

December 9, 2011

Stacy Menees, MD
Department of IM - Gastroenterology

Dear Dr. Menees,

In cooperation with the Department of IM - Gastroenterology we are pleased to inform you that your proposal titled, "Improving Quality of Colorectal Cancer Screening with Colonoscopy", has been approved for funding in the amount of \$50,000.

MICHR has committed to fund one half of the total dollar amount for each meritorious proposal. The remaining half of this award has been provided by matching dollars from the Department of IM - Gastroenterology. The Scientific Review Committee considered a total of forty-five proposals in Round 11. The matching funds from the Medical School, partnering UM departments, schools, centers, and institutes, have made it possible to fund the best nineteen proposals in this round.

The MICHR Finance Office will make arrangements for the release of funds to your department and will determine the start date at that time. The funding period for this grant is one year by which time all funds must be spent. A maximum six month extension may be granted if it is well justified. Your award is limited specifically to the expenses itemized in your application and are not to be utilized for any other expenditure not identified in the proposed budget.

If IRB or other regulatory approval(s) are required, you are advised to begin the approval process if you have not already done so. All regulatory approvals must be obtained within 3 months of the grant start date. If approvals have not been obtained within this timeframe the award may be revoked unless justification of further delay can be made to MICHR leadership.

As you are currently within the first 3 years of your appointment as an Assistant Professor (or earlier), you will be required to participate in the review process for the next cycle of the PGP. You will be assigned two applications to review in partnership with a senior reviewer on our Scientific Review Committee. You may anticipate this communication coming within two weeks after the close of next cycle (March 2012).

Approximately one year from the award start date, you will receive information regarding the Pilot Grant Research Day at which you will be required to present a summary of your completed or in progress work with other Pilot Grant awardees. All presentations will be evaluated by an Executive Committee composed of senior clinical and translational researchers and the highest scored presentations will be recognized by awards in basic, clinical and implementation science.

In order to evaluate the effectiveness of this program, we request that you complete a progress report near the end of the funding period and annually thereafter. It is vitally important that this report be returned in a timely manner and that you note any grant submissions and funding obtained that is related to this research. Also, please help us continue to ensure CTSA support for clinical and translational research by citing our grant number UL1RR024986 in all relevant publications and presentations.

If you have any questions regarding your award, please contact the Pilot Grant Program Coordinator Debra Warrick at 734-998-7626 or warrickd@umich.edu.

Our best wishes for continued success in your research endeavors.

Sincerely,



Thomas P. Shanley, MD
Ferrantino Professor of Pediatrics and Communicable Diseases
Associate Dean Clinical and Translational Research
Director, Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research



Michelle Riba, MD, MS
Professor of Psychiatry
Associate Director, MICHR Pilot Grant Program