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From the Commonwealth Health Research Board

The Commonwealth Health Research Board [CHRB] has awarded \$746,688 in grants to eight medical and health researchers in Virginia

The CHRB was created by Virginia Code § 23-278 to provide financial support, in the form of grants, donations, or other assistance, for research efforts that have the potential of maximizing human health benefits for the citizens of the Commonwealth. Research efforts eligible for support by the Board shall include traditional medical and biomedical research relating to the causes and cures of diseases as well as research related to health services and the delivery of health care. The grants include:

Carilion Medical Center: \$98,638, to continue a pilot study, partnering with Virginia Tech, to provide a greater understanding of the genetic abnormalities associated with advanced lung cancer in hopes of providing new therapies and outcomes for this disease.

Eastern Virginia Medical School: \$100,000, to study the effect of various drugs that may improve sociability in patients diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Eastern Virginia Medical School: \$100,000, to carry out work examining the effectiveness of an anti-anxiety neuropeptide (oxytocin) in treating Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

University of Richmond: \$48,500, to develop bio-sensors that are able to monitor lactate levels in the blood in patients with Sepsis.

University of Virginia: \$100,000, to continue work to design and synthesize chemicals that will target tumor associated macrophages that aid in tumor growth.

Virginia Commonwealth University: \$100,000, for a continuation of the study dealing with bioengineering and biochemical approaches that can improve axon regeneration in patients with spinal cord injury.

Virginia Commonwealth University: \$100,000, to develop a stem cell delivery system that will support lung regeneration in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Virginia Commonwealth University: \$99,550 to study forms of stem cell transplants that will improve transplant outcomes and prevent graft versus host disease.