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Nearly \$500,000 in Funding to Bolster Manitoba-Based Health Research

Manitoba Medical Service Foundation Celebrates 45 years and
Over \$20 Million in Grants and Awards

(Winnipeg, Manitoba – April 7, 2016) The Manitoba Medical Service Foundation (MMSF) will host their annual Award Recipient Reception on April 14, 2016 during which we will honour successful candidates from the 2015 – 2016 competition.

“Over \$478,000 in funding for scholarships, grants and awards will be awarded to deserving recipients, enabling them to focus on their research. Once again, the caliber of projects is outstanding,” says Dr. Lindsay Du Val, Chair of the MMSF Board.

Since its inception in 1971 the MMSF has awarded over \$20 million to researchers. With administrative support and a generous annual grant from Manitoba Blue Cross, as well as collaborative partnerships with other organizations, the MMSF is able to preferentially support new Manitoba researchers and students.

“Manitoba Blue Cross is very proud to be the primary supporter of the Foundation. Year after year, we are impressed by the high-quality research of award recipients and their dedication to their work,” says Manitoba Blue Cross President and CEO, Andrew Yorke. “Congratulations to the 2016 funding recipients. We wish you all the best and look forward to your results.”

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

- *E. coli* and antimicrobial resistance
- Complications associated with hydroxy-apatite coated hip prostheses
- Mood and anxiety disorders in spousal caregivers of patients with dementias
- Creating an interactive online vaccination information resource
- Predictors of persistent peanut allergies in children
- Risk of acquiring antibiotic resistant organisms in first-time travellers versus repeat travellers to India, Pakistan and Bangladesh
- Mechanisms associated with age-related gait instability
- Cardiac arrhythmias associated with peripheral artery and coronary heart disease
- EEG guidance during Anesthesia to alleviate Geriatric Syndromes
- The use of EMR to influence the use of Choosing Wisely Recommendations

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

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Interviews/photos available upon request. Media are also invited to take photos/gather footage at the Awards Recipient Reception on April 14 from 5 - 7 p.m. at Manitoba Blue Cross, 599 Empress Street. Grant recipients will be on hand for interviews.