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Examining Clinical Guidelines for the Adoption of Genomic Testing: A Workshop

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AGENDA

Examining Clinical Guidelines for the Adoption of Genomic Testing: A Workshop

Tuesday, October 29, 2024

PURPOSE

A planning committee of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will organize and conduct a public workshop to examine how clinical practice guidelines can impact adoption of genomics into routine medical care. The workshop will examine how guidelines for genomic testing are developed by various organizations and implemented within clinical practice, with a focus on exploring inconsistencies across guidelines.

The workshop's presentations and discussions may focus on:

- Exploring the processes and methodologies used by different professional societies, organizations, and collaborations to gather evidence and develop clinical guidelines for appropriate genomic testing.
- Understanding how clinicians, payers, test developers, laboratory partners, and others decide which guideline(s) to follow and how they use these guidelines in practice.
- Examining elements that are consistent and those that differ across clinical guidelines for genomics and how these areas impact patients (e.g., access, coverage, and equity in care), clinicians, payers, test developers, laboratories, and others.
- Discussing opportunities for a possible path forward for more compatible clinical guidelines for genomics to improve patient care.

The planning committee will organize the workshop, develop the agenda, select and invite speakers and discussants, and moderate or identify moderators for the discussions. A proceedings-in brief of the presentations and discussions at the workshop will be prepared by a designated rapporteur in accordance with institutional guidelines.

SESSION I: Opening Remarks

8:30 AM ET

Welcoming Remarks

Catherine (Cathy) Wicklund (she/her/hers), *Roundtable Co-Chair*
Representing *National Society of Genetic Counselors*
Senior Manager and Medical Science Liaison, Clinical Strategy Lead
Myriad Genetics
Adjunct Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology (Clinical Genetics)
Feinberg School of Medicine, Center for Genetic Medicine
Northwestern University

W. Gregory (Greg) Feero (he/him/his), *Roundtable Co-Chair*
Representing *Journal of the American Medical Association*
Professor, Department of Community and Family
Medicine, Geisel School of Medicine
Faculty, Maine Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency Program

8:40–8:50 AM

Introduction and Charge to the Workshop Speakers and Participants

Mylynda Massart (she/her/hers), *Workshop Planning Committee Co-Chair*

Associate Director, Clinical Services
UPMC Primary Care Precision Medicine Center
Associate Professor
University of Pittsburgh

Victoria (Vicky) Pratt, *Workshop Planning Committee Co-Chair*
Representing Association for Molecular Pathology
Director, Scientific Affairs for Pharmacogenetics
Agena Biosciences

SESSION II: Why Guidelines Matter for Genomic Testing

Moderator: W. Gregory Feero (he/him/his), Representing Journal of the American Medical Association

Objectives

- Understand how clinical practice guidelines for genomic testing impact patient care, clinical practice, and other relevant areas, specifically considering impacts on equity in each of these spaces.
- Discuss challenges patients, clinicians, and others face surrounding guidelines.
- Explore how genomic testing guidelines could be advanced to move the needle towards better, more equitable care.

8:50–9:05 AM

Robyn Temple-Smolkin (she/her/hers)
Senior Director, Clinical & Scientific Affairs
Director, Guideline Development
Association for Molecular Pathology

9:05–9:15 AM

Vimal Scott Kapoor
Public Health & Preventive, Occupational and Emergency Physician
University of Toronto
Markham Stouffville Hospital

9:15–9:35 AM

Panel of Reactants

Lindsay Zetzsche (she/her/hers)
Owner
Science Geek Games
Consultant
Integrity Genetics Consulting LLC

Brianne Phillips (she/her/hers)
Nurse Practitioner
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Aishwarya Arjunan (she/her/hers)
Senior Medical Science Liaison
GRAIL

9:35–10:05 AM

Panel Discussion

10:05–10:20 AM

Break

SESSION III: Guidelines for Genomic Testing Today

Co-Moderators: Wanda Nicholson, George Washington University Milken Institute School of Public Health & Rebecca Morgan (she/her/hers), Evidence Foundation

Objectives

- Discuss the benefits and challenges of the current clinical practice guideline development process for genomic testing.
- Explore patient-centric models of guidelines development and how equity is and can be incorporated.
- Consider options for circumstances in which guidelines are not compatible or available.

10:20–10:25 AM

Introduction to the Session

10:25–10:35 AM

Jennifer S. Lin (she/her/hers)
Director, Evidence-based Practice Center
Kaiser Permanente, Center for Health Research

10:35–10:45 AM

Kelly Caudle (she/her/hers)
Director
Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium (CPIC)
Associate Member
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

10:45–10:55 AM

Funda Meric-Bernstam (she/her/hers)
Chair of the Department of Investigational Cancer Therapeutics
Medical Director of the Institute for Personalized Cancer Therapy
The Nellie B. Connally Chair in Breast Cancer
MD Anderson Cancer Center

10:55–11:05 AM

Heidi Rehm (she/her/hers)
Director, Genomic Medicine Unit
Center for Genomic Medicine
Massachusetts General Hospital
Institute Member and Clinical Laboratory Director
Broad Institute of MIT of Harvard
Professor of Pathology
Harvard Medical School

11:05–11:40 AM

Panel Discussion

11:40 AM–12:35 PM

Lunch Break

SESSION IV: How Genomic Testing Guidelines Impact Payer Decisions

Co-Moderators: Trish Brown (she/her/hers), CVS Health & Gabriel Lizarin, Myriad Genetics

Objectives

- Examine the role guidelines play in payer decisions (e.g., coverage, reimbursement).
- Discuss opportunities for advancing patient care and access related to these

decisions.

- Explore levers for aiding payer decisions such as establishment of or compatibility across guidelines and other possible facilitators.

12:35–12:40 PM

Introduction to the Session

12:40–12:55 PM

Trent Haywood (he/him/his)
Founder
Knowality, LLC

12:55–1:10 PM

Gillian Hooker (she/her/hers)
Chief Scientific Officer
Concert Genomics

1:10–1:25 PM

Gautum Agarwal (he/him/his)
Director of Precision Medicine
Mercy Health

1:25–1:55 PM

Panel Discussion

SESSION V: Clinical Care Implementation of Guidelines for Genomic Testing

Moderator: Pim Suwannarat (she/her/hers), Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group, Kaiser Permanente

Objectives

- Understand how and when clinical practice guidelines for genomic testing are currently being implemented, or could be implemented, in the clinic.
- Explore the gaps in clinical implementation and what support may be needed to drive better, more equitable care.

