Genetic Testing for IRDs Workshop

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Welcome

- 2-hour interactive lecture
- Please see provided resources:
- Multi-gene panel samples
- Sample genetic testing eligibility forms, requisition form, and consent forms

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- Saliva-sample collection kits
- Sample genetic test result printouts



Importance of Genetic Testing for IRDs

- Determine eligibility for gene therapy and clinical trials
- · Improve accuracy and specificity of diagnosis
- Improve accuracy of prognosis
- Improve accuracy of genetic counseling, family counseling





Genetic Testing - 5 Parts

- 1) Clinical determination of genetic eye disease
- 2) Sample collection and testing
- 3) Analysis of results
- 4) Data interpretation within context of clinical findings
- 5) Patient counseling

CLINICAL EVALUATION & CASE HISTORY

Importance of Clinical Assessment

- Genetic testing is not a substitute for clinical evaluation.
- Differential diagnoses are helpful for selecting an appropriate genetic test panel.
- Clinical assessment is needed for genetic test result interpretation and counseling.

Testing Recommendations

- "Recommendations on Clinical Assessment of Patients with Inherited Retinal Degenerations – 2016"
- Numbers refer to clinical phenotypes:
 - 1. Rod-cone degenerations
 - 2. Cone-rod degenerations
 - 3. Chorioretinal degenerations
 - 4. Inherited dystrophies that involve the macula

Assessment	Initial Visit	Follow Up Visit Every 1-2 Years
History Ocular (including current needs) Medical (including current medications and history of retinotoxic medication use)	1-40	1-4
Pedigree (family history)	1-4	1-4
Clinical eye examination • Best corrected visual acuity: ETDRS (or equivalent) • Silt-lamp biomicroscopy • Intracular pressure • Indirect Ophthalmoscopy	1-4	1-4
Imaging Color fundus photos Spectral Domain Optical Coherence Tornography Fundus autofluorescence: Short wavelength with reduced illumination when possible Infrared autofluorescence (when available)	1-4 1-4 1-4 ^b 1, 3, 4	1-4 1-4 ⁵ 1, 3, 4
Visual fields Kinetic Static Microperimetry (when available)	1-4° 1-3° 1-4	1-4° 1-3 ^d 1-4
Electroretinography • Full-field ERG ^e (when appropriate) • Multifocal ERG ¹ (when appropriate)	1-4 2,4	1-3 2,4
Genetic Diagnostic Testing	1-4	



Case History

- Important for eligibility criteria:
- Ex. any nyctalopia, peripheral field loss, central field loss and age of onset, deterioration of color vision, photophobia
- Include extraocular health history and features

Clinical Pearls

- Fundus autofluorescence imaging can be useful to detect early change in young children with suspected inherited retinal dystrophy.
- Some children may also have high refractive error, but amblyopia is a diagnosis of exclusion.

Case History

- 44 y/o African American female
- Presented in LV Clinic for DMV Form
- Longstanding color vision deficiency and decreased VA since childhood
- Light sensitivity
- Wears purple sunglasses

Case History

- Congenital nystagmus
- Cone dystrophy (?)
- OD: -6.25-4.00x176 20/100 OS: -4.00-3.75x012 20/100









Lab Testing

- Can test just one or many (300+) genes in one test panel.
- Whole genome testing is not recommended when a retinal dystrophy test panel is more appropriate.
- Saliva-sample, blood-sample, and buccal swab collection kits are available.
- Saliva-sample is the most commonly used and very convenient.
 Many labs are available. Using a CLIA-approved laboratory is recommended.
- Some commonly used labs are listed.

Lab Testing

- The lab panels available vary slightly. Select a lab panel based on differential diagnoses.
 - $-\operatorname{Look}\nolimits$ up the genes associated with the condition.
 - Ex. https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/
 - Check that the lab panel tests those genes listed.

Sample Test Panels

- Blueprint Genetics
 - $-\ https://blueprintgenetics.com/tests/panels/ophthalmology/retinal-dystrophy-panel/$
 - 351 genes (including RPGR)
- Invitae
 - https://www.invitae.com/en/inherited-retinal-disorders-panel/
 Recently updated to 330 genes (including RPGR)
- Alternative labs

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Sample Test Panels

- Consider differences in...
 - Genes included in the panels
 - Eligibility requirements

Ex. Lab Selection Process

- Your patient has a clinical diagnosis of retinitis pigmentosa. He has a relatively early onset and rapidly progressive field loss.
- After completing a pedigree, you suspect an x-linked inheritance pattern.

