



National Advisory Council for Human Genome Research International Society of Nurses in Genetics (ISONG) Liaison Report

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ISONG is an global nursing specialty organization dedicated to fostering the scientific and professional growth of nurses in human genetics and genomics worldwide. www.isong.org
ISONG represents 352 genetics nurses from 13 countries with 89% of members from the USA.

Essential Genetics and Genomics Competencies for Graduate Nurses Draft Document

This document identifies essential genetic and genomic competencies for all graduate nurses, including advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs), regardless of practice setting. These competencies build on the *Essentials of Genetic and Genomic Nursing: Competencies, Curricula Guidelines and Outcome Indicators* (2009) currently posted at www.genome.gov. An Advisory Board and Consensus Panel with broad representation of nursing leaders from key nursing organizations have been created to develop, refine, and validate the competencies with a goal of achieving consensus by the end of June 2010.

Education

23rd Annual International Conference

Ethics at the Interface Between Genomics and Health, 16-19, 2009, Dallas, TX

This conference was scheduled to follow the NSGC conference with NSGC/ISONG collaboration underway.

22nd Annual International Conference

Genomic Pipeline: From Bench to Practice, October 16-19, 2009, San Diego, CA

The Essentials for Masters Education in Nursing

The American Association of Colleges in Nursing (AACN) is revising *The Essentials for Masters Education in Nursing*. ISONG has attended all the AACN meetings held to discuss the draft document and provided verbal and written recommendations to the AACN regarding the inclusion of genetic and genomic content.

Collaborative Efforts with Other Organizations

Genetics and Genomics Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice has been translated into Japanese and published in Japan. This is a collaborative effort between ISONG, The American Nurses Association and The Japanese Society of Genetic Nursing.

Genetics and Ethics in Health Care: New Questions in the Age of Genomic Health, edited by Dr. Rita Monsen, has been published as a collaborative effort between ISONG and the American Nurses Association.

Practice

Recent Position Statements

- Direct to Consumer Marketing of Genetic Tests
- Genetic Counseling for Vulnerable Populations: The Role of Nursing
- Access to Genomic Healthcare: Role of the Nurse
- Privacy and Confidentiality of Genetic Information

What Is a Genetic Nurse Brochure

ISONG has revised their brochure, *What is a Genetic Nurse?* Plans are in process to translate this brochure into several languages after final approval has been obtained. It will be available free of charge on the ISONG website.

Research

Nursing Research Grant Program

Supports research related to genetic nursing practice and the development of genetic nursing science.

- Two ISONG Nursing Research Grants were funded (\$1500)
- An interactive website is being set up to facilitate networking collaboration of nurses conducting research in genetics and genomics worldwide.