Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Fall is arriving this month in our beautiful mountain states, as the temperatures start to cool down and the leaves start to turn colors. We are weeks away from our 2018 Genetic Summit and are finishing last minute details to ensure this is a memorable meeting for all.

Register today for the 2018 Genetics Summit
Limited Spaces Available
When: Oct 2-3, 2018
Where: Courtyard San Antonio Riverwalk
Registration fees: $75 for CE’s (CME, CNE, SW, or Genetic Counselors)
$50 non CE’s

Registration: Online here
Agenda: here

Listed below are is a session that will be offered at the Summit:

**Tales from the Trenches: Consumer Advocacy on the Journey** - Speaker: Allysa Seymour, Susan Owens, Heidi Wallis, Joel Lopez, and Kristi Wees.
This presentation will highlight the real-life experiences and stories behind the genetic testing and diagnostic journeys as shared by those families impacted by genetic conditions of their children or family members. The panel discussion will highlight families with very diverse experiences in the medical and genetics world. In addition to the panel, Joel Lopez from the National Genetics Education & Family Support Center will share insights, resources, and guidance on improving family engagement of those impacted by genetic conditions.

**IHS Clinical Rounds: Nutritional Management of Genetic Disorder**
Melissa Sailer, MS, RD, CNSC will be presenting on Nutritional Management of Genetic Disorders that will identify macronutrients involved in inborn errors of metabolism and goals of nutrition therapy, along with all nutritional considerations. Basic dietary treatment and intervention will be described for disorders of amino acid, organic acid, urea cycle, carbohydrate (galactose and glycogen) and fat (long-chain and very-long chain fatty acid) metabolism. This presentation will also provide an in-depth description of a galactose restricted diet along with an amino acid restricted diet and the importance of medical food, low protein food, whole protein foods and nutritional supplements.

The webinar is scheduled for September 27th from 2pm-3pm CST. Information on how to register for this webinar can be found on the MSRGN website on this link.

State Team Spotlight: Montana

Montana State Team has developed a provider survey in order to assess how well the Shodair Children's Hospital Department of Medical Genetics is meeting the needs of stakeholders and colleagues. The information gained from survey participants will allow the team to identify their accomplishments and areas for improvement. The data will be used to pursue supplemental funding sources to support the growth and development of the genetics program. As an incentive, the team is offering $20 gas cards to the first 60 participating providers. If you know a pediatric provider, specialist, pediatrician or family physician in Montana who would like to take the survey, please contact Annette Lara so she can connect you with the team to access the survey. (Survey is restricted to providers in Montana)

Texas Pediatric Conference

The Texas State Team was an exhibitor at the Texas Pediatric Conference in San Antonio, TX on Sept 6th and 7th. The team answered questions about genetics and collected surveys from pediatricians at the conference.

Elizabeth Roeder, MD, geneticist at the Children's Hospital of San Antonio, and Debra Freedenberg, MD, Ph.D, Medical Director Newborn Screening and Genetics Unit, Texas Department of State Health Services
Scott McLean, MD, geneticist and Rebecca Littlejohn, Genetic counselor from the Children's Hospital of San Antonio.

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Warm regards,

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