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Year of Open Science: Impact of the Cancer Research Data Commons

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Overview: NCI Cancer Research Data Commons (CRDC)

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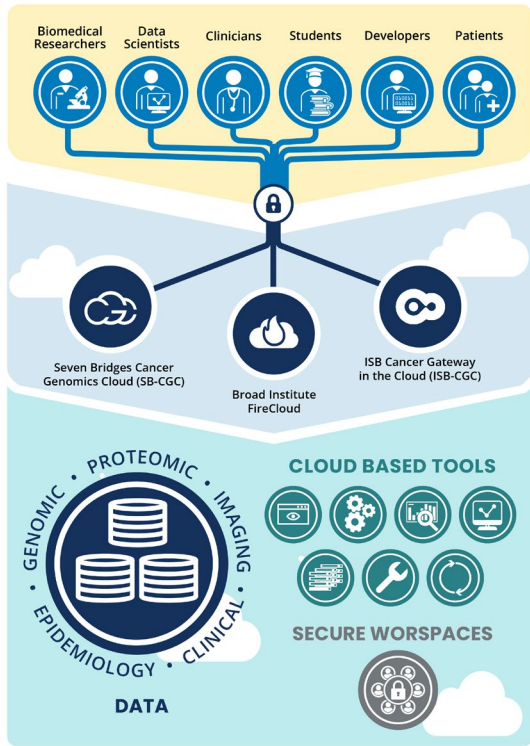
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- CRDC Ecosystem
 - Data Commons
 - Cloud Resources
- Interoperability Initiatives
 - Initiatives within CRDC
 - Trans-NIH initiative (NCPI)
- Resources for Researchers



Vision for the CRDC



= Secure data storage and access

Mission

- Empower researchers by providing a secure, accessible cancer data ecosystem
- Provide state-of-the-art visualization, analysis, and interoperability tools in a flexible, cloud-based computational environment

Lower Barriers

- Data submission
- FAIR data access, search, retrieval
- Integration of data for cross-domain analysis
- Analysis platforms, tools, and workflows

Infrastructure & Sustainability

- Security and appropriate access for sensitive data
- Sustainable, reusable, and uniform architecture
- Comprehensive plan for long term data storage and accessibility to tools

Stakeholder Focus

- Include all scientists and clinicians (of all technical abilities) using the data

FAIR Principles

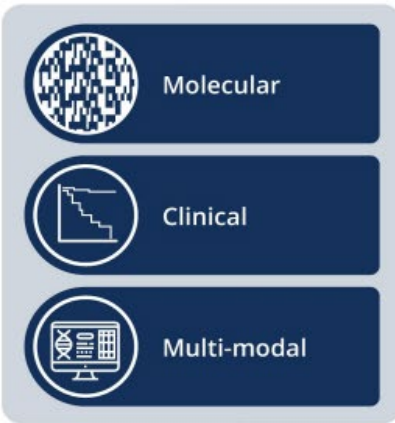
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Faceted Search and Key Word Search



ACCESSIBLE

Online Analysis and Visualization



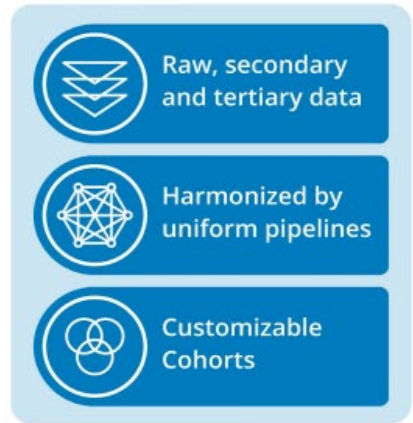
INTEROPERABLE

APIs and Standardized Metadata



REUSABLE

Rich Metadata and Harmonized Scientific Data



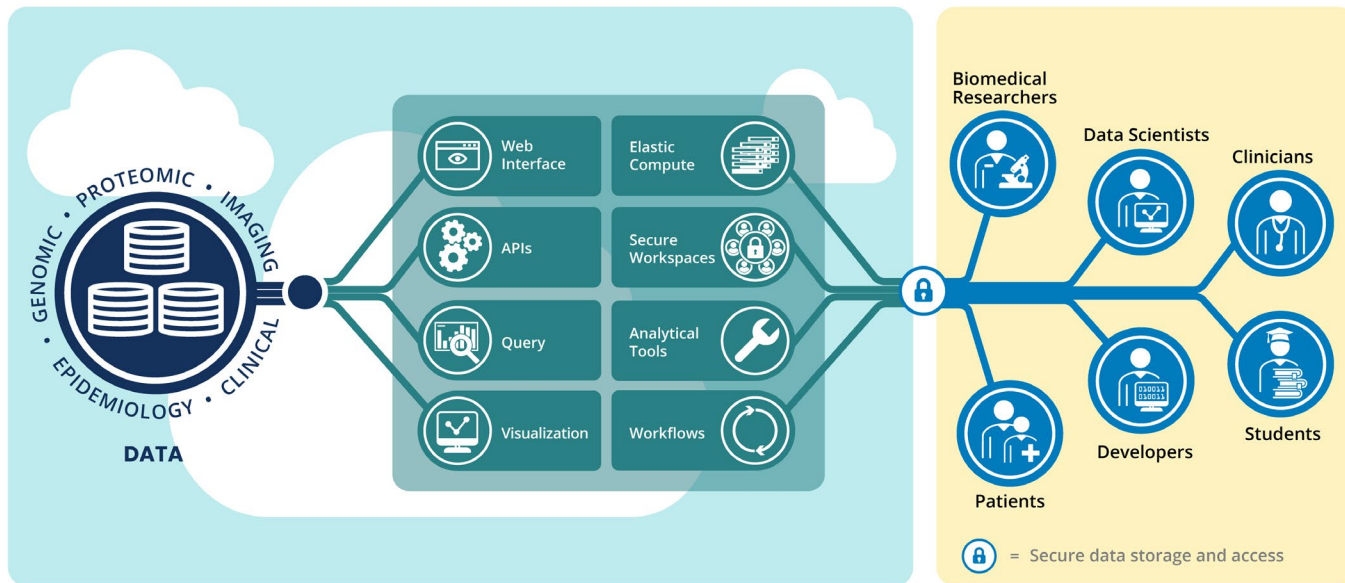
At the bottom are six specialized data commons (GDC, PDC, ICDC, CDS, IDC and CTDC). Selected CRDC features are used to demonstrate the implementation of FAIR principles.



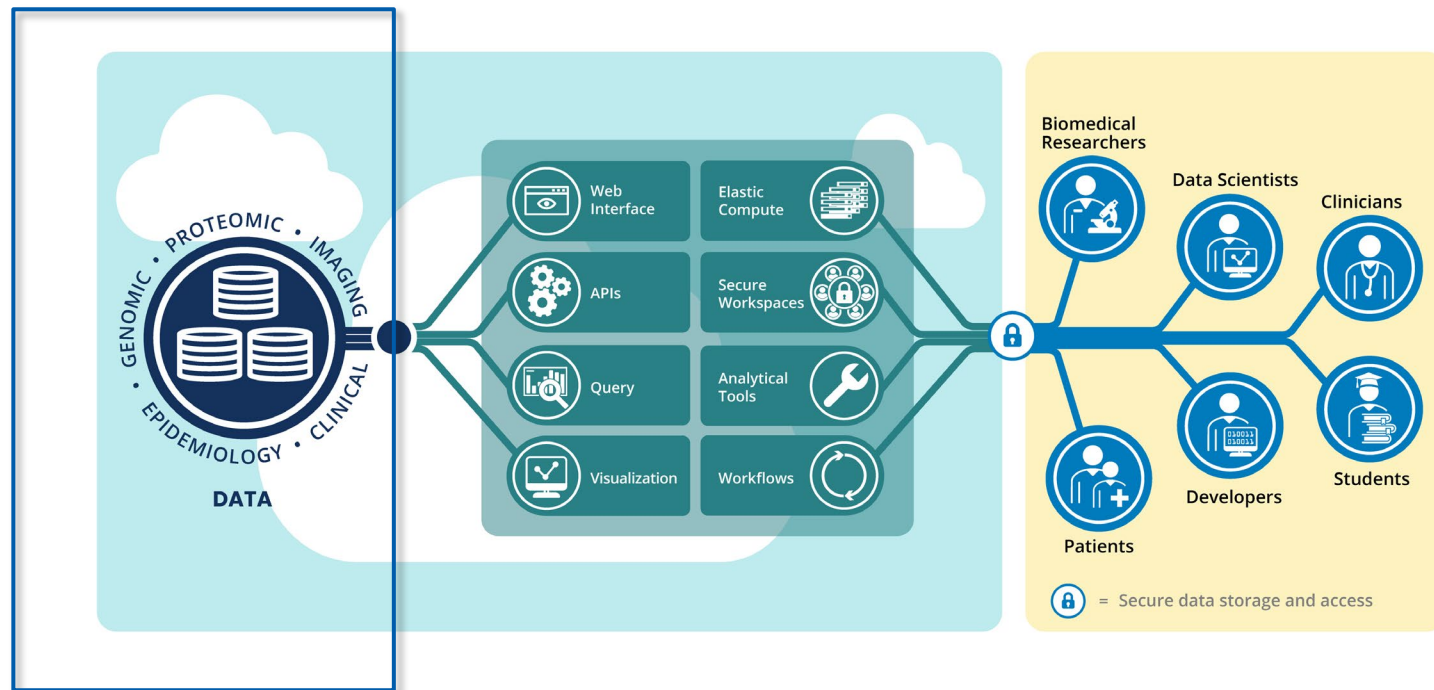
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CRDC Ecosystem

