

Coming Soon: A New ACMG.NET

ACMG is in the process of updating and modifying the current website. In February, ACMG asked all members for input on enhancements and modifications to the current ACMG website. Those comments were presented to the ACMG Website Committee and many have been incorporated into the new design. The new ACMG.net should be in place in summer 2006.

Quality of Genetic Testing Project

The Genetics and Public Policy Center at Johns Hopkins University is engaged in a project addressing the quality of genetic testing. The goals of this project are to foster a framework of oversight in which 1) the validity of the tests is supported by science, 2) laboratories demonstrate their ability to get the right answer reliably, 3) providers are educated about tests and provide results to patients with adequate context and counseling, and 4) patients have confidence in genetic testing.

As part of this project, we are seeking personal stories from patients, geneticists, and counselors about their experiences with genetic testing that will both highlight the power and benefit of such testing and address those areas where improvements in oversight might be useful. If you have an experience you would like to share, please contact Joan Scott at 202-663-5975 or jscott22@jhu.edu. All information will be kept confidential.

2007 ANNUAL CLINICAL GENETICS MEETING INVITED SESSION PROPOSALS DUE

ACMG invites genetics professionals to submit proposals for Concurrent and Plenary Sessions at the 2007 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting (March 22-27, 2007 in Nashville, Tennessee). To be considered, proposals must be received by April 21, 2006 via email to: mforburger@acmg.net. To download a proposal form, visit www.acmg.net.

Proposals are evaluated by the ACMG Program Committee and will be selected on the following criteria:

- Provides relevant information related to the rapidly evolving field of medical genetics
- Presents relevant learning outcomes for the audience
- Presents novel or new methods of diagnosis, treatment or long-term management of patients with genetic disorders
- Presents current issues in public health genetics and healthcare provision, with relevance to medical genetics professionals

In appreciation to the ACMG 2006 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting Program Committee

ACMG would like to thank the 2006 Program Committee for putting together an excellent meeting last month in San Diego. Their hard work is greatly appreciated. These committee members include:

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