

# Help With Constructing a Family Tree (Pedigree)



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Example of form used to record Family History.

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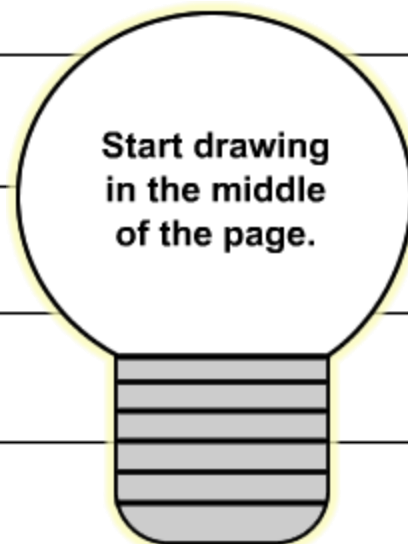
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Using this form draw the symbol for person being seen.

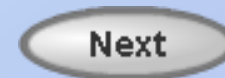


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Ask person giving information (Consultand) do they have brothers or sisters. If yes, ask how many and organise the siblings in order of age.



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
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Identify the Consultand using an arrow. Add full information.



Record full information on each family member.

- full name
- maiden or other names (if applicable) in brackets
- date of birth
- age at diagnosis (if applicable)

  
Helen Doe  
14/5/1968  
diagnosed  
age 30

  
James Doe  
4/10/1970

  
Vera Smith  
27/3/1972

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Age 32  
Jane Brown  
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12/1/1975

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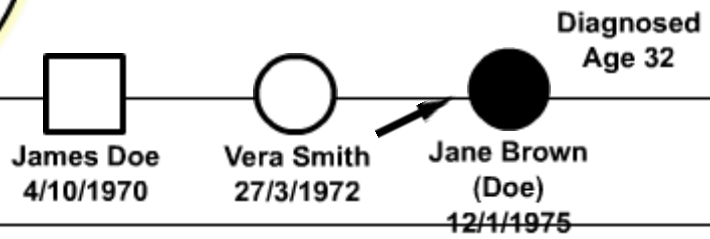
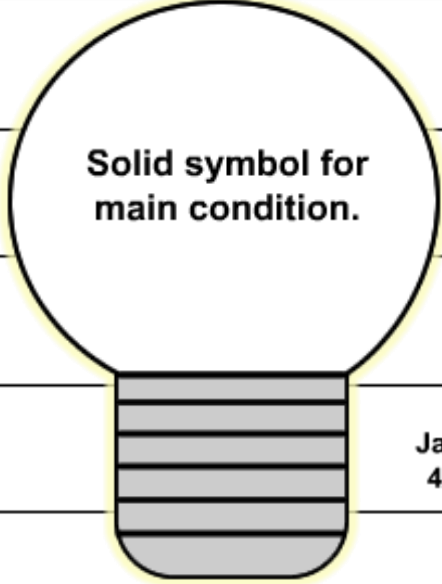
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Always create a key for the family condition and other conditions.



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


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
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Remember to date and sign family tree.

  
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


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You now need to add relationship lines.

  
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


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
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Before drawing relationship lines, you need to ask if all siblings have the same parents.

  
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


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
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Ask if there are any twins in the family.

