

NSGC State of the Society

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Our Mission and Vision

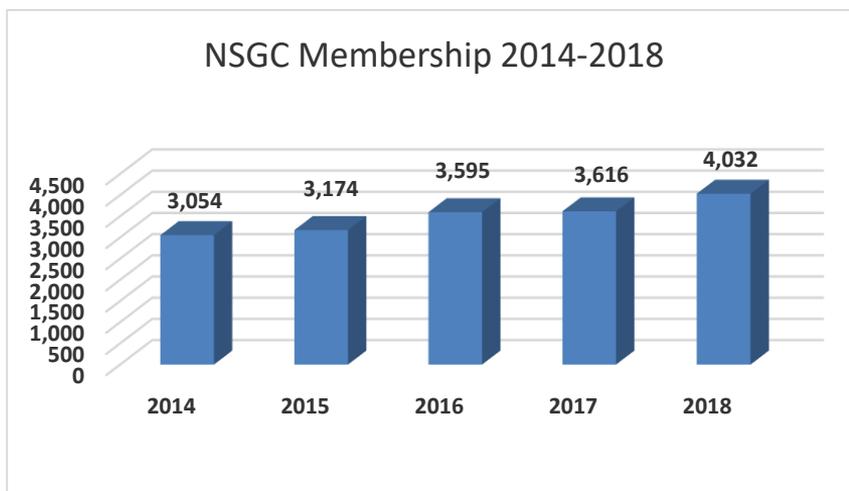
- Mission
 - The National Society of Genetic Counselors advances the various roles of genetic counselors in health care by fostering education, research and public policy to ensure the availability of quality genetic services.
- Vision
 - Integrating genetics and genomics to improve health for all.

NSGC At-a-Glance

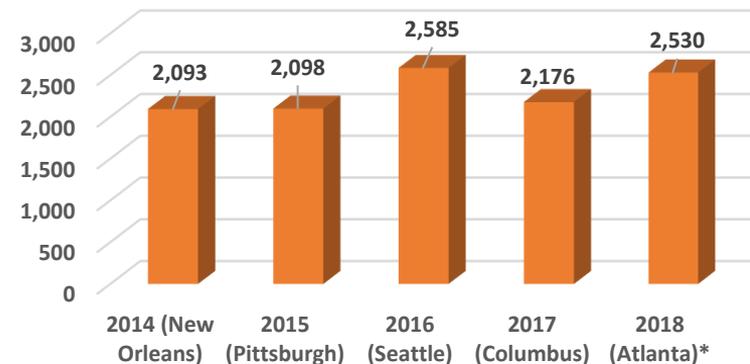
- 4,000+ members
- 22 Special Interest Groups (SIGs)
- Official liaison relationships with over 25 organizations
- 1,000+ member volunteers
- Countless opportunities to get involved

