

## Eleanor Wood-Prince Grants Initiative 2015

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Recognizing the importance of philanthropy as a catalyst for progress, The Woman's Board of Northwestern Memorial Hospital has lent crucial support to a broad range of hospital based and community oriented programs and services for more than 115 years. In helping to advance a variety of medical, nursing and management initiatives, the Board has nurtured a legacy of compassionate care whose hallmarks are leadership, vision and commitment.

Among the essential components of the Woman's Board venerable philanthropy is The Eleanor Wood-Prince Grants Initiative: A Project of The Woman's Board of Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Through this unique, competitive grants program administered by the Woman's Board and Northwestern Memorial Foundation, the Board, in partnership with the Wood-Prince Family Endowment annually awards a total of \$100,000 (maximum of \$25,000 per grant) to four or more leading edge research studies or innovative patient care projects that are being conducted at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. To date, approximately \$1.4 million has been awarded to 65 recipients, all of who are united in their quest to improve patient care.

Established in 2001, the Eleanor Wood-Prince Grants Initiative is named for a remarkable woman who established her own legacy of leadership and caring throughout her lifetime. Mrs. Wood-Prince was a dedicated member of the Woman's Board for more than 60 years, a patron of the arts, and a philanthropist who deeply valued community involvement and the act of leading by example. Inspired by Mrs. Wood Prince's desire to make positive differences for others, the Board has cultivated a grants program that highlights the significance of small grants and their multiplicative impact on the recipient.

On October 15, 2015, the recipients of the FY'15 Eleanor Wood-Prince Grants gathered to present the results of their research to the Woman's Board Grant Selection Committee, chaired by Ms. Jane Notz, and members of The Woman's Board. John Csernansky, MD, Eleanor Wood-Prince Grants Selection Scientific Review Committee Chair, moderated a panel discussion with the FY'15 grant recipients:

Lia Ann Bernardi, MD	Obstetrics and Gynecology - Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility	Weighing in on the Impact of Obesity on Women's Reproductive Health
Elizabeth Gerard, MD	Neurology	Anti-Mullerian Hormone in Pre- Menopausal Women with Epilepsy
Jacqueline Gollan, MD Katherine Wisner, MD, MS	Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences	Telemedicine for Women with Bipolar Disorder: Patient Preferences and Outcomes
Sadiya Khan, MD	Medicine - Cardiology	The Role of Plasminogen Activator Inhibitor-1 in Obesity: A Mechanistic Epidemiologic Study
Demetrios Kyriacou, MD, PhD	Emergency Medicine Preventive Medicine	Ibuprofen Versus Acetaminophen for the Treatment of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury

The results of Dr. Khan's research have resulted in successful applications for NIH funding in additional studies and an AHA Postdoctoral Fellowship. The other researchers continue to compile data for further grant applications. Jane Notz and the members of The Woman's Board Eleanor Wood-Prince Grant Committee were interested to hear of the factors that affect the successful completion of these initial studies and pleased to have this opportunity to understand the results of this research that hold great promise for improvements in treatment for conditions that affect large patient populations.



L to R: Lia Ann Bernardi, MD; Demetrios Kyriacou, MD, PhD; Sadiya Khan, MD; Jane Notz, Chair of The Woman's Board Eleanor Wood-Prince Grants Committee; Jacqueline Gollan, MD; and John Csernansky, MD, Chair of the Eleanor Wood-Prince Grants Scientific Review Committee, Chair of the Stone Institute of Psychiatry at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and the Lizzie Gilman Professor and Chair in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine