

Announcements

- **ClinGen, CPIC and PharmGKB Partnership**
 - In August, ClinGen, CPIC and PharmGKB, announced a critical partnership to expand ClinGen's valuable clinical genetics resource to include pharmacogenetics (PGx). CPIC and PharmGKB are two main resources for the PGx research and implementation communities. This partnership provides the opportunity to characterize and disseminate the clinical relevance of pharmacogenetic variation based on expert, manually curated information created through transparent, documented Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Learn more [here](#).
- **Upcoming CNV Guidelines Implementation Webinar**
 - On November 10th, ClinGen will host a webinar focused on clinical laboratories' experiences implementing the ACMG/ClinGen technical standards for interpretation and reporting of constitutional copy number variants (CNVs). We invite all participants to tell us about their implementation experiences through a brief registration survey. Please also include any questions you'd like the panel to answer during the webinar. Learn more and sign up [here](#).
- **Genomic Analysis Software Platforms Meeting Minimum Requirements for Data Sharing to Support Quality Assurance**
 - ClinGen launched a list of [Genomic Analysis Software Platforms Meeting Minimum Requirements for Data Sharing](#). This parallels the ClinGen "[Lab List](#)" and continues ClinGen's efforts to improve the quality of genetic testing. Goals of this effort include publicly recognizing genomic analysis software platforms that support data sharing & incentivize others to share, as well as provide a list of software platforms to labs who wish to choose genomic analysis platforms that facilitate data sharing.
- **UCSC Genome Browser updates ClinVar and ClinGen tracks**
 - Read more [here](#) about UCSC Genome Browser's updates to the ClinVar Variants track, the ClinVar CNVs track and a new ClinGen composite track, which includes tracks for ClinGen Dosage Sensitivity - Haploinsufficiency, ClinGen Dosage Sensitivity - Triplosensitivity and ClinGen Gene-Disease Validity Classification.
- **2021 ClinGen Consortium Call Calendar Holds**
 - The 2021 ClinGen Consortium Call calendar hold was sent on October 14th. The first Consortium call of 2021 will be January 15th. Please let Meredith Weaver know if you need the 2021 calendar hold (mweaver@acmg.net).
- **GenomeConnect, ClinGen's Patient Registry**
 - ClinGen is enabling patients to share their de-identified genetic and health data with ClinVar through the [GenomeConnect](#) (the ClinGen Patient Registry) and by working with other registries to offer data sharing through the [Patient Data Sharing Program](#). To date, over 3,600 patients have engaged in data sharing through these efforts. To date, over 1,400 variants have been shared with ClinVar and nearly 100 candidate genes have been submitted to Matchmaker Exchange via GeneMatcher.
- **Volunteer to Curate**
 - Interested in volunteering to curate for ClinGen or know someone who is? Take this brief [survey](#) to tell us more about your interests, expertise, and desired level of involvement. Background training will be provided. For questions contact volunteer@clinicalgenome.org.

Expert Panel Approvals

- **New ClinGen Gene Curation Expert Panel**
 - The [Parkinson's Disease GCEP](#) and [Retina GCEP](#) received approval this quarter.
- **ClinGen Variant Curation Expert Panel Approval Progress**
 - The [Cystic and Ciliopathy Disorders VCEP](#) and [GRIN Disorders VCEP](#) received Step 1 approval in this quarter.

Publications

- DiStefano et al. **Expert Interpretation of Genes and Variants in Hereditary Hearing Loss.** [Go to publication.](#)
- McCormick et al. **Specifications of the ACMG/AMP Standards and Guidelines for Mitochondrial DNA Variant Interpretation.** [Go to publication.](#)

Conferences & Meetings

- **[ASHG Virtual Meeting 2020 Oct 27th - 30th](#)**
 - A list of ClinGen posters and presentations at ASHG can be found [here](#). Please also visit our virtual exhibitor booth.

Reminders

- **ClinGen Expert Panel Conflict of Interest (COI) Policy** - GCEP and VCEP members should periodically review the [ClinGen Expert Panel COI policy](#) and inform their GCEP/VCEP coordinator of any updates to academic/financial COI or competing activities in relation to the GCEP/VCEP's work.
- **ClinGen Consortium Call** - 3rd Friday of the month at 2pm ET - a reminder will be sent before each call. Upcoming topics:
 - November - Cancelled due to meeting free week
 - December - Somatic Cancer Clinical Domain Working Group & GenCC
- **ClinGen follows "Meeting Free Weeks for Genomics"** - [learn more](#), upcoming meeting free weeks:
 - November 16-20, 2020
 - January 25-29, 2021
 - May 17-21, 2021
 - August 9-13, 2021
 - November 1-5, 2021

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