

Session 1: Laying the Groundwork

- Basic principles of testing for disease and risk: importance of disease prevalence in predictive value of test
- Goal of genetic testing/reporting will shift from consoling and adapting to motivating health behaviors to reduce genetically-informed risk
- Screening strategies addressing Tier 1 conditions (9 genes) probably consensus starting point– what conditions should be added
- Clinical utility has to be *sine qua non*, returning genetic findings should prompt intervention that results in improved health; medical actionability insufficient
- Engaged population and engaged expertise should drive screening list– *APOL1* and *TTR* important in some populations but not others
- Need timeline and milestones
- Need “Richards criteria” for selecting screening tests and populations
- Need research on when we do and don’t need genetic counseling
- How to incorporate individual patient preferences– AI and online tools
- Study biology of penetrance, evidence needed to prove pathogenicity

Session 2: Genomic Screening Technologies

- Lessons learned in optimizing high-throughput screening
- Set high bar for adopting technologic advances for screening; quality metrics
- Need research on assessing compound heterozygotes especially when second is VUS
- Distinguish early- from late-onset forms, pre-symptomatic management
- Inequity in variant interpretation— lack of data from underrepresented groups
- Need to figure out hand-off of positive tests to clinical providers
 - f/u for children funded by HRSA and still less than half get f/u
- Need better estimates of prevalence of monogenic diseases, natural history, age-related prevalence – biobanks can help
- Recognize potential harms of false +, consider “disutility”
- Define appropriate role for GC with negative testing, understand how pts respond to negative tests
 - Pt with very clear phenotype (frequent polyps, long QT) and negative genetic testing still needs follow-up but with no phenotype don't need GC
- Engage MatchDB, IGVF, high throughput assays to identify screening targets

Session 3: Logistics of Population Screening

- Appropriate locus for managing results is primary care— currently already doing lots of preventive screening, but specialists seem more engaged with genetics
- Barriers to specialty care greater than primary care, could increase disparities
- PCPs should not become GCs— study multiple models of CDS for what they need to handle consent, results, referring focused on one screening
- Consider meeting of genomic and PCP leaders to share perspectives and relative weights they place on emerging evidence; address PCP skepticism
- Guidelines need to be simple
- Need meaningful engagement from outset; disparities start *in utero*
- Integration with clinical care can improve access to screening and follow up
- Identify, anticipate past harms and avoid building them into future systems
- Research gaps— incorporate SDOH and ancestry; identify and limit barriers to participation; incorporate principles of equity
 - Broaden ancestries in research databases, improve descriptions of ancestry
 - Research in clinical decision support (CDS)

Session 4: Community Engagement and Genomic Screening

- Need to be proactive, seek out community values and aspirations, respect sovereignty and self-determination, acknowledge harms, power imbalances
- Not engagement, recruitment, selling benefits; it's overcoming mistrust, thinking proximally about health, data decision equity, equity metrics
- Only 5 ACMG variants relevant to AI/AN, especially CRC genes
 - When refer pt out what kind of test are they getting– variants for AI/AN?
- Tribal nations can set rules that other URM groups can't; marginalized communities don't have organized structures for consultation
- Policies and governing agencies for research and public health very different
- Need advances over EBM methods that have remained fixed for > 12 years
- What evidence needed to get to more conditions– identify tests almost ready for prime time and gaps to fill to make them “bullet proof”
 - Fund appropriate healthcare systems to pilot those almost-ready
- Engage pts in development of educational materials, results reports
- Engagement not enough, true co-creation from beginning of project

Session 5: Evidence Needed to Support Screening

- Value— measured improvement in outcomes for cost of that improvement
- Critical to identify health outcomes of importance to pts
- Trivial cost of confirmatory testing after targeted sequencing; 1-2% of screened
- Screening all 3 Tier 1 cost-effective up to age 40 (\$100K/QALY) ?HCM
- False reassurance of negative tests (10% of 30yo) eliminates cost-effectiveness
- Have to combine conditions to get good value
- Leadership engagement strong predictor of clinician satisfaction
- Perils of paternalism— not as grim as clinicians predict; who mistrusts whom
- Still struggling with how sequence data follow pt across systems through life
- If there's clinical benefit cost is less of issue, reducing harms is biggest concern; screening at younger ages might be looking too early for intervention timing, increased anxiety
- Consider making sequencing results available for review at age 18 when voting or getting drivers license— disconnect from healthcare
- Post-testing interventions for high-risk people— research to find right follow-up models, help pts/provider understand recommendations and increase uptake

Session 6: Obstacles to Screening

- Payers care more about health outcomes than cost savings
- Payers asked to take upfront costs of screening with little control or investment in long-term outcomes; benefit in 1.7-2.5 yrs
- Payers (and everyone else) will prefer simple, low cost, low risk screening
- USPSTF weighed heavily, if not grade A or B evidence will be tough
- Research opportunities: data and terminology standards, define types of derived data, knowledge management; transportability by pt
- Roadmap to genomics-enabled EHR in PennChart Genomics Initiative (dissem)
- Great list of challenges, anticipated (start small with very specific use cases) and unanticipated (much higher demand for dissemination)
- Incorporate equity into ImpSci: Reach (all equitably), Effectiveness (negative effects), Adoption (low resource settings), Implementation (who didn't implement and why), Maintenance (equitably maintained)

Session 7: Research Directions

- EBM 2.0– who's developing that?
- How to incorporate other types of data– qualitative, mechanistic
- Cost metrics for different stakeholders (QALY, PMPM)
- Pilot studies for near Tier 1 conditions
- Engage with prevention research communities for designing research
- Unique aspects genomics screening– blood vs. germline

- Tests with single purpose vs. multi-use, opportunistic use
- Uptake discouraged by complexity and responsibility for management
- Equitable interpretation/return of single lab submissions in ClinVar
- Research on returning VUS and sub-tiering VUS-lows, etc.
- Carrier screening– report VUS if partner has P/LP, make couple based, move to preconception
- How can labs provide specific guidance on specific pt– pair lab reports with physician consultation, CDS; patient choices

Session 7: Research Directions

- How to consent pts to ensure most robust learning, case-level data sharing
 - How to provide f/u data from clinician or pt back to lab to improve interpret'n; importance of bidirectional communication
 - How to recontact for re-analysis– through portal, CSER's GenomeDiver
 - Research to design best report format across labs, could conceivably get all groups together to agree, depends on other systems they integrate with
 - Better aligning GA4GH standards
-
- Generate data on penetrance, learn from longitudinal f/u
 - Model impact of screening in AoU RP
 - How to facilitate communication within families
 - Should AoU RP encourage enrollment of family members
 - Different models for providing sequence data to ppts– DNA databanks
 - Concept of false reassurance
 - Compare our self-flagellation to others

GMXV: Genomics and Population Screening

Many thanks to the Planning Group!

Jonathan Berg

Gail Jarvik

Bruce Korf

George Mensah

And to the Organizers!

Jenna Cohen

Alvaro Encinas

Brandon Meiklejohn

Jahnavi Narula

Mukul Nerurkar

Jerryl Somani

Meredith Weaver