New Ways to Engage!

- **Webinar Series:** The LGG Registry has started an English and Spanish webinar series on topics of interest for people with LGG. Watch our first three webinars, *Navigating Disability Benefits, Lo que usted necesita saber acerca del Glioma de Bajo Grado*, and *Returning to Work After Glioma*, on our [website](https://gliomaregistry.org).

- **Spanish Website:** Our Spanish website and questionnaire are now live! Check them out [here](https://gliomaregistry.org).

- **Instagram:** The LGG Registry is now on Instagram! Learn more about low-grade gliomas and stay up to date on study news by following us [@gliomaregistry](https://www.instagram.com/gliomaregistry/).
OPTIMUM team attends 2023 PE-CGS Annual Meeting

Albuquerque, NM
October 24-26, 2023: Members of our research team attended the meeting to collaborate with other research centers of the National Cancer Institute’s Participant Engagement and Cancer Genome Sequencing (PE-CGS) Network. The event featured presentations, panels, and breakout sessions on best practices for engaging research participants and communicating research results. OPTIMUM Co-PIs Dr. Bethany Kwan and Dr. Roel Verhaak served as panelists for sessions on study participant feedback and emerging genomic testing tools. Dr. Kwan and OPTIMUM research associate Annie Heffernan also presented posters highlighting their research on different modes of engagement in genomic research and quality of life in people with LGG. Learn more about the PE-CGS Network and its mission [here](#).

OPTIMUM at the 2023 SNO Annual Meeting

Vancouver, Canada
November 15-19, 2023: LGG Registry founder and Principal Investigator Dr. Elizabeth Claus, OPTIMUM Co-PI Dr. Bethany Kwan, OPTIMUM research scientist Kevin Johnson, and LGG patient advocate Liz Salmi represented the OPTIMUM team at the 2023 Society for Neuro-Oncology Annual Meeting. Dr. Claus, Dr. Kwan, and Ms. Salmi presented on topics including quality of life in people with LGG, enhancing trust and representative participation in LGG genomic research, and digital health literacy. Read more about the 2023 SNO Annual Meeting [here](#).
Dr. Elizabeth Claus discusses engaging Latino communities in the LGG Registry at the 2024 AACR Annual Meeting
San Diego, CA
April 9, 2024: LGG Registry founder and Principal Investigator Dr. Elizabeth Claus, MD, PhD presented an update on OPEL, Optimizing Engagement of Latino Communities to Promote Equity in Low Grade Glioma Genomic Research at the 2024 American Association for Cancer Research Annual Meeting. Dr. Claus’s presentation highlighted the importance of meeting community needs through education and informational resources before asking individuals to participate in research. Read more about the 2024 AACR Annual Meeting here.

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Dr. Elizabeth Claus and Liz Salmi present at 2024 AANS Annual Scientific Meeting
Chicago, IL
May 3, 2024: LGG Registry founder and Principal Investigator Dr. Elizabeth Claus, MD, PhD and patient advocate Liz Salmi served as panelists during a meeting event on Living Well With Diffuse Lower Grade Glioma. Dr. Claus presented on The Management of Lower Grade Gliomas: Where are We Today? while Ms. Salmi discussed her own experiences as a person living with LGG and her relationship with her neurosurgeon in the segment From Surgery to Recovery: What Matters to Patients. Read more about Ms. Salmi’s story in her recent publication Deciding on My Dimples. Information on this presentation can be found here.

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MAY EVENTS
In honor of National Brain Tumor Awareness Month

May 4: LGG Registry & Radio Amor Broadcast
In collaboration with New Haven-based radio station Radio Amor, we organized a bilingual (Spanish/English) broadcast about LGG basics, research efforts, and Hispanic/Latino representation. Tune in HERE.

May 6: Webinar - Returning to Work after Glioma
We recently hosted a webinar on managing thinking changes when returning to work after glioma surgery and treatment. This webinar featured a presentation and Q&A with UCSF neuropsychologist Dr. Christina Weyer Jamora. Watch the recording HERE.

Salud America! Campaign
The LGG Registry partnered with Salud America! during the month of May to generate a series of patient-centered blog posts for Hispanic/Latino communities impacted by brain cancer. Check out all the blog posts HERE.

Stay tuned for more!

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