Optimizing patient-centered, team-based care is essential to ensuring equitable, effective and efficient health care. The American Nurses Foundation and the ASHP Foundation have joined in partnership to offer a competitive grant program to support innovative projects, co-led by nursing and pharmacy, to stimulate and demonstrate the impact of team-based care that enhances the safe and effective use of medications.

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**PROGRAM INFORMATION**

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The goal of the grant program is to stimulate patient-centered interprofessional health services research that demonstrates meaningful outcomes. The program will support diverse practice-based projects including, but not limited to, demonstration projects, systems change projects, special studies and evaluations.

Requirements and Eligibility
- Problem or opportunity in practice related to optimizing medication use and outcomes
- Nurse and pharmacist to serve as co-principal investigators
- Proposal to include: the problem in practice and aim(s), the rational and significance, expected outcomes, methods and plan, and baseline and target measures for each outcome.

Priority Considerations
- Studies that are patient-centered, such as, decrease patient harm; increase patient involvement in care; improve care transitions; reduce hospital admissions; improve quality of life and optimize resource utilization for patients with multiple co-morbidities.
- Research projects that include ongoing evaluation, such as baseline and at least 2 additional measures for identified metrics.
- Preference to be given to projects that include measurements of team-based care or team-functioning as well as problem-specific measures.
- Other members of the health care team (Physicians, Physician Assistants, Behavioral Health Providers, Physical or Occupational Therapy, etc.) are encouraged, as appropriate, based on the problem in practice being addressed.

Grantee Responsibilities and Outcomes
- Submission of a one-page abstract summarizing the research and results,
- Development and submission of a manuscript to a peer-reviewed professional journal and
- Presentation of results at a meeting, live or virtual.

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