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ACMG Advocacy Updates

Congressional Bill Aims to Improve Medicaid Coverage of Noninvasive Prenatal Screening

Earlier this year, Rep. Jackie Speier (D-CA) introduced H.R. 1439, the Expanded Genetic Screening Act of 2021, legislation that would require state Medicaid programs to cover noninvasive prenatal genetic screening for pregnant patients regardless of age or other risk factors. The bipartisan bill was introduced with several original cosponsors, including Reps. Tom Cole (R-OK), Raul Grijalva (D-AZ), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Mary Gay Scanlon (D-PA), and Lucille Roybal-Allard (D-CA). Noninvasive prenatal screening (NIPS) has been integrated rapidly into prenatal care over the past decade, and current evidence strongly suggests that NIPS can replace other invasive conventional screening methods for certain chromosome abnormalities for pregnant patients regardless of their age or other risk factors. On April 16th, ACMG sent a letter to the lead sponsors outlining our robust support of the legislation. Please stay tuned for future communications from ACMG on how you can help support H.R. 1439, the Expanded Genetic Screening Act of 2021.

ACMG Publishes Three New PTC Statements, New Laboratory Technical Standard

ACMG publishes a range of professional and practice resources including standards of professionalism, technical standards for laboratories, clinical and laboratory practice resources and guidelines for specific disorders or uses of genetics and genomics services, and ACMG policy and points to consider statements. ACMG's published resources are developed by ACMG working groups, committees and the ACMG Board of Directors. The documents touch on a host of important matters relevant to the

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medical genetics community and support the professional needs of members and of the larger medical genetics and genomics community.

ACMG is pleased to announce the recent publication of the following documents. For more information about each document, click on the document title.

• DNA-based Screening and Population Health: A Points to Consider Statement for Programs and Sponsoring Organizations from the ACMG

• DNA-based Screening and Personal Health: A Points to Consider Statement for Individuals and Healthcare Providers from the ACMG

• Laboratory Testing for Fragile X, 2021 Revision: A Technical Standard of the ACMG

• Incidental Detection of Acquired Variants in Germline Genetic and Genomic Testing: A Points to Consider Statement of the ACMG

Dr. Marc S. Williams Begins ACMG Presidency

Marc S. Williams, MD, FAAP, FACMG, FACMI is the new president of the ACMG. Dr. Williams assumes the responsibility from Anthony Gregg, MD, FACMG, who completed his two-year term during the 2021 virtual Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting this April.

"To be recognized for my prior service with ACMG and entrusted with leadership of the organization is quite an honor," said Dr. Williams. "It's a big job, there's a lot of complexity to it, but between our CEO Dr. Max Muenke, the staff, and my colleagues on the Board of Directors, I feel very well supported in this role."

Dr. Williams has been actively involved with ACMG for more than 20 years. During one of his early volunteer positions with the College, as chair of the Economics of Genetic Services Committee from 2000 to 2006, he helped publish the first genetic services reimbursement manual, still in use today, that became a transformative resource not only for College members but for outside groups, as well. He also served on the ACMG Board of Directors from 2007 to 2013 and as Vice President for Clinical Genetics from 2009 to 2013, and he organized and then chaired the Special Interest Group on Quality Improvement in Clinical Genetics.

"I'm certainly very excited about this opportunity to serve the College as its president," Dr. Williams noted. "It's the College's role to try to get people to feel passionate about the issues that affect all of us, and then to channel that passion into efforts that can benefit individuals and the College as a whole. I came to genetics mid-career having practiced general pediatrics for 10 years. Caring for patients with genetic conditions as a pediatrician opened my eyes to the importance of genetics in medicine. Going back for training in genetics was the best decision I

made in medicine, and I try to convey my excitement about the field whenever I have the opportunity to talk with students."

