

Navigator roles in universal genetic screening programs

Screening & Identification

Enrollement & Scheduling

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Screening & Identification

A screening tool (e.g., family history screening questions) is used to assess if genetic risk assessment is indicated for an individual. Navigator uses specified criteria to triage who qualifies for further evaluation.

Enrollement & Scheduling

Navigator contacts those who meet criteria to discuss genetics services & risk assessment, and schedules interested individuals for an appointment. Navigator provides educational and appointment-related information/documentation per protocol. Navigator records and tracks data appropriately. Navigator obtains information necessary for appointment such as consent forms, pedigree, & medical records.

Informed Consent

Navigator provides in-depth information about the program, protocol, testing costs/funding, and results disclosure process is provided; Participant makes decision about genetic testing.

Disclosure of negative results

After detailed consultation with clinician of record about a negative result, and clinical implications of the result, as well as follow up recommendations, Navigator discloses negative result to the individual who underwent genetic testing.