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CFP 2017 Innovation Fund grant winner targets diabetes follow-up

TORONTO, December 12, 2017 – The Canadian Foundation for Pharmacy is pleased to announce the winner of its annual Innovation Fund Grant: pharmacist **Dr. Lori MacCallum**, program director of the Banting & Best Diabetes Centre, University of Toronto.

The \$63,106 grant from CFP will support research into strategies needed to encourage pharmacist routine follow up after an initial medication review in people with diabetes. While approximately half of Ontarians with diabetes have received a MedsCheck during the first four years of the program, only 2.6% of those under 66 years of age and 4% of those over 66 have received a billed follow-up appointment.

“This represents a substantial opportunity for focused research into how to improve pharmacist routine follow-up, including further diabetes education and monitoring,” says Dr. MacCallum.

As part of her research, she and her team will also determine how routine monitoring and follow-up is linked to other expanded professional services. “This project will focus on an area of research and practice that receives little attention but is critical for pharmacists to deliver ongoing, longitudinal care,” says Dr. MacCallum. “Community pharmacists who engage in routine monitoring and follow up will improve diabetes care and the management of other chronic diseases.”

Dr. MacCallum is one of three Innovation Grant recipients this year. Through its ***Innovation Fund***, CFP supports projects and research that facilitate the evolving role of the pharmacist. The Foundation has invested more than \$1 million to this cause since 2004.

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