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Margarita Saenz, MD is Awarded the 2009-2010 Genzyme/ American College of Medical Genetics Foundation Clinical Genetics Fellowship in Biochemical Genetics

BETHESDA, MD – APRIL 2, 2009 | Margarita Sifuentes Saenz, MD, a Medical Genetics Fellow at The Children's Hospital in Denver, CO was honored as the 2009-2010 recipient of the Genzyme/American College of Medical Genetics Foundation (ACMGF) Clinical Genetics Fellowship in Biochemical Genetics at the ACMG 2009 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting in Tampa, FL.

The objective of the Genzyme/ACMGF Award is to support a national fellowship program to encourage the recruitment and training of clinicians in the field of clinical biochemical genetics and especially in the diagnosis, management and treatment of individuals with metabolic diseases. This award grants \$75,000 per year to a recipient selected by the ACMG Foundation through a competitive process and will provide for the sponsorship of a trainee's first year of fellowship following residency in a genetics fellowship on biochemical genetic diseases.

"The Genzyme/ACMGF Clinical Genetics Fellowship in Biochemical Genetics is especially important today as we work together to increase the genetics workforce and to advance education, research and standards of practice in medical genetics in the United States in order to improve health and save lives," said R. Rodney Howell, MD, FACMG, president of the ACMGF.

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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 labora

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tory 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 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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