

## **TADCT – RESEARCH ADVISORY GROUP RESEARCH STRATEGY**

### **Scientific priority areas**

Grants will be awarded to fund research with the overall aim of improving the clinical care of patients, to save lives and improve the quality of life for those suffering from aortic dissection. This is in line with the charity's broader aims.

Applications for patients and public engagement, pilot studies and support of ongoing research projects will all be considered.

The Aortic Dissection Charitable Trust Research Advisory Group (RAG) supports and actively promotes research in the field of aortic dissection. The RAG advises the trustees of the charity with regards the grant funding process.

Research studies will be judged and ranked by the Research Advisory Group members and external peer reviewers on the following criteria:

- study design
- relevance and timeliness of research
- potential to lead to direct patient benefit in the short, medium or long term.

### **How the charity plans to fund research**

The Aortic Dissection Charitable Trust is able to currently fund grants for appropriate research projects.

Awards will be provided to support project appropriate costs. This funding may be used to fund or part-fund any aspect of the research being carried out.

### **Who the charity will fund**

The charity will fund application from members of the multidisciplinary team and researchers involved in the care of patients with aortic dissection.

### **Where the charity will fund research**

The charity will support research in the UK or Ireland in any NHS (UK), Health Service Executive (Republic of Ireland) or University institution. Support from the institution is required. Confirmation that the institution agrees to undertake the financial management and supervision of the research is required.

### **When the grant will be awarded**

The call for grant funding will be advertised on the charity website along with the application closing date and list of dates when funding will become available.

The charity website is <https://aorticdissectioncharitabletrust.org>

The charity will actively support researchers beyond the award of the grant by facilitating patient, relative or public engagement and dissemination of findings.

The charity will review the research strategy on a yearly basis.

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