

## G6PD Mechanism

Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency is an X-linked recessive disorder characterized by a deficiency of the enzyme glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G6PD). This enzyme is involved in the pentose phosphate pathway and supplies reducing substances by converting  $\text{NADP}^+$  to NADPH. This NADPH is used by glutathione reductase to maintain levels of glutathione in cells, which helps protect red blood cells against oxidative damage caused by free radicals and peroxides. In addition, NADPH is actively engaged in the biosynthesis of fatty acids in the human body.



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### Turns $\text{NADP}^+$ to NADPH

[Line of \(NAD\) Nicotine Characters with P to PHs](#)

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### NADPH Used by Glutathione Reductase

[\(NADPH\) Nicotine-guy consumed by Gluttunous Red-duck](#)

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### Detoxifies Free Radicals and Peroxides

[Free Radicals and Peroxide-bottle](#)

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### X-linked Recessive

[X-suit with Recessive-chocolate](#)

G6PD deficiency shown by the broken dehydrator is inherited in an X-linked recessive fashion. Therefore, patients are predominately male.