Membership and Conference Growth

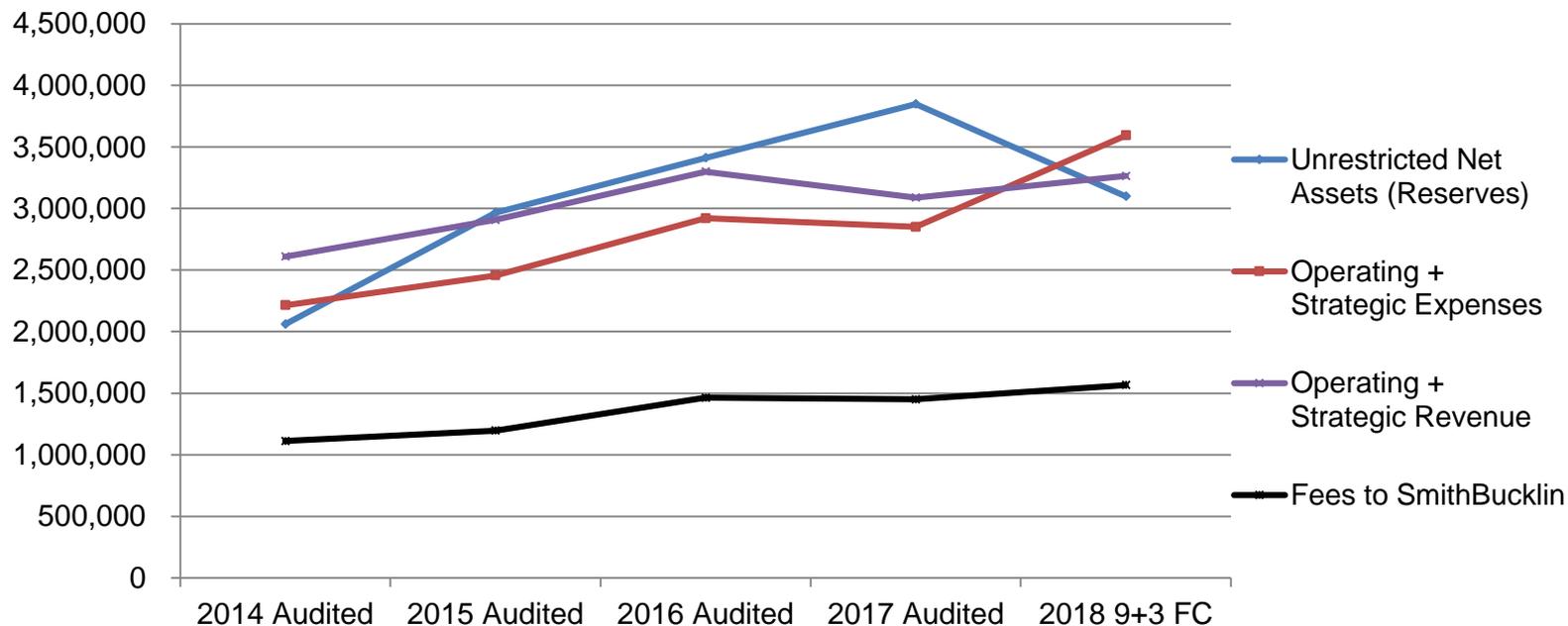
NSGC Membership 2014-2018



Annual Conference Registration 2014-2018



NSGC 5-Year Financial Trends



2016 – 2018 Strategic Plan

What did we accomplish?

Strategic Initiative 1

Drive the integration of genetic counselors throughout the healthcare delivery system to improve access to cost-effective, high-quality genetic and genomic services for healthcare consumers.

Federal Advocacy

- We have a bill!
- Investment in online grassroots support tool
 - YOU have sent 1,200+ emails to Congress to date
 - Watch for more information on targeted grassroots efforts
- Attend PI Panel tomorrow to learn more about how you can contribute to our strategy

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 7083

To amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for expanded coverage of services furnished by genetic counselors under part B of the Medicare program, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 23, 2018

Mr. PAULSEN (for himself and Mr. LOEBACK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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H.R. 7083: Documents to Support Advocacy

To support efforts to enact H.R. 7083, NSGC has posted the following documents to help members become successful advocates in support of this bill. NSGC will be asking members to contact their member of Congress, and these documents should be utilized. In order to be strategic, some members will be asked to contact the healthcare staff of your Representative directly, and others will be asked to email the office. The goal is to bring attention to the issue without becoming a nuisance to the congressional staff. In the coming weeks, NSGC will be implementing an online platform to make this easy and to aid you in becoming a great advocate for this important initiative.

If you are meeting members of Congress in person, please contact [John Richardson](#) for additional information.

Please download the following resources to get started:

- [H.R. 7083 Text](#)
- [H.R. 7083 Summary](#)
- [Genetic Counselor Background](#)
- [Issue Brief](#)
- [Draft Email to Congressional Office](#)
 - Please copy advocacy@nsgc.org on your email.
- [Draft Endorsement Letter for patient Advocacy Organization](#)
- [Institutional Support Flowsheet](#)
- [Endorsement Form](#)

Federal Advocacy Resources

Genetic Counselor Outcomes

- Outcomes Task Force now permanent Outcomes Committee
- Working to establish process and outcome measures for genetic counseling performed by genetic counselors
- Priority areas:
 - Access
 - Quality
 - Cost
- Working with National Quality Foundation to validate and gain endorsement for existing measures

Strategic Initiative 2

Direct the evolution and adaptation of the genetic counselor workforce.



ABILITY TO SEE PATIENTS

65% of genetic counselors report that return patients can be seen within one week. Telegenetics (telephone counseling) can be available within a day for expedited cases where surgical decisions need to be made.



SERVICE DELIVERY MODELS FOR DIRECT PATIENT CARE

Genetic counselors see patients in a variety of ways, including in-person appointments, over the phone, via web-based counseling and through group counseling.



Percentages include direct patient care providers and mixed care providers who provide direct care to patients more than 50% of the time.

Diverse Educational Offerings

Online Education Center

Your Professional Education Plan is Waiting

Welcome to NSGC's Online Education Center, designed to help you customize your online learning experience. Through the Online Learning Center, you can develop a plan that meets your needs and sort through courses by:

- Course topic
- Number of CEUs available
- Course length

NOTE: A login is required to purchase or access content in the Online Education Center.

