



COULD A GENETICS REFERRAL BE HELPFUL FOR YOUR PATIENTS?

Sometimes health issues can be caused by changes in our genes.

Genetics specialists help families learn whether genetic changes may explain the health conditions in their child. They can also help connect families with appropriate care.

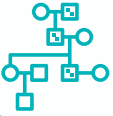
What can a genetics specialist do?



Look for a cause for the concerns you are observing in your patient



Explain what genetic testing options could help make/confirm a diagnosis



Review the family history for any clues that suggest a possible genetic condition



Discuss potential treatments or therapies



Provide recommendations to other helpful doctors or professionals



Offer connections to other families, support groups, and family organizations

Why might you refer a patient to genetics?



growth/
developmental
delays



learning /
behavior
concerns



movement
issues



severe vision
problems



hearing
loss



neurological
concerns



unusual physical
features



cancer



cardiac defects/
arrhythmias



significant
anemias



complicated
medical issues

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