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**POSITION STATEMENT OF THE  
AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR INVESTIGATIVE PATHOLOGY ON  
MANIPULATION OF THE HUMAN GENOME**

The American Society for Investigative Pathology (ASIP) is concerned about the application of CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing technology to the human germline.

The Society for Developmental Biology has issued a [position statement](#) on genomic editing in human embryos, calling for a voluntary moratorium on all manipulation of pre-implantation human embryos by genomic editing. ASIP supports the Society for Developmental Biology position as well as the recommendations of the Innovative Genomics Initiative at the University of California, Berkeley and The University of California, San Francisco\*:

- a. establish mechanisms to educate the public on these new scientific developments and their associated benefits and risks;
- b. call for transparent research assessing the value and risks of genomic editing technology; and
- c. encourage a global dialogue on genomic technology that includes members of the scientific community; governmental agencies; experts on the ethical, legal and social implications of genomic technology; and the general public.

ASIP welcomes comments on this and other Position Statements. Should you have comments, please contact Mark E. Sobel, MD, PhD, Executive Officer, at [mesobel@asip.org](mailto:mesobel@asip.org).

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