



# Basic Medical Science

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# Meiosis

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- **Meiosis**
- Specialized type of cell division
- Occurs in sexually reproducing organisms
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- **Result**
- Produces gametes (sperm and egg cells)
- Gametes have half the number of chromosomes of the parent cell
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- **Divisions**
- Two sequential divisions
- Meiosis I and Meiosis II



# Interphase Before Meiosis

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- Cell grows and replicates DNA.
- Process similar to interphase in mitosis.
- Each chromosome duplicates.
- Duplication forms two identical sister chromatids.
- Sister chromatids remain joined at the centromere.



# Meiosis 1

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- **Meiosis I**
- Four stages: Prophase I, Metaphase I, Anaphase I, Telophase I.
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- **Prophase I**
- Chromosomes condense; homologous chromosomes pair to form tetrads.
- Crossing over occurs → genetic variation.
- Nuclear envelope breaks down.
- Spindle fibers form.
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- **Metaphase I**
- Tetrads align at metaphase plate.
- Independent assortment → genetic variation.



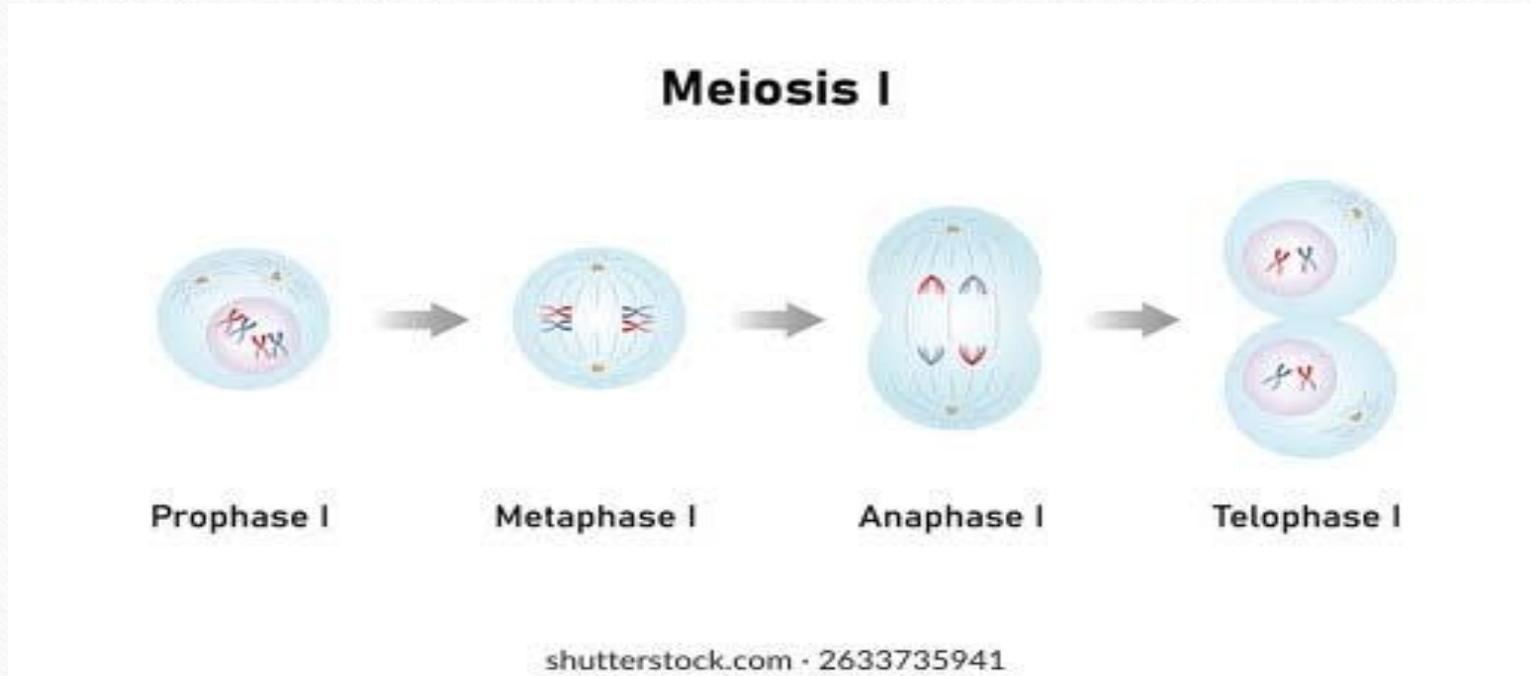
# Meiosis 1

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- **Anaphase I**
- Homologous chromosomes separate and move to opposite poles.
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- **Telophase I**
- Chromosomes reach poles.
- Nuclear envelope reforms.
- Two haploid daughter cells form.



