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Announcements

NIST's draft "Cyber AI Profile"

NIST published a preliminary draft "Cyber AI Profile" aligned to CSF 2.0, with [public comments due on January 30, 2026](#). This is a policy-adjacent standard that will affect how health orgs argue "due diligence" around AI cybersecurity.

Request for Information on Draft NIH Controlled-Access Data Policy and Proposed Revisions to NIH Genomic Data Sharing Policy. NOT-OD-26-023.

The NIH is currently seeking public comments on [proposed changes to its Genomic Data Sharing \(GDS\) Policy](#), focusing on harmonizing data access and control. [Comments are due on March 18, 2026](#).

[Oligonucleotide Toxicity \(OligoTox\) Open Data Challenge](#)

The Oligonucleotide Toxicity (OligoTox) Open Data Challenge is a two-phase prize competition that has the goal of creating publicly accessible, high-quality datasets from in vitro human-based systems that can lead to development of improved in silico models for predicting toxicity of an oligo based on its sequence, chemical modifications, etc.

Events

Paul Fearn Award for Excellence in Data Sharing Webinar

[Registration.](#)

Date and Time: Thursday January 22, 2026, 3:00-4:30 pm ET

The NCI Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS) recently established the **Paul Fearn Award for Excellence in Data Sharing** to recognize DCCPS-funded investigators who have demonstrated a commitment to and excellence in data sharing. In this inaugural year of the award, we are acknowledging the efforts of many years of extramural work funded by DCCPS and have selected multiple recipients from four projects that have demonstrated commitment to widespread public data sharing and went above and beyond their data sharing requirements.

Please join us for a virtual webinar as we honor these awardees and discuss the future of data sharing within the field of population sciences.

Awardees:

- *Advancing Risk-Based Breast Cancer Screening and Surveillance (The Breast Cancer Surveillance Consortium, BCSC)*, Diana Miglioretti
- *Integrative Analysis of Lung Cancer Etiology and Risk*, Christopher Amos
- *The California Teachers Study (CTS)*, James Lacey
- *Up for a Challenge (U4C) – Stimulating Innovation in Breast Cancer Genetic Epidemiology*, Christopher Haiman, Esther John, Peter Kraft, Sara Lindstroem, Wei Zheng, and Elad Ziv

NCI Annual Data Symposium: Navigating Risk in Sharing Cancer Data and Confronting Challenges to Sharing Cancer Data

[Registration.](#)

Date and Time: Wednesday January 28, 2026, 1:00-4:00 pm ET

Join us as panels planned for the [ODS Symposium](#) are presented in virtual format.

Navigating Risk in Sharing Cancer Data: Sharing cancer data accelerates scientific discovery and promotes innovation across disciplines, which brings complex ethical, legal, and procedural challenges. This panel will share practical experiences; current frameworks and examples; and emerging tools for ethical, secured and FAIR cancer data sharing to help shape the standards that will define responsible data sharing for years to come.

Confronting Challenges to Sharing Cancer Data: Discussion of resources, incentives, obstacles and solutions to confront barriers to effective, efficient and equitable data sharing, including difficult to share data and less common cancer data types.

Speakers: Joseph Dean, PhD (Iovance Biotherapeutics), Peter Kraft, PhD (NCI), Lucila Ohno-Machado, MD, PhD, MBA (Yale School of Medicine), Kurt Rohloff, PhD (Duality Technologies), Christopher Amos, PhD (UNM Cancer Center), James DuBois, DSc, PhD (WashU Medicine), Scarlett Gomez, PhD, MPH (UCSF School of Medicine), James Lacey, PhD, MPH (City of Hope Cancer Center), Richard Moser, PhD (NCI)

NCI ODS Data Jamboree Seminar Series - February

[Registration.](#)

Date and Time: February 24, 2026, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET

Description: The National Cancer Institute (NCI)'s Office of Data Sharing (ODS) will continue a monthly webinar series for jamboree project teams to share their findings, lessons learned, and future directions in February!

Moderator: Emily Boja, NCI ODS

Speakers: Mamie Lih, Johns Hopkins University. Brian Furner, University of Chicago. Eric Durbin, University of Kentucky. Gregory Wheeler, University of Galway, and Rakesh Katana, National Cancer Institute.

We'd love to hear from you! Contact the ODS team at: nciofficeofdatasharing@mail.nih.gov

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