



AACPDM Transformative Practice Grant Application Form

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Applicants and identified experts must be current AACPDM members.
- Applicants must not have received an AACPDM Transformative Practice Award within the past five years.
- Proposed management strategies for implementation must be relevant for individuals with cerebral palsy, developmental disorders, or other childhood acquired disability.

The intent of the transformative practice grant is to **facilitate the translation of evidence-based clinical management strategies into practice**. Funding is available to support members to plan and implement specific intervention strategies that are supported by evidence. The award is based on the premise of 'academic detailing' whereby 'experts' who have been involved in the successful implementation of specific evidence-based management strategies within their facility support the host facility in the implementation of those strategies for changing clinical practice. As such, funds are to be utilized for the expert's travel to the sponsored institution and for implementation costs. The funds should not be allocated to the award recipient's travel to the annual meeting. Research suggests that academic detailing is an effective strategy for implementing changes in clinical practice. The specific objectives of the program are to:

- Facilitate sharing of expertise and knowledge regarding **implementation of specific clinical management strategies** into practice among AACPDM members.
- Ensure that implementation of new clinical management strategies is **based on established practices** such as addressing local barriers to implementation and the involvement of relevant stakeholders in planning.
- Assist the development of **implementation plans and evaluation plans** for determining how successful the initiative was in changing clinical practice.

Please note that there is a requirement of a demonstration poster at the following annual meeting as part of mandatory reporting. For example, a demonstration poster should be submitted for the 2020 meeting based on the experience of the 2019 award recipient.

***A letter of support from the host institution must be appended to the application.**

Primary Applicant (Mentee)	
Name	Date
Facility name	
Address	
Phone	email
Co-applicant (Expert)	
Name	
Facility name	
Address	
Phone	email
<p>This application is composed of a project description, a section that outlines how the expert will be engaged in the implementation process, and a budget justification. The application must be submitted in a separate word document using the following three headings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Project description</u> (max. 3 pages) – In this section, outline a) the practice you wish to change (e.g., implementation of a new surgical technique), b) a <u>brief</u> summary of the research evidence that supports the effectiveness of this strategy, c) how you will implement the change (e.g., on-site presentations by expert followed by demonstration of new technique and follow-up opportunities for guidance and mentorship) and, d) how you will evaluate whether the implementation of the strategy was successful (i.e. identify specific indicators and how you will measure successful implementation of the change in practice). It should be noted that while passive strategies for sharing information on a new management strategy (i.e. expert presenting at rounds) are not discouraged, the implementation activities should primarily consist of active strategies such as identifying local barriers to change, on-site demonstration of techniques, and on-site meetings with relevant stakeholders. Strategies will vary depending upon the nature of the clinical management strategy you wish to implement. 2. <u>Engagement of the expert</u> (max. 1 page) – In this section, provide a) background information on the expert and how he/she has had success with implementing the proposed change to clinical practice (i.e., why this expert will help you change practice), b) an explanation of how the expert has been involved in the development of this application, and c) a description of how you will engage the expert to change practice at your site (i.e., provide an itinerary for an onsite visit and a descriptions of plans for follow-up). 3. <u>Budget justification</u> (max. 1 page) – Provide an explanation of budget items up to a maximum amount of \$4000.00. <p>*A letter of support from the host institution must be appended to the application. **Submit application and letter of support to info@aacpdm.org</p>	