1:55–2:00 PM

Introduction to the Session

2:00–2:15 PM

David Chambers (he/him/his)
Deputy Director for Implementation Science
Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences
National Cancer Institute
National Institutes of Health

2:15–2:30 PM

Charles Jonassaint (he/him/his)
Associate Professor
University of Pittsburgh

2:30–2:45 PM

Naveen L. Pereira (he/him/his)
Consultant for the Department of Cardiovascular Diseases
Professor of Medicine
Associate Professor of Pharmacology
Mayo Clinic College of Medicine

2:45–3:15 PM

Panel Discussion

3:15–3:30 PM

Break

SESSION VI: Guideline Development in a Rapidly Evolving Field – A Look Ahead

Moderator: Mary Nix (she/her/hers), Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Objectives

- Consider the pace of advances in genomics and what opportunities there are for synergy between this field and guideline development.
- Discuss potential challenges ahead and what work could be started now to alleviate possible obstacles to care.

3:30–3:35 PM

Introduction to the Session

3:35–3:50 PM

Kandamurugu Manickam (he/him/his)
Clinical Geneticist
Nationwide Children's Hospital
Associate Professor of Clinical Pediatrics
Ohio State College of Medicine

3:50–4:05 PM

Karli Kondo (she/her/hers)
Director, Evidence Synthesis
American Cancer Society

4:05–4:20 PM

Sandra Zelman Lewis (she/her/hers)
Past President, Founder
EBQ Consulting, LLC

4:20–4:50 PM

Panel Discussion

SESSION VII: Final Reflections

4:50–5:05 PM

Wrap Up

Mylynda Massart (she/her/hers), *Workshop Planning Committee Co-Chair*
Associate Director, Clinical Services
UPMC Primary Care Precision Medicine Center
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University of Pittsburgh

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WORKSHOP INFORMATION

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Members

Trish Brown, M.S., CGC (she/her/hers)
Genomics and Precision Medicine Program
Executive Director
CVS Health

Funda Meric-Bernstam, M.D. (she/her/hers)
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MD Anderson Cancer Center

Pranil Chandra, D.O. (he/him/his)
Senior Vice President
Chief Genomics Officer
PathGroup

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Executive Director
Evidence Foundation
Assistant Professor
McMaster University
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of
Population and Quantitative Health Sciences
School of Medicine
Case Western Reserve University

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Vice President, Medical Affairs, Women's Health
Myriad Genetics

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Wanda Nicholson, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A.

Professor and Senior Associate Dean, Diversity,
Equity, and Inclusion
Director of the GWSPH Office of Inclusion
Excellence
George Washington University Milken Institute
School of Public Health

Mary Nix, M.S., PMP (she/her/hers)

Deputy Director, Division of Practice
Improvement
Center for Evidence and Practice Improvement
Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
(AHRQ)

Pim Suwannarat, M.D. (she/her/hers)

Geneticist and Regional Medical Director
Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group
Kaiser Permanente

Planning Committee Member Biographies

Mylynda B. Massart, M.D., Ph.D. (she/her/hers), is a board-certified Family Medicine physician at UPMC, and associate professor at the University of Pittsburgh. She currently serves as the founder and Medical Director of the UPMC Primary Care Precision Medicine clinic and as the Associate Director of Clinical Services for the Institute for Precision Medicine. Dr. Massart is co-director of the HUB Core over Research Inclusivity and Community Partners Core at the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI). She has an interest in emerging technologies in multi-cancer early detection and frequently speaks on these topics through the speaker bureau at GRAIL. Her research interests are in developing education in genetics and precision medicine for primary care providers and trainees and being a research catalyst facilitating the inclusion of underrepresented populations in biomedical research. She teaches residents and medical students in her clinic and at the hospital and serves as medical director for Bethany Hospice. Dr. Massart is MPI of the Community Engagement Alliance Consultative Resource (CEACR), a partnership between the University of Pittsburgh CTSI and Community-Campus Partnerships for Health.

Dr. Victoria (Vicky) Pratt, Ph.D., FACMG, is Director of Scientific Affairs for Pharmacogenetics at Agena Bioscience and the Past President of Association for Molecular Pathology (AMP). Dr. Pratt continues to serve on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) GeT-RM program for reference materials for Molecular Genetics, the National Academy of Medicine's Roundtable on Genomics and Precision Health, and the American Medical Association's (AMA) Molecular Pathology Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Advisory committee. She has developed guidelines with AMP related to genetic and pharmacogenetic testing including for CYP2C19, CYP2C9, Warfarin-related genes, CYP2D6, TPMT/NUDT15, CYP3A4/CYP3A5, and DPYD. Dr. Pratt graduated with a Ph.D. in Medical and Molecular Genetics from Indiana University School of Medicine. Her fellowship training was in Ph.D. Medical and Clinical Molecular Genetics at Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit MI.

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Trish Brown, M.S., CGC (she/her/hers), is the current the Executive Director of Genomics and Precision Medicine for CVS Health. In this role she provides evidence based clinical consultation and guidance on precision medicine for companies and business units within the CVS Health enterprise. She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Midwives on Missions of Service (MOMS), a not-for profit organization that teaches evidence-based maternity care to Community Health Care Workers in Sierra Leone. Trish serves on the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC) expert media panel to provide education about Medicare, Medicaid and Commercial insurance coverage policies. Prior to joining CVS Health, she has held executive leadership roles at distinguished corporations such as Illumina, LabCorp and Medco, and the entrepreneurial successes DNA Direct, Fabric Genomics, and BeaconLBS. Through her work she seeks to bridge business strategy with clinical care expertise and drive positive outcomes for healthcare consumers and the businesses that serve them. Trish attended the University of California, Davis and earned a master's degree in human genetics from Sarah Lawrence College. She is certified by the American Board of Genetic Counseling.

Pranil Chandra, D.O. (he/him/his), joined PathGroup in 2011 as Associate Medical Director of Molecular Pathology and now currently serves as Senior Vice President and Chief Genomics Officer at PathGroup. Dr. Chandra holds board certifications in anatomic and clinical pathology, hematopathology and molecular genetic pathology. He completed his AP/CP training and fellowships in hematopathology, oncologic pathology and molecular pathology at NYU Langone Medical Center and the University of Texas-MD Anderson Cancer Center, respectively. While at MD Anderson, he served as Chief Fellow and received numerous awards for his research in acute myeloid leukemia. He has presented numerous abstracts and platform presentations at various pathology meetings and has published peer-reviewed articles and book chapters. Dr. Chandra is a member of the American Society of Clinical Pathology, College of American Pathologists, and Association of Molecular Pathology where he also serves in a leadership capacity to the Economic Affairs Committee as Vice-Chair of Coverage. Dr. Chandra is a recognized medical consultant in molecular pathology and personalized medicine and is considered a national thought leader in Precision Medicine and Cancer Genomics.

