

**WFPICCS and Hard Manufacturing Co., Inc. announce winners of the HARD Manufacturing
– WFPICCS Pediatric Critical Care Research Grants**

Geneva, Switzerland and Buffalo, NY, USA | 1 March, 2017. Hard Manufacturing Co., Inc., and the World Federation of Pediatric Intensive & Critical Care Societies (WFPICCS) entered a partnership in support of WFPICCS' goal and mission to advocate for the care of critically ill and injured children worldwide.

The partnership was launched during the 8th WFPICCS Congress held in Toronto, Canada in 2016 and kick started with the *HARD Manufacturing Co., Inc. -WFPICCS Pediatric Critical Care Research Grants* - two grants, each up to \$10,000, to be awarded to fund research projects aimed at improving the care of critically ill children.

We're now delighted to announce that the winners of the first **HARD Manufacturing Co., Inc.– WFPICCS Pediatric Critical Care Research Grants** are:

Dr Gonzalo Garcia Guerra, Stollery Children's Hospital, Canada with *'MUSiCC: Pilot randomized controlled trial on Music Use for Sedation In Critically ill Children'*; and

Dr Jhuma Sankar, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, India with *'Use of Honey versus Standard Treatment for Pressure Ulcers in Critically Ill Children- A Randomised Controlled Trial'*.

"Both proposals are unique and focus on areas of research that target the advancement of care of critically ill children, with a particular focus on improvements in the physical environment for pediatric patient care, which is a key objective of WFPICCS," says WFPICCS President Paolo Biban.

Many exceptional applications were received and the selection process was based on specific criteria and through a competitive grant competition. All applications were independently reviewed by a Scientific Review Board of five people, composed of two doctors, two nurses and one allied health professional.

"We are pleased to enter into a partnership with WFPICCS. We believe that this collaboration will drive innovation, thanks to activities like these grants which allow WFPICCS members to carry out meaningful studies often not covered by traditional research funding. It is hoped these studies will provide cost effective and simple solutions applicable to a variety of resource settings, improving the lives of children while in hospitals" said Marjorie Bryen, Hard Manufacturing Co., Inc. President.

Both applicants will present their findings at the 9th WFPICCS Congress taking place in Singapore from 9 to 13 June, 2018.

About WFPICCS

The World Federation of Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care Societies (WFPICCS) was established in Paris, in September 1997. WFPICCS' objectives include to:

- Encourage the development of new clinical treatments and appropriate application of new and existing critical care technologies and treatments to infants, children and adolescents with life threatening illness.
- Promote education programs and the dissemination of scientific information relevant to the specialty.
- Recommend desirable standards and guidelines for the training of Pediatric Intensive (and Critical Care) practitioners.
- Provide information regarding opportunities for postgraduate clinical and research training worldwide.
- Encourage research into all aspects of Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care.
- Promote multidisciplinary collaboration between Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care specialist by supporting education and professional developments of all health professional involved in Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care.
- Arrange at regular intervals a World Congress of Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care and promote regional congresses: to encourage meetings in special groups within the specialty and make provision for them to meet where appropriate at the above World Congress.
- Assist and encourage the development and formation of national and regional organizations dedicated to Pediatric Intensive and Critical Care.

About Hard Manufacturing Co., Inc.

Hard Manufacturing focuses on meeting the unique needs of neonate and pediatric patients and their care givers by providing high-end crib functionality for the active pediatric patient, delivering high functionality critical care cribs, and serving as the industry standard for newborn and pediatric hospital cribs. All of their products, including the most extensive line of hospital and homecare cribs and youth beds, are designed and manufactured in their worldwide headquarters in Buffalo, New York. The family business, established in 1876, has been exceeding customer satisfaction through exceptional customer service, continuous process and quality improvement efforts and product leadership.