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Access to Genetic Testing: Policy Insights & Practical Strategies

Thursday, October 24, 2024

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This webinar will explore the current landscape of coverage policies for genetic testing in pediatric neurology and consider how variable insurance policies hinder testing access. The speakers will discuss common reasons for test denials and offer strategies to mitigate these issues. The session will cover medical policy, administrative challenges, and practical solutions to improve access and navigate appeal processes.

Objectives

- Describe two ways that variable insurance coverage policies negatively impact access to testing for individuals with rare disease.
- List three common reasons for a denied laboratory test request.
- Identify two strategies to mitigate denials and optimize documentation for appeals.

Speakers



Paige Haas is a licensed and certified genetic counselor with experience in laboratory stewardship and utilization management. She holds a Master of Science in Genetic Counseling from the University of Washington and a PhD in Molecular Biology & Biochemistry from the University of California, San Francisco. In her role as a Laboratory Genetic Counselor at Seattle Children's Hospital, she stewards pediatric genetic testing and supports PLUGS® (Patient-centered Laboratory Utilization Guidance

Services).



Jessie Conta is a licensed and certified genetic counselor with expertise in genomics, laboratory stewardship, and healthcare delivery. She is a consultant and owner of Pickhandle Consulting, where she is focused on identifying, analyzing, and reducing barriers to access and financial coverage of genetic counseling and testing. She is a co-founder of PLUGS® (Patient-centered Laboratory Utilization Guidance Services) and supports insurance alignment initiatives for the collaboration.

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