[Access My Courses](#)

To access your previously purchased courses, visit [Access My Courses](#). To view all educational offerings in a single listing, please visit our [NSGC Online Education All Course Listing](#) page.



Business of Healthcare



Clinical Skills



ELSI & Policy Issues



Professional Development



Technology



Conference Recordings

New Course Available!
Evidence-based Practice: What It Is and Why It Matters

New Course Coming Soon!
Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing 201: Technology, Complex Cases and Resources

Have an idea for new educational content?

Share your ideas with the NSGC Education Committee.

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Contact Hours

0.1 - 1 Contact Hour

1.1 - 5 Contact Hours

5.1 - 11 Contact Hours

11+ Contact Hours

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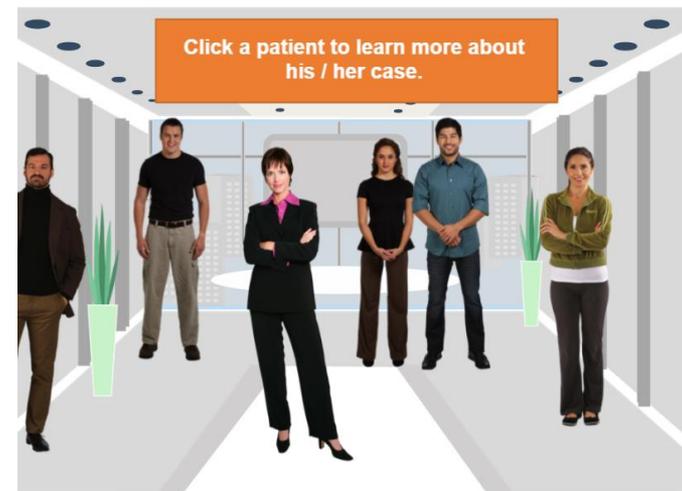
Webinar

Other

Education Topic

Business of Healthcare

Clinical Skills



Evolving to Support Our Members

- **Professional Status Survey**
 - Moving to annual survey
 - Abbreviated survey in odd years with four reports:
 - Executive summary
 - Demographics & methodology
 - Work environment
 - Salary & benefits

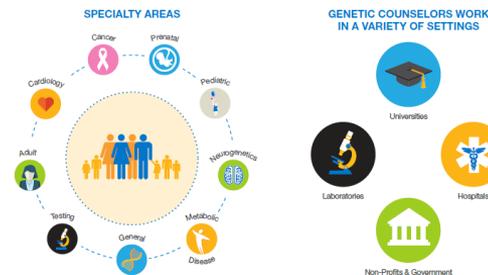


NSGC 2018 Professional Status Survey

Analysis of survey data from genetic counselors, which identifies new and emerging trends in the genetic counseling profession.

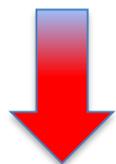
WORK ENVIRONMENT

The largest primary specialty areas for genetic counselors are **cancer genetics (31%)** and **prenatal genetics (20%)**, but genetic counselors work in a variety of areas, including:



Journal of Genetic Counseling

- New Publisher: John Wiley & Sons
 - Upgraded journal website
 - Virtual issues in areas of specialization
 - Mobile app
- New contract offers strategic support for journal and Society



2018



2019

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About the Journal

The *Journal of Genetic Counseling* (JOGC), published for the National Society of Genetic Counselors, is a timely, international forum addressing all aspects of the discipline and practice of genetic counseling. The journal focuses on the critical questions and problems that arise at the interface between rapidly advancing technological developments and the concerns of individuals and communities at genetic risk. The publication provides genetic counselors, other clinicians and health educators, laboratory geneticists, bioethicists, legal scholars, social scientists, and other researchers with a premier resource on genetic counseling topics in national, international, and cross-national contexts.

Featured



Announcing the 2018
Best Trainee Paper
Awardees!

To recognize and promote excellence in research and scholarship in our recent trainees, the *Journal of Genetic Counseling* is pleased to announce the **Best Trainee Paper Awards**. For more about the 2018 winners, click [here](#).

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Tweets by @GeneticCouns

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Genetic counselors are taking over Atlanta for #NSGC18! What are you looking forward to the most at this year's conference?

Efficiency Toolkit

- Designed to guide teams toward improved efficiency and service delivery
- Resources to support:
 - Identifying process redundancies
 - Streamlining administrative steps
 - Enabling team members to work at top of their scope

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Tools for your Practice

Enhance your knowledge and utilize shared resources developed by NSGC and its members!

