

TEMPLATE LETTER

This template letter below can be adapted and sent to a primary care physician in order to help coordinate care and ensure appropriate follow-up for patients and their family members, based on the genetic findings.

Dear [provider],

Your patient has undergone genetic testing as part of a genome-wide sequencing analysis performed on their [child/sibling]. The results revealed a clinically actionable genetic variant in the proband, which is also present in your patient. Details of the specific variant and a brief summary of its health implications are included in the attached report.

Because your patient carries this genetic change, ongoing monitoring and care are recommended. The coordination of care can vary depending on the specific genetic condition; however, the resources below are available should you require assistance with setting up referrals or developing a care plan.

Referral to your local genetics centre

- For the coordination of care and/or preconception genetic counselling, you can refer your patient to your local genetics centre.
- [if the family member resides in Ontario]
For a directory of genetics clinics in Ontario, visit www.ontariohealth.ca/clinical/genetics/clinic-directory

eConsult

- eConsult is an online service where health-care providers can request online consultations about specific patients from genetics specialists.
- Written response is intended to be provided to the requesting provider within ~1 week.
- For information on this program, visit <https://otn.ca/patients/econsult/>
- To access this service, visit <https://otnhub.ca/>

gcConnect

- gcConnect is an Ontario Health initiative designed to support non-genetics healthcare providers in ordering genetic testing by offering genetic education and real-time access to genetic counsellors.
- This service can provide guidance documents or suggest appropriate referrals based on the diagnosis.
- For more information on this service, visit www.ontariohealth.ca/clinical/genetics/gcconnect
- To access this service, email or call:
Email: gcConnect@ontariohealth.ca
Telephone: 1 -844-564-4363 (GENE) or 437-317-1057
Hours of operation: Monday to Friday, 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm

Ontario Health Provincial Genetics Program Genetic Guidance

- The Provincial Genetics Program provides evidence-based clinical guidance on genetic testing and related services for healthcare professionals.
- To access these guidance documents, visit www.ontariohealth.ca/clinical/genetics/guidance

If you have any questions or require further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

[your name]

[your title]

[your contact information]

Enclosure: genome-wide sequencing test report