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PROSPECTUS:
Comparative Effectiveness Research Award

AWARD POLICIES AND PROCEDURES:

PURPOSE

The Foundation of the ASNR Comparative Effectiveness Research Award in Neuroradiology was created to support investigators in the generation and synthesis of evidence that compares the benefits and harms of diagnostic imaging methods or interventions to prevent, diagnose, treat and monitor a clinical condition or to improve the delivery of care. Comparative effectiveness research (CER) is valuable to clinicians, patients, purchasers, and policy makers in making informed decisions that will improve health care at both the individual and population levels. CER includes the direct comparison of diagnostic imaging modalities or interventions for a specific disease in a study population. Neuroradiologists have an important role in the development of new imaging technologies and image-guided procedures, as well as in the assessment of these techniques in the clinical care of patients.

ELIGIBILITY

A candidate must have a M.D. or D.O. degree, and must be board-certified or board-eligible in Radiology by either the American Board of Radiology or the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RSPSC). A candidate must have completed a residency in diagnostic Radiology, and at least one year in an ACGME-approved fellowship in Neuroradiology or be enrolled in an ACGME-approved fellowship in Neuroradiology during the award period.

The candidate must be an ASNR member in good standing.

RESEARCH AWARD ACTIVITIES

- A. The award will initially be approved for one year. A second year may be requested during the third quarter of the first year of the award. Approval for the second year will depend on funding cycles and a successful demonstration of research progress.
- B. The research project may involve any aspect of Neuroradiology. Priority will be given to those proposals that emphasize technology assessment, patient outcomes, and/or some aspect of health services research.
- C. Retrospective reviews and meta-analyses will also be considered. The research proposal must have a clearly stated, testable hypothesis and well-developed aims.
- D. One goal of the CER award is to provide the awardees with a means to develop preliminary data in order to pursue extramural funding for extended research from such

agencies as the NIH (K or R series award), AHRQ (Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality), or other foundation awards. Preference will be given to those projects which demonstrate potential for external funding beyond the CER award funding period.

LOCATION OF STUDY

- A. Strong consideration will be given to applicants from departments and institutions that show a commitment to the applicant's research development in comparative effectiveness research.
- B. The parent institution must demonstrate adequate resources and facilities to carry out the terms of the project. Specific involvement by experts outside of Radiology will be viewed favorably.

CONDITION OF AWARD

- A. The total award amount is up to \$40,000 per year (direct costs only). The proposed allocation of award resources (salary support and other research costs) should be specified in a detailed line-item budget submitted with the full proposal.
- B. The funding will go directly to the Radiology Department or Institution as direct costs to support the Comparative Effectiveness Research Award. No overhead or indirect costs are provided.
- C. Bi-yearly updates due on the 1st of January and the 1st of July within the year of the grant cycle must be submitted in writing to the NER Foundation.
- D. Participants are required to submit materials on the progress and outcome of the grant for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Neuroradiology (ASNR), or for publication in the *American Journal of Neuroradiology (AJNR)*, as appropriate.
- E. Applicants who hold any of the ASNR Foundation fellowships or awards, the RSNA Fellowship or Scholar Award, or similar will not be eligible for another award or fellowship in that year.
- F. This award may be transferred to another institution, following approval by the ASNR Foundation for the designated individual, provided the new institution abides by the original agreement and the awardee is able to carry out the proposed work in the new setting. This request must be submitted in writing to the ASNR Foundation at least 30 days prior to the transfer. Each institution sponsoring the awardee will receive a portion of the funding that is in proportion to the length of time that research was performed at their institution. In the event that a decision is made by the ASNR Foundation not to allow transfer of the award to another institution, the original institution sponsoring the awardee will receive funds that are proportionate to the length of time the research project was performed at that institution.
- G. The grant is not transferable to another individual.

SELECTION METHOD

- A. Awards will be designated and administered by the Foundation of the ASNR.
- B. The Research Committee of the ASNR, or its designate, will provide review and recommendations to the Foundation for the recipient of the award.

APPLICATION SCHEDULE

- A. The deadline for receipt of Letters of Intent is February 15, 2011. These should be one-page abstracts of the research proposal, submitted electronically (in .pdf or .doc format) to Bonnie Mack (bmack@asnr.org). On the subject line of e-mail submissions, indicate the following:
- ◆ ASNR Foundation Comparative Effectiveness Research
- B. Applicants who are selected from the Letter of Intent stage will be notified that they are invited to submit a full proposal, and an application will be provided. The deadline for receipt of full proposal submissions is March 23, 2011. Full proposals should also be submitted in electronic form (.pdf or .doc).
- C. Selection of grant recipients will be in the spring, with subsequent notification of the recipient and institution. All those with interests in the grant, or employees of an institution that may be involved in the grant, shall recuse themselves from voting on such applications. In the event that applications are received from the institutions of the Research Committee co-Chairs, the ASNR Vice-President will assume the responsibility of coordinating review of the applications.
- D. Announcement of the 2011 Comparative Effectiveness Research Award will be made at the 2011 ASNR Annual Meeting.