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The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine Announces the First Recipient of the ACMG Foundation Carolyn Mills Lovell Award at the 2015 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah

BETHPESA, MD – March 30, 2015 | Stephanie Harris, CGC was honored as the first recipient of the ACMG Foundation Carolyn Mills Lovell Award at the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) 2015 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Ms. Harris was selected to receive the award for her poster presentation, “The Impact of Variant Reclassification on Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Research.”

Ms. Harris completed her Masters of Science in Human Genetics and Genetic Counseling at Stanford University School of Medicine in Stanford, CA. and her Bachelor of Science in Biology at Bucknell University in Lewisburg, PA. She is currently a genetic counselor in Cardiovascular Genetics at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston, MA.

This award was made possible due to a generous donation by ACMG Medical Director David Flannery, MD, FAAP, FACMG to honor genetic counselor Carolyn Mills Lovell, MAT, MS, CGC. Dr. Flannery worked with Ms. Lovell for over 15 years while he was at the Medical College of Georgia (MCG) of Georgia Regents University, and wanted to recognize the contributions and accomplishments of genetic counselors through this award. This award includes a cash prize of $1000 and will be presented to one recipient annually through 2025.

“I wanted to help recognize genetic counselors who play a huge role in clinical genetic services and felt that this award would help with that and also honor Carolyn, who has always provided exemplary services to families, students and residents at MCG” said ACMG Medical Director David Flannery, MD, FAAP, FACMG.

ACMG Foundation President Bruce R. Korf, MD, PhD, FACMG added, “It is exciting to see the ACMG Foundation offer an award intended specifically for genetic counselors. Genetic counselors are integral members of the genetics care team and their role is expanding in
this era of genomic medicine. I am very pleased to see the contribution of genetic counselors recognized through this award.”

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