



Welcome to the [Data for the Common Good \(D4CG\)](#) quarterly newsletter! Read on for announcements from D4CG headquarters, updates from our international collaborators, and invitations to upcoming events. Past newsletters are [archived on our website](#). Please don't hesitate to [reach out with suggestions and requests](#).

**In case you missed it, we have a new name!** The home of the Pediatric Cancer Data Commons is excited to have a new lab identity: Data for the Common Good (D4CG). [You can learn more about our name change here](#).

Please join us in Chicago on Monday, June 5 from 10:30am-4:30pm for an in-person meeting. **D4CG Live!** will feature a keynote address from former NCI Director Ned Sharpless, talks from D4CG/PCDC investigators, and lunch, with a happy hour to follow. All are welcome, and if you can't attend the full meeting please feel free to drop in as your schedule allows.

[Register for D4CG Live!](#)

## Upcoming Conferences

Meet D4CG at [SIOP Europe 2023](#) and more!

We are looking forward to attending [SIOP Europe 2023](#) in Valencia, Spain from May 8-12. Visit **D4CG at booth #2** to meet the team, watch live demos, and try out our tools! If you'd like to schedule a meeting with us while we are in Valencia, please [contact Maya Maric](#).

D4CG representatives will also be attending [Advances in Neuroblastoma Research](#) in Amsterdam from May 15-18. If you'd like to meet with us there, please [contact Suzi Birz](#).

You can also find us at the [ASCO Annual Meeting](#) in Chicago from June 6-8, where we will share a booth with the University of Chicago Comprehensive Cancer Center. If you're attending ASCO, be sure to [register for D4CG Live!](#)

## Announcements

### NRSTS data now available in the PCDC Data Portal

On February 28, data from [INSTRuCT](#) for 2,825 participants with non-rhabdomyosarcoma soft-tissue sarcoma were added to the [PCDC Data Portal](#). This update brings the number of total cases now available for cohort discovery in the portal to 34,476, across three types of cancer.

### Feature in SBF Research Outcomes

The PCDC was featured in the quarterly St. Baldrick's Foundation Research Outcomes publication, which highlights research advances enabled by support from St. Baldrick's. The post highlights the launch of our PCDC Data Portal and the papers and projects made possible by harmonized, high-quality data. [Read more here](#).

### New support to continue growing the PCDC

We are grateful for new funding from the Aileen S. Andrew Foundation and [Jeffrey Pride Foundation](#) to support the Pediatric Cancer Data Commons. This gift will help support our efforts to add standardized and harmonized data to the Commons.

### D4CG team updates

Data for the Common Good welcomes our newest team members: administrative specialist **Wanda Clark-Jenkins** and project manager **Jabari Taylor**. Jabari will be managing our Wilms tumor, liver tumor, and Sociome projects.

We are currently seeking a **Healthcare Data Standards Analyst** to join our team! We invite you to share [the job posting](#) with your network.

### Meeting highlights

#### CCDI Annual Symposium

At the Childhood Cancer Data Initiative Annual Symposium in Washington DC in March, D4CG director Sam Volchenboum presented a talk, moderated a panel, and moderated a working group for hundreds of in-person and virtual participants.



#### D4CG Spring Social

The D4CG team hosted a reception at The Gage in downtown Chicago on March 14, coinciding with the Spring COG Meeting. We were able to connect with many of our colleagues and collaborators over delicious food and drinks.



