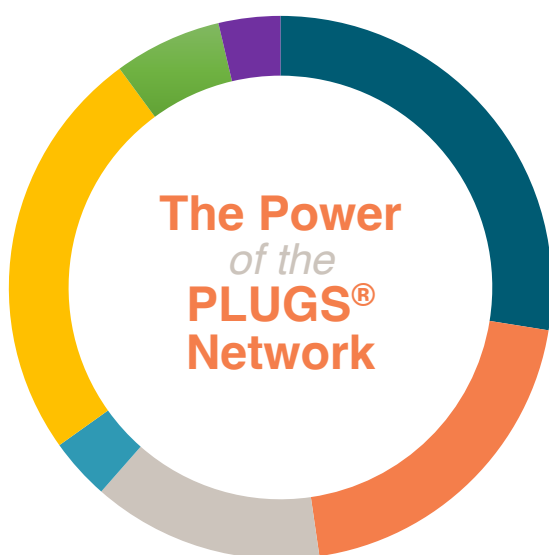


PLUGS[®] Member Benefits

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.



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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. There is no limit to the number of 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](#).
- + **Access to the PLUGS leadership team:** we can workshop problems with you, highlight PLUGS tools and support for establishing and advancing your laboratory stewardship program, attend your stewardship meetings, etc.
- + **Office Hours:** a team of lab genetic counselors and doctoral-level consultants is available Monday – Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm (PT) to provide support (206-987-5306).
- + **PLUGS Deep Dive Consulting:** the PLUGS team can provide onsite and in-depth stewardship consultations for organizations seeking customized support for program development and growth. Visit [our website](#) for details.

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!

- + *Lost in Translation: Navigating the Wild West of Biomarker Bills*
- + *Empowering Specialist Teams to Maximize Stewardship Impact*
- + *Establishing Referral Laboratory Testing Governance and Addressing “Miscellaneous” Test Orders at UCLA Health*
- + *The Fee-for-Service Payment System for Lab Tests: A Challenge for Labs, Patients, Physicians, and Insurers*
- + *Laboratory Stewardship in Action: A Case Based Approach to Obsolete Test Discontinuation*
- + *Risky Business: Ten risks to patients and health systems when send-out tests bypass standard EMR workflows*
- + *Diagnosing Genetic Conditions at Children's National Hospital*
- + *Computational and Laboratory Advances Towards AI-ready Microbiome Data*
- + *Caring for Ourselves: Professional Burnout in Laboratory Care*
- + *From Data to Decision: Enhancing Test Utilization in Toxicology with Informatics and Analytical Approaches*

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

Get involved and join a PLUGS 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. Check out the [Benchmarking](#) development page to learn more and find benchmarking guides for certain routine laboratory tests.
- + **Epic Users Group:** This group is for PLUGS members to develop and share approaches for harnessing Epic tools to support lab stewardship practices. If you are interested in joining this group's monthly calls, please contact PLUGS.

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](#)
- + [Benchmarking Guides](#)

+ [Policies and Templates](#)

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:

- + [Discontinuing clinician-ordered peripheral smear reviews by pathologists: A story of change management](#)
- + [Understanding the complexities of molecular pathology coding](#)
- + [Miscellaneous methods to manage the miscellaneous: Three ways to handle test requests](#)
- + [Standardizing demographic data in clinical genomics: A call for inclusive, evidence-based guidelines](#)
- + [Five concepts about the ambulatory payment system that will help laboratorians gain power and improve patient care](#)
- + [Collaborating to minimize uncertainty: Genetic testing stewardship for pediatric obesity](#)
- + [Expanding access to molecular diagnostics in maternal-fetal medicine: A case study](#)
- + [Scam alert: Lessons learned from an analysis of genetic testing fraud cases](#)

PLUGS Podcast

The PLUGS Podcast aims to empower healthcare providers, clinical laboratories, insurance plans, and patients by enhancing lab stewardship. Through insightful discussions, expert guidance, and valuable resources, the PLUGS Podcast is dedicated to supporting all stakeholders in navigating the complexities of clinical lab stewardship, ultimately promoting both better patient outcomes and financial security.

Available on [Spotify](#), [Apple Podcasts](#), and the [MTS website](#).

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