

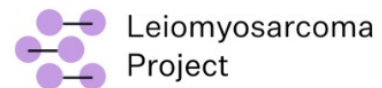
## Network News

### Research Center Spotlight: Count Me In

**Count Me In (CMI)** empowers cancer patients by giving them an active role in research and providing a platform for them to contribute their valuable medical data. This revolutionized patient-driven approach has not only advanced scientific knowledge but also fostered a sense of community and support among individuals affected by cancer - no matter where they live in the United States or Canada- and particularly among those experiencing **osteosarcoma (OS)** and **leiomyosarcoma (LMS)**.

CMI has recently expanded its approach to outreach by furthering engagement among Hispanic & Latino identifying patient groups - allowing researchers to have a full scope of ethnic representation in effort to understand the entirety of these rare diseases. Count Me In, together with Dr. Jennifer Mack from Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, are set to mobilize a newly formed "Stakeholder Advisory Group" to ensure the needs are actively addressed within the members of this multicultural community.

For more information about this strategic outreach planning effort, please contact Noriela Elia, CMI's Project Coordinator, via email at [info@jointcountmein.org](mailto:info@jointcountmein.org).



### OPTIMUM's Annie Heffernan receives Brain Tumor Epidemiology Consortium Junior Investigator Award

Congratulations to Annie Heffernan, MPH who received the 2023 Brain Tumor Epidemiology Consortium Junior Investigator Award for OPTIMUM's research on quality of life for their Low Grade Glioma (LGG) Registry.

[Read our interview with Annie](#) for more details about her background, research, and future directions.

## Ways to Collaborate

### Collaborative Set-Aside Funds in U2C Budgets

Each Research Center has funds available to support multi-center collaborative projects. Projects may include two or more centers and may be single year or multi-year. Investigators can work together to develop proposals for these collaborative projects. Proposals are reviewed and approved by the Steering Committee.

Submit proposals to the NCI by: **Thursday, June 22, 2023** or **Thursday, July 20, 2023**

[Find more information in the Repository \(Steering Committee Folder -> Governance Documents\)](#)

### Subcommittee Updates

### Health Equity:

- (6/6/23) The subcommittee's **Common Data Elements task force** met and the Coordinating Center shared the next version of the common data elements catalog. The catalog includes Research Centers' baseline survey questions for participants, and it categorizes those questions into data elements. The task force discussed ways to refine the data element categories and ways to categorize the data elements into domains that are of high priority for the Network.
- (6/6/23) The **subcommittee** met to review and discuss updates about the common data elements catalog. The Health Equity subcommittee is interested in using the catalog to understand how centers are measuring the social determinants of health.

### Participant Engagement:

- (6/8/23) The **subcommittee met** and Wash-U PE-CGS presented about activities related to their Participant Engagement Unit (PEU) and Engagement Optimization Unit (EOU).
- (6/12/23) The subcommittee's **Engagement Catalog task force** met and the CC shared that OSU IRB made a non-human subjects research determination for conduct of the task force cataloging activities and interviews with PEU/EOU leads. The task force discussed and identified next steps to start conducting interviews.

### Return of Results:

- (6/2/23) 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.

## Ways to Communicate

### 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 the the Coordinating Center ([pe-cgs@osumc.edu](mailto:pe-cgs@osumc.edu)).

[PE-CGS Publication Tracker](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Upcoming PE-CGS Network Meetings

Date	Time	Meeting
6/22	12 pm ET	Planning the 2023 Annual Meeting
6/23	5 pm ET	Cascade Testing Working Group
6/27	3 pm ET	Communications
6/29	11 am ET	Planning the 2023 Annual Meeting
7/6	3 pm ET	Steering Committee
7/12	1 pm ET	Return of Results Subcommittee
7/14	5 pm ET	Cascade Testing Working Group
7/20	3 pm ET	All Hands

### 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 **June 22** held from **12-1 PM EST**: The Molecular Role of NUP-98 Fusion Oncoproteins in Pediatrics Leukemias. [Click here to register here.](#)

### Call for Nominations of Junior Investigators

The Cancer Moonshot 2023-2024 seminar series will host two or three events to showcase exciting science of junior investigators. Principal Investigators of Cancer Moonshot-funded projects can nominate junior investigators to present using this [online form](#). The deadline for nomination is **Friday, July 28**.

### NCI Junior Investigator Annual Meeting 2023

Open to all graduate student, postdoctoral fellows, and new faculty in cancer research, this meeting will take place **August 17-18 in Philadelphia, PA**. The meeting will feature: in-person and virtual components, virtual pre-meeting session with Alan Alda on science communication, a panel discussion ("Just Starting Out"), and every junior investigator will be given the opportunity to present. [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](#)



### Cancer Grand Challenges - Global research funding opportunities with nine new challenges

The National Cancer Institute (NCI), part of the National Institutes of Health, and Cancer Research UK have announced nine new research challenges aimed at tackling some of the most profound problems in cancer research.

The new round of challenges, announced March 8, during the Cancer Grand Challenges Annual Scientific Summit in London, is open until **June 22**. [Learn more here](#)

### PE-CGS SHORT READS submissions

Have news to share with the PE-CGS Network community?  
For consideration, send your news to [pe-cgs@osumc.edu](mailto:pe-cgs@osumc.edu).

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