Transition of American Board of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ABMGG) Laboratory Fellowships to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)

Overview
The ABMGG is in the process of transferring the accreditation responsibility of its laboratory fellowships in laboratory genetics and genomics and clinical biochemical genetics to the ACGME. The method by which this transfer will occur is outlined below. Each individual program must go through the application process for ACGME accreditation.

The ACGME Review Committee for Medical Genetics and Genomics, along with representatives of the laboratory genetics and genomics and clinical biochemical genetics communities, will establish the Program Requirements and eventually will conduct accreditation reviews and make accreditation decisions. Once the Program Requirements are drafted, they will be made available for public review and comment for a period of 45 days, per ACGME policy. Draft requirements are expected to be available in the summer of 2018.

Questions about the Process
When will the application process begin?
The application forms will be developed once the Program Requirements are finalized. It is expected that the application process will begin in mid-to-late 2018.

How will the process work?
There will be three parts to the application process once the forms are finalized:

1. Common Application (Part I):
   - An application must be initiated in the ACGME’s Accreditation Data System (ADS) by the designated institutional official (DIO)
   - The DIO and program director must complete the application together
   - The application will include questions related to the general structure of the fellowship program and the learning environment

2. Specialty-Specific Application (Part II):
   - This portion contains questions related to the specialty educational content of the fellowship program
   - This will be a Word document that must be filled out and uploaded into ADS prior to submission of application

3. Document Uploads (Part III):
   - This portion refers to requested documentation and policies from the program
   - This includes (but is not limited to) program policies and procedures, evaluation forms, and a block diagram
**Will a site visit be needed?**
A site visit WILL NOT be performed by the ACGME if, by June 30, 2017, the fellowship program is in good standing with the ABMGG and has a status of Continued Accreditation.

A site visit WILL be performed if the ABMGG-accredited fellowship program has a Probationary status.

If accreditation is granted by the ACGME, a site visit will be performed approximately two years after Initial Accreditation is granted.

**When is the transfer/process complete?**
All programs will retain their current ABMGG status until they become accredited by the ACGME, or until June 30, 2020, when the ABMGG will cease accreditation activities. If a program does not achieve ACGME accreditation by June 30, 2020, it will no longer be accredited.