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Leading-Edge Medical Research in Manitoba

Manitoba Medical Service Foundation Awards 14 New Research Grants

(Winnipeg, Manitoba; April 15, 2015) – The Manitoba Medical Service Foundation (MMSF) hosts their annual Awards Recipient Reception on April 22, 2015. Celebrating Manitoba-based medical research, 14 successful grant recipients from the MMSF research competition and fellow 2014/2015 awardees will be honoured by MMSF and their primary sponsor, Manitoba Blue Cross (MBC). Over \$527,000 is earmarked for the successful 2014/2015 recipients.

“It is extraordinary to look at the list of past grant recipients and realize how many of them are now well-established researchers, nationally and internationally respected in their fields,” says Dr. Lindsay Du Val, Chair of the MMSF Board. “We are proud to have supported them in the initial stages of their careers.”

The MMSF has awarded over \$19 Million in the last 44 years towards medical-related research and education in Manitoba. Successful applications for the 2014/2015 research competition are primarily required to exhibit research plans for the improvement of the health and well-being of Manitobans through scientific, educational or other means. First-time researchers and budding scientists applying to the MMSF are given particular interest with the aim of fostering clinical, research and academic excellence in the Manitoba scientific community and beyond.

“We are continually impressed by the quality of research and subsequent breakthroughs achieved at the hands of MMSF grant recipients,” says Andrew Yorke, Manitoba Blue Cross President and CEO. “We are proud of our four decade legacy as primary supporter of the Foundation and look forward to the new and exciting outcomes that may occur as a result of research happening right here on our doorstep.”

Areas of health research for this year’s operating grant recipients include:

- Antibiotic resistance
- Breast cancer genomic data trends
- Cancer treatment and therapy enhancements
- Childhood obesity
- Effects of exercise on hemodialysis patients
- Geriatric mobility after hospital release
- Lung cancer metastasis and autophagy
- Lymphoma trends in Manitoba
- Parkinson’s Disease diagnosis improvement
- Pediatric neuro-oncology
- Spinal immobilization and transport
- Supplements and muscle mass retention in older adults

Please visit Manitoba Medical Service Foundation’s website at www.mmsf.ca for a detailed description of all 2015 awards and funded research projects or for more information on the Foundation and its many partners.

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Interviews/photos available upon request. Media is also invited to take photos/gather footage at the Awards Recipient Reception on April 22 from 5 - 7 p.m. at Manitoba Blue Cross, 599 Empress Street. Grant recipients will be on hand for interviews.

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