



## NO GENETIC COUNSELORS, PHYSICIAN-INITIATED TESTING

*A large private practice has moved to physician-initiated genetic testing and could benefit from support, updates, and standardization of care across providers. How My Gene Counsel can help.*

A large private cardiology practice had one genetic counselor, but he left, and the practice decided to launch physician-initiated hereditary cardiogenetic testing. However, the practice had liability concerns, the clinicians were already at capacity, and they wanted to be sure that all patients received the same level of pre-test education and informed consent. They also wanted to provide post-test clinical support for busy clinicians, education for patients, and long-term engagement for their practice.

My Gene Counsel supports cardiologist-initiated genetic testing in this practice by providing pre-test information about hereditary cardiogenetic testing to patients, thus standardizing testing education and the informed consent process. My Gene Counsel also provides robust post-test information via Living Lab Reports® for all patients who have genetic testing (positive, negative, and VUS results) and for their cardiologists. This facilitates an engaged conversation between cardiologists and patients about test results, next steps, implications for relatives, and long-term management.

Patients and their cardiologists also benefit from critical updates from My Gene Counsel that are specific to patients' test results, including new disease risk information, medical management guideline changes, and variant reclassifications. Thanks to this long-term engagement, the practice sees better retention of patients with hereditary cardiovascular disease, who previously thought they needed to be followed in the closest academic medical center.

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