



Supporting medical research  
at Repatriation General Hospital

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## Media Release

### Grants provide boost for defence and veteran health

Foundation Daw Park has awarded its annual grants for medical research projects to improve defence and veteran health and wellbeing.

Foundation Daw Park Executive Director **Chris Jenner** said a total of \$130,000 has been granted to some of South Australia's leading researchers.

'We were very excited to see the number of grant applications and the broad range of research taking place in South Australia to improve the health and wellbeing of our veterans,' Chris said.

The grants included a \$30,000 bequest by the late **William Wallis** for research into the causes and treatment of prostate cancer.

Repatriation General Hospital Urology Registrar **Sam Chopra** was awarded the grant. It will be used to further his understanding about how prostate cancer tissue growth is controlled by studying the male hormone receptor in benign and cancerous tissue.

The grants program invited all South Australian researchers with an interest in defence and veteran health to apply for a \$15,000 grant, which was provided to Foundation Daw Park by the Australian Executor Trustees through their Discretionary Trust Funds.

Dr **Victoria Wade** from the University of Adelaide was awarded the grant to investigate how home videophones can improve access to mental health care for veterans.

Other researcher projects awarded grants from Foundation Daw Park for 2009/10 will investigate the diagnosis and treatment of diabetes, mental health, alzheimer's disease, sleep apnoea, stroke and shoulder pain.

Donations to assist with medical research projects at Repatriation General Hospital or the newly established Defence and Veteran Health fund can be made by phoning **(08) 8275 1039**.

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