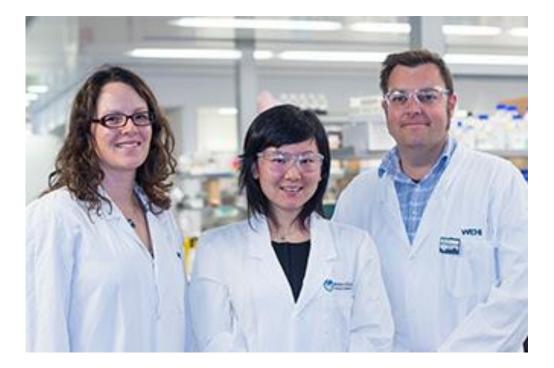


Exciting New Science Discovery

We are thrilled to be involved in funding researchers at Walter and Eliza Hall Institute (WEHI) of Medical Research. WEHI were recipients of a grant from FSHD Global in our 2016 round of funding. In a press release on their website this month they talk about a genetic change discovered in babies born without a nose that could aid research into treatments for FSHD.

We are excited to read their article and look forward to hearing updates throughout 2017.

Read the full article here.



Rare Disease Day

Rare Disease Day is held on February 28th and is an international day for raising awareness for rare diseases. FSHD Global will be hosting a morning tea within our workplace to raise awareness and funds for FSHD. We are calling on our community to do the same! Host a morning tea or lunch at your workplace, school or with friends and family to raise funds and awareness for FSHD. Be sure to take photos and share with our social media pages and use the hashtags #fshd #findacure #rarediseaseday

Did you know?

FSHD affects 1 in every 7500 Australians - around 3000 people.

It is estimated that there are around 1 million individuals affected globally.

FSHD is hereditary although roughly one in three people with FSHD have no prior family history of the disease.

FSHD affects the skeletal muscles in the body however the extent and degree of muscle weakness varies case by case.

FSHD Global Research Foundation has funded \$8.3 million towards medical research and education into finding treatments and a cure for FSHD.

To find out more, visit the campaign <u>website</u> or <u>contact us</u> to see how you can be involved.



FSHD Medical Biotech Investment

<u>Facio Therapies</u> is the only medical Biotech company that arose from, work for and is owned by the FSHD Community. So far they have raised over €3.3 million in equity from FSHD-affected families, their friends, FSHD Global Research Foundation, the Dutch FSHD Foundation and the FSHD Canada Foundation.

After decades of basic research, it has been firmly established that FSHD is caused by the undue production of a muscle-toxic protein dubbed DUX4. Once produced, this substance sets into motion a cascade of events that eventually lead to muscle wasting. Therefore, discovering drugs that stop the progression of FSHD will only be possible if the effect of those compounds on DUX4 can be measured in muscle tissue.

Until recently, it was widely argued that near term efforts to stop the progression of FSHD will crash. Facio Therapies proved that argument wrong.

If you are interested in investing into medical Biotech, it is our pleasure to invite you to attend a luncheon in Sydney on Monday, 20 February 2017.

Please contact us to register your interest in attending.



We need your help!

Our Sydney Chocolate Ball is only four and a half months away and we have started the enormous task of seeking items to be auctioned on the night. If you or your company can help our fundraising effort by donating an item, voucher or experience, please contact the Foundation at <u>admin@fshdglobal.org</u>.

No prize is too big or too small!





Win a Lexus RX200T and much more!

We are proud to once again be a beneficiary of the ASX Thomson Reuters Charity Foundation Art Union 2017. This year there are some incredible prizes to be won including a magnificent new Lexus RX200T valued at \$80,449*. All funds raised from this will directly support FSHD Global Research Foundation. With just over 40 days until the raffle is drawn, be sure to get in quick and not miss out!

Click here to purchase tickets now.

1st Prize: New Lexus RX200T valued at \$80,449*.

The dynamic RX200t delivers silky smooth performance courtesy of a sequential automatic transmission and a turbocharged 4-cylinder engine.

- 2.0 litre Turbocharged Petrol Engine
- Six Speed Automatic Transmission with Sequential Shift
- Engine Stop & Start cy
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- Available in Two wheel Drive



 2nd Prize: South Sea Cultured Pearl and Diamond Earrings valued at \$8,437.

Born in the intense blue waters of the South Seas. AUTORE pearls entrancing luminosity reflect the light of the sun, the glow of the moon and the beauty of the waters that nurture them into being.

Featuring 18k white gold set with diamonds and 12mm white silver button South Sea pearls.





• 3rd Prize: Discovery Murray River Cruise Valued at \$2,524.

Includes 3 nights for 2 people twin share in an outside cabin. Includes all meals, Captains dinner and Cocktail Party, guided nature walks and Eco excursions, live entertainment and coach transfers from Adelaide or car parking in Mannum.