W. Gregory Feero, M.D., Ph.D. (he/him/his), is a family medicine physician and human genetics specialist. Serving at Four Seasons Family Practice in Fairfield from 2001-06, Dr. Feero rejoined Maine General Medical Center's active staff at Four Seasons in July 2009 after working as chief of the Genomic Healthcare Branch of the National Human Genome Research Institute, National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD. Dr. Feero received a Doctorate in Human Genetics from the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health and his medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. He also serves as a faculty member in the Maine Dartmouth Family Medicine Residency program and is a Professor for the Department of Community and Family Medicine at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth in Hanover, NH. He is a co-chair for the Roundtable on Genomics and Precision Health of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine.

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Gabriel Lazarin, M.S., CGC, is currently the Vice President, Medical Affairs for Myriad Women's Health, part of Myriad Genetics. Myriad is a genetic testing and precision medicine company that develops and offers genetic tests that help assess the risk of developing certain diseases or disease progression. In this position, Gabriel connects with clinicians to primarily discuss technology and practice around reproductive and hereditary cancer genetics. He has worked or advised several genomics, biotech, or healthcare tech startups toward integrating innovative technologies and workstreams into mainstream clinical care. In particular, he has been active in the introduction of new technologies in reproductive genetic testing, including expanded carrier screening and prenatal cell-free DNA screening. He has published on utility, usage, and delivery of these tests, building evidence toward widespread adoption. Gabriel is genetic counselor, certified by the American Board of Genetic Counseling, and has 15 years of experience in the molecular diagnostics industry.

Funda Meric-Bernstam, M.D. (she/her/hers), is the Chair of the Department of Investigational Cancer Therapeutics at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, and Medical Director of the Institute of Personalized Cancer Therapy. In her capacities at MD Anderson, she has collaborated with many large pharmaceutical companies. She has extensive experience in novel therapeutics, with a focus on genomically-informed therapeutics and antibody-drug conjugates, as well as high throughput -omic technologies and correlative studies. She leads one of the premiere Phase I programs in the world, as well as several large-scale initiatives in precision oncology such as ComboMATCH. She has established a Precision Oncology Decision Support Team at MD Anderson that provides point of care input for actionability, builds a framework for rapid assessment of actionability of molecular alterations, launched a public website "www.personalizedcancertherapy.org" providing access to expert curation of information on therapeutic relevance of specific genes/variants created, created a knowledgebase and clinical trial alert systems that facilitate accrual to genotype-selected trials across the institution, and established efforts to monitor therapy after genomic testing to identify obstacles to trial enrollment. She also leads a basic and translational research program centered around cell signaling, biomarker discovery, and molecular therapeutics, with specific focus on antibody-drug conjugates, precision oncology, and patient-derived models.

Rebecca L. Morgan, Ph.D., M.P.H. (she/her/hers), a health research methodologist and epidemiologist, is a part-time Assistant Professor at McMaster University, Department of Health Research Methods, Evidence and Impact, in Hamilton, Ontario and adjunct Assistant Professor at Case Western Reserve University, School of Medicine, in Cleveland, OH, and Executive Director of Evidence Foundation. Much of Dr. Morgan's research on evidence synthesis and guideline development has focused on advancing methods for assessing environmental and occupational exposures, integration of non-randomized studies, guideline collaboration, and rapid or living reviews. Dr. Morgan serves as the Chair of the Guidelines Collaboration Working Group within the Guideline International Network, and Chair of the Environmental and Occupational Health Project Group within the GRADE Working Group. She joined the GRADE Working Group in 2009 and has extensive experience in teaching systematic review and guideline development methods to national and international audiences. Dr. Morgan serves as a methodologist for

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global organizations such as the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, Infectious Diseases Society of America, Health Canada, the World Health Organization, among others. Dr. Morgan is a founding member of the U.S. GRADE Network and Evidence Foundation, a registered nonprofit whose mission is to support evidence-based health care through training, mentorship, education, and collaboration.

Wanda Nicholson, M.D., M.P.H., M.B.A., is dually trained in obstetrics and gynecology and epidemiology and is committed to evidence-based medicine and preventive care to improve patient outcomes. She is Chair of the United States Preventive Services Task Force and professor of prevention and community health at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at the George Washington University (GWU) in Washington, D.C and holds a joint appointment in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the GWU School of Medicine. She is the Director of the School of Public Health Patient-centered Outcomes in Women's Endocrine and Reproductive Health (POWER). Prior to joining GW, she was a co-I for "Comparing Options for Management: Patient-centered Results for Uterine Fibroids (COMPARE-UF), a 5-year PCORI-funded study. She is an MPI on an NICHD-funded study to conduct longitudinal follow-up of participants in the COMPARE study. She is immediate past vice president of the board of directors of the American Board of Obstetrics & Gynecology; past chair of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusive Excellence Workgroup; and a past member of the executive board of ACOG and former chair of the Committee on Pregnancy and Postpartum Hemorrhage for the International Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology (FIGO).

Mary Nix, M.S., PMP, (she/her/hers) is the Deputy Director of the Division of Practice Improvement at AHRQ. She is a health services research division leader, public servant, and certified project manager. Her master's degree is in clinical pathology, and she led laboratory testing operations in large academic medical centers assuring test accuracy and validity in support of high-quality patient care. In health services research, Mary has focused on data that informs clinical decisions and spent over 20 years on AHRQ's National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC), reviewing thousands of clinical practice guidelines for scientific merit and trustworthiness. More recent work with researchers in the field moving evidence into practice reveals opportunities to improve guidelines' intrinsic and extrinsic factors toward swift and effective implementation.

