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| **Application**  **for the smarter medicine research grant** | |
| 1. **Research on the topic of low value care in medicine**   According to the motto “sometimes less is more", the association *smarter medicine - Choosing Wisely Switzerland* wants to reduce low value care in favour of high-quality patient care in Switzerland. To this end, the association can provide financial support for research projects with the annually awarded Research Grant. Please note that only projects are considered, which examine low value care in Switzerland, for example the benefit of top 5 lists or other measures undertaken by *smarter medicine - Choosing Wisely Switzerland*, *Choosing Wisely International* or other low value care issues. All types of projects (interventions, observational studies, re-analysis of existing data, qualitative studies, etc.) are welcomed. In this context, the research grant is intended exclusively for research purposes and excludes further and advanced training measures or other reasons not considered to be in line with the purpose of the funding. These studies can be conducted by individuals, research groups or organisations. *smarter medicine – Choosing Wisely Switzerland* may refrain from providing support without stating a reason.  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   1. **Selection procedure**   A jury appointed by the Steering Committee of *smarter medicine - Choosing Wisely Switzerland* examines and assesses the applications according to the criteria listed below. Should members of the jury be involved in submitted research projects, they are required to abstain from evaluating that project. In addition, the jury members will not evaluate projects submitted by their institution to prevent a bias. The Steering Committee decides on the allocation of research funding from *smarter medicine - Choosing Wisely Switzerland*. The following criteria are considered:  - Relevance: Does the project promote new knowledge regarding smarter medicine/patient-centred healthcare? Does it offer solutions/concrete figures/results? Does it offer added value for smarter medicine or reduce low value care?  - Methodology/quality: Is it representative? Do the proposed methods lead to the expected results?  - Originality: Is the project original and innovative or of socio-economic significance?  - Feasibility: Is the project feasible in financial, personnel and organisational terms?  - Costs: Can the research endeavour be financed by the grant without having to sacrifice or postpone other projects? If not enough budget, is a co-funding confirmation attached?  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**   1. **Transparence**   Persons and institutions involved in the study are accurately and completely stated. Any other sponsors are disclosed transparently.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**   1. **Contribution amount, duration and context**   The maximum amount of support for a project is CHF 30,000.00. If more costs, the total funding for the submitted research project must be guaranteed with a written confirmation (additional funding possible). Splitting the grant sum in two or more projects is possible. Only projects and studies undertaken in Switzerland can be considered. Please note the deadline, which can be found on the website. Applicants may submit a maximum of one application per deadline as main applicants. Rejected proposals can be re-submitted at a later call with revision.  **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**   1. **Submission of applications**   Applications for funding must be submitted electronically via [smartermedicine@sgaim.ch](mailto:smartermedicine@sgaim.ch). Applications for study grants must be submitted in full and must contain all the necessary information and documents as requested below. The costs must be listed in the application. **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**  **6.**  **Proof of activities**  Individuals who benefit from research funding from *smarter medicine - Choosing Wisely Switzerland* must agree to report to the afore mentioned association annually on the progress of the relevant study/research project and to provide proof of their activities and results. In addition, a final report is required. The maximum project duration should not exceed two years.  Persons who benefit from research funding from *smarter medicine - Choosing Wisely Switzerland* are encouraged to report on their activities within the framework of events organised by the association, such as partner events or public events. | |

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**7. Reporting of the grant**

The funding by *smarter medicine – Choosing Wisely Switzerland* has to be disclosed transparently in the publication and in communication. The association shall provide a logo for use in communication measures relating to the supported study/research project and shall be mentioned by name in publications or reports.

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| **Application** |
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| **Further enclosures to be submitted:**  - Statement of costs and income  - confirmation of co-funding (if necessary)  - Letter of support  - Current curriculum vitae  By signing this application, the applicant agrees to mention the supporting association “smarter medicine - Choosing Wisely Switzerland” with its logo in the respective publications or communication measures if the project contribution is approved. At the same time, “smarter medicine - Choosing Wisely Switzerland” may use the contents of the sponsored project for its internal and external communication and marketing measures.  Furthermore, the applicant agrees to submit a short written interim report on the status of the project or study to the office of the Head Office at the latest after 12 months in the event of approval. |

Place, Date

Name Person 1

*Main Applicant*