

Counselling

Panel discussion

EuGT: Recommendations for genetic counselling related to genetic testing

Structure of the recommendations

- Introduction, Method, Background
- Definitions
- Different types of genetic counselling situations and need for genetic counselling
- General recommendations for genetic counselling
- Pre-test genetic counselling
- Post-test genetic counselling
- Information/counselling in screening programs

Problematic parts

- In situations where testing children or other persons who are not able to give informed consent is considered, those individuals should be involved in genetic counselling and in the decision-making process, according to their capacities. Adequate authorisation for genetic testing of children or persons who are not able to give informed consent is required from their parents or legal representatives. **Testing for adult onset conditions in children should only be considered when treatment or surveillance would begin in childhood.**

Problematic parts

- What is predictive/presymptomatic counselling...terminology problem
- Should susceptibility testing be mentioned at all?