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Physical Sciences-Oncology Network Overview

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Cancer Continues to be a Leading Cause of Death

Estimated New Cases

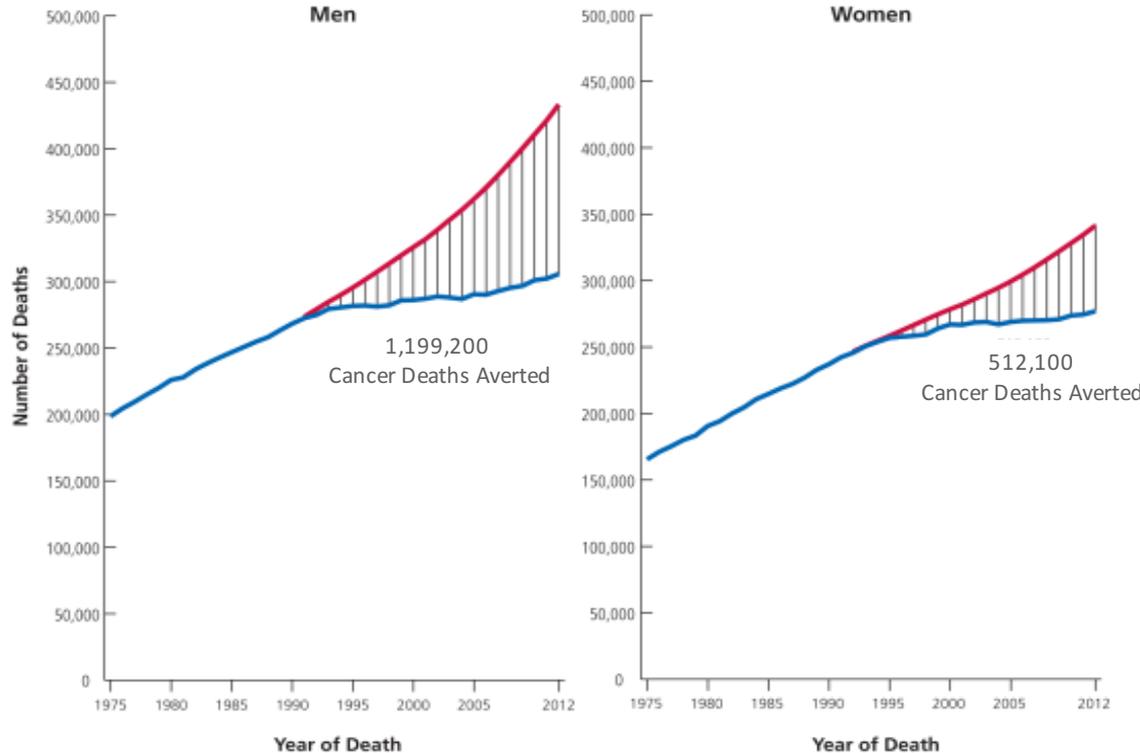
	Males		Females	
Prostate	180,890	21%	Breast	246,660 29%
Lung & bronchus	117,920	14%	Lung & bronchus	106,470 13%
Colon & rectum	70,820	8%	Colon & rectum	63,670 8%
Urinary bladder	58,950	7%	Uterine corpus	60,050 7%
Melanoma of the skin	46,870	6%	Thyroid	49,350 6%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	40,170	5%	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	32,410 4%
Kidney & renal pelvis	39,650	5%	Melanoma of the skin	29,510 3%
Oral cavity & pharynx	34,780	4%	Leukemia	26,050 3%
Leukemia	34,090	4%	Pancreas	25,400 3%
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	28,410	3%	Kidney & renal pelvis	23,050 3%
All Sites	841,390	100%	All Sites	843,820 100%

Estimated Deaths

	Males		Females	
Lung & bronchus	85,920	27%	Lung & bronchus	72,160 26%
Prostate	26,120	8%	Breast	40,450 14%
Colon & rectum	26,020	8%	Colon & rectum	23,170 8%
Pancreas	21,450	7%	Pancreas	20,330 7%
Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	18,280	6%	Ovary	14,240 5%
Leukemia	14,130	4%	Uterine corpus	10,470 4%
Esophagus	12,720	4%	Leukemia	10,270 4%
Urinary bladder	11,820	4%	Liver & intrahepatic bile duct	8,890 3%
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	11,520	4%	Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	8,630 3%
Brain & other nervous system	9,440	3%	Brain & other nervous system	6,610 2%
All Sites	314,290	100%	All Sites	281,400 100%

