

ACMG's Mission Statement

The ACMG will provide and sponsor continuing education programs for geneticists, other health care providers and the public. The primary target audience will be the membership of the College.

To fulfill its mission, the ACMG strives to:

- Sponsor the Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting and other workshops, courses and individual activities as are deemed necessary and/or of interest to its members.
- Review evaluation results from each ACMG-sponsored program.
- Conduct assessments to determine the CME needs of its members.

OBJECTIVES OF THIS MEETING

1. Become up-to-date on the latest developments in the rapidly evolving field of medical genetics.
2. Exchange information on genetic counseling issues encountered in the practice of medical genetics, and get an update on new scientific advances in dysmorphology, human sexual development, neurodegenerative disease, biochemical genetics, cytogenetics and molecular genetics.
3. Update knowledge in the diagnosis and management of disorders of vision, language and communication; diseases of hemostasis and thrombophilia; and syndromes characterized by defects in connective tissue.
4. Provide information on the clinical care of children and families with Down syndrome.
5. Explore important ethical issues of confidentiality and informed consent raised in the research and the clinical setting.
6. Update knowledge of the basic science, clinical and public health implications of the discovery of the gene for hemochromatosis.

PHYSICIANS

The ACMG is pleased to announce that the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) has granted the College provisional accreditation for two years, after which time we expect to have full accreditation. The College designates the 1999 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting for up to 20.5 hours in Category 1 credit toward the AMA Physician's Recognition Award.

Each physician should claim only those hours of credit that he/she actually spent in the educational activity. CME forms for certificates, which will be available at the meeting, must be completed and handed in at the Registration Desk or sent to the ACMG together with a check made payable to the ACMG for \$25.

GENETIC COUNSELORS

As an organization approved by the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC) and the American Psychological Association (APA), the American Counseling Association (ACA) is offering the entire 1999 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting for up to 20 contact clock hours of continuing education credit (2 CEUs). ACA adheres to NBCC continuing education guidelines and maintains responsibility for the program. ACA offers 10 contact clock hours for one (1) continuing education unit as approved by the American Board of Genetic Counseling.

Each genetic counselor who wishes to obtain CEUs must sign in daily and initial twice each day, and pay \$20. Only cash and checks made payable to the NSGC are acceptable.

PhDs

Many of you have asked the College to provide CEUs, and we hope to do so in the near future.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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GENETICS REVIEW COURSE

(Formerly Offered by Baylor College of Medicine)

April 23-25, 1999

Hyatt Regency Woodfield, Schaumburg, IL

The preliminary program, registration form, and hotel and travel information can be found on ACMG's web site: <http://www.faseb.org/genetics/acmg> or call 301-571-1887 or fax 301-571-1895.