Happy Holidays from the Coordinating Center

As we come to the end of 2023, we want to take a moment to express our appreciation for the PE-CGS Community and making this year a memorable one. We wish you a wonderful holiday season and look forward to our ongoing collaborations in 2024.
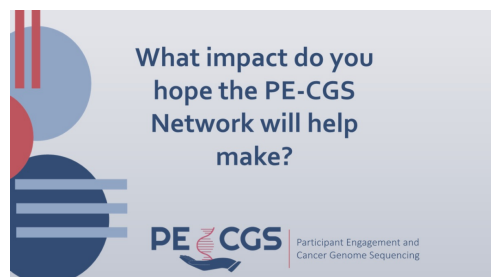
Network News

COPECC Celebrates First 100 Patients and CoGENES Program Launch

The Center for Optimization of Participant Engagement for Cancer Characterization (COPECC), one of our PE-CGS Research Centers, celebrates reaching their goal of enrolling 100 Hispanic/Latino (H/L) colorectal cancer patients in the first year of their ENLACE study, with 71 of those patients having completed germline testing and tumor sequencing. The study aims to reduce barriers to participating in genetic research by increasing access to and knowledge about clinical genetic testing. In addition, the Engagement Optimization Unit conducted focus groups among 21 patients to understand their knowledge, attitudes, behaviors, and beliefs about genetic testing.

Complimentary to both studies is the Community Genetic Navigation Engagement Specialists (CoGENES), a train-the-trainer program launched this past summer, developed to create a workforce of community liaisons trained to educate H/L individuals about colorectal cancer prevention, genetic testing, counseling, and importance of participating in cancer research. The program successfully graduated the first cohort of 12 CoGENES utilizing a curriculum in both Spanish and English developed and delivered by experts. An educational handbook was created, tested, and optimized using focus groups and content analysis. This first cohort of CoGENES have already trained an additional 30 CoGENES. The program was evaluated via pre- and post-surveys, which showed that the program led to improved self-efficacy, increased genetic knowledge, and self-confidence. The next phase of the program will include a randomized control trial to test the impact of having CoGENES train community members using the program's toolkit.

What impact do you hope the PE-CGS Network will help make? Video Live

At the PE-CGS Annual Meeting 2022, we invited participant representatives and community members to share their experiences, present with collaborators, and express their hopes for the PE-CGS Network. Their perspectives are showcased in a video that is now live on pe-cgs.org. Watch the video here

Ways to Collaborate

All Hands Meetings

New for 2024 All Hands Meetings: Time can be available for researchers to share a collaborative project idea during these meetings. Please reach out to the Coordinating Center to schedule your presentation.

Upcoming All Hands Schedule:
- 1/18: PE-CGS Research Posters and Publications
- 2/15: NCI cohorts with experience acquiring tissue will present about their lessons learned
- 3/21: PE-CGS Network Common Data Elements Catalog
- 4/18: PE-CGS Research Center Updates: OPTIMUM and COPECC

Subcommittee Updates
   Health Equity:
- (NO MEETING) The subcommittee did not meet this month.
- The Common Data Elements catalog is complete and available in the repository in the Common Data Elements Subcommittee folder.
   Participant Engagement:
- (12/14/23) The subcommittee met and Thomas Concannon, PhD, The RAND Corporation, Tufts University School of Medicine, presented "How Research Teams can Responsibly Develop Evidence About Engaged Research." Slides are available in the repository in the Participant Engagement Subcommittee folder.
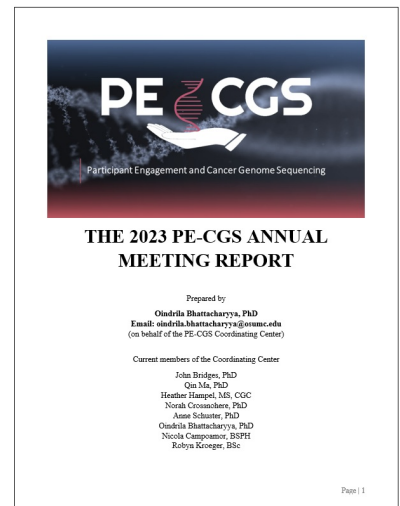   **Return of Results**:
- (NO MEETING) Members of the subcommittee responded to a public open comment on the Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP) provider-friendly biomarker testing template, providing recommendations demonstrating the need for ROR approaches such as how to communicate results, how much of the results to communicate, the importance of timing, and understanding priorities. The subcommittee will meet next month to share updates on the somatic results and cascade testing projects.

Ways to Communicate

The 2023 PE-CGS Annual Meeting Report
A meeting summary for the 2023 PE-CGS Annual Meeting has been circulated. The report provides a brief synopsis of the meeting activities and major areas of focus, as well as delving into key observations and opportunities from each session. Key action items from the meeting are outlined for future reference, as well as materials used throughout the meeting (i.e., unanswered Slido questions, snapshots of posters, snapshots of communications e-posters, and post-meeting evaluation results). This comprehensive report is available in the repository in the 2023 Annual Network Meeting folder.

To join the file repository, just click the button below and follow the instructions. If you have any questions or suggestions about the file repository, please contact us at pe-cgs@osumc.edu.

THE 2023 PE-CGS ANNUAL MEETING REPORT

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Upcoming Events

Upcoming PE-CGS Network Meetings

Date	Time	Meeting
1/4	3 pm ET	Steering Committee
1/10	1 pm ET	Return of Results

1/18	3 pm ET	All Hands
1/23	3 pm ET	Communications
1/25	3 pm ET	Network Managers Meeting

NIH-CZI Junior Investigators Atlas Builders Meeting
This 2-day meeting will bring together biologists, physician scientists, computational biologists, and other computational experts in the early stages of their careers from the Participant Engament and Cancer Genome Sequencing (PE-CGS) Network, Human Tumor Atlas Network (HTAN), The Human BioMolecular Atlas Program (HuBMAP), Kidney Precision Medicine Project (KPMP), GenitoUrinary Development Molecular Anatomy Project (GUDMAP), Cellular Senescence Network (SenNet), and Chan Zuckerberg Initiative (CZI) Seed Network to work towards building atlases of tissue organization at an unprecedented resolution for answering fundamental questions in human health and disease. The meeting will be held **March 17-19, 2024**. The deadline to register is **February 9, 2024**. Click here to learn more and register for the Junior Investigators Atlas Builders Meeting

Funding and Opportunities

Administrative Supplements to Support Cancer Disparity Collaborative Research
These administrative supplements aim to promote new cancer disparities research among investigators who do not normally conduct it and to encourage the partnership of experienced cancer research investigators with cancer disparities-focused researchers. They are intended to accelerate and strengthen multi-disciplinary cancer disparities research in wide ranging areas. An upcoming deadline is **January 23, 2024**. Learn about the administrative supplement here

Administrative Supplements to Recognize Excellence in Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility (DEIA) Mentorship
This reissued Notice of Special Interest (NOSI) aims to provide administrative supplement support to scientists with existing NIH awards who have demonstrated compelling commitments and contributions to mentorship and enhancing DEIA in the biomedical sciences, including basic science, behavioral and social sciences, and clinical research. This NOSI supports the future personal research and/or mentoring activities of mentors who have dedicated their time and effort and made significant contributions, based on evaluation data and publications, to DEIA. Deadline to apply is **February 16, 2024**. Learn about the administrative supplement 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.

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