

# Navigating Resources

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Empowering Communities through  
Genomics Education

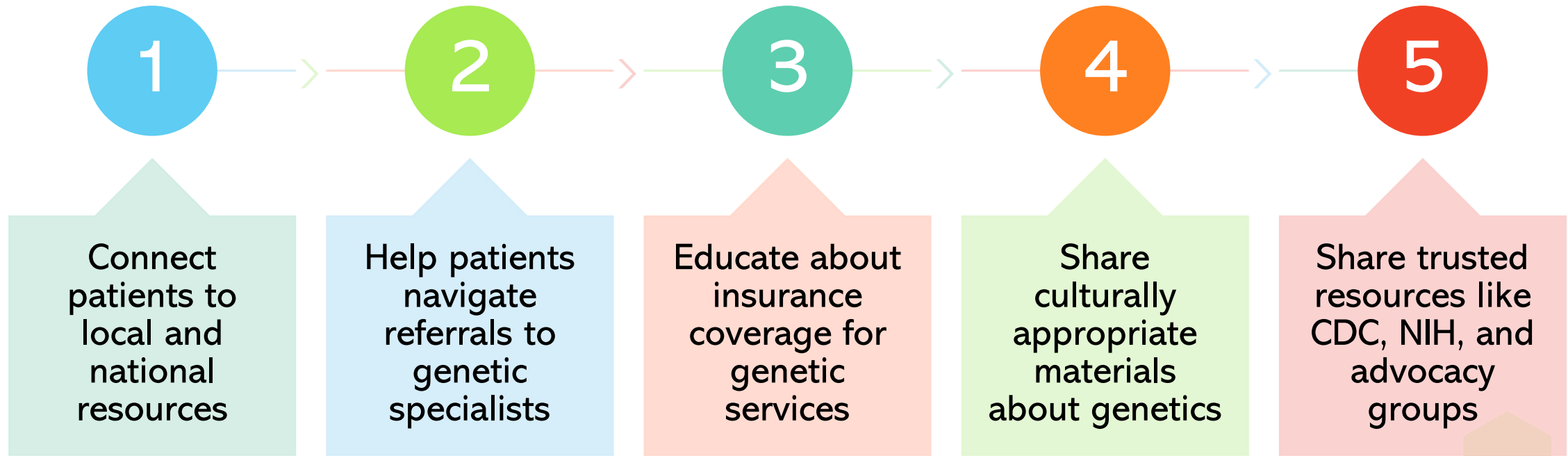




# Learning Objectives

- Identify support resources for a person with a genetic condition
- Demonstrate strategies to enhance patient understanding and decision-making regarding genetic conditions
- Support patients in navigating healthcare systems and accessing reliable genetic education materials

# CHWs' Role in Navigating Genetic Resources



# Steps for CHWs to Navigate Genetic Resources

## Assess Needs

- Understand patient goals (e.g., testing, counseling, family education).
- Identify barriers such as financial constraints or language preferences.

## Identify Resources

- Match patients with services tailored to their genetic risk and needs.
- Verify the availability of culturally competent care providers.

## Facilitate Referrals

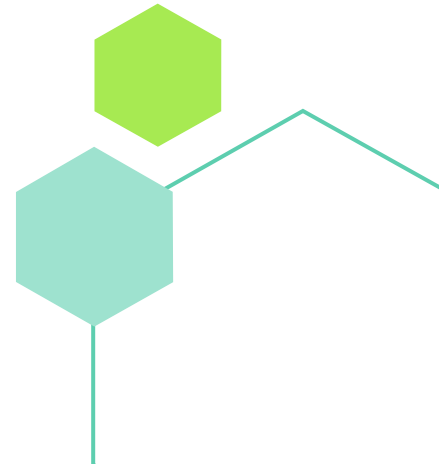
- Help patients schedule appointments with genetic counselors or specialists.
- Ensure they have necessary documentation for referrals.

## Provide Follow-Up

- Assist with understanding genetic test results.
- Encourage ongoing communication with healthcare providers.

# National Resources

- FORCE – Facing Hereditary Cancer Empowered
- Patient Advocate Foundation
- Komen.org
- National Society of Genetic Counselors (Find a Counselor Tool)



# Workbook Activity #12: Local Resource Guide

Using the following template, create a list of 5 local resources relevant to genetic conditions. Start with resources in your zip code, then expand to your city, and then your state.

Organization #1	
Resources	
Phone Number	
Address	
Hours of Operation	
Languages Spoken	
Eligibility	
Referral needed	
How to access	
Materials to bring	
Other notes	