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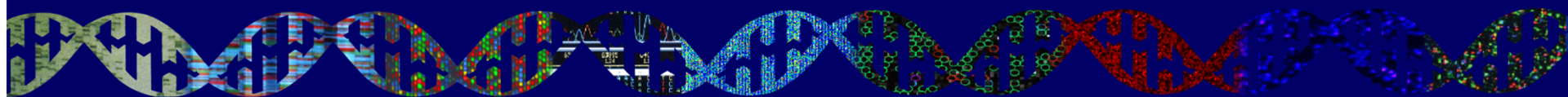
**National Advisory Council
for Human Genome Research**

September 2015

**Eric Green, M.D., Ph.D.
Director, NHGRI**



National Human Genome
Research Institute



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- **Genomics and Society Working Group**

Lisa Parker

- **Workshop Report: Research Directions in Stevens Johnson Syndrome – Toxic Epidermal Necrolysis**

Teri Manolio

Open Session Presentations

- **Genomic Medicine Working Group & Meeting Report: Genomic Medicine 8**

Teri Manolio

- **The Complementarity of Comparative Effectiveness Research and Precision Medicine**

Joe Selby

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Mourning the Loss of Elizabeth Thomson



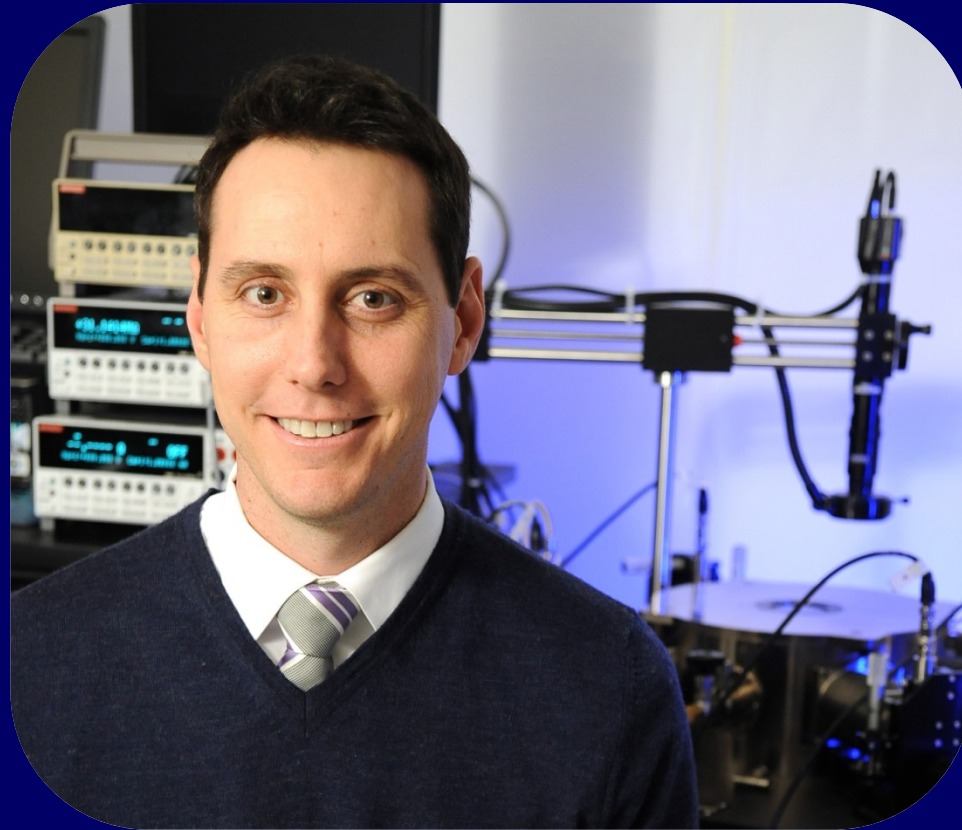
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Departure of Chief, Policy and Program Analysis Branch



Derek Scholes, Ph.D.

New Chief, Communications and Public Liaison Branch



John Ohab, Ph.D.

New ASHG-NHGRI Fellows



Caroline Young, M.S.

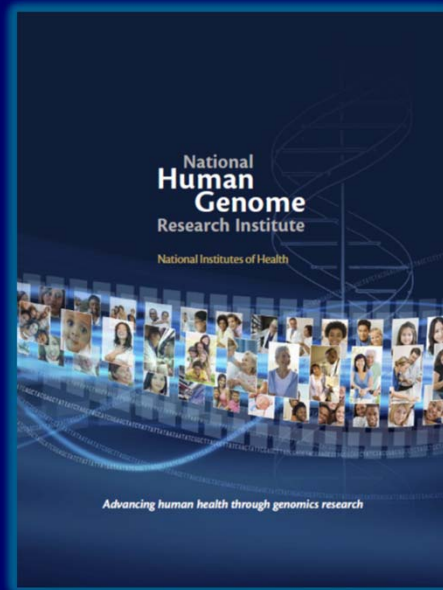
**Genetics and Public
Policy Fellow**



Julie Nadel, Ph.D.

**Genetics and
Education Fellow**

New NHGRI Brochure



- New brochure features NHGRI's history, organization, core values, and research portfolio across four major scientific areas
- PDF version on genome.gov
- Printed copies available

NHGRI Implementation of NIH Genomic Data Sharing Policy

NHGRI Implementation of the NIH Genomic Data Sharing (GDS) Policy



The **National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)** supports and complies with all National Institutes of Health (NIH) data sharing policies. Information about general NHGRI expectations for implementation of the [NIH Genomic Data Sharing \(GDS\) Policy](#) is provided below.

If applicable, Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA) will specify additional data sharing expectations for specific programs. Information about the NIH GDS Policy and expectations is available through the [NIH GDS Policy website](#). NHGRI will update this implementation plan as needed to maintain consistency with program priorities, agency policies or any trans-NIH implementation guidance.

- ④ [Overarching Principles and Applicability](#)
- ④ [Informed Consent](#)
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NHGRI-specific expectations:

- Same data sharing timelines for human and non-human genomic data on or after January 25, 2016
- Move toward using data sources with explicit consent for future research use and broad data sharing by early 2020

Genomics and Health Disparities Lecture Series

Lecture Series

2015

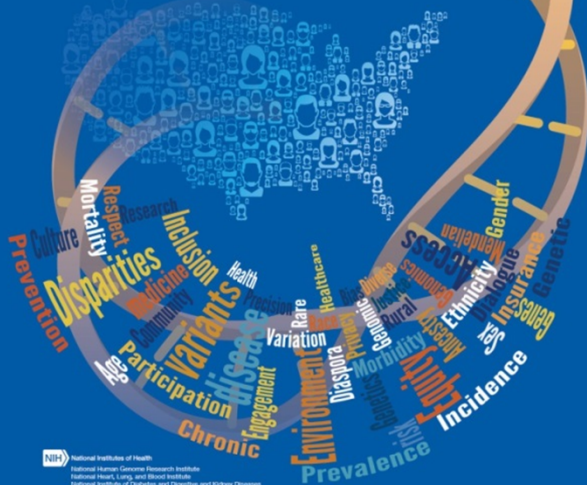
Genomics and Health Disparities

Exploring the Role of Genomics in Achieving Health Equity

Opportunities and Challenges for Health Disparities Research in the Personal Genome Era

Carlos Bustamante, Ph.D.
Professor of Genetics
Stanford University School of Medicine

May 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m.
Building 10
Lipsett Amphitheater



NIH National Institutes of Health
National Human Genome Research Institute
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities

FDA Office of Minority Health

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Inaugural Lecture

May 27, 2015, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.



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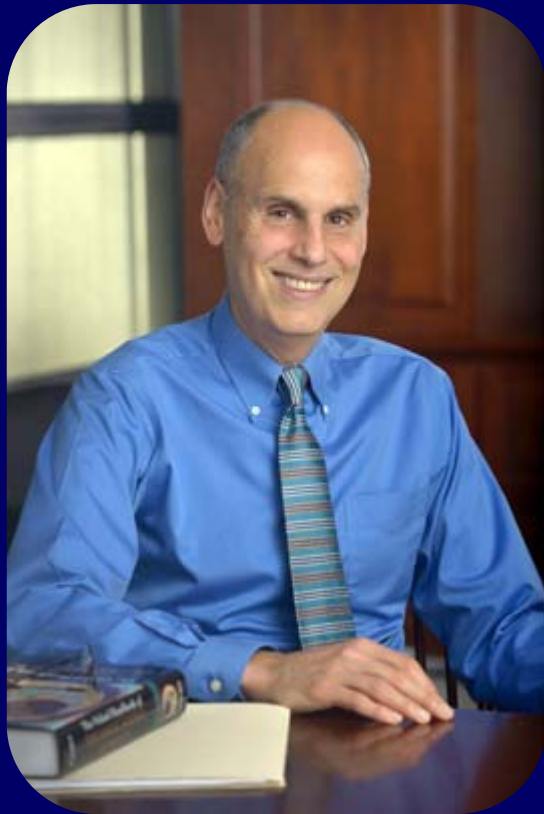
NHGRI Roundtable on Inclusion and Engagement of Underrepresented Populations in Genomics Research



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Alan Guttmacher Retires as NICHD Director



Alan Guttmacher, M.D.