  
Helen Doe  
14/5/1968  
diagnosed  
age 30

  
James Doe  
4/10/1970

  
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27/3/1972

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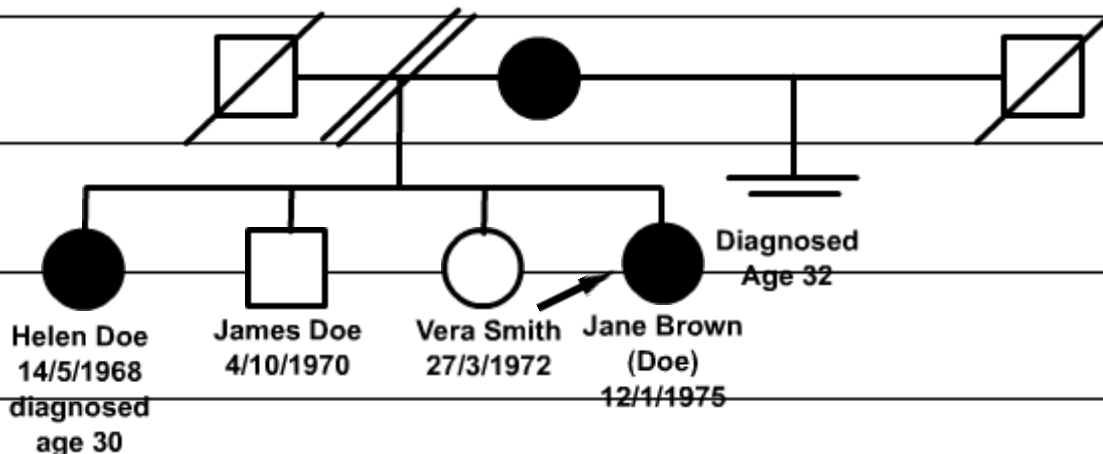
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This example shows mother having 2 relationships. If there were children from that relationship they are 1/2 siblings.

When drawing a partnership, traditionally males are on the left and females on the right.



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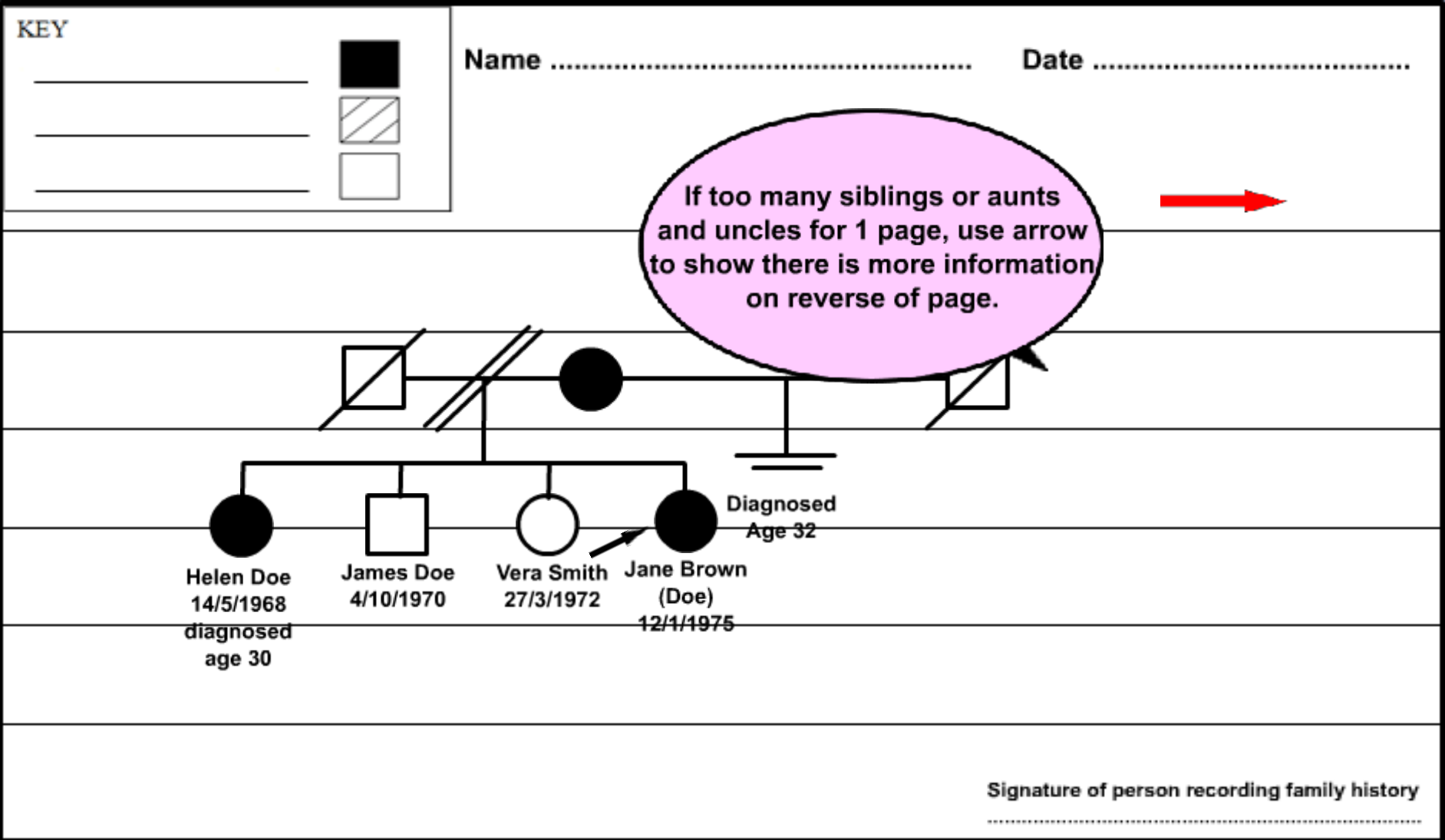
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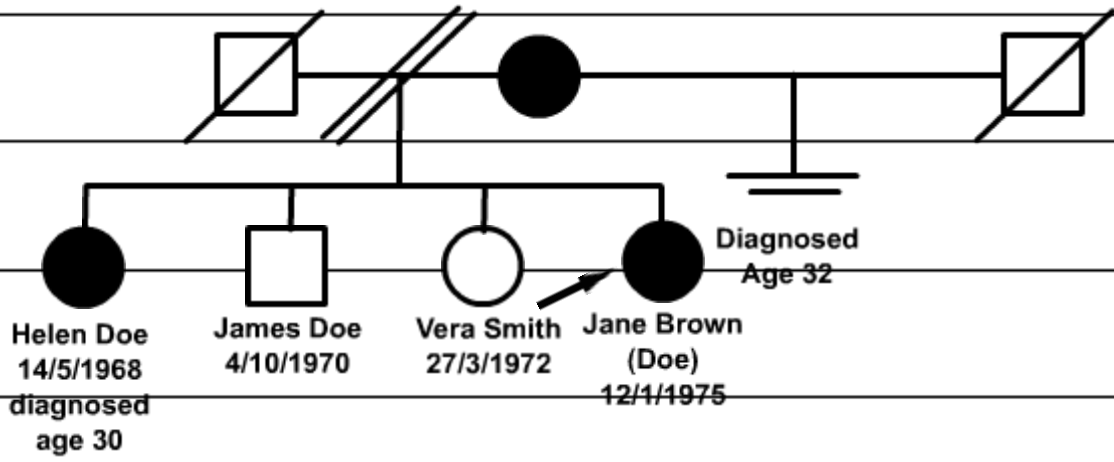


