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Training and Career Development

NIA supports a variety of training and career development opportunities for students, early-career investigators, and clinician-researchers. More information is available in the links below.

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Latest Updates

- **Explore NIA's Training Portfolio.** Review the [NIA training and career development landscape](#) (PDF, 78K), including programs and funding for preK-12 up to senior faculty.
- Read an NIA Training Spotlight about [Andrea Gilmore-Pykovskiy, Ph.D.](#) whose research

Part 1. Overview Information

Participating Organization(s)

National Institutes of Health ([NIH](#))

Components of Participating Organizations

National Institute on Aging ([NIA](#))

Funding Opportunity Title

Consequences of amyloid protein polymorphisms in Alzheimer's disease (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Activity Code

[R01](#) Research Project Grant

Announcement Type

New

Related Notices

None

Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) Number

RFA-AG-18-025

This notice has expired. Check the NIH Guide for active opportunities and notices.

Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Capturing Complexity in the Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms Involved in the Etiology of Alzheimer's Disease

Notice Number:

NOT-AG-21-041

Key Dates

Release Date:

January 6, 2022

First Available Due Date:

March 11, 2022

Expiration Date:

November 13, 2024

Related Announcements

[PAR-22-093](#), Research on Current Topics in Alzheimer's Disease and Its Related Dementias (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)

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- Molecular, cellular, and physiological studies that aim to define the function of genetic risk factors for AD, including integrative physiological mechanisms of ApoE in AD.
- Comprehensive structural and functional characterizations of various amyloid and tau variants by high resolution X-ray crystallography, cryo-EM, solid-phase NMR, and native protein mass spectrometry to identify the structural basis underlying toxicity and spreading of misfolded protein aggregates.
- Molecular mechanisms underlying exosome-mediated AD pathogenesis and using the exosome as a potential multicellular phenotyping tool for AD biomarker discovery.
- Molecular mechanisms underlying the propagation of pathological protein assemblies in AD, including the role of glial cells and other non-neuronal cell types in the spreading of pathological protein assemblies.
- Molecular phenotyping and connectivity of single neural cells in human aging and AD brain using/developing methods (e.g., CLARITY-related approaches, axon tracing, single cell analysis and high resolution mass spectrometry imaging) for isolation and characterization (in vitro and in vivo) of neurons and glia.
- Systems biology of brain neural cells derived from human AD induced pluripotent stem cells and the development of genetic, molecular, and physiological milieu that mimics in vivo biology (e.g., 3D cell culture and aging).
- Studies that define molecular "omics" signatures of neural cells, genotype-phenotype relationships, and environmental influences.
- Molecular mechanisms by which metabolic and vascular risk factors as well as blood brain barrier permeability impact the initiation and progression of neurodegenerative changes in AD.
- Molecular mechanisms underlying the impact of sleep deficiency and chronic circadian disruption in the etiology of AD.
- Molecular mechanisms of gender-specific differences in the initiation and progression of neurodegeneration in AD, and on modulation of genetic and environmental risk factors.
- Molecular mechanisms by which peripheral systems (e.g., immune, metabolic, microbiome) interact with the brain during aging and the impact of this interaction on the initiation and progression of neurodegeneration in AD.
- Development of standardized, cost-effective, high-throughput methods to isolate neural and glial cells for "omics" profiling and drug-screening.
- Studies that determine the structural and functional roles of lipids and carbohydrates in modulating the early pathogenesis of sporadic AD.
- Development of the next generation of animal models (e.g., using genome editing) based on genetic and environmental risk and protective factors for AD.

Department of Health and Human Services

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Funding Opportunity Title

Resource Networks for Protein Polymorphisms in Alzheimer's Disease and its Related Dementias (AD/ADRD) (U24 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Activity Code

[U24](#) Resource-Related Research Projects Cooperative Agreements

Announcement Type

New

<https://www.utmb.edu/pprn/home>

Protein Polymorph Resource Network The University of Texas Medical Branch



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Protein Polymorphism Resource Network

Supporting research on protein polymorphisms in Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias

<https://med.uth.edu/neurology/mitchell-center/u24-grant/>

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Production and Distribution of alpha-synuclein strains (24)

The U24 Consortium at UTHealth entitled “Production and Distribution of well-characterized polymorphic variants of alpha-synuclein aggregates” is a NIH-funded cooperative agreement aiming to develop, validate and broadly disseminate tools and resources that are highly relevant to research in Alzheimer’s disease (AD) and related dementias.