Catherine Spong, M.D.

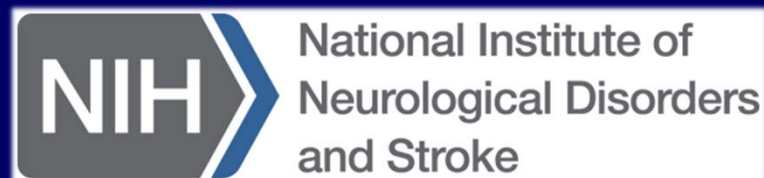


Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute
of Child Health and Human Development

New Director, National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke



Walter Koroshetz, M.D.



New Director, NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research



Bill Riley, Ph.D.



New Director, NCATS Office of Rare Diseases Research



Petra Kaufmann, M.D., M.Sc.



Acting Director, NIH Office of AIDS Research



Robert Eisinger, Ph.D.



Sally Rockey Steps Down as Director, NIH Office of Extramural Research



Sally Rockey, Ph.D.



**Larry Tabak, D.D.S.,
D.Phil.**



Thomas Insel to Depart as NIMH Director



Thomas Insel, M.D.



Bruce Cuthbert, Ph.D.



Breaking News

FDA Commissioner Nomination



Robert Califf, M.D.

Breaking News

National Library of Medicine Working Group Report

Institutes of Health
Advisory Committee to the Director

National Library of Medicine (NLM) Working Group

FINAL REPORT – JUNE 11, 2015

MEMBERS: Eric Green (co-chair), Harlan Krumholz (co-chair), Russ Altman, Howard Bauchner, Deborah Brooks, Doug Fridsma, Steven Goodman, Eric Horvitz, Trudy MacKay, Alexa McCray, Chris Shaffer, David Van Essen, Joanne Waldstreicher, James Williams, II, Kathy Hudson (ex officio), Lyric Jorgenson (executive secretary) (*titles and affiliations listed in Appendix A*)

The NIH Director charged the Working Group to study the future of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) remains an international organization after five months of deliberations, pertaining to NLM's mission and

Vacancy Announcement

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
National Institutes of Health (NIH)

DIRECTOR

National Library of Medicine

With nation-wide responsibility for improving the health and well-being of all Americans, the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) oversees the biomedical research programs of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and those of NIH's research Institutes and Centers (ICs). As the world's largest medical research facility, NIH consists of 27 ICs including the Clinical Center (an on-site research hospital).

NIH Strategic Plan

NIH National Institutes of Health
Turning Discovery Into Health

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NIH Strategic Plan

Register for the NIH-wide Strategic Plan Webinars:

- Wednesday, August 5, 3:00pm-4:30pm ET
- Tuesday, August 11, 3:30pm-5:00pm ET
- Thursday, August 13, 4:00pm-5:30pm ET

[RFI on Framework for the NIH-wide Strategic Plan](#)

[NIH Strategic Plan Framework \(Printable PDF\)](#) (PDF - 166KB)

In order to advance its mission and fulfill a request from Congress, NIH is developing a 5-year NIH-wide Strategic Plan to outline a vision for biomedical research that will pursue fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and apply that knowledge to extend healthy life and reduce illness and disability. NIH senior leadership and staff from all 27 Institutes, Centers, and Offices (ICOs), with input from the Advisory Committee to the Director of NIH, have developed a framework for the Strategic Plan.

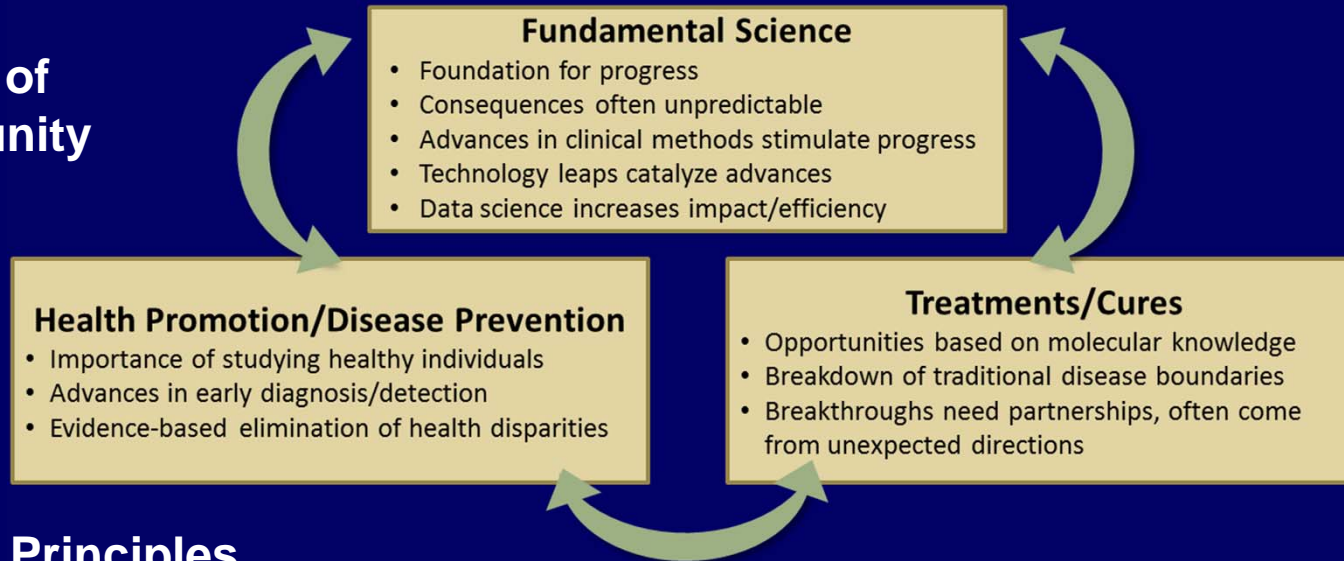
The framework outlined below identifies areas of opportunity that apply across biomedicine and unifying principles to guide NIH in supporting the biomedical research enterprise. The aim is to exemplify the breadth of ICO priorities by identifying major cross-cutting themes. The myriad of important research opportunities for specific disease applications are covered in individual strategic plans from each ICO, and thus will not be the focus of this larger NIH-wide Strategic Plan. The NIH-wide Strategic Plan is due to the Congress in December 2015.

NIH Strategic Plan Framework

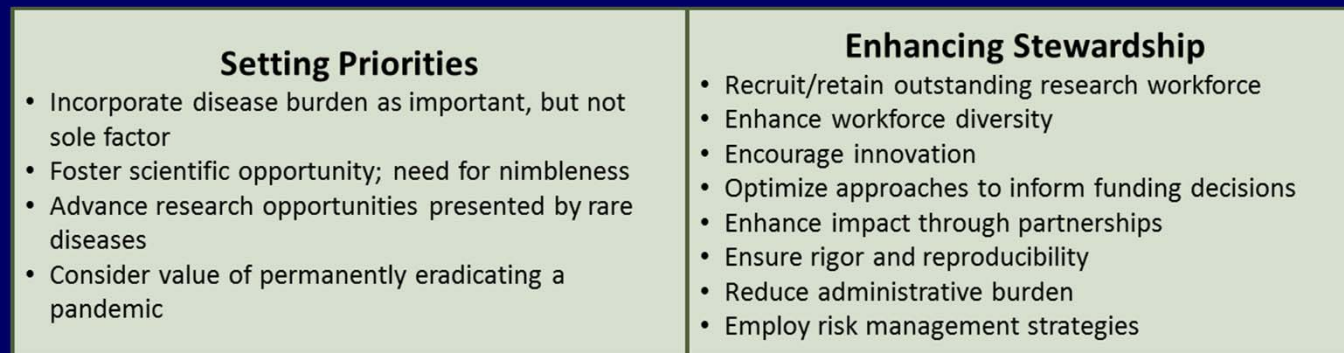
Overview

- Mission of NIH
- Unique moment of opportunity in biomedical research
- Current NIH-supported research landscape
- Constraints confronting the community in the face of lost purchasing power

Areas of Opportunity



Unifying Principles



NIH Rigor and Reproducibility in Grant Applications and Review

Enhancing Reproducibility through Rigor and Transparency

Notice Number: NOT-OD-15-103

Key Dates

Release Date: June 9, 2015

Related Announcements

[NOT-NS-11-023](#)
[NOT-MH-14-004](#)
[NOT-DA-14-007](#)
[NOT-OD-15-102](#)

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National Institutes of Health

Purpose

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is committed to improving the health outcomes of men and women through support of rigorous science that advances fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems. Sex and gender play a role in how health and disease processes differ across individuals¹, and consideration of these factors in research studies informs the development and testing of preventive and therapeutic interventions in both sexes. This notice focuses on NIH's expectation that scientists will account for the possible role of sex as a biological variable in vertebrate animal and human studies. Clarification of these expectations is reflected in plans by NIH's Office of Extramural Research (OER) to update application instructions and review questions; once approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), these updates will take effect for applications submitted for the January 25, 2016, due date and thereafter. Please refer to [NOT-OD-15-103](#) for further consideration of NIH expectations about enhancing reproducibility through rigor and transparency.

