

# DTSC Laboratory Update



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**Report to Scientific Guidance Panel**  
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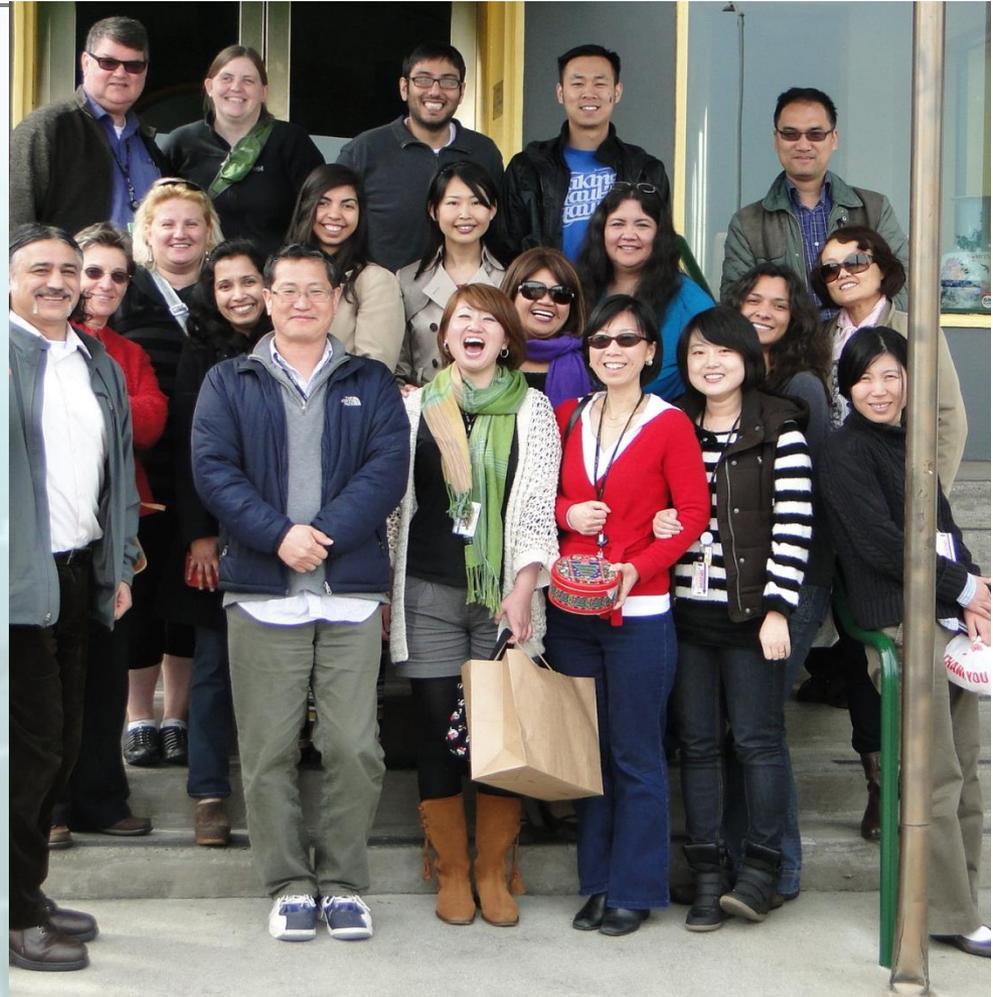
# Status

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- **Staffing/resources**
- **QA/QC**
- **Progress with field studies**
- **Preliminary results**
- **Future activities**

# No Changes in Staffing

- **2 CECBP-funded**
- **4 CDC-funded**
- **In-kind support from DTSC-funded positions**



# Quality Control

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## Proficiency Testing:

- PFCs: 100% on CDC and AMAP
- PCBs, OCPs: 100% on AMAP Fall 2012
- PBDEs, PFCs, PCBs, OCPs: AMAP Winter 2013 under way
- Participating in inter-laboratory testing for all available analytes
- Using NIST certified materials, when available
- Internal Quality Management Program

