Other consultant services can be anticipated with most patients.

Family History
An optimal medical genetics evaluation starts with a comprehensive history and physical examination, including a 3-generation family history with particular attention to family members with mental retardation, developmental delays, psychiatric diagnoses, congenital malformations, miscarriages, stillbirths, and early childhood deaths. The medical and family history allows for the clinical geneticist to suspect an etiology and helps in...

FIGURE 1
Approach to the clinical genetics evaluation for DD/MR.

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