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On behalf of the Michael Smith Foundation for Health Research (MSFHR), I congratulate the UBC Faculty of Medicine students on the publication of the second issue of the *University of British Columbia Medical Journal*. The journal provides important insight into the research being done by medical students at UBC – our future leaders in medicine and health research in British Columbia.

MSFHR is proud to have supported many talented students in the UBC Faculty of Medicine over the last nine years with our Masters, PhD and postdoctoral awards. These awardees and other Faculty students make a valuable contribution towards putting BC on the Canadian and international map as one of the places to conduct outstanding health research.

UBC students are pursuing a great number of exciting research projects, all of which have significant potential to improve health and health care in the future. Their commitment to health research helps to build a strong health research sector in BC which in turn benefits our health system, our advanced education system, our economy, and all British Columbians.



Again, our congratulations on compiling a publication that showcases the research contributions of students in the UBC Faculty of Medicine – we look forward to seeing many more issues in the years to come.

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