Consideration of Sex as a Biological Variable in NIH-funded Research

Notice Number: NOT-OD-15-102

Key Dates

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Related Announcements

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New Legislation: 21st Century Cures (H.R. 6)



- Passed by the House on July 10
- Boosts NIH research and reforms FDA's regulatory framework to accelerate the discovery, development, and delivery of cures
- Senate continues to work on its "Innovations Bill"

NIH Appropriations and Budget

Fiscal Year 2016 Appropriations

Entity	Chamber	Amount	% Change	Difference
NIH	House	\$31.3B	3.3% Increase	
	Senate	\$32.1B	6.0% Increase	+\$900M
NHGRI	House	\$515.5M	3.4% Increase	
	Senate	\$526.1M	4.4% Increase	+ \$10.6M

Congressional NIH Caucus



- **Announced in May 2015**
- **Goal: Increase the purchasing power of NIH**
- **Senate: bipartisan group of 23 senators; co-chaired by Durbin (D-IL) and Graham (R-SC)**
- **House: bipartisan group of 17 representatives; co-chaired by Higgins (D-NY), King (R-NY), and Delauro (D-CT)**

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Mourning the Loss of Bill Gelbart



Mourning the Loss of Eric Davidson



**Associate Vice Chancellor for
Computational Health Sciences,
University of California San Diego**



Jill Mesirov, Ph.D.



Inaugural Chair, Stanford Department of Biomedical Data Science



Carlos Bustamante, Ph.D.

New Investigators, Howard Hughes Medical Institute



**Job Dekker,
Ph.D.**



**Levi Garraway,
M.D., Ph.D.**



**Pardis Sabeti,
D.Phil., M.D.**



**Jay Shendure,
M.D., Ph.D.**



New ASHG Position Statements

ASHG POSITION STATEMENT

Points to Consider: Ethical, Legal, and Psychosocial Implications of Genetic Testing in Children and Adolescents

Jeffrey R. Botkin,^{1,14,*} John W. Belmont,^{2,14} Jonathan S. Berg,^{3,14} Benjamin E. Berkman,^{4,14}
Yvonne Bombard,^{5,6,14} Ingrid A. Holm,^{7,14} Howard P. Levy,^{8,14} Kelly E. Ormond,^{9,14}
Howard M. Saal,^{10,14} Nancy B. Spinner,^{11,14} Benjamin S. Wilfond,^{12,14} and Joseph D. McInerney^{13,14}



ASHG Statement of Support for Licensure of Genetic Counselors

September 10, 2015

The American Society of Human Genetics (ASHG) supports state licensure of certified genetic counselors to help ensure that the public has access to genetic and genomic services provided by qualified health professionals.

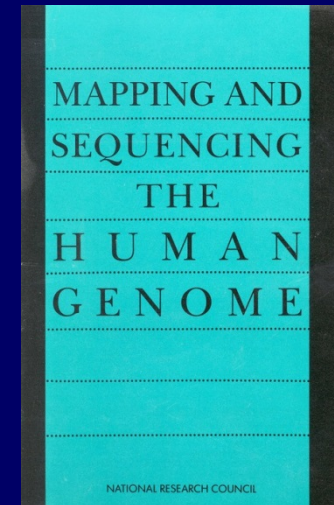
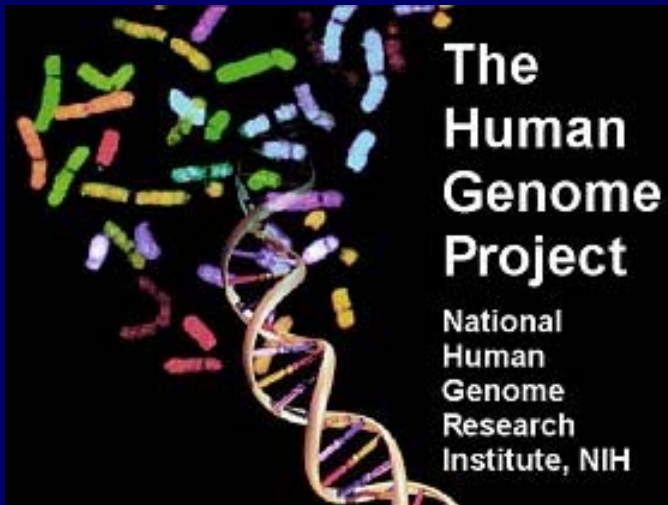
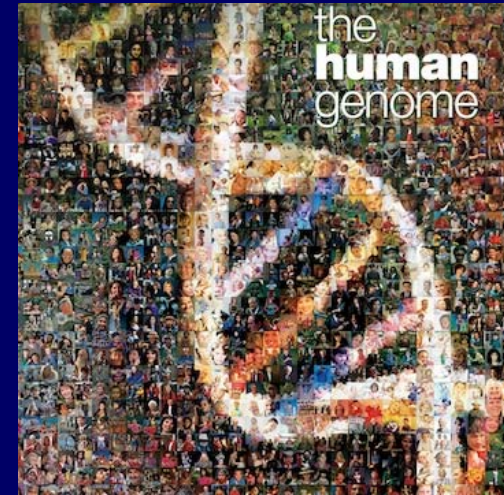
25th Anniversary of the Launch of the Human Genome Project



The Human Genome Project begins

Beginning in 1984, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Institutes of Health (NIH), and international groups held meetings about studying the human genome. In 1988, the National Research Council recommended starting a program to map the human genome. Finally, in 1990, NIH and DOE published a plan for the first five years of an expected 15-year project. The project would develop technology for analyzing DNA; map and sequence human and other genomes – including fruit flies and mice; and study related ethical, legal, and social issues.

1990



NHGRI Genome Advance of the Month

Scientists discover topical insights into the effects of sun exposure on skin

By Julie Coursen
Scientific Program Analyst, NHGRI

Genomics holds promise of treatments for inherited blindness

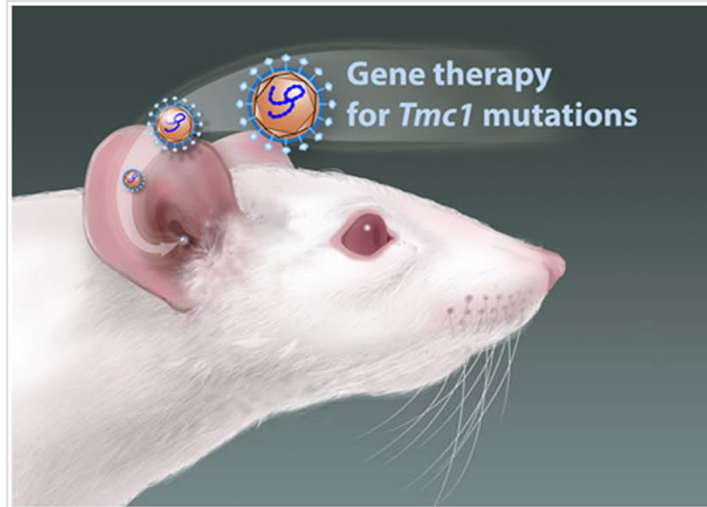
By Bianca Patel
Scientific Program Analyst, NHGRI

Gene-disease association data could improve drug development

By Brenda Iglesias
Scientific Program Analyst, NHGRI

Gene Therapy and the Biological Treatment of Hearing Loss

By Jonathan Lotempio, Jr.
Scientific Program Analyst, NHGRI



Ludwig von Beethoven suffered from deafness in his mid-twenties. To combat that hearing loss, the composer turned to the advanced technology of 1813 and commissioned his mechanically minded contemporaries to make ear trumpets to funnel and magnify sound.

