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April Edition

Connections to Innovation in Parkinson's Disease

Join us for Parkinson's Update 2023: Moving Forward Together!

Dr. Lorraine Kalia

Associate Professor, University of Toronto,
Clinician-Scientist, Krembil Research Institute

**"How to Find Future Treatments for
Parkinson's Disease: From Old
Drugs to New Technologies"**



Dr. Ronald Postuma

Professor, Department of Neurology,
McGill University

**"When Does Parkinson's
Disease Start?"**



For day 1 of the April edition, we are inviting you to “Parkinson’s Update 2023: Moving Forward Together!” Jointly hosted by the Parkinson Research Consortium, Parkinson Canada, and the uOBMRI, this event aims to connect research and community.

Join the interactive forum to hear how exciting research in Parkinson’s disease (PD) can have an impact now, understand the importance of training the next generation of scientists, and learn from the perspective of those living with PD.

To learn more about this exciting public event and the inspiring keynote speakers, Dr. Lorraine Kalia and Dr. Ronald Postuma, [visit our website](#). Registration is now open!

For day 2 of the Connect.Excite.Heal. April Edition, we would like to share about the “TALLER THAN PD” project which is generously funded by the Tallman Family. The Tallman family has a long history of generosity. When Don Tallman was diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease in 2018, and he and his wife Diana got involved in many fundraising activities in the greater Ottawa area.

Don’s brother and sister-in-law, Gordon and Bev Tallman, manage a wide-ranging, family-sponsored, annual donations program in Calgary. They were inspired by the collaborative efforts of the Ottawa area Parkinson’s research community.

“Many individuals can take a simple problem and make it complicated - not many can take a complicated problem and make it simple.”

- The Tallman Family Motto



The Tallman family’s generous commitment of \$655,000 will fund a promising research project aimed at alleviating neuroinflammation in PD, led by Drs. Michael Schlossmacher, David Grimes, and Tiago Mestre at the uOBMRI and The Ottawa Hospital.

To read more about the Tallman family and the TALLER THAN PD project, read our article [here](#).

Follow us to catch the last post of the Connect.Excite.Heal. April Edition!

Celebrating our PRC's Young Researcher Fellowship Awardees



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For the final day of the Connect.Excite.Heal. April Edition, we would like to highlight some of the Parkinson Research Consortium's inspiring trainees who are researching Parkinson's disease and thank the generous donors who support them in this work.

These fellowships are awarded to our young researchers from generous support from: Shelby Hayter, Larry Haffner, Audrey Grant, Dave & Jill Hogg, Bonnie & Don Poole, MapleWishes via Francis Mathew Memorial.

We are thankful for the support of these sponsors, past and present! Meet our trainees at [our event](#) on May 26:, and follow us to catch next month's Connect.Excite.Heal. Series!