



# **PUBLIC HEALTH**

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HEALTHIER WASHINGTON**

Addressing Tier 1 Genomics  
In Washington State  
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## What we did

- Looked at insurance companies coverage for HBOC and CRC genetic services compared with NCCN guidelines
- Familial Hypercholesterolemia Project—  
devised a QI project for health system using EHRs

## FH Project

- All 8-11 year olds
- Verify cholesterol level

- Elevated cholesterol
- Verify treatment initiated & physical exam for xanthomas

- Familial Hypercholesterolemia
- Test family members

## How work is funded

- Genetics Staff = 2.5 FTE
- Maternal and Child Health Block Grant and state funds

## What we learned

- HBOC/CRC – majority of payers do cover services although not all have written policies specific to these services
- FH ?? - limited opportunities without partners or \$

## Future plans

- Still seeking health economist and/or health system partner(s) for FH project.
- Using CA registry data to develop “report cards” re: hereditary cancer risks to go back to reporting facilities
- Surveying gastroenterologists about screening for Lynch syndrome