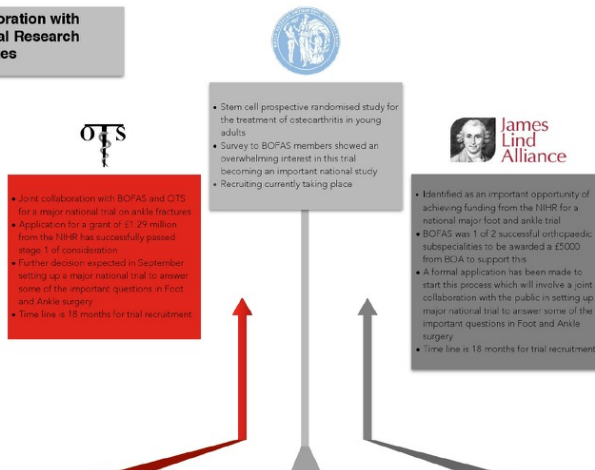


**Collaboration with National Research Institutes**



These are just 3 of the main studies that BOFAS are supporting. This does not include the £72,000 in grants given out since November for successful submissions.

**Collaboration with International Foot and Ankle Societies**

The Foot and Ankle Societies of America, Canada, South Africa and Australia have all been contacted and there has been considerable interest regarding collaboration with BOFAS on international research.


Discussions regarding possible reciprocal presentations of prize winners from each society are currently being conducted.

**Identifying Research Areas of Interest**

Following discussions at Committee level, the following areas of research were identified as being necessary to answer some of the important Foot and Ankle questions. These have been placed on the BOFAS website.

 <b>Calcaneal fractures:</b> Percutaneous/less invasive vs non operative	 <b>Revision options for total ankle replacement</b>		
 <b>Achilles tendinopathy:</b> extracorporeal shockwave vs high volume injection	 <b>Hallux rigidus:</b> - Carti vs Fusion vs Silastic	 <b>Lisfranc injuries:</b> plating vs screws vs fusion	 <b>Ankle Fractures:</b> - Weber B Fractures - Syndesmotic injuries - lightrope vs screw

**Encouraging Research Amongst Members**



This year there has been further increases in money available for research from BOFAS. These include:

- **Doubling of research grants to £15,000**
- **Doubling prize money for research prizes that are published to a maximum of £1,500**

As a result of these increases, there has been a significant increase in the number and quality of research applications received by the committee.