Online Appendix 7: Representative positive and critical comments about the ELSI Genetics curriculum

Positive comments, representative

- Very good, reviews a very pertinent medical knowledge as well as presents different styles of doctoring and presentation to pts. Also appreciated are the points involved with ethics.
- Enjoyed the case series, learned a lot on genetics/ethics/communication, and feel that it will be a good resource for the future.
- The cases were interesting, with the emphasis on genetics, to which we get less exposure during our residency
- Great diversity of cases regarding ethics.
- I think this is a very innovative curriculum. It is very nice that we can complete it on our own time schedule
- Very interesting format of learning. Very flexible in terms of when you are able to complete cases.
- As a busy resident, this computer curriculum was much more feasible. I think it covers the same material as a traditional curriculum and equally as well. The cases are good.
- The modules very actually quite interesting. Observing the interactions between MD, pt, and family members is very helpful, especially in difficult cases.
- Very interesting topics, I found it very helpful for the topics when there were related articles in the library that we could download.
- Overall, I consider this curriculum very useful, and think that it could be expanded with great potential. I would use it myself, and as an administrator, would consider its use in a teaching setting
- The best aspects of the curriculum were the video portions with the doctors and patients. I felt that some of the other material felt more lecture-like and was more difficult to pay attention to.
- Engaging, fairly realistic scenarios. Not too much extraneous dialogue. Facilitated reflection upon what to do and not to do. The adult medicine scenarios are too exaggerated.
- The interactive menus and questions involved were the best part of the curriculum. It would be more beneficial to have more of the questions, especially focused specifically on factual content of gene
- Nice interface. Enjoyed the links to additional info.
- Overall it's a great program with regards to communication, cultural awareness and focus on a few but very important genetic disorders. The cases were interesting and it was nice to see different opt
- I am a visual learner and this format worked well for me.

Critical comments, representative

- I'm not sure a web-based system is the most appropriate forum for teaching and learning ethics and or genetics. I would have much preferred clinical instructors, bio-ethicists, and possibly live patients
- The curriculum was too long and the encounters felt contrived. I felt it was a waste of time to listen to "Dr. Elsi" and "Dr. Ansi" argue about irrelevant things.
- Discussion in small groups would have stimulated more participation, interest, and retention in the material.
- The information was helpful, but I feel that I did not need 5 cases
- I liked some of the themes, but there was definite redundancy in the cases chosen. The curriculum probably would be a much better learning experience for Medical students rather than residents.
- The modules operate too slowly, there should be an option to read instead of having to listen, for those who pay better attention reading off the screen. Thank you.
- I think the biggest problem is that I have not seen any patients with genetics problems...and i'll doubt I'll ever have to counsel a patient about things like BRCA genes in pediatrics.
- I found it rather biased. In other words, it didn't leave room for a third opinion.
- Would much rather have this experience in real life
- Very little focus on medical management/treatment after the diagnosis is made. I would also like to see a module/section on breaking bad news to patients of the screening results.
- Curriculum would be a lot more effective if the technical glitches are corrected. Lessons often took too long to load making the continuity of ideas very poor.
- Didn't have an opportunity to apply what i may have learned from the curriculum.
- Great topics, i think the cases are too long though. Some modules took too much time for my schedule permitting.
- Trying to cover way too many topics at once.