- Cancer is the 2nd leading cause of death in the U.S. and is projected to kill nearly 600,000 Americans in 2016
- More than 1.6M Americans estimated to be newly diagnosed in 2016 (4600 new diagnoses each day)

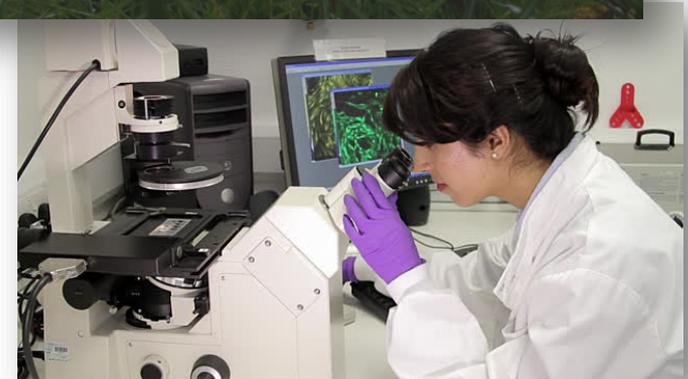
Progress is Hopeful, and More Work Needs to be Done to Improve Patient Outcomes



Although the cancer death rate has dropped by 23% since 1991 (estimated 1.7M cancer deaths averted in the past 25 years) **more progress is urgently needed.**

How Things Appear is Always a Matter of Perspective . . .

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Timeline of the Physical Sciences-Oncology Initiative

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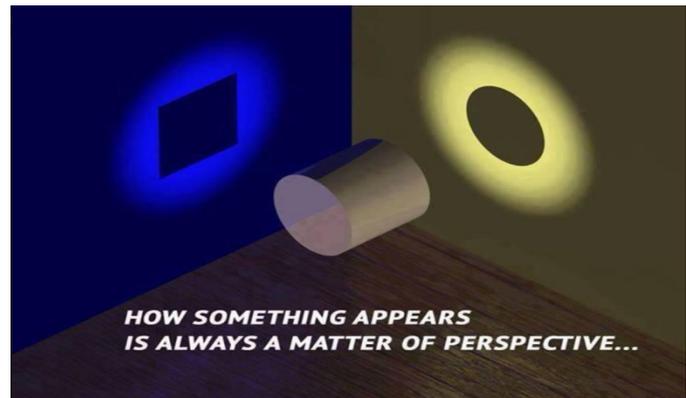


Feb Jul Oct
 Pre-Award Think Tanks
 ~300 extramural participants

Feb Think Tank
 Apr Dev. Bio. Tissue Eng.
 May Evo. Bio. Dynamics
 Nov



Phase II PS-ON PARs Approved
 PAR-14-169
 PAR-15-021

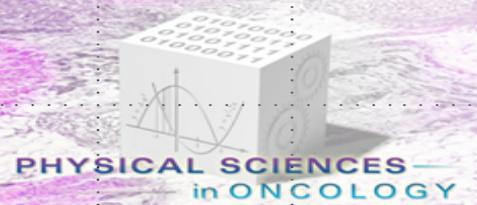


Physical Sciences-Oncology Network (PS-ON): *Mission*



- Complement and expand our current understanding of cancer across ***many biological length- and time-scales*** by using approaches and theories from the physical sciences.
- ***Integrate the physical dynamics of cancer*** – physical properties such as mechanical cues, transport phenomena, bioelectric signals, and thermal fluctuations – ***with molecular and genetic processes*** to understand how they modulate the behavior of cancer cells.
- Explore the ***complexity of multi-scale processes and spatio-temporal organization*** often dysregulated in cancer.
- Understand information transfer by ***computationally integrating data across length-scales and time domains.***

The Physical Sciences-Oncology Network: PS-ON 2016



U54 Centers (PS-OC)

Columbia
Cornell
Dana Farber
Hopkins
Methodist
Minnesota
MIT
Moffitt
Northwestern
UPenn

U01 Projects (PS-OP)

Berkeley
Harvard
MIT
Utah
Vanderbilt



U24 Coordinating Center Sage Bionetworks

PS-ON Phase II

10 U54 Centers

5 U01 Projects

- ~50 institutions
- ~200 investigators
- ~30 trainees

and growing . . .

