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ACMG Releases 2008 Policy Statement on Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing

With ongoing genetic discoveries and improvements in technology, more genetic tests are available than ever before. Along with greater availability has come increased demand for genetic tests and the expansion of direct-to-consumer (DTC) testing and advertising of such genetic tests. To assist ACMG members in addressing questions concerning DTC genetic testing, ACMG has developed the ACMG 2008 Policy Statement on Direct-to-Consumer Genetic Testing. This guideline is designed primarily as an educational resource to help clinicians and genetic counselors provide quality medical services and advise patients. The guideline is completely voluntary and, of course, the clinician should apply his or her professional judgment to the specific clinical circumstance. Visit www.acmg.net

ACMG in the News

ACMG is continuing its efforts to position ACMG as the source for current and accurate information on medical genetics and to convey positive and accurate information to the media and public.

A sampling of recent media coverage of ACMG includes:

ACMG was included in the **Business Week** story, "Google Wants to Index Your DNA, Too" which discusses direct-to-consumer testing, 23andMe, and Navigenics. Visit www.businessweek.com

ACMG was included in a **Newsweek** story, "May We Scan Your Genome? As Personal Genetic

Testing Takes Off, Some Worry that Marketing is Getting Ahead of Science." This article in the April 21, 2008 *Newsweek* can be seen online at www.newsweek.com

ACMG was quoted in an **Associated Press** story, "Sweeps of Human DNA Yield Discoveries." This story has run on the **Discovery Channel/Discovery News** and in the **London Free Press** among others. Visit the link to the Discovery Channel story, "Human DNA Discoveries Piling Up:" <http://dsc.discovery.com/news/>

ACMG is in a **Scienceline.org** story on genetic discrimination, "Life Without Gina." Visit <http://scienceline.org/2008/>

A pharmacogenomics story in **Standard and Poor's** included an interview with ACMG executive director Michael S. Watson, PhD, FACMG.

A story on SMA testing, "Seeking the Silent Killer," included ACMG and referenced the forthcoming ACMG practice guidelines. Visit the **Worcester Telegram and Gazette** at www.telegram.com

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2009 ACMG Annual Clinical
Genetics Meetings

March 25-29, 2009
Tampa Convention Center & Marriott
Waterside Hotel and Marina
Tampa, Florida

ACMG Structure

Ever wonder about the inner workings of the ACMG Board, Administrative Office and Committees? Below is an Organizational chart that shows how all the committees interact with the ACMG Office and the Board of Directors.

ACMG Committee Organization Chart

