

# Workshop #1

## Harmonization of Clinical and Biological Data

### Session 1

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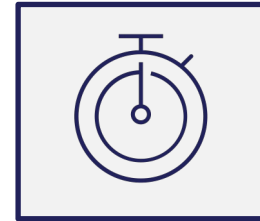
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## Workshop General Goals and Structure

**Goal: Discuss strategies and plan an international partnership to advance the harmonization of biological and clinical data in support of childhood cancer research**

**Session 1: Core data elements: patient, tumor, prognostic factors**

**Session 2: Treatment and outcome + standards mapping**

**Session 3: Genetic/molecular data + challenges to harmonization**

**Session 4: Summary of discussions + pilot project**

# Intro to Session 1 Topics

- **Harmonization:** effort to combine data from public health surveillance systems, observational, experimental and administrative data sources AND provide users with a comparable description of tumor biology, disease extent, treatment and outcomes
- Harmonization may refer to the collection, analysis and/or interpretation of data
- Harmonization can be achieved at various step of the process:
  - Abstraction /extraction of row data using standard tools and formats
  - Pre-analysis recoding
  - Recoding of data for secondary use
  - Reporting standards and formats, etc.

## Intro to Session 1 Topics (continued)

- **Concept of standards/standardization is central to achieving harmonization**
  - ICD-O examples of standards widely used world-wide
  - International Classification of Childhood Cancer (ICCC)
  - Standards endorsed by the International Association of Cancer Registries
  - ENCR recommendations
  - NAACCR standards used in cancer surveillance, frequently adopted by observational studies
  - SEER Recode – an example of a standard for data reporting, developed by NCI, widely used for reporting population statistics in North America

# Session-Specific Questions for consideration

- Consider the perspective of a data resource
- What should be the elements of data resource
- What should be the criteria for selecting data elements of the data resource?

# Session 1 Topics and Discussants

- **Dr. Gudrun Schleiermacher**

**What are the core data elements and how they fit into common data models?**

- **Dr. Sumit Gupta**

**What are the specific needs of pediatric cancer research community regarding histology, stage and non-stage prognosticators?**

## Discussants



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# Paris Conference for an International Childhood Cancer Data Partnership

## Workshop 1: Harmonization of Clinical and Biological Data

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# Q : What core data elements do we need?

« depth » of  
data

Patient numbers



## Pediatric Cancer Registries

- Epidemiology : geographic repartition, evolution over time
- Survival : mortality, morbidity


Botta et al, LO , 2022



## (Large-scale) pediatric oncology trials

- Survival (EFS, OS) depending on treatment
- Importance of clinical/radiological/biological prognostic markers

Ladenstein et al, LO , 2017



## Molecular Characterization

- Genomic/epigenomic tumor data; surfacome, proteomics;
- Microenvironment
- The « host », genome patient data

Gröbner et al, Nature 2018

# Common data models – standardization and interoperability

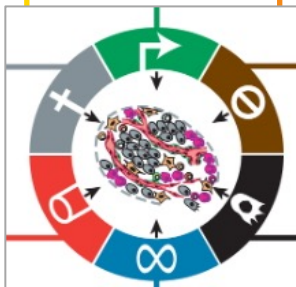
**Aims :** empower joint analysis across registries, trials, (genomic) characterisation

- modular, limited in size, flexible, extensible
- clinical, radiological, pathological, genomic data
- capture longitudinal changes associated with disease progression and resistance to therapeutic interventions



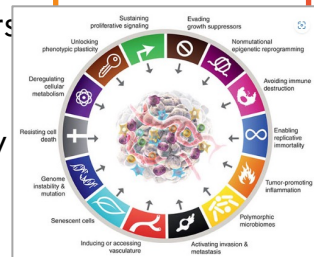
**Methodology**

- Bottom up approach : define a (first or further) data set as minimal as possible
- reach a consensus from all stakeholders involved
- using internationally established terminologies
- define implementation rules to guarantee data consistency



**Output**

- provide a comprehensive resource of event-based data including temporal relationships (disease progression / resistance)
- create a modular/ extensible data model : integration of omics data
  - from different experiments on the same samples
  - across studies on the same variables
  - interoperability



# Prognostic and predictive elements at diagnosis / at relapse of pediatric cancer

## At diagnosis : prognostic CDE

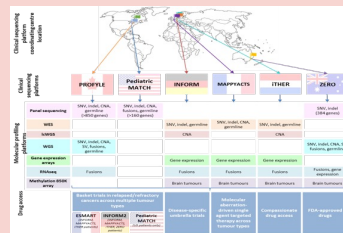
- Tumor type/ diagnosis: ICCC
- Age, Stage
- Pathology
- Tumor molecular markers

