

## Network News

### Research Center Spotlight: WashU-PE-CGS

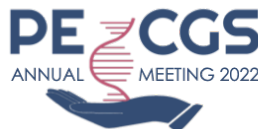
WU-PE-CGS is committed to participant engagement and has engaged directly with patient advocacy groups in the past year. In February 2022, representatives from WU-PE-CGS, including PIs Bettina Drake and Ryan Fields, attended the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation Annual Conference. WU-PE-CGS presented research plans in plenary and poster sessions, and also had a vendor booth presence with research staff, and conducted a focus group with patients, patient families, patient advocates, and clinicians to inform recruitment strategies and materials. In August 2022, the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation (MMRF), with MMRF Senior Director for Medical Communications and Education and WU-PE-CGS Participant Engagement Advisory Board member Mary DeRome, held a Patient Summit for the St. Louis area. This event, held at WashU, welcomed about 40 patients and caregivers in person and 200+ virtually. Dr. Bettina Drake presented WU-PE-CGS research plans, and research staff were available to talk with patients at the vendor fair.

WU-PE-CGS continues to include a participant representative (Melinda Bacchini of the Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation) in their weekly PI meeting to ensure that the participant perspective is included in all aspects of the Center plan. They will continue to look for opportunities to engage with participants whenever possible in order to achieve the PE-CGS Network goal of promoting direct engagement of cancer patients as participants in research.

## Ways to Collaborate

### PE-CGS Annual Meeting

The Network is pleased to host the 2022 Annual Participant and Investigator Meeting on **November 15 and 16**. The meeting will use a hybrid format with in-person sessions live streamed and/or recorded. Each Research Center will have patient and community representatives attend along with investigators and staff.



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November 15-16  
Columbus, Ohio

The in-person portion of the meeting will be held at The Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. We are currently planning virtual networking opportunities. **Please click below to register**, whether attending in person or virtually.

***In-person Reservations:*** *The deadline for making hotel reservations has been extended to September 21st. Make your reservation before the deadline to ensure availability and receive the discounted rate (room code: PE-CGS).*

[Register for Annual Meeting](#)

## Ways to Communicate

**Find PE-CGS on Twitter**

The PE-CGS Network is now on Twitter. Follow us



at @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](mailto:pe-cgs@osumc.edu).

## Join PE-CGS Repository to access Network materials

We invite you to sign up for access to the file repository on the [pecgs.org](http://pecgs.org) website. It is a password-protected space for you to access items such as a network directory, meeting minutes, governance documents, and scientific resources. The Coordinating Center uploads and manages files, and you'll can download the content you need.

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## Upcoming Events

### National Academies Public Comment Session on Federal Policies

Held virtually **September 9, from 2-3:30 p.m. ET**, the National Academies is holding a public comment session on federal policies that contribute to preventable and unfair differences in health status and outcomes experienced by all US racial and ethnic minority populations. Members of the public will discuss lived experiences navigating federal programs and systems, including barriers and solutions from community members and organizations. [Learn more & register](#)

### September PE-CGS All Hands Meeting with the LUNgevity Foundation

Please join us on **September 15, from 3-4 p.m. ET**, to hear from scientists affiliated with the LUNgevity Foundation. They will present and discuss projects that have relevance to the PE-CGS Network, including projects related to patient-focused research; consistent cancer testing language; and translational research, especially to improve treatment. We look forward to seeing you at the September PE-CGS All Hands Meeting. [Learn more about LUNgevity](#)

### AACR Special Conference: Colorectal Cancer

Held **October 1-4** in Portland, Oregon, AACR is hosting a Special Conference on Colorectal Cancer. Speakers will discuss the latest research from leading national and international experts. Building collaborations to advance the prevention, detection, and treatment of colorectal cancer will also be a focus. [Learn more here](#)

### ASHG Annual Meeting 2022

Taking place **October 25-29**, the American Society of Human Genetics will hold its annual meeting in Los Angeles for an opportunity to reunite and reconnect with your colleagues. On Thursday, **October 27**, Dr. Anne Schuster of the Coordinating Center will be presenting a poster on behalf of the Network titled "Priorities to promote participant engagement in cancer genomics research: A report from the Participant Engagement and Cancer Genome Sequencing (PE-CGS) Network". Late breaking abstract submission deadline is **September 13, 2022**. [Learn more](#)



## Funding and Opportunities

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

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

The National Cancer Institute (NCI) 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 due date in **February 2023**. [Learn more](#)

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