

# MEDIA RELEASE

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MANITOBA MEDICAL SERVICE  
FOUNDATION

## CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2016/17 OPERATING GRANT RECIPIENTS!

The MMSF is pleased to announce that \$273,000 has been approved for operating grants for the following successful applicants from the Competition for Funds held in October 2016.

Wherever possible we work cooperatively with partners to jointly fund MMSF approved operating grants. At this time, not all of our partnerships for 2016/17 operating grant recipients have been finalized. Updates shall be posted to our website as the information becomes available. Please refer to our About Us/Partnerships and Awards Recipients pages of our website for future updates.

### The following are the successful applicants, projects and approved amounts from our 2016 Competition for Funds:

**Dr. Danielle Defries** — \$32,000 (MMSF \$16,000 / CHRIM\* \$16,000)

The Impact of Gestational Diabetes on Maternal Incretin Function

**Dr. Christina Kim** — \$28,000 (MMSF \$14,000 / VGHF\* \$14,000)

A Metabolomics Approach to Chemotherapy-Induced Peripheral Neuropathy in Patients With Advanced Pancreas Cancer

**Dr. Natalie Mota** — \$23,000

The Effectiveness of Psychotherapy Classes in Reducing Suicidal Ideation in a Crisis Population

**Dr. Thomas Murooka** — \$30,000

Characterizing the Dynamics and Molecular Mechanisms of HIV Capture by DCs

**Dr. Vanessa Poliquin** — \$30,000

Individual and Provider Factors Associated With Differential Uptake of the Influenza Vaccine Among Pregnant Women in Manitoba, Canada

**Dr. Katherine Pundyk** — \$7,200 (MMSF \$3,600 / CHRIM\* \$3,600)

Frequency of Clinic Attendance in Patients With Youth-Onset Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus Before and After Transition to Adult Care

**Dr. Shailly Varma Shrivastav** — \$30,000

Understanding the Role of Akt/mTOR/N-Myristoyltransferase1 Signaling in the Regulation of IGF-1R Expression in Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma

**Dr. Kathryn Sibley** — \$32,500

Implementing Core Outcome Sets in Fall Prevention and Balance Research and Practice: Understanding Past Experiences to Plan for the Future

**Dr. Ruey-Chyi Su** — \$32,000

The Molecular Mechanisms Underlying the Environmental Influences on the Regulation of Innate Immunity in Female Genital Tract

**Dr. Taraniit Tung** — \$29,000

Hip Hemiarthroplasty – Survivorship and Predictors of Revision

\*VGHF – Victoria General Hospital Foundation; CHRIM – Children’s Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba

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