



# Genetic Counselors

Genetic counselors are health care professionals with specialized training in understanding the contribution of genes/family history to a particular health condition. They may be able to help determine genetic causes for infertility, including those who have experienced multiple miscarriages/pregnancy loss, or those who have a family history of a condition that may affect their ability to conceive or increase their risk for birth defects. They may also discuss the various tests available to couples trying to conceive, including ethnicity-based carrier screening and pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (a genetic test performed on embryos prior to transfer).

Please visit the National Society of Genetic Counselors at [www.nsgc.org](http://www.nsgc.org) and use the “Find a Counselor” tool to locate a genetic counselor in your area. You may also visit [www.nysgeneticcounselors.org](http://www.nysgeneticcounselors.org) for more information on genetic counseling in New York State.



This directory is part of a series of lists of New York State providers (and other states where appropriate) who offer services that may be of interest to women or men hoping to bring a child into their lives. Please note that these lists are not comprehensive, nor does Infertilityeducation.org or Ferre Institute offer assurance or warranty for any of the providers listed.

We hope you find these directories useful. Please feel free to contact us with additions or edits to our list and we would be glad to review.

To find out more about NYS laws regarding insurance coverage and information about grant programs which provide funding for certain infertility treatments, please see the guidebook *New York State Task Force on Life and Law* at [www.infertilityeducation.org](http://www.infertilityeducation.org).

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