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# Biomedical Knowledge Visualization



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# UMLS Semantic Navigator

## *SemNav*

<http://umlsks.nlm.nih.gov>\*

► SN Resources ► Semantic Navigator  
(\* free UMLS registration required)

# Unified Medical Language System®

- ◆ Developed at NLM since 1990
- ◆ 15<sup>th</sup> edition in 2004
- ◆ Integrates some 60 terminological resources
  - Clinical vocabularies (including specialties)
  - Core terminologies (anatomy, drugs, med. devices)
  - Administrative terminologies, standards
- ◆ Integration
  - Synonymous terms are clustered in a concept
  - Hierarchies (trees) are combined in a graph structure



# Terminology integration Terms

Duchenne muscular dystrophy

MeSH, SNOMED  
CTV3, Jablonski,  
CRISP, DxPlain,  
MedDRA, LOINC

Duchenne's muscular dystrophy

COSTAR

Duchenne de Boulogne muscular dystrophy

Jablonski

Duchenne type progressive muscular dystrophy

SNOMED

pseudohypertrophic muscular dystrophy

MeSH, CTV3  
SNOMED

X-linked recessive muscular dystrophy

Jablonski

severe generalized familial muscular dystrophy

SNOMED

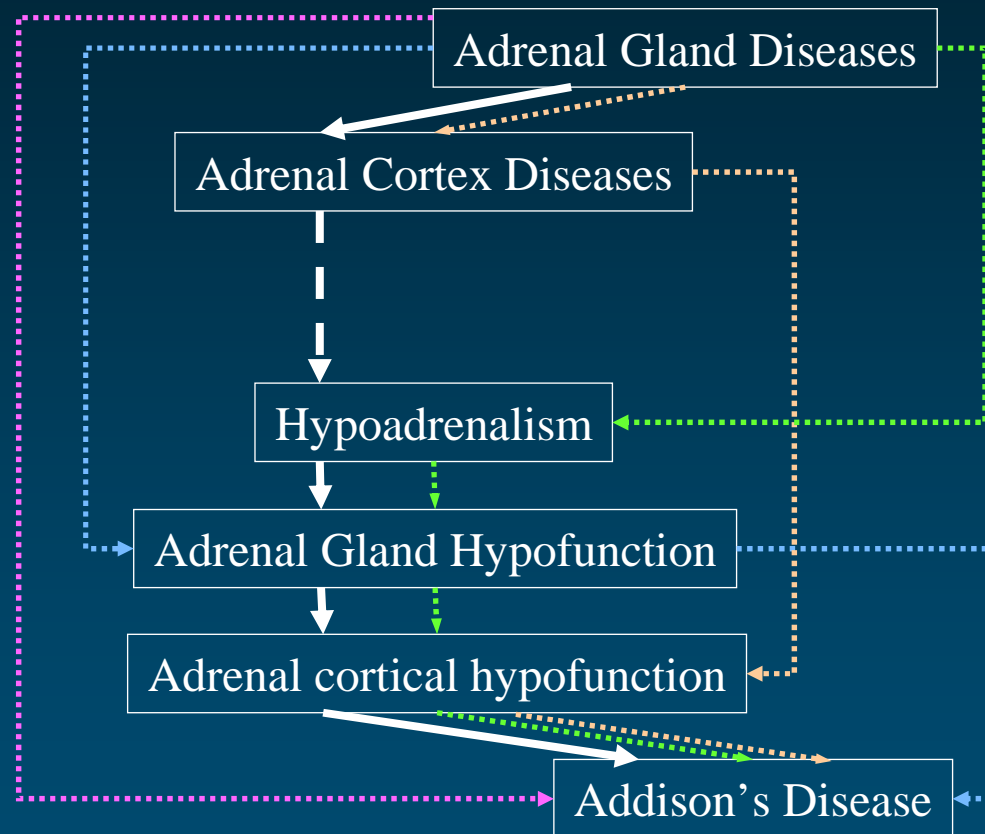


# Terminology integration

## Relationships

SNOMED  
MeSH  
AOD  
Read Codes

UMLS



# UMLS

## ◆ Two-level structure

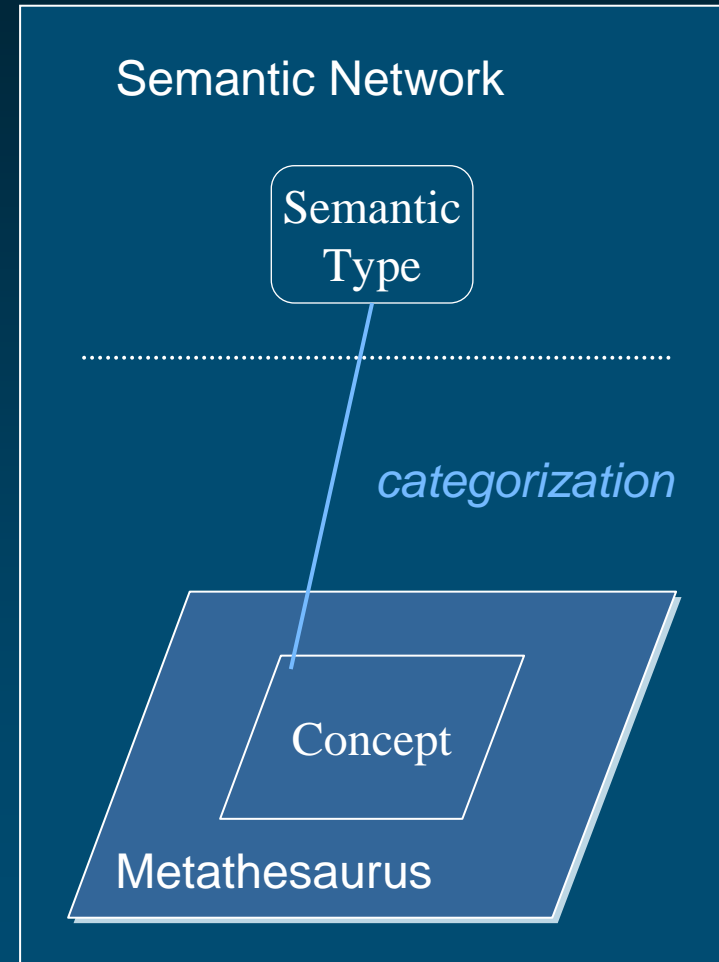
### ● Semantic Network

- 135 Semantic Types (STs)
- 54 types of relationships among STs

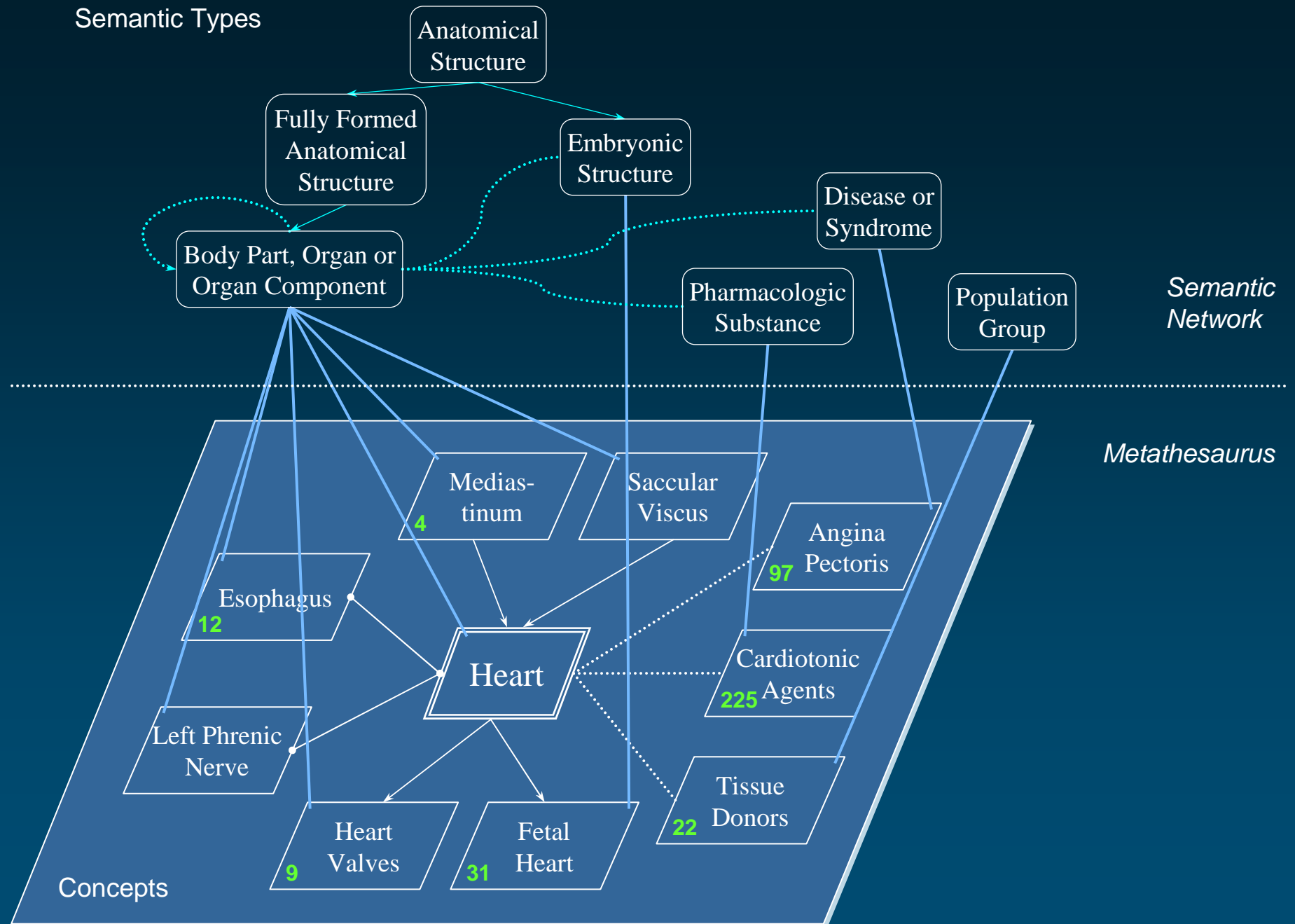
### ● Metathesaurus

- >1M concepts
- ~12 M inter-concept relationships

### ● Link = categorization




## Semantic Types



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Metathesaurus

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Semantic Network SPECIALIST Lexicon

