



NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE

Division of Cancer Epidemiology & Genetics

DCEG - Committee of Scientists Survey

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The Committee of Scientists (COS) developed this survey to evaluate whether the policies and procedures of DCEG meet the needs of the DCEG scientific staff. Your answers will help COS to build on the strengths of the Division and identify areas which merit change.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR (OD)

1. There is adequate **communication** from the OD to the DCEG scientific staff.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

2. The **DCEG town hall meetings** are of benefit to the DCEG scientific staff.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

3. I am satisfied that DCEG is going in the **right scientific direction**.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

BRANCH

4. There is adequate **communication** from my branch chief to the branch members.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

5. I am satisfied with **the job** my branch chief is doing.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

6. I think the **branch budgeting process** is fair.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

7. I think that **study protocols are reviewed fairly** in my branch.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

8. There is **ample opportunity to hire** post-docs and summer students in my branch.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

9. I am satisfied with **the administrative support** in my branch.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

SCIENTIFIC REVIEW GROUPS

10. I am satisfied that the Senior Advisory Group (**SAG**) reviews protocols fairly and promptly.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

11. I am satisfied that the Study Review Panel (**SRP**) reviews protocols fairly and promptly

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

12. I am satisfied that the Biomarker Review Groups (**BRG**) review protocols fairly and promptly.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

PURCHASING

13. I am satisfied with the **purchasing processes in the Division** (i.e. NCI Contracts Office, getting a purchase order put in place, paying with credit card, etc.).

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

14. I am satisfied with the ease of requesting tasks through **the NCI at Frederick Accessioning System (NAS)**.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

15. I am satisfied with how the **Office of Financial Management (OFM)** handles payments to my contractors.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

OPERATIONS

16. I am satisfied with the **DCEG Intranet site** (i.e., the website only accessible to DCEG members).

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

17. I am satisfied with the **DCEG Internet site** (<https://www.dceg.cancer.gov>).

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

18. I am satisfied with the process of obtaining a **Materials Transfer Agreement (MTA)** or **Data Transfer Agreement (DTA)** from the Technology Transfer group.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

19. I am satisfied with the **annual mandatory training requirements** I have to complete.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

20. I am satisfied with my interactions with the **Frederick Biorepository**.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

21. I am satisfied with the process of **obtaining sample aliquoting**.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

22. I am satisfied with my interactions with the **Cancer Genomics Research (CGR) Laboratory**.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

23. I am satisfied with the number and quality of **Division seminars**.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

24. I am satisfied with **Division clearance processes** (i.e., manuscripts, Letters of Support).

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

TRAVEL

25. I am satisfied with the number of conferences I can attend (**meeting travel**).

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

26. I am satisfied with the number of trips I can take to work with collaborators (**program travel**).

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

PERSONNEL

27. I think that **salaries among persons at my level** are fairly distributed.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

28. I am satisfied with the opportunities I have for **career advancement**.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

29. I am satisfied with the **PMAP** rating process.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

SCIENTIFIC ENVIRONMENT

30. I am satisfied with the number of opportunities I have to serve on **NCI or NIH committees**.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

31. I feel adequately **mentored** scientifically.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

32. I have sufficient opportunities to **present my research outside DCEG**.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

33. I have sufficient freedom to **pursue science of interest** to me.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

34. I have sufficient access to Division **resources and studies**.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

35. I feel my **intellectual contributions** to research projects are valued.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

36. I feel that my **contributions are adequately recognized** on publications.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

37. I have sufficient opportunities to collaborate with persons **in other branches**.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

38. I have sufficient opportunities to **apply for competitive research funds** (e.g., IRAs, FARE awards, DFARE awards, extramural funds, etc.)

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

39. There are sufficient opportunities to do **additional training**.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

WORK CULTURE

40. I feel that DCEG **encourages different points of view**, regardless of rank, gender or age.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

41. I feel that DCEG **promotes mutual respect** in the workplace, regardless of rank, gender or age.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

42. I feel that DCEG work culture **reflects concern for others**.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

43. I feel that my direct supervisor or mentor **encourages civil discourse** among all staff members, regardless of rank, gender or age.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

44. I feel that DCEG supports options to **enhance work-life balance**.

Strongly Disagree

Disagree

Neutral

Agree

Strongly Agree

Not Applicable

Comments

OTHER

45. Please comment on any aspects of DCEG life that you feel could be improved.

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