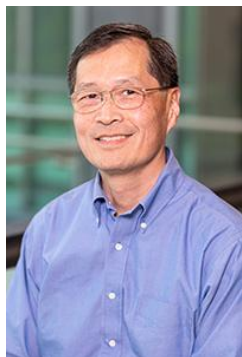


Network News

The Use of Race and Ethnicity in Biomedical Research

The National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine will establish an ad hoc committee to assess the use of the social constructs of race and ethnicity in biomedical research. The study will evaluate how racialized group and ethnic categories are currently used in biomedical research, review existing guidance for researchers on the use of race as a variable, and provide recommendations to guide the scientific community in the future use of race and ethnicity in biomedical research. [Learn more about this study here.](#)

Rethinking Race and Ethnicity in Biomedical Research, a consensus study report, was recently released as a prepublication, outlining nine actionable recommendations and associated resources for advancing the responsible use of race and ethnicity. [Read the study report here.](#)



Join us for the December 12 Participant Engagement Subcommittee Meeting

For the upcoming Participant Engagement subcommittee meeting on **Thursday, December 12 at 3 pm ET**, we welcome Dr. Paul Han, a senior scientist in the Behavioral Research Program (PRB) at the NIH, who studies the communication of risk and uncertainty in cancer care. Dr. Han will be joined by his colleagues, Drs. Jens Reuter and Eric Anderson, and will present background information on the Maine Cancer Genomics Initiative (MCGI), and summarize their behavioral studies on uncertainty as well as the team's work on engaging oncologists in genomic tumor boards. This presentation will be relevant to the Return of Results subcommittee and all those who are interested. To attend the meeting, [please reach out to](#)

[Robyn Kroeger by clicking here.](#)

Join us for the December 19 All Hands Meeting

All Network members are invited to join the All Hands Meeting on **December 19 at 3 pm ET** to learn about the Qualitative Data Sharing (QDS) Toolkit. [Use this Zoom link to join.](#) The presenter will be Dr. James DuBois, Steven J. Bander Professor of Medical Ethics and Professionalism, Professor of Psychology, Professor of Medicine, and the Director of the Center for Clinical and Research Ethics at Washington University in St. Louis.



PE-CGS on the Road 2024 ASHG Annual Meeting

On November 8, Dr. Elizabeth Claus from the OPTIMUM Research Center presented a poster titled 'Approaches to Returning Germline and Somatic Test Results across the Participant Engagement and Cancer Genome Sequencing Network' on behalf of the Return of Results (RoR) subcommittee. The poster emphasized the importance of



participant engagement in cancer genetics research, highlighting the Network's approaches designed to ensure a more personalized and impactful return of results process. This poster abstract was honored with the Reviewers' Choice Award.

Ways to Collaborate

Subcommittee Updates

We invite all members of the PE-CGS Network to consider joining our scientific subcommittees; please discuss this opportunity with your team and contact the Coordinating Center to be added: pe-cgs@osumc.edu.

- **Health Equity (11/5):** The subcommittee met and continued the discussion of potential manuscript/project ideas related to health literacy and the decision was made that Dr. Hyoshin Kim will be presenting the collaborative ideas during the All Hands meeting on behalf of the subcommittee.
- **Participant Engagement:** The subcommittee did not meet this month.
- **Return of Results (11/13):** The subcommittee met and discussed the nomination process for new co-chairs, encouraging members to consider applying. Additionally, the group outlined plans for a new manuscript focusing on return of results approaches and genomics educational materials, including the identification of potential journals for submission.
- **Genomic Data Commons (GDC) Data Sharing Subcommittee:** The subcommittee did not meet this month.

Ways to Communicate

PE-CGS Publication and Conference Tracker

The Network has a [tracker](#) to document the status of PE-CGS-related publications from idea stage to completion. The tracker also provides option for you to request assistance from the Coordinating Center in finding collaborators. Please share information in the Tracker about your center's work you plan to publish.

We also have a dedicated [Conference tracker](#) to monitor the progress of PE-CGS-related abstract submissions for scientific meetings and conferences. Please update this Tracker with information about abstracts you plan to submit or have already submitted to conferences.

To request access, please enter your email address in the Tracker and notify the Coordinating Center by sending an email to pe-cgs@osumc.edu.

Upcoming Events

Upcoming PE-CGS Network Meetings

Date	Time	Meeting
12/3	11 am ET	Health Equity
12/5	3 pm ET	Steering Committee
12/11	1 pm ET	Return of Results
12/12	3 pm ET	Participant Engagement

Funding and Opportunities

Administrative Supplement for Research and Capacity Building Efforts Related to Bioethical Issues

The NIH, through the Office of Science Policy, is announcing the availability of administrative supplements to support research on bioethical issues that either inform future policy directions or augment bioethics research capacity. Areas of interest include: digital health and/or real-world data; patient and community engagement; return of results for individuals, families, communities, and/or society; and data sharing. Applications will be accepted until **5:00 pm (local time) on January 24, 2025**. [Learn more about the administrative supplement here.](#)

PE-CGS *SHORT READS* submissions

Have news to share with the PE-CGS Network community?
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