



Message from the Project Directors Kathryn Hassell, MD & Janet Thomas, MD

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

With the arrival of spring, we are gearing up for many important activities in our region, including the planning of the next Genetics Summit!

**Mark your calendar for the 2019 Genetics Summit
September 23-25, 2019**

SAVE THE DATE

MOUNTAIN STATES REGIONAL GENETICS NETWORK

2019 GENETICS SUMMIT SEPTEMBER 23-25

(State Team Meetings tentatively scheduled Sept. 22)

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Mark your calendar now for this event! Many more details are in the works and will be forthcoming. If you have a speaker idea or topic you would like to submit for consideration at the 2019 Genetics Summit, please submit it as soon as possible through this [form](#). The planning committee will be meeting soon to begin to put together the agenda.

MSRGN's Facebook Live



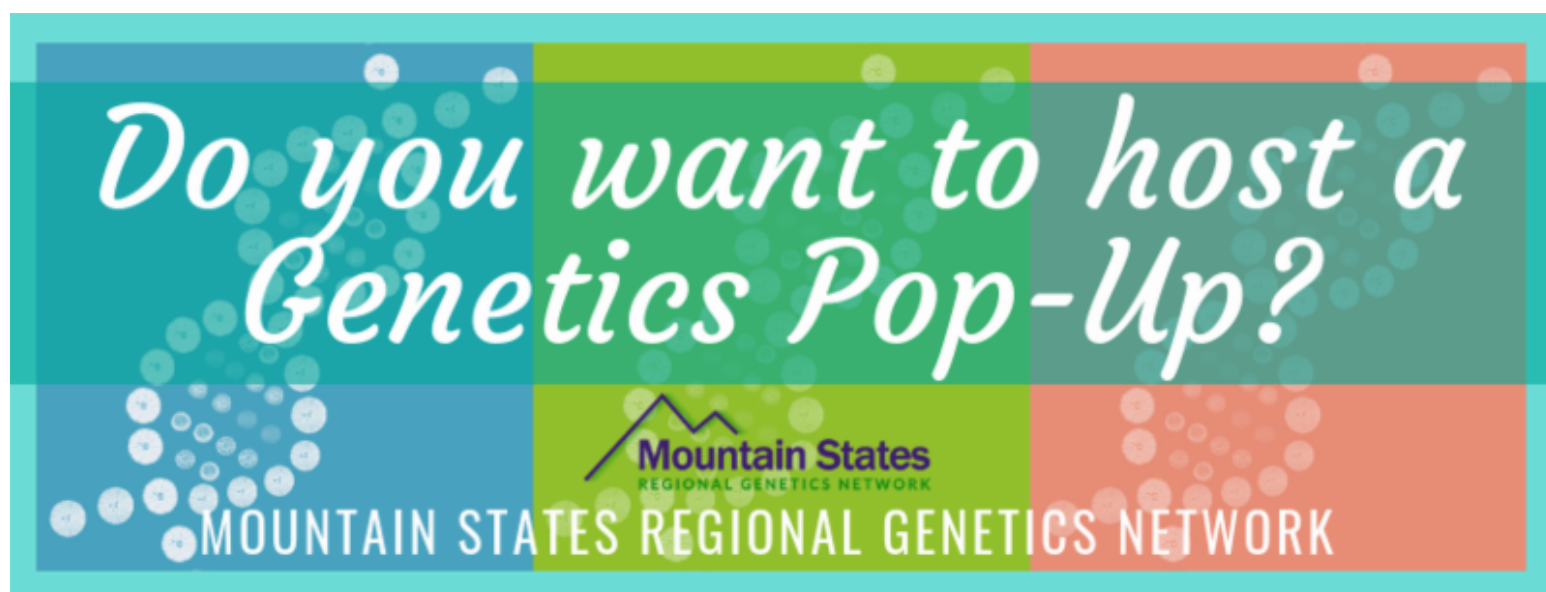
Click [here](#) to listen to Nicola Longo, MD, Professor and Chief Medical Genetics/Pediatrics on answering the question: "What types of genetic testing are available for families who have children who have developmental concerns?"

Think Genetics Video

The National Coordinating Center (NCC), in collaboration with the Center for Public Health Innovation, offered a video training workshop series to provide hands on skills to the Regional Genetics Networks, with the goal of making video production more affordable and agile.

Two of MSRGN's Genetic Ambassadors, Jamie Stefanski and Heather Schictel participated in the training and completed their video "Think Genetics," which can be found [here](#). Check it out!

Genetics Pop-up



A genetics pop up is an opportunity for Genetic Ambassadors and consumers in our region to host an informal get-together for 5-8 individuals in their local community to have a conversation and share resources about genetics. MSRGN will provide handouts and materials in a "Gene in a Box" that can be shared with attendees. If you are interested in hosting a genetic pop-up and applying for funding to help with food, drink, and gift card stipends for attendees (up to \$300), please fill out the application [here](#).

We will reserve 1 pop up per state until March 31, 2019 and then will open it first come first serve to other states in our region until all 8 pop-ups have been scheduled. All Genetic Pop-ups must be held by May 31, 2019 and receipts turned in by June 30, 2019 for reimbursement.

IHS Clinical Grand Rounds: Choosing the right genetic test. This isn't rocket science

Daryl Scott, M.D., PhD will be presenting on "Choosing the right genetic test. This isn't rocket science." The webinar will provide a simple framework that practitioners can use to lower stress levels and consistently choose the right genetic test(s) for each of their patients.

The webinar is scheduled for April 23rd from 12pm-1pm MT. Information on how to register for this webinar can be found on the MSRGN website on this [link](#).

Primary Care Education on Genetics

In collaboration with the [New England Regional Genetics Network \(NERGN\)](#), the [Weitzman Institute](#) aims to improve access to genetics services for underserved populations by offering primary care providers educational support through a FREE five-part webinar series that enhances provider knowledge, practice, and attitudes regarding genetic services. CMEs are available!

Upcoming topics include:

March 26: Webinar - Direct to Consumer Testing: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

April 23: Webinar - Undiagnosed Patient Conditions

May 14: Webinar - Genetics Considerations for Immigrants and Refugees

Click here to learn more and [register](#).

Archives of the first 2 webinars in this 5-part series can be found [here](#):

RESOURCES for FAMILIES-Genetics

Family Voices featured MSRGN and the other regional genetics networks (RGN's) in their March 2019 eblast: Resources for Families.

A big thanks to Colorado state team member, Tom Rose for this idea and connection and to Family Voices for the collaboration. Click [here](#) for Genetic Family Resources from the RGN's.

FOLLOW MSRGN ON TWITTER

MSRGN is now on Twitter. Please follow us [@GeneticMtnState](#)

Email Communications from MSRGN

MSRGN is in the process of updating our contact list. If you would like to update your email preference or do not wish to receive communications from MSRGN, please email [Annette Lara](#).

Warm regards,



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