Pim Suwannarat, M.D. (she/her/hers), is a clinical geneticist and biochemical geneticist. She is the Regional Medical Director of Genetics and Genomics at the Mid-Atlantic Permanente Medical Group. She leads a team of genetic counselors and geneticists in providing prenatal, cancer, and clinical genetic care across the lifespan to the Kaiser Permanente Mid-Atlantic States members. This includes implementation of various strategies to improve access to evidence based genetic testing and counseling. At the KP National level she chairs the Clinical Practice Workgroup that helps inform the Precision Medicine, Genetics and Genomics direction for the organization resulting in implementation of patient and provider education, care management guidelines, and processes to identify individuals at risk for genetic conditions including CDC3 tier

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1 conditions. Dr. Suwannarat completed her medical education from Chiangmai University, Chiangmai, Thailand. She did her pediatric residency training at Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children and her clinical and clinical biochemical genetics training with the National Human Genome Research Institute, NIH.

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Speaker Biographies

Gautum Agarwal, M.D. (he/him/his), is a board certified Urologic Oncologist and Director of Precision Medicine at Mercy based in St Louis, Missouri. Dr. Agarwal received his M.D. from Saint Louis University, he completed residency at Loma Linda University and a fellowship at Moffitt Cancer Center before joining Mercy.

Aishwarya Arjunan, M.S., M.P.H., CGC, CPH (she/her/hers), is a board certified genetic counselor and a Senior Medical Science Liaison at GRAIL. She graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Case Western Reserve University and then received a MS in Genetic Counseling and MPH in Human Genetics from the University of Pittsburgh. She is also currently a Doctorate of Public Health in Leadership student at the University of Illinois School of Public Health. Prior to GRAIL she worked at Myriad Women's Health (formerly Counsyl), as the Senior Clinical Product Manager of the Foresight Carrier Screen and as a clinical genetic counselor at the Sarnoff Center for Jewish Genetics and Ann & Robert H Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago. Aishwarya is actively involved with the genetic counseling community as a past Director at Large for the National Society of Genetic Counselors (NSGC) Board of Directors and past President of the Illinois Society of Genetic Professionals. She is also the immediate Past-President of the Case Western Reserve University Alumni Association Board of Directors. Aishwarya was the recipient of the 2018 NSGC New Leader Award and the 2020 NSGC Cultural Advocacy Award as well as the recipient of the 2020 Case Western Reserve University College of Arts and Sciences Young Alumni Award, 2022 North Allegheny Foundation Distinguished Young Alumni Award, 2022 GRAIL MSL MVP Award, and the 2023 University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health Early Career Excellence Award.

Kelly Caudle, Pharm.D., Ph.D., FCCP (she/her/hers), is an Associate Member in the Department of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She received her Pharm.D. and Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center and completed a pediatric residency at LeBonheur Children's Hospital. Dr. Caudle also serves as the MPI and Director of the NIH grant for the Clinical Pharmacogenetics Implementation Consortium (CPIC). CPIC provides guidelines that enable the translation of genetic laboratory test results into actionable prescribing decisions for specific drugs. To date, CPIC has published 28 gene-based clinical guidelines covering 29 genes and over 150 drugs. Dr. Caudle oversees all CPIC-related

projects and the CPIC guideline development process including the coordination of the guideline writing committees, the guideline evidence reviews, and the writing of the guideline manuscript and supplement. Over the past ten years, Dr. Caudle's research and practice interests have been in pharmacogenomics implementation, and she has written over 100 publications and abstracts and has numerous invited national and international presentations for this work. Furthermore, Dr. Caudle is involved in the clinical implementation of pharmacogenetics at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

David Chambers, M.Sc., D.Phil. (he/him/his), is Deputy Director for Implementation Science in the Office of the Director in the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS) at the National Cancer Institute (NCI). Dr. Chambers manages a team focusing on efforts to build and advance the field of Implementation Science through funding opportunities, training programs, research activities, dissemination platforms, and enhancement of partnerships and networks to integrate research, practice and policy. From 2008 through the fall of 2014, Dr. Chambers served as Chief of the Services Research and Clinical Epidemiology Branch (SRCEB) of the Division of Services and Intervention Research at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). He arrived at NIMH in 2001, brought to the Institute to run the Dissemination and Implementation Research Program within SRCEB, developing a portfolio of grants to study the integration of scientific findings and effective clinical practices in mental health within real-world service settings. From 2006 to the fall of 2014, Dr. Chambers also served as Associate Director for Dissemination and Implementation Research, leading National Institutes of Health (NIH) initiatives around the coordination of dissemination and implementation research in health, including a set of research announcements across multiple NIH Institutes and Centers, annual scientific conferences, and a summer training institute. Prior to his arrival at NIH, Dr. Chambers worked as a member of a research team at Oxford University, where he studied national efforts to implement evidence-based practice within healthcare systems. He publishes on strategic directions in implementation science and serves as a plenary speaker at numerous scientific conferences. He received his A.B. degree (with Honors) in Economics from Brown University, and an MSc and DPhil degree in Management Studies (Organisational Behaviour) from Oxford University (UK).

Trent Haywood, M.D., J.D. (he/him/his), founded KNOWALITY LLC, a venture services firm dedicated to accelerating market adoption of innovative healthcare services and products that improve population health. Previously, Dr. Haywood served as Chief Medical Officer of the Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Association where he was responsible for guiding medical policy and clinical programs for the association's member health plans. In addition, he served as President of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Institute, a benefit corporation focused on addressing social determinants of health for BCBS plans. Prior, Dr. Haywood led national efforts to implement value-based healthcare as Chief Medical Officer at VHA, Inc. and Deputy Chief Medical Officer for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). He earned a medical degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and a Juris Doctor degree from Northwestern University.

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Gillian Hooker, Ph.D., Sc.M., CGC (she/her/hers), has focused her career on implementation and outcomes of genetic counseling and advanced diagnostics, first as an academic and now in her position as Chief Scientific Officer at Concert, a Nashville-based Health IT company. In her role, she leads the clinical content team developing content and tools for better management of diagnostic testing to support health insurance companies, hospitals and policymakers. She has advocated for access to care and to diagnostics via her previous role as the president of the National Society of Genetic Counselors and her current role as the chair of the Tennessee Rare Disease Advisory Council.

Charles Jonassaint, PH.D., M.H.S. (he/him/his), is a tenured associate professor of medicine and a practicing clinical health psychologist and an epidemiologist. He has clinical expertise in chronic disease self-management and cognitive behavioral therapy interventions and has had extensive experience working with health disparities populations, namely, adolescents and adults living with sickle cell disease. He completed his graduate training at Duke University and went on to do a masters in epidemiology and clinical research fellowship at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Dr. Jonassaint is currently funded through the National Institutes of Health and the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute to lead a program of research focused on designing and testing evidence-based digital health interventions for pain and mental health in health disparities populations.

