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Since it is projected that our nations' population over age 65 is expected to exceed 70 million by the year 2030, FAER has begun to address several pertinent issues, including the need for increased funding for geriatric research, for the career development of anesthesiologists interested in research pertaining to the perioperative care of elderly patients and for improving education on geriatric-related topics. To that end, the FAER Geriatrics Research Council is pleased to announce that FAER is now seeking applications for research funding for studies that will identify factors that are associated with or predictive of perioperative complications in geriatric patients.

We hope that you will join FAER in responding to this need by distributing the attached Request for Applications among your staff. Through this initiative, it is hoped that there will be an increase in grant applications on topics to address the complexities of anesthetic management of geriatric patients and commensurate growth in funding available for geriatric-specific research.

Four types of grant support are available from FAER. The FAER web site (www.faer.org) provides a brief synopsis of each grant and a table illustrates comparison of different grants. Applications are reviewed by the ASA Committee on Research or the FAER Education Committee depending on the grant type. These groups function as a study section using NIH criteria and methods. Grants are awarded by the FAER Board based on the scores and the amount of funds available. Written critiques are shared with applicants.

Thank you in advance for your willingness to help, and please do not hesitate to contact the FAER staff with questions pertaining to this request.

Sincerely,


Arnold J. Berry, MD, Chair
FAER Geriatrics Research Council

Attachment