# Meiosis 1





# Meiosis II

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- **Meiosis II**
- Resembles mitosis: Prophase II, Metaphase II, Anaphase II, Telophase II.
- No DNA replication before meiosis II.
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- **Prophase II**
- Nuclear envelope breaks down, spindle forms.
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- **Metaphase II**
- Chromosomes align at metaphase plate.
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- **Anaphase II**
- Sister chromatids separate to opposite poles.



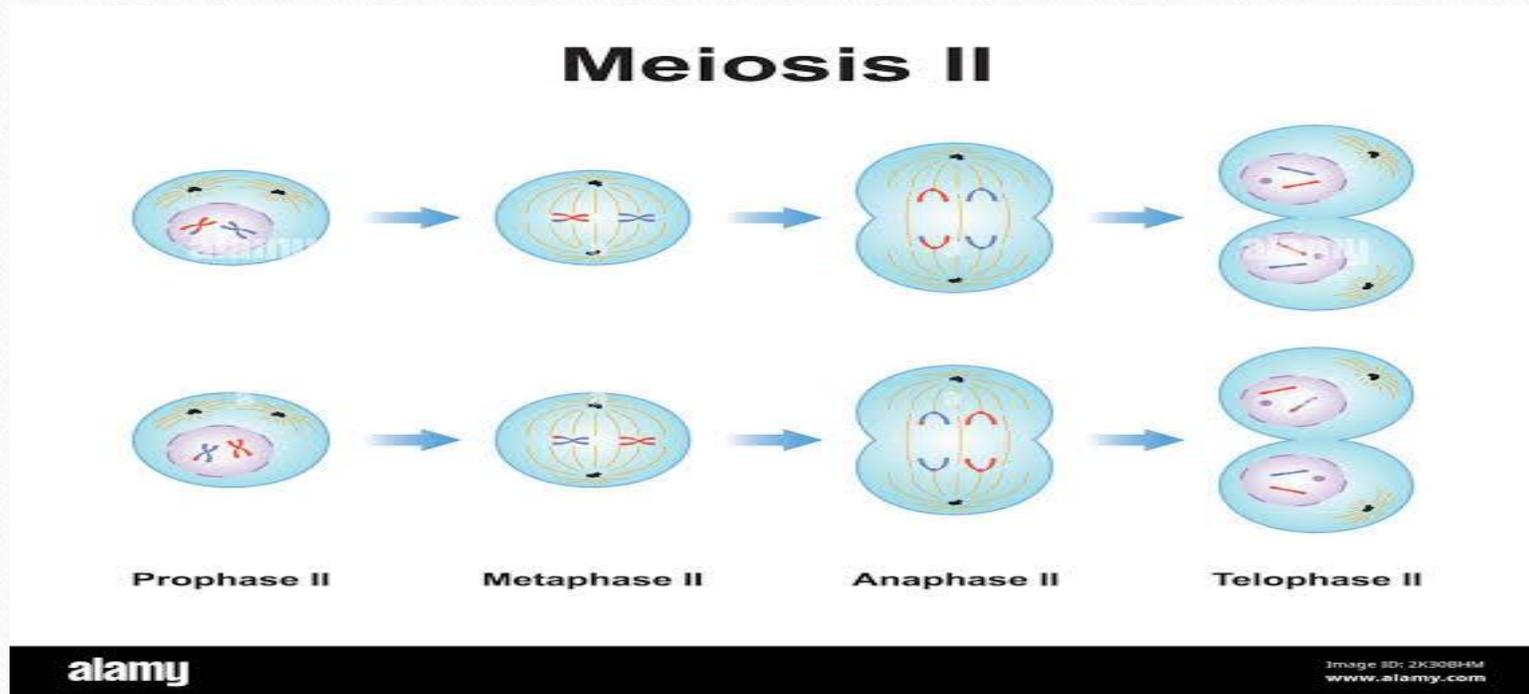
# Meiosis II

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- **Telophase II**
- Chromosomes arrive at poles.
- Nuclear envelope reforms.
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- **Cytokinesis**
- Produces four haploid daughter cells with unique genetic combinations.



# Meiosis II



# Any Question

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