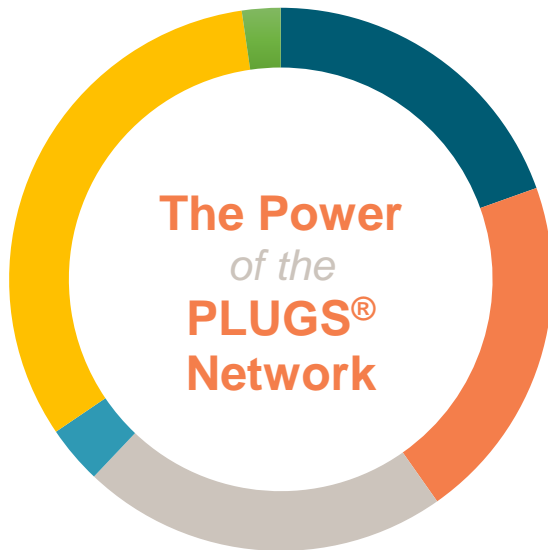


## PLUGS<sup>®</sup> Member Benefits

**The Power of the PLUGS<sup>®</sup> Network:** We are a laboratory stewardship collaborative with a mission to improve laboratory test ordering, retrieval, interpretation and reimbursement.

Connect with [members](#) via the PLUGS website Discussion Forum or direct messaging options.



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### 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. Request website access [here](#).
- + **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. Email PLUGS to [subscribe](#) to the newsletter!
- + **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 collaborated to create a genetic testing [case management solution](#) to support healthcare systems and insurance payers in effectively administering their genetic testing caseload.
- + **Member Meetings:** Bi-monthly meetings feature topics suggested and presented by PLUGS members, and are a place to connect with peers, share best practices, and support laboratory stewardship. Review past meetings on the [PLUGS website](#).

## National Webinar Series

Member 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!

- + [Embracing EHR Technology to Improve Clinical Utility Review of Reference Laboratory Test Requests](#)
- + [Laboratory Stewardship and the Pediatric Autopsy](#)
- + [Voice of the Patient: Building Access and Autonomy into Laboratory Stewardship](#)
- + [Sustaining Our Workforce: ↓ Burnout, ↑ Belonging](#)
- + [The Implementation of the COVID-19 Specific Diagnostic Management Team with Clinical and Financial Benefits](#)
- + [Exploring Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities through a Laboratory Medicine Lens](#)
- + [Genetic Test Billing: In the Clinic and Direct-to-Consumer](#)

## PLUGS Summit

PLUGS members receive discounted registration to the PLUGS Summit, the largest laboratory stewardship conference in the country. Learn more [here](#).

## PLUGS Committees

Join the Insurance Alignment Committee or Informatics Committee. These Committees include engaged members from the PLUGS network who represent a diverse set of perspectives. Contact [PLUGS](#) to learn how you can participate!

- + **Insurance Alignment Committee:** working groups develop and share best practices related to insurance alignment, including preauthorization workflows, appeal guidance, billing and coding, and medical policy.
- + **Informatics Committee:** working groups have formed to focus on IT tools for stewardship.

## Tools

In support of our mission, PLUGS provides tools and guidance to providers, labs and insurance plans, and we want to empower patients and caregivers with resources to help get the right test and get it covered.

- + [Complex lab Tests: How to Get Them Covered](#)
- + [PLUGS Preauthorization Toolkit](#)
- + [Medical Policies](#)

## Laboratory Stewardship Focus: Quarterly Section in Clinical Laboratory News

PLUGS supports [CLN's Laboratory Stewardship Focus section](#), covering all aspects of laboratory stewardship using a variety of engaging formats including interviews, articles, literature reviews, cases, and more. Here are a few examples from this past year:

- + [Patient-Centered Laboratory Stewardship Can Reduce Financial Toxicity](#)
- + [How to Successfully Navigate the Insurance Denial Appeal Process for Genetic Tests](#)
- + [Resolving the Ammonia Paradox](#)
- + [Taking Data Visualization for Blood Management to the Next Level and Beyond](#)

### Questions?

#### Contact:

Please contact us to learn how to take full advantage of your membership benefits!  
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