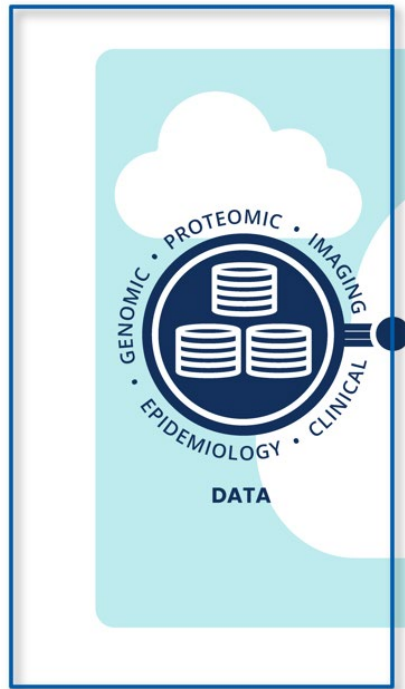


CRDC Ecosystem



Data Commons

CRDC Data Commons



Data Commons



Genomic Data Commons



Proteomic Data Commons



Imaging Data Commons



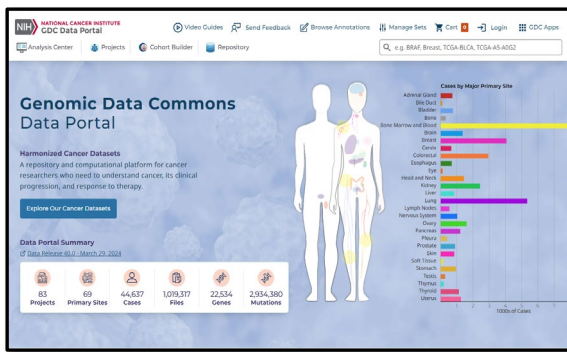
Integrated Canine Data Commons



Cancer Data Service



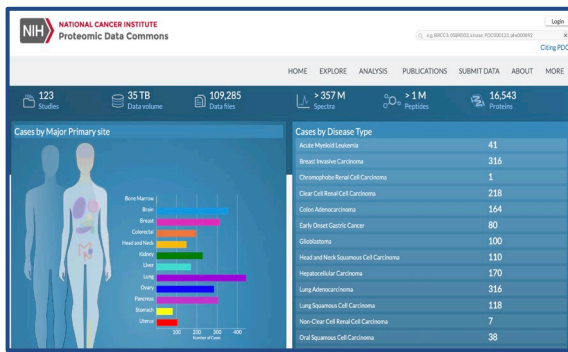
CRDC Data Commons



Genomic Data Commons

- Share, analyze, and visualize genomic data
- Harmonized to the same genome standard and variant calling pipeline

<https://portal.gdc.cancer.gov/>



Proteomic Data Commons

- Filter, query, search, visualize and download proteomic data and metadata
- Data harmonization pipeline to uniformly analyze all PDC data

<https://pdc.cancer.gov/>

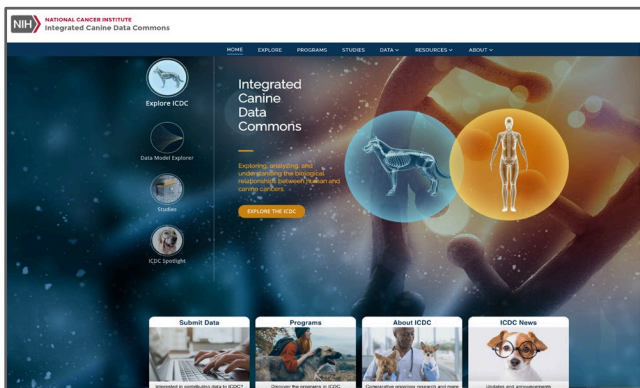


Imaging Data Commons

- Share, analyze, and visualize de-identified multi-modal imaging data, as medical images (MRI, PET, CT)
- Uses DICOM standard

<https://imaging.datacommons.cancer.gov/>

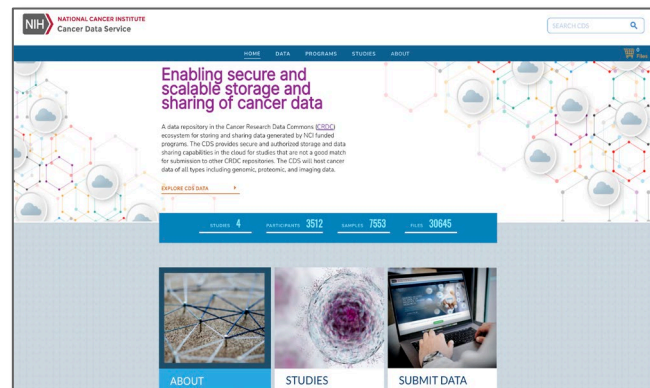
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Integrated Canine Data Commons

- Share data from canine clinical trials
- All data (including raw sequence data) are open access.

<https://caninecommons.cancer.gov/>

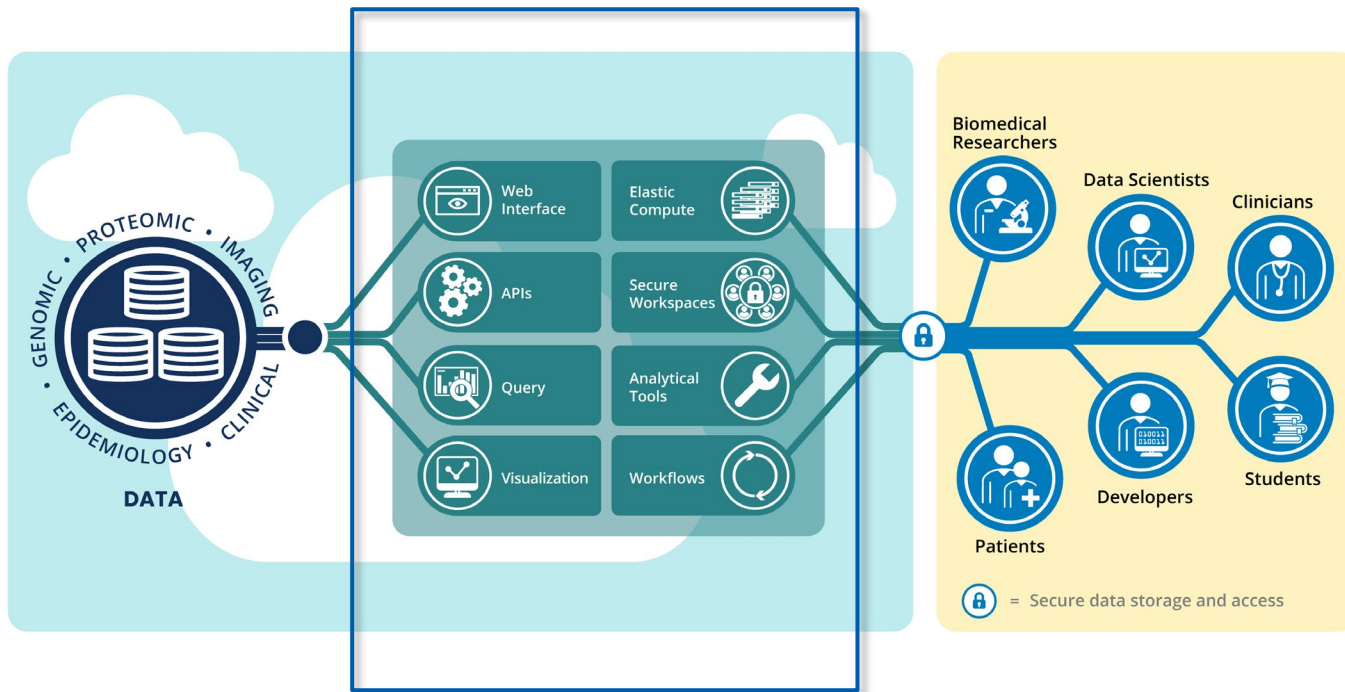


Cancer Data Service

- Access NCI-funded data currently not hosted by other CRDC data commons
- All datatypes accepted

<https://dataservice.datacommons.cancer.gov/>

CRDC Ecosystem



Cloud Resources



CRDC Cloud Resources



Broad FireCloud (FC), powered by Terra

- Based on the Google Cloud Platform (GCP)
- Offers extensive repositories of pre-built tools and workflows in the Workflow Definition Language (WDL).



The ISB Cancer Gateway in the Cloud (ISB-CGC)

- Offers Google Cloud Platform (GCP) native tools and Google BigQuery for big data analytics and Google Compute Engine for complex workflow execution.
- Designed for users looking to use derived data.



The Seven Bridges Cancer Genomics Cloud (SB-CGC), powered by Velsera

- Based on the Amazon Web Services (AWS) platform
- Offers a curated library of over 850 tools and workflows optimized for the cloud using the Common Workflow Language (CWL).