Welcome and Congratulations to the 5 New PS-OCs!

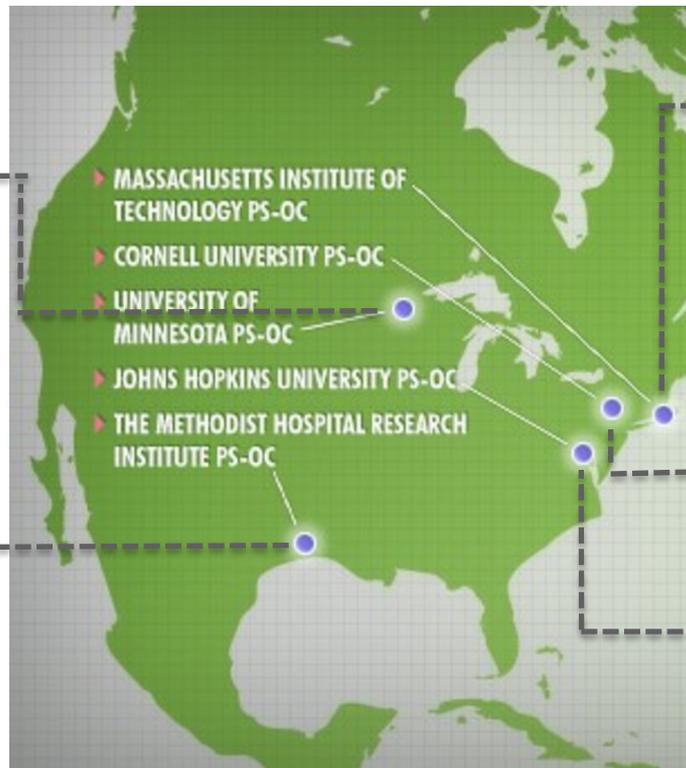
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Odde Largaespada Rosenfeld



