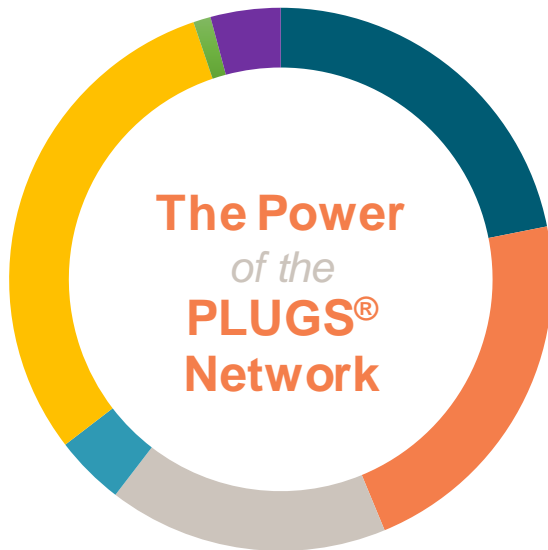


PLUGS[®] Member Benefits







The Power of the PLUGS[®] Network: We are a laboratory stewardship collaborative with a mission to improve laboratory test access, ordering, retrieval, interpretation and reimbursement.

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



21	Health Systems
21	Hospitals
16	Laboratories
4	Healthcare Companies
29	Free Standing Children's Hospitals
4	Patient Advocacy Groups
1	Payer

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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!
- + **Member Meetings:** quarterly 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](#).
- + **Strategic Assessment:** new members receive a strategic assessment to provide a 1-year road map with practical tools and support for establishing and advancing your laboratory stewardship program.
- + **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).



- + **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.
- + **Consultations:** the PLUGS team can provide onsite and in-depth stewardship consultations for organizations seeking customized support for program development and growth. [Contact us](#) to learn more!

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!

- + [Building Relationships to Improve Insurance Coverage of Genetic Testing](#)
- + [One Big Happy Lab Family: Medicine for Improved Utilization](#)
- + [A VALID approach to regulation of laboratory developed tests?](#)
- + [Trends in Clinical Lab Testing and Payment: Will there be Cataclysmic Disruption or Incremental Change?](#)
- + [Workforce Resiliency: Can't leave it up to chance](#)
- + [Using Expertise in Stewardship: Case Examples from our Joint Anatomic and Clinical Pathology Program](#)
- + [Leading with Respect and Curiosity: Handling Everyday Interpersonal Conflicts](#)
- + [Leveraging EPIC's Slicer Dicer for Laboratory Analytics](#)
- + [Stewardship Stories from Ordering to Collection](#)

PLUGS Summit

PLUGS members receive discounted registration to the PLUGS Summit, the largest laboratory stewardship conference in the country, and to PLUGS Regional Summits. 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 create and share best practices related to insurance alignment, including preauthorization workflows & tools, billing and coding guidance, medical policy adoption and supporting relevant legislation, and patient-centered educational tools regarding preauthorization and denial-appeal processes.*
- + **Informatics Committee:** *working groups have formed to focus on IT tools for stewardship, and specifically creating benchmarking tools to assess stewardship opportunities.*

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:

- + [Strength in Numbers: Multisite Assessment of Benchmark Metrics for Stewardship Programs](#)
- + [Three Perspectives on Optimizing the Use of Next Generation Sequencing for Infectious Diseases](#)
- + [Medical Necessity Policies: Creating Opportunities for Better Test Utilization and Fair Payment](#)

Questions?

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