

Genetic Science Spotlight

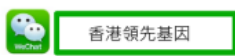
Do you know when you should see a genetic counsellor?



Genetic test has become part of standard medical care for various conditions at virtually every stage of life. This is attributed by heightened awareness, advancement and accessibility of genetic testing in recent years. To catch up with the rapidly evolving industry, genetic counsellors are trained and certified to practice as healthcare providers for clinical applications of genetic science and technology. When a patient is seeking to take a genetic test, it is recommended that he sees a genetic counsellor to assess the genetic risks and be recommended the most appropriate test. This is crucial because each genetic test has its benefits and its limitations. Apart from that, a genetic test report is highly scientific and in some cases could be very complicated. A trained genetic counsellor would be required to dissect the data and translate them into meaningful information and used as tools for health and medical care. This is especially important with the rise of online DNA testing services that does not provide any after test services to help consumers understand their genetic risks and reap its benefit.

<http://www.channelnewsasia.com/news/singapore/more-patients-in-singapore-looking-for-genetic-counsellors-8260830?cid=fbsg>

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