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**Servier Canada, the Government of Alberta, and the University Hospital Foundation
announce first recipients of the Servier Alberta Innovation in Health Fund (SAIHF)**

Edmonton, February 15, 2018 – Today, Servier Canada Inc, the Canadian affiliate of The Servier Research Group, the Government of Alberta’s Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, and the University Hospital Foundation are proud to announce the first three research fund recipients within the Servier Alberta Innovation in Health Fund (SAIHF).

The inaugural research projects funded by the Servier Alberta Innovation in Health Fund include:

- Dr. Nowell Fine and Dr. Justin Ezekowitz: *Using machine-learning techniques to predict heart failure hospital readmissions in Alberta: A province-wide derivation and validation study*
- Dr. Ross Tsuyuki: *A Population Approach to Improving Hypertension Management in the Community Using Pharmacists’ Advanced Scope of Practice in Alberta – A Cluster Randomized Trial of the Hypertension Canada Professional Designation Program*
- Dr. Ken Butcher: *LASER (Lixiana Acute Stroke Evaluation Registry)*

The \$1.7 million fund focuses on fostering and accelerating research and health innovation in four areas of healthcare: cardiac sciences, diabetes, neurology and oncology.

In addition to the research fund recipients, the SAIHF fund is pleased to announce its support for the Servier Alberta Advanced Heart Failure Scholar at the Libin Cardiovascular Institute.

“Servier Canada’s first investment at the University of Alberta Hospital site brought the most advanced 3D imaging to the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute,” said Jim Brown, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the University Hospital Foundation.

“That’s why we are so proud to be partnering with them again, along with Alberta Economic Development and Trade, to create the Servier Alberta Innovation in Health Fund.”

The fund will have a positive impact on Alberta’s economy, says the Honourable Deron Bilous, Minister of Economic Development and Trade. “By investing in partnerships like this to advance innovations in the life sciences, we are diversifying Alberta’s economy and connecting our innovators to national and international expertise and mentorship.”

Servier Canada’s previous \$1 million investment to the University Hospital Foundation led to the 2014 opening of the Servier Virtual Cardiac Centre at the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute, the first centre of its kind in Canada.

About University Hospital Foundation

The University Hospital Foundation raises and manages funds to advance patient care, research and health care education at the University of Alberta Hospital, the Mazankowski Alberta Heart Institute and the Kaye Edmonton Clinic. Learn more at: www.GiveToUHF.ca

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