Eliminate the need to download data

Access to workspaces, analysis tools, workflows & pipelines

Bring your own data and tools: collaborative pre-publication workspaces

Integrate your data with other CRDC data and tools in the cloud

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CRDC: Interoperability Needs for Cancer Data

Challenge: Access comprehensive datasets like TCGA and CPTAC from multiple repositories for integrative analysis

- Discover relevant datasets *across multiple resources using common standards*
- *Aggregate and analyze data* housed in separate data repositories using latest analytical tools



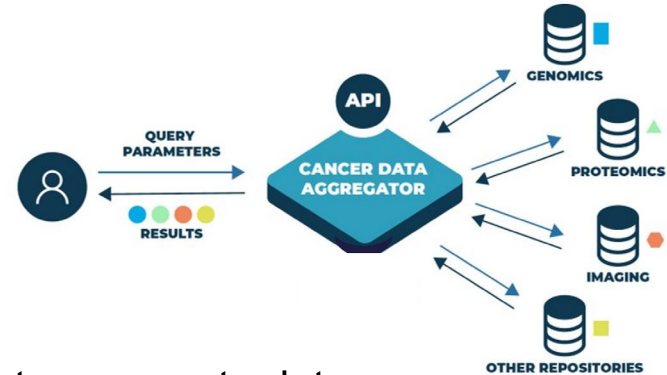
CRDC: Internal Interoperability Projects

CRDC Data Standards Services (DSS)

- Semantic harmonization across CRDC datasets
- Shared data models for submission & search
- Leverage existing standards, eg NCIt

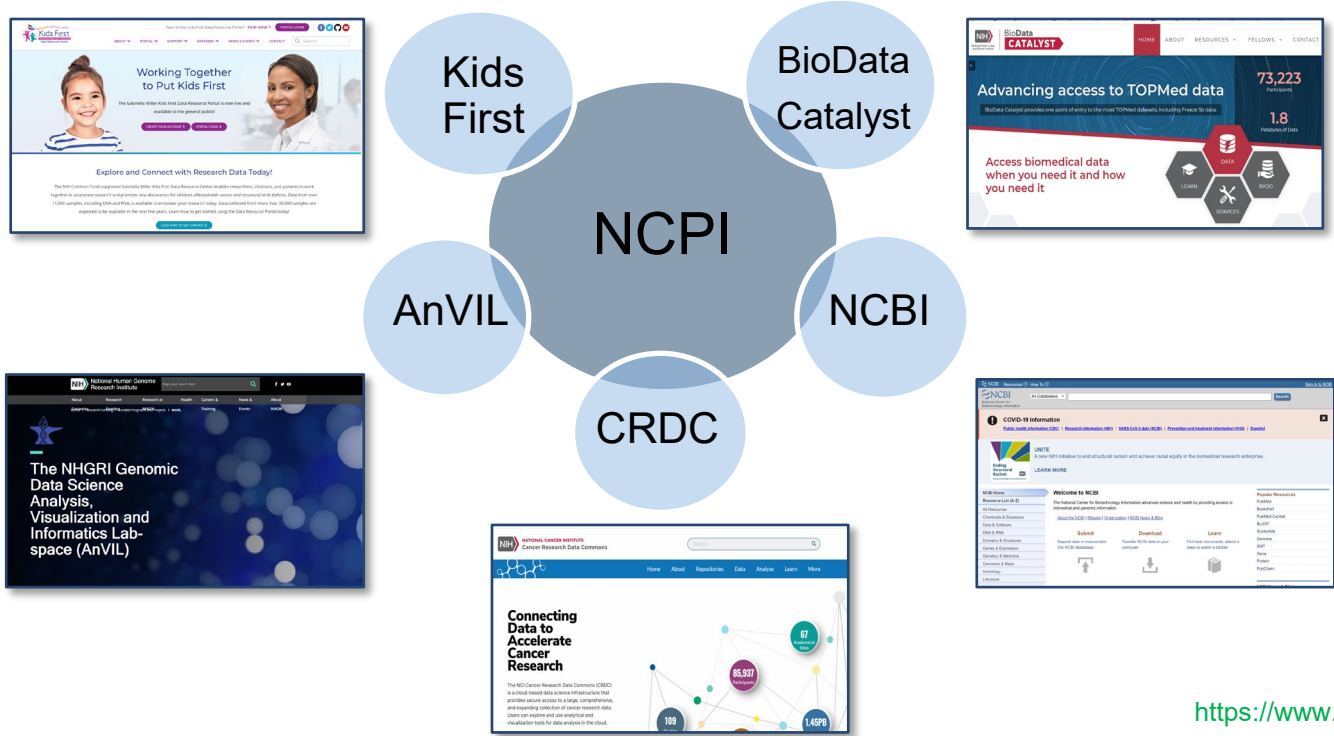
CRDC Cancer Data Aggregator (CDA)

- Search by harmonized, common language terms to aggregate data distributed across CRDC repositories
- Get information about subjects, files or specimens in a standard tsv format that can be opened in Excel, integrated into a pipeline or uploaded to a cloud resource
- cdapython available via interactive browser, notebooks or local install



NCPI: NIH Cloud Platform Interoperability

Connecting with a Greater Data Ecosystem



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CRDC Website

<https://datacommons.cancer.gov/>



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Connecting Data to Accelerate Cancer Research

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Watch CRDC Video

9.4PB+ Data

134K+ Subjects / Participants

354 Studies

2K+ Public Tools and Workflows

82.3K+ Unique Users / Year

Explore Data

Overview

Many large NCI-funded research projects share their rich multi-modal data with the public via the Cancer Research Data Commons (CRDC). There are a number of ways users can explore CRDC data including the CRDC Data Commons portal, the Cancer Data Aggregator API and webtools, or via the CRDC Cloud Resources.

Among the many NCI-funded projects that share their data via the CRDC are:

- **APOLLO**: Applied Proteogenomics Organizational Learning and Outcomes Network
- **CCO**: Childhood Cancer Data Initiative
- **OPAC**: Clinical Proteomic Tumor Analysis Consortium
- **ITRN**: Interim Tumor Atlas Network
- **TARGET**: Therapeutically Applicable Research to Generate Effective Treatments
- **TSG**: The Cancer Genome Atlas

Select Datasets Learn more about CRDC hosted datasets.

Exploring Data using Data Commons

Each data commons provides a secure interface to research data, with integrations, sets of datasets, or the terms of a specific study, among other variables. Users can explore data from across multiple programs and datasets, and can filter data using "filter" options for aggregation analysis. For further analysis, a cloud-based compute environment, users can build a data "market" to pull data into one of the NCI Cloud Resource.

In addition to the general capabilities, many data commons provide data visualization and other analytical tools within the data portal environment.

Data Commons Learn more about each Data Commons.

Aggregated Exploration Across Data Commons

The Cancer Data Aggregator (SDA) combines descriptive information about CRDC-hosted data into a common model making it possible to search across multiple data commons using variables such as participant, sample, tissue, or disease.

Who can you browse the CRDC hosted metadata, researchers typically to work with controlled access data and need apply for appropriate access to work with real data on research files.

Cancer Data Aggregator Learn more about the Cancer Data Aggregator.

Data Exploration through the CRDC Cloud Resources

The CRDC Cloud Resources (CCR) also serve as entry points for exploring CRDC data. These NCI-funded OUs, each with distinct features, provide secure workspaces and the ability to use or labor publicly available analytical tools and workflows from their profiles.

One of the key benefits of using the CR is that users can access the data without downloading large amounts of data to their local compute environment, which can reduce high download costs.

Cloud Resources Learn more about the Cloud Resources.

CRDC Core Standards and Services

Ensuring the CRDC-hosted data meet the FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable) data principles, standard, and controlled vocabularies on common standards and terms, a suite of data standards and services related to data tracking and secure access provide essential support to the CRDC data ecosystem.

CRDC Standards and Services Learn more about CRDC standards and services.

Select Datasets

The NCI CRDC provides access to a variety of open, registered, and controlled datasets from NCI programs and key external cancer programs. Many of these datasets are accessible through the [CRDC Cloud Resources \(CCR\)](#), where users can also bring their own data to a secure cloud workspace for comparative analysis.

SELECT DATASETS		
DATASET NAME	DESCRIPTION	ACCESSIBLE THROUGH*
Applied Proteogenomics Organizational Learning and Outcomes (APOLLO)	A collaboration between NCI, the Department of Defense (DOD), and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). CCR incorporates proteogenomic data with patient care, with a focus on the activity and expression of the proteins that the genome encodes.	CRDC SDA SDR*
Cancer Genome Characterization Initiatives (CGCI)	An initiative examining genomes, exomes, and transcripts of various types of adult and pediatric cancers.	CRDC SDR SDR*
Children's Brain Tumor Tissue Consortium (CBTTC)	A collaborative research consortium focused on identifying therapies for children with brain tumors.	CRDC SDR SDR*
Childhood Cancer Data Initiative (CCDI)	A consortium of children's hospitals, clinics, or networks that make their clinical care and research data accessible.	CRDC SDR*
Clinical Proteomic Tumor Analysis Consortium (OPAC)	A national effort to accelerate the understanding of the molecular basis of cancer through the application of proteogenomics (large-scale proteome and genome analysis).	CRDC RDC FC*
Comparative molecular life history of low-income, carline and human glioma (CALMAGLIE)	A collaborative effort to characterize the genetic and transcriptomic landscape of canine glioma to enable cross-species comparative genomic analysis of glioma.	CRDC SDR*
Foundation Medicine (FMF)	Foundation Medicine Inc., a molecular information company, makes accessible sequencing data from thousands of adult patients, in an effort to match patients with personalized treatment plans.	CRDC SDR SDR*
Genetics and Epidemiology of Colorectal Cancer Consortium (GEOCC)	A research collaboration to detect colorectal cancer susceptibility loci using genome-wide sequencing.	CRDC SDR*
Human Cancer Model Initiative (HCMI)	An international consortium that is generating, host, next-generation, and tumor-derived culture models complete with genomic and clinical data.	CRDC SDR SDR*

