

# Cancer Research Data Ecosystem

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

# Cancer is a Grand Challenge

Requires:

Deep biological understanding

Advances in scientific methods

Advances in instrumentation

Advances in technology

Data and computation

*Cancer Research and Care generate detailed **data** that is critical to create a learning health system for cancer*





**2006-2015:**

# **A Decade of Illuminating the Underlying Causes of Primary Untreated Tumors Omics Characterization**



(10,000+ patient tumors and increasing)

# Cancer Statistics

In 2016 there were an estimated  
**1,700,000 new cancer cases**  
and  
**600,000 cancer deaths**  
- American Cancer Society



Cancer remains the **second most common cause of death** in the U.S.  
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2015

# Understanding Cancer

- **Precision medicine** will lead to **fundamental understanding** of the complex interplay between genetics, epigenetics, nutrition, environment, clinical presentation and **direct effective, evidence-based prevention and treatment.**





# Changing the conversation around data sharing

*NIH Data Commons*

*NCI Genomic Data Commons*

*National Cancer Data Ecosystem*



- How do we find data, software, standards?
- How can we make data, annotations, software, metadata accessible?
- How do we reuse data standards?
- How do we make more data machine readable?

*Data Commons co-locate data, storage and computing infrastructure, and frequently used tools for analyzing and **sharing data** to create an **interoperable** resource for the research community.*

\*Robert L. Grossman, Allison Heath, Mark Murphy, Maria Patterson, A Case for Data Commons Towards Data Science as a Service, to appear. Source of image: Interior of one of Google's Data Center, [www.google.com/about/datacenters/](http://www.google.com/about/datacenters/).

# Cancer Data Sharing and Data Commons:

## A Cancer Research Data Ecosystem



- Making data available for discovery, validation, new therapies
- Working toward a learning National Cancer Data Ecosystem
- Maximizing the impact, reuse, and reproducibility of cancer research
- Changing incentives for data sharing

*Reduce the risk, improve early detection, outcomes, and survivorship in cancer*



# NIH Genomic Data Sharing Policy

<https://gds.nih.gov/>

Went into effect January 25, 2015

NCI guidance:

<http://www.cancer.gov/grants-training/grants-management/nci-policies/genomic-data>

Requires public sharing of genomic data sets



FAIR –

Making data  
Findable,  
Accessible,  
Attributable,  
Interoperable,  
Reusable,  
and provide Recognition

Force11 white paper

<https://www.force11.org/group/fairgroup/fairprinciples>

# Cancer Research Data Ecosystem – Cancer Moonshot BRP

Discovery

Proteogenomics  
Imaging data  
Clinical trials

Patient engaged  
Research

Clinical Research  
Observational studies

Surveillance  
Big Data  
Implementation research

EHR, Lab Data, Imaging,  
PROs, Smart Devices,  
Decision Support

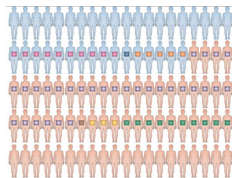
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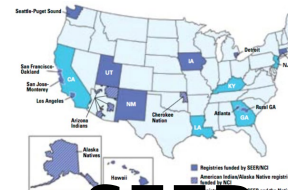
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# The Beau Biden Cancer Moonshot

*How do we enable meaningful,  
patient-centered and patient-level  
data sharing for cancer and  
promote access to clinical trials for  
all Americans?*

# Goals of the Beau Biden Cancer Moonshot

- Accelerate progress in cancer, including prevention & screening
  - From cutting edge basic research to wider uptake of standard of care
- Encourage greater cooperation and collaboration
  - Within and between academia, government, and private sector
- Enhance data sharing

(Presidential Memo 2016)

# A Few Beau Biden Cancer Moonshot Milestones

- Announced by President Obama at the State of the Union January 12, 2016
- Blue Ribbon Panel convened at AACR, April 18, 2016
- Genomic Data Commons went public June 6, 2016
- Vice President's Cancer Moonshot Summit – June 29, 2016
- Rethinking Clinical Trial Search – Open API at <https://clinicaltrialsapi.cancer.gov>
- Blue Ribbon Panel recommendations – accepted by the National Cancer Advisory Board on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016
- Cancer Moonshot Task Force and BRP recommendations sent to President on October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016 <https://www.cancer.gov/research/key-initiatives/moonshot-cancer-initiative/milestones> and released at <https://cancer.gov/brp>
- 21st Century Cures Act funding the Beau Biden Cancer Moonshot bill was passed 94-5 by the Senate on December 8 and signed by President Obama December 13, 2016.

