

A. Invitation to submit research projects for ISPD support

The ISPD invites submission of research proposals for independent peer review with a view to endorsement. These proposals should fulfil the following criteria:

1. The study should be of importance to the international peritoneal dialysis community; studies that solve local problems that are not clearly generalizable will not be considered.
2. The study should require international collaboration in its planning or execution. International collaboration can be characterized by the participation of scientists, based in different countries, in any step of the process: study design, data analysis, inclusion of patients or biological samples, and/or critical review and writing of the manuscript.

ISPD encourages submission of research projects from emerging countries and areas with less access to research funding.

It is envisaged that once a research study is endorsed by the ISPD, via its independent peer review process, this will:

1. Provide researchers with additional ammunition in obtaining funding from grant agencies or industry.
2. Facilitate the process of obtaining ethical approval, especially at multi-centre national level.
3. In certain cases, when appropriate and with the discretion of council, funding may be available to support the study proposal. If additional resources are required, it is expected that applicants have already secured these from appropriate sources. If the funding of the project is still under negotiation, then the supporting funding from ISPD will be conditional on a successful outcome of these other fund requests.
4. If funded, acknowledge the support of the ISPD in all scientific articles and communications produced, including the sentence "This article presents independent research funded by the International Society for Peritoneal Dialysis (ISPD). The views expressed are those of the author(s) and not necessarily those of the ISPD."

B. Procedure

1. We strongly encourage applicants to discuss the proposal informally with the chairpersons of the ISPD Research Committee, Thyago de Moraes and Mark Lambie, by emailing admin@ispd.org at least two weeks before making their submission. This is an important step to make sure your application fulfils all required criteria of the call.
2. Full applications should also be submitted to the same email address: admin@ispd.org by February 15, 2020.
3. Applicants should submit a brief document (Maximum 4 A4 pages) which should include the following:
 - a. A clear statement of the research question;
 - b. A robust explanation of why the study is important;
 - c. Clear Methodological Design;
 - d. An explanation as to why the study needs a multi-national approach;
 - e. Evidence that the study is logistically practicable and how the expertise within the study team supports this;
 - f. A publication strategy for the outcomes of the research;
 - g. A plan for gaining full funding; and,
 - h. A detailed explanation of how any ISPD funding would be utilised to facilitate the study.