Support for Researchers

<https://datacommons.cancer.gov/support-for-researchers>

CRDC COMPONENT	RESOURCE	AVAILABLE SUPPORT
Cloud Resources	Broad FireCloud Powered by Terra (FC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Set Started on FC • Broad Institute FireCloud Workshop Tutorials • Terra Self-Service Learning Resources • Broad Institute FireCloud FAQs
	ISB Cancer Gateway in the Cloud (ISB-CGC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Get Started on ISB-CGC • ISB-CGC FAQs <p>The ISB-CGC team offers virtual office hours through Google Meet. Note that the link is different for each of the days.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesdays at 2:00 pm ET; Link: http://meet.google.com/jkg-cxke-yzs • Thursdays at 11:00 am, ET; Link: http://meet.google.com/jal-kgkg-sll <p>Find tutorials and user guides on the ISB Cancer Gateway website.</p>
	Seven Bridges Cancer Genomics Cloud (CGC), powered by Velsera (SB-CGC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Get Started on SB-CGC • SB-CGC Introduction to the CGC Webinar • SB-CGC Scaling Single-Cell Research • SB-CGC Troubleshooting Tutorial <p>The Seven Bridges team offers virtual office hours through Google Meet at https://meet.google.com/kbs-ojh-dcg at the following times:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesdays at 10:00 am ET • Thursdays at 2:00 pm ET <p>Learn more about SB-CGC through their user guides, video tutorials, and webinars.</p>

CRDC COMPONENT	RESOURCE	AVAILABLE SUPPORT
Data Commons	Genomic Data Commons (GDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to get started on GDC • GDC Webinars • GDC FAQs • NGS Studies of Familial Data Using Cloud Computing
	Proteomic Data Commons (PDC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDC FAQs • NCI OCCPR Webinar on PDC
	Imaging Data Commons (IDC)	<p>The IDC offers community office hours every week through Google Meet at https://meet.google.com/xyt-vody-tvb.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tuesdays, 16:30 – 17:30 (ET/New York) • Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 (ET/New York) <p>Learn more from the IDC user guide and white papers.</p> <p>If you have questions about the IDC, email the team at support@canceridc.dev or start a thread in their online forum.</p>
	Integrated Canine Data Commons (ICDC)	<p>If you have questions, please email the ICDC team at: ICDCHelpDesk@mail.nih.gov.</p>
	Cancer Data Service (CDS)	<p>If you have questions, please email the CDS team at: CDSHelpDesk@mail.nih.gov.</p>
CRDC COMPONENT	RESOURCE	AVAILABLE SUPPORT
Infrastructure	Cancer Data Aggregator (CDA)	If you have questions, contact the CDA team through the CDA Helpdesk

CRDC Insights: External Newsletter (quarterly)

<https://datacommons.cancer.gov/crdc-insights>




NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy: CRDC's Role

The new policy is in effect, and applies to new grant applications, competitive renewals, or competitive revisions. In brief:

- Data sharing now pertains to all researchers with no budget minimum.
- Applications, renewals, or revisions must include a data management and sharing plan.
- Data must be shared at time of publication or by the end of the performance period, whichever is sooner.

The Cancer Research Data Commons (CRDC) is home to a collection of data commons and cloud resources that host datasets from NCI-funded research, and make those datasets accessible to the research community. [Learn more about submitting and accessing data, and using CRDC tools for your research, link to data landing page](#)

CRDC Resources in the Classroom



Faculty members and data scientists with Purdue University and Velsara (Seven Bridges) teamed up to produce a four-part online workshop that introduces the Cancer Genomics Cloud. The series also provides hands-on lessons in bulk- and single-cell RNA-seq analysis using datasets provided by Purdue researchers. [Read the full story.](#)

HTAN: Methods Workshop at AACR 2023 Annual Meeting

The Human Tumor Atlas Network (HTAN) is working closely with CRDC to ensure long-term legacy and reuse of HTAN data, and to share data through NCI's Cloud Resources. This methods workshop will demonstrate how to access, query, use data within the cloud environment, and visualize HTAN data derived from a variety of assay types. Read more about this workshop on the [AACR Annual Meeting website](#).

Announcement: Funding Opportunities

The Office of XYZ has released a RFP/grant solicitation regarding data interoperability. Find more information on their interoperability initiative page.

CRDC: Empowering the Scientific Community to Make New Discoveries




DATA GENERATED FROM BASIC GENOMIC AND POPULATION RESEARCH → **DATA SUBMITTED, REPRODUCIBLE, TRUSTED, AND MADE PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE** → **NOVEL TOOLS AND APPLICATIONS FOR USE IN COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH** → **DATA-DRIVEN CANCER RESEARCH: BETTER DETECTION, TREATMENT, AND CARE** → **CRDC ENABLES DISCOVERIES THAT LEAD TO BETTER PATIENT OUTCOMES**

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A new infographic illustrates how CRDC supports the work of cancer researchers. This is available for use in presentations. Contact our general email box below.

In the News



NCI Director Monica Bertagnolli was recently interviewed by National Public Radio (NPR) about the work of the NCI and its impact on patients and families. She also discussed her own cancer diagnosis and her commitment to participating in research trials. Listen here through the NPR website.

About the Cancer Research Data Commons

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Quick Links

Data Releases: Updated March 2023	Datasets, Access, and Submission	Getting Started
A round-up of new datasets available through our data commons and cloud resources.	Aggregated information across CRDC data commons and cloud resources about filing a data submission request, and how to access data currently housed in a CRDC data commons or on a cloud resource.	Aggregated listings of user manuals, tutorials, and virtual office hours, across CRDC data commons and cloud resources.

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2024 CRDC Fall Symposium: October 16-17, 2024

A one-and-a-half day event highlighting the 10th anniversary of the CRDC as well as plans for the future.



📍 NIH MASUR AUDITORIUM, BETHESDA MD (10/16)
NCI CAMPUS, ROCKVILLE MD (10/17)



PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Register & More Information at:
[DATACOMMONS.CANCER.GOV](https://datacommons.cancer.gov)

CRDC and ODS Collaboration Session

Wednesday, October 16 @ 1:30 PM ET

- Data Sharing & Access within CRDC
- CRDC Symposium Kick-Off

Immediately following NCI Office of Data Sharing Symposium (separate event registration)

CRDC Session

Thursday, October 17 @ 9:00 AM ET

- CRDC History & Current State
- Success Stories & Impactful Programs
- Future Spotlight
- Fireside Chat

Save the Date

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CRDC Impact and Success Stories

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CRDC Success Story 1: Using GDC to Advance Papillary Thyroid Cancer (PTC) Care Through Genomic Classifiers

Problem:

- Higher recurrence and drug resistance in PTC subset
- No reliable way to predict which PTCs will progress

Goal:

- Identify molecular risk factors for papillary thyroid cancer progression
- Develop PTC genomic classifiers, stratify patients based on recurrence risk
 - Improve prognosis predictions

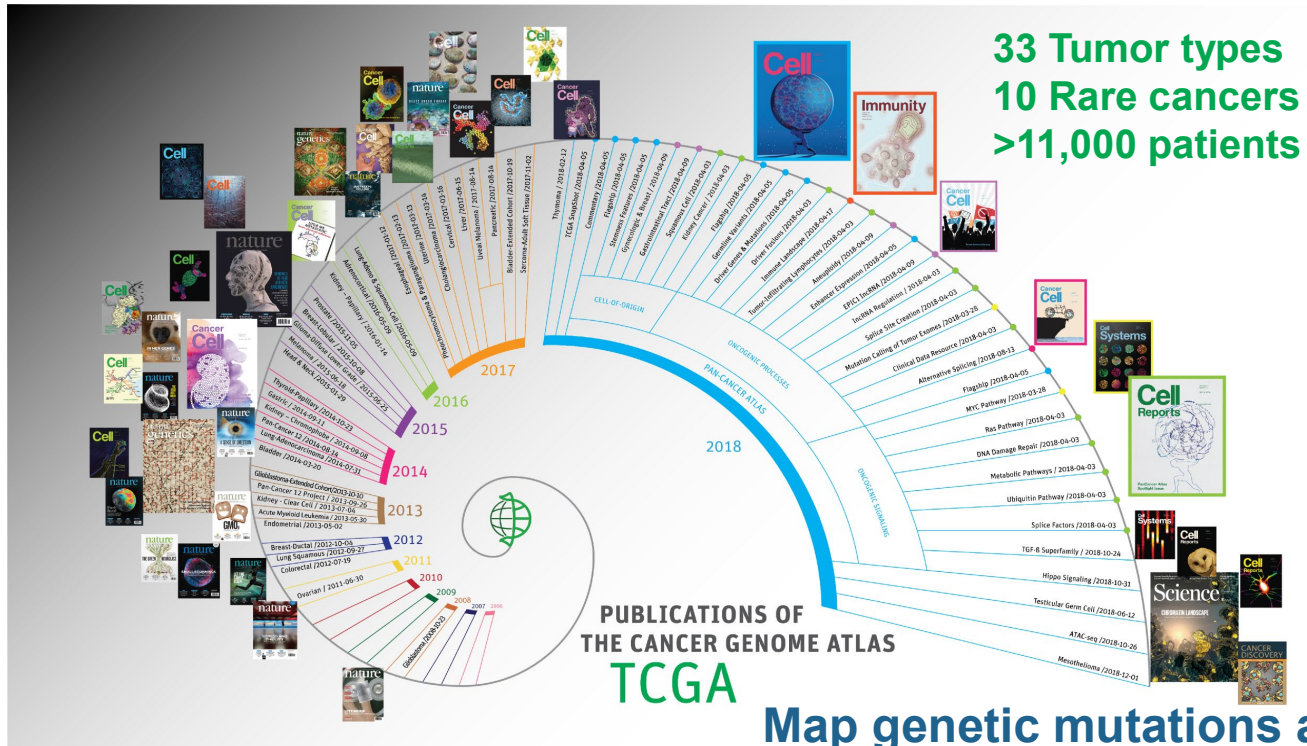


A clinically useful and biologically informative genomic classifier for papillary thyroid cancer

