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ACMG's *Genetics in Medicine* Journal Receives Record High Impact Factor of 9.937 for 2017: *GIM* Ranked 8 of 171 Journals in Genetics & Heredity and is Now Top Medical Genetics Journal

BETHESDA, MD – June 28, 2018 | The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) announced that the Thomson Reuters Impact Factor Journal Citation Reports has increased the impact factor of the ACMG's peer-reviewed medical genetics and genomics journal, *Genetics in Medicine (GIM)* to **9.937 for 2017**, up from 8.229 in 2016. *GIM* is currently ranked 8 of 171 titles in the Genetics & Heredity category and is the top-ranked Medical Genetics journal. The Impact Factor is an objective measure of the world's leading journals, based on articles' cited references and is oft considered a measure of a journal's impact, overall successful performance and relevance to its field.

"We are very excited that the Impact Factor has again increased for *Genetics in Medicine*. This is a testament to the superb work by those in the field of Genetics who have submitted their high-quality work to *GIM* and to the judgment and hard work of the editorial board. It is a clear reflection of the importance of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics, the organization that leads the medical community in incorporating genetics and genomics into patient care. Finally, it is indicative of the new reality that our field is increasingly important in the broader practice of medicine," said *GIM*'s Editor-in-Chief Jim Evans, MD, PhD, FACMG.

ACMG President Louanne Hudgins, MD, FACMG said, "This is a great achievement and a testament to the growing importance of medical genetics in the practice of medicine as a whole. Jim Evans, the Editor in Chief, his staff, the Editorial Board, and the contributors have done a terrific job in making *Genetics in Medicine* one of the top genetics journals in the world."

Genetics in Medicine is published by Springer Nature.

The journal, published since 1998, is supported by an expert Board of Editors representing all facets of genetic and genomic medicine, including biochemical genetics, cytogenetics, and the application of genomics to other relevant medical realms such as oncology and maternal fetal medicine.

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About the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG)

Founded in 1991, ACMG is the only nationally recognized medical society dedicated to improving health through the clinical practice of medical genetics and genomics. The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (www.acmg.net) provides education, resources and a voice for nearly 2,200 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. The College's mission is to develop and sustain genetic initiatives in clinical and laboratory practice, education and advocacy. Three guiding pillars underpin ACMG's work: 1) Clinical and Laboratory Practice: Establish the paradigm of genomic medicine by issuing statements and evidence based or expert clinical and laboratory practice guidelines and through descriptions of best practices for the delivery of genomic medicine. 2) Education: Provide education and tools for medical geneticists, other health professionals and the public and grow the genetics workforce. 3) Advocacy: Work with policymakers and payers to support the responsible application of genomics in medical practice. *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 and Genomics 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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