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You now should add aunts and uncles of the consultand.

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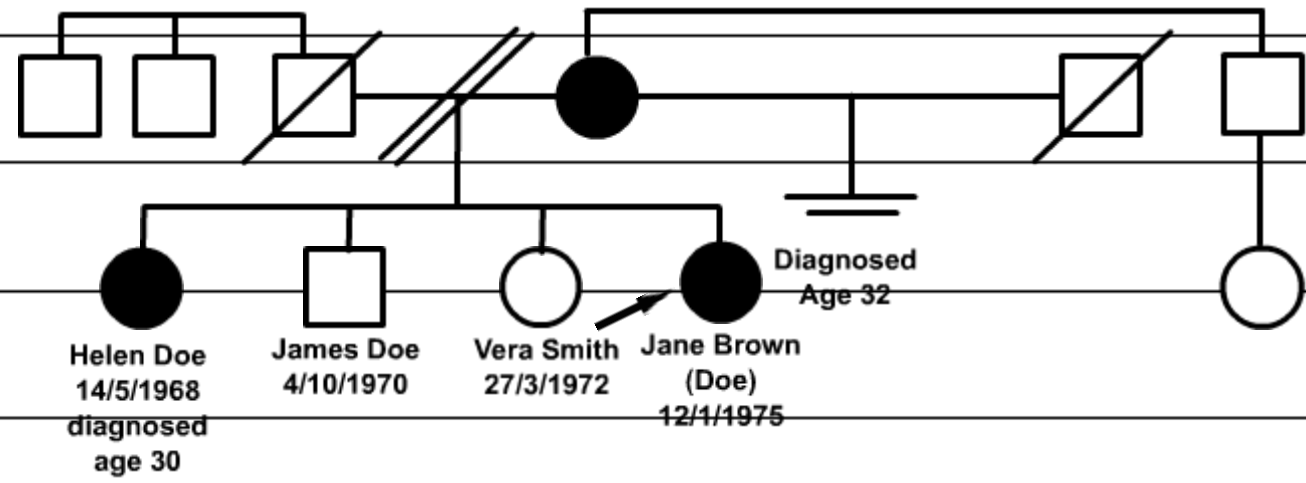


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Ask if they have aunts and uncles on maternal and paternal side of family.

