

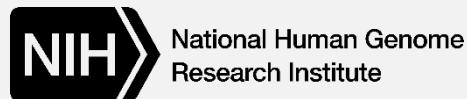
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# Clinical Sequencing Evidence- generating Research (CSER) Progress Update

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# Clinical Sequencing Exploratory Research (CSER) Phase 1 (2011-2016): Motivation

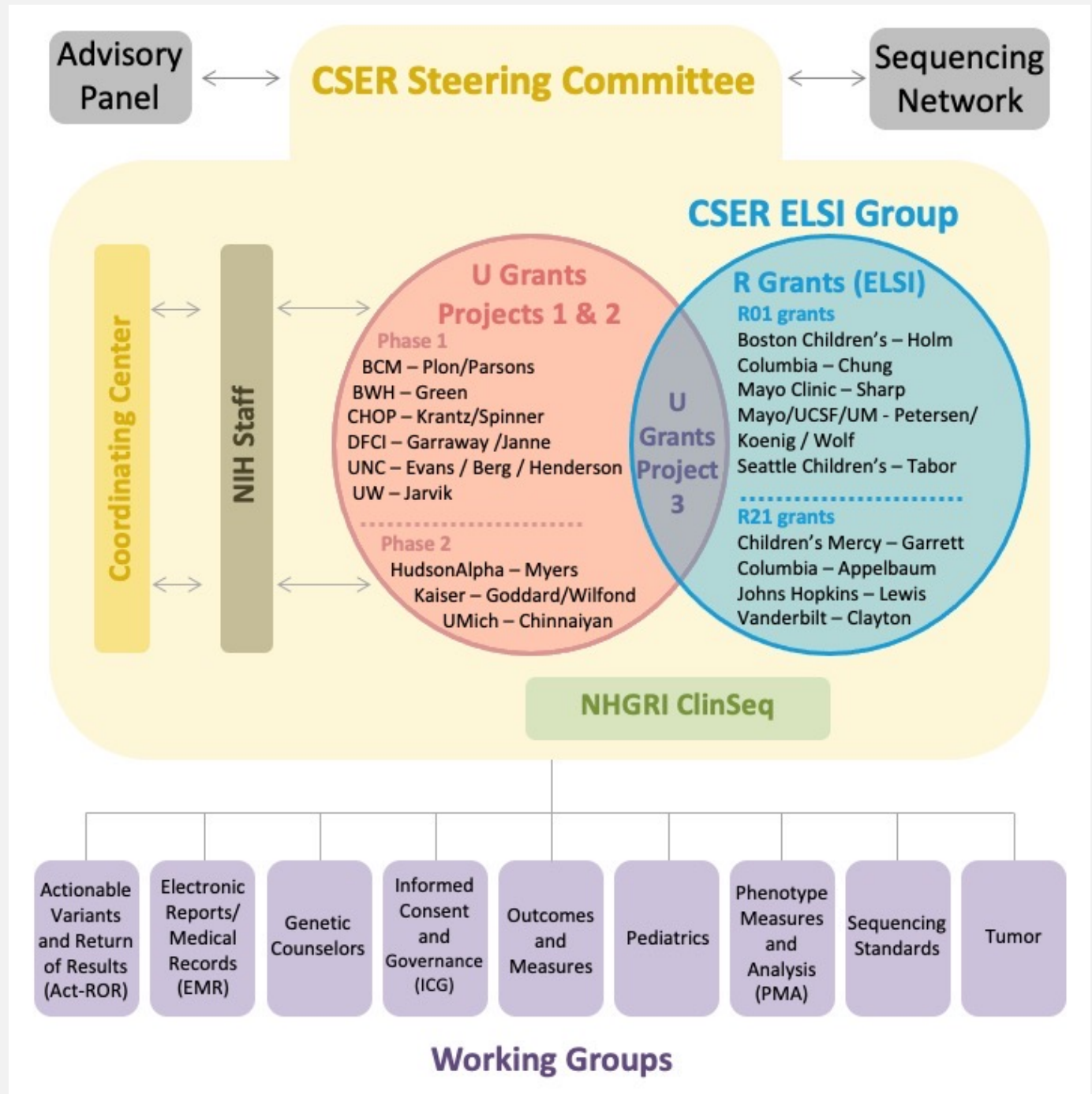
- Explore, within an active clinical setting, the application of genomic sequence data to the care of patients
  - Generation of genomic sequence data
  - Interpretation and translation of data for the physician
  - Communication to the patient

# CSER Phase 1: Programmatic and Scientific Goals

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- Best practices in moving genome sequencing from medical science to the clinical practice
- Patient characteristics that signal potential utility (or lack thereof) for applying genome-scale sequencing
- Best approaches to analyzing data
- Guide to which results should be returned (and how) to the patient and physician
- Plethora of highly heterogeneous “non-target” data generated when performing sequencing

# CSER Phase 1: structure and sites awarded





# Clinical Sequencing Evidence-generating Research (CSER) Phase 2 (2017-2023): motivation

- Aim: generate evidence to determine clinical utility of genome sequencing
- Moving from “Exploratory” to “Evidence-generating”
- Focus on clinical utility: likelihood that genomic intervention leads to improved health outcomes
- Expand to diverse populations and care settings

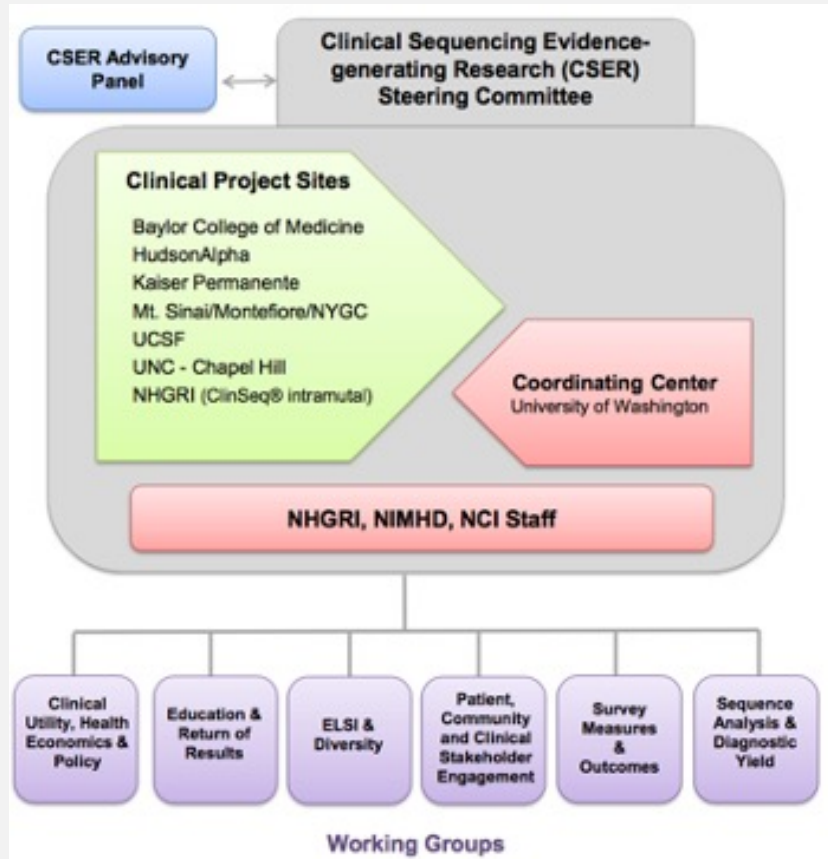
# CSER Phase 2: Programmatic and Scientific goals

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- Clinical Genomics
  - Systems to integrate genomics into everyday clinical and public health practice
  - Knowledge bases for genomic medicine in diverse populations
  - Evaluation and assessment of strategies for returning results and capturing recommended medical actions
  - Ensuring genomic health information has utility for all
  - Training of providers to adopt clinical genomics
- Embedded ELSI, diversity and engagement
  - Informed, empowered decision-making about genomics
  - Broadening of clinical utility to include perceived utility
  - Equity in genomic research, medicine, and training
  - Appropriate engagement to include underserved and vulnerable communities

