- Cancer

SCIENTIFIC ARTICLES

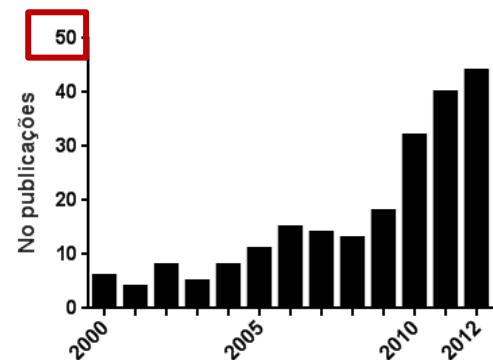
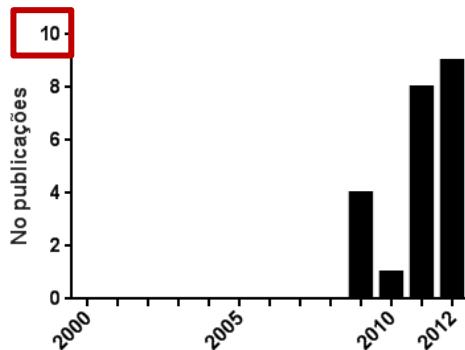
WORLDWIDE



DNA methylation

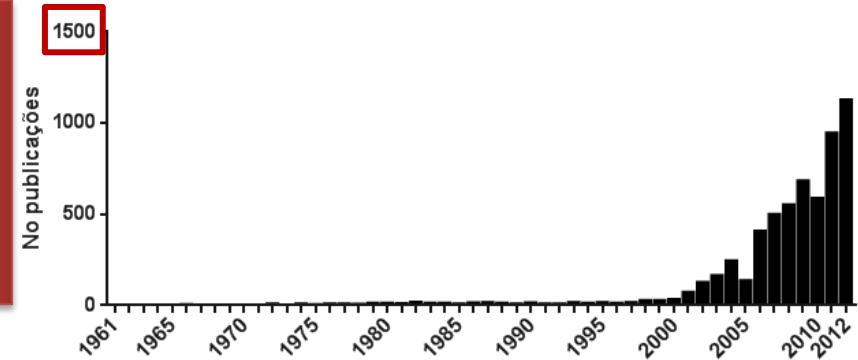


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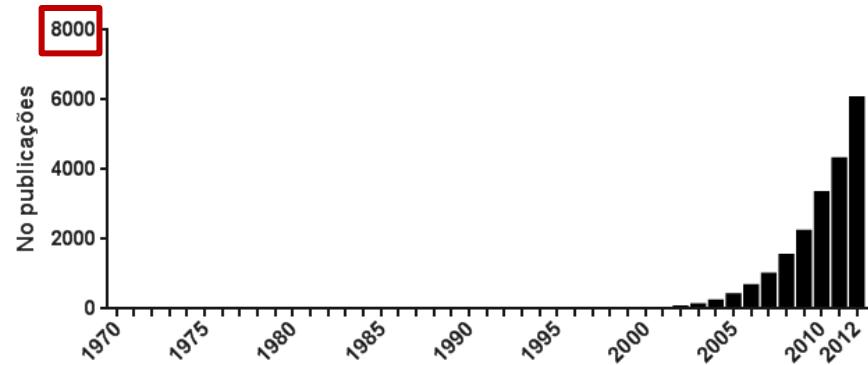


