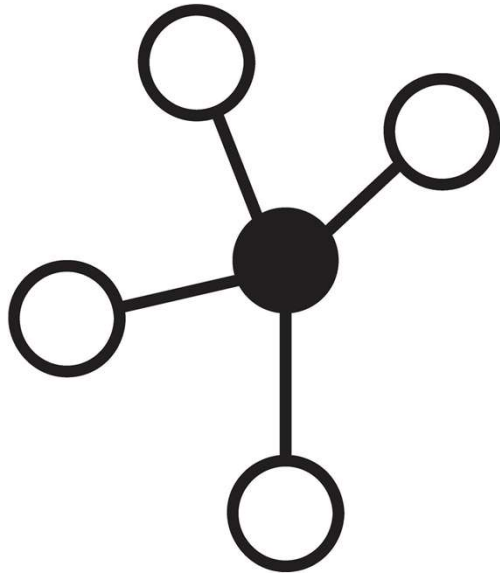


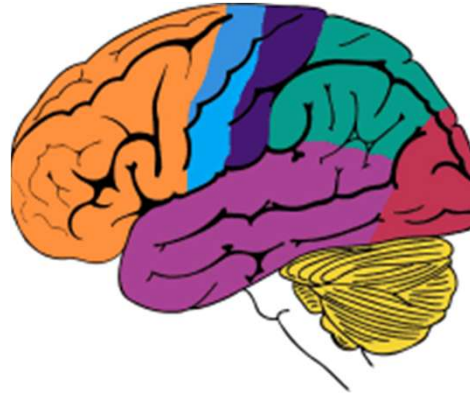
# ACT U19 Administrative Core



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In the beginning (1985-2020)  
ADPR/ACT U01



Admin Core (2021)  
Evolution to U19



Today and tomorrow (2026 -)

Current Core Leadership Team: Nicole Gatto, KatieRose Johnson, Linda McEvoy, Paul Crane, Andrea LaCroix, Rod Walker, Jen Nelson, Dori Rosenberg, Alison Pak

## Core A: Administrative Core

Provides essential support for all Projects and Cores in achieving objectives by ensuring collaborative, efficient, and integrated U19 Program functions; coordinating logistics and finances; and implementing effective communication strategies.

