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Dear Colleague,

FARE believes that every food-allergic individual deserves the best care and treatment possible. To that end, we created the FARE Clinical Network (FCN) to raise the quality of care for food-allergic patients nationwide; reduce discrepancies in care among providers; make comprehensive care accessible and available for all food-allergic patients; investigate the biology of food allergy; and develop new therapies and new diagnostics for food allergy. FARE believes that clinicians, physician scientists, family members and patients should know which clinics provide and maintain the highest standards in clinical and sub-specialty food allergy services; which clinical centers are leaders in conducting food allergy-related clinical trials and are facilitating the rapid dissemination and implementation of new evidence-based knowledge; and which centers are actively engaged in food allergy research and discovery. FARE now embarks on an effort to enhance and expand the FCN and believes that through collaborative efforts, the new FCN will provide benefits to its members as well as to patients by advancing our understanding of the biology of food allergy. As we embark on the second generation of the FCN, **FCN 2.0**. I am pleased to invite you to apply for membership for FCN 2.0 using the enclosed application.

FCN 2.0 will have three site levels, Discovery (I), Clinical Research (II) and Care (III). Our ultimate goal is to bring together 10 regional level I sites that can advance our understanding of food allergy with basic, translational and clinical research. For the level II sites, we envision a novel clinical research network capable of working together towards studying new therapies and diagnostics for food allergy. We are also welcoming level III sites who would prefer to focus on delivering and raising standards for best patient care including educating local community practitioners and supporting FARE's efforts to populate our expanded registry.

As you read over the requirements, please feel free to reach out to myself or Rami (contact info below). We would be happy to talk with you by phone or communicate by email to address any questions and help you with the application process. Later this month we will be scheduling a conference call for all of interested applicants to address FCN 2.0 questions. Please contact Rami to add your name to the invite.

To reiterate critical dates for FCN 2.0 applications:

- September 26, 2019 (tentative) - Q&A conference call with interested sites
- November 22, 2019 - Deadline for questions on RFA and/or template FCN agreements

- December 31, 2019 - Deadline for FCN 2.0 application submissions
- April 2020 - Awards commencement
- July 2020 - FCN 2.0 operational

Thank you again for your interest in FARE and the patients we serve. We look forward to working with you on FCN 2.0.

Best regards,

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