

Physician Innovation Fund



Physician Innovation Fund 2021 Awardees



“There is a way to do it better – find it.” *Thomas Edison*

At the heart of Englewood Health’s world-class clinical care is an unmatched level of physician leadership and innovation. Thanks to you, our robust health system is addressing the needs of growing and diverse regional communities and ensuring brighter tomorrows.

To help advance this passion for progress, the Englewood Health Foundation established The Physician Innovation Fund (PIF) earlier this year in collaboration with the Physician Philanthropy Council (PPC). The Fund underwrites Englewood Health physician-led programs and projects focusing on medical equipment and technologies, research studies, and education and training programs.

The Foundation received 13 deserving applications in response to a request for proposals. We are pleased to introduce our inaugural class of awardees, selected in consultation with the PPC.

Thank you to all 2021 applicants and to our esteemed Physician Philanthropy Council Grant Selection Committee: Richard Goldweit, MD, FACC, FSCAI; James McGinty, MD, FACS; Violet Merle McIntosh, MD, FACS and Tracy Scheller, MD, MBA, MS.



Mira Upadhyaya, MD

Project Summary: To develop and expand the addiction medicine specialty within EHPN, as well as further educate the healthcare staff and community about addiction medicine | **\$40,000**



Natasha Rastogi, MD

Project Summary: To overcome communication barriers in Englewood Health’s Internal Medicine Residency Community Health Clinic | **\$10,000**



Troy Callahan, MD; Anna Serur, MD and Nimesh Nagarsheth, MD

Project Summary: To acquire a SPY-PHI system/surgical device to expand fluorescence imaging technology to open procedures, improving patient outcomes | **\$50,000**



Margit Kaufman, MD and Nimesh Nagarsheth, MD

Project Summary: Develop a technology-supported, multi-pronged approach to improve quality of care and compliance with current protocols in Patient Blood Management | **\$50,000**