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Dropen Sheka⁴, Nikolay Alabi⁴, Ashar Siddiqui⁵,
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The Cancer Genome Atlas (TCGA)



33 Tumor types
 10 Rare cancers
 >11,000 patients

2.5 Petabytes
 of data

Genomic Data Commons
 Proteomic Data Commons
 Imaging Data Commons

- ✓ Genomic
- ✓ Transcriptomic
- ✓ Epigenomic
- ✓ Imaging
- ✓ Clinical
- ✓ More...

Map genetic mutations across cancers



CRDC Success Story 1: Using GDC to Advance Papillary Thyroid Cancer (PTC) Care Through Genomic Classifiers

Approach:

- Leverage GDC to access cases from landmark TCGA study detailing genomic profile of PTC
 - Transcriptional data
 - Copy Number Variation
 - Methylation status
- Apply machine learning to 500+ cases
 - Stratify into molecular subtypes based on recurrence risk
- Used TCGA methylation data in GDC to explore epigenetic differences between cancer subtypes

CRDC Success Story 1: Using GDC to Advance Papillary Thyroid Cancer (PTC) Care Through Genomic Classifiers

Key findings:

- 3 unique molecular subtypes
 - Subtype 1: Lowest recurrence rate
 - Lower BRAFV600E, higher RAS mutations
 - Subtype 2: Moderate recurrence
 - Higher BRAFV600E, inflammatory, EMT pathways
 - Subtype 3: High recurrence rate
 - immunosuppressive microenvironment, high EZH2-HOTAIR pathway, BRAFV600E and TERT promoter mutations

Impact:

- Genomic classifiers outperformed the American Thyroid Association's clinical risk stratification system

Success Story 2: Leveraging CRDC to decipher the Pan-Cancer Immune Landscape

Problem:

- Immunotherapy only successful in a small proportion of cancer cases

Goal:

- Develop comprehensive understanding TME across cancers
- Reveal immune cell surveillance and tumor immune evasion mechanisms

Cell

Resource

Pan-cancer proteogenomics characterization of tumor immunity

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NCI Clinical Proteomic Tumor Analysis Consortium (CPTAC)

- Government, academia, industry partnership
- 1500+ patients, 10 tumor types
- Mass spectrometry proteomic data (PDC)
 - Protein expression
 - Post-translational modifications
 - Protein-protein interactions
- Genomic Data (GDC, CDS)
 - WGS, WXS
 - RNA-seq
 - CNV

- Clinical Data (GDC, PDC)
 - Treatment outcomes
 - More
- Imaging Data (IDC)

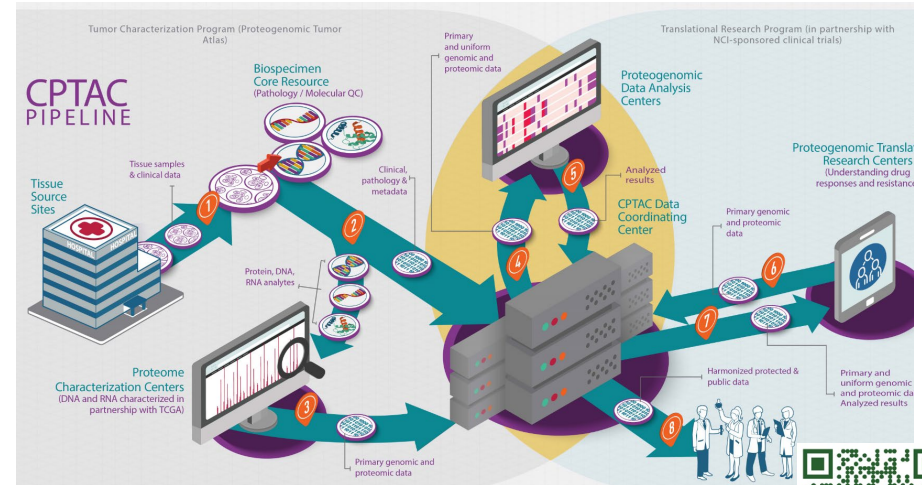


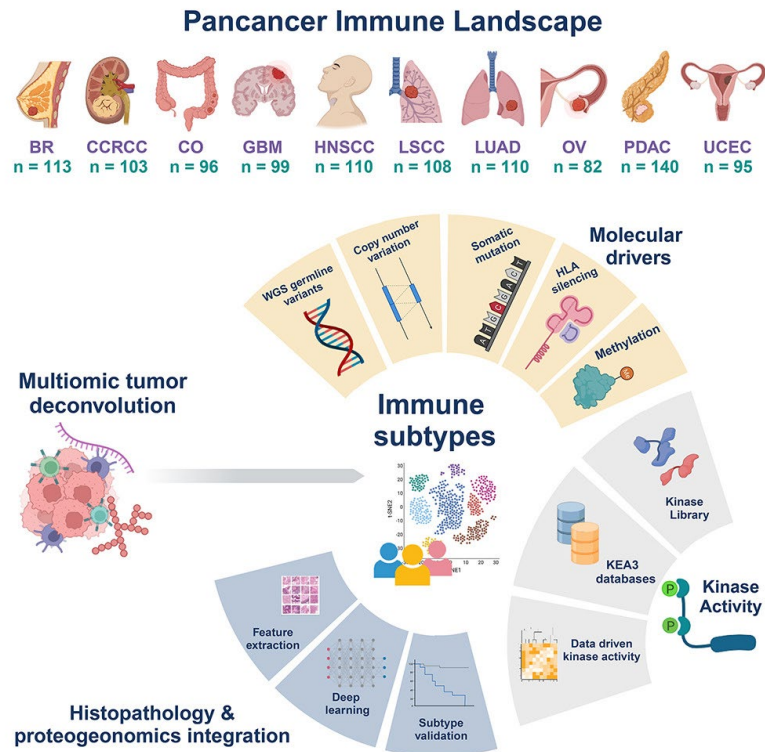
Image: Clinical Proteomic Tumor Analysis Consortium, National Cancer Institute.
<https://proteomics.cancer.gov/programs/cptac>



Success Story 2: Leveraging CRDC to decipher the Pan-Cancer Immune Landscape

Approach:

- Combine CPTAC data from across CRDC
- Analyze genomic, epigenetic, transcriptomic, and proteomic alterations across tumors
- 1,056 tumor samples, 10 cancers
- Classify tumors into immune subtypes
- Correlate with clinical outcomes



Success Story 2: Leveraging CRDC to decipher the Pan-Cancer Immune Landscape

Key findings:

- 7 distinct immune subtypes
 - Common immune reactions, evasion mechanisms independent of cancer type
- Correlations between PFS and immune subtypes, TME immune cell load
- Specific kinases activated in subtypes
 - Immune evasion, pathogenesis, and host immunity

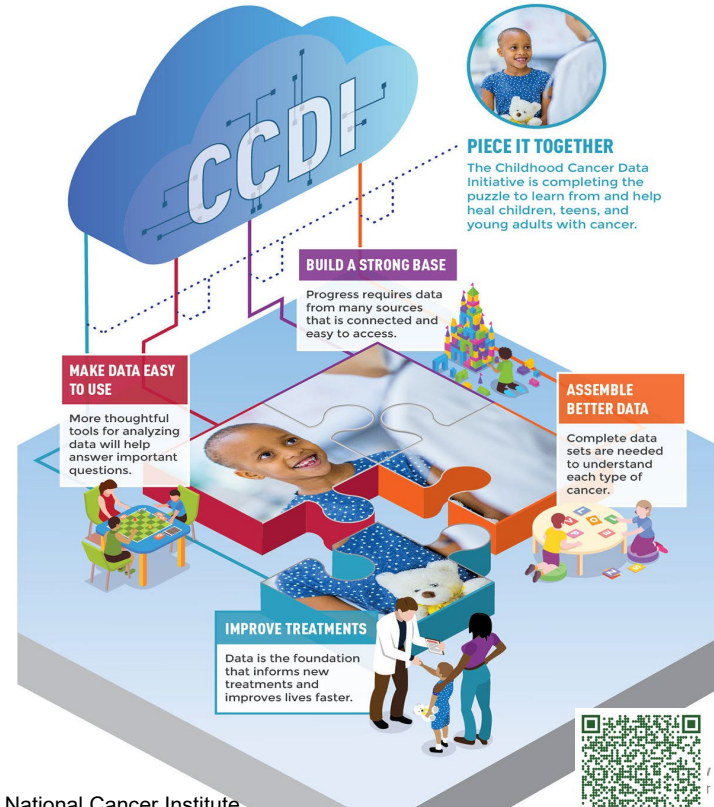
Impact:

