

CTSA Program Webinar

July 24, 2024

Agenda

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTERS
2:00 PM ET	Welcome	Lauren Fitzharris, M.P.H., P.M.P. CCOS
2:01 – 2:10 PM	NCATS/CTSA Updates	Michael Kurilla, M.D., Ph.D. NCATS
2:10 – 2:15 PM	CCOS Updates	Lauren Fitzharris M.P.H., P.M.P. CCOS
2:15 – 2:40 PM	Office of Research on Women's Health	Vivian Ota Wang, Ph.D., FACMG NIH/ORWH
2:40 – 3:00 PM	Comparative Genomics Resources for the CTSAs	Terence Murphy, Ph.D. NIH
3:00 PM	Adjourn	



NCATS/CTSA Program Updates

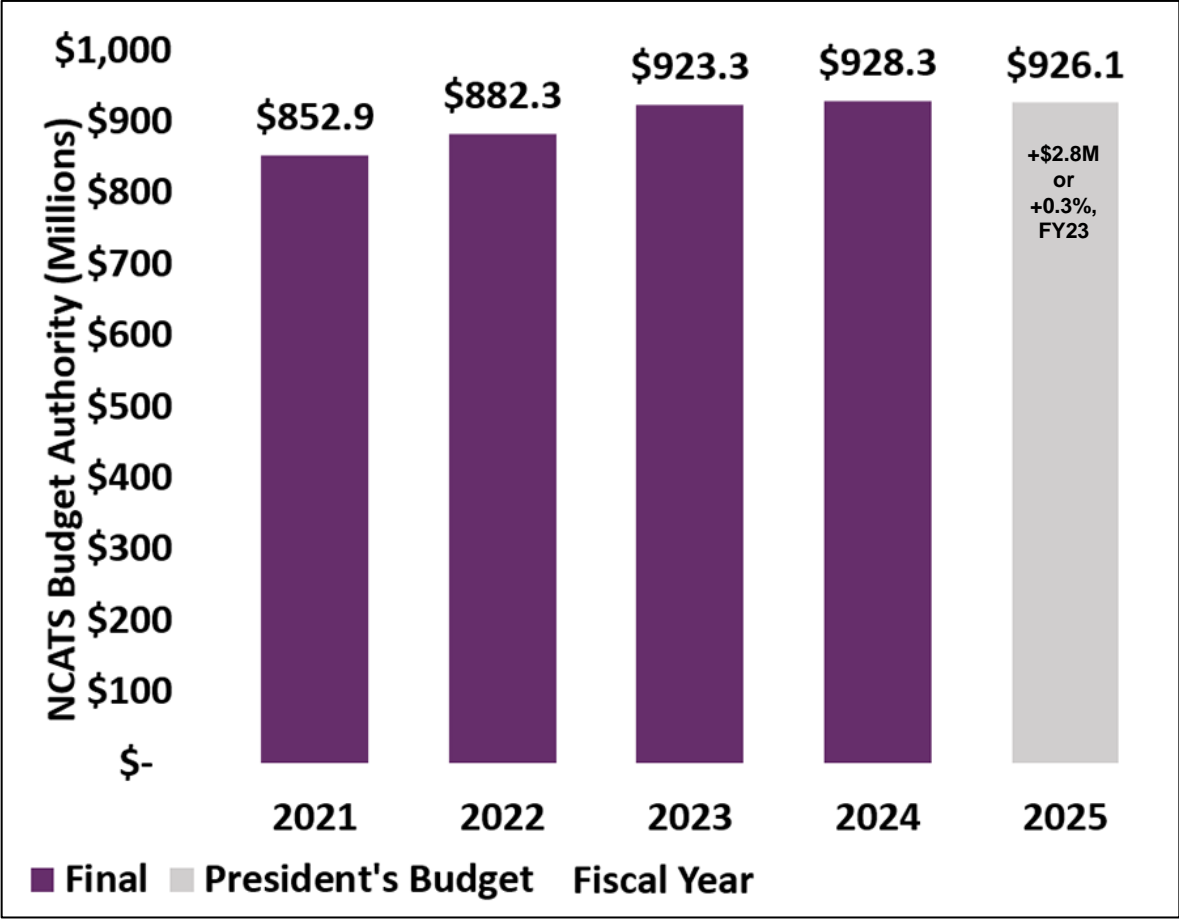
Michael Kurilla, MD, PhD

Director, Division of Clinical Innovation
NCATS

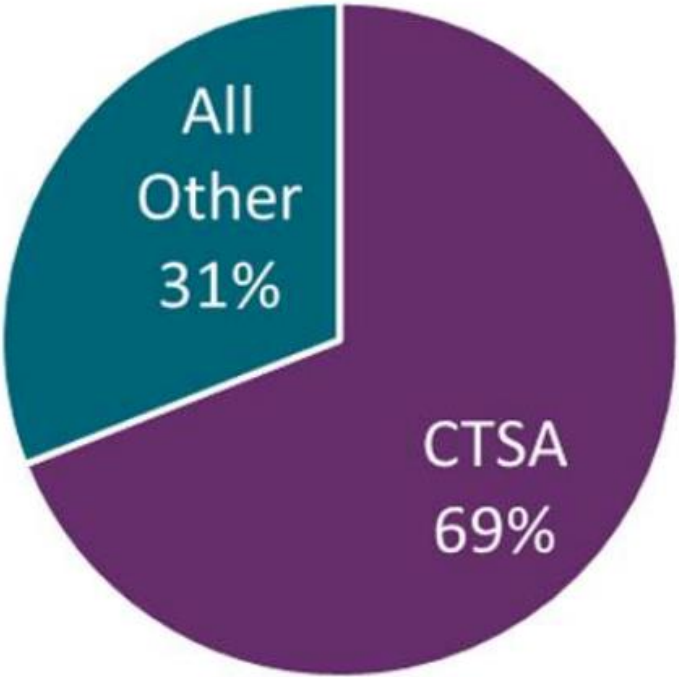
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FY 2025 NCATS President's Budget

Funding History



NCATS Budget by Activities



<https://ncats.nih.gov/about/budget>

Coming Soon: The NCATS 2025-2030 Strategic Plan rolls out this September!

NCATS Strategic Plan Launch

NCATS Director Joni Rutter is hosting a series of roundtables with the CTSA and other NCATS communities to launch the new strategic plan.



CTSA Roundtables:

- CAB Members: Oct. 2nd, 3:00 PM ET
- Pls and Deans: Oct. 4th, 1:00 PM ET

Stay tuned for more details

Notice of Clarification to PAR-21-293 Pilot Module

- Released June 26, 2024 ([NOT-TR-24-029](#))
- **Specific** changes in Element D: Clinical and Translational Science Resources and Pilots, Module D2: Clinical and Translational (CTS) Pilot in [PAR-21-293](#):
- Clinical and Translational Science Pilot Module
 - Include costs for the review, tracking, management, and overall administration of the Module as well as the Pilot projects:
 - Number of Pilot Projects: A minimum of four and a maximum of eight **active** Pilot projects, **per budget period**.
 - Budgets: Must be between \$25,000 and \$50,000, direct costs.
 - Project Period: Cannot exceed 12 months.
 - ***Recipient must ensure that the active number of pilot projects does not exceed the maximum number of pilot projects proposed to be supported per budget year in the competing application.***
- Please direct all inquiries to: CTSANOFOQuestions@mail.nih.gov



NIH Loan Repayment Program

Online Application Period: Sep 1, 2024 - Nov 21, 2024



- [Extramural Loan Repayment Program for Clinical Researchers \(LRP-CR\)](#) (NOT-OD-24-134)
- [Extramural Loan Repayment Program for Pediatric Research \(LRP-PR\)](#) (NOT-OD-24-135)
- [Extramural Loan Repayment Program for Health Disparities Research \(LRP-HDR\)](#) (NOT-OD-24-136)
- [Extramural Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds \(LRP-IDB\)](#) (NOT-OD-24-138)
- [Extramural Loan Repayment Program for Contraception and Infertility Research \(LRP-CIR\)](#) (NOT-OD-24-139)
- [Extramural Loan Repayment Program for Research in Emerging Areas Critical to Human Health \(LRP-REACH\)](#) (NOT-OD-24-137)
 - [REACH Priority Statements](#) for NCATS:
 - Data science and health informatics to provide clinical decision support of health care providers
 - Telehealth and mobile health research approaches to improve the health of under-served and under-represented populations

NCATS POC: Dr. David Wilde: wilded@mail.nih.gov

<https://www.lrp.nih.gov/>



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Summer & Fall 2024: 3 Integrated Efforts

Learning Landscape Analysis

Engage Community & Stakeholders

Core team, working group, advisors

Skills Mapping

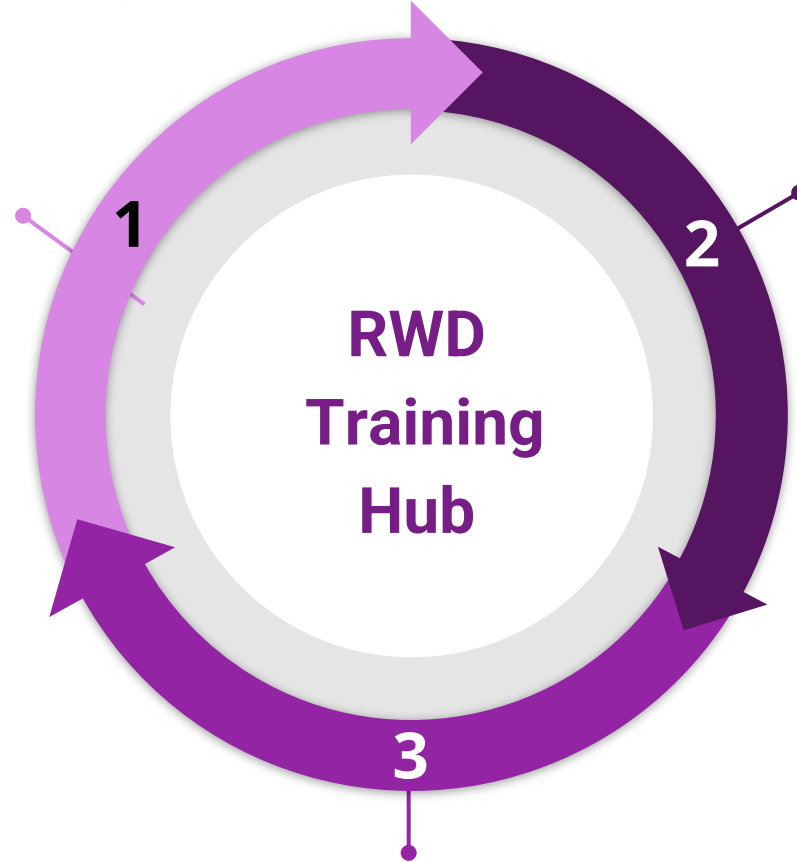
Team Science - roles & audiences

Intro, intermed, advanced competencies

Equity Mapping - who needs access?

Learner Journey - where to deliver?

Design Strategies Mapping - how might we best address the needs & provide trainings, programs, train-the-trainers?



Curating & Adapting Existing Resources

Environmental/Market Scan

What currently exists?

Collaborate & Curate

Link to & amplify existing tools

Adapt for e-learning

DEIA & Interprofessional learners

Gap Analysis & Prioritization

What's missing?

Creating New Resources

Partner with SMEs to Co-design/develop

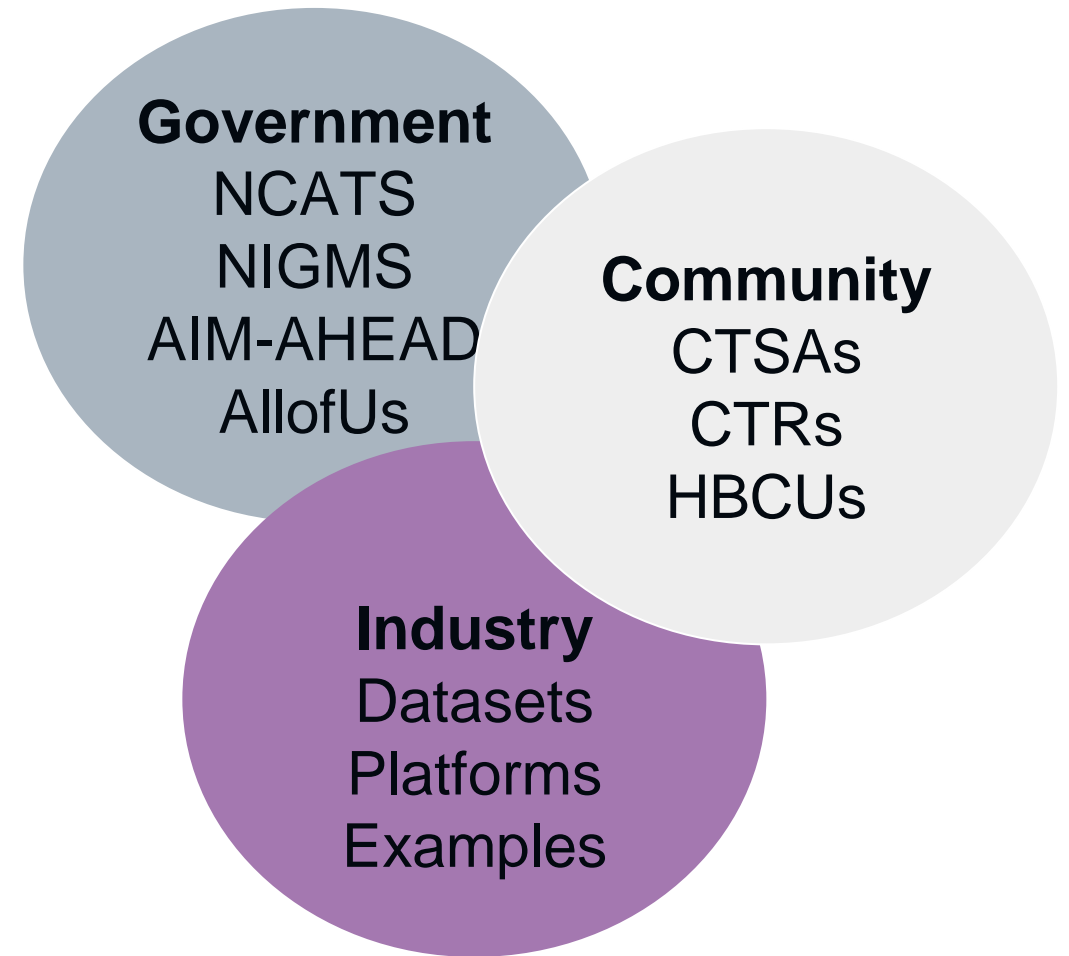
PHASTR Call for Proposals

Create New Trainings to meet needs & Open Access Portal



Vision Real-world Data Training Hub for and by the community

To collaborate & leverage our RWD experience and resources to co-design, grow, and sustain a Real-world Data Training Hub that provides open access training resources for all individuals - in the CTSA's and beyond - in order to elevate the quality of translational science and the value of real-world evidence for improving health and care.



Creating New RWD Trainings

Machine Learning Applications in Drug Discovery, Translational Research & Clinical Medicine



Overview of ML Applications in Drug Discovery, Translational Research, & Clinical Medicine

START COURSE

 National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences

This course provides a comprehensive exploration of foundational topics in artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and deep learning (DL). You will gain a fundamental understanding of AI, ML, and DL, their definitions, roles, and basic distinctions between different learning paradigms. In addition to technical knowledge, this course emphasizes the importance of foundational principles for successful ML implementation and the transformative role of AI in medicine, drug discovery, and translational research, highlighting the challenges and opportunities in integrating AI into healthcare and biotechnology. Throughout the course, the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration in AI projects is emphasized, preparing you to effectively apply advanced ML and DL techniques in real-world scenarios.

This **foundational course** provides a comprehensive introductory exploration of topics in artificial intelligence, machine learning, and deep learning.

In addition to technical knowledge, this course emphasizes the importance of foundational principles for successful ML implementation and the transformative role of AI in medicine, drug discovery, and translational research, highlighting the challenges and opportunities in integrating AI into healthcare and biotechnology.

Instructor: Dave Sahner, MD

Release Date: October 2024



NCATS RWD Training Hub Development

Available Now

Collaboration & Support

Email aubri.hoffman@nih.gov

NCATS Education Website

Principles of Preclinical Translational Science
Digital Badging Program

Data Science Educational Enclave

4 simulated & 60 public data sets
Researcher's Guide online textbook
Training tools, including RWD Glossary
>2000 knowledge objects and concept sets

RWD Courses on AIM-AHEAD Connect

5 ADATP courses on RWD infrastructure, Clinical Data Management, Translational Projects, etc.
13 additional open access courses on programming in R/Python, AI, health equity, etc.

Coming Soon

Good Algorithmic Practices courses

Introduction to health AI/ML & best practices
Advanced skills & innovations in health ML/DL

PHASTR Call for Proposals

Collaboration & funding to co-develop other priority topics

RWD State-of-the-Learning Report

Skills & Competencies Map
Training pathways and program recommendations

NCATS RWD Training Hub

Curated links to existing courses & data sets
New courses, tutorials & templates
Reports, recommendations & toolkits
Workshops & webinars



Upcoming Dates to Remember

Next CTSA Program Webinar
AUGUST IS CANCELLED
September 25, 2024; 2-3 PM ET. [Register here.](#)



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CCOS Updates

Lauren Fitzharris
CCOS





Fall 2024 CTSA Program Meeting

*Building CTSA Program Impact through
Innovation, Collaboration and Equity*

More details and
online registration to
come!

