

DONOR OVERVIEW: EVIDENCE BASED GUIDELINES PROGRAM

Launched in the Fall of 2019, the Evidence Based Guidelines (EBG) Program is the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine's largest new initiative. In partnership with the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics, the Foundation recently established a formal EBG Program. While we have developed guidelines on an ad-hoc basis for two decades, a more formal program is needed to meet today's demands. Clinical care must be guided by the best scientific evidence in genetic and genomic medicine.

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ACMG and the ACMG Foundation need your help to define the validity and utility of today's expanding use of genetic testing in clinical and laboratory practice. Your involvement and support will help create a powerful program that develops, publishes, and regularly updates evidence-based guidelines. **There is a growing need for evidence-based guidelines to inform decision-making and policy for all stakeholders: patients, clinicians, healthcare systems, and payors.**

ACMG and the ACMG Foundation's EBG Program will use our long-established evidentiary framework to conduct systematic evidence reviews that inform evidence-based practice guidelines. With significant and sustained funding, our goal is to publish or update as many as 12 evidence-based guidelines annually. The benefits of such guidelines include:

- Providing patients, providers, payors, laboratories and health care systems access to trustworthy guidelines supported by robust evidence and with input of experts in the field.
- Facilitating reimbursement of genetic testing services that are shown to warrant coverage.
- Shortening the time between new data publication and recognition in relevant guidelines.

The ACMG Foundation is seeking financial contributions from industry, foundations, government organizations, and others committed to rational use of genetic technologies. We have a fundraising goal of \$1,000,000 by June of 2020. More than \$200,000 has already been raised.

Funds raised will support:

- Staff to oversee the program, including an expert methodologist and a program leader.
- The finalization of the appropriate management structures and processes.
- The costs of administering the program (capped at 25 percent) and necessary expenses.

Meeting our goal to fully launch the EBG program will require contributions from several industry partners at a \$200,000 level. Founding donors at this level are:

- Helping ACMG and the Foundation re-establish the vetted process for providing input to ACMG on the evidence review methodology and suggesting guideline topics ACMG might review.
- Access to, just as ACMG members, final draft guidelines prior to publication.
- Public recognition as a key corporate partner and founding sponsor of the EBG Program

If you have any questions regarding the EBG program, please contact Karl Moeller at 240.204.9641 or email him at kmoeller@ACMGfoundation.org.