

**ACMG's *Genetics in Medicine* Journal Receives Record High Impact Factor
of 8.229 for 2016: *GIM* Now in Top 2.5% of All Indexed Journals**

BETHESDA, MD - June 15, 2017 | The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) announced that the Thomson Reuters Impact Factor Journal Citation Reports has just increased the impact factor of the ACMG's peer-reviewed medical genetics and genomics journal, *Genetics in Medicine (GIM)* to 8.229 for 2016, up from 7.710 in 2015. *GIM* is currently ranked 10 of 166 titles in the Genetics & Heredity category and is the top-ranked of genetic journal that has a primarily clinical focus. The Impact Factor is an objective measure of the world's leading journals, based on articles' cited references and is oft considered a measure of a journal's overall successful performance and relevance to its field.

"We are very excited that the Impact Factor has again increased for *Genetics in Medicine*. This is a testament to the excellent work by those in the genetics field who have been kind enough to submit their high-quality work to *GIM*, the hard work of the editorial board and the strength of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics. It is also an important reflection of the fact that genetics and genomics are increasingly important in the broader practice of medicine," said *GIM*'s Editor-in-Chief Jim Evans, MD, PhD, FACMG. Evans added that the journal's success is a reflection of the importance, contributions and visibility of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics.

ACMG President Louanne Hudgins, MD, FACMG said, "Dr. Jim Evans and the entire editorial team at *Genetics in Medicine* should be congratulated on this great accomplishment! The steady rise of the impact factor for *GIM* over the past several years reflects the incredible hard work of Dr. Evans, the editorial board and the staff. It also highlights the critical role of medical genetics and genomics in the practice of medicine and the excellent science being performed by the authors, many of whom are members of the ACMG. This important publication is essential in promulgating ACMG's official policy statements and clinical and laboratory guidelines, thereby improving the practice of medical genetics."

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The journal, published since 1998, is supported by an expert Board of Editors representing all facets of genetic and genomic medicine, including such specialties as biochemical genetics, cytogenetics and pharmacogenetics.

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About the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) and ACMG Foundation

Founded in 1991, [ACMG](http://www.acmg.net) is the only nationally recognized medical society dedicated to improving health through the clinical practice of medical genetics and genomics. The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (www.acmg.net) provides education, resources and a voice for more than 2000 biochemical, clinical, cytogenetic, medical and molecular geneticists, genetic counselors and other healthcare professionals, nearly 80% of whom are board certified in the medical genetics specialties. The College's mission is to develop and sustain genetic initiatives in clinical and laboratory practice, education and advocacy. Three guiding pillars underpin ACMG's work: 1) Clinical and Laboratory Practice: Establish the paradigm of genomic medicine by issuing statements and evidence-based or expert clinical and laboratory practice guidelines and through descriptions of best practices for the delivery of genomic medicine. 2) Education: Provide education and tools for medical geneticists, other health professionals and the public and grow the genetics workforce. 3) Advocacy: Work with policymakers and payers to support the responsible application of genomics in medical practice. *Genetics in Medicine*, published monthly, is the official ACMG peer-reviewed journal. ACMG's website offers a variety of resources including Policy Statements, Practice Guidelines, Educational Resources, and a Find a Geneticist tool. The educational and public health programs of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics are dependent upon charitable gifts from corporations, foundations, and individuals through the [ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine](http://www.acmg.net).

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