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**Harrington Discovery Institute at University Hospitals Announces Inaugural Class of
Cleveland Harrington Fellows**

New program focuses on local physician-scientists

Cleveland, Ohio – 2016 Harrington Fellows have been selected by Harrington Discovery Institute. The new Harrington Fellows Award recognizes promising early- to mid-career physician-scientists in the greater Cleveland medical community and provides \$75,000 per year for two years to support their research efforts.

Harrington Discovery Institute at University Hospitals – part of The Harrington Project for Discovery & Development – aims to advance medicine and society by enabling the nation’s most inventive physician-scientists to turn their discoveries into medicines that improve human health.

The 2016 Harrington Fellows are:

Derek Abbott, MD, PhD, *Associate Professor and Arline H. and Curtis F. Garvin Professor of Medicine and Co-Director, Medical Scientist Training Program, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine.* Dr. Abbott’s research has combined molecular, bioinformatics and proteomic approaches to identify and pharmaceutically target novel inflammatory signaling pathways.

Alex Huang, MD, PhD, *Associate Professor, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and Program Director, Pediatric Hematology and Oncology, UH Cleveland Medical Center.* Dr. Huang’s research is focused on understanding cancer immunology and defining the cellular and molecular immunological principles governing tumor immunity to advance the application of cancer immunotherapy.

Nima Sharifi, MD, *Kendrick Family Endowed Chair for Prostate Cancer Research, Cleveland Clinic Lerner Research Institute and Co-Director of the Prostate Cancer Research Center of Excellence at Cleveland Clinic.* Dr. Sharifi’s research is centered on investigating metabolic and molecular mechanisms of hormone therapy resistance in prostate cancer and the development of new treatment strategies.

“We are pleased to support the research efforts of these three talented physician-scientists,” said [Jonathan Stamler, MD](#), President of Harrington Discovery Institute, who also is Director of the Institute for Transformative Molecular Medicine at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. “These physician-scientists are driven by their commitment to patients for whom they have cared and we are committed to ensuring that our community can benefit from its creative talent.”

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The Harrington Project for Discovery & Development (The Harrington Project), announced in late February 2012, is a first-of-its-kind \$300 million international initiative, powered by a \$50 million gift from the Harrington family. It includes Harrington Discovery Institute and BioMotiv, a for-profit, mission-aligned development company that oversees a portfolio of early-stage programs that are built to be licensed to pharmaceutical companies.

For more information about The Harrington Project, Harrington Discovery Institute and upcoming funding opportunities, visit HarringtonDiscovery.org.

University Hospitals, Cleveland, Ohio

Founded in 1866, University Hospitals serves the needs of over 1 million patients per year through an integrated network of 18 hospitals, more than 40 outpatient health centers and 200 physician offices in 15 counties throughout northern Ohio. The system's flagship academic medical center, University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, located in Cleveland's University Circle, is affiliated with Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. The main campus also includes UH Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital, ranked among the top children's hospitals in the nation; UH MacDonal Women's Hospital, Ohio's only hospital for women; and UH Seidman Cancer Center, part of the NCI-designated Case Comprehensive Cancer Center. UH is home to some of the most prestigious clinical and research programs in the nation, including cancer, pediatrics, women's health, orthopedics, radiology, neuroscience, cardiology and cardiovascular surgery, digestive health, dermatology, transplantation and urology. UH Cleveland Medical Center is perennially among the highest performers in national ranking surveys, including "America's Best Hospitals" from U.S. News & World Report. UH is also home to Harrington Discovery Institute at UH – part of The Harrington Project for Discovery & Development. UH is the second largest employer in northern Ohio with 26,000 employees. For more information, go to UHhospitals.org.