

**The Fifth Annual Medical Genetics Awareness Week Will Be Celebrated
March 14–17, 2023: “Inspire the Next Generation”**

BETHESDA, MD – February 6, 2023 | The fifth annual [Medical Genetics Awareness Week](#) will be celebrated March 14 –17, 2023. The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics’ (ACMG) fifth celebration of this exciting branch of healthcare will unite the entire medical genetics community to raise awareness of the invaluable contributions that the professionals who comprise the field make to the diagnosis, management and prevention of genetic diseases.

“It is a great pleasure to join in with the diverse members of the genomics care team comprised of medical geneticists, clinical genomic laboratory professionals, genetic counselors, physician assistants, nurses, metabolic nutritionists, gene therapy practitioners, public health practitioners and many other professionals to celebrate Medical Genetics Awareness Week,” said Interim ACMG Chief Executive Officer Robert Best, PhD, MS, FACMG. “We are each advocating for patients, families and communities, working together to integrate medical genomic practice into every area of clinical medicine and healthcare.”

Held in conjunction with the 2023 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, the largest conference specifically for medical geneticists in the United States (taking place in-person in Salt Lake City, Utah), Medical Genetics Awareness Week will incorporate branded social media graphics, hashtags unique to various medical genetics team members, and other activities to generate participation and encourage professionals to show their medical genetics pride and share how they “Inspire the Next Generation.” ACMG Annual Meeting registration is not required to participate.

Participants can plan their own Medical Genetics Awareness Week events at their school, employer or institution, share their pictures to social media wearing a Medical Genetics Awareness Week hashtag button or temporary tattoo; using a Medical Genetics Awareness Week Zoom virtual background; or displaying a Medical Genetics Awareness Week sticker. The week will include Diversity Day and Student and Trainee Day. Follow Medical Genetics Awareness Week on social media by searching the #MedicalGeneticsAwareness hashtag and sign up to receive news and updates about Medical Genetics Awareness Week by [clicking here](#). Log in (or create a free ACMG account) and, on the privacy preferences page, opt in to receive news and updates about Medical Genetics Awareness Week.

Since 2019, Medical Genetics Awareness Week has brought together people from across the globe to celebrate the important work of medical genetics professionals. Medical Genetics Awareness Week is celebrated to recognize the difference these professionals make in the lives of patients and families. The week is also intended to educate other healthcare professionals and students and trainees about who medical geneticists are, how they are trained and what they do in the clinic and laboratory.

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“Some days I think the field of Medical Genetics is like Whoville, in the Dr. Seuss classic *Horton Hears a Who*. As a field we’re so small that many don’t know we exist. Medical Genetics Awareness Week is our opportunity to shout, “We are here!!” And, like the Whos, we can’t have anyone shirking. This is our chance to do our best and make some noise—and hopefully have some fun along the way. So do what you can to promote our specialty. Show your pride for the innovative and important work that we all do to improve care for patients and their families,” said ACMG President Marc S. Williams, MD, FACMG.

Those interested in collaborating with ACMG to celebrate Medical Genetics Awareness Week, holding their own events showing how they “inspire the next generation” of medical geneticists are invited to email Barry Eisenberg, ACMG Communications Manager at beisenberg@acmg.net for more information.

Visit the [Medical Genetics Awareness Week web pages](#) on ACMG’s website for resources and tips designed to support the week’s celebrations—and to join the Medical Genetics Awareness Week email list. When posting on social media, participants are encouraged to tag @TheACMG and include the following hashtags in posts related to Medical Genetics Awareness Week:

#MedicalGeneticsAwareness
#IamaMedicalGeneticist
#FutureGeneticsProfessional
#IamaLabGeneticist
#IamaGeneticCounselor
#IamaGeneticsPA
#IamaNurseinGenetics
#IamaGeneticsNP
#IamaPublicHealthGeneticist
#IamaMetabolicDietitian

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 a prominent authority in the field of medical genetics and genomics and the only nationally recognized medical professional organization solely dedicated to improving health through the practice of medical genetics and genomics. The only medical specialty society in the US that represents the full spectrum of medical genetics disciplines in a single organization, the ACMG provides education, resources and a voice for more than 2,500 clinical and laboratory geneticists, genetic counselors and other healthcare professionals. ACMG’s mission is to

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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. *Genetics in Medicine* and the new *Genetics in Medicine Open*, a gold open access journal, are the official ACMG journals. ACMG's website, www.acmg.net, offers resources including policy statements, practice guidelines, and educational programs. The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine works to advance ACMG educational and public health programs through charitable gifts from corporations, foundations and individuals.

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