# 10 Red Flags That Call for a Genetics Referral

Rare genetic disorders, by their very nature, are unfamiliar to most doctors and people. This limited awareness results in overlooked clues and opportunities for diagnosis. A scarcity of resources and doctors focused on genetic conditions compounds the problem. Studies have found that, on average, rare disease patients are misdiagnosed three times and see five doctors before being accurately diagnosed. Knowing what to look for can help you to decrease these diagnostic delays.

### IS YOUR PATIENT ...

- · Lacking a diagnosis after extensive testing or seeing multiple doctors?
- · Impacted by the same issue in multiple organs or areas of the body?
- · Presenting with early onset, rapid progression, or other unusual features?
- · Missing standard risk factors for their diagnosis or disease severity?
- Diagnosed with two or more unrelated primary diseases?
- Having continued, worsened, or new symptoms despite treatment?
- · Related to someone with a genetic disorder?
- · Diagnosed with an intellectual or developmental disability?
- · Someone who has had multiple unexpected miscarriages?
- Someone with a major malformation or multiple minor malformations?

# How to Refer A Patient

Download the
Referring Physician Form at
sequencemd.com/providers
and fax it to
833-991-3554.

# **SEQUENCEMD CAN HELP**

SequenceMD provides genetic evaluations and health management services for patients with rare disorders and unique medical needs, including undiagnosed conditions and unresolved symptoms. We work with many different specialties for a variety of clinical indications, including:

- Neurology
- Psychiatry
- Ophthalmology

- PM&R
- Cardiology
- Endocrinology

- Rheumatology
- Nephrology
- Otolaryngology

SequenceMD can often see patients faster than other genetic providers in the area. Rather than making patients wait months, we typically see patients within three weeks of the initial referral.

Fax referrals to 833-991-3554 or visit sequencemd.com/providers for our referring providers form.

## About SequenceMD

SequenceMD is a private medical practice specializing in the diagnosis and management of rare or inherited genetic conditions across the lifespan, from birth through adulthood. Since opening our clinic in Denver, Colorado, in 2022, we have seen over 3,500 patients from more than 900 referring providers, 7 health systems, 20 medical specialties, and 8 states.

Offering telemedicine and in-person services, SequenceMD provides pediatric and adult patients, primary care providers, and other medical specialists access to a patient-centered medical evaluation that includes genetic counseling, testing, and interpretation. Our team is licensed in Colorado and 7 surrounding states.