Ferrari



White



Sarkaria



Fischbach



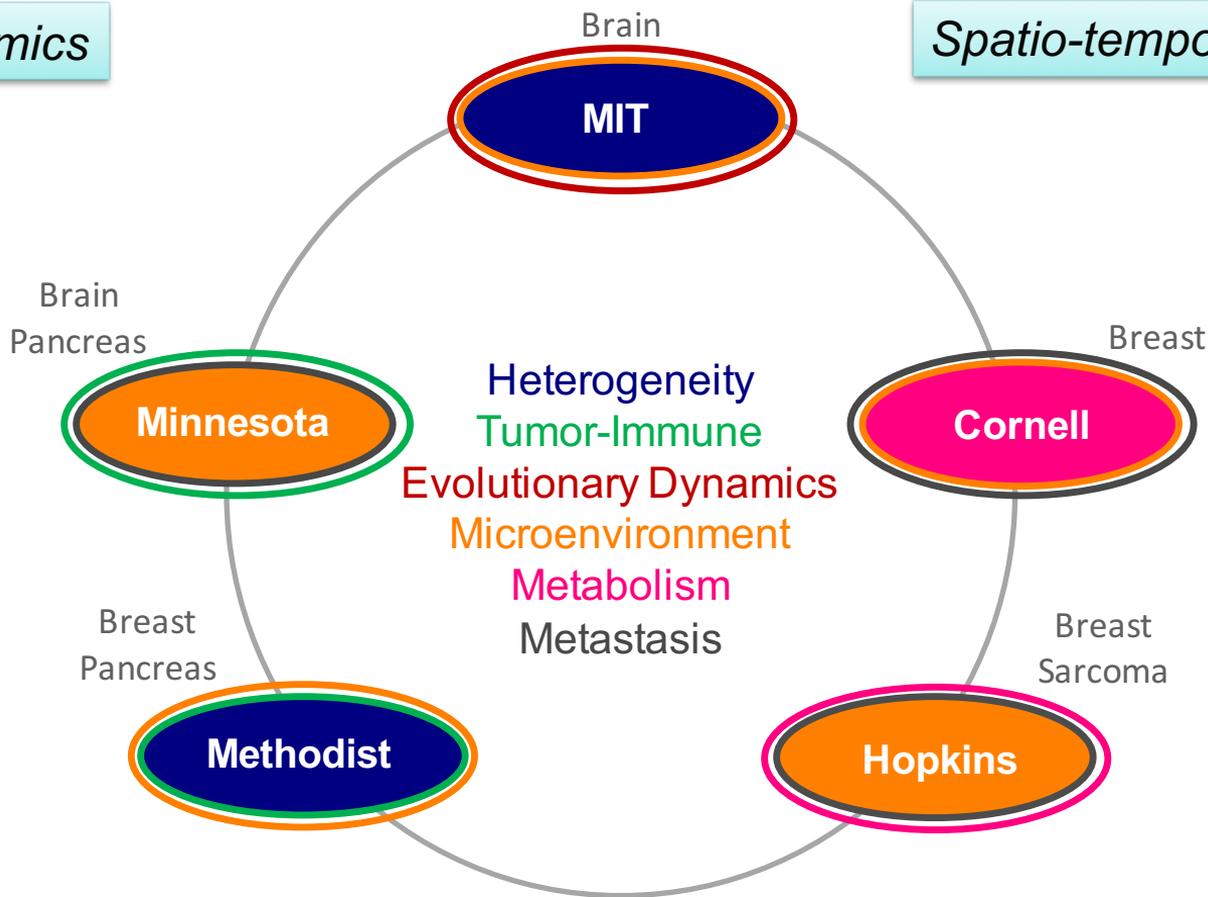
Cantley



Wirtz

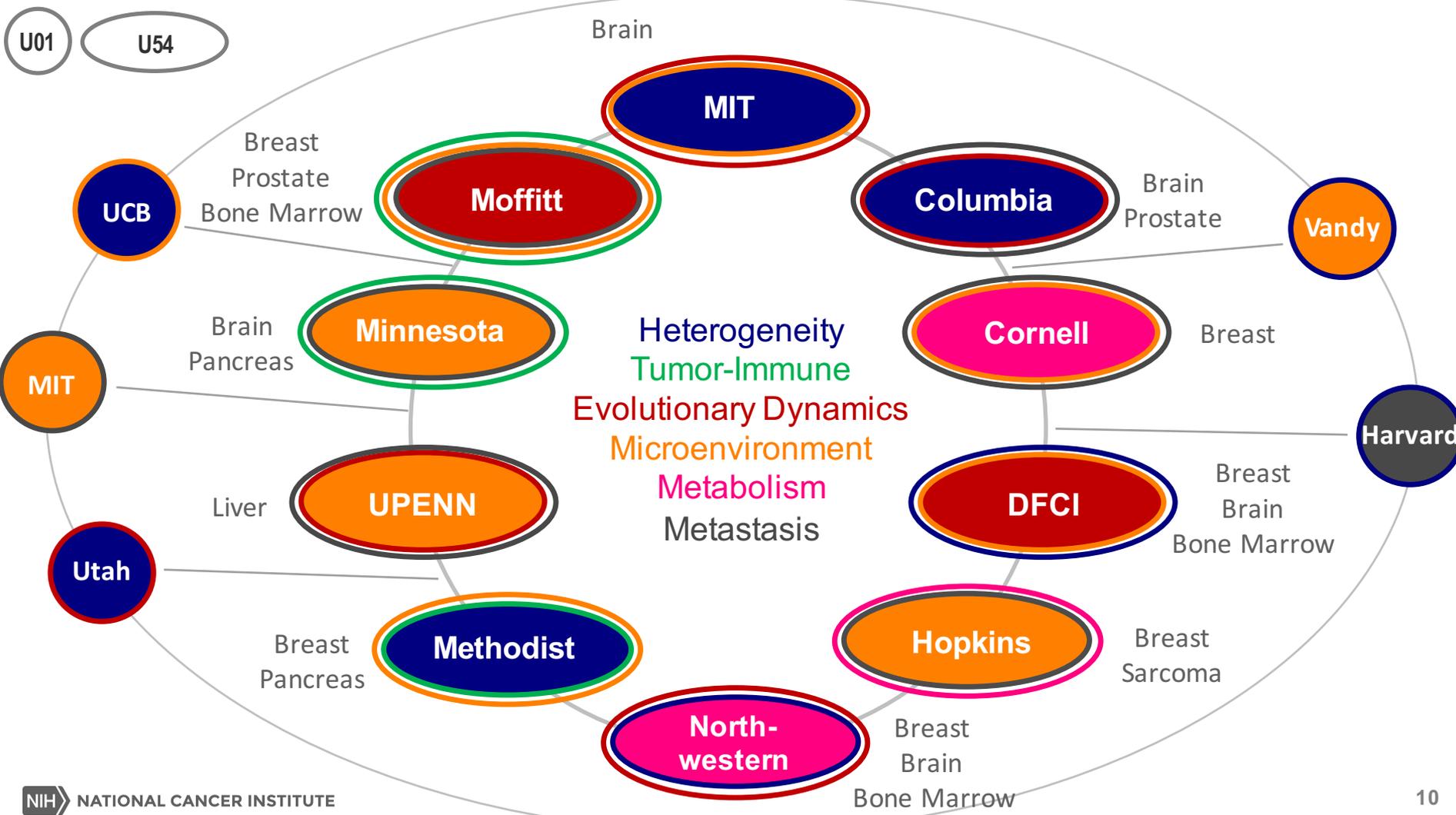
Physical dynamics

Spatio-temporal organization

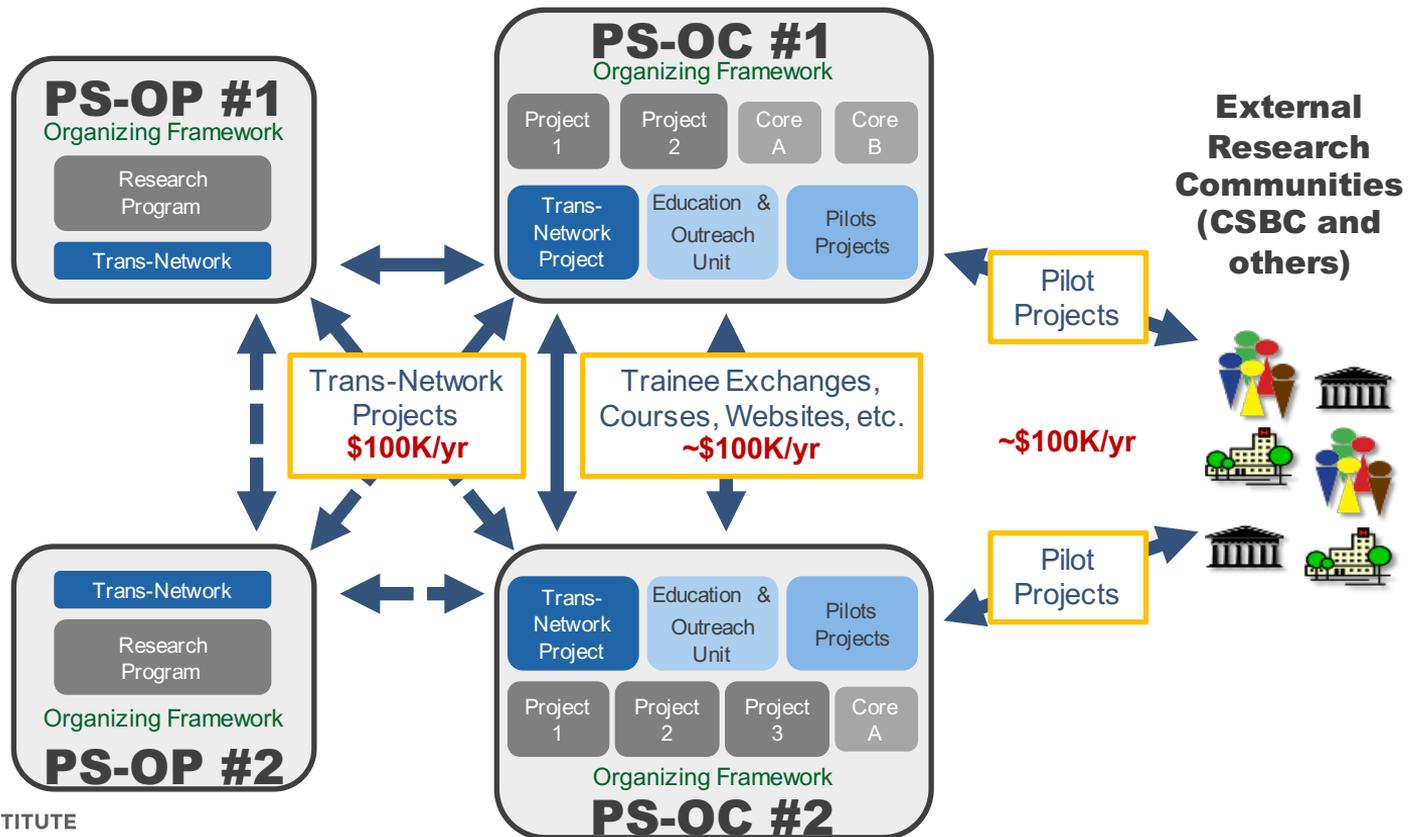


Multi-scale computational models

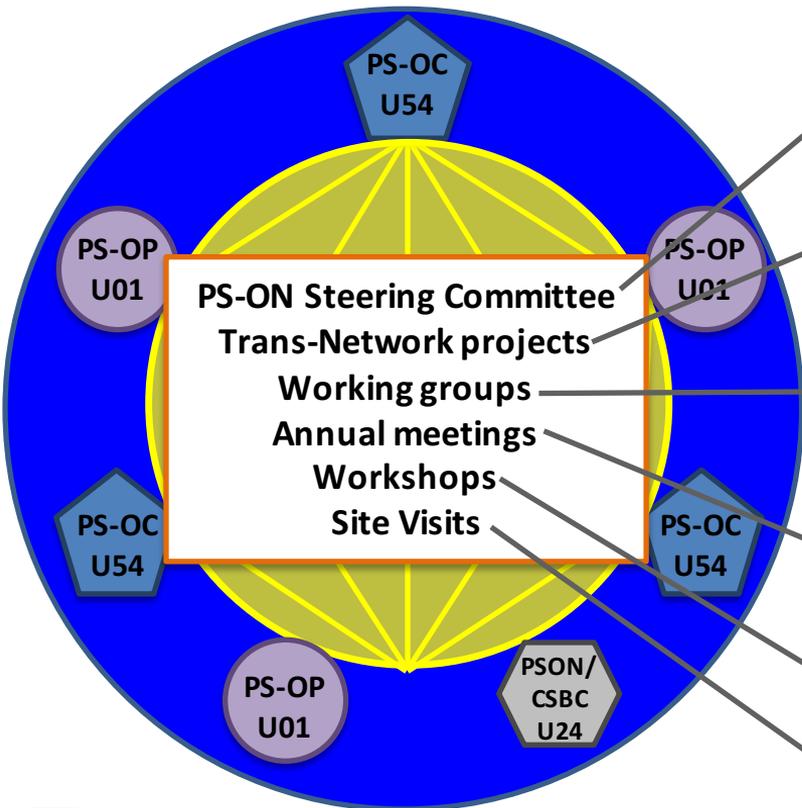
Novel technologies



PS-ON Model: Using “PI-driven” interactions to build a community within the Network and beyond



An Integrated Network: *Organization of the PS-ON*



Monthly webinar with representatives from each U54, U01, U24 and NIH program staff

Rolling submissions, presentation at Steering Committee meeting, and opportunity for comment by SC.

Led by PS-ON members and facilitated by NCI and Sage Education & Outreach;
Resource and Data Sharing
Additional WGs to be proposed by PS-ON members (optional for U01s)

Will be facilitated by NCI and Sage – annually in Summer/Fall

Will be facilitated by NCI and Sage. Could also be led by PS-ON members.