## CANCER MOONSHOT

Task Force

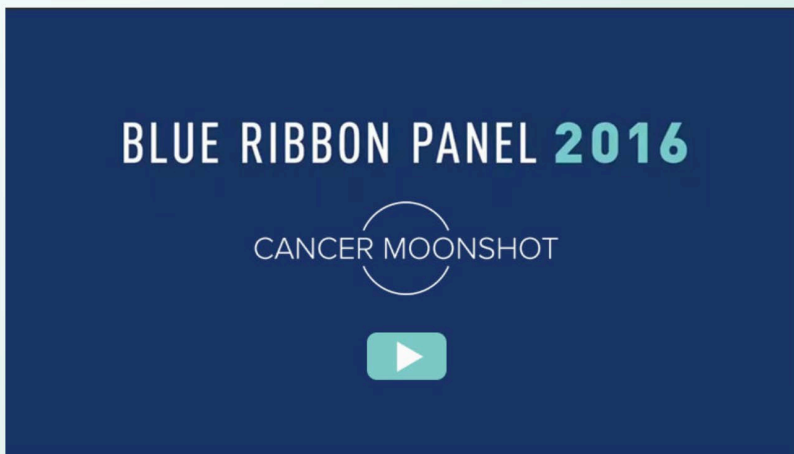
Blue Ribbon Panel Report

Supporting Materials

About the Panel

Working Groups

Milestones +



The Blue Ribbon Panel presented its report to the National Cancer Advisory Board on September 7, 2016. The report describes 10 transformative research recommendations for achieving the Cancer Moonshot's ambitious goal of making a decade's worth of progress in cancer prevention, diagnosis, and treatment in just 5 years.



# Blue Ribbon Panel Recommendations

- Network for Direct Patient Engagement
- Cancer Immunotherapy Translational Science Network
- Therapeutic Target Identification to Overcome Drug Resistance
- **A National Cancer Data Ecosystem for Sharing and Analysis**
- Fusion Oncoproteins in Childhood Cancers
- Symptom Management Research
- Prevention and Early Detection – Implementation of Evidence-based Approaches
- Retrospective Analysis of Biospecimens from Patients Treated with Standard of Care
- Generation of 4D Human Tumor Atlas
- Development of New Enabling Cancer Technologies

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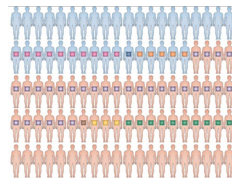
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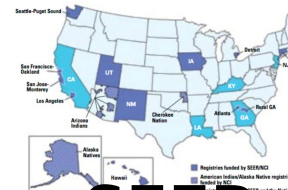
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# Genomic Data Commons

The Cancer Genomic Data Commons (**GDC**) is an existing effort to standardize and simplify submission of genomic data to NCI and follow the principles of **FAIR** – Findable, Accessible, Attributable, Interoperable, Reusable, and Provide Recognition.

The GDC is part of the NIH Big Data to Knowledge (**BD2K**) initiative and an example of the **NIH Commons**

*Microattribution, nanopublications, tracking the use of data, annotation of data, use of algorithms, supports the data /software /metadata life cycle to provide credit and analyze impact of data, software, analytics, algorithm, curation and knowledge sharing*

