



Welcome to the [Data for the Common Good](#) (D4CG) quarterly newsletter! Read on for announcements from D4CG headquarters, Pediatric Cancer Data Commons updates, highlights from recent meetings, and more. Past newsletters are [archived on our website](#). Please don't hesitate to [reach out with suggestions and requests](#).

DATA FOR THE COMMON GOOD
FOURTH ANNUAL PUBLIC WEBINAR

Making connections:
communities, tools, and new horizons
for data-driven discovery

October 25 at 9:00am Central Time

7:00am PDT
4:00pm CEST
11:00pm JST

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Don't miss our fourth annual public webinar! Join us on October 25 from 9-11am CDT for updates on our work, a look at where we're headed, and exciting guest speakers.

[Learn more and register!](#)

Upcoming Conferences

We're looking forward to these meetings in the next few months. If you're attending, we hope to see you there! If you'd like to schedule a meeting with D4CG at any of these conferences, please reach out to [Suzi Birz](#).

- [SIOP Congress 2023](#), October 11-14 in Ottawa, Canada*
- [LLS Dare to Dream Summit](#), October 17-19 in Washington, DC
- [ISCAYAHL](#), October 19-21 in Memphis, TN
- [CTOS Annual Meeting](#), November 1-4 in Dublin, Ireland
- [Annual Conference of the Oncofertility Consortium](#), November 5-8 in Pittsburgh, PA
- [Paris Conference for an International Childhood Cancer Data Partnership](#), November 7-8 in Paris, France
- [ASH Annual Meeting](#), December 9-12 in San Diego, CA*

*Find our booth in the exhibit hall at SIOP and ASH!

D4CG Announcements

Data for two more cancer types now in the PCDC Data Portal

In September, harmonized clinical data from germ cell tumor consortium [MaGIC](#) and Hodgkin lymphoma consortium [NODAL](#) were added to the [PCDC Data Portal](#)! This resource now contains data for a total of 38,277 participants and five different cancer types: neuroblastoma, rhabdomyosarcoma, non-rhabdomyosarcoma soft-tissue sarcoma, Hodgkin lymphoma, and germ cell tumors. We are thankful for all the hard work from consortia that goes into gathering, harmonizing, and making PCDC data available. [Create an account and explore the PCDC Data Portal](#).

Support from four foundations will enable new sarcoma research

We are grateful to be receiving new support from a coalition of four foundations: [Summer's Way Foundation](#), [Maddie's Promise](#), [Friends of T.J. Foundation](#), and [Sebastian Strong](#). Through Children's Oncology Group, these four foundations have joined together to provide funding for a statistician to work with PCDC soft-tissue sarcoma data from [INSTRuCT](#). Support like this is indispensable for the work of turning the data in the PCDC into meaningful research that can impact patient care and improve outcomes.

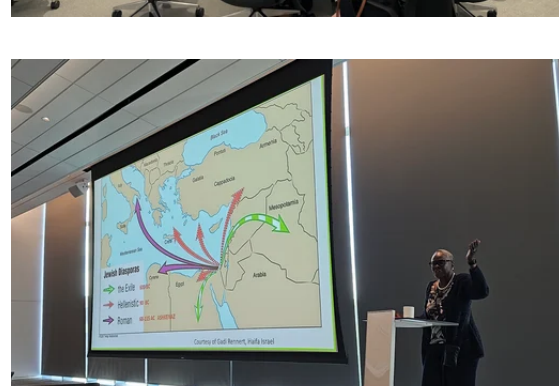
D4CG team updates

Data for the Common Good welcomes our newest team members! **Paul Murdoch**, who worked previously as a summer intern with our tech team, has joined us full-time as a Jr. Backend Developer, and **Lauren Chan** has joined us as a Postdoctoral Researcher.

We're hiring! We invite you to share our [Project Manager job posting](#) with your network.

Meeting highlight: ITCR 2023

D4CG had the honor of hosting the [NCI Informatics Technology for Cancer Research Annual Meeting](#) in September at the University of Chicago. National Cancer Institute grant recipients and program leaders from across the United States joined us in Chicago and virtually to share their scientific work, hear keynote speakers, and participate in workshops and social events. Thanks to our sponsors [Globus](#), the [University of Chicago Department of Pediatrics](#), and the [University of Chicago Comprehensive Cancer Center](#) for helping to make this meeting possible.



More recent meeting highlights

- Our work on the [Sociome Data Commons](#) was presented at the [International Society of Exposure Science 2023 Annual Meeting](#).
- Our team heard from the Fanconi anemia community and presented about the process for building an FA data commons at the [Fanconi Anemia Research Fund \(FARF\) Scientific Symposium](#).
- We presented two sessions about the PCDC at the [MaGIC Annual Meeting](#).

★ Science Spotlight ★

Welcome to our new Science Spotlight feature, where we highlight the scientific advancements made possible by our consortia and data commons. In each newsletter we'll hear from a consortium about some recent or ongoing research, how it was done, and what makes it exciting and meaningful.

This quarter, [INRG](#) profiles two recent neuroblastoma publications, how they used INRG data from the PCDC, and how they might impact future research and patient care.