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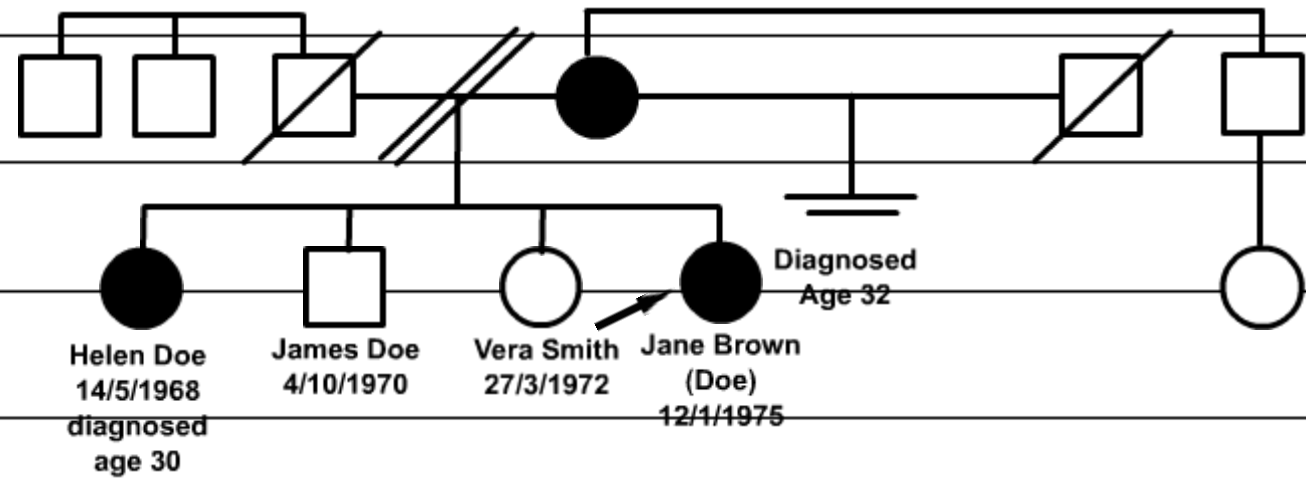


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It is not necessary to put aunts and uncles in order of age.

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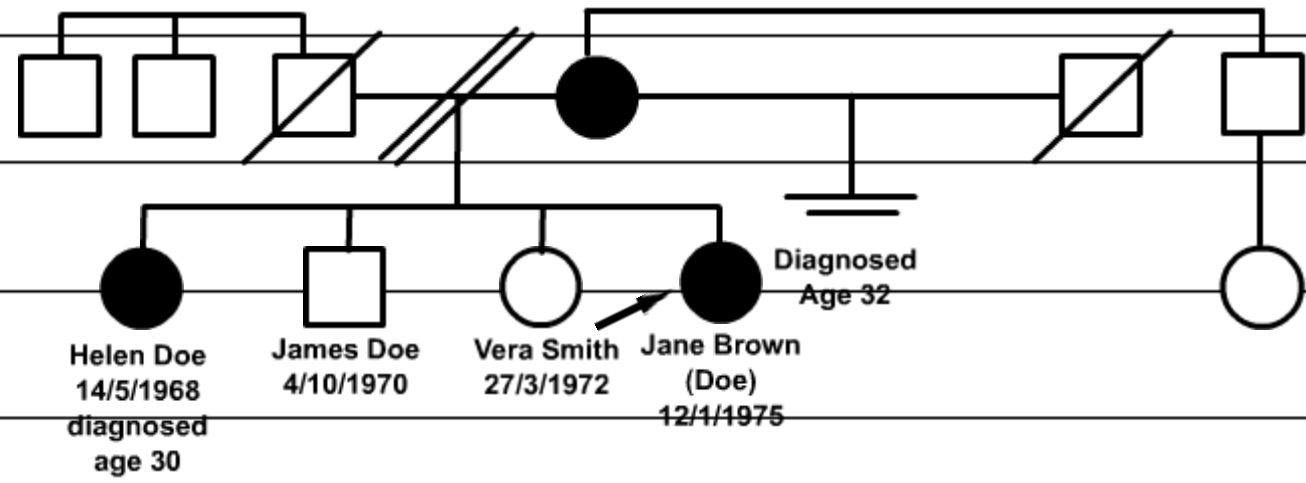


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Remember to note if anyone has or had the family condition or other serious illness.