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Examining Clinical Guidelines for the Adoption of Genomic Testing: A Workshop

October 29, 2024

SPEAKER GUIDANCE: CONTEXT AND QUESTIONS

Following the Genomics Roundtable's strategic plan development in 2020, the Adoption working group has been interested in cultivating evidence-based practices across the health care and public health systems for adopting genomics and precision health as well as drawing attention to gaps in adoption and potential solutions. The goal of this workshop is to examine how guidelines for genomic testing are developed by various organizations and implemented within clinical practice, with a focus on exploring inconsistencies across guidelines. Thank you for joining us for this session!

SESSION II: Why Guidelines Matter for Genomic Testing

Session Objectives:

- Understand how clinical practice guidelines for genomic testing impact patient care, clinical practice, and other relevant areas, specifically considering impacts on equity in each of these spaces.
- Discuss challenges patients, clinicians, and others face surrounding guidelines.
- Explore how genomic testing guidelines could be advanced to move the needle towards better, more equitable care.

Questions to frame the keynote talk:

1. What are clinical practice guidelines? What is guidance? What are the standards of evidence used to develop guidelines vs guidance vs best practice? What are the differences in how these are used in practice?
2. How are guidelines generated? Why are these methods used?
3. Who is involved in guideline development and who is impacted by this process?
4. What are the challenges faced in guideline development for genomic testing? Where is there room for improvement? Explain why guidelines might be different when they come from different guideline developers.

Key Questions for panelists:

5. When do you refer to clinical guidelines in your work? How are genomic testing guidelines being used across medical specialties and by non-genomicists?
6. When there are multiple, possible conflicting, guidelines, how do you determine which to follow? What are the established tools you use to evaluate which guideline to follow?
7. What does lack of consistency across guidelines, or a lack of guidelines mean for patients, clinicians, guideline developers, payers, industry members?
8. What are the challenges faced surrounding genomic testing guidelines (e.g., conflicts between guidelines and clinical practice)?
9. From your perspective, how could the needle be moved forward in guideline development to create more equitable and efficient care in genomics? What part of the guideline development process is interfering with equity?

SESSION III: Guidelines for Genomic Testing Today

Session Objectives:

- Discuss the benefits and challenges of the current clinical practice guideline development process for genomic testing.
- Explore patient-centric models of guidelines development and how equity is and can be incorporated.
- Consider options for circumstances in which guidelines are not compatible or available.

Questions to frame speakers' talks:

1. What are some of the benefits and challenges to the current clinical guideline development process? Where are the gaps in genomic testing guidelines because of these processes?
2. How do professional societies and other guideline developers work, or not work, together to create consistent guidelines? What are some good examples where collaboration has occurred?
3. How can guidelines be successfully implemented and their impacts on equitable genomic testing be measured?
4. What tools can clinicians use to evaluate the quality of guidelines to help them determine which highest-quality guideline to follow?

Key Questions for Speakers:

5. What are the most time consuming and costly steps in the development of guidelines? Where could changes be made to speed up the process without compromising the rigor?
6. Are there specific challenges blocking patient care and equity in the development of guidelines for genomic testing?
7. Is there a way to work differently and synergistically across guideline developer groups? Are there best practices that can be shared across these groups?
8. What attributes of a guideline repository would be helpful?
9. From your perspective, how could the needle be moved forward in guideline development to create more equitable and efficient care in genomics?



SESSION IV: How Genomic Testing Guidelines Impact Payer Decisions

Session Objectives:

- Examine the role guidelines play in payer decisions (e.g., coverage, reimbursement).
- Discuss opportunities for advancing patient care and access related to these decisions.
- Explore levers for aiding payer decisions such as establishment of or compatibility across guidelines and other possible facilitators.

Questions to frame speakers' talks:

1. How are guidelines used in payer decisions? How does a lack of guidelines, inconsistency across guidelines, or lack of precision in language within guidelines affect coverage decisions?
2. Where are there evidence gaps? How do these affect coverage gaps?
3. What could the field do to ensure that genomic testing recommended in a guideline is equitably covered?

Key Questions for Speakers:

4. How can payors and clinicians work together to advance genomic guidelines and coverage determination? How can guidelines better meet the needs of payers to enable more equitable care?
5. How are coverage determinations, based on guidelines, creating barriers to equity in access to genomic testing and treatment?
6. How might prior authorization as it relates to guidelines play a role in coverage decisions?
7. How might the recent biomarker legislation as it relates to guidelines play a role in coverage decisions?
8. From your perspective, how could the needle be moved forward in guideline development to create more equitable and efficient care in genomics?

SESSION V: Clinical Care Implementation of Guidelines for Genomic Testing

Session Objectives:

- Understand how and when clinical practice guidelines for genomic testing are currently being implemented, or could be implemented, in the clinic.
- Explore the gaps in clinical implementation and what support may be needed to drive better, more equitable care.

Questions to frame speakers' talks:

1. How do you use clinical guidelines for genomic testing in your work? When there are multiple, possible conflicting, guidelines, how do you determine which to follow? What do you do when there are no guidelines?
2. What do implementation scientists and clinicians need from guidelines to best implement them into clinical care?
3. What are the challenges faced surrounding genomic testing guidelines (e.g., conflicts between guidelines and clinical practice, provider education)?
4. Where are there implementation gaps for genomic testing clinical guidelines? What can be done better during implementation to support and drive better care? What are the gaps in tracking implementation of genomic testing clinical guidelines?

Key Questions for Speakers:

5. What are some examples of where implementation has gone well for genomic testing clinical guidelines? Where has implementation not gone as well? And what could have been done to make the implementation better?
6. What does lack of consistency across guidelines or a lack of guidelines mean for adoption of genomic testing by clinicians and implementation scientists?
7. How do we reconcile evidence-based guidelines in genomics while simultaneously practicing precision or personalized medicine (n=1)?
8. From your perspective, how could the needle be moved forward in guideline development to create more equitable and efficient care in genomics?

SESSION VI: Guideline Development in a Rapidly Evolving Field – A Look Ahead

Session Objectives:

- Consider the pace of advances in genomics and what opportunities there are for synergy between this field and guideline development.
- Discuss potential challenges ahead and what work could be started now to alleviate possible obstacles to care.

