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MEET OUR GENETIC COUNSELING TEAM

2015 has been a year of growth for PreventionGenetics. This year we have expanded our Genetic Counseling team to include four U.S. based laboratory Genetic Counselors, and one based in Canada.

Rachel Vanneste, MS, CGC, CCGC is our Canada-based Technical Product Sales Representative. Rachel obtained her BSc in Biochemistry from the University of Saskatchewan and went on to complete an MSc in Genetic Counseling from McGill University in Montreal in 2008. In 2009, she obtained both her Canadian and American certification.

For the first seven years of her career, Rachel worked as a prenatal genetic counsellor and was extensively involved in the training and supervision of genetic counselling students. Given that she trained, and later worked, in a bilingual environment, her Masters project looked at how the effects of second language usage impacts genetic counselling training and supervision. She continued to advocate for bilingual counsellors through chairing both the CAGC's French Language and Website committees. She was also one of the co-creators of www.lexigene.com, an online French/English lexicon with terms related to the genetic counselling profession. In her new position, she is excited to serve the Canadian Genetics community by being an ambassador for PreventionGenetics, to help ensure that Canadian patients have access to high quality genetic tests. She looks forward to meeting many of her Genetics colleagues across Canada as she continues in this role.



Christina Zaleski, MS, CGC (Top) is our Director of Genetic Counseling and Client Services. Christina earned her Bachelor of Science degree in biology, with a psychology minor, from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire in 1996. She earned a Master of Science degree in human genetics/genetic counseling from Sarah Lawrence College in New York in 1999. After graduation, she continued the research work that she started as a student for Rockefeller University on mental illness in South Africa. She then returned to her home town of Marshfield, Wisconsin and worked at the Marshfield Clinic as lead genetic counselor for 13 years. Christina came to PreventionGenetics in 2012 with an extensive range of experience in genetic counseling, leadership, and a passion for service development and teaching. She has practiced in many areas including prenatal, pediatric, cancer, specialty clinics, stillbirth evaluations, child protective team, research, teaching, administration, and public health education. Highlights of her career include receiving 2007 Leadership Award for Excellence in Community Service from the March of Dimes, and being nominated by her peers as a Master Genetic Counselor in 2010.

Gina Londre, MS, CGC (Left) is one of our Laboratory Genetic Counselors. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities in 2011. She earned a Master of Science degree in Genetic Counseling from Wayne State University in Detroit in 2013. Her research in graduate school focused on clinicians' ability to accurately identify patients at an increased risk of cancer through use a risk assessment tool developed by the Michigan Department of Community Health. In 2014, she obtained her board-certification through the American Board of Genetic Counseling. Gina joined the genetic counseling team at PreventionGenetics right after completion of her master's degree and has contributed by developing client relationships, managing challenging cases, and representing the company at conferences. She most enjoys her role with the company because providing high quality service to ordering clinicians ultimately impacts the wellbeing of the patient.

Megan Nelson, MS, CGC (Bottom) is another member of our Laboratory Genetic Counseling team. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Cell and Molecular Biology from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh. She earned her Master of Science degree in Medical Genetics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2010. Her research focus in graduate school was analyzing how cystic fibrosis clinics from across the nation were handling intermediate sweat test results. Megan has five years of clinical genetic counseling experience in Wisconsin. She established a genetics department in a community hospital as a new graduate, and also has experience in a regional cancer center. Megan is excited to be able to bring her clinical experiences to the genetic testing laboratory setting to further patient care. She enjoys interacting with the many genetic counselors and physicians who reach out to PreventionGenetics.

Connie Schultz, MS, CGC (Right) is the most recent addition to our Laboratory Genetic Counseling team. Connie received her Master of Science degree in Medical Genetics from the University of Wisconsin Madison in 1994. She has Bachelor of Science degrees in both Biology and Psychology from the University of Wisconsin River Falls. Connie began her career in the laboratory doing medical research on microsatellite instability in breast cancer patients, followed by the study of avian neural crest cell development. She then moved to a clinical histocompatibility and immunogenetics laboratory matching organ and marrow donors with recipients. Since completing her genetic counseling degree she has accumulated over 2 decades of additional relevant experience; providing clinical genetic counseling in prenatal, oncology, thrombophilia, neuromuscular and neurogenetics. She has extensive experience as part of multidisciplinary teams, and played significant roles in the review of genetic testing for compliance with genetic testing policies prior to joining PreventionGenetics. Connie has also developed and implemented genetic testing policies in both clinical and insurance settings. She has coordinated clinical experiences and provided student supervision for genetic counseling interns and family medicine residents. Connie has come full circle and is thrilled to now use her strong clinical background, research experience and expertise in policy development and compliance to assist providers in making informed genetic testing decisions for their patients as part of the team at PreventionGenetics.

CANCER TESTING AT PREVENTIONGENETICS

We are excited to offer a comprehensive menu of testing for hereditary cancers including:

Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer

Colorectal Cancer

Hereditary Paranglioma-Pheochromocytoma
Syndrome

Lynch Syndrome

Renal Cancer

And more...

For a full list of cancer tests, visit our [Cancer Testing Page](#).



Additionally, we have released a Breast & Colon Cancer Billing Policy for qualified tests. This policy includes the following components:

Other than any unmet deductible, co-insurance, or co-payment amount(s) which is (are) the patient's responsibility, PreventionGenetics will accept the amount the insurance company pays as payment in full regardless of whether we are considered in-network or not. We will not balance bill the patient.

Upon request, PreventionGenetics will file a pre-authorization on the patient's behalf with their insurance carrier.

On all [pre-authorization requests](#), we will call the patient to inform them of any unmet deductible, co-insurance, or co-payment that they will be responsible to pay.

For more information, see our [Cancer Billing Policy](#).



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thanks to our many colleagues and friends throughout the U.S., Canada and the rest of the world, 2015 has been another great year for our laboratory. We continue to steadily grow in quality and in the completeness of our test menu.

In the past year we added many new NextGen panels, continued to strengthen our Sanger capabilities and at year's end added the first version of PGxome, our full exome sequencing test. We also added a new online portal, myPrevent, to make test ordering and receipt of test results easier for our clients. Early in the new year we will release our long-awaited enhanced gene-centric aCGH test. This new test will approximately double the number of genes covered by this deletion/duplication test.

Thank you for your support in the past year. We wish you safe and happy holidays.

REGISTRY FOR BARDET-BIEDL SYNDROME

As a provider of comprehensive Bardet-Biedl syndrome (BBS) testing and a supporter of groups that advocate for genetic disorders, we would like to take the opportunity to raise awareness for a new registry for patients with BBS. The Clinical Registry Investigating Bardet-Biedl Syndrome (CRIBBS) is an international registry examining the natural history of BBS and is directed by a local colleague and dedicated provider, Robert Haws, MD, from the Marshfield Clinic.

The mission of CRIBBS is to promote research that will improve the health and quality of life of individuals affected by BBS. The registry is endorsed and funded by the Bardet-Biedl Syndrome Family Association. We invite you to learn more about CRIBBS at www.bbs-registry.org.

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HOLIDAY SHIPPING SCHEDULE

PreventionGenetics will not be receiving samples Friday, December 25th or Friday, January 1st in observance of the the holidays. We will be receiving samples Thursday, December 24th, Saturday, December 26th, and Saturday, January 2nd. Please note that our testing kits do not include Saturday delivery. We request that all cell culture and prenatal specimens be shipped to not arrive on Saturdays.

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