While ear trumpets were ultimately ineffective, 200 years of progress have provided a much more promising biological alternative. July's Genome Advance of the Month highlights a study in the journal *Science Translational Medicine* that demonstrated gene therapy as an effective way to improve hearing in patients with two genes linked to genetic prelingual deafness, or hearing loss that occurs before a child learns to speak. The study focused on deafness caused by defects in transmembrane channel-like 1 (*TMC1*), which is a gene that codes for a protein that helps convert sounds into electrical signals for the brain to interpret. Defects in the *TMC1* gene are a common cause of genetic deafness, accounting for 4 to 8 percent of cases.

The study's authors, Charles Askew, Ph.D., Jeffery R. Holt, Ph.D. and colleagues at École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne in Switzerland, examined the use of gene therapy to cure hereditary deafness in mice with two types of *Tmc1* mutations. The first type had the *Tmc1* gene

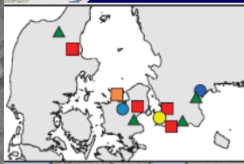
deleted, which is a good model for children who have two *TMC1* mutations and experience hearing loss at a very young age. The second type was a specific malfunctioning variant of *TMC1* fittingly known as Beethoven in honor of the 19th century composer. Mice with the Beethoven point mutation closely model the loss of hearing in humans who have an autosomal dominant *TMC1* mutation that leads to progressive hearing loss in the teen years.

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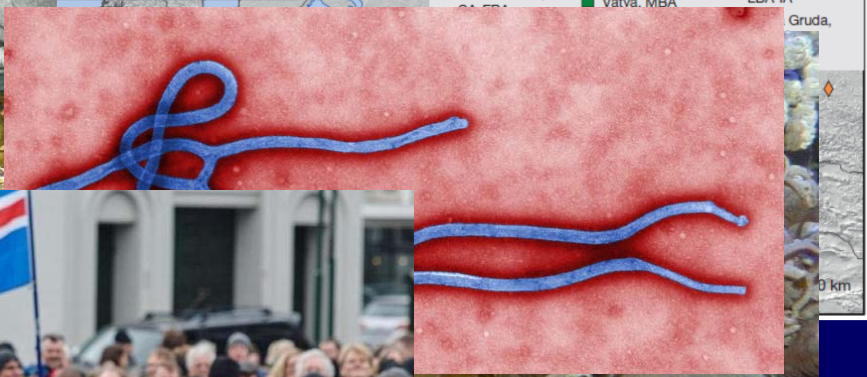
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- Okunevo, EBA
- Unetice, EBA
- Maros, MBA
- Sintashta, EBA
- Nordic LN
- Vatva, MBA
- Middle BA
- ◆ Karasuk, LBA
- Mezhovskaya, LBA
- ▲ Late BA
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- ◆ Afontova Gora, LBA-IA



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Extramural Research Program Retreat



Genome Sequencing Program



- **Funding Plans Under Consideration**

 - Centers for Common Disease Genomics (UM1)

 - Centers for Mendelian Genomics (UM1)

 - Coordinating Center (U24)

- **Letters of Intent Received**

 - Genome Sequencing Program Analysis Centers (U01)

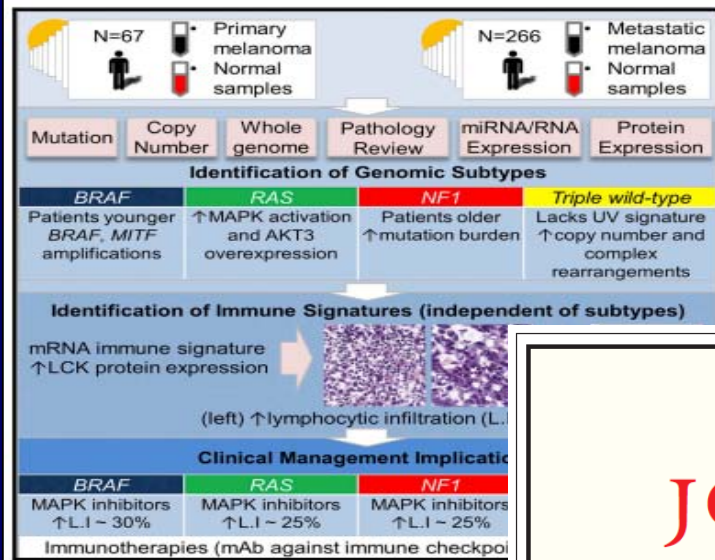
 - Human & Non-Human Primate Genome Sequences (U24)



Cell

Genomic Classification of Cutaneous Melanoma

Graphical Abstract



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In Brief

An integrative analysis of cutaneous melanomas establishes a framework for genomic classification into four subtypes that can guide clinical decision-making

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Comprehensive, Integrative Genomic Analysis of Diffuse Lower-Grade Gliomas

The Cancer Genome Atlas Research Network*

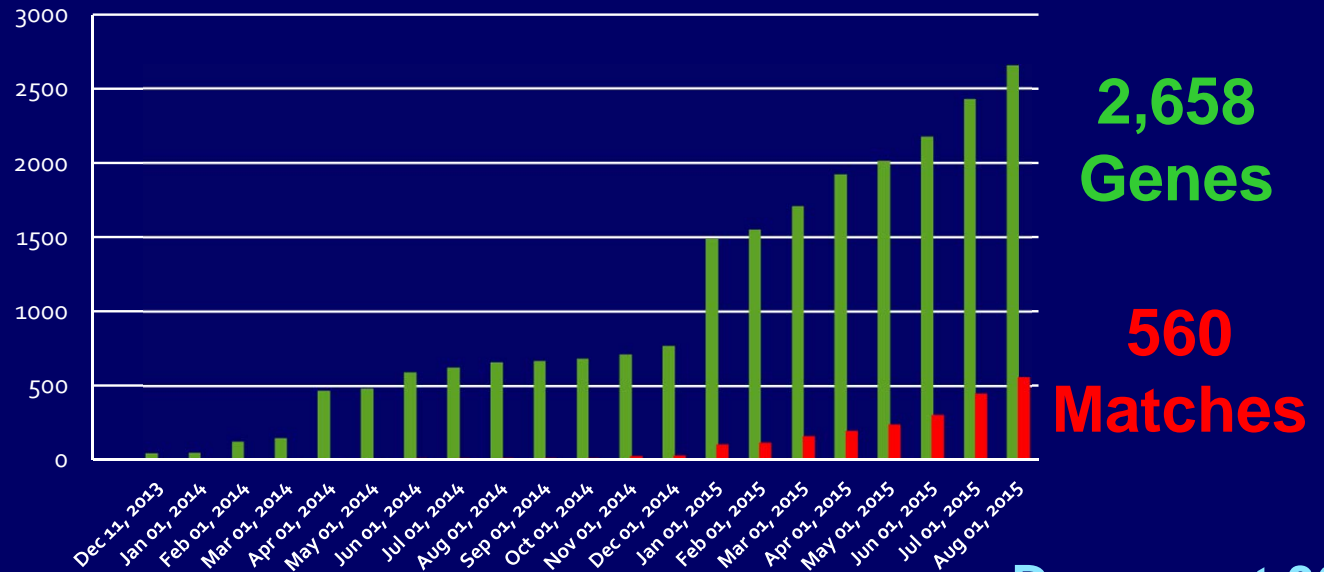
Finding the genes underlying human Mendelian conditions

Discovery

- >1,500 'causal genes' for Mendelian phenotypes;
>590 novel causal genes
- >195 publications

GeneMatcher

- >600 users
- 43 countries



AJHG

The American Journal of Human Genetics 97, 199–215, August 6, 2015 199

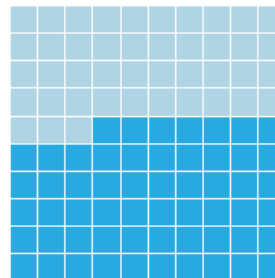
REVIEW

The Genetic Basis of Mendelian Phenotypes:
Discoveries, Challenges, and Opportunities

- **Progress on causal gene discoveries, method improvement, and resource sharing**
- **Remaining discoveries and challenges**

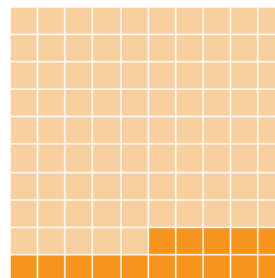
'Scorecard'

Figure 1.



Mendelian phenotypes associated with 'causal genes' - 57% (4,163/7,315)

Figure 2.



