

PRECISION-CARRS NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2023 ISSUE



Investigators convene for annual meeting in Kochi, India

In early October, the **2023 Precision-CARRS Investigators Meeting** was held in Kochi, India. This annual meeting brought together about 65 investigators and staff from India and the US, representing each of our P-CARRS partner institutions.

During this meeting, the group discussed continued progress on the aims of the project and other accomplishments thus far. Additionally, a large part of the meeting was focused on brainstorming and solidifying new grant and publication ideas, and plans for the future of P-CARRS. This meeting allowed for creative and productive conversations to take place around both our current and future endeavors.

We also had the unique experience of conducting one day of the meeting on a boat which was a relaxing and productive opportunity to advance project ideas and promote team bonding.

Thank you to CCDC for hosting the meeting and to Suma, Rani, and Keriann for managing logistics!



Team members meet US Ambassador to India

Some of our team had the exciting opportunity of running into the United States Ambassador to the Republic of India, **Eric Garcetti**, while out sightseeing prior to the meeting. Mr. Garcetti so graciously talked with us for a few minutes - learning about why we were there and the work that we are doing. Such an unexpected surprise and great way to kick off our visit to Kochi!



>> By the Numbers

Data Collection Breakdown:

10,250.....Questionnaires Administered

5,731.....Bio-Samples Collected

1,196.....Imaging Tests Completed



>> Honors and Mentions

K.M. Venkat Narayan

In September, **Dr. K.M. Venkat Narayan**, Director of the Emory Global Diabetes Research Center and Principal Investigator for Precision-CARRS, was elected as foreign fellow to the **Indian National Science Academy (INSA)**. About 35 Indian members and 5 foreign members are elected each year. Congratulations to Dr. Narayan for this well-deserved accomplishment!



Siddhartha Mandal

Congratulations to **Dr. Siddhartha Mandal**, Senior Research Scientist at the Centre for Chronic Disease Control and Co-Investigator for Precision-CARRS, for his abstract "Long-term exposure to PM2.5 associated with decline in kidney function in a large urban cohort in two India cities" being selected as one of the **International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE) 2023 Best LMIC Abstracts**. Siddhartha was presented the award at the ISEE Conference in September in Taiwan. Well-done, Dr. Mandal!

Viswanathan Mohan

In October, **Dr. Viswanathan Mohan**, Chairman of Dr. Mohan's Diabetes Specialties Center and Chennai Site Lead for Precision-CARRS, received the **Fellowship of the National Academy of Medical Sciences (FAMS)**. He was given this award at the National Academy of Medical Sciences Conference (NAMSCON) in Bangalore last month. Congratulations, Dr. Mohan!



>> Interested in CARRS data?

We strongly encourage and support the use of CARRS data to expand the scientific impact of P-CARRS.

All manuscripts, presentations, or ancillary study proposals involving P-CARRS participants or data must be submitted to and reviewed by the **Publications, Presentations, and Ancillary Studies Committee**.

You can review the guidelines and submit a request using the links below.

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Since inception, CARRS has had 58 publications.



MOST RECENT PUBLICATION

BMJ Open Diabetes Research and Care

PM2.5 exposure, glycemc markers and incidence of type 2 diabetes in two large Indian cities.

Mandal S, Jaganathan S, Kondal D, Schwartz JD, Tandon N, Mohan V, Prabhakaran D, Narayan KMV.

>> Team Spotlight

The success of Precision-CARRS is a direct result of having so many passionate collaborators come together to accomplish our project goals.

We'd like to highlight our Data Management & Analysis Core co-leads below!



Dimple Kondal

Data Management & Analysis Core Co-Lead, Precision-CARRS

Biostatistician, Senior Research Scientist, Centre for Chronic Disease Control

Site: CCDC, Delhi

Years with CARRS: 14 years

Dr. Kondal oversees data management activities, approves database designs, and provides consultation and expert guidance on data collection and analyses for investigators developing new concepts and grant applications.



Howard Chang

Data Management & Analysis Core Co-Lead, Precision-CARRS

Professor of Biostatistics, Bioinformatics, Environmental Science, Emory University

Site: Emory, US

Years with CARRS: 4 years

Dr. Chang helps develop analysis plans, address analytical challenges, ensure rigor in data analysis, and identify best ways to maximize the use and impact of CARRS data.

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