

# 2<sup>nd</sup> SACGHS Roundtable on Genetics Education and Training of Health Professionals

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# Background

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- 2004 SACGHS Resolution
    - Progress made? Any new priorities?
  
  - 2007 SACGHS Oversight of Genetic Testing
    - Additions to report?
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## 2004 Resolution: SACGHS urges the Secretary to take the following steps:

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- ❑ Incorporate in HHS programs & policies the philosophy that genetic information is an integral part of all health care; facilitate integration by collaborating with State, Federal, and private organizations
  - ❑ Promote and support initiatives that integrate genetics & genomics in education and training of health professionals
  - ❑ Encourage & support programs that promote diversity & cultural competency of the healthcare workforce
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## 2004 Resolution (continued)

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- Work with relevant organizations to incorporate knowledge of genetics & genomics in accreditation, licensure, & certification processes
  - Support Federal programs for faculty training in clinical application-based education models, particularly those that include ELSI issues
  - Promote consumer education & support K-12 education programs
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# Steering Group on Genetics Education and Training

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## ...representing

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- Medicine
  - Nursing
  - Genetic Counseling
  - Physician Assistant
  - Public Health
  - Education
  - Laboratory Medicine
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# Key Issues

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- Professional education & training programs
  - Diverse workplace
  - Emerging issues (gene-environment)
  - Emerging stakeholders
  - Genetic family history
  - 2004 Resolution
  - 2007 Oversight Report
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# Session Purpose & Goals

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## □ Purpose

- Learn about current practices, future plans
- Identify gaps, barriers, best practices

## □ Goal

- Set the stage for a decision of next step by SACGHS
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# Two questions

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- Does the topic of genetic education and training continue to be an area of concern consistent with the SACGHS charter?
  - If so, what elements are most important for us to address?
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