Human genes known to underlie Mendelian phenotypes - 15% (2,937/19,580)



Clinical Sequencing Exploratory Research Program

- Enrolled 2,889 adults, 759 children
- 161 publications, 12 working group publications

CSER and eMERGE: current and potential
state of the display of genetic information
in the electronic health record

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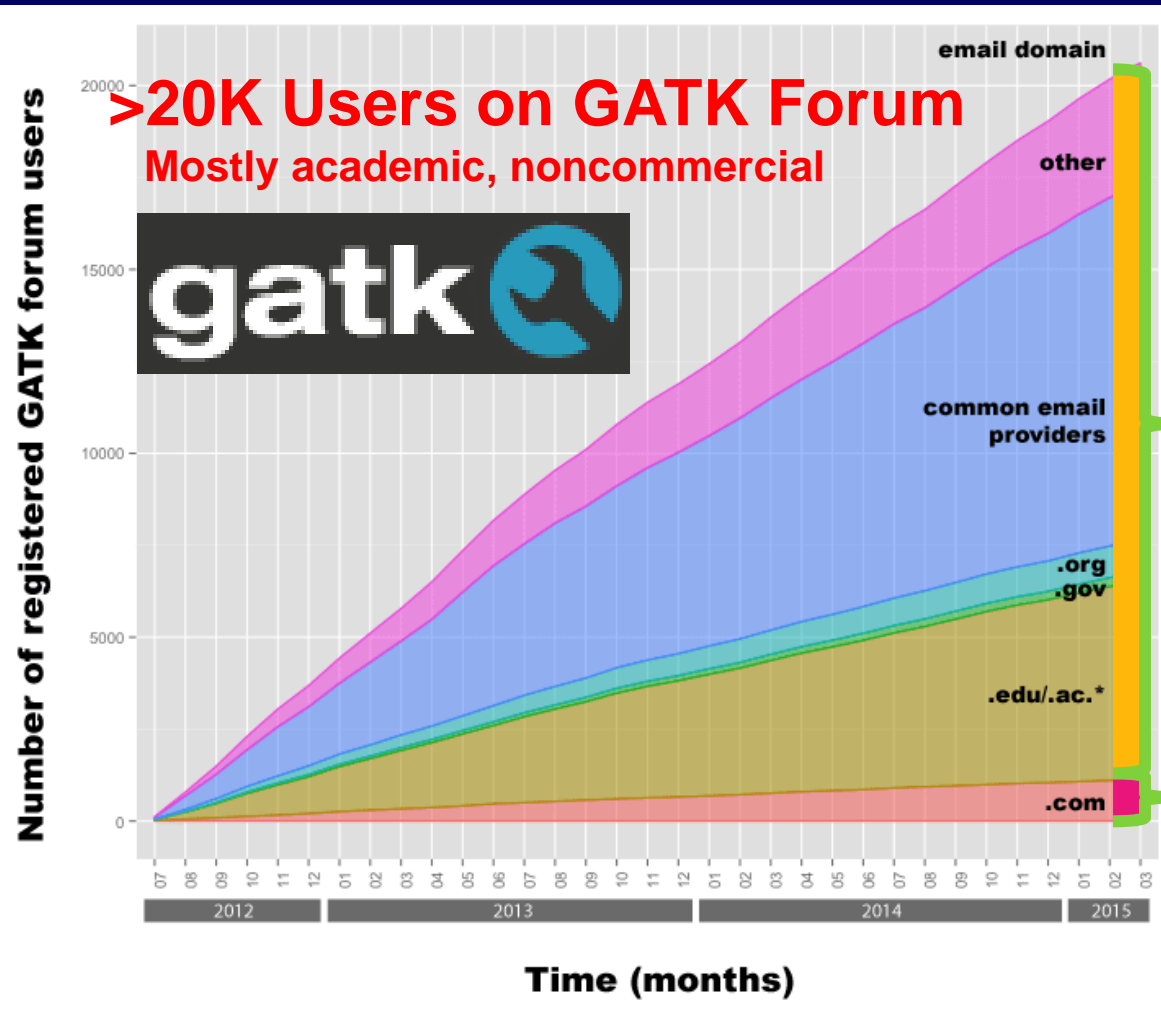


Professionally Responsible Disclosure of Genomic Sequencing Results in Pediatric Practice

Laurence B. McCullough, PhD^a, Kyle B. Brothers^b, Wendy K. Chung^c, Steven Joffe^d, Barbara A. Koenig^e, Benjamin Wilfond^f, Joon-Ho Yu^g, on behalf of the Clinical Sequencing Exploratory Research (CSER) Consortium Pediatrics Working Group

Pediatrics, in press

Genome Sequencing Informatics Tools



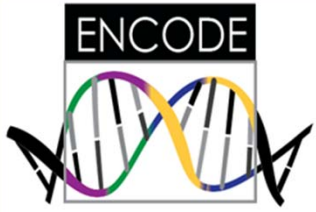
2015 GATK Forum
(per month):

- ~650 users
- ~150 discussions
- ~100,000 views

Technology Development Program



- **RFA for Novel Nucleic Acid Sequencing released:**
 - (R01): RFA-HG-15-032
 - (R21): RFA-HG-15-031
 - (R43/R44): RFA-HG-15-033
- **FOAs for remaining concepts to be released soon:**
 - Genome Technology Development**
 - (R01, R21, R43/R44)

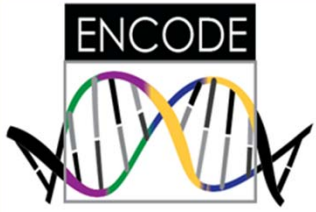


Encyclopedia of DNA Elements (ENCODE)

- **2015 ENCODE Community Users Meeting**

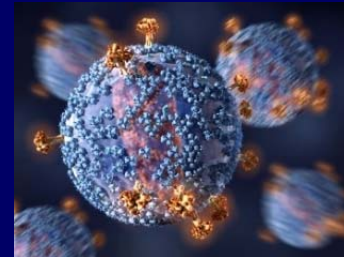
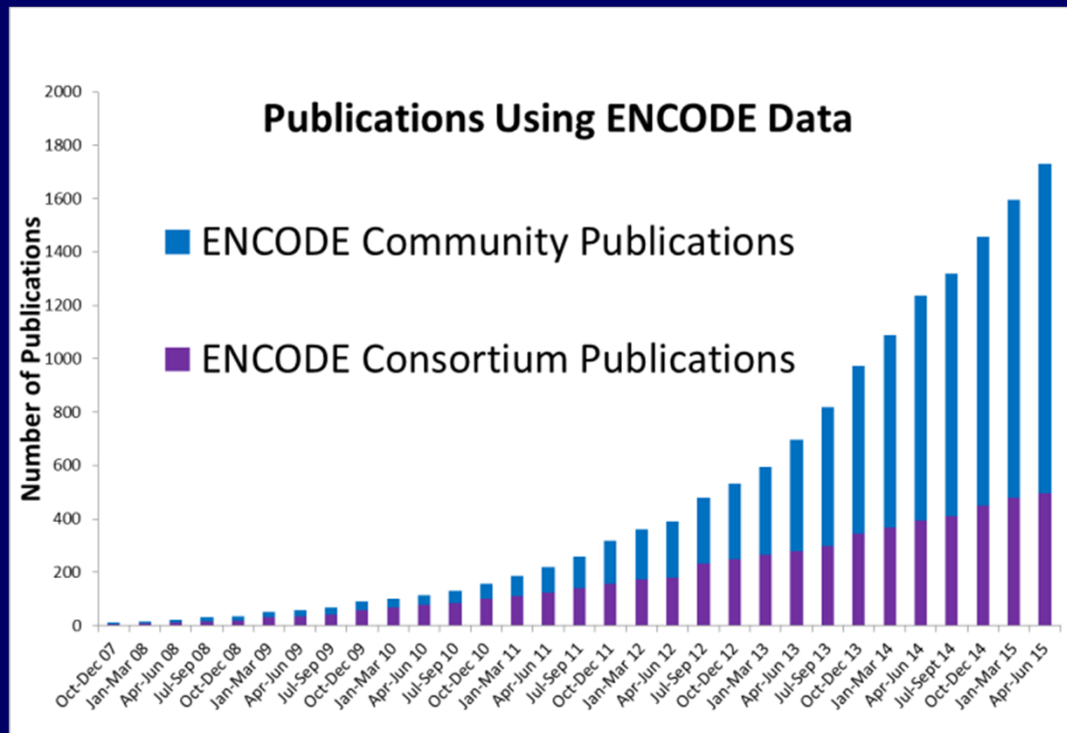


- **ENCODE portal infrastructure used by ClinGen**



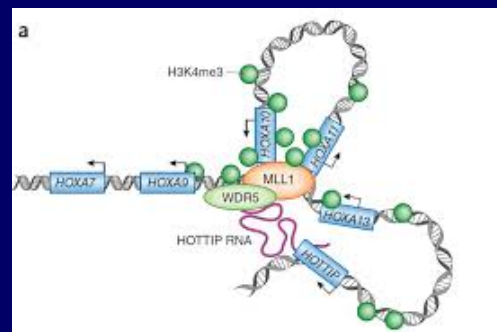
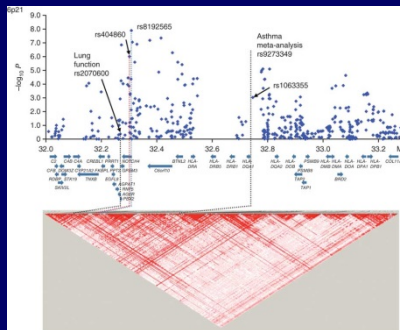
Encyclopedia of DNA Elements (ENCODE)