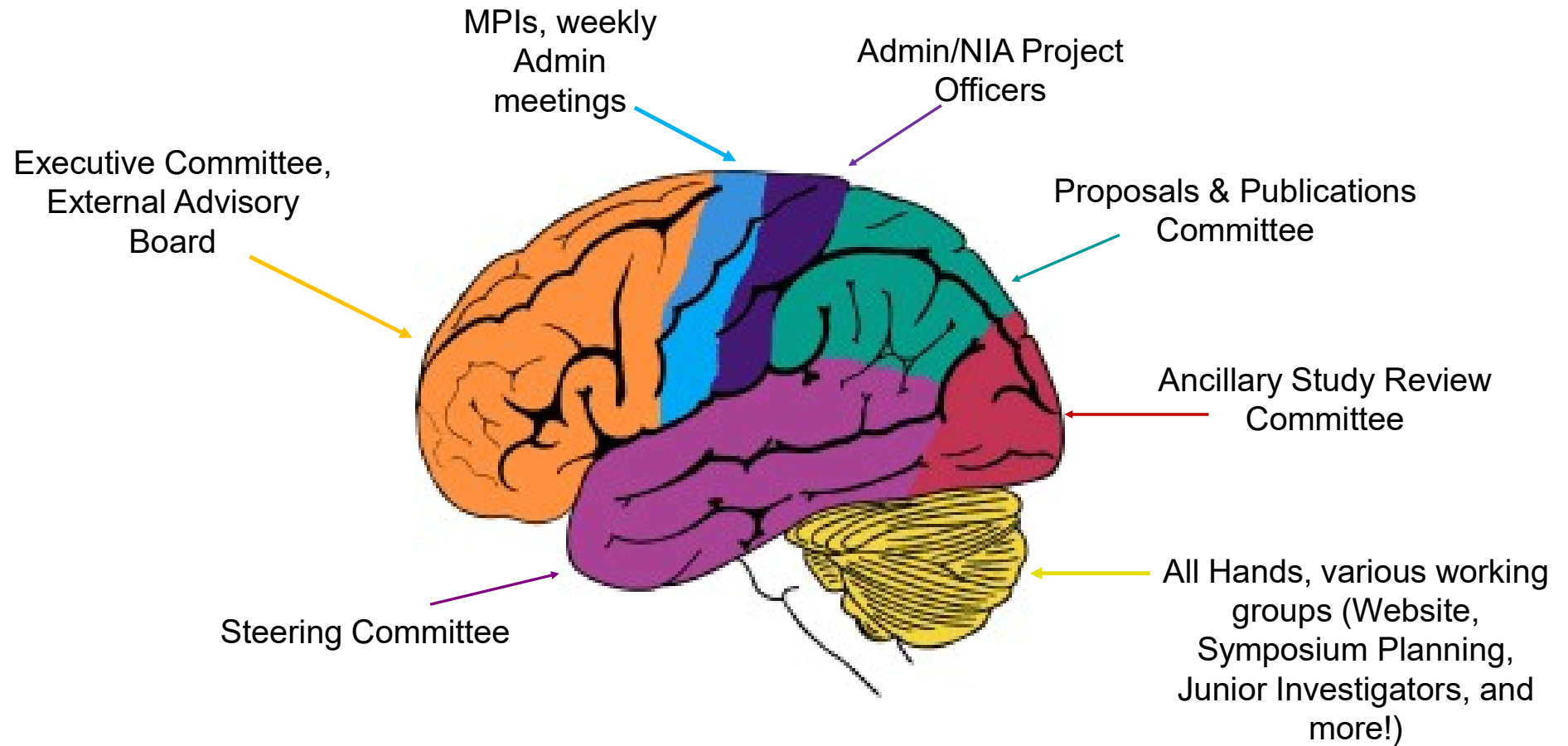
One of our primary functions is to encourage and facilitate meaningful data, resource, and information sharing within and outside the U19 Program to further discoveries in Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.





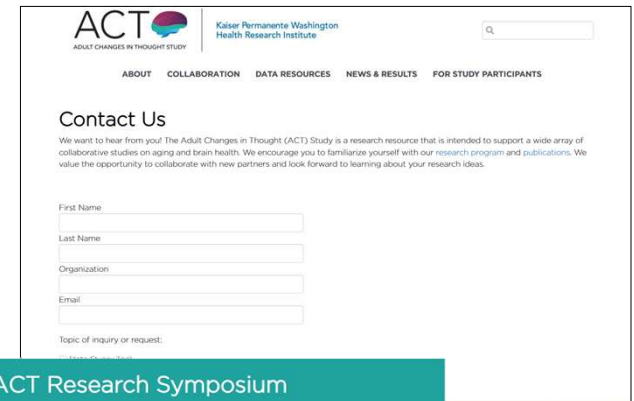
**What comes to mind when you think of the ACT Admin Core?**

## Leadership – Admin Core



## Support U19 Program integration

- Accountable, team-based leadership structure
- Clear processes, timelines, and measurable milestones
- Multiple channels for communication and collaboration
- Program wide activities and dissemination
- Responsive problem solving for U19 challenges



### ACT Research Symposium

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Since 2013, the ACT Study has held an annual symposium to showcase new resources from the Adult Changes in Thought (ACT) Study, highlight innovative research findings, share new grant ideas, and promote cross-disciplinary collaborations. The symposium enables us to:

- Promote scientific use and understanding of ACT data
- Encourage collaborations across scientific disciplines, institutions, and studies
- Provide opportunities for feedback on ongoing and planned work such as analyses-in-progress or new grant ideas, particularly for early-career investigators.

The ACT Symposium addresses critical topics in aging and dementia research, including resilience, brain imaging, dementia subtypes, molecular phenotypes, and traumatic brain injury, among other areas.



