



# PHACE Research and Genetics Updates

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# Educational Objectives

1. Provide an update on the current status of the PHACE syndrome International Clinical Registry and Genetic Repository
2. Provide an overview of latest publications on PHACE syndrome, focusing on those originating from the PHACE registry

# PHACE syndrome International Clinical Registry and Genetic Repository

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2006

Founded the PHACE Syndrome Clinical Registry and Genetic Repository at UCSF with Ilona Frieden.

2010

The registry was relocated to Medical College of Wisconsin in collaboration with Beth Drolet

2011

Joined forces with Denise Metry and the Texas Children's PHACE Syndrome Clinical Registry

2014

Received R01 funding to study the natural history and pathogenesis of PHACE syndrome

**Families have joined the registry  
from around the world:**



# PHACE registry current numbers:

- 186 individuals enrolled
- 51 additional enrollees from Denise Metry registry, that we hope to enroll into our registry as well
- Total 237 individuals in combined registries

# What happens when you enroll in the study?

- We will do consent forms
- We will review your child's medical history
- We will order a small blood draw on your child and both parents if available
- We will do a cheek swab
- We may collect a tissue sample
- We will collect reports, MRI's and other test results and do a survey.

# The genetic research

- We are using sequencing techniques to look for small changes in the DNA
- We are also trying to understand the spectrum of medical issues in PHACE syndrome and the natural history



# Confirming results

- Confirm any changes found with a second method
- Continue to increase the size of the study to prove and confirm our findings
- For that reason specific results might not be shared with you

# Congenital Cardiac, Aortic Arch, and Vascular Bed Anomalies in PHACE Syndrome (from the International PHACE Syndrome Registry)

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PHACE syndrome represents the association of large infantile hemangiomas of the head and neck with brain, cerebrovascular, cardiac, ocular, and ventral or midline defects. Cardiac and cerebrovascular anomalies are the most common extracutaneous features of PHACE, and they also constitute the greatest source of potential morbidity. Congenital heart disease in PHACE is incompletely described, and this study was conducted to better characterize its features. This study of the International PHACE Syndrome Registry represents the largest central review of clinical, radiologic, and histopathologic data for cardiovascular anomalies in patients with PHACE to date. Sixty-two (41%) of 150 subjects had intracardiac, aortic arch, or brachiocephalic vessel anomalies. Aberrant origin of a subclavian artery was the most common cardiovascular anomaly (present in 31 (21%) of 150 subjects). Coarctation was the second most common anomaly, identified in 28 (19%) of 150 subjects, and can be missed clinically in patients with PHACE because of the frequent association of arch obstruction with aberrant subclavian origin. Twenty-three (37%) of 62 subjects with cardiovascular anomalies required procedural intervention. A greater percentage of hemangiomas were located on the left side of the head and neck in patients with coarctation (46% vs 39%); however, hemangioma distribution did not predict the presence of cardiovascular anomalies overall. In conclusion, PHACE is associated with a high risk of congenital heart disease. Cardiac and aortic arch imaging with detailed assessment of arch patency and brachiocephalic origins is essential for any patient suspected of having PHACE. Longitudinal investigation is needed to determine the long-term outcomes of cardiovascular anomalies in PHACE. © 2013 Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. (Am J Cardiol 2013;112:1948–1952)

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# Take home points:

- The most common finding is an abnormal position of the subclavian artery (21%)
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> most common finding is coarctation of the aorta (19%)
- Around 1/3 of these individuals needed an intervention

## **Stroke in Children With Posterior Fossa Brain Malformations, Hemangiomas, Arterial Anomalies, Coarctation of the Aorta and Cardiac Defects, and Eye Abnormalities (PHACE) Syndrome: A Systematic Review of the Literature**

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# Stroke risk: Take home points:

- This study was both from the registry and a literature review
- We looked at all reported cases of stroke in PHACE
- We found 22 individuals with PHACE and stroke

# Stroke risk: Take home points:

- Narrowing or absence of at least 1 major artery in the brain or neck was reported in 19 of 20 of the cases of stroke
  - 15 had 2 major vessels involved.
- Aortic arch anomalies were reported in 13 of 22 individuals.

# Stroke in children with PHACE syndrome: a systematic review of the literature.

- Having a small or missing major cerebral artery increases risk for stroke, especially if more than one vessel is involved.
- Coarctation of the aorta also leads to a higher risk



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## Copy Number Variation analysis in 98 individuals with PHACE syndrome

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# Copy Number Variation- Take home points

- Copy number variation is having a missing piece or an extra piece of a chromosome. Sometimes this can be the cause of a disease.
- There were no rare copy number changes that occurred in more than one subject.

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# **X Chromosome-Inactivation Patterns in 31 Individuals with PHACE Syndrome**

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# X Inactivation take home points

- Females have 2 copies of the X chromosome.
- To make sure there is not an overdose of one of the genes, one of the two copies is turned off in each cell
- An example of X inactivation is the Brindle coat color in Boxer dogs. The fur pigmentation gene is X-linked, and depending on which copy of the X chromosome each cell chooses to leave active, either a white, brown or black coat color results.

# X Inactivation take home points

- To protect the patient from disease, sometimes the X chromosome can be preferentially inactivated to protect against the disease.
- No pattern of X inactivation was found in the PHACE cohort
- Conclusion: We do not think X inactivation plays a role in the cause of PHACE syndrome

# Studies that have been generated from the registry:

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# Pending publications:

- Dental anomalies in PHACE syndrome
- Speech and Swallow Issues in PHACE syndrome

# Ongoing and future studies

- The Spectrum of Headaches in PHACE
- The Spectrum of Brain Anomalies in PHACE
- Cardiac Surgery in PHACE
- Health Supervision Guidelines
- Prenatal risk factors for the Development of PHACE

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