



The Elinor Kyte Research Grant



For a research project related to Stomal Therapy Practice

Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses Inc.

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The Grant (Value):

\$5000 to fund research proposal into aspects of Stoma Management / Care that improves the quality of the life of people with stomas (Not product specific).

This grant will be awarded annually to one project as nominated by the selection committee.

ConvaTec will provide the following ancillary supports (if required).

- Professional liaisons.
- Secretarial support directly related to the research (via ConvaTec Marketing Department Staff),
- Literature search,
- Assistance with presentation preparation, (via ConvaTec)
- Registration at the following years AASTN Conference to present findings of completed research.

Judging Panel:

- AASTN Executive Members -
President, Secretary, Editor

Eligibility Criteria:

- The applicant must be a practicing full member of the AASTN.
- The grant is NOT to be used as a part of current university study with any other research grant from other Corporate Sponsors.
- Research is to be completed within 12 months.
- Beneficiary to present outline of proposal at National Conference Annual General Meeting.
- Beneficiary to present completed paper at following National Conference.
- Completed research to be submitted to AASTN and/or WCET Journals for publication.
- Applications should be submitted to the AASTN Secretary before December 31 for consideration for the following year's funding.
- Prior approval from employer if utilising data collected from workplace or ethics approval may be required. (Ethics committee letter attached to application).
- Current executive members are excluded from applying.

- Ostomy Business Unit Manager
- Member of Education Sub Committee
- Guest member of specific expertise if required e.g. Epidemiologist

Selection Criteria:

Research relating to enhancing the lives of people with stomas as demonstrated by one of the below:

- Professional issues that further the quality of the life of people with stomas,
- Education program development at professional staff (i.e. Nurses or Doctors) that furthers the care of people with stomas,
- Research that focuses on improving quality of life aspects of a person with a stoma,
- Impact on the rehabilitation process of the client or development of Stomal Therapy practice.

Notification of Grant Approval

- The judging panel will review the application. If required outside expertise will be sought in assisting with the final decision.
- The successful applicant will be notified in writing by February of the following year with a formal presentation occurring at the following AASTN Annual General Meeting.

Dispersal of the Grant:

- ConvaTec will present a cheque to the Executive Treasurer annually, for dispersal as directed by AASTN Executive.
- The AASTN National Executive will require three monthly written progress reports of the project.
- Funds will be released in increments which will be in line with the progress of the research.
- ConvaTec will provide registration of the beneficiary to national Conference in the year of the paper is presented providing the material is presented within two years of its completion.
- The decision of the judging panel will be final.