Ex. Lab Selection Process

- You search for information about retinitis pigmentosa inheritance patterns and associated genes on MedlinePlus.
- "Together, mutations in the <u>RPGR</u> and <u>RP2</u> genes account for most cases of X-linked retinitis pigmentosa."
- <u>https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/condition/retinitis-</u> pigmentosa/#synonyms

Ex. Lab Selection Process

- You look through both test panels from the labs (Ex. Blueprint Genetics & Invitae)
- You find that both panels currently test *RPGR*.
- The Blueprint panel testing is being sponsored by Foundation Fighting Blindness's My Retina Tracker Program and the Invitae panel testing is being sponsored by Spark Therapeutics, so now you check that your patient meets their eligibility requirements.

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Forms to Complete

- · Eligibility Requirements
- Requisition Form
- Consent Form



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Clinical Pearls

- Know or use resources to look up the genetics of the diagnosis or differential diagnoses before collecting the saliva sample. Make sure to select an appropriate panel and lab.
- Genetic testing does not replace the clinical exam. The clinical exam is necessary for differential diagnoses and genetic test program eligibility.

Clinical Pearls

• If your patient has had negative genetic test results in the past, consider how long ago the test was conducted and what genes were tested. If the test panel was insufficient and more appropriate test panels are now available, consider retesting.



Genetic Testing Q&A

- How much does genetic testing cost?
- The lab testing might be free if the patient meets the eligibility requirements.
- There may be cost associated with office visits.
- How long will it take to get the results?
- Could be as short as 2 weeks; could be longer depending on the lab and testing.
- Do you need a blood sample?
 Saliva sample is sufficient in most cases.

COMMONLY ASKED PATIENT QUESTIONS – Q&A

Genetic Testing Q&A

- Will this tell me what eye condition I have?
 - Not always. Genetic testing does not replace a clinical exam. Depending on the eye condition, genetic testing panel, and current knowledge on the condition, the possibility of positive or negative genetic test results varies.
- I did genetic testing a long time ago. Is this the same?
 Consider retesting if genetic test was inconclusive in the distant past.
- Can children be tested?
 - Yes. Keep in mind ethical considerations. For conditions with possible treatment, earlier testing is recommended when earlier treatment provides better outcomes.

Gene Therapy Q&A

- Will I qualify for gene therapy?
- Most likely not right now since gene therapy is only available for RPE65 mutation, but if you have RP or LCA there is a small possibility.
- Will I qualify for a gene therapy clinical trial?
 Possibly. Can determine after receiving the genetic testing results.

Clinical Pearls

- Take into account how likely a positive genetic test will be depending on the patient's diagnosis or differential diagnoses and the genes on the test panels. Manage patient expectations of genetic testing.
- Manage patient expectations on eligibility for gene therapy or clinical trials.

Achromatopsia

- · Chance of getting a positive test result is high
- CNGA3 and CNGB3 account for a large majority of cases







Clinical tips for successful sample collection:

- · Can't eat, drink, or smoke immediately before testing
- Can't use saliva sample testing if:

 Blood transfusion <2 weeks prior
 History of allogeneic bone marrow transplant
- Don't forget to completely & legibly label the tube - <u>Full name, date of birth, specimen collection date</u>

Clinical tips for successful sample collection:

- Saliva Sample: there must be enough saliva to reach the marked line (and bubbles don't count), seal the tube, gently shake the tube.
- If the patient is having difficulty producing saliva, you can prompt them to think of sour things.



Tips for mailing:

- Proper sealing and packaging of specimen tube, inclusion of requisition form if appropriate.
- Mail as soon as possible, priority mail to lab.
- Do not leave specimen out in the heat.

Tips for clinical setup:

- Have sample kits on hand.
- Be cognizant of your pickup times.
- Cannot charge the patient for the genetic testing if using sponsored programs.

Tips for clinical setup:

- Reserve time for paperwork.
- Designate a primary clinical contact.
- Make sure genetic test results are secure and that staff maintain confidentiality of results.
- Reserve time for follow-up discussions with the patient.



AAOphthalmology Clinical Statement

- "...a causative mutation can be identified in up to 60-80% of patients with inherited retinal disorders"
- Likelihood of positive result can depend on the condition

GENETIC TEST RESULTS

Result Interpretation

- Not all genes are tested. Not all tests will deliver satisfactory results.
- **Positive result-** found pathogenic mutation in the gene(s) tested
- Negative result- did not find mutation in the gene(s) tested
- Inconclusive results – Variants of Uncertain Significance



Online Portals

- Clinician and patient access to results
- Can be used to view updated lab results (ex. VUS reclassification)
- Provide patient with access to copy of results

Q RESULT: POTENTIALLY POSITIVE

Two Pathogenic variants identified in CNGA3. CNGA3 is associated with autosomal recessive achromatopsia and cone-rod dystrophy.