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ACMG Elects Five New Board Members, Thanks Outgoing Board Members

ACMG welcomed five new directors, including a new president-elect, to its Board of Directors during the 2021 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting – *a Virtual Experience*. The new Board members will serve as advocates for the organization and will assist in shaping and implementing the mission, vision, and direction of the College. The five newly elected directors will serve six-year terms from April 2021 to March 2027. Please join us in welcoming:

• Susan D. Klugman, MD, FACMG: President-Elect
• Shweta Dhar, MD, MS, FACMG: Clinical Genetics Director
• Hutton M. Kearney, PhD, FACMG: Cytogenetics Director
• David A. Stevenson, MD, FACMG: Clinical Genetics Director
• Jerry Vockley, MD, PhD, FACMG: Biochemical Genetics Director

Also during the virtual meeting, four board members completed their terms. The College thanks these outgoing board members for their dedicated service: Tina M. Cowan, PhD, FACMG; Louanne Hudgins, MD, FACMG; Katy Phelan, PhD, FACMG; and Amy E. Roberts, MD, FACMG.

To read the news release about ACMG's new board members, click here. To view the full roster of the ACMG Board of Directors, click here.

ACMG Thanks Outgoing Committee Chairs, Vice Chairs

ACMG committees are vital to advancing the work of the College. Committees are made up of ACMG members who volunteer their time to serve the College and our profession. During the 2021 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting – *a Virtual Experience*, six ACMG committee chairs and vice chairs completed their terms. The College thanks these outgoing committee chairs and vice chairs for their dedicated service:

• Michael T. Bashford, MD, FACMG: Vice Chair, Professional Practice and Guidelines Committee

• M. Laura L. Cremona, PhD, FACMG: Vice Chair, Economics of Genetic Services Committee

• Kim L. McBride, MD, MS, FACMG: Chair, Therapeutics Committee

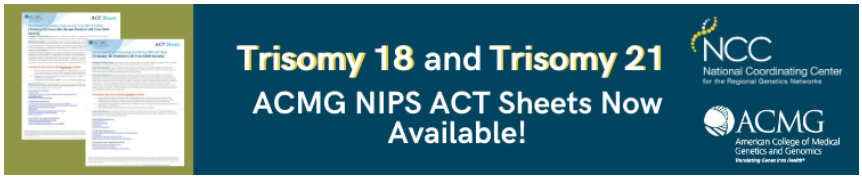
• Fady M. Mikhail, MD, PhD, FACMG: Chair, Laboratory Quality Assurance Committee

• Anne M. Slavotinek, MBBS, PhD, FACMG: Chair, Education and CME Committee

• Douglas R. Stewart, MD, FACMG: Chair, Professional Practice and Guidelines Committee

To view the complete list of ACMG committees and their rosters, click here.

Two New NIPS ACT Sheets Now Available



The National Coordinating Center for the Regional Genetics Networks (NCC), in partnership with ACMG, is excited to announce two new Noninvasive Prenatal Screening (NIPS) ACMG ACT Sheets: Trisomy 18 and Trisomy 21. Each ACT Sheet includes etiologies of positive screen, clinical considerations, screening considerations, action steps, diagnostic evaluation, and provider and patient resources.

NCC sincerely thanks the NCC ACT Sheet Advisory Group, chaired by Dr. Dieter Matern, the NCC Medical Consultant, Dr. Nancy Rose, as well as the experts on the NCC NIPS ACT Sheet Small Group for their efforts in developing these ACT Sheets.

Explore these ACT Sheets and all the other ACT Sheets and Algorithms at acmg.net/act. If you have any questions about the ACMG ACT Sheets, please contact Megan Lyon, NCC senior program manager.

This project is supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) under Cooperative Agreement #UH9MC30770 from 6/2020-5/2024 for $800,000 per award year.

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April 2021 GenePod: Increasing Access to Genomic Medicine in Diverse Communities: What Shapes Latinx Perspectives on Healthcare Incorporating Genomics?

