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Genetic Counselor Scope of Practice:

- (a) obtain and evaluate individual, family, and medical histories to determine genetic risk for genetic/medical conditions and diseases in a patient, his/her offspring, and other family members;
- (b) discuss the features, natural history, means of diagnosis, genetic and environmental factors, and management of risk for genetic/medical conditions and diseases;
- (c) identify and coordinate genetic laboratory tests and other diagnostic studies as appropriate for the genetic assessment;
- (d) integrate genetic laboratory test results and other diagnostic studies with personal and family medical history to assess and communicate risk factors for genetic/medical conditions and diseases;
- (e) explain the clinical implications of genetic laboratory tests and other diagnostic studies and their results;
- (f) evaluate the client's or family's responses to the condition or risk of recurrence and provide client-centered counseling and anticipatory guidance;
- (g) identify and utilize community resources that provide medical, educational, financial, and psychosocial support and advocacy; and
- (h) provide written documentation of medical, genetic, and counseling information for families and health care professionals.