

\$233,000 in Research Grants Awarded: **Enhancing Health Care in Newfoundland and Labrador**

The Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Care Foundation, the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, and Eastern Health have funded five research projects under the final competition for research funding following from the Cameron Inquiry. The fund, [Enhancing Health Care in NL](#), administered by NLCAHR, was established to support increased research and evaluation activities aimed at improving healthcare for patients in this province, including those with cancer. Grants of up to \$75,000 each were available for projects that will address patient care, including (but not limited to) cancer care.



Eighteen applications were assessed in this year's competition. We congratulate the following awards recipients:

- Holly Etchegary, Faculty of Medicine and Elizabeth Dicks, Faculty of Medicine | \$40,600.00
Breast cancer surgical treatment choices in Newfoundland and Labrador: patient and surgeon perspectives
- Darren O'Rielly, Faculty of Medicine and Proton Rahman, Faculty of Medicine | \$25,000.00
Determining the heritability of serious drug related adverse events in patients receiving targeted biologic therapy for rheumatic diseases in the Newfoundland and Labrador (NL) population
- Gail Wideman, School of Social Work | \$69,930.00
P/EOL care in rural settings: support to informal providers of care
- Michael Bautista, Department of Anesthesia, Faculty of Medicine and Roberta Didonato, Department of Psychology | \$22,263.00
Clear Speech Technique: Communication and learning in a simulated patient handoff
- John Thoms, Dr. H. Bliss Murphy Cancer Centre | \$75,000.00
The need for novel biomarkers beyond PSA

NLCAHR wishes to acknowledge the high quality of applications received for this competition and to thank the peer reviewers and all applicants for participating in this year's program