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## General Genetic Information Resources

1. [MedlinePlus](#) is the National Library of Medicine's primary consumer health information resource. It has pages about genetic disorders, genetic testing, genetic counseling, and more.
2. The National Institutes of Health's [National Human Genome Research Institute](#) provides lots of information about genomics and a glossary of genetics terminology, as well as information about research & research funding, information for patients & families, and information for health professionals. The Education section has resources for K-12 students and educators including lesson plans. The [Genetic Testing FAQ](#) page may also be of interest.
3. The [National Cancer Institute](#) has excellent information about genetics as it relates to cancer, as well as a cancer terms glossary and a genetics dictionary.
4. The [Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center](#) is a good source of information on the genetics of hundreds of diseases.
5. The [National Organization for Rare Disorders](#) provides lots of information about rare diseases, including their genetics, for both patients & families and clinicians & researchers.
6. The [Food and Drug Administration](#) offers guidance on Direct-to-Consumer tests, including genetic tests, and information about FDA oversight of these tests.
7. The CDC advises consumers to "[think before you spit.](#)"
8. [The New Genetics booklet](#) from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences is a science education booklet that explains the role of genes in health and disease, the basics of DNA and its molecular cousin RNA, and new directions in genetic research.
9. [Genome: Unlocking Life's Code](#) is a high-tech traveling exhibit offered via a collaboration between the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History and NIH's National Human Genome Research Institute. The exhibit website includes resources for educators.
10. The [DNA Learning Center](#) was established by Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. The center's purpose is to educate the public about genetic science and provide opportunities for middle and high school students to enrich their learning. Their website has a wealth of online educational materials.
11. The [American Society of Human Genetics](#) offers genetics primers, resources for K-12 teachers, and more.
12. [Genes in Life](#) is an organization that provides information at a consumer level about basic genetics, the relationship between genes and health, testing, and making health care decisions after diagnosis.
13. [The Genetic Alliance](#) is a nonprofit organization that helps consumers learn about how genetics affect health.
14. The [Personal Genetics Educational Project](#) is an organization working to increase awareness and engage the public in thoughtful conversations about the benefits of and the legal, ethical, and social implications of personal genetics. Lesson plans, games, and more are available.



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## Finding Genetic Counselors

1. The [Genetic and Rare Diseases Information Center](#) provides a guide to finding specialists in particular genetic and rare conditions.
2. The [National Society of Genetic Counselors](#) offers information about genetic counselors and a searchable directory of genetic counselors in the United States and Canada.
3. The [American Board of Genetic Counseling](#) provides a searchable directory of certified genetic counselors worldwide.
4. The [American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics](#) has a searchable database of medical genetics clinic services in the United States. They also provide a [list of recommended considerations](#) for people thinking about genetic testing via their “Choosing Wisely” campaign and have published a [position statement on direct-to-consumer genetic testing](#).