



Jackson Laboratory Public Discussion March 10 on the Role of Sequencing in Cancer Treatment

WEST HARTFORD, Conn. (Feb. 16, 2015) – In partnership with The Jackson Laboratory, The New Children's Museum will host the second public discussion in its series on family health, community, and education topics.

On Thursday, March 10, at 6:00 PM, Doctors Taofei Yin, Cara Statz, Susan Mockus, and Sara Patterson, four leading scientists who work in the Clinical Analytics and Curation group at The Jackson Laboratory in Farmington, Connecticut, will present their group discussion: *The Quest for A Cure: The Role of Sequencing in Cancer Treatment*.

Next-generation sequencing of DNA enables the rapid screening of thousands of genes to identify mutations in a patient's tumor that may be targeted by drugs—a first step towards personalizing cancer treatment. This lecture will focus on the progress of precision medicine in oncology and the impact on patients and oncologists. The talk will be followed by an open discussion and meet-the-scientists session.

Advanced tickets are available online at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org at \$8 for the general public and \$5 for members of The New Children's Museum and college students (with student ID). Tickets will be \$10 at the door. Limited seating is available.

The Jackson Laboratory (JAX) is an independent, nonprofit biomedical research institution. Its mission is to discover precise genomic solutions for disease and empower the global biomedical community in the shared quest to improve human health. JAX is home to a National Cancer Institute-designated Cancer Center (JAXCC) complemented by institutional education, resource and service initiatives that support cancer research worldwide. JAXCC comprises approximately 50 members with multidisciplinary expertise who are united in research aimed at understanding and targeting the genomic complexity of cancer. To learn more go to www.jax.org/jaxcc

The New Children's Museum and Roaring Brook Nature Center are the region's premiere destinations for exploration. The New Children's Museum and Preschool are located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford and Roaring Brook Nature Center is located at 70 Gracey Road in Canton. More information is available at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org.

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