## At diagnosis : additional prognostic/ predictive CDE

- Family history
- Germline variants/Cancer predisposition syndromes

## At relapse : predictive > prognostic

- Pediatric « precision oncology » programs



# An example: Neuroblastoma and INRG/PCDC – what have we learned



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INRG database contains data from >25,000 neuroblastoma patients worldwide (trials and registries)

Data includes baseline characteristics, limited genomic data, limited treatment data and outcomes

INRG data is used to generate analyses of subgroups, studies on risk factors, risk classifier and numerous consensus publications

## Descriptions of New INRG Tumor Stages

Tumor Stage	Description
L1	Localized tumor not involving vital structures, as defined by the list of IDRFs, and confined to one body compartment
L2	Local-regional tumor with presence of one or more IDRFs
M	Distant metastatic disease (except stage MS tumor)
MS	Metastatic disease in children younger than 18 months, with metastases confined to skin, liver, and/or bone marrow

Source.—Reference 8. Complete definitions of these stages are cited in the text. IDRFs = image-defined risk factors.

## INRC:



INRG Stage	Age (months)	Histologic Category	Grade of Tumor Differentiation	MYCN	11q Aberration	Ploidy	Pretreatment Risk Group			
L1/L2		GN maturing; GNB intermixed					A Very low			
L1		Any, except GN maturing or GNB intermixed		NA			B Very low			
				Amp			K High			
L2	< 18	Any, except GN maturing or GNB intermixed	Differentiating	NA	No		D Low			
					Yes		G Intermediate			
	No					E Low				
	Yes					H Intermediate				
≥ 18		GNB nodular; neuroblastoma	Poorly differentiated or undifferentiated	NA						
					Amp		N High			
M	< 18						NA		Hyperdiploid	F Low
	< 12						NA		Diploid	I Intermediate
	12 to < 18			NA		Diploid	J Intermediate			
	< 18			Amp			O High			
≥ 18							P High			
									C Very low	
								Yes	Q High	
MS	< 18				NA					
					Amp		R High			



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# Histology, Stage, and Non-Stage Prognosticators:

## Essential or Valuable?

## Simple or Complex?

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# Histology

- Core to childhood cancer cases in registries
- Standardly classified using ICCC-3
- How do we account for:
  - Changes in ICD-O-M coding?
  - Unknown validity of use of certain codes?
  - Variation between registries in collection methods and validity?
- As part of the US CCDI, the “Metadata Working Group” is attempting to address some of the above



## Precursor lymphoblastic lymphoma/leukemia

- B-lineage vs. T-lineage disease
  - After 2010, only 1% of US registry cases used “unknown lineage” codes (relative survival appropriate)
  - Between 1995-2009, 63% of cases used “unknown lineage” codes (intermediate survival)
  - What about other registries?
- ALL vs LLy?
  - After 2010, ICD-O-3 combined lymphoblastic leukemia and lymphoma into single code (following WHO classification)
  - Where does this leave registries?
  - Was it even validly collected prior to 2010?
- Cytogenetics



## Stage

- Being able to compare mortality/survival between populations, either across jurisdictions or over time, requires that important prognosticators like stage be collected
- “Toronto Stage Guidelines” brought together global experts for consensus on what staging systems registries should use for 16 main childhood cancers
- Tiered system adopted; updated in 2019



# Assessing the feasibility and validity of the Toronto Childhood Cancer Stage Guidelines: a population-based registry study

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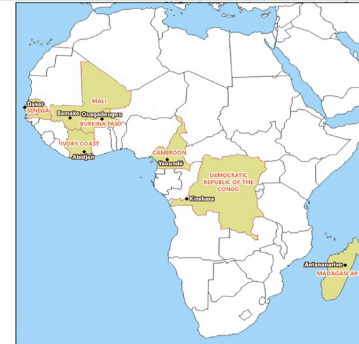


## International benchmarking of childhood cancer survival by stage at diagnosis: The BENCHISTA project protocol

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# Non-stage prognosticators

- Repeated Delphi consensus in 2019 focused on NSPs
- Categorized NSPs as “Essential” vs. “Additional” vs. “New and Promising”
- Many NSPs already theoretically collected by PBCRs (e.g. histology, cytogenetics, molecular info)
- Response to treatment and host factors not considered

ALL	Age Initial WBC Lineage	Cytogenetics	-	1. Lineage can be divided into precursor B-cell vs. precursor T-cell (using ICD-O-3.2 categories) 2. Cytogenetic categories using ICD-O-3.2 classification 3. MRD not considered (response to therapy)
AML	-	Cytogenetics	-	1. Cytogenetic categories using ICD-O-3.2 classification; most relevant discussed in text. 2. MRD not considered (response to therapy)
CML	-	-	-	
HL	-	-	-	
NHL	Histology	-	-	1. Most common subtypes in childhood (see text) have unique ICD-O-3.2 codes



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