Precision Medicine in Practice

Keeping Patients Up to Date After Genetic Testing

INTRO: Exponential growth is occurring in clinical genomics. A patient found to have a pathogenic variant 10 years ago has likely lived through dozens of updates to risk estimates and management guidelines related to that diagnosis. Most patients who undergo genetic testing never speak to a certified genetic counselor, or do so once or twice, and then never again. Few patients or clinicians have the tools, time, or knowledge to find, track, and interpret new data on genetic findings as they emerge.

METHODS: Over the course of one year, we tracked the number and type of relevant updates for the American College of Medical Genetics SFv2.0 list of 59 genes related to:

- Medical management changes
- New risk estimates
- Information for family members
- Resources
- General information related to the genetic condition

Category	Number of Notifications		
Medical Management	111		
Risks	66		
Family Information	59		
General Information	71		
Resources/Support	93		
TOTAL	400		



We must think beyond the one-time return of genetic test results to the integration of continuously updating genetic counseling information in order to bring the genomics revolution to fruition.

Digital tools will be critical in scaling this process for patients, clinicians, and precision medicine partners.

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	Cancer (25 Genes)		Cardiac (30 Genes)		
Category	Total	Notifications per Gene	Total	Notifications per Gene	
Medical Mgmt	75	3.0	36	1.2	
Risks	35	1.4	31	1.0	
Family Info	27	1.1	30	1.0	
General Info	35	1.4	36	1.2	
Resources	61	2.4	32	1.1	
Total	233	9.3	165	5.5	

Note: The other 4 ACMG genes had 2 notifications (0.5 per gene) related to Family Information.

GENE	UPDATES	GENE	UPDATES	GENE	UPDATES
CANCER		STK11	12	MYBPC3	2
APC	15	TP53	13	MYH11	5
BMPR1A	8	TSC1	9	MYH7	2
BRCA1	21	TSC2	9	MYL2	2
BRCA2	19	VHL	11	MYL3	2
MEN1	6	WT1	5	PCSK9	8
MLH1	14	CARDIAC		PKP2	5
MSH2	15	ACTA2	8	PRKAG2	3
MSH6	13	ACTC1	1	RYR2	10
MUTYH	3	APOB	8	SCN5A	10
NF2	8	COL3A1	1	SMAD3	5
PMS2	10	DSC2	5	TGFBR1	11
PTEN	10	DSG2	6	TGFBR2	11
RB1	5	DSP	8	TMEM43	5
RET	3	FBN1	8	TNNI3	3
SDHAF2	3	GLA	1	TNNT2	3
SDHB	7	KCNH2	10	TPM1	3
SDHC	8	KCNQ1	9	OTHER	
SDHD	7	LDLR	8	CACNA1S	1
SMAD4	8	LMNA	2	RYR1	1