Tips and Conversation Starters for Families and Their PCPs

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Empowering Families to Talk to Their PCP



Remind parents: "You are the expert on your family"



The provider may have the scientific knowledge but the family has the personal history and day to day experiences



Teach the family tools to advocate.

Tips for Families About Conversing with Their PCP About Genetics Concerns



Prioritize top 3 concerns

Record your observations about your concerns and bring them



Bringing a trusted person with you to the appointment

Schedule a follow-up appointment if there is not time to address all of your concerns

Speak in your native language & ask for an interpreter to help you explain your concerns

Family Conversation Starters About Genetics with Their PCP

I am concerned about...

My concern of ______ from our last visit has not resolved (worsened). What can be done to explore further?

In talking with my family, I learned we have a history of ______. Is it possible ______ is genetic?







