



BOARD OF GENETIC COUNSELING

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Core Skills of Genetic Counselors

Benefits of Skill to employer/audience

- a) Deep and broad knowledge of genetics
- b) Improve quality of services/products
- c) Broad range of specialty areas where GCs practice
 - i) prenatal risk assessment;
 - ii) pediatric and adult diagnosis;
 - iii) presymptomatic assessment;
 - iv) risk assessment for hereditary diseases;
- d) Ability to tailor, translate and communicate complex information in a simple, relevant way for a broad range of audiences
- e) Transfer specialized knowledge to others (customer, other professionals, patients, etc.); patient education; physician education; case summaries; public speaking & education; journal and public press writing; creating education and marketing materials
- f) Strong interpersonal skills, emotional intelligence, and self-awareness
- g) Promote teamwork, collaboration and consensus building, cross-functional team-building and collaboration; networking to expand available resources; motivating others; people management and development
- h) Ability to dissect and analyze a complex problem
- i) Find solutions to problems risk assessment; results interpretation; family history assessment; analysis of counseling session to provide relevant information and follow-up; utilizing data to make supported conclusions
- j) Research skills (self - education)
- k) Meet deadlines and provide timely answers
- l) Identifying information sources including medical literature and experts and extracting relevant information for audience; self-study
- m) In-depth knowledge of healthcare delivery
- n) Solutions are clinically feasible, applicable & fiscally responsible
- o) Develop clinical protocols and policies; identify relevant benefits of genetics services for marketing purposes

References:

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- ii) Association of Genetic Nurses and Counsellors (2003). AGNC Code of Ethics. (www.agnc.org.uk/About%20us/codeofethics.htm)
- iii) ACMG Practice Guidelines (<https://www.acmg.net/>)