# Status of Sample Analyses

	<b>MIEEP (n=141)</b>	<b>FOX (n=104)</b>	<b>BEST (n=110)</b>
<b>PFC</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>PCB/OCP</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PBDE</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>110</b>
<b>OH-BDEs</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>Not Requested</b>	<b>Not Requested</b>

Using new LC/MS method for OH-BDEs, *Petropoulou et al., BFR2013*

# CA Teachers Study

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- **In collaboration with:**
  - Cancer Prevention Institute of California, UCI, USC, City of Hope**
- **Sub-study funded by CA Breast Cancer Research Program**
- **Blood samples from ~1,000 cases and 1,000 controls from entire State**
- **Recruitment and sample collection: 2011-2013**
- **Analysis of PCBs, PBDEs, PFCs, thyroid hormones, lipids**

# Progress with the CA Teachers Study (CTS)

	n=1,763 received		
	PFC	PCB/OCP	PBDE
<b>Extraction completed</b>	<b>857</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>632</b>
<b>Instrument Analysis Completed</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>462</b>
<b>Data Review Completed</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Data Released to PI</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>323</b>

# Age and Race Distribution for 614 CTS Participants with PFC results

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Race	n	%
White	395	64.3
Black	55	9.0
Hispanic	83	13.5
Asian/PI	73	11.9
Other	8	1.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>100</b>

Age at Blood Draw (Years)	n	%
40-49	35	5.7
50-59	93	15.2
60-69	211	34.4
70-79	177	28.8
80-89	87	14.2
90-99	11	1.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>614</b>	<b>100</b>

# PFCs (ng/mL) in Serum Samples of 614 Women CTS Subset, 2011-12 (results as of 4/1/2013)

Perfluorochemicals (PFCs)	Geometric Mean (95% Confidence Interval)	Selected Percentiles			
		25 <sup>th</sup>	50 <sup>th</sup>	75 <sup>th</sup>	95 <sup>th</sup>
PFHpA	<b>0.07</b> (0.07 – 0.08)	< <i>LOD</i>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.27</b>
PFOA	<b>2.52</b> (2.40 – 2.64)	<b>1.79</b>	<b>2.52</b>	<b>3.68</b>	<b>6.18</b>
PFNA	<b>1.00</b> (0.95 – 1.04)	<b>0.72</b>	<b>0.99</b>	<b>1.40</b>	<b>2.38</b>
PFDeA	<b>0.22</b> (0.20 – 0.23)	<b>0.16</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.36</b>	<b>0.68</b>
PFUA	<b>0.14</b> (0.13 – 0.15)	<b>0.09</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.44</b>
PFDoA	*	< <i>LOD</i>	< <i>LOD</i>	< <i>LOD</i>	<b>0.07</b>
PFBuS	*	< <i>LOD</i>	< <i>LOD</i>	< <i>LOD</i>	<b>0.07</b>
PFHxS	<b>1.61</b> (1.51 – 1.72)	<b>1.05</b>	<b>1.57</b>	<b>2.41</b>	<b>6.23</b>
PFOS	<b>7.07</b> (6.66 – 7.51)	<b>4.86</b>	<b>7.59</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>20.8</b>
PFOSA	<b>0.05</b> (0.04 – 0.05)	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.33</b>
Et-PFOSA-AcOH	<b>0.04</b> (0.04 – 0.05)	<b>0.02</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.08</b>	<b>0.26</b>
Me-PFOSA-AcOH	<b>0.26</b> (0.24 – 0.28)	<b>0.13</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>1.61</b>

\* Geometric mean was not calculated for chemicals that were found in less than 65% of the study group.  
< *LOD* means below limit of detection.

