



Genetics Counselors Conference 2021

June 25, 2021, 8:30 AM–5:15 PM ET

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Morning Agenda

8:30–9:00 Welcoming, Housekeeping, and Introductions

- Cynthia Ingham, Director, NERGG, Inc.
- Karen Volle, Project Manager, NERGN
- Maria Gyure, MS, LCGC, President, CTGCA

9:00–10:15 Social Justice, Equity, Diversity, & Inclusion: A Toolkit for Genetic Counseling

- Gayun Chan-Smutko, MS, CGC, MGH Institute of Health Professions, Boston, MA
- Joselyn Saenz Díaz, MS, Graduate of MGH IHP, Boston, MA
- Joey Pagliarulo, MS, Graduate of MGH IHP, Boston, MA

10:15–11:30 Genomic Sequencing Results Disclosure in Diverse and Medically Underserved Populations

- Sabrina A. Suckiel, MS, CGC, The Institute for Genomic Health Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, NYC, NY

11:30–12:30 Identifying Neurofibromatosis: A Diagnostic Odyssey

- Linda Manth, FNP and Leah Manth, SW student, NF Northeast parent and patient representatives, North Tonawanda, NY

12:30–1:00 Meet Your Partners

Greetings from our partners and sponsors



Afternoon Agenda

1:00–2:15 **DPYD Genotyping Prior to Cancer Treatment with 5-Fluorouracil or Capecitabine**

- Rawad Elias, MD, Hartford HealthCare Medical Group, Hartford, CT
- Gabriel Brooks, MD, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH
- Ken Surprenant, MA, Advocate for testing of DPD Deficiency, Battle Creek, MI

2:15–3:30 **Supporting GC Student Research**

- Allison Cirino, MS, LCGC, MGHHP, Boston, MA
- Cassandra Buck, MS, CGC, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA
- Susan Capasso, EdD, LCGC, Bay Path University, Longmeadow, MA
- Jennifer Duffy, PhD, Bay Path University, Longmeadow, MA
- Meghan Towne, MS, CGC, LGC, Boston University School of Medicine, Division of Graduate Medical Sciences, Boston, MA

3:30–4:30 **Hypophosphatasia: Recognizing the Clinical Consequences of Low ALP**

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- Dmitriy Niyazov, MD, Department of Pediatrics, Ochsner Health System, New Orleans, LA

4:30–5:00 **Meet Your Partners**

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5:00–5:15 **Evaluation, Thanks, and Closing**

- Kunal Sanghavi, M.B.B.S., M.S., LCGC, President, NERGG, Inc.
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