Metathesaurus Search for: **dystrophin**

Display

☒ Definition

☒ Synonyms

☐ Other Languages

☐ Sources

Concept

**Concept: Dystrophin**

CUI: C0079259

**Semantic Type:** Amino Acid, Peptide, or Protein

[Biologically Active Substance](#)

Context

☐ Ancestors

☐ Parents

☐ Siblings

☐ Children

Relations

☐ Narrower

☐ Broader

☐ Similar

☐ Other

☐ Related and possibly synonymous

☐ Source asserted synonymy

☐ Allowable Subheadings

☐ Associated Expressions

☐ Locator Information

**Co-occurring Concepts**

☐ Co-occurring MeSH

☐ Co-occurring AI/RHEUM

**Definition:**

large, structural, spectrin-like protein expressed in skeletal muscle; genetic defect is linked to Duchenne and Becker muscular dystrophy. ( CRISP Thesaurus )

A muscle protein localized in surface membranes which is the product of the Duchenne/Becker muscular dystrophy gene. Individuals with Duchenne muscular dystrophy usually lack dystrophin completely while those with Becker muscular dystrophy have dystrophin of an altered size. It shares features with other cytoskeletal proteins such as SPECTRIN and alpha-actinin but the precise function of dystrophin is not clear. One possible role might be to preserve the integrity and alignment of the plasma membrane to the myofibrils during muscle contraction and relaxation. MW 400 kDa. ( MeSH )

**Synonyms:**

[Dystrophin](#)

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[Amino Acids, Peptides, and Proteins \[D12\]](#)

[Proteins \[D12.776\]](#)

[Contractile Proteins \[D12.776.210\]](#)

[Muscle Proteins \[D12.776.210.500\]](#)

[Actinin \[D12.776.210.500.095\]](#)

[Actins \[D12.776.210.500.100\]](#)

[Actomyosin \[D12.776.210.500.154\]](#)

[Calsequestrin \[D12.776.210.500.220\]](#)

