Carrier testing in children: Exploration of current practice and views of parents of children with genetic conditions and genetic health professionals in Australia

Abstract

Despite the majority of genetic guidelines recommending that carrier testing should not be performed in children, the literature suggests some parents desire this information about their children. Yet few studies have investigated whether parents ever receive testing and why they feel it would be beneficial.

Danya used qualitative interviews with health professionals and parents to explore 1) the current practices in the provision of carrier testing in children, and 2) parents' reasons for wanting to know their child's carrier status following the diagnosis of a child with a genetic condition. She draws on ethical frameworks to make recommendations for genetic counselling practice.

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