Past Symposia

- 2025
- 2024
- 2023



### ACT Events and Seminars

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Please join us for ACT-hosted seminars including our quarterly **Life Course Core Seminar Series** which features guest speakers on a range of related topics and takes place via Zoom. Links to recordings of seminars are frequently made available for those who cannot attend in real time.

#### 2026 Seminars

- January 12: Dr. Raj Kumar - Exploring the Long-term Consequences of Traumatic Brain Injury using Epidemiological Data
- February 12: Dr. Anjum Hajat - Creating Life Course Social Exposures: Individual and Area Level Social Determinants
- March 30: Dr. Lilah Besser - Neighborhood environments and brain health outcomes in the Healthy Brain Initiative (HBI)
- April 27: Dr. Philip Hwang - Examination of physical activity and diet across the adult life course on risk and resilience in Alzheimer's disease and related dementias




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**How many subawards does the ACT U19 include?**

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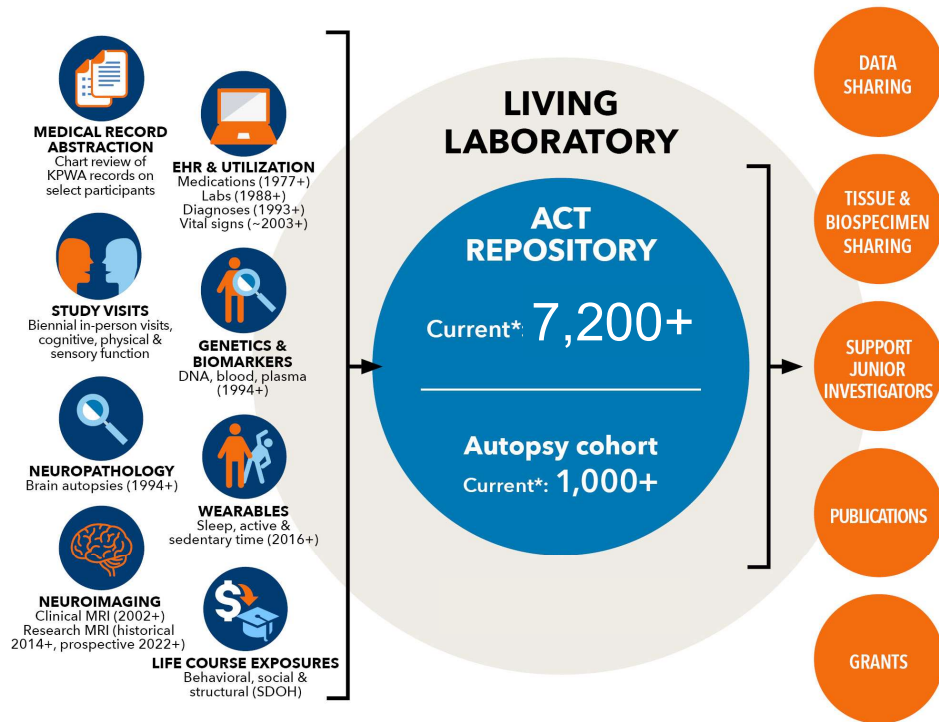
## Provide centralized support of the ACT U19 Program's logistic and financial requirements



- Collaborated with the NIA program office
- Created and maintained the U19's administrative policies & governance structure
- Oversaw Program finances, management of contractual agreements, and regulatory reporting
- Reallocated funds as needed to optimize overall U19 Program function
- Oversaw regulatory requirements to protect confidentiality of human subjects and research data
- Managed day-to-day activities including regularly assessing progress and timelines