► [Dystrophin \[D12.776.210.500.250\]](#)

[Myogenic Regulatory Factors \[D12.776.210.500.570\] +](#)

[Myoglobin \[D12.776.210.500.588\]](#)

[Myosins \[D12.776.210.500.600\] +](#)

[Parvalbumins \[D12.776.210.500.750\]](#)

[Ryanodine Receptor Calcium Release Channel \[D12.776.210.500.800\]](#)

[Tropomyosin \[D12.776.210.500.895\]](#)

[Troponin \[D12.776.210.500.910\] +](#)

[Amino Acids, Peptides, and Proteins \[D12\]](#)

[Proteins \[D12.776\]](#)

[Cytoskeletal Proteins \[D12.776.220\]](#)

[Adenomatous Polyposis Coli Protein \[D12.776.220.040\]](#)

► [Dystrophin \[D12.776.220.250\]](#)

[Intermediate Filament Proteins \[D12.776.220.475\] +](#)

[Microfilament Proteins \[D12.776.220.525\] +](#)

[Microtubule Proteins \[D12.776.220.600\] +](#)

[Spectrin \[D12.776.220.980\]](#)

[Talin \[D12.776.220.985\]](#)

[Vinculin \[D12.776.220.990\]](#)

# MeSH Browser



[Amino Acids, Peptides, and Proteins \[D12\]](#)

[Proteins \[D12.776\]](#)

[Membrane Proteins \[D12.776.543\]](#)

[Ankyrins \[D12.776.543.080\]](#)

[Arrestins \[D12.776.543.090\] +](#)

[Bacterial Outer Membrane Proteins \[D12.776.543.100\] +](#)

[Caveolins \[D12.776.543.160\]](#)

[Clathrin \[D12.776.543.200\]](#)

[Coat Protein Complex I \[D12.776.543.212\] +](#)

[Connexins \[D12.776.543.225\] +](#)

► [Dystrophin \[D12.776.543.250\]](#)

[Heterotrimeric GTP-Binding Proteins \[D12.776.543.325\] +](#)

[LDL-Receptor Related Protein-Associated Protein \[D12.776.543.475\]](#)

[Membrane Glycoproteins \[D12.776.543.550\] +](#)

[Membrane Transport Proteins \[D12.776.543.585\] +](#)

[Myelin Proteins \[D12.776.543.620\] +](#)

[Neurofibromin 2 \[D12.776.543.685\]](#)

[Receptors, Cell Surface \[D12.776.543.750\] +](#)

[Spectrin \[D12.776.543.980\]](#)



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**Transitive reduction:** ☒ yes ☐ no

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Search

Siblings

Chemicals & Drugs

- alpha actinin
- caldesmon
- calponin
- gelsolin
- muscle relaxing factor
- myoglobin
- myosin ATPase
- synapsin
- tropomyosin
- troponin
- vinculin

(11 siblings)

[children and narrower concepts of parents and broader concepts]

protein

cytoskeletal protein

binding protein

actin binding protein

muscle protein

dystrophin

Other Related Concepts

Disorders

- muscular dystrophy

(1 other related concept)

Co-occurring Concepts

(not displayed. Restrict to vocabulary in use)

BCI

Dystrophin

LEGEND

\*

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Transitive reduction: ☐ yes ☒ no

Similar Concepts

(none)

Closest MeSH Terms

Main Headings

- Dystrophin

Subheadings

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Siblings

Chemicals & Drugs

- (LA)12 peptide
- (methyl)ammonium uptake carrier
- Corynebacterium
- 120-kDa hemocyte-specific membrane protein, flesh fly
- 15a protein, Aedes aegypti
- 22.6-kDa antigen, Schistosoma japonicum
- 36-kDa vesicular integral membrane protein
- 38L protein
- 5-lipoxygenase-activating protein
- 59 kDa dystrophin-associated protein
- A-1 antigen
- A-kinase anchor protein 149
- A-kinase anchor protein 15
- A-kinase anchor protein 200
- A-kinase anchor protein KL
- A14.5L protein
- A15 protein
- A4 protein
- ABC-me protein
- AcB protein
- ACR3 protein
- AcEt protein
- actA protein
- Actinin

Other Related Concepts

Disorders

- muscular dystrophy
- Muscular Dystrophy, Duchenne

Living Beings

- Mice, Inbred mdx
- (3 other related concepts)

Co-occurring Concepts

Anatomy

- Brain
- Cell Membrane
- Cytoskeleton
- Heart
- Hippocampus
- Muscle
- Fibers
- Muscle Fibers, Fast-Twitch
- Muscle, Skeletal
- Muscle, Smooth
- Muscle, Smooth, Vascular

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Transitive reduction: yes no

Dystrophin

LEGEND

Closest MeSH Terms

Main Headings

- Dystrophin

Subheadings

Similar Concepts

(none)

proteins by body part

Microfilament Proteins

membrane protein

actin binding protein

dystrophin

binding protein

contractile protein

muscle protein

apo-dystrophin 1

140-kDa dystrophin

dystrophin-related protein 2

dys-1 protein

Dp260 protein

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Siblings

Disorders

• Erb's muscular dystrophy ◊

• Gower's muscular dystrophy ◊

• Intermediate X-linked muscular dystrophy ◊

• Manifesting female carrier of X-linked muscular dystrophy ◊

• Muscular Dystrophy, Becker ◊

• Muscular Dystrophy, Facioscapularumeral ◊

• Muscular Dystrophy, Lamb-Girdle ◊

• Muscular Dystrophy, Oculopharyngeal ◊

• Ocular muscular dystrophy ◊

(9 siblings)

[direct children and narrower concepts of direct parents and broader concepts]

Other Related Concepts

Chemicals & Drugs

• Dystrophin ◊

Disorders

• Muscular Dystrophy, Becker ◊

• MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY, PSEUDOHYPERTROPHIC, PROGRESSIVE, DUCHENNE AND BECKER TYPES ◊

• Progressive muscular dystrophy, legs ◊

(4 other related concepts)

