Journal of Genetic Counseling (JoGC): changes and updates

Topic	Notes
New editorial board	The editorial board has been refreshed with new members from around the world, including the Philippines, Japan, India, Romania, Switzerland, Australia, South Africa, the UK, Canada, and the USA. Pictures and bios can be seen here: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/15733599/homepage/editorial-board The structure of the editorial board has also changed, with a focus on review for methodological rigor. Four deputy editors – two handling qualitative manuscripts, and two handling quantitative manuscripts – report to the Editor in Chief, together with two Directors of DEI integration. Section editors are assigned manuscripts by the EiC and/or Deputy editors as appropriate. We have created 4 new editor at large positions for trainees – and have already recruited our first two board members to these positions.
JoGC has a LinkedIn page	To find us, search for "Journal of Genetic Counseling" on LinkedIn.
JoGC has a podcast, "DNA Dialogues: conversations in genetic counseling research"	We now have 3 episodes: https://dnadialogues.podbean.com/ Each episode involves interviews with authors of two paper recently published in the JoGC. For example, the first episode launched on Rare Disease day, and featured two papers about the family experience of rare disease. It is hosted by Kate Wilson, Naomi Wagner and Khalida Liaquat. Produced by the award winning Kira Dineen.
New scope statement	The editorial board updated the scope statement for the JoGC. It is now live on the website here: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/15733599/homepage/overview We are also working on an updated DEI statement – due to be completed by May 20.
New author guidelines	Changes include: data sharing policy is now "expected" (from "encouraged"), word count limits instead of page limits, Free format submission, requirement for ORCiD: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/page/journal/15733599/homepage/author-guidelines
Pride month events (June):	We have created a LGBTQ virtual issue - its online: https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/toc/10.1002/(ISSN)1573-3599.LGBTQIA-in-genetic-counseling All papers in this virtual

	special issue will be free to access for pride month (June), and there will be a special episode of the podcast too.
Special issue on Research Methods	We will be launching a call, and soliciting papers for a special virtual issue of the journal on Research Methods in Genetic Counseling. Guest editor team established: Melanie Myers, Tasha Wainstein, Hetanshi Naik
Collaborative paper co-authored by editors of genetics journals about genetic ancestry	The EiC was invited on behalf of JoGC to contribute to a **collaborative paper co-authored by editors of genetics journals about genetic ancestry** published in Nature Genetics/JAMA: https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/38470200/
Operational issues	**Office hours**: We established a mechanism where authors can request a consultation with members of the editorial board. We have delivered 8 office hours on a variety of topics, from methods help to responding to reviewers comments, to decision appeals **Review mentorship**: We have established a process for people who are new to the process of manuscript review to receive mentorship in this area. Everyone who is invited to review is given the opportunity to ask for this mentorship. We have connected four people who have requested review mentorship with members of the editorial board for assistance. **Time to decision**: its already decreasing! But we have very limited data so far.
Working with CGA-IGC	The JoGC will be working with the Collaborative group of the Americas on inherited gastrointestinal cancer (CGA-IGC) on publishing a "best GC paper" simultaneously with their conference.
Help for authors who need English language assistance	We launched a call for volunteers to help authors who cannot afford Wiley language editing services, but need assistance with language and grammar. Within 24 hours we have already received 15 expressions of interest from people who are willing to assist.

Notable papers:

1. New practice resource: Genetic counseling for the dystrophinopathies—Practice resource of the National Society of Genetic Counselors

2. Paper about NIH funded Genetic Counseling research: The State of National Institute of Health Awards for funding genetic counseling research, resources, and training over the past decade

3. Work published in the Journal of Genetic Counseling that was NIH funded:

Research participants' perspectives about the return of uninformative genomic test results in a clinical research setting

Promoting the integration of genetic counseling education and research across the spectrum of learners at a large academic institution

Beyond multiple choice: Clinical simulation as a rigorous and inclusive method for assessing genetic counseling competencies

Applying the $R = MC^2$ implementation science heuristic to assess the impact of readiness on reach and implementation of a population-wide genomic screening program

Conducting inclusive research in genetics for transgender, gender-diverse, and sex-diverse individuals: Case analyses and recommendations from a clinical genomics study

***Ciencia, Genética, y ¿Desinformación*?: A content analysis of genetic testing coverage from US Spanish-language news media**

The impact of cohort relationships on BIPOC genetic counseling students: Results from a longitudinal qualitative study

Young adults' reasoning for involving a parent in a genomic decision-making research study

Patient decisions regarding cancer gene panel testing: An exploratory study

Research participants' perspectives regarding the feedback of secondary findings–A cohort from the DDD-Africa study, South Africa

Measuring the therapeutic bond in genetic counseling: Testing measurement error in the bond subscale of the Working Alliance Inventory

Genetic counselors' and community clinicians' implementation and perceived barriers to informed consent during pre-test counseling for hereditary cancer risk

Is it time for a paradigm shift? Inclusion of *APOE* on genetic dyslipidemia panels

The lived experience of reconstructing identity in response to genetic risk of frontotemporal degeneration and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

Families' experiences accessing care after genomic sequencing in the pediatric cancer context: "It's just been a big juggle"

Genetic counseling for congenital disorders of glycosylation (CDG)

Experiences of hereditary cancer care among transgender and gender diverse people: "It's gender. It's cancer risk…it's everything"

The emotional journey of adapting to prenatally identified trisomy X

An exploration of cultural competency training and genetic counselors' racial biases