# CSER Phase 2: Structure and Sites awarded

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# NHGRI Intramural ClinSeq® Study

- Phenotype-agnostic study
- Began in 2006
  - Demonstrated feasibility and potential value of CSER
- Sequencing and phenotype data on 1,500 participants, including 500 African ancestry participants
- Contributions to key consortium papers

## Resource

### The ClinSeq Project: Piloting large-scale genome sequencing for research in genomic medicine

Leslie G. Biesecker,<sup>1,2,5</sup> James C. Mullikin,<sup>1,2</sup> Flavia M. Facio,<sup>1</sup> Clesson Turner,<sup>1</sup> Praveen F. Cherukuri,<sup>1</sup> Robert W. Blakesley,<sup>1,2</sup> Gerard G. Bouffard,<sup>1,2</sup> Peter S. Chines,<sup>1</sup> Pedro Cruz,<sup>2</sup> Nancy F. Hansen,<sup>1,2</sup> Jamie K. Teer,<sup>1</sup> Baishali Maskeri,<sup>2</sup> Alice C. Young,<sup>2</sup> NISC Comparative Sequencing Program<sup>1,2</sup> Teri A. Manolio,<sup>1</sup> Alexander F. Wilson,<sup>1</sup> Toren Finkel,<sup>3</sup> Paul Hwang,<sup>3</sup> Andrew Arai,<sup>3</sup> Alan T. Remaley,<sup>3,4</sup> Vandana Sachdev,<sup>3</sup> Robert Shamburek,<sup>3</sup> Richard O. Cannon,<sup>3</sup> and Eric D. Green<sup>1,2</sup>

Biesecker, et al. 2009 PMID 19602640

## ARTICLE

### Performance of ACMG-AMP Variant-Interpretation Guidelines among Nine Laboratories in the Clinical Sequencing Exploratory Research Consortium

Laura M. Amendola,<sup>1,16</sup> Gail P. Jarvik,<sup>1,16,\*</sup> Michael C. Leo,<sup>2</sup> Heather M. McLaughlin,<sup>3</sup> Yasmine Akkari,<sup>4</sup> Michelle D. Amaral,<sup>5</sup> Jonathan S. Berg,<sup>6</sup> Sawona Biswas,<sup>7</sup> Kevin M. Bowling,<sup>5</sup> Laura K. Conlin,<sup>7</sup> Greg M. Cooper,<sup>5</sup> Michael O. Dorschner,<sup>8</sup> Matthew C. Dulik,<sup>9</sup> Arezou A. Ghazani,<sup>10</sup> Rajarshi Ghosh,<sup>11</sup> Robert C. Green,<sup>3,12,15</sup> Ragan Hart,<sup>1</sup> Carrie Horton,<sup>13</sup> Jennifer J. Johnston,<sup>14</sup> Matthew S. Lebo,<sup>3,12</sup> Aleksandar Milosavljevic,<sup>11</sup> Jeffrey Ou,<sup>1</sup> Christine M. Pak,<sup>4</sup> Ronak Y. Patel,<sup>11</sup> Sumit Punj,<sup>4</sup> Carolyn Sue Richards,<sup>4</sup> Joseph Salama,<sup>1</sup> Natasha T. Strande,<sup>6</sup> Yaping Yang,<sup>11</sup> Sharon E. Plon,<sup>11</sup> Leslie G. Biesecker,<sup>14</sup> and Heidi L. Rehm<sup>3,12,15,\*</sup>

Amendola, et al. 2016. PMID 27181684



**First phase of CSER:  
*E* is for *Exploratory*  
2011-2016**

# Tools and resources

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Consortia > CSER > Research Materials

## CSER Research Materials

The Clinical Sequencing Exploratory Research (CSER Phase 1) consortium and Clinical Sequencing Evidence-Generating Research (CSER Phase 2) consortium has produced a vast amount of publications and materials from their studies. Below are the research materials that CSER have shared with the research community.

- + CSER Phase 1 Description of Variant Analysis Pipeline
- + CSER Phase 1 Framework for Primary and Secondary Results
- + CSER Phase 1 Participant Consent Forms
- + CSER Phase 1 Participant Education Materials
- + CSER Phase 1 Protocol and Research Resources
- + CSER Phase 1 Results Report Template

<https://anvilproject.org/consortia/cser/research-materials>

Consortia > CSER > Resources

## Resources

CSER's research has generated an abundance of resources about CSER work and the use of genomic sequencing in medical care. Some of these resources are listed on this page, including information about CSER as a whole and the software and applications CSER sites have developed and made available for others to use.

- + Information About the CSER1 Consortium
- + Software Created by the CSER1 Consortium
- + Genetic and Genomic Online CME Courses
- + Other Genetic and Genomic Databases and Information Sources

<https://anvilproject.org/consortia/cser/resources>


ClinGen  
Clinical Genome Resource

### PATHOGENICITY CALCULATOR

ClinGen Pathogenicity Calculator team is thankful to our *distinguished users* who submitted their interpretations to ClinVar.


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## WHAT IS THE CLINGEN PATHOGENICITY CALCULATOR?



The shift from genetic testing of individual genes to exome and genome sequencing has been accompanied by new challenges in genome interpretation. The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics and the Association for Molecular Pathology (ACMG/AMP) have published *Standards and Guidelines for the Interpretation of Sequence Variants*. To enable wide application of the ACMG/AMP and similar guidelines and the development of collective knowledge by the community, ClinGen has developed the ClinGen Pathogenicity Calculator. By automating the formal reasoning, the Calculator eliminates errors in rule application and makes it possible to automatically calculate provisional conclusions based on latest evidence. Moreover, the Calculator makes reasoning explicit by


<https://calculator.clinicalgenome.org/site/cg-calculator>



## Guide to Interpreting Genomic Reports: A Genomics Toolkit

A guide to genomic test results for non-genetics providers

Created by the Practitioner Education Working Group of the Clinical Sequencing Exploratory Research (CSER) Consortium



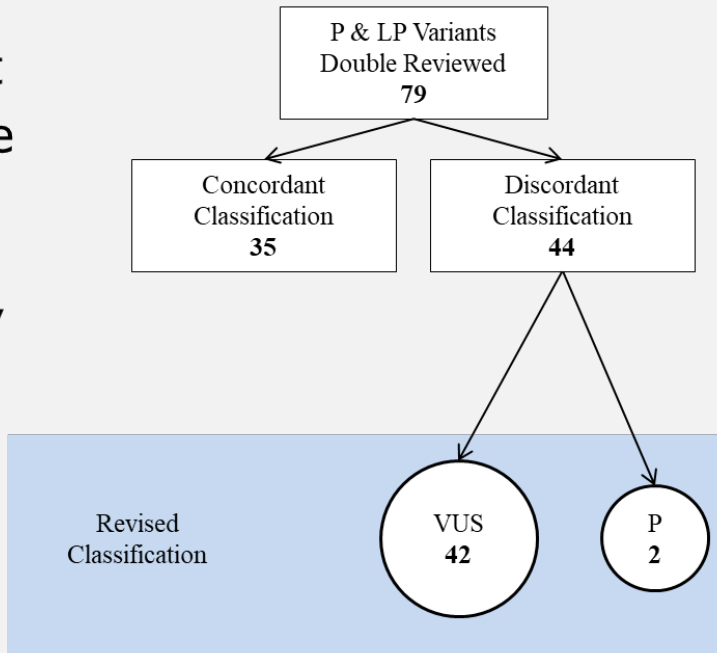
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# Investigating additional (secondary) findings

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- Recall random 25% of 615 SNVs:
  - 83/156 (53%) discrepant
  - 52 reviewers, a few made systematic errors: all recalled
- Recall all pathogenic & likely pathogenic variants:
  - 44/79 (56%) discordant;
  - 42/44 (95%) overcalled (final call VUS)
- Conclusion: Overcalling is a clinical problem



Prevalence of SFs: 1.7%

## Family history

- Pre-disclosure of SFs: 32% had positive family history
- Post-disclosure: 48% had positive family history

