

GENECARE ANNOUNCES

New Official FMF Course

covering all aspects of first trimester screening is now available online FREE!!!

The Fetal Medicine Foundation introduces a NEW and IMPROVED First Trimester (Nuchal Translucency) Accreditation, Audit and Licensing process. We are currently in a transitional period as described below. The new **FREE ONLINE THEORY COURSE** is up and running. The accreditation and re-accreditation process will be completely switched over to the new system **EFFECTIVE MARCH 1st, 2009**.

All FMF Participants will now have their own web page on our website which they can use to upload their audits and download their software licenses in a process which is simple and straightforward.

Register for and complete the **FREE ONLINE THEORY COURSE** following the instructions below. This course is available to all health providers and lay persons. The benefits to taking this course for all accredited persons are:

1. It contains up-to-date information on available ultrasound markers (four for screening for fetal anomalies and one for screening for preeclampsia)
2. It satisfies the theoretical component for those wishing to begin the FMF NT accreditation process.
3. It will be required for all who wish to maintain their accreditation even if they had attended a NT course in the past if their next re-accreditation is due after March 1st, 2009.

In the near future, taking the course will provide you with up to three Category 1 CME credits.

1. HOW TO BEGIN: Go to www.genecare.com for instructions → Click on the link for "Free On-line Course (this will direct you to the FMF USA site) → Click on "Free online course" → choose the "For Medical Practitioners" version. The total duration of the course is 3hours and there is a short quiz at the end. However, the course is designed in such a way that you can begin, stop, and resume it at any time. During this process, you will set up a username and password for yourself and will be asked to enter your FMF ID number if you currently have one. If do not yet have a 5-digit Fetal Medicine Foundation ID number, one will be assigned to you.

2. IF YOUR PATIENTS ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT 11-13⁺⁶ WEEKS SCAN: Same process as above, except they should click on the "For Patients" version.

3. ONCE YOU COMPLETE THE COURSE AND THE QUIZ (PRIOR TO MARCH 1, '09): You have the option of either using the online submission process (instructions to do this are online and you will be taken through a few simple steps to complete this process) or send or e-mail images as has been

customary to date. A submission form and instructions for the latter are available on our website: www.fetalmedicineusa.com/submissionprocess.php

4. ONCE YOU COMPLETE THE COURSE AND THE QUIZ (AFTER MARCH 1, '09): You will be asked to use the on-line image submission process only. However, if you are unable to upload your images, simply mail your films for [initial accreditation](#) to:

Naomi Greene MPH RDMS RDCS
FMF USA Screening Coordinator
Director of Accreditation
3940 Laurel Canyon Blvd. #838
Studio City, CA 91604

E-mail: NaomiHG@fetalmedicine.com
phone: 818-395-0611
Fax: 818-301-2208

INCLUDE YOUR FMF ID NUMBER WITH YOUR FILMS and indicate what you are submitting (i.e. NT films, NB films, etc) and your images will be uploaded for you. The cost of accreditation and ongoing re-accreditation is only \$100 and this is a one-time only fee.

5. IF YOU ALREADY TOOK AN APPROVED COURSE BUT HAVE NOT SUBMITTED IMAGES YET: Continue to submit images using the old method and as instructed on our website. **However, if you are unable to complete the credentialing process prior to March 1, '09, you will be required to take the (free) online course.**

6. RE-ACCREDITATION (PRIOR TO MARCH 1, '09): There is no change to the current method. Please, follow the instructions posted on our website: www.fetalmedicineusa.com/reaccredit.php

7. RE-ACCREDITATION (AFTER MARCH 1, '09): Prior to getting re-accredited, you will need to take the free online course to get you started in the new system. This requirement is designed to bring you up to date regarding the state of the art in first trimester screening. You may be asked to again update your knowledge in a similar fashion in the future as technology evolves. Starting in March, you will be asked to use the on-line image submission process only. However, if you are unable to upload your images, simply mail your films for [re-accreditation](#) to:

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INCLUDE YOUR FMF ID NUMBER and indicate what laboratory you use for the risk calculation so that we may obtain your data file for distribution analysis unless you can provide us with this data yourself. Indicate which images are you submitting (i.e. NT films, NB films, etc) and your images will be uploaded for you. Re-accreditation is FREE OF CHARGE.

8. IF YOUR ACCREDITATION HAS LAPSED (STARTING AT THIS TIME):
Follow instructions in # 7.

9. IF YOU ARE NT ACCREDITED BUT WISH TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL ACCREDITATION (NASAL BONE, FRONTO-MAXILLARY FACIAL ANGLE, DUCTUS VENOSUS, TRICUSPID VALVE [FETAL ANOMALIES]; UTERINE ARTERY DOPPLER [PREECLAMPSIA]) (PRIOR TO MARCH 1, '09): If the course which you have taken to become accredited in NT contained information regarding the additional marker for which you are seeking accreditation, you can submit images as instructed on our website www.fetalmedicineusa.com. If you have not had such a course, you will need to take the (free) online course.

10. IF YOU ARE NT ACCREDITED BUT WISH TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL ACCREDITATION (NASAL BONE, FRONTO-MAXILLARY FACIAL ANGLE, DUCTUS VENOSUS, TRICUSPID VALVE [FETAL ANOMALIES]; UTERINE ARTERY DOPPLER [PREECLAMPSIA]) (AFTER MARCH 1, '09): You will need to take the free online course first. You also will be asked to use the on-line image submission process only. However, if absolutely necessary, we will still accept images using the old method (see #3).

This is a brief description of the new accreditation and re-accreditation process. A more detailed description and more information will be included in the upcoming free FMF USA newsletter.

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