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Subject: Call for Innovative Clinical Trial Concepts

The Massey Cancer Center is offering funding for innovative clinical trials that attempt to translate the laboratory discoveries of MCC investigators to the clinic. Cancer Center members and associate members are eligible to apply for direct MCC funding to support such trials. We are now soliciting submissions of a conceptual outline for each proposed trial, which is to be submitted no later than December 1, 2014.

The intent of this funding is to provide initial support for innovative projects to take discoveries from our laboratories and put them into practice for patients seen in the clinics. All projects should adhere to the following guidelines to be eligible for CTC funding:

- Projects should be ready to be taken to the clinic so all basic scientific research should be complete. If significant preclinical work is required, consider submitting your project under the MCC Pilot Project program. Visit the MCC website for next funding cycle.
- Strong preference will be given to concepts backed by data published in a quality peer reviewed journal.
- Studies that address non-traditional outcomes that could interface with cancer prevention and control studies will be favorably reviewed.
- Proposed study’s impact on the Cancer Center catchment area must be identified in the proposal.
- Concept papers should be submitted using the Clinical Trial Concept Submission Form. Do not attach appendix, supporting data or manuscripts.

Ranking will be based on novelty, scientific merit, the value of the trial to the cancer clinical research priorities of the Massey Cancer Center, and the proximity to trial initiation. Collaborations between clinical investigators with basic laboratory researchers and investigators in social and behavioral health and other cancer control research are strongly encouraged.

Interested members should submit a completed Clinical Trial Concept Submission Form to fmirza@vcu.edu by December 1, 2014. The Announcement and Submission Form are available on the MCC website at: https://www.massey.vcu.edu/research/funding/mcc-clinical-trial-concept-program/