## Modest near-term induced costs

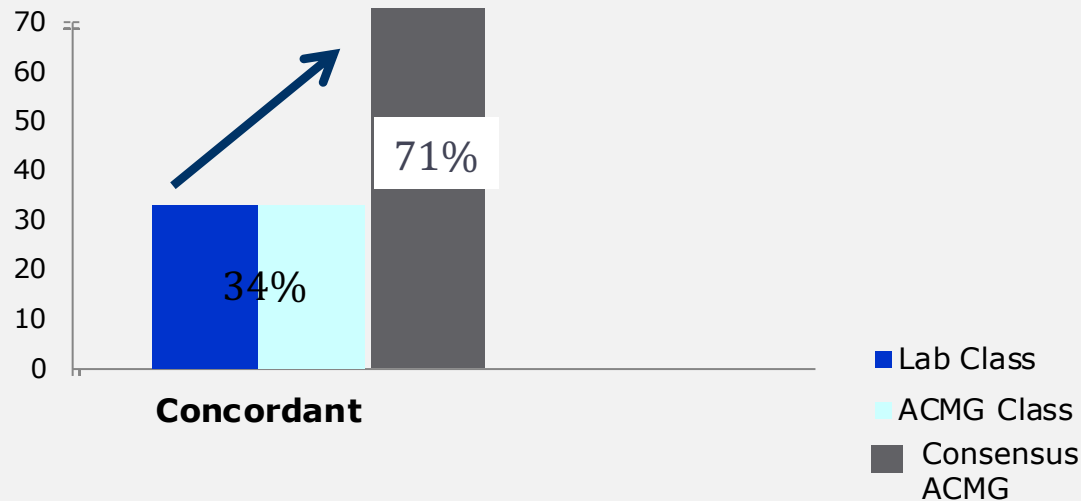
- Average recommended: \$421 (range \$141-\$1114)
- Average observed: \$128 (range \$0-\$678)

Dorschner, et al. 2013. PMID 24055113., n=1000; 3.4% EU, 1.2% AF  
Amendola, et al. 2015. PMID 25637381. n=6503, 2.0% EU, 1.2% AF

Hart, et al. 2019. PMID 30287922



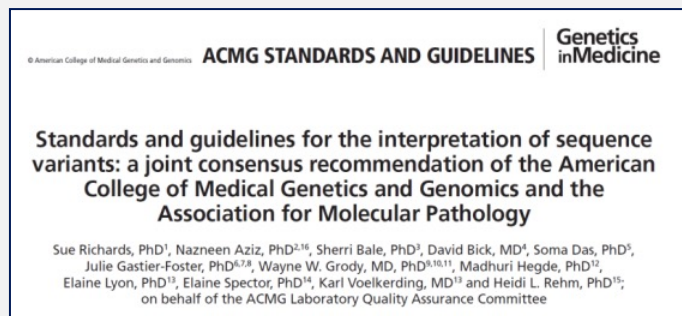
# Testing and clarifying new ACMG/AMP guidelines for variant pathogenicity classification (2015 CSER "bake-off")



Before consensus work the ACMG/AMP guidelines did not increase concordance across 9 CSER labs (34%)

Discussion and clarification of ACMG/AMP rules increased concordance from 34% to 71%.

Paper describes rule refinement and clarification, and highlights need for training on new guideline



Amendola, et al. 2016. PMID 27181684



# Building policy consensus, including ROR to reach participants

## ARTICLE

### Return of Genomic Results to Research Participants: The Floor, the Ceiling, and the Choices In Between

Gail P. Jarvik,<sup>1,2,\*</sup> Laura M. Amendola,<sup>1</sup> Jonathan S. Berg,<sup>3</sup> Kyle Brothers,<sup>4,5</sup> Ellen W. Clayton,<sup>6</sup> Wendy Chung,<sup>7</sup> Barbara J. Evans,<sup>8</sup> James P. Evans,<sup>3</sup> Stephanie M. Fullerton,<sup>9</sup> Carlos J. Gallego,<sup>1</sup> Nanibaa' A. Garrison,<sup>6</sup> Stacy W. Gray,<sup>10,11</sup> Ingrid A. Holm,<sup>12,13,14</sup> Iftikhar J. Kullo,<sup>15</sup> Lisa Soleymani Lehmann,<sup>10</sup> Cathy McCarty,<sup>16</sup> Cynthia A. Prows,<sup>17</sup> Heidi L. Rehm,<sup>10</sup> Richard R. Sharp,<sup>18</sup> Joseph Salama,<sup>1</sup> Saskia Sanderson,<sup>19</sup> Sara L. Van Driest,<sup>6</sup> Marc S. Williams,<sup>20</sup> Susan M. Wolf,<sup>21</sup> Wendy A. Wolf,<sup>12,14</sup> eMERGE Act-ROR Committee and CERC Committee, CSER Act-ROR Working Group, and Wylie Burke<sup>9</sup>

Jarvik, et al. 2014. PMID 24814192

“Floor” – individual genomic research results that are valid, medically important, and actionable. No “duty to hunt”

Participants should have the option to refuse research genomic test results

Ethical and scientific justification in returning all genomic information in some format; any level of information between “floor” and “ceiling”

Additional research required that examine benefits and harms of receiving results and evaluate practices for return

# Guidance on informed consent documents

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## Experiences with Obtaining Informed Consent for Genomic Sequencing

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Informed consent element	# Interviewees mentioning
Results	
Limitation of testing/meaning of negative result	13
Implications of results for individual tested	10
Which results are non-optional	5
Research-related items	
“Everything” included on consent form	5
What participation involves (surveys, interviews, etc.)	5
Study/testing risks	
Privacy	6
Genetic discrimination	6

Bernhardt, et al. 2015. PMID 26198374

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## Consent for clinical genome sequencing: considerations from the Clinical Sequencing Exploratory Research Consortium

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Yu, et al. 2019.  
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COMMENTARY

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## When Participants in Genomic Research Grow Up: Contact and Consent at the Age of Majority

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ELECTRONIC MEDICAL RECORDS AND GENOMICS



Brothers, et al. 2016.  
PMID 2647786

## The Challenge of Informed Consent and Return of Results in Translational Genomics: Empirical Analysis and Recommendations

Gail E. Henderson, Susan M. Wolf, Kristine J. Kuczynski, Steven Joffe, Richard R. Sharp, D. Williams Parsons, Bartha M. Knoppers, Joon-Ho Yu, and Paul S. Appelbaum

Henderson, et al. 2014.  
PMID 25264092

# Developing best practices for responsible results return

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Figure 2C: Negative emotions/distress meta-analysis

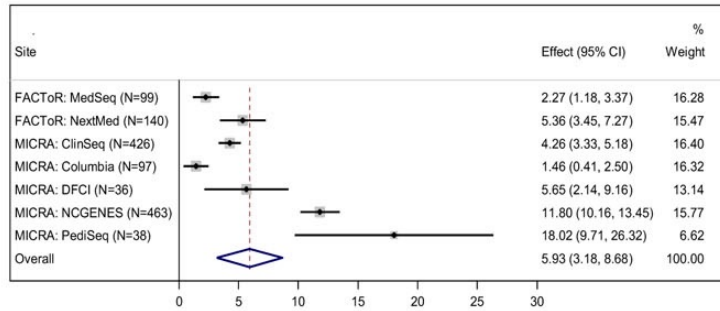


Figure 2F: Uncertainty random effects meta-analysis

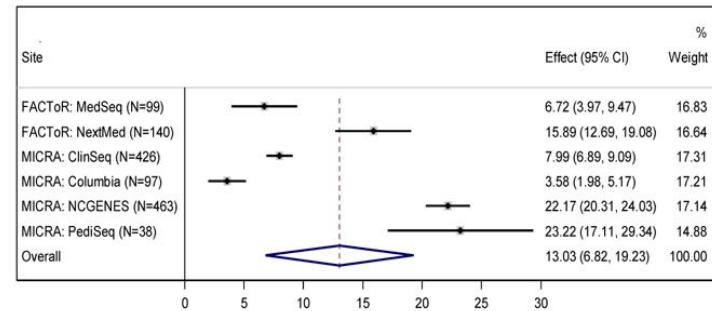
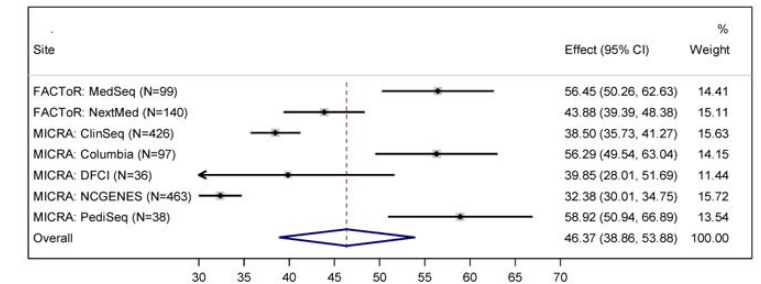


