



## The Campbell Foundation Awards Grant to Explore Brain Inflammation and Mental Decline in HIV Patients

The Fort Lauderdale based **Campbell Foundation**, a nonprofit organization dedicated to funding HIV/AIDS research, has awarded a \$77,495 grant to **Cristina Granziera, MD, PhD. of Massachusetts General Hospital**. The money will be used to study the gut-brain relationship in HIV-positive patients.

Dr. Granziera and her team will use non-invasive imaging (magnetic resonance imaging and positron emission tomography) to determine whether HIV-positive patients with dysbiotic, or imbalanced, gut microbiomes have higher brain inflammation than HIV-positive patients with normal gut microbiomes.

Research has revealed that the gut holds the key to much of our overall health and well-being. An imbalance of bacteria in the gut can result in myriad problems including inflammation of the brain. This, in turn, can result in HIV-associated neurocognitive disorders.

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