

Record Level Federal Grants Announced for University Health Network Scientists



Toronto, ON (November 27, 2006) - University Health Network (UHN) today welcomed approximately \$28-million in federal grants supporting infrastructure for five research teams in cancer stem cells, regenerative medicine, cancer biology, genomics, and cancer survivorship.

Two of UHN's five successful applications were led by McEwen scientists :

- "The Regenerative Medicine Project (REMEDI)", led by **Dr. Richard Weisel**, use computers to visualize images taken by sophisticated equipment to create models that will drive the advance of regenerative medicine research to clinical applications. The project received a \$7,200,000 CFI Infrastructure Award.
- The world's first "Cancer Stem Cell Centre", a project led by **Dr. John Dick**, will focus expertise, infrastructure and technologies on developing breakthrough cancer stem cell (CSC) therapies. CSCs are rare cells within a tumour that are responsible for sustaining it. By investigating CSC, more specific targeted therapies that do not kill normal stem cells may be developed, leading to reduced morbidity.

Read the [press release](#) for more details:

<http://www.uhn.ca/news/Index.asp?ID=3705&category=8>