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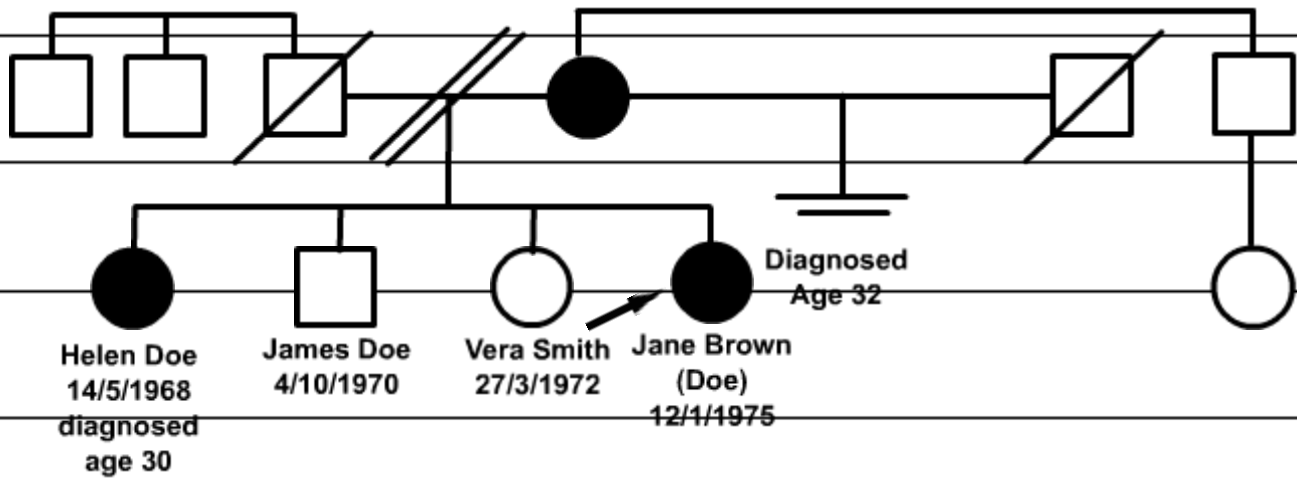


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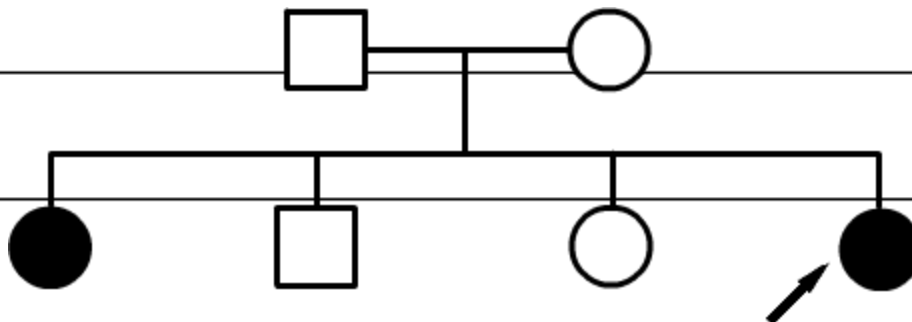
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You now draw any children of the Consultand.



