



Researcher Awarded 2020 Hitachi Healthcare Americas/RSNA Research Grant

OAK BROOK, Ill – October 21, 2020 - The Radiological Society of North America (RSNA) Research & Education (R&E) Foundation awarded the 2020 Hitachi Healthcare Americas/RSNA Research Seed Grant to John Conklin, M.D., M.Sc. This grant is made possible by Hitachi Healthcare Americas' support of the RSNA R&E Foundation.

The Hitachi Healthcare Americas/RSNA Research Seed Grant provides \$40,000 for a one-year project to test hypotheses and obtain pilot data in preparation for major grant applications.

John Conklin, M.D., M.Sc., Massachusetts General Hospital, will optimize and evaluate a two-minute brain MRI exam for use in emergency and inpatient settings. Dr. Conklin and his team will address the limitations of previous approaches by leveraging recent advances in parallel imaging and artifact reduction to preserve diagnostic image quality at high acceleration factors. If successful, clinical adoption of the proposed exam could facilitate more timely diagnosis for acutely ill and neurologically unstable patients.

In 2020, the R&E Foundation Board of Trustees approved over \$4 million in grant funding directed to 47 institutions. "By generously supporting the research and education efforts of the 2020 grant recipients, Hitachi Healthcare Americas joins with the R&E Foundation in advancing innovation and discovery that will ultimately translate into improved outcomes and patient care. The Board of Trustees expresses its deepest appreciation for Hitachi Healthcare Americas' commitment to our Foundation and is grateful for this critical, collaborative support during this unparalleled time for our specialty," said Thomas M. Grist, M.D., Chair of the RSNA R&E Foundation Board of Trustees.

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