**ANNOUNCEMENT OF AN OPEN CALL FOR CONSORTIUM PARTNERS**

The Military Institute of Medicine - National Research Institute announces an open call for a partner for joint project implementation in response to the Medical Research Agency's competition for non-commercial clinical trials and research experiments No. ABM/2024/1.

The announcement of the Medical Research Agency's call, together with the regulations and accompanying documents, is available at:

[https://abm.gov.pl/pl/konkursy/aktualne-nabory-1/2315,Otwarty-konkurs-na-niekomercyjne-badania-kliniczne-i-eksperymenty-badawcze-ABM20.html](https://abm.gov.pl/pl/konkursy/aktualne-nabory-1/2315%2COtwarty-konkurs-na-niekomercyjne-badania-kliniczne-i-eksperymenty-badawcze-ABM20.html)

1. **PURPOSE OF COOPERATION**

Joint preparation and, if funding is granted, implementation of the project under the working title: " Evaluating the performance and cost-effectiveness of a diagnostic pathway based on the use of artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms to support clinical decision-making and the medical and imaging data sharing across a network of stroke units in the qualification for reperfusion treatment of acute ischemic stroke."

The aim of the study is to optimize the current model of care for patients with ischemic stroke within the existing network of stroke units.

1. **OFFER DETAILS**

The procedure includes a competition for **three consortium members**:

- An entity conducting scientific research and development works;

- Scientific Society;

- Patient Organisations/Patient Welfare Organisations;

The Military Institute of Medicine - National Research Institute reserves the right
to select three candidates for the consortium partner. The Military Institute of Medicine – National Research Institute will take on the role of the consortium leader.

1. **SCOPE OF COOPERATION**

A **consortium member who is an entity conducting scientific research and development works** is expected to perform the following tasks:

1. providing licenses and operating certified software based on artificial intelligence (AI) algorithms, supporting the process of diagnosis and description of computed tomography (CT) examination by physicians in stroke units;
2. participation in the development of the substantive documentation of the study (m.in. study protocol, patient information and informed consent form);
3. participation in the implementation of the study during its duration, development of potential changes in the study protocol;
4. participation in the development of the results of the study;
5. participation in the dissemination of the results of the research and promotion of the Project;
6. participation in Project Management.

A **consortium member who is a scientific society** is expected to carry out the following tasks:

1. participation in reviewing the substantive documentation of the study (m.in. study protocol, patient information and informed consent form);
2. issuing opinions on potential changes in the study protocol during the project period;
3. participation in the development of the results of the study;
4. participation in the creation of research publications;
5. participation in the dissemination of the results of the research and promotion of the Project;
6. participation in Project Management.

A **consortium member who is a patient organisation/acting for patients is**  expected to carry out the following tasks:

1. participation in reviewing the substantive documentation of the study (m.in. study protocol, patient information and informed consent form);
2. issuing opinions on potential changes in the study protocol during the project period;
3. support in the process of patient recruitment through patient outreach activities;
4. participation in the development of the results of the study;
5. participation in the dissemination of the results of the research and promotion of the Project;
6. conducting patient education in connection with the subject matter of the Project;
7. participation in Project Management.
8. **REQUIREMENTS**

A candidate applying for the role of consortium partner must meet the following criteria:

1. Having the necessary knowledge and experience to carry out the tasks listed in point C.
2. Having premises and technical potential enabling the implementation of the tasks listed in point C.
3. Having the human potential to carry out the tasks listed in point C.

**E) APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE COMPETITION PROCEDURE**

The application should include:

1. Identification data of the entity requesting the role of consortium partner.
2. Description of the candidate's scientific and administrative potential in the scope described
in point D according to the scheme included in the application form (Appendix 1).
3. Declaration of no arrears with the payment of taxes, as well as with the payment of social and health insurance contributions, the Labour Fund, the State Fund for the Rehabilitation of the Disabled or other receivables required by separate regulations.
4. A statement that the candidate is not subject to any judicial, administrative, enforcement, fiscal or penal fiscal proceedings, the outcome of which may affect the performance of the tasks specified in the project.
5. Declaration of non-exclusion from the possibility of receiving funding
under competitions organized by the Medical Research Agency.

The application form for participation in the competition procedure can be found
in Appendix 1 to the announcement. The application form and all declarations submitted as part of the competition should be signed by a person/persons authorised to represent the entity submitting the offer, in accordance with the principle of representation resulting from the provisions of the relevant legal provisions or a properly written power of attorney (the power of attorney should be attached to the offer).

The completed form (scan of the completed form) should be sent by e-mail to the following address: projekty@wim.mil.pl (subject of the message: "Consortium Partner Competition").

Deadline for submission of offers: **09.05.2024**

**F) TENDER SELECTION CRITERIA**

The Military Institute of Medicine – National Research Institute will appoint a 3-person Commission to evaluate the submitted applications. Each member will score the entries on the basis of the following criteria:

1. Assessment of the scientific, technical/educational potential of the candidate for a consortium partner (0-10 points)
2. Assessment of administrative capacity per consortium partner (0-5 points)

On the basis of the sum of points awarded by all members of the committee, a ranking list of candidates in three categories will be created. The candidate with the highest number of points will be selected as a consortium partner.

**G) ANNOUNCEMENT OF RESULTS**

The results of the competition will be announced on the website: [*www.wim.mil.pl*](http://www.wim.mil.pl)*.*
The results cannot be appealed.

After the announcement of the results of the call, a consortium agreement will be signed with the selected consortium partner, setting out the detailed terms and conditions of cooperation in the preparation and implementation of the project. In the event of a circumstance preventing the conclusion of a consortium agreement with a consortium partner selected as a result of the recruitment process, the Military Institute of Medicine – National Research Institute allows for the possibility of concluding a consortium agreement with an entity that has been assessed as the next on the ranking list in a given category.

The Military Institute of Medicine – National Research Institute reserves the right to:

1. signing a consortium agreement with the candidate whose application has been rated the highest,
2. cancellation of the call without giving a reason.

In the event of cancellation of the call, the Military Institute of Medicine – National Research Institute shall not be liable for any damage suffered by the entity interested in submitting its candidacy or the candidate for a consortium partner who submitted the application, and in particular shall not be liable for the costs of preparing the application.

**H) COMMENTS**

If you have any questions regarding the competition procedure, please contact the Project Support and Management Department, e-mail: projekty@wim.mil.pl, tel. + 48 261 817 225.