

The IFIC-Covidien 2010 Partnership Continues!

Submit your ideas to reduce neonatal infections in hospital and outpatient settings in resource-scarce settings. The majority of the annual 4 million neonatal deaths occur in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, China, D. R. Congo, Ethiopia, India, Nigeria, Pakistan and Tanzania; projects from there are especially welcome. Covidien is offering funds for USD\$ 3,000 for a one year project. (How many projects will be funded.)

The successful project will have:

- Measurable objectives
- Be a community-facility partnership (Pat I think this is unnecessary for a hospital improvement project and make things unnecessarily complicated for a tiny project. Is this necessary? This just creates a fight for money.)
- Result in a publication or conference abstract.

Send your application to _____ by (the deadline) _____.

For questions contact _____

Our thanks to Pat Lynch and Covidien for making this opportunity available.

Need a few sample ideas to get you started?

- Increasing the use of malaria bednets for pregnant and post partum women
- Increasing hand hygiene during perinatal care
- Increasing HIV testing, prophylaxis and treatment of perinatal women
- Increasing the use of active management of labor
- Increasing successful breastfeeding in newborns
- Increasing the completion of syphilis treatment in infected woman
- Decreasing unwanted pregnancies through increased availability of family planning and emergency contraception
- Increasing the appropriate use of pre-operative C. sections
- Increasing the appropriate use of antibiotics for newborns for sepsis