

## **Press Registration Is Now Open for the 2021 ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting – A Virtual Experience**

*Join journalists from around the world covering the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting – A Virtual Experience on April 13–16, 2021*

**BETHESDA, MD – January 27, 2021** | The ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting will be a fully virtual meeting in 2021 and continues to provide groundbreaking research and the latest advances in medical genetics, genomics and personalized medicine. To be held April 13–16, experience four days of professional growth, education, networking and collaboration with colleagues from around the world and discover what’s shaping the future of genetics and genomics, including several sessions on COVID-19. The 2021 ACMG Meeting Virtual Experience is designed to offer a variety of engaging and interactive educational formats and types of sessions—from Scientific Sessions and Workshops to TED-Style Talks, Case-based Sessions, Platform Presentations and Short Courses. The 2021 ACMG Meeting Virtual Experience has something for everyone on the genetics healthcare team and will be available to participate in from the convenience of your home or office.

Interview those at the forefront in medical genetics and genomics, connect with new sources, and get story ideas on the clinical practice of genetics and genomics in healthcare today and for the future. Learn how genetics and genomics research is being integrated and applied into medical practice. Topics include COVID-19, gene editing, cancer genetics, molecular genomics, exome sequencing, pre- and perinatal genetics, diversity/equity and inclusion, biochemical/metabolic genetics, genetic counseling, health services and implementation, legal and ethical issues, therapeutics and more.

*Credentialed media representatives on assignment are invited to cover the ACMG Annual Meeting – A Virtual Experience on a complimentary basis. Contact Kathy Moran, MBA at [kmoran@acmg.net](mailto:kmoran@acmg.net) for the Press Registration Invitation Code, which will be needed to register at [www.acmgmeeting.net](http://www.acmgmeeting.net).*

Abstracts of presentations will be available online in February.

A few 2021 ACMG Annual Meeting highlights include:

### **Program Highlights:**

- R. Rodney Howell Symposium | *Genetics in Medicine* Presents: Spring 2021 COVID-19 State of the Science
- Telegenetics: Before, During and After COVID-19
- ACMG Presidential Plenary Session: Keeping Vulnerable People Safe During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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- Excellence in Medical Genetics and Genomics Through Diversity
- Unexpected Findings Across the Lifespan: Challenges of Reporting Incidental and Secondary Findings in Young Patients
- Artificial Intelligence and Genomics – Powerful Tools in Pre- and Postnatal Decision Making
- Clinical Pharmacogenomic Testing: Current Best Practices and Future Landscape
- TED-Style Talks with Steve Cole and Janina Jeff
- Pediatric Tumor Predisposition Syndromes: Update on Clinical Phenotypes, Associated Tumors, and Clinical Approaches to Surveillance
- Genetic Counselors Forum: In Utero Fetal Molecular Therapies: Present State and Future Applications
- The Gene Pool: Sharing Our Best Ideas for the Genetics Workforce
- Sex Chromosome Trisomies - To Screen or Not to Screen? - That is the Question

**Two Short Courses Available Starting on Tuesday, April 13:**

- A Clinician’s Perspective on Obesity: Syndromic and Non-Syndromic Causes, Treatment and Challenges
- Functional Assays Towards Variant Interpretation and Diagnosis: A Survey of Approaches and Use Cases

**Cutting-Edge Scientific Concurrent Sessions:**

- Bringing the New Era of Mitochondrial Genomic Medicine to Geneticists
- The Ehlers-Danlos Syndromes, Circa 2021: Clinical and Molecular Update
- RNA and Gene Therapy in the Clinic – From Discovery to Treatment Implementation
- Chromatinopathies: An Expanding Clinical Spectrum
- The Heart of the Matter - Congenital Cardiac Disease and Pregnancy
- A Primer on Regulatory and Compliance Agencies in Genetic Testing
- Clinical Pharmacogenomic Testing: Current Best Practices and Future Landscape
- Gene-Based Medicines to Treat Metabolic Disorders: Progress and Perspectives

**Social Media for the 2021 ACMG Meeting Virtual Experience:** As the ACMG Annual Meeting approaches, journalists can stay up to date on new sessions and information by following the ACMG social media pages on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) and by using the hashtag **#ACMGmtg21** for meeting-related tweets and posts.

The ACMG Annual Meeting website has extensive information at [www.acmgmeeting.net](http://www.acmgmeeting.net) and will be updated as new information becomes available.

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## **About the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) and ACMG Foundation**

Founded in 1991, the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) is the only nationally recognized medical professional organization solely dedicated to improving health through the practice of medical genetics and genomics, and the only medical specialty society in the US that represents the full spectrum of medical genetics disciplines in a single organization. -more- The ACMG is the largest membership organization specifically for medical geneticists, providing education, resources and a voice for more than 2,300 clinical and laboratory geneticists, genetic counselors and other healthcare professionals, nearly 80% of whom are board certified in the medical genetics specialties. ACMG's mission is to improve health through the clinical and laboratory practice of medical genetics as well as through advocacy, education and clinical research, and to guide the safe and effective integration of genetics and genomics into all of medicine and healthcare, resulting in improved personal and public health. Four overarching strategies guide ACMG's work: 1) to reinforce and expand ACMG's position as the leader and prominent authority in the field of medical genetics and genomics, including clinical research, while educating the medical community on the significant role that genetics and genomics will continue to play in understanding, preventing, treating and curing disease; 2) to secure and expand the professional workforce for medical genetics and genomics; 3) to advocate for the specialty; and 4) to provide best-in-class education to members and nonmembers. *Genetics in Medicine*, published monthly, is the official ACMG journal. ACMG's website ([www.acmg.net](http://www.acmg.net)) offers resources including policy statements, practice guidelines, educational programs and a 'Find a Genetic Service' tool. The educational and public health programs of the ACMG are dependent upon charitable gifts from corporations, foundations and individuals through the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine

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