



European registered Clinical Laboratory Geneticist (ErCLG) **Code of professional practice for clinical laboratory geneticists in Europe**

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The clinical laboratory geneticist will

1. Respect the human rights of the client*, in accordance with the recommendations of the World Health Organisation.
2. Work in accordance with the legal and ethical requirements of the setting and country in which he or she practices.
3. Enable equality of access to services, without discrimination on the basis of ethnicity, religion, belief, gender, disability, age or sexual orientation.
4. Protect confidential information obtained in the course of professional practice and obtain the client's consent to disclose information to other professionals and/or family members.
5. Offer accurate information on the test requested and on the range of (further) diagnostic options available to clients, and collect an informed consent in respect the right of the client to make decisions based on their own beliefs and values.
6. Practise working procedures to ensure the safety of the client, workers and environment in respect of the laws and regulations governing medical laboratory technology.
7. Write laboratory reports in order to enable clients to make informed decisions, free from coercion.
8. Avoid any abuse of the professional relationship with clients or colleagues.
9. Maintain clear, contemporaneous and accurate laboratory, medical and professional records.
10. Collaborate and co-operate with colleagues to achieve standards of good clinical practice to achieve full traceability of the process.
11. Act as an advocate for service users, as appropriate.
12. Act appropriately to report concerns about the safety of clients and/or quality of care, including diagnostics.

13. Be aware of his or her physical, mental and emotional health and take action to prevent adverse impact on practice.
14. Work in a collaborative way with other scientists, technicians, and colleagues working in diagnostics, as well as clinical patient-support to provide the most appropriate genetic counselling to the clients.
15. Be aware of his or her personal beliefs and limitations of expertise and refer clients as appropriate to ensure they have access to the full range of services and decision options.
16. Maintain his or her knowledge and skills through continuing professional education.

* the word "client" stands for consultant, counselee, patient, individual, and/or medical colleague

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