
Announcements

- **Check out ClinGen's YouTube channel**
 - ClinGen has a [YouTube channel](#) featuring short videos on Variant Interpretation, Gene-Disease Validity Curation training, GenomeConnect, the ClinGen Patient Data Sharing Program and more.
- **ClinGen Low Penetrance/Risk Allele WG Survey**
 - The ClinGen Low Penetrance/Risk Allele Working Group would like your input on developing terminology and guidance on the classification of low penetrance and risk alleles. We are seeking input from the community to help guide the terminology, thresholds, and information used in this classification framework. Please fill out this [survey](#) by April 15.
- **ClinGen/CSER Survey on the Use of Race, Ethnicity, and Ancestry in Clinical Genomics**
 - Target audience includes clinical laboratory directors, clinical geneticists, genetic counselors, researchers involved in variant interpretation and/or curation. However, if you are involved in clinical genomics (broadly) and do not hold one of these roles, we welcome your participation in the survey! [Take the survey here](#). The survey closes on March 27th.
- **Patient Data Sharing Program**
 - ClinGen has engaged patients in data sharing for nearly five years through its own patient registry, GenomeConnect. Given our experience with GenomeConnect, we are now working with other patient registries to enable sharing of de-identified genetic and health information. If you are involved with a patient registry that is on same platform as GenomeConnect through Invitae, your group can opt to participate in the Patient Data Sharing Program, enabling your participants to share de-identified genetic and health data outside of your registry. Click [here](#) to learn more or or contact datashare@clinicalgenome.org.
- **CDH1 VCEP's First ClinVar Submission**
 - **CDH1 VCEP** submitter page and expert classifications [here](#).
- **Volunteer to Curate**
 - Interested in volunteering to curate for ClinGen or know someone who is? Take this brief [survey](#) to tell us more about your interests, expertise, and desired level of involvement. Background training will be provided. Next round of training is expected in April/May. For questions contact volunteer@clinicalgenome.org.
- **Coming Soon - ClinGen Variant Curation SOP**
 - The ClinGen Variant Curation Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) will be available soon, an announcement will be circulated when it is available.

Conferences & Meetings

- **ClinGen at ACMG**
 - Learn more about ClinGen's posters, presentations and events at ACMG 2019 in Seattle, Washington. Don't forget to visit us at booth #529. See our [list of events](#).
- **Interpreting Genomes for Rare Disease: Variant and Gene Interpretation Course**
 - May 15-16, 2019, Broad Institute, Cambridge, MA, Early bird registration deadline March 30. Both lecture-based and hands-on learning opportunities on the following topics: next generation sequencing data generation, guidelines and best practices for variant and gene curation, role for clinical

information in genomic analysis, data sharing, and a patient's perspective on diagnosis and next steps.

- **Curating the Clinical Genome 2019**
 - May 29-31, Washington, DC, Early Bird Registration Deadline April 1. CCG 2019 will be of interest to a wide group of medical genomics researchers, clinicians practicing genomic medicine, companies developing solutions for clinical genomics and researchers interested in genomic data sharing.
- **Monogenic Diabetes Expert Panel in person meeting**
 - The Monogenic Diabetes Expert Panel will convene their annual in-person meeting at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore on May 28-29, 2019. For details, please contact rcosenti@som.umaryland.edu

Publications

- Ingles et al. **Evaluating the Clinical Validity of Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Genes.** PMID: 30681346. [Go to article.](#)
- Niehaus et al. **A survey assessing adoption of the ACMG-AMP guidelines for interpreting sequence variants and identification of areas for continued improvement.** PMID: 30670879. [Go to article.](#)

On a related note:

Celebrate the first Medical Genetics Awareness Week, April 2-6, 2019!

The first-ever Medical Genetics Awareness Week will be celebrated April 2-6, 2019. Through Medical Genetics Awareness Week, the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) aims to promote the understanding of the importance of medical genetics professionals, including medical geneticists, laboratory geneticists and genetic counselors on the healthcare team. The theme of the week is "Celebrating the Contributions of the Entire Medical Genetics Team to Patient Care." You can find a [Resource Tool box](#) here to help promote and celebrate this week.

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