

**Press Registration for ACMG 2019 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting is Now Open**

*Join journalists from around the world covering the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics  
Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, April 2 – 6, 2019 in Seattle, WA*

**BETHESDA, MD – December 12, 2018** | ACMG heads to a new destination this year in Seattle, Washington. Named one of the fastest growing meetings in the USA by the *Trade Show Executive Magazine*, the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting continues to provide groundbreaking research and news about the latest advances in genetics and personalized medicine. The ACMG Annual Meeting will feature more than 50 scientific sessions, workshops, TED-Style talks and symposia and over 900 poster presentations on emerging areas of genetic and genomic medicine in Seattle, WA from April 2-6, 2019.

Interview the movers and shakers in medical genetics and genomics, connect in person with new sources and get story ideas on the clinical practice of genetics and genomics in healthcare today and for the future. Learn how genetics and genomics research is being integrated into medical practice.

Topics include Gene Editing, Cancer Genetics, Molecular Genomics, Exome Sequencing, Pre- and Perinatal Genetics, Biochemical/Metabolic Genetics, Genetic Counseling, Health Services/Implementation, Legal & Ethical Issues, Therapeutics and more.

*Credentialed media representatives on assignment are invited to attend the ACMG Annual Meeting on a complimentary basis. Contact Kathy Moran, MBA at [kmoran@acmg.net](mailto:kmoran@acmg.net) for the Press Registration Invitation Code which can be used at [www.acmgmeeting.net](http://www.acmgmeeting.net).*

Abstracts will be available online in January 2019. A few ACMG Meeting highlights include:


**Three half-day Genetics Short Courses on Tuesday, April 2:**

- NAMA at the ACMG 3.0
- Skeletal Dysplasia Across the Human Lifespan
- Somatic Mutation Testing in Cancer: Implications for the Oncologist and Geneticist

**Program Highlights:**

- TED-Style Talks
  - Multiomic Investigation from the Urban Biome to Outer Space by Christopher Mason
  - Next Generation Education Can Save Our Species by Debra Regier
  - Defective? A Somatic Carrier's Strategy to Impact Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy by Patricia Furlong
- The Medically Actionable Genome: Clinical Utility of WGS Through Reproduction, Rare Disease, and Oncology
- Advances in the Genetics of Inherited Heart Disease
- Innovative Uses of Technology for Practicing Genetic Clinicians and Counselors
- Pharmacogenomics – Promises, Potential Pitfalls and Practice

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- Seeing into the Future: Gene Therapy Has Arrived
  - Using Telegenetics to Improve Access to Clinicians and Researchers for Families
  - Addressing Literacy and Language to Equitably Deliver on the Promise of Precision Medicine
  - Next Level Genomic Data Interpretation: Machine Learning, Methylome Analysis and 3D Mapping
  - The Eyes Have It: Genetics of Ophthalmological Disorders
  - Effects of Hyperammonemia on Brain Function: What Urealy Need to Know
  - Complexities in Cancer Risk Assessment and Management

**Photo/TV Opportunity:** The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine will present bicycles to local children with rare genetic diseases at the **Annual ACMG Foundation Day of Caring** during the meeting on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM at the Washington Convention Center.

**Social Media for the 2019 ACMG Annual Meeting:** As the ACMG Meeting approaches, journalists can stay up-to-date on new sessions and information by following the ACMG Social Media pages on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and by using the **Twitter hashtag #ACMGmtg19** for meeting-related tweets.

**Note** – be sure to book your hotel reservations early.

The ACMG Meeting website has extensive information at [www.acmgmeeting.net](http://www.acmgmeeting.net).

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

Founded in 1991, [ACMG](#) 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](http://www.acmg.net)) provides education, resources and a voice for more than 2100 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](#).

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