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Board on Health Sciences Policy *Roundtable on Translating Genomic-Based Research for Health*

***Improving Genetics Education in Graduate and Continuing Health Professional
Education: A Workshop***
August 18, 2014

**The Keck Center of the National Academies, Room 100
500 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001**

MEETING OBJECTIVES

- Examine context for the challenges involved in educating health care providers in genetics
- Review promising approaches for providing genetics education in various settings
- Identify opportunities and next steps for improving genetics education for health professionals

1. A 52 y.o. woman presents to her FM NP with new onset labile HTN. A detailed FH reveals only an uncle with a kidney tumor. The pt. fails to respond to standard protocol therapy.
2. An internist is consulted. Catechols are elevated. A diagnosis of paraganglioma is ultimately established.
3. The Endocrinologist/Oncologist/Surgeon orders DNA. Two mutations in SDHB are identified. One is previously published as pathogenic; one is a VUS.
4. A Genetic Counselor orders a targeted DNA study on the 27 y.o. daughter. The mother's pathogenic mutation is absent. The daughter is reassured.

5. 1 year later, the daughter presents with a neck mass that is ultimately identified as a malignant paraganglioma.
Follow up DNA study identifies the mother's VUS.
6. The Geneticist reviews the literature and questions the literature basis of the assignment of pathogenicity to the mother's mutation.
7. Before starting chemotherapy, the daughter asks the Geneticist to interpret her self-ordered Methylation Analysis to determine its implications for her therapy.

| Gene & Variation | rsID | Alleles | Result |
|------------------|-----------|---------|--------|
| COMT V158M | rs4680 | AG | +/- |
| COMT H62H | rs4633 | CT | +/- |
| COMT P199P | rs769224 | GG | -/- |
| VDR Bsm | rs1544410 | CT | +/- |
| VDR Taq | rs731236 | AG | +/- |
| MAO A R297R | rs6323 | TT | +/+ |
| ACAT1-02 | rs3741049 | AG | +/- |
| MTHFR C677T | rs1801133 | GG | -/- |
| MTHFR 03 P39P | rs2066470 | AG | +/- |
| MTHFR A1298C | rs1801131 | GT | +/- |
| MTR A2756G | rs1805087 | AA | -/- |
| MTRR A66G | rs1801394 | AG | +/- |

Methylation Analysis Results

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What Do We Hope to Achieve Today?

- **What are the provider educational goal(s) we should be working towards?**
 - i.e. what needle(s) are we are trying to move?
- **How do we do it?**
 - i.e. what are the top three 'To Dos'?



Workshop Scope – What's In and What's Out?

- We are not discussing (today) the need for evidence
- We are not discussing educational content
- We **are** considering processes, resources, stakeholders
- We are not addressing undergraduate professional education
- We are not addressing Genetics professionals
- We **are** focusing on front-line practitioners who will be interacting with genetic information:
 - physicians, NP's, PA's, pharmacists, advanced practice RN's, etc.
 - generalists; non-Genetics specialists

An Overview of the Workshop

Session I : Educational Approaches

Session II : Graduate Health Professional Education

Session III: Continuing Professional Development