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Three Canadian Researchers Receive Sanofi–CARO Award for Research in Prostate Cancer Therapies

July 3, 2018, Toronto, ON – The Canadian Association of Radiation Oncology (CARO) and Sanofi Canada are pleased to announce three CARO members have been awarded the Sanofi-CARO Awards!

$20,000 to **Ning-Ning Lu** for her project: Feasibility and Toxicity of mp-MRI guided focal SABR with or without whole gland SABR for patients with localized prostate cancer.

$14,000 to **Michael Tjong** for his project: Prospective Validation of a Novel-Voxel- and Machine Learning-based Automated Planning Method for Prostate Fossa Volumetric Arc Radiotherapy.

$14,000 to **Juanita Crook**, Transcriptional Mapping of Immune -Tumor-Vasculature Cell Interactions in Response to HDR Brachytherapy.

These unrestricted research grants will play an essential role in continuing their research in prostate cancer therapies. They were made possible through funding by Sanofi Canada.

Dr. David Petrik, the Sanofi-CARO Awards Panel Chair, described “The Sanofi-CARO Awards are an opportunity to fund innovative projects. The funded projects often lead to larger endeavours and help to support ongoing Canadian research on prostate cancer therapies.”

Dr. Michael Brundage, CARO President, remarked “The support of Sanofi research awards is critical to the success of each of these three projects, which together represent novel and important advances in external-beam and brachytherapy treatments for Canadian men diagnosed with prostate cancer.”

“The need for new cancer medicines remains great, and Sanofi is committed to helping address this need,” says Dr. Sophia Kajla, Medical Head for General and Established Medicines, Sanofi Canada. “With our strong heritage in oncology, we are proud to support the research of Canadian radiation oncology clinicians and researchers to develop new treatments for prostate cancer that will help improve patients’ lives.”
2018 Sanofi–CARO Awards:

These research projects were chosen for funding on the basis of their high scientific merit, feasibility and relevance to Canadian radiation oncology. The funds awarded must be spent within Canada.

Advances in therapy offer hope to patients and their families. By supporting such projects, it confirms a commitment to ongoing research and innovation to find solutions that improve quality of life; and even prolong it.

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