

## Network News

### AACR Annual Meeting Update

Members of the PE-CGS Network presented on their Community Health Educator Supplement at the 2024 AACR Annual Meeting held on April 9 in San Diego, CA. Timothy Rebbeck from Count Me In, Mariana Stern from COPECC, Erin Linnenbringer from Wash-U, and Elizabeth Claus from OPTIMUM provided insights on initiatives aimed at enhancing the engagement and participation of Hispanic/Latino and Black American communities in genomic sequencing studies and cancer genetic research.



### Join us for the May 8 Return of Results Subcommittee Meeting

All Network members are invited to join the Return of Results subcommittee meeting on **May 8 at 1 pm ET** to learn about the All of Us Research Program's approaches to the responsible return of genomic results to participants. [Use this Zoom link to join](#). The presenter will be Anastasia Wise, PhD, Director, Scientific Return to Participants and Impact, All of Us Research Program.

### Congratulations to the PE-CGS Investigators

We congratulate the PE-CGS investigators, Dr. Cheryl Willman and Dr. John Carpten on being selected by the NCI Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD) as Cancer Equity Leaders. They are among a diverse team of 13 renowned cancer leaders who will reimagine and transform the future of cancer health equity. [Learn more about this news here](#).



## Ways to Collaborate

### Final Call: Proposals for Collaborative Set-Aside Funds

Collaborative set-aside funds are meant to promote and facilitate sharing best practices, optimizing approaches, and addressing common issues across the Network. The deadline to submit your collaborative proposal is **today, Thursday, April 18**. Electronic copies of the proposal, signed by an Authorized Institutional Official, should be submitted to the NCI Program Director assigned to the parent PE-CGS U2C grant.

You can find more information about collaborative set-aside funds and proposals in the Repository (Steering Committee Folder -> Governance Documents). The file provides information about what to include and how to submit proposals.

### Subcommittee Updates

- **Health Equity:** (no meeting) The subcommittee did not meet this month.
- **Participant Engagement:** (4/19 upcoming) Dr. Matthew DeCamp from the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus will lead a discussion on "Ethics, Engagement, and Consent: A Facilitated Discussion of Practical Solutions".
- **Return of Results:** (4/10) The coordinating center plans to circulate a survey to the

research centers regarding their approaches to returning results for germline and somatic testing. The return of somatic results, cascade testing, and integrative reporting projects continue to meet separately and report back to the subcommittee.

## 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. You may request access to the Tracker with your email address and send an email to [pe-cgs@osumc.edu](mailto:pe-cgs@osumc.edu) to let the Coordinating Center know that you have requested access.

### Upcoming conference deadlines

Consider submitting to the following conferences that could be of relevance to your PE-CGS research.

- 2024 ASHG Annual Meeting (November 5-9, 2024 in Denver, Colorado):  
Wednesday, **June 5, 2024, 5 pm ET.** [Learn more.](#)
- 17th AACR Conference on Cancer Health Disparities (September 21-24, 2024 in Los Angeles, CA): Thursday, **June 6, 2024, 1 pm ET.** [Learn more.](#)

## Upcoming Events

### Communicating Evolving Cancer Information - Virtual Innovation Lab

Join the National Cancer Institute (NCI) for an interactive workshop to explore innovative research ideas to better communicate evolving cancer information. [Learn more about this workshop here.](#)

Workshop dates: July 15-19, 2024 and July 26, 2024.

Apply Before: **Friday, May 3, 2024**

### Cancer Moonshot Conversation

Please join us for the Cancer Moonshot [Seminar Series](#) on **May 23 from 12 pm ET - 1 pm ET**. Dr. Kai Tan from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Liz Salmi from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center will present on the topic: Advancing Data Sharing through the Cancer Moonshot. [Click here to register now.](#)

### Population Descriptors for Legacy Genomic Data: Challenges and Future Directions (NIH Two-Day Virtual Workshop)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Institutes, Offices, and Centers are partnering to host a two-day virtual workshop on **Tuesday, May 28 (1 pm ET to 5 pm ET) and Wednesday, May 29 (11 am ET - 3 pm ET), 2024**, to explore the recommendations from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine (NASSEM) 2023 report, [Using Population Descriptors in Genetics and Genomics Research: A New Framework for an Evolving Field](#), with regards to legacy genomic data. This workshop aims to provide recommendations regarding the application of population descriptors to existing data. [Click here to register now.](#)

### 2024 PE-CGS Annual Meeting

The 2024 PE-CGS Annual Meeting will be held at the Eric P. Newman Education Center in St. Louis, Missouri. We hope many people can attend in-person, but a hybrid option will also be available. To accommodate travel time, the meeting will start at **8 am CT on Tuesday, October 8 and end at 5:30 pm CT, on Wednesday, October 9.**

### Upcoming PE-CGS Network Meetings

Date	Time	Meeting
4/19	1 pm ET	Participant Engagement

4/19, 5/7	3 pm ET	Annual Meeting Planning
4/25	3 pm ET	Network Managers
5/2	3 pm ET	Steering Committee
5/7	3 pm ET	Health Equity
5/8	1 pm ET	Return of Results

## Funding and Opportunities

### JNCI Cancer Spectrum Call for Papers on Social Determinants of Health

The Journal of the National Cancer Institute (JNCI) Cancer Spectrum invites submissions investigating how social determinants of health impact cancer care and outcomes. They are particularly encouraging studies that involve clinical trials or prospective data collection, or provide novel insights that go beyond the identification of disparity but instead describe potential actions and interventions that will improve health outcomes for cancer patients.

The deadline for submission is **August 1, 2024**. Use the [journal submission site](#) to submit your manuscript. For further questions, please contact the Editorial Office at [ncics.edoffice@oup.com](mailto:ncics.edoffice@oup.com).

### Multi-Sectoral Preventive Interventions Research Network to Address Social Determinants of Health in Populations that Experience Health Disparities

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Office of Disease Prevention (ODP) and participating Institutes, Centers, and Offices are seeking applications for a new collaborative research network to test multi-sectoral preventive interventions for health conditions in populations that experience health disparities. Applications are due **August 5**.

- **PAR-24-053:** This research network funding opportunity encourages UG3/UG3 research project applications that intervene beyond the individual level and collaborate with two or more service sectors (e.g., health, housing, transportation, education). [Learn more about this funding opportunity here](#)
- **RFA-OD-24-006:** The coordinating center funding opportunity encourages U24 applications that propose activities in administration, methodology, and community engagement. [Learn more about this funding opportunity here](#)

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### 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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