Questions?

Contact FallMtg@ccos.ctsa.io

DATE: November 13-15th

LOCATION: Bethesda North Marriott

Day 1:

- TIN Meeting
- CTSA Administrators Meeting
- CTSA Steering Committee Meeting

Days 2 (full day) and 3 (half day):

- CTSA Program Meeting

2024 Fall CTSA Program Agenda Topics

Topics to be covered include:

- Primary Care Practice-Based Research Networks (PBRNs)
- PCORnet
- The Women's Health Initiative and DEI
- Translational Research to Translational Science
- Generative AI and Large Language Models in Translational

2024 Fall CTSA Program Meeting – DRAFT AGENDA

Day 2- Nov. 14

Session	Timing (ET)
Session 1: Welcome & Keynote	8:30am–9:45am
<i>Break</i>	<i>9:45am-10:00am</i>
Session 2: Collaborations with PBRNs	10:00am-11:30am
Poster Presentations (Group A)	11:30am-12:15pm
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>12:15pm-1:45pm</i>
Session 3: CTSA Collaborations (PCORNet) / Innovations (TIN, ENACT, N3C)	1:45pm-3:15pm
<i>Break</i>	<i>3:15pm-3:30pm</i>
Poster Presentations (Group B)	3:30pm-4:15pm
Session 4: Women’s Health Initiative / DEIA	4:15pm-5:45pm

Day 3- Nov. 15

Session	Timing (ET)
Session 5: TR to TS	8:00am-9:15am
<i>Break</i>	<i>9:30am-9:45am</i>
Session 6: Generative AI / LLM	9:45am-10:45am
<i>Break</i>	<i>10:45am-11am</i>
Session 7: NCATS Session	11:00am – 12:30pm
Closing Session	12:30pm – 1:00pm

Cycle XII: New CTSA Working Groups

- ***RWD Workforce Development Across the Translational Spectrum*** submitted by Dr. Melissa Haendel, UNC
 - WG Mailbox: RWD.WG@ccos.ctsa.io
 - WG Webpage: [RWD Workforce Development WG](#)
- ***Translational Impacts*** submitted by Dr. Kristi Holmes, Northwestern University and Dr. Emmanuel Tetteh, Washington University in St. Louis
 - WG Mailbox: Translational.Impacts@ccos.ctsa.io
 - WG Webpage: [Translational Impacts WG](#)
- Webpages will be updated soon with more details, e.g., meeting occurrence

Cycle XIII Opens September 1 – 30th

CCOS Website Account

Getting Started

Get step-by-step guidance on getting started including how to create a CCOS account and how to log in can be found here:

Getting Started Page

Account Access Includes:

- Meeting Materials/Archives
- Collaborative Spaces
- Discussion Forums
- CTSA Hub Directory

Questions? Please email support@ccos.ctsa.io.

Want to stay up to date on the CTSA Program?

Follow this link or scan the QR code to join the CCOS All Communications Email List to receive CTSA Program communications and updates:

<http://eepurl.com/iw9nZA>



Remember to add communications@ccos.ctsa.io to your contacts list to prevent important CCOS emails from ending up in your spam folder!



Why Sex and Gender Matter: SAGER, WHRI, and Other Letters

**Clinical and Translational Science Awards
(CTSA) Program Webinar**

July 24, 2024

Vivian OTA WANG, Ph.D., CGC, FACMG
Deputy Director
Office of Research on Women's Health
National Institutes of Health



Why Sex and Gender Matter



NIH Office of Women's Health Research



**Sex and Gender Equity in Research
(SAGER) Guidelines**



**White House Women's
Health Research Initiative**

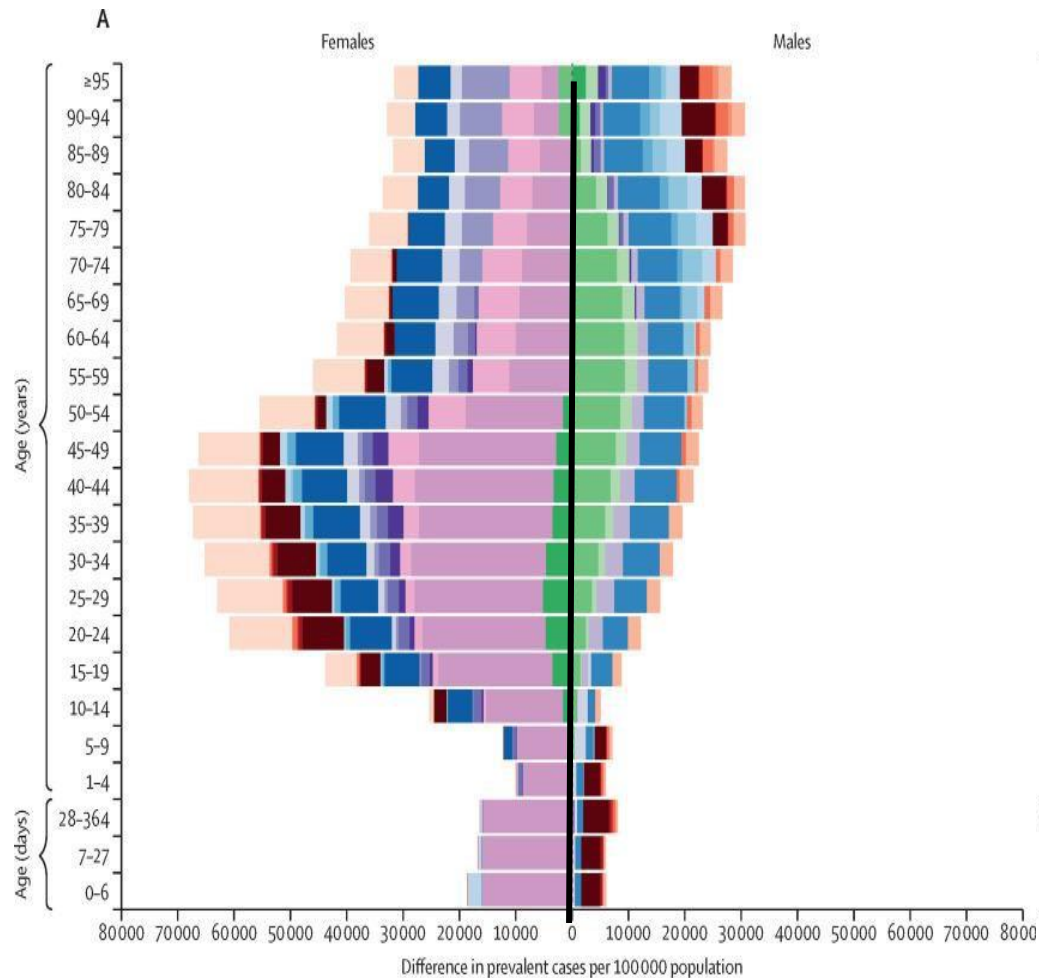


Implications and Next Steps

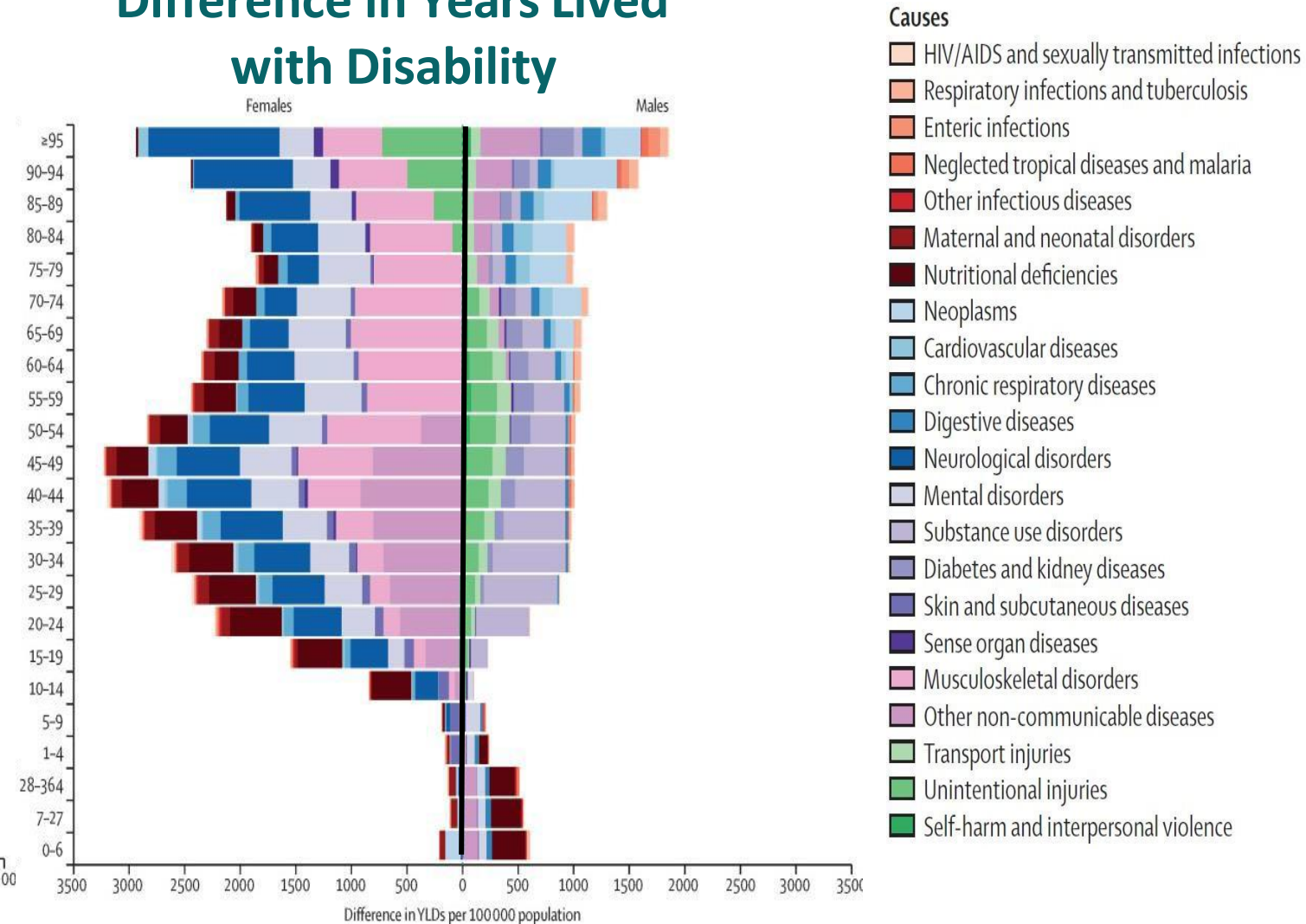


Women Experience Health and Disease Differently

Difference in Disease Prevalence



Difference in Years Lived with Disability



(GBD 2017 Disease and Injury Incidence and Prevalence Collaborators. 2018. *Lancet*. DOI: 10.1016/S0140-6736(18)32279-7)

DOES SEX MATTER?

“[Sex]...is an important basic human variable that should be considered when designing and analyzing the results of studies in all areas and at all levels of biomedical and health related research

Before 1993,
most testing done in clinical trials
and diagnostic and device
development was conducted on men.



Cardiovascular disease is
the #1 killer of WOMEN in
the US, yet only 1/3 of the
participants in clinical
trials are female.

TRIAL SUBJECTS



Not until 2016
were female mice mandated to
be included in research by NIH.



Male animals
outnumber females
5 to 1 in pharmacology
studies—and 3.7 to 1 in
physiology studies.



Lung cancer is the #1 cause
of cancer death in women.
More women die of lung
cancer each year than from
breast, ovarian and uterine
cancers combined.
3X
LUNG
CANCER Non-smoking women are
three times more likely than
non-smoking men to get it.

Twice
as many women as
men suffer from
depression in the U.S.
It is the leading cause
of disability in women.



Women are
3/4 of the
5.4 MILLION
people suffering from
Alzheimer's disease
Yet **66%**
of the animals used in
neuroscience research are male
or of unreported gender.

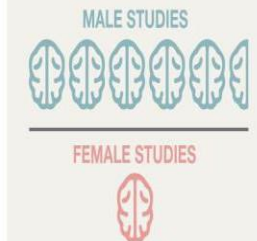


78% of
Americans with
autoimmune
disease are
women—it is
estimated that
50 million
people
are afflicted.

38% of animal studies
researching strokes
used females—
although these
conditions occur
more often
in women.



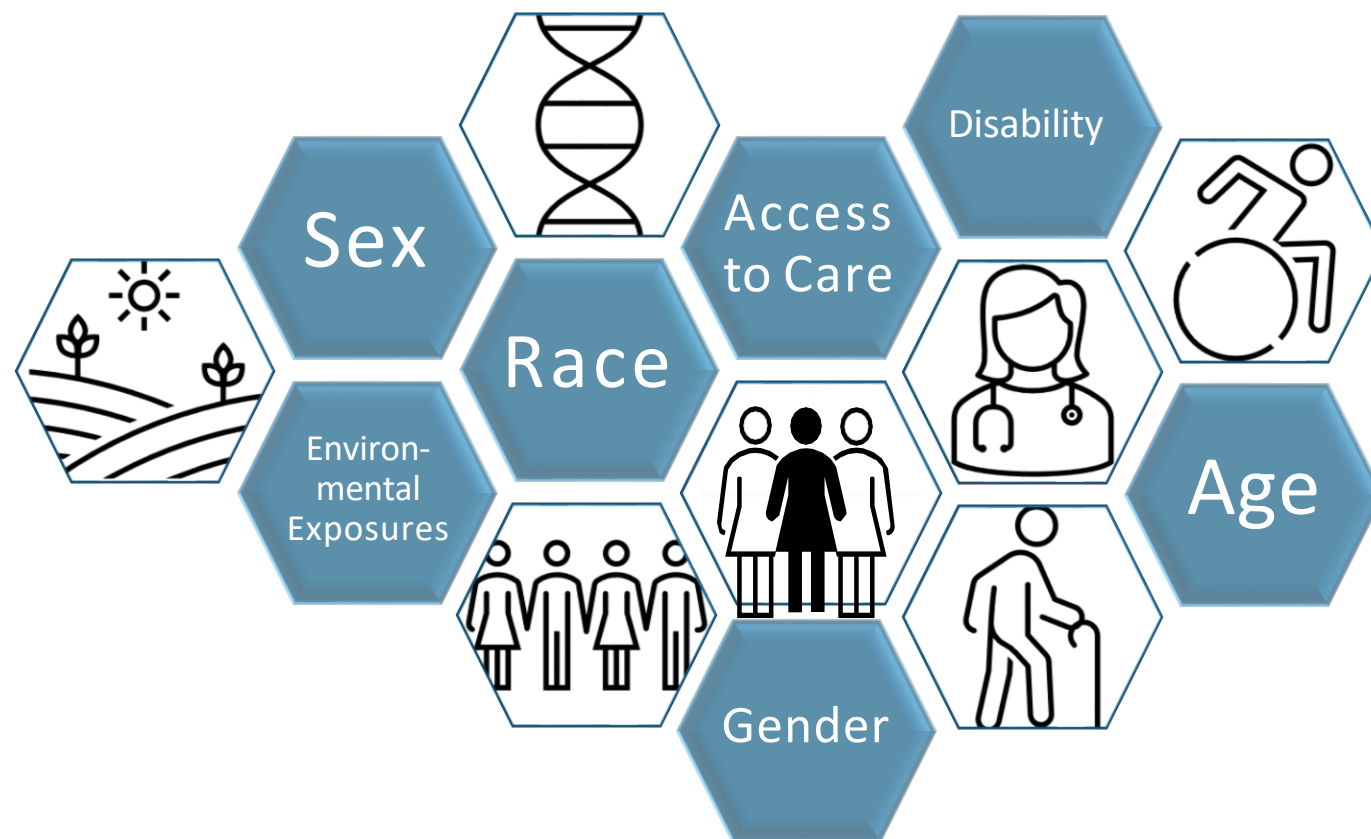
Fewer than 45% of animal studies of
anxiety and depression use female lab
animals, although these disorders are
twice as common in women.



While many brain
disorders show substantial
differences across
gender, animal studies
using only males
outnumber studies
that include females
5.5 to 1.

A woman's
risk of developing
Alzheimer's
disease is almost
2X
(TWO TIMES)
that of a man,
and not just
because women
live longer.

