

Media Alert: Complimentary Press Registration is Now Open for ACMG 2014 Annual Genetics Meeting

Do you cover genetics, genomics, healthcare or medicine?

Health, science and genetics reporters are invited to register now for the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, March 25-29, 2014 at the Nashville Convention Center.

From Incidental Findings to Whole Genome/Exome Sequencing to Cancer Genetics, the focus of the ACMG Annual Meeting is on the actual **practice of genetics and genomics in healthcare today and in the future**. The conference will showcase the latest breakthroughs in genetics research and their applications to medical practice and public health. The ACMG Annual Meeting attracts medical and scientific leaders from around the world who are working to apply research in genetics and the human genome to the diagnosis, management, treatment and prevention of genetic conditions and rare and common diseases in patients in the clinical setting.

Reporters will hear about the latest medical genetics research; have the opportunity to interact with doctors, laboratory professionals and genetic counselors to discuss what is happening right now in genetics and genomics; and view the latest products available in the extensive exhibit hall.

Topics range from common conditions to rare diseases. Sessions include information of interest to the general public, to health professionals and to the industry/trade.

The ACMG Meeting is the genetics meeting **most focused on the practical applications of genetic discoveries to clinical medicine**. And the 2014 Meeting is already shattering records with the number of submitted abstracts and attendee registration both at an all-time high.

Two Genetics Short Courses on Tuesday, March 25:

- Labs are from Venus and Docs are from Mars: Interpretation and Reporting of Sequence Variants
- A Neurogenetics Update

Program Highlights:

- Point/Counterpoint: One Year Later - The ACMG Recommendations for Reporting of Incidental Findings
- "Duty to Recontact" in the Genomics Era
- Access Issues in Genetics and the Affordable Care Act
- Clinical Sequencing: What Have We Learned?
- Standing at the Crossroads: The Intersection of Pediatric Oncology and Clinical Genetics
- Recent Advances in Neonatal Genetics

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- Telegenetics and Expanding Access to Genetic Services
- Building Shared Genomic Resources
- Noninvasive Prenatal Testing
- Transition to Evidence-Based Clinical Guidelines

To see the complete program, visit www.acmgmeeting.net.

Photo/TV Opportunity: The ACMG Foundation will present bicycles to local children with rare genetic diseases at the Annual Day of Caring at the Annual Meeting.

Credentialed media representatives on assignment are invited to attend the ACMG Annual Meeting on a complimentary basis. Contact Kathy Ridgely Beal, MBA at kbeal@acmg.net for the Press Registration Access Code.

Social Media for the 2014 ACMG Annual Meeting: As the ACMG Meeting approaches, journalists can stay up-to-date on new sessions and information by following the ACMG Social Media pages on Facebook, Twitter and by using the Twitter hashtag #ACMGMtg for meeting-related tweets.

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