Figure 2I: Positive experience/feelings meta-analysis

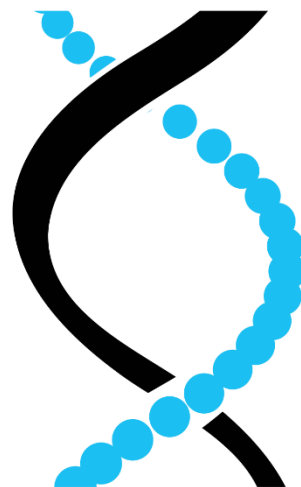
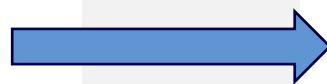


# Second phase of CSER: *E* is for *Evidence-generating* 2017-2023



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# Harmonized measures for clinical utility



## Clinical Sequence Evidence-Generating Research Consortium

CSER Parental Patient Measures – post-ROR Follow-up #1 (0 - 4 weeks post-RoR)

Proposed by: multiple CSER Working Groups

Version 1.4, Dated 7/16/2018

### Feelings about Genomic Testing Results (FACToR) – Parent

#### Citation:

The following questions ask about how you, as a parent, felt after receiving your child's genetic test results. Please indicate how much you had each specific feeling in the past week by circling the one answer for each question: *not at all, a little, somewhat, a good deal, or a great deal.*

1. How **upset** did you feel about your child's genetic test result?
2. How **happy** did you feel about your child's genetic test result?
3. How **anxious or nervous** did you feel about your child's genetic test result?
4. How **relieved** did you feel about your child's genetic test result?
5. How **sad** did you feel about your child's genetic test result?
6. How **frustrated** did you feel about recommendations for your child's care based on the genetic test?
7. How **uncertain** did you feel about what your child's genetic test result means for your child?
8. How **uncertain** did you feel about what your child's genetic test result means for other family members' risk of disease?
9. How much did you feel that **you understood clearly your child's choices** for care based on the genetic test

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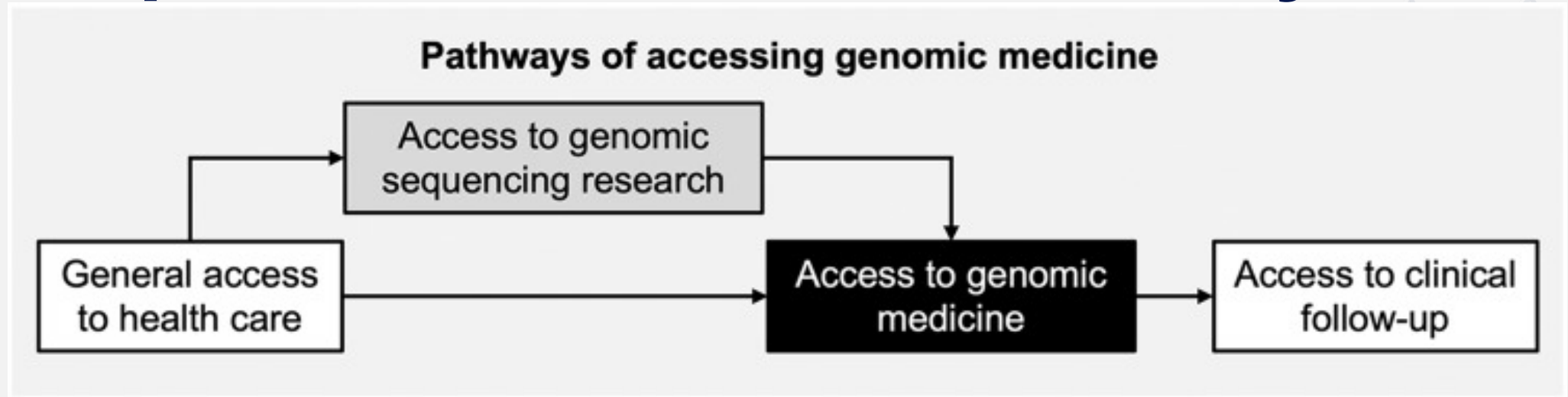
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Goddard, et al. 2020 PMID: 33948230

# Participant inclusion and diversity



- Access to care (Gutierrez, et al. 2021. PMID: 34888063) 
- Accessible Spanish language materials (Lindberg, et al. 2021. PMID: 34448595)
- Models of inclusive genetic counseling (Joseph G, et al. 2022. PMID: 36053287)
- Strategies for results disclosure (Suckiel, et al. 2021. PMID 33805616) 



# Participant inclusion and diversity

Factors Influencing Participant Understanding	Participant Emotional Response	Disease Burden	Logistical Challenges
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low health literacy</li><li>• Language discordance between participant and provider</li><li>• High-level genetics concepts</li><li>• Complex results</li><li>• Ambiguous results</li><li>• Distrust in the medical system</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Anxiety related to uncertain results</li><li>• Parental distress</li><li>• Disappointment due to unmet expectations</li><li>• Overwhelmed by unexpected results</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overwhelmed by health issues</li><li>• Competing medical priorities</li><li>• Parental condition</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Using a medical interpreter</li><li>• Mode of delivery</li><li>• Distance to the academic medical center</li><li>• Lack of personal transportation</li><li>• Long work hours</li><li>• Coordinating family testing</li></ul>

- Strategies for results disclosure (Suckiel, et al. 2021. PMID 33805616)



# Stakeholder engagement

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## Stakeholder pre-meeting, 2018



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### ARTICLE

**Integration of stakeholder engagement from development to dissemination in genomic medicine research: Approaches and outcomes from the CSER Consortium**



