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**THE NATIONAL PANCREAS
FOUNDATION CLINICAL CENTER OF
EXCELLENCE**
Pancreatic Cancer 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 pancreatic cancer.
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 pancreatic cancer, 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.
7. As a Center of Excellence will participate at least once during term by providing content, webinar, white paper, etc of professional content to the NPF, either for patient caregiver or medical professional portal. Can work with the NPF staff to decide on topic need and based on educational calendar.
8. Provide NPF material at clinic and in patient setting, materials provided by the NPF as well as electronic materials as available (ie postcard with QR code). Includes partnering with NPF volunteers and chapters for community awareness at health fairs or tabling opportunities in the community.
9. Participate in fundraising and awareness activities yearly supporting the NPF in a give or get capacity. This can be PancreasBowl, Color it Purple, Courage for a Cure Gala, securing sponsorship or other fundraiser with support and guidance from NPF staff.
10. Center of Excellence staff representation on Quarterly NPF calls.
11. Provide timely updates in staff changes or points of contact for key COE positions.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Qualifications

1. Active Board certification from the American Board of Medical Specialties (American Board of Internal Medicine, American Board of Surgery).
2. Completion of a Fellowship in Gastroenterology, or a Surgical Fellowship including a focus on Gastroenterology, or a Surgical Fellowship including a focus on pancreatic surgery.
3. Specialization in the care of patients with pancreatic cancer (a substantial commitment of current clinical practice devoted to pancreatic cancer).

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 and 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:

Medical Oncology

Qualifications:

- Active Board Certification by American Board of Internal Medicine or equivalent.
- Expertise in Gastrointestinal malignancy and pancreatic cancer.
- At least 2 providers with majority of their time devoted to treating GI malignancies.

Responsibilities: • Provide maximally effective chemotherapeutic treatment and monitoring in neo-adjuvant, adjuvant, and palliative settings. Provide physician names, emails, comments, and further information on oncologist(s) or department.

Advanced Interventional Endoscopy

Qualifications:

- Expertise in ERCP and EUS, related to pancreatic cancer, including biliary stenting, EUS-guided FNA and core biopsy, EUS-guided fiducial placement, EUS-guided celiac plexus block.
- Completion of 4th year Advanced endoscopy fellowship, or at least 5 years of experience after fellowship.
- At least two endoscopists, one of whom has at least 5 years of experience.
- Center volume of > 100 ERCPS and > 100 EUS examinations.

Responsibilities: Provide the full range of endoscopic interventions that might be required for the management of pancreatic malignancy. Provide physician names, emails, comments, and further information on endoscopist(s) or department.

Surgery

Qualifications:

- Active board certification by American Board of Surgery.
- Completion of Hepato-Pancreato- Biliary fellowship or Surgical Oncology fellowship with a focus on pancreatic surgery, or at least 5 years of experience in pancreatic surgery after residency.
- At least 2 pancreatic surgeons, one of whom has at least 5 years' experience, and at least one of these surgeons performing > 12 pancreatic head resections yearly and one performing minimally invasive distal pancreatectomy.
- Availability of surgeon with expertise in performing mesenteric vascular reconstruction.
- Participation in ACS NSQIP registry.

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

Endocrinology

Qualifications:

- Active board certification in Endocrinology and Diabetes through the ABIM.
- Expertise in the management of Type 3C diabetes.
- Able to provide diagnostic and islet functional testing including oral glucose tolerance test or mixed meal testing.
- Able to provide access to current diabetes technologies including continuous glucose monitoring and insulin pump therapy.

Responsibilities: Provide appropriate management for complex Type 3c diabetes. Provide physician names, emails, comments, and further information on endocrinologist(s) or department.

Radiology Oncology

Qualifications:

- Active Board Certification by American Board of Radiology or equivalent.
- Expertise in Gastrointestinal malignancy and pancreatic cancer.

Responsibilities: Provide maximally effective radiation treatment and monitoring in neo-adjuvant, adjuvant, and palliative settings. Provide physician names, emails, comments, and further information on radiologist(s) or department.

Radiology

Qualifications:

- Devoted abdominal imaging radiologist (Board certified by American Board of Radiology).
- Interventional radiologist (Board certified in Subspecialty of Vascular and Interventional Radiology).
- Able to provide and interpret pancreatic CT, pancreatic MRI, and MRCP.
- Able to provide percutaneous and vascular interventional access for management of complications of pancreatectomy.

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

Pathology

Qualifications:

- Devoted GI pathologist, Board certified by American Board of Pathology.
- Devoted GI cytopathologists, Board certified in Subspecialty of Cytopathology by American Board of Pathology.

Responsibilities: Provide accurate and timely interpretation of pancreatic histology and 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.

Genetics Specialist

Qualifications:

- Experienced specialist able to provide and interpret genetic testing in patients with pancreatic cancer and family members.

Responsibilities: Provide support for increasing use of genomic analysis to guide therapy. Facilitate universal germline testing for patients with pancreatic cancer. Support family risk assessments. Provide physician names, emails, comments, and further information on specialist(s) or department.

Multidisciplinary GI Tumor Board

Qualifications:

- Including Medical and Radiation Oncology, Surgical Oncology, General and Interventional Radiology, Pathology, and Patient Navigator.
- Supporting and monitoring routine use of next generation sequencing/molecular profiling.
- Expertise in utilizing genomic profiling for treatment planning.
- Meet at least bi-weekly with documentation of comprehensive treatment plan and recommendations within the electronic health record.

Responsibilities: Provide multidisciplinary planning for treatment of pancreatic cancer. Provide ongoing and dynamic evaluation of treatment, response, and surveillance. Comments:

III. Special Expertise and Services. Must meet qualifications and have access to the following personnel via on-site access or an established and ongoing referral relationship. Please provide information for each category.

Nutrition Support

Qualifications:

- Nutrition specialist with experience in managing patients with malignancy.
- Registered dietician.
- TPN team which can provide and manage home TPN or home enteral tube feeding.

Responsibilities: Provide recommendations and support for enteral and parenteral nutrition support for patients with pancreatic cancer.

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

Palliative Care

Qualifications:

- Pain management center - on site (or established referral pattern).
- Multidisciplinary pain management team.
- Capability to provide a broad range of opioid sparing strategies including medications (SSRI, NSRRI, gabapentoids, TCA), cognitive behavioral therapy, mindfulness and meditation, acupuncture or acupressure, medical marijuana, and others).
- Ability to provide or refer for celiac plexus block or neurolysis.

Responsibilities: Assist in managing pain while reducing side-effects of chronic opioid therapy. Health provider names, emails, and comments:

Psychosocial Support

Qualifications:

- On site patient support group, and/or providing contact for National Pancreas Foundation patient forum.
- Access to Psychology practitioners with experience in supporting cancer patients.

Responsibilities: Provide appropriate psychosocial support for managing cancer.
Physician names, emails, and comments:

IV. Other

The Institution:

- Electronic Health System.
- Ongoing measurement of safety and quality (by participation in at least one quality program related to GI or GI Surgery- ASGE, NSQIP, etc.).

Comments:

Inpatients: Appropriate medical and surgical ICUs for patients with complications from pancreatic cancer therapy.

Outpatients: Multidisciplinary cancer clinics and infusion center.

Comments:

V. Statement of Qualification

Please provide a summary statement (1-2 paragraphs) regarding the program director's expertise with pancreatic cancer, annual pancreatic cancer cases, as well as the oncology team's level of experience managing care for pancreatic cancer 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 the 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