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HGANJ Full Day May 2023 Conference

Meeting Date: Tuesday May 2nd, 2023
Meeting Location: Virtual Meeting sponsored by Kean University
Registration: [Register Here](#)

Time	Topic	Presenter
7 AM	Welcoming Remarks	Jill Fischer, MS, CGC, President of HGANJ
7:05-8:05 AM Student Presentations	The Professional and Personal Experiences of Genetic Counselors with Dual Graduate Degrees	Jordan Mattingly, MPH – Rutgers University
	NIPT Management Practices Among Physicians in the United States	Jessica Hopkins, BA – Kean University
	Uptake Rate of Diagnostic Testing After Positive Cell-Free DNA Screen in Pregnancy	Bailey Meibos, BS – Rutgers University
	Patients' Perspectives and Motivations for Pursuing PGT-P	Sarah Goldshteyn, BA – Rutgers University
8:05-8:50 AM	A Revolution in Early Cancer Detection	Lara Bagby, MS, CGC – Grail, LLC
8:50-9:50 AM Student Presentations	Utilizing large-scale genomic screening to characterize cancer risks in individuals with pathogenic/likely pathogenic <i>BRCA1/2</i> variants	Nataly Abrams, MS – Rutgers University
	How to Disclose Differences in Sexual Development: Listening to the Patient's Perspectives	Kaitlyn O'Connor, BS – Rutgers University
	Gaining a better perspective of endocrinologists current utilization of genetic counselors for both cisgender and transgender patients	Madison Burns, BS – Rutgers University
	Serving Adult Adoptees without Family Health History Knowledge: Genetic Counselors' Training, Attitudes, and Perceptions	Marissa Jensen, BA – Kean University
9:50-10:00 AM	BREAK	
10:00-11:30 AM	Gene Therapy for Pediatric Neuromuscular Disorders – Today and Tomorrow	John Brandsema, MD and Brianna Gross, MS, CGC – The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
11:30 AM-12:15 PM Student Presentations	Uptake Rate of Expanded Carrier Screening in Consanguineous Couples	Julie Ricca, BS – Rutgers University
	Assessing Nursing Students Attitudes and Knowledge of the Symptoms, Management, and Treatment of Sickle Cell Disease	Janel Barbee, BS – Kean University
	Genetic Counselors' Experiences with Abortion Access and Attitudes Toward Abortion in States with Permissive Abortion Laws	Debra Paul, BA – Kean University
12:15-12:45 PM	LUNCH BREAK	



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12:45-1:45 PM	The Legal and Ethical Implications of Dobbs for Genetic Counselors and Genetic Counseling	Sonia Suter, JD, MS- George Washington University School of Law
1:45-2:30 PM	The Evolving Role for Genetic Counselors in Precision Medicine	Dana Farengo Clark, MS, CGC- University of Pennsylvania Angela Arnold Ross, MS, CGC
2:30-3:30 PM Student Presentations	Factors Influencing Quality of Life for Caregivers of Children with Congenital Hyperinsulinism	Ruhi Shah, MPH – Rutgers University
	Building on the Support for Parents of Children with Rare Diseases	Makena Green, BS – Kean University
	Access to and Utilization of Exon Skipping Therapies in the Treatment of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy	Morgan Secoy, MSW – Kean University
	The Experience of White-passing Minority Genetic Counseling Students in Their Clinical Training Program	Amanda Rentas, BA – Kean University
3:30-3:40 PM	BREAK	
3:40-4:25 PM	What's New in Fetal Therapy	Natalie Burrill, MS, CGC – The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
4:25-5:10 PM	Inclusive Family History: Centered on Sex, Gender, and Ancestry	Robin Bennett, MS, CGC
5:10-5:55 PM Student Presentations	The Impact of Physician Provided Human Phenotype Ontology (HPO) Terms on Whole Exome Sequencing (WES) Analysis	Erik Strandberg, BS – Rutgers University
	Diagnostic yield and clinical utility of whole exome sequencing in pediatric cardiomyopathy	Julia Keisling, BS – Rutgers University
	Assessing the experiences and psychosocial effects of at-risk individuals who pursued predictive testing for Huntington disease and received negative results	Megan Keeney, BA – Kean University
5:55-6:40 PM	Self-Care Techniques to Minimize Burnout and Vicarious Trauma	Rebecca Vicente, EdD, LCSW, CFTP, C-DBT, CMIP- Kean University
6:40 PM	Closing Remarks and Adjournment	