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# RI Foundation awards $480,000 for medical research

PROVIDENCE – The Rhode Island Foundation has awarded more than $480,000 in seed funding for 20 promising medical research projects ranging from reducing heart failure among people who are overweight to developing stress-reduction techniques to prevent pre-term births.

The grants are intended to help early-career researchers advance projects to the point where they can compete for national funding.

A review panel made up of scientists and physicians assisted the Foundation in reviewing the medical research proposals. The grants are:

- $25,000 to Brown University Department of Neuroscience for the research project entitled "Multiple functions of the cell adhesion molecule TAG-1 in motor circuit development" led by **ALEXANDER JAWORSKI, PhD**.
- $25,000 to Brown University Department of Cognitive, Linguistic, and Psychological Sciences for the research project entitled "Examining How Autism Spectrum Disorders Affect Social Causal Learning" led by **JOSEPH AUSTERWEIL, PhD**.
- $25,000 to Brown University School of Engineering for the research project entitled "Temporal Geometric Control of Stem Cell Chondrogenesis for Osteoarthritis Therapy" led by **ANITA SHUKLA, PHD**.
- $25,000 to Brown University for the research project entitled "Regulation of human neural stem cell function by the pro-longevity FOXO transcription factors" led by **ASHLEY WEBB, PhD**.
- $25,000 to Brown University School of Engineering for the research project entitled "Microscopic in vivo imaging of cerebral dynamics in ischemic stroke" led by **JONGHWAN LEE, PhD**.
- $25,000 to Miriam Hospital for the research project entitled "Addressing sexual networks and the burden of sexually transmitted diseases in Providence, Rhode Island" led by **PHILIP CHAN, MD, MS**.
- $25,000 to Miriam Hospital for the research project entitled "Fecal Microbiota Transplant by Enema in Severe Clostridium difficile Infection" led by **COLLEEN KELLY, MD**.
- $24,334 to Miriam Hospital for the research project entitled "Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction to Prevent Preterm Birth" led by **MARGARET BUBLITZ, PhD**.
- $24,758 to Ocean State Research Institute, Inc. for the research project entitled "Magnesium Supplementation for Primary Prevention of Heart Failure in Obesity" led by **SIDDIQUE ABBASI, MD**.
- $25,000 to Rhode Island Hospital for the research project entitled "Targeting aspartate-beta hydroxylase as a chemoprevention for cholangiocarcinoma" led by **CHIUNG-KUEI HUANG, PhD**.
- $25,000 to Rhode Island Hospital for the research project entitled "BKCa activation and metabolic syndrome-induced vasomotor dysfunction" led by **RICHARD CLEMENTS, BS, MS, PhD**.
- $25,000 to Rhode Island Hospital for the research project entitled "IRE1 branch of the unfolded protein response and arrhythmias" led by **MAN LIU, PhD**.
- $25,000 to Rhode Island Hospital for the research project entitled "Elucidating How Matrilin-3 Prevents Accelerated Osteoarthritis" led by **CHATHURAKA JAYASURIYA, PhD**.
- $25,000 to Rhode Island Hospital for the research project entitled "miR-146a prevents cartilage degeneration in mouse osteoarthritis model" led by **YINGJIE GUAN, MD, PhD**.
- $22,222 to Rhode Island Hospital for the research project entitled "Home Blood Pressure Monitoring to Track Post-Discharge Blood Pressures In At Risk Individuals" led by **ELIZABETH GOLDBERG, MD**.
- $22,000 to Rhode Island Hospital for the research project entitled "Caenorhabditis elegans as a host model to study multi-drug resistance in Candida glabrata" led by **DIMITRIOS FARMAKIOTIS, MD**.
- $15,000 to Rhode Island Hospital for the research project entitled "Merging a National Hospital Trauma Registry with Post-Acute Care Data in Older Adults with TBI" led by **MARK ZONFRILLO, MD, MSCE**.
- $24,947 to URI Foundation for the research project entitled "Improving influenza vaccine efficacy in the elderly with a novel physical adjuvant" led by **XINYUAN CHEN, PhD**.
- $23,695 to URI Foundation for the research project entitled "Use of Gold Nanoparticles to Enhance the Effect of Radiation on Cancer" led by **MICHAEL ANTOSH, PhD**.
- $24,598 to Women & Infants Hospital for the research project entitled "Initiating metformin after delivery in post-partum women at high risk for diabetes mellitus: A Pilot Study" led by **ERIKA WERNER, MD**. ❖

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# Pediatric Anxiety Research Center moves to Bradley campus

## *Clinical and research branches united in one collaborative setting*

EAST PROVIDENCE – Bradley Hospital's Pediatric Anxiety Research Center (PARC) has relocated its clinical and research services to the hospital's main campus in East Providence. The move unifies and expands its pediatric obsessive-compulsive disorder and anxiety treatment programs, leading research and education/training in one central location. PARC's services – previously located at the Coro West Building – are offered in Bradley's newly expanded outpatient building in a patient- and family-centered environment optimized for milieu-based therapy.