Questions to frame speakers' talks:

1. What are the impacts of limitations, such as existing evidence, on guideline development for genomic testing? How do these affect adoption of rapidly advancing genomic test options? How does it impact the clinical relevance of guidelines?
2. How might the process of developing or revising clinical practice guidelines for genomic testing better fit this rapidly evolving field? Would this be possible, why or why not?

Key Questions for Speakers:

3. What are the possible impacts when guidelines contradict clinical practice, particularly for rare diseases?
4. What are the potential impacts for genomic testing of changing the guideline development process vs not changing?
5. What emerging tools can be used by all relevant parties to maintain rigor and expedite quality guidelines?
6. From your perspective, how could the needle be moved forward in guideline development to create more equitable and efficient care in genomics?

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Several factors have negatively impacted the trustworthiness¹ of genomics research among underrepresented populations, such as eugenics and other historical unethical practices, and existing systemic racism and structural discrimination (Lemke et al., 2022). This lack of trustworthiness can hinder underrepresented populations from participating in research, making community engagement particularly important in the field of genomics. Researchers participate in community engagement by working collaboratively with populations related to their studies. Such work can improve the quality of both the science itself and the research benefits returned to the community. The American Society of Human Genetics recently developed guidance for researchers to help implement engagement throughout the research lifecycle (Lemke et al., 2022). This guidance highlights the need for researchers to sustain long-term relationships with community members, helping improve the trustworthiness of the research teams with communities. Engagement should not be a “one-and-done” activity, raising the question of how to sustain connections and

involve communities as partners, particularly after grant funding expires (Lemke et al., 2022).

A public workshop was held by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine’s Roundtable on Genomics and Precision Health to explore the challenges and opportunities for sustaining community engagement and partnerships in genomics research. A key premise of the workshop was the importance of understanding the past harms that have eroded community trust and the structural and logistical factors, such as funding requirements and grantee responsibilities, that interfere with forming strong partnerships, explained Sandra Soo-Jin Lee, professor of medical humanities and ethics and chief of the division of ethics at Columbia University. Understanding how to uphold an ethical and moral responsibility to engage with communities and build sustained relationships throughout the research process is essential to genomics research, she said, and the workshop focused both on how to improve research through meaningful engagement with communities and on the perceived benefit for communities (Box 1).

¹ In this Proceedings of a Workshop—in Brief, “trustworthiness” or “trustworthy” are used rather than “mistrust” or other terminology to reflect a shift in the workshop discussions away from language that puts the onus solely on communities to trust researchers.

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Upcoming Consensus Study Report Release!

The Use of Race & Ethnicity in Biomedical Research

Register for the October 31, 2024 Report Release Webinar:

https://www.nationalacademies.org/event/43893_10-2024_the-use-of-race-and-ethnicity-in-biomedical-research-report-release-webinar

Statement of Task

An ad hoc committee of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine will assess the current use of the social constructs of race and ethnicity in biomedical research and provide recommendations to guide the scientific community in the future use of race and ethnicity in biomedical research.

More specifically, the committee will:

- Document and evaluate how racialized group and ethnic categories are currently being used in biomedical research (e.g., as a descriptor, to stratify data, to apply race norming, to infer differences between groups due to environmental and social impacts), including describing consequences and contributions to health inequities in current clinical practices;
- Identify the circumstances in which it is appropriate to use the social constructs of race and ethnicity in biomedical research, for example in studying the health effects of racism, and the circumstances in which race and ethnicity should not be used to inform inferences;
- Review existing guidance for researchers on the use of race as a variable in biomedical research.

Based on its review of the literature and other expert input, the committee will develop a report with its findings, conclusions, and recommendations for entities such as researchers, funders, publishers, scientific and medical societies, health systems, and industry regarding:

- The use of race and ethnicity in biomedical research, including identifying current practices that should be continued, stopped, or modified.
- Policy changes to reform the use of race and ethnicity in biomedical research, with specific attention to the practice of race norming or race correction.
- Implementation strategies to help enhance the adoption of best practices across the biomedical research community.

The committee's work will focus on the use of racialized group and ethnic categories across the spectrum of biomedical research, including the development of clinical prediction models and other clinical decision tools. Related topics in the provision of clinical care, such as inequitable access to health care and racism in care delivery, are beyond the scope of this study.

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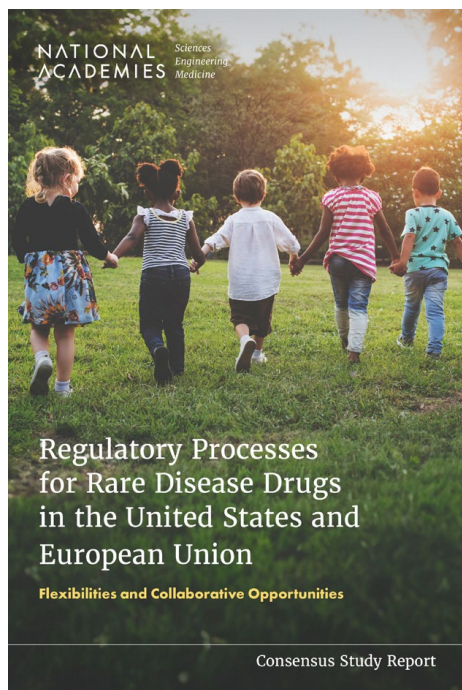
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Find more information on the project page: <https://www.nationalacademies.org/our-work/the-use-of-race-and-ethnicity-in-biomedical-research>

New NASEM Consensus Study Report!

Regulatory Processes for Rare Disease Drugs in the United States and European Union: Flexibilities and Collaborative Opportunities

Link: <https://nap.nationalacademies.org/catalog/27968/>



There are more than 7,000 life-threatening and chronically debilitating rare diseases. While each disease affects a small number of people, together rare diseases affect up to 30 million individuals in the United States and at least 300 million across the globe.

Congress called on the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to sponsor a study of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine on processes for evaluating the safety and efficacy of drugs for rare diseases or conditions in the United States and European Union (EU). The consensus study committee was tasked with examining the regulatory flexibilities available to FDA and the European Medicines Agency (EMA), the current use of supplemental data in regulatory decisions (the committee elected to use the term “alternative and confirmatory data [ACD]”), and the ongoing collaboration between FDA and EMA.

