



Request for Proposals

SIR Foundation's Clinical Research and Registries Division strongly encourages the IR community to undertake research initiatives that support evidence-based research and advance patient care. This division supports the development of research trials, clinical registries, and other research programs to address important clinical questions in IR. Current project stakeholders include academia, hospital centers, federal agencies, industry, medical associations and patient advocacy organizations.

On March 3-4, 2022, SIR Foundation hosted a Research Consensus Panel (RCP) on "Research Priorities in Cholangioscopic and Cholangiographic Interventions", led by senior investigator Harjit Singh, MD, FSIR from Johns Hopkins University and Ahsun Riaz, MD, as the junior investigator from Northwestern University. They led the meeting with subject matter experts from interventional radiology, diagnostic radiology, gastroenterology, and adult and pediatric surgery. The panel discussed critical topics in biliary and gallbladder research that have informed the proceedings paper Dr. Singh and Dr. Riaz submitted to the Journal of Vascular and Interventional Radiology (JVIR).

The following topics have been prioritized for further investigation:

- 1) Percutaneous multimodality management (LASER vs. endobiliary ablation vs. cholangioplasty vs. drain upsize protocol alone) of benign anastomotic biliary strictures;
- 2) Ablation with and without stenting for intraductal cholangiocarcinoma; and
- 3) To study cholangioscopy/lithotripsy for non-surgical patients with calculous cholecystitis including recurrence rate of cholecystitis as a primary outcome with safety, tube removal rates, and cost as secondary outcomes.

SIR Foundation's Clinical Research and Registries division is seeking proposals (RFP) from SIR members that align with the RCP's priorities as listed above. If interested, please submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) at https://apply.sirfoundation.org/prog/letter_of_intent/ by **January 30th, 2022**. If approved, the applicant will be invited to submit a full proposal by the review committee.

For further details on the RCP LOI process, please visit <https://www.sirfoundation.org/research-and-registries/letter-of-interest/>