PARC treats children ages five to 18 who experience significant impairment in their daily lives due to anxiety and obsessive-compulsive (OC) spectrum disorders. It is home to the Intensive Program for Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, one of many nationally-recognized programs that brings families to Bradley Hospital. PARC is led by a team of child behavioral experts who specialize in the assessment and treatment of OCD and anxiety disorders, including social anxiety, phobias, panic disorder, illness anxiety and OC spectrum disorders, such as Tourette syndrome, tic disorders, body dysmorphic disorder , skin-picking, and trichotillomania (hair-pulling).

"Centralizing our services in one convenient, modern facility allows us to easily access the latest treatment options and various levels of care to help children with complex anxiety disorders," said **JENNIFER FREEMAN, PhD**, director of research and training. Freeman leads the program with **ABBE GARCIA, PhD**, clinical director, and **BRADY CASE, MD**, medical director.

PARC is a nationally recognized, leading research group in pediatric OCD and anxiety, continually receiving National Institute of Mental Health research funding since 1998. The center focuses on developing and evaluating treatment protocols; improving understanding of psychological and biological factors in pediatric OCD, anxiety, and tic disorders; and training providers in the community to deliver evidence-based treatment. PARC was one of three sites in the U.S. for the Pediatric OCD Treatment Studies, the largest federally-funded treatment outcome studies for youth with OCD.

"Approximately one in eight children is affected by an anxiety disorder, which if left untreated can lead to school avoidance, withdrawal from family and friends, loss of interest in activities, substance abuse and problems eating and sleeping," Freeman added.

PARC's patients benefit from the center's research by receiving the latest, proven treatments and therapies. Patients with OCD or anxiety participate in exposure and response prevention (ERP), a specific form of cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT) proven to be the most effective form of treatment for anxiety.

The move to Bradley's campus and expansion of PARC's services enabled the program to grow its research opportunities and clinical services for children and adolescents with tics – sudden, uncontrollable body sounds or movements. Tics occur in approximately one out of five school-age children and may persist into adolescence and adulthood. Tic Talk is PARC's 8-week group program that utilizes Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention for Tics (CBIT), a research-based therapy aimed to help reduce tics and improve overall functioning for youth. ❖

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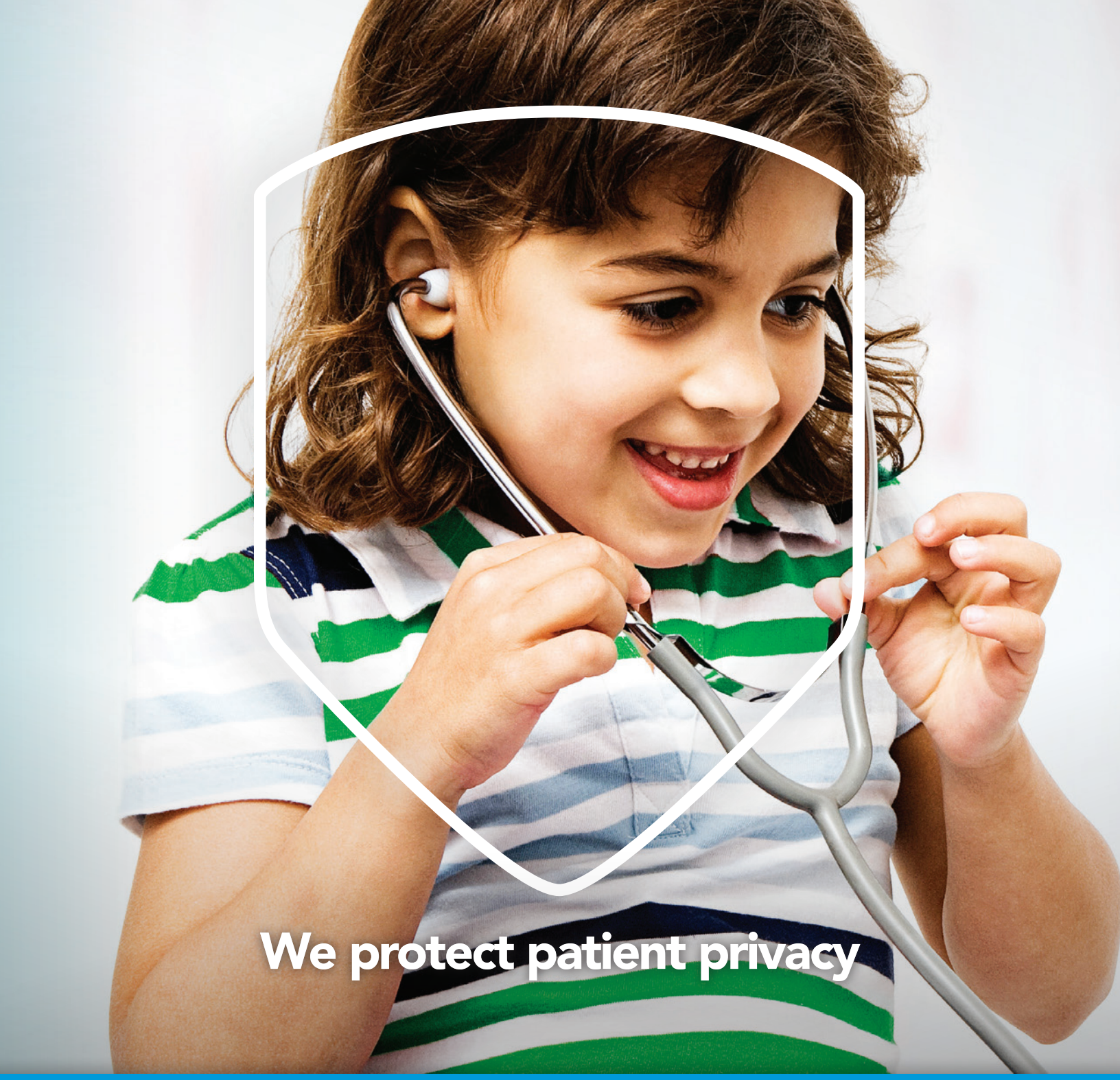


