

A. Invitation to submit studies 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 and execution.

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. This will not exceed \$10,000. If additional resources are required, it is expected that applicants have already secured these from appropriate sources. If this is still under negotiation, then the grant 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. Applicants are encouraged to discuss the proposal informally with the chairpersons of the ISPD Research Committee, Thyago de Moraes and Mark Lambie, by emailing admin@ispd.org before making their submission. Full applications should also be submitted to the same email address: admin@ispd.org by January 15th 2019.
1. Applicants should submit a brief document (Maximum 4 A4 pages) which should include the following:
 - i. A clear statement of the research question;
 - ii. A robust explanation of why the study is important;
 - iii. Clear Methodological Design;
 - iv. An explanation as to why the study needs a multi-national approach;

- v. Evidence that the study is logistically practicable and how the expertise within the study team supports this;
- vi. A publication strategy for the outcomes of the research;
- vii. A plan for gaining full funding; and,
- viii. Explanation of how any ISPD funding would be utilised to facilitate the study.