Clinical Practice Resources

What is a Genetic Counselor Video and Infographic Series

- NSGC has created a [video](#) and set of [infographics](#) to support new consumer education efforts. These tools are intended to help introduce patients and consumers to the value and services of a clinical genetic counselor, including how and when to seek genetic counseling services and what to expect at an appointment. These resources are intended to be a high-level introduction for those not familiar with genetic counselors.

Talking About BRCA in your Family Tree Booklet

- This booklet on [Talking About BRCA in Your Family Tree](#) is intended for parents who are preparing to discuss a familial BRCA mutation with their child or children. This publication was funded by the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC) Familial Cancer Special Interest Group grant award.

NIPT Calculator

- The National Society of Genetic Counselors in conjunction with the Perinatal Quality Foundation is pleased to announce the availability of a [NIPT / Cell-free DNA Screening Predictive Value Calculator](#) at <http://nsgc.org/nipt-calculator>. The calculator was created in collaboration with Sound Information Services, LLC. The calculator will allow a clinician to estimate Positive Predictive Value (PPV) and Negative Predictive Value (NPV) of cell free DNA screening (cfDNA) based on estimates of population prevalence or by entering individual prevalence numbers. Helpful definitions, resources, and references are included. Questions about the calculator may be directed to the Perinatal Quality Foundation at support@perinatalquality.org.

Multi-Gene Panel Fact Sheet

- The "Multi-Gene Panels: The Importance of the Genetic Counselor Fact Sheet" was developed by the Payer Subcommittee, the Cancer SIG, and the Cardiovascular SIG to help emphasize the value of genetic counselors in addressing the complexity of multi-gene panels. We encourage you to share this document with your referring providers to help spread the word about our expertise and skill-set. [Access Here](#)

Fetal Therapy Centers Directory

- [Fetal Therapy Centers Organized by State](#)

Health Information Resources Repository

- This is a reference guide for medical professionals interested in using IT applications to facilitate daily clinical and other genetics-related duties. Please note that this is a working document and updates are made on an ongoing basis. While we do our best to ensure that the information is current, we encourage users to verify details of each tool with its distributor.

Workplace Efficiency Toolkit

- The Access & Service Delivery Committees (ASD) [Workplace Efficiency Toolkit](#) is a guide to help genetic counselors and their colleagues improve workplace efficiency and work at the top of their scopes. The Toolkit includes a [Discussion Guide](#), which helps facilitate workplace discussions around assessing workflow, identifying redundancy, and streamlining administrative steps. The Toolkit include four sequential [Worksheets](#) to help guide these discussions. Contact the ASD Efficiency Subcommittee with questions.

Genetic Testing Resource Document

- Share this [resource](#) with your patients, payers, and fellow providers to help educate and inform others about critical points to consider throughout the genetic testing process.

Service Delivery Models

- Working with a statistician to analyze results from the 2017 SDM focus groups
- Comparing with 2010 SDM focus group results
- Analysis to be published in 2019

Genetic Counselor Workforce

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Genetic Counselor Workforce Initiatives

Does a genetic counselor workforce shortage exist?

The statement likely traces back 30 years ago, and focused on genetics specialists – not genetic counselors specifically. While the shortage statement has been widely repeated in the press, NSGC data does not indicate a significant shortage at the current time.

The Facts

In early 2016 the WFIGW commissioned Dobson I DaVanzo & Associates, LLC to conduct a [workforce supply and demand study](#) of United States-based certified genetic counselors over the next decade (2017-2026).

Since this study was published, the genetic counselor profession has experienced significant growth, outpacing the assumptions of the study. There are 4,626 certified genetic counselors (CGCs) today and there will be over 4,900 by the end of the year.

Since 1993, the last 25 years, the profession will have undergone significant growth – over 600% (681 to 4,926)

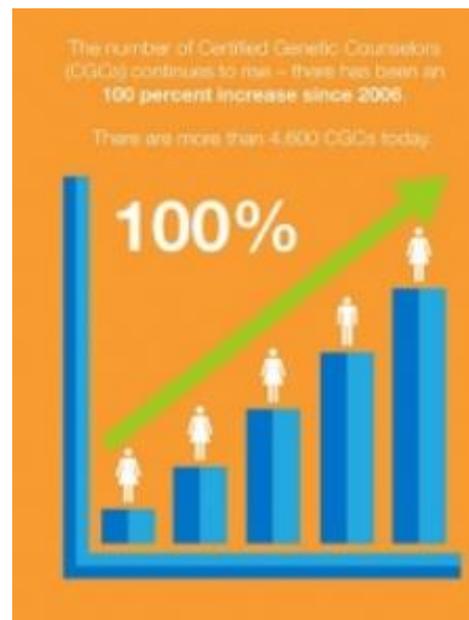
The profession has grown by over 100% in the last 10 years and it is expected to grow another 100% in the next 10 years. In five years there should be over 6,500 CGCs and in 10 years there are likely to be over 9,000. Significant growth is being driven by the creation of additional training programs and the expansion of current programs.