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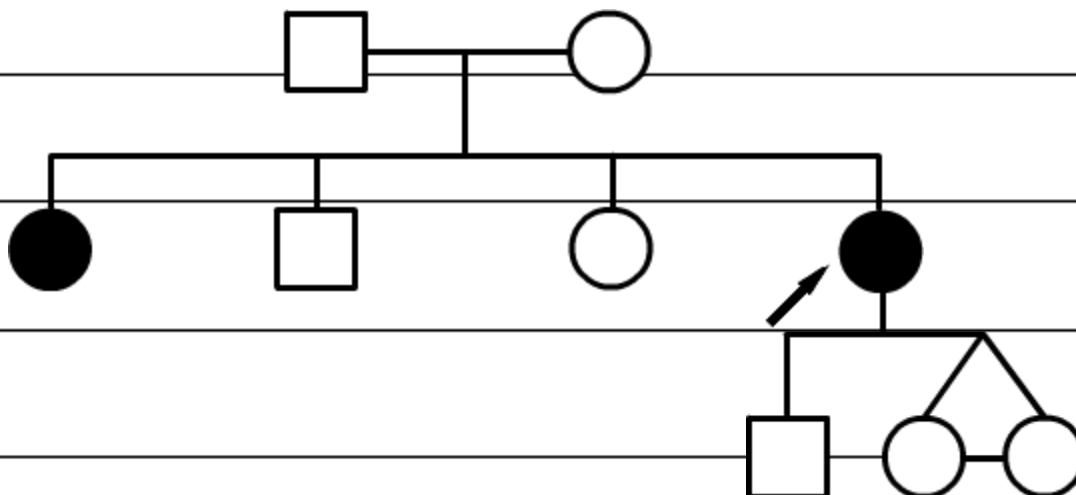
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Ask Consultand if they have any children.



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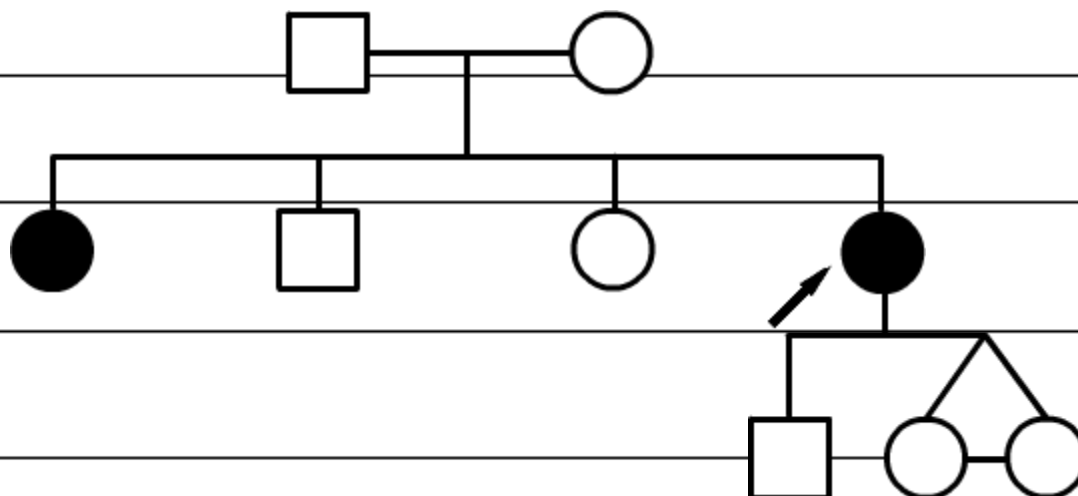
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You may choose to add children before you add aunts and uncles. You will find your own order of adding this information.

