



*North American Pediatric Renal Transplant Cooperative Study*

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Dear NAPRTCS Participating Site,

We are planning to initiate more regular communication between the Participating Centers Committee and the NAPRTCS sites starting with this notice of our current and future activities and priorities.

1. The new Center in Good Standing (CIGS) criteria have been approved by the PCC. These criteria will be available on the website in the near future.

**Current criteria for centers in good standing (CIGS) are:**

- 1.1.1 A signed and active Registry Participation Agreement AND**
- 1.1.2 Active local Institutional Review Board Approval for patient enrollment AND**
- 1.1.3 A minimum of 10 patients enrolled annually over the previous 3 years OR**
- 1.1.4 An average record currency score (defined by EMMES corporation) of at least 75% over the past 2 years**

Centers may fulfill 1.1.3 or 1.1.4 by addressing their backlog of incomplete prevalent patient records and/or by enrolling all incident patients.

The PCC also recommended that the CIGS criteria could be fulfilled from 2005 onward and that review of enrollment/record completion data for would occur on or about December 31<sup>st</sup> for each year.

2. The NAPRTCS Roche Transplant Fellowship Award RFA was announced last month and application documents were made available on the ASPN website and from the NAPRTCS office. The application deadline is May 1, 2005.
3. The ASN abstract deadline is approaching. Please contact the PCC soon with your ideas for abstracts.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions.

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