Society, *Policy,* and Biology Influence Human Health



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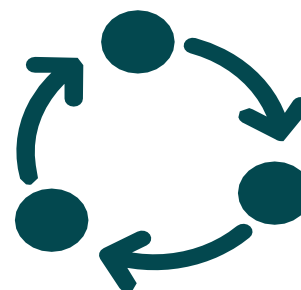
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NIH Policy and Guidelines on The Inclusion of Women and Minorities as Subjects in Clinical Research

The NIH Revitalization Act of 1993 (Public Law 103–43) directed NIH to ensure **women and racial and ethnic minorities** are appropriately represented in **NIH-funded clinical research**

2016



Inclusion Across the Lifespan Policy

Section 2038(H) of the 21st Century Cures Act requires NIH to update guidelines for the ***inclusion of women and minorities in clinical research*** to reflect ***individuals of all ages*** included in ***NIH clinical research***

Requires

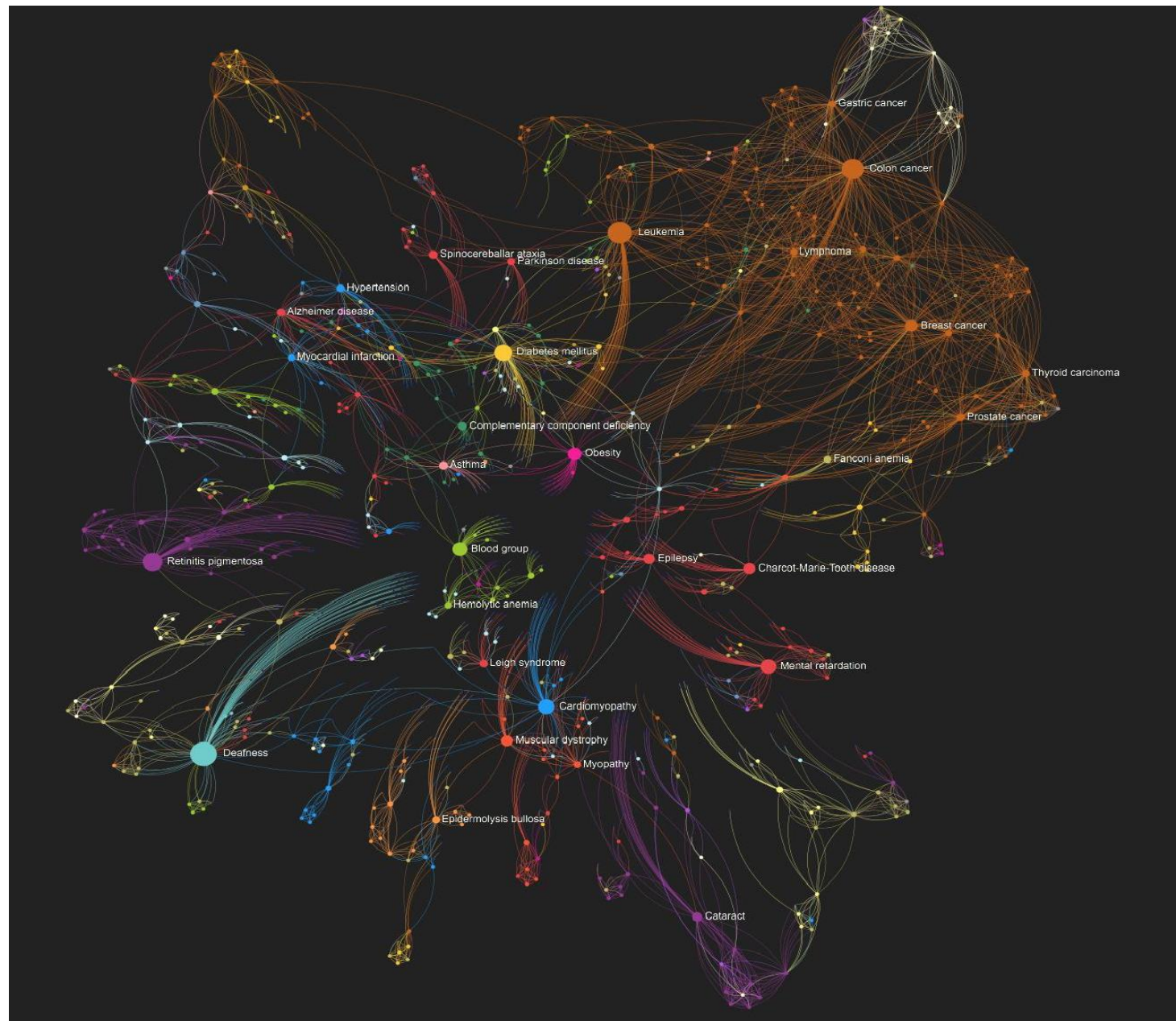
2019



Expansion of The NIH Inclusion Policy and Guidelines

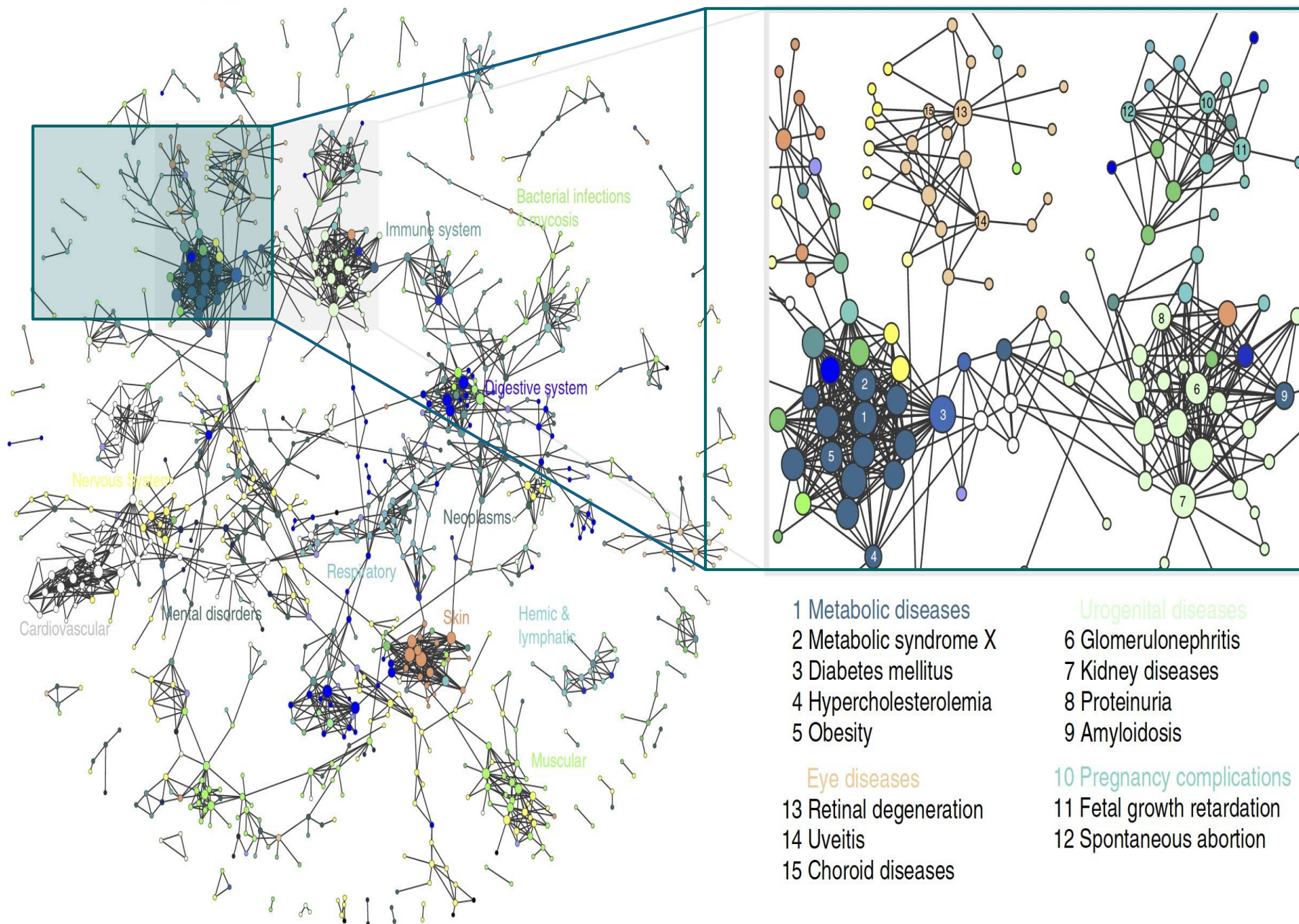
A provision was made requiring that applicable ***NIH-defined Phase III clinical trials report results of valid analysis by sex/gender, race, and ethnicity*** on ClinicalTrials.gov.

Society, Policy, and Biology Influence Human Health



Greene, CS, et al, (2015) *Nature Genetics*, 47, 569-576. <https://doi.org/10.1038/ng.3259>
<https://visual.ly/community/interactive-graphic/health/network-graph-human-diseases>

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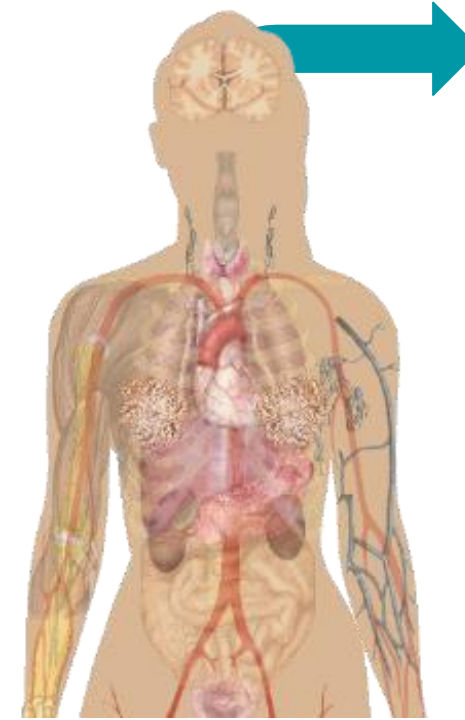
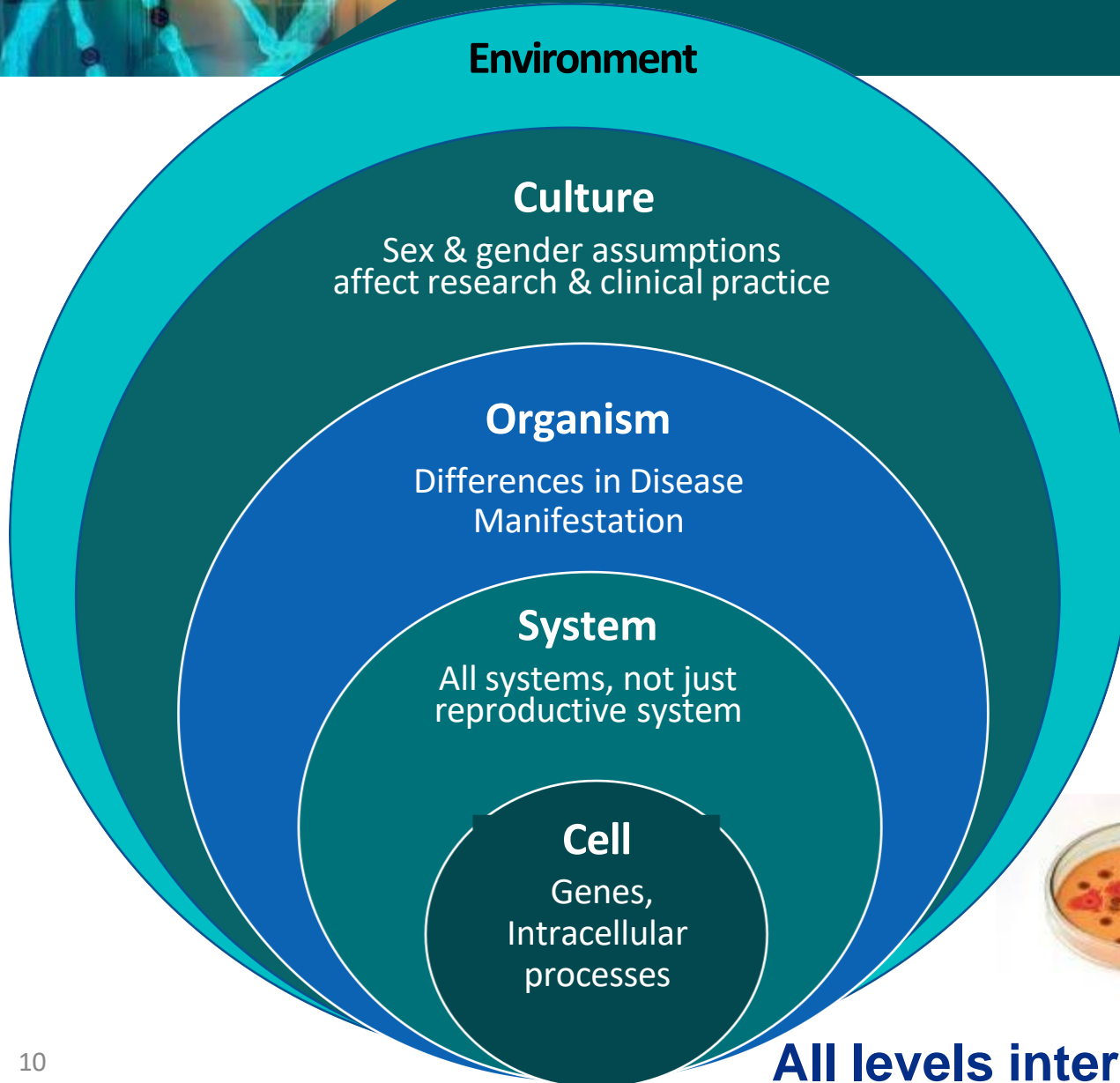


Women and Men May Follow Different Paths to Disease and Health



Starting Point: Sex-specific
Physiology, Causes, and
Risk Factors

Biopsychosocial Interactions of Biology and Culture



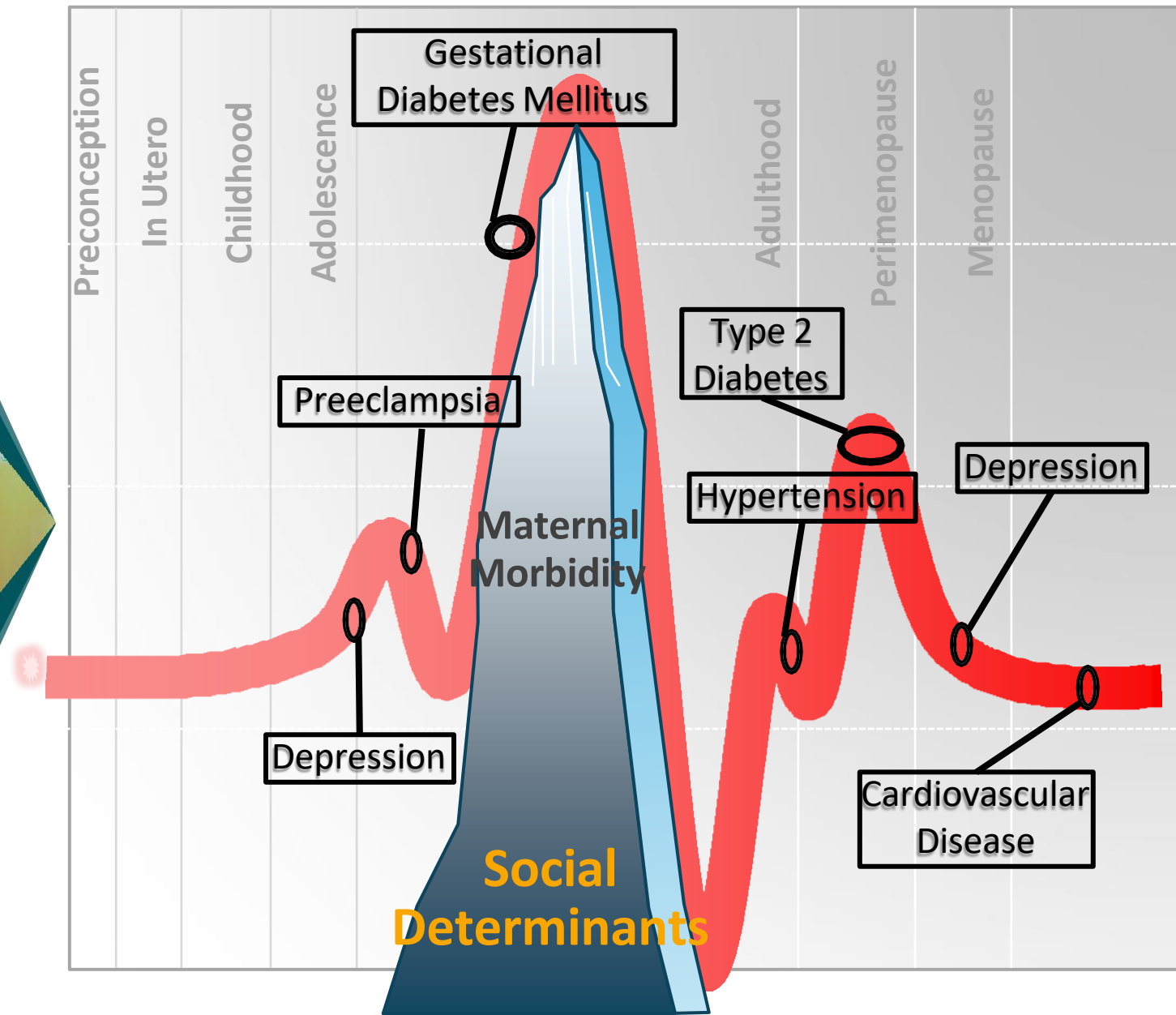
Gendered assumptions affect the *nature*, *interactions*, and *practices* of research

