

Code Talkers



**Genome readers honor genetic counselors
who interpret complexity with compassion.**

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Pilar's Heart

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My daughter had a rocky time as a newborn, infant, and young child with various medical issues that had no answers. However, at age 9, she received the diagnosis of Noonan syndrome, as a result of a mutation on her PTPN11 gene.

When the phone rang one morning, it was Pilar on the other end, making the initial contact. I think she spent over an hour with me, even through my tears and confusion, and she was able to give encouragement. I will never forget that phone call. I was amazed that someone I had never met took it upon herself to reach out to this mother and her family who felt lost on a very scary island. She softened the receipt of the news and provided us with tools for much-needed direction.

Pilar demonstrates the utmost genuine interest in the well-being of the entire family and understands the dynamics involved when dealing with a diagnosis.

She has made a huge impact on my family in so many ways. At the first office consultation, she was armed with resources,

direction, and, most of all, the empathy that we needed to feel.

She explained the diagnosis to my husband and me in such a gentle way. When she meets with my daughter, you can see that Pilar's heart is 100 percent present during their chat.

The connection that was made in the very beginning changed how we have dealt with something so overwhelming, and we are so very thankful for her knowledge, guidance, and expertise. Her commitment to families deserves recognition.

Pilar is an advocate for Noonan syndrome, and we are so very lucky to have her in our corner. She attends fundraising activities, traveling a distance to participate. She belongs to family support organizations and provides families with resources and shares information.

This year, Pilar has organized the first Noonan syndrome family conference at Texas Children's Hospital, with a day of specialty speakers and an afternoon of group activities. 🌟

