



NATIONAL PANCREAS FOUNDATION
CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE

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THE NATIONAL PANCREAS FOUNDATION CLINICAL CENTER OF EXCELLENCE Pediatric Pancreatitis Application

The National Pancreas Foundation (NPF) was founded as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization in 1997. Since that time, we have made it our mission to significantly influence the pancreatic research community and provide much needed information and resources to patients who are courageously battling pancreatic disease.

NPF CENTER REPORTING CAPABILITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

1. There must be a designated point of contact with the NPF. This can be the Program Director or a designee.
2. The Center agrees to co-market the program by highlighting the certification on the Center's web site with mutual links to the NPF website. At minimum, the Center will distribute NPF brochures to its patients with pancreatitis.
3. The Center agrees to work with and support the local NPF chapter to facilitate the NPF mission. If no local chapter exists, the Center agrees to support the formation of such a chapter.
4. The Center agrees to participate in the NPF's goal of improving care for patients with pancreatitis, including participation in NPF efforts in patient communication and teaching, and in NPF-sponsored patient registries.
5. The Center agrees to the minimal NPF reporting standards by participating in surveys to elucidate treatment patterns, improve patient care, and best practices.
6. The Center will consent to an initial audit either electronically or in person and a 3 year follow up.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Qualifications

1. Active Board certification from the American Board of Medical Specialties (American Board of Pediatrics, American Board of Family Medicine, American Board of Surgery)
2. Fellowship trained in Pediatric Gastroenterology, Pediatric Surgery, or Pediatric Endocrinology (with specific focus in pancreatitis)
3. Specialization in the care of children, adolescents, and young adults with acute and chronic pancreatitis

Responsibilities

1. Provides quality assurance and oversight for all aspects of patient care and operation of the NPF Center Program.
2. Assures the institution is providing adequate facilities and ancillary support to the NPF Centers Program.
3. Assures that all NPF Centers Program team personnel (physician and non-physician) are of the highest quality and continually strive to improve their expertise in the area of pancreatic disease.
4. Assures that all aspects of the agreement with the NPF Center are met.
5. Assures that the personnel time allotted to the care of patients with pancreatic disease is appropriate for the patient population.
6. Coordinates plans with other Program Directors or appropriate personnel when it is necessary for emergency, tertiary care, or care that is out of the scope of the center.

Please check for acceptance of these terms

I. Organization/Facility Information

New Applicant

Renewal Applicant

Organization/Facility Name

Address

Program Director Name, Title

Program Director Email

Program Director Phone

Primary Point of Contact if Different from Program Director

Point of Contact Email Address, Phone Number, Mailing Address for NPF Materials

Website for Patients with Pancreas Disease (Will be Listed on NPF site)

Phone Number for Appointments (Will be Listed on NPF site)

Please Provide Names/Emails of Additional Staff (Program Coordinator, NP, Social Worker)

II. Designated Core Personnel

Must have a multidisciplinary approach to patient care. Check all that apply. Provide physician(s) name in the fields, additional comments, and 3-5 CVs for key personnel. If you do not meet the criteria, please explain. For answers that are more than 4-5 lines, please include it in a Word document.

Program Director

Requirements are stipulated on the first page of this application. Please provide any additional comments:

Gastroenterologists

Qualifications:

- Active Board certification in Pediatric Gastroenterology from the ABP
- Specialization in the care of children, adolescents, and young adults with acute and chronic pancreatitis

Responsibilities: Provide medical care, and coordinate comprehensive multidisciplinary care for pediatric patients with acute or chronic pancreatitis — and complications of the disease. Provide appropriate management of pancreatic exocrine insufficiency and its complications in children.

Provide physician names, emails, comments, and further information on gastroenterologist(s) or department.

Advanced Interventional Endoscopy

Qualifications:

- Expertise in ERCP in children, adolescents and young adults, particularly related to pancreatic endotherapy (PD stenting, lithotripsy, pancreatoscopy, EUS-guided celiac plexus block, transluminal drainage of pseudocysts, endoscopic management of walled-off necrosis).
- Experience with EUS in pediatric patients.
- Completion of 4th year Advanced endoscopy fellowship, or at least 5 years of experience after fellowship that includes pediatric ERCP.
- At least one endoscopist, with at least 5 years of experience performing ERCs in children of various ages.
- Access to an advanced endoscopist with experience in pediatric ERCP. Please report annual number of ERCP procedures for patients <18 years in box below.

Responsibilities: Provide the full range of endoscopic interventions that might be required for the management of acute or chronic pancreatitis in children, adolescents, and young adults. Provide physician names, emails, further information on endoscopist(s) or department, as well as number of ERCs done annually:

Pancreatic Surgery

Qualifications:

- Board certified by American Board of Surgery.
- Completion of pediatric surgery fellowship, pancreatobiliary fellowship or other fellowship with focus on pancreatic surgery (e.g. surgical oncology), or at least 5 years of experience in pediatric pancreatic surgery after residency.
- Experience in complex pancreas surgeries including partial resection, pancreatectomy, pancreaticoduodenectomies, mass removal; or established referral pathway to a specialized pediatric surgical center for complex pancreatic surgeries.
- Participation in ACS NSQIP Pediatric registry.

