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**American College of Medical Genetics Announces Increase in
Genetics in Medicine Journal Impact Factor of 35% to 5.28**

BETHESDA, MD – August 17, 2011 | The American College of Medical Genetics (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*) from 3.922 to 5.280. This places *GIM* in the top 15% of all Genetics journals. A journal's 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 overall successful performance and relevance of a journal to its field.

"As Editor-in-Chief I am particularly delighted with the rise in *Genetics in Medicine's* impact factor," said James P. Evans, MD, PhD, FACMG. "*GIM* strives to be the leading journal in the field of Clinical Medical Genetics and as such is focused on the wide dissemination of evidence-based articles that address a broad range of issues. Increasingly, genetics and genomics are permeating medicine in a broad fashion. We thus also strive to publish material that matters not only to those in clinical genetics but also to non-genetics specialists who increasingly need to understand how to incorporate genetic advances into their field."

"The top five cited articles in the past year of *GIM's* repertoire attest to our commitment to putting medical genetics on a firm evidence base and to the great breadth of articles that we publish. The topics covered in *GIM* are broad ranging, with top-cited articles addressing matters from pharmacogenomics and personalized genetics to the psychological impacts of genetic testing and the development of innovative clinical laboratory methods."

Evans concluded, "We are pleased that the medical community is recognizing the importance of *GIM* as reflected by the rise in our impact factor. As a leading academic journal and as the official journal of the American College of Medical Genetics we hope that *GIM* will continue to play a critical role in setting the standard for the practice of medicine whenever it involves genetic and genomic issues."

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Genetics in Medicine also recently announced that it will be published by the prestigious publisher, Nature Publishing Group, beginning in January 2012.

The journal, published since 1998, is supported by an expert Board of Editors representing all facets of genetic medicine including such specialties as biochemical genetics, cytogenetics and pharmacogenetics.

Visit <http://journals.lww.com/geneticsinmedicine/pages/default.aspx> for more information.

About the American College of Medical Genetics and ACMG Foundation

Founded in 1991, the American College of Medical Genetics (www.acmg.net) advances the practice of medical genetics by providing education, resources and a voice for more than 1400 biochemical, clinical, cytogenetic, medical and molecular geneticists, genetic counselors and other healthcare professionals committed to the practice of medical genetics. ACMG's activities include the development of laboratory and practice standards and guidelines, advocating for quality genetic services in healthcare and in public health, and promoting the development of methods to diagnose, treat and prevent genetic disease. *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. The American College of Medical Genetics Foundation (www.acmgfoundation.org) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to funding the College's diverse efforts to translate genes into health. The Foundation is dedicated to Better Health Through Genetics.™

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