



OARSI Policy on Initiatives

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Purpose of the Policy: Often times OARSI members and Board members bring forth initiatives that they would like OARSI to brand as its own. This policy establishes criteria for evaluating initiatives presented by OARSI members and Board members.

Who can submit an initiative request to OARSI? Members and other societies/organizations. An OARSI member must be the Principal Investigator on an OARSI initiative. An OARSI Board member will be appointed as a liaison to the initiative.

Timeline for the project: If OARSI funding is requested, the project MUST be approved prior to work beginning. Start date must be at least 4 months AFTER the date of this application to allow enough time for review and budgetary considerations. If no funding is required, the request should be made as close as possible to the start of the project.

Disclosures: OARSI initiatives require that all investigators on the project complete an online disclosure form which will be reviewed by the Ethics Committee.

Review Committee: The OARSI Past President is the chair of the initiative review committee and the remaining members of the committee will be appointed by the current President. The review committee will make a recommendation to the OARSI Board of Directors who will make the final determination about the initiative

Publication Requirement: An OARSI initiative MUST be submitted to Osteoarthritis and Cartilage and go through the peer review process. "OARSI" should be included in the title of the project.

Initiative Review Two Step Process

The OARSI initiative review and approval is two steps. Step one is to approve the activity and process and allows for OARSI input and step two is to approve the final work product.

Step 1

1. Requestor submits an online application
2. Review committee evaluates the initiative to determine if it fits with the OARSI mission and if the activity should be one that is branded with OARSI's name. This step allows the review committee to make suggestions to the proposing group.
3. Once the process is approved by the initiative review committee, the proposal goes to the OARSI board for approval of the process. Additional suggestions may be made by the board.
4. The workgroup will be asked to complete online disclosures to be reviewed by the Ethics Committee.
5. A semi annual progress report will be submitted to the OARSI Board.

Application Process:

The following must be included in the request for an OARSi initiative.

1. Title of Initiative**2. Name****Affiliation**

Email address of all investigators. Investigators must not all come from the same institution. Please separate email addresses with commas.

3. Needs assessment

Why is there a need for this project?

How has this need been determined?

Is this an update to an existing publication or a completely new project?

4. Goals

Why should this be an OARSI initiative?

What is the benefit to OARSI, to members, industry, patients, others?

5. Total budget

Please include list of all funders including pharma and the amount you are seeking from OARSI.

Who is responsible for fundraising and how will this be accomplished?

6. How will OARSI be acknowledged?

Will the work product become the property of OARSI?

7. Will the results be submitted to Osteoarthritis and Cartilage?

Other journal or publication?

8. Besides the journal, how will the results be disseminated (website, printed material, symposia)

9. Is there a charge to access this publication?

10. Include anything else the review committee should know about this request.

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