

## 2013 ANNUAL CLINICAL GENETICS MEETING



### 2013 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting Update

The early-bird registration deadline is **December 19**; the advance-registration deadline is **February 13, 2013**. Register by these deadlines and SAVE! From February 13 through on-site registration, late-registration fees apply. Go to [www.acmgmeeting.net](http://www.acmgmeeting.net) to register and learn more about the exciting program planned for 2013.

Hotel reservations must be made through ACMG's official housing partner, onPeak, and you must be registered for the meeting to make reservations. Reservation requests are processed on a first-come, first-served basis, and rooms will be

available at the discounted group rates until February 19, 2013. Requests received after the deadline, or after the room blocks are filled, are subject to rate and space availability and may not be offered at the discounted group rate. The room block for this meeting frequently sells out prior to the cut-off date, so reservations should be made early. The ACMG official hotels are the Sheraton Phoenix Downtown (headquarters hotel), the Hyatt Regency and the Springhill Suites. All are located within a block of the Phoenix Convention Center, where the sessions and exhibits will be held.

### Special Educational Session for Students at the 2012 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting

For the second year, a special educational session will be held for undergraduate, graduate and medical students, entitled "Careers in Medical Genetics: An Informational Session for Students." The session will take place Friday, March 22, 2013 from 1:15 PM to 4:15 PM. The goal of this session is to address one of ACMG's highest priorities: increasing the number of individuals entering the training pipeline to become medical geneticists. Please be sure to let students at the undergraduate, graduate or medical school level know of this special opportunity. Additional information on this session is available at [www.acmgmeeting.net](http://www.acmgmeeting.net).

### New ACMG Video Encourages Medical Students to Consider a Residency/ Combined Residency in Medical Genetics

The ACMG is reaching out to the "YouTube generation" through an engaging and enlightening new video about medical genetics residency programs and careers. The new video, "Medical Genetics Residency: Medical Genetics Is the Future of Medicine" is available at [www.YouTube.com/TheACMGChannel](http://www.YouTube.com/TheACMGChannel) and at [www.acmg.net](http://www.acmg.net).

ACMG is also distributing the video to medical schools and medical genetics training programs around the country. This fast-paced, 5-minute video features current and recent medical genetics residents in interviews, in patient-care situations, and in group discussions and team meetings in a variety of settings, as well as day-in-the-life footage.

The future of medicine lies in a better understanding of the human genome and how to apply it to every aspect of medical practice. This video acquaints medical students with the variety of ways in which they can play a role in this fascinating effort.

