

# **Investigation for research on stigma of families of children with genetic conditions**

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Stigma is defined as an attribute that is deeply discrediting. It has been reported that parents of children with genetic conditions perceived stigmatization, which affects the development of their children. It is important to know their experiences and coping strategies against stigma for support of the families in genetic counseling. In Japan, however, there is no report of research on stigma associated with genetic conditions. The present investigation was conducted to elucidate the current trend and issues of stigma study in the genetic counseling field. This was achieved by attending the conference of the National Society of Genetic Counselors and interviewing researchers involved in studies of stigma associated with genetic conditions.