

Center for Healthcare Research and Quality

FUNDING ALERT

Ongoing Intramural Grant Opportunity for Health Services Research

The Center for Healthcare Research and Quality announces an ongoing opportunity for pilot grant funding in Health Services Research. The Office of Research is encouraging applications to the intramural grant program for research to study and improve the organization, financing, delivery and outcomes of health care. Depending on the quality of proposals, one or more proposals in this area will be funded at each cycle. Funding of up to \$15,000 is for 12 months.

Deadline: November 26, 2002, January 22, 2003, and April 16, 2003.

Details: www.phs.wfubmc.edu/chrq/index.htm

Economic Evaluation of Drug Abuse Treatment & Prevention Services for HIV/AIDS

The National Institute on Drug Abuse encourages research on the economics of HIV/AIDS services that are utilized in conjunction with drug abuse treatment and/or prevention services. The catastrophic medical expenses and premature disability due to AIDS can have a devastating impact on the well-being of the afflicted individual. Society also experiences numerous negative consequences from the HIV/AIDS and indeed some nations are experiencing health system failures. Furthermore, persons with HIV/AIDS also face other blood borne infections, and of particular concern, is hepatitis C. Public health experts maintain that in order to achieve declines in AIDS incidence and deaths, HIV-infected persons must seek testing earlier in the course of their disease, receive and adhere to treatment, and follow prevention guidelines. Research to achieve these goals must involve an economic component concerned with the economic behavior of consumers, providers, government agencies, and third party payers. Applications are sought that would employ the methods of economic analysis to pressing problems in the financing and delivery of HIV/AIDS services and drug abuse treatment and/or prevention services.

Deadline: January 2, 2003

Details: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-164.html>

Implementation of Screening & Brief Interventions for Alcohol-Related Problems

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism seeks research grant applications on the delivery of screening, identification, and brief intervention services for alcohol-related problems in medical and other similar service settings. This PA invites research applications to test strategies for improving the availability, use of, delivery, quality, effectiveness, cost-effectiveness, and outcomes of protocols to screen for and identify patients with current or potential alcohol use problems and to implement brief interventions to address such problems. This PA also invites research applications to test strategies that facilitate the referral to more intensive treatment for those patients for whom specialty care may be indicated.

Deadline: February 1, 2003

Details: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-168.html>

Economic Studies in Cancer Prevention, Screening, and Care

The Division of Cancer Control & Population Sciences of the NCI and the Agency for Healthcare Research & Quality invite investigator-initiated grant applications for research directed at increasing the knowledge base in the area of the economic aspects of cancer prevention, screening, and care. The goal of this PA is to generate new economic knowledge that will promote the optimal design of cancer prevention and control trial studies and interventions and will facilitate the formulation of effective health care policy related to cancer prevention and control. This initiative requests research applications on new methods development, the synthesis and extension of existing methods, and innovative data gathering strategies. Applications that propose to implement actual data collection on a pilot or full-scale basis as well as analytical studies that use existing data and methodology may also be submitted.

Deadline: February 1, 2003, June 1, 2003, October 1, 2003

Details: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-005.html>

Dynamic Health Assessments for Medical Rehabilitation Outcome

The National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and the National Eye Institute seek to fund health assessment research focused on disability concepts such as quality of life, health, functional and social interaction status for persons with disabilities. The goal of this RFA is to encourage multidisciplinary research on the measurement of the health of persons with disabilities using techniques such as computer adaptive testing or simulations to improve the quality and scientific power of data. The planning grants invited through this RFA will provide a mechanism for early peer review of the rationale and design of the potential health assessments and collaborations, and will provide successful applicants with resources to assist in development of detailed health assessments. This approach may be useful in developing an assessment tool that could be used to diagnose or to document the impact of a rehabilitation intervention. Involvement of representatives from the targeted patient populations in planning and conducting the research effort is highly recommended. A phase II initiative is anticipated that will implement the dynamic health assessment instrument in populations of interest.

Deadline: March 11, 2003

Details: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-HD-02-024.html>

This is the ninth in a series of contributions by the WFUBMC Center for Healthcare Research and Quality (CHRQ). CHRQ works with the Department of Outcomes Management/Value Analysis and Hospital Administration to identify and pursue opportunities for research partnerships between the Hospital and the School of Medicine. Funding opportunities highlighted in Pursuit focus on hospital operations initiatives, performance improvement, translation of evidence-based medicine into practice, and quality of care research. The primary mission of the Center for Healthcare Research and Quality (CHRQ) is to study and improve the organization, financing, delivery and outcomes of healthcare provided to patients across a wide spectrum of medical conditions. CHRQ activities enhance the healthcare research capacity and operational efficiency of the Medical Center.

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