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2010 Carle Foundation Research Seed Grants

Purpose: The purpose of the *2010 Carle Foundation Research Seed Grants* is to assist Carle physicians and other full-time Carle Foundation staff with initiating small clinical research projects that will result in preliminary data for federal grant proposals.

Overview: These grants are funded by charitable donations to The Carle Development Foundation to encourage new clinically related research projects from Carle Foundation Hospital's (CFH) four focus areas: Cancer, Cardiovascular, Gastrointestinal and Neuroscience. The awards are intended to help investigators initiate new projects focused on clinical aspects. The investigators are encouraged to collaborate across departments and with colleagues from academic institutions such as the University of Illinois.

Grant Application: The list below includes the basic components that should be included in the proposal:

1. Cover Sheet including the title of the research project, the name and contact information (affiliation, address, phone and email) of the Principle Investigator and all Co-Investigators participating in the study.
2. Abstract: Provide a non-technical abstract of the proposed research. Length 250 words or less.
3. Proposal: Maximum length is 11 pages, which includes a-h below. Subsequent parts of the proposal are not included in the eleven page maximum.
The proposal contains the following sections:
 - a. Introduction
 - b. Brief background
 - c. Statement of objectives
 - d. Proposed approach or experimental design
 - e. Study duration (the grant is intended for one year but longer or shorter time period may be justified)
 - f. Clinical significance
 - g. Metrics to be monitored
 - h. Literature cited

- i. Budget--including justification of costs
- j. CV of Principle Investigator
- k. Submit a letter indicating permission to use specific facilities if they are not the responsibility of the Principal Investigator or any Co-Investigators.

Selection Criteria:

- Proposals require that at least one investigator be a Carle physician.
- Proposals must have clear, significant clinical impact—from both the local and national perspectives in relation to the four pillars of research at CFH; Cancer, Cardiovascular, Gastrointestinal, and Neurosciences.
- Proposals must describe the significance of the clinical impact.
- Projects must leverage existing strengths and/or areas of potential CFH excellence.
- Proposals must discuss metrics to measure short and long-term success of the project.

Eligibility: To be considered for this grant award, the Principle Investigator must be a Carle physician or other full-time Carle Foundation staff. If the Principle Investigator is not a Carle physician such as in the case for a resident, fellow, or a nurse the project must then have a Carle physician Co-Investigator.

Deadline for Submission: The application must be received by **5:00 pm Friday, March 31, 2010** to Anna S. Keck via email (anna.keck@carle.com) or as a hard copy sent through the Carle courier system to location code MBRC.

Applicants will receive a confirmation of receipt of application via e-mail. If you do not receive this confirmation, please contact Anna Keck at 326-0387 or anna.keck@carle.com to ensure that your application has been received.

Awards: Seed-grant awards will be announced by the end of April 2010. All awardees will be notified via email. Awardees will receive up to \$25,000 per award. The total number of awards given out depends on the number of grant applications received.

Questions: Contact William Schuh, MD, PhD, Medical Director of the Research Institute (phone 326-1250) or Anna S. Keck, PhD, Executive Director of the Research Institute (phone 326-0387).