- Multi-dimensional view of tumor biology
- Novel patient stratification, therapeutic strategies
- New interactive web portals: PhosNet Vis, ProKap
 - Leverage PDC's CPTAC pan cancer kinase and transcription factor activity score data to explore relationships with immune subtypes
 - New avenues for research and target discovery

CRDC Impact Story 3: Childhood Cancer Data Initiative (CCDI)

CCDI- Exemplar for building a learning health care system for cancer

- Community of researchers, advocates, hospitals and networks committed to sharing pediatric cancer data to accelerate research on childhood cancers.
- Federated Pediatric Cancer Data Ecosystem
 - Childhood cancer data and resources from across the nation
 - Research repositories
 - Patient registries
 - Hospitals



CRDC Impact Story 3: Childhood Cancer Data Initiative (CCDI)

New CCDI Hub

- Entry point for researchers looking to use and connect with CCDI-related data and resources

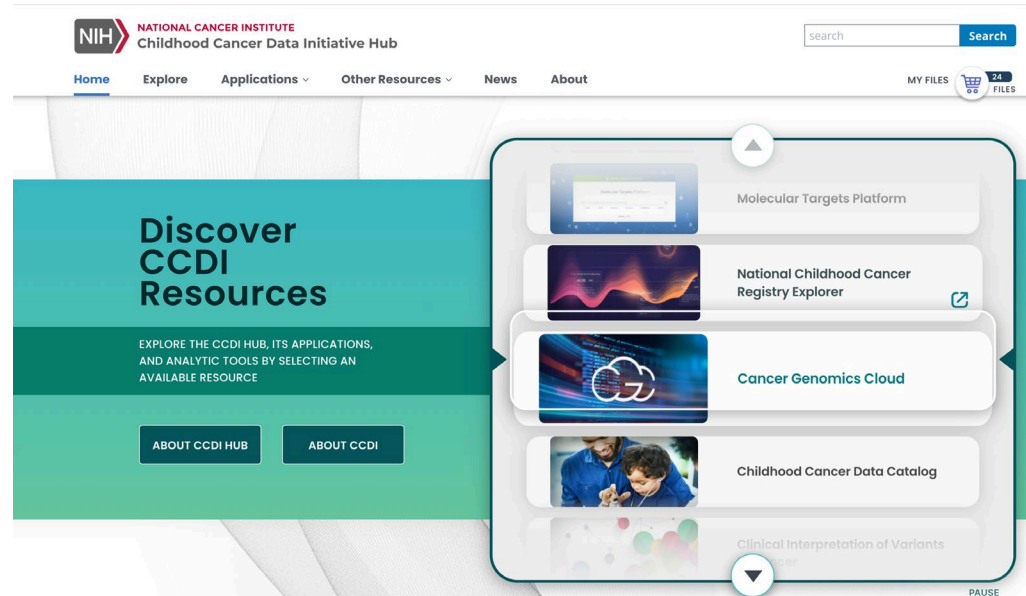
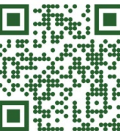


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CRDC Impact Story 3: Childhood Cancer Data Initiative (CCDI)

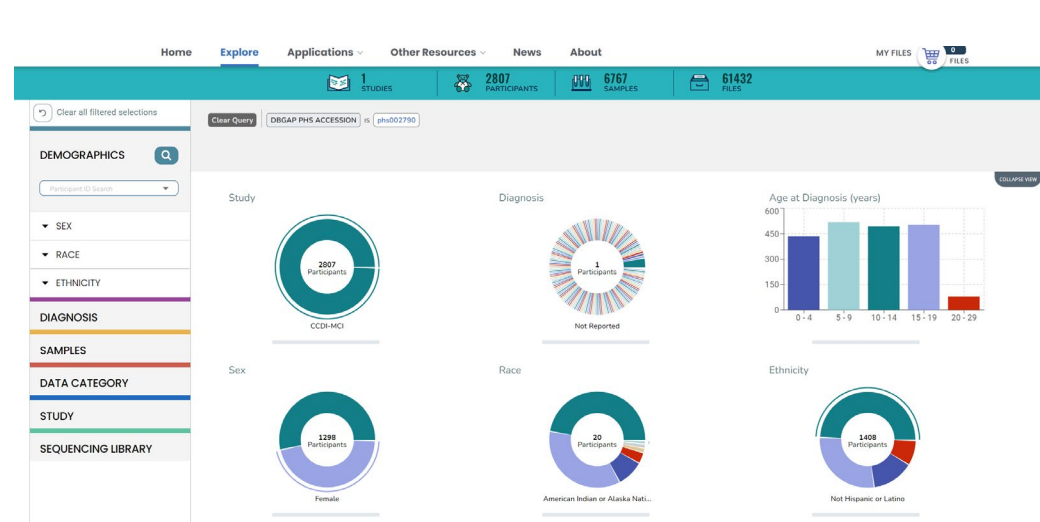
- Cancer Data Service (CDS) and Imaging Data Commons (IDC)
 - CCDI data from 1400+ participants
 - 70,000+ files
 - Genetic testing data
 - WGS and WXS
 - Full transcriptome sequencing
 - Single cell analysis
 - Imaging data

- Hosts Data for CCDI project
 - CCDI's Molecular Characterization Initiative (MCI)
 - Detailed clinical and molecular information, patients treated at academic and medical institutions around the country

CRDC Impact Story 3: Childhood Cancer Data Initiative (CCDI)

CRDC Infrastructure supports new CCDI Data Hub

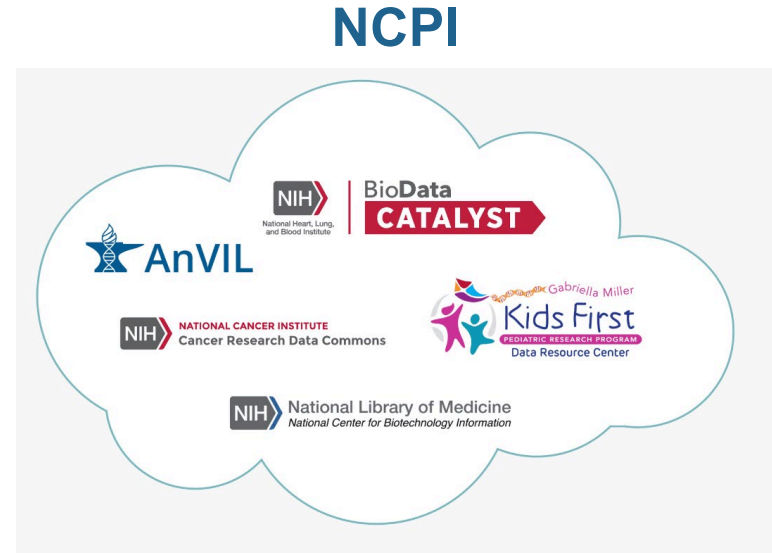
- Bento framework
 - GUI for Data Exploration
- Authentication & Authorization controls
 - Integration of dbGaP A&A workflows for controlled data access



CRDC Impact Story 3: Childhood Cancer Data Initiative (CCDI)

CRDC Infrastructure supports new CCDI Data Hub

- Access to SB-CGC
 - Cloud-based environment
 - 500+ bioinformatics tools, workflows
 - Combine with own datasets or data across CRDC, NCI Cloud Platform Interoperability (NCPI)
 - Collaborative workspaces



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CRDC Lessons Learned and Future State

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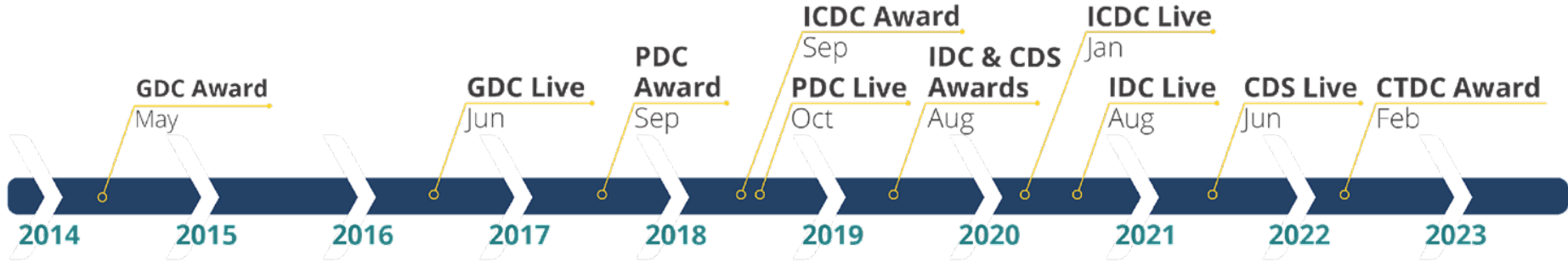
- Advancing national open science policy
- Providing access to the results of the nation's taxpayer-supported research
- Accelerating discovery and innovation
- Promoting public trust
- Driving more equitable outcomes



NIH's Data Management and Sharing Policy went into effect on January 25, 2023, fulfilling the memorandum's provisions around public access to scientific data.

