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Partners in Innovation, Education and Research

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The Partners in Innovation, Education and Research Consortium® (PIER®) is a collaborative clinical research network for regional health institutions. PIER® is committed to uniting researchers, sponsors, and patients in innovating and transforming clinical research.

PIER® offers an entrepreneurial approach to clinical research by accelerating clinical trials and facilitating the sharing of ideas across the Consortium and within our communities.

By eliminating challenges that impede innovation, PIER® provides researchers and sponsors a centralized, service-line approach promoting the development, implementation and management of clinical research. PIER® presents opportunities for research participation for patients, while bringing more studies to communities.

MEMBERSHIP

PIER® offers solutions to make research more efficient for both members and sponsors:

- Operational Innovation
- Physician-Investigator Engagement
- Education and Training
- Quality Centers
- Informatics

There are two ways that organizations can join PIER®:

Full Membership and Affiliate Membership:

- Full membership includes representation on the Board of Members, oversight of operations, and priority for study opportunities.
- Affiliate members have the opportunity to participate in all clinical trials that are presented.
- All members must meet and maintain PIER’s quality standards.

AFFILIATES	FULL MEMBERSHIP (Affiliate Benefits Plus)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion on PIER website • Access to clinical studies • Support of PIER Central Office (PCO) for study initiation and management • Quality outcome measures • Conduct and protocol compliance • Future opportunities to move to full membership (<i>must be 501(c)(3) organization</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Voting Member on Board of Members/Managers • Participation on committees • Priority selection over Affiliates for studies • Eligible for research funds for PIER pilot projects and innovative clinical trials • Opportunities to represent PIER on study committees and publications • Free access to training

Clinical Trials and Sponsors/Academic Collaborations

PIER® serves as a platform for clinical trials in any disease (disease-agnostic) and works with a variety of sponsors. Some examples of current research projects include:

Oncology:

Breast
Gastrointestinal
Genitourinary
Head and Neck
Hematology
Melanoma
Solid Tumor

Non-Oncology:

Cardiology
Dermatology
Infectious Diseases
Registries for global and chronic diseases
Vaccines

Academic Collaborations

- Use of real-world data characterization to design trials to build out the infrastructure and data warehouses for EMR's

HEAR FROM MEMBERS



David Whellan, MD, MHS

Senior Associate Provost for Clinical Research, Thomas Jefferson University
Chief Operating Officer PIER

"In creating PIER, the most important consideration was our patients. In thinking about communities and patients, we wanted to do more to make clinical trials available to them. Not just at one or two sites but across multiple health systems."

PIER's structure presents as many opportunities as possible for our patients while engaging sponsors to bring novel studies to those communities. The Consortium's centralized approach to budget and contracting improves efficiency by reducing the administrative burden on sites, allowing investigators and clinical research staff to focus on recruitment and core study activities."

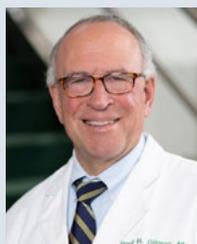


Kenny Simansky, PhD

Senior Vice Dean for Research, Drexel University

"PIER offers industry sponsors substantial advantages for clinical trials by providing access to the large and diverse patient populations of its institutional members. The combination of major health systems and universities is synergistic in applying practical insights to addressing clinical needs. PIER expands the cohort of physician-scientists and other clinical investigators, translational scientists and their collaborative

teams in conducting clinical research by working collaboratively together in the region and nationally".



Paul Gilman, MD

Director, Clinical Research at the Lankenau Institute for Medical Research (LIMR)

"PIER creates an important environment for collaboration bringing together diverse institutions, investigators, and research staff. PIER is a significant source of clinical trials across the spectrum of diseases for our members, attracting studies that may not be available to individual institutions or clinical investigators. Ultimately it is our patients that reap the benefits of this collaboration."

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