



GeneEQUAL Newsletter August 2023



Thank you for reading our newsletter.

You can watch a video of our newsletter [here](#).



This newsletter has 3 messages.



Message 1

GeneEQUAL has a new **research study**.

A **research study** is finding out

- how to make things better.



In our new research study

- we want to talk to high school students with intellectual and learning disability
- about what they want to learn about health, health care choices, genetics
- and how they want to learn it.

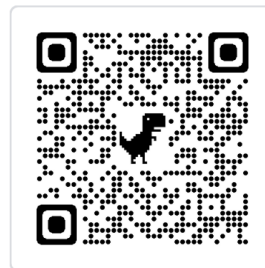


You can watch a short video about the study here.

1. You can click this link

<https://vimeo.com/860528971>

2. You can scan the QR code using your smart phone.



When GeneEQUAL talked to adults

- about **genetic** tests and **genetic** health care

many people said

- they wished they learnt more about **genetics** at school.



Genetics is

finding out how things in your body

- make you the way you are.



Knowing about genetics and genetic conditions

- can help people make health care choices and
- live happy and healthy lives.



Many people also told us

- they wished they had learnt more about
- health care choices at school.



In our new study

- Jennifer will talk to high school students.

She is a caring and experienced teacher.



Jennifer will have a friendly chat

- with students who are interested in the study.



She will ask questions like

- What helps you learn at school?
- What do you want to learn in science lessons?



- This chat will take around 30 minutes.
- It will be in person, on Zoom or Teams.



You can share and find out more about the study

- on our [GeneEQUAL website.](#)



Message 2

GeneEQUAL is doing interviews

- with health care workers
- about the **GeneEQUAL Educational Toolkit**.







The **GeneEQUAL Educational Toolkit**

- is a set of resources to make health care better.



The Educational Toolkit has

- how the toolkit was made [5 Easy Read booklets](#) about genetics
- [6 videos](#) about talking about genetics
- help for health workers about talking about genetics with people with intellectual disability.

	<p>People with intellectual disability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• gave the Educational Toolkit a thumbs up.
	<p>Now we want to hear from health care workers about what</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• they think about the Educational Toolkit• other resources they want the GeneEQUAL to make.
	<p>The interviews are done by Chloe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• who is a friendly medical student.
	<p>The interview is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• around 30 minutes.• in person, on Zoom or Teams.



If you are a health care worker and interested in doing an interview or a survey

- you can fill out the quick form on our [GeneEQUAL website.](#)

You can email Chloe at

c.molnar@student.unsw.edu.au



We will give you a coffee voucher

- to say thank you.



Message 3

GeneEQUAL has certificates for health care workers.



They are for health care workers who give

- inclusive
- person-centred
- respectful

health care for people with intellectual disability.



Dr Nikhil Mahajan

- received the first certificate.



Dr Nikhil Mahajan is a surgeon at

- John Hunter Hospital in Newcastle.



Dr Nikhil Mahajan

- listens to his patients
- takes time with his patients
- explains things in an easy to understand way.



Congratulations Dr Nikhil Mahajan.



Do you know someone you think should get a GeneEQUAL award?



If so you can

- email us at geneEQUAL@unsw.edu.au
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Let us know

- who you want to nominate AND
- why you want to nominate them.

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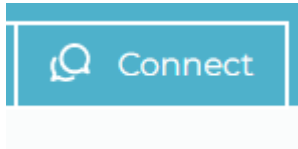
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