

Reviewing Genetics and Genomics Resources for OB-GYN Professionals

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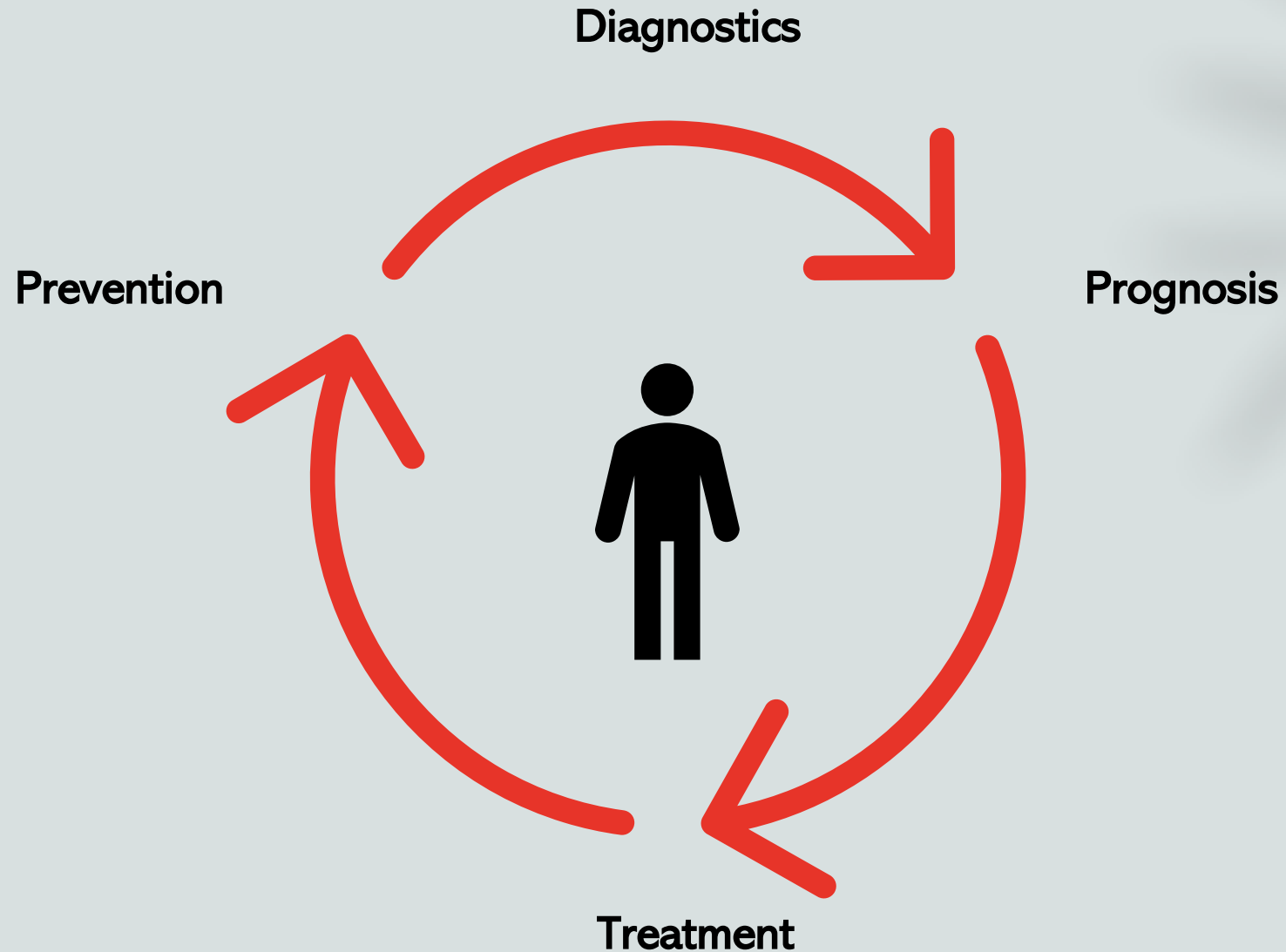
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Overview

- **Project goal:** Improving access to genetics/genomics education resources by creating a central resource point consisting up-to-date information.
- **Target audience:** OB-GYN providers.




