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Sessions and Events at ACMG 2011 Clinical Genetics Meeting Press Registration is Now Open

BETHESDA, MD–February 22, 1011 | Health, science and genetics reporters are invited to register now for the American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG) Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, March 16-20, 2011 at the Vancouver Convention Centre, Vancouver, BC, Canada. From Genomic Testing to Genomics and Cancer to The Future of Newborn Screening, the focus of the ACMG Meeting is on the practice of genetics and genomics in healthcare today and in the future. The conference will showcase the latest advances and breakthroughs in genetics research and its 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.

Topics include:

Genomic Medicine in the Management and Prevention of Cancer
The Future of Newborn Screening
Global Perspectives on Screening for Jewish Genetic Diseases
The Exome Strategy for Gene Discovery and Medical Practice
New Insights in the Evaluation of Individuals With Intellectual Disability
Genetics Issues and Native Populations
Delivering Genomic Testing Results to Patients
Advances in Prenatal Diagnosis
Implications for Public Health: the Line Between Research and Clinical Genetic Testing
Translating Clinical Guideline for Family History Risk Assessment
Diagnostic Dilemmas – Rare Knowns and Unknowns
Phenylketonuria (PKU)
Genetic Counseling
and many more

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

New for 2011: The ACMG Foundation will present bicycles to children with rare genetic diseases from the Rare Disease Foundation of Vancouver in a heartwarming event on Saturday, March 19, 2011.

To receive a complimentary media registration, contact Kathy Beal, MBA at kbeal@acmg.net for the Press Registration Access Code.

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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 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 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. The Foundation is dedicated to *Better Health Through Genetics*TM.

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