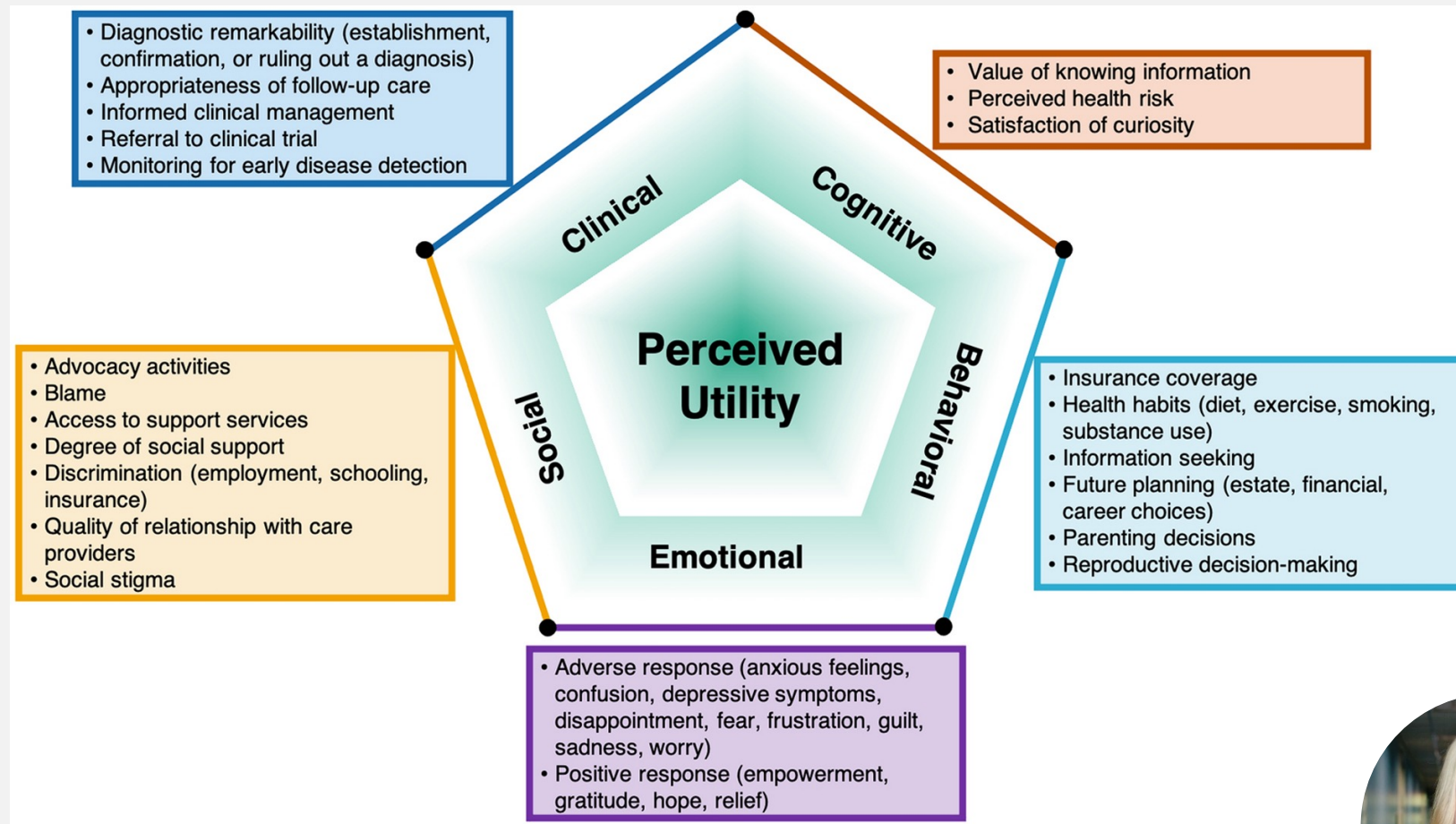
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# Perceived utility

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# Parent-reported clinical utility

Up to 1187 responses from 5 sites

Clinicians made recommendations to care

- Positive result: 39%
- Inconclusive result: 12%
- Negative result: 12%

Parents initiating health or lifestyle changes

- Change in diet (74%)
- Change in exercise (3.8%)
- Starting vitamins or supplements (3.1%)

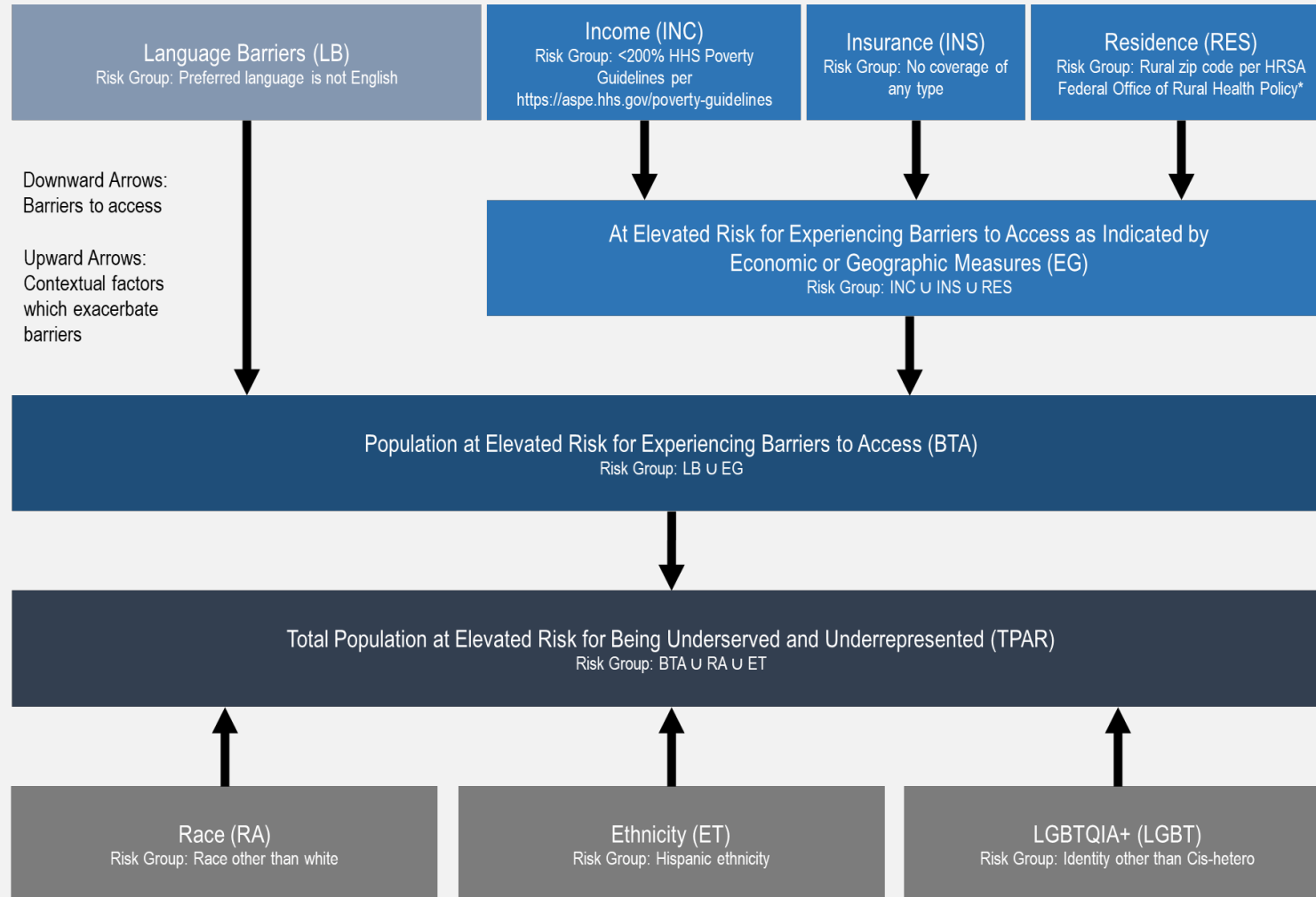


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# Underserved framework

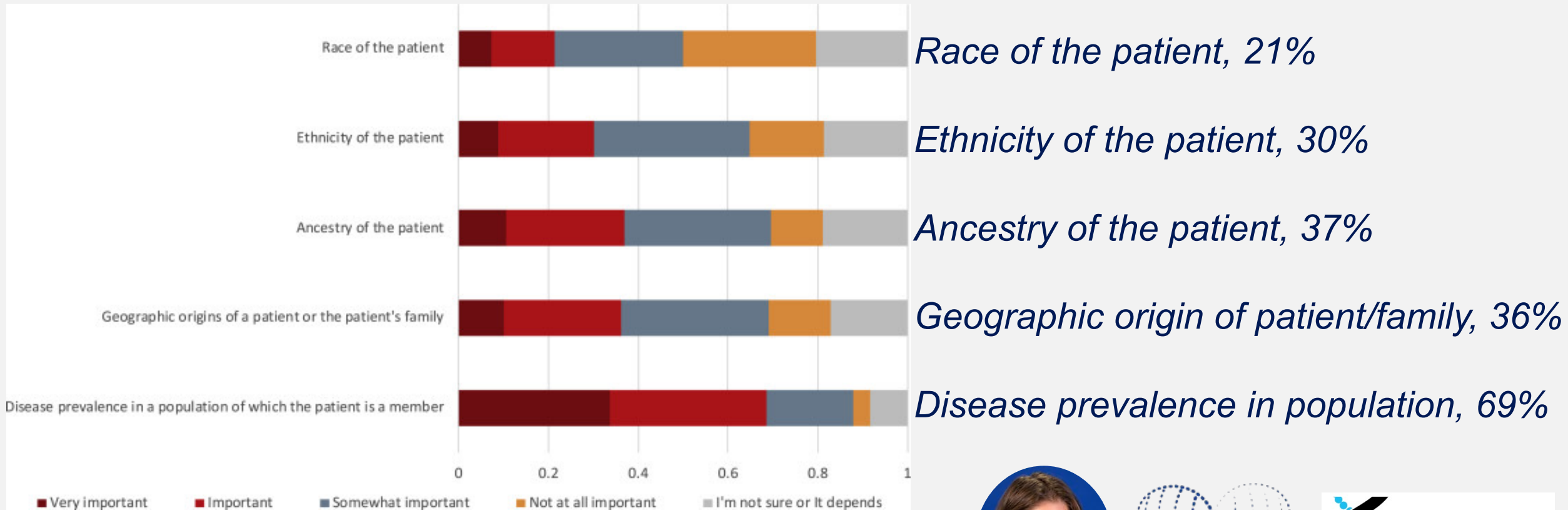


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Under review.

