Hi Everyone,

Continuing our theme from last week, this week’s Departmental Acknowledgement goes to a sextet of Departmental clinician-investigators who found success in the Fondation des Étoiles (FES) and Fondation la Grand Défi Pierre Lavoie RI-MUHC competitions earlier this year. Once again I have listed the title of their project and ask that you note the clinical pertinence.

**Fondation des Étoiles**

Dr. Genevieve Bernard (Neurology): Using an interdisciplinary approach to study a severe subtype of POLR3-related leukodystrophy and shed light on disease pathogenesis

Patricia Fontela (Pediatric Critical Care) & Jesse Papenburg (Infectious Diseases) [Joint Effort]: Use of biomarkers to improve the diagnosis of concomitant bacterial pneumonia in infants with viral bronchiolitis

**Fondation le Grand Défi**

Dr. Indra Gupta (Nephrology): Understanding congenital urinary tract defects
John Mitchell (Endocrinology): Exploring clinically relevant biomarkers in lysosomal and peroxisomal disorders; Assessment of ceramide levels using dried blood spots

Maryam Oskoui (Neurology): Improving outcomes for individuals with spinal muscular atrophy

Please join me in congratulating all of the above on their funding success!

Have a great weekend everyone!

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