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Recognizing a Health Researcher who is **Changing the Face of New Brunswick**

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Dr. Johnson is an Assistant Professor at the Université de Moncton's « École de Kinésiologie et de Néurologie ». He is the director of the Healthy Driver Research Group (HDRG), as well as the current research director for the Cardiac Wellness Program – Coeur en santé.



Dr. Johnson received \$2.3M from AGDA Minister Keith Ashfield through the New Brunswick Innovation Foundation. Dr. Johnson graduated from the Université de Moncton (B.Sc.) before graduate studies at Université Laval (M.Sc.) and the University of Western Ontario (Ph.D in kinesiology). The primary focus of Dr. Johnson's research program is the development of psychobiological models of driving based on autonomic function, cognitive testing, and driving performance in asymptomatic and symptomatic populations.



About a decade ago, Dr. Johnson began these studies as a co-investigator on two national initiatives (1) ALTO22 conducted through the Canada Network of Centres of Excellence program (www.auto21.ca) and more than 200 industry, government and institutional partners, and (2) the **Canadian Driving Research Initiative for Vehicular Safety in the Elderly** (www.candrive.ca) funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research and the Oshawa Hospital Research Institute. He has held Assistant Professor positions at both Lakehead and Nipissing universities.

Dr. Johnson has attracted over \$2.5M in research funding in his three years at the Université de Moncton. He participated in other projects worth \$8M. He has trained and mentored a dozen undergraduate and graduate students in various universities and contributed over two dozen articles, reports and presentations at national and international conferences. In addition to his laboratory work, Dr. Johnson is heading up a study to suggest strategies to strengthen engagement of citizens in health care (Patient Voices) and investigate innovative delivery of health care for patients suffering from or at risk of developing chronic disease in the Province of New Brunswick (Connected Voices).

By recruiting talented researchers like Dr. Johnson to New Brunswick, we are contributing to the global effort to promote a healthy lifestyle and provide effective health care services. We are also creating a robust research environment that will train our students to become the talented health researchers of tomorrow.



Michel Johnson est le directeur actuel du groupe de recherche du DRG (Healthy Driver Research Group) de l'Université de Moncton.



Rechercheur principal du groupe de recherche en santé cardiovasculaire.

Please join us in saluting Dr. Michel Johnson, whose work seeks to improve the health and independence of New Brunswickers.

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