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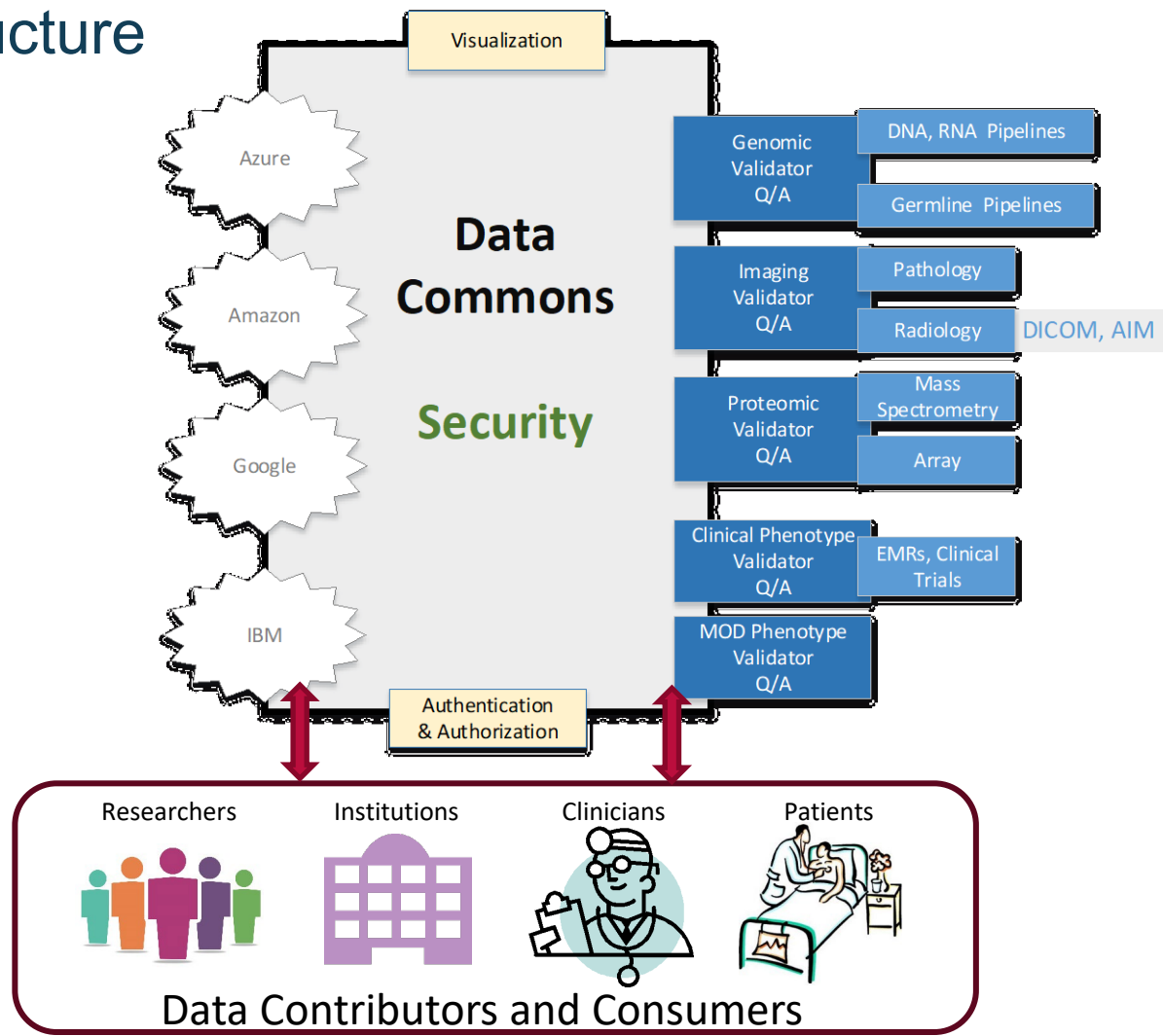
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# NCI Genomic Data Commons

- **The GDC went live on June 6, 2016 with approximately 4.1 PB of data.**
- This includes:
  - 2.6 PB of legacy data
  - 1.5 PB of “harmonized” data
- 577,878 files about 14194 cases (patients), in 42 cancer types, across 29 primary sites.
- 10 major data types, ranging from Raw Sequencing Data, Raw Microarray Data, to Copy Number Variation, Simple Nucleotide Variation and Gene Expression.
- Data are derived from 17 different experimental strategies, with the major ones being RNA-Seq, WXS, WGS, miRNA-Seq, Genotyping Array and Expression Array.
- **Foundation Medicine announced the release of 18,000 genomic profiles to the GDC at the Cancer Moonshot Summit.**

# Data Commons Structure

NCI Thesaurus  
caDSR  
NLM UMLS  
RxNorm  
LOINC  
SNOMED



# Questions?



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