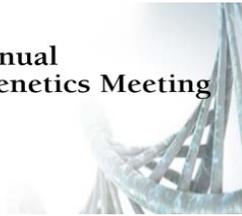




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# Genetic Challenges and Controversies in Suspected Child Abuse Cases: Distinguishing Fracture Facts from Fracture Friction

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## COURSE DESCRIPTION

The clinical geneticist can be called upon to play a role in the multidisciplinary evaluation of children with clinical findings concerning for child abuse. In considering child abuse from a clinical genetics perspective, presentations can be categorized into fractures, skin lesions, hemorrhage, growth disturbances, and concern for caregiver-fabricated illness (previously known as Munchausen syndrome by proxy). This session focuses on fractures and current diagnostic challenges and public misperceptions and controversies. The first diagnostic challenge is that in suspected child abuse cases, the clinician must decide whether and when to pursue testing for osteogenesis imperfecta. A second diagnostic challenge is that more rare disorders (beyond osteogenesis imperfecta) that predispose to fracture, often easily diagnosable by clinical history and radiographs, could be missed due to lack of training. An area of current public controversy is whether non-mobile infants with multiple unexplained fractures could be diagnosed with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome as a feasible explanation. For example, the media has featured sympathetic stories of parents who claim they are victims of false child abuse allegations (after charges have been dismissed due to medical experts who gave testimony for the defense). This session addresses these challenges by discussing current clinical, radiological, and molecular approaches for diagnosing osteogenesis imperfecta and other bone fragility disorders that predispose to fractures. Next, this session considers the evidence in the literature (or lack thereof) suggesting that Ehlers-Danlos syndrome predisposes to bone fragility in infants. Finally, this session considers practice changes in order to both diagnose and reduce the likelihood of abuse in children with disabilities, a particularly vulnerable population. The goal is to empower clinical geneticists to utilize a unified and up-to-date approach to help distinguish the rare causes from the real cases of child abuse, and those critical distinctions and correct diagnoses may be life-saving for some infants and children.

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this course, participants should be able to:

- Consider Current Approaches to Clinical, Radiological, and Molecular Work-up for Osteogenesis Imperfecta in Suspected Child Abuse Cases
- Recognize that Bone Fragility Disorders Beyond Osteogenesis Imperfecta Include Disorders with Decreased Bone Density, Increased Bone Density, and Rarely Normal Bone Density
- Discuss whether Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome predisposes to bone fragility in infants and children
- Consider Red Flags that May Indicate Abuse in Children with Disabilities

# TARGET AUDIENCE

All healthcare professionals interested in the diagnosis, management, treatment and prevention of genetic conditions and increasing their understanding of the genetic basis of common, chronic health problems affecting both children and adults will find the programming applicable to their practice. These select sessions from the ACMG Annual Meeting are targeted for the following professionals:

- Medical and clinical geneticists
- Physicians of all specialties with an interest in genetics, genomics and the genetic basis of disease
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- Researchers
- Pathologists
- Educators
- Nurses
- Dietitians
- Physician assistants
- Biotechnology and pharmaceutical development professionals
- Fellows, Trainees and Students
- Public health professionals
- Genetic/consumer advocates
- Others with an interest in the science and art of medical genetics and genomics

# SESSIONS

- From the Genetics Trenches: Distinguishing Fracture Facts from Fracture Fiction in Two Clinical Cases- Natasha Shur, MD, FACMG
- What Every Clinical Geneticist Should Know About Testing for Osteogenesis Imperfecta in Suspected Child Abuse Cases- Peter Byers, MD
- Beyond Osteogenesis Imperfecta: Rare Disorders Associated with Bone Fragility- Michael Bober, MD, PhD
- Does Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Cause Bone Fragility: Public Perception versus Clinical Evidence.- Brad Tinkle, MD PhD, FACMG, FAAP
- Recognition and Prevention of Child Abuse in the Child with Disability- Catherine Nowak, MD, FAAP

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### **Moderator: John Carey, MD, MPH**

**Professor, Department of Pediatrics, Division of Medical Genetics, University of Utah, University of Utah School of Medicine**

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John C. Carey, MD, MPH, is Professor and formerly Vice Chair of Academic Affairs, Department of Pediatrics, at the University of Utah. Throughout his career, Dr. Carey has been interested in birth defect syndromes and the care of children with these conditions. Dr. Carey graduated from Villanova University in 1968 with an A.B. and obtained his M.D. from Georgetown University School of Medicine in 1972. He trained in pediatrics, genetics and dysmorphology as a resident and fellow at the University of California San Francisco, 1972-1979. Dr. Carey obtained an M.P.H. from the University of California at Berkeley in 1976 in between his residency and fellowship years. Dr. Carey joined the faculty at University of Utah Health Sciences Center in 1979. He became Chief of the Division of Medical Genetics in 1985 and remained in that leadership position until 1999 when he stepped down to assume the role as Editor-in-Chief of the American Journal of Medical Genetics. He held that editorial position from 2001 through 2016. Dr. Carey established the Medical Genetics Fellowship Program at the University of Utah in 1985 and was the Program Director until he stepped down in 2014 but continues as a mentor and teacher in the Program. Dr. Carey's research focus has been in congenital malformations, neurofibromatosis, and syndrome delineation. He has authored or co-authored over 300 papers, chapters, invited articles, and editorials for scientific journals. He also co-authored the textbook, "Medical Genetics," by Jorde, Carey, & Bamshad, now in its 5th edition. The book is a widely used text in schools of medicine throughout North America, South America, and Europe. Dr. Carey has served as medical adviser and "founding professional" for the Support Organization for Trisomy 18, 13 and Related Disorders (SOFT) since 1980. The medical and ethical aspects of care of infants and children with these conditions are currently his major academic interest.

