The Critical Care SCN has exciting news!

In April, 2016 we launched our third annual new investigator seed grant competition which targeted biomedical, clinical, population health, and health services research proposals designed to provide critically ill patients with better care and better health. Proposals could target science and innovation in any part of the continuum: from improved understanding of the biologic aspects of a particular disease, to the application of a new therapy or supportive care, to improvement of the quality of lives of patients, their families or both, to strengthening the training of critical care providers.

This competition was designed to advance the Critical Care SCN’s long-term research goals,

1. To increase capacity for scientific work within the Alberta critical care community,
2. To enhance the culture of science and innovation within the Alberta critical care community,
3. To improve the health and health care delivered to critically ill patients through knowledge creation and knowledge translation.

We are thrilled to announce that we received several high-quality applications and after an external review process was completed we were able to fund two outstanding projects:

1. **Dr. Oleksa Rewa**, Division of Critical Care, University of Alberta:
   
   “A Modified Delphi Process to Identify, Rank and Prioritize Quality Indicators in Continuous Renal Replacement Therapy (CRRT) Care in Critically Ill Patients”

2. **Dr. Kirsten Fiest**, Department of Critical Care Medicine, University of Calgary:
   
   “The Epidemiology of Hypoactive Delirium in the Critically Ill”

Congratulations to the successful applicants.

Sincerely,

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