

SEAMO NEWSLETTER

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SEAMO FUNDING AGREEMENT EXTENDED

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has extended the SEAMO funding agreement to September 30. The extension allows the Ministry and the Ontario Medical Association time to develop a new agreement for SEAMO and other AFP/APPs that will reflect the provisions of the 2008 Ministry/OMA Physician Services Agreement (PSA).

These include base funding, the shadow billing incentive, "Appendix L" flow-through payments, Phase III AHSC AFP funding. In addition, SEAMO will be provided with a one-time additional payment of 3% of the clinical portion of our funding. This is the first flow-through from the 2008 PSA and it covers the period 2008 October through 2009 September. It is expected that the amount received will exceed \$2 million

Yesterday, members of CTAQ completed the vote agreeing to this extension, with 96% voting in favour. Approval has been given by all five Signatories (University, CTAQ, and the Hospitals).

SEAMO GOVERNING COMMITTEE AWARDS INNOVATION FUNDS

As part of the AHSC AFP Project ("Phase III"), Ontario AFP and APP governance organizations received Innovation Funding to support the development of new and innovative practices in health care delivery, and to support leadership in the dissemination of knowledge across the healthcare system." The Governing Committee just received and allocated its 2008/09 funding through a peer reviewed competition.

Name of Applicants		Title of Proposal	Funding Year One
Dr. Ryan Bicknell Dr. David Bardana	Dr. David Pichora Dr. Stephen Scott	The Use of Upper Extremity Joint Analysis in the care of the Orthopedic patient	\$26,068
Dr. Robert Brison Dr. C Simpson	Dr. M. Sivilotti Dr. E. Hess	A Clinical Decision to Exclude Acute Coronary Syndrome in Emergency Medicine	\$110,000
Dr. Mark Harrison Dr. Kevin Deluzio Dr. Gavin Wood, Dr. Brenda Brouwer Dr. Caroline Pukall	Dr. Daniel Borschneck Dr. John Rudan Dr. Alice Aiken Dr. Dianne Groll	Measuring Objective Changes in the Physical, Psychological, and Radiographic Status of Patients awaiting Hip or Knee Surgery	\$70,000
Dr. Daren Heyland Rupinder Dhaliwal	Naomi Jones	PERformance Enhancement of the Canadian Nutritional Guidelines in a Tailored Implementation Strategy: the PERFECTIS Study	\$87,432
Dr. Dianne Lougheed Jennifer Olajos-Clow	Dr. David Zielinski	Promoting Evidence-Based Asthma Care and Knowledge Translation (PEACKT): Southeastern Ontario Asthma Care	\$157,929
Dr. Christopher Smith Jeannette Suurdt	Dr. Phil Wattam	Improving efficiencies of patient flow in the context of new PAIRO work hour restrictions: impact of Discharge Planners on Inpatient Medical Teams	\$145,000
Dr. William Paterson Dr. S. Vanner V. Del-Mei	Dr. L. Hookey Dr. W. Depew	Development and validation processes to optimize inpatient colonoscopy efficiency and thereby decrease hospital length of stay	\$58,000
Dr. Christopher Simpson Dr. David Goldstein	Dr. S. LeHaye	The Development, Implementation and Evaluation of a Pacemaker/ICD Pre-Implementation Wait List Management System and Post Implantation Patient Tracking System	\$50,000
TOTAL:			\$704,429

An additional \$238,454 was allocated for second year funding. It is expected that an additional \$700,000 will be received by SEAMO as its 2009/10 allocation. While timing is uncertain, receipt of these funds will require another peer reviewed competition.

SEAMO SIGNATORIES RETREAT PLANNED, JUNE 04

The SEAMO Governing Committee and the SEAMO Signatories have discussed the need to review the basis upon which SEAMO allocates its resources to departments. On Thursday, June 04, SEAMO will hold a retreat to discuss how to implement the *Principles to Guide SEAMO* formulated at our last retreat. The retreat will focus on aligning SEAMO's principles with the methods for resource allocation. All Signatories are invited to attend. On March 18 an invitation was issued to all members of CTAQ.