The resulting report provides recommendations for enhancing and promoting rare disease drug development by improving engagement with people affected by a rare disease, advancing regulatory science, and fostering collaboration between FDA and EMA. These regulatory agencies play critical roles in ensuring rare disease drugs are safe and effective. Regulatory flexibilities help the agencies protect and advance public health, but opportunities exist for improvements in engagement, collaboration, and regulatory science.

More resources are available through the [project page](#)

A recording of the report release webinar can be found [here](#)

ROUNDTABLE AND FORUM INFORMATION

Roundtable on **GENOMICS** and **PRECISION HEALTH**

The sequencing of the human genome is rapidly opening new doors to research and progress in biology, medicine, and health care. At the same time, these developments have produced a diversity of new issues to be addressed.

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine has convened a Roundtable on Genomics and Precision Health (previously the Roundtable on Translating Genomic-Based Research for Health) that brings together leaders from academia, industry, government, foundations and associations, and representatives of patient and consumer interests who have a mutual concern and interest in addressing the issues surrounding the translation of genome-based research for use in maintaining and improving health. The mission of the Roundtable is to advance the field of genomics and improve the translation of research findings to health care, education, and policy. The Roundtable will discuss the translation process, identify challenges at various points in the process, and discuss approaches to address those challenges.

The field of genomics and its translation involves many disciplines, and takes place within different economic, social, and cultural contexts, necessitating a need for increased communication and understanding across these fields. As a convening mechanism for interested parties from diverse perspectives to meet and discuss complex issues of mutual concern in a neutral setting, the Roundtable: fosters dialogue across sectors and institutions; illuminates issues, but does not necessarily resolve them; and fosters collaboration among interested parties.

To achieve its objectives, the Roundtable conducts structured discussions, workshops, and symposia. Workshop summaries will be published and collaborative efforts among members are encouraged (e.g., journal articles). Specific issues

and agenda topics are determined by the Roundtable membership, and span a broad range of issues relevant to the translation process.

Issues may include the integration and coordination of genomic information into health care and public health including encompassing standards for genetic screening and testing, improving information technology for use in clinical decision making, ensuring access while protecting privacy, and using genomic information to reduce health disparities. The patient and family perspective on the use of genomic information for translation includes social and behavioral issues for target populations. There are evolving requirements for the health professional community, and the need to be able to understand and responsibly apply genomics to medicine and public health.

Of increasing importance is the need to identify the economic implications of using genome-based research for health. Such issues include incentives, cost-effectiveness, and sustainability.

Issues related to the developing science base are also important in the translation process. Such issues could include studies of gene-environment interactions, as well as the implications of genomics for complex disorders such as addiction, mental illness, and chronic diseases.

Roundtable sponsors include federal agencies, pharmaceutical companies, medical and scientific associations, foundations, and patient/public representatives. For more information about the Roundtable on Genomics and Precision Health, please visit our website at nationalacademies.org/GenomicsRT or contact Sarah Beachy at 202-334-2217, or by e-mail at sbeachy@nas.edu.

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VISION

Realizing the full potential of health for all through genomics and precision health.

MISSION

We bring together diverse voices to encourage innovation and actions that foster the wide adoption of and equitable access to the benefits of genomics and precision health.

As a group of committed parties, we believe in...

- Creating an inclusive and optimistic environment for discussion
- Learning from successes and missteps in the field
- Demanding reproducible evidence-based science
- Sharing trustworthy information
- Embracing interdisciplinary strategies
- Optimizing data privacy and security
- Advancing health equity in all that we do

The Roundtable focuses its energy and resources on these priorities:

DRIVE **INNOVATION** IN GENOMICS AND PRECISION HEALTH

Identify the competing barriers and facilitators of innovation for genomics-based diagnostics, risk assessment tools, and therapies.

Leverage opportunities to learn from and promote innovative approaches that can accelerate commercialization and integration to drive impact of genomics on precision health.

SPUR THE **ADOPTION** OF GENOMICS-BASED TOOLS AND PRECISION HEALTH APPROACHES

Cultivate evidence-based practices across the health care and public health systems for adopting genomics and precision health.

Draw attention to gaps in adoption and their root causes and highlight potential solutions.

ACHIEVE **EQUITY** IN GENOMICS AND PRECISION HEALTH

Foster action related to underrepresentation and inequities in genomic research, workforce, and access to genomic services by people who need them.

Look internally to improve the processes and practices the Roundtable employs to achieve its mission.

SHAPE THE **POLICY** **DIALOGUE** ABOUT GENOMICS AND PRECISION HEALTH

Accelerate the dissemination of actionable knowledge to shape practice and increase public awareness.

Inform and influence how decisions are made.

DEFINITIONS

Precision Health | Inclusive of precision medicine, precision health is a broader, proactive and people-focused approach to health, relying on individual-focused care and everyday decision-making to better predict, prevent, and treat disease.

Genetics | Study of heredity, genes, and genetic variation.

Genomics | Study of the genome by using DNA sequencing and other technologies to understand gene structure, function, and regulation.



National Cancer Policy Forum



The National Cancer Policy Forum serves as a trusted venue in which experts can identify emerging high-priority policy issues in cancer research and cancer care and work collaboratively to examine those issues through convening activities focused on opportunities for action. The forum provides a continual focus within the National Academies on cancer, addressing issues in science, clinical medicine, public health, and public policy that are relevant to the goal of reducing the cancer burden through prevention and by improving the care and outcomes for those diagnosed with cancer. Forum activities inform the cancer community and the public about critical policy issues through workshops and published reports. The forum has members with a broad range of expertise in cancer, including patient advocates, clinicians, and basic, translational, and clinical scientists. Forum members represent patients, federal agencies, academia, professional organizations, nonprofits, and industry.

The forum has addressed a wide array of topics, including

- enhancing collaborations to accelerate research and development;
- improving the quality and value of care for patients who have been diagnosed with or are at risk for cancer;
- developing tools and technologies to enhance cancer research and care; and
- examining factors that influence cancer incidence, mortality, and disparities.



Upcoming and Recent Workshops

Cancer Engineering: The Convergence of Engineering and Health to Advance Cancer Research and Care

Collaborative workshop convened by:

National Cancer Policy Forum
Board on Mathematical Sciences and Analytics
Board on Life Sciences

May 20–21, 2025

The concept of cancer engineering involves the application of engineering principles to solve challenges across cancer research and cancer care. This multidisciplinary approach brings together the fields of biology, engineering, and health care to devise innovative solutions that enhance the effectiveness, accessibility, and affordability of cancer care. This workshop will consider opportunities to improve patient outcomes through the convergence of engineering with oncology practice, research, and policy.

