GENETIC COUNSELLING IN THE FUTURE - WHAT ARE THE CHALLENGES AND WHAT ARE THE EXISTING OPPORTUNITIES

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CHALLENGES

- Recognition of the profession as standalone
- Registration, regulation
- Misunderstanding of ‘counselling’ and what GCs do
- Different health systems, non-profit v for-profit
- Starting point, pediatrics, pre-natal, cancer, community screening
EXISTING OPPORTUNITIES

• Clinical (GMSA)
• Research (leadership)
• Policy (e.g. Genomics England)
• Education (MSc course directors)
• Training/strategy (HEE)
• Industry (Color, Congenica)
• Private Practice (e.g. S.Africa)
• National health strategy (e.g. Australia)
VERY EXCITING TIME TO BE A GENETIC COUNSELLOR, WE HAVE MANY TRANSFERABLE SKILLS