

Workshops

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Using the Polymerase Chain Reaction to Identify Genetically Modified Foods

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Thursday • 8:00 am - 9:15 am • Orange County Convention Center, W221 A

Detecting the Silent Killer: Clinical Detection of Diabetes

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The Drunken Worms: Exploring Gene Function with *C. elegans*

Model organisms allow us to study fundamental questions in biology that are difficult to study in humans. Learn how to culture the nematode *C. elegans* in your classroom. Explore how mutations affect alcohol metabolism using a simple locomotion assay. Data is collected and analyzed using statistics.

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