

Process for application and approval of G-CAN-supported projects.

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Background

The Gout Hyperuricemia and Crystal-Associated Disease Network (G-CAN) is a non-profit organization for scientific and educational purposes. The mission of G-CAN is to:

- 1) Launch and support novel research and education initiatives to help fill the knowledge gap in the pathogenesis, diagnosis, treatment, and outcomes of gout, hyperuricemia, and crystal deposition-associated disorders (including cardiovascular diseases);
- 2) Facilitate the sharing of resources and information related to gout, hyperuricemia, and crystal-associated diseases; and
- 3) Foster networking and collaboration across related medical disciplines and scientific communities that care for and study these conditions.

Since 2017, G-CAN has supported a number of consensus statements and research projects in the field of gout and calcium crystal disorders. The purpose of this document is to provide a clear process for approval of G-CAN supported projects.

The approval process differs for projects that are G-CAN endorsed, and projects led by G-CAN members that may require advertising or facilitation through the G-CAN network.

G-CAN endorsed projects

1. G-CAN endorsed projects may be initiated by the G-CAN Board or through request from other G-CAN members.
2. For projects initiated by the G-CAN Board, a Project Lead will be nominated (from the Board or general G-CAN membership) and a project proposal will be submitted to G-CAN by the Project Lead via the G-CAN President.
3. For member-initiated projects, a project proposal will be submitted to G-CAN via the G-CAN President.
4. The project proposal will be circulated to G-CAN Board members for comment and approval.
5. Two G-CAN Board members will be allocated by the Board to the project leadership team as G-CAN Board project liaisons.
6. Updates on the project will be provided at each Board meeting by the G-CAN Board project liaisons.
7. Updates on the project will be provided to the membership at the Annual Scientific Meeting by the Project Lead.
8. Upon completion of the project, the draft manuscript will be sent to the G-CAN Board for comment and approval before submission for publication.
9. All G-CAN endorsed projects should include G-CAN in the manuscript title, abstract, and the manuscript text.
10. The Project Lead may request funding of publication fees from G-CAN for manuscripts reporting G-CAN endorsed projects. This requires approval from the G-CAN President before submission to the journal.

Research projects led by G-CAN members that may require advertising or facilitation through the G-CAN network

1. A project proposal will be submitted by a G-CAN member to the G-CAN President.
2. The project proposal will be circulated to G-CAN Board members for comment and approval.
3. Following G-CAN Board approval, G-CAN will facilitate advertising through its network.
4. G-CAN encourages updates on the project to the membership at the Annual Scientific Meeting by the project lead.
5. The role of G-CAN should be mentioned in the acknowledgements section of the manuscript.
6. G-CAN will not provide funding support for publication fees or other costs.