**Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Award Application Announcement**

Residents and Fellows:

Applications for the winter 2024 cycle of the Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Award are now being accepted. Applicants not funded in the previous cycle are strongly encouraged to resubmit a revised proposal. **Proposals are due to XXXX by 5pm PT on Friday, March 1, 2024.**

Goal: The ACO program is a trainee research support opportunity for UW Medicine Laboratory Medicine and Pathology Residents and Fellows that should advance the objectives of an ACO in Laboratory Medicine and Pathology. The award will provide financial support for projects using existing or novel methods that demonstrably improve quality, safety, service, and/or access while containing the cost of care.

**Eligible Applicants:** Trainees in AP/CP

**Requirements:** Faculty mentor in UW Medicine **Review Criteria:** Impact on goals – Overall

* Quality: Can be assessed in several ways (i.e. higher positive predictive value than traditional assay)
* Safety: For example, the study decreases the likelihood of re-hospitalization, re-biopsy, re-operation
* Service: To identify the best practices that promote efficiency of care delivery, improved quality of care, and reduced cost within an organization
* Access: Ability to provide care to at-risk populations (i.e., risk stratification) or provide high-quality health care at both the individual and population levels
* Cost Containment: Provide estimate of cost savings if the assay "works" as hypothesized
* Innovation: Includes a novel approach (does not include Precision Diagnostics)
* Precision Diagnostics: Such as genomic, proteomic, exome sequencing, etc.
* Statistical strength
* Application as a Whole

**Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology Commitment:** Up to $20,000 per year to the program with individual projects not to exceed $8,000 without prior approval.

**Application: Two pages total**: (Page 1) Problem Statement, Specific Aim(s), Approach & Analysis Plan, Status of Regulatory Approvals, and Timeline of Deliverables. (Page 2) Budget and Justification plus a brief response on how the proposal fulfills the ACO objectives (quality of care, safety, etc.). **See application on page 2.** Documentation of regulatory approvals may be requested.

**Progress Report:** Once funded, periodic progress report is required.

Please contact Dr. Eleanor Chen ([eleanor2@uw.edu](mailto:eleanor2@uw.edu)) if you have any questions about the ACO grant or the application process.

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The ACO Award Program seeks to improve the value of medical care by increasing quality while reducing cost for an assigned population of patients. Improved quality of care may be reflected in diagnostic accuracy and timeliness, patient safety, and access to our services. Applications should be organized according to the outline below, with Arial 11 point font and 0.5-inch margins. **Two pages total**: (Page 1) Problem Statement, Specific Aim(s), Approach & Analysis Plan, Status of Regulatory Approvals, and Timeline of Deliverables. (Page 2) Budget and Justification plus a brief response on how the proposal fulfills the ACO objectives (quality of care, safety, etc.) as listed below.

**Title:**

**Applicant:**

**Faculty mentor**:

**Submission date:**

**Statement of Problem:**

**Specific Aims to Address ACO issues:**

**Approach and Data Analysis Plan (include statistical method):**

**Status of Regulatory Approvals (IRB, etc.):**

**Timeline:**

**Goals to improve the following ACO objectives:**

**Quality of Care:**

**Safety:**

**Service:**

**Access:**

**Cost containment:**

**Innovation:**

**Precision diagnostics:**

**Budget and Justification:**