

## Ohio Partnership for Adherence through Collaborative Education *OhioPACE*

### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**Overview:** Patient non-adherence is one of the costliest components in healthcare today. This problem crosses all medical conditions and is a concern to healthcare providers, payers, employers, and patients. The reasons for non-adherence are varied and complex. Health literacy, the cost of therapy, patient motivation and understanding, and the lack of patient support systems are among the many factors that affect a patient's likelihood of being adherent to prescribed therapies. Healthcare providers are often frustrated by patient non-adherence and have very little formal training on the subject.

Educators must meet the challenge of helping healthcare providers to better understand non-adherence and to develop strategies to minimize this problem in all of their patients. The goal of this initiative is to support healthcare professions educators' efforts to integrate the topic of patient adherence into educational offerings and performance improvement activities.

*OhioPACE* is interested in receiving proposals for educational activities for healthcare professionals in Ohio whose objectives include improving patient adherence. Grants up to \$50,000 will be awarded. We also encourage applications for larger initiatives in which other sources of support provide part of the funding of the project.

**Eligibility:** Healthcare provider organizations; Healthcare professional organizations; Providers of continuing education for healthcare professionals; Healthcare professions schools and training programs; Non-profit organizations; Institutions and other entities that provide healthcare services to Ohio residents.

**Funding:** Funds are made available through an educational grant from Pfizer Pharmaceuticals.

**Deadline:** February 15, 2012 (5:00 PM, EST).

**Award date:** No later than May 1, 2012.

**Project Period:** Projects should be completed within one year of funding (July 1, 2013).

### **Grant Projects:**

Grants of up to \$50,000 will be awarded as part of this program. Proposals must describe how patient adherence will be addressed as a stand-alone topic or as part of a larger activity agenda. Adherence must be included in the stated objectives of the activity. The needs assessment/gap analysis should identify specific practice gaps related to patient adherence in your intended target audience. Activities must offer certified continuing education credit for healthcare professionals. The target audience must include healthcare providers (physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners, nurses, and/or pharmacists) but may include other healthcare professionals (such as practice managers, diabetes educators, care coordinators, etc.). PACE grants are designed to support single activities (eg., live conferences, workshops, enduring materials, grand rounds sessions), multiple interventions (eg., multiple live activities, simulations, self-assessments, case-studies, academic detailing, peer learning) and Quality/Performance Improvement projects. Proposals must include an outcomes assessment that measures changes in competency, performance, and/or patient outcomes.

Proposals must include a completed application, a project budget, and appropriate attachments. Awardees will be required to complete a Project Summary Form within 30 days of the conclusion of the project.

**Funding Preferences:** Projects that include the following will be given preferential reviews.

- Partnerships with other stakeholders – Projects that demonstrate collaborations across multiple institutions and/or organizations.
- Quality/Performance Improvement – Projects that include (or are part of) quality initiatives in clinical practice settings.
- Interprofessional education/team learning and practice – Projects that promote team-based care and target multiple provider types.

- Measurable outcomes – Projects that include strategies to measure the impact of an educational intervention on clinical practice and/or patient outcomes.

**Application forms should be accessed online at [www.cfcme.org/OhioPACE](http://www.cfcme.org/OhioPACE), and should be returned electronically.**

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