Co-occurring Concepts

Activities & Behaviors

• Knowledge, Attitudes, Practice [1] ◊

• Physician's Practice Patterns [1] ◊

• Psychological adjustment [1] ◊

• Verbal Behavior [1] ◊

Anatomy

• Achilles Tendon [1] ◊

• Ankle [1] ◊

X-linked muscular dystrophy with limb girdle distribution

Muscular Dystrophies

Muscular dystrophies and other myopathies

X-linked muscular dystrophy with abnormal dystrophin

Hereditary progressive muscular dystrophy, NOS

Muscular Dystrophy, Duchenne

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Muscular Dystrophy, Duchenne

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Closest MeSH Terms

Main Headings

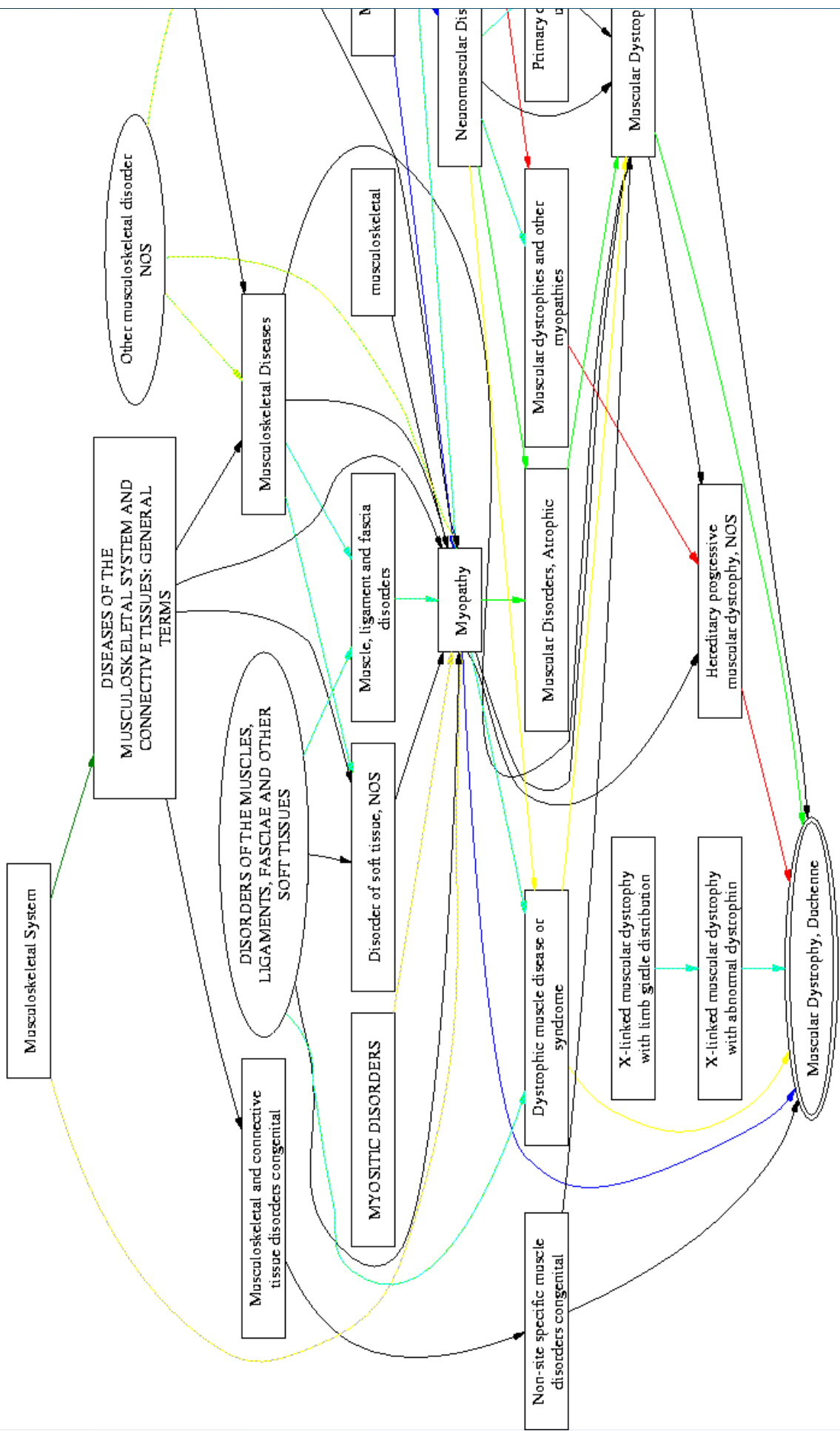
• Muscular Dystrophy, Duchenne

Subheadings

Similar Concepts

• Hereditary progressive muscular dystrophy, NOS ◊

(1 similar concept)





# SemNav R

Relationships  
of **Dystrophin** (C1)  
*Amino Acid, Peptide, or Protein*  
*Biologically Active Substance*  
to **Muscular Dystrophy, Duchenne** (C2)  
*Disease or Syndrome*

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**Metathesaurus Relationships**

