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AOPA Releases 2015 Requests for Proposals for O&P Research Grants

WASHINGTON, DC—The American Orthotic & Prosthetic Association (AOPA), has unveiled its slate of 2015 Requests for Proposals (RFPs) inviting submissions for conducting Orthotic and Prosthetic (O&P) research. These research grants are each funded, in part or whole, by AOPA and research funding from the association has been awarded annually since 2009.

"AOPA is proud to make funds available to the best and the brightest researchers in the O&P field. Our patients depend on the care that we provide, and our ability to continue to offer the most effective therapies and technology to our patients is why we have made the advancement of further rigorous scientific research a signal priority of our association's support to our members" said Charles H. Dankmeyer, Jr., CPO, President of AOPA. The 2015 research topics available for funding include:

- Comparative Effectiveness of OTS vs. Custom Fit and Custom Made AFOs. Please click **here** to download the RFP.
- Comparative Effectiveness of Prosthetic Feet, Lower Function. Please click <u>here</u> to download the RFP.
- Systematic Review on Adolescent Idiopathic Scoliosis--Effectiveness of Orthotic Treatment (Bracing). Please click here to download the RFP.
- Systematic Review on Alternate Assessment Tools or Category Systems—Candidacy for Prosthetic Technology. Please click **here** to download the RFP.
- Systematic Review on Cost Efficacy for Transtibial Interventions. Please click here to download the RFP.
- Systematic Review on Diabetic Population--Evaluating Transtibial Amputation vs. Partial Foot Amputation. Please click **here** to download the RFP.
- 2015 Small Pilot Grants Proposals. Please click here to download the RFP.

AOPA, based in Alexandria, Virginia, is the largest non-profit organization dedicated to helping orthotic and prosthetic businesses and professionals navigate the multitude of issues surrounding the delivery of quality patient care. The association was founded when needs of returning veterans in the aftermath of World War I required a national organization to address the educational and research requirements of the industry.

Specialists in delivering superior treatments and outcomes to patients with limb loss and limb impairment.