

**Multi-IC Symposium on Application of Genomic Technologies to
Population-Based Studies**

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ISSUES FOR CONSIDERATION

Panel 4: Promoting inter-IC collaborations and making the most of available cohorts and case-control studies

- a. Determining what population studies are ongoing in other ICs and whether they are potentially open to collaboration
- b. Deciding when to add a component to an existing population study (cohort, case-control, clinical trial) vs. beginning an entirely new study
- c. Determining what data and biomaterials are available in other ICs and what the policies are for accessing them
- d. Dealing with inconsistencies and complexity in existing collaboration and sharing policies
- e. Ensuring proper credit is provided to investigators and among ICs
- f. Difficulties of developing collaborations in the face of different timelines and procedures across ICs for making funding commitments
- g. Dealing with unavoidable shifts in priorities within one IC partner that preclude continuation of an existing agreement
- h. Challenges in developing a plan for a multi-endpoint clinical trial or observational study that would serve the needs of many, if not most, NIH ICs