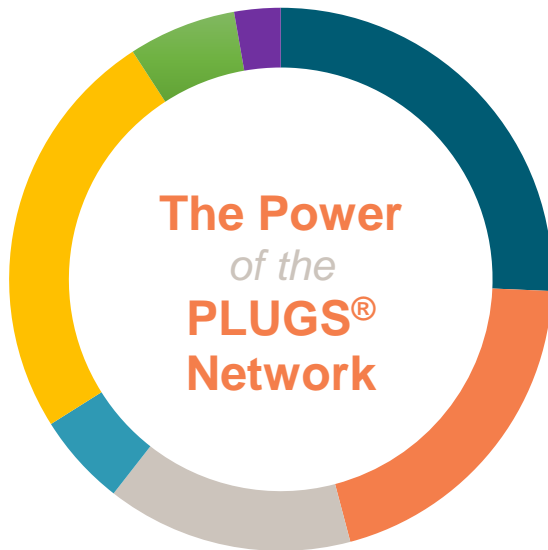


## PLUGS® Member Benefits

**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.



28	Health Systems
22	Hospitals
16	Laboratories
6	Healthcare Products
27	Free Standing Children's Hospitals
3	Patient Advocacy Groups
7	Payers

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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](#).
- + **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).
- + **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.
- + **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!

- + *Responding to Financial Challenges with Lab Stewardship*
- + *LabTalk: The Challenging Role of Laboratory Stewardship in Complementary and Integrative Medicine, Functional Medicine, and Direct-to-Consumer Testing*
- + *Stewards of the Future: Engaging Trainees in Laboratory Utilization Initiatives*
- + *The Chronicles of Molecular Pathology Coding Complexity: A path to aligning the Lab, the Payer and the Clinic*
- + *Streamlined testing for imprinting disorders via long-read sequencing*
- + *Precision Medicine for Vascular Anomalies: a Model for Somatic Mutation Driving Non-Neoplastic Diseases*
- + *LabTalk: Terrible People or Terrible Choices? Characteristics of Bad Ideas in Lab Stewardship and How to Avoid Them*
- + *Optimizing Oncology Test Stewardship: Paving the Path for Precision Care*
- + *Lost in Translation: Navigating the Wild West of Biomarker Bills*

## 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.
- + **Ambassadors Committee:** works to increase member engagement through PLUGS forum dialogue, member meetings, and social media posts.

## 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:

- + [Supporting the rare disease community: Insights from the NW Rare Disease Coalition Payer Forum](#)
- + [Implementation of an automated EMR workflow to facilitate genetic consultation and review of inpatient genetic test requests](#)
- + [How a Program Manager Aligns Quality Improvement, Laboratory Stewardship, and Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine](#)
- + [Stewards of the future Engaging trainees in laboratory utilization initiatives](#)

## 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](#):

- + [Episode 1: Terrible People or Terrible Choices? Characteristics of Bad Ideas in Lab Stewardship and How to Avoid Them](#)

### Questions?

#### Contact:

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