[Learn more and register here](#)

Addressing the Impact of Tobacco and Alcohol Use on Cancer-Related Health Outcomes

Collaborative workshop convened by:

National Cancer Policy Forum
Forum on Mental Health and Substance Use Disorders

March 17–18, 2025

The use of both alcohol and tobacco has independent and synergistic health effects, including links to many different cancers. There is a clear need to better understand the impact of dual use on cancer incidence and outcomes, to improve public education, and to develop oncology clinical practice guidelines for patients who use alcohol and tobacco. This workshop will examine the current state of the science and explore strategies to reduce tobacco and alcohol use to lower cancer risk and improve health outcomes.

[Learn more and register here](#)

Examining Clinical Guidelines for the Adoption of Genomic Testing

Collaborative workshop convened by:

Roundtable on Genomics and Precision Health
National Cancer Policy Forum

October 29, 2024

Clinical practice guidelines can impact adoption of new technologies into routine medical care. This workshop will examine how guidelines for genomic testing are developed by various organizations, with a focus on exploring inconsistencies across guidelines and opportunities for a possible path forward for more consistent clinical guidelines for genomics to improve patient care.

[Learn more and register here](#)

Opportunities and Challenges for the Development and Adoption of Multicancer Detection Tests

October 28–29, 2024

Cancer screening is considered a key cancer control strategy because patients who are diagnosed with earlier stages of disease often have better treatment options and improved health outcomes. However, effective screening tests are lacking for most cancers. The development of minimally invasive approaches to screen for multiple tumor types at once could address this unmet need, but the clinical utility of multicancer detection (MCD) testing has yet to be established.

[Learn more and register here](#)

Enabling 21st Century Applications for Cancer Surveillance Through Enhanced Registries and Beyond

July 29–30, 2024

Population-based cancer surveillance has a pivotal role in assessing the nation's progress in cancer control. Cancer surveillance helps inform research and care interventions aimed at reducing the burden of cancer on patients and communities, including the ability to identify health disparities in cancer outcomes. Surveillance data are crucial for identifying emerging trends in health outcomes and opportunities to improve the quality of cancer care. However, challenges with the current approach to cancer surveillance in the United States include delays and gaps in data collection, as well as inadequate infrastructure and workforce to keep pace with the informatics and treatment-related advances in cancer. The National Cancer Policy Forum convened a public workshop to examine opportunities to enhance and modernize cancer surveillance in order to improve cancer research, care, and outcomes for all patients.

[Workshop videos and presentations](#)

Toward a Framework to Improve Diversity and Inclusion in Clinical Trials

Collaborative workshop convened by:

Forum on Drug Discovery, Development, and Translation
National Cancer Policy Forum

May 20, 2024

This workshop aimed to explore opportunities to improve racial and ethnic diversity in clinical trials with a focus on system-level change and collective efforts across organizations and sectors that no one entity can effectively take on alone.

[Workshop videos and presentations](#)

Recent Workshops

Biological Effectors of Social Determinants of Health in Cancer: Identification and Mitigation

March 20–21, 2024

Biological effectors of social determinants of health (SDOH) interact and impact cancer risk, treatment outcomes, and health equity. This workshop considered opportunities to advance health equity in cancer by identifying promising avenues for future research, as well as policies and interventions aimed at mitigating the negative impacts of the SDOH in cancer.

[Workshop videos and presentations](#)

Optimizing Public–Private Partnerships for Clinical Cancer Research

Collaborative workshop convened by:

National Cancer Policy Forum

Forum on Drug Discovery, Development, and Translation

October 17–18, 2023

Public–private partnerships (PPPs) have the potential to more effectively leverage public funding and resources, increase the breadth and depth of research, and affect a more rapid translation from basic discoveries to public health applications. Industry, government, nonprofit, and academic organizations could each make important and unique contributions to this endeavor. This workshop examined opportunities to enhance and foster PPPs for clinical cancer research and considered lessons learned from examples of public–private collaborations in oncology or other fields that have helped to advance clinical research and improve patient outcomes.

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Assessing and Advancing Progress in the Delivery of High-Quality Cancer Care

Collaborative workshop co-hosted by:

National Cancer Policy Forum

American Society of Clinical Oncology

October 5–6, 2023

2023 marked the 10-year anniversary of the Institute of Medicine report *Delivering High-Quality Cancer Care: Charting a New Course for a System in Crisis* and the ability of the cancer care delivery system to provide high-quality cancer care to all patients remains elusive. This workshop provided an opportunity for the cancer care community to discuss persistent barriers to achieving excellent and equitable cancer care for all and additional actions that could be taken to implement the 2013 recommendations. Workshop presentations and discussions also identified aspects of cancer care that have changed over the past decade and where new strategies are needed to improve the quality of care.

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Developing a Multidisciplinary and Multispecialty Workforce for Patients with Cancer, from Diagnosis to Survivorship

Collaborative workshop convened by:

National Cancer Policy Forum

Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education

July 17–18, 2023

Patients living with and beyond cancer often require care from a wide range of clinicians as they navigate cancer diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship care. A multispecialty and multidisciplinary workforce is critical to ensuring that all patients with cancer receive high-quality care. This workshop examined opportunities to improve equitable access to multispecialty, multidisciplinary care for patients living with and beyond cancer.

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The Impact of the Dobbs Decision on Cancer Care Webinar Series

The National Cancer Policy Forum hosted a webinar series to discuss the downstream effects of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* on access to reproductive health care in the context of cancer care.

- **How Abortion Restrictions Affect Patients and Care Delivery, July 11, 2023**
- **Health System and Workforce Effects, July 25, 2023**
- **Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications, August 31, 2023**

[Webinar series website](#)

[Interactive webpage](#)

The Potential Contribution of Cancer Genomics Information to Community Investigations of Unusual Patterns of Cancer

Collaborative workshop convened by:

National Cancer Policy Forum

Roundtable on Genomics and Precision Health

April 13, 2023

This workshop examined the opportunities to apply genomic and epigenomic biomarkers of environmental exposures associated with unusual patterns of cancer, particularly in pediatric populations. The workshop was sponsored by the Division of Environmental Health Science and Practice in the National Center for Environmental Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and was convened to provide background information to assist the CDC in revising its [Guidelines for Examining Unusual Patterns of Cancer and Environmental Concerns](#).

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