

Network News

Approval for Three Collaborative Proposals

Congratulations to researchers from across the Network who received approval from the Steering Committee for their collaborative proposals. Here are the main goals of each proposal:

- **Cascade Testing in the PE-CGS Network:** To study how families communicate germline test results, what factors influence cascade testing, and what barriers and facilitators exist for cascade testing.
- **cfDNA methylation analysis in CRC for MRD detection in Hispanic/Latinos and African Americans:** To develop liquid biopsies based on cfDNA methylation for detecting MRD in CRC patients from underrepresented groups.
- **Understanding and Engaging Decliners to Genetic Sequencing Research (PE-CGS) Network:** To investigate why underrepresented individuals decline to participate in cancer genomic sequencing studies and to develop ethical responses based on their reasons.



Registration for the 2023 Annual Meeting

Mark your calendars for our upcoming Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at the University of New Mexico Comprehensive Cancer Center in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and there will also be an option to join virtually. The meeting will start at 12 pm MT on Tuesday, October 24th and end at 12 pm MT on Thursday, October 26th, 2023. Registration for the meeting will open next week. Stay tuned for more details!

Ways to Collaborate

Subcommittee Updates

Health Equity:

- (8/1/23) The **subcommittee met** and discussed the panel discussion for the upcoming Annual Meeting. They brainstormed topics and questions to address during the panel as well as potential people to sit on the panel. Topics and questions for the panel will be shared with the Annual Meeting planning group.
- (No Meeting) The health equity subcommittee's **Common Data Elements task force** did not meet this month.

Participant Engagement:

- (8/10/23) The **subcommittee met** and Count Me In presented about activities related to their Participant Engagement Unit (PEU) and Engagement Optimization Unit (EOU).
- (No Meeting) The subcommittee's **Engagement Catalog task force** did not meet this month because they have started conducting structured interviews for their task force activities.

Return of Results:

- (8/4/23) The subcommittee's **working group on cascade testing** met and continued discussions about cross-center collaborations on cascade testing, including project goals, timelines and funding.
- (8/9/23) The **subcommittee** resumed meetings this week and plans to meet monthly in advance of the Annual Meeting. They discussed next steps for the collaborative paper about germline variants of uncertain significance (VUS), including possible cases to highlight. A discussion on the use of somatic results in determining the pathogenicity of VUS results will take place next meeting.

Ways to Communicate

Accessing Meeting Minutes & the Network Decision Log

Do you want to access meeting minutes, the Network decision log, and more? The Network file repository on the pecgs.org website has what you're looking for. The file repository is a secure online space where you can access various documents and resources related to the Network. You can find meeting minutes by clicking on the relevant subcommittee or administrative group folder, and the decision log by clicking on the 'Directory and Activity Log' folder. The decision log records the key decisions made by the Network. To join the file repository, just click the button below and follow the instructions

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PE-CGS Publication Tracker

A tracker has been created to document the status of PE-CGS-related publications. Please share information in the Tracker about work you plan to publish from your Research Center. If you have any questions about the purpose or use of the Tracker, please reach out to the Coordinating Center (pe-cgs@osumc.edu).

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming PE-CGS Network Meetings

Date	Time	Meeting
8/22	3 pm ET	Communications
8/24	11 am ET	Annual Meeting Planning
8/25 9/15	5 pm ET	Cascade Testing Study Planning
8/30 9/6 9/13 9/20	3 pm ET	Annual Meeting Planning
8/31	3 pm ET	Network Manager
9/5	11 am ET	Health Equity Subcommittee
9/7	3 pm ET	Steering Committee
9/13	1 pm ET	Return of Results
9/21	3 pm ET	All Hands



SEMINAR SERIES

Cancer Moonshot Seminar Series

The Cancer Moonshot Seminar series is a monthly series that showcases research from different Cancer Moonshot initiatives. The next upcoming seminar is on **August 24** held from **12-1 PM EST**: Spatial Data Analyses and AI Models for Cancer Research [Junior Investigator Session]. [Click here to register here.](#)

NCI Cancer Health Equity Visioning Workshops

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) is hosting a series of virtual workshops to ideate and explore transformative research ideas and catalyze new research directions towards sustainable

solutions for cancer health disparities (CHD). These workshops will bring together participants from diverse sectors of society and represent a wide range of disciplines. Participants will collectively explore unique research opportunities that are best addressed by advancing new approaches that cut across disciplines. They will consider how to tackle the complex nature of CHD and accelerate progress towards equity in cancer control for all populations, both locally and globally.

To ensure representation of diverse perspectives, please share widely with your networks and encourage participants to [register](#) by **August 24**. [Learn more here](#)



Research in Understudied Populations and Cancer Disparities Webinar Series
NCI's Research in Understudied Populations and Cancer Disparities webinar will be featuring COPECC's

John Carpten and Mariana Stern **September 13** from **12-1 PM ET**. This series is hosted by the Epidemiology and Genomics Research Program and is designed to highlight research on both understudied populations and disparities associated with outcomes across the cancer control spectrum. [Learn more here](#)

2023 Consortium for Cancer Implementation Science Annual Meeting

Registration is open for the 2023 Consortium for Cancer Implementation Science (CCIS) Annual Meeting, taking place on **October 4-5**. During the meeting, attendees can expect to: discover the latest advancements and trends in implementation science; explore strategies for developing and nurturing partnerships that promote health equity and foster collaboration; and collaborate with colleagues through interactive sessions and networking opportunities. [Learn more here](#)

Funding and Opportunities

ASHG Annual Meeting 2023 Early Bird Registration

Abstract submission is open for the American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) 2023 Annual Meeting. Members and nonmembers are encouraged to submit their latest research for programming as plenary/platform talks (oral presentations) or poster presentations. Deadline for early bird registration is **August 24**. [Learn more here](#)



PE-CGS SHORT READS submissions

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