



Press Release

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American Society of Human Genetics to Maintain NCHPEG's Programs

BETHESDA, MD. — August 5, 2013 — The impending closure of the National Coalition for Health Professional Education (NCHPEG), scheduled for August 31, 2013, puts at risk a large, high-quality collection of programs for a broad range of health-care providers and educators. To help ensure that more than a decade's worth of effort and investment remains available to the human-genetics community and health professionals, ASHG will assume responsibility for maintaining NCHPEG's website and the resources it contains for a period of at least six months. During that time, ASHG's board of directors will consider the Society's role in genetics education for health professionals and the next steps in the stewardship of the existing programs.

We regret the closure of NCHPEG and the loss of this contributory and influential group, but we are pleased to be the vehicle for the continued availability of its products. See the link below for additional information about NCHPEG's decision to cease operations.

[NCHPEG Closing: Letter to the Membership](#)

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Founded in 1948, the American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) is the primary professional membership organization for human genetics specialists worldwide. The nearly 8,000 members of ASHG include researchers, academicians, clinicians, laboratory practice professionals, genetic counselors, nurses and others involved in or with a special interest in human genetics. The Society's mission is to serve research scientists, health professionals and the public by providing forums to: (1) share research results through the Society's Annual Meeting and in *The American Journal of Human Genetics* (AJHG); (2) advance genetic research by advocating for research support; (3) educate current and future genetics professionals, health care providers, advocates, policymakers, educators, students and the public about all aspects of human genetics; and (4) promote genetic services and support responsible social and scientific policies. For more information about ASHG, visit:

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