Graduate School of Public Health  
Department of Human Genetics  
CLINICAL GENETICS CASE CONFERENCE  
HUGEN 2047  
Thursday 12:00-1:00PM  
Magee-Womens Hospital and Pitt Public Health  
(see room locations on schedule of sessions)  
Credit Hours: 1.0  
Fall 2019

Instructor and Contact Information

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Course Description

With clinical cases from various clinical genetics service units, this seminar illustrates and provides insights into the medical, ethical, and emotional aspects of genetic disorders. In this seminar style course, health care providers and students present interesting clinical genetic cases for discussion.

Learning Objectives

At the end of the course, each student will:

• Recognize a variety of genetic conditions commonly seen in clinical practice
• Describe some of the clinical tests used to diagnose genetic disorders
• Identify genetic counseling concerns relevant to families who are living with genetic disorders
• Compare different approaches to presenting clinical cases

Required Texts

None

Student Performance Evaluation and Grading

Grading is based on attendance. A sign-in sheet is available to document attendance. An S (satisfactory) grade is given when no more than 3 seminars are missed. A NC (no credit) grade is given when there are 3 or more unexcused absents.

Assignments

Second year genetic counseling students are required to present a clinical case of their choice.
**CourseWeb/BlackBoard Instruction**

This class utilizes CourseWeb for the class schedule. The schedule is also posted to the Department of Human Genetics website: [https://www.publichealth.pitt.edu/human-genetics/research-and-practice/journal-clubs-and-seminars/clinical-genetics-case-conference](https://www.publichealth.pitt.edu/human-genetics/research-and-practice/journal-clubs-and-seminars/clinical-genetics-case-conference)

**Academic Integrity**

All students are expected to adhere to the school’s standards of academic honesty. Cheating/plagiarism will not be tolerated. The Graduate School of Public Health’s policy on academic integrity, which is based on the University policy, is available online in the Pitt Public Health Academic Handbook [www.publichealth.pitt.edu/home/academics/academic-requirements](http://www.publichealth.pitt.edu/home/academics/academic-requirements). The policy includes obligations for faculty and students, procedures for adjudicating violations, and other critical information. Please take the time to read this policy.

**Accommodation for Students with Disabilities**

If you have a disability for which you are or may be requesting an accommodation, you are encouraged to contact both your instructor and Disability Resources and Services, 140 William Pitt Union, 412-648-7890 as early as possible in the term.

A comprehensive description of the services of that office can be obtained at [www.drs.pitt.edu](http://www.drs.pitt.edu).

**Sexual Misconduct, Required Reporting and Title IX Statement**

The University is committed to combatting sexual misconduct. As a result, you should know that University faculty and staff members are required to report any instances of sexual misconduct, including harassment and sexual violence, to the University’s Title IX office so that the victim may be provided appropriate resources and support options. What this means is that as your professor, I am required to report any incidents of sexual misconduct that are directly reported to me, or of which I am somehow made aware.

There are two important exceptions to this requirement about which you should be aware:

A list of the designated University employees who, as counselors and medical professionals, do not have this reporting responsibility and can maintain confidentiality, can be found here: [www.titleix.pitt.edu/report/confidentiality](http://www.titleix.pitt.edu/report/confidentiality)

An important exception to the reporting requirement exists for academic work. Disclosures about sexual misconduct that are shared as part of an academic project, classroom discussion, or course assignment, are not required to be disclosed to the University’s Title IX office.

If you are the victim of sexual misconduct, Pitt encourages you to reach out to these resources:

- Title IX Office: 412-648-7860
- SHARE @ the University Counseling Center: 412-648-7930 (8:30 A.M. TO 5 P.M. M-F) and 412-648-7856 (AFTER BUSINESS HOURS)

If you have a safety concern, please contact the University of Pittsburgh Police, 412-624-2121. Other reporting information is available here: [www.titleix.pitt.edu/report-0](http://www.titleix.pitt.edu/report-0)
**Diversity Statement**

The University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health considers the diversity of its students, faculty, and staff to be a strength and critical to its educational mission. Pitt Public Health is committed to creating and fostering inclusive learning environments that value human dignity and equity. Every member of our community is expected to be respectful of the individual perspectives, experiences, behaviors, worldviews, and backgrounds of others. While intellectual disagreement may be constructive, no derogatory statements, or demeaning or discriminatory behavior will be permitted.

If you feel uncomfortable or would like to discuss a situation, please contact any of the following:

- the course instructor;
- the Pitt Public Health Associate Dean for Diversity at 412-624-3506 or nam137@pitt.edu;
- the University’s Office of Diversity and Inclusion at 412-648-7860 or https://www.diversity.pitt.edu/make-report/report-form (anonymous reporting form).

This course covers multi-dimensional academic topics. You are expected to share your views and be respectful of others’ opinions. This will ensure a learning environment that values diverse experiences and expertise, which will facilitate Pitt Public Health's collaborative approach to solving problems.

**Schedule of Sessions**

Additional speakers may be added throughout the semester. All sessions are located at Magee Womens Hospital or Pitt Public Health.

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| September 5th | Magee-Womens Hospital Auditorium                           | 1. Andrew Fazenbaker
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| September 12th | Magee-Womens Hospital Clinic Patient & Staff Conference rooms 0 level | 1. Chris Munro
                                                             | 2. Sarah McGee
                                                             | 3. Ashley Lahr                                                |
| September 19th  | Pitt Public Health A215                                    | 1. Christine Drogan
                                                             | 2. Lauren Winter                                              |
| September 26th  | Magee-Womens Hospital Clinic Patient & Staff Conference rooms 0 level | 1. Rose Venier
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| October 3rd     | Magee-Womens Hospital Clinic Patient & Staff Conference rooms 0 level | 1. Alyson Evans
                                                             | 2. Laura Jenkins and Julie Knapo
<pre><code>                                                         | 3. Sarah Drewes                                              |
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<p>| October 10th    | Pitt Public Health A215                                    | 1.                                                                       |
| 2.                                                                       |
| October 17th    | NO SESSION – Pitt Science 2019 and ASHG Meeting             |                                                                           |
| October 24th    | NO SESSION – Comprehensive Exam for Second Year GC Students |                                                                           |</p>
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| October 31st | Magee-Womens Hospital               | 1. Elena Kessler  
|              | Clinic Patient & Staff Conference rooms 0 level | 2. Amy Kunz  
|              |                                    | 3. Caroline Bong                         |
| November 7th | NO SESSION – NSGC Conference        |                                          |
| November 14th| Magee-Womens Hospital               | 1. Stephanie Betts  
|              | Clinic Patient & Staff Conference rooms 0 level | 2. Vickie Bacon  
|              |                                    | 3. Claire McDonald                       |
| November 21st| Pitt Public Health A215             | 1. Moshsin Jamal  
|              |                                    | 2. Pooja Solanki                         |
| November 28th| NO SESSION – THANKSGIVING           |                                          |
| December 5th | Magee-Womens Hospital Auditorium    | 1. Shenin Dettwyler  
|              |                                    | 2. Hamad Tashkandi                      
|              |                                    | 3. Jaclyn Amurgis                        |