Limited Submission Funding Opportunity

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: US Platform to Measure Influenza Vaccine Effectiveness against Laboratory-confirmed Influenza-associated Hospitalizations

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The goal of this funding announcement is to establish a sustainable network of US institutions that can obtain hospitalization data and provide accurate estimates of annual influenza vaccine effectiveness (VE) to prevent influenza-associated hospitalizations in US adult populations.

Participating institutions will coordinate enrollment of adult hospitalized patients with acute respiratory illness (ARI), confirm influenza infection using sensitive laboratory-based molecular assays, and estimate VE using a test-negative study design.

Annual VE estimates will be used to inform and assess the public health impact of influenza vaccination programs to prevent health-related complications of influenza infection, especially in older adults. In addition, this network will also compare VE for specific vaccine types available in the US. This network will serve as an emergency response resource in the event of an influenza pandemic to assess VE to prevent hospitalizations.

LIMIT ON NUMBER OF PROPOSALS PER ORGANIZATION
Only one application per institution is allowed.

KEY DATES
If you are interested in this funding opportunity, please send a one-page summary of the proposed research and your biosketch to Eric Boberg (e-boberg@northwestern.edu) by January 19, 2015.

The sponsor application due date is March 3, 2015.

COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES
The Office of Research Development offers assistance in identifying and facilitating collaborations, putting together interdisciplinary teams, programmatic and administrative development of large, cross-school proposals, and leveraging institutional resources for outreach and education. Contact Fruma Yehiely (yehiely@northwestern.edu), Director of ORD, for more information.

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