



December 2023

## MSRGN Project Directors' Message



Hello to the Mountain States Genetics Family and Happy Holidays~ As 2023 comes to an end and we enter our last 5 months of our grant, we would like to take a moment to say how grateful and blessed we all feel for the opportunity to work with each and every one of you. Whether you just discovered MSRGN though attending our 2023

Genetics Summit or you have been connected with us for years and years (way back when our name was different... the "Genetic Collaboratives"), we are just so thankful our paths have crossed and that we got an opportunity to network and collaborate on projects around genetics in the mountain states region.

We hope that you and yours have a very bright holiday season and that 2024 starts off on a positive note!

Thank you for being part of the MSRGN family-  
*the MSRGN Management team*

## Continuing Education Credit Opportunity EXPIRING at the end of December

If you missed any of the 2021, 2022 or 2023 Genetic Summit sessions and would like to claim continuing education credit please do so soon before these sessions

expire on:

December 31, 2023

*expiring on 12/31/23*

The screenshot shows the MSRGN website's "Genetics Summit Library" page. At the top left is the MSRGN logo with the text "Mountain States REGIONAL GENETICS NETWORK". To the right is a search bar and social media icons for Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and YouTube. Below the navigation bar is the "Genetics Summit Library" heading. Three summit posters are displayed in a row: "MSRGN GENETICS SUMMIT 2021 CONNECTING THE DOTS" (November 9-10, 2022), "MSRGN GENETICS SUMMIT 2022 MOMENTUM IN THE MOUNTAINS" (November 9-10, 2022), and "MSRGN GENETICS SUMMIT 2023 PEAK PERFORMANCE" (October 11-12, 2023). Each poster features a DNA double helix and a mountain range. At the bottom of the screenshot, a note states: "Please Note: Enduring Continuing Education will be offered for all 3 Genetics Summits until 12/31/23. Please click each box to see the CME/CEU statement for each individual Genetics Summit."

Genetic Summit  
Library





JOIN US FOR THE TIME 4 GENETICS WEBINAR:

**ARE ALL VARIANTS OF  
UNCERTAIN SIGNIFICANCE  
CREATED EQUAL?  
A ROUGH GUIDE**



***January 29, 2024***

***(at 11am PT, noon MT, 1pm CT, and 2pm ET)***



**Guest Presenters:**  
**Dr. Abdallah (Abe) Elias**  
**Clinical Geneticist, Medical**  
**Director of the Department of**  
**Medical Genetics at Shodair**  
**Children's Hospital**  
**&**  
**Jaclyn Haven, MS, CGC**  
**Genetic Counselor,**  
**Chief Administrative Officer of**  
**Medial Genetics**  
**Department of Medical Genetics at**  
**Shodair Children's Hospital**



**Register TODAY!**

Our LAST  
Time 4 Genetics Webinar  
on the topic of  
**VARIANTS OF UNCERTAIN SIGNIFICANCE  
(VUS)**

will be held on  
(please note date change from our last newsletter)

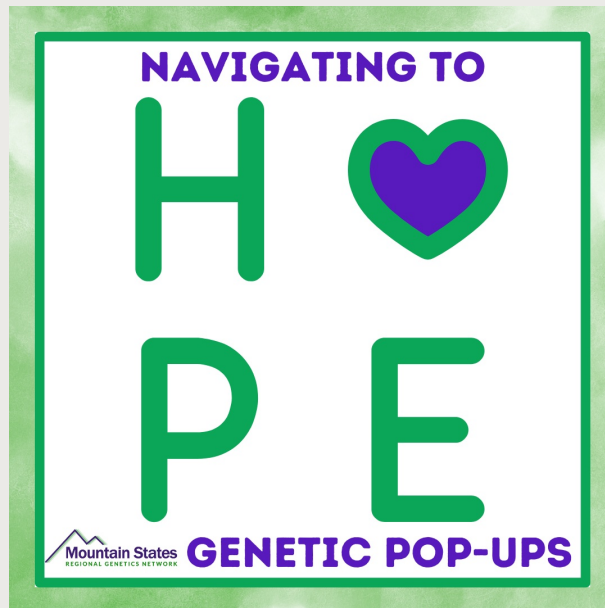
**January 29th**  
**2pm ET/1pm CT/ noon MT/ 11am PT**

featuring Guest Presenters:

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Clinical Geneticist,  
Medical Director of the Department of Medical Genetics  
at Shodair Children's Hospital  
&  
Jaclyn Haven, MS, CGC  
Genetic Counselor,  
Chief Administrative Officer of Medical Genetics  
Department of Medical Genetics  
at Shodair Children's Hospital

[Register Here](#)

Our LAST Genetic Pop-Up  
is coming up...



*MSRGN is inviting you to our LAST Genetic Pop-Up:*

**HOPE Through Support**  
**February 22, 2024**  
**at 11am PT, noon MT, 1pm CT, and 2pm ET**  
**[Register here](#)**

featuring our Genetic Navigators sharing their thoughts on how they  
found  
HOPE Through Support on their genetics journey.

To download a pdf flyer to share [click here](#)

Genetics Pop-Up  
Info

# Our New Genetic Summit Infographic

[click here for a virtual interactive version of this infographic](#)



## 5 YEARS OF MSRGN'S GENETICS SUMMIT

During the 2017-2020 and 2020-2024 grant cycles, MSRGN's Genetic Summit served as their flagship genetics education event open to everyone interested in learning about genetics and improving access to genetics care in the Mountain States Region and beyond!

### 5 YEARS IN THE MAKING

The MSRGN Genetics Summit was launched with an in-person event in 2018 in San Antonio, Texas and was converted to a virtual event in 2021.



