

# Center for Innovation and Research

A Partnership between Michigan State University and Sparrow Health System

## **CALL FOR CENTER FOR INNOVATION AND RESEARCH**

### **RESEARCH SUPPORT - LETTER OF INTENT ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Michigan State University/Sparrow Health System's Center for Innovation and Research calls upon all investigators to submit a Letter of Intent for Innovative Research projects.

#### **Mission Statement of the Center for Innovation and Research**

To collaboratively transform the delivery of health care through implementation and evaluation of research promoting innovative approaches to high quality, safe care, improved patient outcomes, and lower costs.

#### **Vision Statement of the Center for Innovation and Research**

The Center will engage in nationally funded projects for the implementation and evaluation of innovative approaches for the delivery of quality, safe care. Within five years, the Center will be nationally recognized for the pursuit of a new innovative paradigm of patient care delivery.

**Letters of Intent should support the Mission and Vision of the Center and be consistent with the priority areas.**

Priority Areas of Interest include but are not limited to:

- Over-prescribing and over-ordering procedures (Choosing Wisely)
- Patient-Centered Medical Home
- Readmission reduction
- Continuum of care
- Coordination of care
- Medication reconciliation
- Discharge planning/Care transitions
- Palliative care/ Timing of palliative care referrals
- Electronic communication with patients and families
- The use of technology to improve health care and health outcomes
- Communication with family and patients to foster understanding of unmet needs
- Engagement of patients and families as partners in care
- Safe care by reducing harm from care delivery
- Assistive mobility technology
- Reduction of disparities in access to care
- Health disparities
- Decreasing obesity in specific populations
- Use of 'big data' to inform health care, decision-making, and outcomes

Priority areas of focus should be in the areas of:

#### **NEUROSCIENCE, NURSING, AND PRIMARY CARE**

**Interdisciplinary partnerships with active team members from both Sparrow and MSU is a requirement.**

**(Active means the team member is a key contributor.)**

### **Research Project Letters of Intent are currently accepted on a ROLLING SUBMISSION basis.**

**Rolling Submissions will be reviewed on the following schedule: February 1, May 1, October 1**

The Center for Innovation and Research will review the Letters of Intent and make selections for requests for Full Proposals.

Invited applicants will submit Full Proposals approximately 4 weeks after the invitation.

**Research Project Letters of Intent must be submitted electronically in WORD format.**

For more information or questions, please contact the Center for Innovation and Research by email at:

[Sharon.Baer@Sparrow.Org](mailto:Sharon.Baer@Sparrow.Org) or by calling 517-364-5730



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Guidelines for Letter of Intent for MSU/Sparrow Center for Innovation and Research for Innovative Research Support.

**Research Project Letters of Intent (1-2 pages) should contain:**

Reviewed for Relevance to Mission and Vision and Priority Areas.

1. Aims.
2. Description of study.
3. Significance of study.
4. Innovation.
5. Relevance to the Mission and Vision of the Center for Innovation and Research should be explained. Relationship to patient care delivery, quality, safety, outcomes, and cost should be described.
6. Relevance to Sparrow Health System.
7. Speaks to gaps in current scientific knowledge, potential to transform care? (Safety, quality, outcomes, and cost.)
8. One-year proposal timeline.
9. List of research team and affiliation.
10. Budget Estimates – For Research Grants: typically does not exceed \$50K. (There are no indirects.)
11. Likelihood to lead to another proposal at Federal level. (Include PA #, RFA #, priority lists)

The study should have potential impact beyond Sparrow to the larger Health Care System.

- ❖ **A Letter of Intent TEMPLATE** can be found on the CFIR website under the Resources/Letters of Intent (LOI) tab:  
<http://sparrowmsuinnovations.msu.edu/>
- ❖ Please note the following:
  - **BUDGET:** By submitting a Letter of Intent to the Center for Innovation and Research, you are acknowledging that you have read, and agree to, the following:
    - The budget limit typically does not exceed \$50,000.00 for one year (Research), or \$25,000.00 for one year (Translation).
    - The budget will not be used for the following items as stated: tuition costs, publication costs, journal subscriptions or books, travel costs to professional meetings, institutional indirect costs, travel for conference attendance or presentation, educational training, Patient care costs, equipment purchase (Except in situations where that will support better patient outcomes and is central to the proposal. Equipment must be justified and directly related to care.), marketing or advertising, training of staff/educational training, licenses.
    - A budget is not required for the LOI submission. If accepted for a full submission, a detailed budget utilizing our budget template will be required.
- ❖ You should make contact with Nancy Miller, Director of Research, Sparrow Clinical Research Institute (SCRI). She can assist with activities that occur at Sparrow or involving Sparrow medical records that may or may not have related budget issues.  
[Nancy.Miller@Sparrow.org](mailto:Nancy.Miller@Sparrow.org) Please allow two weeks of lead time for processing.

Please electronically submit Letters of Intent to: [Sharon.Baer@Sparrow.org](mailto:Sharon.Baer@Sparrow.org)

**Receipt of all documents will be confirmed via e-mail.** If no response has been received within two days after the application deadline, send an e-mail to: [Sharon.Baer@Sparrow.org](mailto:Sharon.Baer@Sparrow.org) or call 517-364-5730.

- **Documents that are incomplete or not prepared according to the instructions will not be reviewed and will be returned.**

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Guiding Statements for the  
Selection of Priorities for Research Projects

**National Priorities**

[http://www.iom.edu/Activities/Quality/~media/Files/Activity%20Files/Quality/VSRT/Core%20Documents/ForEDistrib.pdf](http://www.iom.edu/Activities/Quality/~/media/Files/Activity%20Files/Quality/VSRT/Core%20Documents/ForEDistrib.pdf)

Institute of Medicine of the National Academies (2011, Institute of Medicine) *The Learning Health System and its Innovation Collaboratives*, 12-15

**CMS Center for Innovation Priorities**

<http://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:6TzMPexr2vUJ:innovation.cms.gov/about/index.html+CMS+Center+for+Innovation+Priorities,+indicates+we+need+to+test+models+of+care&cd=1&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=us>