

Stepping Farther Together

Advancing Hip and Knee Joint Replacement Research in Manitoba

June 30, 2021 – Winnipeg, Manitoba. Today Research Manitoba and the Concordia Foundation announced a partnership and \$500,000 in research funding to support Dr. Thomas Turgeon as the Arthroplasty Research Chair at Concordia's Hip and Knee Replacement Institute. This five-year Research Chair position will allow Dr. Turgeon and researchers at Concordia's Hip and Knee Institute to take a step forward in delivering world-class treatment, improving operating room efficiencies, and accelerating innovative approaches to healing the growing number of Manitobans living with hip and knee pain and disability.

"These kinds of strategic partnerships are key to helping research dollars go further and enable changes that can benefit Manitobans, including reducing wait times, improve access to care and ensure patient safety," said **Minister Kelvin Goertzen, Acting Minister of Manitoba Health and Seniors Care.** "I want to thank all the partners for their hard work in making this new project a reality, as well as Research Manitoba for leading this initiative to support a healthy future for people across the province."

"We are very excited to be partnering with the Concordia Foundation on this important project. Advancements in care require research in many areas. This project will support our shared commitment to excellence by enabling Dr. Turgeon and his team to accelerate their research to help Manitobans get back on their feet and improve their lives." **Ms. Karen Dunlop, CEO, Research Manitoba.**

"Thanks to the enormous giving spirit of so many Manitobans, the Hip and Knee Institute will be able to build its team, accelerate the pace of research, publish findings faster, and connect sooner with partners worldwide who can help us bring innovative care to Manitobans when they need us most." **Mr. Roger Gripp, Chair of the Board of the Concordia Foundation.** "Hip and knee surgery has an incredible impact on patients and their quality of life. The Concordia Foundation is proud to support and empower Dr. Turgeon and his team of dedicated researchers and grateful to the donors, patients, and Research Manitoba for making this opportunity a reality."

Dr. Turgeon has been the head of research at Concordia Hospital in Winnipeg for eight years, as well as Associate Professor - Department of Surgery, Director of Arthroplasty Research, Fellowship Director, Hip and Knee Arthroplasty, Max Rady College of Medicine, Rady Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Manitoba.

"Data from research — including clinical trials, hip and knee implant analysis, and laboratory testing, conducted right here at home and in partnership with leading institutions worldwide — will ensure that new processes, techniques, and technologies put into practice by Concordia researchers will lead to the best possible outcomes for patients," said **Dr. Thomas Turgeon, Concordia Joint Replacement Group and the Concordia Hip and Knee Institute.** "Advanced training and education are also priorities, which will ensure creating a healthier tomorrow for Manitobans and a bright future for arthroplasty research in the province."

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About the Concordia Foundation:

The [Concordia Foundation](#) is a registered charitable organization that serves as the philanthropic arm for the Concordia Campus family including, Concordia Hospital, Concordia Place, Concordia Village, Concordia Hip and Knee Institute, and Operation Walk Winnipeg.

About the Concordia Hip and Knee Institute:

The Concordia Hip and Knee Institute was established by Concordia Hospital in Winnipeg in 2009 to serve as a Center of Excellence with the goal of advancing the field of knee and hip joint replacement through research, education, and clinical outcome improvements. The Concordia Foundation serves as the fundraising body for the Institute as well as for the Arthroplasty Research Chair. <http://cjrg.ca/>