CRDC: Celebrating 10 Years of Data Sharing

Data Commons



DATA COMMONS

GDC: Genomic Data Commons

PDC: Proteomic Data Commons

ICDC: Integrated Canine Data Commons

IDC: Imaging Data Commons

CDS: Cancer Data Service

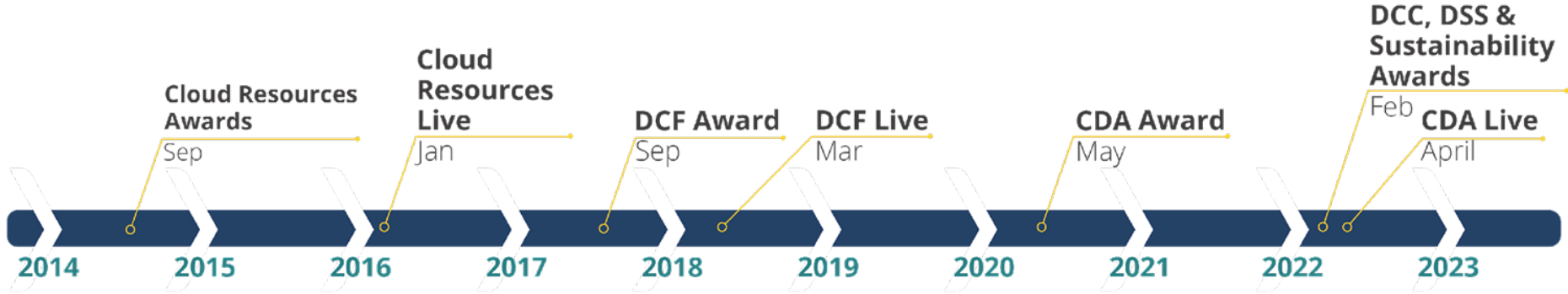
CTDC: Clinical and Translational Data Commons

PSDC: Population Science Data Commons



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Data Infrastructure & Analysis



DATA INFRASTRUCTURE AND ANALYSIS

Cloud Resources: NCI Cloud Resources	DCC: CRDC Data Hub
DCF: Data Commons Framework	DSS: CRDC Data Standards Services
CDA: Cancer Data Aggregator	Sustainability: CRDC Sustainability Study

Commemorating 10 Years of the CRDC

A four-part invited series in *AACR Cancer Research* journal showcasing how the CRDC empowers the cancer research community.

1 LESSONS LEARNED AND FUTURE STATE

Traces the history of the CRDC over the past 10 years, noting its progress in providing access to data and tools along with training and outreach to support the cancer research community. This review also provides an assessment of the CRDC's impact, lessons learned, and future plans to promote data sharing, data accessibility, interoperability, and reuse.

Read Part One 

2 RESOURCES TO SHARE KEY CANCER DATA

Describes each of the CRDC's data commons, including their unique and shared features, accomplishments, and challenges. This paper also details how the CRDC data commons implement Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, Reusable (FAIR) principles and promote data sharing in support of the NIH Data Management and Sharing Policy.

Read Part Two 

3 CLOUD-BASED ANALYTICAL RESOURCES

Details how the three Cloud Resources (CRs), including the Broad Institute FireCloud, Institute for Systems Biology Cancer Gateway in the Cloud (ISB-CGC), and Seven Bridges' Cancer Genomics Cloud powered by Velsera (SB-CGC) provide access to large, cloud-hosted multi-modal cancer datasets, as well as offer tools and workspaces for performing data analysis where the data resides. Included is a review of publicly available analytical tools.

Read Part Three 

4 CORE STANDARDS AND SERVICES

Outlines core CRDC services to aggregate descriptive information from multiple studies for findability via a single interface. These standards and services aggregate and semantically harmonize multiple data types making the CRDC a single point of discovery and access for cancer research data originating from multiple sources. They also facilitate the evolution of the CRDC as one hub for managing, storing, and sharing diverse types of data.

Read Part Four 



CRDC Impact to Date



354 STUDIES



134K SUBJECTS



9.4PB+ DATA



2.4K+
YEARS OF COMPUTE



2K+ PUBLIC
TOOLS AND WORKFLOWS



82.3K+
UNIQUE USERS / YEAR



30K+
CRDC DATA CITATIONS

Lessons Learned: Community Engagement

- Increase in training and educational resources
 - Community engagement
 - Challenges, seminars, conferences, training sessions
 - Training videos, tools, and documentation
 - cloud use, cloud cost prediction tools, multi-modal analysis
 - CRDC Insights: Quarterly Newsletter





Lessons Learned: Sustainability Study

- Planning for long-term sustainability of CRDC resources
 - CRDC supports the democratization of cancer research by providing **cloud-based, secure storage and analytic tools** for cancer data.
 - The Sustainability Study **supports the CRDC in planning for the financial sustainability** of its future work, **ensuring it operates efficiently and delivers value for money to the cancer research community** for years to come.



RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COST
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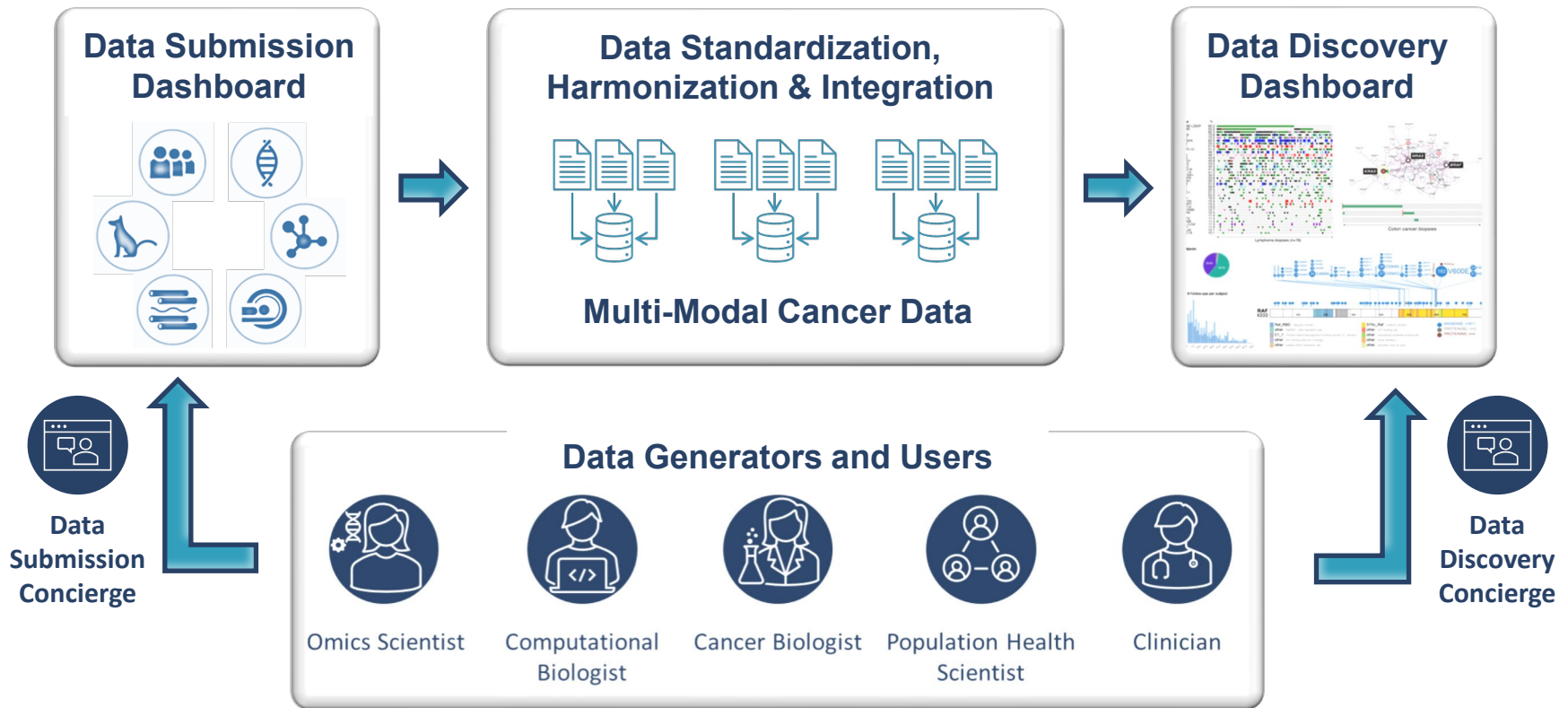


BASELINE FOR CURRENT FINANCIAL
REQUIREMENTS TO OPERATE CRDC;
DEVELOP FUTURE FINANCIAL
PROJECTIONS UNDER VARIOUS
SCENARIOS



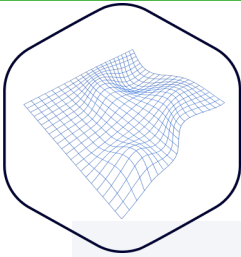
IDENTIFY BEST PRACTICES
FROM EXTERNAL
ENVIRONMENTS

Lessons Learned: Lowering Barriers





ARPA-H Biomedical Data Fabric* Toolbox



NCI in partnership with ARPA-H will advance the next-generation of tools to synthesize and speed use of health research data, starting with cancer



Make biomedical research data easier to use



Reduce effort for data integration



Develop new data fabric capabilities & tools



Build health data science models that can be applied across disciplines

* A data fabric provides a unified, consistent layer of data services that can work across many different systems and environments.