# Use of diversity measures – genetics survey

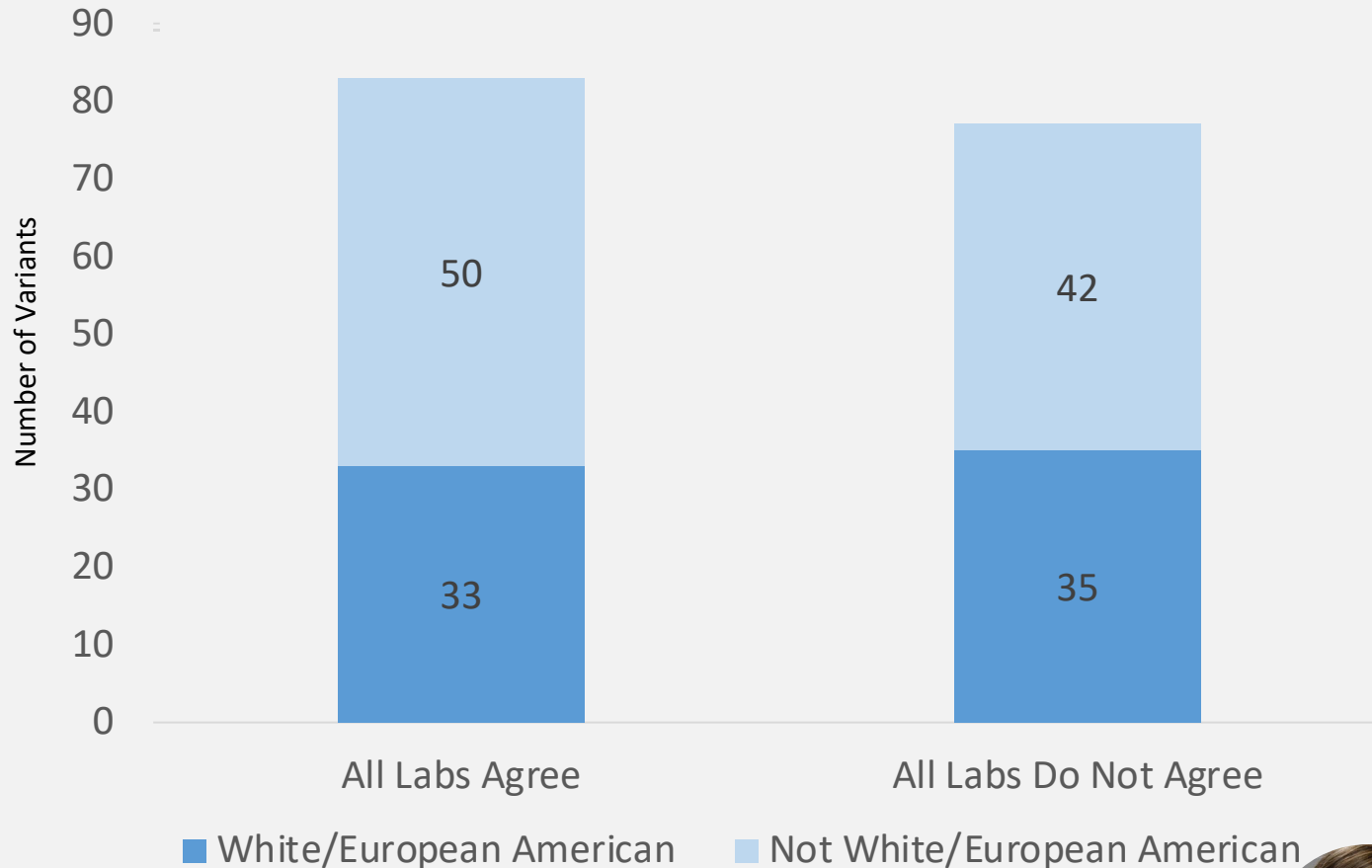
Of 217 participants who order clinical genetic tests, % indicating important or very important:



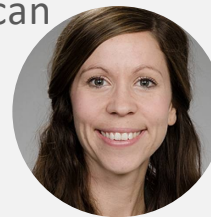
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# Continuing to improve consistency in variant classification across labs (2019 “bake-off”)

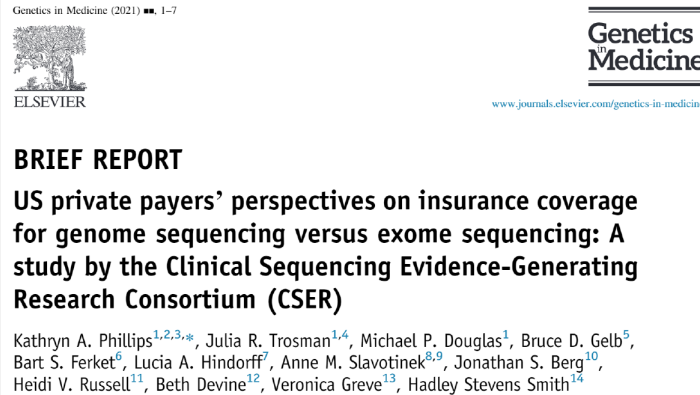


- “Agree” = all P, all LP, all VUS etc. = **52%**
- Agreement does not vary by ancestry ( $p=0.5$ )
- 48.5% (33/88) White/EA  
54.3% (50/92) non-EA
- **21%**, 33, of all variants have a discordance that impacts patient recommendations
  - 24/33 are LP vs VUS
  - 9/33 are P vs VUS
- Highlights sources of discordance and considerations for LP



# Frameworks and data for payers

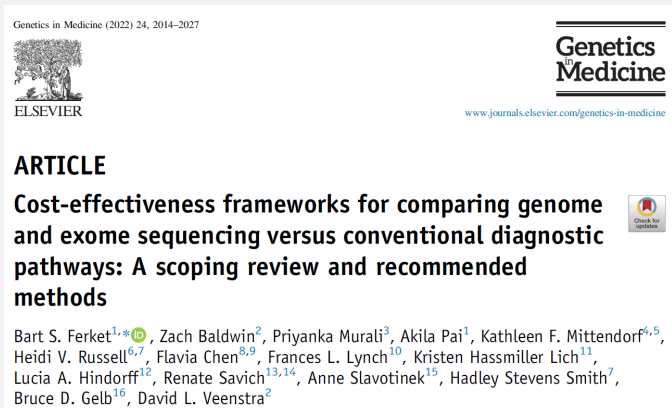
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Phillips, et al. 2022. PMID 34906461

Phillips, et al.

