Resource for Genetic Epidemiology Research on Adult Health and Aging

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Resource Information


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Description: Human genetics data from an immense (78,000) and ethnically diverse population available for secondary analysis to qualified researchers through the database of Genotypes and Phenotypes (dbGaP). It offers the opportunity to identify potential genetic risks and influences on a broad range of health conditions, particularly those related to aging. The GERA cohort is part of the Research Program on Genes, Environment, and Health (RPGEH), which includes more than 430,000 adult members of the Kaiser Permanente Northern California system. Data from this larger cohort include electronic medical records, behavioral and demographic information from surveys, and saliva samples from 200,000 participants obtained with informed consent for genomic and other analyses. The RPGEH database was made possible largely through early support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to accelerate such health research. The genetic information in the GERA cohort translates into more than 55 billion bits of genetic data. Using newly developed techniques, the researchers conducted genome-wide scans to rapidly identify single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) in the genomes of the people in the GERA cohort. These data will form the basis of genome-wide association studies (GWAS) that can look at hundreds of thousands to millions of SNPs at the same time. The RPGEH then combined the genetic data with information derived from Kaiser Permanente’s comprehensive longitudinal electronic medical records, as well as extensive survey data on participants’ health habits and backgrounds, providing researchers with an unparalleled research resource. As information is added to the Kaiser-UCSF database, the dbGaP database will also be updated.

Abbreviations: GERA

Synonyms: Genetic Epidemiology Research on Aging

Resource Type: data or information resource, database

Keywords: genotype, phenotype, genome-wide association study, saliva, dna, male, female, health condition, electronic medical record, single nucleotide polymorphism, adult human, late adult human, gene, genome

Related Condition: Aging, Cardiovascular disease, Osteoarthritis, Depressive Disorder, Insomnia, Eye disease, Cancer, Diabetes

Funding Agency: NIMH, NIH Office of the Director, NIA

Availability: Application required, Non-commercial, Data Use Certification Agreement

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Alternate IDs: nlx_157735

Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for Resource for Genetic Epidemiology
Data and Source Information

Source: SciCrunch Registry

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 7 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at RRID.


