



2015 Application Guidelines Clinical Sites to Support the Nursing Research Project “Prospective Symptom Assessment in Children with Advanced Cancer”

New for 2015, Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation launched a 2-year *Nurse Researcher Fellowship* grant to support early career nurse researchers as they plan and execute a multi-site research project. With guidance from experienced nurse research mentors, the fellowship recipient will develop a team that includes partnerships at other institutions to implement the multi-site study. Sites are now being recruited to support the funded project, “Prospective Symptom Assessment in Children with Advanced Cancer” (University of Wisconsin-Madison, Dr. Kathleen Montgomery, Principal Investigator).

Project Summary: The study aims to prospectively describe symptoms in children ages 7-18 with advanced cancer and determine the feasibility of conducting symptom assessments electronically in the home setting throughout the end of life trajectory. (For purposes of this study advanced cancer is defined as a 2-week history of progressive, recurrent, or non-responsive disease or a decision not to pursue curative-focused therapy.) Each study site would be expected to accrue 10 - 20 patients over a 1.5 year period. Results of this study may be used to drive models of care that better connect patients with their healthcare team in an electronic, less burdensome way, and improve the symptom experience during end of life.

Interested in participating as a site?

Application Highlights:

- ✓ A Co-Investigator at collaborative sites does need not to have prior research experience but must have:
 - Earned a Master’s or Ph.D. in Nursing.
 - At least five years of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nursing experience.
- ✓ A study site can have more than one nurse listed in the application but one must be named as the lead Co-Investigator for the study site.
- ✓ A budget does not need to be submitted with the application. The Fellow and mentors will work with the site to develop a budget once the site has been selected.
- ✓ Applications will be submitted through ALSF grants site. Please complete the brief application process at https://www.GrantRequest.com/SID_924?SA=SNA&FID=35072.
- ✓ Selected site(s) will be sub-contractors to the Fellow’s institution.

Application Deadline: December 11, 2015 (11:59 PM ET).

Site Application Process:

I. Online Form

A. Contact information

In the online form, the applicant will be asked for basic contact information for themselves and their institution. An additional Co-Investigator at the study site may be included. The primary supervisor responsible for giving approval for the study to be performed at your institution should be listed. The information below should be provided in a PDF document attached to the application form.

II. Narrative Application Outline

Below is an outline for the *Clinical Site Application* to support the funded fellowship project. All sections should be combined into one PDF (max 10 MB).

1. Interest in participating as a clinical research site for the funded project. (½ page)

Why are you interested in being selected for this project? Please address how your research interests and career development needs are aligned with the focus of the project.

2. Prior experience with nursing research projects. (½ page)

List individuals at your site who will be involved with the research project, their roles, and briefly describe their research experience (if any).

- A. What research projects have they been involved in, and what were their roles?
 - Provide Principal Investigator name, project, funding source, years.
 - List any relevant publications or presentations resulting from the project(s).
- B. If no specific prior research experience, describe any other relevant experience or coursework.

3. Discuss any qualities you and/or your team have that should be considered in our decision on research sites for the fellowship project. What would enable you to be an effective partner site in this project? (1 paragraph)

4. Discuss or list your institution's characteristics with regard to pediatric oncology: (½ page)

- a. How many pediatric hematology/oncology patients does your institution treat each year?
 - inpatient
 - outpatient
- b. How many patients do you project that you could recruit and enroll for this study?
- c. Provide information on any institutional pediatric oncology specialties or areas of focus.

5. Discuss any prior experience with, as well as the procedure for, obtaining IRB approval for research proposals at your institution. (1 paragraph)

6. Include Biosketches of nurses listed on this application. (Use NIH short format.)

7. Letter of support – A letter from the immediate supervisor must be included, to acknowledge awareness of the project as well as commitment to protecting the applicant's time for research activities. Details of additional mentoring and any other support/resources should also be provided.

8. Budget needs or requirements (optional) – If known/applicable, provide a brief description or any information you may have about research project restrictions or requirements from your institution (staffing, etc.) that may impact the project budget.

Questions? Contact:

Grants Specialist: Patty Ohlott
Grants@AlexsLemonade.org

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation

333 E. Lancaster Avenue, #414 ~ Wynnewood, PA 19096
Ph. (610) 649-3034 or (866) 333-1213 ~ Fax (610) 649-3038
ALSFgrants.org