

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

- Keeps members informed and updated
- Includes research, resources, services and policy updates

REGULAR E-BULLETINS

- Support group news, personal stories, events and interesting editorial

GENETIC SUPPORT COORDINATOR

- Coordinates all community, health professional, and service enquiries, offers support at anxious and critical times, directs and assists with referral and service pathways, is an empathetic ear, is available by phone and email as required

SEEKING CONTACT

- So that you can meet and share experiences with other families. The GSNV can coordinate peer support either in hospital or in your local area, encouraging a network of support for you and your family

OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS TO ATTEND EVENTS WITH OTHER GROUPS

- This may include forums, family days and seminars

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

- GSNV hosted events with invited medical practitioners and other professionals (free to financial members)

PEER SUPPORT TRAINING

- The GSNV runs peer support training every year and is free to financial members

SUPPORTING SUPPORT GROUPS

- The GSNV assists with facilitated support group training
- Support with setting up, incorporating and developing governance
- Volunteer matching
- Accessing resources

YOUR MEMBERSHIP AT WORK

The GSNV engages in activities on behalf of our members that are often hidden or not entirely obvious;

- Participation and contribution to Professional Bodies and Boards that have influence over policy and the delivery of genetic health services
- Advocacy on behalf of member groups
- The GSNV meets regularly with stakeholders



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ABOUT US...

The **Genetic Support Network Victoria** (GSNV) is a vibrant and active organisation which aims to maintain a network committed to promoting the interests and well-being of people affected by genetic conditions.

The role of the GSNV is to facilitate a fully supportive, ongoing and enduring relationship with people who are having investigations into a genetic diagnosis, or who have had a genetic diagnosis. At the pre-conception, prenatal, neonatal, paediatric, adolescent and adult stages, clients may have concerns and questions they wish to ask outside of the regular clinical genetics service.

The GSNV also provides assistance in setting up condition specific support groups and on-going in service training for the volunteers involved. As a peak body, the GSNV provides a respected voice and opinion on behalf of Victorian consumers and aims to contribute to the development of effective State and National policies.

The GSNV is committed to the continuity of care for all people affected by genetic conditions and is committed to improving the sense of isolation the community may feel.

Our vision

Purpose, Dignity and Choice for People with Genetic Conditions

Our mission

To **influence direction** and **policy** that **empowers people**, organisations and institutions that serve people touched by genetic conditions. To develop the leadership of support services and stakeholders.



WHAT WE DO...

GENETIC SUPPORT

- Free enquiry service

EDUCATION

- Community awareness, professional education and in-service, Master of Genetic Counselling students, Victorian Clinical Genetics Services Seminars

TRAINING

- Peer Support, Governance, Setting up a support group

MENTORING

- Master of Genetic Counselling students, student placements, volunteers, support groups

FACILITATION

- Support group meetings, workshops, governance training, seminars

ENGAGING OUR EXPERT OPINION

- Providing a collective voice to government and professional bodies in order to contribute to the improvement of policy on issues that affect genetic health service delivery and health outcomes

SMALL GRANTS SCHEME

- Annual grants allocation to support the work of support groups

INFORMATION

- Free publications, disseminating of useful information on research services, resources, topical issues and support group events

MEMBER DETAILS

Title Mr Mrs Ms Miss Dr

Surname _____

Given Name _____

Address _____

P/C _____

Organisation _____

Position _____

Phone _____ Mobile _____

Fax _____ Email _____

Website _____

I/WE WOULD LIKE TO

become a member/s of the GSNV

renew my/our membership with GSNV

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED *(Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible)*

\$ _____ Membership

\$ _____ Donation

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP

Groups, Families and Individuals

Professional/Service Provider

Student/Concession *(please provide proof)*

DO YOU WISH TO RECEIVE OUR NEWSLETTER BY

email post

PAYMENT METHOD

\$22 Families & Individuals, Groups, Professionals and Service Providers

\$11 Student/Concession

Credit Card Money Order Cheque EFT

Credit Card Payment *(Mail or phone 03 8341 6315)*

Type of Card: Visa Mastercard

Total Amount: \$ _____

Card Number _____ Expiry _____

Name on Card _____

Signature of Cardholder _____

Please make cheques payable to: Victorian Clinical Genetics Services

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):

BSB: 083 355 Account: 4592 75075

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