Responsibilities: Provide the broad range of surgical care for pediatric patients with acute or chronic pancreatitis. Provide physician names, emails, comments, and further information on surgeon(s) or department.

Endocrinology

Qualifications:

- Board certified by American Board of Pediatrics.
- Expertise in the management of glucose intolerance and diabetes in children with acute recurrent and chronic pancreatitis.
- Able to provide diagnostic testing including OGTT or mixed meal tolerance testing.
- Expertise in diabetes technologies including continuous glucose monitoring and insulin pump therapy.

Responsibilities: Provide appropriate management for glucose dysregulation or diabetes mellitus secondary to pancreatic disease, particularly pancreatitis in children. Provide physician names, emails, comments, and further information on endocrinologist(s) or department.

Radiology

Qualifications:

- Pediatric radiologist with expertise in interpreting imaging in children with acute and chronic pancreatitis, and complications of these diseases (Board certified by American Board of Radiology).
- Interventional radiologist with expertise in pediatric procedures. (Board certified in Subspecialty of Vascular and Interventional Radiology)
- Able to provide ultrasound, CT, MRI, and MRCP optimized for pediatric patients.
- Able to provide percutaneous and vascular interventional access for management of acute and chronic pancreatitis complications.

Responsibilities: Work with clinicians noted above to provide state-of-the-art cross-sectional imaging and interventional therapy for managing pediatric patients with acute or chronic pancreatitis. Provide physician names, emails, comments, and further information on radiologist(s) or department.

Pathology

Qualifications:

- GI pathologist with expertise in pediatrics, Board certified by American Board of Pathology.
- GI cytopathologists with expertise in pancreatic tumors, Board certified in Subspecialty of Cytopathology by American Board of Pathology.

Responsibilities: Provide accurate and timely interpretation of pancreatic cytologic specimens from FNA or ductal brushings, and of pancreatic biopsies or resected specimens. Provide physician names, emails, comments, and further information on pathologist(s) or department.

III. Special Expertise and Services. Must have access to the following personnel via on-site access or an established and ongoing referral relationship. Please list names and check all that apply.

Nutrition Support

Qualifications:

- Registered dietitian with pediatric expertise and with experience in supporting children, adolescents, and young adults with acute and chronic pancreatitis.
- Home infusion team which can provide and manage home TPN or home enteral tube feedings.

Responsibilities: Provide recommendations and support for enteral and parenteral nutrition support for pediatric patients with acute or chronic pancreatitis.

Providers names, emails, and further comments on nutritionist(s) or department:

Pain Management

Qualifications:

- Multi-disciplinary pediatric pain management team that is able to provide both inpatient and outpatient care (or established referral pattern).
- Capacity to provide a broad range of opioid sparing strategies which can include medications (SSRI, NSRRI, gabapentoids, TCA), cognitive behavioral therapy, mindfulness and meditation, acupuncture or acupressure, and others).
- Child Life specialists, inpatient and outpatient.

Responsibilities: Assist in managing acute pain and ongoing chronic pain while reducing long-term risk of chronic opioid therapy, optimizing use of non-pharmacologic pain management techniques. Provide physician names, emails, comments, and further information on pain management physician(s) or department.

Psychological Support

Qualifications:

- Family/parent and patient support groups, and/or providing contact for NPF patient forum.
- Access to pediatric mental health professionals with experience in acute and chronic pancreatitis, and chronic pain (psychology, psychiatry, licensed family therapists, and/or social workers).
- Services to support children's school participation and other educational needs.
- Child family life services available.
- Referral to alcohol or smoking cessation programs for adolescents, young adults with chemical dependency contributing to their pancreatitis.

Responsibilities: Provide appropriate psychosocial support for children and parents, in managing chronic pain, impaired functioning, and other chronic symptoms/stressors. Assist in optimizing quality-of-life and functioning in children with acute and chronic pancreatitis. Physician names, emails, and comments:

Genetics Specialist

Qualifications: Experienced specialist able to provide and interpret genetic testing in patients with pancreatitis and family members.

Responsibilities: Provide support for increasing use of genomic analysis to guide treatment for patients with pancreatitis. Support family risk assessments. Provide physician names, emails, comments, and further information on specialist(s) or department.

IV. Other

The Institution

- Electronic Medical Records system.
- Ongoing measurement of safety and quality (by participation in at least one quality program related to GI or GI Surgery- NSQIP Pediatric, etc).

Inpatient: Centralized pediatric ICU for patients with severe or necrotizing pancreatitis.

Outpatient: Dedicated Pediatric Pancreas clinics with pediatric providers who specialize in pediatric pancreatic disease (MD, NP, PA).

Comments:

V. Statement of Qualification

Please provide a summary statement (1-2 paragraphs) regarding the program director's expertise with pediatric pancreatitis, annual number of pancreatitis cases, as well as the pancreas team's level of experience managing care for pancreatitis patients.

Signatures

(Application is not valid without signature and date)

Program Director

Date

STOP! Before submission have you:

1. Included bios/CVs of key personnel
2. Completed Statement of Qualification
3. Provided any additional information as attachments if necessary
4. Filled-out all section boxes

Please send completed application to info@pancreasfoundation.org