AHRA & TOSHIBA
Putting Patients First Program
2015/2016

The AHRA & Toshiba Putting Patients First Program seeks to improve pediatric and adult patient care and safety in diagnostic imaging through an innovative grant-making program. The AHRA & Toshiba Putting Patients First Program will provide seven grants in 2015 to fund programs, training or seminars aimed at improving pediatric or adult patient care and safety within diagnostic imaging. The programs funded by these grants will be used to create a best-practices tool to share with other hospitals and institutions. Details on the available grants include the following:

- Six grants of up to $7,500 are available to be awarded to single-site hospitals and imaging centers.
  - Three grants will be awarded for projects that improve the safety and comfort of pediatric imaging.
  - Three grants will be awarded for projects that improve overall patient care and safety in imaging.
- One grant of up to $20,000 is available to be awarded to an Integrated Delivery Network (IDN) or hospital system.
  - The grant will be awarded for projects that improve overall patient care and safety in imaging implemented across the IDN/hospital system.

Beyond receiving funds, the grant recipients will publish an article in an AHRA publication about their innovative program to improve patient care and safety in diagnostic imaging. The AHRA will announce the winners and promote the winning programs throughout the grant process.

Eligibility for single-site hospitals and imaging centers:
In order to be considered for a single-site hospital or imaging center grant of up to $7,500, the recipient completing this entry form must:

- Be directly involved in supervising diagnostic imaging in one or more of the following modalities: CT, Ultrasound, MR and/or X-ray/Vascular X-ray at a hospital or imaging center located in the U.S.
- Be able to demonstrate support for this grant by a member of the hospital’s or imaging center’s most senior management team, such as providing a letter of support from the CEO, CFO, Board of Directors or similar-level executive
- Be able to provide the AHRA with initial results of the program by May 31, 2016
- Be able to provide the AHRA with a quote from senior management on the impact of the grant funds by May 31, 2016

Eligibility for IDN/hospital system grant:
In order to be considered for the IDN/hospital system grant of up to $20,000, the recipient completing this entry form must:

- Be able to prove they are part of a hospital system
- Be able to implement the program system-wide
- Be directly involved in supervising diagnostic imaging in one or more of the following modalities: CT, Ultrasound, MR and/or X-ray/Vascular X-ray
- Be able to demonstrate support for this grant by a member of the IDN’s/hospital system’s most senior management team, such as providing a letter of support from the CEO, CFO, Board of Directors or similar-level executive
- Be able to provide the AHRA with initial results of the program by May 31, 2016
- Be able to provide the AHRA with a quote from senior management on the impact of the grant funds by May 31, 2016

Funding Overview:
All eligible parties can apply for the one-time grant and fund new imaging-related programs, training or seminars focused on:
• Developing best-practice processes/protocols around improving patient care and safety in diagnostic imaging
• New staff training or seminars to teach best practices around improving patient care and safety in diagnostic imaging
• Developing safer imaging practices for children
• Creating tools to make children more comfortable during exams

Grant funding will be distributed upon receipt of approved reimbursement requests and appropriate support documentation throughout the program’s implementation.

Program Criteria:
In order to be considered, the recipient must:
• Develop a written plan for implementing a program (best practices, training or regional seminars) to improve either pediatric or general patient care and safety in imaging, such as:
  o Reducing radiation and/or contrast dose
  o Reducing the need for sedation
  o Improving communication with patients regarding the process
  o Improving patient comfort
  o Improving the overall clinical pathway
• Develop a method for sharing best practices:
  o IDNs/hospital systems must develop a method for sharing best practices across the entire hospital system
  o Single-site hospitals and imaging centers must develop a method for sharing best practices with other hospitals or imaging centers
• Submit a preliminary budget for the program
• Be willing to write an article for AHRA publications about the program
• Be willing to participate in promotional efforts for the grant program
• Be willing to provide measurable results within three to six months of implementing the program
• Be willing to share all internal announcements about the program (newsletters, website stories, patient and staff testimonials, etc.) with AHRA

Judging Process:
Grant applications are evaluated for merit with the following grant criteria in mind:
1. Eligibility
2. Program criteria – specifically, the applicant’s plan to create and implement a new program or a training/seminar focused on improving pediatric or general patient care and safety in imaging
3. Support of the grant application and overall program by the senior management at the hospital or imaging center through the form of a letter, a willingness to welcome the seminar attendees, or another show of support
4. Portability of sharing best practices across the hospital system for IDNs and with other institutions for single-site hospitals
5. Willingness to write an article sharing the best practices and key learnings for an AHRA publication
6. Willingness to share feedback on the impact of the program

Timing/Deadlines:
Applications must be submitted by October 13, 2015.
Winners will be announced in December 2015, in conjunction with the RSNA conference.

