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**Researchers Awarded \$50,000 to Study
Cranberry for Prevention of UTI's in Children**

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The Lions Gate Healthcare Research Foundation hosted a special promotional reception **Kaleidoscope 2005** on March 10, 2005 at the Holiday Inn, North Vancouver to introduce this year's recipient of **The Lions Gate Healthcare Research Foundation's** research funding.

A Double-Blind, Randomized Placebo-Controlled Trial of Cranberry Products in the Prevention of Recurrent Urinary Tract Infections in Children
Dr. Lynn Stothers
Total Grant \$55,500 over 2 years

"Febrile urinary tract infections (UTI's) pose a long-term health risk for children. Prophylactic antibiotic therapy is the usual management strategy, but chronic use of antibiotics can lead to resistant strains of bacteria and can cause side effects", says researcher Dr. Lynn Stothers. "The research objective is to determine whether daily consumption of cranberry product can reduce the incidence of urinary tract infections in children who experience recurrent urinary tract infections."

A brief presentation hosted by foundation President, Bill Denault highlighted stories of success from past research grant winners. The team of researchers headed by P. Randall Kropp Ph. D. & Tonia L. Nicholls, Ph.D. received \$40,000 in funding from **The Lions Gate Healthcare Research Foundation** for their study entitled "Assessing Spouse Abusers' Risk for Future Violence: Validating Existing Instruments, Victims' Perceptions, and Studying the Impact of Psychological Injuries." This research was recently completed with very exciting results.

The Lions Gate Healthcare Research Foundation's 2005 Call for Proposals focuses on High Risk Elderly. Elderly persons have many unique health needs that are under-served by traditional models of medical care. LGHRF encourages innovative research proposals that attempt to investigate the incidence or nature of mental or physical health problems in the elderly, or evaluate the benefits of innovative healthcare interventions. The deadline for Letters of Intent is April 29, 2004.

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