BDF Toolbox - Technical Areas



TA1: Automated Data Collection

Lower barriers to high-fidelity, timely, and automated data collection of research data across labs and health record systems



TA2: Machine-Assisted Curation

Prepare, connect, and harmonize multi-source data for analysis at scale



TA3: Intuitive Exploration

Enable advanced, human-centered data exploration and dashboards for use by diverse stakeholders and decision-makers



TA4: User Engagement

Evaluate data fabric tools across researchers, clinicians, and patients to create tools that will be enthusiastically adopted.

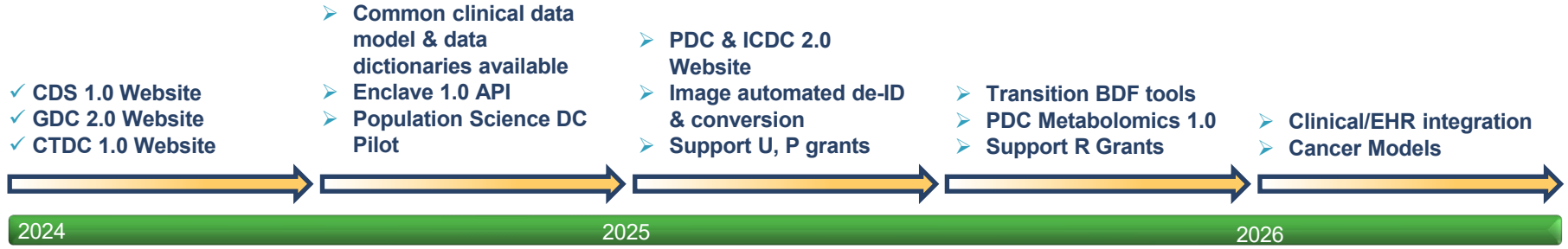


TA5: Cross-Domain Generalization

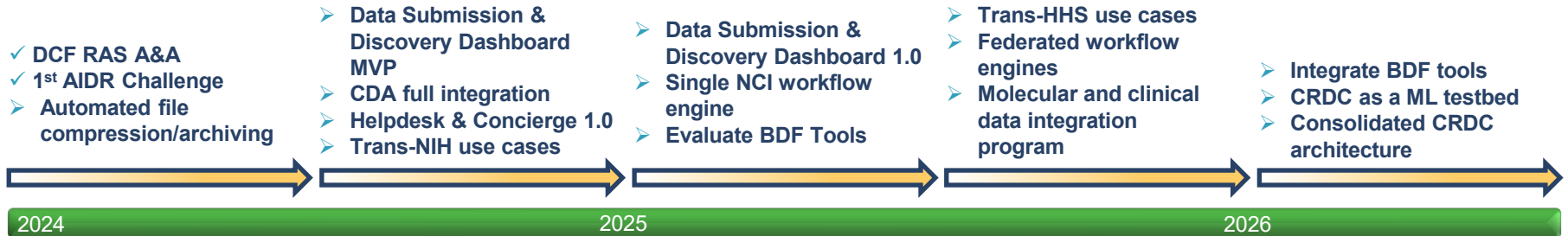
Leverage tools and platforms to generalize data across biomedical domains and disease types.

CRDC Roadmap

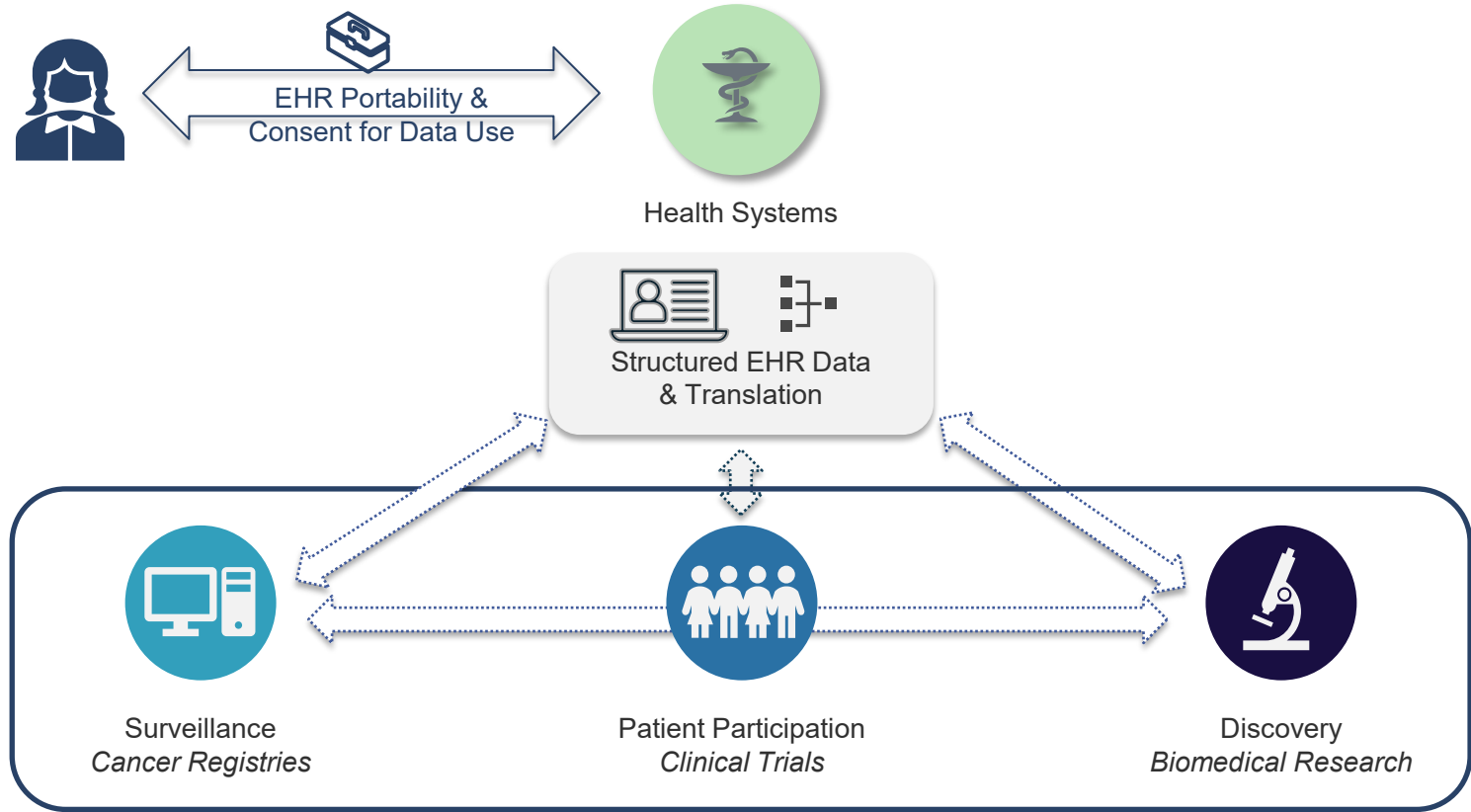
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Infrastructure & Analysis



Learning Health System for Cancer





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AACR Cancer Research Series



A four-part invited series published online in March 2024 highlighting the CRDC's accomplishments from the past 10 years.

- LESSONS LEARNED AND FUTURE STATE
- RESOURCES TO SHARE KEY CANCER DATA
- CLOUD-BASED ANALYTICAL RESOURCES
- CORE STANDARDS AND SERVICES



Learn more about the series on the [CRDC Website](#).

2024 AACR Annual Meeting: San Diego, CA



Presentations

- **Impact of the Cancer Research Data Commons (CRDC)**
 - Sunday, April 7 - 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- **NCI Artificial Intelligence (AI) Programs and Resources for Advancing Cancer Research**
 - Wednesday, April 10 - 10:15am -11:15am

Posters

- **ISB – Cancer Gateway in the Cloud**
 - Monday, April 8
- **CRDC – Sustainability Implementation Planning**
 - Monday, April 8
- **Velsera – Seven Bridges, Cancer Genomics Cloud**
 - Monday, April 8
 - Tuesday, April 9
 - Wednesday, April 10
- **Broad – FireCloud (Terra)**
 - Wednesday, April 10



View the [AACR Program](#) for more details.

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Posters

- **Sunday, April 7, 2024 / 1pm - 5pm**
Session PO.RSP01.01 – Regulatory Science and Policy 920/3 – Insights from the NCI request for information on existing data sharing processes for NIH-funded research
- **Monday, April 8, 2024 / 9 am – 12:30 pm**
Session PO.SHP01.01 – Science and Health Policy 1303/17 – Harness the power of data to improve cancer care – understanding the complex landscape of health policies and regulations
- **Tuesday, April 9, 2024 / 2:30 – 3:30 pm**
Session NIH10 – Building on the Power of Data and Community – CCDI data ecosystem: Tools and resources
- **Wednesday, April 10, 2024 / 10:15 – 11:15 am**
Session NIH12 - NCI Artificial Intelligence (AI) Programs and Resources for Advancing Cancer Research – NCI funding opportunities, resources and activities

2024 CRDC Fall Symposium: October 16-17, 2024

A one-and-a-half day event highlighting the 10th anniversary of the CRDC as well as plans for the future.



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CRDC and ODS Collaboration Session

Wednesday, October 16 @ 1:30 PM ET

- Data Sharing & Access within CRDC
- CRDC Symposium Kick-Off

Immediately following NCI Office of Data Sharing Symposium (separate event registration)

CRDC Session

Thursday, October 17 @ 9:00 AM ET

- CRDC History & Current State
- Success Stories & Impactful Programs
- Future Spotlight
- Fireside Chat