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The Mountain States Regional Genetics Network (MSRGN) cordially invites all individuals interested in genetics to attend the **MSRGN 2019 Genetics Summit** this September. This gathering will highlight genetic topics of interest to healthcare providers, public health officials, community organizations, and families and individuals touched by genetics conditions. Continuing education credits for professional attendees will be offered.

The **MSRGN 2019 Genetics Summit** will be held in Albuquerque, New Mexico on September 23-25, 2019. This Summit is designed for a broad based audience who share an interest in genetics. The program has been developed with four primary focus areas. These include newborn screening and the direct interaction between state laboratories, consumers, and lawmakers to improve outcomes, public health genomics and population genomics, consumer engagement and outreach to underserved populations, and emerging genetic and therapeutic technologies. The topics are aimed to facilitate new knowledge and understanding in these areas that may enable increased access to genetic services. In addition, an interactive cultural competency and agility workshop will be offered. The conference will promote the mission of MSRGN to ensure that individuals with genetic disorders and their families have access to quality care and appropriate genetic expertise and information through facilitating a professional network of genetics clinics, key primary care practices, consumer advocates, and state health department resources.

MSRGN 2019 Genetics Summit Objectives

- Increase the participant's knowledge and understanding of newborn screening, public health genomics, and a state of the art genetic technologies to aid in patient care and improve patient outcome.
- Identify available resources and enable networking across regional stakeholders to increase access to genetic services, especially to underserved populations.
- Compare and contrast different cultural perspectives on genetics, genetic testing, and genetic conditions.
- Interpret culturally conscious ways to speak with families and individuals with potential genetic conditions and how to adapt the conversation to others with different cultural perspectives.

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