

3rd Psychiatric Genetics for Genetic Counselors

Intensive workshop focused on clinical application for healthcare professionals

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This **FREE** two day course will introduce:

- what we currently know about the genetics of psychiatric disorders.
- suggestions for how we translate our ever increasing understanding of the genetics of psychiatric disorders into educational/ counselling-based interventions for patients and their families in order to promote better outcomes.
- discussions on how we roll out these interventions.
- discussions on what outcomes might we expect, and how should we measure them? (e.g. treatment adherence, stigma)
- under what circumstances should we be applying genetic testing in the clinical psychiatry setting?
- what sort of genetic testing (e.g. testing to predict risk, testing to determine the presence of a genetic syndrome, pharmacogenomics testing) should we be applying in the future?

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This course is timely, given the rapidity with which our understanding of the genetic contributions to psychiatric conditions is developing. However, as with many complex disorders, our knowledge relating the clinical application to these findings is lagging.

The aim of this course is to create a societal shift in both the UK public and health professionals' attitudes to mental health by introducing the concept of *Psychiatric Genetic Counselling* as a discipline in its own right.

Space is limited to 25 participants. Pedagogic activities include large and small group activities, movies, didactic sessions and encouraging everyone to participate, providing confidence to participants in their competence for delivering this service to people with psychiatric disorders.

We would also like participants to suggest strategies for creating a cultural shift in attitudes towards mental health.

Participants may join a new International society representing the interest of Psychiatric Genetic Counselling within Psychiatric Genetics.



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