C1 *otherwise related to* C2

not defined • MeSH

C1 *co-occurs with* C2

Frequency = 55 • MEDLINE

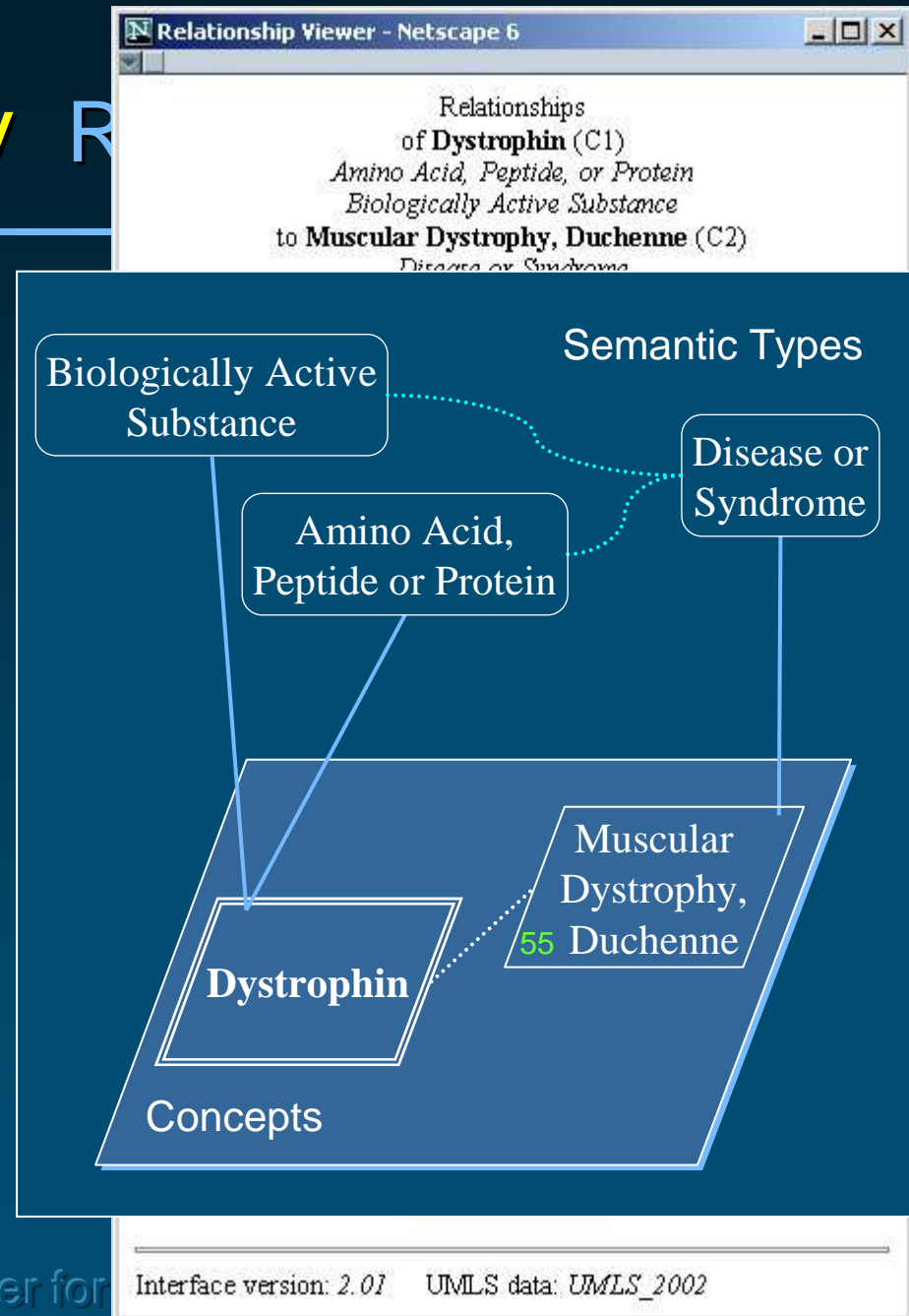
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**Semantic Network Relationships**

Amino Acid, Peptide, or Protein	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>affects</li> <li>causes</li> </ul>	Disease or Syndrome
Biologically Active Substance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>affects</li> <li>causes</li> <li>complicates</li> <li>produced by</li> </ul>	Disease or Syndrome

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# Gene Ontology browser

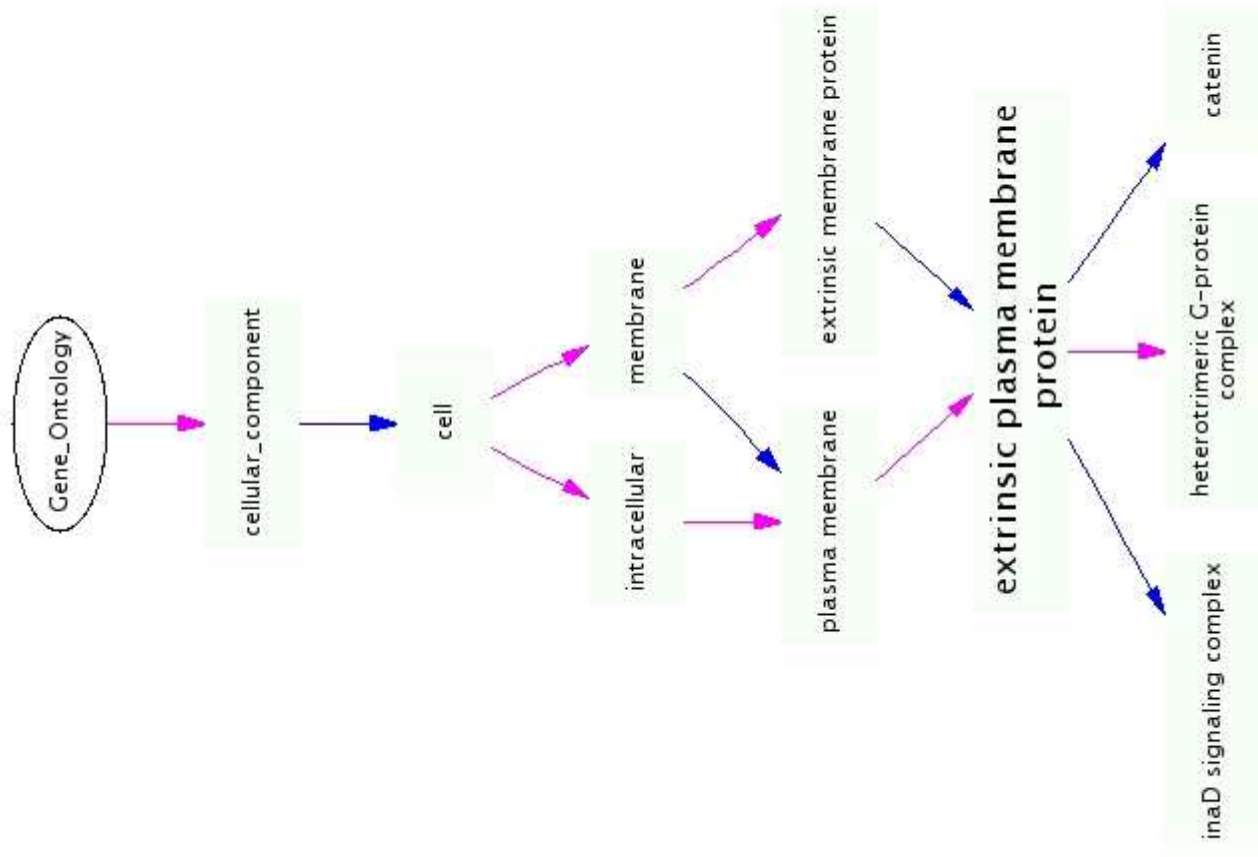


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# Gene Ontology™

- ◆ Developed by the GO Consortium
- ◆ Several components (GO database)
  - Ontology (~17,000 concepts)
    - Molecular functions
    - Cellular components
    - Biological processes
  - Gene products (~1.6M)
  - Associations between Gene products and GO concepts (~6.8M)





