

- The role of nurses in genetics

The Genetic information law (2000) lists the professionals allowed to practice in genetic clinics and provide genetic information; however, nurses are not mentioned in this act. Most nurses working in genetics are clinic coordinators. In some hospitals, senior nurses coordinate a special clinic for healthy BRCA1/2 carriers. In the community, “genetic information nurses” and mother child health nurses advise couples regarding prenatal genetic screening as recommended according to their origin (Ashkenazi, Sephardic etc.). However, nurses are not allowed to provide genetic counselling.