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A lack of research on how diverse communities experience genomic medicine and integrate genetic knowledge into their understanding of and decision making around healthcare has led to disparities in access and utilization of genomic medicine among minority

populations. “The data that's been available historically all points in the direction of suggesting that there's going to be substantial hesitance among patients in taking up new forms of genetic testing and that hesitance is rooted in historical worries,” states Dr. Richard Sharp, director of the Biomedical Ethics Research Program at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. On this month’s episode of GenePod, *Genetics in Medicine*’s monthly podcast, Dr. Sharp and Valentina Hernandez, director of integrated nutrition services and collaborative research for Mountain Park Health Center, discuss the results of a survey of both Latinx and non-Latinx patients that assessed their decision to pursue genomic risk evaluation in an effort to address this research gap.

Genetics in Medicine Is Developing an Anti-racist Posture for All Publications

In 2020, *Genetics in Medicine* (*GIM*) commissioned three of our editors to write an article that addresses systemic racism in scientific publishing in the field of genetics and genomics. In January 2021, the journal formed the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Anti-racism (IDEA) Committee that is now working to implement the principles espoused in this article. *GIM* is committed to anti-racism, diversity, equity, and inclusion through concrete actions, policies, and education of genetics professionals. *GIM* acknowledges that this process has just begun but is committed to translating these principles into policies.

Ada Hamosh, MD, MPH, FACMG Receives 2021 David L. Rimoin Lifetime Achievement Award in Medical Genetics from the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine

Renowned clinical geneticist and pediatrician Ada Hamosh, MD, MPH, FACMG, is the recipient of the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine David L. Rimoin Lifetime Achievement Award in Medical Genetics. Dr. Hamosh, who is the Dr. Frank V. Sutland Professor of Pediatric Genetics and Clinical Director of the McKusick-Nathans Institute of Genetic Medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, is being recognized for her extraordinary commitment to teaching and mentoring, her remarkable energy and dedication while helping patients and their families, and her leadership of online resources—most notably as the Scientific Director of Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man® (OMIM®) and co-creator of PhenoDB and GeneMatcher—that have transformed the use of genetic information in mainstream healthcare worldwide.

“Dr. Hamosh is an extraordinarily accomplished medical geneticist and mentor. Aside from the influence she has had on the lives of the patients she has seen and the trainees she has mentored, there are countless others who have benefitted from her contributions to resources such as OMIM® and GeneMatcher, which are practically universally used by practitioners in genetics and genomics,” said ACMG Foundation President Bruce R.

Korf, MD, PhD, FACMG. “Her dedication, knowledge, and compassion make her an ideal recipient of this award.”

The David L. Rimoin Lifetime Achievement Award is the most prestigious award given by the ACMG Foundation. A committee of past presidents of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics selects the recipient following nominations, which come from the general membership.

To read more about Dr. Hamosh and the David L. Rimoin Lifetime Achievement Award in Medical Genetics, click here.

Noura Abul-Husn, MD, PhD, FACMG Receives 2021 Dr. Michael S. Watson Genetic and Genomic Medicine Innovation Award from the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine

Noura Abul-Husn, MD, PhD, FACMG is the recipient of the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine Dr. Michael S. Watson Genetic and Genomic Medicine Innovation Award. Dr. Abul-Husn is an associate professor of Medicine and Genetics, founding chief of the Division of Genomic Medicine in the Department of Medicine, and clinical director of the Institute for Genomic Health at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She is a physician-scientist whose research focus is to uncover the clinical impact of human genetic variation in diverse and unselected populations. Her scientific contributions include pioneering genome-first approaches in population-based biobanks to provide new clinical insights and inform genome-guided therapeutic discovery.

“We are delighted to announce that Dr. Noura Abul-Husn is the 2021 recipient of the Dr. Michael S. Watson Genetic and Genomic Medicine Innovation Award,” said Bruce R. Korf, MD, PhD, FACMG, president of the ACMG Foundation. “Dr. Abul-Husn has been a pioneer in the application of genomics to improve health in diverse populations, helping to pave the way towards equitable access to genomic medicine for all people.”

