

ISONG Webinar

Family History in Clinical Practice



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Dr. Suzanne Mahon is a Professor in the Division of Hematology/Oncology and a Professor in Adult Nursing in the School of Nursing at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri. She instituted and has run the Hereditary Cancer Program there since 1999 where she has provided genetic counseling and educational services to over 4000 families. She has over 100 publications in the area of cancer prevention and cancer genetics in peer reviewed journals. She is the recipient of the 2011 ISONG Founders Award for Education to Professionals, Patients, and the Public. Dr. Mahon is also the recipient of the Saint Louis University 2012 School of Nursing Alumni Award which recognized an outstanding alumnus of the School of Nursing who exemplifies, in daily life, the mission of Saint Louis University and has achieved outstanding success in their professional life and in their intellectual pursuits.



Sue Nicholas, MSN, BSN, RNC-BC, WHNP-BC

Ms Nicholas has spent 35 years caring for women across the care continuum with primary focus within the high risk obstetrical arena. She is passionate about the care of childbearing families as she believes they are our future. Her position at Akron Children's Hospital has afforded her the opportunity to coordinate the care of high risk families and expand her genetic/genomic expertise within the Fetal Care Center. In 2013, she was part of a dyad selected to participate in the MINC project (Methods of Incorporating Nursing Competencies) which expanded her knowledge of genetics and genomics. She has since become the nursing ambassador within her organization, educating nurses on the importance of family history, risk identification and utilization of our genetic services to improve the health of the patients we serve.

Description

This webinar would be helpful to nurses who wish to better understand how to construct an accurate family pedigree, pedigree analysis, and risk assessment principles. Concepts will be explored using clinical case examples.

Target Audience

Nurses in any clinical setting who want to advance their knowledge in obtaining a family history and pedigree, along with risk identification and appropriate genetic referral.

Objectives

1. Construct an accurate three-generation pedigree.
2. Describe at least two ways in which the pedigree can be utilized to better categorize risk for developing disease.

3. Describe how pedigree analysis guides referrals for genetic assessment.

This learning activity has been developed in collaboration with the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing.

Participants successfully completing this activity will be awarded one (1) continuing nursing education contact hour.

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