The shortage "mantra" is overstated, and in the coming months and years will be completely inaccurate.

Wait Times to See a Genetic Counselor

The wait times to see genetic counselors vary by specialty. As the NSGC Professional Status Survey asks genetic counselors for the third next available appointment, patients who can be flexible in their schedules and STAT cases are able to be accommodated quickly. Approximately 50% of clinical CGCs have a third patient appointment available within a week. Close to 90% of CGCs specializing in oncology report they can see a stat patient with 3 days, most on the same day.

However, wait times is most significant in pediatrics as shown below. While the situations may vary, those patients



Strategic Initiative 3

Ensure NSGC will meet the increasing and dynamic consumer demand for genetic counselors' services.

Timely information for consumers

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Home >> Genetic Testing >> What is At-Home BRCA Genetic Testing?

At-Home Genetic Testing and Hereditary Cancer

What you need to know about hereditary cancer, the types of genetic or DNA testing available to consumers without being ordered by a healthcare provider, and resources to help you make the decision that's right for you.

About At-Home Genetic Testing for Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer

Your Guide to at-home BRCA testing

- Are you considering BRCA testing through an at-home genetic test?
- What should you do once you have received results from at-home genetic testing?
 - The results say I have a genetic mutation (sometimes called a genetic variant) in one of the BRCA genes.
 - The results say I do not have a genetic mutation in one of the BRCA genes.
- Why should you care about the type of testing technology used?
- Are all genetic testing technologies the same?
 - What is genotyping?

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PRENATAL CONDITIONS



FAMILY HEALTH HISTORY



PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY



ABOUT AT-HOME TESTING



Brought to you by  **DNA Banking**

DNA banking allows genetic material from an individual to be saved for future use. It lets families pursue genetic testing at a later time and take advantage of future technology.

When might DNA banking be appropriate for me or my family?

- Current technology is unable to find a genetic cause for a suspected hereditary condition.
- No testing is available yet.
- Cost of current testing is too high.
- There is not enough time for traditional genetic testing (e.g. terminal illness).
- There has been a sudden, unexplained death.

How can my family participate in DNA banking?

- Discuss the option with your family and healthcare provider.
- A genetic counselor can help to determine whether DNA banking is appropriate and coordinate this service. If you don't have a genetic counselor, your provider can refer you, or you can find one at findageneticcounselor.com

How and where is my DNA banked?

- DNA can be obtained from blood, saliva or other tissue samples.
- The sample is sent to a laboratory where DNA is extracted and stored.
- Storage times may vary from a few years to no time limit.
- DNA banking is offered by various commercial and academic labs. Your genetic counselor will discuss the options and help determine the most appropriate one for you.

How much does DNA banking cost?

- Cost varies depending on the laboratory, but is typically under \$200 per individual.
- Most labs do not charge an annual fee, but there may be a charge to release the sample for testing.
- Generally, DNA banking is not covered by health insurance, but individual plans may vary
- Future genetic testing cost is not included in DNA banking costs.

Is DNA banking secure?

- Only the person who banked their DNA (the depositor) or a legally authorized person (designee) has the authority to request the DNA bank to release, transfer, test or destroy the sample.
- The sample cannot be accessed or used without permission from the depositor or their designee.

For more information about DNA Banking and Genetic Testing, visit www.findageneticcounselor.com

www.aboutgeneticcounselors.com

Communications Highlights

2018 Year to Date

2018 Media Placements

As of October 2018, our public relations efforts have resulted in:

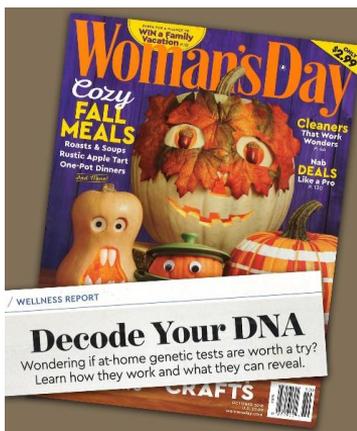
502

Total media placements

889 MM

Audience reach of placements

Media Placements



teenVOGUE

Forbes



SELF



Women'sHealth

ROMPER

FamilyCircle
Where Family Comes First

THE VERGE

Reader's
Digest

AP

NBC NEWS

The Washington Post

Expert Alert: Marketing of 23andMe Genetic Testing for BRCA Mutations

BUSINESS INSIDER

BI PRIME

Genetic experts have a message for anyone thinking of taking 23andMe's new breast cancer test

