

## ACCOUNTABLE CARE ORGANIZATION (ACO) AWARD SUMMER 2020 APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENT

Residents and Fellows:

This is to announce/remind the summer 2020 cycle of the Accountable Care Organization (ACO) Award. Applications not funded in the previous cycle are strongly encouraged to resubmit. Proposals are due to [brunetva@uw.edu](mailto:brunetva@uw.edu) on **Friday, August 7, 2020 by 5:00 PM.**

ACO program is a trainee research support opportunity for UW Medicine Laboratory Medicine and Pathology Residents and Fellows providing financial support for projects using existing or novel methods that demonstrably improve quality, safety, service, and/or access while containing the cost of care.

**Goal:** Advance the objectives of an ACO in Laboratory Medicine and Pathology using existing or novel methods that demonstrably improve quality, safety, service, and/or access while containing cost of care, which should be addressed in the application.

**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 PPV and NPV 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. Ability to 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: Examples, 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. The ACO program is budgeted for four years.

**Application:** (i) One page with Problem Statement, Specific Aim(s), Approach & Analysis Plan, Status of IRB Approval and Timeline of Deliverables. (ii) Budget and Justification on a separate page

**Application Schedule:** Applications are due the 7th of August and 28th of February (or next business day if holiday or weekend). Project to start one month later.

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

**Upcoming Deadline:** Friday, August 7 by 5PM is the deadline to submit applications for the summer 2020 ACO cycle.

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