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## NIH awards Brown $11.5M for computational biology research

*Brown University will launch a Center for Biomedical Research Excellence in Computational Biology of Human Disease to expand its research using sophisticated computer analyses to understand and fight human diseases.*

PROVIDENCE — With a new five-year, $11.5 million grant from the National Institutes of Health, Brown University will expand its research in computational biology and launch a new Center of Biomedical Research Excellence (COBRE), which will support five early career faculty members as they tackle the genomics underlying diseases such cancer, preeclampsia and severe lung infections.

"There's data and then there's information," said **DAVID RAND**, director of the new center and chair of the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB). "Turning data into information you can use for something is what computational biology is all about."

The new center will bring together diverse teams of researchers to generate new insights to advance medicine and health, said **DAVID SAVITZ**, Brown's vice president for research.

"Brown scientists and students from a number of departments around the University – from computer science and applied mathematics to biology, medicine and public health – have been working collaboratively to understand and realize the benefits of advanced genomics," said Savitz, who is also a professor in the School of Public Health. "This new COBRE will expand those programs to help move Brown to the forefront of this exciting, promising field of research." ❖

## South County Health opens Medical & Wellness Center in Westerly

WESTERLY – After three years in planning and construction, the South County Health Medical & Wellness Center in Westerly welcomed its first patients May 23.

The 32,000 square foot Center, located at 268 Post Rd. (Rt. 1) in Westerly, is home to more than a dozen medical services, including primary care physicians, OB/GYNs, dermatologists, orthopedic surgeons, cardiologists, podiatrists, a general surgeon, diabetes management, urgent/walk-in care, lab, x-ray, ultrasound, and 3-D mammography among the array of services available.

The urgent/walk-in center is open seven days a week. ❖

## Fatima opens Long-Term Behavioral Health Unit

*Will assist with state waiting list*

PROVIDENCE – CharterCARE Health Partners and Our Lady of Fatima Hospital recently opened a Long-Term Behavioral Health Unit, where beds will be immediately available to patients on the waiting lists for long-term psychiatric care at the state's Eleanor Slater Hospital.

The new 20-bed unit offers the following:

- Dedicated open community spaces;
- Several acres of outdoor space for walking;
- An evidence-based care model that offers a variety of individual, family, and group modules, and that incorporates principles of rehabilitation and recovery;
- The opportunity for patients to develop positive coping and daily living skills that will enhance patient autonomy and individual decision-making;
- A multi-disciplinary team with Psychiatry, Nursing, CNAs, Licensed clinicians, Milieu Therapists, and Occupational Therapists who routinely receive training for best practices in the treatment of patients on the new long-term unit.

**REBECCA PLONSKY, LICSW**, CharterCARE Vice President of Integrated Behavioral Health, worked in partnership with the Rhode Island Executive Office of Health and Human Services, the Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Disabilities and Hospitals, and the Rhode Island Department of Health to reach the agreement to create the dedicated long-term unit. ❖