- Researchers
- Research participants,
- Communities
- Institutions



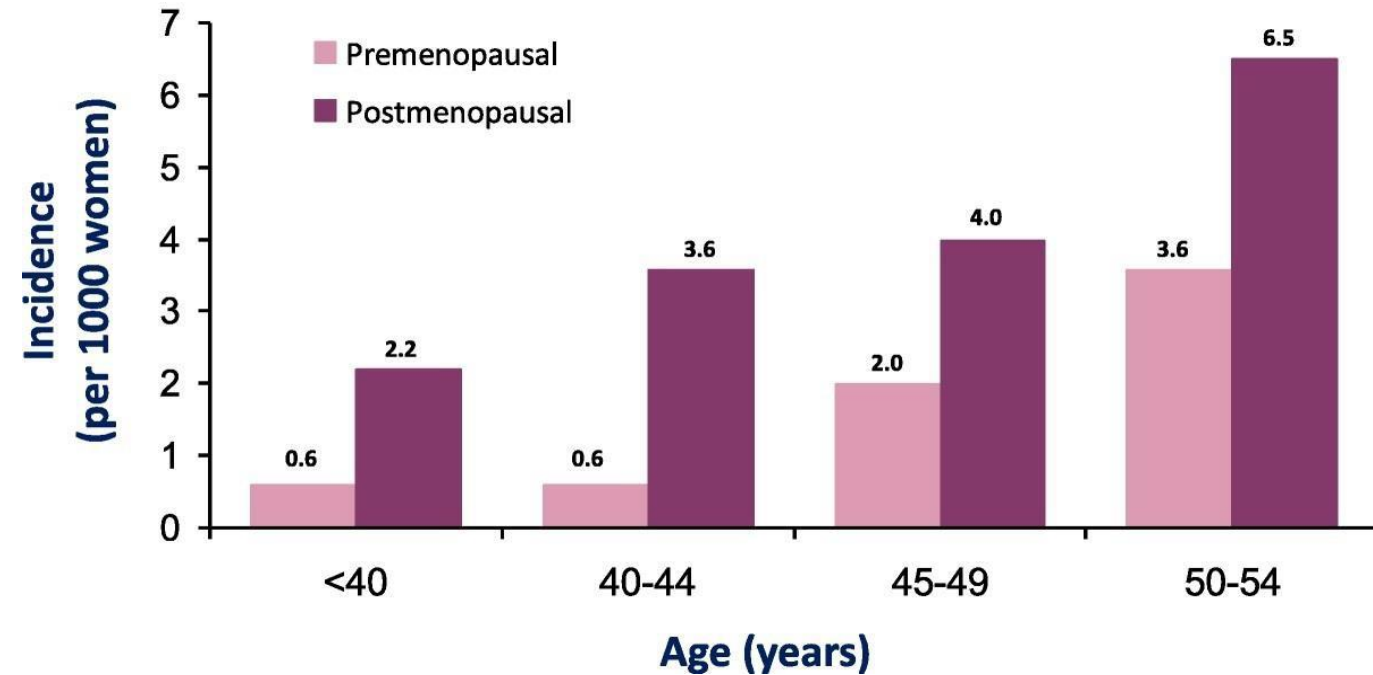
All levels interact and simultaneously influence each other

Pregnancy: Can be a Stress Test



**Midlife:
Pivotal Time for
Chronic Disease
Onset Among
Women**

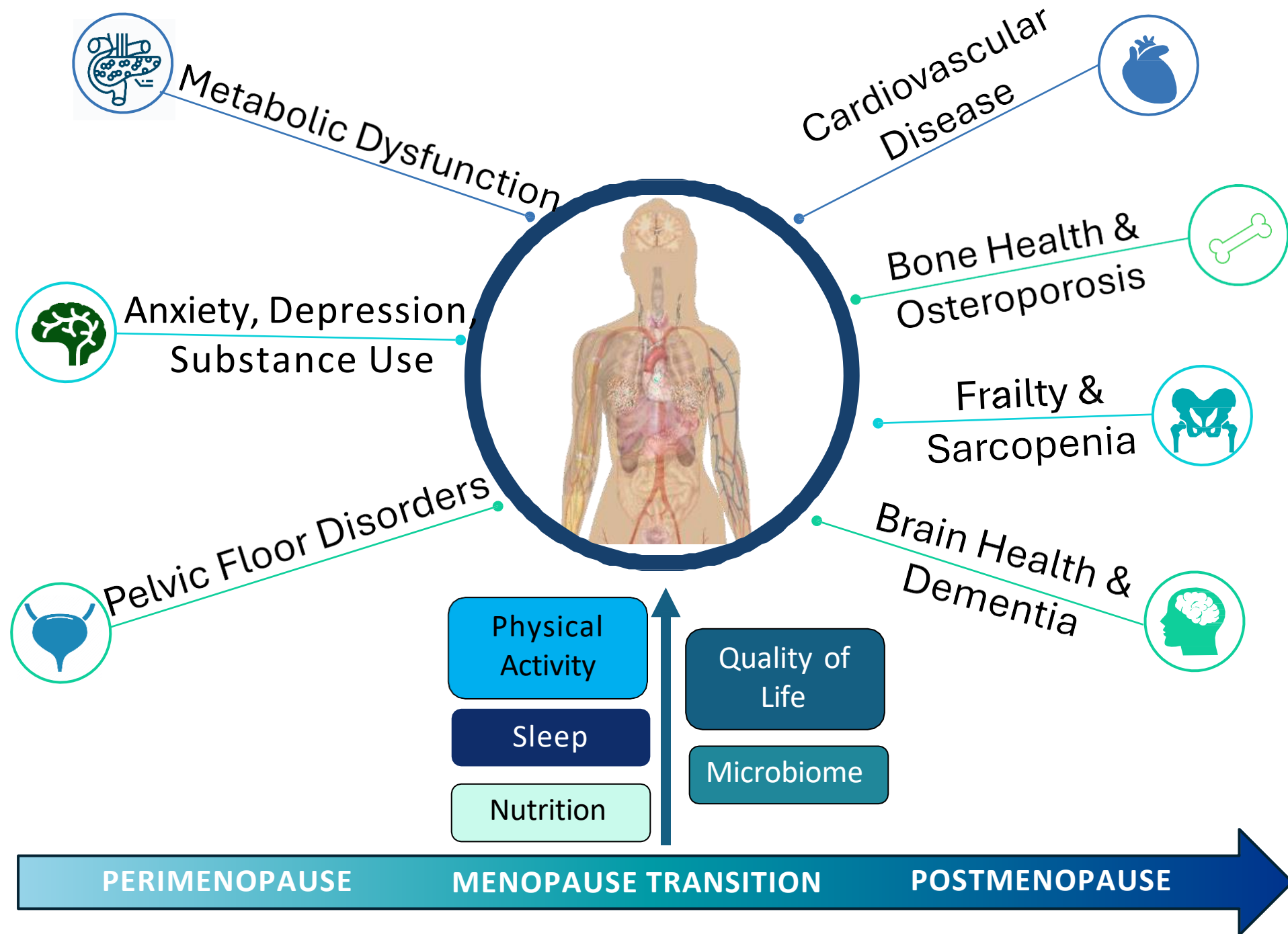
Postmenopausal Women: *At Significantly Higher Cardiovascular Disease Risk Than Premenopausal Women*






***CRITICAL: Address role of menopause in health
of midlife women for preventing, diagnosing,
and treating chronic disease(s)***



Systems Biology and the Midlife Health of Women



Defining
Women's
Health

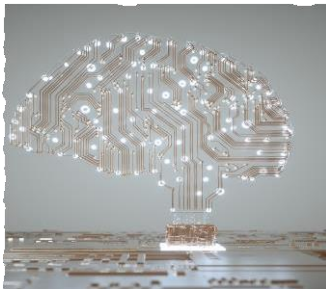
Condition Type	Examples
Distinctly Female Specific	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Endometriosis</i>• <i>Cervical Cancer</i>• <i>Menopause</i> 
Disproportionately Impact Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Autoimmune Disease</i>• <i>Osteoarthritis</i>• <i>Chronic Pain</i> 
Present and Progress Differently in Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Cardiovascular Disease</i>• <i>Stroke</i>• <i>Metabolic Disorders</i> 

Menopause

Menopause is the first 12 months after a woman's last period

- Menopause is a “stress test” that may help predict later-life health concerns
 - Menopausal transition, perimenopause, typically between the ages of 45 and 55
 - **Affects women differently**
 - Irregular periods, vaginal dryness
 - Hot flashes, chills, night sweats
 - Sleep problems and mood changes
 - Weight gain and slowed metabolism
 - Thinning hair and dry skin; loss of breast fullness
 - **Leads to brain changes among women**
 - Significantly impacts
 - Brain structure and functions
 - Connectivity, metabolic functioning during hormonal and chronological aging of the female brain

**Distinctly
Female**



Autoimmune Diseases

Disproportionately
Impacts Women

Brain & Nervous System

Multiple Sclerosis

Eye and Mouth

Sjogren's Syndrome
Uveitis (eye)

Lungs

Autoimmune
Pulmonary Fibrosis

Thyroid

Grave's Disease/Hashimoto's
Thyroiditis

Kidneys

Lupus
Juvenile Diabetes
Glomerulonephritis

Heart

Cardiomyopathy
Autoimmune Myocarditis

Gastrointestinal

Crohn's Disease
Celiac Sprue

Skin

Pemphigus
Scleroderma

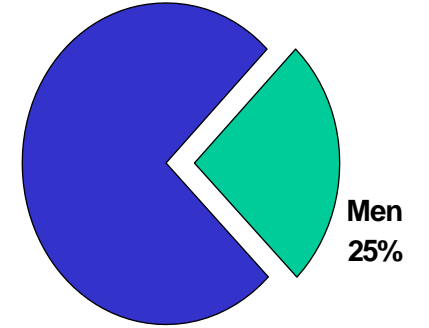
Joints

Rheumatoid Arthritis

Blood

Hemolytic Anemia
Neutropenia
Autoimmune Thrombocytopenic Purpura
Pernicious anemia

Women
75%



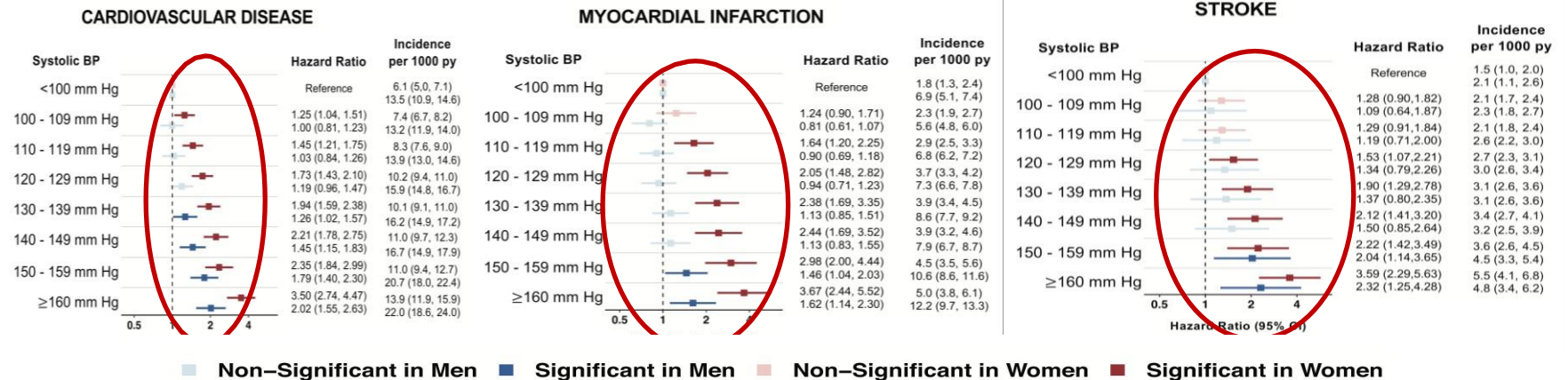
Men
25%

- Autoimmune diseases affect 7-8% of population (23.5 million Americans)
- 4X more women than men affected by autoimmune diseases

Cardiovascular Disease

Present and
Progress
Differently in
Women

- Women with **myocardial infarction** receive *less guideline-based diagnosis* and less-invasive treatment than men¹
- Women with **atrial fibrillation** receive *less anticoagulation treatment with warfarin* (with greater risk for stroke than men)²
- Women *less likely to receive **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation** (CPRP from EMTs at an*



⁽¹⁾ Regitz-Zagrosek V. Therapeutic implications of the gender-specific aspects of cardiovascular disease. Nat Rev Drug Discov 2006; 5: 425–438.

⁽²⁾ Humphries KH et al. New-onset atrial fibrillation: sex differences in presentation, treatment, and outcome. Circulation 2001; 103: 2365–2370.

⁽³⁾ Rubenson Wahlin R, et al. Do male and female trauma patients receive the same prehospital care?: an observational follow-up study. BMC Emerg Med. 2016; 16: 6

Regitz-Zagrosek V. Sex and gender differences in health. EMBO Rep. 2012 Jul; 13(7): 596–603

Gaps and Incomplete Knowledge



U.S. Department of
Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease
Control and Prevention














About 20% of women
report mistreatment while
receiving maternity care

THE LANCET

Globally, cancer
ranks in **Top 3**
Causes of
Premature
mortality
among women

80%

People living
with
autoimmune
diseases are
women

Risk factors 	Diagnosis 	Treatment 	Outcomes 
 Differences in prevalence of risk factors	 Less complete evaluations	 Less likely given IV rtPA; more likely given endovascular thrombectomy	 Larger number of deaths per year
 Differences in strength of the risk factors	 More likely diagnosed with stroke mimic	 Under-representation of women in trials	 Higher disability after stroke
 Sex specific risk factors (APO, early menopause, hormonal factors)		Strokes in Women¹	

¹Rexrode, et al. 2022. *Circ Res*. DOI: 10.1161/CIRCRESAHA.121.319915

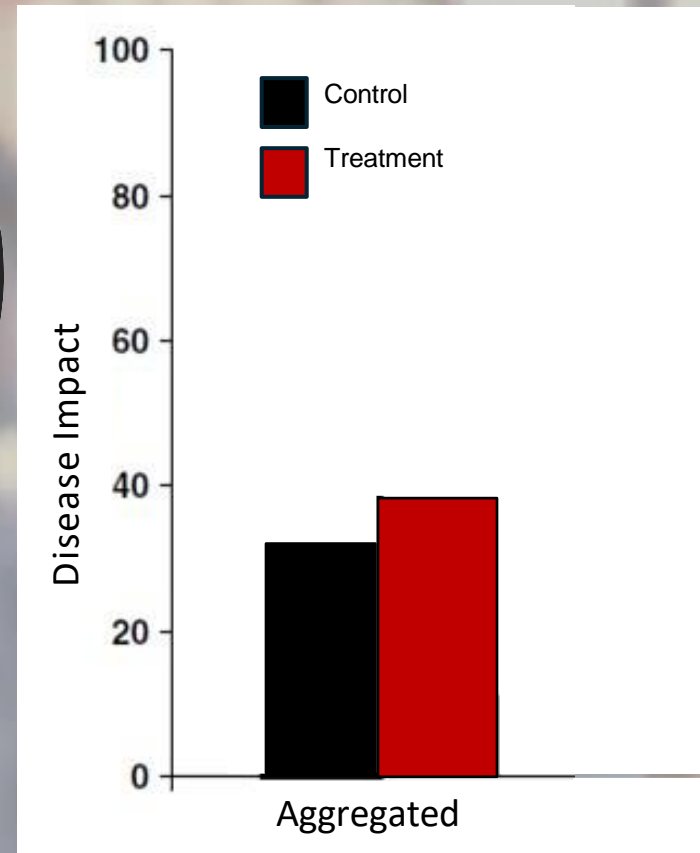
²Presto, et al. 2022. *Neuropharmacology*. DOI: 10.1016/j.neuropharm.2022.109030

Disaggregating Results by Sex Reveals Differences

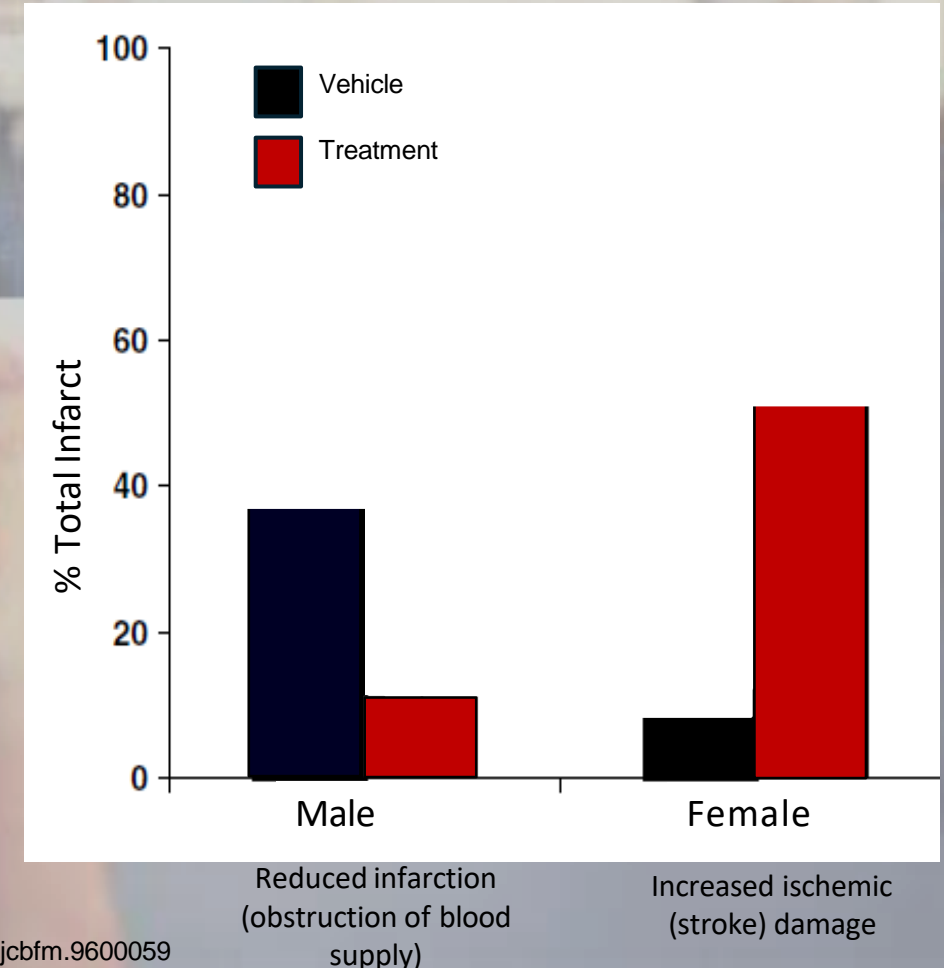
Study produced novel findings due to disaggregating results by sex

