

CALL FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS



| Purpose for the Grant:

HealthSouth Corporation is pleased to announce their 2017 call for grant applications. In 2017, HealthSouth is offering research funding grant(s) totaling up to \$30,000 aimed at the investigation of the impact or effectiveness of therapy in the inpatient rehabilitation facility (IRF) post-acute care setting.

Deadline for submission: June 30, 2017, 17:00 EST

| Background and Rationale:

The United States healthcare community has become a science-driven environment dependent on research and evidence which supports and defends the assessments and interventions used to define practice and care guidelines. Post-acute care providers play a critical role in in this community with their focus on returning individuals to an independent and productive quality of life after an acute medical episode. HealthSouth is one of the nation's largest providers of post-acute healthcare services, committed to providing the highest quality of patient care using today's most advanced therapeutic assessments, interventions, and technologies. HealthSouth consistently outperforms their peers with a unique intensive approach to rehabilitation, delivering better outcomes by providing a higher level of care.

| Funding Scope:

During this application period, several proposals will be considered for funding. Funds may be requested to support direct costs attributable to the study, excluding the of investigators' time. The funding is available for research only. Funding is limited to \$30,000, may be divided between several proposed studies, and must be budgeted on the application(s) prior to conducting the research. Documentation of expenses must be submitted on each interim report and on the final summary report when the research is complete. Additional information will be required from approved applicants to process funding, including **approval from the HealthSouth Research Review Committee (if research will be conducted in a HealthSouth hospital)**. HealthSouth reserves the right to deny approved funding after final funding information is collected, as deemed appropriate.

It is not required that this grant funding be awarded to applicants that are HealthSouth employees or for research that is conducted in a HealthSouth hospital. Due to limited funding amount research development grants and all levels of research will be considered,

so long as the proposed research has sufficient importance and scientific credibility that it is expected to be published in a peer review journal.

| Objectives and Expected Outcomes:

The overall objective of this grant is to support research efforts that investigate the impact and/or effectiveness of therapy services within the inpatient rehabilitation facility (IRF) post-acute care setting. Through this grant award HealthSouth is promoting efforts to expand the available research by exploring the impact and assisting in filling the gap of available research for therapy in IRFs.

| Priority Topics & Identified Gaps That May Qualify for Funding:

This list of potential topics offers interested applicants subjects which may be considered the highest priority for the grant funding award:

- Efficacy of physical, occupational, or speech therapy assessments or interventions
- Impact of modes or intensity of therapies on patient outcomes and experience
- Impact of therapy assessments or interventions on outcomes or experience
- Prevention or control of rehabilitation-related conditions
- Patient and caregiver education programming impact or outcomes
- Impact of IRF therapy services on the continuum of care throughout a patient's medical event, including re-hospitalization and post-acute care
- Implementation research aimed at the study of methods to implement research findings

| Selection Process:

The applications submitted will be evaluated based on 1) scientific merit and experience of principal investigator(s), 2) relevance to the grant program objectives and 3) expected outcomes, and study feasibility. The final selection of the project for funding will be conducted by the HealthSouth Therapy Grant Selection Committee and Corporate Clinical Research Committee. Final selection will be complete within 60 days of the final submission deadline or **August 31, 2017**.

| Eligibility criteria

Upon verification of eligibility by HealthSouth, applications will be reviewed and evaluated by the HealthSouth Therapy Grant Selection Committee using establish evaluation and scoring criteria.

- Grant application and supporting documentation must be **submitted by June 30, 2017**. They must be **postmarked by June 30, 2017**,
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HealthSouth Corporation
3660 Grandview Parkway
Birmingham, AL 35243
or **emailed by June 30, 2017** at 5:00 pm CST to TherapyGrants@healthsouth.com.

- Research proposed must be conducted in the United States or Puerto Rico
- Principal investigators must be based in the United States or Puerto Rico
- A well-defined research protocol is required
- IRB approval is required through entities as defined by the research protocol
- Human subject policies and informed consents obtained from patients must be developed in accordance with CITI requirements
- HealthSouth will not consider organizations that discriminate by race, color, creed, gender, sexual orientation or national origin.
- Research is expected to be completed in no more than 12 months after awarding the grant.

| Submitting Grant Application

Grant applications will consist of a letter of introduction and grant application as defined in this document. The final research protocol will be approved by an Institutional Review Board of the applicant's choice, which may be obtained after the award is granted. **Approval from the HealthSouth Corporate Clinical Research Committee will be required if the data will be collected at any HealthSouth hospital(s), which includes all documentation as defined by HealthSouth's research policies.**

The following documents are required to be considered for the HealthSouth Therapy Grant.

1. A letter of introduction including:
 - An introduction to the investigators, including research experience,
 - Affiliated organizations or universities,
 - Primary research objectives, and
 - A summary of the technical and operational feasibility for the proposed project to meet the grant program objectives and expected outcomes.
2. The completed *Grant Application Form*
3. Example of the human subjects consent form (as applicable)
4. A one-page summary CV of the principal investigator(s) highlighting their research and grant writing experience
5. Any additional relevant documents including IRB application/approval, etc.

