

Press Registration for ACMG 2018 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting is Now Open

Join journalists from around the world covering the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, April 10 – 14, 2018 in Charlotte, NC

BETHESDA, MD – October 25, 2017 | Named one of the fastest growing meetings in the USA by the *Trade Show Executive Magazine*, the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting continues to provide groundbreaking research and news about the latest advances in genetics and personalized medicine. The ACMG Annual Meeting will feature more than 100 scientific sessions, workshops, TED-Style talks and symposia and over 600 poster presentations on emerging areas of genetic and genomic medicine in Charlotte, NC from April 10-14, 2018.

Interview the movers and shakers in medical genetics and genomics, connect in person with new sources and get story ideas on the clinical practice of genetics and genomics in healthcare today and for the future. Learn how genetics and genomics research is being integrated into medical practice.

Topics include Gene Editing, Cancer Genetics, Molecular Genomics, Exome Sequencing, Pre- and Perinatal Genetics, Biochemical/Metabolic Genetics, Genetic Counseling, Health Services/Implementation, Legal & Ethical Issues, Therapeutics and more.

Credentialed media representatives on assignment are invited to attend the ACMG Annual Meeting on a complimentary basis. Contact Kathy Ridgely Beal, MBA at kbeal@acmg.net for the Press Registration Access Code which can be used at www.acmgmeeting.net.

Abstracts will be available online in January 2018. A few ACMG Meeting highlights include:

Two Genetics Short Courses on Tuesday, April 10:

- Bringing Personalized Genomics to Prenatal Care
- Authorization for Genetic Testing: A Primer for Genetics Professionals

Program Highlights:

- TED-Style Talks: The Power of Patient No. 1; Are We Barriers or Necessary Mediators; and The Hype, the Hope and the Reality of the Future of Genomic Medicine
- Genome Editing: Genetic Therapy for Genetic Diseases – Promises and Challenges
- Whole Genome Sequencing for Clinical Care – It Has Arrived
- Genomic-Based Population Screening of Adults: If? When? How?
- Educating the Next Generation of Genetic Service Providers
- Heritable Cancer: a Realm of Evolving Understanding and Clinical Implications
- Implementing of Medical Genomics Across the Healthcare Continuum
- Integration of BRCA Testing Across the Care Continuum
- Maximizing the Value of Genetic Testing

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Photo/TV Opportunity: The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine will present bicycles to local children with rare genetic diseases at the **Annual Day of Caring** during the meeting on Friday, April 13 from 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM at the Charlotte Convention Center.

Social Media for the 2018 ACMG Annual Meeting: As the ACMG Meeting approaches, journalists can stay up-to-date on new sessions and information by following the ACMG Social Media pages on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) and by using the **Twitter hashtag #ACMGtg18** for meeting-related tweets.

Note – be sure to book your hotel reservations early.

The ACMG Meeting website has extensive information at www.acmgmeeting.net.

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 2000 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: Establish the paradigm of genomic medicine by issuing statements and evidence-based or expert clinical and laboratory practice guidelines and through descriptions of best practices for the delivery of genomic medicine. 2) Education: Provide education and tools for medical geneticists, other health professionals and the public and grow the genetics workforce. 3) Advocacy: Work with policymakers and payers to support the responsible application of genomics in medical practice. *Genetics in Medicine*, published monthly, is the official ACMG peer-reviewed journal. ACMG's website offers a variety of resources including Policy Statements, Practice Guidelines, Educational Resources, and a Find a Geneticist 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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