**HIDING IN
PLAIN
SIGHT**

Aggregated Results



Disaggregated Results



Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) Mission



Enhance and expand
women's health research



Include women and minority
groups in clinical research



Promote career advancement
for women in biomedical careers

National Institutes of Health (NIH) Vision



Sex and gender integrated
into biomedical research



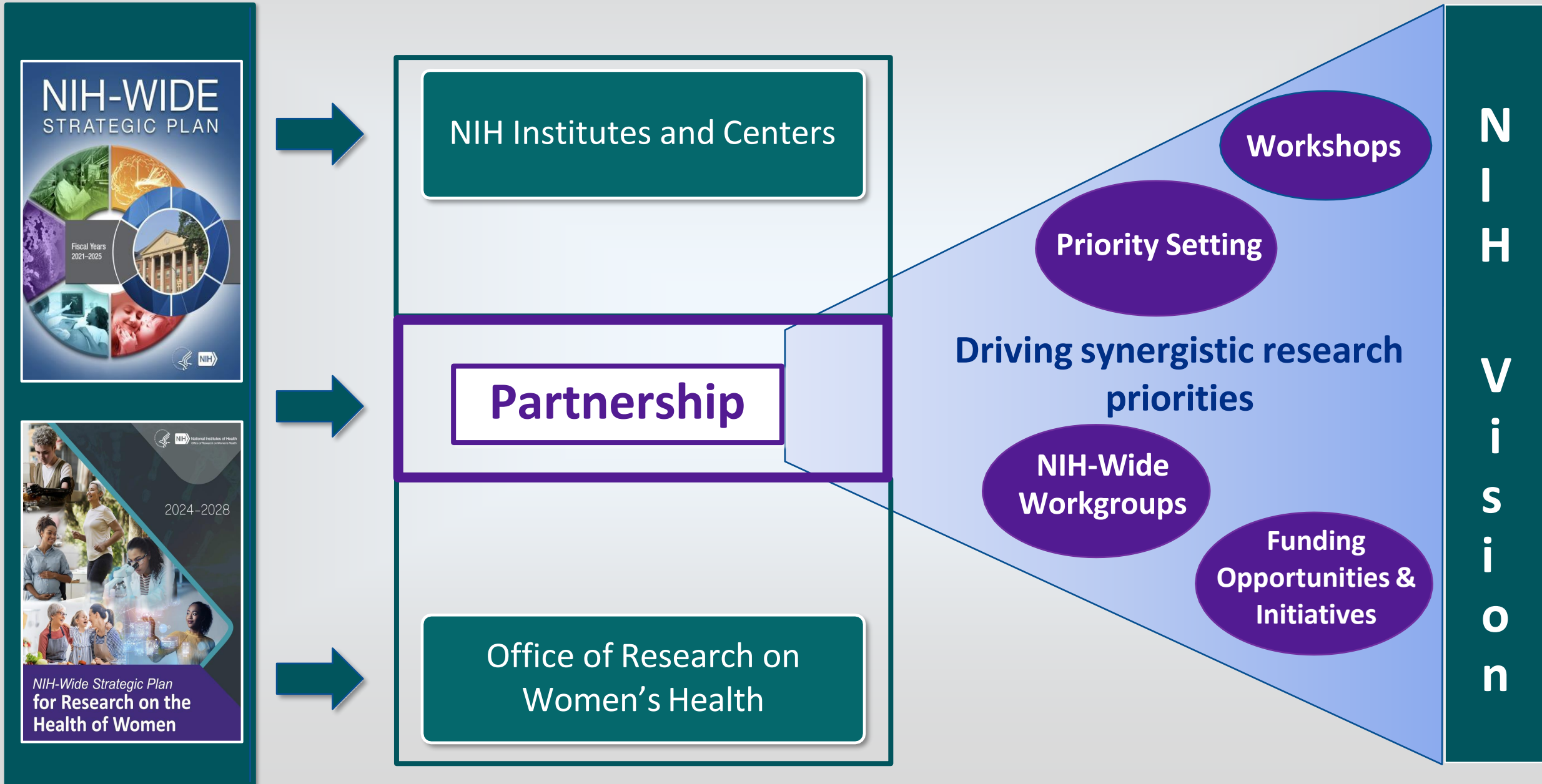
Every woman receives
evidence-based care



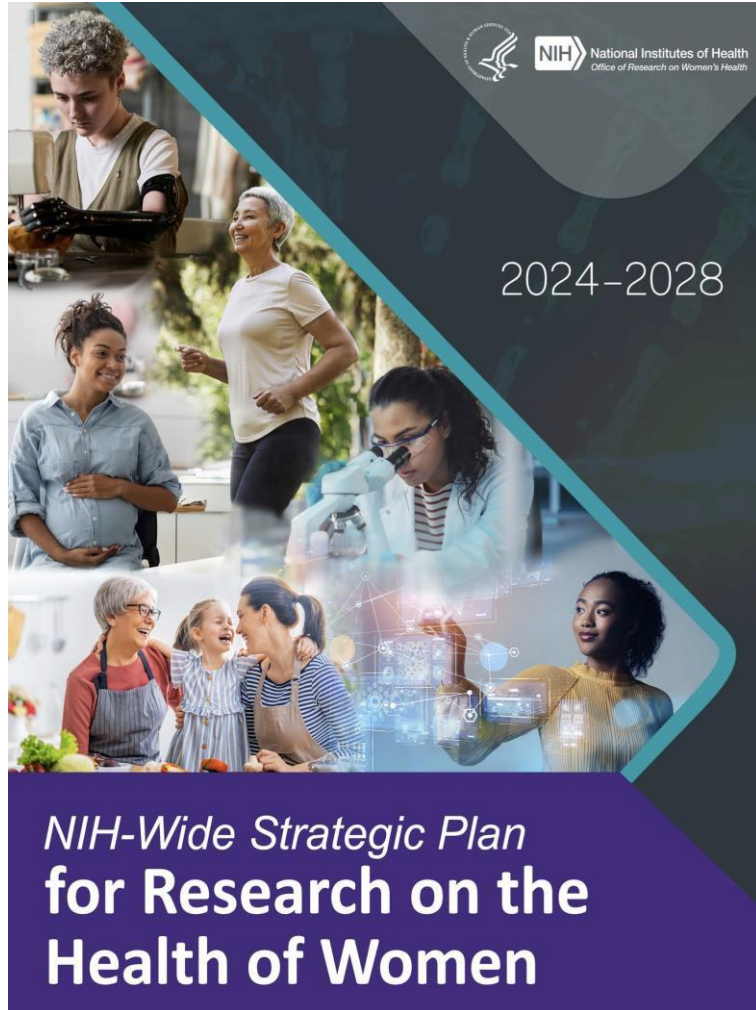
Women in science
careers reach their full
potential



Collaboration is Key to Women's Health Research at NIH



2024-2028 NIH-Wide Strategic Plan for Women's Health Research





Incorporating **Sex & Gender** Across the Research Continuum Advances Rigor, Discovery, Innovation, and Equity

Preclinical Studies | Translational | Phase I, II, III, IV Clinical Trials



Laboratory



Healthy
People



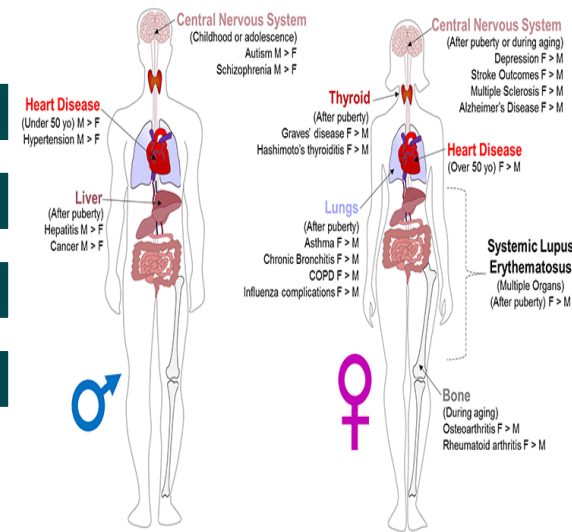
Clinic

Cell, Animal Studies | Sex-specific Results Reporting | Sex Analyses

Health & Science Policy | Health Care | Careers & Education



Hormones



Social, Psychological, & Cultural Factors



NIH Sex & Gender Website

¹Exploring the Biological Contributions to Human Health: Does Sex Matter, IOM Report , 2001

²The Integration of Sex and Gender Considerations into Biomedical Research: Lessons from International Funding Agencies, JCEM, 2021

Advancing the Health of Women Through NIH Institute/Center/Office (ICO) Collaborations

BIRCWH

Building
Interdisciplinary
Research
Careers in
Women's
Health
8 ICOs*

Mentored
Career
Development



SCORE

Specialized
Centers of
Research
Excellence on
Sex Differences
6 ICOs*

Disease-
Agnostic
Research
Centers



RFA-OD-22-014

Administrative Supplements

Sex and Gender

22 ICOs*

Understudied,
Underrepresented, &
Underreported (U3)

16 ICOs*

Funding Program
to Expand Sex &
Gender Data



R01

Intersection of
sex & gender
influences on
health &
disease

11 ICOs*

Sex & Gender
Influences on
Health &
Disease



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R21 & R01

Understanding
Chronic Conditions
Understudied
Among Women

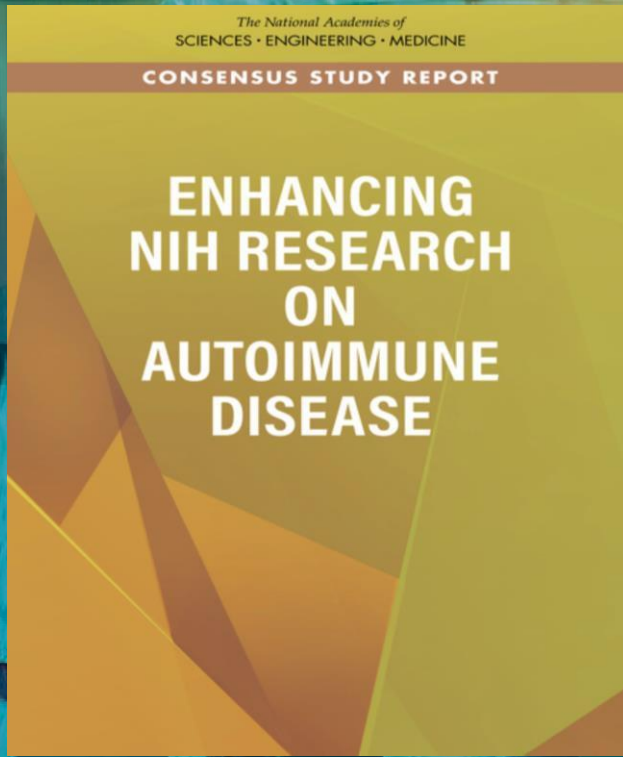
6 ICOs*

*Perspectives on
Advancing NIH Research
to Inform and Improve
the Health of Women
Health Conference
Report (2021)*



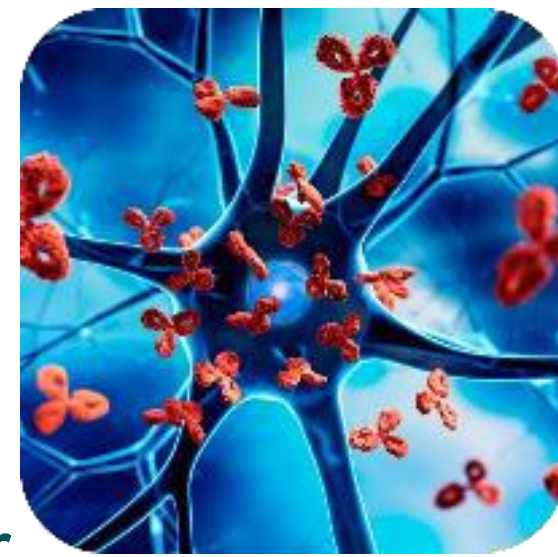
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NIH Office of Autoimmune Disease Research (OADR-ORWH)



<https://nap.nationalacademies.org/catalog/26554/enhancing-nih-research-on-autoimmune-disease>

- *Coordinate NIH Strategic Research Plan*
 - *Identify innovation and research opportunities*
 - *Coordinate & foster trans-NIH collaborative research*
 - *Annual NIH autoimmune disease research portfolio evaluation*
 - *Provide resources to support planning, innovation, and collaboration*
- *Develop publicly accessible central autoimmune disease research repository*





SABV

More
Complete
Knowledge
Base

Effective
January 25, 2016

Path to Better Science and Health Equity

Improves design of **clinical research and trials**

Informs sex- and gender-aware.

Diagnosis and treatment

Enables **individualized approaches**
for women and men

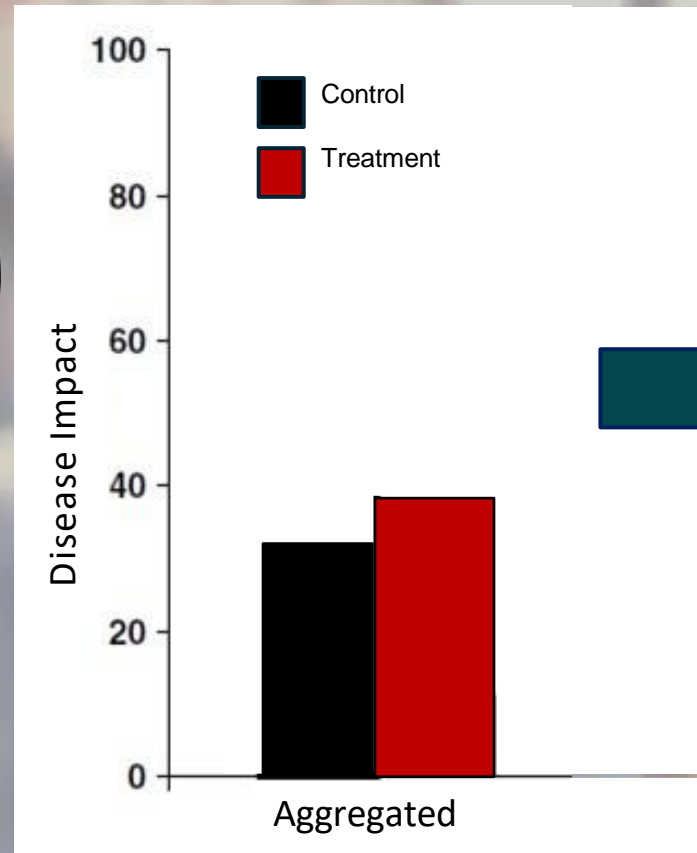
Fosters **system-based understanding** of
sex and gender influences on health & disease

Disaggregating Results by Sex Reveals Differences

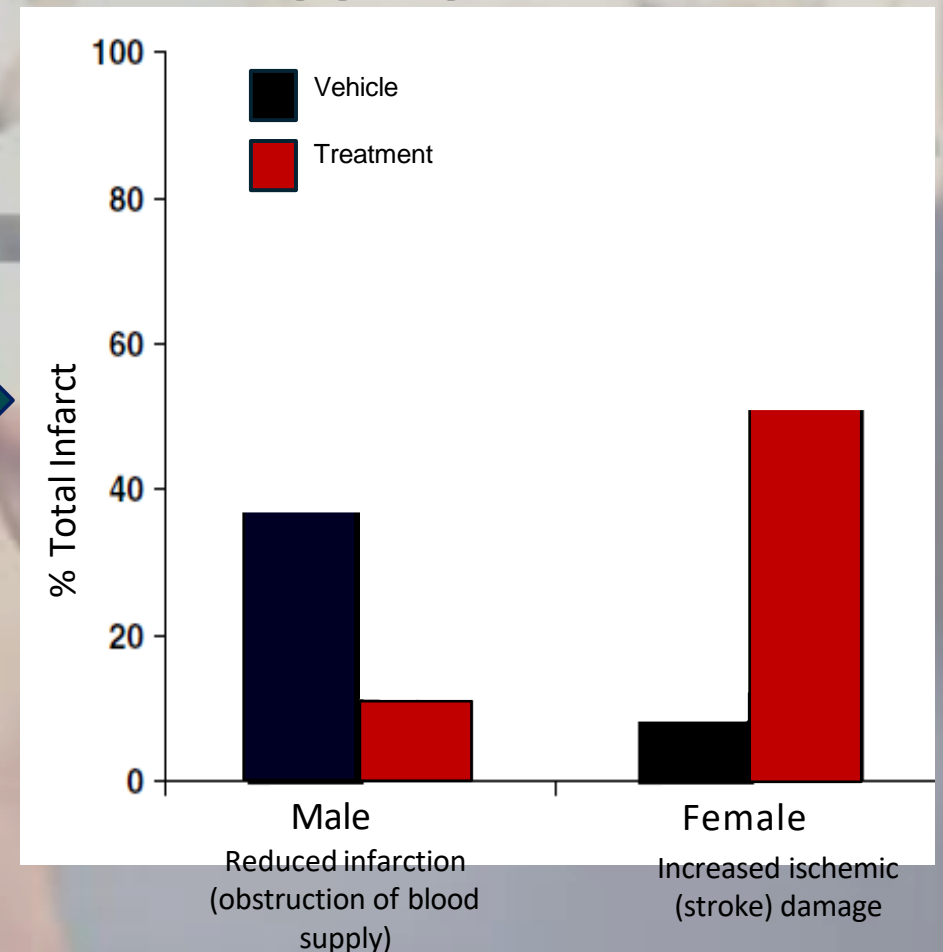
Novel Findings Due to Disaggregated Analysis by Sex