# PFCs (ng/mL) in Serum Samples of 614 Women CTS Subset, 2011-12 compared to NHANES, 2009-10

Perfluorochemicals (PFCs)	Geometric Mean (95% Confidence Interval)	NHANES 09-10 (n=674) <i>Women 40 years and above</i>
PFHpA	<b>0.07</b> (0.07 – 0.08)	*
PFOA	<b>2.52</b> (2.40 – 2.64)	<b>3.02</b> (2.75 – 3.32)
PFNA	<b>1.00</b> (0.95 – 1.04)	<b>1.62</b> (1.41 – 1.87)
PFDeA	<b>0.22</b> (0.20 – 0.23)	<b>0.30</b> (0.27 – 0.32)
PFUA	<b>0.14</b> (0.13 – 0.15)	<b>0.20</b> (0.17 – 0.23)
PFDoA	*	*
PFBuS	*	*
PFHxS	<b>1.61</b> (1.51 – 1.72)	<b>1.47</b> (1.31 – 1.64)
PFOS	<b>7.07</b> (6.66 – 7.51)	<b>9.37</b> (8.17 – 10.76)
PFOSA	<b>0.05</b> (0.04 – 0.05)	*
Et-PFOSA-AcOH	<b>0.04</b> (0.04 – 0.05)	*
Me-PFOSA-AcOH	<b>0.26</b> (0.24 – 0.28)	<b>0.21</b> (0.19 – 0.24)

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**NHANES** is the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

# PFCs in Serum Samples of 614 Women

## CTS Subset, 2011-12 (results as of 4/1/2013) *continued*

Perfluorochemicals (PFCs)	Detection Frequency	Limit of Detection (ng/mL)
PFHpA	73.5 %	0.059
PFOA	99.8 %	0.029
PFNA	100 %	0.014
PFDeA	93.2 %	0.032
PFUA	98.4 %	0.010
PFDoA	13.7 %	0.036
PFBuS	18.4 %	0.022
PFHxS	100 %	0.012
PFOS	99.7 %	0.083
PFOSA	90.6 %	0.008
Et-PFOSA-AcOH	88.1 %	0.011
Me-PFOSA-AcOH	99.8 %	0.013

# Age and Race Distribution for 323 CTS Participants with PBDE results

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Race	n	%
White	240	74.3
Black	29	9.0
Hispanic	25	7.7
Asian/PI	23	7.1
Other	6	1.9
<b>Total</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>100</b>

Age at Blood Draw (Years)	n	%
40-49	17	5.3
50-59	40	12.4
60-69	104	32.2
70-79	102	31.6
80-89	50	15.5
90-99	10	3.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>323</b>	<b>100</b>

# Lipid-Adjusted PBDEs (ng/g) in Serum Samples of 323 Women CTS Subset, 2011-12 (results as of 4/1/2013)

Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDEs)	Geometric Mean (95% Confidence Interval)	Selected Percentiles			
		25 <sup>th</sup>	50 <sup>th</sup>	75 <sup>th</sup>	95 <sup>th</sup>
BDE 28	*	< LOD	< LOD	1.89	4.13
BDE 47	13.61 (12.35 – 15.00)	7.67	13.2	23.8	65.7
BDE 99	*	< LOD	< LOD	4.88	13.4
BDE 100	1.96 (1.76 – 2.19)	0.99	1.96	3.79	9.66
BDE 153	5.02 (4.45 – 5.66)	2.53	4.77	8.76	44.4

\* Geometric mean was not calculated for chemicals that were found in less than 65% of the study group.  
< LOD means below limit of detection.

## Lipid-Adjusted PBDEs (ng/g) in Serum Samples of 323 Women CTS Subset, 2011-12, compared to NHANES, 2003-04

Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDEs)	Geometric Mean (95% Confidence Interval)	NHANES 03-04 (n=471) <i>Women 40 years and above</i>
BDE 28	*	1.15 (0.96 – 1.38) †
BDE 47	13.61 (12.35 – 15.00)	17.34 (14.16 – 21.24) †
BDE 99	*	*
BDE 100	1.96 (1.76 – 2.19)	3.22 (2.70 – 3.85)
BDE 153	5.02 (4.45 – 5.66)	3.90 (3.39 – 4.98)

† BDE 28: n=462  
BDE 47: n=464

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# Lipid-Adjusted PBDEs in Serum Samples of 323 Women

