



“Telling Stories”: a new resource for health professional education in genetics

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Background

“Telling Stories, Understanding Real Life Genetics” [www.geneticseducation.nhs.uk/tellingstories] is a Wellcome Trust funded, web-based education resource that has been developed for healthcare professional educators, pre- and post-registration students and those working in non-genetic healthcare practice. It aims to encourage understanding of genetics, and the impact genetic conditions and the associated information can have on the lives of individuals, families and communities.

Stories are available from people with, at risk of, or caring for someone with a genetic condition. Examples of how the story is relevant to practice are given and each story contains additional features to support teaching and learning.

Stories



Stories can be read on screen.



Selected video clips are available for some stories.



Alternatively, the full text with the teaching and learning ‘toolbox’ can be printed as a PDF document.



Finding the right story

The stories have been organised into six ‘Quick themes’ to help users identify the right story for them: *Competences* (the UK nursing professions genetics education framework), *Inheritance Pattern*, *Genetic Intervention*, *Issues Raised*, *Professional Role* and *Genetic Condition*.

The ‘Quick Text’ option searches the full text of every story for the word of interest. The ‘Catalogue’ tab (at the top of each webpage) generates a list of all available stories for those looking to browse the resource.

The Story Toolbox

Each story is supported by a glossary of terms,



points for reflection,



learning activities,

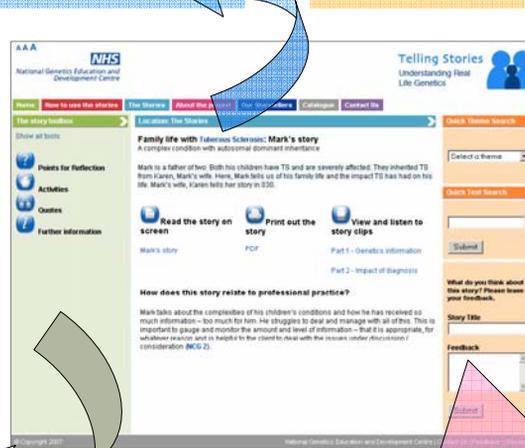
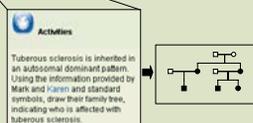


quotes,



and links to additional information,

to help the user get the most out of each story.



Early Feedback

Our first impression was that it is an excellent aid for teaching. We looked at some of the case stories and again everyone was delighted with the type of information provided.

Nurse Educator, UK

Seeing the videos grounded my learning as not just textbooks but human experience.

Website launch delegate

“Telling Stories” provides a powerful testimony of the needs of rare disease patients in the context of the general medical milieu.

We feel that this website could make an important difference to the training of professionals and its application and use should be widened to include doctors at ALL levels.

Storyteller

Thank you for this wonderful website... it has been very helpful as we begin to educate our nursing staff about providing “personalized health care”.

Ohio State University, Medical Centre

Orphanet ‘News’

The Future

The resource will be expanded to include other health professional education and training frameworks in genetics e.g:

- National Occupational Standards for non-genetic healthcare staff
- RCGP curriculum statement 6

Contact Us

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