All applicants must apply by October 13, 2015.
Apply online at AHRAonline.org or return this form to:

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APPLICATION
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Application should be typed or handwritten clearly in blue or black ink.

Administrator Section:
1. Date:
2. Administrator’s Name:
3. Administrator’s Title and Department:
4. Administrator’s Address, Phone, Email:
5. Do you hold a supervisory position at a hospital? Yes ___ No ___
6. In which modality are you directly involved in supervising diagnostic imaging?
   Ultrasound __ CT __ MR __ X-ray/Vascular X-ray__ (please select all that apply)
7. How long have you been at this position? ___
8. AHRA member number: __________

Organization’s Section:
9. Organization’s Name:
10. My organization is (select one):
    ____ IDN/health system
    ____ single-site hospital
    ____ single-site imaging center
11. Organization’s Address, Phone, Website:
12. Organization’s Bed Size:____
13. If IDN/hospital system, provide number of beds across hospital system and number of site locations.
14. In fewer than 100 words, provide a brief description of your IDN/hospital system or single-site hospital or imaging center:

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Senior Manager Section:
15. Name of organization’s Senior Manager Applicant:
16. Title:
17. Address, Phone, Email:
18. How long have you been at this position? __________
19. Do you support the grant application and program goals? Yes ___ No ___

PR/Communications Section:
20. Name of the organization’s Lead PR or Communications Contact:
21. Title:
22. Phone, Email:
Program Overview:
The Putting Patients First Program will provide seven grants (six grants of up to $7,500 to hospitals and imaging centers, and one grant of up to $20,000 for IDN/hospital systems) to fund programs aimed at improving pediatric and adult patient care and safety within the diagnostic imaging modalities of CT, Ultrasound, MR and X-ray/Vascular X-ray.

23. What type of program is your organization hoping to fund with the grant? (Check one)
   __ Creation of new best-practice processes/protocols to improve patient care and safety at our IDN/hospital system, single-site hospital or imaging center (funds can pay for attending outside seminars/training to learn best practices that can lay the groundwork for your program)
   __ Creation of a training program to teach internal staff about existing best practices for improving patient care and safety at our IDN/hospital system, single-site hospital or imaging center
   __ Creation of a regional seminar to share best imaging practices and key outcomes with others

24. Which patient population will this program target?
   __ Pediatrics
   __ Overall patient care

25. In fewer than 800 words, describe your organization’s plan for creating and implementing the program. Please highlight how your program will improve patient care and safety in diagnostic imaging by a) reducing radiation dose; b) improving patient understanding of the process; c) improving patient comfort; and/or d) improving the overall clinical pathway. Describe the shape the program will take (traditional program, staff training, seminar or another format), main objectives/goals, timing and anticipated outcome.

26. For IDN/hospital systems only: In fewer than 500 words, describe specifically how your program will be implemented across the entire IDN/hospital system, including the plan to ensure quality, consistency and compliance across the entire hospital system.

27. In fewer than 100 words, describe how the best practices learned from the program can be shared across the hospital system for IDNs or with other facilities for single-site hospitals and imaging centers.

28. Please provide a title for this program:

29. Please provide a preliminary budget for this program:

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Completed by Organization’s Senior Manager (CEO, CFO, Board Member) Applicant:
30. In fewer than 100 words, describe your show of support for the program. Your support could include, but is not limited to, announcing the program to staff/partners, speaking at the seminar or sharing best practices with colleagues. Your level of support can range from a single event to ongoing support throughout the entire program to promote your facility’s commitment to improving patient care and safety.

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31. Optional: please add additional information for the judges to consider.
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Application Completion:
32. I certify this application contains no misrepresentations or falsifications and this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any false statements made herein will void this application and I will be ineligible for support from the AHRA & Toshiba Putting Patients First Program. I have read the eligibility requirements and certify that I and my facility are eligible for this grant. I also certify that I understand and agree to the funding overview, judging, timing and program criteria as stated in this application.

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Administrator’s Signature, Date

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Administrator’s Name, Title, Organization Name

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Senior Manager’s Signature, Date

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Senior Manager’s Name, Title, Organization Name