

Table 1. NSGC Clinical Guidance Documents: Clinical Practice Guidelines and Practice Resources

	Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG)	Practice Resource
Level of Rigor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very rigorous • Evidence-based • Aims to conform to IOM standards • Requires an explicit and transparent development process (e.g. GRADE) • Requires a systematic evidence review • Requires an assessment of the relative benefits and harms of the recommended interventions/test/practices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variable rigor • Evidence-informed • Does not require a systematic review • Does not require a formal assessment of the quality of evidence
Focus of Content	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focuses on genetic counseling best-practices that evidence-based recommendations enhance • Typically focuses on a narrow patient population with a specific phenotype or genetic diagnosis • <u>Examples:</u> Indications for genetic counseling referral, indications for genetic testing, treating genetic conditions, and other management options 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focuses on information-sharing and genetic counseling best-practices that do not require evidence-based recommendations • May focus on a narrow patient population with a specific phenotype or genetic diagnosis or more “universal” practices that apply to broad categories of patients • <u>Examples:</u> Overview of a condition’s natural history , issues surrounding informed consent, and properly eliciting and documenting family history
Posting of Content, Distribution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published in <i>Journal of Genetic Counseling</i> or other relevant journal • Posted on NSGC website • Submitted to a national clinical practice guidelines clearinghouse 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published in <i>Journal of Genetic Counseling</i> • Posted on NSGC web site
Stakeholders in Approval Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clinical practice guideline authors • PGC members • NSGC membership • NSGC Ethics Advisory Board • NSGC Legal Counsel • NSGC Board of Directors • Endorsing organization (if applicable) • Relevant members of joint/partnering organization (if applicable) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice resource authors • PGC members • NSGC membership • NSGC Ethics Advisory Group • NSGC Legal Counsel • NSGC Board • Endorsing organization (if applicable) • Relevant members of joint/partnering organization (if applicable)

GRADE, Grading of Recommendations Assessment, Development, and Evaluation; IOM, Institute of Medicine; NSGC, National Society of Genetic Counselors; PGC, Practice Guidelines Committee