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NONDIRECTIVE APPROACH IN GENETIC COUNSELING CONCERNING REPRODUCTIVE CHOICES

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Nondirectiveness is almost universally recognized as the most defining feature of genetic counseling and adherence to a nondirective approach is the generally required and professed standard; there is no widely accepted definition of nondirectiveness yet. Although the principle of nondirectiveness is still poorly understood, its importance is widely discussed and sometimes questioned. The current article tries to elaborate – by analyzing different descriptions and interpretations of nondirective approach – a theoretically consistent and practically operational concept of nondirectiveness in genetic counseling concerning reproductive choices.