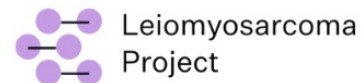


Network News

Research Center Spotlight: Count Me In

This summer the Count Me In (CMI) PE-CGS Research Center* will launch its new rare cancer study called the Leiomyosarcoma (LMS) Project which will join their existing PE-CGS initiative, the Osteosarcoma (OS) Project. Partnerships with community advocacy organizations such as Make It Better Agents, the National Leiomyosarcoma Foundation, the Osteosarcoma Collaborative, and Leiomyosarcoma Support & Direct Research Foundation serve as an important bridge for OS & LMS patients to learn about CMI and are key to CMI's patient engagement and enrollment strategies. CMI staff & leadership routinely deliver presentations for their stakeholders, participate in podcasts and or other virtual live events, and attend local networking opportunities. Additionally, CMI provides partner organizations with relevant toolkits/content and email communications to make it simple for them to disseminate information to their stakeholders.



As discussed at the June All-Hands meeting, investigators from CMI are evaluating how participants feel about receiving study results through a survey and qualitative interviews. While CMI has always kept participants informed about relevant discoveries, OS and LMS participants will have the opportunity to directly receive information about what researchers have learned from studying their individual samples. This new project feature is made possible under the PE-CGS grant. CMI looks forward to sharing findings from this work with the Network in the future.

*The Count Me In PE-CGS Research Center is made up of team members at Count Me In, the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston Children's Hospital, and Brigham and Women's Hospital.



AACR Cancer Disparities Report 2022

First launched in 2020, the AACR Cancer Disparities Progress Report to Congress and the American public is a cornerstone of the AACR's educational and advocacy efforts to achieve health equity. This second edition of the report highlights areas of recent progress in reducing cancer health disparities. It also emphasizes the vital need for continued transformative research and for increased collaborations if we are to ensure that advances against cancer benefit all patients, regardless of their race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, socioeconomic status, or geographic location. [Read the full report here.](#)

Building Data Capacity for Patient-Centered Outcomes Research

Dr. John Bridges serves as part of a committee commissioned by the Department of Health and Human Services to examine the benefit of expanding patient data acquisition to include more holistic information. The committee's final report, [Building Data Capacity for Patient-Centered Outcomes Research: Priorities for the Next Decade](#) was just published by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

Patient-centered outcomes research focuses on producing scientific evidence on the effectiveness of prevention and treatment options to inform the health care decisions of patients, families and health care providers, taking into consideration the preferences, values and questions patients face when making health care choices. In the report, the committee asserts that broadening the focus of the patient-centered outcomes research data infrastructure from patient-centered to person-centered would enhance the goals and data infrastructure needed to conduct meaningful outcomes research.

“A person-centered approach incorporates into the data critical influences beyond the health care processes when people are patients,” according to the report. “The distinction between a person-centered approach and a patient-centered one is not intended to imply that the roles of patient and person are necessarily separate, but to underscore the broader context that might be missed when the focus is exclusively on the person as a patient.” Dr. Bridges says, “This shift in perspective could be transformative for both research and health care.”

Ways to Collaborate

Trans-Network collaborative projects

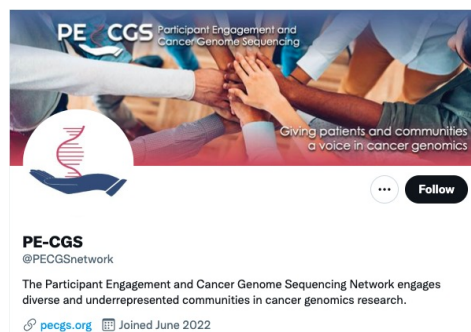
Due Date: July 21

Investigators can work together to develop proposals for multi-site collaborative projects. These projects will be facilitated by special set-aside funding and are intended to promote sharing best practices, optimizing approaches, and addressing common issues across the Network.

Proposals for the collaborative projects are reviewed and approved by the Steering Committee and must be submitted two weeks before a **Steering Committee meeting**, which take place the first Thursday of every month. For more information about developing and submitting a collaborative project proposal, email the Coordinating Center at pe-cgs@osumc.edu.



Ways to Communicate



Twitter

The PE-CGS Network is now on Twitter. Follow us at [@PECGSnetwork](https://twitter.com/PECGSnetwork) for Network updates and related content. If there is content you would like us to share or retweet, let the Coordinating Center know at pe-cgs@osumc.edu.

Slack now available to all PE-CGS Network members

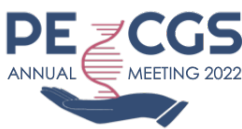
All PE-CGS Network members are invited to join the dedicated PE-CGS Workspace on Slack. There you will find a general area to chat about topics relevant to whole Network, as well as separate channels devoted to each subcommittee. Review the **getting started guide** and learn **how to use Slack**, if it's new to you. It might be helpful to adjust your **preferences for notifications**.

[Join the PE-CGS Workspace on Slack](#)

Upcoming Events

Bringing the PE-CGS Participant and

Annual Network Meetings together
The Network is pleased to bring together the 2022 Participant and Annual Meetings on **November 15 and 16** to reflect on Network progress, establish shared values, and foster scientific collaboration.



**PARTNERING BEYOND
THE SCIENCE**
November 15-16
Columbus, Ohio

The meeting will use a hybrid format with in-person sessions live streamed and/or recorded. Each Research Center will have participants and community members attend along with investigators and staff. The in-person portion of the meeting will be held at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. **Please click below to register**, whether attending in person or virtually.

[Register for the Annual Meeting](#)

AACR Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities In Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved

Held **September 16-19, 2022**, this conference hopes to advance the understanding of, and ultimately help to eliminate, the disparities that represent a major public health problem. Reflecting this transdisciplinary field, professionals from academia, industry, government, and the community will be brought together to promote the exchange of novel ideas, discuss the latest findings in the field, and stimulate the development of new research on cancer health disparities. Advance registration deadline **August 2, 2022**. [Learn more](#)

Funding and Opportunities

Department of Defense Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program

There are various funding upcoming funding opportunities. The first letters of intent are due **July 12, 2022**. [Learn more](#)

AACR Special Conference: Colorectal Cancer

This AACR Special Conference will feature the latest research from leading national and international experts and will also help build collaborations to advance the prevention, detection, and treatment of this complex disease. Abstracts are due **July 18, 2022**. [Learn more](#)

Notice of Upcoming PCORI Funding Announcement

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) intends to release a PCORI Funding Announcement (PFA) on **July 12, 2022**, seeking to fund studies that build an evidence base on engagement in research. [Learn more](#)

AACR Special Conference: Precision, Prevention, Early Detection, and Interception of Cancer

This AACR Special Conference will raise the visibility of advances in the field of prevention and early detection that incorporate biological and mechanistic advances to inspire thinking about new approaches to cancer prevention. Abstracts are due **September 2, 2022**. [Learn more](#)

NOSI: Development and Implementation of Clinical Informatics Tools to Enhance Patients Use of Genomic Information. [Learn more](#)

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