Annually beginning 2nd year for PS-OCs

PS-ON Bioresource Core Facility (PBCF): A resource for PS-ON & CSBC investigators

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Cell lines, SOPs and ordering information:

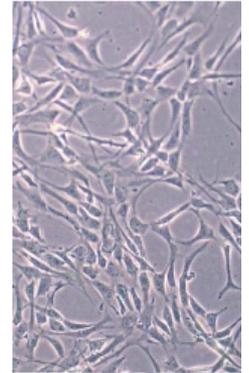
<http://pson.cancer.gov/bioresources>

- 41 human immortalized cell lines from 8 cancer types and non-malignant counterparts, shipped with certificate of authentication, detailed culture protocols, and media starter kit.
- DNA and RNA extracts available for all cell lines.
- Cell lines and reagents available at reduced cost for PS-ON investigators and collaborators.

Cell line data available:

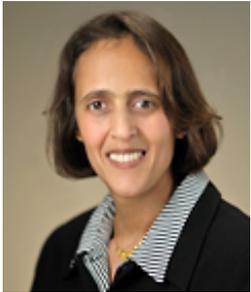
<http://pson.cancer.gov/data>

- Genome characterization (exome, SNP, CNV, mRNA, miRNA)
- Physical characterization (mechanics, motility, morphology, volume)
- To come: proteome and transcriptome of cells on various substrates



PS-ON Program Team

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*Serving as program officers,
project scientists and facilitators
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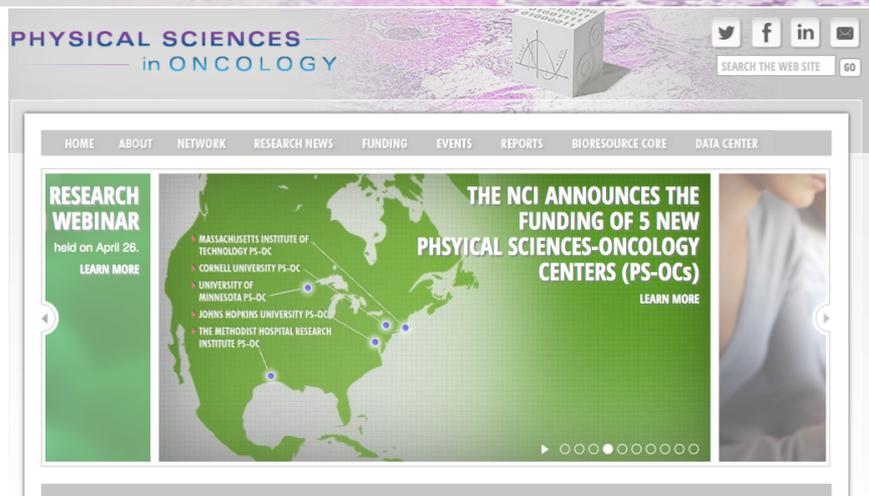
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The Patient Voice in PS-ON

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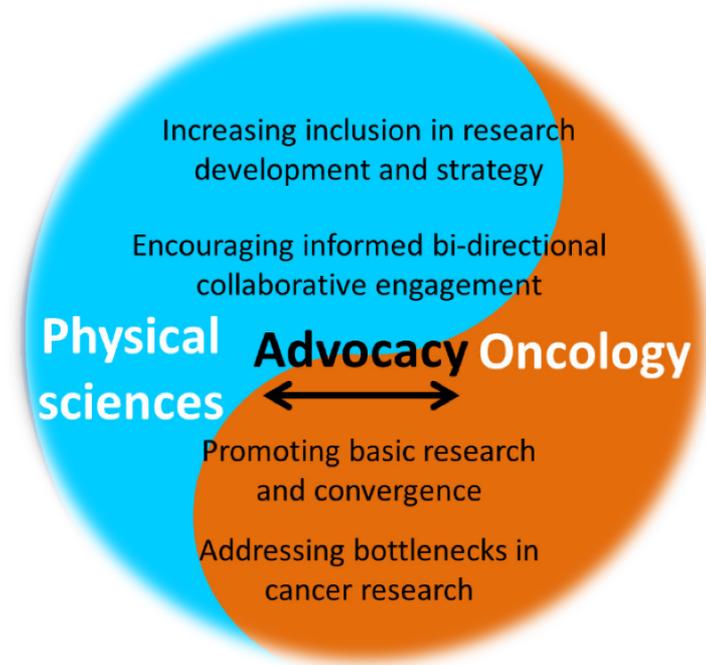
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