



**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Conference  
Reconnect  
May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at Paradise Point, San Diego**

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAM**

- 7:15 – 8:15am**      *Registration and Breakfast*
- 8:15 – 8:30am**      *Welcome and Opening Remarks*  
Stacy Wong, MS, CGC; President, SCGC  
Taylor Berninger, MS, CGC and Annie Baxter, MS, CGC;  
SCGC Conference Chairs
- 8:30 – 9:15am**      *Emerging Gene-based Therapies: What Genetic Counselors Should Know*  
Naomi Wagner, MS, CGC (Invitae)
- 9:15 – 10:15am**      *An Update on the California Prenatal Screening Program and Genetic  
Counselor Licensure Program*  
Sara Goldman, MPH (California Department of Public Health)
- 10:15 – 10:45am**      BREAK
- 10:45 – 11:35am**      *Genetic Counselors and the D.E.I. Dialogue: Staying the Course*  
Aarin Williams, MS, CGC (Kaiser Permanente-SCAL)
- 11:35am – 12:20pm**      *Hemoglobinopathies: It's All Greek to Me*  
Cathi Franklin, MS, CGC (Quest Diagnostics)
- 12:20 – 12:50pm**      Graduate Student Posters with Authors
- 12:50 – 1:20pm**      LUNCH
- 1:20 – 2:05pm**      *X-Linked Disorders: We're Not Just Carriers*  
Samantha Coover, MSW (Remember the Girls)
- 2:05 – 2:50pm**      *The "Heart" of Genetics – An Overview of Cardiovascular Genomics*  
Jennifer Rios, MS, CGC (USC Keck Medical Center)



- 2:50 – 3:15pm**      BREAK
- 3:15 – 3:35pm**      *The Many Roles of the Genetic Counselor in a Rare Disease Bioregistry: Experiences with The Myelin Disorders Bioregistry Project*  
Johanna Schmidt, MPH, MGC, CGC (Westside Genetic Counseling: Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia)
- 3:35 – 3:55pm**      *Evaluating Fetal Sex Discrepancies Between cfDNA NIPT and Ultrasound*  
Michelle Hackbardt, MS, CGC and Tara Short, MS, CGC (Labcorp)
- 3:55 – 4:15pm**      *Increasing Awareness, Update, and Accessibility of Cancer Genetics Services through Alternative Referral and Service Delivery Models*  
Suzy Malca, MS, CGC and Danielle Williams, MS, CGC (Providence St. Joseph Health)
- 4:15 – 4:55pm**      *Genetic Counseling & Liquid Biopsy: What You Need to Know*  
Paula Fontaine, PharmD, PhD (Guardant Health)
- 4:55 – 5:00pm**      *Closing Remarks*  
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