2018  
SAN ANTONIO  
TX



2019  
ALBUQUERQUE  
NM



2020-  
NO  
SUMMIT  
DUE TO  
COVID



2021  
VIRTUAL  
CONNECT  
THE DOTS



2022  
VIRTUAL  
MOMENTUM  
IN THE  
MOUNTAINS



2023  
VIRTUAL  
PEAK  
PERFORMANCE

## REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE

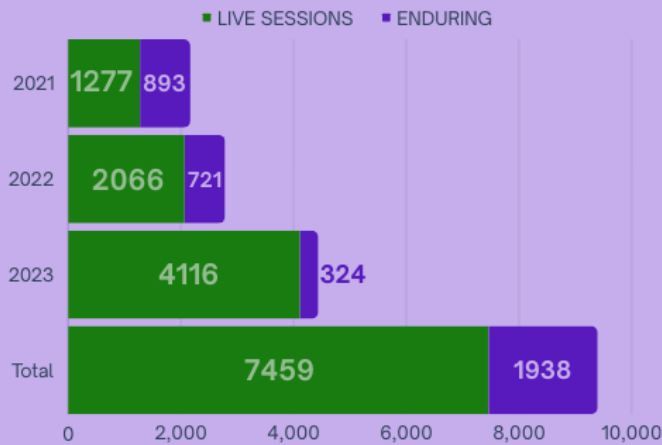
Live attendance and registration counts for all 5 Genetics Summits. Note 2018 and 2019 were in-person and so only reflect live attendance.





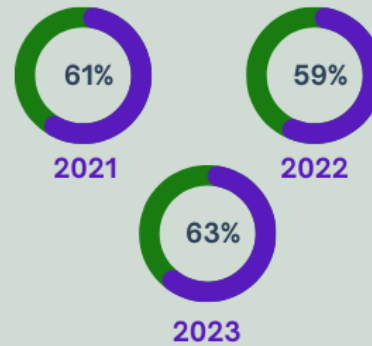
## LIVE AND ENDURING CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

The number of sessions claimed for those attending the Genetics Summit Live and for those who watched the recording and then claimed continuing education credit (enduring). 1 person could claim up to 12 sessions per Genetic Summit year. (Data as of 11/28/23)



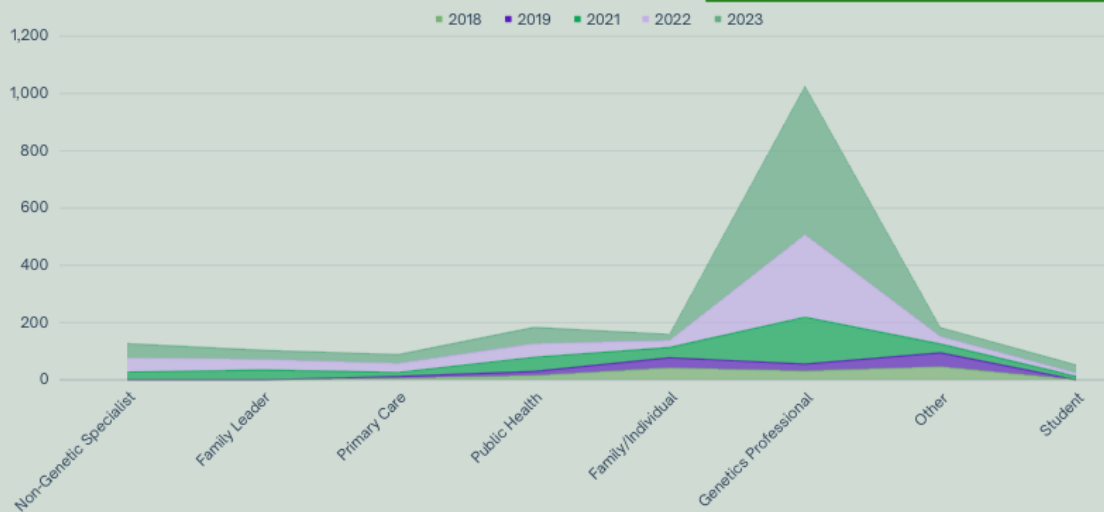
Enduring values as of 11/1/23  
 For 2018: 40 Individuals received CEU & For 2019: 39 individuals received CEU.  
 No enduring credits were available.

## ON-LINE LIVE PARTICIPATION



The percentage of registrants who joined one or more sessions during the LIVE on-line event

## WHO ATTENDED LIVE



For 2018 and 2019: Family Leaders were included with the Family/Individual category and non-genetic specialists and Students were not differentiated until 2021.

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## Healthcare Interpreter Training: Prenatal Genetics February 3 & 10, 2024 *Reserve your seat today!*

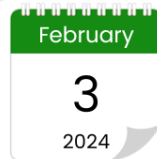
In collaboration with the National Coordinating Center, please join us for a FREE seven-hour virtual training (led by nationally recognized trainer Cynthia E. Roat, MPH) to help you better understand and more accurately interpret the information provided during a genetics appointment. To get the most out of the training, we ask that:

- Connect to the Zoom via computer (not through a smart phone or tablet);
- Keep your camera on during the training.

The training will be held over two consecutive Saturdays (February 3 and 10, 2024) from 11 AM to 2:30 PM PT; 12 PM to 3:30 PM MT; 1 PM to 4:30 PM CT; 2 PM to 5:30 PM ET. In order to be awarded the approved 6.5 CE credits (incl. 2 performance based CEU) from CCHI and IMIA , you must participate on each day.

# INTERPRETING FOR PRENATAL GENETICS

A Workshop for Interpreters in Health Care



1-4:30 PM CT / 12-3:30 PM MT / 11-2:30 PM PT



Attendance on both days is required for CE credit.  
Approved for 6.5 CE credits (incl. 2 performance based CEU) from CCHI and IMIA.



[Register Here](#)

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