A screenshot of the ACT Study website. The header includes the ACT logo, the text 'Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute', and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with links for 'ABOUT', 'COLLABORATION', 'DATA RESOURCES', 'NEWS &amp; RESULTS', and 'FOR STUDY PARTICIPANTS'. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Mission', 'Vision', and 'Values'. The 'Mission' section states: 'The mission of the Adult Changes in Thought (ACT) Study is to utilize our scientific expertise, collaborative ethos, data resources, and contributions from study participants to conduct and facilitate exemplary research on brain aging.' The 'Vision' section states: 'The ACT Study will serve as a rich, innovative, and enduring resource that contributes pathbreaking scientific knowledge about late-life cognition, well-being, and healthy aging.' The 'Values' section lists seven values: 'Respect' (We honor the trust placed in us and in Kaiser Permanente by our study participants by acting with respect and integrity in all of our interactions.), 'Transparency' (We uphold the importance of open communication and shared deliberation for the greatest benefit of the ACT Study contributors.), 'Scientific Impact' (We commit to rigorous methodology that fully leverages our rich data resources and ensures the highest possible scientific validity as we address research questions of paramount importance in aging and brain health.), 'Commitment to Equity' (We strive to develop research that helps understand and reduce the disproportionate burden of Alzheimer's on vulnerable and underserved populations.), 'Partnership' (We engage in open and respectful collaboration with the scientific community, born from the longstanding, mutually beneficial relationship between Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute and partner institutions.), 'Stewardship' (We ensure that the resources entrusted to us (including data, biospecimens, and federal funding) are conscientiously safeguarded.), and 'Growth' (We foster the growth of this program by expanding the participant cohort and ACT Study Data Repository, as well as growth of the field through data sharing and career development opportunities for early career scientists.).

# Participant Data Oversight: From Activity to Impact



## What we track:

- Participant activity and data sharing across all U19 Projects and Cores
- Participant activity and data sharing with Ancillary Grants
- Broad data sharing with external studies

## How we track it:

- P&P Tracking database
- Quarterly reports to NIA
- Project status updates from data recipients

## Participant-Centered Oversight:

- Monitor participation across ACT U19 and Ancillary Grant activities
- Review activities with an eye toward minimizing participant burden



**How many reviews has the Proposals & Publications Committee completed since we began our current review system in October 2022 (all types – data requests, manuscripts, abstracts)?**

## Facilitate collaborations with external investigators and encourage meaningful data sharing



- Developed and maintained public-facing ACT website
- Disseminated ACT publications and presentations via website, Admin notes
- Scheduled and held monthly P&P meetings and bi-monthly ASRC meetings
- Handled execution of data sharing and material transfer agreements
- Offered Data Query Tool Tutorial
- Created & supported Junior Investigator Working Group
- Maintained and continuously improved data availability in collaboration with D&A Core

### Data request for a scholarly work

If you are interested in using ACT data for a manuscript, abstract or other purpose, you can request a customized dataset to meet your research needs.

A data request begins with a proposal describing the manuscript, abstract or purpose for the data.

Requests are considered on a regular basis and approval is required before data can be released.

Depending on the complexity of the request, funding for ACT staff may be required.

[Learn more about requesting data for a scholarly work.](#)

### Ancillary study funded by a grant

If you are interested in using existing or uncurated ACT data and or analytic resources to meet proposed aims of a grant, or would like to suggest new data collection from ACT participants supported by a grant, you can propose an ancillary study with ACT.

This process requires collaboration with an ACT researcher in your area of interest who can help with assessing the feasibility of your project and guide you through the steps involved.

An ancillary study proposal initiates the process and must be approved prior to grant submission.

[Learn more about proposing an ancillary study.](#)

## Evaluate and continuously improve ACT U19 Program performance



- Annual web-based evaluation, sharing of survey results, development of action plans to address areas of need identified on survey, including:
  - ✓ Adding MPI office hours
  - ✓ Admin Core notes with study updates and approved proposals
  - ✓ Teams Channel revisions and tutorial
  - ✓ Seminars on P&P and Ancillary Study procedures
  - ✓ More touch points with subaward grant management teams
- Semi-Annual progress reports from Projects and Cores to monitor achievement of milestones (EC)
- Quarterly Milestone reports for Project Officers



## Next year and beyond

- Refine infrastructure and procedures launched in the U19
- REDCap-based P&P tracking system
- Revised evaluation
- Updated website with new brain donation content
- Support for junior investigators and trainees
- Continued coordination with ancillary studies
- Extended focus on data sharing

**The Admin Core of the Future...  
(ACT U19 Renewal)**



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