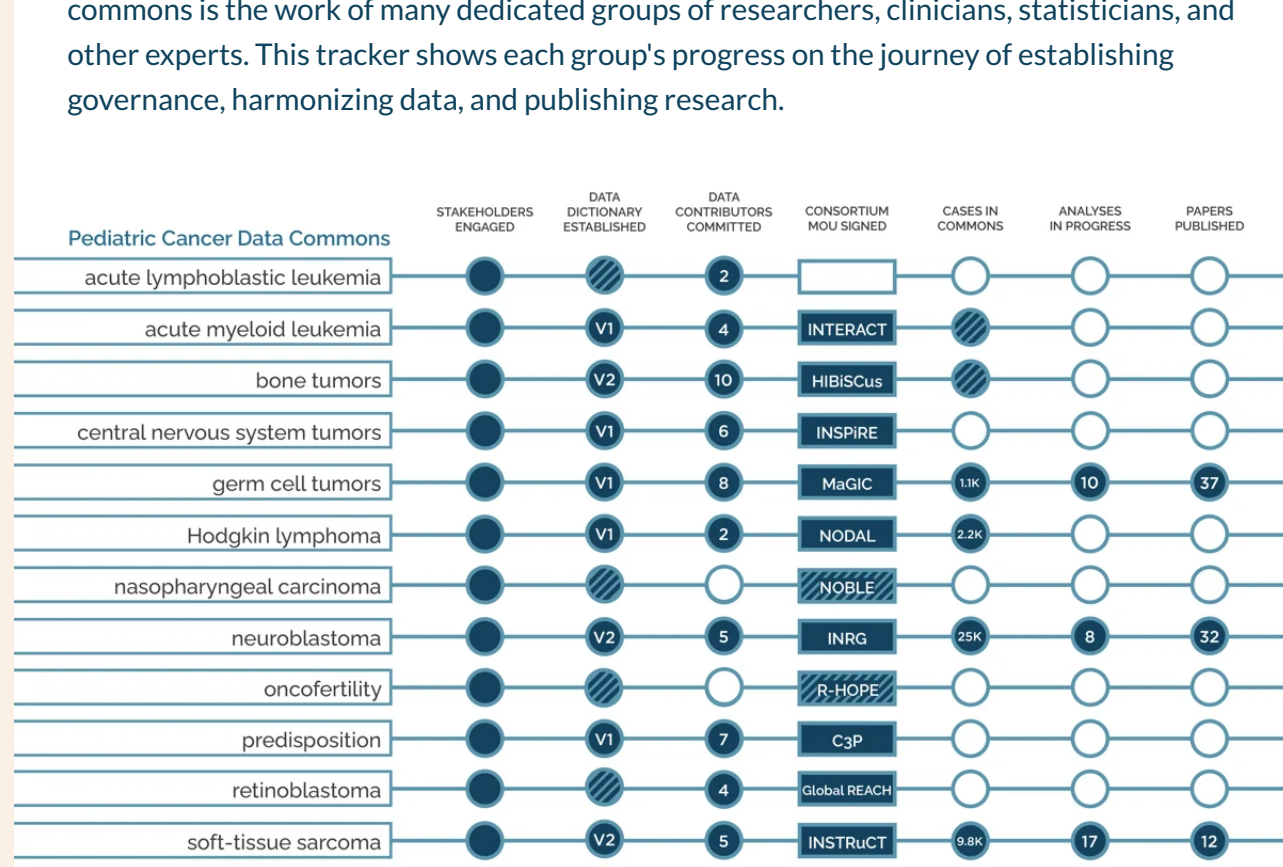
[Read the Science Spotlight!](#)

Recent Publications

- **Persistence of Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Risk and Survival for Patients with Neuroblastoma over Two Decades** was published in [EJC Paediatric Oncology](#).
- **INternational Soft Tissue saRcoma ConsorTium (INSTRuCT) Consensus Statement: Imaging Recommendations for the Management of Rhabdomyosarcoma** was published in the [European Journal of Radiology](#).

Data Commons Progress

Bringing data together for the Pediatric Cancer Data Commons and our other D4CG data commons is the work of many dedicated groups of researchers, clinicians, statisticians, and other experts. This tracker shows each group's progress on the journey of establishing governance, harmonizing data, and publishing research.



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

PCDC Data Portal Update

- **New data**
 - Data have been added from MaGIC (GCT) on 1,124 participants and from NODAL (HL) on 2,173 participants. The portal now totals 38,277 participants across four consortia.
- **New filters**
 - New filter categories have been added for Imaging, Labs, and SCT (stem cell transplant).

PCDC Advisory Group Update

- The **Scientific Advisory Committee** met in September and discussed several topics, including patient, parent, and family involvement in the PCDC; data dictionary change control processes; and ethical considerations for linking the PCDC to other platforms. We were joined for the last topic by University of Chicago Chief Privacy Officer Dipti Ranganathan.
- We are looking forward to our annual **External Advisory Board** meeting as well as the inaugural meeting of the **AYA Research Council**, both planned for November.