

Stanton Foundation seeking to fund clinical trials for high impact canine “Spectrum of Care” topics

What is Spectrum of Care?

Spectrum of Care includes all effective diagnostic and treatment options veterinarians recommend for their patients, whose owners come from a diverse range of socioeconomic backgrounds.

The Spectrum of Care philosophy recognizes that the best plan for any given patient will depend on many factors within each unique veterinary client patient context.

Why is Spectrum of Care important?

Veterinarians should take pride in offering state of the art medical and surgical care and must charge appropriately for these services to maintain profitability for their businesses. However, it is important to also recognize that with these advances and increasing costs, there is a growing proportion of clients who cannot afford such care for their companion animals.

In the context of clients who cannot afford the most sophisticated care, less expensive options are necessary. While veterinarians strive to offer evidence-based recommendations, strong clinical evidence is sparse for many of the less costly approaches to care.

How can clinical researchers help advance Spectrum of Care?

The Stanton Foundation seeks to support canine-centric prospective clinical trials that investigate cost-effective diagnostic and treatment options for veterinarians to profitably offer clients with limited financial resources.

The Foundation is requesting proposals for the following canine topics that have been identified as high impact areas:

- 1. Anesthesia:** Appropriate diagnostic testing to assess anesthetic risk for dogs with asymptomatic heart murmurs undergoing elective procedures.
- 2. Dermatology:** Evaluation of a protocol to reduce recurrence of otitis externa; cost-effective diagnostic and treatment protocols for pruritic canine patients.
- 3. Dentistry:** Evaluation of benefit and risk involved with palliative extractions (as an alternative to no treatment) for dogs with advanced periodontal disease whose owners cannot afford the optimal recommendations for dental care.
- 4. Diabetes mellitus:** Comparison of monitoring protocols for canine diabetes mellitus; comparison of cost and efficacy of currently available insulins.

For more information, please visit www.thestantonfoundation.org/canine-health or scan the QR code.

For questions about the submission process please call 617-577-3976 or email spectrumofcare@thestantonfoundation.org



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