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Worthy of Note

We publish the last in a series of articles about surgery. The series was precipitated by rumors that “no polio person should have surgery.” I think we have sufficiently examined the pros and cons and, more importantly, have given you tools to use in making the best decision for you. Comments about anesthesia are not included to cause fear, but to provide information to alleviate fear.

Call for Proposals

PHI is seeking proposals from researchers affiliated with an institution who are interested in studying an aspect of the cause(s), treatment and management of problems of the late effects of poliomyelitis.

The Research Fund will award \$25,000 in the fall of 2010 to a recipient selected by a panel of experts that includes representation of people with disabilities.

The grant's funds can be used to initiate new research, to continue notable projects, or to combine with other resources to complete relevant research.

The criteria for applying are online (www.post-polio.org/res/rfcall.html). The process is conducted in two phases. Applicants from Phase I will be screened and select grants will be asked to complete Phase II.

Deadlines

Receipt of Phase I	Friday, March 5, 2010
Invitation for Phase II	Friday, May 21, 2010
Receipt of Phase II	Friday, September 24, 2010
Award Announcement	Friday December 17, 2010

Report Coming Soon

The Italian team from University of Insubria Medical School (Microbiology and Virology), Varese, and University of Verona Medical School (Neurological Sciences), Verona, led by Antonio Toniolo, MD, continue their studies into developing extremely sensitive tests for detecting polioviruses (and other enteroviruses). The method is used to detect fragments in individuals, such as polio survivors, their family members, and healthy adults. A report is pending.

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