Educational Seminars Kick Off For CPMC® Participants

The goal of the Coriell Personalized Medicine Collaborative® (CPMC®) research study is to determine the utility of using genomic information in health management and clinical decision-making; therefore, it is important that participants understand what their personalized risk results mean. Educational forums for CPMC® participants, hosted by CPMC® genetic counselors and medical professionals from partnering hospitals, are held regularly so that participants have the opportunity to learn more about the conditions reported through the study.

The first five forums were held on:

- April 23, 2009 (Coronary Artery Disease)
- May 27, 2009 (Type 2 Diabetes)
- June 30, 2009 (Hemochromatosis, or high levels of iron in the blood).
- July 21, 2009 (Prostate Cancer)
- August 13, 2009 (Melanoma)

CPMC® genetic counselors Erynn Gordon, MS, CGC, and Tara Schmidlen, MS, CGC, were joined by Dr. Stephen Weinberg, a cardiologist at Cooper Hospital, for the coronary artery disease forum and Dr. Dyanne Westerberg, Chief of the Department of Family Medicine at Cooper Hospital, for the forum on diabetes. The hemochromatosis forum was co-hosted by Dr. Andres Ferber, a hematologist/oncologist at Cooper Hospital, and Dr. Nancy Lewis, a medical oncologist at Cooper Hospital, joined the genetic counselors for the session on prostate cancer. The most recent educational forum on August 13, which focused on melanoma, was co-hosted by Dr. Warren Heymann, a dermatologist from Cooper.

Participants interested in attending a future forum can register via the CPMC® web portal by logging in and clicking on the “Register for Seminar” link on their “My Account” page.