- Postponement of Functional Genomics Initiatives to September 2016 Council review
- ENCODE Publications:



New Functional Genomic Variation Grants

- Develop computational approaches to infer causal variants for phenotypes, and assess predictions with experimental data
- 6 grant awards made thus far
- Information on transcripts, TF binding, nucleosomes, enhancers, DNA shape, conservation, & phenotypes
- Studies of autism, cancer, bipolar disorder, type 2 diabetes, & age-related macular degeneration



Centers of Excellence in Genomic Science (CEGS) Program

Two new CEGS awards:

- Harvard Medical School-
Center for Genomically Engineered Organs
- University of Washington-
Center for Photogenomics

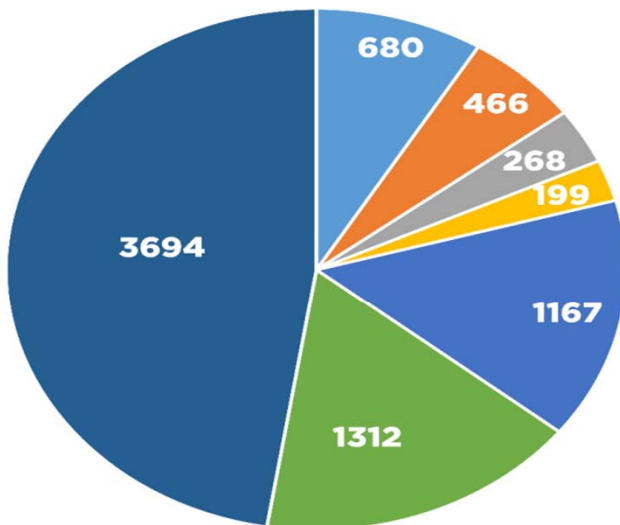


■ Site Projects (333) = **531 total projects**
■ Network Projects (198)

Cumulative Citation Count

- 2007-July 2015: **9,298**
- Phase II Publications Only: **8,306**

Citations of eMERGE Publications by Category through April 2015:



■ All Network / Foundation: 680(160) ■ Privacy: 466(47)
■ EHRI: 268(268) ■ PGx/Implementation: 199(199)
■ CERC/RoR: 1167(260) ■ Phenotyping: 1312(436)
■ Genomics: 3694(1334)

Tools/Software

PheKB.org Myresults.org

SPHINX

InfoButton Project

eCDS KB

Phenotyping Tools

Genotyping Tools

Model Consent Language

emerge network

ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS AND GENOMICS



Phenotypes & eXposures (PhenX) Toolkit

80 New Measures



Protocols in REDCap



NHLBI Sickle Cell
Disease Meeting



ASHG Invited Session



ClinGen: Sharing Data. Building Knowledge. Improving Care.

ClinGen *NEJM* Marker Paper

Clinical Actionability: ACMG 56 gene list

High visibility at ASHG and NSGC meetings



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Genomics and Society Working Group



- In-person meeting held in April 2015
- Update from Dr. Lisa Parker in Open Session

Small Business Grants



<u>Small Business</u>	<u>Phase I</u> Proof of principle	<u>Phase II</u> Pre-commercialization
Innovation Research (SBIR)	13	11
Technology Transfer (STTR)	5	1
Total	18	12

Small business funding to increase ~\$0.6M/year

Genomics Training and Career Development

RFA-HG-15-025: Data Analysis and Coordinating Center (DACCC) for Research Training and Career Development Activities

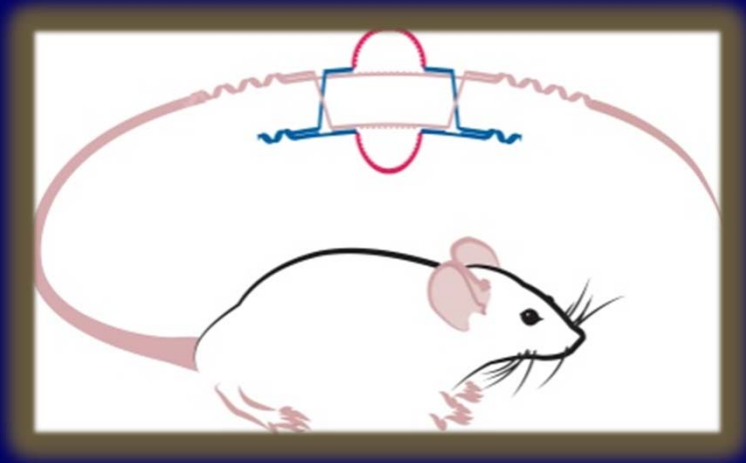
- Maintain, improve, and/or develop database
- Collect and analyze data about trainee career paths
- Logistical support for an expanded annual training program meeting
- Application due date: October 20, 2015



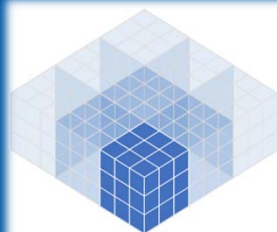
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Knockout Mouse Phenotyping Project (KOMP2)



- **Common Fund approves 5 year continuation**
- **18 Institutes/Centers/Offices contributing funds**
- **Total funds: ~\$100M**
- **FOAs in process**

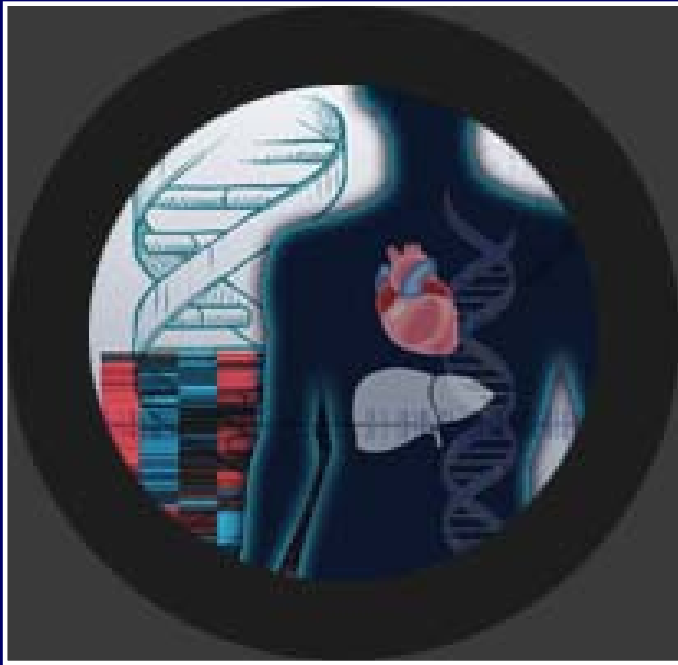


NIH LINCS
PROGRAM

Recent Progress:

- **Public release of data and harmonized metadata**
- **Multiple internal collaborative projects**
- **Outreach efforts: 8 collaborations funded jointly by LINCS and other entities (NIAAA, NCCIH, NIEHS, NIMH, NINDS, & BD2K)**

Genotype-Tissue Expression (GTEx) Project



- Donor recruitment goal (n=900) completed
- New GTEx portal and version 5 data release

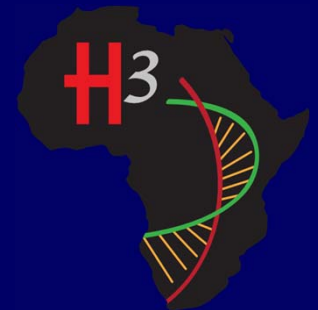
Protein Capture Reagents Program

- ~1100 validated antibodies to 370 human transcription factors; available via data portal
- Program near end of pilot phase, with one grantee finishing production of mouse monoclonals
- JHU subcontractor attended White House Demo Day



Human Heredity and Health in Africa (H3Africa)