The Watson Award recognizes those who have demonstrated innovation in their work and developed or implemented a new concept, method or idea that has had significant impact on genetic and genomic medicine. The award was created to honor the role Dr. Watson played during his nearly 20 years at the helm of ACMG while the field of genetic and genomic medicine emerged and evolved into the far-reaching practice it is today, a period during which Dr. Watson helped ACMG assume its position at the forefront of policy and guideline development.

To read more about Dr. Abul-Husn and the Dr. Michael S. Watson Genetic and Genomic Medicine Innovation Award, click here.

The ACMG Foundation Presents Eight Awards during the 2021 ACMG Annual Meeting

Established in 1992 to support the ACMG mission to "translate genes into health," the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine fosters charitable giving, promotes training opportunities to attract future medical geneticists and genetic counselors to the field, shares information about medical genetics and genomics, and sponsors important research. Each year, at the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, the Foundation confers substantial training, research and merit awards. This year, the Foundation conferred awards to eight individuals, including:

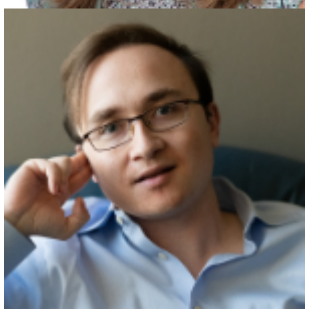
The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine David L. Rimoin Lifetime Achievement Award in Medical Genetics to Ada Hamosh, MD, MPH, FACMG, the Dr. Frank V. Sutland Professor of Pediatric Genetics and Clinical Director of the McKusick-Nathans Institute of Genetic Medicine at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, for her extraordinary commitment to teaching and mentoring, her remarkable energy and dedication while helping patients and their families, and her leadership of online resources—most notably as the Scientific Director of Online Mendelian Inheritance in Man® (OMIM®) and co-creator of PhenoDB and GeneMatcher—that have transformed the use of genetic information in mainstream healthcare worldwide. (See story above.)

The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine Dr. Michael S. Watson Genetic and Genomic Medicine Innovation Award to Noura Abul-Husn, MD, PhD, FACMG, associate professor of Medicine and Genetics, founding chief of the Division of Genomic Medicine in the Department of Medicine, and clinical director of the Institute for Genomic Health at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. The Watson Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated innovation in their work and developed or implemented a new concept, method or idea that has had significant impact on genetic and genomic medicine. The award was created to honor the role Dr. Watson played during his nearly 20 years at the helm of ACMG. (See story above.)

The ACMG Foundation/David L. Rimoin Inspiring Excellence Award to Catherine A. Ziats, MD, a second year trainee in medical genetics at the Greenwood Genetic Center in Greenwood, South Carolina, for her platform presentation, "Alterations in respiratory epithelial gene *SPDEF* segregate with severe disease in a family with variable response to COVID-19 infection," which she presented during the 2021 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting – *a Virtual Experience*.

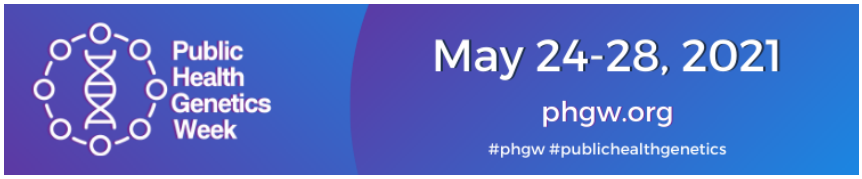
The Richard King Trainee Award for Best Publication by a Trainee in *Genetics in Medicine* (*GIM*) to Adam Guenzel, PhD, a fellow in Laboratory Genetics and Genomics at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, for his article, "The critical role of psychosine in screening, diagnosis, and monitoring of Krabbe disease," which was published online in *GIM* in February 2020.

