

Fresenius Kabi Announces 100,000 Euro Grant to Support Clinical Nutrition Research in Latin America

Applications now open for first "Parenteral Nutrition Research Grant Latin America"

BAD HOMBURG, GERMANY – FEBRUARY 23, 2018 – The Parenteral Nutrition Research Grant Latin America is now [accepting](#) applications.

The Parenteral Nutrition Research Grant Latin America, announced today by the international healthcare company [Fresenius Kabi](#), will be awarded to an institution with an original project directly related to the therapeutic area of clinical nutrition.

This is the first time Fresenius Kabi has offered this EUR 100,000* grant, which will support research in parenteral nutrition (PN) in hospitalized adult patients in Latin America. This Grant was created to support research dedicated to improving the care of hospitalized adult patients in Latin America, of whom 74 percent are moderately or severely malnourished.¹



The application deadline is July 15, 2018. Applications will be reviewed by experts in the field of clinical nutrition, and the winner will be announced at the [FELANPE](#) in 2018.

The Grant aims to improve the situation in Latin America by addressing the important topic of malnutrition and by providing funding for research on, or activity in the following areas:

- Effective screening, treatment and monitoring pathways
- Reducing incidence of nutritional deficits in hospitalized patients, particularly to prevent and/ or counteract protein/ energy deficits
- Metabolic effects of PN
- Evidence of improved patient outcomes
- Demonstration of health economic benefits
- Research collaboration within multidisciplinary teams
- Projects on innovative education approaches of medical students / healthcare professionals

Applicants will be reviewed and selected by the Parenteral Nutrition Research Grant Committee, consisting of key opinion leaders in the field of clinical nutrition, such as Chairman [Isabel Correia](#). Starting in October 2018, the funding will support two years of

research. Research findings will be announced at the FELANPE congress in 2020. Applications, instructions and additional information are available at unitedforclinicalnutrition.com.

The Parenteral Nutrition Research Grant Latin America is part of Fresenius Kabi's broad commitment to support research in the area of nutritional therapy in Latin America.

In 2015, Fresenius Kabi conducted the Screening Day Latin America across 116 hospitals throughout Latin America. The results revealed that up to 74 percent of critically ill patients in Latin American hospitals are malnourished.¹ In this region and across the world, malnutrition often goes undetected and untreated, leading to poor patient outcomes.^{2,3}

Negative impacts of disease-related malnutrition

physical health and recovery

- ^ complication rates
- ^ infections
- ^ hospitalization

financial consequences

- ^ patient costs increase by up to **308%**



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"We want people to identify malnutrition as a problem [and] make sure that nutritional therapy becomes a fundamental part of caring for a patient" Prof. Dr Isabel Correia, Chairman of the Grant Committee and Chief of the Nutrition Therapy Team at the Alfa Institute of Gastroenterology and Surgery at the University Hospital, Belo Horizonte.

A [recent study](#)¹ conducted as part of Fresenius Kabi's 'United for clinical nutrition' initiative revealed:

- A combined delivery of PN and enteral nutrition (EN) increases the likelihood of critically ill patients meeting >90% of the daily energy targets by 64 percent.¹
- Integration of PN into nutrition therapy plans is low, at only 20 percent.¹



With this Grant, Fresenius Kabi aims to improve understanding and encourage the development of effective PN solutions in Latin America. Once developed, these insights will improve patient outcomes.

In 2015, Fresenius Kabi launched 'United for clinical nutrition', a multinational clinical nutrition initiative, partnering with healthcare professionals - across eight Latin America countries - to assess clinical nutrition challenges. The initiative provides practical, data-driven, online and offline education and insights for healthcare professionals to help improve patient outcomes. For more information, visit www.unitedforclinicalnutrition.com.

*Euro amount or equivalent in local currency

About Fresenius Kabi

Fresenius Kabi is a global healthcare company that specializes in lifesaving medicines and technologies for infusion, transfusion and clinical nutrition. The company's products and services are used to help care for critically and chronically ill patients. Fresenius Kabi's product portfolio comprises a comprehensive range of I.V. generic drugs, infusion therapies and clinical nutrition products as well as the medical devices for administering these products. Within transfusion technologies, Fresenius Kabi offers products for collection and processing of blood components and for therapeutic treatment of patient blood by apheresis systems. In the field of biosimilars, Fresenius Kabi develops products with a focus on oncology and autoimmune diseases.

With its corporate philosophy of "caring for life", the company is committed to putting essential medicines and technologies in the hands of people who help patients and finding the best answers to the challenges they face.

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