



## Oregon ScreenWise Program

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### What Are Genetic Services?

Genetic services are health care services, such as genetic counseling and genetic testing, delivered by professionals who are specially trained in clinical genetics. Genetic specialists include:

- Genetic counselors (recognized by the credentials 'CGC', which stands for Certified Genetic Counselor);
- Medical geneticists (genetic doctors with an MD or DO who completed a fellowship in medical genetics and are certified by the American Board of Genetics); and
- Genetic nurse specialists with an 'APNG' noting their advanced practice degree in genetics.

Genetic specialists can help individuals and families to understand their options and to make informed health and reproductive decisions. Genetic specialists also work to ensure that the correct genetic test is ordered and interpreted correctly.

There are a limited number of genetic specialists in Oregon, making collaboration between them and your primary care clinician and/or other health care providers crucial.