

News Bite

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Funding awarded to successful researchers

Hunter researchers submitted 165 applications through the University of Newcastle of which 30 were successful and \$21,932,850 was awarded.

Congratulations to Calvary Mater Newcastle researchers, Professor Greg Carter, Professor Jim Denham and Professor Geoff Isbister who were all successful in obtaining funding in this round of National Health and Medical Research Council of Australia (NHMRC) research grants.

Greg Carter is a member of a multicentre collaboration led by Professor Colleen Loo at University of New South Wales, which was successful with a NHMRC grant for a project entitled 'Ketamine therapy among patients with treatment-resistant depression: a randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial'.

Jim Denham was awarded a NHMRC grant to help complete ten year post treatment follow up in men treated on the RADAR prostate cancer trial, enabling mature results to be reported. This project could not have been completed without additional funding generously provided by Calvary Mater Newcastle's Department of Radiation Oncology. This support will also ensure that the ongoing 'Life ten year after prostate cancer' survivorship substudy of the RADAR trial will be finalised in 2018.

While Geoff Isbister, through the University of Newcastle's Clinical Toxicology Research Group, was awarded \$2.5 million to set up a prestigious 'Centre of Research Excellence' for his work in 'Translational Venom and Antivenom Research'. Funding will ensure vital research can continue looking at improving the treatment of snake bites, both in Australia and other countries, particularly in resource-poor countries. For further information, visit:

<http://mobile.abc.net.au/news/2015-11-09/newcastle-to-become-centre-of-research-for-snake-bite-treatment/6923152?pfm=sm§ion=nsw>

Congratulations to all involved.

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