



Quick Guide to Genograms - Resource

Genogram Conventions

Symbols represent people. Lines represent relationships.

Symbols

Male
Female
Non-Binary
Transgender Male
Transgender Female
Pregnancy

Demographic information included with symbols

1980 40	Age is shown in the centre of symbol, with year of birth to the top left
1980 40 Margaret	Name is shown under the symbol
1980 40	Gender pronouns can be included before the name
They/Them Margaret	



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1980	A brief description of diagnosis or other presenting issue can be written below the name
They/Them Margaret	
Depression & Codeine addiction	
1980-2020	A cross inside a symbol denotes death. Dates can be included at bottom right. Age of death can be included inside the symbol

Lines

Solid line represents marriage, defacto relationship, cohabitation, polygamy or domestic partnership. DOM (date of marriage) or DOC (date of cohabitation) can be included above the line
 A dashed line represents friendship/ platonic relationship
 Double Diagonal Lines across the relationship line represent a divorce (year of divorce can be included)
Single Diagonal Line across the relationship line represent separation (year of separation can be included)
Line circling a group of people indicates people living together (household)

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	Twins are shown with converging lines
	Identical Twins are shown with converging lines plus a horizontal line joining them
0,01	Foster Children are shown with a dashed line to the foster parents, and solid lines showing biological parents
	Adopted Children are shown with a solid line and a dashed line
Eldest Child Twins 1 Identical Foster Child Child Voungest child	Children appear below parents in a single line and are usually represented from eldest to youngest (L-R)

