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Nature Publishing Group to publish *Genetics in Medicine* in 2012

BETHESDA, MD—April 11, 2011 | The American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG) and Nature Publishing Group (NPG) today announce a publishing partnership for *Genetics in Medicine*. NPG will begin publishing *Genetics in Medicine* in January 2012 on behalf of ACMG.

Genetics in Medicine (GIM) is the official journal of the American College of Medical Genetics, the largest professional association of medical geneticists in the United States. The journal's mission is to enhance the knowledge and practice of medical genetics. A peer-reviewed monthly journal, GIM publishes original research papers in contemporary genetic medicine, including such areas as genomics, chromosome abnormalities, metabolic diseases, the clinical application of next-generation sequencing, single gene disorders, genetics and the law, and all levels of education in human medical genetics.

Published since 1998, the journal has a 2009 Impact Factor of 3.922 and ranks 37 out of 146 Genetics and Heredity journals in the 2009 Journal Citation Report (Thomson Reuters, 2010). Editor-in-Chief, James P. Evans, MD, PhD, FACMG Director of the Bryson Program in Human Genetics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill leads an expert editorial board.

Dr. Evans is extremely enthusiastic about the new partnership, stating that, "By partnering with NPG we should be able to take GIM to the next level for the clinical community as the era of genomic medicine bears down upon us all. Just as GIM has been an invaluable resource for the medical genetics community over the past 20 years, with the help of innovative approaches in partnership with NPG, we aim to broaden our relevance to the general clinical community. This will be especially important as next-generation sequencing technologies are applied throughout medicine and non-genetics practitioners employ new genomic technologies to the care of patients and in the broader public health arena."

NPG Publisher Kathleen Lyons said, "NPG is delighted that the ACMG has chosen NPG as its new publisher. The more clinical focus of *Genetics in Medicine* provides a nice complement to NPG's more basic research genetics titles, and we look forward to working alongside the editorial staff utilizing NPG's expertise and assets to increase the visibility and influence of the journal."

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Site licenses and personal subscriptions for GIM will be available from NPG from January 2012. The journal and its archives will be available on the nature.com platform. Membership to ACMG includes personal subscriptions both in print and online. The journal will introduce an open access option from January 2012, whereby authors can choose to make their article open access on payment of an article processing charge (APC).

Dr. Evans' enthusiasm was echoed by ACMG's current president, Wayne W. Grody, MD, PhD, FACMG, who is also an academic medical geneticist at UCLA. "To have our journal under the same publisher that featured the original article on the double-helical structure of DNA by Watson and Crick, and remains to this day such a leader in publicizing the latest breakthroughs in modern genetics, is both moving and exhilarating. Especially at this juncture in our field when basic discoveries in molecular genetics are coming full circle into the clinical setting with the advent of whole-genome analysis, this partnership could not be more appropriate or timely."

NPG will work with the journal's current publisher, Wolters Kluwer Health / Lippincott Williams & Wilkins, throughout the journal's transition in 2011 and will fully adhere to the TRANSFER Code of Practice.

About American College of Medical Genetics (ACMG)

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™.

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