The ACMG Foundation Carolyn Mills Lovell Genetic Counselor Award to Adrienne Bailey, MS, CGC (top left), a manager of genetic counseling at LabCorp Genetics, for her 2021 ACMG Annual Meeting platform presentation, "A Tale of Two Years: Effects of a Shift in Genetic Counseling Modality on Genetic Testing Uptake and Follow-through"; and to Renee S. Jones, MS, LCGC (bottom left), a senior genetic counselor at Roche Diagnostics Solutions, for her 2021 ACMG Annual Meeting platform presentation, "Patient Education for Prenatal Aneuploidy Testing using a Chatbot: A Multicenter Randomized Controlled Trial."



The Pfizer/ACMG Foundation Next Generation Fellowship Award to Christina Tise, MD, PhD, of Stanford University (top left), and Daniel Pomerantz, MD, of Children's Hospital of Michigan and Wayne State University (bottom left). The awards will support Drs. Tise and Pomerantz for one year of postgraduate training in clinical laboratory biochemical genetics and medical biochemical genetics, respectively.

Public Health Genetics Week: May 24-28



Join the National Coordinating Center for the Regional Genetics Networks (NCC) in celebrating the second annual Public Health Genetics Week. This week celebrates the public health genetics system. During the week, each day will have a specific theme: “What is Public Health Genetics?,” “Who is Involved in Public Health Genetics?,” “Public Health Genetics Programs,” “Public Health Screening,” and “Public Health Genetics.” Find information about each day, along with fact sheets and social media images, at our Public Health Genetics Week website.

Wondering how you can participate? Some PHGW events and programs include:
• Posting on your social media feeds utilizing our social media graphics, fact sheets, GIFs, and other interactive tools, and using the hashtags #PHGW and #PublicHealthGenetics.
• Submitting a short video for one of our social media series and be featured on the NCC social media channels during the week. The social media series include: What Does Public Health Genetics Mean to You?; How Are You Involved in Public Health Genetics?; and A Day in the Life: Public Health Genetics.
• Participating in a social media event. Events to be held during the week will include: two Twitter Chats; a Facebook Live; and a Reddit AMA.
• Joining in other activities, which will include: a Digital Escape Room; coloring pages; Zoom backgrounds; and webinars and events held by partner organizations.

We will be announcing more details about these activities, and much more, over the next few weeks! Stay up to date by subscribing to the Public Health Genetics Week newsletter and get your free PHGW 2021 Sticker.

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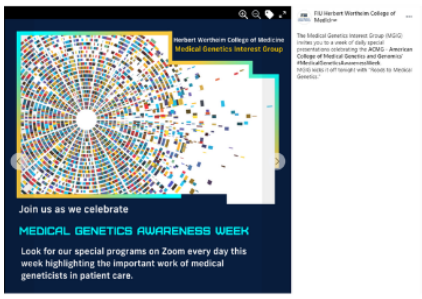
Thank You for Making Medical Genetics Awareness Week a Great Success

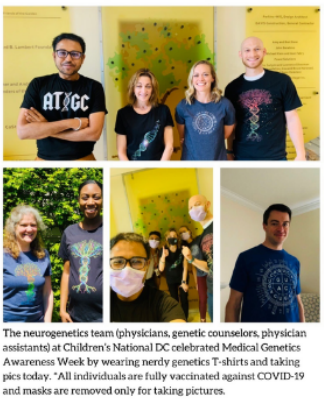
Thanks to you, this year’s Medical Genetics Awareness Week was once again an overwhelming success! The celebrations and engagement—especially around **Diversity Day**, **Student and Trainee Day** and **ACMG Resources Day**—inspired us. We enjoyed seeing the energy and enthusiasm focused on raising awareness of the importance of genetics in medicine and of the vital work of the medical genetics team.