 **The Atlanta
Journal-Constitution**

FDA approves first-ever at-home breast cancer risk test



FDA approval of self testing for breast cancer genes comes with cautions



When it comes to home cancer tests, think before you spit

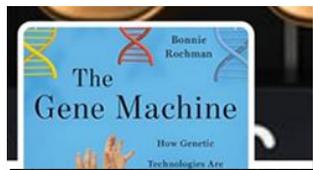
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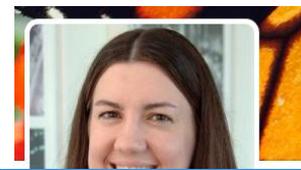
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blogger, co-moderator #gynesm chat; co-
author 100 Q&A about Ovarian Cancer;
#MedX e-patient scholar 2014; loves dog
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NSGC Blog



The At-Home Genetic Test



The Power of Cascade Testing and How Genetic Counselors Can Help



Five Things I Tell My Patients Considering Prenatal Genetic Testing

Social Media

13,479

COMBINED
FACEBOOK/TWITTER
AUDIENCE OF
MEMBERS, MEDIA
AND CONSUMER

20.5%

YEAR-OVER-YEAR
INCREASE FROM
THE THIRD
QUARTER OF 2017



2019-2021 Strategic Plan

Where are we going next?



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**SERVICE
DELIVERY**



**ACCESS TO
GENETIC
COUNSELORS**



RESEARCH



**DIVERSITY AND
INCLUSION**



National Society of Genetic Counselors 2019-2021 Strategic Plan



SERVICE DELIVERY

Deliver the highest-value genetic services to meet specific consumer needs

Goal 1: Service Delivery

- Identification of patients who may benefit most from genetic counseling
- **Access and Service Delivery Committee** to promote collaborative approaches to care to promote effective, efficient, value-based genetic services

Goal 2: Access

- Grassroots support for the federal bill led by the **Public Policy Committee**
- Ongoing support from **Access and Service Delivery Committee**
 - Rule-making for federal bill
 - State licensure
 - Payer efforts



The graphic features a blue top section with various icons representing genetics, technology, and policy. Below this is a green section with a white circle containing the number '2' and an illustration of people at a desk with a document labeled 'INSURANCE POLICY'. To the right of this illustration is the text 'ACCESS TO GENETIC COUNSELORS' and 'Engage payers to increase access to genetic counselors'. The bottom section is blue and contains the National Society of Genetic Counselors logo and the tagline 'Integrating genetics and genomics to improve health for all.'

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ACCESS TO
GENETIC COUNSELORS

Engage payers to increase access to genetic counselors

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Integrating genetics and genomics to improve health for all.



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RESEARCH

Accelerate research to expand the evidence base for genetic counselor services and value-based care

Goal 3: Research

- Develop NSGC's research agenda with input from the **Outcomes Committee** and **Practice Guidelines Committee**
- Develop an infrastructure to support funding and ongoing management of research

Goal 4: Diversity & Inclusion

- Organizational structure to advance our approach to inclusion, diversity and community building; implemented in part through the **Membership Committee and Education Committee**
- **Marketing and Communications Workgroup** to support identification, guidance and development of resources and partnerships to facilitate member outreach to engage with diverse communities



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4 DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Promote diversity and inclusion in the profession to expand access for all



Integrating genetics and genomics to improve health for all.

NSGCommunities

- Easily view and build your NSGC contacts
- Establish your network
- One central location for all of your NSGC communities and connections

The screenshot shows the profile page for Erica Ramos, MS, LCGC, Director and Head of Clinical & Business Development at Geisinger National Precision Health. The page includes navigation links (HOME, COMMUNITIES, EVENTS, NSGCONNECT, RETURN TO NSGC.ORG), a search bar, and social media icons. The profile section features a profile picture, name, title, and a menu with options: MY PROFILE, MY CONNECTIONS, MY CONTRIBUTIONS, and MY ACCOUNT. Below this is a 'People You May Know' section with three suggested contacts: Gillian Hooker (Vice President of Clinical Development at Concert Genetics), Amy Sturm (Director of Cardiovascular Genomic Counseling at Geisinger), and Emily Edelman (Associate Director at The Jackson Laboratory). Each suggestion includes a 'Request Contact' button and an 'Ignore' button. At the bottom, there is a 'Contacts' section showing a list of existing contacts with their names, titles, and buttons for 'Send Message' and 'Remove Contact'.

