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Support concept for SASL studies

Background:

SASL has > 190'000 CHF on its bank account and receives each year 25'000-35'000 CHF from the SGG-SGVC-SASL annual meeting.

SASL was originally founded to support multicenter clinical trials in Switzerland.

Currently, SASL spends little money for support of research projects.

Rules for SASL support for scientific studies:

SASL supports SASL studies by an initial contribution, by paying the ethics committee fees as well as by payments for the achievement of predefined milestones and the successful completion of the study.

The SASL council periodically reviews the current concept and can adapt the rules, change the amount of money paid for each milestone, or stop the entire program.

Financial contribution

Study proposals that are accepted as SASL studies and receive a SASL study number are supported initially by up to 3'000 CHF if the study protocol contains clearly formulated aims and a schedule with the following milestones: 1) ethics committee approval, 2) opening to all study centers, 3) planned number of patients enrolled, 4) presentation of results at national or international congress and 5) publication accepted.

Ethics committee fees

Ethics committee fees are paid by SASL.

Milestones

The PI submits a schedule of important milestones for a SASL study. The schedule is discussed and approved by the SASL council. For each milestone that is reached, SASL pays up to 2'000 CHF. The amount for each milestone is determined in a written agreement between the PI and SASL (the SASL council).

Progress reports

PIs of SASL studies who receive financial support have to submit a yearly progress report to the SASL Council at least 2 weeks before the biannual study meeting and they (or a member of the study team) have to be present at the study meeting. Progress reports are discussed in the SASL council. The progress reports will include also the milestone for the year and the information for payment by SASL.

A publication fee of up to 2000 CHF will be paid by SASL upon acceptance for publication with mention that the study was supported by SASL.

Available funds

The amount of money to support scientific projects will be budgeted and adapted by the SASL Council yearly according to the available financial resources.

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