

Announcing the 2016 SYNERGY Translational Pilot Awards

Congratulations to the 2016 SYNERGY Translational Pilot Grant awardees. Following a review of 29 letters of intent, SYNERGY invited 16 full applications from which six awardees were selected; two of the six awardees are co-funded with the Norris Cotton Cancer Center (NCCC). Aligning with SYNERGY's mission of fostering collaborative interactions between basic, translational, and health services researchers, the awardees come from diverse Dartmouth schools and departments.

Steven N. Fiering, PhD (PI, Microbiology and Immunology, and Genetics) and **Peter A. Kaufman, MD** (Co-PI, Hematology and Oncology) – *In Situ Vaccination of Triple-Negative Breast Cancer Patient-derived Mouse Xenografts with Empty Cowpea Mosaic Viral-like Particles**

Ulrike G.K. Wegst, PhD (PI, Thayer School of Engineering) and **Michael K. Matthew, MD** (Co-PI, Surgery/Plastic Surgery) – *Multifunctional Freeze-Cast Scaffolds for Peripheral Nerve Repair*

Megan Coylewright, MD, MPH (PI, Medicine/Cardiovascular Medicine and The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice) and **Stuart W. Grande, PhD, MPA** (Co-PI, The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice) – *Can Telehealth be used to Improve Implementation of Shared Decision Making in Patients with Heart Valve Disease?*

Alexander Iribarne, MD, MS (PI, Surgery/Cardiac Surgery and The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice) and **Jonathan S. Skinner, PhD** (Co-PI, Economics and The Dartmouth Institute for Health Policy and Clinical Practice) – *Geographic Variation in Screening and Frequency of Re-interventions after Thoracic Aortic Aneurysm Repair among Medicare Recipients in the United States*

Lance G. Warhold, MD (PI, Surgery/Orthopaedic Surgery) and **Alexander Hartov, PhD** (Co-PI, Thayer School of Engineering) – *FAST: Fixation Approaches to Scaphoid Trauma*

Catherine Stanger, PhD (PI, Psychiatry) and **Todd F. Heatherton, PhD** (Co-PI, Psychology and Brain Sciences) – *Targeting Neural Self-regulation with Technology for Overweight Teens**

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