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## 2019 Pathology Trainee Project Grant Letter of Intent Application

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**DEADLINE:** No later than Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

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<b>Estimate of total budget:</b> <i>(no details at this time, just total value up to \$5,000)</i>	\$5,000
<b>Proposal Component</b>	<i>Please keep your responses within the text fields (and word count limits) below:</i>
<b>Short title</b> <i>(&lt;4 words):</i>	Pathology Cost Education
<b>Descriptive title:</b>	Development of an Educational Module on Pathology Service Expenditures to Train Physicians on High-quality, Cost-conscious Patient Care
<b>Short Summary</b> <i>(&lt;250 words):</i>	<p>Healthcare reform in the recent decade has led to increased utilization of health services. Physicians continue to face challenges in resource stewardship regarding laboratory testing and diagnostics with limited time to explain appropriateness criteria or cost details to patients. With nearly \$7 billion dollars of unnecessary procedures unhelpful to patient care estimated annually, previous literature suggests that pathologists are in a unique position to provide education to colleagues and patients to this end. We propose to develop and introduce an easily-disseminated educational module to learners and physicians on costs and indications for certain laboratory diagnostics; we will also create an informational sheet explaining cost of pathology services for patients to diminish confusion on this process. Using specialties with the highest laboratory costs identified by Naugler et al. (2018), we will introduce learners to our developed module and share information through grand rounds presentations. Through cases, we will evaluate learner comprehension of appropriateness in utilization of pathology services. The outlook in piloting such a project is promising in that it may allow us to explore pathology service utilization and expenditures, which may highlight focus areas for cost reduction. Considering continued concern by patients and providers alike on the “surprise” of medical billing and costs and in the context of a rapidly-changing healthcare landscape, education on the cost of pathology services to the health system is a relevant, feasible, and sustainable option to improve health care delivery, advance access, and reduce costs.</p>

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