MEDICAL GENETIC COUNSELING

GENETIC COUNSELING IS THE PROCESS OF ADVISING INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES AFFECTED BY OR AT RISK OF GENETIC DISORDERS

MORE ABOUT GENETIC COUNSELLING

Genetic counseling gives you information about how genetic conditions might affect you or your family. The genetic counselor or other healthcare professional will collect your personal and <u>family health history</u>. They can use this information to determine how likely it is that you or your family member has a genetic condition.

REASONS FOR GENETIC COUNSELLING

Based on your personal and family health history, your doctor can refer you for genetic counseling. There are different stages in your life when you might be referred for genetic counseling

- 1 caring for children
- 2 planning pregnancy

Family planning and healthcare management

ASPECTS OF GENETIC COUNSELLING

- Arriving at specific diagnosis
- Practical add
- Estimation of risk
- Supportive role

THE PROCESS INTEGRATES:

 Interpretation of family and medical histories to assess the chance of disease occurrence or recurrence

Education about inheritance, testing, management, prevention, resources

Counseling to promote informed choices, adaptation to the risk or condition and support in reaching out to relatives that are also at risk

TYPES OF GENETIC DISORDERS NEEDING COUNCEL

- Chromosomal disorder
- Monogenic disorder
- Polygenic disorder
- Mitochondrial disorder

OBJECTIVE OF GENETIC COUNSELLING

The goal is never to make a decision *for* the couple, whose familial, social, moral and religious situation is *different* from that of the counselor, but rather to provide them with the objective information which will allow them to make their own informed decisions.

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