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### Decoding the Non-coding - Gene Regulatory Mechanisms Revealed by Rare Disease Genomics

Human Genetics has been extremely successful in identifying disease mutations in rare genetic conditions with Mendelian inheritance. However, even after whole exome sequencing, 50% to 70% of cases with suspected genetic cause remain undiagnosed. We have been focusing on disease mechanisms that are primarily driven by non-coding, regulatory mechanisms. The fine tuned regulation of gene expression is, to a large degree, the product of cis-regulatory elements, so called enhancers. We show that genomic rearrangements, also called structural variations (SVs), can cause re-wiring of enhancer-promoter contacts by disrupting topologically associated domains (TADs). While enhancers probably provide the majority of regulatory information, different types of non-coding RNAs also play important roles. I will present our recent results how mutations in a long non-coding RNA cause a developmental malformation syndrome and how this lncRNA exerts its effects on the target gene.

Faculty Host: Joseph Gleeson, MD

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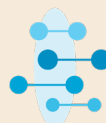
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