Get Involved!

All are
welcome - we
need you!

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1 to 38 of 38 threads (41 total posts)

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Thread Subject	Replies	Last Post
2019 Nominating Committee Call for Candidates	0	28 minutes ago by NSGC Headquarters
Join us at GC's Got Talent 2018!	0	2 days ago by Julie Simon
Professional Status Survey (PSS) Subcommittee - Volunteers Needed	0	11 days ago by NSGC Headquarters
Abstract Workgroup Seeking Members	2	13 days ago by Courtney Berrios Original post by Tamara White
Join the Webinar Subcommittee!	0	23 days ago by Tamara White
Become a CEU Reviewer!	0	one month ago by Tamara White
The CEU Reviewer Subcommittee is Seeking a 2019 Vice Chair	0	one month ago by Tamara White
ASD Committee: Call for Volunteers 2019	0	one month ago by NSGC Headquarters
Public Policy Committee Seeking Members for 2019	0	one month ago by NSGC Headquarters
Practice Guidelines Committee Seeks New Committee Members for 2019	0	one month ago by NSGC Headquarters
Ethics Advisory Group: 2019 Call for Volunteers	0	one month ago by NSGC Headquarters
Membership Committee: Volunteer Positions for 2019	0	one month ago by NSGC Headquarters
The Education Committee is Seeking Subject Matter Experts	0	one month ago by Katie Strang
Seeking Online Course Subcommittee Volunteers for 2019	0	one month ago by Katie Strang
Seeking Gaucher Disease Expert	0	one month ago by Meghan Carey



NSGCConnect

PROFESSIONAL CONNECTIONS TO ENRICH YOUR CAREER

Engage with NSGCConnect

Welcome! The NSGCConnect program reflects NSGC's commitment to you and your professional development. This unique online networking and career development tool is designed to provide you with professional connections to enrich your career.

You can apply to the NSGCConnect program in **four simple steps**:

- 1. Update Your Profile**

Complete your NSGCCommunities [profile](#). Make sure your contact information is up to date, add a recent professional profile picture, expand on your bio and add your education and job history information. Having a complete and accurate profile is crucial to the success of selection and matching.

Profile complete? Return back to this page and move on to "Enroll as a Mentor or Mentee".
- 2. Enroll as a Mentor or Mentee**

Are you looking to be a mentor or mentee? Perhaps both? Sign up using the forms below:

[Enroll as a MENTOR](#)
[Enroll as a MENTEE](#)

Make selections for each section of the form to set your preferences. Please note that some fields are required for enrollment. The more information you provide, the easier it will be to make the best match. Keep in mind in order to request a mentor, you must be enrolled as a mentee, and in order to request a mentee, you must be enrolled as a mentor. You may be enrolled as both a mentor and a mentee.
- 3. Search for Matches**

Use the Mentor and Mentee Directories to find available mentors and/or mentees.

[Find a MENTOR](#)
[Find a MENTEE](#)
- 4. Connect with Mentors or Mentees**

Next click on the member's name that you're interested in establishing a mentor/mentee connection with. The link will bring you to their profile page. Look around. If you think it's a match, look under their profile image for the green (request as a mentor) or blue (request as a mentee) buttons, which when clicked will allow you to request your desired connection. If it's not a match, you can simply select the back button to return to your previous search results.

Supporting each other throughout our careers

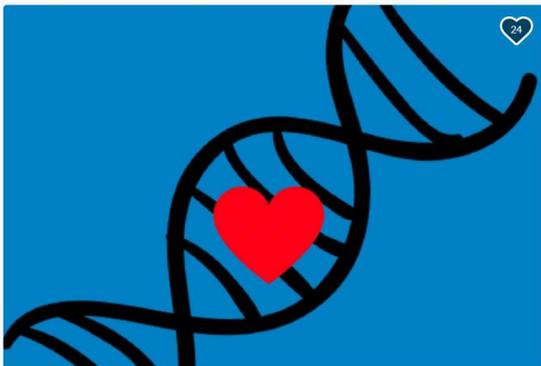


Supporting and Building Our Community

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Rebuilding The Center Houston

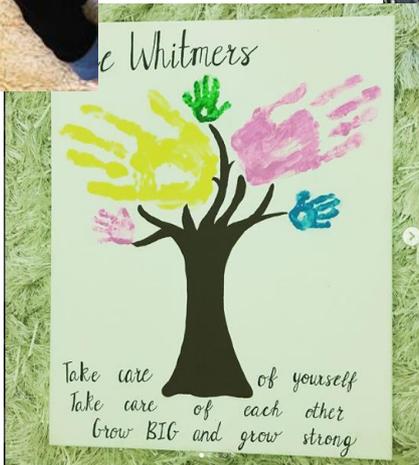
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Like so many in Houston, The Center has recently been devastated by Hurricane Harvey and we are calling on caring individuals to help rebuild this incredible organization!

