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### ODS Webinars

## NCI ODS Data Jamboree Seminar Series - January

### [Registration.](#)

Date and Time: January 13, 2026, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET

The National Cancer Institute (NCI)'s Office of Data Sharing (ODS) will kick off a monthly webinar series for jamboree project teams to share their findings, lessons learned, and future directions in January! ODS launched its inaugural data jamboree focusing on pediatric and AYA cancer on September 29 – 30, 2025, in conjunction with its 3rd Annual Symposium. This event aimed to overcome barriers in finding, accessing, and utilizing cancer research data, facilitate interdisciplinary collaborations, and gain real-time feedback. In merely 1.5 days, twenty-three interdisciplinary project teams formed to tackle specific problems in 6 broad project categories, including enhancing data interoperability, building cohorts, developing or validating informatics tools and pipelines, evaluating data quality and AI-readiness, integrating data, and developing tutorials and educational materials.

Moderator: Emily Boja, NCI ODS

Speakers: James Galbraith and Lucy Han, Booz Allen Hamilton: Practical Quality Assessment & Enrichment of Childhood/AYA Cancer Datasets. Gavriel Matt, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: Identifying and Annotating Variants Associated with Headaches in Childhood Cancer Survivors. David Higgins, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia: Tutorial and Example Notebooks for the Kids First Variant Workbench. Michael Sierk, National Cancer Institute. VCF Table Viewer: Interactive Visualization of VCF Files from Childhood Cancer Data Initiative.

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## 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 Lin, Johns Hopkins University. Brian Furner, University of Chicago. Fernanda Silva Michels, North American Association of Central Cancer Registries (NAACCR). Gregory Wheeler, University of Galway, and Rakesh Katana, National Cancer Institute. Yanling Sun, Baylor College of Medicine.

## Announcements

### [NIH Issues Request for Information on Draft Proposal Harmonizing Research Participant Data Policies](#)

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is requesting public input on its proposal to establish harmonized and transparent policy requirements for protecting human participant research data. Specifically, NIH proposes to:

- (1) establish policy requirements for which data should be controlled-access under NIH data sharing policies, and
- (2) revise the NIH Genomic Data Sharing Policy to simplify and harmonize requirements.

Provide feedback using the [Comment Form](#) by **March 4, 2026**.

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

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