

"Canadians will have the healthiest and best managed blood pressure in the world."

Fresh perspectives set the stage for innovation

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Toronto – Hypertension Canada is pleased to present its 2014 Jacques de Champlain New Investigator Award to Dr. Styliani Stella Daskalopoulou, McGill University Health Centre and McGill University. This annual award celebrates the brightest new minds in hypertension research. "It is vital that we continue to find funding for new investigators. Physician researchers like Dr. Daskalopoulou bring a fresh perspective, create new connections and enliven discussion about old, intractable problems," says Angelique Berg, CEO. "They lay the groundwork for innovation."

Dr. Daskalopoulou has focused many of her research efforts on women. The results may help health care providers to understand some of the unique obstacles facing hypertensive women from pregnancy through menopause. She is also looking at a link between smoking and hypertension, which may lead to better recommendations for hypertension prevention from an early age.

Dr. Daskalopoulou is a remarkable leader, having made significant strides toward closing the gaps between researchers, teachers and those who care for patients. She established and directs the Vascular Health Clinic at McGill University Health Centre and is leading the effort to create a new clinical database that will fuel future population health research.

The award will be presented on Saturday, October 18, 2014 as part of the Canadian Hypertension Congress at the DoubleTree by Hilton, Gatineau, QC. For more information, visit Hypertension Canada Awards.

About Hypertension

High blood pressure, also called hypertension, affects more than seven million Canadians and is the leading cause of death and disability around the world. Although hypertension is highly preventable and treatable, one in three people living with hypertension have uncontrolled blood pressure and nearly one in five are not even aware of their condition.

About Hypertension Canada:

<u>Hypertension Canada</u> is the only national charity dedicated solely to the prevention and control of hypertension and its complications, serving the nation's health care professionals in hypertension prevention, control, research, education and advocacy. Our mission is to advance health through the prevention and control of high blood pressure and its complications. Our vision is that Canadians will have the healthiest and best managed blood pressure in the world.

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