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**REPORT ON WAIVERS APPROVED  
TO BOARD STATUTE 2.41.01.140**

**BACKGROUND**

One research project required a petition to waive Statute 2.41.01.140 because of review restrictions on publishing the research results. This waiver has been approved by the Vice President for Research to allow acceptance of the relevant grant or contract, acting in accordance with the University's research policy on restricted and proprietary research.

**OVERVIEW**

**The University of British Columbia and Vancouver Coastal Health Authority**

This waiver allowed acceptance of a sub-contract award of \$39,965 with the University of British Columbia and Vancouver Coastal Health Authority for the project, "Recovery of Upper Limb Function in Persons with Spinal Cord Injury: Lead-In Study." The study will examine the effectiveness of MyndMove therapy in improving upper limb function in patients with spinal cord injury. MyndMove therapy is a non-invasive medical device that uses short, low energy electrical pulses to induce muscle contractions. The exploratory study will provide important preliminary knowledge on the effectiveness of the therapy on two populations of spinal cord injury patients: those who have sustained spinal cord injury in the past six months, and those who have had spinal cord injury for more than six months.

Wayne State is the first site in the United States to pioneer this technology. The project will be led by Sujay Galen, PT, Ph.D., FHEA, interim director and associate professor (clinical) of physical therapy in the Department of Health Sciences in the Applebaum College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences.

The project required a publication waiver to Board Statute 2.41.01.140 because the prime funding agency requires that all resulting publication submissions and presentations be delayed up to 135 days to allow for a coordinated approach from the other sites participating in the study.