#### RESEARCH

#### **Research Grants**

#### Dr. Peter Bretscher

Department of Microbiology, University of Saskatchewan, Title: Core support for the Research Centre for the Elimination of Tuberculosis

Yearly Amount: \$15,000

#### Dr. Darcy Marciniuk

Division of Respiratory Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, Co-investigator: Dr. Robert Skomro, Division of Respiratory Medicine, Title: Ventilatory constraint and capacity during exercise

Yearly Amount: \$30,000

#### Dr. Donna Rennie

College of Nursing/Institute for Agricultural, Rural and Environmental Health, University of Saskatchewan, Co-investigators: A. Senthilselvan, H. McDuffie, D. Cockcroft, P. Willson, S. Kirychuk, Title: Assessment of indoor environmental agents associated with damp housing and asthma in school children

Yearly Amount: \$30,000

#### Dr. Baljit Singh

Department of Veterinary Anatomy, Western College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, Title: Lung inflammation induced by multiple exposures to swine barn air

Yearly Amount: \$28,100

#### Dr. Robert Skomro

Division of Respiratory Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, Co-investigator: Dr. Darcy Marciniuk, Title: The effect of CPAP therapy and sleep fragmentation on exercise performance in OSA patients

Yearly Amount: \$26,524

### COPD Rehabilitation Research (emphysema & chronic bronchitis)

The Lung Association is providing funding for a provincial research and development project in partnership with the Regina and Saskatoon Health Regions and the Universities of Regina and Saskatchewan.

Dr. G Sridhar, Regina Health Region and Dr. B. Krishnan, University of Regina

Yearly Amount: \$17,000

Dr. S. Sheppard, Saskatoon Health Region and Dr. D. Marciniuk, University of Saskatchewan

Yearly Amount: \$36,000

#### **Research Fellowship**

#### Dr. Lisa Paus Jenssen

Moorhead Fellowship, Division of Respiratory Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, Research on asthma

Yearly Amount: \$40,000

#### **Research Professorships**

**Dr. Donald Cockcroft**, Ferguson Professor, Division of Respiratory Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, Research on asthma

Yearly Amount: \$40,000

**Dr. Thomas Hurst**, Division of Respiratory Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, Research on lung injury related to artificial ventilation and heart-lung bypass

Yearly Amount: \$25,000

**Dr. Darcy Marciniuk**, COPD Professorship, Division of Respiratory Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, Research on chronic obstructive pulmonary disease

Yearly Amount: \$50.000

**Dr. Kumar Ramlall**, Merck Frosst Lung Association Professorship, Department of Pediatrics, University of Saskatchewan, Research on lung disease in children

Yearly Amount: \$50,000

**Dr. Robert Skomro**, Division of Respiratory Medicine, University of Saskatchewan, Research on sleep

Yearly Amount: \$35,000

**Dr. Guruswamy Sridhar,** Division of Respiratory Medicine, Regina Health Region, Research and development on lung health in Southern Saskatchewan **Yearly Amount:** \$35,000

#### **National Research Projects**

Research support contributed to the Canadian Lung Association.

Yearly Amount: \$27,600

#### **Other Support**

Includes visiting professorships, training grants, support for TB control, seconded staff time, development of patient education programs and support for continuing professional education including the Saskatchewan Thoracic Society Education Day and programs.

Yearly Amount: \$52,000

#### **Our Mission...**

We conduct programs and research for healthier lungs. Our general role is to improve respiratory health through programs, education, research, training, treatment and prevention of lung disease and promotion of a healthy environment and healthy lifestyles.

#### Research...

The Lung Association of Saskatchewan places a high priority on funding medical research here in Saskatchewan. The amount of respiratory illness is increasing. In Saskatchewan over 200,000 people suffer from lung diseases such as COPD (emphysema and chronic bronchitis), asthma, lung cancer, sleep apnea, pneumonia, flu, pulmonary fibrosis and tuberculosis. Our research program will not only help to find better ways to treat and prevent lung disease, but has another important benefit - it attracts world class specialists to Saskatchewan who also provide leadership in teaching and patient care.

## Provincial, National and International Activity...

Although 95% of our budget is spent right here in the province, we also provide support and leadership nationally through the Canadian Lung Association and, in turn, benefit from the work of other provincial Lung Associations. Internationally, our CEO is the project Director for a Tuberculosis Control Project in Ecuador funded by the people of Canada through CIDA. When it comes to lung disease, no community, no province and no country is isolated from its neighbours. We speak up for Saskatchewan nationally and internationally in the struggle against lung disease.

