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**Far-Reaching Genetics Topics to Be Addressed,
March 25-29, at the 2009 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting,
Tampa Convention Center:**

New for 2009 – ACMG Short Course on Cancer Genetics

BETHESDA, MD – JANUARY 23, 2009 | The American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG) will hold its 16th Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting from Wednesday, March 25 through Sunday, March 29, 2009 at the Tampa Convention Center.

Clinical and medical genetics and its integration into healthcare is evolving at a dizzying pace and the 2009 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting is an excellent opportunity for the medical and scientific media to learn firsthand about the latest genetics news of note and what it means for the public and to interact with presenters and attendees from the USA, Canada, and Europe.

The ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting offers four days of presentations, platform sessions, plenary and poster sessions on the latest clinical developments, research, practice and ethical issues in medical and clinical genetics. A media room with workspace is also available and interviews with presenters can be arranged.

Following are a few highlights of the latest research and program topics to be presented at the meeting. Please note that all research is strictly embargoed until the time of the presentation. Full meeting and program details are available at www.acmgmeeting.net/

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Program Topics include:

- Direct-to-consumer genetics and personalized medicine
- Genetics of obesity, anorexia and weight regulation
- Ethical controversies in genetic testing and screening of minors
- Current issues in clinical cancer genetics
- The metabolic basis of cardiac disease
- Progress toward development of stem cell-based therapeutics
- Noninvasive prenatal diagnostics
- Carrier testing for common genetic diseases
- Current and novel molecular genetic methodologies
- And many more

For complete daily program session details, visit <http://www.acmgmeeting.net/schedule.php>.

Approximately 100 companies will also participate as exhibitors showcasing the latest products and services in genetics and many of these representatives will be available for interviews and will be providing press information.

Members of the medical and scientific media interested in attending and interacting with the ‘movers and shakers’ in medical genetics may register online for the meeting no later than March 24, 2008, or onsite at the Tampa Convention Center (please bring press credentials if registering onsite). To register online, go to www.acmgmeeting.net, click on the “Registration” link on the left side of the page and then click “Register Now.” On that page click “Register” to begin the registration process. Select “Press” as the attendee role and when asked for the access code, enter PRSPASS. You will then be able to proceed through the registration process at the complimentary rate. After registering, please provide press credentials via email to acmg-reg@jrdaggett.com or via fax to 703-783-0501.

Note to editors: Phone interviews with study authors and presenters available upon request.

About The American College of Medical Genetics

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 health care 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 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) offers a variety of resources including Policy Statements, Practice Guidelines, Educational Tools, and a Medical Geneticist Locator. 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.

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