**Moderator Speaker: Natasha Shur, MD, FACMG**  
**Division Head, Genetics, Albany Medical Center**  
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Dr. Shur is currently Division Head of Genetics in the Department of Pediatrics at Albany Medical Center in Albany, New York. She completed her genetics residency and pediatrics residency at the Children's Hospital at Montefiore Medical Center and earned her medical degree at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University in the Bronx.

**Speaker: Peter Byers, MD**

**Professor, Departments of Pathology and Medicine (Medical Genetics), University of Washington**

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Peter H. Byers, MD, Professor of Pathology and Professor of Medicine (Medical Genetics), is a graduate of Reed College, in Portland, and Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. He completed two years of internal medical residency at UCSF, then was a Research Fellow at the National Institutes of Health where he studied the way that collagen molecules were made, and then came to the University of Washington as a Fellow in Medical Genetics and joined the faculty in 1977 and became Professor in 1986. He has continued to study the way molecules that are important parts of structures in the body, like bone, tendon, and blood vessel walls and to understand how changes in these proteins and the changes in the genes that provide the information to cells to make them determine the clinical presentations. His group has been one of the dominant international laboratories to study inherited forms of brittle bone disease and conditions that give rise to inherited aneurysm disorders. Studies include gene discovery, identification of mosaicism to account for recurrence of dominant condition in children of unaffected parents, the molecular mechanisms of disorders, and their natural history. These studies paved the way to understand how genetic testing can help to identify children with genetic disorders among those thought to have been abused. He created and runs a diagnostic laboratory that was among the first in the nation to bring diagnostic studies for these disorders to clinical practice and in 2014 was named as the inaugural Director of the new UW Medicine Center for Precision Diagnostics. His role in understanding genetic disorders was recognized by Antoine Marfan Award by the Marfan Foundation and Colonel Sanders Lifetime Achievement Award by the March of Dimes.

**Speaker: Michael Bober, MD, PhD**

**A.I. duPont Hospital for Children**

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Dr. Michael B. Bober is the Director of the Skeletal Dysplasia Program at the Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, DE and a Professor of Pediatrics at Thomas Jefferson University's Stanley Kimmel Medical College. He completed a combined M.D./Ph.D. program in Biomedical Engineering at Tulane University. His dissertation research focused on the genetic response of bone to mechanical stimulation. He then went on to complete a Pediatrics Residency at Tulane University and a Medical Genetics Residency and Fellowship at Johns Hopkins University. He is a

board certified in Pediatrics, Clinical Genetics and Molecular Genetics. His clinical practice is focused on the diagnosis and management of children with skeletal dysplasia.

**Speaker: Brad Tinkle, MD PhD, FACMG, FAAP**

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Dr. Tinkle is a clinical and clinical molecular geneticist and Division Head of Clinical Genetics at Advocate Children's Hospital. Dr. Tinkle is a recognized international expert in connective tissue disorders serving on various medical advisory groups and speaks internationally on the subject. Dr. Tinkle started at Purdue University finishing with a BSE in genetic engineering. He went on to George Washington University creating transgenic mouse models for human disease, earning his PhD in human genetics. He graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine wanting to pursue genetic medicine. He completed a combined pediatrics and clinical genetics residency from Cincinnati Children's Hospital. He then completed a fellowship in clinical molecular genetics before becoming a staff physician. While in Cincinnati, Dr. Tinkle specialized in disorders of connective tissue running various multidisciplinary clinics for connective tissue disorders (especially Ehlers-Danlos syndrome), Marfan and Marfan-related disorders, as well as skeletal dysplasias. He authored two books on joint hypermobility/EDS geared towards the general public in addition to his more than 30 publications. In 2012, Dr. Tinkle assumed the role of medical director of clinical genetics for Advocate Children's Hospital in the greater Chicago area.

**Speaker: Catherine Nowak, MD, FAAP**

**Boston Children's Hospital**

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Dr. Nowak is the Clinical Director of The Feingold Center at Boston Children's Hospital - Waltham, MA. Dr. Nowak received her medical degree from McGill University and is Board Certified in both Pediatrics and Clinical Genetics. Following her pediatric internship and residency at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, she completed a

fellowship in Clinical Genetics and Birth Defects with Dr. Murray Feingold at the National Birth Defects Center. She served as Chief of the Genetics Division at UMASS Memorial Medical Center in Worcester, MA from 2002-2006. In 2006, she returned to the NBDC, renamed the Feingold Center for Children which is now part of the division of Genetics at Boston Children's Hospital.

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