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Community Recognition Statement

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HUNTER CHILDREN'S RESEARCH FOUNDATION AWARDS

Ms SONIA HORNER (Wallsend) :

The Hunter Children's Research Foundation recently announced \$115,000 in grant funding and acknowledged four of the region's leading paediatric researchers during its 2019 Awards presentation.

World-leading nutritionist, Professor Clare Collins from the University of Newcastle, was named Research Mentor of the Year.

Dr Carmel Smart, a senior diabetes dietitian and Hunter New England Health Clinical Research Fellow, was recognised for her work to improve the quality of type 1 diabetes care in childhood diabetes with the Achievement in Research award.

Dr Rowen Seckold, a clinical researcher at John Hunter Children's Hospital and HMRI, received the Encouragement for Research Award for focusing on clinical management challenges in type 1 diabetes.

The Achievement in Quality Improvement Award went to Dr Joanne McIntosh, a neonatologist at John Hunter Children's Hospital, who helped to establish an infection prevention program focussed on fighting blood stream infections in newborns.

Four HCRF grants were announced, with Dr Adam Collison, Dr Carmel Smart, Dr Malcolm Starkey and Dr Matt Dun receiving money to continue their

research. Congratulations to all the award winner and grant recipients for their ongoing work to improve the lives of so many.