

# Working Group 2: Computing, Data & Storage Infrastructures

There is already much collaboration across BD2K grantees in California, but there's opportunity for more

- metadata generation/management a common theme across centers

Many centers using Amazon cloud resources

- concerns and questions about billing/cost/payment issues

- monopoly concerns from NIH

Many centers also have campus clusters available

- HIPPA compliant-clusters not as available

## Working Group 2 Wish List and Worries

HIPPA-compliant cluster resources  
Authentication and access methods

precision medicine's push towards a "Single IRB mechanism"

What happens if effort is successful - AWS costs scale and use up NIH grant award money...

## Working Group 2 Notable omissions

No one mentioned wide area data speed limitations

Data transfer chokepoint is hard drive to compute, not intra-center transfers

No one discussed high performance computing

more conversation of web interfaces and availability than compute-intensive analysis tasks  
financial/infrastructure model questions were discussed more than terabyte-scale compute problems (want small compute on data that's over there)