Additional Variant(s) of Uncertain Significance identified.

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INTERPRETATION OF GENETIC TEST RESULTS IN CLINICAL CONTEXT

Results Interpretation

- Gene with mutation may be associated with several different eye conditions
- Clinical exam is still important for diagnosis
- Other factors must still be taken into account
 - Patient ocular findings
 - Patient medical history
 - Patient family history

- Some IRDs are associated with many different genes
- Some genes are associated with many different IRDs



Resources for more information about specific genes:

- National Institutes of Health (NIH) Medline Plus Genetics (previously Genetics Home Reference) https://medlineplus.gov/genetics/
- Useful quick resource to search Causes (& Genes Associated) & Inheritance Pattern.

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COUNSELING & ADDITIONAL MANAGEMENT

Genetic Counseling

- Genetic Counseling is recommended
 - Family counseling
 - Inheritance patterns
- Additional family member testing is indicated in some cases

Genetic Counseling

• Referral options

- Foundation Fighting Blindness & IDYourIRD programs
- National Society of Genetic Counselors

<u>https://www.nsgc.org/</u>

Clinical Pearl

• Even if patients have completed genetic counseling, they may still have questions for you about their specific eye condition, vision, and prognosis. Schedule a follow-up appointment.



Determine Gene Therapy Eligibility

- voretigene neparvovec-rzyl
- FDA approved for <u>biallelic RPE65 mutation-associated retinitis</u> <u>pigmentosa & Leber congenital amaurosis</u>

voretigene neparvovec-rzyl



https://luxturnahcp.com/efficacy/clinical-trial-results/

voretigene neparvovec-rzyl

- Improved functional vision
- Statistically significant improvement in light sensitivity
- Statistically significant improvement in VF
- Non-statistically significant improvement in VA

https://luxturnahcp.com/efficacy/additional-endpoints/

Determine Clinical Trial Eligibility

- Ongoing research includes:
 - Choroideremia
 - Stargardt disease (ABCA4)
 - Leber's hereditary optic neuropathy
 - Retinitis pigmentosa (RPE65/ PDE6B)
 - X-linked retinitis pigmentosa (RPGR)
 - Achromatopsia (CNGA3, CNGB3)
 - Leber Congenital Amaurosis 10 (CEP290)
 - Usher Syndrome (USH2A)
 - And more...

Clinical Trial Resources:

- NIH- U.S. National Library of Medicine https://clinicaltrials.gov/
- World Health Organization Clinical Trials Search Portal https://apps.who.int/trialsearch/

Clinical Trial Referral Tips:

- Check the Inclusion and Exclusion criteria
- Check <u>Recruitment Status</u>

Other Patient Tips:

- Provide patient with copy of results
- Results can be overwhelming for patients. Consider highlighting the important and relevant findings.
- Patient registries
 - Ex. MyRetinaTracker
 - Patients can join to be informed of updates for clinical trials.
- Natural history studies

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Other Management

- Low vision follow-ups
 - Trialed red tint
 - Resources
- Additional testing
- Family member testing
- Support groups
- Additional genetic counseling

Patient Management

- Continuous process.
- Specific genotype directed care is evolving.
- Patients who do not qualify for any treatments now might qualify for them in the near future.
- If patients do not currently qualify for clinical trials, inform them of importance of regular follow-up.

Importance of Early Testing & Referrals

- Earlier treatment can lead to better outcomes.
- Earlier identification of syndromic conditions can lead to earlier monitoring and management of systemic conditions.

ADDITIONAL CASES

Conclusions

- Increase public and patient awareness
- Increase access to genetic testing and gene therapy
- Importance of early testing & referrals
- Importance of continued ocular health & low vision management

Recommended Reading

- "Recommendations for Genetic Testing of Inherited Eye Diseases- Report of the American Academy of Ophthalmology Task Force on Genetic Testing"
 - https://www.aao.org/clinical-statement/recommendations-genetictesting-of-inherited-eye-d
- "Recommendations on Clinical Assessment of Patients with Inherited Retinal Degenerations – 2016"
 - https://www.aao.org/clinical-statement/recommendations-onclinical-assessment-of-patients