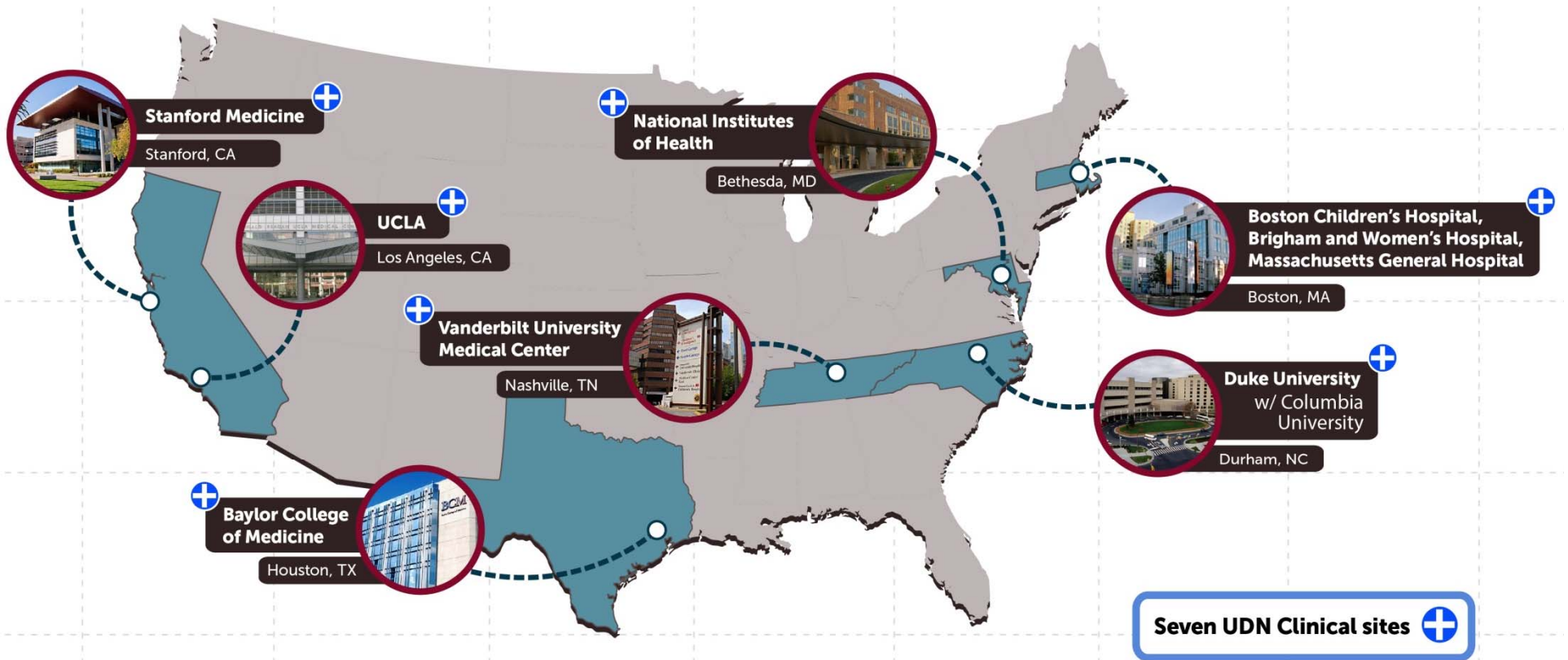
- 7th Consortium Meeting in October (Washington DC)
 - ASHG Session
 - Presentations at NIH
 - NIH-H3Africa Subject Area Meetings
- 2 UH3 Biorepository awards (Nigeria and Uganda)
- Approval for a Phase II of H3Africa



Undiagnosed Diseases Network (UDN)



Seven UDN Clinical Site Locations



Click 'Apply' button on any UDN webpage to apply!



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Undiagnosed Diseases Network (UDN)

PI Name	Gene	Model	Patient Phenotype
Hall	<i>BAI2</i>	astrocytes from mouse	shrinking spinal cord area and limb muscle stiffness
Ye	<i>YPEL3</i>	drosophila	reduced myelin, enlarged nerves, abnormal nerve conduction, normal cognition
Smith	<i>BHLHB9</i>	knock down mouse neural stem cells and patient iPS neural cells	motor dysfunction, cognitive impairment, low brain volume, peripheral nerve damage
Yu	<i>CHML</i>	mouse	developmental regression, nerve damage with brain volume loss
Westerfield	<i>YPEL3</i>	zebrafish	reduced myelin, enlarged nerves, eye abnormalities
Ho	<i>FOXR1</i>	human fibroblasts, mouse	microcephaly, developmental delay, progressive brain atrophy



Gabriella Miller Kids First Pediatric Research Program

- NIH Common Fund Program (\$12.6M/year for ten years)
- Clinical and genome sequence data
 - Childhood cancers
 - Structural birth defects
- Fiscal Year 2015
 - PAR 15-259 (X01) seeking samples
 - Up to 6000 samples
- Fiscal Year 2016
 - Creation of data resource
 - Solicitation of additional samples
 - Generation of genome sequence data



Big Data to Knowledge (BD2K) Initiative

- Training the next generation of biomedical researchers in data science
- Funding for software projects in targeted research areas
- Funding supplement programs for data sharing, discovery, and interoperability



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PRECISION MEDICINE INITIATIVE

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Faces of the Precision Medicine Initiative – Dr. Russ Altman



NIH Director's blog: Read precision medicine-related blogs by the NIH Director.

ABOUT THE PRECISION MEDICINE INITIATIVE

Far too many diseases do not have a proven means of prevention or effective treatments. We must gain better insights into the biology of these diseases to make a difference for the millions of Americans who suffer from them. Precision medicine is an emerging approach for disease treatment and prevention that takes into account individual variability in genes, environment, and lifestyle for each person. While significant advances in precision medicine have been made for select cancers, the practice is not currently in use for most diseases. Many efforts are underway to help make precision medicine the norm rather than the exception. To accelerate the pace, President Obama unveiled the Precision Medicine Initiative (PMI) – a bold new enterprise to revolutionize medicine and generate the scientific evidence needed to move the concept of precision medicine into every day clinical practice.

Email Updates

To sign up for updates please enter your e-mail address.

Related Links

- [NEJM Perspective: A New Initiative on Precision Medicine](#)
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- [White House Fact Sheet: President Obama's Precision Medicine Initiative](#)
- [Precision Medicine Initiative and Cancer Research](#)
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Precision Medicine Initiative Workshops

- **Digital Health Data in a Million-Person Precision Medicine Initiative Cohort**
May 28-29, 2015
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- **Participant Engagement and Health Equity**
July 1-2, 2015
NIH, Bethesda, MD
- **Mobile and Personal Technologies in Precision Medicine**
July 27-28, 2015
Intel Corp., Santa Clara, CA

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The Precision Medicine Initiative: Infographic

[View larger](#) (PDF - 1.63KB)

Events

The following are upcoming and past events held by the NIH to gather input from participant, scientific, and other stakeholder groups as it plans the development of the President's Precision Medicine Initiative and the vision for building the national participant group. Please sign up for updates or check back frequently for additional meeting information.

All public workshops will be [videocast live](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- No currently scheduled events

PAST EVENTS

2015

- [Mobile and Personal Technologies in Precision Medicine Workshop](#)
Monday, July 27 - Tuesday, July 28, 2015
Intel Corp., Santa Clara, Calif.
- [Participant Engagement and Health Equity Workshop](#)
Wednesday, July 1 - Thursday, July 2, 2015
National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.
- [Digital Health Data in a Million-Person Precision Medicine Initiative Cohort](#)
Thursday, May 28 - Friday, May 29, 2015
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.
- [Senate Hearing: Continuing America's Leadership: Realizing the Promise of Precision Medicine for Patients](#)
Tuesday, May 5, 2015
[NIH Director's Testimony](#) (PDF - 89.9KB)
- [Public workshop on unique scientific opportunities for the national research cohort](#)
Tuesday, April 28 - Wednesday, April 29, 2015
National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Md.
- [Public Workshop on Building a Precision Medicine Research Cohort](#)
Wednesday, February 11 - Thursday, February 12, 2015
National Institutes of Health, Porter Neuroscience Building, Bethesda, Md.

