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ACMG Foundation Announces Carolyn Mills Lovell Award: First Award Specifically for Genetic Counselors

Nov. 11, 2014: Bethesda, MD - The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine (www.acmgfoundation.org) has announced a new award for the highest rated genetic counselor-authored abstract submission for the scientific program during the 2015 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting. The new **ACMG Foundation Carolyn Mills Lovell Award** is being given in honor of genetic counselor Carolyn Mills Lovell, MAT, MS, CGC made possible by a generous donation by ACMG Medical Director David Flannery, MD, FAAP, FACMG.

Dr. Flannery said, " I worked with Carolyn Mills Lovell for more than 15 years at Medical College of Georgia (MCG) and Georgia Regents Health System before I moved on to assume the Medical Director position with ACMG in 2014. The award is named in honor of Carolyn, who continues to provide exemplary service to patients and their families at MCG. She has been as an outstanding teacher to hundreds of medical students and residents at MCG and an exacting teacher and mentor to dozens of Masters Genetic Counseling students through the years. Genetic counselors are a crucial part of the healthcare team providing clinical genetic services and this new ACMG Foundation award will allow us to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of genetic counselors."

This is the first ACMG Foundation Award designated specifically to genetic counselors. ACMG Foundation President Bruce R. Korf, MD, PhD, FACMG added, "The explosion of genomic information requires a team approach to communicating with patients more than ever before. Genetic counselors are integral to this approach, so I am especially pleased to see this new award, and the first one given by the ACMG Foundation, to honor members of the genetic counseling community."

The Award includes a cash prize of \$1000 and will be presented to one recipient annually for each of the next 10 years.

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Applicants must be certified or board-eligible Genetic Counselors or genetic counseling graduate students enrolled in an accredited genetic counseling training program. Applicants do not have to be ACMG members. Eligible genetic counselor candidates interested in entering the competition can indicate their interest during the abstract submission process at <http://www.acmgmeeting.net>. The deadline for Abstract Submission is **Dec. 5, 2014**.

About the ACMG and ACMG Foundation

Founded in 1991, the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (www.acmg.net) advances the practice of medical genetics and genomics by providing education, resources and a voice for more than 1750 biochemical, clinical, cytogenetic, medical and molecular geneticists, genetic counselors and other healthcare professionals, nearly 80% of whom are board certified in the medical genetics specialties. ACMG is the only nationally recognized medical organization dedicated to improving health through the practice of medical genetics and genomics. The College's mission includes the following goals: 1) to define and promote excellence in the practice of medical genetics and genomics and to facilitate the integration of new research discoveries into medical practice; 2) to provide medical genetics and genomics education to fellow professionals, other healthcare providers, and the public; 3) to improve access to medical genetics and genomics services and to promote their integration into all of medicine; and 4) to serve as advocates for providers of medical genetics and genomics services and their patients. *Genetics in Medicine*, published monthly, is the official ACMG peer-reviewed journal. ACMG's website (www.acmg.net) offers a variety of resources including Policy Statements, Practice Guidelines, Educational Resources, and a Find a Geneticist tool. The educational and public health programs of the American College of Medical Genetics are dependent upon charitable gifts from corporations, foundations, and individuals through the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine (www.acmgfoundation.org.)

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