

ANNUAL CLINICAL GENETICS MEETING

REGISTRATION AND ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Registration, hotel reservations and abstract submission are now open at www.acmgmeeting.net for the 2013 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting to be held March 19–23 in Phoenix, Arizona. The early-bird Registration deadline is December 19, 2012. After December 20, a discount on advance-registration fees will be available through February 13, 2013. Late-registration fees will apply from February 14 through on-site registration.

The abstract submission deadline is Friday, December 7, 2012, 11:59 PM EST. Visit www.acmgmeeting.net for detailed meeting information.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Hotel reservations must be made through ACMG's official housing partner, onPeak. To make reservations, attendees must be registered for the meeting and exhibiting companies must have purchased booth space. A "hotel access code" to utilize when making reservations will be provided with registration and booth space confirmations. The ACMG official

hotels are the Sheraton Phoenix (headquarters hotel), the Hyatt Regency Phoenix and the Springhill Suites. All three are located within a block or two of the Convention Center.

SPECIAL HALF-DAY EDUCATIONAL SESSION FOR STUDENTS AT THE 2013 ACMG ANNUAL CLINICAL GENETICS MEETING

ACMG is pleased to announce that, based on the success of the session in 2012, a special half-day educational session for undergraduate, graduate and medical students will once again be held during the ACMG Annual Meeting. "Careers in Medical Genetics: An Informational Session for Students" will take place Friday, March 22, 2013 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 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.acmg-meeting.net.

FROM THE ACMG FOUNDATION

GIVE TO THE ACMG FOUNDATION ANNUAL APPEAL

This time each year, with support of the Development Committee members and its Board of Directors, the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine launches its annual end-of-the-year appeal. During this effort, the ACMG Foundation asks ACMG members, medical genetics professionals and the general public to support the future of genetic and genomic medicine by donating generously to the ACMG Foundation.

This year's focus is the vital educational programs sponsored by the ACMG Foundation. Each one advances the expertise of genetic and genomic medicine and ensures that future specialists are there when you need them.

Our most successful educational program to date—one that is supported by donations from people like you—is the Summer Genetic Scholars Program. It introduces young medical students to the exciting and diverse world of medical genetics and genomics and connects them to the ACMG community. Summer Scholars are paired with an ACMG member at an accredited institution where they "shadow" their mentor for six to eight weeks (depending on the length of the summer break between their first and second years of medical school), visiting labs, seeing patients, or working on research. The Scholars and their mentors are also encouraged to submit a poster and attend the ACMG Annual Meeting.



To date more than 40 Scholars at 30 institutions have completed the program. Each summer there is tremendous interest in the program and a long waiting list. The ACMG Foundation accommodates as many as it can, but is unable to allow all interested students the Summer Scholar experience due to the limited availability of funds.

To ensure the continued success of this and other exciting programs, please donate generously to the ACMG Foundation Annual Appeal this year. For more information on the Summer Scholar Genetics Program, please contact David Cotter, ACMG Foundation Director of Development, at 301-718-2014 or dcotter@acmgfoundation.org.

Ways to Give, Part 2

Over the next few issues of *Genetics in Medicine*, the ACMG Foundation Development Office will discuss some of the different ways to support the work of ACMG and the ACMG Foundation.

When you donate to the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine, you have tremendous flexibility in how you make your gift. Many of these options have substantial tax benefits for you, your family and especially your heirs.

Aside from cash, checks and credit cards, the ACMG Foundation accepts “non-cash” gifts as well:

- Gifts of appreciated securities, stocks, and bonds can provide considerable tax advantages when transferred directly to the ACMG Foundation before they are sold.
- Gifts of real estate, including personal residences, second homes, income property and vacant land, offer a wide

variety of tax and other benefits. There are also ways you can donate your residence to the ACMG Foundation and still live there as long as you want.

- In some cases, gifts of personal property, including rare books, works of art, valuable collectibles, and tangible items of demonstrable value, may enable you to make a significant gift to support the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine with outstanding tax benefits to you. Likewise, gifts of intangible personal property, such as copyrights, patents, and mineral rights, can also generate income for programs of your choice on a continuing basis.

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Note: this is not financial or tax advice. Please consult your attorney, accountant or tax professional about the tax implications of making donations.

MAINTENANCE OF CERTIFICATION

ACMG Releases Three New Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Modules for Clinical Practice

The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) has released three new Maintenance of Certification Modules. These modules help individuals to satisfy their Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part IV requirements of the American Board of Medical Specialties.

The three new modules are:

- Assessment and Management of Lynch Syndrome (Cancer Genetics)
- Isolated Hemihyperplasia (Medical Genetics)
- Evaluation of Abnormal Maternal Serum Screening (Prenatal Genetics)

The modules are designed to allow medical geneticists to demonstrate and evaluate their clinical practice, identify areas for improvement, and document improvement. Most of the modules are derived from practice guidelines or expert opinion specific to genetic diseases or patient presentations for genetic evaluation.

As the lead practice organization for medical geneticists, the ACMG collaborated with the American Board of Medical Geneticists (ABMG) to develop a total of 13 modules to satisfy the MOC Part IV requirements.

Ten other modules are also available:

- Autism Spectrum Disorder
- Counseling for Inherited Cancer Risk
- Down Syndrome
- First Trimester Integrated and Sequential Screening



- Fragile X Syndrome
- Galactosemia
- General Genetics Patient
- Genetic Counseling for Preconception or Prenatal Diagnosis
- Neurofibromatosis Type-1
- Phenylketonuria

The modules can be accessed from the ACMG homepage under the Education tab by clicking on “Maintenance of Certification.” Detailed instructions on the program provide an overview for participating in the process, including information on how to access and complete the modules. Each module costs \$25 for ACMG members and \$75 for non-members.

For more information, visit the ACMG website at www.acmg.net and click on Education.