

Network News

Research Center Spotlight: USC COPECC

At the USC Center for Optimization of Participant Engagement for Cancer Characterization (COPECC) we propose to address the gap of knowledge about the genomic characteristics of Hispanic/Latinx colorectal cancer patients and their tumors from a biologic perspective, and have developed optimized approaches for engagement and communication to this understudied population.



Since launching our center last year, we have been busy developing culturally and language appropriate materials to provide our patients with education about genetic and genomic testing, including a “Welcome to our study” video showcasing one of our Latina oncologists, Dr. Algaze, and one of our Latina genetic counselors, Charité Ricker, explaining the study to our patients. We have begun recruitment of patients with great success, and even though our surveys are long, our patients have expressed enthusiasm about participating. Shown in this picture is Mr. Adan Reinosa Rivera, our first patient consented.

To expand our mission of disseminating knowledge about cancer genetic and genomic testing, we recently obtained an administrative supplement that will allow us to launch the CoGENES (Community Genetic Navigation Engagement Specialists) program, which utilizes a train-the-trainer community liaisons engagement model with *promotores de salud* (lay health care workers) to train a workforce of educators who can disseminate information about cancer genetic/genomic testing in the community and in our clinics. We have also established a new network collaboration with Washington University in St. Louis, University of New Mexico, and TGen to investigate the microbiotics in African Americans, Hispanics/Latinx, and Native Americans, and to obtain preliminary data on the role of microbiota in the early onset of colorectal cancer.

Ways to Collaborate

October PE-CGS All Hands Meeting with the Human Tumor Atlas Network

Please join us on **October 20th from 3-4 pm ET** to hear from scientists affiliated with the Human Tumor Atlas Network (HTAN). They will present an overview of HTAN and highlight a recent project on the malignant progression of colorectal polyps and their microenvironment. The project serves as a framework for precision surveillance and prevention of colorectal cancer. This meeting aims to facilitate connections between PE-CGS and HTAN, two Cancer Moonshot Networks, and to identify potential opportunities for collaboration. We look forward to seeing you at the October PE-CGS All Hands Meeting. Learn more about the [Human Tumor Atlas Network](#)

Study Materials Requested from Research Centers

To support collaboration across the Network, study materials are needed from each of the Research Centers. These materials include: informed consent, survey instruments, and other materials used for participant education, return of results, and engagement.

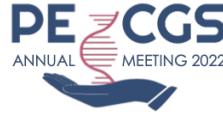
Research Centers received an initial request and the Coordinating Center will be following up

with some additional details. As a reminder, these materials will be shared using the password protected repository on the PE-CGS website. Email materials to pe-cgs@osumc.edu.

Upcoming Events

PE-CGS Annual Meeting

The Network is pleased to host the 2022 Annual Participant and Investigator Meeting on **November 15th and 16th**. The meeting will use a hybrid format with in-person sessions live streamed and/or recorded. **Please register by October 15th** whether attending in person or virtually.



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The in-person portion of the meeting will be held at The Ohio State University in Columbus, OH. The final deadline to make hotel reservations is **October 15th**. Call **614-247-4000** to make your reservation before the deadline to ensure availability and to receive the discounted rate (room code: PE-CGS).



EIAP Pre-Application Webinar

Each year, the Early Investigator Advancement Program (EIAP) supports the professional and career development of a cohort of eligible and qualified Early Stage Investigators and New Investigators from institutions across the country. The Fiscal Year 2023 application period is open until **November 1st**. [Learn more here](#)

Funding and Opportunities

The CURE Career Development Awards

The Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities (CRCHD) CURE program offers unique training and career development opportunities to enhance and increase diversity in the cancer and cancer health disparities research workforce. [Learn more here](#)

AACR Annual Meeting 2023

The AACR Annual Meeting will allow scientists, clinicians, other health care professionals, survivors, patients, and advocates to gather and share the latest advances in cancer science and medicine. The meeting will be on April 14-19, 2023 in Orlando, FL. The regular abstract submission deadline is **November 17th**. [Learn more here](#)

NCI: Notice of Intent to Publish (NOITP) a Funding Opportunity Announcement for Pragmatic Trials across the Cancer Control Continuum

The National Cancer Institute intends to publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to solicit applications that support the development and testing of cancer-related interventions using a pragmatic trial design across the cancer control continuum. The overarching goal of this FOA is to support the development of a more robust, representative, and diverse collection of evidence-based cancer-related interventions. The FOA is expected to be published in Fall 2022 with an expected first application deadline in **February 2023**. [Learn more here](#)

FOA: Multi-Omics for Health and Disease

The following opportunities are a part of a collaborative initiative to advance the application of multi-omic technologies to study health and disease in ancestrally diverse populations. The letter of intent is due **October 18th**.

Disease Study Sites (U01 Clinical Trials Optional)

- Goal of this FOA is to establish Disease Study Sites (DSS)
- [Learn more about RFA-AH-22-008](#)

'Omics Production Centers (U01 Clinical Trials Not Allowed)

- Goal is to establish 'Omics Production Center(s) (OPC(s))
- [Learn more about RFA-AH-22-009](#)

Data Analysis and Coordination (U01 Clinical Trials Not Allowed)

- Goal is to establish a Data Analysis and Coordination Center (DACC)
- [Learn more about RFA-AH-22-010](#)

PE-CGS SHORT READS submissions

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