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The Expanded Carrier Screening Joint Statement will be published ahead of print in Current Commentary in [Obstetrics & Gynecology](#). Email Communications@acog.org for the full commentary.

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Expanded Carrier Screening in Reproductive Medicine: New Joint Statement is Released in ACOG's *Obstetrics & Gynecology*

Bethesda, MD – Feb. 5, 2015 -- Carrier screening for inherited genetic disorders is an important part of preconception and prenatal care for the nearly 4 million women who give birth in the US annually. Carrier screening is meant to identify couples at risk for passing on such genetic conditions to their children. While there have been limitations to this approach in the past, new technology in genotyping and genetic sequencing allows for more efficient carrier screening of a greater number of conditions simultaneously.

In an important new statement, several of the nation's leading medical societies have collaborated to provide guidance on such advances and their use in reproductive medicine. The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) along with the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the National Society of Genetic Counselors, the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Perinatal Quality Foundation have just released a new Joint Statement on "Expanded Carrier Screening in Reproductive Medicine - Points to Consider" published online ahead of print in *Obstetrics & Gynecology* ("the Green Journal") in Current Commentary at <http://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/toc/publishahead>.

Anthony R. Gregg, MD, FACOG, FACMG, vice-president, Clinical Genetics of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics and a co-author of the Joint Statement said, "This document is a

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