## CTS Subset, 2011-12 (results as of 4/1/2013) *continued*

Polybrominated Diphenyl Ethers (PBDEs)	Detection Frequency	Limit of Detection	
		Wet wt. (ng/mL)	Lipid wt. (Range, ng/g)
BDE 28	43.7%	0.009	0.62 – 1.36
BDE 47	92.3%	0.024	1.94 – 3.54
BDE 99	31.9%	0.025	1.74 – 3.78
BDE 100	85.4%	0.004	0.30 – 0.57
BDE 153	86.7%	0.009	0.74 – 1.35

# Genetic Disease Screening Program

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- **Statewide archive of prenatal serum samples**
- **Can it be used for Biomonitoring California?**
  - **Adequate volume?**
  - **Collection tube used (Gold Top Serum Separator)**
  - **Chemical contamination?**

# Preliminary Testing

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- **DTSC staff visited Genetic Diseases Lab (GDL) to observe and discuss operations**
- **At GDL, serum samples stay uncovered for several hours while tested for genetic diseases; three different plungers are immersed sequentially**
- **Exchanged samples**
  - **DTSC's 3 bovine serum (lab blanks) subjected to GDL's operations to test contamination;**
  - **DTSC obtained from GDL and analyzed 20 prenatal serum samples (from 2 separate clinical labs) for POPs**

# Preliminary Results: PFCs

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- **PFOS: Consistent background (0.12-0.13 ng/mL) in lab blanks (n=3). Not significant, given expected levels.**
- **Contamination source unidentifiable:**
  - **Collection tube?**
  - **Clinical lab background?**
  - **Not from DTSC lab**
- **Other PFC compounds: no background levels**
- **Serum PFC results from the two Clinical labs (n=10 from each lab): no unusual PFC levels observed.**

# Future Activities

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- **Complete GDL study analysis (PBDEs, PCBs, OCPs)**
- **Collaborations**
  - **Child Health & Development Studies**
    - **Three Generations Study (3G)**
- **New Instrumentation to identify unknown chemicals**



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Child Health and  
Development Studies

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**National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences**