### ACMG MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

**Deadline: January 31, 2013**

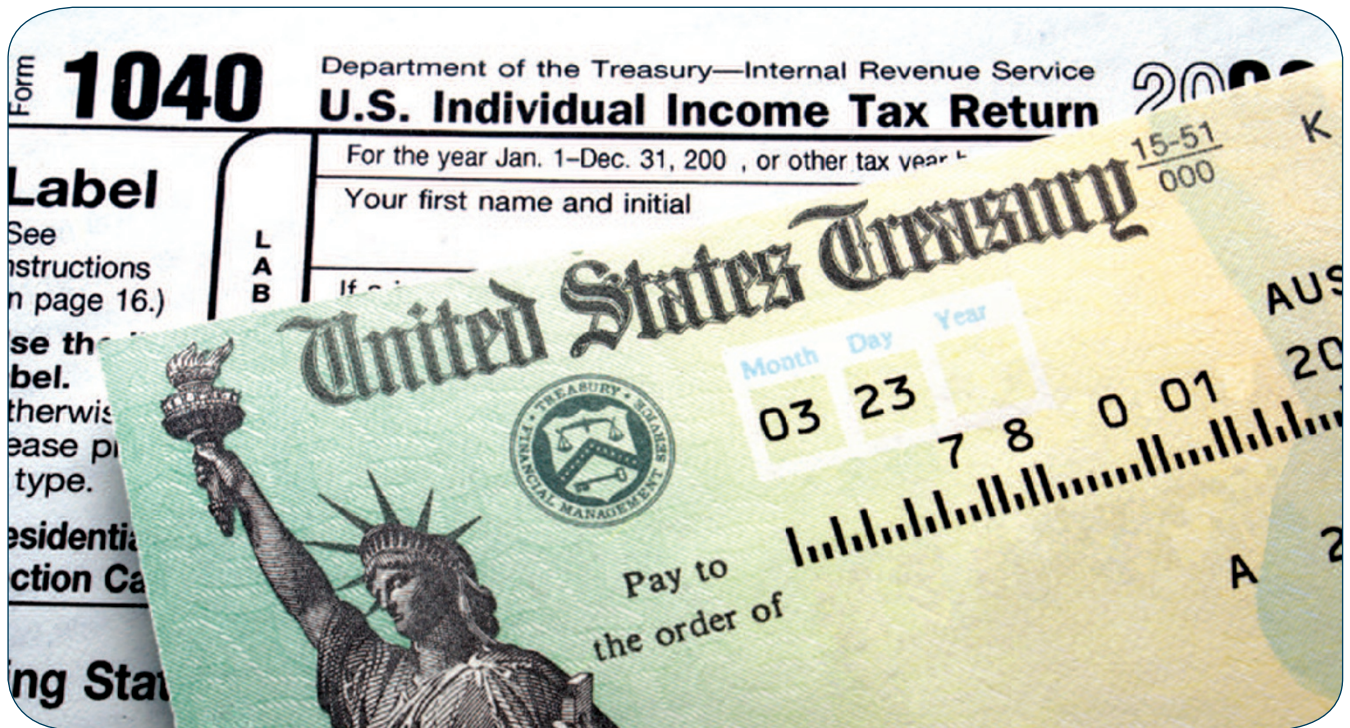
**Renew Your Membership Today! —[www.acmg.net](http://www.acmg.net)**

Don't forget to renew your 2013 ACMG membership by January 31, 2013 to prevent interruption of membership services and benefits. Membership payment must be current in order to register at the Member rate for the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, to access the ACMG Members Only section of the website, and to continue uninterrupted delivery of *Genetics in Medicine*.

### No Dues Increase for 2013

The ACMG Board is pleased to report that it has again this year elected to not increase the membership dues.

# ACMG FOUNDATION NEWS



## Tax Rules Allow You to Be More Generous

If you, like most charitably inclined people, wish you could afford to give more, the good news is that you probably can, simply by taking advantage of the tax code's provisions that effectively make Uncle Sam your partner in giving.

Here is a suggestion from wealth advisers and tax professionals for tax-efficient philanthropy.

### GIVE APPRECIATED ASSETS

Many donors sit down with their checkbooks toward the end of the year to aid worthy charities like the ACMG Foundation, then deduct their charitable gifts at tax time. The amount of tax savings depends on the donor's marginal bracket. For taxpayers in the top bracket, 35%, a \$10,000 gift would reduce taxes by \$3,500, while those in the 25% bracket would save \$2,500 in taxes.

One way to increase the tax savings—and consequently what you can afford to give—is to give the ACMG Foundation appreciated assets instead of cash. Say your portfolio includes stocks with sizable long-term gains. You give shares that cost \$3,000 years ago and are worth \$10,000 on the day of the gift. The direct tax savings are the same as with the cash gift, but you also escape capital gains tax, a saving of \$1,050 (the 15% capital gains tax that would have been owed by a taxpayer in the 25, 28, 33 or 35% bracket on the \$7,000 gain had you sold the shares).

One concern that many people have is the uncertain future of tax rates. Lisa Philp, vice president for strategic philanthropy at the Foundation Center, recommends that it be done "sooner rather than later," simply to be able to act under today's known rules.

Giving appreciated assets to the ACMG Foundation is easy; you'll just need to give your stockbroker the Foundation's brokerage account number. Contact David Cotter, Director of Development for the ACMG Foundation, at 301-718-2014 or [dcotter@acmgfoundation.org](mailto:dcotter@acmgfoundation.org), for the information.

**Donate to the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine** before midnight on December 31 to take advantage of the 2012 tax laws. Tax laws will change next year!

Donate online at [www.acmgfoundation.org](http://www.acmgfoundation.org) or mail your check to:

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