



Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors  
Association Canadienne des Conseillers en Génétique

## **AGREEMENT REACHED IN CANADIAN GENE PATENT LAWSUIT**

In 2014, The Canadian Association of Genetic Counsellors (CAGC) supported a Federal Court challenge by the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) against Transgenomics, Inc., the owner of gene patents related to the genetic cardiac condition Long QT syndrome.

We are pleased that a settlement agreement was recently announced between the two parties, allowing Canadian public sector laboratories the right to perform genetic testing for Long QT syndrome on a not-for-profit basis.

Gene patents create financial, legal and research-related barriers, which can both limit patient access and impede the ability to improve patient care. The agreement reached is an incredibly important step in paving the way for better access to genetic testing and care for Canadian families.

For more information on the settlement agreement, please visit the [CHEO website](#).