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