EXPRESSION OF INTEREST:
TESTICULAR CANCER
TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT (GAP5)

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THE MOVEMBER FOUNDATION LAUNCHES A NEW GLOBAL ACTION PLAN (GAP) INITIATIVE:

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The Movember Foundation invites suitably qualified and experienced research teams to express their interest in participating in an exciting, new global initiative to investigate the drivers and treatments for relapsing germ cell tumour in men who have received frontline therapy.

This project is a Movember Foundation 2 year investment of $1.2 million AUD in testicular cancer translational research.

The Movember Foundation is looking to fund a body of work focussed on identifying the biological drivers of relapse in this cohort of men. The collection and analysis of tissue, blood or urine samples in men who relapse after primary curative therapy will provide material on which biomarker/genomic analysis can be performed. The goals of the project will be to answer the following critical research questions:

1) What are the biological drivers of relapse in testicular cancer?
2) What are the biological markers for ‘curability’?
3) What are the mechanisms of treatment failure in men who die from testicular cancer?
4) Can these markers (once identified) be applied to other solid tumours (for example, bladder cancer, lung cancer etc)?

Interested and suitably qualified researchers will form a globally integrated team and, through a consensus-based collaboration, develop a unified approach to answering the key biological questions surrounding the process of relapse in men after first line therapy failure.

Project oversight and guidance will be provided by the Movember Testicular Cancer Research Advisory Committee (RAC). The RAC is a panel of highly regarded expert clinicians and researchers in testicular cancer and is comprised of:

Chairman: Prof. Padraig Warde (University Health Network – Canada)
Prof. Tom Powles (Barts and St Thomas Hospital – UK)
Prof. John Fitzpatrick (Irish Cancer Society – Ireland)
Assoc. Prof Chris Sweeney (Dana Farber Cancer Institute – USA)
Prof. Ian Olver (Cancer Council – Australia)

PROJECT PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

This project is intentionally ambitious and will strive to contribute to the Movember Foundation’s goal to change the face of men’s health. It is the expectation that participants in the project will openly and collaboratively share data and knowledge to significantly improve the efficiency of research in this area. The final project will take the shape of a single, unified and cohesive body of work with contributors from all over the world. To achieve this aim, it is likely that a steering committee/design team will be selected by the RAC to come together and, using a consensus-based model, create a project that addresses the objectives of the GAP5 project, whilst simultaneously utilising the global capability and capacity of the investigators selected to participate in the project.

It is not expected that co-ordinated and formal networks of individuals will apply for funding, however if such networks exists (either formal or informal) and wish to submit a combined proposal, these will be accepted.
KEY SELECTION CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION
Responses to this EOI will be initially assessed for compliance with the Key Selection Criteria. These criteria are:

- Compliance and completeness of the EOI documentation
- A willingness and capacity to participate in a collaborative, consensus-based, project model
- Access to tissue, blood or urine from either patient cohorts/normal controls, and/or assay technology

KEY EVALUATION CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION
Submissions against the following Key Evaluation Criteria will determine which submissions have the capacity to contribute to a globally unified and collaborative project:

1) Capabilities of the research team will contribute significantly to a project to enhance the understanding of the biological drivers of relapse, curability or death in testicular cancer.
2) Capabilities of the research team can be integrated with other teams to contribute to a collaborative global project.
3) Researchers have access to high-quality biospecimens or assay techniques to contribute to the project.
4) Research teams will have a strong track record in delivering high quality and novel research.
5) A documented capacity and desire to collaborate with global colleagues.

EOI PROCESS AND TIMELINES

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HOW TO APPLY
Faculty members and researchers who wish to submit an expression of interest in participating in this project, must complete an application using the Movember Foundation’s online application process at [https://testiculargap.fluidreview.com/](https://testiculargap.fluidreview.com/)

If you have any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact Sam Gledhill via email at testicularcancer@movember.com.

Applications for this Expression of Interest will close at 5:00pm AEST 24\(^{th}\) June, 2014
THE MOVEMBER FOUNDATION GLOBAL ACTION PLAN (GAP)

Launched in 2011, GAP was established to address critical challenges in prostate cancer and testicular cancer research through global collaboration. In 2013, the GAP program was expanded to include a fifth research project focussed on testicular cancer (GAP5). The current portfolio of the Movember Foundation’s GAP projects is as follows:

- GAP1: Prostate Cancer Biomarkers
- GAP2: Advanced Prostate Cancer Imaging
- GAP3: Prostate Cancer Active Surveillance
- GAP4: Prostate Cancer Exercise and Metabolic Health
- GAP5: Testicular Cancer Translational Research Project (this EOI)

As a result of working with our Men’s Health Partners around the world, the Movember Foundation identified an opportunity to accelerate research outcomes by providing researchers from around the world the opportunity to work together on specific projects that meet critical clinical questions.

By bringing together the leading international clinicians and researchers, GAP facilitates a new and unprecedented level of global research collaboration, not previously seen within the prostate and testicular cancer communities.

ABOUT THE MOVEMBER FOUNDATION

The Movember Foundation is the leading global charity committed to changing the face of men’s health. Funding 770 programs in 21 countries, both directly and alongside men’s health partners, the Foundation’s areas of focus are prostate cancer, testicular cancer and mental health.

Since 2003, the month of November has been known as Movember; a month when the Foundation actively raises funds by encouraging men to grow a moustache, through which they generate conversations and awareness, whilst seeking donations for their efforts.

After 30 days of growing, official and community Movember events are held across the world to celebrate the efforts of the Movember community.

The funds raised each Movember are invested by the Movember Foundation year round in programs to improve the quality of lives of men. To date, 4 million moustaches have been grown worldwide, raising over $500 million AUD.