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City Visions Radio Presents: Exploring the Human Microbiome

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(San Francisco) – July 18, 2014. According to researchers, there are 100 trillion microorganisms living in the human body. In the human gastrointestinal tract alone, there are between 500 and 1000 different species of bacteria that perform digestive functions so crucial that some have dubbed these collective organisms "a forgotten organ."

But where does this 'human microbiome' come from? What do these microorganisms do for us, and how are they related to chronic disease? And how can we keep our microbiome healthy? Join host David Onek as we explore these questions and more with Bay Area researchers who are leading the new field of microbiome exploration and discovery:

- [Dr. Katie Pollard](#), senior investigator and the founder of the Bioinformatics Core at Gladstone Institutes, an independent medical research organization based in San Francisco. Dr. Pollard is also a professor in the UCSF Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics and Institute for Human Genetics.
- [Dr. Susan Lynch](#) is an Associate Professor in the Division of Gastroenterology in the Department of Medicine and at UCSF, where she also directs the Colitis and Crohn's Disease Microbiome Research Core.
- [Peter DiLaura](#) is the President and CEO of Second Genome, a biotech company based in South San Francisco that brings microbiome science to the discovery and development of therapeutic products for addressing inflammation and metabolic diseases.

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