Rationale

Alzheimer’s disease is the most common form of dementia and contribute to ~60–70% of cases, followed in prevalence by Lewy body dementia (LBD), responsible for 17% of the cases. LBD includes dementia with Lewy bodies (DLB) and Parkinson’s disease dementia (PDD). These diseases are thought to be caused by the accumulation of misfolded protein aggregates in the brain. Although each disease is usually associated with the deposition of a different protein, the aggregates exhibit remarkably similar characteristics. In AD, protein aggregates appear in the form of amyloid plaques and neurofibrillary tangles composed of amyloid-beta (A β) and hyperphosphorylated tau, respectively. In DLB and PDD the main component of the aggregates is the α -

NIA ADRC program and Related Resources

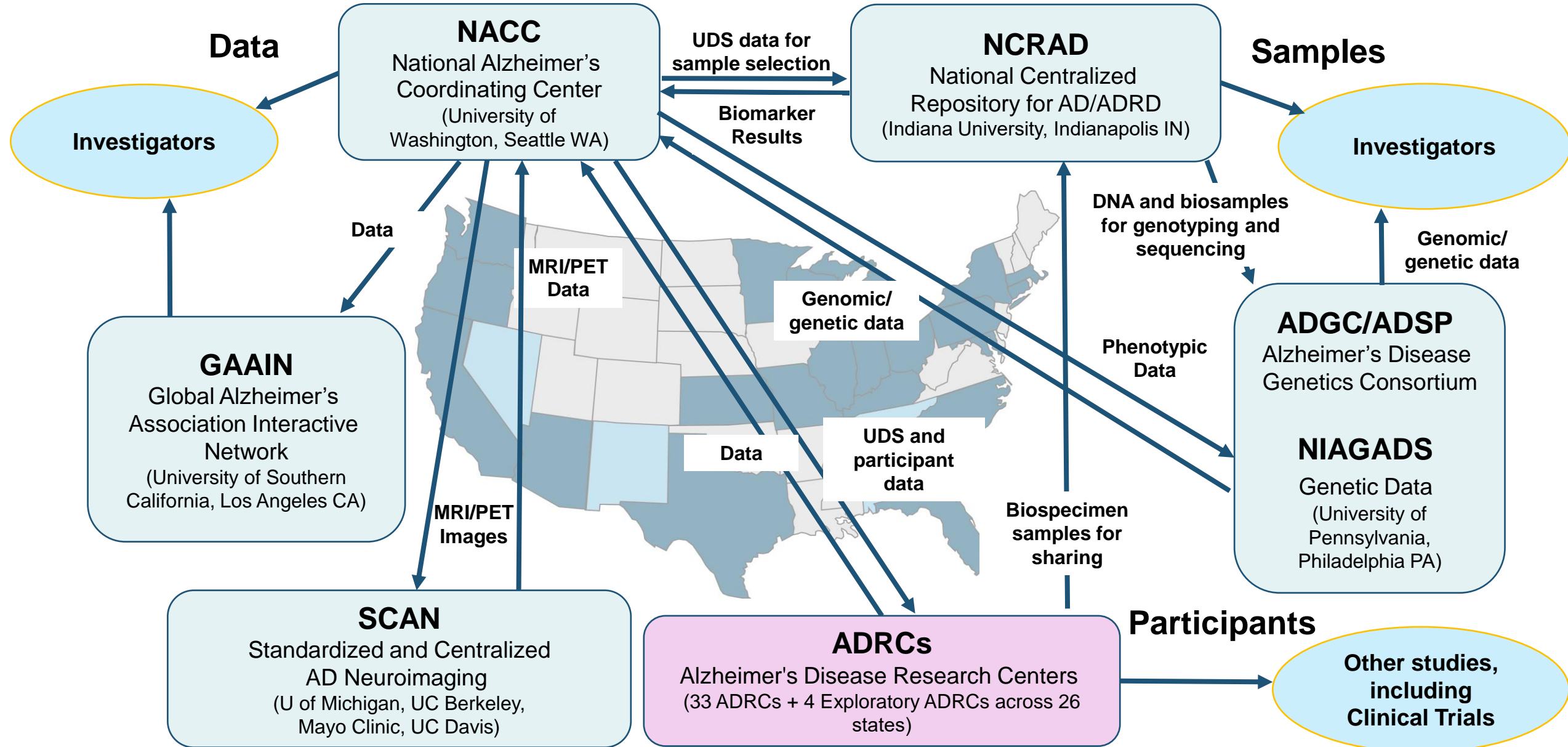
CJD Foundation, Inc

November 14, 2024

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ADRC Data and Sample Sharing Infrastructure



NCRAD



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420K

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NIH National Institute on Aging (NIA) Alzheimer's Disease Research Center Program



- State with NIA-Designated Center(s)
- State with Exploratory Center

NACC's Uniquely Valuable and Expanding Database!

UDS Impact



52,500+

Participants
(19,000+ active)



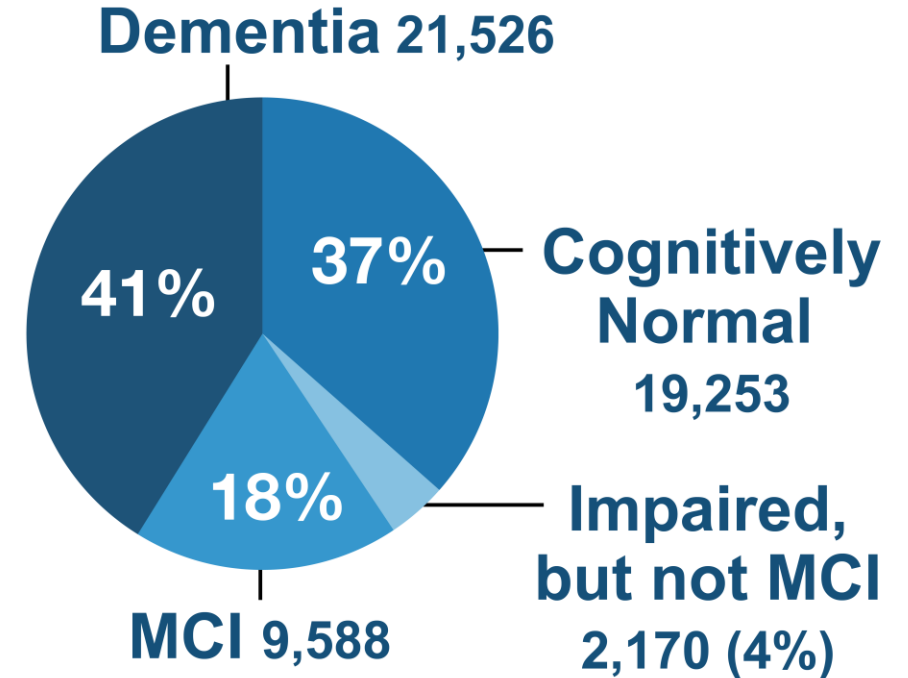
195,000+

Clinical assessments
(1-20 visits/per)



8,150+

Neuropathology datasets
(58% deceased)

