

Dr. Lynn Jorde Biography

Dr. Lynn Jorde has been on the faculty of the University of Utah School of Medicine since 1979 and holds an H.A. and Edna Benning Presidential Endowed Chair in the Department of Human Genetics. He was appointed Chair of the Department of Human Genetics in September 2009. Dr. Jorde's laboratory has published more than 220 peer-reviewed scientific articles on human genetic variation, high-altitude adaptation, the genetic basis of human limb malformations, and the genetics of common diseases such as hypertension, juvenile idiopathic arthritis, and inflammatory bowel disease.

Dr. Jorde is the lead author of *Medical Genetics*, a textbook that will be published in its 5th edition this year. He has received 12 teaching awards at the University of Utah School of Medicine, including the Outstanding Pre-Clinical Professor Awards from the graduating medical classes of 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005; the Leonard W. Jarcho Distinguished Teaching Award in 2003; and the University of Utah Distinguished Teaching Award in 2006. He is the co-recipient of the 2008 Award for Excellence in Education from the American Society of Human Genetics.

Dr. Jorde has served on numerous advisory panels for the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health. He served two 3-year terms on the Board of Directors of the 8,000-member American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG), and in 2011 he was elected as president of the ASHG. In 2012 he was elected as a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is the Executive Director of the Utah Genome Project, a large-scale multidisciplinary effort in which thousands of members of Utah pedigrees are undergoing whole-genome DNA sequencing to discover disease-causing genes.