- Group interview of 12 payers
- Opportunities to advance coverage
  - Genome vs. exome sequencing
  - Methods for evidence generation
  - Consistency among labs
  - Implementation and care delivery



Ferket, et al. 2022. PMID 35833928





# Site-specific papers

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Exome Sequencing for Prenatal Diagnosis in Nonimmune Hydrops Fetalis

T.N. Sparks, B.R. Lianoglou, R.R. Adami, I.D. Pluym, K. Holliman, J. Duffy, S.L. Downum, S. Patel, A. Faubel, N.M. Boe, N.T. Field, A. Murphy, L.C. Laurent, J. Jolley, C. Uy, A.M. Slavotinek, P. Devine, U. Hodoglugil, J. Van Ziffle, S.J. Sanders, T.C. MacKenzie, and M.E. Norton, for the University of California Fetal–Maternal Consortium and the University of California, San Francisco Center for Maternal–Fetal Precision Medicine\*

Sparks, et al. 2020. PMID 33027564

327 site-specific papers  
(84% of all “U” grant papers)



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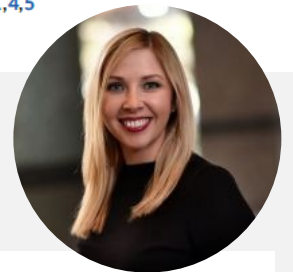
ONCOLOGY: RESEARCH ARTICLE

Pediatric Blood & Cancer | | | WILEY

## Clinical and molecular features of pediatric cancer patients with Lynch syndrome

Sarah Scollon<sup>1</sup> | Mohammad K. Eldomery<sup>2,3</sup> | Jacquelyn Reuther<sup>2,3</sup> | Frank Y. Lin<sup>1</sup> | Samara L. Potter<sup>1</sup> | Lauren Desrosiers<sup>1</sup> | Kenneth L. McClain<sup>1</sup> | Valeria Smith<sup>1</sup> | Jack Meng-Fen Su<sup>1</sup> | Rajkumar Venkatramani<sup>1</sup> | Jianhong Hu<sup>4</sup> | Viktoriya Korchina<sup>4</sup> | Neda Zarrin-Khameh<sup>3</sup> | Richard A. Gibbs<sup>4,5</sup> | Donna M. Muzny<sup>4,5</sup> | Christine Eng<sup>5</sup> | Angshumoy Roy<sup>1,2,3</sup> | D. Williams Parsons<sup>1,2,4,5</sup> | Sharon E. Plon<sup>1,4,5</sup>

Scollon, et al. 2022. PMID 35713195



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## Long-read genome sequencing for the molecular diagnosis of neurodevelopmental disorders

Susan M. Hiatt,<sup>1</sup> James M.J. Lawlor,<sup>1</sup> Lori H. Handley,<sup>1</sup> Ryne C. Ramaker,<sup>1</sup> Brianne B. Rogers,<sup>1,2</sup> E. Christopher Partridge,<sup>1</sup> Lori Beth Boston,<sup>1</sup> Melissa Williams,<sup>1</sup> Christopher B. Plott,<sup>1</sup> Jerry Jenkins,<sup>1</sup> David E. Gray,<sup>1</sup> James M. Holt,<sup>1</sup> Kevin M. Bowling,<sup>1</sup> E. Martina Bebin,<sup>3</sup> Jane Grimwood,<sup>1</sup> Jeremy Schmutz,<sup>1</sup> and Gregory M. Cooper<sup>1,\*</sup>

Hiatt, et al. 2021. PMID 33937879



# Influential work and lasting legacy



# CSEER contributions to ACMG guidelines

## ARTICLE

### Actionable, Pathogenic Incidental Findings in 1,000 Participants' Exomes

Michael O. Dorschner,<sup>1,4,5</sup> Laura M. Amendola,<sup>2</sup> Emily H. Turner,<sup>1,5</sup> Peggy D. Robertson,<sup>1</sup> Brian H. Shirts,<sup>5</sup> Carlos J. Gallego,<sup>2</sup> Robin L. Bennett,<sup>2</sup> Kelly L. Jones,<sup>2</sup> Mari J. Tokita,<sup>2</sup> James T. Bennett,<sup>2,3</sup> Jerry H. Kim,<sup>8</sup> Elisabeth A. Rosenthal,<sup>2</sup> Daniel S. Kim,<sup>1</sup> National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Grand Opportunity Exome Sequencing Project, Holly K. Tabor,<sup>3,6</sup> Michael J. Bamshad,<sup>1,3</sup> Arno G. Motulsky,<sup>1,2</sup> C. Ronald Scott,<sup>2,3</sup> Colin C. Pritchard,<sup>5</sup> Tom Walsh,<sup>2</sup> Wylie Burke,<sup>2,6</sup> Wendy H. Raskind,<sup>2,4</sup> Peter Byers,<sup>2,7</sup> Fuki M. Hisama,<sup>2</sup> Deborah A. Nickerson,<sup>1</sup> and Gail P. Jarvik<sup>1,2,\*</sup>

Dorschner, et al. 2013. PMID 24055113



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**ACMG POLICY STATEMENT** | Genetics inMedicine

**ACMG recommendations for reporting of incidental findings in clinical exome and genome sequencing**

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Green, et al. 2013. PMID 23788249

## ARTICLE

### Performance of ACMG-AMP Variant-Interpretation Guidelines among Nine Laboratories in the Clinical Sequencing Exploratory Research Consortium

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Amendola, et al. 2016. PMID 27392081



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**ACMG STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES** | Genetics inMedicine

**Standards and guidelines for the interpretation of sequence variants: a joint consensus recommendation of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics and the Association for Molecular Pathology**

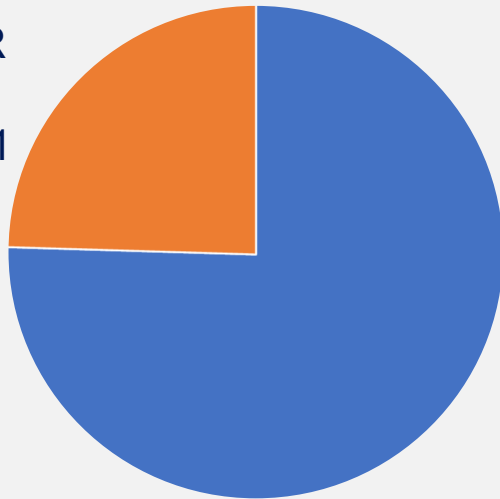
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Richards, et al. 2015. PMID 25741868

# Participant and institutional level diversity

## *Participants/probands recruited in CSER Phase 2*

Does not fit CSER  
definition of  
diversity, N = 1291  
(25%)



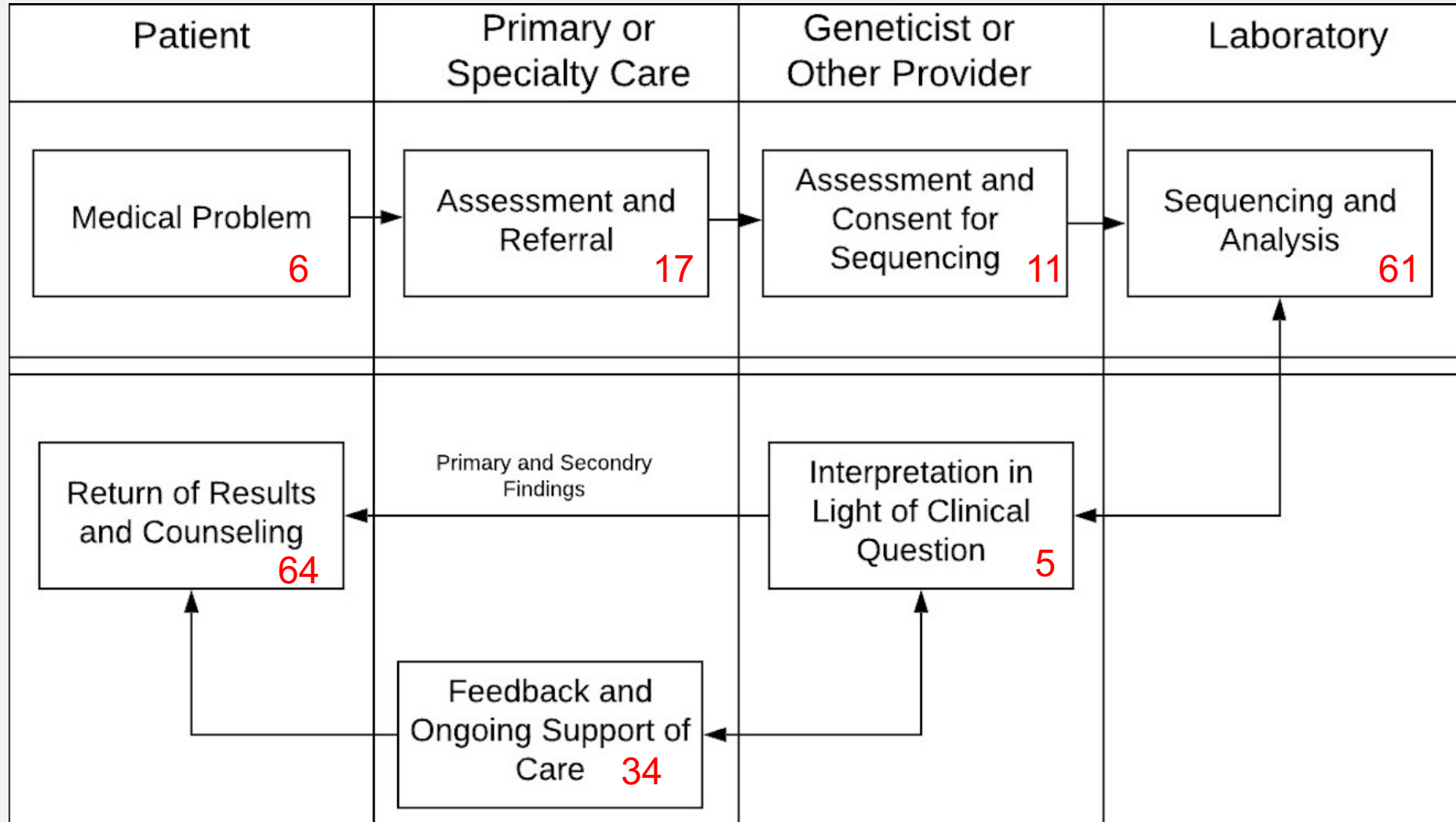
Fits CSER  
definition of  
diversity, N = 3972  
(75%)