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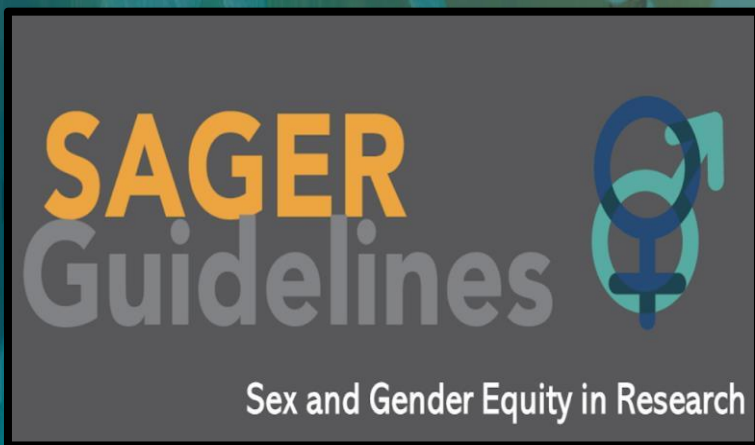
Aggregated Results



Disaggregated Results



Sex and Gender Equity in Research (SAGER) Guidelines



Authors should use the terms *sex* and *gender* carefully to avoid confusing both terms

Where subjects can be differentiated by gender (social and cultural circumstances), research should be conducted similarly at this additional level of distinction

Research organisms capable of differentiation by sex, and research should be designed to reveal sex-related differences in the results, even if not initially expected

Adoption of SAGER Guidelines



World Health Organization adopts SAGER
A significant step to bridge the gender evidence gap

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EDITORIAL | 18 May 2022

Nature journals raise the bar on sex and gender reporting in research

Authors will be prompted to provide details on how sex and gender were considered in study design.



White House Women's Health Research Initiative

NOVEMBER 17, 2023

Launch of White House Initiative on Women's Health Research



GPC BRIEFING ROOM BLOG

On November 13, President Biden announced the first-ever White House Initiative on Women's Health Research, an effort led by First Lady Jill Biden and the White House Gender Policy Council.



Executive Order 14120: Advancing Women's Health Research and Innovation



Directs most comprehensive set of executive actions to expand and improve research on women's health



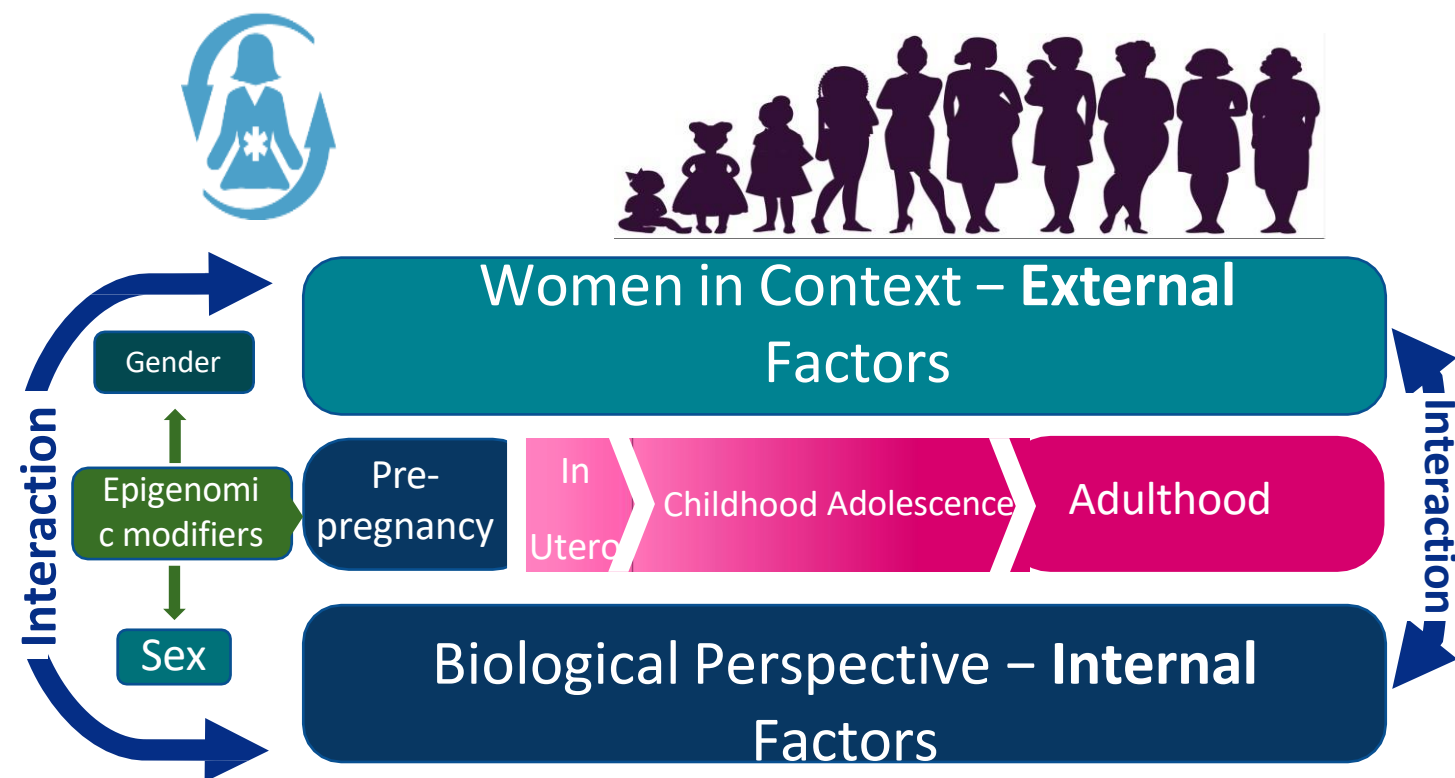
- **Integrates Women's Health Across the Federal Research Portfolio** | *develop and strengthen research and data standards* on women's health across all relevant research and funding opportunities
- **Prioritizes Investments in Women's Health Research** | towards funding and encourages *high-impact research and innovation*
- **Galvanizes New Research on Women's Midlife Health** | narrow research gaps more likely to *occur after menopause and diseases and conditions associated with women's midlife health*
- **Assesses Unmet Needs to Support Women's Health Research** | *determine gaps in federal funding for women's health research and identify changes*—whether statutory, regulatory, or budgetary—that are needed to maximally support the broad scope of women's health research.

MARCH 18, 2024

Executive Order Extends Across U.S. Government Partners



Transforming Women's Health Throughout the Lifespan



NIH-wide FY2025 \$200M Launch

- Close women's health research gaps across the lifespan
- New, interdisciplinary women's health research traversing traditional NIH Institute and Centers' missions

Co-chaired: NIH Office and Institute Directors

- **Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH)**
- National Institute on Aging (NIA)
- National Institute on Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Disease (NIAMS)
- *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
- National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI)

NEW


Notice of Special Interest: Women's Health Research

First Available Due Date: May 6, 2024

Expiration Date: November 5, 2027



<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-24-079.html>

- Aligned with  *White House Initiative on Women's Health Research*
- **Highlights NIH interest** in receiving research applications focused on diseases and health conditions that:
 - **predominantly affect women** (e.g., autoimmune diseases; depressive disorders, Alzheimer's disease and Alzheimer's disease-related dementias, gender-based-violence)
 - **present and progress differently in women** (e.g., cardiovascular disease; HIV; reproductive aging and its implications), or
 - **are female-specific** (e.g., uterine fibroids; endometriosis; menopause)

NEW

The NIH Women's Health Funding FRONT DOOR



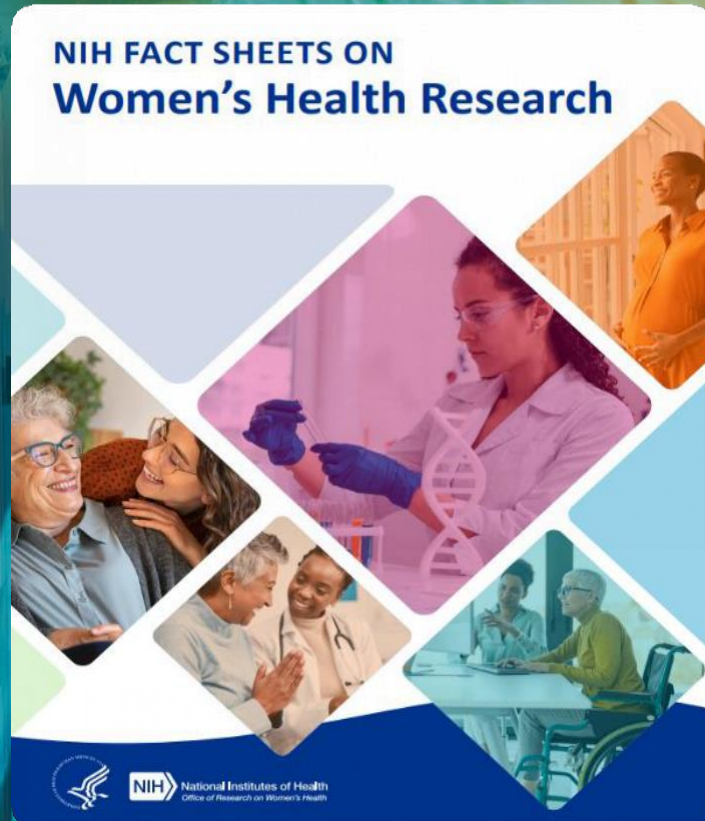
NIH Women's Health Funding Opportunities

- ***ORWH Opportunities and Notices***
- ***ORWH Participating*** Funding Opportunities and Notices
- **Additional NIH Women's Health Funding Opportunities**
 - Highlights +45 NIH Notices of **Funding Opportunities (NOFOs)** advancing research for the health of women
 - Features ~200 NOFOs (*Regularly Updated*)

<https://orwh.od.nih.gov/mmm-portal/funding-opportunities>

NEW

NIH FACT SHEETS on Women's Health Research



<https://orwh.od.nih.gov/in-the-spotlight/all-articles/new-resource-nih-fact-sheets-on-womens-health-research-highlights-key-womens-health-issues>

Highlights Department of Health and Human Services *Priority Topics* and *Federally Supported Research*

The Fact Sheets: *State-of-the-Science for Women's Health*

- Autoimmune Diseases
- Cancer
- Cardiovascular Disease
- Dementia
- HIV
- Maternal Morbidity and Mortality
- Menopause
- Mental Health
- Substance Use
- Violence Against Women

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The Pulse Monthly Email

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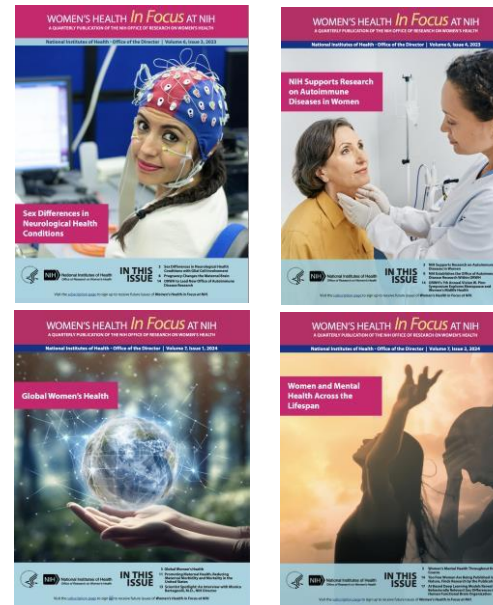
EVENTS

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Women, Science, and the Impact of COVID-19

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WOMEN'S HEALTH *In Focus* AT NIH A QUARTERLY PUBLICATION OF THE NIH OFFICE OF RESEARCH ON WOMEN'S HEALTH



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NIH.gov/women

E-LEARNING

Free
CMEs
available

- Bench to Bedside: Integrating Sex & Gender to Improve Human Health
- SABV Primer
- SABV Primer Instructor Guide
- Intro. to Scientific Basis of Sex- & Gender-Related Differences

bit.ly/ORWHeLearning

www.nih.gov/women

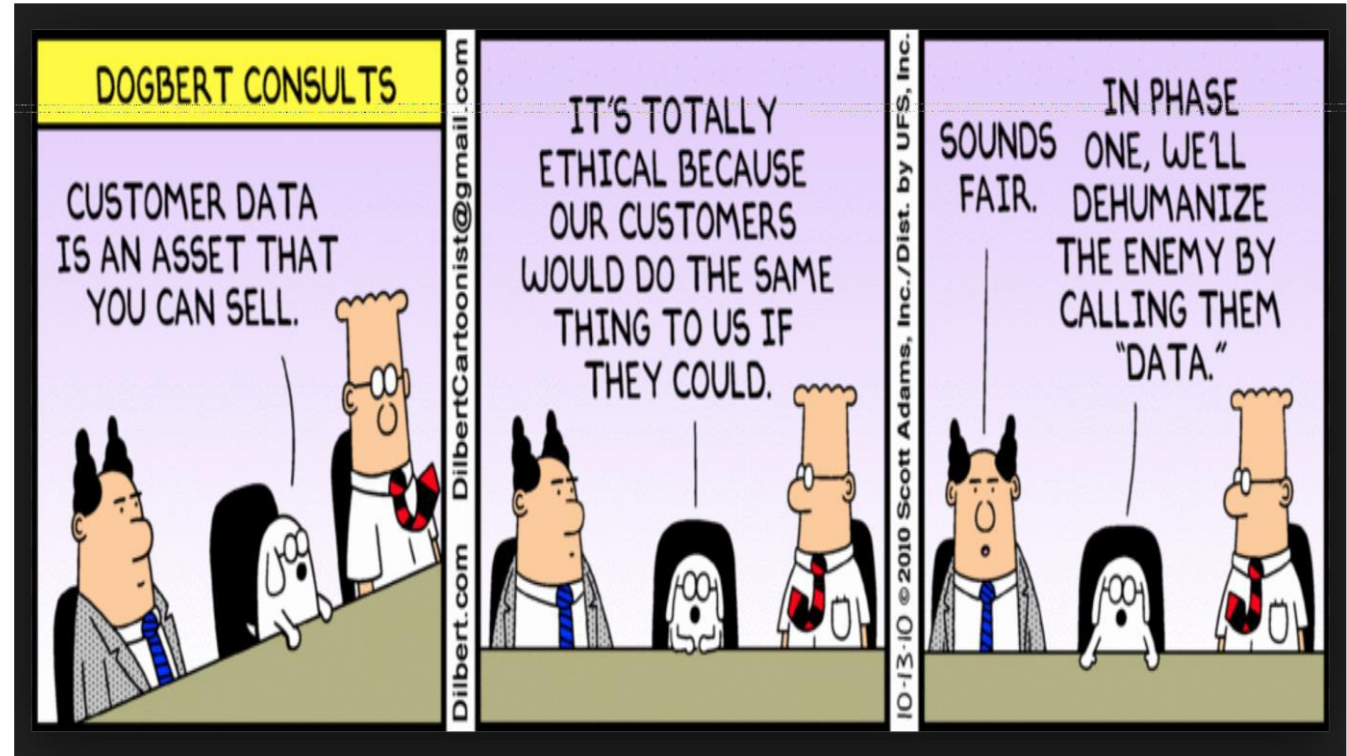


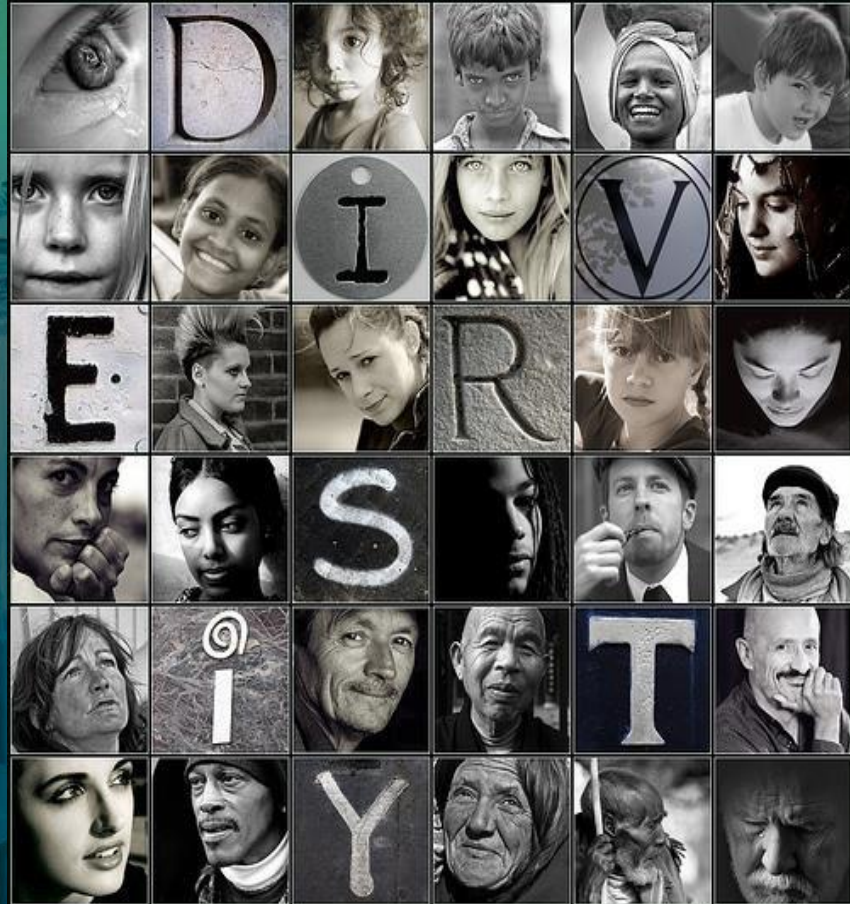
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*- Toni Morrison
Beloved*





If not designed
to address equity,
research
will perpetuate
disparities
and injustices

- me



Revolutionizing Biological Research with the NIH Comparative Genomics Resource (CGR)

Terence Murphy, Ph.D. 7/24/2024

Why We Are Here

In what ways does your work relate to CGR-related resources?

