

must either send the sample to a centralized testing facility, which can take several days, or make an educated judgment and administer an antibiotic cocktail. Both options have serious negative and occasionally fatal consequences.

SFU graduate students Mona Rahbar and Suman Chhina developed the first set of prototypes, which were tested in labs in India last year.

The researchers from India visited SFU and spent two weeks working with the graduate students and performing tests using nonpathogenic bacterial strains provided by SFU researcher Fiona Brinkman.

The prototype chips were then tested in India using the real bacterial strains, and the results helped formulate the next generation of chips. The new chips have been sent to India for more detailed testing and may move on to field trial.

Dance wins writing award

The *BCMJ* is pleased to announce the winner of the 2009 J.H. MacDermot Prize for Excellence in Medical Journalism: Dr Derry Dance. Dr Dance was a UBC medical student when he was the lead author of "Removal of ear canal foreign bodies: What can go wrong and when to refer" (2009;51[1]:20-24), coauthored with Drs M. Riley and J.P. Ludemann.

The MacDermot Prize, which comes a \$1000 cheque, honors Dr John Henry MacDermot (1883–1969), who became the editor of the *Vancouver Medical Bulletin* at its formation in 1924. He remained at the helm until 1959, when it became the *BC Medical Journal*. He was editor of the *BCMJ* until he retired in 1967. Dr MacDermot was also past president of both the VMA and the BCMA.

Congratulations, Dr Dance.

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for *Health Supervision of Infants, Children, and Adolescents*, third edition, which includes helpful screening questionnaires.⁶

As a pediatrician in British Columbia, I only encounter those children who have been referred to me by my family physician colleagues. As such, I am limited in my ability to reduce childhood developmental vulnerability. I look to you to help in this regard. Children may be only 25% of the population, but are 100% of our future.

—Wilma Arruda, MD, FRCPC
Chair, Child and Youth Committee

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Trevor Thompson was born in Kingston, Ontario, and graduated in medicine from Queen's University in 1950. He was a life member in the College of Family Physicians of Canada. He studied tropical medicine in Portugal, served as a missionary in Kenya, and on return to Canada worked in BC and Ontario. He retired many times, but continued to make house calls and worked most recently with the Trillium Gift of Life. He enjoyed working with people from all over the world, from different backgrounds, cultures, and religions. He is survived by Patricia, his wife of 55 years, five sons, 16 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. His main interest and passion outside of medicine was the love of his family and church. He also loved music, theatre, and ballroom dancing. He was a member of the Christian Medical and Dental Association, the Chess Association of Canada, Kin Canada, and Rotary International, being a Paul Harris Fellow. He loved the things many of us take for granted.

—Patricia O'Meara
Kingston, ON