



September 2021

MSRGN Project Directors' Message

MSRGN GENETICS SUMMIT 2021 CONNECTING THE DOTS



We are just under 2 months away from the MSRGN Genetics Summit, a virtual genetics educational event for our region! We look forward to welcoming 13 speakers on **November 9th and 10th** to share their knowledge, wisdom and resources on a wide variety of topics ([agenda here](#)). See some of those topics below as well as a few of our [featured speakers](#) and what they will be speaking about.

Register here for the 2021 MSRGN Genetics Summit Virtual & No Charge!

Featured Speakers:

Connecting the...

D - Dr. Andy Rohrwasser, Director, Utah Public Health Laboratory
The Future of Newborn Screening

O - Laila Andoni, MS, CGC, Intermountain Healthcare
Delivering a Difficult Diagnosis with Hope

T - Dr. Abdallah F. Elias, Shodair Children's Hospital

Adding Value to Pharmacogenetics

S - Rene Begay, MS, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus School of Public Health

Ethical Genomic Research with Indigenous Communities

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November 9-10, 2021

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Mountain States
REGIONAL GENETICS NETWORK



Improving Diversity of the Genomics Workforce
A Virtual Workshop

October 5, 2021 | 12:00 PM - 3:30 PM ET

The National
Academies of
SCIENCES
ENGINEERING
MEDICINE

**Roundtable on
Genomics and
Precision Health:
Improving Diversity of the
Genomics Workforce
October 5th**

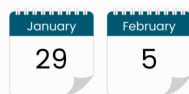
INTERPRETING FOR PEDIATRIC GENETICS

A Workshop for Interpreters in Health Care

Join us for a FREE six-hour virtual training (led by nationally recognized trainer Cynthia E. Roat, MPH) to help you better understand and more accurately interpret the information provided during a genetics appointment.

Approved for 6.0 CE credits (incl. 2 performance based CEU) from CCHI.

When



10:30 AM-2 PM CT

9:30 AM- 1 PM MT

Where

zoom

Participants must connect via computer, not smart phone, and keep their cameras on for the entire workshop. This training is available for the first 30 registrants.



Register By 1/14/22 at bit.ly/2XdK5Wj

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Please help us in spreading the word about our upcoming co-sponsored event:

Training for Health Care Interpreters:

Interpreting for Pediatric Genetics

2 Day Training:

January 29, 2022

&

February 5, 2022

(10:30am- 2pm CT)

More information [here](#).

Thank you to NCC for co-sponsoring this event

Register Here for Training

The Roundtable on Genomics and Precision Health of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will host a virtual workshop in order to examine the current state of diversity (e.g. racial, ethnic) of the genetics and genomics workforce, the factors that have contributed and are contributing to the diversity challenges, and possible steps forward that could lead to increasing workforce diversity as a way to improve access to genomic services. Discussions at the workshop may explore: historical perspectives on structural racism and its impacts on the genomics field, current and ongoing workforce diversity efforts of genomics professional organizations, the implications of diversifying the workforce for patient care, and next steps and roles for institutions, societies, and other stakeholders for fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion in this area.

Date: October 5, 2021

Location: Virtual (via Zoom)

Link to Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/improving-diversity-of-the-genomics-workforce-a-workshop-tickets-167520928607>

Register here



UPCOMING DEADLINES!

Don't Forget...



**Meet our MSRGN
New Mexico Genetic
Navigator**

Jennifer Bartz

email:

newmexicogenetic@gmail.com

Jennifer Bartz has a BA in Psychology, and her meaningful experience comes from having a child (James) with Down syndrome and another rare disorder. James died in December 2018, and Jennifer continues to be involved advocating with families and children in New Mexico and nationally. Volunteer positions that keep her connected to resources for families with children with genetic conditions include:
Family Advocate Board Member

Founder and President:
Hero's Path Palliative Care

Medically Fragile
Family Advisory Board Designee

Family Advocate NMDOH

Genetic Navigator and Family
Advocate MSRGN

November 2nd

Genetics Summit Registration
Deadline!

November 15th

Applications for State Team
Funding/Projects are DUE!

Applications due for
Time 4 Genetics Clinics (Cohort 2)

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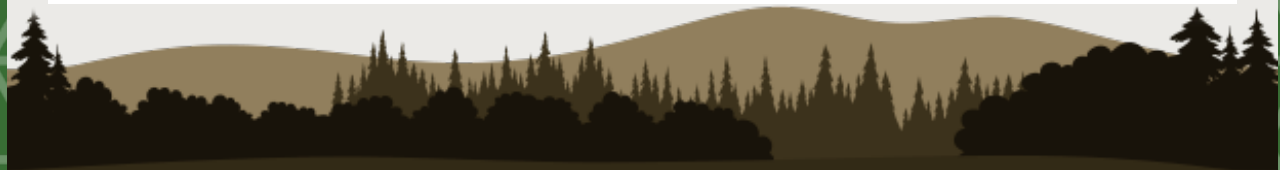
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