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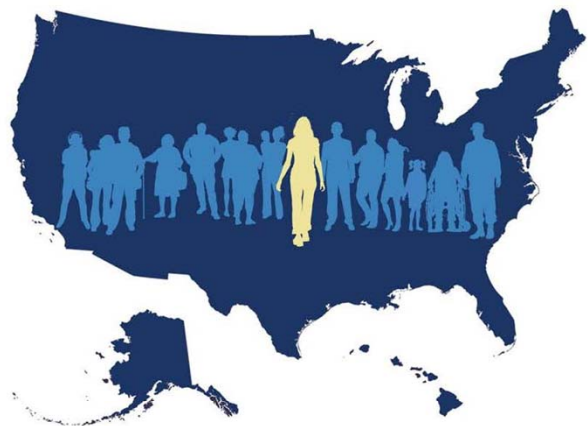
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Report on Precision Medicine Initiative Cohort Program



The Precision Medicine Initiative Cohort Program – Building a Research Foundation for 21st Century Medicine

Precision Medicine Initiative (PMI) Working Group Report to the Advisory Committee to the Director, NIH

September 17, 2015

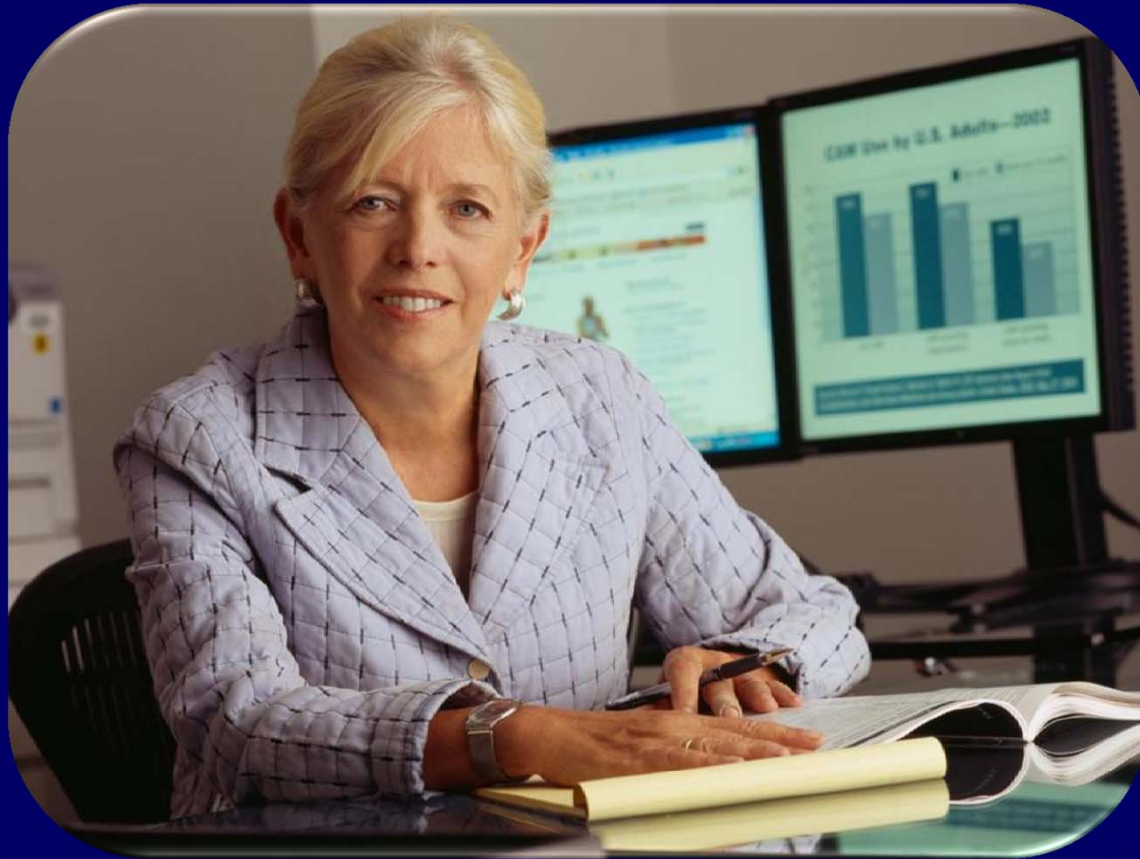
For Immediate Release: Thursday, September 17, 2015

NIH framework points the way forward for building national, large-scale research cohort, a key component of the President's Precision Medicine Initiative



The National Institutes of Health Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD) today presented to NIH Director Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., a detailed design framework for building a national research participant group, called a cohort, of 1 million or more Americans to expand our knowledge and practice of precision medicine. Dr. Collins embraced the design recommendations made by the ACD, noting the need to remain nimble and adaptable as the Initiative progresses. He also thanked the Committee for their recommendations on policy issues and welcomed the opportunity to review them. NIH plans to move quickly to build the infrastructure so that participants can begin enrolling in the cohort in 2016, with a goal of enrolling at least 1 million participants in three to four years.

Interim Director, Precision Medicine Initiative Cohort Program



Josie Briggs, M.D.

Breaking News

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Revisions to the 'Common Rule'



FEDERAL REGISTER

Vol. 80 Tuesday,
No. 173 September 8, 2015

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: The departments and agencies listed in this document propose revisions to modernize, strengthen, and make more effective the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects that was promulgated as a Common Rule in 1991. This NPRM seeks comment on proposals to better protect human subjects involved in research, while facilitating valuable research and reducing burden, delay, and ambiguity for investigators. This proposed rule is an effort to modernize, simplify, and enhance the current system of oversight. The participating departments and agencies propose these revisions to the human subjects regulations because they believe these changes would strengthen protections for research subjects while facilitating important research.

DATES: To be assured consideration, comments must be received at one of the addresses provided below, no later than 5 p.m. on December 7, 2015.

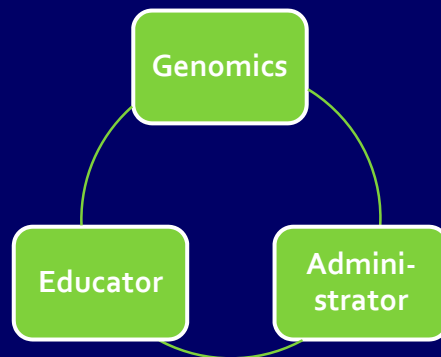
- Improve informed consent
- Calibrate review to study risks
- Require informed consent for use of biospecimens
- New data security and information protection standards
- Streamline IRB review
- Extend protection to all research at federally-funded sites

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Method for Introducing a New Competency

Toolkit to Facilitate Integration of Genomics



- Promote genomic practice
- Capture expertise and processes
- Collect resources

Genetic and Rare Diseases (GARD) Information Center Videos

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I am GARD's Project Manager,
and I'd like to tell you about



NIH National Center
for Advancing
Translational Sciences

NIH National Human Genome
Research Institute

NHGRI Social Media



Genome: Unlocking Life's Code

Exhibition Travel Schedule

2015

October 2-January 3

**Oregon Museum of Science and Industry
Portland, OR**

2016

January 28-April 25

**Discovery World
Milwaukee, WI**

May 21-September 5

**Natural History Museum of Utah
Salt Lake City, UT**

September 30-January 1

**Exploration Place
Wichita, KS**



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NEWSLETTER: AUGUST 2015

HENRIETTA LACKS TIMELINE
RESOURCE OF THE MONTH
YOUR BREAKFAST COULD BE GOING EXTINCT
TEEN GENES VIDEO CHALLENGE

Henrietta Lacks: An Illustrated Poster About Her Life and Cells (HeLa)

This vivid poster illustrates the historical timeline of Henrietta Lacks' immortal cells (HeLa cell line). Research using the HeLa cell line has resulted in successful drugs against influenza, leukemia, herpes, Parkinson's disease and more. The timeline can be used in the classroom by viewing it online, downloading it as a PDF, or printing it in large and small sizes.

[See the "Henrietta Lacks Timeline" now!](#)

August 2015 Resource of the Month
 The DNA Learning Center: "Gene Screen" App

Our monthly Internet search for the best free teaching resources for biology teachers has arrived at a winner: The DNA Learning Center's "Gene Screen" App for the iPad or iPhone. "Gene Screen" is a fun way to learn how recessive genetic traits and diseases are inherited and how certain diseases are more prevalent in different populations. [Check it out!](#)

Feature Story: Your Breakfast Could Be Going Extinct

What did you eat for breakfast this morning? Was anything in it genetically modified? The answer may surprise you.

No matter how organic or "GMO-free" your breakfast was, unless it was hunted or gathered directly from nature, you almost certainly ate food that had been in some sense "genetically modified." [Learn more.](#)

Precision Medicine Event in St. Louis



2015 NHGRI Summer Workshop in Genomics: The 'Short Course'

High School Teachers



Nursing Faculty



Partnership for Community Outreach and Engagement in Genomics



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Mourning the Loss of Rep. Louis Stokes



American College of Rheumatology Distinguished Fellow Award



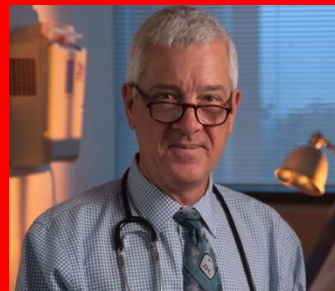
Pravitt Gourh, M.D.

NHGRI Intramural Research Highlights



GENOME RESEARCH

The use of CRISPR/Cas9 as a genome-editing tool in various model organisms has radically changed targeted mutagenesis



AJHG The American Journal of Human Genetics

Individualized Iterative Phenotyping for Genome-wide Analysis of Loss-of-Function Mutations

Genetics in Medicine

Official Journal of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics

A critical reappraisal of dietary practices in methylmalonic acidemia raises concerns about the safety of medical foods. Part 1: isolated methylmalonic acidemias



The Genomics Landscape

A monthly update from
the NHGRI Director



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