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“Burke Medical Research Institute Receives Grant from the Thomas and Agnes Carvel Foundation to Advance Research on Neurological Therapies for Children”

WHITE PLAINS, NY – March 10, 2016 — Burke Medical Research Institute (BMRI) has received a $200,000 grant from the Thomas and Agnes Carvel Foundation to continue its groundbreaking work developing therapies for children with injury or disease of the nervous system. The project, titled “Bridging the Valley of Death: Translating Laboratory Discovery into the Successful Treatment of Children with Neurological Dysfunction” is a joint effort between BMRI and Blythedale Children’s Hospital in Valhalla, NY.

The goal of the project is to help restore neurological function in children whose injuries or disease have left them with poor movement, vision and feeling in their bodies. BMRI’s scientists are working on developing the treatments and therapies for these diseases, while BMRI and Blythedale together will test safe and novel therapies in children with neurological impairments.

The grant is for one year. The Carvel Foundation first helped fund the project in 2013, with a $500,000 grant. The BMRI team consists of Jason Carmel, M.D., Ph.D., Director of the Motor Recovery Laboratory; Director, Early Brain Injury Recovery Program, Dianna Willis, Ph.D., Director of Pain Research, Brett Langley, Ph.D., Director of Neuronal Epigenetics, Kathleen Friel, Ph.D., Director of the Clinical Laboratory for Early Brain Injury Recovery and Glen Prusky, Ph.D., Director of the Center for Vision Restoration.

About Burke Rehabilitation Hospital
Burke Rehabilitation Hospital is a not-for-profit, acute rehabilitation hospital. Founded in 1915, it is the only hospital in Westchester County dedicated solely to adult rehabilitation medicine. In 2016, Burke became part of the Montefiore Health System, which allows Burke to reach more individuals who can benefit from their intensive rehabilitation programs. Burke offers both inpatient and outpatient programs
for those who have experienced a disabling illness or traumatic injury. Burke’s world-renowned doctors and therapists provide state-of-the-art treatment while its clinical researchers explore the frontiers of neurological and rehabilitation medicine. All share the Burke mission to ensure that every patient makes the fullest possible recovery from illness or injury regardless of their ability to pay. For additional information on Burke Rehabilitation Hospital, please visit burke.org.

About Burke Medical Research Institute
Burke Medical Research Institute was created in 1978 to foster the development of new approaches to cognitive and motor rehabilitation. Burke Medical Research Institute scientists explore the frontiers of rehabilitation medicine the Institute is one of the only freestanding rehabilitation facilities with dedicated programs in basic research, translational research and clinical research. BMRI shares the mission to ensure that every patient makes the fullest possible recovery from illness or injury regardless of their ability to pay.