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Research professorship awarded to Dr. Menon



Dr. Bijoy Menon

DCNS neurologist Dr. Bijoy Menon has been selected to receive the Heart and Stroke Foundation / University of Calgary Professorship in Stroke Imaging, effective Sept. 1, 2014.

The three-year position was jointly announced by the Heart and Stroke Foundation (Alberta, NWT & Nunavut) and the Cumming School of Medicine.

“Dr. Menon’s research strongly aligns with the Heart and Stroke Foundation’s mission priority

to save lives,” said Donna Hastings, CEO of the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

The professorship will receive \$100,000 per year from the foundation – which will be generously matched by the University of Calgary.

“He’s a rising star in our department with many accomplishment in such a short time,” said Dr. Luanne Metz. “He’s already been awarded a CIHR operating grant this year — it’s exciting for the whole department.”

Dr. Coutts drives home a winner

Congratulations to DCNS’s Shelagh Coutts who won the ladies longest drive competition at the Hearts vs Minds Golf Tournament on July 17.



The annual fairway showdown between Cardiac Sciences and Clinical Neurosciences was held at the Blue Devil Golf Club.

The tournament, won by the cardiac team this year, attracted 140 participants and raised over \$4,800.

Proceeds from the tournament are used for equipment, education, or resources necessary for maintaining a safe, comfortable and caring environment for patients and their families.

DCNS Communication office eager to share department stories

Communications Coordinator Quentin Collier, who joined DCNS last month, is chasing stories that need to be shared outside the department.

“My immediate priority is gathering stories for the annual report,” says Collier. “But I’m also keen to hear from department members about all projects they are passionate about.”

Collier says he’d like to document stories of innovation, partnerships, research and patient successes.

For more information, please contact him at DCNSinfo@albertahealthservices.ca or 403-617-1269.

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FES cycling program featured on CTV News

Reporter Karen Owen paid a visit to Foothills Hospital July 29 to learn about the Functional Electrical Stimulation Cycling Program in Unit 58.

The specialized equipment, which costs over \$25,000 each, has been identified as a significant benefit to patients with spinal cord injuries.

“We use it on people with spinal cord injury, but it also has been used on people with MS, stroke and brain injury,” said Dr. Chester Ho, Head of the Division of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation.

The FES project, which was started by PM&R and the Canadian Paraplegic Association, now includes a host of stakeholders — Alberta Health Services, Mount Royal University, the Steadward Centre at the University of Alberta, and the University of Calgary Rehab & Fitness program at the Faculty of Kinesiology.

To watch the video, click here: <http://calgary.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=408542>

(Note: some Explorer browsers have difficulty with the video file).

Initiative highlights importance of DCNS research

A DCNS project launching this fall hopes to get the conversation started between patients and clinicians about the importance of research in the Department of Clinical Neurosciences.

The pilot project, envisioned by Department Head Dr. Rajiv Midha and supported by the Donor Relations team at the Cumming School of Medicine, will distribute buttons and postcards that encourage patients to ask questions about research.

“Most patients aren’t aware of the amount of research that we undertake in the Department of Clinical Neurosciences,” says Dr. Midha. “And a lot of that research results in better outcomes for patients — so we’d like to share that story and explain why it’s so important.”

Further information – including details of a Donor Relations info session at FMC — will follow in the fall.

