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Investigator receives award from The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

MILWAUKEE (5/11/09) - Mary Eapen, MBBS, MS, has been awarded a Scholar in Clinical Research Award from The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Dr. Eapen is a pediatric blood and marrow transplant specialist at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and an associate professor of Pediatrics at The Medical College of Wisconsin.

The award will help fund several projects Dr. Eapen is working on. Scholars in Clinical Research are highly qualified investigators who conduct original, independent applied research that advances the prevention, diagnosis or treatment of hematologic malignancies.

Through the Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research at the Medical College and Children's Research Institute, Dr. Eapen's research aims to identify the optimal unrelated donor and graft for leukemia patients who may benefit from a transplant but lack a suitable matched sibling. Currently, choosing an unrelated donor and graft type are subjective and vary by institution.

"The goal of this research is to create guidelines for unrelated donors that can be used nationally," said Dr. Eapen. "By designing a more evidence-based practice for unrelated marrow donations, we can provide the optimal choice for patients regardless of where they are located."

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About The Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research

The Center for International Blood and Marrow Transplant Research, located in the Froedtert & The Medical College of Wisconsin Clinical Cancer Center, provides a unique resource of data and statistical expertise to the scientific community for addressing important issues in hematopoietic cell transplantation. It is comprised of a worldwide network of centers that share data on outcomes and a Statistical Center that maintains a clinical database with information for more than 280,000 recipients. The data and analytic support supplied by the Statistical Center have led to successful completion of hundreds of studies and a substantial impact on clinical practice. The major funding source for the observational research program is a cooperative agreement with the National Cancer Institute. The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute and the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Disease also contribute funds to this cooperative agreement.

About Children's Research Institute

Children's Research Institute advances state-of-the-art pediatric health care practice through dedicated laboratory and clinical research. Based on the concept of translational research, the institute is designed to take clinical problems from patients' bedsides to study in the laboratory. Laboratory discoveries are then converted into new treatments, preventions, therapies and cures for patients. Children's Research Institute is affiliated with Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and is a member of Children's Hospital and Health System. The health system is able to fulfill its mission thanks in part to philanthropic gifts and support from members of the community. For more information visit the Web site at www.chw.org/research.

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