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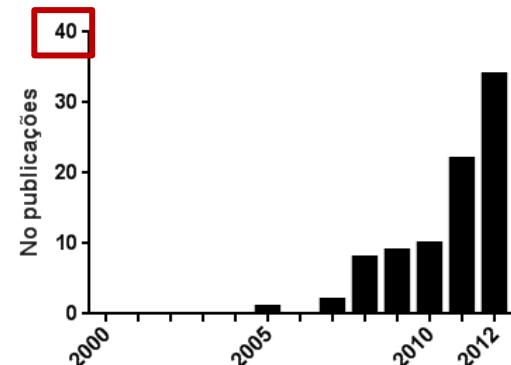
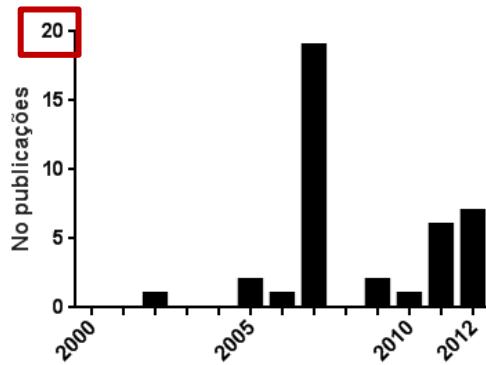
Histone modifications



miRNA



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Research in epigenetics field

Brazil

1º. Epigenetics and Cancer (mainly tumor biomarkers)

São Paulo

{ UNIFESP
Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research
Hospital A.C. Camargo
UNESP Botucatu
UNESP São José do Rio Preto
USP Ribeirão Preto

Rio de Janeiro

{ INCA
UFRJ

Other

{ UFPR
UFES
UFRS
UFPA

Research in epigenetics field

Brazil

2º. Epigenetics and Neuroscience

(memory, neurological disorders, depression..)

Rio Grande do Sul

{ Universidade Católica do RS
UFRS

Rio de Janeiro

{ UFRJ

São Paulo

{ USP Ribeirão Preto

Research in epigenetics field

Brazil

3º. Epigenetics and nutrition

São Paulo

{ USP

4º. Epigenetics and development

(X chromosome inactivation, imprinting)

São Paulo

{ USP
USP Ribeirão Preto
UNESP Botucatu

Epigenetics: Linking sustained stress and malignant transformation

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Chronic cellular stress



Diseases

(Cancer, diabetes, atherosclerosis,
neurodegenerative disorders...)

UV radiation, inflammation,
wound healing...

The diagram illustrates a causal pathway. On the left, the text "EPIGENETIC ALTERATIONS" is enclosed in a starburst shape. A thick black arrow points from this text to a large red downward-pointing arrow. This red arrow points to a blue rounded rectangle containing the text "Skin cancer (carcinomas and melanomas)".

EPIGENETIC
ALTERATIONS

Skin cancer

(carcinomas and **melanomas**)

Spreading our knowledge about Epigenetics

I Encontro Nacional de Epigenética – da saúde à doença

UNIFESP, Junho de **2008**

Coordenação: Dra. Vânia D'Almeida e Dra. Miriam G. Jasiulionis

II Encontro Nacional de Epigenética – epigenética básica e aplicada

Hospital Alemão Oswaldo Cruz, Março de **2010**

Coordenação: Dra. Mariangela Correa e Dra. Miriam G. Jasiulionis

II Encontro Nacional de Epigenética

Hospital Alemão Oswaldo Cruz, Maio de **2011**

Coordenação: Dra. Mariangela Correa e Dra. Miriam G. Jasiulionis

II Encontro Nacional de Epigenética

UNIFESP, Novembro de **2012**

Coordenação: Dra. Mariangela Correa e Dra. Miriam G. Jasiulionis

Challenges

Methodological challenges

Provide opportunities to learn more about epigenetics and methodological approaches used to evaluate epigenetic marks

Core facilities (next-generation sequencing, pyrosequencing, ChIP-seq, HPLC – mass spectroscopy, bioinformatics...)

Collaborative networks

Networks

- **Epigenome Network of Excellence (NoE)**
- **Human Epigenome Atlas**
- **ENCODE/NIH Roadmap Epigenomics Consortium**
- **International Human Epigenome Consortium**

PERSPECTIVES



“Epigenetic marks can be described as marks of experience; they contribute to differentiating us from our younger selves”

Jones & Martienssen, 2005