MUNDIPHARMA SUPPORTS PIONEERING PROSTATE CANCER RESEARCH

The 2018 Mundipharma ANZUP Uro-Oncology Clinical Research Fellowship has been awarded to Dr Kate Mahon, Medical Oncologist at Chris O’Brien Lifehouse, providing $60,000 to support her research into prostate cancer. This is the fifth annual Clinical Research Fellowship to be awarded in partnership with the Australian and New Zealand Urological and Prostate Cancer Trials Group (ANZUP) to support genitourinary cancer research. The Fellowship was previously awarded by Tolmar Australia, which was acquired by Mundipharma in February, along with exclusive Australian and New Zealand distribution rights for prostate cancer medications Eligard® Injection and Bi Eligard® cp combination therapy. 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The Fellowship was intended for early and mid-career clinician-researchers of any health care discipline in genitourinary cancer research and provides funding for one year to the institution of the successful applicant. “Dr Mahon’s research is focussed on the search for biomarkers that will tell clinicians which drugs will be most effective for each patient ahead of time, and how their treatment should be sequenced,” Ms Orr said. “Ideally this will mean that a simple blood test could guide personalised prostate cancer therapy, helping clinicians give each individual patient the best possible chance.” Dr Mahon is a Movember Prostate Cancer Foundation of Australia Clinician Scientist Award recipient, with a post-doctoral research focus on the treatment of advanced prostate cancer. “The Mundipharma ANZUP Uro-Oncology Clinical Research Fellowship will provide a fantastic opportunity to further my translational research goals, particularly in moving a blood-based biomarker into the clinic to directly help patients with advanced prostate cancer,” Dr Mahon said. Prostate cancer is the third most commonly diagnosed cancer in Australia, with one in seven men expected to be diagnosed before the age of 85. It is also the third most common cause of cancer death. About Mundipharma Mundipharma Pty Limited is a member of a global network of independent associated companies which are engaged in research, development, production and marketing of prescription medicines and consumer healthcare products. Established as a leader in the development and provision of medicines for pain, we have expanded our portfolio to include treatments for cancer, glaucoma, asthma, burns, wounds, skin irritations and the common cold. For more information please visit: www.mundipharma.com.au. For further information please contact: Rob Bates Communications Manager +61 422 196 238 Rob.Bates@mundipharma.com.au ® ELIGARD is a registered trademark. 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