



**Southern California
Genetic Counselors (SCGC)**
7th Annual Education Conference



**LIGHTING
THE WAY**

SCGC 2024 AEC

May 3rd, 2024 | Pacific Palms Resort | City of Industry



Welcome to the 7th AEC!

This year's theme is LIGHTING THE WAY and we are discussing how to navigate uncertainty through innovation and collaboration with our genetic counseling and healthcare colleagues.

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Additional Information

Wi-Fi: Network: SCGC Wi-Fi | Password: scgc2024

Lactation Room: Located in the Riviera room

Group photo: We will be taking a group photo of all our attendees at 12:30pm, please listen for an announcement after the last morning session for the location.

Schedule of Events

Time	Program
8:00am	Registration and Breakfast (<i>Sponsored by Quest</i>)
8:45am	Opening Remarks <i>Joan Oliver, SCGC President</i> <i>Samantha Kreilis, MS, CGC, AEC Co-Chair</i> <i>Emily Parkhurst, MS, CGC, AEC Co-Chair</i>
9:00am	Navigating the DTC Jungle (0.5 Contact Hours) <i>Jamie Phan, MS, CGC</i>
9:30am	Bridging the Gap: Diagnostic and Clinical Implications of RNA analysis (0.5 Contact Hours) <i>Bradley Power, MS, CGC</i> <i>Shabnam Asgari, MS, CGC</i>
10:00am	Morning Break (<i>Sponsored by Ultragenyx</i>) Sponsor Talk: Updates from Myriad: Recent Enhancements and Re-engaging GC Communities (Pebble Beach) <i>Lauren Siems, MS, LCGC</i>
10:30am	Unexpected Clinically Relevant Findings on Carrier Results Related to Sensory Disabilities (0.6 Contact Hours) <i>Naomi Wagner, MS, CGC</i>
11:00am	Identification of Variants of Uncertain Significance in Medically Actionable Genes in the Prenatal Setting (0.6 Contact Hours) <i>Jordana Graifman, MS, LCGC</i>
11:30am	Non-Intended Parental Screening (0.6 Contact Hours) <i>Natalie Richeimer, MS, CGC</i>
12:00pm	Panel Q&A
12:30pm	Group Photo/Lunch (<i>Sponsored by Amgen</i>)

Schedule of Events Continued

Time	Program
1:30pm	Poster Session (0.5 Contact Hours) <i>CEUs for poster session available for In-Person Attendees only</i>
2:00pm	An Overview of the Newborn Genomic Screening Landscape and the BeginNGS Perspective (0.5 Contact Hours) <i>Liana Protopsaltis, MS, CGC</i> <i>Brandan Schultz, MS, LCGC</i>
2:30pm	Mosaic Genetic Disorders (0.5 Contact Hours) <i>Timothy J. Maarup, MD</i>
3:00pm	Afternoon Break (<i>Sponsored by Natera</i>) Sponsor Talk: Invitae Generation: Redefining Quality <i>Diana Phan, Sc. M., LCGC</i>
3:30pm	Sickle Cell Disease: Community Support Plus Clinical Treatment (0.5 Contact Hours) <i>Deborah Green, BS, California State Certified Sickle Cell Counselor</i> <i>Toska Zomorodian, MD</i>
4:00pm	“Connecting the Team” - A Look into the Teamwork of Nurse Practitioner and Genetic Counseling within a High-volume Aortic Center (0.5 Contact Hours) <i>Jennifer Rios, MS, CGC</i> <i>Sophia Lam, MSN, CNS, ACNP-BC</i>
4:30pm	Understanding Inequities in Access to Cancer Genetic Services: Carving a Path to Improve Care for All (0.5 Contact Hours) <i>Monica Alvarado, MC, LCGC</i>
5:00pm	Closing Remarks
5:30pm	Conference Ends/Evening Reception

Total: 5.80 Contact Hours/0.58 CEUs

Student Posters

[A] Assessing the Factors and Barriers That Affect the Experiences of Applicants Participating in the National Matching Services (NMS) Genetic Counseling Match Program

Presenter: Taylor Lem, University of California, Irvine (UCI)

[B] Assessing the Impact of Provider-Patient Race and Linguistic Concordance on Knowledge and Attitudes of Underrepresented Populations towards Genetic Counseling

Presenter: Greer Hennessy, University of California, Irvine (UCI)

[C] Assessing Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Presence: A Content Analysis of Genetic Counseling Graduate Program Websites

Presenter: Jake Plewa, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

[D] Barriers and Interests of Underrepresented Students Considering Genetic Counseling as a Profession: A Systematic Review

Presenter: Chauntiera Cook, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

[E] Cross Sectional Analysis of Exome Sequencing Diagnosis in Patients with Neurological Phenotypes Facing Barriers to Clinical Genetic Testing

Presenter: Hannah Stevens, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

[F] Evaluating the Relationship Between Genetic Literacy and Personal Genetic Testing Utility Among Parents of Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder

Presenter: Jenny Rodstein, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

[G] Exploring Prenatal Genetic Counselors' Self-Efficacy to Address State-Level Abortion Restrictions

Presenter: Brianna Bolanos, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Student Posters

[H] Exploring Sense of Community Among Genetic Counseling Students

Presenter: Pedro Fernandes, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

[I] Exploring the Transferability of Clinical Genetic Counseling Skills to Non-Patient Facing Roles in Business

Presenter: Opharsh Lail, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

[J] Genetic Counselor Characteristics and Comfort with Providing Sexual Health Education Resources for Patients with Intellectual Disability

Presenter: Yesenia Gomez, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

[K] Healthcare Providers' Experiences and Knowledge of Hereditary Hematologic Malignancy Syndromes

Presenter: Marisa Matthews, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

[L] Incidence of Secondary Findings in Patients of Varying Ancestral Backgrounds

Presenter: Jaspreet Gill, University of California, Irvine (UCI)

[M] Integrating Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Into Genetic Counseling Education: Perspectives on Integration and Utilization from Genetic Counseling Programs

Presenter: Ofir Feuer, Keck Graduate Institute

[N] Knowledge of Family Health History as it is Impacted by the Personal and Familial Presence of Medical Conditions and Social Determinants of Health

Presenter: Jessica Cramm, University of California, Irvine (UCI)

[O] Rapid systematic review: assessment of research evaluating genetic counseling written communication

Presenter: Maggie Paulich, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

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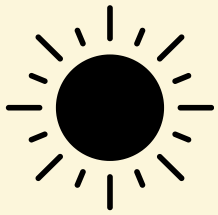


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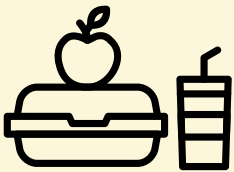
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