*How to Join this Public Meeting*

**The Mississippi Genetics Advisory Committee (GAC)**

The biannual Genetics Advisory Committee (GAC) meeting will be held join via
zoom from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUvdeyrpj8iEtCEI0uuUvTASrCYkpYObvO8>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The advisory committee assists Genetic Services in its effort to obtain the following goals:

1. To maintain a birth defects computer registry which will allow Genetics Services to regularly and systematically monitor the births of children with defects for changes in incidence or other unusual patterns suggesting preventable causes.
2. To provide comprehensive screening for genetic disorders for all newborns, and to maintain a newborn screening computer registry to monitor the newborn screen test results and provide timely and appropriate follow-up of incomplete or abnormal results.
3. To inform physicians about available resources for affected children and families, and to assist with making referrals for follow-up and treatment or other intervention.
4. Meet at least twice a year to discuss issues related to Genetic disease/disorders and birth defects.

**Statutory Authority**

Sections 41-21-205 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, authorizes the State Health Officer to appoint an advisory committee which will advise the Board of Health and the State Department of Health on the promulgation of rules, regulations and procedures to govern the operation of the birth defects registry and the newborn screening program.