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UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

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Genetics conference scheduled

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Every day, medical professionals are facing the challenge of dealing with genetic disease and disability. A conference, **1996 Primary Care Genetics Conference**, has been scheduled for **Friday, August 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Palace Station Casino** to help these physicians, physician assistants, nurses, and social workers readily identify at-risk patients and care for them more effectively. The focus will be on the role primary care plays in prenatal care, newborn care, and cancer screening and referral.

The conference, sponsored by the Southern Area Health Education Centers of the University of Nevada School of Medicine, will be directed by **Colleen A. Morris, M.D.**, associate professor of pediatrics and pathology and laboratory medicine, and director of Clinical Genetics Services.

At the end of the conference, participants will be able to:

- talk about the importance of a genetic family history in primary care;
- interpret prenatal screening and ultrasound results;
- identify appropriate intervention and referral sources;
- Recognize at least three genetic risk factors in children and identify the goal of management for each;

- describe the critical role of the genetic counselor in patient management; and
- discuss at least three common cancer screening tests.

The medical school teaching faculty are: **Katrina Farwig, M.S., CGC**, genetics counselor, pediatrics; **George Kaiser, M.D.**, chair of family and community medicine; and **Jack Lazerson, M.D.**, professor of pediatrics.

The invited faculty are:

Linda A. Bradley, Ph.D., Director, Cystic Fibrosis Prenatal Screening Laboratory, Foundation for Blood Research, Scarborough, Maine

John C. Carey, M.D., M.P.H., professor of pediatrics, chief of the Division of Medical Genetics, University of Utah College of Medicine

Wayne Jasper, specialty programs coordinator, Parents Helping Parents, The Family Resource Center, Santa Clara, Calif.

Harriet Kuliopulos, Pacific Southwest Regional Genetics Network, project coordinator

Lawrence Platt, M.D., chair, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, UCLA School of Medicine

Berkley Powell, M.D., clinical geneticist, associate professor of pediatrics and genetics, University of Hawaii Kapiolani Medical Center for Women and Children

Maren Scheuner, M.D., M.P.H., associate director, Genetic Risk Prevention Program, assistant professor of clinical medicine, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, UCLA School of Medicine.

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