

Virtual Conference Agenda

Start (BST)	Finish (BST)	Presenter details
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Wednesday, 27 October 2021

06:00 06:10 Welcome

Scientific Programme Committee:

[*Jehannine Austin, The University of British Columbia, Canada*](#)

[*Charlotta Ingvaldstad Malmgren, Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden*](#)

[*Annie Qurratulain Hasan, Kamineni hospital, L.B Nagar, Hyderabad, India*](#)

[*Anna Middleton, Wellcome Connecting Science, UK*](#)

06:10 06:40 Keynote lecture

Introduction to the session

Chair: Charlotta Ingvaldstad Malmgren, Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden

06:10 06:40 Development of genetic counselling in the UK: conversations with those who were there

[*Christine Patch, Wellcome Connecting Science, UK*](#)

06:40 08:40 Session 1: Evolution of GC profession around the world

Introduction to the session

Chair: Charlotta Ingvaldstad Malmgren, Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden

06:40 07:00 Professional development of genetic counsellors in Asia

[*Juliana Lee, Professional Society of Genetic Counselors in Asia*](#)

07:00 07:20 The development of genetic counselling profession across Europe: the role of the European Board of Medical Genetics

[*Milena Paneque, University of Porto, Portugal*](#)

07:20 07:40 Genetic counsellors, legal recognition, and the road less travelled: A canadian perspective

[*Ma'n Zawati, McGill University, Canada*](#)

07:40 07:50 Genetic counselling education during COVID-19: Lessons learned

Jan Hodgson, The University of Melbourne, Australia

07:50 08:10 Lightning talks

08:10 08:40 Q&A

Chair: Charlotta Ingvaldstad Malmgren, Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden

Moderator: Annie Qurratulain Hasan, Kamineni hospital, L.B Nagar, Hyderabad, India

08:40 09:10 Networking - with facilitators in designated rooms, in the virtual networking space

13:00 14:40 **Session 2: Panel discussion - Futuristic genetic counselling - working as part of MDTs/mainstreaming/evolving diagnostics**

Introduction to the session

Chair: Anna Middleton, Wellcome Connecting Science, UK

Catherine Beard, Melbourne Health, Australia

Stephanie Cohen, Ascension St. Vincent, USA

Alessia Costa, Wellcome Connecting Science, UK

Emily Higgs, Stanford University, USA

14:40 15:10 Networking - with facilitators in designated rooms, in the virtual networking space

19:00 20:50 **Session 3: Researching the boundaries of genetic counselling**

Introduction to the session

Chair: Jehannine Austin, The University of British Columbia, Canada

19:00 19:20 Genetic counseling as central to genomic medicine

[*Barbara Biesecker, RTI international, USA*](#)

19:20 19:40 GCs with PhDs: Establishing a community of practice for genetic counselors with advanced degrees

[*Rachel Mills, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, USA*](#)

19:40 19:50 Psychiatric genetic counseling is associated with a decrease in psychiatric hospitalization

Emily Morris, University of British Columbia, Canada

19:50 20:00 Counselling supervision: are we practicing in a safe environment at genetic services?

Lidia Guimarães, Aajude, Portugal

20:00 20:20 Lightning talks

20:20 20:50 Q&A

Chair: Jehannine Austin, The University of British Columbia, Canada

Moderator: Anna Middleton, Wellcome Connecting Science, UK

20:50 21:20 Networking - with facilitators in designated rooms, in the virtual networking space

Thursday, 28 October 2021

06:00 07:40 Session 4: GC in a patriarchal society

Introduction to the session

Chair: Annie Qurratulain Hasan, Kamineni hospital, L.B Nagar, Hyderabad, India

06:00 06:20 Genetic counseling experiences in handling an X linked disorder in a patriarchal society- Case duchenne muscular dystrophy
BR Lakshmi, India

06:20 06:40 Ethical and Cultural Challenges faced in Genetic Counseling in the UAE
[*Sonika-Sachanandani Phulwani, Mediclinic Middle East, UAE*](#)

06:40 06:50 Challenges of Genetic testing and Counseling in families with life threatening Long QT syndromes
Bijal (Ria) Vyas, Sir Ganga Ram hospital Sir Ganga Ram hospital, India

06:50 07:00 Genetic Democracy: Dismantling Patriarchal Influences through education, empowerment & by being creative in a genetic counselling
Niby J E, Bluegene Healthtech Pvt Ltd, India

07:00 07:10 Talk tbc

07:10 07:40 Q&A
Chair: Annie Qurratulain Hasan, Kamineni hospital, L.B Nagar, Hyderabad, India
Moderator: Charlotta Ingvaldstad Malmgren, Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden

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13:00 14:50 Session 5: GC and communication

Introduction to the session

Chair: Charlotta Ingvaldstad Malmgren, Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden

13:00 13:20 So...what is genetic counselling? Communicating what we do; lessons from science communication
[*Jonathan Roberts, Wellcome Connecting Science, UK*](#)

13:20 13:40 Genetic counselling and genetic testing in Russia
[*Vera Izhevskaya, Research Centre for Medical Genetics, Russia*](#)

13:40 13:50 Risk profiles of psychological distress after cancer susceptibility genetic testing
Adrià López, Vall d'Hebron University Hospital, Spain

13:50 14:00 Health professionals experiences and perceptions on termination of pregnancy for serious congenital
Malebo Malope, Stellevosch University, South Africa

14:00 14:20 Lightning talks

14:20 14:50 Q&A
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15:10 15:50 Session 6: Panel discussion - use of counselling supervision

Introduction to the session

Chair: Anna Middleton, Wellcome Connecting Science, UK

Mark Lough, Mark Lough Consulting Ltd, UK

Liz Brimacombe, UK

15:50 16:20 Networking - with facilitators in designated rooms, in the virtual networking space

19:00 20:50 Session 7: Leaders in GC: case studies and stories of leadership

Introduction to the session

Chair: Jehannine Austin, The University of British Columbia, Canada

19:00 19:20 Navigating across sectors: Policy and the profession

[*Clara Gaff, Melbourne Genomics Health Alliance, Australia*](#)

19:20 19:40 Evolvement of genetic counsellors in Sweden- The long and winding road

[*Charlotta Ingvaldstad Malmgren, Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden & Rebecka Pestoff, Linköpings University Hospital, Sweden*](#)

19:40 20:00 Past, present and future of genetic counseling in India

Maya Thangavelu, Applied Genetics Consulting, USA

20:00 20:10 Diversity and inclusion in genomics: A competence framework

Saghira Malik Sharif, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust, UK

20:10 20:20 Lightning talks

20:20 20:50 Q&A

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21:20 21:30 Closing remarks

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