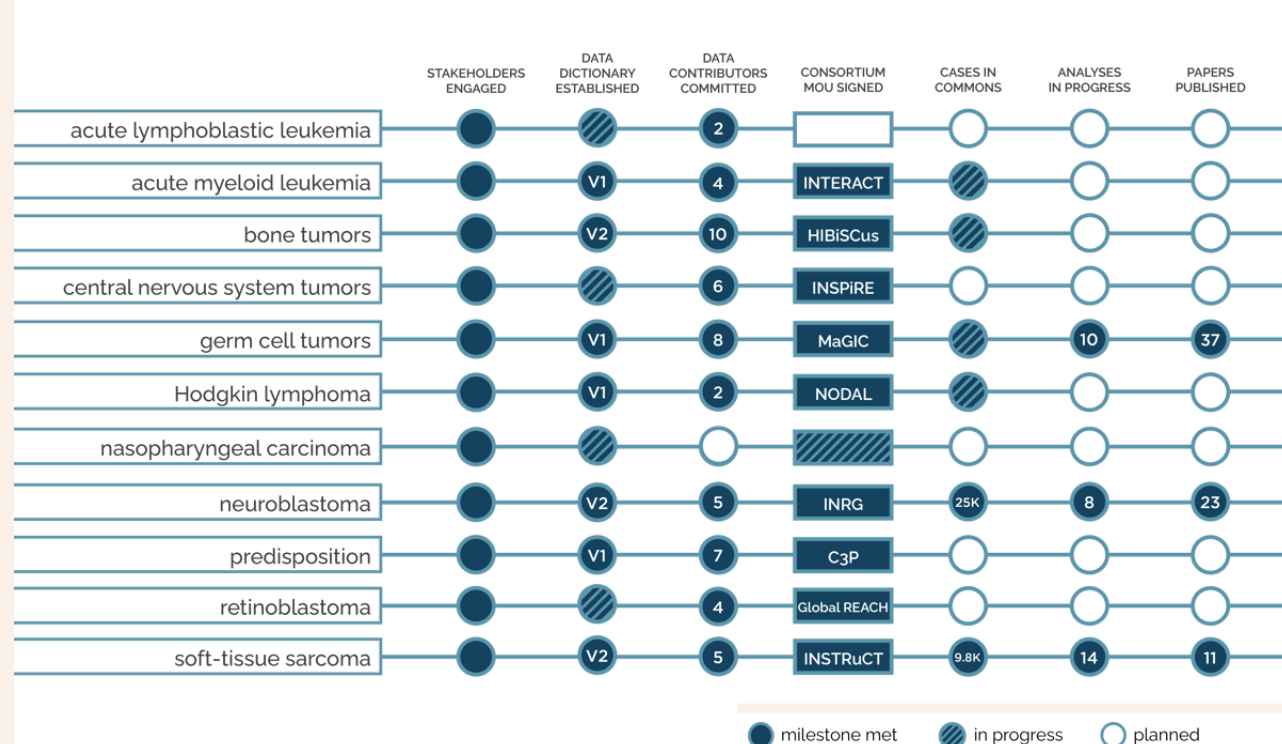
## Scientific Advisory Committee Update

The [PCDC Scientific Advisory Committee](#) convened in March. Our discussion focused on two important new PCDC groups currently in their early stages: an AYA Research Committee (ARC) and a Data Dictionary Roundtable group. The ARC will bring together members from all PCDC disease consortia to focus on research questions that are specific to adolescent and young adult patient populations (ages 15-39). The Data Dictionary Roundtable will convene representatives from each consortium to reach consensus on data dictionary questions that are relevant across multiple diseases, in order to keep data elements consistent across all PCDC data dictionaries and enable cross-disease research. The next SAC meeting is scheduled for June, and we will continue to update the PCDC community on our progress.

— SAC co-chairs Jamie Flerlage and Daisuke Tomizawa

## PCDC Disease Group Milestones

The PCDC Consortium is currently composed of eleven individual disease groups, each in its own stage of development. Stay informed about the accomplishments of each disease group and see what your colleagues across the globe are working on!



Data commons progress as of April 2023. Learn more about these milestones [here](#).

### ALL

- International partners to serve on the rare ALL subtypes planning committee have been identified.
- The group continues to meet to generate ideas on infrastructure and committee planning.

### AML (INTERACT)

- Harmonized data from COG, JCCG, and BFM/EuPAL have been received and will soon be added to the PCDC Data Portal.
- Work is in progress for SWOG Cancer Research Network to contribute AYA data.

### Bone Tumors (HIBISCus)

- The Ewing data dictionary committee has finished the initial review of the EWS data dictionary and is now in the balloting process.
- The Executive Committee continues to work toward defining goals and strategy for this year and beyond.

### CNS Tumors (INSPIRE)

- INSPIRE has received ballots from all cooperative groups and expects to finalize v1.0 of the CNS data dictionary soon.
- DCA discussions continue.

### Germ Cell Tumors (MaGIC)

- MaGIC co-hosted the first GRACE (GCT Research Acceleration through Collaboration of Experts) Virtual Tumor Board in late January.
- More updates can be found in the [MaGIC March 2023 newsletter](#).

### Hodgkin Lymphoma (NODAL)

- NODAL held an in-person meeting during COG in March.
- Data contributors continue efforts to harmonize their data for transfer to the PCDC Data Portal.
- Project requests have been received and reviewed by the Executive Committee in anticipation of the data being available.

### Nasopharyngeal Carcinoma

- Governance and data dictionary talks continue.

### Neuroblastoma (INRG)

- INRG welcomes St. Jude to INRG and Sara Federico to the Executive Committee. We look forward to adding St. Jude INRG data to the PCDC Data Portal.
- Work continues to expand the data dictionary to bring more neuroblastoma data into the PCDC Data Portal.
- The INRG Task Force will meet on May 14 in Amsterdam prior to the Advances in Neuroblastoma Research meeting. [Registration is preferred](#).

### Predisposition (C3P)

- C3P has begun their final overview of v1.0 of the cancer predisposition data dictionary and expects to have a finalized version soon.

### Retinoblastoma (Global REACH)

- The [Global REACH page](#) is now live on the D4CG website.
- Global REACH continues to simplify the draft v1.0 of the RB data dictionary.
- DCA discussions continue.

### Soft Tissue Sarcoma (INSTRuCT)

- Two new INSTRuCT papers have been published in *Cancer Medicine* ([available to read here](#)) and *EJC Paediatric Oncology* ([available to read here](#)).
- Three projects submitted by the NRSTS Work Group were approved.

### Other Groups

- The Wilms tumors group is meeting regularly and making progress toward a collaboration.
- The oncofertility group continues to meet and hold initial governance discussions with plans to kick off data dictionary work soon.
- Initial discussions with a liver tumors group have begun.

## Thanks for reading!

We'll be back with another newsletter next quarter. In the meantime, [let us know your questions and feedback](#). We hope to see you soon!

—The D4CG team