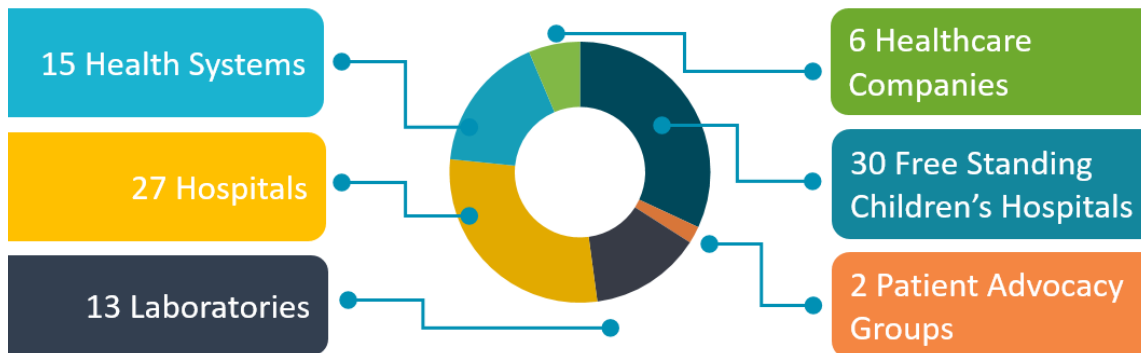


# PLUGS® MEMBER BENEFITS

**The Power of the PLUGS® network:** Connect with members via the PLUGS website Discussion Forum or direct messaging options.

## The Power of the PLUGS® Network



### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS AND PARTNERS:



**Member Resources:** Your PLUGS membership gives you and your colleagues access to practical laboratory stewardship tools and guidance.

- **Website:** access policies, procedures, templates and archived webinars on the website, with new tools added on a regular basis.
- **Online Discussion Forum:** an open [forum](#) for questions and dialogue among members.
- **Weekly Newsletter:** notifications regarding educational events, laboratory stewardship cases and questions of the week, and unlimited subscriptions for your organization.
- **Sub-committees:** Join the PLUGS Insurance Alignment Committee or the Formulary Committee. Contact [PLUGS](#) to learn how you can participate!
- **Office Hours:** a team of lab genetic counselors and doctoral-level consultants is available Monday – Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm (PT) to provide real-time support (206-987-5400).
- **Consultations:** new member strategic assessments to provide a 1-year road map and practice tools/support for advancing your laboratory stewardship program, and re-assessments for existing members interested in continued improvements/advice.
- **GeneTestAdvisor:** PLUGS® and Metis Genetics have joined together to create a genetic testing [case management solution](#) to support healthcare systems and insurance payers in effectively administering their genetic testing caseload.

Please contact us to learn how to take full advantage of your membership benefits!  
[PLUGS@seattlechildrens.org](mailto:PLUGS@seattlechildrens.org) or 206-987-5306

# PLUGS® 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW

**Member Meetings:** This year, we revised the cadence of our PLUGS Member Meetings to occur monthly instead of bi-monthly, because we feel it's important now more than ever to connect with peers, share best practices, and support laboratory stewardship. Member Meetings feature topics suggested and presented by PLUGS members. Slides and recordings are archived on the PLUGS website (<https://www.schplugins.org/members-section/presentations/>)

When the pandemic started, we pivoted support to develop additional **COVID-19 related education\*** and connect members with innovative solutions from national laboratory experts.

- January 16<sup>th</sup>: **Why free testing isn't free**
- March 19<sup>th</sup>: **COVID-19 Update\***
- April 2<sup>nd</sup>: **The Covid-19 Pandemic: Testing for The Virus & Addressing Disruptions in Other Kinds of Testing\***
- April 16<sup>th</sup>: **PLUGS Member Perspectives on Challenges & Successes in The Days of The Pandemic\***
- May 7<sup>th</sup>: **Going the Distance: Leading Lab Teams During Covid-19\***
- May 21<sup>st</sup>: **Silver Linings: Creative Approaches to Support Lab Test Coordination During the Pandemic\***
- June 18<sup>th</sup>: **How to say "No"**
- July 16<sup>th</sup>: **Prior Authorizations for Medications in Pediatric Oncology – Strategies to Support Patients and Clinical Staff & Buckle Up, Buttercup: Riding the COVID-19 Testing Rollercoaster\***
- August 20<sup>th</sup>: **Consolidating Genetic Reference Labs – A Team Approach & Improving Test Utilization During COVID-19\***
- September 17<sup>th</sup>: **Integrating Laboratory Stewardship into a Hospital Quality Program**
- October 15<sup>th</sup>: **One Size Fits One: The nuts and bolts of the stewardship program at Lurie Children's Hospital**
- December 17<sup>th</sup>: **Looking Back & Looking Forward: PLUGS Community Discussion**

**Virtual Road Trips:** When we were unable to connect in person, we began virtual road trips to gather members regionally to discuss laboratory stewardship successes & challenges. Watch for updates for a road trip to your area!

- May 28<sup>th</sup>: **Texas Members** (Children's Dallas, Cook Children's, Texas Children's, Dell Children's, San Antonio Children's)
- July 23<sup>rd</sup>: **Southeastern Children's Hospitals** (CHOA, Le Bonheur, East Tennessee Children's & St. Jude's)

**National Webinar Series:** The PLUGS National Webinar Series features laboratory stewardship experts presenting on an array of laboratory- and management-related topics. Webinars are archived on the PLUGS website and access is **free** for PLUGS members! <https://www.schplugins.org/members-section/presentations/>

- **Truths and Falsehoods of New Clinical Lab Technology: What do Theranos and Successful Inventions have in Common?**
- **LabTalk: Covid-19: Laboratory Testing, Laboratory Experiences\***
- **Lessons Learned from COVID19 regarding Digital Health Resources – Considerations for Genetics and Beyond\***
- **Silver Linings: Creative approaches to support lab test coordination during the pandemic\***
- **ANA Testing: Polishing the Gold Standard of IFA with Standardization**
- **GeneTestAdvisor – Expert test review that delivers your best results for patient care and healthcare savings**
- **Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning for Intestinal Parasite Detection: Machines Helping Make Humans Better Since 2019**
- **Decreasing Risk and Increasing Value: A Multi-faceted, System Approach to Patient Blood Management**
- **Defining the Roles of Lab Genetic Counseling Assistants (GCAs) & Evolution of a Lab GCA Team**
- **Diagnostic Utility of Low-Pass Genome Sequencing for the Detection of Copy Number Variants to Replace Constitutional Microarray**

**Educational Events:** PLUGS members receive discounted registration. We typically coordinate two live events each year – the PLUGS Summit held in Seattle, and an additional regional conference.

- **PLUGS Virtual Fall Summit 2020:** November 5-6, 2020. We hosted the first Virtual Summit focusing on two current topics, pharmacogenomics and COVID testing.