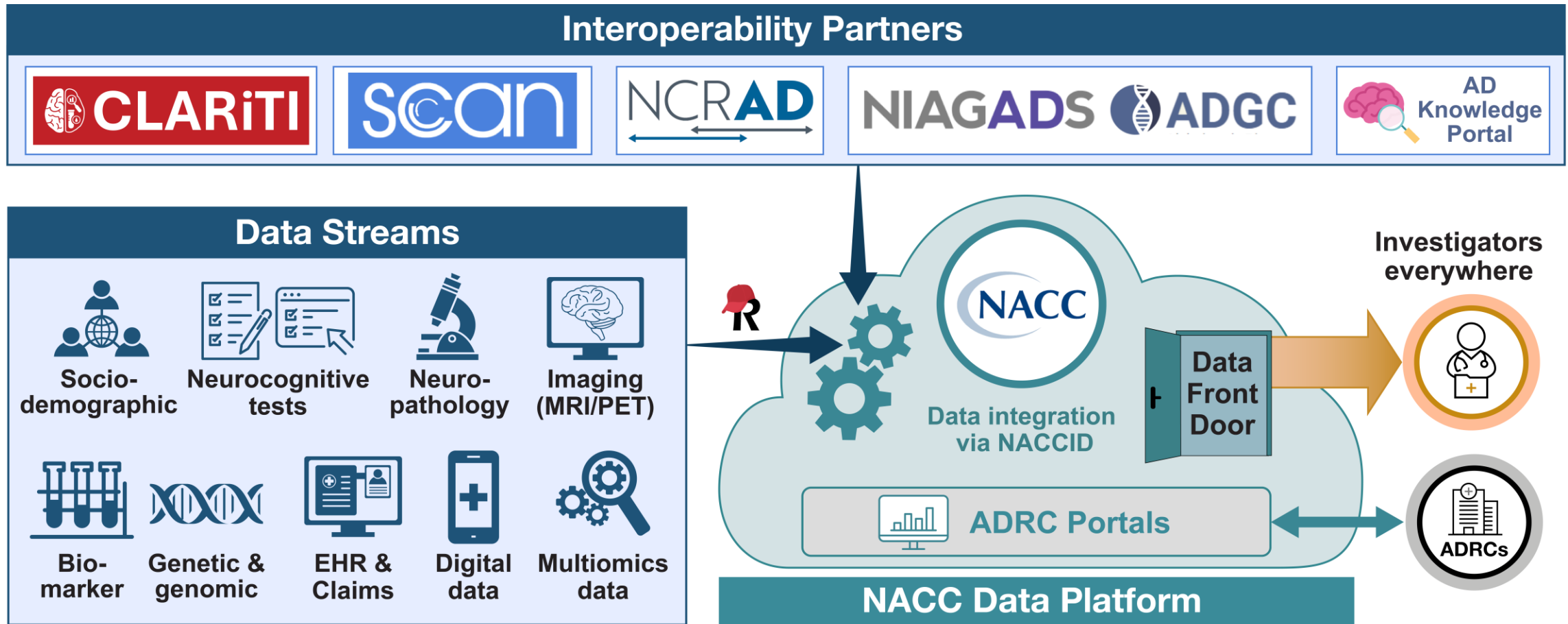


Data Usage

1,350+ Publications

26% Increase since 2021!

NACC Data Platform: Advanced ADRC Participant Data Integration, Harmonization, Interoperability, and Access



Overview of Brain Tissue Resources

ADRC Neuropathology Cores

35 sites

Focused cohorts

Longitudinal, deep-phenotype data

Research driven

Locally coordinated

Minimum standardized diagnostic w/u

Local and site-specific catalog and tissue sharing mechanisms

HTORR/NDRI

Human Tissue and Organ Research Resource

U42 awarded to the National Disease Research Interchange (NDRI), a 501(c)(3) corporation, supported by ORIP and 6 ICs (NIAID, NHLBI, NEI, NINDS, NIDDK, and NIAMS).

National Resource based on tissue donor network
Customized procurement protocols

NCRAD

- **NCRAD Family Study Brain Tissue:** Fixed and frozen tissue available from 258 subjects and 187 families.
 - Families with 2+ with early or late onset AD/ADRD
 - Online catalog available to order
samples: <https://www.ncrad.org/catalogs.html?catalog=BRAIN>
- **The Gift to Life Brain Collection:** Fixed tissue from 94 participants and mixed frozen tissue from 227 participants (DNA extractions)
 - Program at the University of Utah
 - 67% AD, 20% DLB, 7% FTD, 4% PSP

NBB

6 sites: U Miami, MD, Harvard, Mt Sinai, Pitt, The Human Brain and Spinal Fluid Resource Center
Broad range of donors

Retrospective data; includes GWAS, tox screen

Resource driven

Centrally coordinated

Varied diagnostic workup

Centralized catalog and tissue sharing mechanisms

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