# 2021 CTSI Pilot-ICRE Award Proposal Narrative

Clinical & Translational Science Institute of Southeast Wisconsin

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| **BRIEF PROBLEM STATEMENT**: *(enter a single sentence describing the unmet clinical need in the field below)* | |
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| **Co-Principal Investigators’ (CoPI) Names:**  (last, first) |  |

INSTRUCTIONS:

* Please do not remove or reduce instructions, headers, or footers as these are beneficial to reviewers and allow us to maintain fairness among all applicants.
* Appendices are not allowed. You may reference supplementary documents and include the phrase “*Available upon request*.”
* Please adhere to the following required format:
  + Margins: 0.5”
  + Font: Arial 11pt regular
  + Line Spacing: Single spaced
  + Upload as Word Document

REVIEW CRITERIA:

A few review criteria are listed below to assist you in addressing the proposal narrative questions.

* Clarity and significance of the unmet clinical need to be addressed
* Development of the Ensemble and incorporation of team science
* Scientific contribution of proposed collaborative work
* Alignment with future funding opportunities identified in the proposal

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# Problem Statement (limit - 3 pages)

Provide a problem statement responding to the below listed questions. Use language that is understandable to a scientifically or technically literate reader ***not* in your field**.

* What is the unmet clinical need the Ensemble team will address?
* What is the societal impact of that problem?
* What are the weaknesses of existing approaches to this problem?
* What are the overall aims and objectives?
* Why is a team science approach warranted and how would this potentially improve the impact or scientific contribution of future research projects over a more traditional approach?
* What are the disciplines that need to be included to address the problem and why?
* What are the strengths/advantages of the proposed team in investigating this problem?
* What will this funding enable you to accomplish that you could not do otherwise?

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# Team Building and Research Project Plan (limit - 2 pages)

Identify the plan for specific team development activities. Also, indicate the plan to obtain the necessary multidisciplinary members to address the unmet clinical need, such as clinicians, basic scientists, population scientists, data scientists, those with expertise in community engagement, patients or patient advocates, if appropriate, and others with a commitment to the Ensemble process.

Describe the proposed research project plan and describe the roles of Ensemble team members. Include information on how current members will contribute to the research project and their subject matter experience/expertise and any prior experience or knowledge of Team Science principles.

# Literature Citations (no page limit)

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# CTSI Support (limit – ½ page)

Describe how CTSI services will provide support for your Ensemble and research project. *Refer to* [*Investigator Support*](https://ctsi.mcw.edu/investigator/) *for a list of these services, such as: Regulatory Support Services, REDCap Database Services, Translational Research Units, and Biostatistics Consulting. Any costs for these should be included in your proposal budget.*

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**Preliminary Budget and Budget Justification** (limit – 1 page)

Using the budget template (tables) below; for each requested item provide a short description and the amount on the ‘Budget Template’ and on the ‘Budget Justification’ provide a more complete description/justification for each expense. Please identify funding level needed for team building as well as the research project itself.

**Budget Template**

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| **Item and Short Description** | **Estimate Dollar Amount** |
|  | $ |
|  | $ |
|  | $ |
| (Add additional rows as needed) |  |
| OVERALL TOTAL | $ |

**Budget Justification** (provide a detailed justification for the above budget items)

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| **Item Justification** |
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| (Add additional rows as needed) |

# Project Timeline and Future Plans (limit - 1 page)

**Timeline –** Provide an estimated timeline/project plan for developing the Ensemble and proposed research project. Timeline must demonstrate ability to be **completed in 12 months**. ***Extensions are NOT permitted.***

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**Future Plans –** Explain how pilot funding will be used for conducting research activities that will lead to future Translational and Clinical Pilot (TCP) Award, similar award at one of the partner institutions, or extramural grant funding (i.e. NIH, NSF) and ultimately to tangible clinical improvements.

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