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## **ACMG Releases Clarification Statement on “The Use of ACMG Secondary Findings Recommendations for General Population Screening”**

**BETHESDA, MD – May 1, 2019—** On April 25, 2019, the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) Board of Directors released “The Use of ACMG Secondary Findings Recommendations for General Population Screening: A Policy Statement of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics.” This statement followed several important observations:

1. The term ACMG SF v2.0 and ACMG 59 appeared in marketing materials for commercial laboratories focused on population screening;
2. ACMG SF and ACMG 59 are trademarks of the ACMG that cannot be used for commercial purposes;
3. The ACMG did not intend the secondary findings list for use in general population screening; and
4. The penetrance for many of the genes listed on the ACMG SF v2.0 is incomplete or unknown.

Given recent questions about the Policy Statement, ACMG has published a clarification statement. This provides additional information and further supports the Policy Statement. The clarification statement is available at <http://www.acmg.net/ACMG/UploadedPDFS/PDFDocuments/Secondary-Findings-Clarifications-to-ACMGs-recent-statement-on-Secondary-Findings---Final.aspx>.

### **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 society dedicated to improving health through the clinical practice of medical genetics and genomics. The ACMG provides education, resources and a voice for more than 2,300 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 medical genetics-related initiatives in clinical and laboratory practice, education and advocacy.

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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 while educating the medical community on the significant role that genetics and genomics will 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 peer-reviewed journal. ACMG's website (<http://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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