We distributed hundreds of Medical Genetics Awareness Week face masks and close to 4,000 of our Medical Genetics Awareness Week

hashtag buttons and stickers. The Zoom virtual backgrounds we created were seen across the 2021 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting virtual platform; our profile picture frames were found across Facebook; and our **Medical Genetics Awareness Week hashtags have earned more than 1.9 million impressions on social media already this year!**

We enjoyed hearing your comments like “We salute our team of geneticists and all geneticists who improve health through caring, discovering, teaching, and learning!” and “Proud to be part of this group [NPCC] that credentials nurses who have specialized knowledge in genetics!” We also loved seeing your social media posts, just a few of which we are pleased to share here. We hope you will keep the celebration going by visiting our Medical Genetics Awareness Week web pages and continuing to raise awareness all year long.





The neurogenetics team (physicians, genetic counselors, physician assistants) at Children's National DC celebrated Medical Genetics Awareness Week by wearing nerdy genetics T-shirts and taking pics today. "All individuals are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and masks are removed only for taking pictures.

Accelerating Discoveries in Newborn Screening: NBSTRN’s Longitudinal Pediatric Data Resource

The Newborn Screening Translational Research Network (NBSTRN) has developed three key data tools designed to accelerate discoveries in rare genetic diseases. In part three of a three-part series, we describe the Longitudinal Pediatric Data Resource (LPDR).

The goal of newborn screening is to improve health outcomes by identifying and treating newborns with rare genetic diseases. Most screened conditions require lifelong clinical management. This offers the unique opportunity to prospectively collect health information to advance disease understanding, assess access to care across the United States, and help ensure the best outcomes for diagnosed newborns.

The ability to capture clinical information early in the clinical course of a disease, even before clinical symptoms appear, advances disease understanding. This practice also helps establish the efficacy of new treatments and management approaches, informs the community about the value of early identification and treatment through newborn screening, and identifies areas for improvement in disease management throughout an individual's lifespan.

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Engagement in ACMG's #IGottheShot Campaign Continues

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, ACMG has been inspired by the example our members have set in supporting their colleagues, family and friends, and caring for and protecting their patients. In January, we announced ACMG's #IGottheShot public relations campaign to encourage people to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Our sincere thanks go out to all those who have participated in the campaign so far, including new posts this month from Jenna Cohen; Jane Dahlroth, CEM, CMP-HC; Kathleen A. Leppig, MD, FACMG; and Katy Phelan, PhD, FACMG. We hope you enjoy seeing these new posts here and we invite you to visit ACMG's Twitter, Facebook and Instagram pages to see all the #IGottheShot posts ACMG has shared.

ACMG Welcomes 32 New Members

ACMG welcomes and congratulates 32 new and newly certified members. There has never been a more exciting time to be a part of this field and we encourage current members of the College to invite friends and colleagues to join and help grow the medical genetics and genomics field.

Thank you to all our members who make important contributions and the work of the College possible through your membership, support and involvement.

Fellow Members

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Do you know someone who should join ACMG? Please invite them to visit our Join ACMG web page.

Don’t Let Your Membership Benefits and Discounts Expire!

Renew Today!

The 2021 membership renewal deadline was January 31, 2021, but ACMG is extending the renewal window to ensure all members have ample time to complete this process in light of the ongoing COVID pandemic.

If you have a medical or financial hardship prohibiting you from renewing, ACMG may be able to offer a reduction or waiver of dues for 2021. If you would like more information about hardship requests or need assistance with renewing membership, please email the ACMG membership department or call us at 301-718-9603.

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Register Now for 2021 Updates in Health Disparities in Medical Genetics

May 14, 2021, 12:30 PM–4:30 PM ET

Format: Webinar
Credit Offered: 3.5 CME credits
Registration: Free (pre-registration is required)

ACMG gratefully acknowledges Myriad Women's Health and Bionano Genomics, Inc. for their support of this course by providing independent educational grants.

