

Are you ready for the genomic revolution? Launch of a training developed for Quebec health professionals

Montréal, October 9, 2018 — Génome Québec and the Quebec Network for Personalized Health Care (QNPHC) are proud to announce the launch of a brand new training course specialized in genomics for Québec health professionals.

The course *Introduction to genomics* presents the influence of the human genome on a person's health. It also explains how genetic information can be used in a clinical setting - referred to as personalized medicine - and how recent discoveries in this field provide new avenues for improving the public's health. Indeed, due to a better understanding of how the body works, genomics allows for more precise diagnosis, individualized treatments for patients, and even for better prediction for and prevention of certain diseases.

"Genomics extensively transforms health care practices. It is therefore essential that professionals be equipped to participate in this revolution and to enter wholeheartedly into personalized medicine," says Daniel Coderre, President and CEO of Génome Québec.

This online training is based on a course developed by Health Education England, the education branch of the National Health Service (United Kingdom), a world reference for scientific education, especially in genomics and personalized medicine. Québec experts in the field participated in its adaptation to correspond to our health system.

Accredited by the Centre de formation continue of the Faculté de médecine et des sciences de la santé at Université de Sherbrooke, this two-hour online training course is free and provides access to two continuing education units for general practitioners and medical specialists. *

"The training course introduces fundamental concepts of genomics and personalized medicine in a dynamic and interactive manner, through animations, video clips, commentaries from experts and news. It leads to better understanding of genetics tests, pharmacogenetics and ethical issues. The QNPHC is convinced that this kind of training is essential for integrating personalized medicine for the benefit of patients," said Michelle Savoie, member of the QNPHC External Advisory Board.

The training course (in French only) is now available at www.genomequebec.com/formations.

[Watch this brief introductory video](#) on the training (French only).

** Anyone can take this training course, but only professionals belonging to recognized organizations will receive education credits. Accreditation for pharmacists will soon be available.*

About Génome Québec

[Génome Québec's](#) mission is to catalyze the development and excellence of genomics research and promote its integration and democratization. It is a pillar of the Québec bioeconomy and contributes to Québec's influence and its social and sustainable development.

The funds invested by Génome Québec are provided by the ministère de l'Économie, de la Science et de l'Innovation du Québec (MESI), the Government of Canada through Genome Canada and private partners.

About the Quebec Network for Personalized Health Care

The [Quebec Network for Personalized Health Care](#) (QNPHC) is an NPO created in 2011, which focuses on the development and implementation of Personalized Health Care Solutions in Quebec. It provides a platform for convergence, collaboration and promotion for anyone working in research, development, implementation and management of Personalized Health Care in Quebec — for the benefit of the citizens' health, the efficiency of the health care system, the sector's economic wealth, and research excellence. The QNPHC currently brings together roughly forty public and private organizations, researchers and opinion leaders from Quebec.

-30-

Contact

Éva Kammer
Director, Communication and Education
Génome Québec
514 398-0668, ext. 206
ekammer@genomequebec.com