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**Leading Experts in Genetics and Pregnancy Announce the Creation of a New Consortium**

**February 12, 2020, Washington, DC** – Prenatal genetic screening is a complex and rapidly evolving field of medicine. In an effort to help promote consensus recommendations and strive for consistency among various medical societies that issue recommendations and guidelines in the area of prenatal genetic testing, seven national organizations have partnered to create the Reproductive Genetics Technology Consortium ([rgtc.perinatalquality.org](http://rgtc.perinatalquality.org)).

Member organizations include the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics; American Society for Reproductive Medicine; International Society for Prenatal Diagnosis; National Society of Genetic Counselors; Perinatal Quality Foundation; and Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine. Representatives from each organization will meet regularly and as needed to facilitate group discussion and/or consensus.

The new Consortium aims to facilitate communication between professional organizations in their development of practice guidelines and to provide a forum for different societies to discuss appropriate utilization of reproductive genetic testing. It will also provide a forum through which commercial laboratories or other entities developing new technologies can proactively communicate to obtain input and guidance regarding new testing and will provide consensus expert opinions about the clinical utility and application of emerging genetic tests.

“Each member of the new Consortium has a goal of optimizing the health of women and infants,” said SMFM representative, Mary Norton, MD. “Bringing our organizations together will establish an opportunity for dialogue between stakeholders and provide a stronger voice on these important issues.”

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