

# A family history of sudden deaths in adulthood

## Practising drawing a genetic family history - Worksheet 9

### Introduction

Helen has gone to visit her GP after the sudden death of her 19 year old son Gavin. Other members of Helen's family have died suddenly and she is concerned about her daughter Myfanwy. Use the family history information below to draw the family tree.

### Information about Helen's family

- Helen Evans (aged 54) is married to John Evans (aged 60).
- They have a daughter Myfanwy (aged 22) who is fit and well. Their son Gavin, who was their first child, died suddenly aged 19 years.
- John Evans had three other children with his first wife Brenda (aged 58). Paul (aged 32) is fit and well, Lucy their daughter died suddenly aged 17 years. Their third child Simon (aged 28) is well.
- John's father is Thomas Evans (aged 85) who is alive and well. John's mother, Celia, died suddenly aged 28 years.
- Celia Evans had a sister Beth who died suddenly aged 30 years. She was married to Gareth Williams who died, age 71, from bowel cancer.
- Gareth and Beth had three children, Richard who died suddenly aged 22 years, Malcolm (aged 56), and Barbara (aged 54), both of whom are fit and well.
- Barbara is married to Derek Baker (aged 56); both are alive and well. Their children are Scott (aged 20) and Charlotte who died suddenly during exercise aged 14 years.
- Don't forget to date and sign the genetic family history pedigree.
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Draw the genetic family history (pedigree) here

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Pedigree taken: <date>  
 Drawn by: <name>  
 Information given by: <name>

