Introduction: Developing a Global Collaboration to Study Diet and Non-Communicable Disease Prevention

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Session - International Breast Cancer and Nutrition: A model for research, training and policy in diet, epigenetics, and chronic disease prevention

Connie Weaver – IBCN
Ailsa Welch – Diet and Breast Cancer – New Approaches
Nahla Hwalla – Diet and Breast Cancer in the Middle East
Sophie Lelièvre – Nutrition and Breast Cell Biology – New Tools
Dorothy Teegarden – Obesity and Energy Metabolism in Breast Cancer Progression
international breast cancer & nutrition
working together for prevention
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Genetics

Environment

Carcinogens/exposures
Diet
Exercise

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Nutrition is anchored in culture

Lebanon

Uruguay

China

Ghana
Stem/Progenitor cell theory of the origin of breast cancer subclasses: This requires measure of epigenetic changes at single cell level

Joseph Irudayaraj, Agricultural and Biological Engineering
Research team
- Clinicians
- Researchers (life sciences)
- Researchers (social sciences)
- Public Health/Policy experts
- Nutritionists
Establishing interdisciplinary teams

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Basic Medical Sciences

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Annual International Symposia on Nutrition and Breast Cancer

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Annual Strategic Think Tank Retreats with Country Partners
**AN IBCN PROJECT**


Nutrition has been proposed to modulate the risk of developing certain cancers, including breast cancer. Classes of genes may be differently influenced by nutrients depending on the type of epigenetic mechanism targeted by a given nutrient. IBCN focuses on the study of gene-environment data for prevention of breast cancer.

**FROM THE PROPOSAL**

We address prevention by studying the impact of the environment on gene expression control. This encompasses data describing chemical modifications in the DNA and histones, genome sequencing, epidemiology, populations, and environmental impact. We provide ways for genome and epigenome data to be understood in the context of social determinants.

**THE IBCN EPIGENETICS DATABASE**

- Data Exploration
  - Epigenetics Experiment Database →

- IBCN Gene Data from Encode
  - Genes →
  - Gene Variants →
  - Cell Lines and Tracknames →
  - Modification Positions →

- Genome Browser for Modifications
  - User Guide I →  User Guide II →

- Data Collection
  - Experiment Web Forms →

**THE IBCN NUTRIGENOMICS DATABASE**

- Data Exploration
  - Nutrigenomics Experiment Database →

- Data Collection
  - Experiment Web Forms →

**OUR IBCN DATABASES**

- genetic and epigenetic modifications of genes involved in breast cancer onset
- epigenetic mechanisms by which environmental factors modulate known genes
- analysis from different viewpoints: nutrition, genetic, epigenetic, environment, social determinants
Build Infrastructure

• Bylaws for interaction
• Internal Steering and External Advisory Committees
• Cyberinfrastructure to facilitate integration of data and workflow
• Establish student training reciprocity
Grants

• Keck grant
• NIH Conference grants
• Policy grants
• Allen Foundation grant in communication
• Training grants in bioethics
• Susan G. Komen health breast tissue biorepository