



Fee structure supporting PRIS infrastructure 2024

Dear PRIS Member Sites and research collaborators,

This is a tremendously exciting time to be a pediatric hospitalist. Over the past 15 years, PHM has experienced extraordinary growth, and the number of investigators doing important, innovative, actionable research is growing rapidly. In order for PRIS to respond and grow the services that we are able to provide to support your research efforts, we need to expand our infrastructure. That required updating our funding model in 2021, and the most current fee structure is below.

1. PRIS Network Access Fees for K Awards

Career Development (K) Awards: In exchange for network access and PRIS Executive Council feedback and support, PRIS will assess a fee of \$1000 per year for each of the 5 K award years for proposals conducting multicenter research that engages the PRIS Network. This fee supports growth and development of PRIS infrastructure. In addition to the \$1000, the K Award PI may be asked to budget separately (either as part of the K award budget or internal funding) to travel to attend an annual meeting of the PRIS Executive Council (if held in person). During the in-person meeting, the K Award PI will present annual updates on research activities and career development. This will provide the PI with an opportunity to obtain advice on issues related to design, recruiting, analysis, publication, and future funding opportunities from PRIS Executive Council members.

2. PRIS Network Access Fees for all other grants

All other grants (federal, foundation, internal): In exchange for network access, assistance with dissemination of results, and PRIS Executive Council feedback and support, PRIS will assess a fee based on the grant's direct costs to conduct research in the PRIS Network. This fee supports growth and development of PRIS infrastructure. In addition, the PI may be invited to attend each PRIS Executive Council biannual in-person or virtual meeting during the funding period (the PI should budget separately for this travel). Each in-person meeting will include a dedicated session devoted to oversight of the funded project and an opportunity for the PI to obtain advice on issues related to design, recruiting, analysis, publication, and future funding opportunities from PRIS Executive Council members. PRIS will also assist with dissemination of results, working with the PI to develop and implement a communications campaign to broadly disseminate the key

findings of your study across PRIS Network hospitals. PRIS will also provide the opportunity for central communication of research findings through our webinar series and dissemination of resources and toolkits supported by evidence generated in the study (e.g. educational materials, clinical pathway documents, and electronic health record implementation guides) via email and our digital media channels, and during presentations at national or regional meetings.

Fee ladder (in effect since 1/16/2021):

Annual direct costs	Annual network access fee in each grant year
< \$200,000	\$2000
\$200,000 - \$500,000	\$3000
≥ \$500,000	\$5000

3. PRIS Survey Fee

PRIS will assess a fee of \$2000 (regardless of the funding source) to distribute a survey to PRIS site leads, the number of which is known and can be used to track, and then publish, response rates. Survey proposals are still required to go through the concept capsule process. In exchange for the fee, the survey will be reviewed and edited by members of the PRIS Executive Council to optimize readability, length, and data quality. PRIS administrative staff will assist in distributing the survey and track responses, providing personal reminders to respondents. We will aim for a 60% response rate, but due to factors not entirely under PRIS control (e.g. survey length, competing demands, perceived relevance to site leads), we do not guarantee a minimum response rate. The fee will be assessed regardless of the response rate.

4. Data and Safety Monitoring Board (DSMB) Services

For clinical trials, PRIS can assist with the formation of a DSMB and identification of a medical monitor, provide conflict of interest review for potential members, manage the budget for reimbursement of DSMB members, arrange meetings, take meeting minutes, and potentially other offerings. The fee will be calculated based on the services requested.

Note: Financial management and logistics for network access fees

Fees will be invoiced from Cincinnati Children's (the financial home for PRIS). These do not require a traditional grant subcontract and should not incur additional indirect costs. The grants office in Cincinnati will provide all regulatory and compliance oversight.