Increasing rate of adoption of genomics technologies



Genomics technology in the context of OB-GYN practice

- DNA-based tests for preimplantation, prenatal and postnatal diagnosis.
 - Carrier testing
 - Aneuploidy screening
 - Gynecological malignancies – Breast, Endometrial, Peritoneal, Fallopian Tube and Ovarian.
- Impact treatment and prevention approach to fetal and maternal care.

Low levels of genomic literacy in OB-GYN professionals



- Low levels of genomic literacy in non-genetic HCPs, including OB-GYN professionals.
 - Limited knowledge regarding testing options.
 - Low confidence about using genetic test results in the patient care.
 - Limited knowledge about how and when to make a referral to a specialist.
 - Conducting risk assessment and using variant information in care decisions.
- Shortage of genetic counselors means OB-GYN providers would have to be more involved in genetic testing.
- Impact on delivery/incorporation of genomics medicine into care.

Barriers to Providers Genomics Education

- Time requirements for elective education.
- Commercial/for profit entities as major sources of information.
- Pace of advancement of genomics technology vs. update of available resources.
- Providers awareness of existing educational resources and ease of navigation.

These resources are for information purposes only and are not meant to be comprehensive. Referral to these resources does not imply the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' endorsement of the organization, the organization's website, or the content of the resource. The resources may change without notice.

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- Providers spent too little time on genetic counseling.
- More than half could not correctly identify ACOG recommendations.
- Barriers to counseling included time constraints, health literacy, lack of a visual aid, and language barriers.
- Future directions – need for the development and assessment of prenatal genetics educational tools to supplement counseling.

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A cross-sectional survey of prenatal care providers' knowledge, barriers, and confidence in prenatal genetic counseling

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Methods



Literature review via Google Scholar & PUBMED.

Websites of scientific, clinical and professional organizations.

Resources

Professional Organizations

- ACOG: American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.¹
- American Medical Association
- ACMG: Genetics 101 for Healthcare Providers
- ESHG - European Society of Human Genetics.¹

Public databases

MedGen – an online portal providing information on the genetic basis of human health and disease, including professional guidelines.

ClinGen – an NIH funded central resource providing information on the clinical relevance of genes and variants with summaries about ACMG recommended genes and conditions.

GeneReviews – a point of care resource for clinicians providing information on clinically relevant and medically actionable conditions including diagnosis, management and counselling.

ClinVar – a public archive of information about genomic variations and phenotypes.

OMIM – provides a compendium of human genes and genetic phenotypes.

NCI – presents physician data query (PDQ) summaries of the latest information on cancer detection, prevention and genetics.

PharmGKB – provides information on the impact of genetic variation on drug response.

Government Supported Programs

- NHGRI: Healthcare Provider Genomics Education Resources.
 - Genomics Education Resource Center (GenomeEd): <https://www.genome.gov/GenomeEd>
 - Global Genetics and Genomics Community (G3C): <https://www.genomicscases.net/en>
 - "Training Residents in Genomics" (TRIG): <https://www.pathologylearning.org/trig>
 - Healthcare Provider Genomics Education Resources: <https://www.genome.gov/For-Health-Professionals/Provider-Genomics-Education-Resources>
 - The OBG project: Genome section
- CDC - <https://www.cdc.gov/genomics/resources/educational.htm>
- State Health Departments¹.
- National Coordinating Center for the Regional Genetics Networks: <https://nccrcg.org/#>

¹: Provides both provider and patient educational resources.


Education Portals

- Not for Profit Organizations
 - [Perinatal Quality Foundation](#): Online Genetic Education Modules developed by the PQF seeks to educate patients and providers about prenatal screening and diagnostic testing options.
 - Jackson Laboratory.
 - Genetics Education Canada.
- MOOCs at Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning.
- Genetics and Genomics Competency Center (G2C2)¹.
- Genomics Education Program - Health Education England^{*1}.

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Are web-based GenomeEd approaches effective?

- Web-based genetics education was highly effective in increasing health care providers' confidence about using genetics.





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Education Report

Improved provider preparedness through an 8-part genetics and genomic education program

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Discussion and Recommendations



Understanding and supporting patients post testing – referral to genetic counsellors.

Familiarity with practical and ethical issues.

Review the available education resources.

Discussion and Recommendations



Organize resources based on “keywords”/ “common categories”.

Improve providers awareness about education resources and a clear plan for dissemination.

Propose an alliance consisting of multiple organizations to develop a standard and central educational approach –ISCC-PEG???

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