Genetic Disorder Awareness

Empowering You with Knowledge for a Healthier Future





What is Genetic Counselling?

Genetic counselling is a service that helps individuals and families understand the genetic contribution to health and disease. A Geneticist/Genetic counsellor provides guidance on:

- ► Family History: Assessing the risk of inherited conditions
- Genetic Testing: Understanding the results of genetic tests and their implications
- Informed Decisions: Helping individuals make choices about their health and reproductive choices



Why is Genetic Consultation/ Counselling Important?

Identify Risk Factors

Genetic counselling can help you identify if you are at an increased risk for certain inherited conditions like developmental abnormalities, metabolic disorders or hereditary cancers.

▶ Plan for the Future It will help understand the risks of passing on inherited conditions. This is particularly important for consanguineous couples (those related

by blood, such as cousins), who may have a higher likelihood of transmitting recessive genetic disorders to their children. Counselling explores reproductive options such as prenatal testing, IVF with preimplantation genetic screening/diagnosis.

- Manage Health Proactively Knowing your genetic risk can help you take early steps to manage or reduce the risk of complications.
- Support During Decision-Making Genetic counsellors provide emotional support and help you make informed decisions based on your genetic information.

Who Should Consider Genetic Consultation/ Counselling?

- Individuals or couples with a family history of congenital malformations, neonatal/infantile deaths, developmental delay, and intellectual disability, etc
- Parents concerned about the recurrence of inherited disorders in future pregnancies

- Those considering genetic prenatal screening
 - Individuals with a personal and family
- history of certain types of cancers, especially at a young age
- Individuals or families seeking help in interpreting genetic reports
- What to Expect During α Genetic Consultation/ Genetic Counselling Session?
 - Initial Consultation: You'll meet with a genetic counsellor who will review your family history and medical records.
 - ▼ Risk Assessment: Genetic counsellor will assess your risks and explain them in a clear and understandable way.
 - ✔ Genetic Testing Options: Geneticist will offer genetic tests, depending on your risk factors/family history. The counsellor will help you understand the benefits and limitations of the tests.
 - Follow-Up Support: After receiving reports, the geneticist will interpret the results and guide the family accordingly.

To book an appointment,

☎ Call 1800 419 1397