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**American College of Medical Genetics  
Announces President-Elect, New Directors**

BETHESDA, MD—April 5, 2011 | The American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG) announced the election of four new Directors who began their terms on April 1, 2011. Directors are elected by the entire ACMG membership and approved by the current Board of Directors.

**Gail E. Herman, MD, PhD, FACMG** is the new President-Elect. Dr. Herman is a Principal Investigator, Center for Molecular & Human Genetics, The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio and Professor, Department of Pediatrics, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Three additional new Directors elected to the Board include: **Mira Irons, MD, FACMG**, Childrens Hospital of Boston as ACMG Clinical Genetics Director; **Christa Lese Martin, PhD, FACMG** of Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA as ACMG Cytogenetics Director; and **Soma Das, PhD, FACMG**, University of Chicago as ACMG Molecular Genetics Director.

All newly elected Directors will serve 6-year terms from 2011 – 2017.

Directors completing their terms with the ACMG Board in 2011 include Past President **Joe Leigh Simpson, MD, FACMG**; Secretary and Molecular Genetics Director **Elaine B. Spector, PhD, FACMG**; Treasurer and Cytogenetics Director **Daynna J. Wolff, PhD, FACMG**; and Clinical Genetics Director **Gerald Feldman, MD, PhD, FACMG**.

**About the American College of Medical Genetics and the  
American College of Medical Genetics Foundation**

Founded in 1991, the American College of Medical Genetics ([www.acmg.net](http://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 health

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care 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](http://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](http://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 ACMG Foundation is dedicated to *Better Health Through Genetics*<sup>™</sup>.

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