Where do you think CGR might have the greatest impact on your goals?

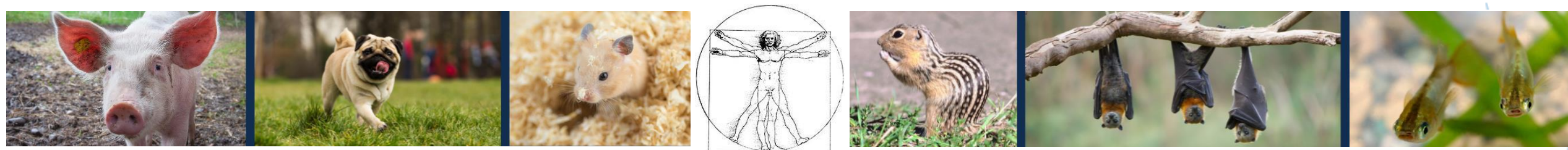
What types of CGR-engagement opportunities might be most valuable?

Outline

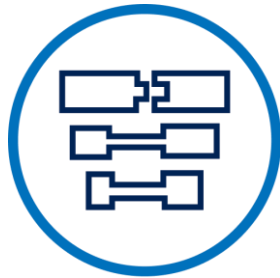
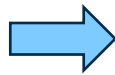
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- The Value of Research Organisms
- Problem
- CGR Solution
- CGR Impact
- What's Next



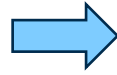
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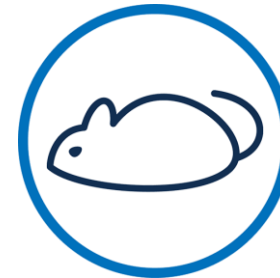
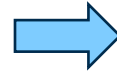
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phenotype



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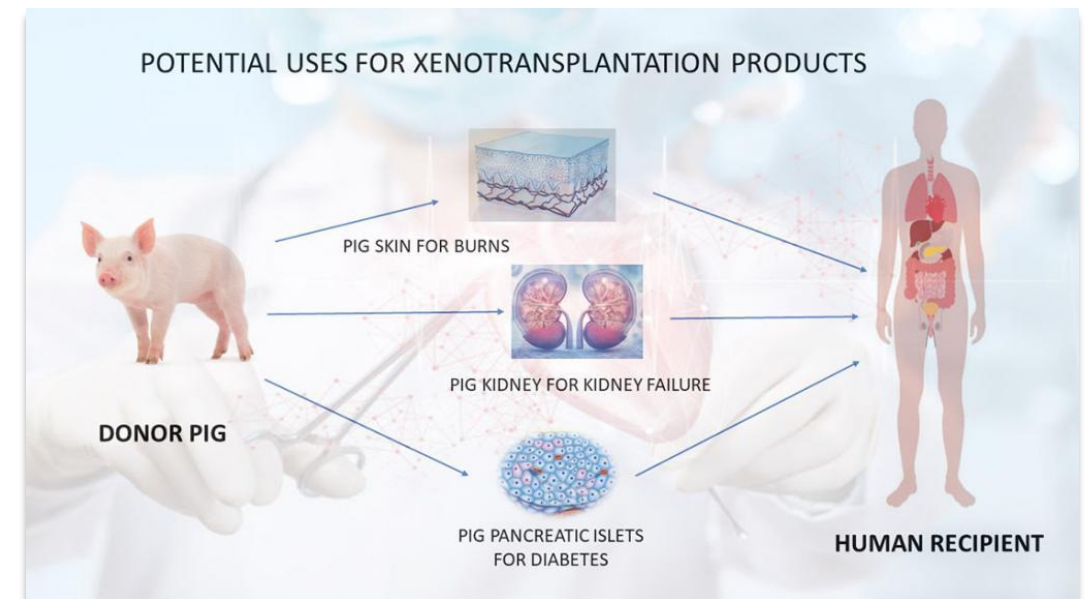
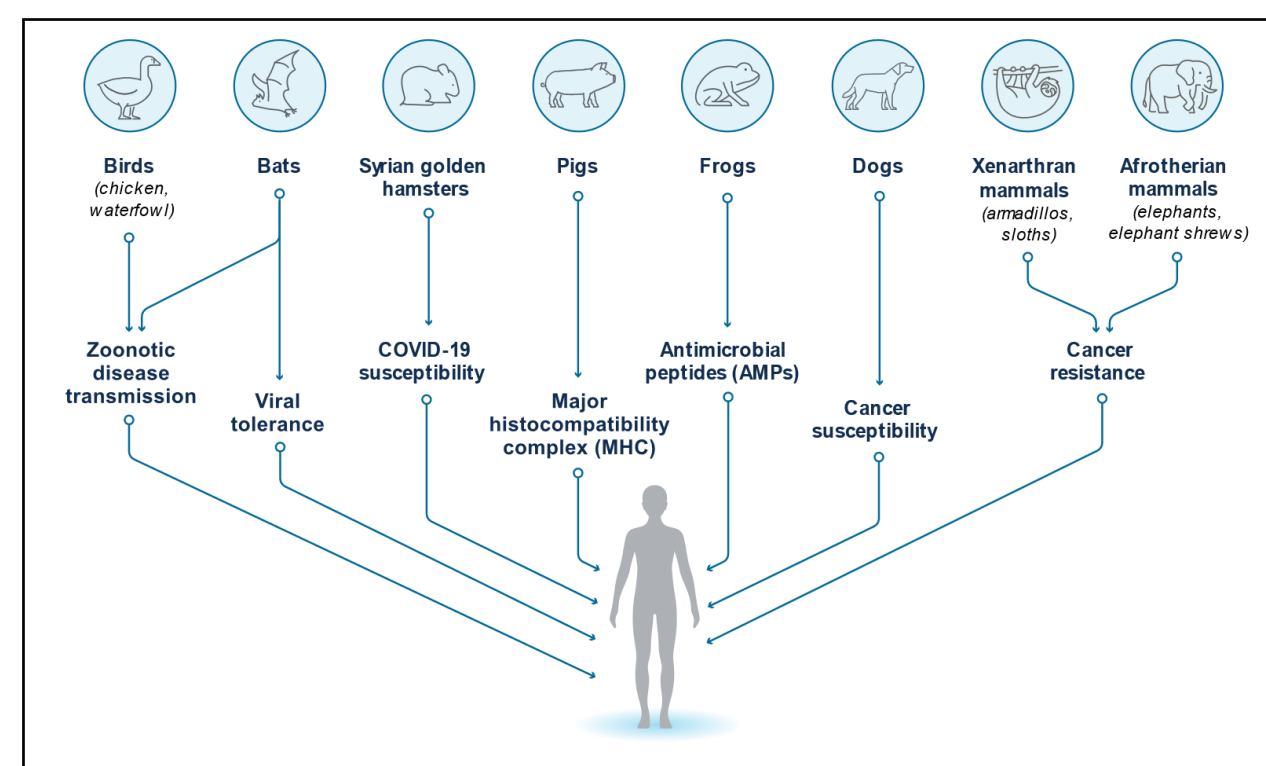
The Value of Research Organisms

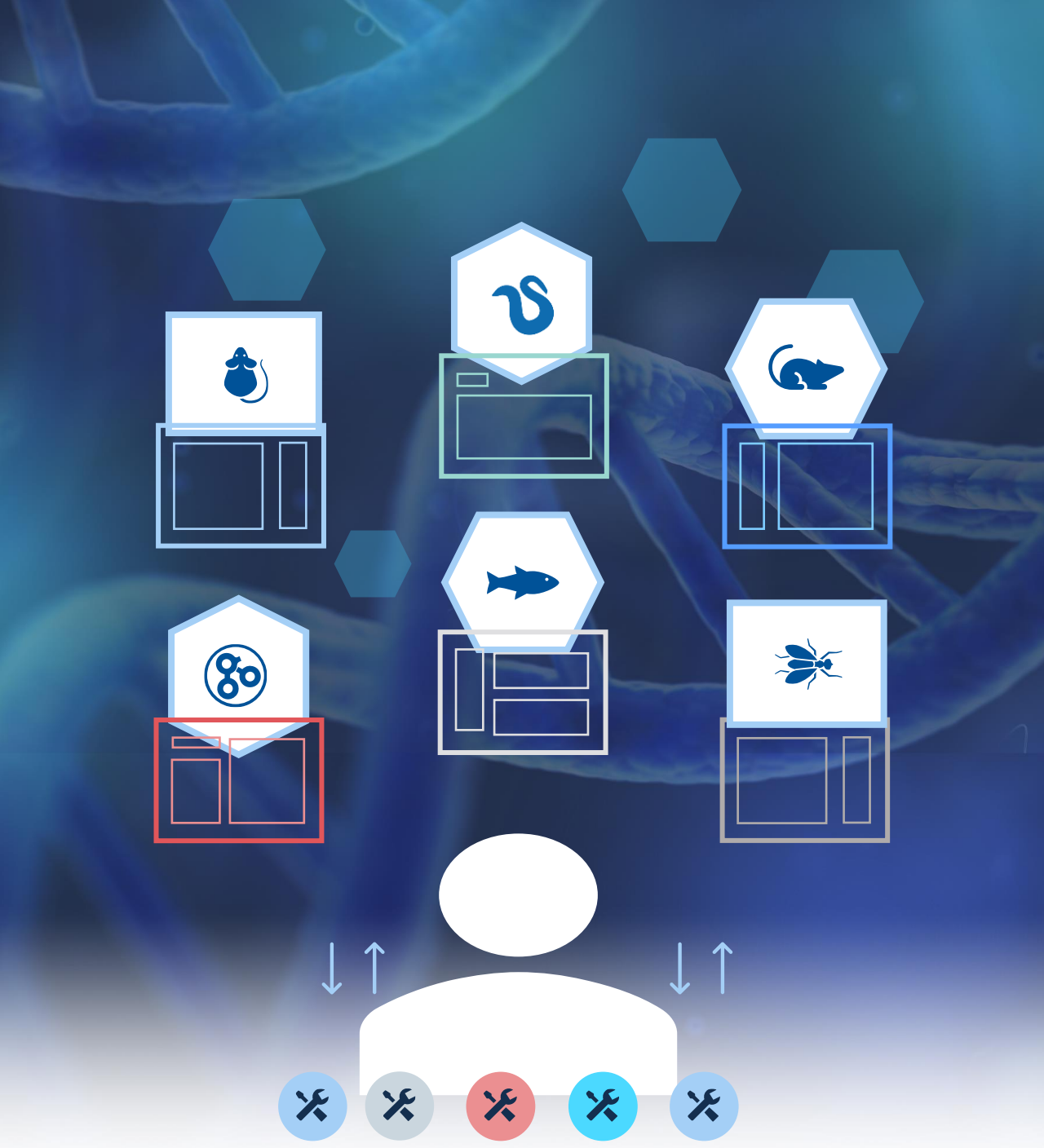
Understand Basic Biological Processes & Human Disease

Broad host range of SARS-CoV-2 predicted by comparative and structural analysis of ACE2 in vertebrates

Joana Damas^{a,1}, Graham M. Hughes^{b,1}, Kathleen C. Keough^{c,d,1}, Corrie A. Painter^{e,1}, Nicole S. Persky^{f,1}, Marco Corbo^a, Michael Hiller^{g,h,i}, Klaus-Peter Koepfli^j, Andreas R. Pfenning^k, Huabin Zhao^{l,m}, Diane P. Genereuxⁿ, Ross Swoffordⁿ, Katherine S. Pollard^{d,o,p}, Oliver A. Ryder^{q,r}, Martin T. Nweeia^{s,t,u}, Kerstin Lindblad-Toh^{n,v}, Emma C. Teeling^b, Elinor K. Karlsson^{n,w,x}, and Harris A. Lewin^{a,y,z,2}

<https://www.pnas.org/doi/10.1073/pnas.2010146117>





Problem

Comparative genomics research faces several limitations and challenges

- **Exponential data growth; variable data quality**
- Siloed data and applications
- Limited number of organisms supported
- Multiple different user interfaces
- Must download data to apply tools
- Limited scalability

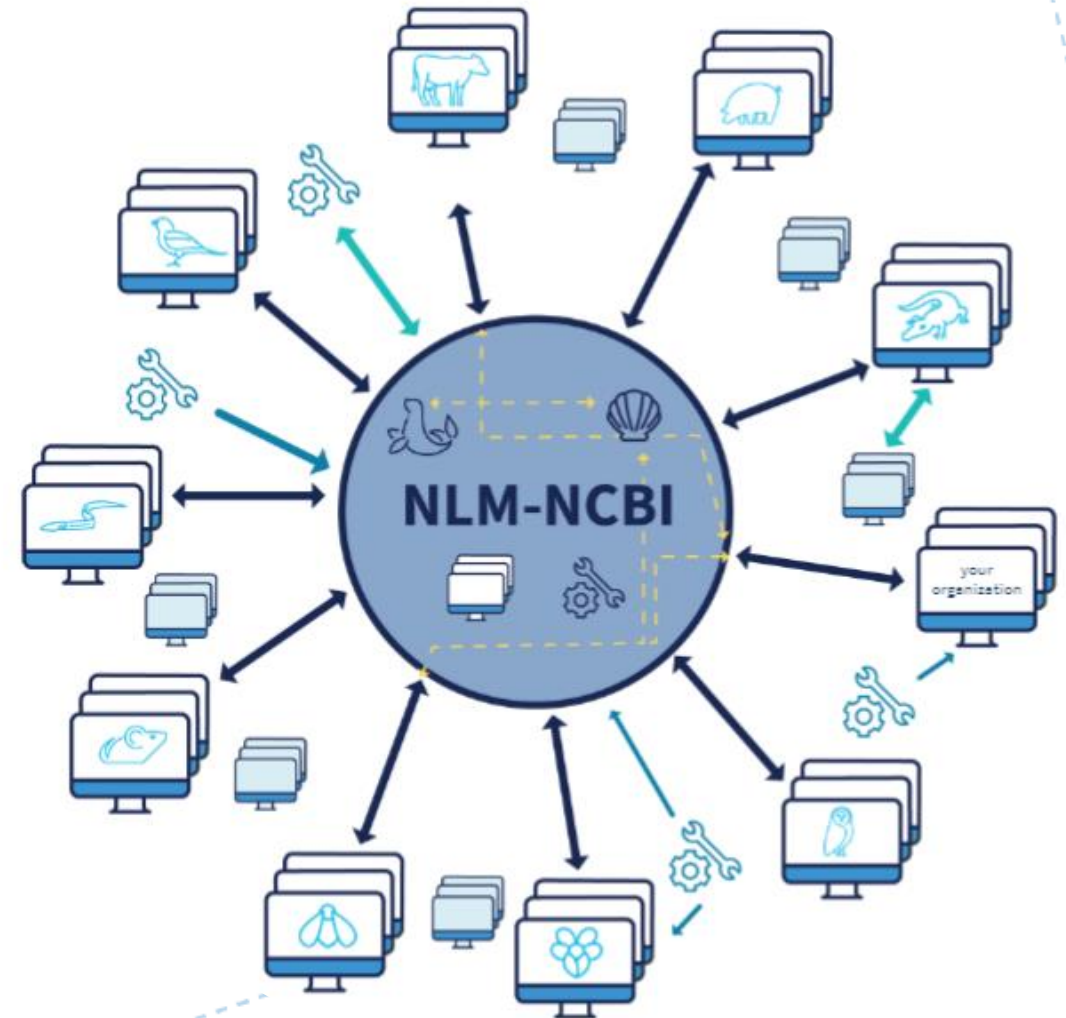
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NIH Comparative Genomics Resource (CGR)