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# Annual Report 2002





This report covers the four-month period September 1 to December 31, 2002

#### The Lung Association of Saskatchewan

#### Asthma Trec®

Asthma Trec<sup>©</sup> (the Asthma Training and Educator Course) is a professional development program of the Lung Association. It is designed to train health care professionals in the skills and knowledge necessary to become effective asthma educators. Asthma Trec® has been approved for professional education accreditation and successful graduates are eligible to write the National Asthma Educator Certification program. Graduates from the program have been involved in a number of asthma education initiatives throughout our province. For more information see www.asthmatrec.org.

#### The Saskatchewan Thoracic Society

The Saskatchewan Thoracic Society (health professional section of the Lung Association) invites all health professionals who are active in respiratory care to become part of a progressive, multi-disciplinary organization of health care providers. An annual Education Day is held in November.

Benefits of membership include: helping to improve the quality of respiratory care offered in Saskatchewan; reduced fees for workshops on current issues in respiratory care; eligibility for an LAS educational grant, and much more.

#### Home Oxygen

The Lung Association trains health care professionals in all Regional Health Authorities for the SAIL Home Oxygen Program and manages the overnight oximetry service. Workshops are conducted in Spring and Fall throughout the province to certify oxygen testers each year.

#### Sleep Apnea

Our sleep apnea support group meetings are held on a quarterly basis in the Saskatoon and Regina areas. A quarterly newsletter is also sent to about 1000 people affected by sleep apnea. Information including the Sleep Apnea Action Handbook is supplied to the Sleep Disorder Centres for those newly diagnosed with sleep apnea. The online sleep apnea newsletter Cybersnewzzz has over 500 subscribers showing steady growth over the past year.

#### Health Education

Reducing exposure to tobacco smoke in public places and worksites, stopping urban backyard burning and unnecessary agricultural burning, and creating an awareness of the adverse health effects from burning solid materials in our homes and environment, can lead to better air quality and improved health.

Teaching the mechanics of our respiratory system and the importance of maintaining a healthy body are the basis for our student discussions and the concept that learning should be fun helps us to plan our activities. Understanding the basics, we believe, will assist persons to make better choices about safeguarding their lung health.

Much lung disease is preventable. We invite you to take precautions, have a flu shot for example, plus join us as we advocate for changes in municipal bylaws and provincial legislation to decrease a variety of harmful emissions being put into our breathing space. We can have a healthier province.

The Saskatchewan public is invited to contact us for information.

#### Information Technology

The Lung Association of Saskatchewan has been the main developer of The Canadian Lung Association's website at www.lung.ca. In the past year, using the internet to deliver health material has allowed us to provide the equivalent of 694,312 pamphlets to Canadians and others from around the world. The internet allows people in Saskatchewan, and beyond, to gain access to the same high quality health information. The Lung Association has a secure donations area that you can use at www.sk.lung.ca/content.cfm/donate.

#### Discovery Asthma Camp Inc.

The Lung Association of Saskatchewan is contracted to provide services for Discovery Asthma Camp Inc. The "ACT-Wilf Churchman Camp for Kids with Asthma" is offered so that children with asthma and allergies can enjoy the unique experience of summer camp, in a safe setting with around the clock medical care. The children participate in many activities, learn more about asthma, and make new friends! More information can be found at www.asthmacamp.org.

#### **Breath Works**

The Lung Association's BreathWorks Program<sup>TM</sup> is a new initiative for people with COPD (emphysema and chronic bronchitis). It consists of: new educational materials including the BreathWorks Plan booklet and fact sheets on oxygen, exercise and medications; a free Helpline 1-866-717-COPD(2673) where health professionals who are trained COPD educators answer questions relating to COPD management; and a website with more information at www.lung.ca/breathworks/.

#### **Statement of Operations** For September 1 to December 31, 2002

Revenue	
Direct Mail Campaigns	
Artwork	\$ 1,040
Christmas Seals	196,523
Spring Appeal	7,445
TB Elimination Campaign	34,729
Other campaigns/events	
Memorials	10,827
Bequests	79,298
Donor's choice	13,648
Other fund raising	12,695
Other income	
Investment income	1,294
Program cost recovery	40,634
Grants	328,550
Respiratory therapy program	20,000
Other income	35,216
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$781,899
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Expenses	
Programs	
Health Education -	
general public	\$203,405
Health Education -	
professional	45,813
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Health Initiatives	95,025

Development	143,143
Operations	48,068
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>\$ 700,157</u>

Excess of revenue over expenses \$ 81,742 for the period

Extracted from 2002 audited statements. Full copies are available on request.