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**GO:0003673 : Gene Ontology (33650)**

- + GO:0008150 : biological process (24768)
- + GO:0005575 : cellular component (17255)
- + GO:0005623 : cell (14268)
  - + GO:0005622 : intracellular (12771)
    - + GO:0005886 : plasma membrane (2273)
      - + GO:0019897 : extrinsic plasma membrane protein (4511)
        - + GO:0019898 : extrinsic membrane protein (58)
        - + GO:0019897 : extrinsic plasma membrane protein (4511)
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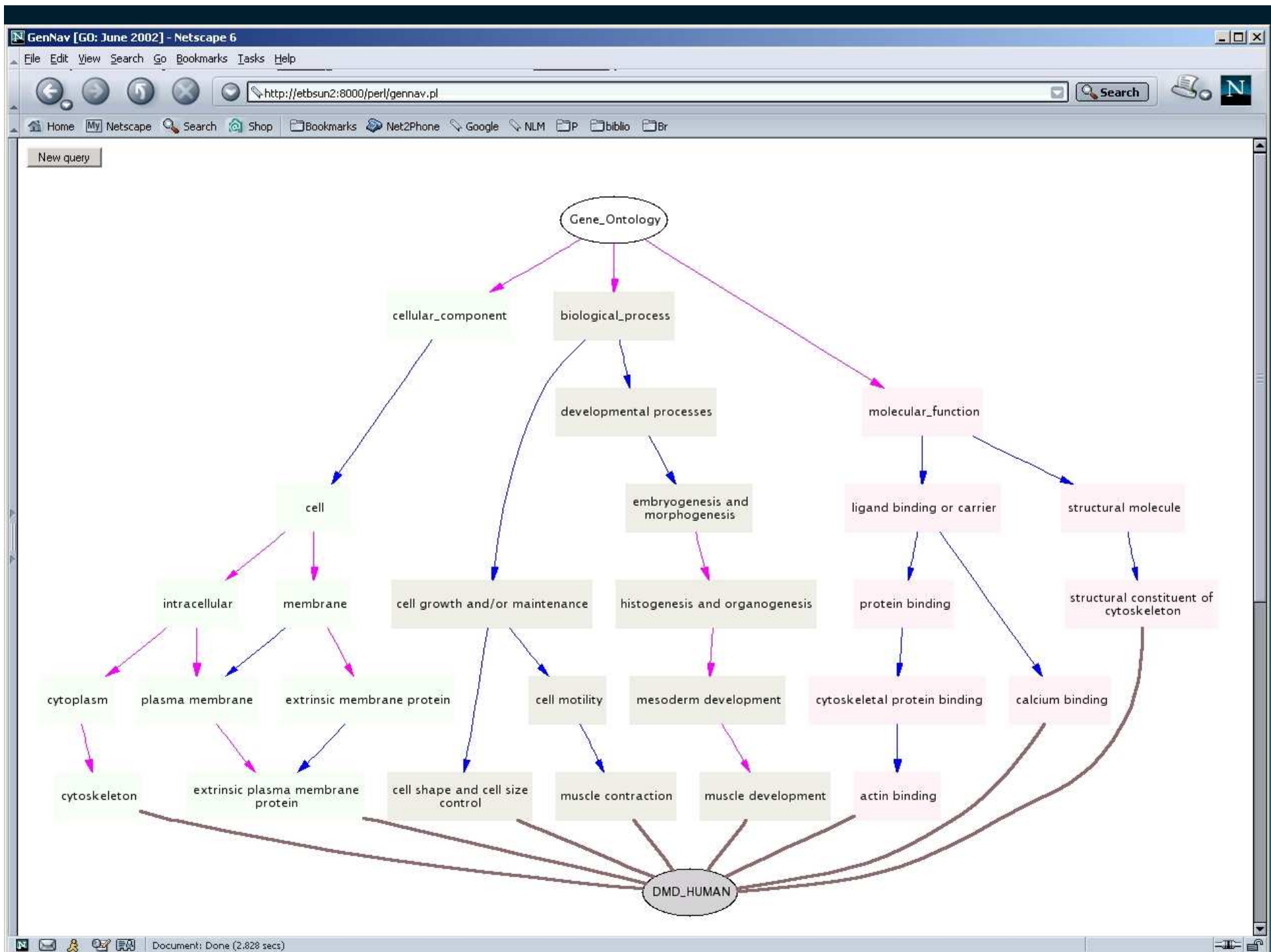
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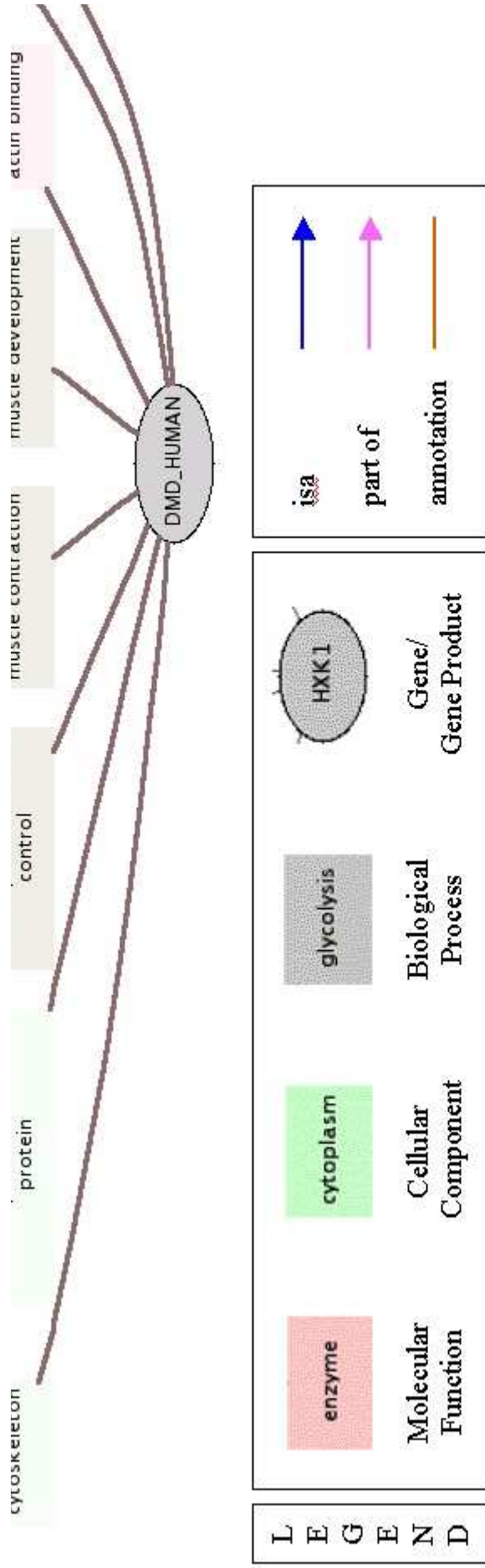
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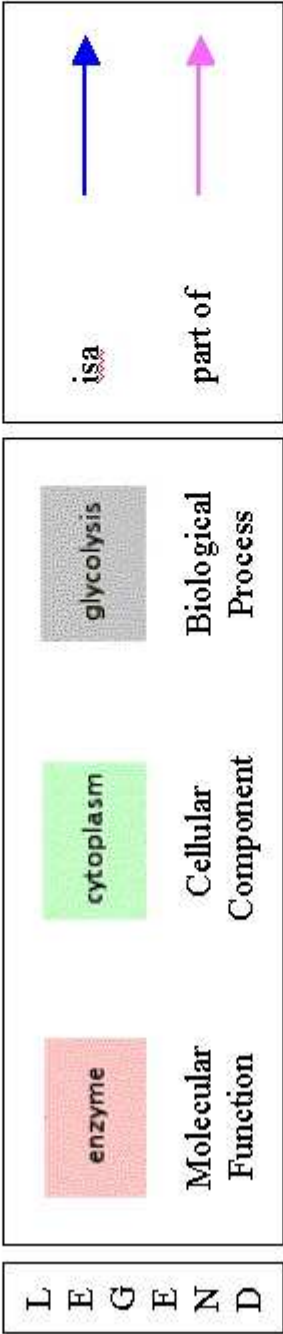
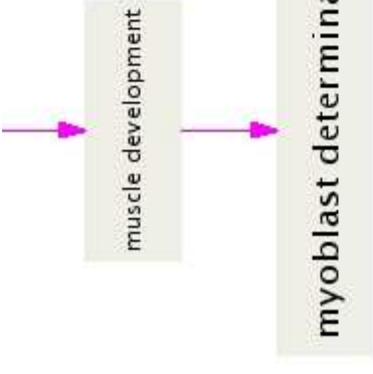




