

McEwen Investigator Captures Prestigious New Award

(April 25, 2007) - Last night, Dr. John Dick was honoured with one of the four [Premier's Summit Awards](#) given to Ontario researchers to recognize their significant contributions to medical research.

Over the next five years, five million dollars in funding will go towards Dr. John Dick's investigation into cancer stem cell properties. In his Summit Award-winning project, Dr. Dick will examine the distinctive genes found in cancer stem cells, as well as the integrated processing of pathways that govern cancer stem cell properties.

Dr. John Dick, a McEwen Investigator and Senior Scientist at the Toronto General Research Institute, is a pioneer in the field of cancer stem cell biology. He has made numerous breakthroughs throughout his career, including in leukemia and hematopoietic stem cell biology.

Dr. Dick's work has been published in highly prestigious scientific journals, including Nature, Nature Medicine, Nature Immunology and PNAS. He has also won numerous national and international awards, including the National Cancer Institute of Canada's Robert L. Noble Prize for Excellence in Cancer Research, the Canada Research Chair in Stem Cell Biology and the American Society of Hematology's William Dameshek Prize.