New European guidelines on presymptomatic and prenatal testing (EUGT2)

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• Deliverables for Work Package 7, EuroGentest2 project.
• General guidelines for presymptomatic testing
• General guidelines for prenatal diagnostic testing, including NIPD.
Background

• Increasing use of genetic tests in both PSt and PND context

• Increasing use by professionals outside genetic specialty

• Differences between conditions – some highly specificied, others no guidelines at all
Process

- Search of relevant literature and policies
- Identification of experts – varied professions and countries
- Circulation of pre-reading
- Workshops (in person)
- Presentations of relevance
- Working groups
- Agreement of guidelines
- Consultation
Content

• Objectives

• Logistical (process) considerations

• Counselling content
Key points

• Trained personnel

• Focus on choice

• Pre and post test counselling

• Consideration of family issues and implications
Appropriately trained personnel

• Trained in counselling skills and genetics

• Current workforce developments to equip genetic counsellor workforce highly relevant to both situations
• Comments from national societies highly valued.