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Cross-references	DB TYPE	ID	OBJ_TYPE	TAXON	
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Molecular functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• actin binding [IEA]</li> <li>• structural constituent of cytoskeleton [TAS]</li> <li>• calcium binding [IEA]</li> </ul>				
Biological processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• muscle contraction [NR]</li> <li>• cell shape and cell size control [TAS]</li> <li>• muscle development [NR]</li> </ul>				
Cellular components	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• extrinsic plasma membrane protein [TAS]</li> <li>• cytoskeleton [TAS]</li> </ul>				

New query

Interface version: 0.3



Name	myoblast determination		
Type	process		
Accession number	7518		
Synonyms	none		
Definitions	none		
Parents (isa)	none		
Parents (part of)	• muscle development		
Children (isa)	none		
Children (part of)	none		
Cross-references	ID KEY DB		
Gene products (restricted to species: 9606)	Full name		Evidence
	Interferon-related developmental regulator 1	Symbol IFR1_HUMAN	Taxon 9606
	MEF-2 PROTEIN	Symbol Q9Y655	Taxon 9606

GenNav [GO: June 2002] - Netscape 6

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Search

# GenNav

**Term:**

**What:**

**Field:**

**String matching method:**

**Species restriction:**

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# Technical details

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- ◆ Simple web/cgi technology (apache, Perl)
- ◆ dot (GraphViz)
  - PNG file (-Tpng)
  - Client-side map (-Tcmap)
- ◆ Precompute the transitive closure on hierarchical relations to perform the transitive closure fast
- ◆ Remove cycles (UMLS)



Discussion  
*Issues and Challenges*

# Issues

## ◆ Size

- Large number of concepts (>1 million)

## ◆ Complexity

- Polyhierarchical structures
- Multiple information sources
- Multiple properties

## ◆ Lack of formality

- Redundant relations
- Hierarchies vs. hierarchical relations



# Challenges

- ◆ Restrict information space
  - To selected information sources (SemNav)
  - To selected organisms (GenNav)
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  - Group concepts by semantic groups
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- ◆ Reduce the cognitive burden on the user
  - Use graph-based rather than tree-based representations



# SemNav Semantic groups

The screenshot displays the SemNav Semantic Navigator interface. The main window shows a hierarchical diagram of Addison's Disease. The diagram is structured as follows:

- Adrenal Gland Diseases
  - Disorder definition
  - Syndrome
    - Disorders
      - Acquired Immune deficiency Syndrome
      - Atrophic adrenal insufficiency
      - Addisonian crisis
      - Adrenal Gland Hyperfunction
      - Adrenal insufficiency due to adrenal metastases
      - allergic/ autoimmune thyroiditis
      - Allergic arthritis
      - Angelman Syndrome
      - Antiphospholipid Syndrome
      - Antisocial Disorder
      - Autoerythrocyte sensitivity disorder
      - NCS
      - Autoimmune Diseases of the Nervous System
      - Autoimmune hemolytic anemia
      - Autoimmune leukopenia
      - Autoimmune pancytopenia
      - Autoimmune Thrombocytopenia
      - Battered Child Syndrome
      - Behcet's Syndrome
      - Blount Syndrome
      - Brittle diabetes
      - Cajal's Syndrome
      - Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
      - cheek-lipoma syndrome
      - Congenital hypoplasia of adrenal glands
      - Crohn's Disease
      - Cryoglobulinemia
      - CRYOGLOBULIN SYNDROME
- Antihormone Diseases
  - Addison's Disease
    - Addison's disease with adrenocortical atrophy
    - Addison's Disease Secondary to Idiopathic Atrophy

The diagram also includes a 'GENERAL TERMS' section and a 'DISEASES OF THE IMMUNE SYSTEM' section. The 'Addison's Disease' node is highlighted, and a list of 'Co-occurring Concepts' is displayed in a pop-up window.

