

# THE FORUM FOR MEDICAL AFFAIRS

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## GENOMIC ENGINEERING The Transformative Discovery of Our Time

### *IMAGINE A WORLD...*

...WHERE YOU CAN CUT AND PASTE GENES TO ELIMINATE DISEASE AND CONQUER WORLD HUNGER. THIS ABILITY IS NO LONGER A TWILIGHT ZONE TECHNOLOGY ...IT IS AVAILABLE FOR APPLICATION IF WE CHOOSE TO DO SO.

#### Objectives:

At the conclusion of this program the participants will:

- Discuss the basic elements of the CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing technology.
- Examine how CRISPR-Cas9 can be used to modify human, animal, and plant genomes.
- Describe how CRISPR-Cas9 can be applied to eliminate genetic diseases and expand food supplies.
- Summarize the ethical concerns associated with genome editing.

## Sunday, November 13, 2016

### 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

AMA Interim Meeting  
Walt Disney World Swan/Dolphin  
Swan 6 Ballroom  
Orlando, FL

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#### OVERVIEW AND AMA PERSPECTIVE

**Steven J. Stack, MD**  
Immediate Past President  
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#### SHORT TERM POTENTIAL FOR CRISPR APPLICATIONS IN AGRICULTURE

**David Holley, MD**  
Program Chair  
FORUM for Medical Affairs



#### GENE EDITING TO DECIPHER HUMAN GENETICS

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- Genome engineering, the process of writing/editing DNA in the genome, can test whether a particular genetic variant can cause a disease;
- Precise gene editing is enabled by targeted nucleases and cellular double-strand break repair response pathways;
- In contrast to other programmable nucleases where a protein determines the target sequence, CRISPR-Cas9 is a RNA-guided nuclease, allowing easy re-programming via short guide RNAs;
- Discussion of diverse gene editing applications with CRISPR nucleases, including therapeutic gene editing and gene drives.

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