Diversity defined according to  
race/ethnicity, medically underserved,  
or at risk for poorer health outcomes

## *Institutions represented*

- Academic medical centers
- Clinical genome centers
- Community hospitals
- Federally qualified health center
- Managed care organizations / healthcare systems

# Focus of CSER Phase 2 papers



# Consortium best practices

- Resilience during COVID: Kraft SA, et al. - <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36341765/>
- Starting multi-institutional genetics research in diverse populations: Russell HV, et al. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/36567057>
- Data coordination in collaborative research: Muenzen, et al. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/35707062/>



ORIGINAL ARTICLE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF medical genetics WILEY

### Conducting clinical genomics research during the COVID-19 pandemic: Lessons learned from the CSER consortium experience

Stephanie A. Kraft<sup>1,2</sup> | Heidi Russell<sup>3</sup> | Jeannette T. Bensen<sup>4</sup> | Katherine E. Bonini<sup>5</sup> | Jill O. Robinson<sup>6</sup> | Nuriye Sahin-Hodoglugil<sup>7</sup> | Kathleen Renna<sup>8,9</sup> | Lucia A. Hindorff<sup>8</sup> | Dave Kaufman<sup>9</sup> | Carol R. Horowitz<sup>10</sup> | Margaret Waltz<sup>11</sup> | Jamilyn M. Zepp<sup>12</sup> | Sara J. Knight<sup>13</sup>

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Lessons learned while starting multi-institutional genetics research in diverse populations: A report from the Clinical Sequencing Evidence-Generating Research (CSER) consortium

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### Lessons learned and recommendations for data coordination in collaborative research: The CSER consortium experience

Kathleen D. Muenzen,<sup>1,\*</sup> Laura M. Amendola,<sup>2</sup> Tia L. Kauffman,<sup>3</sup> Kathleen F. Mittendorf,<sup>3</sup> Jeannette T. Bensen,<sup>4</sup> Flavia Chen,<sup>5</sup> Richard Green,<sup>1</sup> Bradford C. Powell,<sup>6</sup> Mark Kvale,<sup>5</sup> Frank Angelo,<sup>2</sup> Laura Faman,<sup>7</sup> Stephanie M. Fullerton,<sup>8</sup> Jill O. Robinson,<sup>9</sup> Tianran Li,<sup>1</sup> Priyanka Murali,<sup>2</sup> James M.J. Lawlor,<sup>10</sup> Jeffrey Ou,<sup>2</sup> Lucia A. Hindorff,<sup>11</sup> Gail P. Jarvik,<sup>2</sup> and David R. Crosslin<sup>12,\*</sup>

# Expanded Role of Genetic Counselors in Consortia

- CSER Working Group Chairs: Laura Amendola, Carrie Blout, Kate Bonini, Lauren Desrosiers, Kelly East, Denise Lautenbach, Billie Lianglou, Julianne O'Daniel, Sarah Scollon, Sabrina Suckiel, Julia Wynn
- 49 publications with genetic counselors as first or last authors (13% of all “U” grant papers)





# Design of CSER policies and practices to promote junior trainees/investigators

- WG Chairs: Sarah Ackerman, Laura Amendola, Kevin Bowling, Laura Conlin, Kurt Christensen, Matt Deardorff, Lauren Desrosiers, Kelly East, Bart Ferket, Stacy Gray, Amanda Gutierrez, Julie Harris-Wai, Ragan Hart, Adam Hott, Sarah Kalla, Stephanie Kraft, Denise Lautenbach, Billie Lianglou, Kathleen Muenzen, Julianne O'Daniel, Simon Outram, Bradford Powell, Christine Rini, Dan Robinson, Jill Robinson, Sarah Scollon, Brian Shirts, Hadley Stevens Smith, Sabrina Suckiel, Eli Van Allen, Jessica Van Ziffle, Jason Vassy, Nic Wagle, Joon-Ho Yu
- Leadership of key consortium papers (shown throughout)
- 149 publications with junior investigators as first or last authors (38% of “U” grant papers)
- Designated presentations at CSER consortium and national meetings

# Most highly cited papers – Phase 1

- Amendola, et al. 2016. Performance of ACMG-AMP Variant-Interpretation Guidelines among Nine Laboratories in the Clinical Sequencing Exploratory Research Consortium. PMID 27181684.
- Dorschner, et al. 2013. Actionable, pathogenic incidental findings in 1,000 participants' exomes. PMID 24055113.
- Jarvik, et al. 2014. Return of genomic results to research participants: the floor, the ceiling, and the choices in between. PMID 24814192.
- Amendola, et al. 2015. Actionable exomic incidental findings in 6503 participants: challenges of variant classification. PMID 25637381.
- Mody, et al. 2015. Integrative clinical sequencing in the management of refractory or relapsed cancer in youth. PMID 26325560.

# Most highly cited papers – Phase 2

- Popejoy, et al. 2020. Clinical Genetics Lacks Standard Definitions and Protocols for the Collection and Use of Diversity Measures. PMID 32504544
- Trosman, et al. 2020. Perspectives of US private payers on insurance coverage for pediatric and prenatal exome sequencing: Results of a study from the Program in Prenatal and Pediatric Genomic Sequencing (P3EGS). PMID 31501586
- Amendola, et al. 2020. Variant classification concordance using the ACMG-AMP variant interpretation guidelines across nine genomic implementation research studies. PMID 33108757
- Horowitz, et al. 2019. The genomic medicine integrative research framework: a conceptual framework for conducting genomic medicine research. PMID 31104772.
- Kraft, et al. 2018. Engaging populations underrepresented in research through novel approaches to consent. PMID 29512940.



# Conclusion/summary

*In moving from “exploratory” to “evidence-generating,”  
CSEER has improved the practice of genomic medicine*



- In a highly interdisciplinary way, embedding multiple disciplines including ELSI
- With attention to the clinical workflow and the need for thoughtful study design
- By engaging diverse populations and clinical care settings
- In support of team science and junior investigators

# Key evidence generated by CSER

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- Rates of concordance/discordance in variant interpretation
- Frequency of changes to clinical management after receiving genomic results
- Readiness of patients/parents to follow up on genomic results with little evidence of harm
- Need to adapt genomic medicine research to integrate diverse populations and diverse care settings

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