**Co-occurring Concepts**

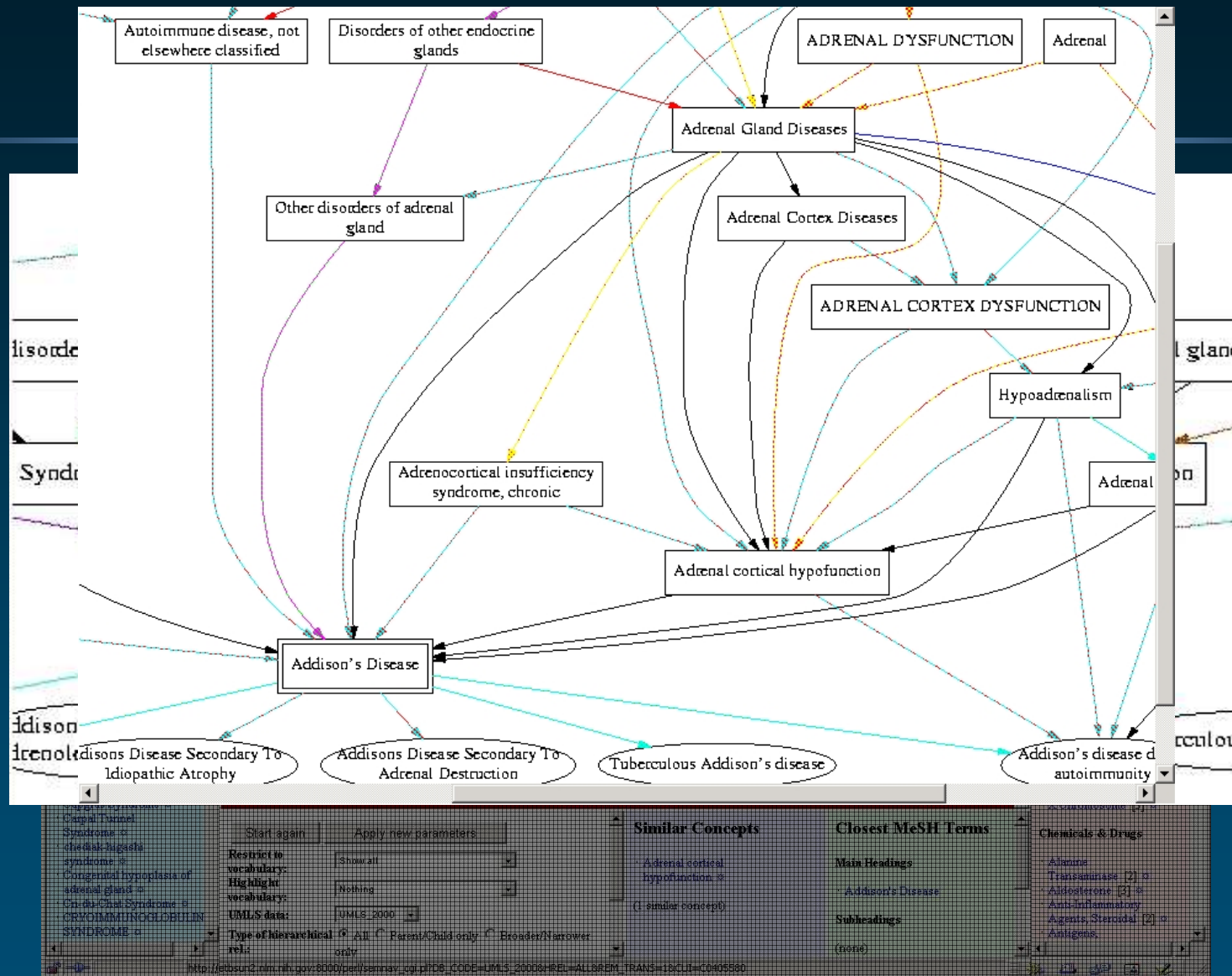
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  - Adrenal Glands [19]
  - Ear Cartilages [2]
  - Ear, External [2]
  - Liver [2]
  - Pituitary Gland [3]
  - Tears body substance [2]
  - X Chromosome [3]
- Chemicals & Drugs
  - Alanine Transaminase [2]
  - Aldosterone [3]
  - Anti-Inflammatory Agents, Steroidal [2]
  - Antigens,

The interface also includes a 'Siblings' list on the left, an 'Other Related Concepts' list on the right, and a 'Co-occurring Concepts' list on the right. The 'Siblings' list includes various disorders and syndromes. The 'Other Related Concepts' list includes Addisonian crisis, Addison's Disease, Secondary to Adrenal Destruction, Addison's Disease Secondary to Idiopathic Atrophy, Adrenal cortical hypofunction, Autoimmune Syndrome, Type II, Polyglandular, ENDOCRINE, PROBLEM, Hypopituitarism, Hypopituitarism, Tuberculosis of adrenal glands, and Tuberculous Addison's. The 'Co-occurring Concepts' list includes Adrenal Cortex, Adrenal Glands, Ear Cartilages, Ear, External, Liver, Pituitary Gland, Tears body substance, and X Chromosome.

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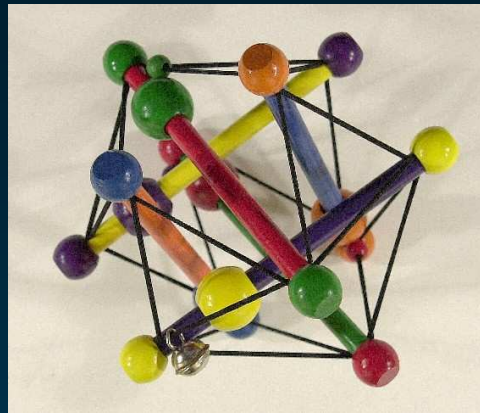




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