Description: Inequalities in healthcare in the US have been documented for racial and ethnic minority members: African-Americans, Native Americans, Asians, LatinX, as well as women, immigrants and refugees, disabled persons, LGBTQ+ individuals, obese persons, some religious minorities, and prisoners. Institutional racism and implicit bias contribute to unequal access to basic health care, and worse outcomes for disadvantaged patients even after controlling for insurance status and demographic factors. The purpose of this forum is to explore the history of healthcare inequity, and the current state of healthcare differences and disparities for minority patient populations with respect to prenatal care, and adult hereditary breast and ovarian cancer. The speakers will identify the sources, scope, research into, and solutions for healthcare disparities in genetics.

Learn more and register today!

Educational Courses in the Works

ClinGen Somatic Cancer and VICC Virtual Molecular Tumor Board Case Series

May 25, 2021 (4th Tuesday), 11:00 AM–12:00 PM ET

For all medical and healthcare professionals and researchers interested in understanding cancer genomic testing and somatic and germline variant interpretation methods. This series is presented as a collaboration between the ClinGen Somatic Cancer and VICC consortia, and ACMG. Registration coming soon in the ACMG Genetics Academy.

Genetics and Genomics Review Course – Virtual

The Genetics and Genomics Review Course employs multiple approaches to bring it together: 1) the practice exam, 2) Simulive sessions with

faculty recorded sessions and live Q&A, and 3) eSyllabus. Details coming soon for early June launch.

Foundational Specialty Training in Laboratory Genetics and Genomics Course by Molecular and Cytogenetics Tracks - Virtual

Four half days of content in late June. Details coming soon.

ACMG Telegenetics Survey 2021

In 2016, the members of the ACMG Adult Genetics Special Interest Group (SIG) surveyed ACMG membership to learn about the extent to which telegenetics was being practiced and the obstacles that existed to its broader application. The survey results were exhibited at the 2017 annual meeting. Fast forward to 2021 and, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, all of us were compelled to hold virtual clinics to ensure safe practices. During the 2021 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting – *a Virtual Experience*, we hosted a session discussing the practice of telegenetics and its implications for education, genetic counseling and billing during the pandemic. Once again, we request that you respond to a survey regarding experiences you've had providing some form of telegenetic service, and your observations on telegenetics as a whole post-pandemic. Your responses will be kept confidential, analyzed in aggregate, and may guide further research on telegenetics and be presented and published academically to further potential positive discussion and support in the community about this genetics service delivery method.

Please assist with collecting data—take the survey! Thank you in advance for taking the time to respond to this survey.

To learn more about any of these courses and to register, go to the** ACMG Genetics Academy**.

Have questions about registration? Email the ACMG education team.

2021 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting – *a Virtual Experience* Wrap Up

Close to 2,800 attendees and sponsor personnel participated in the interactive online 2021 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting held recently as a virtual experience. With 80 hours of content presented, the scientific and platform sessions were highly rated, and the attendees found the virtual platform to be very user friendly and beyond their expectations. For those who registered to attend, do not forget that the content will be available through July 16th. You may watch sessions you were not able to listen to; view posters, Product Theaters and Satellite

Symposia; and visit the pages in the Industry Solution Center. *Note: The Industry Solution Center will not be staffed but information on how to contact companies is provided on each sponsor's page*.

Credit Claiming

After completing sessions, click on the "Claim Credit" link in the top navigation bar to claim your CE credits. Sessions viewed in the virtual platform will not require a test to complete the credit claiming process. Credit claiming will be open through July 16, 2021. Credits claimed after this deadline will be reported at the end of December 2021.

Still Time to Enjoy the Meeting

If you were not registered for the recent meeting and wish to watch the content through July 16th, there is still an opportunity to take advantage of the diverse educational offerings. Between now and June 30, 2021, you may still register for the Virtual Experience at the following discounted rates— students: $50; emeritus, trainees/postdoctoral fellows/residents and developing countries: $75; all other registration categories: $300. Go to the meeting website to register. During the registration process you may add the 2021 Digital Edition at a discounted flat fee of $199, which will then extend your access to the sessions for two years.

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