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Sambrook Award: More Breakthroughs, Less Breaks

With over 6 million Australians suffering from poor bone health, we need to stop bones breaking. Investing in quality research and Australian researchers is essential and Osteoporosis Australia is pleased to announce the 2014 Sambrook Award winner.

Osteoporosis Australia CEO Gail Morgan said "This award embodies a passion for improving research and awareness of bone health, and honors the legacy of Professor Sambrook.

"This year's award recipient is Dr Kirtan Ganda, an endocrinologist at Sydney's Concord General Repatriation Hospital. Dr Ganda's strong commitment to improving bone health through patient care, teaching and research is well known and his research aims to prevent more devastating secondary fractures occurring in people who've already suffered a fracture due to osteoporosis.

"Secondary fracture prevention programs in hospitals and GP practices lead the way worldwide. By analysing data from programs in Australia and overseas, Dr Ganda hopes to understand the most important factors in 'capturing' a first osteoporotic fracture.

"Dr Ganda will use his award to present his latest research findings at the Australian and New Zealand Bone and Mineral Society Annual scientific meeting in Queenstown, New Zealand, and the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research annual meeting in Houston in September 2014.

"This award forms part of the Osteoporosis Australia – ANZBMS Research Fund. The research fund is committed to a future with *More Breakthroughs and Less Breaks!*

About the Award: Professor Philip Sambrook was the inaugural Medical Director of Osteoporosis Australia and a leader in bone research who worked tirelessly to improve community awareness and health professional understanding of poor bone health nationally. His legacy is acknowledged through this Award, which is presented annually to an outstanding early career researcher. Successful applicants must be passionate about bone research, results driven and committed to giving back to the community.

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