

RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

Have you always wanted to conduct research but felt that you don't have the time? Do you have a research question you want to answer? In this age of evidence based practice we all encounter situations where questions arise – what's the best way to care for this child and family? How can I best prepare them for this procedure? Is it better to use this technique or try something new?

The APGNN has an exciting opportunity for you to investigate answers to your questions. In collaboration with the CDHNF, the APGNN is able to offer a research grant to members to conduct a research project. The grant, up to \$25,000, will be awarded to an APGNN member to fund a nursing research project related to our field of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Nutrition or Hepatology.

The research grant, which will honor the memory of Susan Moyer, MD, who helped to secure funding, will be awarded for the first time at the APGNN meeting in Maryland, November 2009. Applications will be accepted from January to June 2009. If you would like to apply for the CDHNF/APGNN Susan Moyer award then start planning now. A full description of the award and an online application will soon be available on the CDHNF website. To help you plan in the meantime here are some highlights of the process:

- ✓ The applicant must be a member of APGNN
- ✓ The research must focus on nursing care of children and families with gastrointestinal problems
- ✓ The research project must be approved by the IRB in your institution
- ✓ The application must be submitted online prior to June 2009
- ✓ The winner will receive the award at the next APGNN meeting in November 2009 & will be expected to present their research at a future APGNN meeting
- ✓ The grant is for up to \$25,000 and can be used in part for salary support
- ✓ Your institution will need to provide you with a minimum of 10% protected time to plan and conduct your research
- ✓ The grant is for one year and the researcher must plan to complete the project within that time

This is a wonderful opportunity for APGNN members so start planning your project now! If you have any questions please feel free to email APGNN Resarch Chair at clare.ceballos@mountsinai.org