

### Independent Medical Education Request for Proposals (RFP)

# NPACE CE Educational Series & Enduring Education for Nurse Practitioners: Signs and Symptoms of Acromegaly, Management, and Treatment Options

#### Background

#### **About Crinetics Pharmaceuticals Independent Medical Education Grants**

Crinetics Pharmaceuticals Medical Affairs team supports global independent healthcare initiatives – including research, quality improvement, and education – that address unmet medical needs, improve patient outcomes, and align with our strategic medical and scientific interests.

We sometimes use a Request for Proposal (RFP) process that provides the healthcare community with information on a specific area of interest and the opportunity to apply for grant funding. Appropriate organizations are invited to submit a grant application addressing healthcare gaps as outlined in the RFP.

In compliance with guidelines surrounding industry support of independent medical education, the grant requester (and ultimate recipient) is responsible for designing, managing, and executing the independent project funded by the grant. Crinetics Pharmaceuticals must not be involved in any aspect of an independent medical education activity.

# About this RFP – NPACE CE Live and Enduring Educational Series: Signs and Symptoms of Acromegaly and Emerging Treatment Options

From extensive research, the Crinetics Medical Affairs team considers there to be a knowledge and practice gap in suspecting the diagnosis of acromegaly and in the diagnosis/management of patients with acromegaly. The intent of this RFP is to provide financial support to organizations that have also identified unmet educational needs surrounding the medical management of acromegaly and can develop and execute a series

of 3 live CE Education for Nurse Practitioners in collaboration with NPACE at 3 NPACE Regional or National Meetings. Please reach out to NPACE to learn of their processes and procedures for collaboration in 2025.

Acromegaly is often misdiagnosed and frequently inadequately managed long-term. The persistent challenge of delayed diagnosis remains a critical issue, with recent data suggesting diagnostic delays of 4.5-5 years¹ however in many instances beyond 10 years in broader clinical settings². While historically considered to have an incidence of 3-4 cases per million annually, contemporary epidemiological studies suggest the true prevalence potentially reaches 8-13 cases per 100,000 population. This underscores a substantial pool of undiagnosed or misdiagnosed cases and highlights the importance of recognizing the early symptoms of acromegaly. When left untreated, mortality in acromegalic patients is increased by 72% compared with the general population with studies reporting an average reduction in survival of as much as 10 years³.

Recent studies indicate that after diagnosis, nearly 45% of patients remain inadequately controlled on their initial therapy. This treatment gap highlights the importance of clinicians updating their current knowledge about acromegaly management, monitoring, long-term follow up and treatment goals. Importantly, clinicians should be aware of emerging therapies such as oral therapeutic options, adding yet another layer of complexity to these decisions.

Date of RFP Issue: March 10, 2025

## **II.** Key Information

Due Date for Grant	April 7, 2025 5 PM PT
Proposal	
Medical Specialties	US nurse practitioners with a focus in endocrinology
Area of Interest	Our intent is to support a case-based educational series in collaboration with NPACE that addresses educational gaps in acromegaly such as:  • Recognizing pathophysiology & clinical presentation • Identifying signs and symptoms • Decreasing time to diagnosis • Discussing monitoring and treating to IGF-1 target • Introducing a patient tool like the Acromegaly Symptoms Diary • Describing treatment options & emerging science
Global Scope	United States of America
Required Information to be included in Grant Proposal (not to exceed 10 pages in 11pt Font)	<ul> <li>Executive Summary: Concise overview of the grant proposal</li> <li>Needs Assessment: Defines the existing education or practice gap that the project will address, discussing the multiple resources used to derive the gap</li> <li>Education Objectives: Clearly stated, measurable objectives for the learner</li> <li>Methodology: Technique(s) proposed to close the gap, including enduring materials</li> <li>Evaluation Plan: How will the impact of the intervention be measured?</li> <li>Targeted Learners and estimated reach</li> <li>Budget (including Fee for NPACE)</li> <li>Organization Mission and independent medical education experience and accreditations</li> <li>Start Date(s) and Timeline</li> </ul>
Grant Amount Range	Up to \$350K
Key Dates	<ul> <li>RFP released March 10, 2025</li> <li>Grant Application due date: April 7, 2025 by 5 pm Pacific Time.</li> <li>Grant Review Committee review: Week of April 14, 2025</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Likely Grant Award Notification Date: Week of April 21, 2025</li> <li>Expected Project Start Date: Week of May 5, 2025</li> </ul>
Applicant Eligibility	Healthcare institutions can apply for an independent medical education grant to support bonafide educational programs and activities related to disease awareness and improvement of patient care. To be eligible, applicants must be an independent, accredited medical educator that conforms to Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) standards.
Grant Agreement	If your application is approved, your organization will need to enter into a written agreement with Crinetics.  This RFP is supported by Crinetics Pharmaceuticals and, if approved, grant payment will be sent from the United States.

# III. Requirements

How to Apply	Please read this section carefully. Applications that do not follow these instructions will be cancelled.  • Go to our Funding and Support webpage • Choose Medical Education Grants. • Accept the Privacy Policy and hit Submit. • Fill out the short Medical Education Grant Application. • Upload a .pdf of your comprehensive grant proposal
	(follow the outline as shown above in the section:  Required Information to be included in Grant Proposal  IMPORTANT: Be advised applications submitted after the due date will not be reviewed.

Questions	If you have questions regarding this RFP, please contact grants@crinetics.com with the subject line: RFP NPACE 2025 Acromegaly
How grant proposals are reviewed	Grant requests received in response to a specific RFP are reviewed by an internal grant review committee comprising medical, scientific, and legal professionals.
How applicants will be notified	All applicants will be notified via email.  Applicants may be asked for additional clarification during the review period.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Epidemiology of acromegaly: review of population studies. Lavrentak et al, *Pituitary* (2017) 20:4–9.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Acromegaly pathogenesis and treatment. S Melmed *J Clin Invest*. 2009; 119:3189-3202.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Determinants of clinical outcome and survival in acromegaly. Rajasoorya C, Holdaway IM, Wrightson P, Scott DJ, Ibbertson HK *Clin Endocrinol* (Oxf). 1994;41(1):95.