

Center for Healthcare Research and Quality

FUNDING ALERT

Health Disparities in Rheumatic, Musculoskeletal, and Skin Diseases

Rheumatic, musculoskeletal, and skin diseases are the most frequent chronic health problems in the United States, but not all population groups are equally affected. Marked differences in the incidence, prevalence, severity, process of care, and outcome of a number these conditions exist among racial and ethnic groups. For conditions such as systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE), vitiligo, keloids, and scleroderma, the burden is greatest in particular ethnic groups. Despite improvements in health care, some of the racial/ethnic disparities seen in the treatment and management of rheumatic, musculoskeletal, and skin diseases may be explained by differences in availability and quality of health services. Research is needed to increase understanding of these disparities and their causes, and to provide direction for improving standards of care, informing public policy, and identifying strategies aimed at improving the health status and health outcomes of racial and ethnic minorities.

Deadlines: June 1, 2003; October 1, 2003; February 1, 2004

Information: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-03-054.html>

The William Randolph Hearst Foundations

The Hearst Foundations are committed to supporting programs that seek to improve and assure access to quality health care for underserved populations in both urban and rural areas. Grants are awarded primarily to leading regional hospitals, medical centers and specialized medical institutions, such as children's and women's hospitals. The Foundations support direct medical services that promote wellness, prevention and rehabilitation. Primary areas of interest include cancer, perinatology, pediatrics, women's health, and healthcare for the elderly and the disabled. A small number of grants are made to support medical research, primarily in the areas of cancer and pediatric neuromotor disabilities. In addition, the Foundations have established several endowments at leading medical research institutions to provide young scientific investigators with research fellowships.

Deadline: Continuous

Information: http://hearstfdn.org/fp_home.html

Institutional Support: Foundation requires submissions to be coordinated through the institution. Contact Jeffrey Swaim, Director of Foundation Relations, at 6-3040 for assistance.

Translating Research into Practice

The Translating Research into Practice (TRIP) PA is a collaborative effort between the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) and the Health Services Research and Development Service (HSR&D) within the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Applicants are invited to conduct innovative and rigorous research and evaluation projects related to the translation of research findings into measurable improvements in quality, patient safety, health care outcomes and cost, use, and access. This PA underscores the need for research that can bridge the chasm between promising prototypes (e.g., approaches for treating a specific disease in a particular setting or work system changes that improve quality or efficiency in a particular setting) and generalizable knowledge that can be used in multiple settings and lead to systematic improvement on a large scale. For the purpose of this PA, research findings may be translated into evidence-based clinical or organizational, structural, and system interventions that then can be assessed for their ability to measure change in or improve access to health care, patient safety, the quality or cost-effectiveness of health care delivery, and health care outcomes.

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Information: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-02-066.html>

Ongoing Intramural Grant Opportunity for Health Services Research

The Center for Healthcare Research and Quality maintains an ongoing opportunity for pilot grant funding in Health Services Research. The Office of Research encourages 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: April 16, 2003

Details: http://www.phs.wfubmc.edu/chrq/chrq_research.cfm#ongoing

The WFUBMC Center for Healthcare Research and Quality (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 CHRQ is to study and improve the organization, financing, delivery and outcomes of healthcare provided to patients across a wide spectrum of medical conditions.

For more information contact Shellie Ellis at 713-4221 or visit our website at www.phs.wfubmc.edu/chrq/index.htm