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CREDENTIALS: **Licensed Genetic Counselor**
Commonwealth of Massachusetts,
Dept. of Public Health
ABGC Board Certification, 2010

EXPERIENCE: **Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Jan 2017-present**
Center for Maternal Fetal Medicine & Prenatal Genetics
Boston, MA

Senior Genetic Counselor

- Clinical prenatal genetic counselor responsible for meeting patients, taking a detailed family history, providing risk assessment, genetic education, and psychosocial counseling. Facilitate test ordering and interpretation of results. Follow up with patients for test results disclosure and to facilitate further consultation or testing when indicated.
- Communicate effectively with referring providers by writing letters or genetic counseling summaries. Also provide written documentation to the patients when indicated.
- Maintain active list of cases to present at monthly fetal boards conference.
- Serve as a clinical resource to physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, and nurse midwives from referring practices. Serve as the primary clinical supervisor as well as co-supervisor for many genetic counseling students, medical student observations, and Fellowship trainees.

Massachusetts General Hospital, Sept 2021-present
Institute for Health Professions
Clinical Skills Instructor

- Preconception and Prenatal Genetic Counseling Standardized Patient Simulations: debrief with students after standardized patient sessions, review recorded sessions and student self-assessments, provide constructive feedback to students, and grade assignment.

**Boston Children's Hospital, Boston, MA March 2016-
Dec 2016**

Research Genetic Counselor II

- Clinical Coordinator for the Brain Development and Genetics clinic. Triage incoming requests for specialty visits. Organized multidisciplinary MRI review meeting and assesses appropriateness of referrals to clinic. Facilitated receipt and review of medical records as well as maintaining a patient database.
- Genetic Counselor in the Brain Development and Genetics clinic. Responsible for taking detailed medical history intake, family history, inheritance risk counseling, and reviewing and ordering clinical testing as appropriate. Wrote letters of medical necessity to obtain prior authorization for genetic testing.
- Research Coordinator for the Walsh Laboratory. Recruited and enrolled families with brain malformations into research study. Coordinated enrollment, consent, and sample collection.

**Tufts Medical Center,
Center for Perinatal Diagnosis
and Maternal Fetal Medicine, Boston, MA
Genetic Counselor**

Oct 2003- Feb 2016

- Clinical prenatal genetic counselor responsible for meeting patients and taking detailed family histories, providing risk assessment, genetic education, and psychosocial counseling, following up with patients for test results disclosure and to facilitate further consultation or testing when indicated.
- Performed data entry and maintenance of a patient database.
- Communicated effectively with referring providers by writing letters or genetic counseling summaries. Also provide written documentation to the patients when indicated.
- Served as a clinical resource to physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, and nurse midwives from referring practices. Served as the primary clinical supervisor for four genetic counseling student interns as well as co-supervised many genetic counseling students and medical student observations. Served as a thesis committee member for a genetic counseling student.

Government Management Services, Inc.

2002-2003

**Alexandria, VA
Project Analyst**

- Gathered and analyzed data to establish and maintain corporate business policies and procedures to provide support to departments.
- Assisted in preparing health care management reports.

**Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA. 1998-2000
Department of Molecular Biology,
P.I. Gary Ruvkun, Ph.D.
Research Lab Technician**

- Responsible for microinjection of DNA/RNA constructs into *Caenorhabditis elegans*. Knowledge of PCR, gel electrophoresis, genetic crosses, and lipid staining.

**Abt Associates Inc., Cambridge, MA. 1991-1998
Corporate Marketing
& Information Services Department.
Office Clerk**

- Various clerical office duties including, photocopying, collating, filing, and data entry.

ABSTRACTS

Allred, A, Howell, J, Marchand, K, Delerme, P, Poulos, N, Bryke, C, Ferres, MA, O'Brien, B. Cases of Isodicentric and Isochromosome-related False Negatives on SNP-based Cell-free DNA Aneuploidy Screening. Poster presented at the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics Conference, 2022.

Delerme P, Ferres MA, Marchand K, Poulos N, O'Brien, B. Incidental Findings Involving the Sex Chromosomes on cfDNA. Poster presented at the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics Conference, 2019.

Poulos, N, O'Brien B, Ferres MA, Marchand K, Delerme P, Wolfe Z, Bryke C, Spiel M. A case of mixoploidy in the setting of a normal fetus. Poster presented at the National Society of Genetic Counselors Meeting, 2019.

Marchand K, Shainker S, Delerme P, Poulos N, Lichten L, O'Brien B, Ferres MA. Expanding the phenotype of Meckel-Gruber syndrome: first trimester diagnosis of anencephaly. Poster presented at the International Conference on Prenatal Diagnosis and Therapy in Antwerp, Belgium 2018.

Marchand, N, O'Brien, B, Sudhof, L, Poulos, N, Delerme, P, Lichten, L, Ferres, MA. Severely elevated maternal serum alpha-fetoprotein (MSAFP) with a normal outcome. Poster presented at the National Society of Genetic Counselors meeting, 2018.

Delerme, P., Harrison, B.W., Headings, V.E., Ampy, F.R. The Effects of Amniocentesis on Maternal-Fetal Attachment and Maternal Attitudes Toward Pregnancy. Poster presented at the National Society of Genetic Counselors Meeting, 2003 (Master's Thesis Project).

COMPUTER SKILLS: Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint), RedCap EMR (ECW and Epic)

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES: **National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC)** **2002-Current**

American Board of Genetic Counseling (ABGC) **2010-Current**

EDUCATION: **Howard University**
M.S., Genetics, 2003

University of Massachusetts Boston
B.S., Biology, 1998

CERTIFICATE & AWARDS: **Ten Year Service Award**
Tufts Medical Center, 2013

Diplomate of the American Board of Genetic Counseling, Certified Genetic Counselor (CGC), 2010

NSGC Diversity SIG Scholarship Recipient, 2001

Tuition Trustee Scholarship
Howard University, Department of Genetics and Human Genetics, 2001

Chancellor's Scholarship for Academic Excellence
Full tuition scholarship at the University of Massachusetts Boston, 1993 - 1998