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**Patricia L. Hall, PhD, Receives the 2015 Richard King
Trainee Award for Best Publication in *Genetics in Medicine***

BETHESDA, MD – March 25, 2015 | Patricia L. Hall, PhD, FACMG of Emory University is the recipient of the 2015 Richard King Trainee Award. This award was instituted by the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine to encourage ABMGG, international equivalents or genetic counseling trainees in their careers and to foster the publication of the highest quality research in ACMG’s peer-reviewed journal, *Genetics in Medicine (GIM)*.

Each year the editorial board reviews all articles published in *GIM* by an ABMGG or genetic counseling trainee who was either a first or corresponding author during that year. The manuscript considered to have the most merit is selected by the editorial board and a cash prize, along with meeting expenses, is awarded at the 2015 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dr. Hall was given the award for her manuscript titled, “Postanalytical tools improve performance of newborn screening by tandem mass spectrometry” which was published in the December 2014 issue of *Genetics in Medicine*. The corresponding author was Piero Rinaldo, MD, PhD, FACMG of the Mayo Clinic. Dr. Hall is currently a Director in the Biochemical Genetics Laboratory at Emory University, “It is an honor to have the hard work and dedication of everyone involved with our newborn screening paper recognized with the Richard King Trainee Award for best publication.”

The award is given by the ACMG Foundation and is named for Dr. Richard King in recognition of his instrumental role in creating *Genetics in Medicine* and serving as the first and founding Editor-in-Chief of the journal.

Eligible trainees include those in the following programs: Clinical Biochemical Genetics; Clinical Cytogenetics; Clinical Molecular Genetics Combined Internal Medicine/Genetics; Combined Pediatrics/Genetics; PhD Medical Genetics and Genetic Counseling.

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