

## **ESPEN EBM Grant 2011 Application**

ESPEN, the European Society of Clinical Nutrition and Metabolism is devoted to patient nutritional care, education, and to basic and clinical research. ESPEN has published many guidelines to improve patient's nutritional care and to stimulate implementation of guidelines in patient care. However, many gaps and uncertainties remain in these guidelines due to weak or non-existing scientific evidence. Therefore, a Guidelines Research Grant has been created to improve the Evidence Base of the science that is the basis of the ESPEN guidelines by original research studies (eg to improve the level of evidence from C to B or A).

The total amount available for this Grant in 2011 will be € 125 000 given to 1 or more projects (grants are typically in the order of 30-50K€). Multicenter studies will be well received but the Scientific Committee also encourages projects that are not easily funded by classical funding institutions. Grant sponsoring clinical nutrition measures into large trials are also accepted.

Grant application:

The application with a maximum of 20 pages should include:

- Principal investigator (must be a member of ESPEN)
- Institute and location/address
- Application Title
- Short background (including proof for a weakness in a specific guideline)
- Working hypothesis and aims of the research (including how the specific guideline will be improved)
- Methods to be used (including justification of the number of patients, statistical evaluation and a time frame)
- Importance for clinical nutrition
- Importance for ESPEN
- Scientific merit (including the research network involved)
- Feasibility of the project (also including predicted calendar)
- Organization, budget (shared budgets with other institutions should be clearly indicated), personnel

Evaluation process:

The applications will be reviewed and scored by members of the Editorial board of Clinical Nutrition and the ESPEN Scientific Committee members. The applications will be ranked on the basis of these reviews by the ESPEN Scientific Committee. Special attention will be given to the weakness of evidence in the guidelines, importance to ESPEN and to clinical nutrition, feasibility of the study (the suggested methodology, the applicants, the organization and the budget). Applications that are not complete will not be evaluated. All studies should apply to good clinical practice and be monitored by a third party. Rewarded applicants must submit the results from the study for publication in Clinical Nutrition.

Deadline is **3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011**

Grants will be distributed after the ESPEN lectures at the 2011 Gothenburg Congress.

Applications are sent by e-mail to the chairman of ESPEN's Scientific Committee, Pr. Yves Boirie: [boirie@clermont.inra.fr](mailto:boirie@clermont.inra.fr) with the subject heading: ESPEN EBM Grant Application