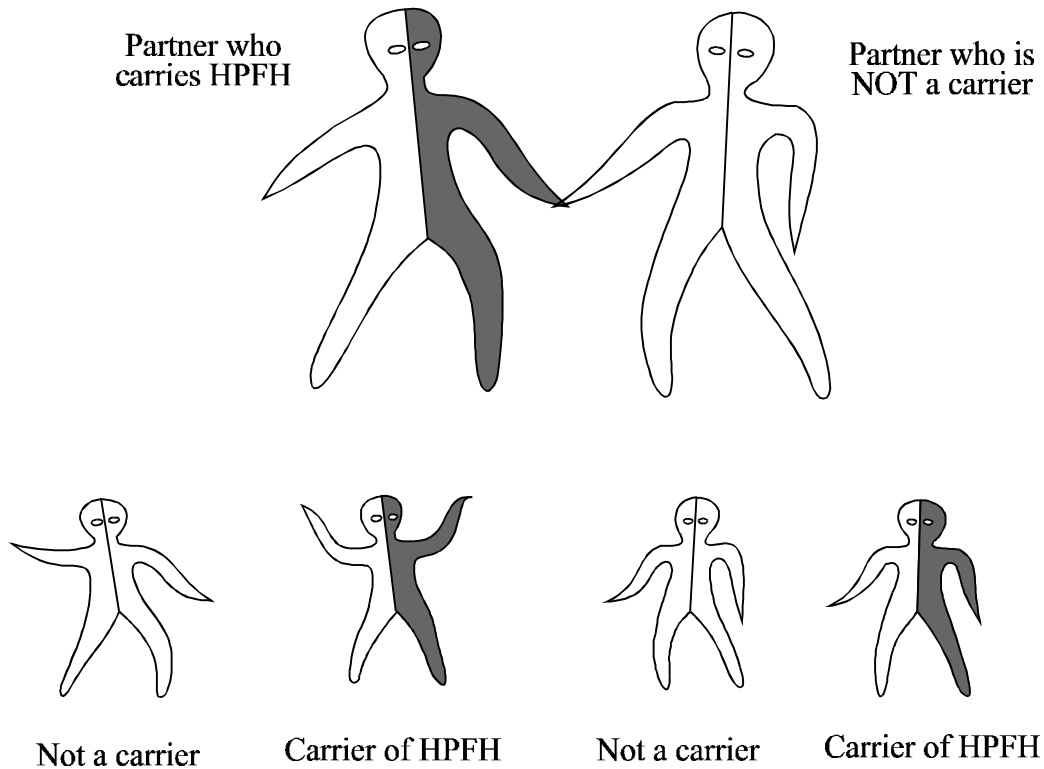


Implications for a Child when One Partner carries Hereditary Persistence of Fetal Haemoglobin (HPFH) and the Other does not carry any Haemoglobin Disorder

There is no particular problem for this couple. This combination cannot cause a serious inherited anaemia in their children.



In each pregnancy there are two possibilities:

- The child may not carry any haemoglobin disorder.
- The child may carry HPFH. This is harmless.

This couple has the same chance of a healthy family as other couples do.

When the children grow up, they should have blood test to see if they have inherited alpha HPFH. If they have, their partner should have a test "for haemoglobin disorders". It is important to remember this for the future.

For more information about carrying haemoglobin disorders contact