**National Cancer Institute**

**National Institutes of Child Health and Human Development**

**Lance Armstrong Foundation**

**California Breast Cancer Research Program**



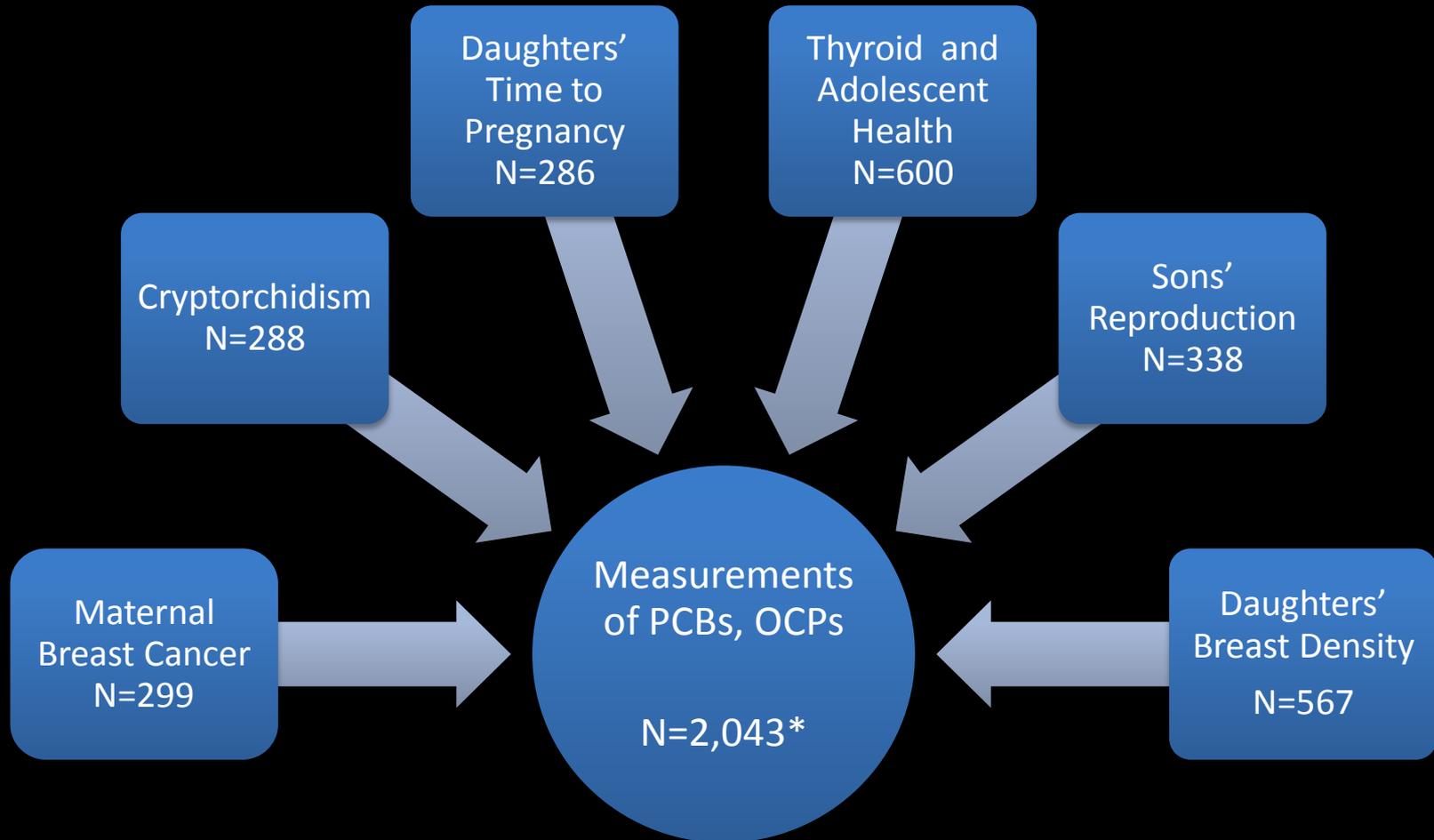
About 50 years ago,  
over 15,000 pregnant women in the  
Kaiser Permanente Health Plan  
joined the CHDS.



# The Child Health and Development Studies (CHDS)

- 90+ percent of pregnant women (N=15,528) who received obstetric care at Kaiser, Oakland, CA from 1959-1967
- Archived data from medical records and baseline interview:
  - Demographics: age, race/ethnicity
  - Pregnancy and reproductive history
  - Behavior (smoking, alcohol consumption)
- Archived pregnancy serum from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd trimesters and the post-partum

# DTSC's Collaboration in CHDS Studies of Prenatal Exposure Using Maternal Serum



\* As of 2011. Total eligible do not equal the sum of the studies due to overlap of subjects between studies

# New CHDS Studies in Progress

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## Three Generations Breast Cancer Study (3Gs)

Funded by the California Breast Cancer Research Program

- **Expands the CHDS by adding:**
  - ADULT 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation daughters
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Generation daughters

# Some 3Gs Research Questions

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- Does a daughter's exposure in the womb to environmental chemicals in her mother's blood increase her risk of breast cancer later in life?  
(Maternal Serum)
- Are environmental chemicals and metabolites in daughters' blood different by race and income?  
(Daughters' Serum Collected in 2012-13)
- How do levels compare between mothers and daughters?

# 3Gs and Biomonitoring California

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- **Contemporary (daughters') serum (n=300) will be analyzed for:**
  - OCPs, PCBs
  - PFCs, PBDEs, OH-BDEs
- **Results will be incorporated into the Biomonitoring California database**
- **Synergy, Program Sustainability**

# Instrumentation for Identifying Unknowns

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- Non-targeted analytes may be important new candidates for biomonitoring
- High resolution mass spectrometer with MS<sup>n</sup> capabilities (referred to as TOF)
- CDC requirement: Must have both qualitative and quantitative capabilities
- Place holder in Yr-5 CDC budget
- Exploring vendors (specifications, price)

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**QUESTIONS?**