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CLINICAL GENETICS FOR THE BUSY PEDIATRICIAN MADE EASY

This presentation aims to equip pediatricians with the basic skills and knowledge related to clinical genetics that will be needed in everyday practice. It will alert doctors to the red flags for when to suspect an underlying genetic disorder and what are the safe measures to take in that case. Basic clinical skills required to tackle an encounter with a suspected genetic disorder will be introduced. A brief overview of the common types of genetic disorders will be given. We will explain the underlying rationale of why we need to diagnose genetic syndromes, and how that is achieved. Practical examples from the clinic will be given throughout the presentation. With these examples, some sophisticated molecular and cytogenetic investigative tools will be introduced- including when they are or are not indicated, and what to do with the intriguing results.