The 7th Annual Virginia Genetics Education Education Conference

Monday, May 20, 2013
Crowne Plaza
Williamsburg, Virginia

Purpose: To provide a venue for Virginia genetic counselors and other associated professionals to discuss current issues and topics in genetics, to learn about the variety of state programs and available resources and to form a better network of communication.

Learning Objectives: The participants will be able to:
1. Summarize NexGen cancer testing panels and how to implement these into practice.
2. Explain implications of grey zone results in Huntington’s disease and identify ethical concerns for testing of minors.
3. Discuss the technical aspect of universal carrier screening and summarize the availability, benefits and limitations of this testing.
4. Understand current status of licensure in Virginia and what the next steps should be for passage of a bill.
5. Incorporate complex concepts of non-invasive prenatal testing into clinical practice.
6. Develop awareness of perinatal hospice programs in Virginia and recognize benefits of this service in the prenatal practice.
7. Discuss the new ACMG recommendations regarding incidental findings associated with whole genome sequencing and how they may impact consent and result and disclosure.
8. Assess advantages of and barriers to billing for genetic counseling assimilate updates in Medicaid/Medicare billing and reimbursement into clinical practice.

Registration: A registration fee of $20.00 for full VaAGC members, $10.00 for student members and $50.00 for non-members is due at the time of registration.

Accommodations: Hotel rooms have been blocked at a special rate of $89.00 per night at the Crown Plaza Williamsburg. Please call 1-877-2CROWNE and mention “State Genetics Meeting” when booking.

CEUs: This event has been submitted to the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC) for approval of Category 1 CEUs. The American Board of Genetic Counseling (ABGC) accepts CEUs approved by NSGC for purposes of recertification. Approval for the requested CEUs and Contact Hours is currently pending. A separate fee of $25.00 is due for CEU registration. Genetic counselors may register for CEUs prior to the meeting or on-site the day of the conference.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA

7:30am - 8:20am  REGISTRATION/BREAKFAST

8:20am-8:30am  Presidential Address: Welcoming Remarks and Updates  Christine Seward, MS, CGC

8:30am-9:30am  A New Approach to the Assessment of Hereditary Cancer Risk Assessment: The Cancer Gene Panel  Virginia Speare, PhD, CGC

9:30am-10:15am  Understanding the Current Climate of Licensure in Virginia  John Richardson

10:15am-10:30am  Break

10:30am-11:30am  Updates in Universal Carrier Screening  Rachel Klein, MS, CGC

11:30am-12:15pm  Overview of Perinatal Hospice Services  Brittney Twisdale, LCSW
Catina Davis, MSW, CSAC

12:15pm-1:15pm  LUNCH

1:15pm-2:15pm  NIPT: A Discussion of Case Reports  Elizabeth Valenti, MS, CGC

2:15pm-3:15pm  Secondary Findings in Whole Exome Sequencing: A Panel Discussion  Cheryl Scacheri, MS, CGC
Elizabeth Chisholm, MS, CGC
Matt Thomas, MS, CGC

3:15pm-3:30pm  Break

3:30pm-4:15pm  Huntington’s Disease Testing in Minors  Virginia Norris, MS, CGC

4:15pm - 4:45pm  Billing and Reimbursement for Genetic Counseling in Virginia  Matt Thomas, MS, CGC

**********Meeting Adjournment**********

Speakers
Christine Seward, MS, CGC – President, Virginia Association of Genetic Counselors
Virginia Speare, PhD, CGC – Genetic Specialist, Ambry Genetics, Aliso Viejo, California
John Richardson – Director of Policy and Government Relations, National Society of Genetic Counselors
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Matt Thomas, MS, CGC – Genetic Counselor, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia
Cheryl Scacheri, MS, CGC – Medical Science Liaison, GeneDx, Gaithersburg, Maryland
Elizabeth Chisholm, MS, CGC – Genetic Counselor, Children’s Hospital of the Kings Daughters, Norfolk, Virginia
Ginger Norris, MS, CGC – Virginia Commonwealth University Parkinson’s and Movement Disorders Center, Richmond, Virginia