**Advancing Apheresis Award**

Together, we are advancing apheresis to ultimately benefit the patients we all serve. Terumo BCT’s Advancing Apheresis Award program recognizes and supports the achievements of clinicians, physicians, nurse managers and operators who are making a difference in the use of therapeutic apheresis and cell collections.

Terumo BCT will award one educational, unrestricted grant of USD 10,000 to the winning site, which will be selected based on past achievements in apheresis education and leadership in patient care, as well as the most innovative proposal to advance peripheral venous access in red blood cell exchange procedures.

Applications will be scored according to criteria developed by a global committee of key opinion leaders who are recognized for their leadership in the field of apheresis.

**General Instructions and Information**

Application submissions must not exceed 15 total electronic pages including an optional appendix. Your submission must include the application form and optional appendix of supporting documentation (publications, photos, literature and so on) and/or one optional video file. Release forms for pictures or testimonials are not included in the page limit.

To ensure fairness, please note the following restrictions:

* The Application Form may not exceed 5 pages, single-spaced, 10-point font, with normal margins. Any layout may be used, as long as it is in an easy-to-read format and the length does not exceed 5 pages.
* The appendix may include supporting materials, photos and so on, but it cannot exceed 10 pages in length. Release forms will not be counted as part of the submission’s page limit.
* The video file, if submitted, cannot exceed 3 minutes in length and must be less than 500 MB. Accepted video formats are .mp4, .wma, .avi, .mpg and .flv.

Each application will be evaluated according to the criteria identified by the Grant Committee in these key performance areas:

* Plans for use of the award
* Educational leadership
* Patient care, comfort and impact
* Local community impact

Each application will be given a score of 1 through 5 based on each of the established above criteria, as well as an overall score of 1 through 5. The Grant Committee will score the application and choose the winner and runner-up; Terumo BCT will not participate in scoring or in the selection of the award recipient. Any Grant Committee members with potential conflicts of interest for particular applications will remove themselves from scoring those applications.**APPLICATION FORM**

***HOW ARE YOU ADVANCING PERIPHERAL VENOUS ACCESS IN RED BLOOD CELL EXCHANGE PROCEDURES?***

Upload your completed form under the “submit” heading at [TERUMOBCT.COM/advancingapheresis](https://www.terumobct.com/advancingapheresis).

You may also upload additional attachments, including an appendix and one video (as described above). All Application Forms must be submitted online no later than 30 November 2018. Visit [TERUMOBCT.COM/advancingapheresis](https://www.terumobct.com/advancingapheresis) for more important dates and award criteria.

**Use this Microsoft® Word document as a template. Applications must be no more than 5 pages in length, single-spaced, 10-point font, with normal margins. Any layout may be used, as long as it is in a readable format and fits within these guidelines.**

**1. NAME OF SITE APPLYING:**

NOTE: This award is intended for a site, not an individual. However, multiple sites or teams may collaborate on one application for the award; the team does not need to be from one institution, but payment will go to only one institution. The team must perform red blood cell exchange procedures on chronic sickle cell disease patients.

**2. NAME AND TITLE OF MAIN CONTACT (last, first, middle, title):**

**3. NAMES OF CO-CONTACTS/APPLICANTS (if applicable):**

**4. INSTITUTION/ORGANIZATION NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS:**

**5. TELEPHONE (country code, area code and extension)/EMAIL:**

Telephone:

Email:

**6. FINANCE/LEGAL OFFICER TO BE NOTIFIED (if award is made):**

**8. APPLICANT ORGANIZATION CERTIFICATION AND ACCEPTANCE:**

“I certify that the statements in this document are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.” (Acknowledge by inserting your name below; no scanned signature is required.)

**In addition to answering the following questions individually, please summarize your entire application in less than 500 words.**

**How is your team advancing apheresis in the areas below?**

**NOTE: In each area, examples are provided to highlight the type of objective evidence that the Grant Committee will consider in each category. Your site may have shown its commitment and dedication to advancing apheresis in other ways.**

1. **Plans for use of the award**: How do you plan to use the award to further your efforts to advance peripheral venous access in red blood cell exchange procedures? This is an educational grant that should be used specifically for the purpose of advancing apheresis. Please outline your specific plan, as described below:
	* Use of the award: name of project/initiative
	* Objectives and significance
	* Budget: how the grant will be used
	* Implementation plan: dates, timing
	* Driving Change: how your plan will advance apheresis either at your site or beyond
2. **Educational leadership**: How has your site demonstrated its commitment to education (within your team, hospital, local community, region, country and so on)? Provide objective examples, such as employee training, publications, programs, events, best practices and standard operating procedures, educational resources you have developed and so on. Who have you educated on apheresis, such as staff, specialty physicians and patients?
3. **Patient care, comfort and impact**: How has your site shown excellence in advancing patient care? What efforts have you made to make patients more comfortable? Have you found new ways to be innovative or established best practices for better outcomes? Give objective examples, such as publications, programs, best practices and standard operating procedures.
4. **Other efforts to advance apheresis**: How else has your team influenced apheresis treatment to benefit patients?

**To submit your application**: Complete and upload the above form to [TERUMOBCT.COM/advancingapheresis](https://www.terumobct.com/advancingapheresis)

Applications must be submitted by **30 November 2018**. The winner will be announced in February 2019 via email. Thank you for the time you have taken to apply for this grant and for your continued efforts to advance apheresis.