

PBC FOUNDATION

RESEARCH STRATEGY

1. The PBC Foundation is committed to support people with PBC, their family and friends, increase public and professional awareness of the condition and help support research that will lead to improved treatments and understanding of the natural history and cause of the condition.
2. The PBC Foundation has established a Medical Advisory Committee. This Committee will advise the Board of Trustees on the research strategy.
3. The Foundation is keen to support clinical research into the diagnosis, management and treatment of PBC by increasing awareness of clinical trials and clinical studies amongst its members and supporters and encouraging participation in appropriately approved studies
4. Because the funds available for research are very limited, there will be very few invitations to apply for funding. The Foundation is able to administer funds that have been allocated to the Foundation for specific topics.
5. Priorities for research are focussed on meeting the aims of the Foundation and those projects which will have an immediate impact on diagnosis and treatment will have priority.
5. The Foundation welcomes approaches from health care professionals and members with suggestions of areas for support and these will be discussed by members of the MAC who will advise the Board whether funds can be allocated. If granted, the MAC will issue a call for applications.
6. The Foundation will not consider uninvited applications for specific funding.
7. Laboratory and animal-based research: although the Foundation recognises the great importance of laboratory and animal-based research, the Foundation will prioritise those projects which are clinically based. Laboratory and animal-based research will only be taken under consideration for funding when patients or the public will be enabled to benefit from this research within a period of 5 years. The Foundation supports the [principles of the Association of Medical Research Charities on animal-based research](#), requests for funding for animal research will have a low priority and are unlikely to be funded.