



Genomic Diagnostics

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Our Genetic Counselling Partners

Genomic Diagnostics is supported by the genetic counsellors at Genetic Counselling Australia, an Australian company that specialises in genetics and personalised medicine. The staff are experienced genetic counsellors who have spent many years working in both the public and private healthcare sectors, across a wide range of genetic conditions.



Associate Professor Les Sheffield

In his role as a clinical geneticist, A/Prof Sheffield has been involved in the design and development of genetic tests for over two decades and authored more than 100 scientific publications in genetics and prenatal diagnosis. He has played a critical role in training genetic counsellors during that time, including establishing the Melbourne University Genetic Counselling diploma course.

A/Prof Sheffield founded Genetic Counselling Australia and myDNA to make genetic counselling, genetic testing and interpretation more widely available to the general public. He supervises the genetic counsellors who provide support and counselling for breast and ovarian cancer, NIPT, colorectal cancer and genetic carrier testing.



Ms Kathryn Visser

Ms Kathryn Visser is a genetic counsellor with experience working with individuals and families in the areas of prenatal, carrier screening, breast cancer and Fabry disease. She is also involved in education programs working to inform other healthcare professionals about the value and importance of genetic counselling.

Kathryn holds a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Honours degree in Science (Biochemistry) and Master of Genetic Counselling degree. She is a member of the Human Genetics Society of Australasia (HGSA) and the Australasian Society of Genetic Counsellors (ASGC). Kathryn worked in medical research specialising in breast cancer and metastasis research for over a decade before moving into the genetic counselling field. She has attended many international and national conferences, presenting all facets of her work.



Mrs Edith Sheffield

Mrs Edith Sheffield is a trained educator and genetic counsellor, who has experience in prenatal and pre-conception genetic counselling. Edith has directed education programs on carrier screening at VCGS, myDNA Life and Genetic Counselling Australia. She has provided education and counselling for Fabry Disease and counsels patients on NIPT results, cancer genes, carrier screening and Fragile X. Edith holds a Bachelor of Arts degree, Diploma in Education and a Graduate Diploma in Genetic Counselling.