

Applied Proteogenomics Organizational Learning and Outcomes (APOLLO)

APOLLO 10 Sarcoma















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FACT SHEET: At Cancer Moonshot Summit, Vice President Biden Announces New Actions to Accelerate Progress Toward Ending Cancer As We Know It

Tri-Agency Coalition to Enhance Cancer Care - Applied Proteogenomics

Organizational Learning and Outcomes (APOLLO) Consortium: The

Department of Defense (DoD), the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and the National Cancer Institute (NCI) are forming a new collaboration using state-of-the-art research methods in proteogenomics to more rapidly identify unique targets and pathways of cancer for detection and intervention. These methods will look at a patient's genes that may lead to cancer and the expression of these genes in the form of proteins, with potential impact on disease formation and treatment for cancer patients. Initial collaborative efforts will focus on a cohort of 8,000 lung cancer patients within the nation's two largest healthcare systems and will make data broadly available to the research community. Ultimately the effort will be expanded to additional cancer types to reach more cancer patients within the VA and DoD, providing knowledge scalable for physicians across the country treating the more than 1.6 million new patients diagnosed with cancer each year.







APOLLO Vision

Vision: A federal cancer alliance that through strong research collaborations and partnerships optimizes federal cancer resources, enhances cancer research and discoveries, decreases duplication, leverages technologies, enhances intellectual capital, and increases education and training opportunities. Using advanced methods in proteogenomics to characterize and compare tumors, the alliance develops a deeper understanding of cancer biology by identifying potential therapeutic targets and pathways for cancer prevention, detection, and intervention.











Fact Sheet: White House Announces Initial Steps for Reignited Cancer Moonshot

• The Department of Defense (DOD) is expanding a signature clinical research program to all DOD hospitals. As part of the Cancer Moonshot in 2016, the DOD launched the Applied Proteogenomics Organizational Learning and Outcomes (APOLLO) network as a collaboration between NCI, the DOD and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The goal of this collaboration is to incorporate proteogenomics into patient care as a way of looking beyond the genome, to the activity and expression of the proteins that the genome encodes. To-date, this network includes thirteen DOD and VA hospitals which started with eight cancer-specific programs, including studies in lung, breast, prostate, ovarian, pancreatic, testicular, and brain cancers, and is now expanding to all cancer types. DOD, as part of the reignited Cancer Moonshot, will now ensure that the APOLLO trial network expands to include every DOD hospital.



APOLLO Projects

APOLLO 1 Lung Cancer Published

APOLLO 2 Ovarian Cancer Published

APOLLO 3 Prostate Cancer

APOLLO 4 Breast Cancer

APOLLO 5 Prospective, Pan-Cancer

APOLLO 6 Pancreatic Cancer

APOLLO 7 Testicular Germ Cell Tumor

APOLLO 8 Glioblastoma

• APOLLO 9 Krukenberg Tumor

• APOLLO 10 Sarcoma Starting

• APOLLO 11 Melanoma Starting



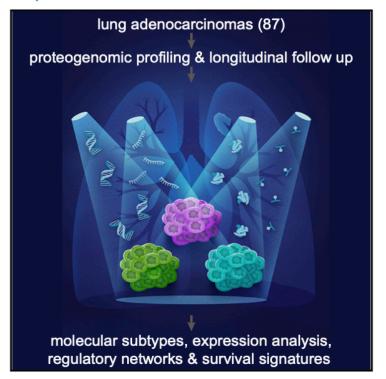
APOLLO 1: Lung Cancer

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Article

Proteogenomic analysis of lung adenocarcinoma reveals tumor heterogeneity, survival determinants, and therapeutically relevant pathways

Graphical abstract



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- N=87
- Integrated whole-genome sequencing, transcriptome sequencing, proteomics and phosphoproteomics (mass spectrometry), and reverse-phase protein arrays
- Identified 3 subtypes by somatic genome alterations
- Identified protein and RNA signatures predictive of survival
- Used phosphoproteomic networks to identify potential therapeutic vulnerabilities between subtypes

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APOLLO 2: Ovarian Cancer

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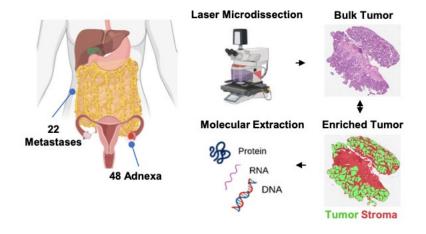


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Proteogenomic analysis of enriched HGSOC tumor epithelium identifies prognostic signatures and therapeutic vulnerabilities



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- N=70
- Increased immune-related signatures associated with longer PFS
- Elevated polycomb complex protein BMI-1 correlated with poor OS in homologous recombination proficient (HRP) high-grade serous ovarian cancer (HGSOC)
- HRP HGSOC cells sensitive to BMI-inhibition

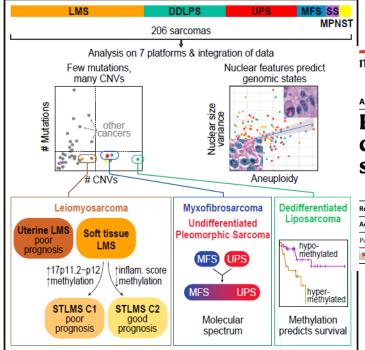


Sarcoma Multi-omics Literature



Comprehensive and Integrated Genomic Characterization of Adult Soft Tissue Sarcomas

Graphical Abstract



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The proteomic landscape of soft tissue sarcomas

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Specimens

- Freshly obtained tissue (lesional and non-lesional control)
 - Frozen embedded in OCT (optimal cutting temperature compound)
 - Snap frozen
 - Formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded (FFPE)
- Liquid specimens
 - Blood (serum, plasma, RBC component, clot)
 - Urine
 - Other body fluids as appropriate







Data

- Demographics and epidemiology
- Pathology
 - Histology
- Treatment
- Follow-up

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Other												,



APOLLO Core Facilities

USU's The American Genome Center

Robotic Liquid Handling Platform



LIMS-enabled Clustering Stations







CSSIMM at Windber Biorepository

Liquid Nitrogen Storage



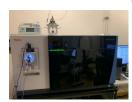




Laser micro-dissection (LMD)

APOLLO Clinical Proteomics Platform

2 Lumos Fusion Orbitraps



2 Q-Trap 6500 Triple Quadrupoles



1 Exploris 480 Orbitrap



5 Q-Exactive HF-Xs



APOLLO Research Pathology Center

Cellular Harvest by Laser Microdissection











Study

Multi-omics approach characterizing molecular signatures in adults with soft tissue and bone sarcoma, including pretreated patients



APOLLO 10: Project Timeline



Project Initiation

March 2024

Team Formation

April 2024-June 2025

Concept Development to Finalization of SAs

September 2024-May 2025

Proposal Submission to Budget Finalization

January 2025-May 2025

Protocol Development

April 2025-present

Hiring

April 2025-present

Funding

July 2025-present



Formation of APOLLO 10 Team

- TAGC
 - Drs. Wilkerson, Dalgard et al
- APOLLO LCMD/proteomics team
 - Drs. Conrads, Petricoin, Bateman et al
- MCCRP/APOLLO informatics and operational teams
 - Drs. Hu, Kvetcher et al



Formation of APOLLO 10 Team

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