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Introduction

Inherited eye diseases encompass a diverse group of genetic disorders that pose diagnostic and management challenges. The integration of genetic testing and personalized medicine has revolutionized the field of ophthalmology. This article presents the design and outcomes of a novel multidisciplinary ophthalmic genetics clinic, which aims to provide comprehensive evaluation, genetic counseling, and tailored management strategies for patients with inherited eye disorders.

The primary objective of this research article is to describe the design and workflow of a multidisciplinary ophthalmic genetics clinic [1]. Additionally, it aims to evaluate the outcomes and impact of this clinic, including improved genetic diagnosis rates, enhanced treatment planning, and patient satisfaction. The article also discusses challenges encountered and potential future directions for expanding the scope and reach of the clinic.

Overlooking ophthalmic features of genetic syndromes can be detrimental given that genetic disease is the most common cause of blindness in young children in developed countries, comprising 50% of all childhood blindness. Subsequent reports of familial nanophthalmos were noted to be caused by pathogenic variants in this same gene, and it is now known that the ocular features of CUGS are among the most penetrant and one of the most treatable features of this syndromic condition [2].

Objective

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Rationale and Significance

Inherited eye diseases often present with diverse clinical manifestations, genetic heterogeneity, and variable disease progression.

A multidisciplinary approach allows for a holistic evaluation, incorporating ophthalmic expertise, genetic knowledge, and counseling support.

Advancements in genetic testing technologies, including next-generation sequencing and targeted gene panels, have revolutionized the field of ophthalmic genetics [3]. A multidisciplinary clinic provides the necessary infrastructure for efficient genetic testing, result interpretation, and integration into patient care.

Necessity for a Multidisciplinary Approach

Inherited eye diseases have implications beyond ophthalmology, necessitating collaboration between ophthalmologists, geneticists, genetic counselors, and other healthcare professionals. A multidisciplinary clinic facilitates seamless communication,

genetic information. Clear communication, genetic counseling, and ongoing support help address ethical dilemmas and concerns.

The cost of genetic testing and multidisciplinary care can pose financial challenges for patients. The clinic explores insurance coverage options, advocates for reimbursement, and seeks opportunities for cost-sharing or research funding to mitigate financial burdens [10].

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The multidisciplinary ophthalmic genetics clinic provides an integrated and comprehensive approach to the evaluation, diagnosis, and management of patients with inherited eye diseases. By combining the expertise of various healthcare professionals, it enhances genetic diagnosis rates, optimizes treatment strategies, and improves patient