

Network News

Research Center Spotlight: OPTIMUM

The optimal clinical management for Low Grade Glioma (LGG), a malignant tumor of the brain, remains unknown. A comprehensive genomic characterization of the evolution from primary LGG to recurrence is required to begin to address the LGG knowledge gap; optimizing the engagement of a diverse group of persons with LGG in this effort is critical to the success of this process. Using our International LGG Registry as a starting point, we will construct a community of 500 persons with LGG who have undergone surgical resection at time of diagnosis and recurrence and who want to participate in research. We will use both hospital-based as well as web- and social media-based patient engagement efforts to engage participants.

We hypothesize that LGG participant engagement and satisfaction (and thus overall participation) in genomic characterization studies will be improved by 1) the ability to obtain and share medical record data with researchers, 2) the availability of bi-directional communication between study and patients regarding study focus, progress, and outcomes, 3) improved messaging and education regarding study and patient goals with respect to genomic characterization of patient materials. An understanding of the dynamic evolution of the LGG genome will help identify and characterize the glioma cells driving resistance to treatment, knowledge that is indispensable for the development of and optimal timing for effective therapies, providing a significant improvement in the care of LGG patients. Stay tuned for updates from OPTIMUM in 2023!

Ways to Collaborate

January All Hands Meeting

The January All Hands Meeting will be on **Thursday, January 19th at 3:00 pm (ET)**. Presentations have been planned for the newly awarded supplements on "Community Liaison-based Patient Engagement for Cancer Genetic Education and Research Participation." These presentations will focus on sharing project goals and provide an overview of the research plan and initial progress.

Ways to Communicate

PE-CGS Publication Tracker

A Google Sheet has been created to track the status of PE-CGS-related publications. To input information, **please click the button below**. If you have any questions about the purpose or use of the Tracker, please reach out to the Coordinating Center (pe-cgs@osumc.edu).

[PE-CGS Publication Tracker](#)

Join PE-CGS Repository to access Network materials

We invite you to sign up for access to the file repository on the pecgs.org website. It is a password-protected space for you to access items such as meeting minutes, governance

PE-CGS Network members invited to join the PE-CGS Workspace on Slack

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,

documents, and scientific resources. The Coordinating Center uploads and manages files, and you can download the content you need. Find the instructions to join by clicking the button below.

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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.

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Upcoming Events



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 **January 26th**, held from 12-1 pm ET: DOE-NCI Collaboration: MOSSAIC for Advancing Computational Models for Cancer Research. [Register 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](#)

PCORI Engagement Award: Capacity Building

The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) plans to award up to \$25 million in fiscal year 2023 as part of the Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Award Program. This program supports projects that encourage active, meaningful involvement of patients, caregivers, clinicians, and other healthcare stakeholders as integral members of the patient-centered outcomes research/comparative clinical effectiveness research (PCOR/CER) enterprise. These awards are for research support projects.



The Engagement Award: Capacity Building opportunity funds projects that build communities prepared to participate in PCOR/CER. These projects will focus on building the knowledge, competencies, and abilities of their community to be meaningful partners with researchers throughout the process. The online system opens **January 18th, 2023**. [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](#)

PE-CGS SHORT READS submissions

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