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TRIBUTE TO DR. ELLEN MAGENIS

It is with heavy hearts that PRISMS announces the passing of our dear and caring colleague, R. Ellen Magenis, M.D. In the early 1980's, Dr. Magenis and Ann C.M. Smith, MA, DSc (Hon), CGC, discovered the deletion in chromosome 17 that became known as Smith–Magenis Syndrome (SMS). Dr. Magenis served on the PRISMS Professional Advisory Board and was a Professor of Genetics at Oregon Health and Science University. Although Dr. Magenis was a well known pioneer in the genetic field and a highly respected physician/clinician, she was simply "Ellen" to the families and individuals for whom "Smith–Magenis" was a household phrase. We extend our sympathies to Ellen's children and grandchildren and we express our gratitude for Ellen's devotion to our families.



R. Ellen Magenis, M.D., September 24, 1925 – February 4, 2014.

NEWLY DIAGNOSED

If you are associated with a person who is recently diagnosed with Smith–Magenis Syndrome, you're encouraged to begin your search for more information with the "WHAT

IS SMS?" menu above. For a more in-depth review of SMS, please see the [In-Depth Review](#) page or you can access it directly on the [GeneReviews](#) web site.

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