



## GRANTS AWARDED JULY 2004

At the July meeting of the Scientific Committee of the National Heart Foundation, a total of 27 grants were awarded. The awards included 10 Project Grants, 11 Fellowships, 2 Small Project Grants, 1 Grant-in-Aid and 3 Travel Grants.

### PROJECT GRANTS

#### **Dr John Beca**

Paediatric Intensive Care Unit, Starship Hospital  
*Early prediction of brain damage after heart surgery in infants*  
\$120,000 for 15 months.

#### **Professor Peter George**

Canterbury Health Laboratories, Christchurch  
*Betaine, diet and homocysteine*  
\$200,000 for two years.

#### **Drs Christopher Charles & David Jardine**

Christchurch Cardioendocrine Research Group,  
Christchurch School of Medicine and Health  
Sciences, University of Otago  
*Cardiac sympathetic nerve activity: effects of myocardial infarction: sympatholysis and novel hormones*  
\$190,000 for three years.

#### **Dr Beverley Lawton**

Department of General Practice, Wellington  
School of Medicine and Health Sciences,  
University of Otago  
*New Zealand Women's Lifestyle Study*  
\$318,073 for three years.

#### **Dr Paget Milsom**

Cardiothoracic Surgical Unit, Auckland City  
Hospital  
*Dual vent cardiopulmonary bypass to reduce ischemic brain injury in cardiac surgery*  
\$136,424 for two years.

#### **Dr Cliona Ni Mhurchu**

Clinical Trials Research Unit, Faculty of  
Medicine and Health Sciences, University of  
Auckland  
*Development of culturally appropriate nutrition education materials for use in a large trial*  
\$97,811 for one year.

**Professor Russell Scott**

Lipid and Diabetes Research Group, Christchurch Hospital

*Coenzyme Q10: Potential for improving cardiovascular risk*

\$107,564 for one year.

**Dr Ralph Stewart**

Cardiology Department, Auckland City Hospital  
*Natriuretic peptides for assessment of severe aortic regurgitation*

\$40,827 for three years.

**Dr Rachael Taylor**

Department of Human Nutrition, University of Otago

*The APPLE project: preventing obesity in children via environmental intervention*

\$78,242 for three years.

**Dr John Lainchbury**

Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Otago

*Clinical and neurohormonal predictors of outcome post-DC cardioversion for atrial fibrillation*

\$111,787 for three years.

**FELLOWSHIPS**

**Ms Gillian Whalley**

A *National Heart Foundation Senior Fellowship* (for three years) was awarded to Ms Gillian Whalley. Dr Whalley will undertake clinical research on 3 projects at the Department of Medicine, University of Auckland.

**Dr Nicholas Kang**

A *National Heart Foundation Senior Fellowship* (for two years) was awarded to Dr Nicholas Kang. Dr Kang is a Paediatric Cardiac Surgeon who will undertake his Fellowship at the Starship Children's Hospital in Auckland.

**Dr James Blake**

An *Overseas Training Fellowship* (for one year) was awarded to Dr James Blake. Dr Blake will work as an Interventional Cardiology Fellow at the William Beaumont Hospital in Michigan, USA.

**Dr Seif El-Jack**

An *Overseas Training Fellowship* (for one year) was awarded to Dr Seif El-Jack. Dr El-Jack will work as an Interventional Cardiology Fellow at the William Beaumont Hospital in Michigan, USA.

**Dr Sanjeevan Pasupati**

An *Overseas Training Fellowship* (for one year) was awarded to Dr Sanjeevan Pasupati who will work as an Interventional Cardiology Fellow at St Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, Canada.

**Dr Chris Raffel**

An *Overseas Training Fellowship (E & W White-Parsons Fellowship)*, for one year, was awarded to Dr Chris Raffel. Dr Raffel will work as an Interventional Cardiology Fellow at the Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, USA.

**Dr Cara Wasywich**

An *Overseas Training Fellowship* (for one year) was awarded to Dr Cara Wasywich. Dr Wasywich will work as a Clinical and Research Fellow in the Cardiology Department at St Paul's Hospital, Vancouver, Canada.

**Dr Judith McCool**

A *Research Fellowship* (for three years) was awarded to Dr Judith McCool who is currently employed in the Department of Psychology, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, University of Auckland.

**Miss Hannah Badland**

The *Maori Cardiovascular Research Fellowship* (for three years) was awarded to Ms Hannah Badland, a PhD student in the Division of Sport and Recreation, Faculty of Health, Auckland University of Technology.

**Mr Euan Rodger**

A *Postgraduate Scholarship* (for three years) was awarded to Mr Euan Rodger who is currently a PhD student in the Department of Biochemistry, University of Otago.

**Dr Hamish Jamieson**

A *Postgraduate Scholarship* (for two and a half years) was awarded to Dr Hamish Jamieson who will work as a PhD student at the Centre for Education and Research on Ageing, Concord Hospital, Sydney University.

## SMALL PROJECT GRANTS

**Professor Evan Begg**

Department of Medicine, Christchurch School of Medicine and Health Sciences, University of Otago

*Effect of CYP2D6 genotype on final tolerated dose, plasma concentrations and outcomes with carvedilol in patients with systolic heart failure*

\$14,403 for 18 months.

**Ms Kathryn Bethune**

School of Pharmacy, University of Otago

*Assessment of the impact of a pharmacist managed intervention for secondary prevention of cardiovascular disease - pilot study to test methodology*

\$14,783 for one year.

## GRANT-IN-AID

**Assoc Professor Robert Doughty**

Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, University of Auckland

*To purchase refrigerated centrifuge for neurohormone studies*

\$6,573

## **TRAVEL GRANTS**

### **Mr James Aoina**

Department of Medicine, University of Auckland  
*Annual Scientific Meeting of CSANZ,  
Brisbane, Australia*

### **Professor Gregory Kolt**

Faculty of Health, Auckland University of  
Technology  
*8<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Behavioural  
Medicine, Mainz, Germany*

### **Dr Cara Wasywich**

Department of Medicine, Faculty of Medical and  
Health Sciences, University of Auckland  
*American Heart Association Scientific  
Sessions, New Orleans, USA*