The following content is required on the grant application for the HealthSouth Grant Selection Committee to select the top candidate:

- Brief description of institution's mandate, structure, staff, current activities, research experience.
- Clear statement of the intent of the research and research question(s) to be answered
- Clear statement of background and relevance to the defined purpose of the grant
- Clear description of human subjects, as applicable
- Brief description of the catchment area for human subjects
- Describe where the data will be collected
- Description of the data to be collected
- Define the plan for data analysis
- Timelines for critical success points
- Proposed budget breakdown.
- Status of and plan for IRB approval.

| Selection Criteria:

Grant applications will be scored by members of the HealthSouth Therapy Grant Selection Committee, using the defined selection criteria to nominate the most qualified application.

Relevance to the defined purpose of the grant

- The extent to which the proposed research falls within the scope of the defined purpose
- The extent to which the research objectives, expected outcomes, and protocol meets the purpose for the grant
- Potential impact to the base of evidence in the field of therapy in IRFs

Scientific merit

- Investigator and team knowledge, expertise and experience in the field of research
- Ability of the principal investigator to manage the project based on track record within established timelines

Feasibility

- Plan to obtain IRB approval suggests successful completion of the project
- Plan to collect and analyze data suggest successful completion of the project
- Methodology and research protocol supports successful completion of the project
- Feasibility to secure adequate and appropriate human subjects
- Timelines and milestones support timely completion of the project
- Budget and funding will support completion of the defined research

| Follow-up Requirements:

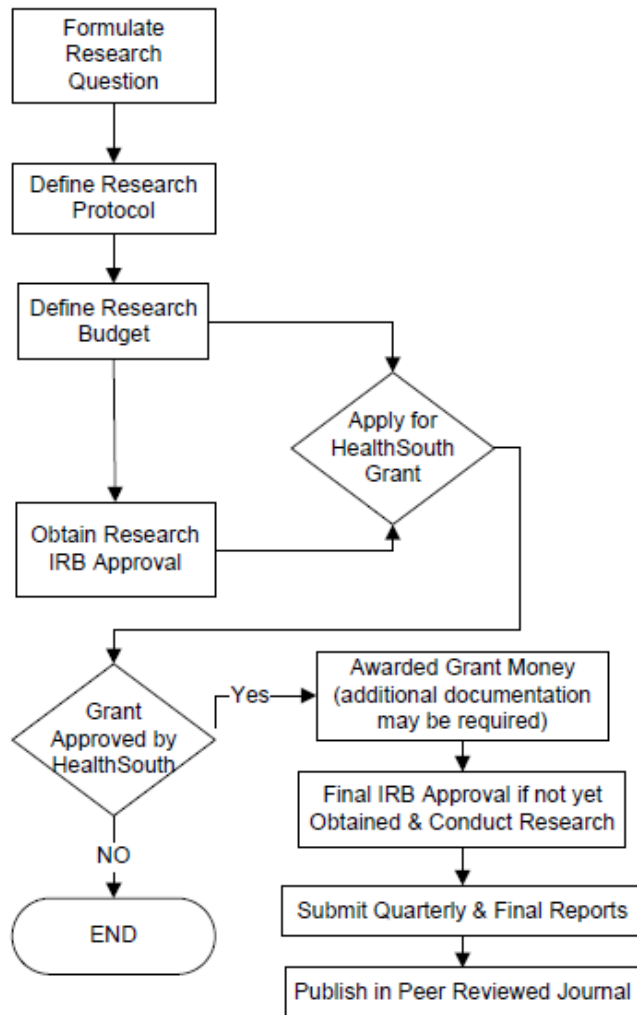
After the award is granted, due dates will be defined for quarterly interim summary reports are required to be submitted to TherapyGrants@healthsouth.com, which include the following:

- Status of meeting established timelines
 - IRB approval
 - Human subject recruitment
 - Data collection
 - Data analysis
 - Data interpretation
 - Outcomes
- Report on expenses
- Report of barriers

When the research is complete a final summary report will be submitted to HealthSouth to TherapyGrants@healthsouth.com. The final report will include:

- Final outcomes of the research
 - Data analysis
 - Data interpretation

- Outcomes
- Publishing and communication plan
- Report on expenses
- Discussion of bias
- Discussion of outcomes included plan to publish in a peer reviewed journal
- Discussion of future research opportunities

Defined Workflow:



Applicant Information	
Name:	
Address:	
Office Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
Email:	
RELEVANCE	Title of Research
	Research question(s) to be answered by the research
	Statement of purpose for the research
	Brief description of research
	Is the principal investigator a HealthSouth employee? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Name: _____ (Fill in the blank)
	Are any of the other investigators HealthSouth employees? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Name: _____ (Fill in the blank)
	Will the research be conducted in a HealthSouth facility? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Name: _____ (Fill in the blank)
	Where will the research be conducted?
	Objectives for the research

	Expected Outcomes of the research
	Background supporting the need for the research
	Relevance to the grant purpose
	What gap in evidence exists to support this research?
SCIENTIFIC MERIT	Description of the institution supporting this research
	Principal investigator name, background, and research experience <input type="checkbox"/> P.I. CV Attached
	Other investigators name's, background, and research experience <input type="checkbox"/> P.I. CV Attached
FEASIBILITY	Brief description of the research methodology

IRB plan and status of application and approval

Brief description of the research Protocol

Define human subjects

Description of catchment area for human subjects

Description of data that will be collected (qualitative or quantitative, define objective measures or scales, validity, reliability, frequency, etc.)

Describe the plan for data analysis

Timelines and major milestones for success

What IRB(s) are required to conduct this study?

Plan for IRB approval(s)

Budget

Description of Expense (attach additional documentation as required)	Planned date of Expense	Amount of Expense	Type of Expense