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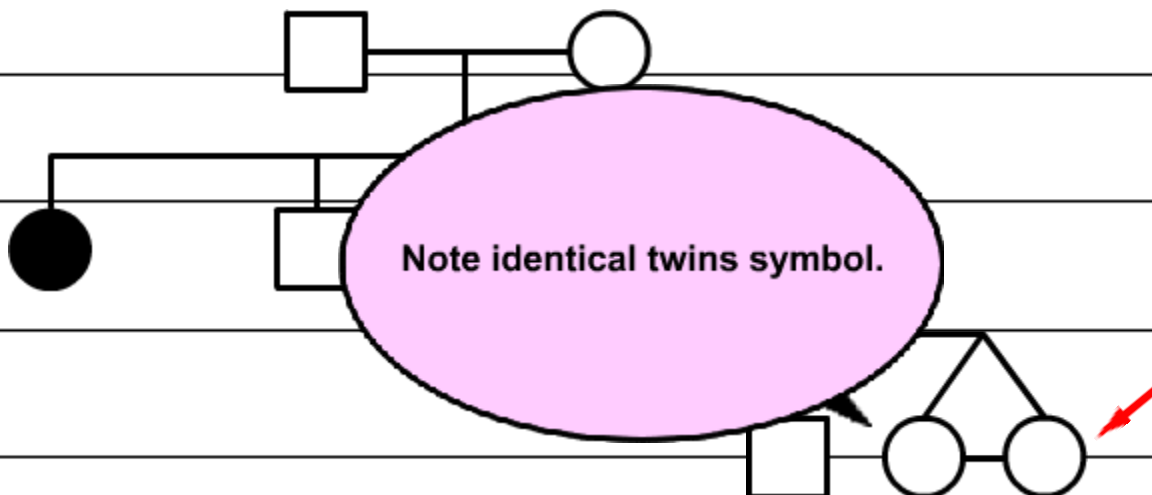
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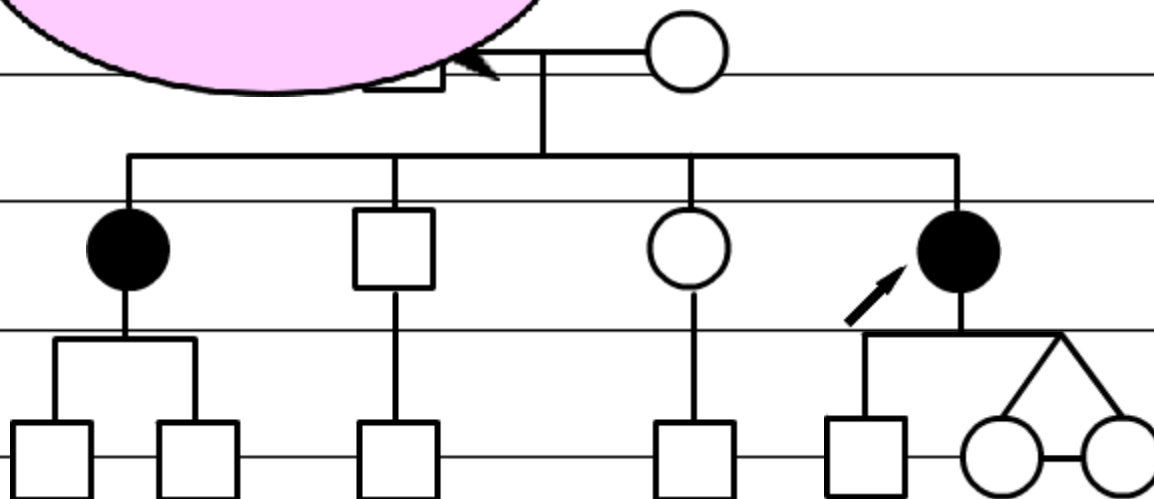
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You can add children of siblings too.



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The previous family history was created using a dominant family history pattern. If you are discussing family history with a couple there is an increased chance that there could be a recessive condition in the family.

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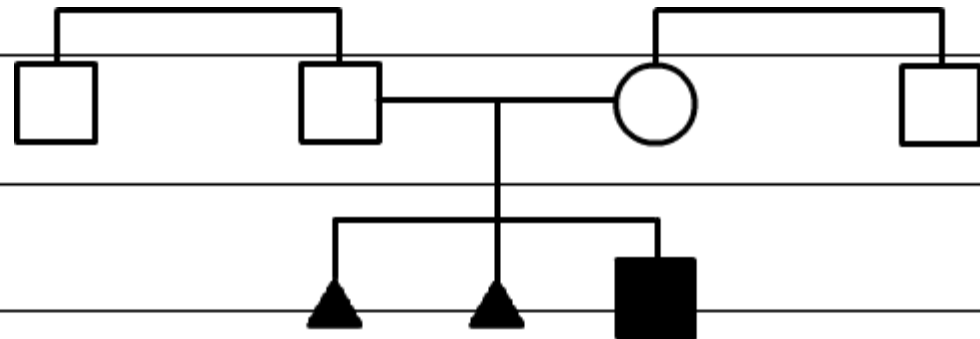


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The process of constructing a recessive family tree is exactly the same as previously shown. However, you should take family history information from each partner as shown below.



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