Originally founded by parents of children with intellectual disabilities, The Center's mission is to **"promote the pursuit of choice, growth, and personal independence for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities"**.

This special community provides over 450 adults with daily activities and educational opportunities - many of which are necessary so that their family members and caregivers can maintain employment. The Center also offers independent and assisted living, in addition to a highly specialized dental clinic to further support the growth and independence of their residents.







- Join the registry today!
- There are two ways to join:
 - Text “Cure01” to 61474 for a link to join
 - Visit NSGC Central in the exhibit hall



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kitkatarat Be The Match 5k! If my husband can beat aplastic anemia TWICE figured we could run a few miles to celebrate his victory. Cheers to you Charlie, you never cease to inspire me. These guys - Team BELIEVE - raised \$4K for patients battling blood cancers and their families! Wooooo #bethematch

Supporting the Genetics Community



Our Community in Action!



Coming next year...

National Society of
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Celebrating **40** *Years*
1979 – 2019

Association of Genetic Counseling Program Directors

2018 Outstanding Clinical Supervisors Award

- Clinical supervisors critically important to the growth of our profession
- As such, initiated a process to formally recognize their contributions annually

Selection Process

- Graduates from the class of 2018 submitted nominations
- Criteria
 - Supervision competencies demonstrated
 - Written statement
- Program directors from each program selected from nominations submitted by their graduates

2018 Outstanding Clinical Supervisors



Priyanka Ahimaz
Long Island
University



Mary Ahrens
University of
Minnesota



Shabnam Asgari
Sarah Lawrence College



Sarah Bannon
University of Texas
Houston



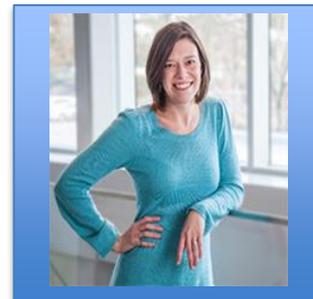
Janet Ober Berman
Arcadia University



Fallon Brewer
University of Alabama
Birmingham



Colleen Caleshu
Stanford University



Whitney Dodge
Brandeis University



Sara Fernandes
Augustana-Sanford
University



Stephanie Fox
McGill University

2018 Outstanding Clinical Supervisors



Kathryn Steinhaus
French, UC-Irvine



Hayley Green
Boston University



Melissa Hsu
Northwestern University



Karen Huelsman
University of Cincinnati



Logan B. Karns
University of Michigan



Jill Kelsay
University of Arkansas



Kaitlin Kerr
Mount Sinai School
of Medicine



Kayla King
Virginia Commonwealth
University



Sandy Linn
University of Colorado

2018 Outstanding Clinical Supervisors



Nicole Martin
University of Toronto



Maureen May
University of Pittsburgh



Ryan Noss
Case Western Reserve



Suzanna Schott
UNC Greensboro



Jessica Scott
University of Maryland



Sally M. Shields
University of South
Carolina



Nicola Cadenas Stewart
CSU Stanislaus



Kali Swift
Indiana State
University

2018 Outstanding Clinical Supervisors



Cheryl Portigal-Todd
U of British Columbia



Kayla Treat
Indiana University



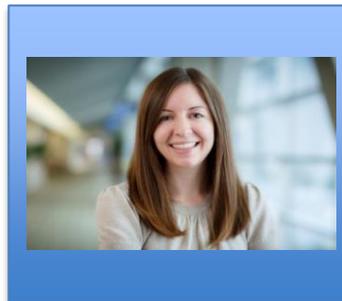
Christie Turcott
University of Wisconsin
Madison



Joyce Turner
JHU/NHGRI



Nancie Petrucelli Walden
Wayne State University



Lauren A. Wallace
University of Utah



Daniel Wiesman
Emory University



Kristin Zajo
The Ohio State University

In Memoriam- Aida Metzenberg

September 29, 1955- March 18, 2018









Journal of Genetic Counseling 2018 Best Trainee Paper Awards

All Trainee Category

Susan Christian

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Krista Redlinger-Grosse

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Journal of Genetic Counseling 2018 Best Trainee Paper Awards

Genetic Counseling Trainee Only Category

Anthony Chen

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Daniella Kamara

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Thank you!

