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The ACMG 2021 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting Will Be “A Virtual Experience”

Bethesda, MD – November 19, 2020 | The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) has announced that the 2021 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting will transition from a hybrid format to a completely virtual meeting. This decision was made due to ongoing health and safety concerns caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the continuing uncertainties regarding the ability to travel, and there were no projected opening dates for convention facilities in Los Angeles.

ACMG staff and the ACMG Program Committee will present a virtual experience that will include many of the same meeting elements and networking events that provide an engaging format for attendees, exhibitors and meeting sponsors during the 2021 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting – A Virtual Experience.

Anthony Gregg, MD, FACMG, ACMG president, said, “The ACMG Board of Directors, the ACMG Program Committee and the ACMG staff were eager to return to an in-person event in 2021. However, the most important consideration is to protect the health of ACMG meeting attendees, presenters and exhibitors. The current state of the pandemic requires that we plan and commit ourselves to a virtual meeting. All of the content that was planned for Los Angeles will be included in the virtual platform, and a superb program is being developed. As an ACMG meeting registrant you’ll be able to enjoy outstanding programming, the opportunity to engage with virtual exhibitors, catch up with old friends and meet new associates in the chat rooms and remote social events.”

Registration for the 2021 ACMG Virtual Experience will open in January 2021. Abstract submission opened November 9 and the submission deadline has been moved to January 8, 2021. Questions should be directed to education@acmg.net. More information will be forthcoming on the ACMG Annual Meeting website at www.acmgmeeting.net.

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

Founded in 1991, the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) is the only nationally recognized medical professional organization solely dedicated to improving health through the practice of medical genetics and genomics, and the only medical specialty society in the US that represents the full spectrum of medical genetics disciplines in a single organization.

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The ACMG is the largest membership organization specifically for medical geneticists, providing education, resources and a voice for more than 2,300 clinical and laboratory geneticists, genetic counselors and other healthcare professionals, nearly 80% of whom are board certified in the medical genetics specialties. ACMG's mission is to improve health through the clinical and laboratory practice of medical genetics as well as through advocacy, education and clinical research, and to guide the safe and effective integration of genetics and genomics into all of medicine and healthcare, resulting in improved personal and public health. Four overarching strategies guide ACMG's work: 1) to reinforce and expand ACMG's position as the leader and prominent authority in the field of medical genetics and genomics, including clinical research, while educating the medical community on the significant role that genetics and genomics will continue to play in understanding, preventing, treating and curing disease; 2) to secure and expand the professional workforce for medical genetics and genomics; 3) to advocate for the specialty; and 4) to provide best-in-class education to members and nonmembers. *Genetics in Medicine*, published monthly, is the official ACMG journal. ACMG's website (www.acmg.net) offers resources including policy statements, practice guidelines, educational programs and a 'Find a Genetic Service' tool. The educational and public health programs of the ACMG are dependent upon charitable gifts from corporations, foundations and individuals through the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine.

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