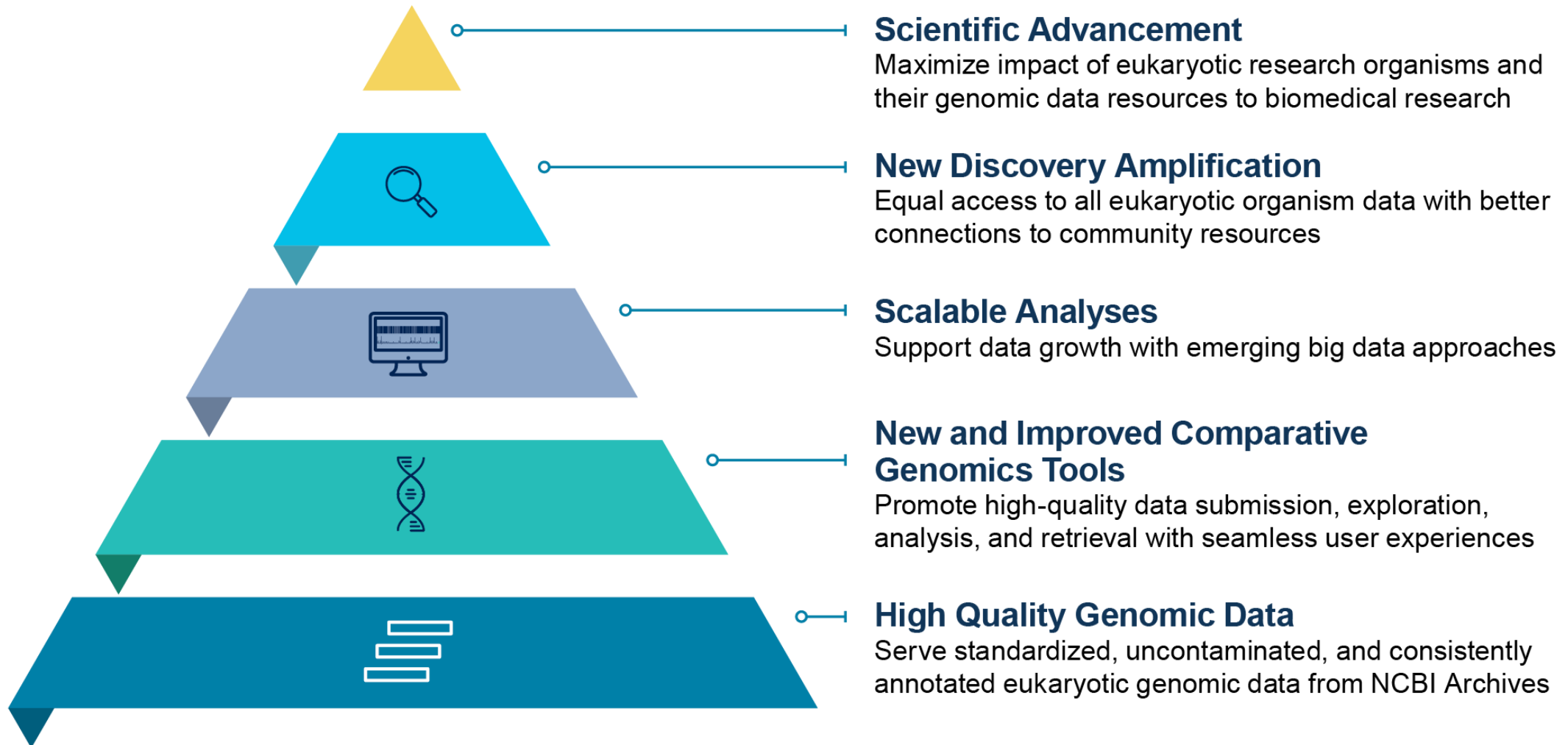
What: CGR **maximizes the impact of eukaryotic research organisms** and their genomic data to biomedical research.

How:

- NCBI genomics toolkit
 - High-quality data
 - Tools
 - Interfaces
- Community collaboration
 - Data exchange
 - Interconnectivity

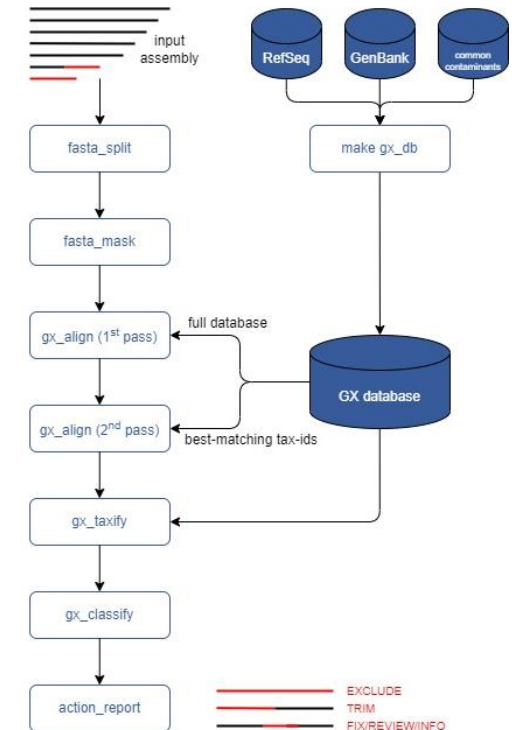
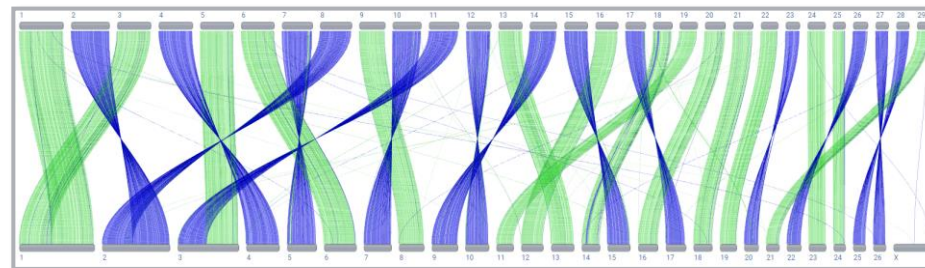
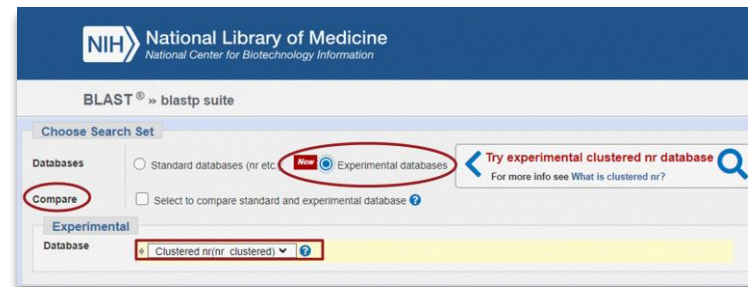
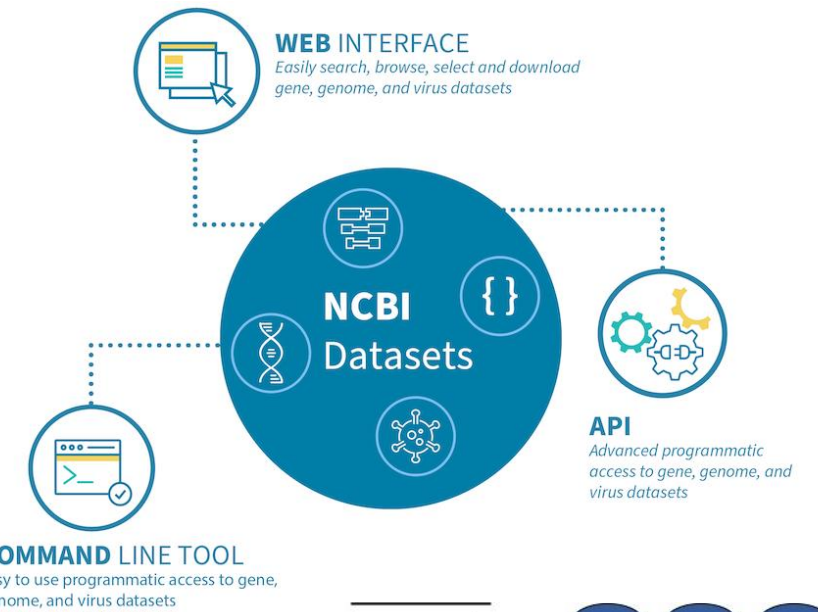


CGR Impact



CGR Advancements

- [NCBI Datasets](#)
- [BLAST](#)
- [Comparative Genome Viewer \(CGV\)](#)
- [Foreign Contamination Screen \(FCS\) Tool](#)
- [Eukaryotic Genome Annotation Pipeline \(EGAPx\)](#)
- [NCBI Gene](#)
- [NCBI Orthologs](#)
- [SPARCLE](#)



CGR Impact: Two Case Studies



Finding genomic resources for organisms on NCBI

A public health biologist wants to find and contribute data for an invasive tick species

They need to:

- Identify available genomic data on NCBI for tick species:
 - Datasets Taxonomy
 - Datasets Genome
 - Datasets Command Line
- Improve the quality of their own data:
 - Foreign Contamination Screen
 - Genome Annotation

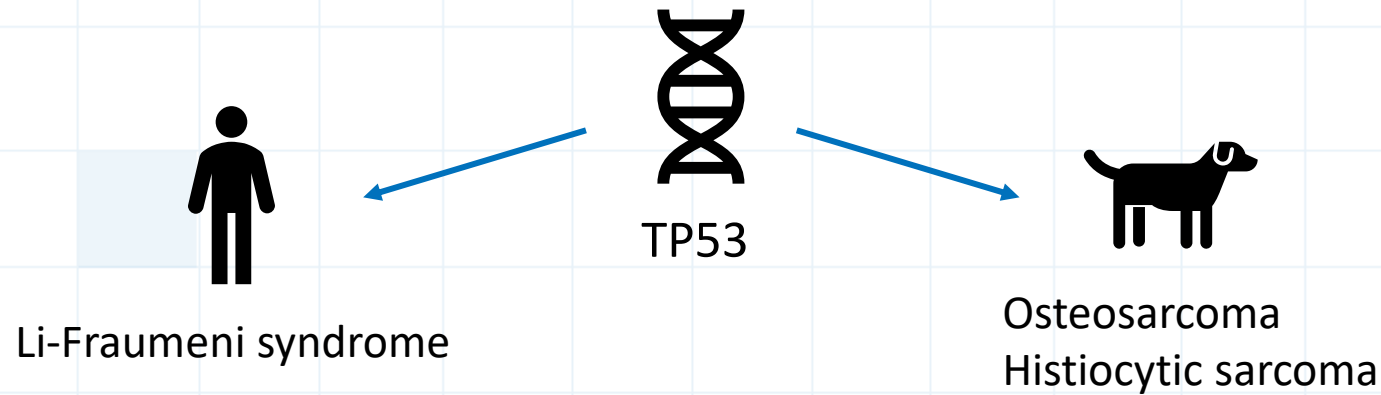


Haemaphysalis longicornis

Asian longhorned tick

Recently found on the East Coast!

Making discoveries in cancers common to humans and dogs



The following are some resources that can help in this research:



NCBI Gene

Multiple Sequence Alignment (MSA) Viewer



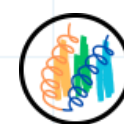
Comparative Genome Viewer (CGV)

NCBI Orthologs



Genome Data Viewer (GDV)

iCn3D



What's next for CGR?

- Ongoing resource improvements based on community feedback
 - Redesign NCBI Gene to better leverage data across species
- Public EGAPx pipeline to generate high-quality annotation for more genomes
- Multiple Comparative Genome Viewer to explore genomic differences across multiple organisms

How Do I Learn More and Get Involved?



Reach out to us at
cgr@nlm.nih.gov



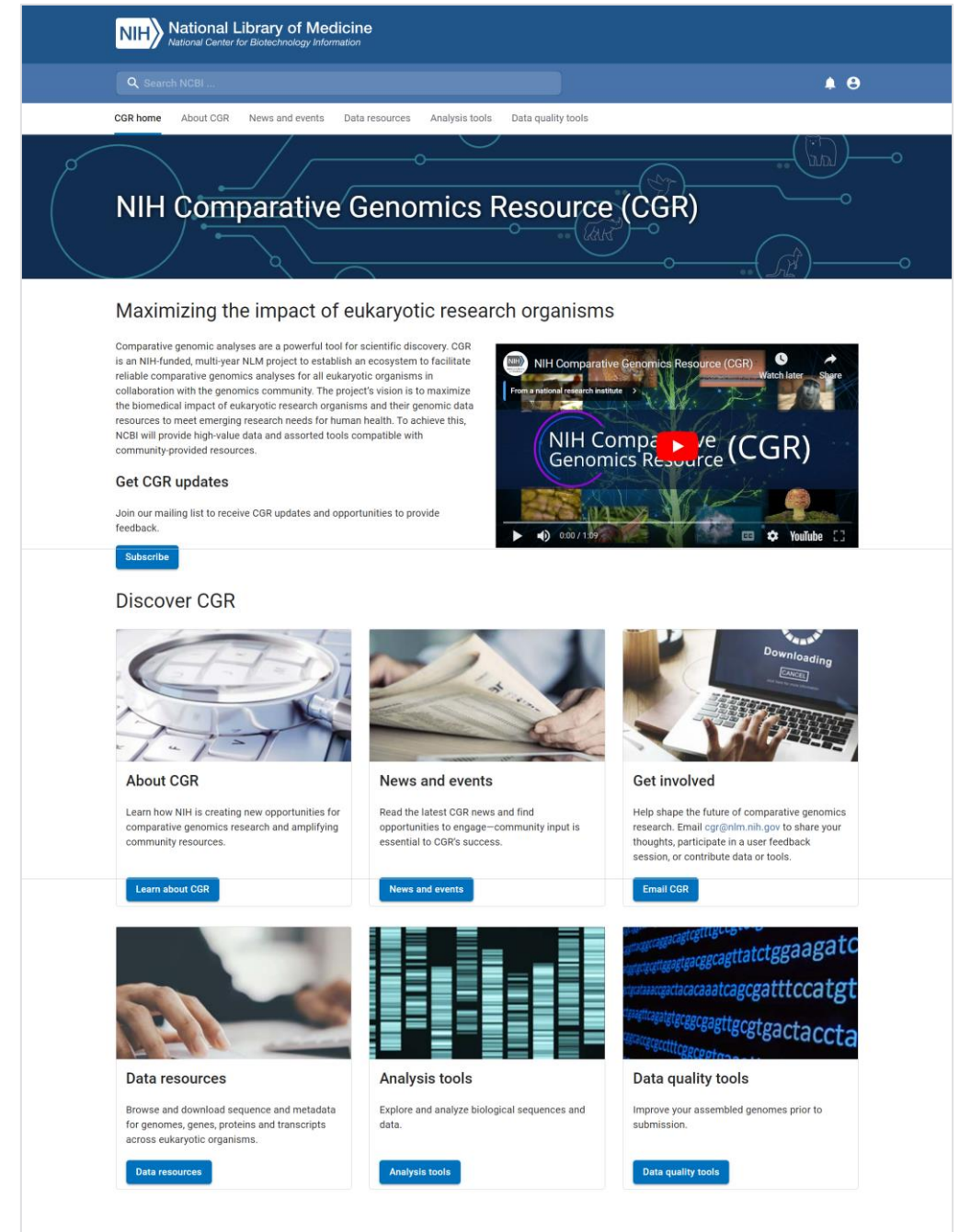
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Look out for future
meetings, workshops,
webinars, surveys, small
group sessions, user
testing, and interviews to
inform the development
process



The screenshot shows the NIH Comparative Genomics Resource (CGR) website. At the top is the NIH logo and the text "National Library of Medicine National Center for Biotechnology Information". Below this is a search bar and navigation links: "CGR home", "About CGR", "News and events", "Data resources", "Analysis tools", and "Data quality tools". The main header features the title "NIH Comparative Genomics Resource (CGR)" with a decorative background of circles and lines. Below the header, there is a section titled "Maximizing the impact of eukaryotic research organisms" with a paragraph of text and a video player showing a CGR video. Underneath is a "Get CGR updates" section with a "Subscribe" button. The "Discover CGR" section contains a grid of nine cards: "About CGR", "News and events", "Get involved", "Data resources", "Analysis tools", and "Data quality tools". Each card has a brief description and a corresponding button at the bottom.

NIH Comparative Genomics Resource (CGR)

Maximizing the impact of eukaryotic research organisms

Comparative genomic analyses are a powerful tool for scientific discovery. CGR is an NIH-funded, multi-year NLM project to establish an ecosystem to facilitate reliable comparative genomics analyses for all eukaryotic organisms in collaboration with the genomics community. The project's vision is to maximize the biomedical impact of eukaryotic research organisms and their genomic data resources to meet emerging research needs for human health. To achieve this, NCBI will provide high-value data and assorted tools compatible with community-provided resources.

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[Data resources](#)

Analysis tools
Explore and analyze biological sequences and data.
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Next webinar is September 25, 2024
(August webinar is cancelled)