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**First Ever ACMG Workshop Offered for Primary Care Providers on Latest Advances
in Medical Genetics for Patient Care**

BETHESDA, MD – February 1, 2019 |For the first time, the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG), the national professional association for medical professionals in genetics, will offer a half-day workshop on April 6, 2019, specifically for primary care providers, at the end of its 2019 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting in Seattle, Washington.

Primary care providers (including physicians specializing in pediatrics, internal medicine, family medicine, obstetrics and gynecology), advanced registered nurse practitioners, and physician assistants treat patients who have or are at risk for genetic conditions or who have questions about genetic testing. But given the rapid pace of advances in the field of medical genetics, it is difficult to remain current on how to apply genetics in the primary care setting.

“Genetics in Your Practice” is a unique opportunity for primary care practitioners to learn how genetics and genomics are affecting their practice and patient interactions. The workshop, presented by clinical genetics experts from ACMG, will use didactic and case-based interactive formats to highlight ongoing advances in technology and will provide a review of the most common questions and genetic concerns that arise in the pediatric and adult patient populations.

At the end of this “Genetics in Your Practice” workshop, participants should be able to:

- Identify red flags for genetic risk in the family history
- Differentiate the types of genetic testing, as well as the limitations and appropriate applications of each
- Interpret laboratory genetic test reports
- Tell when and how to refer to a local genetics professional
- Describe the benefits, limits, and implications for family members of genetic testing
- Discuss the factors that determine addition of new tests to newborn screening
- Apply genetic concepts to the evaluation of children with common genetic conditions

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- Apply genetic concepts to reduce the practice gap between national recommendations and application for adult patients at risk for hereditary breast, ovarian and colon cancer
- Discuss research options for patients with undiagnosed, presumably hereditary diseases
- Explain what to tell patients about direct-to-consumer genetic testing

Registration for the workshop is \$125 per person and includes the cost of CME. For more information, the schedule, faculty and registration for “Genetics in Your Practice” – click [here](#).

This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*.

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) provides education, resources and a voice for more than 2,200 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 2) Education and 3) Advocacy. *Genetics in Medicine*, published monthly, is the official ACMG peer-reviewed journal. ACMG's website (www.acmg.net) offers a variety of resources including Policy Statements, Practice Guidelines, Educational Resources, and a Find Genetic Services 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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